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*On The Cover Photography  
by Armando Colorado, taken  
at the Porsche Omaha Break-  
fast.*

*Bragging rights to whoever  
emails the editor first with  
what car this is!*

# *Zero to 60*

Mike Anderson, GPR President

While reading a recent copy of Panorama, I came across an article or ad for “Rennbow” (a website showing all Porsche colors ever made. Check it out at: [www.Rennbow.org](http://www.Rennbow.org)). It made me start thinking about car colors and Henry Ford. While he was famously quoted as saying that “customers can order any color they want, as long as it’s black,” he didn’t really stick to that. The Model “R” was offered in 1907 in dark green. From 1906-1908 the model “N” was only offered in maroon. In 1908-1913 the Model “T” was only offered in grey, green, blue and red. NOT black. Black was initiated in 1914 and carried through 1925 as the dominant color. However, you also could get maroon, blue or green. The model “A” was offered 1927-1931 and came in grey, green or black.

So, what does that have to do with Porsche? For many years, I thought P-cars only came in one color, Guards Red. As I became more acquainted with the brand, I discovered they also came in silver and black.

I am writing this article while attending Treffen in Adairsville, GA. More on that later. As I look through the parking lot, I see a “Rennbow” of colors. The color I see that can confuse me is the color of putty or cement. I hope I don’t offend anyone (probably too late), but it seems like a non-color. However, I know it is really popular right now with many manufacturers. So, we’ll add it to the Rennbow.

Tastes change. Trends that were in style go out, circle the universe, then comes back. Oak cabinets and gold/brass handles were popular in the 1980s, went out, and then I saw the gold handles on an HGTV show the other night as the handle of choice. The fun and amazing part is that people can express themselves and go with personal preferences that make them happy. At the end of the day, I’m hoping GPR members will sign up for the events and make the club their own. Personalized and fun.

The “May Flowers Fun Run” is coming up May 13. Come join us. The Driver’s Ed and Club Race are May 19-21 in Hastings. Come join other club members and learn more about track time. The summer picnic is scheduled for June 4th and we’re hoping for a great turnout. This will be followed by two opportunities to make new friends, as we are having dinner on Friday June 9th with the Iowa club, Schonesland, here in Omaha. On the morning of June 10th, we’ll meet together for breakfast before going to Supercar Saturday (a non-PCA event).

Zero to 60. Life goes fast, so take advantage of the events and customize your membership with the opportunities presented.

Safe driving,

Mike

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# Great Plains Region Club Calendar

## May 2023

May 6th - Ladies Event @ Lauritzen Gardens. Tour, Tram Ride & Box Lunch!

May 13th - May Flowers Fun Run (RSVP)

<https://clubregistration.net>

May 19th-May 21st - Carrera GT Club Race and DE at Motorsports Park Hastings (RSVP)

427 S Showboat Blvd, Hastings, NE

<https://clubregistration.net>

May 20th - Club Race / DE Dinner at Lockland Country Club (RSVP)

601 W Lockland Road, Hastings, NE

<https://clubregistration.net>

**NOTE: The dinner is a separate RSVP from the DE / Club Race.**

**Use this link! —> <https://gprpca.com/2023-club-race-dinner-rsvp-and-pre-pay/>**

## June 2023

June 4th - Annual GPR Picnic and Porsche Car Show (RSVP)

Walnut Grove Park, 15050 Q St, Omaha, NE

<https://www.gprpca.com/events/>

June 9th & 10th - Great Plains and Schonesland "Iowa Region" Combined Events (RSVP)

Village Pointe, Omaha, NE

<https://www.gprpca.com/events/>

## July 2023

July 8th - Breakfast at Paradise Bakery 8:00am

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

July 15th & 16th - Sandhills Run to Valentine (RSVP) *Watch your email for further details*

## National Calendar



## Club Racing Calendar



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# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes of the GPR Board meeting

**April 11th, 2023**

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

**PRESIDENT:** Anderson reviewed the PCA Glovebox for document archiving and announced that current needs for Least of My Brethren would be forthcoming via email to the membership.

