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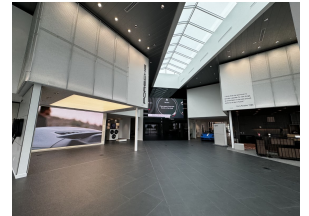
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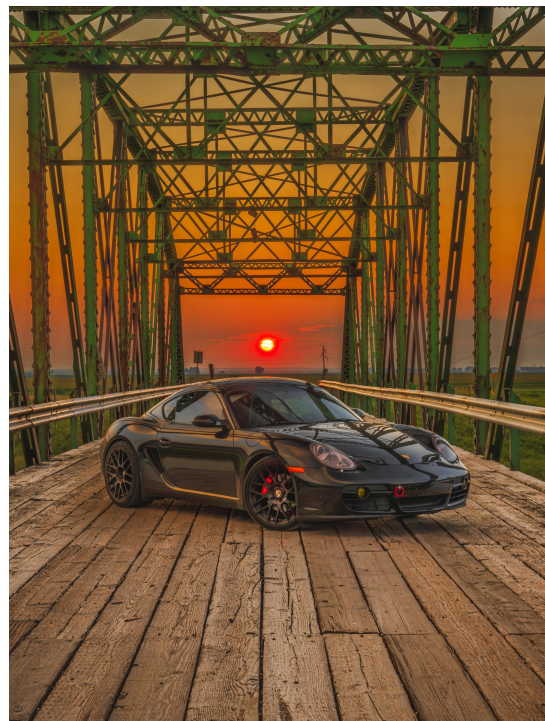
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Zero to 60

Mike Anderson, GPR President

There's Still Time!!

Fall is upon us, but there is still time to enjoy your car. Some people think fall is the best season. I happen to be one of them. Driving on a cool, crisp day with the windows down must be one of the best experiences out there.

So, to that end, we have two opportunities. First is the October 7 Driver's Ed event at RPM in Pacific Junction, IA. For anyone who has not participated, Driver's Ed is the coolest, safest way to learn more about your car and work on your driving skills. Club instructors work with you on the track and in the classroom to learn more about driving skills and safety. It's the best place to drive as fast you can without worrying about a ticket!

The second event is our Fun Run through the Loess Hills ending up in Nebraska City for lunch. No speed, no competition, just cruising through the hills with the windows down and enjoying the scenery. And the company of others who enjoy Porsches. I have been told that the reservation slots have been filled however.

For those who have recently joined, we have a New Member's Dinner on November 4. What a great opportunity to meet other new club members and the board. New members, watch your mailbox and please be sure to RSVP for the dinner.

For those of you that don't qualify as new members, we have our November breakfast at Porsche Omaha to see the new facility. I know Mitch Schneringer and the team are all excited to show us their new home. From the outside, the building looks fantastic. I'm sure the inside is equally as impressive. There will be a strict limit of 50 attendees, be sure to watch your email for the sign up link.

Another activity to put on your calendar is Collector Quest on Sunday, November 12. This year the event will be from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and will be held at the Valley YMCA, which is located at 6100 Twin Rivers Circle in Valley. For those of you who are familiar with HWY 275 that goes from Omaha to Fremont, the YMCA sits behind Valley Marine. Take the first Valley exit by the Dairy Queen, make a left, the first right on Reichmuth and a right on Twin Rivers Circle and you'll be there. Tables are available for \$10.00 each for those who want to show their collection to others or who have items they want to sell or swap. You'll never guess what some of the cool items are that come out of the garage or storeroom for the show. The \$10.00 table rental fee money will all go to Least of My Brethren to support their mission of helping the homeless.

In the meantime, roll down the windows and go for a drive before the snow flies!

Safe Driving,

Mike

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Great Plains Region Club Calendar

October 2023

October 7th - OktoberFast Driver's Education

Raceway Park of the Midlands. 19340 Jesup Ave, Pacific Junction, IA 51561

Sign up at www.clubregistration.net

****Parade Laps at noon!!****

October 14th - Breakfast and Kim Burger Memorial Fun Run

Due to space limitations, sign up is **NOW CLOSED**.

November 2023

November 4th - New Member Dinner *(By Invitation only)*

November 11th - Breakfast at the *NEW* Porsche Omaha Dealership (8:30am - 10:30am)

18101 Burt Street, Omaha, NE 68022 [\(RSVP HERE\)](#) *Limited to the first 50 RSVPs!*

November 12th - Collector Quest at the YMCA, 6100 Twin Rivers Circle, Valley, NE (1:00-4:00pm)

National Calendar



Club Racing Calendar



Porsche Club of America - Zone 10 Regions

Central Iowa | Dakotas | Great Plains | Kansas City
Nord Stern | Ozark Lakes | Red River | Schonesland
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Board of Directors Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of the GPR Board Meeting September 12, 2023

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

PRESIDENT: Anderson shared on a variety of topics. More bikes will be purchased with the Parade Lap money from the latest DE for Least of My Brethren. Member Trent Abbott has offered to give a "behind the scenes" presentation to our members of one of the events he attends as a Hagerty executive. This year's Collector Quest will be held at the YMCA in Valley November 12th from 1-4pm with a \$10 donation for each table used by a member for display. South Dakota has expressed interest in a joint event with GPR in 2024. Steve Wilwerding has agreed to serve as Club Historian as Denny Strauss retires from his long term role.

