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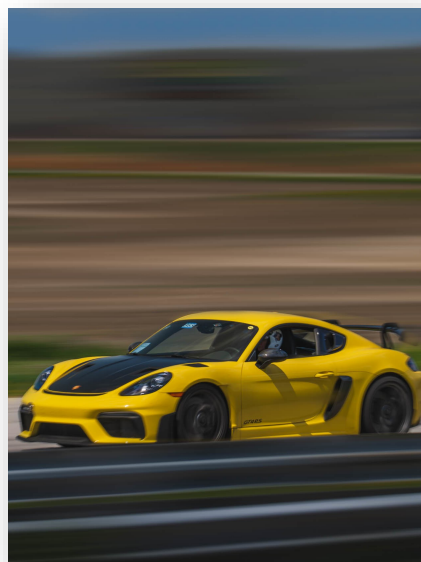
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# *Zero to 60*

Mike Anderson, GPR President

Keeping with the theme of zero to 60, some things just go quickly. Having recently been to the Carrera GT race at Motorsports Park Hastings I have to say **tires** go quickly. Back in the day, people talked about tires lasting 5-7 years. This was true when you only drove 10-12,000 miles a year, so you got 60,000 miles out of a set.

When a mechanic said it was time for new brake pads, it was hard for this non-car person to understand how they could have worn out and I needed new ones. And rotors? What the heck are those and how could they possibly need to be replaced?

So, fast forward to driving on the track in either the Club Race or the Driver's Education event in Hastings. I know we take corners faster than most people, except high school boys. We also brake harder than regular people, but who knew that a set of pads, rotors or tires could wear out so fast!

So instead of measuring tires in miles or years, I'm learning to measure tire life in DE's or sessions. Club Racers measure those items in terms of Sprints. I vividly remember my DE class in 2004 and the instructor announcing to the class that tires, pads and rotors are all consumables. How right he was!

So, you can see why "going quickly" is on my mind. I had the time of my life at Hastings! I drove as fast as I wanted to or could and didn't have to worry about getting a speeding ticket. I got to squeal the tires on the corners, and nobody called the cops or complained.

As a result of having the time of my life, I need new tires, pads, and rotors. Oh well, they are all consumables. I went at least zero to 60 (or maybe 104) many times.

Looking ahead to June, we have several fun and exciting events which are not as demanding on pads, rotors, or tires!

June 4 is the Porsche Picnic at Walnut Grove Park from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Be sure to register. Catering will be provided by Porky Butts BBQ.

June 9 will be a dinner at Bravo Cucina with the Porsche Club from Des Moines, Schonesland. Come out and make new friends from next door.

June 10 will be a continental breakfast (rolls, juice and coffee) at the Bentley dealership from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Then we will move over to a non-GPR event, Supercar Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. near the Berkshire Hathaway office at Village Point. See the website for more details.

Also, on June 10 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. will be a celebration of cars and color to commemorate 75 years of the Porsche brand at Porsche Omaha. Come see eye-catching cars from each decade starting in the 1950s.

And there goes June....quickly!

Mike

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# Great Plains Region Club Calendar

## 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*

## August 2023

August 12th - Breakfast at Paradise Bakery 8:00am

## National Calendar



## Club Racing Calendar



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# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes of the GPR Board meeting

May 9th, 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, David Patterson and Kurt Halvorson. Eric Elliott, Rick Mourey, and Jeremey Kroh joined via teleconference. Bob Kirchner was unable to attend.

**PRESIDENT:** Anderson reviewed PCA Glovebox for document archiving and announced current needs for Least of My Brethren. There will also be forthcoming via email to the membership. Region subsidy opportunities, possible joint event with the South Dakota region, and a marketing chair position were also discussed.

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

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

**TREASURER:** Bank balances as of April 30 are \$67,533, which do not include the results of the RPM DE event.

**SOCIAL:** On May 6<sup>th</sup> ten ladies toured Lauritzen Gardens and enjoyed lunch onsite. May 13<sup>th</sup> is the May Flowers Fun Run with donuts and coffee available at the start. The event looks to be full at 36 cars participating. May 20<sup>th</sup> features a dinner and car corral at Lochland Country Club in Hastings as part of the Club Race/ 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 (catered by Porky Butts) 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 is planned for July 15-16, with registration available online beginning June 1st.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We have 191 paid GPR members out of 309 PCA Primary members assigned to our region. Chair Lynch indicated the personal notes by

President Anderson to new members are helpful for engaging the members from the outset of their membership.

