

A close-up, low-angle shot of a metal fence. The fence consists of horizontal metal bars with sharp, curved spikes attached to them. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong yellow light source on the left creating a bright glow and casting long shadows. The background is a blurred, textured surface, possibly a wall or another part of the fence.

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So there's this big stack of various old Nord Stern newsletters hanging out in the deep, dark reaches of my closet ever so silently whispering and hinting of tidbits and treasures from the past. I know they are there, I tell myself to just get them out and start thumbing through them. But time, argh, the time, I just know once I start I won't emerge for possibly days!

Finally, there was a request for a particular year, hmmm, guess I better tackle this job - so I do. A full evening totally slipped away as I looked through a bunch of early 1970s issues (they are typed so tiny I couldn't really read that much - and Ron Faust is my current source of all things 70s related!) then on to the 80s. Oh my, what hairdos, how young some very well-known members were in those issues! What fun.

One particular gem, though is from October 1988. The president that year was Hank Godfredson, well-known graphic designer (responsible for our Nord Stern logo, by the way - earmuffs and all) who now resides in Colorado. He's a fascinating guy with many Porsche and Nord Stern ties. The title of his monthly column was 'Happy Birthday Nord Stern!' so of course I had to read it. Especially as the type was NORMAL size!

Turns out the first organization meeting of Nord Stern was in October 1958 so he was looking at October 1988 being a birthday year.

And Hank is a saver, did I mention that? If you have ever visited his home either here in the Twin Cities or out in Colorado Springs he has more framed photos, plaques, trophies documenting his severe car addiction than just about anyone I know. It's wonderful - a vertible car and art (literally!) gallery!

Good thing, too, as it turns out. Hank had the Pano from 1963 which featured the Nord Stern region. For the October 1988 newsletter, the club reprinted the entire 1963 Pano as an insert (yes, Pano used to be just a newsletter!). It's a fascinating read. And I am going to suggest that we do the same thing next year

as a commemorative souvenir for our 50th celebrations. What is so special is the region, officially recognized in 1959, already had a 'history' and was the 1963 Pano feature! Stay tuned on that one. As usual, lots of stuff in this issue!



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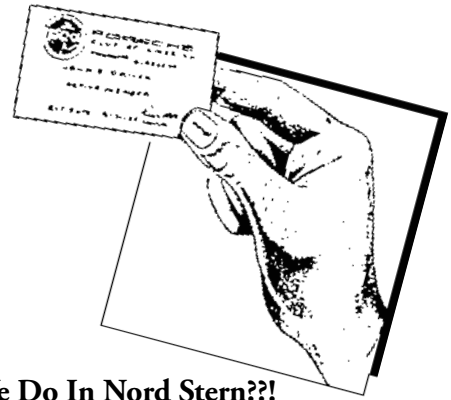
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## So, Just What Do We Do In Nord Stern?!

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.

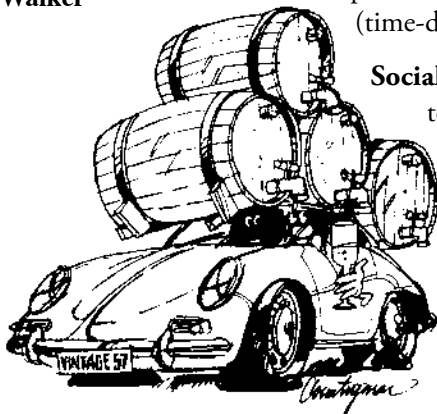
**PCA Club Racing:** Wheel-to-wheel competition between drivers who hold PCA club racing licenses. There is a race class for every model Porsche. Safety modifications to your vehicle required.

**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. 3!

**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!

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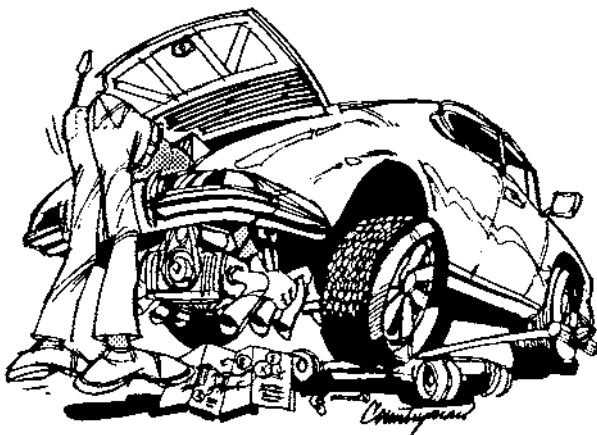
# The Prez Sez . . .

by Pam Viau

It's hard to believe but we are getting oh so much closer to releasing our P cars from their winter cocoon. After this long and cold winter I am so anxious to get the car out, put the top down, and cruise. April will bring us the New Member Social on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was a great turnout last year, I'm sure this year will be just as fantastic. If you are a recent member or not, this is a great event to learn more of what Nord Stern is about. April also brings us to our first Brainerd event, the school is filling up nicely. Make sure you have registered and teched. Usually, this event is the first time I get my track car out, but I will be attending the Club Race at Heartland Park.



May will bring us not only flowers, but the Maplewood Auto Fair, our first Autocross, and a tour planned for May 10<sup>th</sup>. Join in on the fun, maybe try something new. We have a great summer full of activities planned. Thanks to all of our Chair people who keep the great events rolling.



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# Ten minutes with Brian Redman . . .

by Rick Moe

My first brush with fame at Road America was a bit odd, but none the less a fun story. A group of Nord Stern folks, Charlie Lloyd, Dudley Davis and Hank Godfredson were running a 2.5 GTU 911 in the IMSA Series. Having built and prepped the car I was at RA early to set up our pits for the following weekend races. Having checked in at the shack and given the O.K. to grab any pit space I wanted since it was first come, first serve and as luck would have it, I was first. Having just come off a very successful run at Sebring I was feeling like our team had some street credibility . . . I drove right up to pit #1/first out. Hopped out of the support vehicle and started to unload our stuff. I had no sooner hit the ground when someone came flying up to me and in a very British accent

asked me, with some very colorful language, what I thought I was doing. I told him in my very best Minnesota drawl that I was setting up our pit. His reply was “well you can just (more colorful language) off”. I was now realizing that all his statements would include some very descriptive words. The saving grace is that his delivery was done with a smile and a laugh. He went on to introduce himself as David Hobbs, who would go on to become the IMSA GTX champion the following year. He gave me the low down on pit selection/pecking order. The big boys set up in the first ten to twenty pit locations. We little guys could have the stuff left at the back. This was back in the early 1980’s and speed limits in the pits were non existent. David explained that the big boys came into the pits flat out and being at the very beginning of pit out meant they did not have to be concerned with traffic when heading back on track. During the race I found this to be true, as I was servicing the car throughout the race, the big boys would fly by our pit flat out! Being 6 feet from a thundering race car at full bore is both exciting and threatening. We had a good run at RA that year and repeated our 5th place Sebring finish.

Fast forward to some twenty-five years later at the Brian Redman Kohler International Challenge. The boys and I are down for the weekend to eyeball the fantastic array of vintage eye candy. We had just grabbed a couple brats and were looking for a place to sit down and enjoy the local cuisine. There alone, at a nearby table sits the man himself, Brian Redman, enjoying a bowl of ice cream on this 90 degree day. With some hesitation, remembering my last encounter with a Brit at this place, I proceeded to approach and ask if he would mind if we joined him and if we could ask a

few questions. He was the most congenial host, very pleasant and down to earth. The racing history this man carries is amazing and his mind is sharp as a tack. The interview was short but interesting. His favorite race car, the Lola T332 Formula 5000. Brian won



the Formula 5000 championship in 1974, 1975 and 1976 with this car, driving for Carl Haas/Jim Hall. Great horsepower very nicely balanced and fun to drive. Porsche was high on his list having driven just about everything they had raced. He mentioned having good memories of the Porsche 908, my personal favorite Porsche of all time. The 908/3 he co-drove with Joe Stiffert brought him an outright win at Targa Florio in 1970. I asked if he had the opportunity to drive any of the modern era race cars. He

had just returned from Weissach where he drove the new Porsche RS Spyder. His comments on the car, the brakes and handling were fantastic but it had no horse power, only 500 or so. Having had such great success driving the big block V8 powered cars that had 700 plus HP, I guess the Spyder was just a bit under powered for his driving style. I thanked him for the opportunity to chat and off he went back into the crowd. My companions and I just looked at each other and said in unison, “well, that was kind of cool”. Here was a famous world class race car legend giving a bunch of Midwest guys a few moments out of his busy schedule to just shot the breeze.