SECRETARY: The August 2023 minutes were approved as distributed. Any nominations from members for board positions will be accepted through October 9th (email will go out September 15th).

TREASURER: The August beginning cash balance was \$65,797; the ending cash balance was \$68,605. Year-to-date net loss is \$3,884. For August, \$500 was received from PCA for our new member dinner, our quarterly rebate from PCA was \$1,255, and the Dog Days DE at RPM had a \$323 profit. A copyright issue with a photo provided for Der Skooner use was settled with the Associated Press for \$1,000.

SOCIAL: August breakfast at Stories Coffee in Gretna experienced strong attendance, with the change in venue well received. The Ladies Day fun run was held on August 19th and regaled in Der Skooner. September 9th breakfast at Paradise was attended by about 30 members and guests. Thursday September 14th will be pickleball and BBQ at member Ziegenbeins' home beginning at 6pm. October 14th breakfast will be held at Farmhouse Café on 84th 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 will host the November 11th breakfast at their new location at 181st and Dodge. The annual dinner will be held at Omaha Country Club on January 20th, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 199 paid GPR members out of 317 PCA primary members assigned to our region. Chair Lynch will send out letters to offer 14 months of membership for the price of 12 to those PCA members who are not currently GPR members. New Lifetime members will be presented with commemorative shirts at the annual dinner.

REGISTRAR: The Dog Days DE August 26th at RPM attracted 24 drivers, including 7 novices (2 were from Des Moines and 1 was from the Mustang Club). Registration for the OktoberFast DE October 7th at RPM is now open, closing October 2nd for novices and October 4th overall. Registration for the October 14th Fun Run to Nebraska City is open as well. Register for both on Clubregistration.net.

SAFETY: Chair Mourey participated in the quarterly PCA DE Webinar; our GPR Tech Form will be reviewed for 2024 PCA compliance. The PCA insurance certificate for the October 7th RPM OktoberFast DE has been received, and coverage has been requested for the October 14th Fun Run. Our GPR instructor list will be reviewed for dormant instructors, with an eye towards possibly adding new instructors. Instructor shirts have been ordered to easily identify instructors as resources at DE events. Emails will be sent to prior DE participants to encourage participation in the October DE. The 2024 Club Race and DE is scheduled for May 17-19, 2024 at MPH, and a fall DE is being considered at MPH for late September, 2024.

EDITOR: September Der Skooner was published and distributed to our advertisers and to the website. The October issue will feature photos and recaps on September events, out of region columns, Meet a Member, and any member contributions. Ideas for articles were brainstormed among the board.

WEBMASTER: GPR website is up to date with events throughout the rest of the year. September Der Skooner was emailed out September 1st. The October 14th Fun Run email with registration link was sent out. Any photos taken by members at events may be sent to Eric Elliott for posting on our website.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00pm at the Anderson residence.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

2023 Membership News

By The Numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: **317**

GPR Membership: **203**

Welcome New Members

Trent Abbott - Omaha

Delbert Smith - Lincoln

Courtney Carver - Omaha

Bernard Baxter - Omaha

Thomas Mulligan - Omaha

Club Anniversaries

Steve Bartlett (10 Years)

Jim Vulku (10 Years)

A Bit of Fall Housekeeping

Sometimes you must do a bit of housekeeping. And Fall is a good time to update your PCA and GPR membership Info. This can include updating your PCA profile at PCA.org. Update the list of cars that you own. PCA keeps a record of all the vehicles Primary Members list on their membership ap-

plication. Maybe you have sold one and replaced it with a newer model. Simply go to the PCA.org to update.

Let me know if you have Porsches to add or subtract from the GPR list. Send an email and I will make the changes. Add your co-member to your membership at PCA.org. Each Primary member can have one co-member. They must be 18 years or older. This also will increase our overall membership in the club and that helps with the reimbursement that GPR receives from PCA. Provide your co-member's contact information to the GPR Membership Chair. We know some of you have life partners that come to events occasionally – but we do not have a way to contact them. Help us be up to date with our co-members so they won't miss out on special events we do just for them.

Moved, retired, new email address or dropped a land line phone? Just let me know, then we can keep you in the loop on all things GPR. If you have any questions about your membership with the Great Plains Region, please contact Carol via email:

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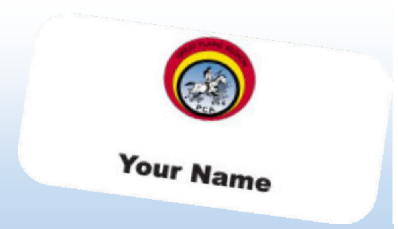
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Meet a GPR Member

Armando Colorado

When did you join the PCA?

