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Lots and lots of information in this issue! The calendar now reflects even more of our '08 Nord Stern activities with many events already planned and awaiting your attendance as well as others getting their details worked out. Be sure to mark your personal calendar for all those events you plan on attending - after all, priorities are priorities and Nord Stern is right at the top of the list for us!

All you DE participants, it's that time of the year when you can check your assigned car number and decide whether you'd like to request a change. And no, you can't have my number '31!' I waited a long time for that number . . . but seriously, the request form is in this issue. See page 8 for details.

Next year is the 50th Anniversary of our club and in anticipation of a rather momentous year, my goal is to devote at least a page, or two, of each issue to 'Where We Were' as I am calling it for lack of a better or not totally clichéd term. So here's my request (read that as begging) for scannable material from the 60s, 70s, 80s - since I have been editor for what seems like forever I do have stuff from the early 90s and up. So 'old stuff' is of high interest.

This month I included a small collection of photos from the 70s culled from a box of prints given to me by Denny Guentzel, a long, long time member who now resides in Montana. Have had fun checking out how young most folks look (especially those who are still around and active), seeing the car models owned by Nord Sterners, and the style of dress and hairdos (plaid was evidently very, very in!). Activities were similar (DE, tours, socials) and some concerns then are still concerns now! I have some early 70s newsletters, too, from which I will pull a few 'time capsule' tidbits of trivia and/or fun. So check your cubbies and share some of those 'oldies' but 'goodies' with us all.

Last but not least, the Holiday Dinner has a date, time and location - be sure to get your reservation in. Featuring the year-

long video project of Ken McNeill will provide us with much entertainment and undoubtedly more than a few laughs! Hope to see you there!



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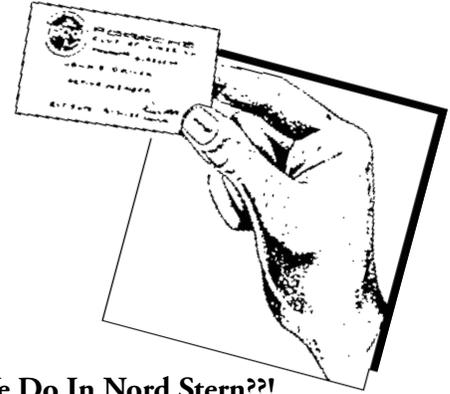
# Welcome

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## Welcome . . . New Members

(and returning members!)

We hope to see you at upcoming events!



Check Here Next Month for  
New Members!

### So, Just What Do We Do In Nord Stern??!

A brief synopsis of activities and events offered by your club, Nord Stern, and/or PCA or, just enough info to pique your interest??!

**Autocross:** A low-speed driving event, teaching one how to maneuver one's car around a set course of pylons on a closed circuit. Instruction is available, drivers compete against the clock. No modifications to one's car are necessary. Some safety equipment needed (helmet).

**Concours:** A setting where Porsches are displayed for general viewing and/or inspection competition. Experienced judges evaluate the various models based upon cleanliness, overall condition and authenticity.

**Driver Training:** A driving course designed to teach and enhance high speed driving skill and technique on an actual race course. Training includes classroom sessions, on-track 'exercises' plus supervised lapping sessions. A Pre-Requisite for Driver Ed participation and NOT to be confused with Driver Education events. Driver Training includes both Novice and Intermediate level options. Check with DT Chair for additional options.

**Driver Education:** High speed driving event on a closed-course racetrack (Brainerd, Blackhawk Farms, Road America) where drivers are grouped according to prior lap times. Prior Driver Training participation is required. Performance enhancements are frequently made (but not required!).

**Time Trials:** On course timed lap with controlled starts and exiting.

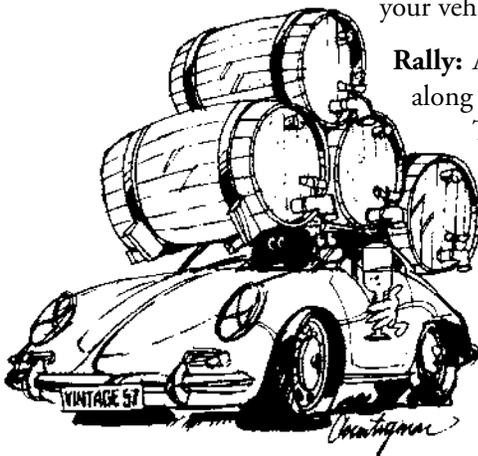
**PCA Club Racing:** Wheel-to-wheel competition between drivers who hold PCA club racing licenses. There is a race class for every model Porsche. Safety modifications to your vehicle required.

**Rally:** An event wherein a driver and co-driver complete a predetermined route along open roads following a specific set of navigational instructions. Can be a TDS (time-distance-speed) or a 'fun' rally.

**Social:** Organized gatherings of club members, affiliates and family member to meet, eat and drink beverages! See our motto on pg. 1!

**Tech Session:** Casual educational session that span a wide range of topics, from general maintenance, through Concours prep, performance enhancements and general car/mechanical knowledge!

**ClubTalk/TechTalk:** E-mail listservs for member subscribers focusing on car issues and discussions as well as a place to ask questions, get recommendations and comments. Get last minute breaking news on upcoming events and activities. See Nord Stern's website for directions on how to subscribe.



It's February and it may seem like spring is a long way off. There is plenty of things happening with Nord Stern to keep us going. First of all, our first Tech Session was held in Jan at Auto Edge. How to get your car ready for Tech and keep it going all year long. Great topic. This letter was written prior to the event, but history tells me it was well attended. Jim Bahner, our Shop Relations Chair, is planning another Tech for early March at Maplewood, so keep checking the website or Club talk.

Our annual Winter party is planned for Friday, Feb 22nd. Thanks go to Kim Fritze, our Social Chair, for the planning of this event. This should be a great time as always. There will be time to socialize, eat and watch videos presented by Ken McNeil. I, for one, am anxious to see how these have turned out. I know it seemed like I saw that camera at every event I was at. Mark your calendars because this is one event not to be missed.