That was cool indeed.





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 5 Rennsport Recap McKenna's restaurant in Omaha  
     Great Plains  
 11 Dinner at Lucianos, Mulvane, KS Wichita  
 15 St. Patricks Day at Shamrock Racing Great Plains  
 15 St. Patricks Day Parade downtown St. Louis  
 18 Social hosted by Dave Nordlund Dakota  
 18-20 Porsches in the Heartland DE & Club Race,  
     Heartland Park, Topeka Kansas City  
 19 Tour to Lambert's in Sikeston, MO,  
     home of the throwed rolls St. Louis  
 19 Tech Session Central Iowa  
 19 Founders Dinner, University Plaza,  
     Springfield, MO Ozark Lakes  
 22 Rennsport Recap Great Plains  
 25-27 First Fling DT and Driver Ed Nord Stern  
 26 Autocross School/Autocross, Strother Field,  
     Winfield, KS (tentative) Wichita  
 27 The Complete Garage Tech Session Nord Stern  
 29 Swap meet, Carousel Imports Nord Stern

## MAY

- 2-4 Drivers Ed – Motorsports Park Hasting, Hastings,  
 NE Great Plains  
 3 Cruise to Josephine's in Godfrey St. Louis  
 3 Stonelion Inn Murder Mystery, Guthrie, OK Wichita  
 3 Spring Drive Central Iowa  
 4 Maplewood Auto Fair Social Nord Stern  
 9-11 Annual Ozark Weekend Multi-Region event  
     at Tan-Tar-A Kansas City  
 17 Car show in Fargo Dakota  
 18 Autocross – Dakota Co Technical College Nord  
 Stern  
 18 4th annual Poker Run St. Louis  
 23 Porsche Night on the Town Central Iowa  
 24 Sonic Show & Shine Great Plains  
 31-  
 6/1 PCA Club Race, Motorsport Park Great Plains

## JUNE

- 1 European auto show, Plaza Frontenac St. Louis  
 13-15 Annual German CarFest,  
     St. Paul Rice Park Nord Stern  
 14 Autocross- tentative Central Iowa  
 15 Father's Day Fun Night at Dave & Busters St. Louis  
 20 Social hosted by Shield's Dakota  
 21 Sonic Show & Shine Great Plains  
 21-22 Fast Fling DE – BIR Nord Stern  
 21-22 DE, Heartland Park Topeka Kansas City  
 28 Velocity: The Art of Motion social –  
     Hopkins Center for the Arts Nord Stern  
 6/28-  
 07/03 Porsche Parade, Charlotte, NC  
 29 All Porsche Car Show, Roseville, MN Nord Stern

## JULY

- 06/28-03 Porsche Parade, Charlotte, NC

- 14-15 DE, Road America Nord Stern  
 13 Afternoon Drive in the Sun Central Iowa  
 18 Social hosted by the Lunde's Dakota  
 19 Sonic Show & Shine Great Plains  
 25-27 PCA Club Race and DE - BIR Nord Stern  
 26-27 Drivers Ed – Midamerica Motorplex Great Plains  
 27 Trip to Fast Eddie's Bon Aire in Alton St. Louis

## AUGUST

- 9 Dusk Patrol and 40th Anniversary Party  
     at the Forrette's Dakota  
 21-24 Run for the Hills 6 multi-region event Dakota  
 14 Autocross, Marshalltown, Iowa Central Iowa  
 15 Porsche Night on the Town, Davenport Central Iowa  
 24 Sertoma Car Show, Iowa City Airport Central Iowa

## SEPTEMBER

- 13 Crown Valley Winery tour St. Louis  
 14 Havelock Car Show Great Plains  
 18-20 PCA Escape to the Land of Enchantment,  
     Albuquerque, NM  
 19-21 RVBOWWOW4 (tour Lake Pepin area of  
     Mississippi River in MN/WI) Dakota  
 19-21 Annual North Shore Fall Color Tour Nord Stern  
 26-28 Last Fling DT and DE - Brainerd, MN Nord Stern  
 26 Porsche Night on the Town, Dubuque Central Iowa  
 27-28 Fall Carrera Classic Drivers Ed – Gateway St. Louis

## OCTOBER

- 11 Anniversary Car Show Autocross St. Louis  
 11 Westboro Fun Run Great Plains  
 12 Porsche Only Car Show St. Louis  
 12 Fall Leaf Tour Central Iowa  
 18 Breakfast at Tiffany's (Sweetest Day)  
     – Hosted by Forrette Dakota  
 17-19 DE, Heartland Park, Topeka Kansas City  
 25 Fall Colors Tour St. Louis

## NOVEMBER

- 8-9 PCA Palooza, Eureka Springs, Arkansas

## DECEMBER

- 1 Holiday Party St. Louis  
 12 Christmas Gathering hosted by he Eide's Dakota  
 17 Board Meeting – Changing of the Guard St. Louis  
 18 Holiday Party Central Iowa

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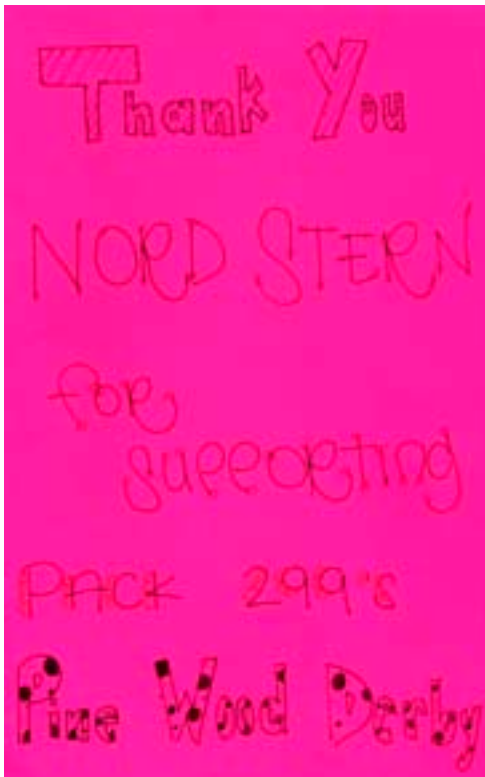
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**Thursday, July 10, 2008**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

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This will be the largest, stand-alone automotive fine art exhibition in the United States and the first time such an event has occurred in the Upper Midwest. Given the history of the site of Hopkins Center for the Arts, nothing could be more appropriate than celebrating the automobile and the art it has inspired. Courage Center is pleased to invite the Nord Stern Club to a special wine and hors 'd'ouvres reception Thursday, July 10 2008 from 6:00 PM- 8 PM to view this event. The invitational exhibition, curated by Michael Jekot, will include paintings, sculpture, photography, illustration and collage by an international roster of artists.

# Car Repair and the 'Meaning of Life' - Part Two

by John Phillips, GPR

**E**ditor's Note: the following is the rest of John's essay on life and restoration, I am repeating a bit of last month's just to get back to his sage!

"What's a pedal cluster," Katrina asked. Katrina is my patient, tolerant and loving wife. She supports my restoration habit and occasionally will ask, "when is ole blue going to be running?" You see, Katrina is also a Porscheophile, however, she enjoys driving them more than working on them. So, whenever I begin to rant and rave about a specific portion of the project, her eyes slowly glaze over and she nods her head in Venutian agreement. Someday, however distant that might be, she will drive this car! I am incredibly lucky to have such an understanding wife that supports me in this venture.

