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# *Zero to 60*

Mike Anderson, GPR President

I remember hearing a motivational speaker say that people do not celebrate enough. I think he might be right. People in general focus on growth and climbing the next mountain versus celebrating. So, I thought I would start with a couple of observations on celebrations.

May 10, 2023, was Dr. Wolfgang Porsche's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Very cool.

Also in May, Porsche celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of winning the Targa Florio in Italy.

June 8 was the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the registration of the Porsche 356 number 1 in 1948.

In 1963, the Porsche 911 made its debut and quickly became the most iconic car ever manufactured. When you think sports car, you think 911!

In October of 2023, Porsche Omaha will be moving into a new location. I know Mitch Schneringer will be celebrating as it will dramatically reduce his commute from Fremont every day!

So, my point is, we should celebrate moments in time that we may or may not think are significant events. Fifty plus years from now they may be viewed as noteworthy dates in history to celebrate.

On a somewhat different tangent, Porsche sales are rocking! U.S. sales of the 911 were up 18.2% in Q1 of 2023 versus 2022. Sales of the Macan and Cayenne combined were up 60.3% year over year (YOY)! SUV sales in Q1 were 65.9% of all Porsche sales in the U.S. Amazing.

On a Global basis, the U.S. led the way with a 30% increase in sales YOY. We represented 24.3% of Global sales in Q1. We were just a freckle behind China who represented 26.4%. Sounds like we all need to buy a GT4 RS! Ha!

Last thought. I mentioned the Targa Florio victory in May 1973. There is a 2015 documentary on YouTube and Amazon Prime called A Sicilian Dream if you want to learn more about the race and Porsche history. There is another YouTube video called Racing with the Giants that I understand is a good watch.

So, if it's too hot outside or too rainy, watch a video or go online and order a new car!

Safe Driving,  
Mike

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# Great Plains Region Club Calendar

## September 2023

September 9th - Breakfast at Paradise Bakery 8:00am

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

September 14th - Pickleball & Dinner @ the Ziegenbein's (Ashland, NE) 6:00-9:00pm

RSVP at [www.gprpca.com](http://www.gprpca.com) or use this [LINK](#)

## October 2023

October 7th - OktoberFast Driver's Education

Raceway Park of the Midlands. Sign up at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net)

October 14th - Breakfast and Fun Run

Watch your email for further updates!

## 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

August 8th, 2023

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm at the Anderson residence. Present were Mike Anderson, Carol Lynch, Paul Schudel, Terry Lessmann, Jeremy Kroh, Bob Kirchner, David Patterson, Rick Mourey, and Kurt Halvorson. Eric Elliott joined by phone.

**PRESIDENT:** Anderson shared on a variety of topics. He listed current needs for Least of My Brethren. Member Trent Abbott has offered to present 1) a brief Hagerty overview at a monthly breakfast, and 2) a "behind the scenes" presentation of one of the events he participates in as a Hagerty executive. This year's Collector Quest will be held at the YMCA in Valley November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. Club Historian Denny Strauss is "retiring", so the club is looking for a member to accept this responsibility.

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

**TREASURER:** The July beginning cash balance was \$65,861; the ending cash balance was \$65,797. Year-to-date net loss is \$6,692. There were no significant transactions in July.

**SOCIAL:** Chair Schudel provided numerous updates. July Porsches at Paradise breakfast attracted ~25 members. The overnight Sandhills drive to Valentine attracted 19 participants and 11 Porsches. Stories Coffee Shop on 204<sup>th</sup> Street in Gretna will host the August 12<sup>th</sup> club breakfast. A Ladies Day fun run will be held August 19<sup>th</sup>. September 9<sup>th</sup> breakfast will be back at Paradise. Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> will be an opportunity for pickleball and a catered dinner at member Ziegenbeins' home beginning at 6pm. October 14<sup>th</sup> breakfast will be held at Farmhouse Café on 84<sup>th</sup> and I-80, with a fun run and lunch opportunity through the south Loess Hills following. The new member dinner will be held at Oak Hills Country Club in November for new members with the board. Porsche Omaha (hopefully at their new location) will host the November 11th breakfast. Collector Quest will be held at the YMCA in Valley Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. The annual dinner will be held at Omaha Country Club on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We have 198 paid GPR members out of 315 PCA primary members assigned to our region. GPR also has 21 PCA Junior members. From the Retention of Members PCA webinar, Chair Lynch recommended a Porsche Pal program to assign a new member a mentor in the club to answer ques-

tions, facilitate contact with the new member at events, etc. Board approved. Lynch will facilitate the upcoming Ladies Day fun run driving tour on August 19<sup>th</sup>. New Lifetime members will be identified and presented with commemorative shirts at the annual dinner.

