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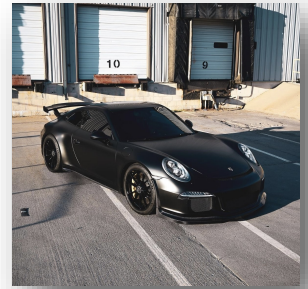
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Zero to 60

Mike Anderson, GPR President

Frozen February? As I'm writing this, Monday was 61 degrees, Tuesday 43 and Wednesday it is snowing, and school is cancelled. The weather changes like a 911 going from 0 – 60. The weather makes it hard to get the Porsche out and take it for a drive without worrying about dirt, grime, salt, and rocks.

That is unless you are one of the many Macan and Cayenne owners. In many ways, they were made for Porsche people who can't stand to park their P-cars for three months. In the "Zero to 60" category, I'd say these two models have gotten off to a fast start.

The Porsche Cayenne was introduced in 2003, just 20 years ago. While many in the Porsche owner family were up in arms about an SUV from Porsche, it has done extremely well for the company. In the first nine months of 2022, they sold 14,583 units or 29.7% of all Porsches sold. Not bad for a relatively new car.

Then along comes a smaller, faster little brother, the Macan. Introduced in late 2014 as a 2015 model, the Macan sales ran even faster. In the first nine months of 2022, the Macan sold 15,953 cars or 32.5% of all Porsche sales. Yikes! Pretty impressive for a model that is only eight years into its lifespan.

So, if you look at the numbers, 62.2% of Porsche's sales are now SUVs. Wow, who would have dreamt it?

What does it mean? Maybe the rate of change in the world is increasing. Ha! That wasn't exactly a rocket scientist statement. Change is ramping up. Pretty soon the iPhone 400 will be out, and the Samsung 395 will be on the market. Okay, just kidding, but not much.

It could also mean soccer Moms need to get to the games faster. Just watch out for tickets! Another factor could be the "ease of entry," the functionality and multi-purpose capabilities provided by the SUV style. The Porsche brand is continuing to evolve and increase their following by providing great cars and people appreciate the brand. Nothing conclusive but fascinating to watch.

If you are one of the owners of the two SUV models and they are your first Porsche, welcome! If you're a lifelong 911 owner, congrats!

What's next? Electric P-cars. The Taycan started production in 2019 and sold 5,774 units in the first nine months of 2022 for 31.1% of "car" sales or 11.7% of total Porsche sales. Wow. More E-Porsches are just around the corner. Who knows how fast that change will occur?

Mike

* Source, Panorama Dec 2022 issue.

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Great Plains Region Club Calendar

March 2023

March 11th - Breakfast at Paradise Bakery 8:00am

Village Pointe 17305 Davenport St, Suite 101, Omaha, NE 68818

March 25th - GPR Social Event - TBD - Watch your email for updates!

April 2023

April 8th - Breakfast & DE101 at Porsche Omaha 8:30am

6625 L St, Omaha, NE

April 15th - Fun Run

April 29th - Spring Fling 1 Day Driver's Education (DE)

Raceway Park of the Midlands 19340 Jesup Ave, Pacific Junction, IA

National & Regional Events

March 17th - 12 Hours of Sebring

April 14th - Club Race at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta

April 19th - Treffen Georgia Mountains

National Calendar



Club Racing Calendar



Online and Social Media



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Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of the GPR Board meeting

February 13th, 2023

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm at the office of Paul Schudel. Present were Mike Anderson, Carol Lynch, Terry Lessmann, Paul Schudel, Jeremy Kroh, Rick Mourey, David Patterson, and Eric Elliott and Kurt Halvorson via teleconference. Bob Kirchner was unable to attend.

PRESIDENT: Anderson reported the annual Zone 10 regional presidents meeting February 25 and 26 will be attended by Paul Schudel and Jeremy Kroh, as he will be out of town. The Schonesland region (Des Moines) will join the GPR for a joint breakfast June 10th at Bentley Omaha. We will apply for a PCA rebate for hosting a joint event. Anderson requested board members utilize PCA Glovebox for document archiving as appropriate. Least of My Brethren has volunteer opportunities on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month helping serve breakfast for up to 200. They also have an immediate need for bikes for those whom they serve.

PAST PRESIDENT: Patterson reported he has filed all required change reports for the new board with PCA.