2015

Where are you from?

Originally from Texas, now living in Bennington, Nebraska

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

Just one. My 2006 Porsche Cayman S

What makes your car(s) special?

Had my car/motor sent out to get converted from a 3.4L to 3.8L by Jake Raby at Flat Six Innovations.

Next Porsche or current project?

I would like to get into an air cooled Porsche. Current project is continuing to implement my vision on my Cayman.



Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Driving down to Eureka Springs, AR to enjoy the festivities at Porsche Palooza. Great time!

Favorite road trip, track or race?

I have not done enough road trips in the car but do plan on some now that I have a new and fun motor installed!

What got you interested in Porsche?

I used to travel on business to Germany back in the late 90's early 2000's and several of my colleagues had Porsche 911's. I had the opportunity to drive one on the Autobahn and was hooked! Very different feel than my Mustang muscle car.

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Photography

Meet a GPR Member

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What is the top song on your driving playlist?

"Immigrant Song" by Led Zeppelin

Any other dream cars you would own? (Porsche or other?)

I have two dream cars: First is the Porsche 356 and the second is a Ferrari Testarossa from the Miami Vice days. I was always a fan of the show, music, and of course the cars!

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A Note from the Editor

I'm going to hop around a bit this month, and hopefully I don't change lanes too many times. I'll *try* to signal first.

I'll start with old business. If you recall in the September editor's notes, I had two photos. One was a photo of what looked like some specialty wrenches, the other, an older center cap. Sad to say, I did not receive a single reply to the editor's email inbox with any guesses. I'm still genuinely curious if there are any guesses out there. If you need a refresher, [this link](#) will get you to the September issue. Navigate to page 15.

Secondly, one more reminder about ordering parts and accessories for you and your P-car through the parts department at Porsche Omaha. You can order the latest shirt, hat or other cool merchandise and parts for your car, all while saving 10% on your order. All you do is shop at <https://shop.porsche.com/us/>, pick out your items then 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 and 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.

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!

September 9th was breakfast back at Paradise Bakery & Café in Village Pointe. A room full of GPR members and a parking lot full of Porsches (that were mistaken for the beginning of Supercar Saturday, not that you can blame those driving by...) was a great start to the weekend. Let's forget about the NU game that followed.

Those that were in attendance that morning for breakfast were presented a fun opportunity to help move the Porsche Omaha inventory from the now old location at 66th & L to the brand new location at 18101 Burt Street on Saturday the 23rd. Thanks to Mitch and Kurt for arranging that!

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Come **DRIVE** With Us on the Track!

Have you always wanted to drive on a professional racetrack in your own Porsche? Parade Laps give you the opportunity to drive on an actual track. Parade Laps are held at street legal speeds with no passing allowed and no helmets required. Enjoy this rare opportunity not only to drive the track but to see the track from the racers' perspective.

We hope you'll join us on Saturday, October 7th for Parade Laps at Raceway Park of the Midlands, 19340 Jesup Ave, Pacific Junction, IA. Come early to watch the OctoberFAST DE (Drivers Education) starting at 8:00am. If you'd like to drive on the track for Parade Laps, be sure to arrive between 11:00 and 12:00 to sign a waiver that is required. The cost is \$10 to participate. All money collected for Parade Laps will be donated to Least of My Brethren, our charity for 2023.

Editor

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A few photos from breakfast before I move on.



Above: Breakfast attendees signing up for the Porsche dealership move.

Below: Peering through the pines at the plethora of Porsches.



The evening of September 14th was the club's first "Porsches and Pickleball" event held at the residence of Keith and Ardith Ziegenbein in Ashland, Nebraska. The location was perfect as it allowed for some nice scenery on the way out.

Some came to play and get fully immersed in the sport, others watched with great amusement from the sidelines of the two courts, one inside, one outside. Bar-B-Que with all the trimmings was delivered to round out the evening.

Credit for the photos below goes to club member Armando Colorado.



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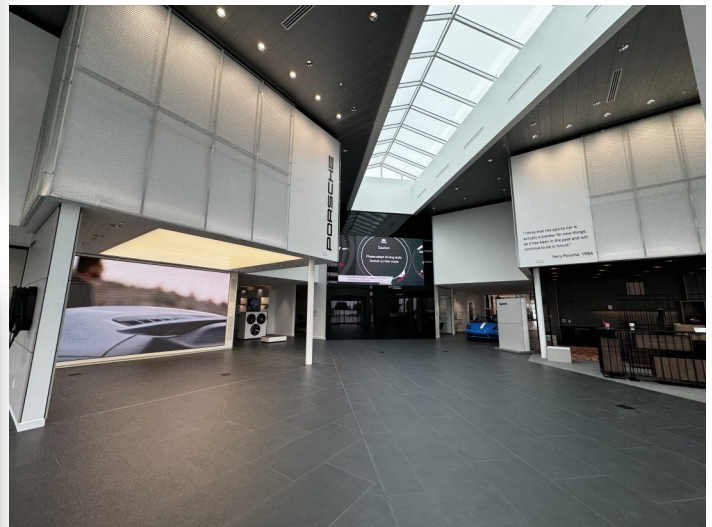
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Backtracking a bit to a “non-Great Plains Region” event on September 10th, Lauritzen Gardens held their annual All Euro Car Show. A few GPR members were in attendance, and Armando had his camera at the ready. Photo credits to him on the event images provided below.