**REGISTRAR:** Registration for the August 19<sup>th</sup> Ladies Day fun run includes 5 drivers and 2 passengers. Closing date is August 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration for Dog Days DE August 26<sup>th</sup> at RPM currently sits at 11, including 2 novices. Registration closes August 21<sup>st</sup> for novices and the 23<sup>rd</sup> overall. Promotion has taken place with the Schonesland region as well to encourage participation.

**SAFETY:** No National updates to report this month. PCA Insurance certificates for the August 19<sup>th</sup> Ladies Day fun run and August 26<sup>th</sup> RPM Dog Days DE have been received. An RPM clean-up day will be discussed with RPM's management. Input was provided for the promotion with Schonesland region to increase participation. The 2024 Club Race and DE planning is under way. Instructor shirts will be ordered for next year's DE events.

**EDITOR:** August Der Skooner was published and distributed to our advertisers and to the website. The September issue will feature photos and recaps on August events, 2 out of region columns, Meet a Member, and any member contributions. The 'Ride with GPS' app for fun run driving tours has been determined to be better suited to bicyclists and motorcycles after a test drive of the app. It could be used for route planning and directions, but turn by turn navigation through a car's Bluetooth or CarPlay systems is not available. The cost to members is not worth the feature set.

**WEBMASTER:** GPR website is up to date with events throughout the rest of the year with "Save the Dates" notations. August Der Skooner was emailed out August 1st. Chair Elliott will email members the current needs list for Least of My Brethren. Members can bring items to events throughout the month.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Anderson residence.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Halvorson, Secretary



# Dealership Sneak Peek

*Photos Courtesy of Mitch Schneringer*

With nearly a month left before the brand new Porsche dealership officially opens near 180th & West Dodge road, Mitch has shared a few “in progress” photos with us, taken in late July.

Stay Tuned!



*Above: Photo is of the showroom main entrance.*

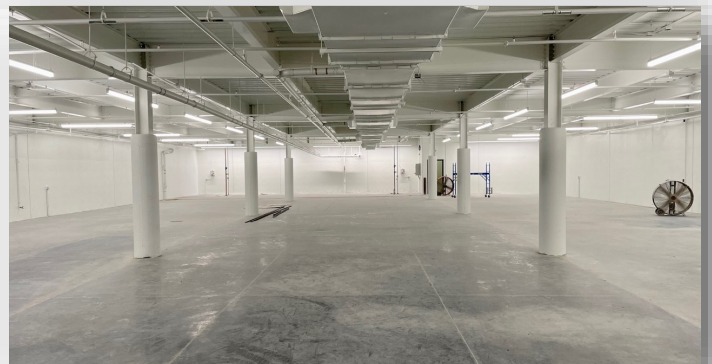


*At Left: Exterior view of the dealership's east facing main entrance*

*At Right: Service bays and lifts.*

*Below Left: Service entrance drive*

*Below Right: Basement vehicle storage*





The Great Plains Region Porsche Club will hold a pickleball event on **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 p.m.** at the residence of Keith and Ardith Ziegenbein located in Ashland. Pickleball will be followed at 7:30 by a catered barbeque dinner. Beer, soft drinks and bottled water will be provided. The charge per person is \$15 to defray the cost of dinner.

**The Ziegenbein's address is 770 County Rd A, Ashland.** Google might direct you on gravel roads because that's the shortest way, so be aware there is a paved route going through west of Ashland on Furnas Street/Ashland Road.

I hope that you and your spouse or a friend will be able to join us. If you plan to play pickleball, please be sure to bring tennis shoes, and your pickleball racquet if you have one.

Please register now on our GPR website: [www.gprpca.com](http://www.gprpca.com). The cutoff for signups is Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions, please contact Paul Schudel at [pschudel@gmail.com](mailto:pschudel@gmail.com).

**Don't miss the GPR's LAST track date  
of the 2023 season!**

**Raceway  
Park of the  
Midlands**



**OktoberFAST DE**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Novices welcome

**Check [ClubRegistration.net](http://ClubRegistration.net) for more information as it becomes available.**



# Ladies Drive

*Article thanks to Rachel Hill*

Since I joined the club in 2020, several “ladies only” events have come and passed. I wrote off the first couple figuring I did not fit the “lady” demographic and not really grasping the importance of a women’s-only event. Eventually I came around, signing up for a lunch and then a movie, and so on. The “First Ever Ladies Day Drive” was the first event I have seen that, while exclusive to women, was not planned around traditionally feminine interests. The route through the pastoral Loess Hills did not disappoint; the parade of seven Porsches was just as lovely, too. In design and execution, everything about this fun run could have easily been open to all club members; there was nothing particularly “ladies” about it.

