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Armando Colorado*

Zero to 60

Mike Anderson, GPR President

The year is flying by! The College World Series is going on and it's hot out! The CWS seems to be a place where players and teams can go from Zero to Hero or from Hero to "Aw nuts" in the swing of a bat.

I think we ran pretty hard in May and June with our DE and Club Race in May and a very full June. On Thursday the 8th, Porsche Omaha hosted the premiere of the Transformers movie featuring a 1990's Porsche 911. Then, on Friday, we had dinner with the Iowa club, Schonesland, at Bravo! Italian Kitchen. On Saturday, one of the best examples of making Lemonade out of lemons, was the Porsche car show held near Pitch after Supercar Saturday was cancelled. Having 42 P-Cars in the lot all grouped together made for some great pictures. After that, heading down to Porsche Omaha was a blast as they celebrated Porsche's 75th Anniversary with a Celebration of Color. Some of the colors and cars were amazing.

So where do we go from here? The 4th of July will be a great way to start things off. Maybe you have a car in a parade somewhere? Then breakfast and coffee at Paradise on July 8. For some of the members, the month will include an overnight trip on July 15-16 to Valentine with many special sights and stops along the way.

August will include another breakfast on the 12th with the possibility of a new location. Keep an eye on the newsletter and the website. The 19th looks like a Women's only driving event. Details will be worked out on when and where. And then we're back on the track on the 26th as we head to Raceway Park of the Midlands (Glenwood, IA) for a one day DE event. Be sure to let your friends know it is a great way to learn more about safe driving, improve your driving skills and learn more about your car's capabilities.

Least of My Brethren update: We did a great job with paper plates and plastic silverware last month. We also want to report that thanks to all the participants in Hastings with the parade laps, we raised over \$380.00! Those proceeds will be used to purchase used bikes to continue to meet one of their biggest needs.

Additionally, Dave asked if we could focus on **sleeping bags** (used is fine) and **small hand tools** like pliers, screw drivers of both denominations, crescent wrenches, and hammers. Basic tool starter kit. Additionally, keep bringing twin sheets, hand and bath towels and laundry baskets.

This just in!!!

Big news, the Great Plains Region just won two national awards at the national Porsche Parade. Eric Elliot, our webmaster, took second place for best website, and Jeremey Kroh, our Editor for Der Skooner, took first place for the best newsletter! (Both for our region class size)
Congrats to both and hearty thanks for all they do to make us look good on the national level!

Get out and enjoy the summer!

Mike

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Great Plains Region Club Calendar

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—See page 7 for details)

August 2023

August 12th - Breakfast - Stayed tuned for updated location details!

August 19th - Ladies Day Drive - Watch your email for more information soon!

August 26th - Dog Days 1 Day DE @ RPM (RSVP—sign up at www.clubregistration.net)

National Calendar



Club Racing Calendar



Porsche Club of America - Zone 10 Regions

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Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of the GPR Board meeting

June 13th, 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, Jeremy Kroh, and Bob Kirchner. Eric Elliott, Rick Mourey and Kurt Halvorson joined by phone.

PRESIDENT: Anderson shared positive feedback from the Schonesland region for the June joint events with GPR, indicating they are interested in other combined events. Anderson reached out to the South Dakota region to consider a joint event with GPR and Schonesland as well. Current needs for Least of My Brethren were mentioned, with a forthcoming email to the membership. It was noted that a Lincoln member provided two bikes for the charity as well.

SECRETARY: The May 2023 minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER: May beginning cash balance was \$67,533, ending balance was \$74,330. Year to date net income is \$1,960. PCA membership rebates total \$2,678 year to date; the April DE produced a profit of \$1,005; the May Club Race reflects a tentative loss of \$2,037, pending reconciliation of expenses; Parade Lap donations for our charity totaled \$393 (it was agreed to purchase a bike for the charity's use).