**REGISTRAR:** The RPM Spring Fling DE had 25 participants, including 2 novices and 1 driver who graduated. The May Flowers Fun Run looks to be near or at capacity by the sign up deadline (36 cars). Club Race and DE registration for MPH on May 19-21 is open, with 24 club racers registered, along with 27 DE participants (including 2 novices and a third looking to graduate). Over 50 individuals have signed up for the Lochland dinner on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> in Hastings.

**SAFETY:** PCA noted a trend where racetracks are not allowing the PCA waiver to be used at the gates of their facilities. Chair Mourey indicated this is not an issue for the two tracks GPR utilizes. Insurance for the May Flowers Fun Run has been secured from PCA. Club Race/DE updates: meetings with the PCA assigned personnel and track personnel have taken place; all equipment is enroute and processes are finalized. Mid-America Championship Series materials (banners and stickers) will be available to racers at MPH. PCA insurance has been secured for the Club Race and DE.

**EDITOR:** May Der Skooner was published and distributed to our advertisers and to the website. June issue will feature recaps on the Spring Fling DE, Ladies Event, and Fun Run. Meet A Member and out of region columnists will also be included. **Member content contributions for Der Skooner are welcomed!** Editor Kroh will provide tables for the picnic to save the club rental costs with an outside vendor.

**WEBMASTER:** GPR website is up to date with all known events. May Der Skooner was emailed out April 30<sup>th</sup>. RSVP forms and links are available for: Mayflowers Fun Run, Club Race Dinner, Annual Picnic, Schonesland joint events. Reminder emails will go out for the picnic and Schonesland events on designated dates prior to the event deadlines.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00pm at the Anderson's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

# 2023 Membership News

## By the numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: 311

GPR Membership: 192

## June Anniversaries

Ehab Saad Aldin – 1 Year

Trent Hurley – 1 Year

Paul DeLuca– 5 Years

Pete Jardine - 10 Years

Wayne Wray - 30 Years

## Welcome New Members

Matthew Tarr - Omaha

Nathan Bacerra - Springfield

Russell Sehnert - Lincoln

William Pemberton - Blair

Michael Jackson—Council Bluffs

## Anniversaries!

Anniversaries are great fun to celebrate and there are so many ways to celebrate.

One of the ways you can celebrate your membership in the Porsche Club of America is with pins and decals from PCA National. The following information is from PCA:

As an Active Member completes the membership milestones noted below, their tenure in the Club will be recognized. The PCA National Office will automatically send out 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and 65 year anniversary materials every quarter. All other anniversaries materials are available upon request (see directions to receive anniversary materials below).

**Letter** – All members who are celebrating an anniversary will be sent a letter from the current PCA President at that time.

**Anniversary Decals** – As an Active Member completes 5, 10, 15, or 20 years of membership, the National Office will send, upon request by the member, a special decal indicating the length of membership. Anniversary recognition for the family member/affiliate is also available upon request. Members completing 25 years will receive a special silver ringed decal and members completing 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or 65 years of membership will receive a special gold ringed decal indicating length of membership. Replacement decals are available upon request to qualifying members at a fee established by the Executive Council.

**Anniversary Certificates** – All members who are celebrating an anniversary will also be issued an anniversary certificate.

**Membership Pins** – Members who complete 25, 50, 55, 60, or 65 years of membership are sent a gold pin.

**Membership Name Badge** – A Member who completes 40, 50, 55, 60, or 65 years of membership is issued a Club name badge.

**Family-Active and Affiliate Members** – Anniversary recognition for the family member/affiliate is also available upon request.

Directions to receive anniversary materials – If you are celebrating your 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, or 35-year PCA anniversary, can be ordered at <https://www.pca.org/anniversary>. Materials are only available in 5-year increments and will round down to the last milestone. If your membership information listed on the website is incorrect, contact [membership@pca.org](mailto:membership@pca.org).