There is, however, something unique and ineffable about our women’s events, and I keep returning to them hoping to get a better understand of what makes them so singular. All of us women who attended were there for the love of the car,

for the fun of the brand, and for the camaraderie that did not depend on the presence of our spouses or partners. It felt liberating gleefully talking about a “second ever ladies day drive;” sharing stories about the track events we liked, and encouraging other women to enjoy their P-cars off or on the track (with the corresponding pro-tips!).

While it saddens me a little that it takes a “ladies’ event” to bring us out of our shells, I unexpectedly delight in a crowd of people who, as women, have a pool of similar and shared life experiences. Unlike some of the other ladies’ events, the focus of the club and the day drive were in harmony, allowing us women to glow about our Boxsters, or Cayennes, or Carreras, or 944s. We appreciate these cars just as much as the men in the club do, and getting to show that off was magic.

Now, how about that fall “Ladies Day Drive?”

~ Rachel Hill



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# Convertible Top Care

*Article thanks to Steve Wilwerding*

I belong to several Porsche Boxster boards, and based on some posts I've seen recently, there is a lot of misinformation available about how to clean, protect, and maintain convertible tops.

After having owned Boxsters for 20 years now, these are my tips for caring for your Porsche's convertible top.

## Washing your convertible top

The number one cardinal rule that I often see broken is people who wash their convertible top along with their car. Your Porsche convertible top has protectant on it, and washing it with car wash soap will degrade that protectant. Therefore, whenever you wash your Porsche, take care not to get any car soap on the top (I avoid getting the top wet altogether if I can).

As an ancillary, don't ever use a pressure washer to wash a convertible car. While I love using a pressure washer and foam cannon on my other cars, I stick to hand washing with my Boxster. There are two reasons for this – first, it is almost impossible to use a foam cannon and not get car soap on the top, and second, you should never apply high pressure water to the seals around the top, which will at the very least leak and could possibly be damaged.

## Cleaning and protecting your convertible top

If you do happen to get your convertible top wet, you should notice water beading on it, much like it does on waxed paint. However, if it seems that the water is soaking into your top instead, it is time to clean it and re-apply protectant.

The two most popular products for cleaning and protecting your top are made by 303 and Ragtop. They both come as two-bottle kits – one bottle with top cleaner, one bottle with top protectant. I've used both products, and they both work well, though I prefer Ragtop. There is also a top protectant (though not a top cleaner) available from Porsche – Sandy Steckman has used it and has had good results.

*Below: 303 products Cleaner and Protectant*



It may not seem intuitive that you need to clean your top if it's not dirty, but if the top has gone a long time without being cleaned and protected, dust tends to build up in the fibers, which can lead to premature wear. I've found the best way to clean your top is to spray the top liberally, then use a horsehair brush to agitate the top cleaner. After you've scrubbed the whole top well, hose it off and let it dry completely.

The top protectant comes in a spray bottle, and there are various methods to apply it. Obviously, you can just spray the top all over, but that tends to also get protectant on the windows and paintwork, which is difficult to remove. If you are going to go this route, make sure to tape off any nearby windows and paint. A second method is to dump the protectant into a jar or tray and use a new paintbrush to apply it. You can be a lot more precise with a paintbrush, so you shouldn't have to tape everything off, but using a paintbrush tends to over-apply the product and is not recommended by the manufacturers. The method I use is to spray the top carefully (making sure not to hit windows or paint) and use a microfiber towel to "buff" the protectant into the top. This saves you from having to tape everything off while also not over-applying the product. A tip I recently found is to apply the protectant to the whole top using the microfiber towel, then immediately do a second coat using the same technique. Once you have applied your top protectant, let it dry fully, ideally inside a garage.

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## Convertible Top

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Once you have cleaned and protected your top, you should notice that water will bead and not soak into the fabric. Should your top get dirty after applying the protectant, you should be able to clean it using just a damp rag.

### Maintaining your convertible top mechanism

There are few things you can do to extend the life of your convertible top once you have washed and protected it. First, should you get any stains on the top, wash them off as soon as possible. Second, never store your car for long periods with the top down as this can lead to permanent creases. Third, lubricate your top mechanism.

