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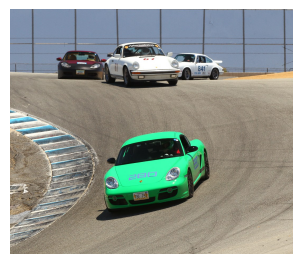
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"On The Cover" by Jeremy Kroh

Zero to 60

Mike Anderson, GPR President

I think Porsche owners are a hearty lot, committed, or both. It might have been all of 5 degrees on Saturday, January 20th as I pulled into the parking lot at the Omaha Country Club for our annual dinner. That said, it was at least into positive numbers. As we all know, there was a pretty good stretch where the high temps were below zero. Yikes!

In the parking lot were Cayennes, Macans and at least one Boxster with snow tires. How wonderful to see nearly 120 people in attendance. It was a great evening. There will be more information on the dinner in a separate article. But I think it was an enjoyable event. Hope you thought so as well.

So here it is, 2024. What's in store?

Monthly breakfasts: There will be a breakfast every month, with four of them hosted by Porsche Omaha in February, April, July and October. The other breakfasts are scheduled for Paradise Bakery at Village Pointe in order to give you quick access to Supercar Saturday if you want to go over to show your car or just look.

Movies: February 7th at Marcus Theatres at Village Pointe will be a private showing of "Ferrari" for members of the Great Plains Region club. For those interested, there's an opportunity to gather across the parking lot at "Local Beer Patio and Kitchen" for dinner ahead of the show. Click the following link. <https://localbeer.co/> For further details and to sign up for the movie, please visit our awesome website at <https://www.gprpca.com/>.

Picnic: The summer picnic and car show are scheduled for Sunday, June 2 at Walnut Grove Park on "Q" Street. Come out and show off your car, see what other members are driving and have a burger.

Drives: The club is planning a two night overnight trip to Arkansas to see the Crystal Bridges Art Museum <https://crystalbridges.org/>. It is an outstanding museum with lots of curvy roads around to enjoy the drive. The trip is planned for July 19-21. Other Fun Runs during the year are in the planning stages.

Track Driving: These sessions provide a different opportunity from a casual drive through the hills of Arkansas. We have four Drivers Ed events scheduled for 2024. At the closest track currently known as RPM, we plan to be there in April, August and October. Specific dates will be published after signing contracts with the new track ownership. Some of you may have heard the track has been sold, and as of this date the new owner has not been disclosed.

Dinners: Who doesn't like to eat dinner? There will be an opportunity to meet again with the Schonesland region in July, as they plan to come over for dinner with us, go to Supercar Saturday and attend the breakfast hosted by Porsche Omaha. Other dinners are in the works.

As you can see, there are a variety of opportunities to engage with other members of the club. Pick a couple of events, sign up or better yet, volunteer and get involved.

I'm looking forward to a fun 2024!

Mike

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Great Plains Region Club Calendar

February 2024

February 7th - Great Plains Region "Night at the Movies" (**Event RSVP is CLOSED**)

February 10th - Breakfast at Porsche Omaha 8:30am ([RSVP Here](#) or at [gprpca.com](#)) + DE101

18101 Burt St, Omaha, NE 68022

March 2024

March 9th - Breakfast at Paradise Bakery

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

National Calendar



Club Racing Calendar



In honor of the recent Porsche win at the 24 Hours of Daytona... a few trivia questions.

1) Which Porsche models have won at the 24 Hours of Daytona?

2) Which Porsche models have won at the 24 Hours of Le Mans?

Thanks to Steve Wilwerding. Find answers further on in this issue of *Der Skooner!*

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Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of the GPR Board Meeting January 9, 2024

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met by teleconference at 6:00 pm. Present were Mike Anderson, Eric Elliott, Kurt Halvorson, Bob Kirchner, Jeremy Kroh, Terry Lessmann, Carol Lynch, Jim Medici, Paul Schudel, and Roger Williams.

PRESIDENT: PCA roster has been update with our new board members. Anderson has reached out to Steven Kemp, our new Zone 10 Representative. Anderson reports Kemp's enthusiasm is contagious. Porsche Omaha desires to plan more events with the club this year given their new facility and accommodations. Our Annual Dinner January 20th at Omaha Country Club will include our annual \$5/ ticket raffle to support our charity Least of My Brethren, as well as a request for participants to bring a hat, gloves or socks to benefit them in exchange for a raffle ticket. Schonesland Region will join GPR for another joint breakfast event July 12th.

SECRETARY: The November 2023 minutes were approved as distributed. There was no official board meeting in December.