Planning is underway, by our Membership Chair Steve Sherf, on our New Member social, typically held sometime in March. This is always a great event for New and seasoned members to take part in. I know I have been to several and have always enjoyed meeting the new members and socializing with the seasoned members.

Finally, if you can, join in on one of the socials at Clubhouse Jager. These are held the third Thursday of each month. I've attended a couple of these and it is a great event to socialize.

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# Car Number Assignments . . . and How to Request a Change

*by Keith & Kim Fritze, Registrar, January 2008*

**W**ith the 2008 DE season fast approaching, it's time for the open registration period for drivers to request a different car number. Each year, unused numbers are returned to the pool for re-allocation based on the policies and procedures listed below.

Please help to keep this data set up to date. If you have an existing number, please review the attached list for accuracy. If a number is assigned to you that you are no longer using, please let the Registrar know.

## **PLEASE HAVE ALL REQUESTS TO THE REGISTRAR BY MARCH 15, 2008**

### **PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN A CAR NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A DRIVER**

- ✓ Drivers must have registered for a DE event in the previous 3 years. Unused numbers are released for reassignment.
- ✓ New drivers will automatically be assigned a 3-digit number when they register for their first event. This number can be exchanged for an unused number the next year following the normal allocation process.
- ✓ Active drivers (after their first year) may request a different number if it is available. Requests should be in writing and must be received prior to the deadline set by the Registrar each spring.
- ✓ Duplicate number requests will be resolved by seniority based upon the number of years each member has been in the Club.
- ✓ Drivers will be notified of their number assignment by email or phone shortly after all requests have been processed.

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT CAR NUMBERS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DRIVER ED REGISTRAR:**

Kim Fritze  
Phone: 612-275-4891  
Email: registrar@nordstern.org (nsrfritze@yahoo.com)

### **CAR NUMBER CHANGE REQUEST FORM**

Requests for new numbers for the upcoming season should be postmarked no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are sharing your car, you need to fill out a form for each driver. Please select three (3) numbers, listing them by preference. See Page 12 for current listing of car number assignments.

Send Requests to:	Current #	Choice #1	Choice #2	Choice #3
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Courtesy Doug Pierce, Zone 10 Rep

## JANUARY 2008

- 19 Holiday party and fund raiser – C J Callaways      Dakotas
- 19 TDS Rally      Red River
- 26 Changing of the Guard Dinner      Kansas City
- 26      Tech Session – Getting Your 911 & 944 in  
Top Form at Auto Edge      Nord Stern
- 27 Brunch, Meriwether’s at the  
Missouri Historical Museum      St. Louis

## FEBRUARY

- 2 Groundhog Day Rally      Red River
- 3 Super Bowl party at the Spencer’s      Kansas City
- 9 Valentine’s Brunch, location to be announced      Dakotas
- 23 Out of the Corkscrew social      Great Plains
- 24 Wine Tasting at Paulo & Bill’s      Kansas City
- 28 Holiday Party, Bloomington Embassy Suites      Nord Stern

## MARCH

- 15 Detailing seminar, location to be announced      Dakotas
- 15 Open house at the Wayman’s      Kansas City
- 29 Swap Meet, Carousel      Nord Stern

## APRIL

- 04-06 Parktown Carrera Classic - Gateway      St. Louis
- 15 St. Patricks Day at Shamrock Racing      Great Plains
- 18 Social hosted by Dave Nordlund      Dakotas
- 18-20 Porsches in the Heartland DE & Club Race,  
Heartland Park, Topeka      Kansas City
- 22 Rennsport Recap      Great Plains
- 25-27 First Fling Driver Training and Driver Ed  
- Brainerd, MN      Nord Stern

## MAY

- 1-3 Drivers Ed – Motorsports Park Hasting,  
Hastings, NE      Great Plains
- 4 Maplewood Auto Fair, Maplewood Imports      Nord Stern
- 04 Maplewood Auto Fair Social  
– Maplewood Imports      Nord Stern
- 17 Loess Hills Run, hosted by the Shield’s      Dakotas
- 18 Autocross – Dakota County Technical College      Nord Stern
- 18-20 RVBOWWOW trip to Minnasota/Wis.      Dakotas

## JUNE

- 20 Social hosted by Shield’s      Dakotas
- 21-22 Fast Fling Driver Education  
– Brainerd International Raceway      Nord Stern
- 21-22 DE, Heartland Park Topeka      Kansas City
- 28 Velocity: The Art of Motion social  
– Hopkins Center for the Arts      Nord Stern

- 28-07/03 Porsche Parade, Charlotte, NC

## JULY

- 6/28
- 03 Porsche Parade      Charlotte, NC
- 14-15 DE, Road America      Nord Stern
- 18 Social hosted by the Lunde’s      Dakotas
- 25-27 PCA Club Race and DE  
- Brainerd International Raceway      Nord Stern

## AUGUST

- 21-24 Run for the Hills 6 multi-region event      Dakotas

## SEPTEMBER

- 19-21 RVBOWWOW4 (tour Lake Pepin area of  
Mississippi River in MN/WI)      Dakotas
- 26-28 Last Fling Driver Training and Driver Ed  
- Brainerd, MN      Nord Stern

## OCTOBER

- 18 Breakfast at Tiffany’s (Sweetest Day)  
– Hosted by Forrette      Dakotas
- 17-19 Drivers Education, Heartland Park,  
Topeka      Kansas City

For detailed information about listed events, see the respective Region’s website or the PCA National website at [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org).

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# Porsche 911 GT3 Wins Edmunds.com 'Most-Wanted' Award

Courtesy PCNA

ATLANTA, January 10, 2008 - The auto editors at Edmunds' Inside Line, Edmunds.com's online automotive magazine, had a tough job in 2007 as they tested and reviewed 268 new cars and trucks and were then asked to select only the best for their 2008 Editors' Most Wanted Awards. In the end the Porsche 911 GT3 endured their expert scrutiny, scoring a victory and driving off with this very prestigious and important award.