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/>





# 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 break-fast at Porsche Omaha, a **continental 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.** The continental 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 \_\_\_\_\_. 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 Scratchtown 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

## Jim Medici

### When did you join the PCA?

I joined the Carolinas Region in Charlotte in 2013, within a month of purchasing my Boxster from Rick Hendricks. Well, from his Porsche dealership in Charlotte.

### Where are you from?

I grew up on the Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island so my earliest memories of Motorsports are from going to SCCA races at Thompson and Lime Rock. Seeing racers like Bob Tullius, Bob Sharp and some college kid from Brown University named Mark Donahue.

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

My current '04 Boxster S is my first Porsche. But it is my fourth mid-engine sports car. First one was a Fiat X1/9, then a Lancia Beta MonteCarlo. Finally, in 1985, I purchased the first Toyota MR2 delivered in Connecticut.

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

I think that what makes it special to me is that when Porsche introduced it, I thought it was the perfect blend of form and function. As a big fan of mid-engine cars, I thought Porsche had really gotten it right. Finally, a mid-engine 2 seater with some decent HP and loads of luggage space. My wife and I love to take road trips. I can get my golf clubs in the trunk and 2 suitcases and a small cooler in the "frunk".

### Next Porsche or current project?

No projects but considering the prospect of European delivery of a new Boxster. Shhhh, don't tell Chris.

### Any other dream cars you would own?

I would dearly love to own a vintage eligible racing car from the 1960s. Perhaps a Lola, Lotus or March. Not quite sure my mechanical skills are up to the task though.

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# Meet A Member

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## Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Probably spending 3 days one hot August weekend doing an HPDE at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The Boxster never skipped a beat and it ran perfectly all weekend. We were assigned garages in Gasoline Alley and the emotions were through the roof rolling out the first time and crossing the bricks.

## Favorite road trip, track or race?

My wife and I had honeymoon trip across Europe, pre internet. We borrowed the Lancia from my sister in the UK and put it on the ferry to France. Drove through the Champagne region and up the Mosel Valley with a detour to the Nurburgring. I just wanted to see it and when we got there I found out you could do a lap for about \$5 or 10 Deutschemarks. So we did, then had lunch, and went 'round again. From there it was down the Rhine and to Hockenheim for the 1978 German GP. We saw Andretti win in his championship season and had tears in our eyes when they played the Star Spangled Banner. From there it was down into the Black Forest and through Strasbourg aiming back across France to the Normandy coast and Mont St. Michel. But on the way we spent the night in the city of LeMans and we did drive right down the Mulsanne straight, but not at 200MPH. This was all pre-internet or cell phones so my resource was Chris navigating with a map and a Michelin guide on her lap. Heck of an adventure.

## What got you interested in Porsche?

I have always been a sports car nut ever since my brother returned from the Air Force in Germany with a Black over Red Triumph TR3. He wanted a 356 but could not find a cabriolet. I am also a sucker for racing heritage and there is no manufacturer with a more successful pedigree than Porsche.

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

Best driving song ever, *Radar Love* by Golden Earring.





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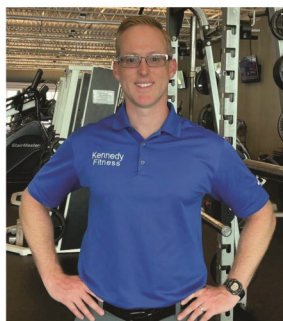


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## A Note from the Editor

It seems like the club was Everything Everywhere, just not all at once, through the end of April and into May. A pair of DE events provided the bookends to a great club drive.

Somewhere in the middle of all that, I had the privilege of watching my daughter cross the stage to graduate high school. It was just yesterday that we took her to preschool. As Mike mentioned that June will be going by quickly, so did 18 years.

Seemly just as quick, Porsche introduced the world to perhaps the swan song for the Boxster ICE platform with an eye popping 718 Spyder RS. Should you be fortunate to snag an allocation, you'll get the same powertrain as the 718 Cayman GT4 RS, but with the ability to enjoy the symphony of the 9,000 RPM naturally aspirated 4.0 liter flat six with the top down. (The top is the only thing that is manually operated, as the PDK is the only transmission option.)