TREASURER: The October 2023 ending cash balance was \$69,811; the December 2023 ending cash balance was \$67,904. The year-to-date 2023 loss was \$7,835, with revenues of \$20,984 and expenses of \$28,819. Higher interest rates in 2023 allowed us to earn \$952. Porsche Omaha graciously increased their contribution to the club by 5% this year to \$5,250. Thank you, Porsche Omaha!

SOCIAL: The December 9th monthly breakfast was held back at Paradise Bakery. January 13th breakfast will be held at Porsche Omaha at 8:30am. The Annual Dinner will be held at Omaha Country Club on Saturday, January 20th, 2024 at 6:00pm. Over 119 members and guests have RSVP'd. Raffle items and awards will be presented. February 7th will be a movie night at Village Pointe at 7pm to watch *Ferrari* with the rental of a theater for the club. February 10th breakfast will be at Paradise Bakery at 8:00am. A Driving Tour to Eureka Springs and Bentonville, Arkansas with two overnights and a museum tour is being planned for July 19-21.

MEMBERSHIP: We ended 2023 with a record 239 GPR members, and now have 174 paid GPR members (renewals and new) out of 325 PCA primary members assigned to our region. Approximately 65 members have yet to renew. Dues will be collected at the Annual Dinner for those who have RSVP'd but have not yet paid their 2024 dues, and email reminders for other renewals will go out following the Annual Dinner. The Porsche Buddy system will continue with assigning board members to new members to help facilitate their participation in events, answer questions, and otherwise act as a liaison to the club member.

REGISTRAR: DE dates for 2024 will be added to ClubRegistration.net when the contracts are signed with MPH and RPM. An article discussing DE novice training has been submitted for an upcoming issue of Der Skooner.

SAFETY: MPH contract and schedule for the Club Race and DE has been finalized, with only a \$1,000 increase negotiated over 2023. Pricing to Club Racers and DE participants is in process. The PCA Club Race application for the event is underway, volunteers are being solicited, OnSite Tires will provide support, and a block of rooms at a preferred rate for the Holiday Inn Express in Hastings has been secured. Three DE events are planned at RPM for 2024 on 4/20, 8/24 and 10/19. DE contracts to follow.

EDITOR: December and January issues of Der Skooner were published and distributed to our advertisers and our website. Two member articles were submitted for the February issue.

WEBMASTER: GPR website is up to date with known events, along with requisite RSVP forms. January Der Skooner was emailed to members on January 2nd. The board members' page on the GPR website is updated to reflect the 2024 board members, and email aliases have been re-routed to our new board members.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00pm at Porsche Omaha.

-Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

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**June 9-15, 2024
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Birmingham, Alabama
www.porscheparade.org**

2024 Membership News

By The Numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: **328**

GPR Membership: **243**

Welcome New Members (Since Oct 2023)

William Carle - Bellevue
Steven Maurstad - Omaha
Robert Pfeifle - Omaha
Fred McLouth - Elkhorn
Tom King - Lincoln
Joel Frieson - Lincoln
Nathan Brown - Papillion
Josh Dilocker - Omaha
Tom Dodds - Dakota Dunes, SD
Royce Stortenbecker - Glenwood, IA
Daniel Syppersma - Sioux City, IA
Stuart Cummings - Omaha

Great Plains Region Anniversaries

1 Year

John Oliver
William Pemberton
John Skold

5 Years

David Patterson
Paul Schudel

10 years

Mike Anderson
Shawn Keeler
Blake Uhl

15 years

Abe Schlott

30 years

Glen Page

A note on the GPR Membership totals. After January 31, 2024, the GPR Membership number will slip to 188 members. I will remove those who have not paid their dues for 2024 at the end of January 2024. Another gentle reminder that you may need to make a dues payment. If you have any questions about that, please do not hesitate to ask if you do not know. You can email me at carol.lynych356@gmail.com

Still, at 188 members, that is the largest our club has ever been!! Thanks for your support of the club!

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:

Carol Lynch - Membership Chair GPR

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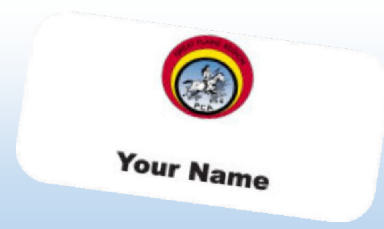
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Carol Lynch | Membership Chair | carol.lynch356@gmail.com

2024 Annual Club Dinner

*Article by Mike Anderson and Paul Schudel.
Photos by Armando Colorado and Brian Feregrino.*

Although the wind chill on Saturday, January 20 was well below zero, in the Ballroom of the Omaha Country Club 115 GPR members and guests were engaged in warm conversation with friends. Omaha Country Club provided a great venue for the Annual Club Dinner. Each of the tables was decorated with a lovely bouquet of flowers accented by a Hot Wheels model Porsche. A hearty THANK YOU to all who helped organize and promote this annual event.