Porsche tops all work differently, but they all use either arms or a track that the top hardware rides in, and it's a good idea to lubricate the moving parts yearly; try a Google search for tips on how to lubricate the top on your specific model.

Given that Porsche convertible tops can cost several thousands of dollars to replace, properly cleaning, protecting, and maintaining your convertible top will not only prolong its life, but add to the appearance of the car on those (hopefully rare) occasions when the top is up.

~ Steve Wilwerding



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## By The Numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: **317**

GPR Membership: **199**

## Welcome New Members

Nicholas Bellenbaum, Omaha, NE

John Freeman, Carter Lake, IA

## Club Anniversaries

Kayleen Mourey (1 Year)

Brian Feregrino (5 Years)

Derek Meyer (5 Years)

## Primary Members and Co-members

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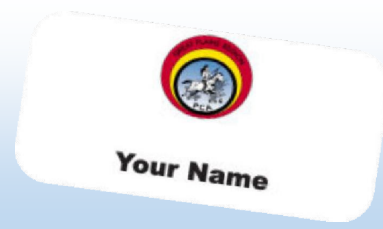
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## A Note from the Editor

We had a nice change of venue for breakfast this month. Stories Coffee in Gretna played host to our merry band of P-cars on the beautiful morning of August 12th. A larger than normal crowd really took over the lion's share of the coffee house.



Just two more photos below featuring quite the line up this month before I move on.



### Announcement!

After most had ordered and were seated, either with their coffee or pork belly burrito firmly in hand, Mike Anderson gave his run down, then passed the torch to Trent Abbott with Hagerty Insurance for a brief talk about the advantages of a stated value car policy. Our social chair Paul Schudel also gave a sneak peek into the next few months' activities.

*Above: Porsche store front at Stories Coffee.*

*Below: Trent (Abbott) speaks to the group about Hagerty Car Insurance*

Did you know that if you want to order the latest shirt, hat or other cool merchandise, even parts for your car, you can save 10% on all orders by placing the order with the Porsche Omaha Parts department? All you do is shop at <https://shop.porsche.com/us/>, pick out your items and call the Parts department at 402-504-1520. Tell them you are a member of the Porsche Club of America and have your membership number handy for reference. Cody or his team will place the order, there is no charge for shipping if you pick up the items at the dealership. The discount also applies to the cool items they have in their waiting room.

Probably as no surprise, there are a couple of exceptions. Tires. Bummer. Since they are not a "Porsche" part, no discount. Also, Porsche "Design" is treated as a separate company and their items do not qualify for the discount. But, think of it this way, if you buy a \$5,000.00 watch, you can get a \$500.00 discount off the price, and not pay shipping!

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# Editor

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As always, calling ahead to review that your item qualifies would be a good idea. Give it a try. After all, 10% of a cool hat isn't all bad. Just remember to remind the parts department that you are a PCA national member when you place the order.

For those of us that like a little track time, they are offering FREE Tech inspections through the end of the year. Be sure to call ahead and let them know you're coming. It takes about an hour, so they need to schedule the time. And try not to show up Friday afternoon for a Saturday event!

Happy Porsche parts shopping!

There is one more DE left this year, and even if you aren't quite ready to make that small leap to some instructor led track time, you can still come get a taste of the track with a thing we call "Parade Laps". All you have to do is arrive around 11am, take in some of the activities going on at the track from the stands, or talk to the drivers between sessions. Just after 12 noon, we will line up those wishing to take part in the parade laps. We only ask for a \$10 donation that we will then pass along to our charity partner, which as you know is Least of My Brethern. Who knows, you might want to take the leap next time!

If you recall an earlier announcement, both Eric Elliott (your GPR webmaster) and myself both took home Class III First Place awards for Website and Newsletter this year at Porsche Parade. The postman finally delivered our hardware, and I'm going to shamelessly post those photos on the following pages. Of particular note, this year marks the 5th award in a row for Eric. Please make sure to congratulate him!

I'll also direct you to pages 26 and 27. While going through some boxes, Mike Anderson and Ken Burson have given me some old newsletters. These go back, *way back*. I've scanned in the first newsletter from the club's start back in 1967. Others will follow in subsequent months.

Lastly, I have some photos of a set of tools, and what seems to be a center cap. Correctly identify them, and email me with your answer. I'll recognize the first correct respondents in next month's Der Skooner.

*Photo #1—name these tools.*



*Photo #2—Center Cap—What model and year?*



Again, email me with your answer for the photos above.