"Well", I explain, "the pedal cluster is a nice piece of German engineering that combines the clutch, brake and accelerator linkages into one unit." The problem with the earlier 911's is that they used plastic bushings and because of its location, water and brake fluid corrode and rust the unit and cause binding and sticking of the pedals. After removing the carpet and wooden floorboard, yes, Martha they did use a wooden floorboard, the pedal cluster is easily accessible. Simply disconnect the master cylinder from underneath the car, disconnect the clutch cable and accelerator linkage, remove the brake light switch, remove a couple nuts and it lifts out. To my dismay, the unit was badly rusted and the floorboard had a hole the size of a quarter where it had rusted through. The good news was that a prior owner had already replaced the plastic bushings with bronze. Now, I was left with my favorite task of patching a hole and removing and treating rust. I used some metal patch with a wire mesh backing to patch the hole and then used rust converter and rust encapsulator to hold the rust at bay.

I took Katrina out to the garage to inspect the work and she asked, "so when is it going to be running . . .?"

*Love her for her uniqueness as an individual; love her as a particular female with all the wonderful attributes and mystery of the female human being. Stop worrying about whether she loves you. One thing is fundamental, if you give love instead of asking for it, if you love openly, defenselessly, discarding forever the proposition, "I'll love you if you'll love me," which most people live by, then you discover a wonderful serenity in your life.*

By now, summer of '07 is coming to an end and the engine remains on its stand. The car sits on blocks and I continue to be indecisive about whether to rebuild the engine myself or have it done. My original thought was that I would simply put the engine I purchased from Ralph into the car. All I intended to do was replace a few gaskets and paint the sheet metal. However, with the engine on its stand, I peeked into the exhaust ports and saw

something that looked like cauliflower growing on the exhaust valves. Although probably not necessary, I came to the conclusion that I might as well freshen the engine while it was out. Whoa is me, what to do? I'll ponder that a little while longer.

Meanwhile, Ralph has a good suggestion. Why don't you strip the undercoat from the underbody, treat the rust and undercoat and paint while we still have nice warm weather. You can do some of the other projects in the winter when it is cold, but you can't paint in the cold. Why didn't I think of that? And so, again we are on our back scraping, sanding and removing thirty years of accumulated dirt, grime, and rust. I was pleasantly surprised to find very little rust and that which was present was mostly surface rust and easily treated with rust converter and rust encapsulator. The worst part of this job was my elbow. I had injured my elbow earlier in the summer and continued to aggravate it by swinging sledgehammers and other idiotic feats of skill. Somehow, I continue to think that I am twenty years old and every ache and pain will go away in a day or so. I could only lie on my back and scrape for an hour or so because of my wounded limb. As a result, this removal process dragged on for several weeks. Another part of the problem, however, was that each time I would crawl under the car, I would see another little section that needed additional work. It seemed endless, but after so much work, I couldn't just say, "well, that is good enough."

*Strive for perfection in everything. Take the best that exists and make it better. If it doesn't exist, create it. Accept nothing nearly right or good enough.*

Do you remember as a kid when you went to a scavenger hunt party? Everyone would be given a list of crazy items to find and then you would head off into the neighborhood, knocking on doors, to find the items. After a given period of time, you returned to the party and whoever found the most items was the winner. Quite honestly, back then I was a bit embarrassed to knock on doors and ask strangers for things like a can of Spam. However, today with the internet, it is completely different game. I love the hunt. Restoration work on an older car is very much like a scavenger hunt. A great example is the button bumpers found on the undercarriage of the 911.

You will recall the episode concerning the rust removal and restoration of the undercarriage of the car. In the process, there were ten to fifteen rubber plugs down the center of the undercarriage pan. They were either rotten or destroyed in the process and I set out to find replacements. To begin, I didn't know what they were called and my search began with "rubber plugs." After numerous Google searches, I found what I was looking for under the name of "rubber button bumpers." A manufacturer in Chicago had a chart with six different dimensions and a listing of perhaps fifty sizes of button bumpers. I called and talked with



a delightful saleslady and she sent me a sample of several that I thought would work. She required a minimum order of 1000 at four cents each. The samples arrived and were too large. I called back and she sent another couple samples. In the meantime, I continued prowling the internet and found a company that had an almost perfect match. I called and they sent a couple samples. Whooa, their minimum order was 625 at twenty cents each. The search continued. Finally, I happened upon a company called International Mercantile and they boasted of having all rubber restoration pieces for Porsche 356 and 911. I called and was told that, yes, they have the requested button bumpers and they would ship ten for fifteen dollars. I decided that I didn't need to go into the button bumper business with 600-1000 pieces and quickly ordered the ten. When they arrived, Katrina said, "you are like a little kid at Christmas. What in the world are you so excited about?" "My button bumpers arrived," I exclaimed. She gave me that familiar look and said, "**when** is that car going to be running?"

*Sometimes we get too caught up in being adults. We don't let our guard down and just act like a kid. Picture a young child singing and dancing without a care or inhibition in the world. Somewhere along the line, all that inhibition is squeezed into us. The next time you have the chance, go on a scavenger hunt, dance like no one is watching, sing like no is listening and love like you've never been hurt.*

It is winter again and restoration work nearly grinds to a halt. The car is stored in an unheated garage and thus winter days

in Nebraska make it difficult to get motivated. However, being away from the garage for extended periods of time results in long bouts of anxiety and depression. So, I have become a novice meteorologist. If the temperature is above 40 degrees, the sun is shining and the wind is from the south (the wind always blows in Nebraska) then the temperature inside the garage will be above 46 degrees. Whenever it is above 46 degrees in the garage, all the sirens go off and it is time to get some work done. Below 46 degrees, we stay home, light the fire and read repair manuals. Therefore, on an early January day, I was at the garage beginning the undercoat removal on the front fender wells and belly pan. I consider myself somewhat of an expert at undercoat removal at this point in the project. After trying many different methods, I found that using a small benzene torch with a paint scrapper works great. I simply heat up a small area and then easily scrap off the undercoat. Once the majority of the undercoat is off, I use a die grinder with wire wheels and rust removal disk to clean up the rusted areas. This is followed with a thorough sanding and cleaning before the fun begins with the primer, rust encapsulator, undercoat and topcoat. The transformation is mind-boggling.

Sadly, over the holidays our very best friends both lost their mothers within a week of each other. A quote from *George Santayana* comes to mind.

*There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval.*

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# Nord Stern March 12th Business Meeting Minutes

*by Dale Trippler, Secretary*

**P**resident Pam Viau opened the meeting at 7:07 PM. The following topics were presented and discussed:

**Advertising:** Ed Vazquez, Chair

There is one new advertiser who is interested in working with Nord Stern.

**Autocross/Time Trials:** Harvey Robideau, Chair

The only Autocross this year will be on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Dakota Community College. Time trial will take place at First Fling.

**BIR Relations:** Rick LaVerdiere, Chair

No report. The BIR track contract has been signed.

**Concours:** Phil Saari, Chair/Brain Mayer, Co-Chair

No report. Lots of work yet to do, so volunteers needed. Contact either Phil Saari or Brain Mayer to offer your help. Many different tasks need workers.

**Club Race and Dealer Relations:** Roger Johnson, Chair

No report. Club Race on "Track." (Sorry, my pun) Vintage racers signed up again this year.

**Driver's Education:** Andrew Busche, Chair

No report. Everything is all set for this year.

**Road America:** Dave Anderson, Chair

Ready to go.

**Driver's Ed Registration:** Kim Fritze, Chair

Looking at a joint venture with the Great Plain region. Maybe do a joint track event with Great Plains at the new Newton, Iowa track. Will continue to explore this option and report back.

Looking at using vinyl numbers for the run groups instead of stickers that come off easily when people wash their window or it rains.

**Driver's Training:** Jon Beatty and Ron McFarland, Chairs

No report. First Fling DT on April 25-26, 2008 all set.