Many compliments were received from those in attendance regarding Omaha Country Club's ballroom, food, beverages, and fine service. Your GPR President, Mike Anderson, served as the evening's emcee.



During the course of the evening, the board had some awards to hand out. Among them were:

Most Improved Driver for 2023 went to Royce Stortenbecker. He was the unanimous nominee among the driving instructors and event participants.



2023 Enthusiast of the Year was presented to Armando Colorado. As regular event participants can attest, Armando is always ready with a smile and his camera.



The "**Aw Nuts**" award this year was given to new member, John Freeman. Shortly after John joined the club, he was preparing for his first Driver's Ed event and an engine rod decided to leave the engine without assistance from any tools or mechanics. He is planning to drive in 2024.



Club Dinner: continued

Brenda Siffring's name was selected in the drawing for the 2023 event attendance award of the 911 shadow box art. Let us know if we should do that again this year!

The club also acknowledged four new **Lifetime Members** who have belonged to the club for 25 years. Those being recognized were Mark Bergerson, Michael Geier, John Hanssen, and Diana Whitman. Each was presented with a Lifetime Member shirt.

We heard briefly from Mitch Schneringer, general manager of Porsche Omaha, letting us know they are excited to be in their new facility and the opportunity to host events for our club. Their new Porsche dealership in Des Moines is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2025.

Our GPR Club Racers, Shawn Keeler and Mark Hoffman, provided a special treat of video footage taken from inside their cars on various tracks around the country.

Another of the highlights from the night was the raffle prize event. There was a variety of Porsche related art, books and other memorabilia to choose from, donated from many members and sponsors. This year we had our first taste of "Armando art" as he donated three of his pictures.

Which leads me to Least of My Brethren. They will again remain in 2024 as our charity focus for the year. Please use the following link to find out more about their mission.

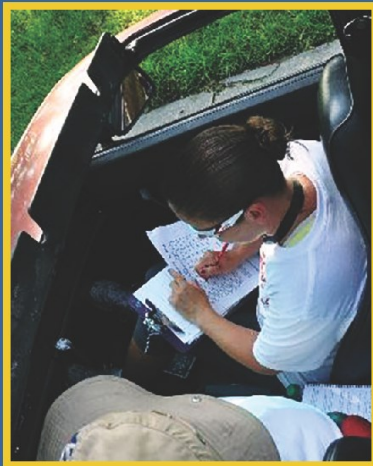
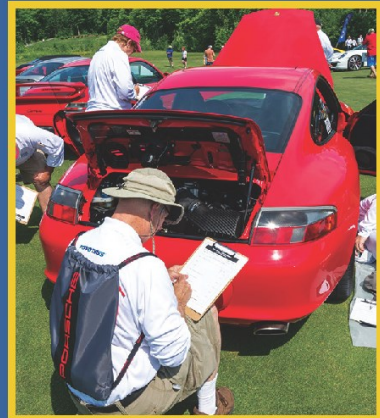
<https://www.leastofmybrethren.org>

Thanks to all who donated the many prizes for the raffle or brought items intended to go directly to Least of My Brethren to the dinner. The donations included five crockpots and enough gloves, hats, and wool socks to fill a huge tub. Strong raffle ticket sales generated \$1,530 that will go towards their organization.

A few more select photos will end the recap. The Club Board appreciates the fact that so many braved the cold and enjoyed participation in the activities at the Annual Club Dinner. Hope to see you all again soon at future events!



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PCA membership requires ownership or lease of a Porsche, or that you are in a Porsche related business. But, if you are not an owner yet and are actively trying to become one, the PCA Test Drive Program is an excellent option.

The PCA Test Drive program includes a one-year subscription to Porsche Panorama, the club's national monthly magazine, a temporary account to log on to our website, and the monthly Mart Fresh News email newsletter. The magazine provides you with news and feature stories covering all aspects of Porsche as well as technical articles that impart valuable information about the cars we drive. Crucially, the temporary website account gives you online access to hundreds of Porsches for sale by PCA members in The Mart, which is also featured in every issue of Panorama.