SOCIAL: The May Flowers Fun Run through northern Douglas County on May 13 attracted about 30 cars in beautiful weather. The Club Race dinner on May 20th at Lochland Country Club in Hastings was attended by approximately 60, with positive feedback on the venue and food. The June 4th Annual Picnic and Car Show at Walnut Grove Park had about 90 attendees, with 32 cars in the show and five 914s as the featured model. June 9th's joint dinner at Bravo! Italian Kitchen with members of the Schonesland (Iowa) region had approximately 70 in attendance, and the club breakfast at Bentley Omaha on the 10th attracted 38 GPR members/guests. July 8th is Porsches at Paradise breakfast. The overnight Sandhills drive to Valentine on July 15-16 is open for registration. Stories Coffee Shop in Gretna expressed interest in hosting our monthly breakfast; Chair Schudel will investigate further. Venues for the fall new member dinner and the annual winter party were discussed.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 195 paid GPR members out of 313 PCA primary members assigned to our region. Chair Lynch reported that PCA is releasing a new digital mem-

bership card as of the end of June to utilize for a variety of uses with PCA, with more information to come. Lynch also shared ideas from the Schonesland region relating to club promotion with business cards placed on cars promoting the club, digital fun run maps (Ride with GPS), and a ladies only fun run driving tour.

REGISTRAR: Club Race and DE at MPH produced the following: 21 club racers; 36 DE drivers across all three days, with 3 novices completing their training. 3 Club Racers were unable to participate; 1 placed their funds on deposit for next year, while Rick Mourey and the other racer donated their fees to the club. Seven have registered for the Sandhills drive to date.

SAFETY: No new National updates this month. Chair Mourey thanked the volunteers and Porsche Omaha for their support and provision of the Macan GTS pace car for the Club Race and DE at MPH. A post-event debrief meeting will be scheduled with the Club Race team. Mourey shared the National Steward's report from the Club Race, noting positive feedback from PCA, Club Racing, and club racers as well. All required reports have been submitted to PCA for the Fun Run and Club Race in May. Next DE is August 26th at RPM – a track clean-up day will be discussed with RPM's management. July Sandhills drive insurance certificate has been requested.

EDITOR: June Der Skooner was published and distributed to our advertisers and to the website. July issue will feature photos and recaps on the picnic, joint region dinner, Porsche 75 events, Meet A Member, and out of region columns. **Member content contributions for Der Skooner are welcomed!** Editor Kroh agreed to research apps to use for fun run routes as well as for communication between participants.

WEBMASTER: GPR website is up to date with events. June Der Skooner was emailed out June 1st. The July 15-16 Sandhills drive email was distributed to members. A link is available on the website for registration.

OTHER BUSINESS: A member expressed interest in our old two-way radios, which are in disrepair. It was agreed to provide those to the member in exchange for a requested contribution to the club (for our charity). A fall event including a BBQ dinner at a member's home is under consideration for September.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00pm via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

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 156th and Dodge at 7:30am on Saturday, July 15th. 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 16th.

We will stay at the Trade Winds Motel in Valentine. A block of 15 rooms is being held until July 1st (10 king and 5 queen), and the room rate is \$124 + tax. Please make your reservation by calling the motel at 402-376-1600 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](#) 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.

Meet a GPR Member

Mehran Maleki

When did you join the PCA?

2020

Where are you from?

Iran

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

2004 Carrera 4s, 2007 Boxster, and now a 2007 Carrera 4s



What makes your car(s) special?

It's a wide body 911! Since it's not my daily driver, every time I get in, I love the crisp feeling of it!

Next Porsche or current project?

No futures Porsches are in the works, but I am working on a 1976 Pontiac Grand Prix. I look forward to the day I will be able to acquire a 911 Turbo.

Any other dream cars you would own?

The current version of a 911 GT3RS.

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Meet A Member

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Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Anytime I'm able to drive fast!

Favorite road trip, track or race?

I love driving in the Smoky Mountains

What got you interested in Porsche?

My 1967 VW bug that I had in high school. It's like the grape that produced a fine wine.

What is the top song on your driving playlist?

Smoky Mountain Rain by Ronnie Milsap

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2023 Membership News

By The Numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: **315**

GPR Membership: **196**

July Anniversaries

Mark Frill - Papillion

Jeremy House - Omaha

Welcome New Members

Josh Able

Ted Bleimehl

PCA Digital Membership Cards

At the end of the second quarter, you will see something new from Porsche Club of America. Digital PCA Membership Cards will be available to download and be placed in the digital wallet on your phone, either Android or iPhone. The iPhone platform offers slightly better performance. Unfortunately, the digital card will not be functional on iPhone 8 or older due to security issues.