*(Photo below courtesy of Porsche Newsroom)*



As the events keep rolling, keep an eye out for me and my event attendance sheet and sign your name. Just a reminder to how it works; different events are assigned different point values. Driving events get the most with 3 points per event! At the end of the year, your number of points will equal your number of entries that we will select the winner from at the annual winter party.

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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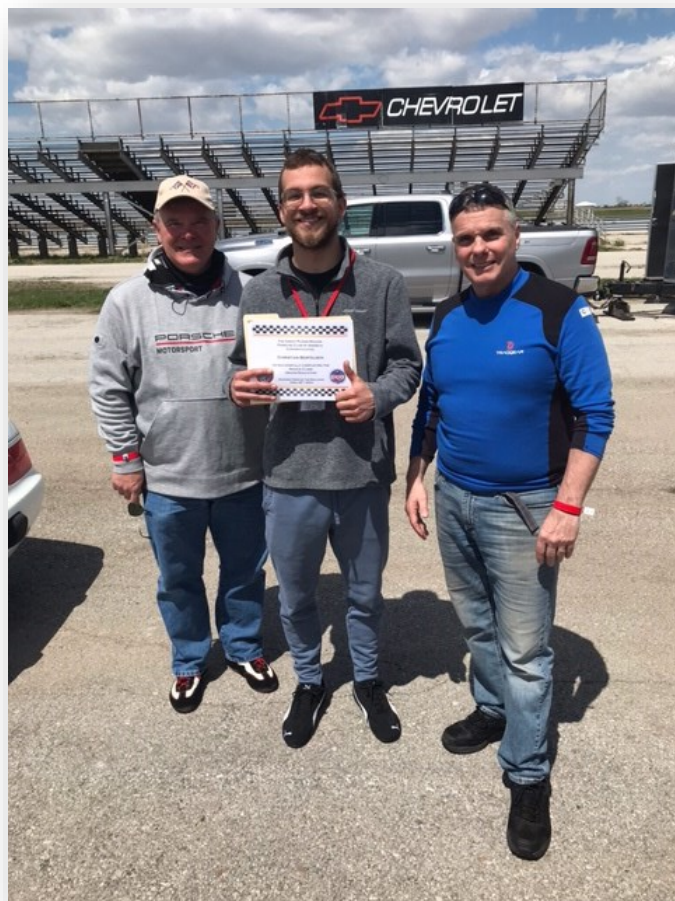
# Social Apex

Article by Jeremy Kroh, with various photo contributors

The end of April began a busy month of May for the club. A great Saturday for the April DE awaited those that had registered for track time at Raceway Park of the Midlands. All in all, the club had 25 attendees, including 2 novices.

Participants' cars ran the gambit, from a new GT4RS (see the cover photo), Caymans and 911s a plenty, 944, and a Ferrari joined the grid.

At the end of the DE session, Roger Williams (left) with Rick Mourey (right) presented Christian Bertelsen (center) with his Novice DE Certificate.



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## Social Apex

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The Porsche ladies held court at the Lauritzen Gardens on May 6th, taking in the various art exhibits, lunch and a stroll through the gardens.



*(Above left to right: Linda Rebrovic, Rachel Hill, Chris Medici, Amy Anderson, Melinda Halvorson, and Sandy Schudel)*

The nearly 36 cars ended the tour at Cunningham Lake to discuss the drive. It was quite interesting to see what we swerve around and what we drive over in our low slung cars on the twisting country roads.

*(Photos below courtesy of Armando Colorado)*



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The following weekend, it was time to drive once again. Starting bright and early in Elkhorn for coffee and doughnuts, the drivers and their cars assembled for a trek through the rolling hills of northern Douglas County and southern Washington County.





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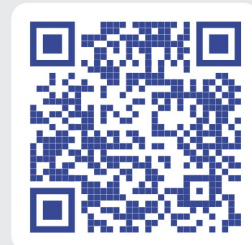


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# Social Apex

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Rounding out May, the annual Carrera GT Club Race and DE at Motorsports Park Hastings was another great success. 24 Club racers and 34 DE participants made for a great weekend. David Safris will fill us in on race details in his article.

*(Photo below courtesy of Motorsport Park Hastings)*



At the end of the racing weekend, another DE driver earned his Novice Class certificate. Shown below is Roger Sherman (*center*) being presented his certificate by Kurt Halvorson (*left*) and Rick Mourey (*right*).