PCA Test Drive is not a full membership in PCA and does not entitle you to some member benefits such as:

- Attending member only events
- Entering the Member-Only Raffle
- Voting or becoming a member of a Region

Great Plains Region welcomes Test Drive Members to our events with exceptions:

Whenever the Great Plains Region pays for the expense of the event, (The Winter Party, Annual Picnic etc.) the PCA Test Drive Member is welcome to attend but will be asked to pay for the expenses incurred by the club to host the event.

Events sponsored by The Great Plains Region, where the individual GPR/PCA members pay their own expenses, welcome the Test Participants as a paying attendee.

The members of the Great Plains Region may assist a PCA Test Drive Member, during their search for a Porsche if they chose to do so.

If you purchase a Porsche within your one-year Test Drive subscription, please call the PCA National office at (410) 381-0911 and the balance of your Test Drive term will be converted to full PCA Membership. PCA reserves the right to reject an application to join the Test Drive program or revoke a Test Drive subscription for any reason.

Great Plains Region warmly welcomes PCA Test Drive members and requires that when they have completed their purchase of a Porsche and have become full members of PCA that they become dues paying members of Great Plains Region.

Any questions? Ask me! Carol Lynch, your GPR Membership Chair. Carol.Lynch356@gmail.com

Please welcome these Great Plains Region Test Drive Members if you meet them at any event:

Mark Clark - 2020

James Nelson - 2021

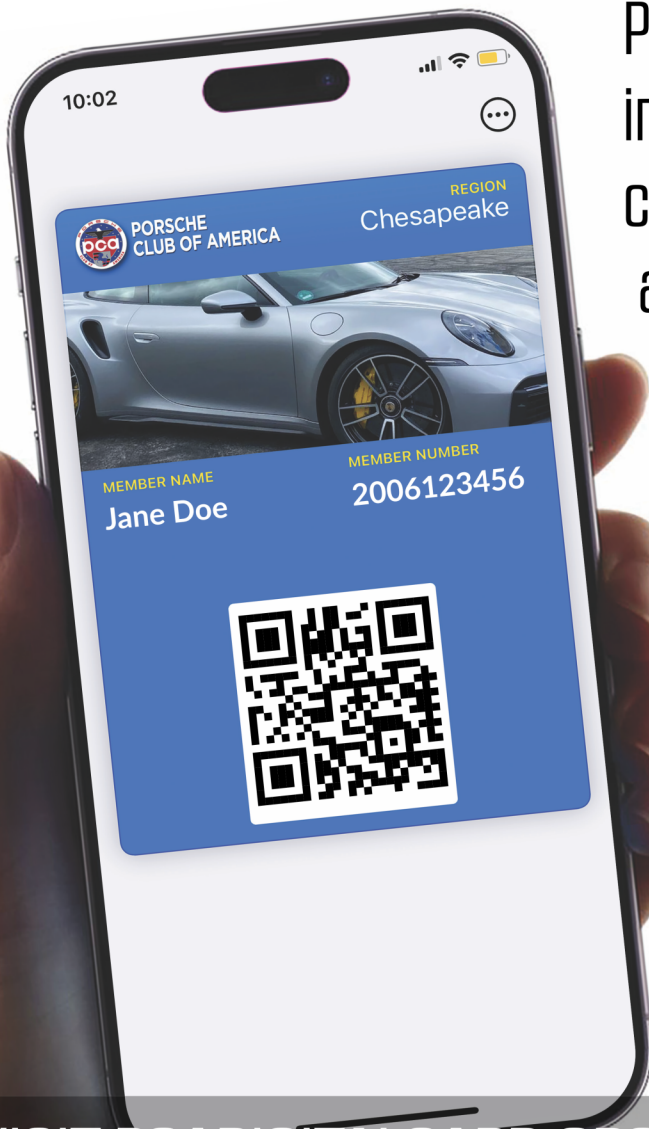
Tom King - 2022

Herb Mast - 2023

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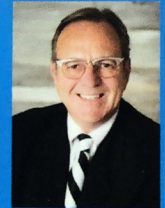
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A Note from the Editor

Some recent news that I'm sure most of you have seen by now, Porsche announced the new Macan EV in late January. I thought I'd play around with the configurator as I know lots of us like to do from time to time. And why not? It's fun to dream and imagine what the next vehicle to enter the stable will be. That was the inspiration for this month's cover.

Starting at the top of the configurator with the paint selections, I grabbed the Oak Green Metallic Neo. I can only imagine how that color will glisten in the sunlight. Moving on, adding the 22" Exclusive Design wheels with carbon fiber Aero-blades. Black / chalk leather interior with 14 way comfort seats. Offroad design package to beef up the look of the exterior a bit. Check the boxes for the compass display and rear axle steering. Skipping any lighting options, and adding crests to the headrests, chalk seat belts and the heated steering wheel. Paint a key, active parking, lane keeping, heads up display and Bose sound. Wrapping up, final tally comes in just under \$105k.