**PAST PRESIDENT:** No report this month.

**SECRETARY:** The March 2023 minutes were approved as distributed.

**TREASURER:** No report this month.

**SOCIAL:** The March 11<sup>th</sup> Porsches at Paradise breakfast was well attended despite inclement weather. March 25<sup>th</sup> Greek Isles' self-pay social dinner was attended by 30 individuals. April 8<sup>th</sup> Porsche Omaha breakfast with the DE 101 presentation was at capacity with 50 attending, including 4 or 5 new members. The DE 101 presentation by Rick Mourey was well received. The April 15<sup>th</sup> Tax Day fun run is all set, with donuts and coffee to be provided by the club; 30 cars are registered for the fun run thus far, with a cap of 36 in place. May 6<sup>th</sup> is a Ladies event tour of Lauritzen Gardens. May 13<sup>th</sup> is Porsches at Paradise breakfast with Supercar Saturday following at Pitch West (not a GPR event). May 20<sup>th</sup> features a dinner at Lochland Country Club in Hastings as part of the Club Race and DE weekend (19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>), with only a \$10 member co-pay. June 4<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Picnic and Car Show at Walnut Grove Park. June 9<sup>th</sup> features a self-pay dinner at Bravo Cucina with members of the Schonesland (Iowa) region, and the 10<sup>th</sup> features a club breakfast with the Schonesland region at Bentley Omaha followed by Supercar Saturday (not a GPR event). July 8<sup>th</sup> is Porsches at Paradise breakfast. An overnight Sandhills drive to Valentine, NE is planned for July 15 and 16, with registration available online.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We have 186 paid GPR members out of 311 PCA Primary members assigned to our region. Chair Lynch participated in the PCA Membership webinar and reported that our efforts for gaining members are aligned with National's recommendations.

**REGISTRAR:** The April 15<sup>th</sup> Tax Day Fun Run registration on ClubRegistration.net closes on April 12<sup>th</sup>; 32 drivers and 10 passengers have registered thus far. GPR DE refund policy has been updated and included in registration confirmations. April 29<sup>th</sup> RPM Spring Fling DE registration is open, with 11 drivers thus far, including 2 novices. Registration closes April 26<sup>th</sup>. Club Race and DE registration for MPH on May 19-21 is open, with 14 club racers registered to date, along with several DE participants.

**SAFETY:** No National updates this month. Club Race and DE promotion is in progress with e-mailings planned, beginning the week of April 17 to various groups to increase participation. DE 101 was presented at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Porsche Omaha breakfast. Spring Fling (April 29) RPM DE insurance has been requested from PCA. MPH Club Race planning meeting took place; national timing and scoring official has been assigned by PCA. Club Race and DE weekend schedule has been finalized. Volunteers continue to be solicited for assistant and backup roles. Cross marketing our Club Race with others for the new Mid-America Series is underway. On-Site Tires has confirmed availability for the Club Race weekend to sell and service tire needs, with a new promotion for DE tires to be added to the next email update to participants.

**EDITOR:** April Der Skooner was published and distributed to our advertisers and to the website. May issue will feature recaps on April social events, Meet a Member, and out of region columnists. **Member content contributions for Der Skooner are welcomed!**

**WEBMASTER:** GPR website is up to date with all known events. April Der Skooner was emailed out April 1<sup>st</sup>. RSVP for the Lauritzen Gardens Ladies event will be set up with an email invite going out on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** President Anderson relayed he met with lifetime member and GPR Historian Denny Strauss to learn about the archives he has established for the club, and the location of those. Anderson indicated members Steve Wilwerding and David Patterson have agreed to act as social media chairs to monitor online content, postings, requests, etc.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00pm at the Anderson's home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kurt Halvorson, Secretary



# 2023 Membership News

## By the numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: 313

GPR Membership: 188

## May Anniversaries

Tim Wilson – 1 Year

John Rebrovic – 10 Years

Dave Hart (Hastings) - 10 Years

Gregor Henricks - 25 Years

## Members of Great Plains Region:

Track Season means Parade Laps!!!