As always, I'm looking to you for an article for a future issue of Der Skooner, or maybe you'd like to be a regular contributor. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

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**Five Time PCA Award Winner: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023**





**First Time PCA Award Winner**



# High Plains Club Race

*Article thanks to David Safris of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA*

The Rocky Mountain Region club race at High Plains Raceway took place in mid-July to avoid a conflict in September with Rennsport at Laguna Seca in Monterey, CA.

Race Co-Charis Vicky Earnshaw and Dave Nelson put on another fantastic event, and I can say with all confidence that the spirit of club racing is alive and well in the Rocky Mountain Region. If there were any issues with organization and execution - I sure didn't hear about them. Congratulations and thank you to all involved.

The 'X factor' for the weekend had to be the weather. Clear cool mornings gave way to hot and dry afternoons. This forced racers to fine tune their strategies to deal with overheating engines, brakes, and drivers. Afternoon temps on Sunday were closing in on 100 degrees when the checkered flag flew.

Despite the date change to July, the race was very well attended with 34 registered drivers. Multi class racing is a hallmark of club races and this event seemed to have a great mix ranging from multiple Cup Car platforms to 944's. The larger classes were Spec Boxsters with a group of 10 cars, SP1 944's with six, GTB1 Caymans with 5, Spec Caymans with 2 and GTD1 GT4 Clubsports with 2. Eight other car classifications were represented at the event.

*Below: Mike Kresser #97 and Dale Hartzell #141 lead the race group up to the starting line for Sprint Race #1. Photo by Mike Pappas*



Saturday featured two practice sessions, a qualifying session, and a forty-five-minute sprint race. In sprint race one, Mike Kresser led from green

to checker in his 991.2 cup car. Luke Oxner held off Steve Watkins for the win in the Spec Boxsters. David Nelson had a commanding win in the SP1 944 race and Justin Wilson took the win in the GTB1 field ahead of Robert Ames.

Sunday morning was cool and calm but the minute the sun started its climb you could tell it was going to be a hot one.

Mike Kresser led from green to checker again in the 991.2 cup car. Steve Watkins battled Luke Oxner for a quarter of a second gap at the line for the Spec Boxster win. David Nelson took a second win for the SP1 944 race and Robert Ames took the win in the GTB1 field after Justin Wilson had a mechanical failure late in the race.

*Below: Alexandra Sabados #14 leads Robert Ames #121 in Sprint Race 1 at High Plains - photo by Scott Pedram*



The Sunday morning race was a bit of a ride for me as I had to miss the Saturday qualifying and race. Without an official time logged, I had to start the race from the back row. I managed to pass twenty-two cars in the race and snuck my way into 3rd in GTB1 slipping past Shawn Keeler on the last lap. Many thanks to the race workers who gave me a workers choice award for my efforts.

The Sunday endurance race was a sixty-five-minute race with a mandatory five-minute pit stop. I know I was not the only driver getting heat warnings throughout the race. Heat warnings, hot tires, and a hot track really dictated the pace and tone for many drivers. Short shifting gears, staying out of the draft, and just plain old slowing down was needed in order keep the cars running safely.

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# High Plains

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Mike Kresser took the overall win to sweep the weekend. Karen Clayton was the winner in the Spec Boxster group and David Nelson completed the sweep in SP1 944's.

*Below: Dan Mayer #16 leads David Nelson #49 and winner in the SP1 class in Sprint 1. Photo by Mike Pappas*



GTB1 had three race leaders throughout the enduro. Robert Ames led out from the start and opening laps but had to back off due to temp warnings. I took over the first spot for several laps before taking a little sideways slide through turn ten into the dirt. Lisa Hunsicker was right there to take the pass and led going into the middle of the race as drivers started taking pit stops. In the second half of the race Lisa exited her pit stop just a few seconds ahead of me and I was working hard to track down a first-place finish. Unfortunately for me, every time I made a good run at setting up a pass, my car started over heating, and I would have to back off.

*Below: Lisa Hunsicker #823 went on to win the GTB1 class in the Sunday Endurance Race - photo by Scott Pedram*

Going into the last few laps I was stretching the heat range limits of my car hoping to create a passing opportunity. I was able to close it up pretty tight a few times, but Lisa wasn't keen to give up the top spot. For the second time on Sunday, I finished just off her bumper and Lisa took a well-deserved first place finish in a tough GTB1 field. The win was topped off with a workers choice award.

I found out after the race Lisa's car has significantly better cooling capacity than my car and was not having over heating issues. A great reminder that car prep is not just about horsepower and sticky tires. You must be ready to handle whatever the event throws at you.