I might have collectively driven just under 50 miles between 2 EV vehicles. The first being a Taycan when the GPR helped move inventory. The other was a Polestar 2 that I rented just out of curiosity while my family was on vacation recently. Safe to say, not much experience. I can't say that I really enjoyed my time with the rental EV. Sure, it has that instant surge of torque when you put your foot into the accelerator, and don't get me wrong, that's fun when no one is looking.

My first evening with it was a tad stressful as the customer service reps at the Hertz counter didn't have a whole lot of info on where to charge the thing. Finding chargers that worked added a few grey hairs, and I thought we were going to need to change hotel reservations as the units we found, unoccupied, were at another hotel. Given the time needed to charge, it was not looking

good. Thankfully, we did find that our hotel had a few chargers tucked away at the back of the hotel parking lot. Will I try it again? Maybe.

The Porsche community is knowledgeable and diverse, and I'm pretty sure we can all get along with the new kids and welcome them in just like those silly water cooled variants nearly 30 years ago. Right?

Have you got any projects going on in your garage, or planning to take a road trip with your Porsche? Perhaps taking a road trip to bring home a new Porsche? We'd love to hear your stories from the garage or open road (or track!)

I'll make it easy to send in an article and include my direct email link.

editor@gprpca.com

Any newer members to the club wish to be featured in our "Meet A Member" section? While I send out emails from time to time looking for contributors, you don't have to wait! You can make use of this link right here. [Meet A Member](#) Even if you've been here a while, but might not have been contacted about this, please feel free to reach out, we'd love to hear from everyone, no matter how long you've been with the club.

If you like to follow social media accounts on Instagram, be sure and check out the Great Plains Region account there or tag us with your p-car photos. [GPR Instagram](#)

Last note, we do love to hear from the members, so please feel free to reach out to any of the board with ideas for events or comments on *Der Skooner*. All this is for you, the membership, so let us know your thoughts!





PCA members make a difference in their community!

Porsche Club of America Regions create fantastic opportunities to give back and support many different aspects of their communities.

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.

READ ALL OF THE HEART-WARMING MEMBER STORIES: www.pca.org/members-making-difference
OR SUBMIT YOUR REGION'S CONTRIBUTION: www.pca.org/contact-members-making-difference



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Don't Miss Out on DE Fun

Article by GPR Member Terry Lessmann; Great Plains Region Chief Driving Instructor

Your Porsche was designed for high-speed motoring, and if you're not enjoying that aspect of your car, you're really missing out on exploring the soul of your Porsche. But you should never do your high-speed driving on public roads – it's dangerous for you and innocent bystanders and you don't want to spend a night (or more) in the gray bar hotel. That's where High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE or more commonly DE) comes into play.

What is DE?

Driver's Education is a track event where drivers are placed into run groups based on the driver's experience. Our club has 3 run groups – novice (little or no experience), intermediate, and advanced. You'll drive in your run group for 20 min on the track, then wait 40 min to return. Safety is the Porsche Club's #1 concern and our rules reflect that priority. All drivers are required to follow the rules in order to keep everyone and their cars safe. Sessions are conducted in an orderly fashion.

What DE is NOT

DE is not racing. Cars are not timed, lined up side by side for rolling starts, and no one is considered 'the winner' of a session. Our club does not allow passing in corners, only on straight sections under certain conditions. There is no 'rubbin is racin' at all. Dangerous or aggressive driving will not be tolerated. Once again, safety is our #1 priority. Everyone will have a ton of fun by just following the rules.



Novice training

As mentioned above, people who've never driven on a track are welcome to participate in our events and are required to attend novice training. There is no extra charge for participating in the novice group. You'll alternate between driving on the track and attending classroom training. The classroom covers a variety of topics, including the anatomy of a corner (track in, apex, track out), proper braking techniques, keeping your car balanced, proper passing etiquette, corner workers and what their flags mean, etc., to highlight just a few items covered. I mentioned passing wasn't allowed in the corners, but when passing on the straight a driver can only pass the car in front of them IF the driver in front gives a 'point by'. This allows both drivers to be aware when the pass will be made, resulting in a safe execution of the maneuver.

An instructor will be assigned to each novice before the event and the instructor will ride with the novice whenever the novice is on the track. The instructor will have a communication device that will give both driver and instructor the ability to talk to each other, allowing the instructor to give instant advice and feedback. Our club is fortunate to have excellent instructors, so you can't go wrong with whoever is assigned to you. The novice will 'graduate' to intermediate when the instructor feels they're ready to safely drive solo. This is usually accomplished after 2 days at the track.