You are in this club because you own a Porsche. Porsches are known as finely constructed, excellent handling, iconic driving machines. They were meant to drive like a dream and make taking a corner an experience.

Oh, your Porsche has four doors. It is a Cayenne, a Macan, a Panamera or a Taycan. How amazing! Those Porsches are meant to do the same things a two door Porsche is meant to do. Drive!

Parade Laps are just a little opportunity to take your vehicle to the track and give it a bit of a stretch after a long winter of just getting from place to place safely.

At each Driver's Education Event there is a break for lunch at noon and that is when we offer GPR members the experience of a Parade Lap. All it takes is a \$10.00 per car donation, which is used to support our charity of the year, Least of My Brethren.

Show up at the track early around 11:00. Check out the cars, chat with the drivers, enjoy the weather on a Saturday. Be sure to fill out the PCA required insurance waiver prior to your parade lap. Weather is part of the charm of a track event. [This is said very tongue in cheek, as the weather is either wet, windy, cold, muddy, snowy, hot, or otherwise miserable in some way. But it is great because you are at the track!]

There is always a leader of a Parade Lap and a sweeper to bring up the rear. Your drive will not exceed safe road speed, passing is not allowed, respectable distance is kept between vehicles, and takes about three minutes per lap for a total of about five laps, or fifteen to twenty minutes of your life.

You will have a hard time wiping the grin off your face when you come into the pits. How exciting!!

Seriously, four door Porsches, I challenge you to outnumber the two door Porsches at a Parade Lap this year. Wow, that would be something!

Ladies, this is your opportunity to bring your 911, Cayman, Cayenne, Macan, Panamera or Taycan and give it a fun run. Enjoy the power on the straight away, the great braking and the fine handling in the corners. Don't let the boys have all the fun. Ladies, you can always stay home on a DE Saturday, but try something new. Any vehicle is welcome on the track.

Dates for Parade Lap Experiences:

Raceway Park of the Midlands – RPM, Glenwood, IA  
August 26  
October 7

Club Race and DE at Motorsports Park of Hastings – MPH, Hastings, NE  
May 19, 20, 21

**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:

Carol Lynch - Membership Chair GPR

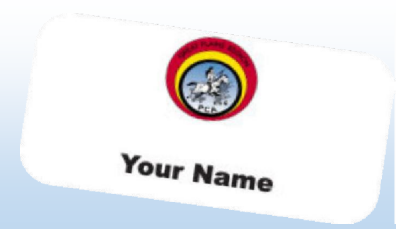
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## Member Name Badges

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/>





# How to Wash Your Porsche

*Article and photos provided by Steve Wilwerding*

The impetus for this article began several years ago at a Club breakfast, when I was discussing with Sandy Steckman the proper way to wash our cars, and he mentioned that it might make a good article for the newsletter. Having lately gone down the YouTube rabbit hole of car detailing, I thought I would offer my thoughts for the best way to wash your car.

The most important rule when washing your car is that you want to touch it as little as possible, and in the cases when you do have to touch it, that the car is as clean as possible. Every time you touch your car, you introduce the potential to scratch your paint or clear coat, and the dirtier the car, the worse the scratches will be. This means that the worst thing that you can do is to take your car to an automatic car wash, where the brushes (which are already dirty from all the cars that went before you) will just beat the dirt into the paint. If you cannot wash your car at home and need to take it somewhere, touchless car washes offer the best option.

Assuming that you can wash your car at home, what equipment do you need? Obviously, you can get by with a bucket, a sponge, some car wash, and a hose, or you can spend hundreds of dollars on wash mitts, soaps, pressure washers, wheel brushes, various spray cleaners, etc. At a minimum, if you are going to be washing your Porsche, I recommend a good quality microfiber wash mitt, at least two buckets, a good quality car soap, at least one wheel brush, and a good quality drying towel.