SECRETARY: The January 2023 minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER: The club's cash balance on January 31, 2023, was \$74,438. Revenue for the month was \$12,918; expenses were \$10,400, for a fiscal year to date net income of \$2,518. The cost of the club paid Annual Dinner in January was \$8,203.

SOCIAL: 112 members and guests attended the Annual Dinner, with the raffle producing \$1,520 for the club's charity. The women's charcuterie event is February 25th at the Gallery and Loft/Delicious Catering in Valley. March 11th is Porsches at Paradise, and Supercar Saturday (not a GPR event). A UP Museum event is scheduled for March 25th with an optional self-pay dinner to follow. April 8th is Porsche Omaha breakfast with a DE 101 presentation. A Fun Run for April 15th is planned. May 20th features a dinner at Lochland Country Club in Hastings as part of the Club Race and DE weekend, with only a \$10 member co-pay. June 4th is the Annual Picnic, and an overnight trip to Valentine, NE is planned for July 15 and 16. Discussion ensued around a movie night and a tech session for fall activities.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 165 paid GPR members out of 315 PCA Primary members assigned to our region. An expired dues reminder was sent to an additional 64 members as of February 7th.

REGISTRAR: The DE 202 presentation in January was well received by participants. 2023 DE dates have been added to ClubRegistration.Net, and will open 4 weeks prior to an event for registration. Reminder emails may be sent to past participants once registration opens. The May 20th dinner at Lochland will be part of the Club Race and DE registrations. The purchase of a projector screen was approved for use at DE novice training.

SAFETY: No new updates from National. Awaiting RPM contract for DEs, though dates are confirmed. Promotion of our Club Race DE is taking place with MPH and various car clubs around the region to increase participation. Mourey is looking to add 1-2 new DE instructors to our instructor pool, with John Krecek approved to conduct the training on behalf of PCA. MPH Club Race steward and scrutineer assigned by PCA, awaiting a timer to be assigned. Volunteers being solicited for assistant and backup roles. Working on additional marketing to attract Club Racers and DE participants for the Club Race weekend as well. Will cross market our Club Race with others for the new Mid-America Series this year. Finalized paper registration with Registrar Lessmann and PCA.

EDITOR: February Der Skooner was published and distributed to advertisers and members. Working on additional content ideas for March publication and beyond.

WEBMASTER: GPR website is up to date with all current events; events also added to PCA national calendar. Der Skooner was emailed out February 2nd. Club Race page updated with current information. Email reminders to be sent for upcoming events.

OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion ensued around acknowledging the passing of members, Club Race deficits, and member sponsorships.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday March 14 at 6:00pm at 10250 Regency Circle, Suite 525.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

2023 Membership News

By the numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: 316

GPR Membership: 170

March Anniversaries

John Pershing – 15 years

Larry Anderson – 35 years

Members of Great Plains Region:

If you have not renewed your dues to GPR for 2023. Now is the time to do it!!

Please go to gprpca.com and find the renew dues drop down menu. Quick and easy and you are set for another year. Thank you if you have already done so.

Porsche Club of America recently announced that new membership records now exceed 150,000 total members, with over 100,000 primary members. PCA Started in 1955 with a dozen owners. Today, PCA is the largest and strongest single-marque car club in the world.

Check the upcoming events on the calendar and make sure to note the days of DE events at RPM and the Club Race at Hastings MPR. There will be an opportunity for Parade Laps at noon. A great chance to bring your Porsche out to the track and enjoy a drive. A donation of \$10.00 per vehicle is collected and it supports our charity. This year it is Least of My Brethren.

Member Name Badges

Look official at our next GPR/PCA event! The magnetic name badges are \$10, which includes shipping. Click the link at the top of the GPRPCA web home page or follow this link to order yours today!

<https://www.gprpca.com/gpr-member-name-badges/>

Don't forget to wear your badge to all GPR/PCA Events!

If any of your contact information has changed, please let us and PCA National know that as well.

The Great Plains Region Board works to ensure there are numerous social and car events for you to enjoy. Some social events are completely supported by the club. Your club dues must be paid for you to enjoy the fun.

If you have any questions about your membership with GPR please contact Carol via email:

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Have you signed up for PCA Juniors?

The PCA Juniors program is here for kids to enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and continue the passion that runs throughout the Porsche Club of America. As a PCA member, you may sign up your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew under the age of 18. It's free to join! Your PCA Junior will receive a welcome box with an ID name badge in the mail. Many region events include activities for children and teens geared to grow enthusiasm for Porsche and PCA for generations to come.