Saturday evening was the gathering at Lochland Country Club. Paul Schudel and Amy Anderson (*below*) offered their valet services.



*(Below: Mark Hoffman and David Safris run neck and neck. Photo by Armando Colorado)*




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## PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA





# May Racing Update

*Article by David Safris, photos by Jared Winkler*

The annual Porsche Club of America Club Race took place at Motorsport Park Hastings (MPH) May 20, 21. It was another great event put on by the Great Plains Region with many thanks and congratulations to race co-chairs Rick Mourey and Roger Williams, club President Mike Anderson and the crew of volunteers.

The MPH track is a gem in middle Nebraska and if you haven't made it over, I hope you take the opportunity to attend an event there in the future. The area has a great vibe, and the track and facilities are nicely maintained.

Thursday evening featured a locals 'run what you brung' drag race event on the front straight. Entertaining to see a mix of competitors ranging from newer pickup trucks to a very fast Chevelle take pulls down the track. Appeared to be a fun and casual event with drivers picking their own lineup order and heading to the starting lights.

If you recall from last year the MPH track was re-surfaced in 2022 and we had a very fast 2022 club race. I was very curious how the 2023 edition would play out. The track proved to be just as fast as 2022 and yet, in some ways, it was somehow a bit more difficult to drive. My simple analysis would be that the perfect line was still there for a fast lap. But racers and DE drivers who were off by just a fraction on that line were treated to a somewhat unpredictable loss of grip. Luckily, the track has very broad run out sections and lots of space for those who tested the limits of adhesion. Talking to a few drivers, we thought once there were a few spins and off-track excursions as there was a lot of dirt and debris getting carried out into those fast corners. Due to the dry conditions and loose soil, those heading off track sent up spectacular plumes of dirt that slowly drifted off in the wind. This provided more than a few "ooooohhh who was that!?" moments for the spectators and drivers.

PCA features multi class racing and the mix of cars creates a fun challenging event. GTB1 Caymans had the biggest class with six cars, SP1 944's with five cars, SPB Boxsters with three cars. And several classes with two or one competitor.

Race 1 Saturday afternoon was set to perfect weather and the grid had been nicely sorted out in Qualifying. The race started with a scramble at the first turn with a few cars being pushed wide and into the dirt including GTB1 leader Keith Slankard. Luckily, everyone got through cleanly, but this caused a re-shuffling of the field as many cars from mid pack were able to get through the chaos in the front rows. I was shuffled back a half dozen places and found myself with Steve Coomes and Jay Walker in their Spec Caymans. The Spec Caymans are plenty fast in all areas of the track and it took the first third of the race to clear them. They seemed to be having a blast swapping places and challenging almost every corner. Slankard recovered from the first lap shuffle and took the top spot in GTB1 in front of me.

Dale Hartzell took the overall win in the GTA1 Cup.

Terry Morris edged Dale Tuety for first in the SP1 class.

Keith Olcha led out the spec Boxsters pretty much start to finish for the class win

*(Below: Lisa Hunsicker maintains a narrow lead on Mark Hoffman for the final spot on the GTB1 podium)*



Race 2 got things rolling quickly on Sunday morning. The weather was perfect with calm wind and cool but warming temperatures.

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The start was much smoother than the Race 1 and sorted out quickly in the first lap. I was happy to get a good jump on the GTB1 field and led the group for the first eight laps. I started making some mental mistakes with some mis-shifts and that led to an easy overtake by Keith Slankard who again took the checkered flag in GTB1 and I was a bit behind in 2nd. The race for 3rd in GTB1 was intense with Lisa Hunsicker and Mark Hoffman dueling most of the thirty-minute race. Hunsicker gapped Hoffman by a tenth of a second at the finish line for the last spot on the podium.

Dale Tuety jumped into first in SP1 mid race to edge Terry Morris for the win.

Keith Olcha again led the SPB.

There was a great race at the front of the field too with De Andrade taking top spot over Hartzell by a mere three tenths of a second.

*(Below: Spec Boxster races were tight all weekend. #211 Karen Clayton holds a small edge over #127 Keith Olcha)*



Race 3 was a fast turnaround after race 2 and things were a quite interesting by mid race. Take your pick between a back-to-back race format, drivers getting tired, tires giving out, or debris on the track. One or all of those factors led to a competitive and entertaining race.