You saw in last month's Der Skooner a few photos of the new dealership during some of the last phases of construction late this summer. Having some time to wander around a bit during the inventory move, I found myself alone in the main entry for a time.

Though other inventory was still needing to be brought onto to the showroom floor, you could feel the openness of the high ceilings with the natural light just waiting to greet visitors to the new digs just off West Dodge and 180th. I'm sure the modern façade and marquee sign will make great social media car photos in the off hours for those out and about at dusk. Don't be afraid to send those in to your Der Skooner editor!



As I bring this month's thoughts and recaps to a close, I'd like to remind you that I'm always looking for that next “Meet A Member” submission, tech article or road trip write-up for future issues of Der Skooner. The club has lots to offer, but please feel free to send your thoughts on past events, or other ideas for future get togethers.

I'll make it easy, just click [THIS LINK](#) to email me directly.

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Rocky Mountain Region

Article thanks to Danielle Badler of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA

Line-Extending in the Ozone Again

If you've been following this space, you'll recall that we've periodically chronicled some of the ridiculous and the sublime examples of how our favorite marque has capitalized on its name and reputation.

We've written about the high-rise Porsche apartment building in South Florida that features an elevator which whisks your four-wheel baby right up to your aerie, where it then poses, safe and sound, and within drooling distance of your living room. The audio speakers that are fashioned from a GT3 exhaust system. The Airstream silver bullet travel trailer that's been breathed on by the elves of Stuttgart. The yacht. The runabout. The electric runabout that features tech coopted from the Taycan.

I thought the subject was covered to death. Until write-ups of several new offerings made their way into my consciousness. I'll get to them in a minute.

Now, I have nothing against line extensions. They're a time-honored way for companies with established brands to add, not only market share, but new markets to their portfolio. Porsche has been really, really good at it. I mean, just where would our favorite marque be today without the Cayenne and the Macan?

I'll tell you. I looked it up. And let's just take Porsche Cars North America (PCNA.) Last year, the last full calendar year, PCNA sold 6,609 911s, 718s, Panameras and Taycans, combined. That's right, combined. In all variations. Now, that's against, believe it or not, 6,611 Cayennes, alone, and 7,735 Macans.

Yeah, I know. And here's the kicker. In all its corporate literature, they'll start with this phrase; "Porsche, the sports car manufacturer...." Reporting earnings, introducing corkscrews and golf bags. Logo branding irons. Whatever. That's the halo, the umbrella, that makes it all possible.

And that, dear friends, is the value of a brand. Just how do they do it? Who decides what to get behind? Am I the only one confused by just where all this stuff comes from?

Turns out that, since 2007, it's all been under the tutelage of Studio F.A. Porsche. Here's their boilerplate; "We are a premium design agency and the origin of the brand Porsche Design.... Since the foundation of our studio by Prof. Ferdinand Alexander Porsche in 1972, we are striving for the perfect symbiosis of form and function...."

That's of course Butzi Porsche, one of Ferry's sons, who designed the 904 and the original 911, and whose first iconic line extensions were the Porsche Design chronograph and the sunglasses.

You should know that the Studio F.A. Porsche website lists some 48 companies with whom they've worked, designing everything from a washing machine to airport seating to a champagne refrigerator to fitness equipment to a spray gun.

So I should have not been surprised when I received a link to the "911 Spotlight Classic – Porsche Originals." It's a spotlight. And it doesn't look anything like any headlights I've ever seen on a 911. It's not even close. But, then again, a Cayenne doesn't look like a Boxster S, either. So, well, uh, whatever.

Now, I've come across another new product line, one that made me sit up straight and say, huh? It's called Porsche x Backdrop. I quote, "Porsche's iconic car colors, now for your home for the first time in limited-edition premium paint." Let me continue; "To celebrate 75 years of Porsche Sports Cars, we created a special limited-edition Porsche paint palette. This collection reflects our shared commitment to meticulous quality, an appreciation for color, and exceptional design."

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Badler

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The iconic colors? There are four. Porsche Irish Green, which looks a lot like British Racing Green, Porsche Speed Yellow, which makes me think of Ferrari's Giallo Modena, Porsche Riviera Blue, which they also call electric blue, you get the idea, and my favorite, Porsche Ruby Star, which I just call pink, bright pink.