If you're looking to buy all of this at one time, I would recommend Chemical Guys products. I use their wash mitts, drying towels, and some of their soaps, and I have been very happy with the quality. They have a store in Lincoln, though you can find many of their products at Walmart, Amazon, and even Menards. I am also a fan of Adams products (available on Amazon) – I use their car soaps, wheel brushes, and wheel cleaners. There are obviously hundreds of wash products you can buy, but for good products that are readily accessible, Adams and Chemical Guys have worked well for me.

For the simplest type of car wash, I would recommend first hosing down the vehicle to get rid of any surface dirt. Then, fill two buckets with soap and water - one for the car, one for the wheels (Chemical Guys recommends two buckets for the car, a dirty one and clean one; you can search YouTube for **Chemical Guys two bucket wash**). It is up to you where to start your car wash – many folks recommend washing the wheels first, since they are the dirtiest, but I prefer to start at the top of the car and work my way down. Either way, make sure to only use your wash mitt in your “car” bucket and your wheel brush in your “wheel” bucket. Another pro tip – don't be like Karate Kid and make circular motions – circular scratches are the most noticeable and the toughest to buff out. Instead, whenever you are touching your car, either with a wash mitt or your drying towel, always try to move your hand in straight lines. Once you are done washing your car and wheels with soap and water, hose it off again to remove the soap, then dry it using a microfiber drying towel.

Want to step up your game? I like using a pressure washer with a foam cannon. Just like above, first wash your car off using just water, then use a foam cannon to lay down a thick layer of suds before you use your wash mitt. The suds layer from the foam cannon acts to trap the dirt, so that when you are running the wash mitt across your paint, there is less potential for scratches.



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# Wash

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Don't want to drag a pressure washer out to wash your car? I've had great luck using the IK Pro handheld sprayer to lay down the suds layer. It works somewhat similarly to a fertilizer sprayer, with a plastic reservoir for the car soap and a hand pump to build pressure. If you are thinking about going this route, I recommend buying the IK Foam Pro 2 Plus - it has a Schrader valve so that you attach your air compressor and save yourself a lot of pumping by hand. The IK sprayer is also excellent for spraying wheel and tire cleaner or pretreatments if you ever want to go down that route.

Another tool to consider is a car dryer. You can spend between \$100 - \$300+ on a car dryer, and some of the fancier ones even heat and filter the air. I just happen to have a battery-powered handheld DeWalt leaf blower, and it works just fine to clear most of the water off the car so that I only need to use a single drying towel to finish the job.

If you're still looking to go further, there are plenty of dedicated wheel and tire cleaners and dressings, spray-on car waxes, drying aids, rubber and trim dressings, deionizing water filters to prevent water spots – the sky is the limit. Also, if you want to go beyond just washing your car to exterior detailing, there are hundreds of waxes, sealants, polishes – you get the idea. In addition to excellent cleaners, polishes, and waxes available from Chemical Guys, I've had very good luck with the Turtle Wax hybrid solutions line of products (I never thought I would be recommending Turtle Wax to Porsche owners, but they have really stepped up their game in the last few years).

Finally, if you have the time, there are a couple of YouTube channels I highly recommend. Even if you don't use their products, **Chemicals Guys** have dozens of excellent videos covering car washing, detailing, polishing, waxing, etc. There is also a YouTube channel called **Ammo NYC** by a guy on the east coast who runs a high-end detailing shop – when I say high-end, I mean Ferraris, Bugattis, Porsche 918s. Not only are the videos informative, but he is also invariably working on a rare and beautiful car, so they are entertain-

ing from that aspect as well. There is a line of **Ammo NYC** products that are available if you'd like to spend a lot of money on your car washing and detailing products, though I'm sure they are excellent since that's what he uses.

I'm sure that if someone else were writing this article, they would have different techniques and products that they recommend, but after watching lots of YouTube videos, and hand washing my Porsches for the last 21 years, I thought I would share what I have learned. I would reiterate that if you want to dive into the world of car detailing, there is at least one video on YouTube that covers whatever you want to do or reviews whatever product you want to buy. One of the best ways to maintain your Porsche is to learn good car washing and detailing techniques, so I hope this article gives you a good starting point or builds on your knowledge.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, get out there and wash your car!