The event also featured several High-Performance Driving (HPDE) groups. The Rocky Mountain region brought out the heavy metal for this event with numerous fantastic cars on display. Multiple GT3 versions, GT4's, cup cars, etc. were taking to the track throughout the weekend.

From what I saw, everyone was driving well within their limits, and I did not hear of any delays or major issues. Once again, the great work of the team of volunteers must be mentioned in keeping the entire event running smoothly and safely throughout.

Looking forward, it is hard to believe we have crossed the halfway point in 2023 and already setting up fall dates on the calendar. The PCA club race at Road America is coming up in early September followed closely by Rennsport Reunion. I am hoping to make it to both of these great events to cap off a busy summer.

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# Rocky Mountain Region

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

## Open Letter to “Drive to Survive”

Hi. You don't know me. But I've reviewed each of the past four seasons of your series. At this writing, Formula 1 is taking its annual summer break. Which makes it a perfect time to weigh in, on your plans for “Drive to Survive,” season five.

Let me start by commending you for, almost single-handedly, putting Formula 1 on the American sports map. That's no small feat – like soccer, Formula 1 has been the next big thing in this country for, like, decades.

I remember the era when I had to wait months for the latest issue of Road & Track to arrive, so I could actually read real coverage, from the likes of Henry N. Manney III and then Rob Walker. There was literally no other way to follow the sport – newspapers avoided coverage like the plague. Only one race was actually broadcast, Monaco, on ABC's Wide World of Sports. Then came the arrival of live telecasts. Replaced by the live feed from Sky in the UK, along with Formula 1 Grand Prix Sunday. Please pinch me, it's hard to believe.

And now, and now, this year we'll have three races in the US. I meet people who are not motorheads, and they start ruminating about whether Perez will keep his seat at Red Bull. I'm shocked. And very happy. And I owe it all to you, and Netflix.

But, this season, you have a problem. The total dominance of Max Verstappen and Red Bull. Which, in all likelihood, will continue through the season's second half.

Don't just take it from me. Autoweek recently ran a story titled “5 Biggest Disappointments of 2023 Formula 1 Season, So Far.” And, number one, is “Not a single close battle up front.”

What to do? Here's my plea. Let's move beyond the drama of the drivers. Yes, it's a shame that AlphaTauri summarily dropped Nyck de Vries. And Daniel Ricciardo must be over the moon about getting back in an F1 seat. But, hey,

there's a lot more to the sport than the carousel ride the drivers are on. Which makes this year the year to dive in, to expand fan knowledge ... and appreciation.

Here's how. Start with the cars themselves. After all, I can't think of a sport where the equipment is as important to winning. So, just how do you drive them, what do the teams do? How do you ... win?

No, wait, how do you even start the cars? I've read that you first need to heat the oil, because of the tolerances. True? If so, how? When? How hot?

And then, how do you actually drive one of these machines, at speed? How do you work the hand clutch? How do you leave the pits? How do you do a standing start? What are your braking points? And, oh by the way, what do all those buttons on the steering wheel, that we see from in-car cameras, actually do?

How about the performance envelope of the cars? How do they compare to Indycars? Sports prototypes?

For what it's worth, the Internet is full of videos purporting to demonstrate the performance differences between, say, a five-year-old F1 car and a Grand Prix motorcycle. I just saw a video of a 2012 Red Bull, ex-Vettel, drag race a 1,914 hp Remac Nevera. The Red Bull lost. By a lot. But that video lives in the nutcase world of on-line reality ... not Netflix!

And, while we're at it, just what are the team honchos doing, hunched over their monitors on the pit wall? And the mechanics. Who are they? What are their backgrounds? How much do they make? What do they do, between tire changes? Back at the factory? Why do they do this seemingly thankless job, in the first place?

What would happen if you put every driver in the same car? Who would win? And would that tell us who's fastest?

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# Badler

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Statistics. Weight. Power. Power to weight. Cornering forces. Gs. Compare against Indycar, Sports Prototypes, F2, F3. Fighter planes. And the rulebook. I have a feeling it's as thick as an old-time telephone directory. Remember them? Well, against what are they building these machines? And, how about this? An interview with the genius behind the Red Bull design, Adrian Newey?

In other words, you all have done a fantastic job of putting F1 into the American consciousness. Now, this year, how about taking the sport to the next level? Go behind, really behind, the scenes. Educate us. You may not remember this, but there once was a successful discount clothing store in New York. Syms. Their advertising tag line was "An educated consumer is our best customer."

Oh, and please keep the "we have to push" histrionics to a minimum. Thank you!