Ok, I'm worried. When I think iconic colors, I think Arctic Silver. I think Guards Red. I think Gulf livery. I think Martini Racing. I think Triple Black, which I believe is the invention of Porsche designer Tony Lapine, who ordered his own 356 that way, and it was sacrilege at the time. Tony, you may recall, oversaw the 928, which actually is acknowledged today as a classic design.

What would Tony think? What would Butzi? What do I? Ahh, once again, it all comes back to the phrase, there's no accounting for taste. Even for line extensions, even from Porsche, the sports car manufacturer. The market votes with its pocketbook



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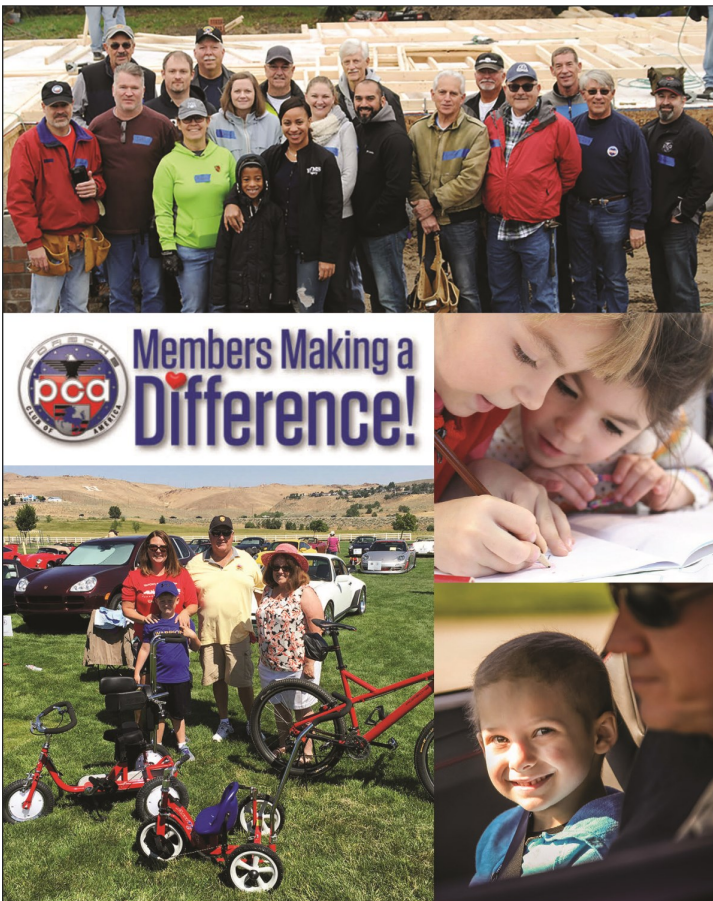
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Charity Focus

Thank you to all who participated in parade laps at the August “Dog Days DE” event. Those funds collected were used to purchase 8 bikes! GPR President Mike Anderson presented this second delivery of bikes to Dave Harvey with Least of My Brethren. They will help those in need of transportation get to jobs or training as they transition to getting off the streets and into stable housing.

Please keep an eye out for future emails detailing items of need that can be brought to Great Plains Region gatherings down the road!



Members Making a Difference!

PCA members make a difference in their community!

Every year across Porsche Club of America, members are making a difference with many amazing, heartwarming, and thoughtful acts of kindness. PCA is continually collecting stories of member's community contributions, and publishing articles for all to read in an effort to highlight what our club is doing and inspire other regions to help in their own way.

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www.pca.org/contact-members-making-difference



**PORSCHE CLUB
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Weird Noises

Article by Pedro P. Bonilla of the Suncoast PCA

CLUNK is very different from a **tick**, which has nothing to do with a **hiss**, a **click**, a **squeal**, a **knock**, a **pop**, a **rattle**, a **whistle** or a **bang**.

In this article we will try to explain the difference between them and how to figure out what they mean.



CLUNK:

It's the most common sound and usually comes from the front end. If it happens while driving on bad roads, it's usually a ball joint that's worn.

Ball joints are protected with a flexible dust boot. When the boot tears, it can allow the lubricating grease to egress and road grime to ingress, eventually destroying the joint.



Above: Ball Joints.

Below: A Dust Boot



Usually, the drop links are the first to go, but control arms, trailing arms, steering arms, etc. all have ball joints that wear out with mileage and time.



Left: Drop Links

Right: A control arm

Bottom: A Trailing arm



SQUEAK:

I mention **squeaking** here because it is usually a precursor to **clunking**.

If your car starts squeaking when the suspension is depressed, it may be one or more of the ball joints that has dried out and is letting you know.

When you determine which one it is, check the condition of its dust boot. If the boot is in good shape, try to inject some lubricant (high quality lithium grease) into the boot with a syringe or with an aerosol straw tube.

If it quiets down you know it's living on borrowed time and will need to be replaced soon, but at least it should be quiet for a while.



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TICK, TICK, TICK: So many things can tick! Generally, ticking sounds are heard coming from the engine itself. First, check if the ticking varies with engine speed or car speed. That will tell you if it's coming from the engine as you rev it, with the clutch depressed (or in neutral), or if its coming from the drivetrain as you accelerate. A shredding poly-ribbed belt can tick as it goes around.