There will be many uses of the digital membership card and PCA has plans for it as opportunities develop. Co-Members will be able to create their own digital card. From the Webinar I watched, it sounds like the sky will be the limit on uses; registrations, marketing, upload photos, tech issues etc. As membership chair I was allowed to download my PCA ID card, and it went off without a hitch. That says ease of use is built in.

First Ever Ladies Day Drive

Our first Ladies Day Drive will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023. The sign up period on clubregistration.net will be open starting July 22nd, and will close on Wednesday August 16th. If you have not yet set up an account with www.clubregistration.net, I encourage you to do

so as it will allow you to get reminders for upcoming events. There will be electronic forms to fill out to complete registration, and you will receive confirmation and further instructions via email. Please note, we will limit participation to 15 cars. You should arrive no later than 8am, and the drivers meeting will start promptly at 8:15am.

The rule is only Ladies will be driving the Porsches. Drives are much more fun when there are two people per car.

When you register, if you are a single driver, please note if you would like to have a passenger. If you would like to be a passenger, please let me know and I will see what can be arranged. If you already know of another member you would like to have ride with you – please extend the invitation to join us for the Drive.

Hopefully we will end where food will be found. And then again – maybe not.

I look forward to starting a new GPR tradition for our club. Please join us and get to know the other ladies of the club.

Gentleman, please let the ladies who are your co-members, know that this event is upcoming.

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

Carol Lynch - Membership Chair GPR

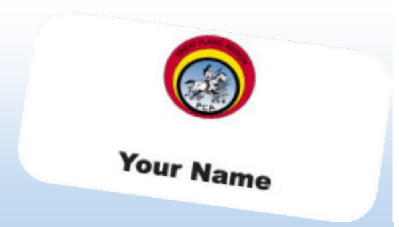
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Annual GPR Picnic

Article by Jeremy Kroh. Photos by Jeremy Kroh and Armando Colorado.

The Great Plains Region gathered once again at the Walnut Grove Park on what proved to be a beautiful Sunday. If Robert Lamm had been there instead of Central Park, there might be a different song title and lyrics on *Chicago V*.

All-in-all, we numbered nearly 90 guests with 32 cars that participated in the car show, including 5 914s.

A great lunch, catered by Porky Butts BBQ, was well received by an unscientific polling of the members in attendance.

Once lunch had concluded, it was time to hand out best of show awards. Awards listed are left to right in the photo below.

Best 914: Bob Lynch

Best Air Cooled: Dan Botos

Best 4 Door: Paul Schudel

Best Water Cooled: Joe Chambers



Special thanks to:

Kurt Halvorson & David Patterson: Judges

Paul Schudel: Picnic catering

Carol Lynch: Registration table

Terry Lessmann: Parking/Car Show Registration



Schonesland Joint Events

Article & photos by Jeremy Kroh

Negotiations that began earlier this year culminated in a Friday night dinner at Bravo! Italian Kitchen that garnered nearly 70 members of the Great Plains and Schonesland Region from central Iowa, and a car show the following Saturday highlighted by a tour of Bentley Omaha and a delightful continental breakfast.



Above: Armando Colorado in the foreground of a packed restaurant prior to dinner.

Below: Sunset on "Porsche Row"



The threat of unsavory weather that never materialized cancelled the plans for a larger car show in conjunction with Supercar Saturday. A few Corvettes and a lone Ferrari joined the hearty

showing of Porsches that gathered the morning of June 10th.

Once everyone had parked their P-car, members were shuttled to Bentley Omaha to take in the sights at the dealership to figuratively "kick the tires" of the stock in the showroom while enjoying muffins and coffee.



Above: Illuminated entry features.

Below: Members taking stock of units in inventory.



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Schonesland

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Once breakfast had concluded, the many conversations continued back at the parking lot claimed earlier in the morning for our previously mentioned semi-private car show, before adjourning for Porsche Omaha and their part in celebrating "Porsche 75" in conjunction with dealerships nationwide.



Above and above right: P-Cars on display. Photos by Mike Anderson, Jeremy Kroh

At right: GPR President Mike Anderson and Schonesland President Jen Scharff

Below: Group photo time. We gathered around a guards red 911 owned by a member of the Schonesland Region. Photo by Armando Colorado.