In GTB1, I managed to survive a race of attrition and come out in first place. Slankard had a shifting issue that saw him dropping back though the field four laps into the race. I was happy to jump

into the lead with Hunsicker never more than a few yards off my rear bumper. We ran this way for another ten laps and on lap twelve Lisa timed a pass perfectly with some lapped traffic and all I could do was laugh at my poor car placement as she sailed through the inside line into Turn three. This corner would come into play two laps later when Lisa over ran turn 3 and enjoyed a slide into the bean field. Happy to retake the lead for the second time, I nursed my well over cooked front tires through the last laps of the race. Talking to a few other racers we were recounting the number of giant dust plumes we saw throughout the race. There were more than a few wheels in the dirt moments in race three.

*(Below: Fabio De Andrade #12 and Dale Hartzell #141 both had overall wins at Motorsport Park Hastings )*



Keith Olcha completed the sweep in SPB.

Terry Morris grabbed the win in SP1.

Steve Coomes snuck another a win over Jay Walker in Spec Cayman.

De Andrade took the overall win in the GTD1 Clubsport.

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# May Racing

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(Above: Led by Dan Mayer in the #16 three 944's battle for position onto the main straight at Motorsport Park Hastings.

Below: Keith Slankard #182 leads a pack of cars onto the main straight)



Special mention time.

Keith Slankard slipped under my lap record from 2022 by nine hundredths of a second in qualifying. Is it self-serving to mention here that I still have the 'race record?' Racer egos are fragile and I have to take these little wins where I can.

Steve Coomes bested Adam Jaspers record in Spec Cayman by seven tenths of a second. I must wonder if that information will bring Jaspers out of retirement for the 2024 event.

Jeff Robins bested his previous track record in GTD1 Clubsport by an impressive four seconds and dropped a 1:29:141 that I can imagine will hold up for a while.

Fabio De Andrade was the only rookie at the event and had a successful weekend in his all black GTD1 Clubsport.

The DE side of the event had a very nice array of cars taking on MPH. The group included a striking new Cayman GT4RS, many 911 variations, and plenty of Cayman and Boxster platforms. Important to remember that PCA DE events are open to all cars and this event hosted a Corvette and a Ferrari Challenge car mixed in with the Porsche platforms. Overall, the DE drivers looked to be having a great time and other than some off-track excursions I did not notice any issues.

Next up for racing in the Midwest is Brainerd in mid-June and then the Rocky Mountain club race at High Plains Raceway. Check your calendars as the High Plains race that is normally in September has been moved to Mid July 22, 23 to accommodate those who will be attending Rennsport 7 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

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(Above: Safris #05 photo by Justin Burch)



# May Racing

(Supplemental photos by Justin Burch)





# May Racing

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# Treffen Georgia 2023

*Article and photos courtesy of Mike Anderson*

The Spring Treffen in 2023 was held at a beautiful resort in the mountains of Northwest Georgia in April. The Barnesly Resort was out in the country near Adairsville, GA. and was based on grounds established in the 1850s as a country retreat for a wealthy Englishman who became a leading Southern businessman. The format was fun as there were individual cabins and cottages. There is an Inn with 50 rooms, but most attendees were housed in cottages along or around a main street that was for walking only with firepits located along the center. It was a very peaceful setting.

Treffen, a German word that means “to gather,” is an appropriate description of the event. There are Fun Runs, museums, the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta, cute towns to visit, dinners, live music, etc. The list goes on. What is missing is any sort of competition. No concours, no timed events, no trophies. Just a chance “to gather” with like-minded folks.

*Right: Anticipation of the morning driving tour.*

*Below: Paul Schudel's Cayman GTS in front of his cottage at Treffen*

This year, my wife, Amy and I, along with Paul and Sandy Schudel, were fortunate enough to register and attend. The event sold out in 5 minutes once registration opened. There were roughly 250 people attending from all over the country. We made new best friends and saw some friends we met at other Treffens.

The Fall 2023 event will be in Clayton, MO. (St. Louis) in September. Registration opens June 28 at 2:00 p.m. CT zone. If you plan to attend, review all the driving and event options, plus your shirt sizes before registration opens and be quick with your “clicks.” Best of luck!