Below: A shredding poly-ribbed belt



The fuel injectors (all six of them) can tick quite loudly. The lifters, especially if the oil level is low can tick, tick, tick.

Rotational in origin: A bad serpentine belt, debris in a brake rotor, a pebble or nail in a tire tread, a dried out CV Joint.

Non Rotational: A loud fuel injector, or a sticky lifter.

Believe it or not, a very loud, metallic-sounding tick can also be caused by a loose sparkplug.

If you can get the car on a lift, with the engine running, try to determine the general area where the ticking is coming from. The best listening device for me is a long screwdriver. Place the butt end of handle against your ear and touch with the screwdriver's tip where you want to listen. You'll be surprised what a great stethoscope it is!



KNOCK, KNOCK: If you can hear knocking sounds from your engine, get it checked out ASAP, something could be seriously wrong! A knowledgeable tech can tell you if its serious or if can be easily fixed.

What's generally called engine knocking really sounds more like clattering and is usually due to using a lower octane grade than recommended. On high compression engines, you need to use high octane gasoline to avoid pre-ignition and knocking which can damage the engine. Fortunately, most modern Porsches have automatic knock sensors that will retard timing to avoid pre-ignition (but you will lose power).



BANG, POP: A loud BANG, like a gunshot, is usually a backfire. Backfiring happens when unburnt fuel comes out of the engine and gets ignited in the exhaust pipe. This could be due to a vacuum or exhaust leak or a problem with one of the catalytic converters.



It can also happen on the intake side, at the throttle body, and could indicate an issue with the fuel and or the injection system, caused by a blocked fuel filter, bad spark plugs, or damaged catalytic converters.

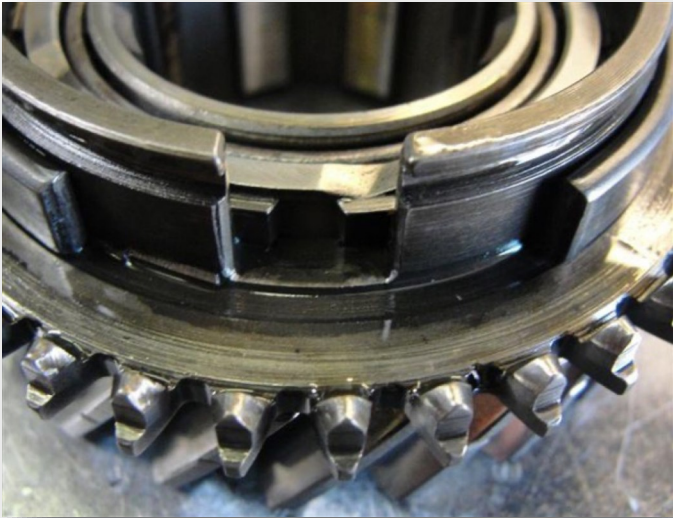


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GRIND: If the grinding happens when shifting, you probably have an issue with a synchro in the transmission (below), which makes your gears not mesh at a synchronized speed and therefore grind.



A dried-out CV Joint (below) or a failing wheel bearing can also grind quite loudly.



If you hear grinding while applying the brakes, your brake pads are probably worn or you may have caught some debris between a brake rotor (disc) and its pad.

HISS: A vacuum leak while accelerating makes a loud hiss. A fluid leak dripping on a hot engine surface can also hiss. A hot engine venting steam as well as a punctured tire also hiss.

RATTLE: Rattling under the car means that something is loose and making noise as it vibrates.

Generally, a heat shield (shown below) in place over the catalytic converters is one of the most common culprits. They are mounted with hardware that deteriorates in time and allow them to vibrate and create rattling.



WHISTLE: A very distinct and loud “coke bottle” whistle is most likely the air-oil separator (AOS). If the inside membrane tears, it can create this unique sound.

Other possible whistlers are:

- The hood and bumper out of alignment
- One or both of the side mirrors
- Side window or door seals



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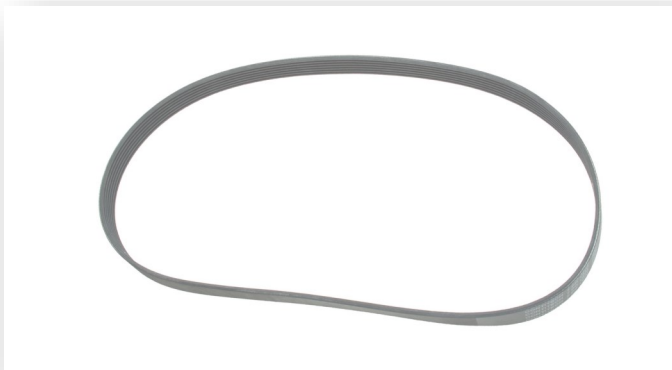
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ROAR: Most of our cars produce a beautiful roar as we accelerate, some call it the symphony in flat-6, but if your exhaust note changes all of the sudden to a loud roar, something happened to the exhaust system. The exhaust manifold may have cracked or one of the gaskets is allowing exhaust to freely escape.