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Porsche 75 Celebrations

Commentary & Photos by Jeremy Kroh

Prior to the Saturday events at Porsche Omaha, the dealership on Thursday evening graciously offered a screening of a summer blockbuster, *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*, to PCA members. The big feature? An Autobot Porsche 964 Carrera RS 3.8, code named Mirage, who helps to once again foil the plans of the Decepticons. You can read more about the featured car [here](#).

Below, GPR members Robert & Kristin Kennedy were in attendance with their sons, Caleb and Parker, at the ACX Cinema in Elkhorn. Photo provided by Robert Kennedy.



Late Saturday morning was of course the main event of the weekend, as we gathered at the invitation of Porsche Omaha, to celebrate 75 years of Porsche cars.

Featured cars were of every decade and different color, with the remainder of those who arrived in their Porsche lining the perimeter of the dealership. Inside, a tasty spread of small bites awaited.



The club extends its sincere thanks to Mitch Schneringer and his wonderful staff at Porsche Omaha (and Bentley), as the Great Plains and Schonesland Regions enjoyed many events over the course of the weekend in partnership.

Above: A plate of Hors d'Oeuvres

Below: Decades of Porsches line the east parking lot. Starting with a 356 and ending with a 992 Turbo S Cabriolet.



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A Note from the Editor

What a whirlwind month! A Picnic, car shows, BBQ, Italian, Bentleys, 75 years of Porsche, Porsche Parade, and awards!

Hopefully you were able to participate in an event or two, or perhaps all of the events going on. Absent a sponsored drive, there was a little of everything to take in.

Of special note, our webmaster, Eric Elliott, captured an individual award from PCA National during Porsche Parade in Palm Springs, CA. He adds this year a 2nd place finish in Class III competition to go with his previous awards. In 2019 securing 2nd place, 2020 1st place, 2021 2nd place, and 2022 1st place again. Not a bad run since taking over the web duties for GPR in 2010, and only submitting for award consideration starting in 2019. Hopefully Eric has a nice display case for his well earned recognition. Please join me in congratulating him!

I also threw my hat in the ring for newsletter competition this year, and with a bit of beginners luck, won 1st place in Class III competition. Not a bad rookie year. While the award doesn't come with a monetary bonus, it has been a great pleasure to get to meet so many of you over the last year and a half and to grow my knowledge of Porsche, to go on drives and publish your personal Porsche stories. It also helps to have great content to include in the newsletter, so for those that have made a contribution, a hearty thank you, and to those who may have a thought in mind for an article, I encourage you to reach out to me and we can include that in a future issue of Der Skooner. I especially would request a write up from any of our members that were able to attend Porsche Parade this year.

Another mention on the attendance points race for the year. Make sure and find me, or the sign-in clipboard, for each event to ensure your points are added.

This month's cover was designed by Armando Colorado. The Red, White, and Blue, appropriate for July, are photos of Porsche crests and

hoods from a few different cars over the joint activities weekend. Hope you enjoy his work, he certainly has a knack.

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 submitting an article, please do not hesitate to contact me. Be sure to patronize our generous ad sponsors.

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Track Tire Pressure

Article by Terry Lessmann

Tires are an important component of any track day experience (thank you, Capt. Obvious). And any track addict worth his or her salt is always looking for a way to cut a few more tenths off their personal best times. If you're not monitoring your tire pressures throughout the day, you're leaving valuable time out on the track.

Tires are inflated with air, which is a gas that's affected by forces applied to it by its surroundings. Air may contract or expand depending on the situation. Track activity causes air to expand in your tires due to the heat generated from your brakes and the cornering forces that heat up your tires. Your tire pressures may increase by as many as 8-10 lbs. during a 20 min. session. Too much air in your tires will decrease the handling of your car, costing you valuable time. Extra air is not extra good.

So how do you know if you have too much air? Monitor your car's handling during a session. If it starts out handling well, handling neutral, during a session but starts to push through all or most corners halfway or later in the session, you have too much air. 'Pushing' is when you turn the wheel, but your car doesn't turn, so it plows further towards the outside of the corner. Your tires may feel 'greasy', like they don't have traction. A pushing condition may be created when the air heats up enough to cause the tire to run on only the center sections rather than using the entire width of the tire (or it could be driver induced by bad driving, but that is for another article). Less tread on the road means the tire can't do 100% work.