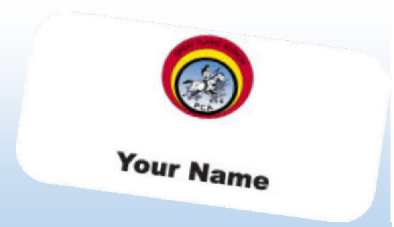
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Meet a GPR Member

Max Shulyak

When did you join the PCA?

2022

What Porsche(s) have you owned and what do you currently own?

I currently own a 2015 911 GT3

Where are you from?

Waverly, Nebraska

What makes your car(s) special?

Owning a Porsche had been a lifelong dream, and this car has provided me that opportunity.

Next Porsche or current project?

A Cayenne Turbo is next on my list!

Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Attending Cars shows and cruising!

Favorite road trip, track or race?

Looking forward to a road trip to Colorado this year.

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Meet a Member

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What got you interested in Porsche?

Owning a Porsche has been a dream since childhood.

Any other dream cars you would own?

A Lamborghini Urus

What is the top song on your driving playlist?

"Save Your Life" by the Newsboys



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A collage of various Porsche racing cars, including GT3 and GT4 models, competing on a racetrack. The cars are in various colors like red, white, blue, and yellow, with racing numbers and sponsor logos. The background shows a blurred racetrack and grandstands.

PORSCHE IN THE HEARTLAND

MID AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

FREE Racer only
Sessions Friday
April 14th

Three Sprint Races!
Registration Opens **2/27/23**
Chairman: David Stadtmueller at porschekc@gmail.com

Club Race 2023
Kansas City PCA
Heartland Motorsports Park
April 14-16, 2023



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Social Apex

Article thanks to Paul Schudel

February Porsches at Paradise

Approximately 25 members and guests attended the February 11 Porsches at Paradise. Lots of good conversation took place and everyone is anxious for good weather so they can get their cars on the road again! President Anderson reviewed upcoming Club social events.



February 25 Ladies' Event

Eight ladies met at Delicious Catering in Valley to attend a cooking demonstration by Jeanne Mauseth Kuhr on preparation of charcuterie boards and appetizers. The ladies in attendance had a great time! Not only were new examples of preparing charcuterie boards shared, but also the ladies were able to enjoy the food that was prepared with appropriate wine pairings.



March 25 Social Event

Unfortunately, we have been advised that our host at the private Union Pacific Museum will undergo a medical procedure that requires us to reschedule our museum tour. Nevertheless, we plan to proceed with dinner at Greek Isles Res-

taurant, 3821 Center Street in Omaha, at 6:00 p.m. for dinner at each member's cost with a cash bar. The dinner will be in the Greek Isles' Party Room. Please watch your emails for further information and an RSVP reservation link.

Future Social Events – Save the Dates

April 8, breakfast at the Woodhouse Porsche Dealership location at 8:30 a.m. followed by a DE 101 session presented by Rick Mourey.

April 15, Club Fun Run, donuts and coffee provided by the Club – watch your email for details.

April 29, Drivers Ed event at Raceway Park of the Midlands – again, watch your email for details.

May 13, 8:00 breakfast at Paradise Bakery, Village Pointe, followed by Supercar Saturday (not a GPR event).

May 19-21, Club Race and DE at Motorsport Park, Hastings, NE with dinner on Saturday, May 20, at Lochland Country Club in Hastings.

June 4, Annual Club Picnic at Walnut Grove Park, 15050 Q Street, Omaha starting at 11:00 a.m. with Concours judging featuring Porsche 914s followed by lunch catered by Porky Butts.

June 10, Joint Breakfast with the Schones Land Region Porsche Club of Iowa to be held at Bentley Omaha, 225 N. 170th St., #101, Omaha after which we will adjourn to Supercar Saturday (not a GPR event). More details to come in next month's Der Skooner.



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A Note from the Editor

It's the simple things.

One of the things my 2002 Boxster lacks, is storage. No glove box. (Those were added in the 2003 models) My owners manual lives in a tray under the steering column. A small cubby under the center arm rest keeps my GPR name badge along with my registration and insurance card. Thankfully someone along the line in this car's life installed the rear deck speaker box with center storage compartment. That holds, well, not much at all either.