This year Scott Oldham, Inside Line editor-in-chief, had only one rule: the editors must have tested the car or truck by Dec. 1, 2007. All vehicles were eligible for all six slots – speed, luxury, hauling, commuting, family and instant classic. With no price cap or restrictive 'new models only' or similar requirements, the editors were allowed to simply pick their personal favorites.

"The GT3 provides world-class performance just a couple of short steps removed from that legendary racing iron, and it does so in a package accessible to mere mortals. This is the essence of the Porsche story, and it makes this car an unforgettable thrill," said Dan Edmunds, Edmunds' Director of Vehicle Testing. Oldham added, "The Porsche 911 GT3 is our favorite Porsche. It's as if

everything that Porsche has ever known about fast cars has been stuffed into this 911."

The Porsche 911 GT3 is also the base model for the world's most-produced race car, the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Produced on the same assembly line as the street cars in Stuttgart, the Cup car is the racer of choice in the SCCA SPEED World Challenge GT, the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge, and the Rolex Grand-Am GT Sports Car championship, including this month's Rolex 24 at Daytona. The GT3 RS, the model with improved aerodynamics and a stiffer suspension, is the basis for the Porsche 911 GT3 R/RS/RSR, the most successful racer in the ten years of the American Le Mans Series.

At 415 horsepower, the 911 GT3 is Porsche's most powerful non-turbocharged sports car and is based on the current 911 platform that debuted in 2005. With more than 40 years of road- and race-proven success, the 911 model line now features 15 variants to fulfill all sports car enthusiast whims, and as evidenced by a new 911 sales record in 2007, the iconic rear-engine sports car continues to thrill Porsche loyalists and dreamers. Porsche sold 12,493 911s in 2007, vs. 12,045 units sold in 2006.

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The 'J' Team! Jody, Jill, Jo



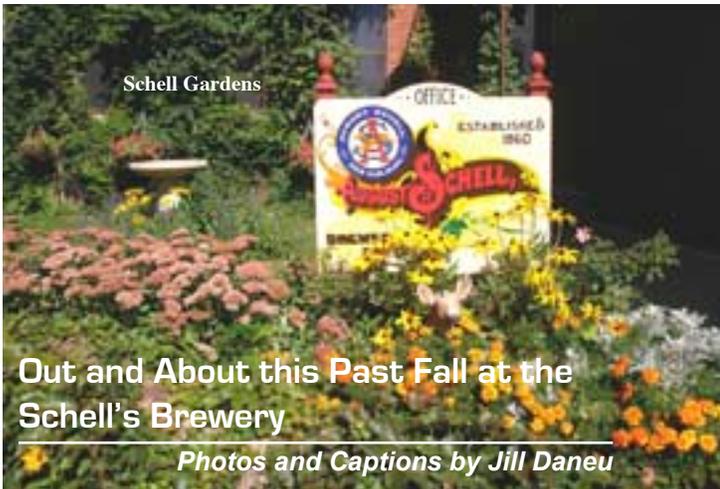
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### Out and About this Past Fall at the Schell's Brewery

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Schell's Beef Wagon



# Out and About this Past Fall at the Schell's Brewery

*Photos and Captions by Jill Daneu*

Closewise, upper left; Sarah DeLong and Mike Lancial give directions before heading out; Sarah discusses the route, Dale Trippler and Jo take a break, Copper Stein, at one of the tables the call was 'more beer, please,' another group enjoying the beer sampling



# Out and About this Past Fall at the Schell's Brewery

*Photos and Captions by Jill Daneu*

Closewise, upper left; Gift Certificate winners Jody Vasilakes, Ken Benson, Wendy Oldendorf and Jill Daneu, Prez Cal poses with eventmeisters Sarah DeLong and the Lancials, Samantha Dvorak and her parents are ready to cruise, Bottoms Up, Ken McNeill and his trusty camera, the mashing process

# 2008 Kalender . . .

## February

2008

- 12 Nord Stern Business Meeting**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
Social: 6:30 pm; Meeting 7-9 pm  
Location: 9 Mile Grill, 7901 24th Ave S, Bloomington  
Eventmaster: Pam Viau 651-324-5785
- 21 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
Meet After Work . . .  
? Eric Erickson at eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com
- 22 Annual Holiday Dinner**  
Embassy Suites, Bloomington, MN  
Cocktails, Dinner, Nord Stern's 'In the Movies' - See THE Preview!  
Eventmaster: Kim Fritze, kimfritze@aol.com
- 23 Twin City Tire Tech Session - Mercedes-Benz Club**  
Eden Prairie location, starts 10:00 a.m.  
Contact Paul Bergquist for more info: 952 937-1822

## March

2008

- 1 Winter Tech Session**  
Maplewood Imports - see page opposite for details!
- 11 Nord Stern Business Meeting**  
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- 20 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
Meet After Work . . .  
? Eric Erickson at eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com
- 27 The Complete Garage Tech Session**  
Minnetonka Location 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Details: Josh Stenzel, 952-935-5200
- 29 Nord Stern Swap Meet**  
Carousel Imports  
Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm

## April

2008

- 2 New Member Social**  
Time and Location TBA  
Eventmaster: Steve Sherf, ssherf@aol.com
- 8 Nord Stern Business Meeting**  
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- 17 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
Meet After Work . . .  
? Eric Erickson at eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com
- 25 First Fling Driver Training**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: Jon Beatty 952 449-0187 or

jon@minnetonkasoftware.com  
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- 26-27 First Fling Driver Education**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: TBA  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register  
Questions? - Driver Ed Chair: Andy Busche  
612 824-3547 or: andrew.busche@watsonwyatt.com

## May

2008

- 4 Maplewood Imports Annual Auto Fair**  
Sunday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.  
Contact: George Andeweg at [gandeweg@hotmail.com](mailto:gandeweg@hotmail.com)
- 15 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
Meet After Work . . .  
? Eric Erickson at eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com
- 18 Nord Stern Autocross**  
Dakota County  
Eventmaster: Harvey Robideau