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# Treffen (photos)

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Right: Mike Anderson in his 2018 Ultraviolet GTS, ready to drive!

Below: Main Street at Treffen



See below for information on the next Treffen event!



## Treffen Fall 2023

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# Rocky Mountain Region

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

Beep Beep, Beep Beep, Yeah

Get it? The car show returned to my home stomping grounds, this spring, after a Covid-related hiatus and an effort to reinvent the concept in an outdoor venue.

An outdoor venue? Yes, a parking lot and, no, it didn't work. Not if you've ever spent time in Denver on a warm sunny day. It's hot, too hot.

So anticipation ran deep as I made my way back to the traditional venue, the Convention Center, for the annual conclave. Once again, for the eighth, ninth, tenth, I can't remember, year, I joined my colleagues from the Rocky Mountain Automotive Press Assn. on Press Day.

Although Press Day was not much more than a morning – the doors swung open, and the public joined us after lunch. No matter, half the fun is talking “gearhead” with fellow scribes, regardless of who else is around.

The take-away? Comments like, gee, are we getting old, or does the hall seem to have shrunk? It was the floor space devoted to the show that had shrunk. And, gosh, a lot of pickups and SUVs and EVs this year. There were no Porsches (they've never shown up, in my recollection,) no Mercedes, no BMWs.

But there was a star-burst of excitement ... McLaren. That's right. A local dealer brought four cars, which we could sit in. Which we all did. Then, a salesman, quite knowledgeable, gave a presentation on their line-up.

What they wanted to hype was the Artura. Although they didn't have one there. And the upcoming 750S, which they didn't have, either. Although they did have two 720S models.

The salesman noted that the Artura will lose two cylinders from the traditional McLaren V8. But it gets sufficient charge, from an electric motor, to add up to 671 hp. And it still weighs 3400 lbs, more or less. If this is the future of car enthusiasm, I'm all in. Although I wonder if it is.

Then someone asked what the MSRP is. The salesman replied that the model starts at \$237,500. We collectively sighed -- that's a lot of money. But then someone noted that it's not too far off from a new Porsche Turbo S. And that enlisted a lot of conversation over which one we would choose. Which came down to, introvert or extrovert? How badly do you want to show you've made it? How much attention can you live with?

Someone asked the salesman, who buys them? Doctors, lawyers, Indian chiefs, he said. What sells them? Two words, the salesman said, drive it. That's all it takes. They sell every car they get.

I'm not sure we can say the same thing at the Nissan display, where two very nice reps walked us through ... you know, I don't remember what they walked us through. And I don't think it matters. I wasn't interested. What I do remember is that a few colleagues asked some relatively esoteric questions ... and they said they'll get back to us. They didn't have an answer. It happened several times.

And I realized that these reps were not gearheads, not by a long shot. It was their job. I had a similar revelation years ago, when I was with Kraft in Chicago. We hired a new speechwriter, Alan, who came from General Motors, where he had written for Roger Smith.

Which made me need to get to know Alan. I took him to lunch, and asked him, what's it like working for a car company? Can you, like, call down to the motor pool, and requisition the new Corvette for the weekend?

Alan responded that, yes, you may be able to do that. Although, I must say, it sounded like he wasn't sure. So I asked him, well, uh, are you a car enthusiast? I was being polite. He said, and I quote, “you learn to appreciate the product.”

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## Badler

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The Nissan reps were following the same playbook. You could see it, they were learning to appreciate the product, too. Because, no, they didn't know the allocation schedule for the 400 Z. They didn't know why the Nissan GTR wasn't at the booth. They had no information on future product plans.

I moved on. Toyota had a roped off exhibit of future personal transportation devices, all painted in white. Something called a Prius Prime i-Road personal electric mobile vehicle, and something called an LQ, with built-in artificial intelligence, the sign said. It was a one-seat cross between a space capsule and an electrified motorcycle.

What else? Next-gen autopilot variations. Traffic jam assist. Proactive drive assist, which "learns" the lane. I couldn't resist, I started humming, "Baby you can drive my car."

And yet, and yet. Of course I'll go back next year. If only for a brush with McLaren and the good gearhead conversation.



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