Where to start?

If you've never monitored tire pressures before, get a small notebook and start taking notes. You'll need baselines, so start with your factory recommended pressures as your 'cold' pressures before the start of the first session, then note your pressures immediately after coming off the

track (your 'hot' pressure). Note the time of day (more on this later). If your car started pushing halfway thru a session, drop the pressures by 3 lbs. from your hot measurement (immediately after the session). Reduce from the hot value because the max hot pressure determines the optimum handling. Write in your notebook what the new hot number is you set them to. Increment the pressures down by 1 lb. after each subsequent session if you continue to feel the handling going to a pushing condition during the next session. As you drop pressures, you should be going later into a session before your car's handling deteriorates with each lb. you take out. For example, if you come in after the first session and you developed a pushing condition halfway thru the session and your hot pressure is 43 lbs., take it down to 40. If the pushing condition occurs at a later point in the second session, take the pressures down to 39. Continue as needed until you find a pressure that keeps the handling consistent throughout the session and use that as your hot pressure baseline thereafter. Once you find that pressure (let's say 38), take it down to that pressure after the first session of your next DE and use 38 after each session.

Time Of Day (TOD)

Recall that I said air is affected by the forces applied to it? Time of Day (TOD) is also a factor when it comes to tire pressures. On any day, the track heats up as well as the ambient temp as the day wears on. This extra track and air temp affect tire pressures, especially during the summer. That means you can't set your pressures after the first session in the cool of the morning and then forget about them the rest of the day. You'll need to monitor them after each session, and chances are you'll be removing a lb. or 2 all afternoon. In the fall or spring, you'll have smaller swings in pressure because of the lower track and air temps. Time between sessions will be a factor in how much your tires cool off, but GPR gives their drivers a lot of track time (once an hr.), so there's generally not a lot of cooling off.

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Pressure

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Regardless of how much your tire cools, it should inflate back to your optimum number once it's warm. You'll be fine if you set it to the optimum hot number after a session and then wait a while until the next session.

An Example

Putting all of this together, here's what I do. My factory settings are 32 front (F) and 37 rear (R) on my 2008 Cayman S. In the summer, I start the first session with cold tires 3 lbs. less (29F, 34R) than the factory settings. In the spring and fall, I start 2 lbs. less because the track and air temps are lower and it will take longer to build up the pressures. When the first session ends, I bleed the pressures to 35F & 40R. I've found those pressures to be my optimum settings for a full session of neutral handling (no pushing conditions throughout the session). After each session I check the pressures hot and bleed them down to my optimum numbers if necessary.

Dance With The Devil

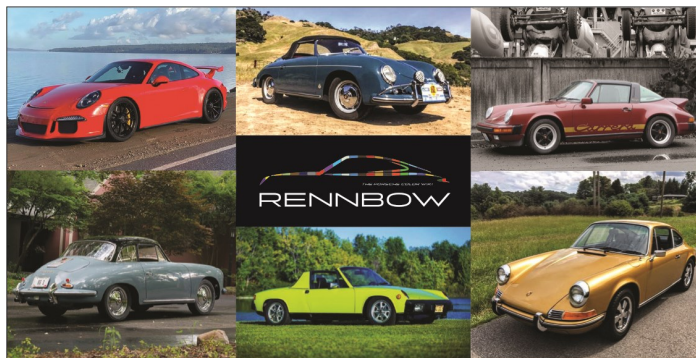
All cars since 2007 have TPMS – tire pressure monitoring systems. This nanny device keeps track of the pressures in each tire. When pressures get too low, usually 4 lbs. under factory specs, you'll get a low-pressure message and an exclamation point warning signal on your dash. Get below 7 lbs. and TPMS will say, "flat tyre!" on the dash. Part of the reason I start 3 lbs. low in the morning is to avoid the TPMS warning for a low tire. But as I bleed more air off each tire throughout the day, it's only a matter of time before the TPMS '!' appears.

At Indy there are 2.5 hrs. between my run group sessions. One year it was hot, so I'd been bleeding a lot of pressure off during the afternoon. Waiting on the grid for the last session, my tires had cooled down enough I got a msg that my left rear was flat. Luckily, I could open the door and visually check it while still in the car and it was fine (low but not flat). Went out and had a great session. But I had to dance with the TPMS devil that day.