## June

2008

- 13-15 Annual German CarFest**  
St. Paul Rice Park - Car Show on Saturday in the Park!  
Contact Paul Bergquist, 952 937-1822
- 20 Fast Fling Driver Training**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
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Questions? - Driver Ed Chair: Andy Busche  
612 824-3547 or: andrew.busche@watsonwyatt.com
- 29 All Porsche Show**  
Roseville Central Park  
Eventmasters: Phil Saari and Brian Mayer, See pg. 22

## July

2008

- 14-15 Nord Stern Driver Ed at Road America**  
Elkhart Lake, WI  
Eventmaster: Dave Anderson 763 479-8231 or e-mail:  
david@anderson.com
- 17 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
Meet After Work . . .  
? Eric Erickson at eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com

**25-27 Annual Club Race and Driver Ed**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: Roger Johnson  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register

**August** **2008**

**21 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
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**September** **2008**

**18 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
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**19-21 Annual North Shore Fall Color Tour!**  
BluFin Bay in Tofte, MN  
Eventmaster: John Dixon, [eyerack@tcq.net](mailto:eyerack@tcq.net)

**26 Last Fling Driver Training**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: Jon Beatty 952 449-0187 or  
[jon@minnetonkasoftware.com](mailto:jon@minnetonkasoftware.com)  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register

**27-28 Last Fling Driver Education**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: TBA  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register  
Questions? - Driver Ed Chair: Andy Busche  
612 824-3547 or: [andrew.busche@watsonwyatt.com](mailto:andrew.busche@watsonwyatt.com)

**October** **2008**

**14 Nord Stern Business Meeting**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
Social: 6:30 pm; Meeting 7-9 pm  
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**16 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
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**November** **2008**

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**December** **2008**

**9 Nord Stern Business Meeting**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
Social: 6:30 pm; Meeting 7-9 pm  
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Eventmaster: Pam Viau 651-324-5785

**18 Third Thursday Holiday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
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Meet After Work . . .Bring a Munchie to Share!  
? Eric Erickson at [eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com](mailto:eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com)

## 2008 Nord Stern Winter Tech Session!

Saturday, March 1st - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MAPLEWOOD IMPORTS  
2780 N. Hwy 61 Maplewood MN 55109 - 952 483-2681  
Eventmaster: Jim Bahner ([jbahner2@tela.com](mailto:jbahner2@tela.com))

Technician & Speaker: James Erdman

Topic: A closer look at two new model variations from Porsche - the Cayman S "Black Special Edition" by Porsche Design & the Cayenne GTS 6sp manual

*"Get up close and personal with two interesting new Porsche models"*

James, from Maplewood Porsche previously worked at PCNA headquarters in Atlanta and has much knowledge to share with us concerning these Porsche models and the inside workings of Porsche! Mark your calendar . . .

Sales rep contact: George Andeweg

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# Quotes, Part 1, Compiled by Keith Jones . . .

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- “The best classroom of all times was about two car lengths behind Juan Manuel Fangio.” - Stirling Moss
- ”Aerodynamics is for those who cannot manufacture good engines” - Enzo Ferrari
- ”It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.” -Seneca
- ”Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.” -Mark Twain
- “If someone said to me that you can have three wishes, my first would have been to get into racing, my second to be in Formula 1, my third to drive for Ferrari.”- Gilles Villeneuve
- “Race fans, I had inferred from my one trip to the Brickyard 400, fell into one of two categories: tattooed, shirtless, sewer-mouthed drunks, and their husbands.” - Steve Ruchin
- “There are seven winners of the Monaco Grand Prix on the starting line today, and four of them are Michael Schumacher.” - Murray Walker
- “Auto racing, bull fighting, and mountain climbing are the only real sports ... all others are games.” - Earnest Hemingway
- “When I raced a car last it was at a time when sex was safe and racing was dangerous. Now, it’s the other way round.” - Hans Stuck
- ”I love this kind of racing, (but) these guys sure change their personalities in race mode. They’re like Doberman pinschers with a hand grenade in their mouths.” -Boris Said
- ”The crashes people remember, but drivers remember the near misses.”- Mario Andretti
- “When I started racing my father told me, ‘Cristiano, nobody has three balls but some people have two very good ones.’” - Cristiano Da Matta
- “I make jokes about the fact that as a neuro-surgeon I shouldn’t be required at a motor race because the drivers don’t have any brains.... otherwise they wouldn’t race.”- Syd Watkins - Formula One Chief Medical Officer
- “In what other sport do you get a 15-second break every hour?” - Dale Earnhardt Sr. on the
- “drivers aren’t athletes” debate.
- “Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered with failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.” -Theodore Roosevelt,
- “He ran out of talent about halfway through the corner”- Buddy Baker
- “Drivin a race car is like dancing with a chain saw.” -Cale Yarborough
- “Dad taught me everything I know about racing. Unfortunately, he didn’t teach me everything he knows.”- Al Unser Jr.
- “If everything seems under control, you’re just not going fast enough” -Mario Andretti
- “I am an artist. The track is my canvas, and the car is my brush.”-Graham Hill
- “Driving in Monte Carlo is like riding a bike in your house”- Néelson Piquet
- “In order to finish first, you first have to finish.” - Stirling Moss
- “To race is to live. All the rest is simply waiting” - Rudolf Caracciola
- ”At 180 mph, when your front wheel wants to play pogo stick, you don’t do nothing. You don’t sneeze, you don’t hiccup, you don’t even breathe. All you do is point it and hang on.” - Kenny Roberts
- ”In my sport the quick are too often listed among the dead.” - Jackie Stewart (1973)
- ”It is necessary to relax your muscles when you can. Relaxing your brain is fatal.” - Stirling Moss On the dangers of the Monte Carlo Rally –
- “Some of the ravines are so deep that if you topple over, your clothes will be out of date by the time you hit the bottom.” -Tony Pond (1986)
- ”Grand Prix driving is like balancing an egg on a spoon while shooting the rapids.” -Graham Hill
- ”Never forget that you have an appointment with a man with a checkered flag at the end. You can be late if you like, but if you don’t keep that appointment you might just as well not have started”. -Sammy Davis (1920) On the Monaco Grand Prix-“This is a very special race. It’s the most colorful grand prix in the world, and it’s really classy here, but if I don’t win, I’m going to hate the damn joint.” -Mario Andretti (1978)
- “Every car has a lot of speed in it. The trick is getting the speed out of it”. -A. J. Foyt
- ”On his race strategy - Go win a race in the slowest possible time.” -Jack Brabham
- ”I do not speak the English so good, but then I speak the driving very well.” -Emerson Frittivaldi

# All Porsche Show . . . The Next Act

By Phil Saari and Brian Mayer, Chair and Co-Chair

Last June Nord Stern hosted a Concours and Car Show that has been referred to as the area's largest Porsche event in recent memory. It was a milestone, as well as, a benchmark for the Porsche community. Dale Trippler did an outstanding job orchestrating all of the show components - a hard act to follow.