**Insurance:** Michele Johnson, Chair

Again, people MUST sign the Porsche club waiver at BIR, not just the waiver at the gate. Event masters will get packet of materials from Michele that need to be completed and returned to Michele. Parade Lap event master must make sure all tasks are completed. Minors MUST sign the special minor release before being allowed on the track. Will be working with the event master on getting this set up.

**Membership:** Steve Sherf, Chair

No report. Only 42 non-renewals this year. New Members gathering will be on Wednesday night, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Embassy Suites in Bloomington.

**Met Council:** Bob Kosky, Chair

No report.

**Newsletter:** Christie Boeder, Chair

No report.

**Rally:** Lon Tusler, Chair

No report.

**Rules:** Bret Bailey, Chair

New rules are out.

**Shop Relations:** Jim Bahner, Chair

Next Tech session is The Complete Garage session Thursday night March 27<sup>th</sup>. Then the Swap Meet at Carousel on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Finally, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Maplewood Imports will have their annual Auto Fair. Lots of good stuff so plan to attend.

**Social:** Kim Fritze, Chair

Nothing new to report.

**Safety:** Dave Anderson, Chair

Nothing new to report.

**Taste of the Track (TOTT):** Ron and Michele Johnson, Chairs

TOTT will be held during First Fling in April. Working on having TOTT at Road America. Ron is working on getting a digital read-out sign to show car speeds at turn one (?) for the Club Races.

**Timing and Scoring:** Ed Tripet, Chair

A new timing system may be purchased soon. Waiting on a decision by the Board. If positive, then Ed will test out the system to see how it works and make a decision on whether to buy or not. The club should try to get all club members to register their car "class". Will be working on a system to help everyone figure out their car's class and get registered.

**Touring:** Mike Lancial, Chair

Mike will lead another trip to New Ulm on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Limited to 40 members, so sign up early.

**Treasurer:** Jeff Bluhm

No report.

**Webmaster:** Bret Bailey, Chair

New Web Site update. Check it out.

**New Business:**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nord Stern (Teresa Vickery). Might have some special event at each club event during the year. Still looking at designing a logo for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thinking about having a \$50K goal to raise money for Courage Center during the club races to commemorate the anniversary.

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Trippler, Secretary  
Nord Stern Porsche Club

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## Out And About at Nurburgring Open House 2/16

*photos by Keith Jones*



**K**eith's comments: I like the 356 on a spit. The pipe coming out of the nose looks like the 20 mm cannon on a German ME Bf109 fighter. Also the 4 cam engine was cool to see up close and out of the car. What technology for half a century ago!





# 2008 Nord Stern Driver Education Tech Form

Porsche Club of America, Nord Stern Region

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

PCA #/Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required) (Required)

Car Number \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time @ BIR \_\_\_\_\_ Nord Stern Car Class \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Engine \_\_\_\_\_

List Modifications to Engine, Drive train, Suspension, Brakes and Wheels on back of this form.

## Technical Safety Inspection

To be completed by qualified shop or inspector



Shop/Inspector Performing Tech \_\_\_\_\_ Shop Stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

Lights	Pass	Brakes/Wheels/Tires	Pass	Interior	Pass
Headlights	_____	Tires/Wear	_____	Steering/Play	_____
Front Signals	_____	Wheel Bearings	_____	Brake Pedal/Firm	_____
Rear Signals	_____	Rotors/Scored/Cracked	_____	Seat Belts/Anchors	_____
Tail Lights	_____	Brake Fluid/Full/Clean	_____	Helmet Snell 2000/Better	_____
Brake Lights	_____	Brake Lines	_____	Helmet required after 6/1/2006	_____

Suspension	Pass	Engine/Trans.	Pass	Other Misc. Items	Pass
Shocks/Leaks	_____	Fan Belts/Cracks/Tight	_____	Spare Tire/Secure	_____
Susp. Travel/Noise	_____	Fuel or Oil Leak	_____	Battery/Secure	_____
Susp. Mounts/Rust	_____	Hoses, Wiring/Secure	_____	Windshield Wipers	_____
Tie Rods/Tight	_____	Transmission/Leaks	_____	Roll Bar 1" above occpts.	_____
Ball Joints/Tight	_____	Throttle Return	_____	head/s for Open cars	_____
Engine Mounts/Cracks	_____	CV Joints/Tight/Dry	_____	Equivalent Restraints	_____

Condition of: \_\_\_\_\_

Brake Pads \_\_\_\_\_ Tires/Wear \_\_\_\_\_

Is shop re-inspection required Yes No

Items to be corrected \_\_\_\_\_

(Continue on back) Approved shops can be located at: <http://www.nordstern.org/TechShops.asp>

The driver/owner has read and agrees to abide by the Nord Stern Driver Education Rules. **High speed driving is an inherently dangerous activity. The passing of this technical inspection means that the automobile has met certain minimum safety standards for participation in a driver education event. However, no technical inspection can uncover all possible defects nor predict all unforeseen circumstances. Neither Nord Stern Region of the Porsche Club of America, Inc. nor the technical inspector makes any express or implied warranty of fitness for any purpose. It is the ultimate responsibility of the automobile owner and driver to insure the safe operation of this vehicle, and to maintain the car's safe operating condition over the course of the season.** In order to participate in any Nord Stern driving event all registered drivers must present a valid PCA Membership Card and Driver's License. Nord Stern Region reserves the right to exclude any individual.

Driver/Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Area Shops for Tech Inspection - Required for Driver Ed and Driver Training participation

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The shops listed below are some of the great shops in the Twin Cities that can provide a qualified technical inspection of your car prior to a Driver Education or Driver Training event. You may also use other shops that are familiar with your type of car.

Anderson Motorsports  
7700 Quattro Drive  
Chanhassen MN 55317  
(952) 937-8639  
[www.andersonmotorsport.com](http://www.andersonmotorsport.com)

Auto Edge  
Bob Viau  
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Montomedi MN 55317  
651.777.6924  
[www.auto-edge.com](http://www.auto-edge.com)  
[autoedge@auto-edge.com](mailto:autoedge@auto-edge.com)

Carousel Automobiles  
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Minneapolis MN 55426  
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[www.carouselautomobiles.com](http://www.carouselautomobiles.com)

Courtney Truck Service  
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[www.courtneytruckservice.com](http://www.courtneytruckservice.com)

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[www.flat6.com](http://www.flat6.com)

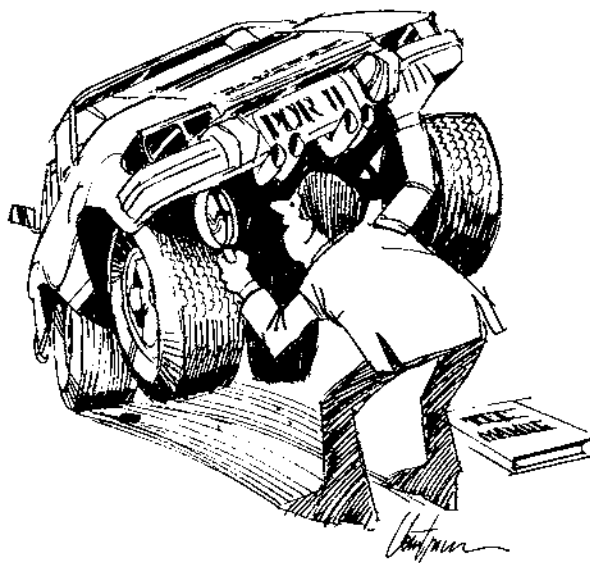
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# Auto Edge Tech Session

Text and photos by Jim Bahner

The January 26th Tech Session at Auto Edge was well attended and the weather which had warmed up from below zero to a balmy 30 degrees for that weekend certainly didn't hurt. Porsche club members traveled from as far away as North Dakota, including Neal Haaland and his wife who made it a weekend getaway to attend the tech session. They and others from North Dakota will also be attending our First Fling drivers school in the Spring.

Bob Viau covered many of the main items that need attention on both 911's and 944's both for regular maintenance and track use. Bob also shared proprietary procedures that his shop uses to test components and diagnose problems. Thanks again to Bob and Auto Edge for making this a fun and informative session.