It's important to note that drivers are allowed to run at their own pace. It's perfectly fine to run at a reduced rate if that's the pace a driver feels comfortable running at. Or if you want to probe the limits of your Porsche, we'll work on the basics first and then get you up to a higher speed as the day progresses. The choice is yours. When I first started doing DEs, I probably ran at 75% to protect my car while today I run at 90%. As long as you aren't holding others up, no one cares how fast you choose to drive. It's about having fun and being safe regardless of the speed.

Car Prep & Tech

A tech inspection sheet is provided when you register for an event. It covers a multitude of items to check, such as brake lights, no cracks in the windshield, etc. – routine items to be sure your car is safe.

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The big three items to be concerned with are tires, brake pads, and recent brake fluid flush. The first two are important so your weekend doesn't end prematurely, while the last one is for everyone's safety. We require your brake fluid to have been flushed within the last 6 mo. prior to the event. Porsche Omaha, Star Class Motors, and SLM will all do complimentary tech inspections and would also be able to meet any mechanical needs your car may have before it hits the track. Plan ahead if you choose to have a complimentary tech inspection as all these businesses tend to have schedules that are full for 2 weeks.

Helmets

Helmets are required for all drivers. There are several local businesses that sell helmets along with many online sites. Prices can range from \$250-1000. Motorcycle helmets are not allowed as they're not safety rated for fire. Our club has a few loaner helmets available in case you just want to dip your toe in the DE waters and see if you like it before diving in and buying your own helmet. Contact our Safety Chair to reserve one. First come, first served.



What if I have a 4-door?

Cayennes, Macans, and Panameras are all welcome to participate in DEs. The two exceptions that are NOT allowed at the track are EVs and cars with autonomous braking systems that cannot be turned off. If you have a gas powered 4-door and wish to participate, you may want to purchase and install heavy-duty brake pads as the brakes will be under higher stress due to the weight and harder braking than being done on the street. We've hosted Macan and Panamera drivers in the past. It should also be noted that

you don't have to specifically use a Porsche at our events. We regularly get Corvettes, Camaros, and Mustangs at our DEs.



Where can it take you?

First, by participating in our DEs, you'll become a better driver because you understand the dynamics of driving and how they apply to your Porsche. You'll also get to know a great bunch of club members who are always ready to help or pass along advice. But another cool item with participating in DEs is that it allows you to drive on famous tracks. Can you play a round of golf at Augusta National, or a game of baseball at Fenway Park (that's for you Sandy)? Nope. But you can drive at Laguna Seca, or COTA, or Daytona. The training and knowledge you garner from GPR events applies to all tracks. Don't be afraid to expand your horizons and experience a bucket list event.



HPDE: continued

How to sign up?

Registration for any GPR DE is through Club Registration. If you've participated in any GPR fun runs, you'll already have a CR account and it will work fine for DE registration. Otherwise, it only takes 5 min or less to create an account on clubregistration.net. Our events are all findable by searching for GPR on CR. Our DE schedule is still being firmed up but there will be three single day DEs at Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM) in Pacific Junction, IA throughout the year and a 2-day event in conjunction with our Club Race at Motorsports Park at Hastings (MPH) in mid-May. Watch *Der Skooner* for exact dates. It's important to sign up early for novice training as there may be a limited number of instructors available for any particular event. Instructors are volunteers and may not be able to attend every DE, so the list varies for each event. Novices are assigned an instructor based on when they registered, and you don't want to be left out of a DE because you weren't high enough on the list.

Cost?

Until we have signed contracts and firm dates with RPM & MPH, we won't have the ability to advertise entry fees in this article. We are very close to finalizing contracts. Rates will be published in our Club Reg entries, but rate estimates should be in the \$200-300 range (RPM will be on the lower end of this estimate since they are 1-day events and MPH on the higher end since it's

a multi-day event). For your fee, you'll get 6-8 sessions per day at RPM and 4-6 sessions per day at MPH (remember there are more run groups at the Club Race). Regardless of which event you choose, you'll get plenty of track time for your fee.

Still not sure?