The muffler may be damaged or an exhaust pipe clamp could have rusted out and become loose.

SQUEAL: A loud squeal when you rev the engine, especially when cold, is one of the easiest to diagnose. The belt (shown below) is most likely loose and slipping on the pulley. It could be worn and in need of replacement, or the tensioner pulley may have lost its tension.



If the squeal is coming from the wheels without using the brakes, you probably have some debris between a brake rotor and its backing plate. If it happens when applying the brakes, then your brake pads may be worn out ...



... and, if it's coming from your tires, you may need to back off the gas pedal!

Happy Porsche'ing,
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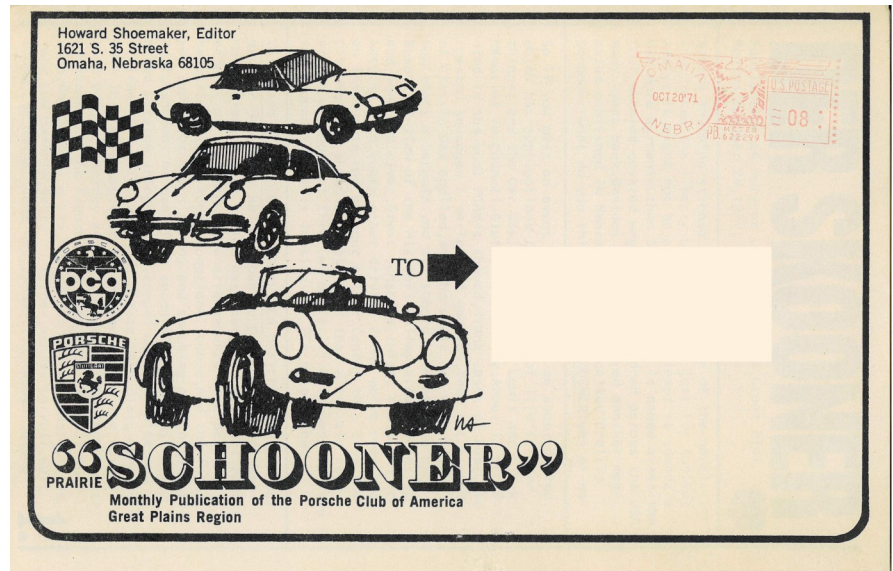
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As I continue to sort through some boxes of club history, I thought this one had some significance. You'll notice in the opening text of page 1, that the idea of changing the name of the newsletter from "Prairie Schooner" to "Der Skooner" was floated about. It must have been a resounding YES...

Thus, a star was born...



DER SKOONER

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Notice anything strange about the name of the newsletter? I've taken the liberty of changing it just for fun! But really it might not be a bad idea, at least it sounds a bit more Germanic than SCHOONER which is named after the four wheeled covered wagons which plodded across the USA many years back. Besides we've discovered another magazine published in Nebraska which is called "Prairie Schooner" what do you think, like DER SKOONER? yes or no?

So if you miss an event you're always an event behind, which has applications to many other of life's finer things; and the Car Waxing Session at Lewis and Clark Memorial in Council Bluffs was a dandy. About 17 or 18 died in the wool PCAers showed, drank cases of beer, had roasted sausages & variety of goodies, then got a coat of Classic Wax applied, and the whole day cost \$1.00. Now that's a bargain you all should have snapped up. Beautiful view of the Missouri Valley area, 25 miles up and down the river. Great sunshine, twisty roads, and in keeping with every other driving event we've ever had an inaccurate map by your editor. (seems this time the City had not shown on their maps that a certain key street was not cut thru..we may still have people driving around the hills looking for PCA gettogether.

THE BOARD MEETING OF NATIONAL PCA OFFICERS AND BANQUET October 9th, Happy Hollow Country Club was the finest meeting-event this region has ever thrown. Thanks to the efforts of Sam Ancona, the arrangements were perfect. Beautiful dining room, exceptional booze, and the food was superb, as the slurping and smacking of lips attested. Tornadoes of Beef, fine succulent mushrooms, a rich baked potatoe thing yummm..topped off with wine, and finished off with Sam's own cheese cake. Diets went to hell in a hand bag! (but let me back up to the Friday Nite before Saturday affair). Larry/Andi, Sam/Beth hosted dinner at the French Cafe with Charles Kuell and Joan, Bob Cornell & Liz. Howard/Jan met the rest of the gang, Lou Marable, Betty Jo Turner, ashley Carroll, Burt Propp, Joe Berger, Jane Nestlerode, Tom Hauseur, Georg-