## Engine and Parts Cleaning Tip

by Jeff Boehm

If you are like me and spend countless hours in the garage working on not only your vintage Porsche but the Porsches and other vehicles that your friends bring over, you should appreciate this tip. I like to work on clean engines, brakes etc. so I was using a whole lot of aerosol brake cleaner. Not only is this not only a real pain messing with those cans of Brakleen that seem to run out just before you are done, they are not real environmentally friendly. Since I work at a car dealership I decided to see what our techs use. The unanimous choice is the Sure Shot rechargeable sprayer.

I purchased the Model "A" and 2 gallons of Brakleen and have never turned back! Fill this "badboy" about 3/4 full and pressurize to between 80 and 120 psi and let 'er rip. A nice, even, powerful

spray that is very directional, comes with several different spray patterns and when it runs out you just refill it! It can be used with many solvents and cleaners and is a real time and Money saver in the long run. I have even used to spray lacquer thinner for panel prep. I will list the links for both the Sure Shot Sprayer and Brakleen in 1 gallon containers.

Sprayer:

<https://www.superkleendirect.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=2898>

Brakleen:

<https://www.superkleendirect.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=996>



See you in the Spring

# 2008 Kalender . . .

- April** **2008**
- 2 New Member Social**  
Time and Location TBA  
Eventmaster: Steve Sherf, ssherf@aol.com
- 8 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
- 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  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register
- 26-27 First Fling Driver Education**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: Ron Johnsn, porsche freak@earthlink.net  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register
- May** **2008**
- 4 Maplewood Imports Annual Auto Fair**  
Sunday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.  
Contact: George Andeweg at gandeweg@hotmail.com
- 10 Nord Stern Spring Tour and Drive**  
Start: 9:30 AM  
Details and Info on page 31
- 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
- 19 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
Meet After Work . . .  
? Eric Erickson at eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com
- 20 Fast Fling Driver Training**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: Jon Beatty 952 449-0187 or  
jon@minnetonkasoftware.com  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register
- 21-22 Fast Fling Driver Education**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: Cal Townsend, Twm820@aol.com  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register
- 29 All Porsche Show**  
Roseville Central Park  
Eventmasters: Phil Saari and Brian Mayer, See pg. 22
- July** **2008**
- 10 Velocity: The Art of Motion - Wine and Cheese Reception for Nord Stern: 6 to 8 PM**  
Hopkins Center for the Arts, see page 11 for details!
- 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**  
10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
Meet After Work . . .  
? Eric Erickson at eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com
- September** **2008**
- 7 5th Annual Labor Day Picnic!**  
1 to 5 PM BYOBB  
RSVP Jeff Boehm/BJ Peterson at jbandbj@chartermi.net or call 507 261-9407
- 18 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager**  
10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
Meet After Work . . .  
? Eric Erickson at eric.erickson@theoxfordpcg.com
- 19-21 Annual North Shore Fall Color Tour!**  
BluFin Bay in Tofte, MN  
Eventmaster: John Dixon, eyerack@tcq.net
- 26 Last Fling Driver Training**  
Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: Jon Beatty 952 449-0187 or  
jon@minnetonkasoftware.com  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register



## 27-28 Last Fling Driver Education

Brainerd International Raceway  
Eventmaster: Roger Johnson & Fred Senn,  
rogerdjohnson@comcast.net  
<http://www.clubregistration.net> to register

### October 2008

#### 14 Nord Stern Business Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month  
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Location: 9 Mile Grill, 7901 24th Ave S, Bloomington  
Eventmaster: Pam Viau 651-324-5785

#### 16 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager

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### November

2008

#### 11 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

#### 20 Third Thursday Social at Clubhouse Jager

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### December

2008

#### 9 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

#### 18 Third Thursday Holiday Social at Clubhouse Jager

10th Ave N. and Washington/Minneapolis  
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# Porsche Factory Drivers Complete Fitness Boot Camp Off Africa (on Fuerteventura)

*courtesy PCNA*

ATLANTA – February 19 -- At a ten day intensive fitness camp on Spanish-owned Fuerteventura Island (off Africa), Timo Bernhard (26 years-old), Romain Dumas (30), Sascha Maassen (38), Patrick Long (26), Joerg Bergmeister (32), Wolf Henzler (32), Patrick Pilet (26), Marc Lieb (27), Richard Lietz (24), Richard Westbrook (32) and Emmanuel Collard (36) have worked hard on their power and endurance. Porsche-UPS junior driver Martin Ragginger (19) also took part in the Porsche Fitness Camp under the direction of sport medicine specialist Prof. Dr. Frank Mayer from the Potsdam University.

Porsche factory drivers Bernhard, Dumas, Maassen and Long will all join Penske Racing for the 2008 American Le Mans Series (ALMS) season in the Porsche RS Spyder LMP2 prototypes, while Bergmeister, Henzler and Pilet will run for the year with Flying Lizard Motorsports with the ALMS GT2 class in Porsche 911 GT3 RSRs. Collard will join the Penske group as an additional driver for the upcoming Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring.

The twelve Porsche pilots trained seven hours a day in a fitness studio and outside. In addition to power and endurance training the fitness schedule also included various exercises to improve their speed, flexibility and coordination.

"The drivers have stuck to the individual training schedules that I put together for them in December 2007. They turned up here at our fitness camp well prepared. Even the newer Porsche works pilots were at an excellent fitness level," said Prof. Dr. Mayer about his protégés.

"For this reason we were able to again increase the intensity of the programme compared to last year," added the sport medicine specialist.

"The combination of power training, various forms of endurance training and team building exercises has given my fitness level a noticeable boost," says Timo Bernhard (Germany), the reigning LMP2 co-champion of the American Le Mans Series.

"At the same time the first race in Sebring is the most physically demanding of the season. The fast corners put a huge strain on the neck and the bumps put an extra stress on the head and back," adds his teammate and co-champion Romain Dumas (France).

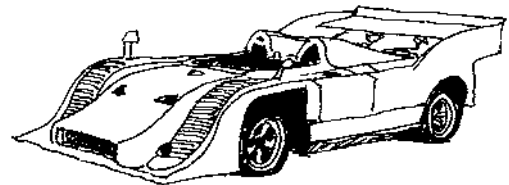
American Patrick Long, who contests his first full ALMS season in the Porsche RS Spyder this year, also feels optimally prepared.

"Even now I notice a big improvement in my fitness. Apart from that I've got a lot of ideas for my personal fitness schedule during the coming season."

Long's teammate Sascha Maassen (Germany) underlines another positive aspect of their training.

"The new works drivers Richard Westbrook, Wolf Henzler and Patrick Pilet have integrated well into our squad. The many team-building games we've played have helped tremendously with this."

Photo Below: All 12 Porsche factory drivers at Fuerteventura Island for fitness boot camp



# All Porsche Show . . . June 29<sup>th</sup>

## The Vendor Display

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

The All Porsche Show, described as the largest gathering of Porsches in the Upper Midwest, is Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Central Park in Roseville. It is sponsored by the Nord Stern Region of the Porsche Club of America. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan on being there!

This year's show will include:

- **Judged Concours**
- **Car Show including People's Choice Vote**
- **Vendor Display.**

The vendor display will include Nord Stern advertisers along with other automotive retailers displaying items related to Porsche car interests and needs. It will be an excellent opportunity to view products and services with fellow Porsche enthusiasts. Products and services will be available for purchase as well.

- The Roseville Central Park location has ample space for vendors on a nice grassy area. There are no space limitations and it will be organized to allow for great exposure and plenty of easy access for one and all. The All Porsche Show hours are from 10 AM to 2 PM and setup will begin at 8 AM.
- If you or your business have products or services to offer any Porsche owner, consider participating as a vendor at the All Porsche Show. This is the only event of its kind for Porsche related trades to gather together in one place, at one time, to share and learn.
- Don't miss this opportunity to exhibit your products or services providing sales and valuable contacts.
- For additional information about the vendor display or any other aspect of the All Porsche Show, contact Phil Saari at [ps356er@yahoo.com](mailto:ps356er@yahoo.com) or telephone at 651-484-0303.
- Deadline for reserving space is May 1st - Participating vendors will be published in the June Nord Stern newsletter!
- ***Join the Fun - Call Phil or Brian today!***



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Just this morning, I awoke to the frightening reality of what is happening.