You may wish to sign up for our annual DE 101 seminar scheduled for February 10th at Porsche Omaha. We'll go over what to expect and how to prepare for your first DE in the seminar. If you're still not sure, come out to observe one of our events. You're always welcome to watch, the only requirement is to sign our waiver. At noon, the drivers stop for lunch but we do Parade Laps. Anyone can take their car on the track and follow a pace car for 5 laps at highway speeds. We only require a \$10 donation (per car) that goes to our club's charity. Anyone can ride in the car during Parade Laps, including kids. Or you can hitch a ride from someone doing Parade Laps and experience the track from the passenger's seat. Just be warned that Parade Laps are the gateway drug to DE'ing. You'll be convinced to sign up for a DE after doing Parade Laps. And you'll be happy you did.

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GPR Driving Tours

(AKA: Fun Runs!)

Article by GPR Member Rick Mourey.

What is a Fun Run?

Three or four times a year, the Great Plains Region holds “Fun Runs” for members. These are pre-planned routes that are either one way, “point to point” routes, or “out and back” routes. On occasion we hold an overnight fun run with a dinner that participants really like.



Great views, captured by Armando Colorado on a past fun run.

Fun Runs start at a single location with the location dependent on the route of the fun run. Typical routes are developed to avoid congested areas that will enable the group to stay together, with enjoyable roads (lots of curves and scenery) that one would not typically travel on. Often, the drive ends at a great lunch location or point of interest.

These events are a great way to meet other club members, their cars and of course have an excuse to do nothing but drive your Porsche. (We do allow other vehicles)

Some highlights of what to expect before and during a Fun Run:

- As Fun Runs are planned, registration is required on ClubReg. E-signature waivers (driver and passenger) are all done on ClubReg as well.
- Look for dates on the GPR website and in Der Skooner

Prior to the Fun Run, do basic car checks: tire pressure, oil level, full tank of gas, minor spare parts to bring, etc.

The day of the Fun Run, check for any changes due to weather. When you arrive at the starting point, check in with the Fun Run leader. No waivers will equal No Participation!

- Tour leader will hold a safety briefing: As with all PCA events, your safety is the key objective.
- Group review of the route. Starting and ending point, length, duration, mid-point stop, if needed.
- Driving speed expectations.
- What to do if you get split from the group, breakdown etc..
- Key points to look for along the way
- They will identify the leader and car, mid-point car/driver if needed and the sweeper car/driver.
- Leader, mid-point and sweeper cars will have radios and two occupants to stay in communication with each other.
- Additional radios may be distributed – it’s always good to hear the banter back and forth....
- Most of all, have fun and check out the look on folks faces as a line of great looking Porsche’s drive by.

The PCA formal definition of a Driving Tour:

Driving Tour: A driving tour is an organized event in which participants gather at a start point defined on the PCA event insurance certificate. All participants sign liability waivers and depart in a group or groups consisting of both a lead and a sweeper car(s) driving the specified route, ending in a group or groups at the location identified on the insurance certificate. PCA coverage is only in effect for the route defined by the start point and end point on the insurance certificate and driven by the participants who have signed waivers for that driving tour. Participants who intentionally separate themselves from the group are considered to have left the driving tour and may no longer be covered under PCA insurance.

Announcement!

July Road Trip to Eureka Springs and Bentonville, AR

At the January GPR Board meeting, it was agreed to offer the members an opportunity to participate in a road trip to Eureka Springs and Bentonville, Arkansas over the weekend of July 19 through the 21st. If you have visited the Ozarks, you know that there are quite a few interesting roads in the area that lend themselves to a "Porsche Fun Run". Also, you may be familiar with Eureka Springs, which is a quaint town in Northwest Arkansas for a visit, as well as with the Crystal Bridges Art Museum located in Bentonville (and funded by Alice Walton of the Walmart family) which is a world class museum of American art.

In order to gauge the level of interest in this road trip and provide guidance for efforts to reserve blocks of hotel/motel rooms in both cities as well as to identify restaurants capable of accommodating our group, it would be appreciated if you could please send an email to the Club Social Chair, Paul Schudel, at paul.schudel@gmail.com to confirm whether you would be interested in this road trip. This would not be a commitment to make the trip, but rather an indication of interest to assist with planning efforts.

Again, the planned dates for the road trip are July 19-21 with an overnight stay in Eureka Springs and an overnight stay in Bentonville.

Thank you!



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Rocky Mountain Region

Article thanks to Danielle Badler of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA

On the Big Screen

I just saw the movie “Ferrari.” I had to. I mean, considering the early hype, how could I call myself a bona fide car fanatic and not see it? And, besides, I had to find out for myself if the film does indeed belong in the pantheon of car movies.

What’s in the pantheon? To me, and this is purely subjective, the top of the heap belongs to two, “Grand Prix” and “Le Mans.” Let me give you a taste of why.