~Steve





**Please join us for our  
Annual GPR Picnic  
and Porsche Car Show!**

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Walnut Grover Park Shelter  
15050 Q Street  
Omaha**

Arrive at 10:30am

The Car Show, featuring 914s, starts at 11:00am  
with lunch following at noon.

Catered by Porky Butts BBQ

Awards will be presented for the Car Show:  
Best Air Cooled, Best Water Cooled, Best 4-Door,  
and People's Choice

All of this will be provided by the GPR.

You must be a GPR member to attend.

Immediate family only, please.

40 car limit on the Car Show. Sign up soon!

Picnic seating is limited. Feel free to bring a lawn chair.

RSVP by Sunday, May 28th at [www.gprpca.com](http://www.gprpca.com)

# Don't Miss These Joint June Events With the Schonesland Region

## *Friday Night Fun!*

Join us for dinner on **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** with the Schonesland (Des Moines Region) Porsche Club at Bravo! Italian Kitchen, 17151 Davenport St. (Village Pointe), Omaha. **A Social Hour will be held at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00.** Each Club will be limited to 40 people so sign up early! This event will be self-paid and we will order off the menu. Please use the following link to make your reservation: [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com)



## *June 10<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at the Bentley Omaha Dealership*

The Great Plains Region Club's June breakfast will be a special event! Rather than holding the breakfast at Porsche Omaha, **breakfast will be held at Bentley Omaha located at 225 N. 170<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** Our breakfast will be jointly held with the Schoenesland Region. However, since we also plan to participate in Supercar Saturday that morning (not a GPR-sponsored event), our morning will begin by meeting at the Supercar Saturday parking area located west of Pitch Pizzeria, 17808 Burke Street, Omaha, so that we can park our Porsches in that parking area. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARRIVE AT THE PITCH PARKING AREA BETWEEN 7:30 AND 7:45 A.M.**

We have arranged for Ollie the Trolley to be available at the Pitch parking area to take everyone to Bentley Omaha for breakfast and lots of good conversation. At about 9:00 a.m. the Trolley will begin trips back to the Supercar Saturday parking area so that you can view the large number of unique automobiles that are expected.

We need to limit the number of participants from our Club to the first 50 persons to sign up for the event. Sign up NOW at [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com). We also expect up to 40 participants from the Schoenesland Club to participate. There is no cost to participate in this event. Please contact Paul Schudel, GPR Social Chair, at [paul.schudel@gmail.com](mailto:paul.schudel@gmail.com) if you have any questions.





## SANDHILLS RUN, JULY 15-16

**This is a trip you won't want to miss! We'll leave from the Baker's parking lot at 156<sup>th</sup> and Dodge at 7:30am on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Our route will take us from Omaha to Albion via U.S. 92 and Nebraska Highway 39. From there we will drive to Bartlett to visit the Mignery Sculpture Garden which consists of over 50 bronzes sculpted by Herb Mignery, a Bartlett native, and one of the finest creators of Western bronze works in the United States. We will then drive to Ord to have lunch at Soratchtown Brewery. After leaving Ord we will take the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway to Dunning. At Dunning we will drive the Loup to Loup Route which is a part of the Sandhills Open Road Challenge Route. We will then drive to Mullen and from there follow Nebraska Highway 97 to Valentine. Dinner will be at the Peppermill Restaurant where you can challenge yourself to tackle a massive Nebraska prime steak. You'll choose your own route back home on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**We will stay at the Trade Winds Motel in Valentine. A block of 15 rooms is being held until July 1<sup>st</sup> (10 king and 5 queen), and the room rate is \$124 + tax. Please make your reservation by calling the motel at 308-376-1600 and mention the block of rooms held under "Great Plains Region Porsche Club".**

**After you've made your motel reservation please go to the ClubReg site to sign waivers for you and your passenger at [ClubRegistration.net](http://ClubRegistration.net) to let us know you'll be on the tour.**

**If you have questions, please contact  
Paul Schudel, Social Chair, at [paul.schudel@gmail.com](mailto:paul.schudel@gmail.com).**

# Meet a GPR Member

## Bill McGinn

### Broaden Your Horizons

When I went through college and law school in the 80's, there were two cars that I lusted after: the 107 Mercedes Benz SL and the Porsche 944. I have been fortunate enough to have horses in my life since I was a child, culminating with becoming a Master of Foxhounds. I still enjoy mounted foxhunting. Like the Porsche club, it's the people that really make it special.