I should mention there is no need for a fancy tire gauge - a regular stick gauge works just fine. You can develop a pretty accurate feel for how much air to remove to get down that 1 lb. that's needed to hit the mark. Or you can invest \$15 and get one that bleeds until you release it. Either is fine.

Pump It Up

Lastly, don't forget to refill your tires before you leave the track. You'll generate some heat on the drive home, but nowhere near the amount you get from the track so your tires will be under-inflated. Don't want you to needlessly wear out those expensive tires.



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Rocky Mountain Region

Article thanks to Danielle Badler of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA

I Can't Hear You

It was a rude awakening recently. I was on a Porsche run, third in line in my run group, following a newish C4S, which was following a 2003 Carrera Targa. More on the Targa in a moment.

The thing that struck me was that, every time we started off, from a layover, a rest stop, whatever, the car ahead rolled up its windows as it headed on out.

Not me, of course. Not in my '78 SC. First because the AC doesn't work, and hasn't since I last tried a freon charge, at least 15 years ago - the freon lasted about 10 minutes. And, even worse, the AC compressor created a power strain on the engine that was really kinda scary.

No worries. For 35 years of ownership, I've always savored the sound of the exhaust, along with the melody of the mechanical machinations, back there in the rear. Which has meant an open sunroof for anything but freezing outside temperatures. And open windows for anything above, say, 70 degrees F.

I'm on my fourth exhaust. B and B. When I first had it installed, I actually found it too loud, even for me. I had a baffle put in. But now, to me at least, it's just right. To savor. Especially in tunnels.

But what about my friend in the C4S, just ahead of me on the run? Of course, his car has climate control. And climate control pretty much obviates the need to open the windows, just about ever. Except maybe for drive-throughs. Too bad for him, I thought, as I relished the sound of a throttle blip on a downshift.

That Targa, two cars ahead? I knew the car well. Because I actually was its first owner. One thing I did was upgrade to the Porsche sport exhaust, in always-on mode. To me, the mix was magic - slide open the top, let the climatized air blow, and you had the best of both worlds - comfort, sun-

shine and ... the sound. I should have never sold it.

Did you ever go to a Formula 1 race, back in the 19,000 rpm redline era? I did. Here's what it was like, one year, at Monaco. My company was doing some high-class client entertaining, and we rented an apartment near the start-finish line. When we all walked in, we were all given earphones. Not to hear music, not to talk to each other. To keep from going deaf.

The race began. My earphones were doing their job. I couldn't really hear too much at all. But I got curious - I started wondering, how loud could it possibly be? So I tried lifting them off my ears, just so, maybe an inch ... and, bam, I was assaulted by a blood-curdling scream that made the wail from a banshee sound like the tweet from a parakeet. Deafening does not begin to describe the assault on my ears. All I could do was, quick, smack those babies back down. And I didn't remove them until the race was over.

It all came back, recently, when, instead of doing real work, I was mindlessly screening YouTube videos of historic Formula 1 races. Don't ask. But I came across a video someone had posted of the best-sounding F1 cars of all time. They all sounded, and I really hate using this word, it's way overused, but in this context it's appropriate, awesome.

But now, with the latest incarnation of F1 cars, that's gone. Remember when everyone on the pit wall, in the pits, anywhere near the action, wore earphones? Just like we did at Monaco? Well, have you noticed that that's no longer the case? There's no longer a need. And, with the latest power delivery systems, they don't even call them engines anymore.

And that's too bad, I think. As the song says, something's gained, but something's lost. It's another step in the homogenization of gearhead enthusiasm. You see it in racing today. You really see it in e-racing. And you *really really* see it in passenger cars. And then, in EVs, when you couple climatization with electric power, you *really really really* see it.

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Badler

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Hey, well, you can always crank up the music, and listen to tunes, right? And, with modern audio systems, you can actually enjoy the experience, right?

Well, not exactly. Not in my rapidly becoming vintage 911, where listening to the radio at speed is as viable as leaping tall buildings in a single bound.

It's not the same. Progress is progress. But at least one aspect of the thrill is gone.