*“You look like warmed over death!”*, wife, Marion, said as I made my way to the breakfast table.

An insensitive remark, I thought, but her observation was painfully accurate.

*“I had a terrible nightmare! The Planet Police broke into our bedroom and hauled me off to jail.”*

*“Didn't you hear me screaming?”*

*“No.”*

*“Well, somehow they must have learned that I fill my aging cars with corn-free gas. That's a crime in Minnesota you know. Ours is the only state where 10% Ethanol is the law.”* Everyone must obey, or else!

First they outlaw our light bulbs and now this. Sheeze!

*“Relax. Enjoy your breakfast. It was only a dream. It can't be all that bad.”*

*“It's worse. Now Governor Pawlenty wants 20% Ethanol in every tank. What if he becomes our Vice President? I could go to federal prison!”*

*“I swear I will withstand Water Boarding before I reveal where I find “real” gas for my cars.”*

*“Enjoy your food, Dear, they're not coming after you.”*

*“Thanks. You are a steady hand in this crisis. Say, is that real bacon?”* Wow, I thought all the farmers had converted their corn crops to Ethanol. The guy who made bacon instead should get some kind of medal.

Did you know that the price of corn has gone from \$1.50 to \$4 since the Ethanol-Gold-Rush started? Everyone is lookin' to get rich. Politicians get reelected. Hundreds of Ethanol plants keep cropping up everywhere. More jobs. More money for

everyone. Wouldn't surprise me if all America becomes one giant cornfield.

Those greedy Arabs will be worried sick!

Meanwhile, at Gold Rush headquarters, a state-by-state water fight is brewing. It takes 1,700 gallons of water to make each gallon of Ethanol says Cornell Ecology Professor David Pimentel. Then there's the farmer's fuel, fertilizer, labor and irksome details like that.

Savvy oil barons are now buying up land and drilling for water instead of oil. They know all about Gold Rush spoils.

An “inconvenient truth” as old Al Gore--the guy who started this whole mess--would say.

I, for one, have had a belly full of his “global warming” winter. There's a Porsche in my garage getting tired of waiting for me to fire it up. And forget all about the Planet Police.

**Ken at : [thinkmk05@comcast.net](mailto:thinkmk05@comcast.net)**



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# 2008 INTER-MARQUE SPRING KICK-OFF

VINTAGE FOREIGN CAR & BIKE SHOW & BANQUET  
SATURDAY, MAY 17

## 1. Vintage Foreign Car & Bike Show (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

The famous spring kick-off show returns to its pastoral setting on the walking path surrounding the Radisson Plymouth. As always, the show is **FREE** for both participants and spectators alike. *(No RSVP is required for the show, but it'd be nice if you did so anyhow.)*

## 2. Buffet, Get-Together & Awards (2:00-3:00 p.m.)

Starting at two, there will be a buffet, awards ceremony, and intermarque get-together. The price is \$18.00 per person. *(Money collected at the door. Please RSVP if you wish to attend the banquet as the Radisson needs an estimate of how many people will attend. RSVP early but please before May 12.)*

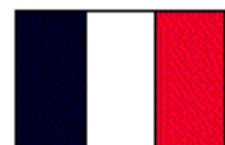
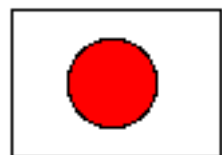
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# Miscellaneous Musings . . .

*courtesy Christie Boeder, Editor*



I recently received a phone call from one of our long-term Nord Stern members, Bob Lunde, in response to the photo at the right which appeared in last month's newsletter (gee, it is nice to know there really are individuals who actually read the newsletter!).

Bob said it sure was fun to see pictures from the past and he recognized several individuals from this scene of the paddock up at BIR. And so he should as the 1981 Corvette on the right edge was owned by Bob himself and parked right next to him is a 1981 DeLorean owned by a good friend of Bob's - Bob didn't spell his buddy's name on my answering machine and there is no way I am going to try to sound it out! Suffice it to say, it's not a Johnson, Hanson, or Peterson!

Bob, call me again and spell that name! Sounded more like all the classmates I had growing up back in Detroit, where Scandinavians were a rare breed and having a last name of Knutson was considered foreign and exotic!

## Out and About at Maplewood Imports Tech Session . . .

*photos by an 'ever-roving' Nord Stern photographer!*

At the March 1st Cayenne GTS and Cayman S Porsche Design debut, there were some gorgeous vehicles! New colors, too. Jim Bahner spoke for all when he posted on Clubtalk, "Thank you to everyone who attended the Tech Session this Saturday! And a big thank you to George Andeweg and Maplewood Imports for putting forth their time and effort to host this event for Nord Stern."





# Where We Were - Where We Are - 50 Years of NS

Nord Stern Vintage...from the old Nord Stern Newsletters

by Ron Faust

## January 1972

- Ice racing on Lake Phalan on the last weekend of the month!!! Toby Markowitz gives a colorful description of the cars to be entered by Tom Countryman, Rosie Acton, Peter Kitchak, Mike Woolery and Ron Korman.
- Remember mapmaking before Google and Mapquest? The newsletter includes hand-drawn artwork leading Geno's in the "scenic Italian section of St. Paul" for the monthly meeting. \$6 will get you the most expensive item from the menu (including 3% tax and tip).
- A schedule of Nord Stern winter tech sessions lists weekly courses on engine theory, engine breathing, other engine systems, running gear, four cylinder maintenance and tuning and other topics. Club members Larry Skoglund, Darrel Coleman, Craig Alexander, Elmer Langren, Ralph Inman, and Jerry Kassanchuck are the instructors. *(Editor's Note; my hubby grew up with the Alexander kids, knows Craig and has some wonderful Porsche stories concerning Craig and his cars and carryings-on; will have to get him to recount some of those!)*



## February 1972

- In bold print someone with the historian's job appeals for help. The club history was in one musty cardboard box. He asks for input and mentions the idea of a

Nord Stern yearbook.

- Another member lists a 1966 912 with a rebuilt engine, racing harness, and many other goodies for sale for \$3500. He would consider taking a 1964-67 Karman Ghia in trade. What was he thinking?

## April, 1972

What planet were we living on?

- Plans for a mini-parade are announced in August. Registration and track use will be \$25. The banquet

will be

\$3.00.

This is the year for bargains. How about a room at the Paul Bunyan Motel for \$12? If

that's too much, you can camp at the Gull and Love (Lake) Marina and Camp Ground for \$3. (Yes there is a Love Lake just off Gull—its beautiful).

- The Marketplace offers an accelerometer for \$24. How about a 1969 912 with 3700 miles on it for \$5800?
- At "The Other Guys" shop at 47<sup>th</sup> and Chicago, you can get a 911 oil filter for \$4.15, spark plugs for \$0.87, and labor (including engine rebuilding) for \$8.50/hr.



## May, 1972

- The President described the rally a "rally, beer-bust, chicken barbecue, ping-pong tournament, and stay-and-finish-the-beer function". Those guys really knew how to have fun.
- People we know are starting to



show up in the newsletter. In the results from a May 3 autocross are Peter Kitchak (who owns our favorite collection of vintage Porsche race cars), John Bierbaum (who was back to race his Porsche Elva Spyder very competitively at the 2007 BIR Club Race), Hank Godfredson, Larry Skoglund, and Gordon Doering.

Photos clockwise, courtesy Denny Guentzel, #7 Bruce Erickson's 911, '76 Parade Rally Check point crew, '76 Parade Rally First Checkpoint, manned by Annie Skoglund and, of course, Paul Newman and Jerry Hanson at Trans Am race BIR

Editor's Note: Keep watching upcoming newsletters for future installments of 'Where We Were . . .' as Ron shares more of his discoveries and I scan more older pics! Got stuff tucked away? Let me know!