After 10 years of owning and maintaining a Beech Bonanza Airplane, an abrupt end came to that hobby with a prop strike at an airport near Lake Okoboji. My only collector car at that time was a 1952 CJ3A jeep. They are a lot of fun if you're not in a hurry. After a few years, I bought an MB sedan as a daily driver and started learning the fun of vintage German cars from Star Class Motors. This lead to the purchase of my BMW Z4. A Facebook photo of the Z4 at a GPR DE lead me to find the 944. The price was right but I had to talk myself into it.

Once I got the deal done (\$5K) it spent the next several months at Star Class Motors, where improvements took place and continue to this day. Upgraded wheels and brakes make it a thrill to drive on the track, despite being passed by pretty much everyone. But I catch them in the turns.

### When did you join the PCA?

2018

### Where are you from?

Council Bluffs, Iowa

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

1988 944



### What makes your car(s) special?

My 944 is one of the cars I wanted back in the 80's. Being a poor law student, it was not realistic at the time. The car was brought to my attention by a good friend whose dad had it for sale. He rebuilt the engine himself but once I found out he was an A7P mechanic in the Air Force and the shop that did the machine was well known to Mark Bertelsen at Star Class Motors, it was a sign to take a chance.

### Next Porsche or current project?

Nothing else on the horizon. I am finishing up a 1951 CJ3A jeep and a 1985 Mercedes 380SL. My next Porsche would be a 911S

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## Meet A Member

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### Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Sally Knapp was my instructor before she left us. She coached me in my BMW Z4. The first time I took the 944 on the track, I heard her voice in my head: "Push It!"

### Favorite road trip, track or race?

I'm still looking for it.

### What got you interested in Porsche?

My parents worked in Manhattan, NYC, when I was young, in the 1970s. A friend of theirs drove a red 911. That was the coolest car. I was that kid who had a 911 poster on my bedroom wall. Porsche was then and remains today an aspirational icon that drives me toward living a full and energetic life.

### Any other dream cars you would own?

A pre-war Mercedes Benz 500K-W29

### What is the top song on your driving playlist?

Too many favorites to pick just one.



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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.

**SIGN UP HERE. IT'S FREE!** <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors>

Download and enjoy custom coloring sheets created by coloring book illustrator Fireball Tim.

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## A Note from the Editor

A beautiful morning for breakfast at Porsche Omaha in early April preceded a DE101 session lead by Rick Mourey, made for a great start to the month. All RSVP slots were filled, and included 4 first time attendees.



Above: Rick Mourey addresses the DE101 session. Photo by Jeremy Kroh.

That had everyone waiting on the first fun run of the year, but mother nature had other plans as that was scuttled until May on a count of rain and frigid temps.

Instead of driving the hills north of town on that cold, rainy morning, I decided to tackle a leaking camshaft position sensor. I never knew those could leak. And now you know as well.

Hopefully many of you took the opportunity to get in a track session or at least parade laps at RPM. Send in your best photos from the track and I'll include them in the next Der Skooner!

As always, I encourage you to send in your best "social media worthy" photo of your new acquisition or daily driver, or your own 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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# April Club Racing Update

*Article by David Safris of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA*

The 2023 Porsche Club of America (PCA) Racing season officially arrived in the Midwest with the race at Heartland Motorsport Park in Topeka, KS. This long-standing race put on by the Kansas City Region has been a welcome fixture on my spring calendar for a good number of years. The 2023 race did not disappoint but did come with a wide array of challenges for the racers and Driving Event (DE) drivers to work through.