Brian and I have developed an outline for the next act called the "All Porsche Show". On Sunday, June 29 it will be held in Roseville's Central Park, the location of last year's Concours and Car Show.

The All Porsche Show will be campaigned as the area's largest Porsche event. The Show will include a judged Concours, as we have had in the past, with the awards being given at the event. A car show will be held with all Porsches encouraged to park in the car show area. Awards will be given to the top three "favorite" cars as judged by the public. In addition, there will be a vendor display area where Nord Stern advertisers and other automotive retailers will be invited to display items related to Porsche car needs. These three components will provide participants and spectators a well-rounded Porsche experience. The proceeds from the event will be donated to the Courage Center as they were last year.

The All Porsche Show is one of many events in the City of Roseville's Rosefest celebration. They felt our participation last year was a nice addition to their schedule and invited us to return. Nord Stern is privileged to have this opportunity.

Each month additional details of the All Porsche Show will be provided in the Nord Stern newsletter. Brian and I can not manage a show of this magnitude alone, and are looking for people to assist with defined tasks. This is a club event and part of the experience is in the making. Let me know if you can help - my e-mail is ps356er@yahoo.com and my telephone is 651-484-0303.

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# Where We Were . . . 50 Years of Nord Stern 1959 . . . 2009

Photos, clockwise from upper left: Now that's what I call flagging - BIR; Roger Johnson, Hank Godfredson and Corey Johnson up in the driver's lounge at BIR probably conducting a class; ontrack at BIR, turn 8?? - almost has that '1950s' look on a road course with the 356, Bob Kosky and Corey Johnson (note the PLAID shirt - a recurring theme it seems), Hank Godfredson, one of the longest members of Nord Stern who now resides in Colorado but has a long history with the club, kneeling in front of #74 with two unidentified (Hank, I bet you know who these guys are!) in the ever-present plaid shirts! and finally, the BIR paddock from the early to mid-70s - no date on the photo - yikes, dirt!



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- **Sunday, August 3;** Exhibition Public Closing Reception (4 - 6 pm)

# Out and About at Maplewood

Photos by Keith Jones



Dave Roberts recently bought a new RS and had it delivered to Maplewood Imports (it shipped out about 24 hours later). Jon Beatty and I decided we just had to make a road trip from Chanhassen to see the car. What fun and great a beautiful car!



Right: shows the RS's air brake in the "fully engaged" position. (If you believe that I have a bridge to sell you in Brooklyn) and note Jon had that grin on his face the whole time we were looking at the car . . .

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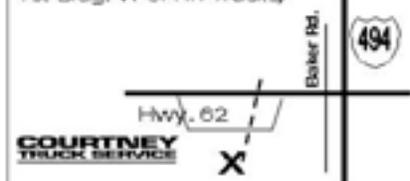


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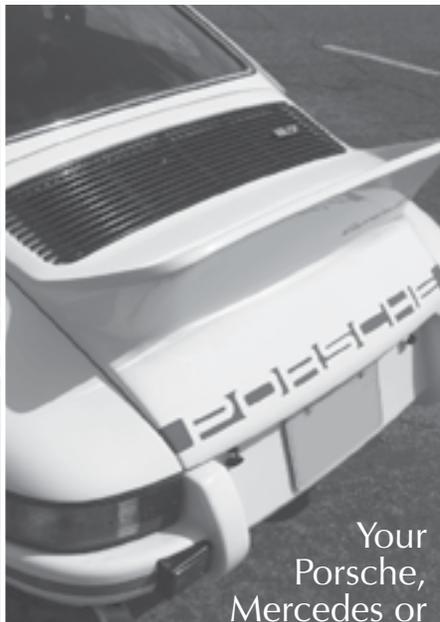


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# Tech Quiz . . .

compiled by Skip Carter & Greg Philips of Grand Prix Region PCA, Long Beach , CA from Parade Tech Quizzes

1. One of the 356 SL racers built from Gmund coupes in 1951 resides in the:
  - a. Canton Hall of Fame
  - b. Daytona International Pavilion
  - c. Corvette Museum
  - d. Collier Museum

Panorama, 1/04, page 14
2. The 356A was introduced in the fall of 1955 at the:
  - a. Frankfurt Auto Show
  - b. Detroit Auto Show
  - c. Paris Salon
  - d. None of the above

Panorama, 6/03, page 4
3. In 1959, a year when Porsche produced 7,100 cars, the 356A still had five years of production remaining.  
True or False  

Panorama, 6/03, page 6
4. In 1952 Porsche worked with \_\_\_\_\_ to adapt a four-plunger fuel injection pump to the 1.3-liter four of the Type 356.
  - a. Lucas
  - b. Bendix
  - c. Bosch
  - d. ATE

Excellence, Vol. 1, page 56
5. Who introduced the 356 Porsche to America?
  - a. Bob Holbert
  - b. Mike Robbins
  - c. Briggs Cunningham
  - d. Max Hoffman

Excellence, Vol. 1, page 60
6. The Type 546 was the first production 1.5-liter Porsche engine to have plain –bearing connecting-rod big ends instead of the built-up Hirth roller-bearing crank.  
True or False  

Excellence, Vol. 1, page 78
7. The Type 519 transaxle did not have the new Porsche synchromesh components.  
True or False  