When “Le Mans” came out, I had a summer job at CBS in New York, a relatively menial job for a college student. But I was working in Black Rock, the fabled headquarters building at 52nd Street and 6th, and as such, I was privy to the internal all-hands memos ... and one day one arrived on my desk inviting employees to screen “Le Mans.” Seems a division of CBS at the time, Cinema Center Films, had produced it.

So ... I arrived a half hour early. I thought about arriving an hour early, but decided that would be overkill, even for me. Of course, I had my lunch and a drink with me. God forbid I’d have to step out for any reason. Turns out, I was the first one there, and by a long shot. But I was ready. O was I ready. Eventually the room did fill up, and the lights dimmed and ... well ... Just like that it was over. It seemed like time had stood still, along with my lunch. I thought it was the greatest movie I had ever seen ... next to “Grand Prix.”

But when the lights came back up, I looked around and ... beheld the fact that I was the only one in the screening room. Literally everyone else had left, some time during the showing. I hadn’t noticed. There I was, absolutely alone in my rapture.

Now, a few days ago, I had lunch with my friend, Bill. In the course of our conversation, he mentioned that he had seen “Ferrari” the previous weekend with a friend, and the two of them were the only ones in the cinema.

An omen? I didn’t know. But I would soon find out. I had mentioned to my daughter, Meredith, that I was planning on going, and she had offered to take me, for my birthday, sort of as an alternative activity to a nice dinner.

We went to a mid-afternoon Saturday matinee. We entered the theater, rounded the corner and ... whoa, I gave a sigh of relief. Because at least ten souls were already seated.

We grabbed a light dinner afterwards. Between bites of pizza (of course) I asked my daughter, what did you think? And Meredith, someone who is about as far from having the car gene as someone can get, who was making, I knew, a very big sacrifice to me for my birthday, Meredith said she liked it. Really? Why? She said she especially liked Penelope Cruz’s performance as Ettore’s wife. And the interplay between them. And how she almost single-handedly kept the business afloat.

She asked me what I thought. I told her it was good, it was very good. Although I just couldn’t say it joined the pantheon. But I pointed out that I hadn’t seen anyone get up and leave during the showing, and that was a good thing. I explained the background of the Mille Miglia, how the film covered what turned out to be the last time it was run. How there were, shall we say, Hollywood liberties taken for the sake of the story. How it was a labor of love for Michael Mann, the director, because he’s a complete motorhead, a Ferrari motorhead.

And I told her I was glad it was made. Because the film makes a controversial, complicated, manipulative, lionized legend, who came to dominate motor racing when it was a blood sport, come alive, to live on, warts and all, in celluloid, and that’s a good thing.

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And I also told Meredith that the film covers an era that we'll never see again, an era where life could be painfully short, where drivers were paid literally peanuts for risking their lives, in cars without seat belts, in fact without any safety measures whatsoever. Not that the racers really needed or wanted much more than the thrill. Many were from a breed of risk-taking sportsman that we hardly recognize today.

I forgot to tell Meredith what Hemingway thought of car racing, but I'll mention it here. He said there were only three real sports, mountain climbing, bull fighting and car racing. The rest are games, he said. But that was 100 years ago. How about today? Mountaineering continues to this day, I'm sure. Bull fighting? It's an anachronism. And auto racing ... it has evolved into a business, a very big global entertainment business, soon to have vroom vroom replaced by humm. Meredith would have smiled.

We all have our memories, and films like "Ferrari," which help us remember. Remember how times change, and how they don't.



Trivia Q2) 917 (1970, 1971), 936 (1976, 1977, 1981), 935 (1979), 956 (1982, 1983, 1984, 1985), 962 (1986, 1987, 1994), WSC-95 (1996, 1997), GT1 (1998), 919 (2015, 2016, 2017)

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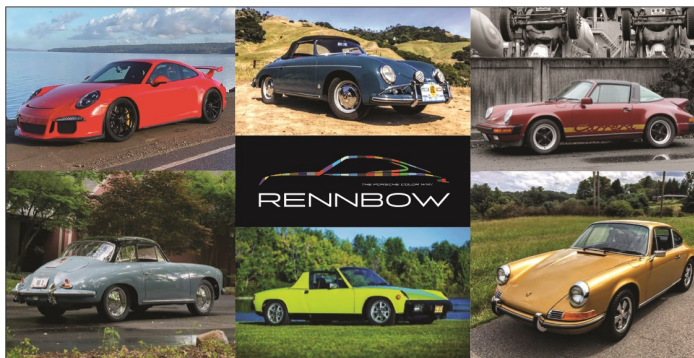
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