Friday kicked off the event with open lapping sessions and temperatures reached the mid 80's with plenty of sun. Saturday featured rain and an early afternoon thunderstorm that saw temperatures drop into the mid 40's and even included a period of hail and lightning. Sunday started cool and very windy and a drying track with forty degree weather and 20mph gusty wind. This was not going to be a - set up your car and just drive it - type weekend and each day posed challenges regarding tire selection, car setup, and even risk analysis.

*Above: Green Flag at Heartland Motorsport Park. Photo*



*by Chuck Safris*

The KC Region did a masterful job of coordinating the event through the challenges. Club president Jeff Hallam and Club Race Chair Dave Stadtmueller and their many volunteers deserve a hearty round of thanks and applause for navigating through the weather and keeping everything moving smoothly.

PCA emphasizes multi-class racing with a wide variety of cars on track at one time. This race was no exception with a wide variety of cars ranging from a 991.1 911 Carrera Cup Car, various Cayman platforms and plenty of 944's and Spec Boxsters. Overall, there were forty registered cars representing thirteen classes. The biggest groups were SP1 - 944's with eight cars, GTB1 Caymans with seven, and Spec Boxster with an impressive field of nine cars.

*Below: RMR member Lisa Hunsicker #823 running with Bradley Toews #77. Photo by IG: joshuawithacamera*



Race 1 was full rain conditions and probably some of the worst conditions I have seen at Heartland Park. Standing water, ongoing rain, and generally windy and challenging conditions made for tough racing. The PCA racers handled it perfectly and we ran a full forty minute race without serious incident. Glen Wiendenbeck took 1<sup>st</sup> position in a Spec 996 with Chris Arbuckle in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 911 GTC3 car. Steve Coomes had an impressive drive in his Spec Cayman taking 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Kris Pippin won the SP1 race and Keith Slankard took honors in GTB1. Bradley Toews won the Spec Boxster class. A number of cars did not take the green flag due to the challenging weather - and who could blame them for sitting out.

Race 2 on Sunday morning was a completely different event. Gone were the puddles and driving rain and we had a drying track with chilly but much improved conditions.

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# Track

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John Bleazard won overall with his 991.1 Cup car with Jeff Robbins in a GTD1 Cayman and Glenn Wiedenbeck in the Spec 996 rounding out the top three. Keith Slankard again bested the GTB1 group and Pat Heptig shook up the SP1 944's with a class win in race 2. Steve Watkins was on top of the Spec Boxsters again.

Race 3 followed after the lunch break and we saw the best racing conditions of the weekend. The better conditions led to tighter racing and a few more contested spots throughout the field. Overall, John Bleazard took the win in the 991.1 cup, Dale Hartzell was 2<sup>nd</sup> in a GTA1 911 and finished just in front of Jeff Robbins in his GTD1 Cayman. Steve Watkins swept the day in Spec Boxsters with a second win of the day with a narrow winning margin of 1.9 seconds. Keith Slankard continued his hold on the GTB1 Caymans making it three straight wins across the weekend. Richard Bennet was a quick 3.5 seconds over the 2<sup>nd</sup> place car of Kris Pippin for the win in SP1 944's.

I jumped out in front of the GTB1 field in the third race and was happy to be hanging on to 1st in class and 6th overall for the first laps. Keith eventually sorted things out to his advantage and I

had to work hard to stay in front of Shawn Keeler who was charging from his 3rd place position.

I have to throw in a quick word of compliment to the SP1 and SPB drivers who do a great job of managing their class race while also dealing with the faster cars coming around about half way through the race. There is a lot of trust and driver skill in play when you have different speed cars contesting corners and looking for an edge. I always try to give a little waive when a car opens up a corner for me. I know that means they have compromised the corner for their own lap and I am sure that must be frustrating for them at times. This coordination on the track is a big part of keeping club racing safe while also having competitive "in class" races.

Next on the Midwest calendar is Motorsport Park Hastings (MPH). If you are a racer or a DE driver looking for track time - MPH is a great track and always a fun event. I hope to see you out there!

David Safris

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*Below, Cars belonging to Shawn Keeler #74, Mark Hoffman #66 and David Safris #05. Photo by IG:joshuawithacamera*



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Novices welcome

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# Rocky Mountain Region

*Article thanks to Danielle Badler of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA*

See the U.S.A.