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*Velocity Calendar of Events at the Hopkins Center for the Arts*

- **Sunday, June 29;** Exhibition Public Opening Reception (4 - 6 pm)
- **Wednesday, July 9;** Vintage Race Car exhibit sponsored by the VSCR Club of Minnesota Mainstreet DT Hopkins in front of the Arts Center
- **Friday, July 18;** “Cars & Guitars”, Public concert, Guitar-inspired artwork and art making, Hopkins Center for the Arts and Mainstreet
- **Saturday, July 26;** Velocity: Automobilia, Toy, Book & Literature Fair (8:30 am - 3 pm) Jaycee Studio, Hopkins Center for the Arts
- **Sunday, August 3;** Exhibition Public Closing Reception (4 - 6 pm)

## **NORD STERN**

# Spring Tour

Saturday May 10th

Join us for a casual spring drive on great Minnesota roads & lunch at the foot of Hermann Heights Monument in New Ulm Minnesota. If weather permits you can climb to the top of the monument for a beautiful view of the surrounding area.



Date: Saturday, May 10th

Start time: 9:30am.

We will be leaving the lot at 10:00am.

Start location: Diethelm Park in Victoria in the Field House parking lot.

End location: Hermann Heights Monument in New Ulm

We will be serving a box lunch from Olde World Deli and catering in a covered shelter house in the Hermann Heights Park. Cost will be around \$7.00.

For a registration form and to make a lunch selection please send an e-mail to Mike or Lori Lancial [thelancials@msn.com](mailto:thelancials@msn.com).

**All participants must sign waiver  
All drivers must be 18 years of age or older to participate in this tour.**

**Please help us out by registering sooner than later so we know how many participants we will have.**

**Thank you~**

The event will be open to the first 40 Nord Stern club members who register by May 4th, 2008.

The event will be open to non Nord Stern club members if space is available.

No registration will be accepted the day of the tour.

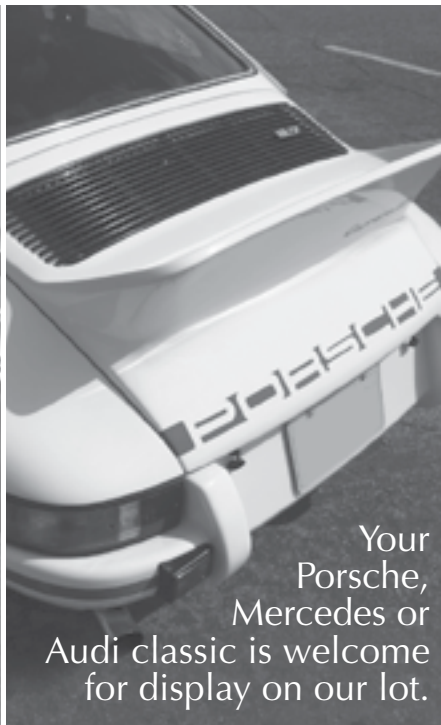


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# Tech Quiz . . .

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

1. The Porsche 959 featured the following:
  - a. Four-wheel drive with torque split
  - b. Rear mounted flat-six, 2.85 liter engine
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Convertible top

Porsche 911 Story, page 296
2. The G50 transmission was manufactured by:
  - a. Porsche
  - b. Mercedes
  - c. BMW
  - d. Getrag

Porsche 911 Story, page 115
3. Porsche adopted the previous Carrera body shell for the standard 911SC in 1978.
 

True or False

Excellence Was Expected, Vol. 2, page 818
4. Porsche did not prepare a 911SC for the Safari Rally in East Africa for 1978.
 

True or False

Excellence Was Expected, Vol. 2, page 819
5. The 1979 model year marked a change to black for exterior trim items and what color for the headlamp surrounds of the 911SC?
  - a. Chrome
  - b. Black
  - c. Body color
  - d. None of the above

Excellence, Vol. 2, page 820
6. The 1983 911SC/RS has which parts made out of aluminum?
  - a. Hood only
  - b. Doors only
  - c. Roof only
  - d. Front fenders and all opening panels

Excellence, Vol. 2, page 827
7. At the end of 1983 all 20 Type 911SC/RSs were corralled for FIA inspection at Zuffenhausen.
 

True or False

Excellence, Vol. 2, page 828
8. Among interior changes for the 1985 Carrera there was a new steering wheel design and:
  - a. CD player
  - b. Recaro seats with electric adjustment
  - c. Airbags
  - d. None of the above

Excellence, Vol. 2, page 832
9. Since the 1985 model year the 911 Cabriolet offered which feature?
  - a. Roll bar
  - b. Expanded rear seating
  - c. Electric actuation for its convertible top
  - d. Glass rear window

Excellence, Vol. 2, page 833
10. For the 1987 model year the Carrera had retuned engines for \_\_\_ RON octane unleaded fuel.
  - a. 105
  - b. 125
  - c. 89
  - d. 95

Excellence, Vol.2, page 834

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UPDATED 03/01/2008

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR	LOCATION
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MAY 3 (SAT) <b>MAY 4</b> <b>MAY 18</b>	AUTOCROSS [MOWOG I] AUTOCROSS [MOWOG II] AUTOCROSS	MAC <b>MAC</b> <b>PCA &amp; COM</b>	VALLEYFAIR <b>VALLEYFAIR</b> <b>DCTC</b>
MAY 30-31/JUNE 1 JUNE 1 <b>JUNE 8</b> JUNE 14 JUNE 15 JUNE 21 (SAT) JUNE 22 JUNE 29	CORVETTES & FRIENDS DO BIR AUTOCROSS [MOWOG III] AUTOCROSS DRIVER'S SCHOOL CLASSROOM NOVICE DRIVER'S SCHOOL EVOLUTION CHALLENGE SCHOOL EVOLUTION PHASE 1 SCHOOL AUTOCROSS [MOWOG IV]	SCCM MAC <b>CVSCC</b> MAC MAC CVSCC & MAC CVSCC & MAC MAC	BRAINERD RACEWAY DCTC <b>CVTC</b> DUNWOODY INSTITUTE MIDWAY STADIUM CVTC (TENTATIVE) CVTC (TENTATIVE) DCTC
JULY 13	TEST & TUNE	MAC	DCTC
<b>AUGUST 3</b> AUGUST 9 AUG 23 (SAT) <b>AUGUST 24</b>	AUTOCROSS [MOWOG V] CARS UNDER STARS (CAR SHOW) AUTOCROSS [MOWOG VI] AUTOCROSS (NCCC SUPER SUNDAY)	<b>MAC</b> SCCM MAC <b>COM {NCCC}</b>	<b>DCTC</b> GROSSMAN CHEVROLET MIDWAY STADIUM <b>DCTC</b>
SEPTEMBER 7 <b>SEPTEMBER 28</b>	TEST & TUNE AUTOCROSS	MAC <b>CVSCC</b>	DCTC <b>CVTC</b>
OCTOBER 4 (SAT) <b>OCTOBER 5</b> OCTOBER 19	AUTOCROSS [MOWOG VII] AUTOCROSS [MOWOG VIII] AUTOCROSS [MOWOG IX]	MAC <b>MAC</b> MAC	CANTERBURY PARK <b>CANTERBURY PARK</b> MIDWAY STADIUM

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# Ted's Technology, Trivia and Tidbits

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## Technology and Business:

**V**anity Plates, UK & Middle East style: A record price has been set for a British vehicle registration number after a businessman paid £440,625 (~\$889k) to buy the Formula One initials F1.

Afzal Khan, 37, smashed the previous record of £331,000, (~\$662K) paid 18 months ago for M1, to purchase the historic F1 number plate from Essex County Council.

The Bradford entrepreneur, who owns a specialist car design company, plans to display the number plate on his £317,000 (~\$635k) Mercedes SLR McLaren supercar. F-1 was the first number plate issued by the Essex County Register of Motors in 1904, the year it became compulsory for motor vehicles to bear a registration plate. Its first owner was the Essex county surveyor, Percy John Sheldon, who attached it to his 15 hp, four-seater Panhard Levassor.