Excellence, Vol. 1, page 81
8. Another urgent requirement forced on the Porsche car by the more powerful 1500 engines was:
  - a. Fuel injection
  - b. Electronic ignition
  - c. Bigger brakes
  - d. None of the above

Excellence, Vol. 1, page 81
9. In his campaign to sell Porsches in the U.S., Max Hoffman ignored all engines of less than:
  - a. 1.3-liters
  - b. 3.0-liters
  - c. 2.5-liters
  - d. 1.5-liters

Excellence, Vol 1, page 85
10. Shaft drive to its four camshafts, dual ignition, roller bearings and a dual-inlet cooling fan were key attributes of the Type 547 engine.  
True or False  

Excellence, Vol. 1, page 106

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10. F

# The Bubble Cars Are Coming! The Bubble Cars Are Coming! . . . Carmudgeon Chronicles

by Ken Kamstra

“We can worry about the Planet Police and their damnable Bubble Cars later”, I said to my wife and co-pilot, Marion, as we made our way westward, swooping and curving over some of Minnesota’s finest back roads.

“Now all we have to worry about is Smokey’s Patrol. They’re sneaky as all get out!” (Actually I was a bit more profane.)

“I can see why you call yourself the “Carmudgeon”, Marion replied. “You said this was going to be our annual “sentimental journey”. Why don’t you just stop belly aching and enjoy it.”

She was right as usual. I hate when she’s always right, but this trip is a big yearly event in our lives. Every year before the snow flies – or buries us up to our butts – we head for South Dakota.

South Dakota, the land of our birth, our youth and our marriage. The land where you let your car have its head and cruise the way the Good Lord intended it to.

The car for this special occasion was our big old (1991) 850 BMW Coupe. Perfect for “senior”car nuts.

Twelve cylinders and a six speed stick for me; comfort and surround sound for Marion. Oh yes, and no “corn oil”(Ethanol) in the tank.

Our own Governor Pawlenty may have ordained that we burn Ethanol to prove our patriotic “greenness”. Not me. No nozzle that has ever spewed Ethanol shall ever touch my beloved Bimmer.

That’s another thing about the state. They actually let you choose a Real Gas pump when you pull in for a fill up. Something required with some frequency to keep the 850 rollin’.

Thirty six miles per gallon? Come on Congress, get real!

Soon, we would be looking up relatives and just enjoying a state that most folks prefer to ignore. A state that would be free of edicts and ultimatums from the Planet Police.

Before I headed for the big city to make my fame and fortune, in South Dakota I had the car lovers dream job. Just roam anywhere so long as you come back with some good stories and pictures for your editor.

It would be good to be back. Still I had an ominous feeling. We zoomed onward, our hearts beating faster. Just over the next hill our home state would be spread out before us.

We would know again the joy of beholding endless miles of rolling, wind swept plains The plains were there alright but the Planet Police got here ahead of us.

The plains were now defiled by thousands and thousands – maybe even millions – of towering windmills! I panicked, headed for Black Hills country, fearing that the suction of the windmills might lift my mighty Bimmer off the ground.

I wanted to see our old Kamstra Ranch. Maybe it would provide one lasting memory of “things that used to be”.

But the ranch was gone.

Bull dozed without a trace; the acres of pastureland now planted with ugly windmills. Somewhere there is joy in Mudville, but the mighty Bimmer has struck out.

Heading back, we tried to gladden our hearts by reminiscing about the good old days in South Dakota. Once home, I read up on Bubble Cars, the only vehicles that could possibly meet the idiotic 36-mph-and-counting ordained by the Planet Police.

There is the Suzuki PIXY, the Toyota RIN, the Honda Puyo, The Nissan Round Box, and on and on. Even mighty Ferrari will have an electric bug. Ugly little Kiddie Cars, each with a dashboard warning:

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Planet Police even ordered me to read up on their approved Bug Cars using squiggly little Energy Bulbs. I switched to my favorite 200 watt reading light. Ha Ha!

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## Technology and Business:

F-1 marketing man Zak Brown has stated that in talks with Indianapolis's Tony George he had discovered that the negotiations broke down because of money back that the gap between the two parties was "not substantial in F1 terms" and less than \$10m. "I think we can be assured that if the sponsors had known that would have been sorted out," he said.

The world's oldest surviving Rolls-Royce became the most expensive veteran car on record in December when it fetched more than £3.5 million (~\$7.1m) at a London auction. The 1904 Rolls-Royce 10hp Two-Seater was the fourth car ever produced by Charles Stewart Rolls and Frederick Henry Royce. One hundred and three years after it was first driven from a small factory in Manchester it became the most valuable Rolls-Royce ever bought.

GM's Rick Wagoner says he likes its position in emerging markets and thinks that bodes well for 2008. In 2005, GM sold 203,500 Malibus. Remarkably, a record 58% of GM sales through the first nine months of 2007 came outside the U.S. But the sales story darkens at home, where jittery consumers and fewer daily rentals have GM running up to 400,000 units below trend. After the first six months of 2007, GM's market share was 23%, a sharp dive from 24.5% last year. Then in July it moved to 24.1%, in August to 26.1%, in September to 25.5% and in October to 25%: Four months of share increases over the six months before.

Heavy trucks burn nearly 1 billion gallons (3.8 billion L) of diesel fuel annually while idling and emit 11 million tons (9.9 million t) of carbon dioxide, 180,000 tons (163,278 t) of oxides of nitrogen and 5,000 tons (4,535 t) of particulate matter, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Through October 2007, Toyota's total U.S. sales stood at 2,199,238 units, up 3.9% from the same period in 2006. Toyota's Prius hybrid-electric vehicle is the eighth best-selling passenger car in the U.S., with 150,272 deliveries through October 2007. Toyota still predicts a 175,000-unit year for the car.

Through October, Honda's U.S. sales were up 4.7% over like-2006 to 1,158,707 vehicles. Its Acura luxury division, however, continues to struggle, with deliveries slipping 9.3% in the first 10 months of the year to 149,612 vehicles. The boxy, niche-oriented Element sold 30,234 units through the year's first 10 months. In 2006, its first full year on the market, Ridgeline deliveries totaled 55,419. Through October 2007, Honda sold 36,964 Ridgelines.