There are however many different configurations of the center console. Standard items are those famous "cup holders", the radio, climate controls, CD and *cassette tape* holders. Did the 1980 911 SC come with a storage slot for 8 track tapes? I understand the CD changer in the frunk. I guess if you were driving a new Boxster or 911 back then you weren't making mix tapes off the radio. I started looking for replacement inserts for the center console.



The first to go is that CD storage insert. I found a nice kit on Amazon that replaces that with a storage shelf with a integrated bezel that encompasses the climate controls beneath.

It took longer to remove the part from the packaging than it did to install. And I'm happy with the results. I have a place for my phone now.



That was my latest project, what is next on your agenda? I encourage you to send in your best "social media worthy" photo of your new acquisition, or an article chronicling a road trip or the technical aspects of your latest garage project and I will feature it in an upcoming issue of Der Skooner. We would love to share in your adventures in the garage, track, or stories from the open road. For any inquiries about this, please do not hesitate to contact me. Be sure to patronize our generous sponsors.

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From the Grid - GPR Drivers Education (DE) Season

Article thanks to Rick Mourey

Waiting for winter to end and the track season to begin certainly doesn't make the winter go by faster. We have though, finalized the schedule for our 2023 DE season, and I am happy to report that our Club Race weekend at Motorsports Park Hastings remains on the schedule for May.

For 2023, we will again be holding 1 day (Saturday) DE events at RPM in Iowa. The one day schedule proved to be popular with drivers last year. As our registered driver counts continue to grow, we will reevaluate going back to a two -day event but for now we'll stick with the one-day session. The novice program remains the same as last year with drivers needing a second DE day to qualify for solo sign-off and we will have novice sessions during the club race weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

We will still have a 3-day DE schedule at MPH (Hastings) during our Club Race weekend there in May.

Our current schedule looks like this:

April 29th

Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM), Iowa

May 19th – 21st

Motorsports Park Hastings (MPH), Nebraska

August 26th

Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM), Iowa

October 7th

Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM), Iowa

Haven't been on the track yet with your car? Want to improve your driving skills? GPR's Drivers Education program is the safest, most fun way to learn the performance and handling characteristics of your car with some of the finest PCA instructors in the right seat with you.

Have questions, concerns about driving your car on the track (frankly I'm more concerned driving on Dodge St. than I ever am driving on the track) our **DE 101** session is a great way to learn more about the DE program, how the day is structured and what you can expect to learn.

Mitch and Porsche Omaha will again host our DE 101+ session this year so be sure to save the date. April 8th – 8:30am at the Saturday breakfast - Porsche Omaha, 6625 L St, Omaha.

Reminder, our DE events are not Porsche only. If you have a friend with a sports car that you would like to have attend a DE with you, they are welcome as well.

Any questions feel free to reach out to me via the GPR website or at RKKMotorsports@gmail.com

Hope to see you at the track!

Rick Mourey
GPR DE & Club Race Chair.



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**Raceway
Park of the
Midlands**



Spring Fling DE

April 29th

Novices welcome



**PCA Club Race
& DE**

May 19th - 21st

Novices welcome at DE
5/20 & 5/21

**Raceway
Park of the
Midlands**



Dog Days DE

August 26th

Novices welcome

**Raceway
Park of the
Midlands**



OktoberFAST DE

October 7th

Novices welcome

Check ClubRegistration.net for more information as it becomes available.

Auction Block

Article and Photo Contributors: Mike Anderson, Kurt Halvorson and Paul Schudel

Mecum Auction

Mike Anderson in Orlando, Florida

In January 2023, my wife and I attended the Mecum Auction in Orlando. It was a little bit 3-Ring Circus and state fair without the cotton candy or fried Twinkies. It was massive as they processed over 4,100 cars in 11 days. If you haven't been, it is worth the trip to see the creativity and money that people will pour into cars.



The average age of the attendees was well into their 60's all drooling over the cars they wanted when they were in high school. The 1960's Chevys, Camaros and Chevelles were on parade. And if you have ever wanted a Corvette, this was the place to be. They ranged in price from \$20k to almost a million. I don't know enough about them to tell you why, but I know it's all about rarity.

There were a fair number of Porsches on the docket. I got to see a 1959 718 RSK Center seat that was bid to \$3.2M and did NOT sell. The Bid Goes On. In fact, roughly 33% of the Porsches did not sell and a fair number sold below estimate. The 1980's Turbos were hot, and the 930 Slantnose Turbos were in demand. I also can tell you that an in-person inspection is probably worth the price of the airfare. There were a few cars that looked outstanding on the computer or in the catalogue, but man, in person, Yikes. Rust spots, worn tops and corroded rims were just a few of the issues. Buyer beware.