After a period in private hands it was given back to the county council in 1955 and subsequently used on a variety of civic limousines including a Darracq Torpedo, a Humber, a Daimler and a Jaguar.

The authority will use its windfall to fund an advanced driver training program to improve the skills of hundreds of young motorists in Essex.

Lord Hanningfield, the council leader, said he was pleased that the money was being put to such a cause.

"It will be with some sadness that we will be losing this little piece of Essex history but we have sold it at a time when such number plates are reaching very high sale prices on the market and we have reached a deal which breaks all previous records," he said.

Mr. Khan, the owner of Khan Design, which describes itself as "the most successful automotive design house in the UK", said that he had been tracking the F1 plate for a number of years. He believes that he has purchased a bargain.

"I think it's a good price to pay because it's probably worth 10 times that," he said.

"I am privileged to have acquired such a prestigious plate and I'm extremely happy that the money raised from the sale will help improve road safety through the training of young drivers."

Mr. Khan's total investment of £440,625 (£375,000 plus VAT) beats the £331,000 paid by a Cheshire businessman in July 2006 for the number plate M1, apparently as a present for his son's sixth birthday. In April 2006 a Sikh businessman paid £254,000 for the number plate 51 NGH (spelling the name Singh).

The world record price for a registration plate, £3.5 Million, was paid at an auction in Abu Dhabi last year by a prominent Gulf businessman, Talal Ali Mohammad Khouri, for the single-digit

number 5. That record was broken this year, when Abu Dhabi Police auction the most sought-after number plate in the United Arab Emirates, the single-digit 1. More than \$1 million.

Johnson Controls-Saft Advanced Power Solutions LLC soon will begin low-volume production of Li-ion batteries for a new Mercedes-Benz S-Class hybrid. The company also will supply Li-ion batteries for a second, unnamed European auto maker.

Porsche North America sold 36,680 cars in the US & Canada during 2007. That was almost 40% of Porsche's worldwide sales.

In 2007 Acura sold 180,104 vehicles, down more than 10% from 2006

Hyundai Motor America is pushing back its U.S. hybrid-electric vehicle launch to 2013, at the earliest.

Previously, Hyundai said it planned to introduce a gasoline-electric version of its Elantra compact car by 2010. But slower-than-expected U.S. sales growth suggests the auto maker can afford to wait. Once an auto maker reaches an annual sales threshold of 60,000 units in California, it becomes subject to the full requirements of that state's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) law, says a spokesman for the California Air Resources Board (CARB). "Hyundai is currently classified as an intermediate-volume manufacturer under the ZEV regulation," the CARB spokesman says. This means the auto maker is mandated only to distribute vehicles that meet emissions levels deemed partial-zero, which include those powered by fuel-efficient, 4-cyl. gasoline engines.

Johnson Controls-Saft Advanced Power Solutions LLC is revving up to supply advanced batteries to Chinese auto makers SAIC Motor Corp. Ltd. and Chery Automobile Co. Ltd.

JCS will supply lithium-ion batteries to SAIC early this year for a demonstration fleet of "new-energy" vehicles, the supplier says. Chery will receive nickel-metal hydride batteries for use in its new AF ISG hybrid vehicle, which is slated to launch in China in December.

At the January Detroit Auto Show Cadillac displayed a 4-door, 5-passenger Provoq - hinting broadly at Cadillac's BRX in about two years. It uses a fuel-cell stack to power three electric motors - a 92-hp (70-kW) co-axial drive system for the front wheels and individual 54-hp (40-kW) wheel hub motors to move the rear wheels.

## Trivia:

What ever happened to Smokey Drolet, the lady racer from Florida? She ran the 24hrs of Daytona in '59 & '66 as well as the Sebring 12hrs in '66. Last known to be in Houston TX. Anyone having information please forward same to the Editor.





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## Crystal Ball:

**2008** - The slow-selling Camry Solara will exit production once the '08 model year ends.

**2008** - The recent Paris Tuning Show witnessed the launch of a new European championship which is to be called the All Stars V8 Cup, with backing from the NRJ radio station. The aim of this new series is to bring the excitements of NASCAR to the European audiences and there are plans for 13 meetings at venues such as Rockingham, Brands Hatch, Lydden, Lausitzring and a number of other road racing venues. The events will include a number of star drivers who will include Olivier Panis, Patrick Tambay, Luc Alphnad and Hubert Auriol. The series, which is due to start in June 2008 is an initiative of an English group. If all goes to plan there will be 26 cars. Cars can be either bought or rented and are all fitted with a 5800 cc V8 motor with bodies from Chevrolet, Ford, Dodge and Toyota.

**2008** - Hyundai Motor America steps into the U.S. luxury segment by unveiling its new Genesis sedan, now on sale in South Korea. The rear-drive '09 Genesis will be available with three engines - including Hyundai's first V-8 - when it goes on sale in the U.S. this summer. The Hyundai Tiburon will exit the U.S. market at the end of the year. Coupe fans will get two new models in its place,

**2008** - The 2009 Audi TT will have a new 272-hp TTS version. The TTS, which will be in European dealer showrooms in early summer and U.S. outlets in November (as an '09 model), features a modified version of the TT's direct-injected, turbocharged TFSI

2.0L gasoline engine that boasts 258 lb.-ft. (350 Nm) of torque in a wide bandwidth of 2,500-5,000 rpm.

**2009** - Over the next three years, Chrysler LLC will get 12 vehicles spanning three segments from its partnership with China-based Chery Automobile Co. Ltd.

**2009** - General Motors Corp. will supply BMW AG with 2-mode hybrid transmissions from its Baltimore plant for use in an upcoming version of the German auto maker's new X6 cross/utility vehicle. The hybrid version, which BMW will launch in 2009, is expected to consume 20% less fuel than the standard model.

**2009** - A vehicle from Honda Motor Co. Ltd.'s Acura brand will be the first recipient of the auto maker's long-awaited 4-cyl. turbodiesel engine. The unnamed Acura model coincides with Honda's promised 2009 U.S. debut of its clean diesel. In addition, Honda is now selling the Honda Collision Mitigation System and Adaptive Cruise Control in the UK. The Collision Mitigation System is a radar on the front of the car. It sends a beam out and times how long it takes to bounce back. From this it calculates the distance and the speed differential. If the physical gap starts to rapidly decrease and the speed difference increases, it sets off the alarm. If you don't brake to improve the situation, it operates a motor that makes the seatbelt tug. If the car still doesn't start to brake, then the adaptive cruise control takes over and starts controlled braking. Yes, "Big Brother" and the "Nanny State" have arrived. The Honda Collision Mitigation System and

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Adaptive Cruise Control are available on the CR-V at a cost of £2,750 (~\$5500) as a part of the technology pack. They have to be specified on the car when new and cannot be retro-fitted.

**2009** - Chrysler LLC is stuffing a 380-hp engine in the '09 Dodge Ram truck. It also will feature a coil-spring rear suspension instead of the time-honored leaf-spring setup that has served pickup owners well for generations.

**2010** - Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.'s Titan fullsize pickup truck will have a diesel-engine option in its second generation.

**2013** - Hyundai Motor America is pushing back its U.S. hybrid-electric vehicle launch to 2013, at the earliest. Previously, Hyundai said it planned to introduce a gasoline-electric version of its Elantra compact car by 2010.

See you at the races!

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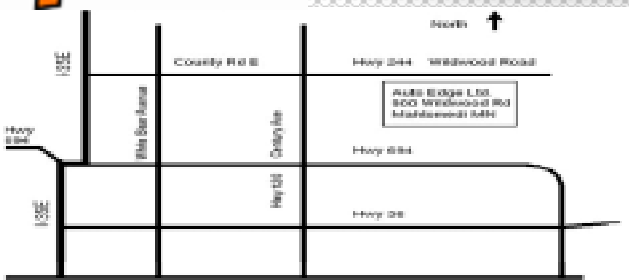
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