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# Dog Days DE

Article and photos by Jeremey Kroh

Beautiful weather and a few pans of homemade cinnamon rolls greeted 25 drivers, 7 of which were novices. A few of our friends from the Schonesland region also made the drive over to join us for some time on the track to hone their DE skills.

A great mix of cars came out. The Porsche brand was well represented, from 944s, Boxsters and Caymans, to 911s of various flavors, even a Macan took runs around the track. We also had a Corvette and Mustang GT500 lend their V8 notes to the chorus of flat sixes. A Honda S2000 also took advantage of the track day, among others.

Parade laps were held just after high noon, and the club collected donations for Least of My Brethren. Thanks to all that came out! The next DE will be held on October 7th. Check out the info at [GPRPCA.com](http://GPRPCA.com) or [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net). On to the photos!

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# Dog Days

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One more page of photos as I tried to capture a “finish line” for some of the cars while I spent some time on the catwalk during one of the sessions. If you’d like the full size photo of your car, please feel free to reach out, and I’ll gladly send it your way! [editor@gprpca.com](mailto:editor@gprpca.com)





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The circle symbolizes the complete unity, friendship and pride of ownership found in PCAers. The Stuttgart shield represents the Marque. The arrow symbolizes the purpose, and represents the historic past of the Great Plains.

## June 15th Meeting:

Bohemian Cafe (1406 South 13th)  
342-9838 — 7:00 — Open Menu

Business Meeting, Movie "Sebring 1962." Speaker, Corky Sell, Service Mgr., Omaha Volkswagen.

## COMING UP SHORTLY (July 9)

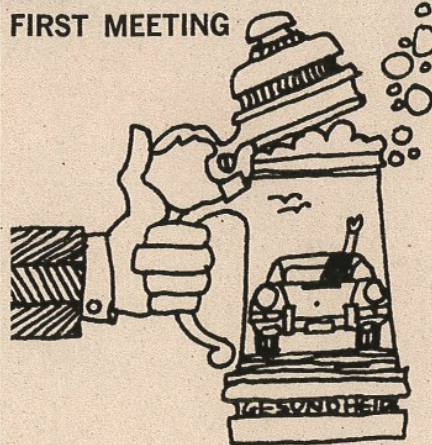
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## August Event

26 & 27 (tentative). A driving tour to Hastings, Nebraska Saturday; AUTO-CROSS there Sunday. Group motel reservations there.

Nebraska Region SCCA, sponsoring Continental Rally in July, possibility of PCA members manning some check-points . . . details later.

## FIRST MEETING



May 25, 1967, the first meeting of the "GREAT PLAINS" Region, Porsche Club of America, was held at the Bohemian Cafe, Omaha, Nebraska.

The meeting commenced with a casual get-together, sparked by a barrel of beer (kindly provided by Omaha Volkswagen, local Porsche Dealer, whom we thank!!). After imbibing, for an hour or so, meeting one another, Porsche-talk and working up an appetite, the dinner-meeting got under way.

Dinner was ordered up (thanks to some very efficient organization by Linda Broker and Janice Shoemaker). Jaegerschnitzel, Roast Capon and Pork, were washed down with large mugs of the "old frothy" . . . ymmm! A somewhat over-stuffed audience was then treated to viewing "PORSCH BUILT BY HAND," an excellent film, after which one owner was heard to remark, " . . . that should be shown to the Detroit-Iron clubs . . ." heh heh. The Officers of the Club were introduced, wherein each gave a brief run down of his or her duties, proposals of purpose, and future direction of the Great Plains Region.

New members were lightened of their monies for dues, and the Charter Members' Register was signed by all paid up . . . you'll note we picked the biggest man in the Club to act as Treasurer, Frank Halm. He should

be able to fill that demanding position adequately. Right?

Gary Stephenson and Marie, of Des Moines Central Iowa Region, were our guests from the greatest distance. They transferred membership to Great Plains, which is suggested to all S. W. Iowa members, since that region is somewhat inactive. In fact, members from other regions are welcomed to transfer to Great Plains.

The girls paid the dinner check, and came out a few bucks to the good. How 'bout that? Back to the barrel, and some good conversation about all manner of Porsche-repair-new stuff-accessories-parts-service-doodads-racing-magazines-events-badges-buttons-books etc., etc.

Shortly before leaving, Bob the bartender was heard to remark . . . "What're all those little cars out in the east lot . . . ?" (one count showed 23 waxed, gleaming Porsches, Speedster thru 356 A, B, C, 912 and 911.