Nissan's January-October U.S. sales increased 5.5% to 898,194 units. Nissan expects to surpass 1 million unit sales in 2007, as it has done the last two years. Infiniti deliveries jumped 6.3%. Through October, Altima sales rose 26.6% to 239,800 units vs. like-2006, good enough to rank fifth among the best-selling passenger cars in the U.S. Nissan also added a hybrid-electric version of the Altima this year, but only in the eight U.S. states with

the most stringent emissions requirements. Some 6,245 vehicles have been sold through October, on par with Nissan 8,000-unit annual goal. Nissan also has seen great success with its smallest car, the Nissan Versa subcompact, which sold 67,668 units through October, just behind the segment-leading Toyota Yaris that sold 73,874. For the months of August, September and October, the Versa pulled ahead of the Yaris.

The Honda FCX Clarity's Hydrogen fuel-cell stack is one-fifth the original size and has half the number of parts. The new model also can operate in extremely cold temperatures, down to -22° F (-30° C). This means that they have solved the problems associated with water vapor in the exhaust freezing. Honda isn't talking about how many vehicles will be leased (only in the Los Angeles metropolitan area) and full details of the program will be set closer to the summer 2008 launch, but current plans call for a 3-year lease term for \$600 per month that will include maintenance, collision insurance and virtually no extraordinary measures to accommodate the advanced powertrain.

While it is not partnered in one of China's major joint ventures, Chery placed No.4 in market share last year behind GM-Shanghai Automotive Co. Ltd. and expects to hold its position for 2007, with aims to triple sales to 1.4 million vehicles by 2012. Indeed, before setting up shop as a standalone company, Chery's first car for the U.S. likely could wear a Dodge badge, although the vehicle will be built using one of Chery's existing platforms. The car could be sold in the \$10,000 range, depending on the vehicle and the strength of the dollar. Whether that will be the Dodge Hornet small concept car remains undetermined.

TRW Automotive Holdings Corp. is awaiting a decision by the Economic Commission for Europe to determine whether it can move ahead with plans to offer its electric parking-brake technology as an automotive anti-theft system. Electric parking brakes now commonly found on European vehicles equipped with manual transmissions, eliminate the need for hand levers or foot pedals associated with traditional parking brakes, thereby saving weight assembly time and material cost.

That bastion of Anti-Motorist legislation is at it again. In the UK plans are in place for the following "Offences":

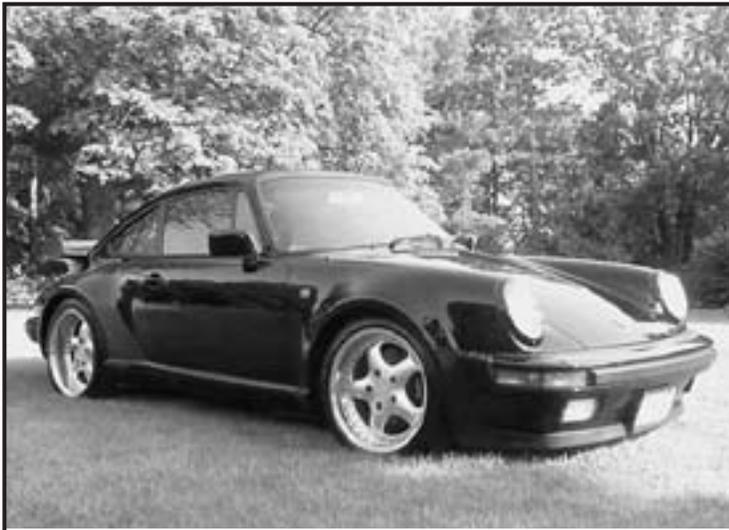
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Yes, they ARE out to get us: European (eventually US) drivers face steep price rises for luxury cars under measures to force manufacturers to meet strict CO2 targets. Those who go green by buying a car with low emissions will be rewarded with savings on fuel over the lifetime of the vehicle, according to plans recently unveiled. With several commissioners dissenting, the European Commission set a four-year phase-in period starting in 2012 for fines on manufacturers whose fleets exceed an average of 120 g/km of CO2 (the main greenhouse gas blamed for global warming). A proposed system of fines linked to exhaust pollution will hit the manufacturers of larger cars hardest and brought protests from Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor, on behalf of her country's market leaders such as BMW and Mercedes-Benz. The mandatory measures are designed to reduce CO2 fumes from cars by one fifth in line with the EU's desire to be a world leader in cutting greenhouse gases and find a successor to the Kyoto Protocol from 2012. A Mazda North America concept car called the Furai, tested at Laguna Seca in early December. It is based on the Courage C65 raced by the B-K Motorsports team in the ALMS in 2005 and 2006. The C65 has been converted into a machine suitable for road use, so it is very much a concept for a road car, rather than anything, at this stage at least, with future race car rules in mind. The three-rotor Mazda engine in the Furai has been running on 100% Ethanol fuel, producing 450 bhp. Trivia: It was in 1947 that VW built its first van (bus), the T1. Originally

it started out as a wagon to carry panels around VW's Wolfsburg car plant. VW built 1.8 million of that first version and the iconic vehicle has worked as everything from delivery van to campervan, dormobile and people carrier, as well as being the hippy-mobile of the 1960s. Buying a car with previous owners, no matter how well celebrated, was of no interest to King Edward VIII. While he was still the Prince of Wales in 1935 he designed his own personalized Buick. The 1936 Buick Limited Series Limousine was built to the prince's own particular tastes. He demanded "luxury and privacy, specifications to include drinks cabinets, vanity mirrors, reading lights, correspondence facilities, radio, smoker's cabinet, jewelry cabinet, compartments for canteen and luncheon trays, and a drawer to accommodate London telephone directories". The decadent vehicle was soon dubbed the "most romantic car in the world" after the new king ended his short reign by driving to Downing Street to announce his abdication after he was refused the right to marry Wallis Simpson. He then raced towards the south of France in the Buick for a rendezvous with his bride-to-be.