Welcome to full-bloom spring. And, of course, welcome to planning season for summer vacations. And, for many of us, welcome to summer vacations that can mean only one thing ... road trip!

Now that we have that settled, the question is, how? Where? Do you tow a rolling motel room behind your torque-laden vehicle? Or do you load what you really need in the boot and behind the seats, and go searching for curvy roads?

I know where I fall out. I prefer the ability to seek out sports car roads, to wind out the motor and ... well ... go, go, go. Why? Well ... think about it ... when was the last time you were passed by an SUV pulling a trailer? Or passed by an RV? Never mind going uphill. Never mind going around corners. How about ever?

Truth be told, a few years ago I actually gave the concept of a trailer/camper/caravan type of thing that you tow a lot of thought. Wanderlust had really crept up on me. I started researching brands and, as you might expect, landed on Airstream. They had just come out with a new version of the iconic silver sleeping tube, called the Basecamp. And it intrigued me – lightweight, using advanced materials for best-in-class space utilization and efficiency. And, best of all, you could tow it with a medium-size SUV, or so they said.

I even started subscribing to Airstream's on-line newsletter, called "The Rivet," I'm not kidding. I read about happy couples, roaming far and wide, setting up for the night beside lakes and rivers, oceans, and streams. Virtually wherever their hearts desired, and a campground complied. And these couples were loaded with fun toys for their days in place – off-road bicycles, kayaks, hiking boots and so forth.

It sounded like a wonderful way to ... do I permanently put myself in age jail for the following expression? I guess so. Those of us of a certain age have it ingrained in our psyche. You know

who you are, and I know you can sing it, too. "See the U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet." It was etched in my brain during commercial breaks while watching Bonanza. Turns out, it actually dates back to 1950 which, I'm proud to say, is actually before my time. But I digress.

The spirit did move me. Until I woke up one day, gave myself one of those "wow, I could have had a V8" smacks in the head, and realized I do not own a medium-size SUV. And I have no plans to purchase one. And I hate the idea of being one of those right-lane crawlers, inching up on the side of the road, tucked in with the semis, trying to overcome long up-hill inclines. No, the lack of spirit, and zest, and cornering, and braking ... the lack of emotion behind the wheel ... would drive me crazy. Sorry for the pun.

And then, and then, last month, I received an e-mail. The headline read "Meet the Airstream Studio F.A. Porsche Concept Travel Trailer."

Here's the lead paragraph, verbatim. "Airstream recently got together with a legendary design firm to play a game of What if? The result of that collaboration is the Airstream Studio F.A. Porsche Concept Travel Trailer, an ultralight, garageable travel trailer concept that addresses the changing world of RV adventure."

Now, I've been following the antics of Porsche Design for years. They've penned yachts. Speedboats. High-rise buildings where your Porsche can rise up in the car elevator to your apartment. But never anything like this.

To quote Roland Heiler, Managing Director of Studio F.A. Porsche and Chief Design Officer of the Porsche Lifestyle Group, "For me, Airstream has always been an iconic brand that has thrived by evolving its products while remaining true to its design DNA – an approach very similar to the philosophy of Studio F.A. Porsche."

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# Badler

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I'm trying to resolve this. Let's not forget the overlay that Porsche always refers to itself as a "sports car maker." Always. Which I've always interpreted as a tip of its hat to its legacy, and the enthusiasm of us, their core audience, the buyers and keepers of their sports cars. And they've been able to extend that core passion to large SUVs, medium size SUVs, and all sorts of product extensions that, in some way, claim to carry over the Porsche DNA.

I can't fault them for maximizing their image through line extensions. But this? What's next? A Kenworth is an iconic semi-tractor. A Vespa is an iconic scooter. A Goodyear Blimp is an iconic dirigible. And it actually looks a lot like an Airstream.

I don't know, I don't know. For us enthusiasts, I guess it comes back to the same aphorism. If these, uh, design and product excursions enable Porsche to keep making sports cars, fine, that's a good thing. Just don't count me in.



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