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Rennsport Reunion

Article by Pedro Bonilla, Suncoast Florida Region

If you've ever dreamed about attending the largest gathering of Porsche racecars and meeting the legendary drivers and engineers who made the marque, your chance is coming up at the end of September 2023.

Rennsport Reunion 7 will take place September 28 through October 1, 2023 at the WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey California.



This year the theme for the Seventh Rennsport Reunion is: **"Icons of Porsche"**. The title refers to the talented people who have driven Porsche to success for the past 75 years!

2023 marks Porsche's 75th anniversary, setting the stage for a celebration of unprecedented fanfare for Porsche enthusiasts. Over the course of the four-day event you'll get a peak at Porsche's past, present and future.

Chosen as Grand Marshalls for this gathering, are the first-ever Porsche Motorsport North America CEO, **Alwin Springer** and the three-time IMSA GT2 Champion.

Alwin Springer has been a part of Porsche Motorsport for over 50 years. First as a technician and ultimately as CEO of Porsche Motorsport North America from January 1990 to February 2004. He was responsible for shaping Porsche's motorsport presence in the US into what it is today, and still continues to do so as a consultant. *"I never dreamed one day I would be honored in this way",* said Springer. *"In my career, the goal has been the next race. We focused everything on our next win. We didn't think about creating a legacy, but this is the result of that. I am not one for a show of emotion, but this has touched me".*



Patrick Long, whose lengthy list of racing accomplishments include, being 3-time IMSA Champion, GT Class wins driving a Porsche 911 at the 24 Hours of Daytona, the 12 Hours of Sebring, the 24 Hours of Le Mans, Petit Le Mans, and others, is excited to share the human stories behind the legends of the Porsche motorsport legacy:

"Porsche is special in that the history of our brand walks hand-in-hand with our motorsport history," said Long. *"The icons of Porsche have influenced what has happened on track and on the street no matter what their titles might be. Alwin's influence can be seen on the track and on the roads today. That is what Rennsport is about and I am deeply honored to share this role with him. But we are only the figureheads. This is about the icons of the brand that we will have at Rennsport Reunion 7 this fall."*

There is nothing else like it in the World. Until you experience it, you won't know what it's like when the world's largest get-together of Porsche racecars and drivers meet. It's a place where Porsche owners, racers, collectors and enthusiasts rub elbows with renowned drivers and legendary engineers.

And then there are the cars. Some of the rarest Porsches ever made and new vehicle reveals are just steps away from hot racing action, fan zones and meet-and-greets with living icons. It's part motorsport, part car show and part family reunion.

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Rennsport Reunion

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You can attend live performances from a lineup of musical artists, you can view a collection of rare Porsche vehicles of the past 75 years and watch the unveiling of upcoming Porsches. You can meet with legends of Porsche culture and history as they share their stories, and you can watch in awe as historic Porsche racecars take to the track, side-by-side.

This Rennsport Reunion promises to be bigger and more thrilling than ever. Don't miss out on the most anticipated, most momentous celebration in Porsche history.

If you are interested in attending, get your tickets soon. Some of the packages are already sold out but there is still time. You can visit www.porscherennsportreunion.com for more information and tickets.

Happy Porsche'ing, Pedro

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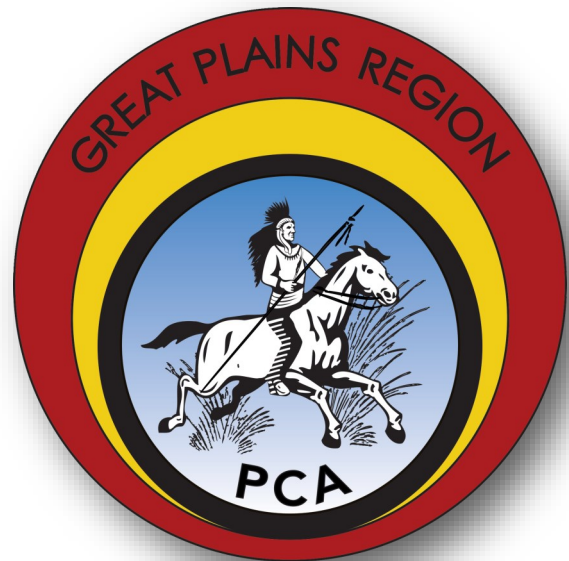
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