### **Anniversaries:**

1958, FEB 23: In a bizarre twist, Argentine racing champion Juan Manuel Fangio was kidnapped by Communist guerrillas in Havana, Cuba, one day before the 2nd Havana G/P.

Members of the July 26 Movement (M-26-7) and followers of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara, the kidnappers hoped to make a

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## Ted's Tidbits . . .

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political statement by kidnapping the world-famous Fangio before he could defend his title at the Havana G/P.

"We wanted to show that Cuba was living in a situation of war against the Batista tyranny," explained Arnol Rodriguez, a member of the kidnapping team. In a moment fit for a Blake Edwards film, revolutionary Manuel Uziel, holding a revolver, approached Fangio in the lobby of his hotel and ordered the race-car driver to identify himself. Fangio reportedly thought it was a joke until Uziel was joined by a group of men carrying submachine guns. Fangio reacted calmly as the kidnappers explained to him their intention to keep him only until the race was over.

After his release to the Argentine Embassy, Fangio revealed a fondness for his kidnappers, refusing to help identify them and relaying their explanation that the kidnapping was a political statement. In the meantime, the Havana G/P had been marred by a terrible accident, leading Fangio to believe that he had been spared for a reason.

Years later, Fangio would return to Havana on a work mission. He was received as a guest of the state and he expressed his gratitude with quiet eloquence, "*Two big dreams have come true for me: returning to Cuba and meeting Fidel Castro.*" Fangio was famous for winning races; but he became legendary by missing one.

## Crystal Ball:

**2008** - GM says it will have eight full and mild hybrids on the road, all with start-stop capability. These systems shut down the engine while the vehicle is idling or decelerating. Bosch recently launched start-stop capability in Europe for the BMW 1-Series and 3-Series, as well as the Mini Cooper. Those versions are not slated for sale in the U.S. Valeo's StARS combines the alternator and starter functions and allows the engine to stop when the vehicle comes to a rest and to start immediately when the driver steps on the accelerator, exactly the same as the powerplants on gas powered golf carts.

**2010** - The production version of the new Maxima will debut at the 2008 New York auto show in April. The diesel version goes on sale in 2010 using a Renault SA-built V-6 engine that Nissan co-developed.

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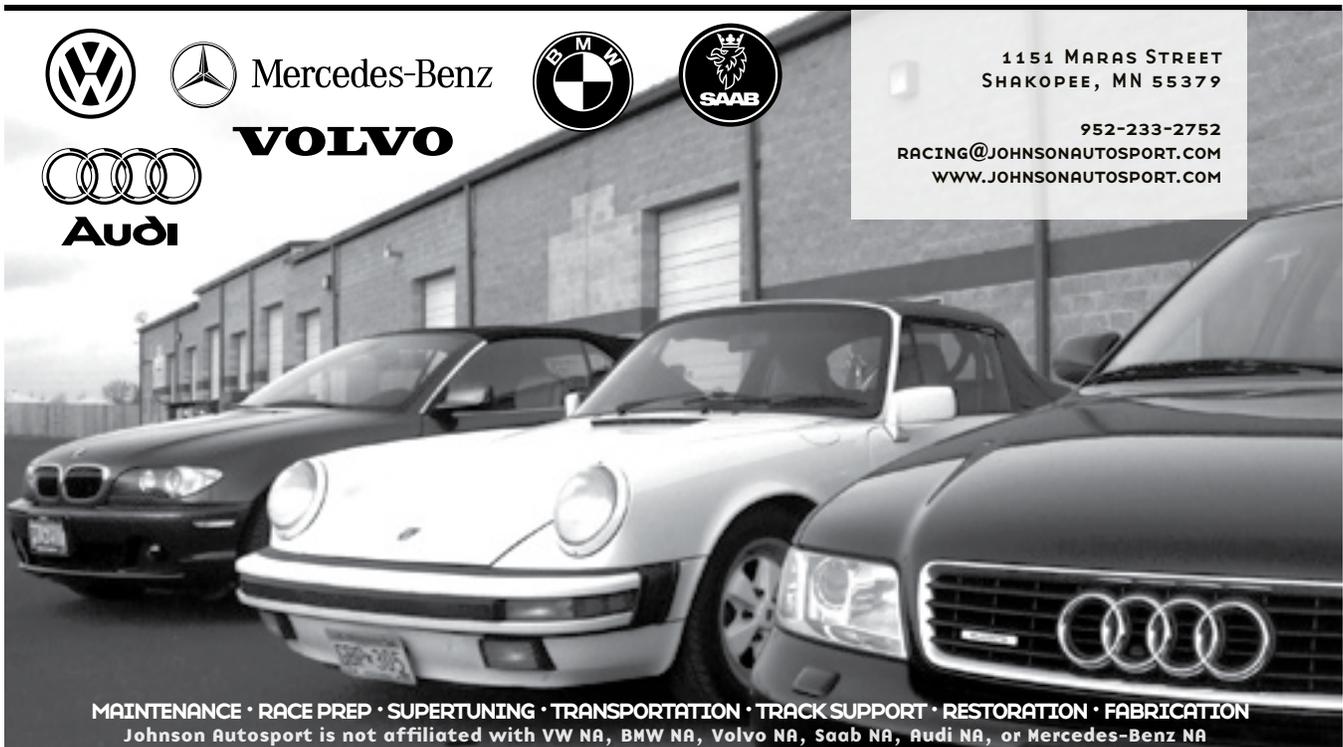
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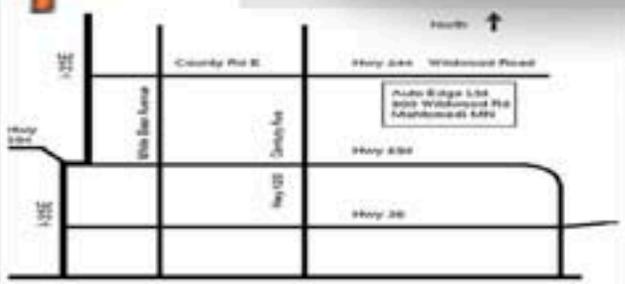
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