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eanna Tutrow, and Ed Yates at Anthony's for steaks, the remainder of the evening was spent at MR. TOADS getting a full tank of premium. (mmmm wow!) Now back to the Banquet..our beloved Prez. had seated a Board Officer at each table, which made for very personal contact with the brass. Each were introduced and briefly stated what his or her job was in PCA, several made reference to the night "before" the generosity of Omaha bartenders. Ahhh the ladies were lovely that evening..gents, you have to admit, they even surpassed the gleaming, waxed row after row of Porsche in the parking area, for sheer beauty, but I digress..the 1973 parade was discussed, we adjourned to the bar. One thing for certain, Tom Hauseur, and Burt Propp are the real drive, impact, or guts of Porsche Club, and they know how to get things done. Tom is Nominating Chairman, and Policy Director, Burt is a past National President and Porsche Parade Co-ordinator. Janice and I met him at the Parade in 1963, and he was as dynamic then as now. A Special 911M Porsche series was designed for this meeting (all in jest of course and a specification sheet on the car, signed and numbered was presented to each member present. Scottie Moreland showed a film strip which covered 1972 models. The party moved to Charles Kuell's room at the motel, and lasted until the wee hours of the morning. Betty Jo, Ed, Jan and I drove to Omaha Country Club, as guests of Stan Kenton (who was playing a dance engagement there) and lo and behold, Stan is a Porsche owner, 1964 SC, and even a bit more, in 1953 he bought one of the first Porsches in Germany while on a concert trip. Betty Jo plans an article covering Stan in the near future. Sunday, all wearing heads four sizes too large, and popping Buffer-in tablets, and AlkaSeltzer fizzies, we saw the whole bunch off at the Airport. What a tremendous weekend, one we'll not forget, and one they will not either. (In fact unanimously they praise GPR as one of the finest, friendliest, cooperative regions in the PCA System.) A gesture on Tom Hauseur's part, seeing how bad we suffer from service knowledge, and dealer effort, the PCA will send Roger Chaney, National Technical Chairman, to Omaha for a Tech Session, soon as possible. Everyone attending this meeting deserves a handshake, and a pat on the back for his and her co-operation, and hospitality. (and every one looked sharp..yeah.) Now the problem is what do we do next time? Xmas Party is next big affair on schedule with color film of the year's events, anyone with a suggestion for something different this year, contact any of the PCA/GPR Officers, we need your help.

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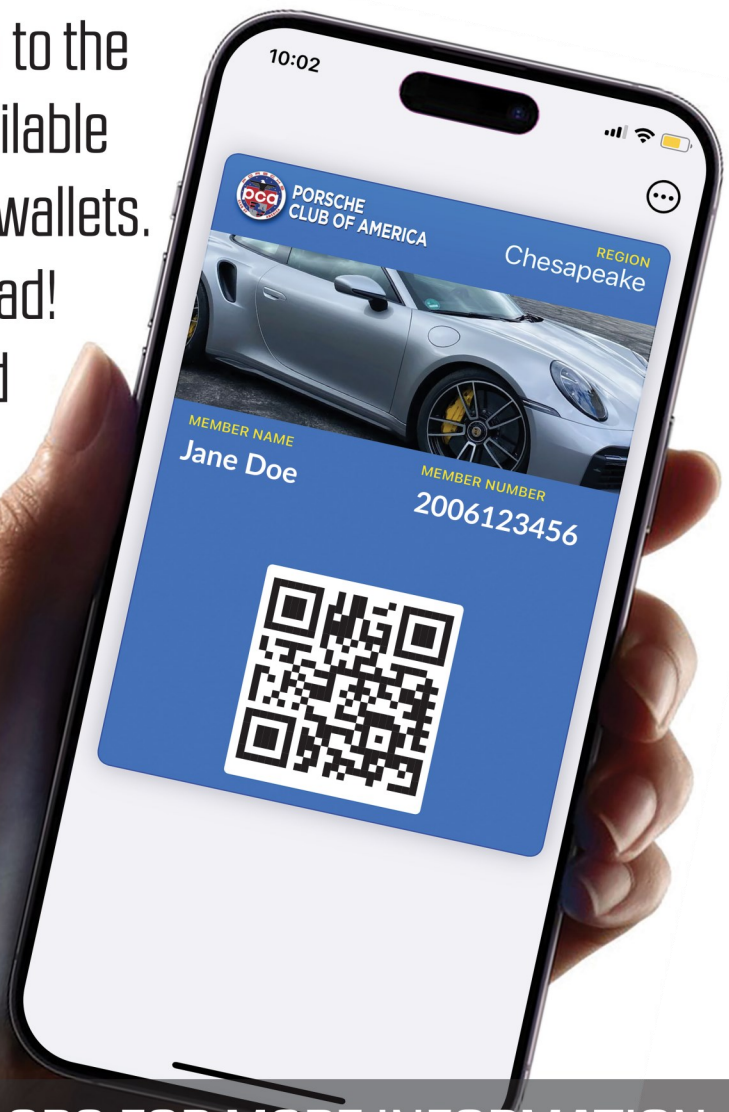
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