Do you remember the station wagon? There was a Pontiac Safari that was the original land yacht. There was a family of five living in "the way back" as our family called it when I was a kid.

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Auction Block

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We also saw several VW Things and a Messerschmidt *Kabinnenroller*. Basically a 3-wheel motorcycle with a bubble over the top.



What was the highlight of the trip? Meeting people who like cars. We made some new friends from Nashville, even though he was a staunch Ford guy. We related on the topic of bourbon, Blanton's. We also sat at a "community" table in the food court. Of the 6 other people at the table, four of us has Porsches! We had fun talking about our P-cars.

Would I go again? Maybe, because it was exciting, educational, and warmer than the weather in Omaha. If you are looking for a bargain, this probably is not your opportunity. Be prepared to pay a pretty sum and then add 10-12% commission on top of that. But if you have the opportunity, I think it is well worth the time and effort to see what is out there.

RM Sotheby's

Kurt Halvorson in Scottsdale, Arizona

The Scottsdale edition of RM Sotheby's January auction once again did not disappoint, boasting a total sales figure of \$44,873,140. Representing half of the top ten sales during auction week in Scottsdale, the lots were exclusive, the weather perfect. Among the top ten sales was a white 1987 Porsche 959 Komfort, one of 292, which brought \$1,682,500.



A silver 2005 Carrera GT brought \$1,242,500, less than a red Paint to Sample example at Barrett-Jackson, which was the top Carrera GT of auction week. The engine bay of the silver GT housing the exemplary V-10 is nonetheless artwork unto itself.



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Auction Block

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The other lots pictured include a 1994 Turbo S X85 Flatnose (*below*) in Speed Yellow, a 1993 Turbos S Lightweight in Speed Yellow (*below-right*), and a 2011 997 Speedster in Pure Blue (*right*), all rare examples in their own right, and each bringing top dollar for their limited production numbers.

If you make plans to attend next year, this auction consistently strives to impress.



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Auction Block

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Barrett Jackson

Paul Schudel in Scottsdale, Arizona

The Barrett-Jackson 2023 Scottsdale Auction was indeed a “happening” with hundreds of cars and trucks that crossed the auction block, together with vendors of all types of goods and services.

Porsches were well represented with the second highest sale of the 2023 auction being a 2005 Carrera GT finished in a custom red over a dark gray leather interior with only 3,310 miles that sold for \$1,595,000 (*below*). This car is referenced in Kurt’s comments on the RM Sotheby auction.

Also offered were a couple of very attractive 911 GT cars (*right*). It is always fun to view the cars and take in the atmosphere of a Barrett-Jackson auction.



Rocky Mountain Region

Article thanks to Danielle Badler of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA

Why a Duck?

You go down to the viaduct.

Why a duck?

... Why not a chicken?

Let's all do one big rim shot for the healing powers of comedy. Because humor can overcome just about anything. The Marx Brothers were masters. And they were in their prime during the peak of the Great Depression, when we really needed it. But we can argue that the need is just as great today. So ... let's all take a second to look around, for the nuggets that smile on us, and make us smile back.

It's what I've been doing. I've been collecting tidbits, new and old, some which were intended to be funny, some which weren't. But they all should do the trick. Follow me, and let's all lighten up, at least for a few minutes, and enjoy the ride.

Car and Driver Magazine used to publish an annual "10 Best" issue that went beyond the best vehicles. They also covered things like the best car stories of the year. I remember one in particular.

It's the story of these guys, who were driving around one night, street racing and chewing gum. Each time the driver opened another stick of gum, he'd roll the tin foil into a neat little cylinder. And, as the evening went on, the foil grew to a nice, ripe size.

Then, after one big burnout, a cop pulled them over. The policeman walked up to the driver's window, looked in and asked the driver, "Who do you think you are?"

And the driver, holding the wad of tin foil, said, "Perhaps this silver bullet will explain me."

In a similar vein, I just saw an interview with Lewis Hamilton – from the "My Next Guest Needs No

Introduction" series hosted by David Letterman. Dave was asking Lewis about his street-driving habits, and Lewis was very self-deprecating. He said he drives very carefully, because there are a lot of crazy people out there.