Our thanks to Mr. Bob Capoun (the owner); Jack and Bob, bartenders; the Chef, and the very friendly, patient waitresses at the Bohemian Cafe.

Our Secretary, Dottie Halm, can brief you on any Porsche Club questions.

Activities Chairman Dick Raymond solicits your suggestions and assistance in planning future events.

Membership Organizer Mike Broker has questionnaires and material for new members and potential PCAers.

And last, but not least, our President, Sam Mumma, is the man to see for anything and everything.

"Dues" are due. See Frank Halm.



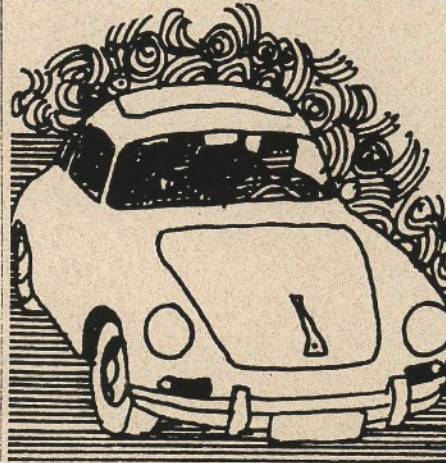


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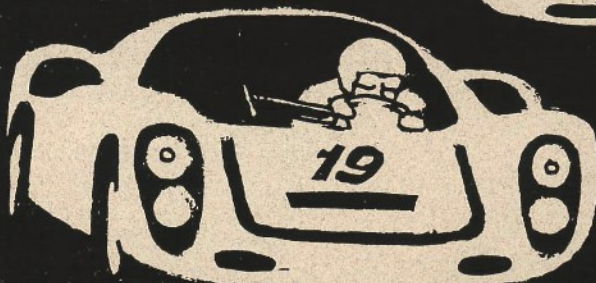
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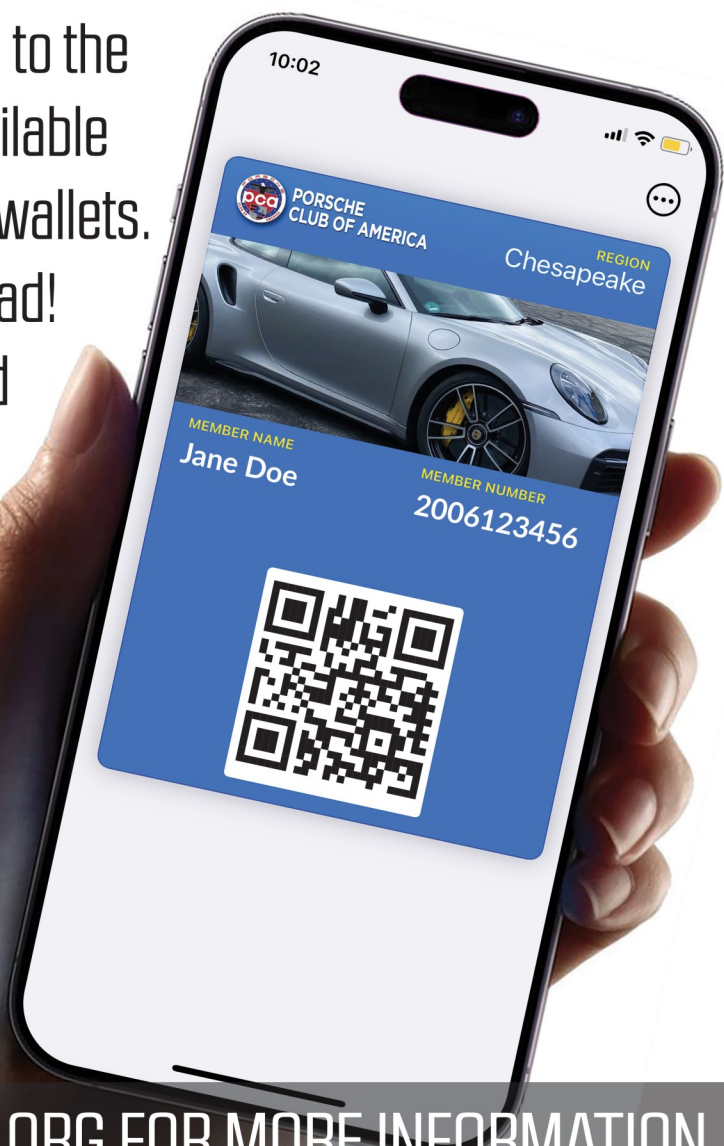


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