But that's not the joke. Then Dave asked him if he'd ever been pulled over. And Lewis said yes, once, in London. According to Lewis, the constable looked into the car and asked, "who do you think you are, Lewi...." And he stopped cold. True story, according to Hamilton.

Oh, and Dave asked him if he got off, and he said yes.

What do we make of the state of Wyoming, where legislators recently put forward a bill to ban electric vehicles, EVs, by the year 2035? Ban them. Reportedly, the rationale is that they threaten the oil and gas industries in the state. Is this a joke? I don't know, but ya gotta laugh.

And how about the CEO of Citroen who, in January, was quoted in Auto Express that the growth of the SUV market, worldwide, "will soon be a relic of the past."

Really? Oh yes, said the CEO of Citroen. Despite the fact that the SUV craze has now jumped across the Atlantic and is invading Europe. According to the article, "the segment accounted for 50 percent of all new vehicle registrations on the Continent over the past few years."

The CEO of Citroen reportedly went on to explain. He "pointed to the new-ish phenomenon of sedans that are 'called SUVs just because they're a bit higher.'" And he went on, "On a battery EV, if your aerodynamics are wrong, the penalty in terms of range is massive. You can lose 50 kilometers (of range) between good and bad aero, and between an SUV and a sedan, you're talking 60/70/80 kilometers, very easy." And that will shame people to drive smaller vehicles, he said. He has a point, I think.

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Then there's Max Verstappen, the two-time Formula 1 World Champion. Did you see where he competed in a virtual Le Mans race, on-line, and he was disconnected, mid-race? While he was in the lead? Max then declared "game over," in no uncertain terms. Apparently, rejoining would have resulted in his team being a couple laps down. He called the whole episode a "clown show."

Max, some advice, if I may. Upgrade to high-speed connectivity. Make your way down to the viaduct. And chew some gum along the way.

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Rise of the Machines?

Article by David Sfris of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA

After attempting a few article ideas, I thought it would be interesting to give a modern twist to article writing and turn to the new Artificial Intelligence engine, ChatGPT.

The challenge was to write a newsletter article using only ChatGPT generated text. As with all things computer based, the input is important to the output. I tried to get the most interesting output using the fewest possible words of input.

With that in mind - I am happy to submit what is likely the first ever club article written by an AI engine. Read on to see what chatGPT has to say about what might happen in the future at the PCA Club Race in Topeka, Kansas in mid-April.

Input statement: "300 word story about three friends David, Mark, Shawn who race Porsche Cayman cars against 40 competitors in a club race in Topeka Kansas. It's a sunny day and they celebrate after the race. Who will win? Will anyone crash?"

ChatGPT enters the room.

"David, Mark, and Shawn were three friends who shared a passion for racing. They had invested in Porsche Cayman cars and had entered a club race in Topeka, Kansas, competing against 40 other racers. The sun was shining, and everyone was eager to get started.

The race began, and it was a tense and thrilling experience. The three friends were neck and neck with each other, jostling for position. They weaved through the track, dodging other racers, and taking every opportunity to get ahead.

As they approached a sharp turn, David's car started to skid, and he struggled to regain con-

trol. He hit the rail and crashed out of the race, leaving Mark and Shawn to continue on without him.

The race was intense, and the two remaining friends were pushing their cars to the limit. They were determined to win, but they also knew that the competition was tough. As they entered the final stretch of the race, Mark managed to overtake Shawn and took the lead, crossing the finish line first and winning the race.

After the race, the three friends celebrated their achievements. David was disappointed to have crashed out of the race, but he was happy to see his friends do so well. Mark was elated to have won, and Shawn was a good sport, congratulating him on his win.

They cracked open some cold beers and talked about their experiences on the track. They relived every moment of the race, discussing what they could have done differently, and they all agreed that it had been an incredible experience. They knew that they would continue racing and supporting each other, no matter what the future held.

As the sun began to set, the three friends hugged each other, feeling grateful for their friendship and the shared experience they had just had. They knew that they had a bond that could never be broken, and they looked forward to more adventures on the track in the future."

Say what!? So, there it is - the billion dollar Artificial Intelligence engine has me crashing and Mark winning. Now I'm not sure I even want to go! It is a sample of one that predicting the future can alter how we feel about the future. However, I'm thrilled for Mark and Shawn and hope that I can avoid any issues in April IRL. (In Real Life).

Stay tuned..



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