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Tt's that time of the year when many of us are resigned to an Loccasional longing glance at our Porsches while they sit in the garage or shop, bundled up, waiting for Spring. It seems I'm never content just putting the car in the back of the shop and checking on the trickle-charger every now and then. In the off-season, if we're not driving them, we've got to have winter projects involving our P-cars. Could be something simple like replacing those worn out hood shocks after getting hit in the head by a falling hood one too many times. Could be something big like an engine rebuild. Doesn't matter - we do it partly for the improvement itself and partly for "winter therapy".

Well, winter therapy comes in various forms, and many of us had the group version of winter therapy on January 17^{th.}. The day started with a very interesting presentation by Leonard Turner who has been part of several Porsche new-car introductions over the years and who we can thank for many a Panorama cover. His photography is world-class. Leonard and Betty Jo Turner, who we have to thank for the publication of Panorama each month, were kind enough to travel here to join us.

The highlight of the day was the annual Holiday Party that evening. Themed this year as "From Spyder to Spyder" to celebrate Nord Sterns 50th anniversary, the event packed Interlachen Country Club with over 200 attendees! Roger Johnson put in an enormous effort to locate and attract past members including former Nord Stern presidents and charter members, some of whom came from out of town. Also, thanks to Roger for putting together the evening's program and being the emcee extraordinaire. Patrick Long's presentation on being a Porsche factory driver was fascinating and left me envious of anyone with that much talent and focus.

And a big thank you to Kim Fritze who took care of the logistics for the evening - from the venue, all the way down to the blinking ice cubes - no detail was overlooked. And to Gordon Maltby for putting together a commemorative booklet which will be part of my permanent collection of Nord Stern memorabilia.

Of course any gathering of many members is also an excellent opportunity to recognize those who make the club possible. I hope I didn't forget too many people in my mention of current officers or chairpersons. One presentation that will stick in my mind for a long time is that of a speechless Bruce Boeder receiving the Excellence award. What a great evening and thanks to everyone who made it there to share in the fun.

On January 24th we got to see the results of Gary Yee's conversion of his Cayman to an F-class race car courtesy of Gary and the folks at AutoEdge. What a nice ride!

It looks like January provided a solid dose of winter therapy for us snow-bound Porsche fans. The countdown 'till spring continues! Until next month, enjoy everything the club has to offer!

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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!

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.



S tunned and stunning are the words that come to mind when I contemplate our recently held 50th Anniversary Dinner and Annual Meeting this past Saturday at Interlachen Country Club. It was a huge turnout (over 200) and included members from some of those early days all the way to a number of new members of just the past year or two. The organizers did a fabulous job of mixing up the multimedia presentations, the business stuff, the awards (more on that later!), the speeches, the speaker (not one in the same!) along with good food and plenty of socializing time with friends and colleagues. Thanks go to those who worked so hard and long on this event. It was special.

A memoriable evening honoring 50 years of continuous club activity, it was fun and enjoyable. We were so glad we were there - especially in light of the new award designed to spotlight and honor a member who has consistently given of his/her leadership, time and talents over the years in a manner benefitting Nord Stern and its members. Not meant to be an annual award, its purpose is to give special recognition to a member - as the occasion arises - who has gone above and beyond in their willingness to work on events, chair activities, volunteer in leadership positions, to lead and inspire. Nord Stern is totally run by volunteers and isn't always the best at honoring and highlighting all the efforts - big and small - that make this club such a thriving organization. Thus the impetus to design a special award.

The initial recipient of the this award was announced on Saturday night and it was a total surprise and shock for that person. I knew, as I had been called beforehand to make sure it was okay to announce the recipient without his prior knowledge. And I said, of course, make it a surprise. That will make it all the more special for him. And the 'him' was my husband, Bruce. Bruce has given his heart and soul to this club (as have several others whose passion for Porsches is on an equal footing!) over the years both locally and nationally with the club racing program. Most people have no idea how much time it takes to serve on a national position let alone be President of this club. Bruce gives to this day such time and effort; all of it given freely, thoughtfully and with intense sincerity.

By Christie Boeder

Needless to say, he was stunned and overwhelmed - but only for a moment or so before he got his voice back to thank everyone. What an honor and well-deserved (but of course I am biased!).

This issue has 3 articles talking about the upcoming Parade in Keystone, Colorado. They are fun; at some point everyone should attend at least part of one Parade. Enjoy, and next month I hope to feature pictures from the January dinner! We were dressed up! No track duds in sight...wow. See you at the next event...

And welcome to new advertiser, Structured Network Solutions - more on them in the next issue! See page 15 for their ad and the well-know Nord Stern member contact.



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Leonard Turner Photography Presentation

If you didn't make this one, you missed out big. I have read Betty Jo's writing and admired Leonard's pictures since I first joined PCA and have never known another editor/photographer combination. That's been a while.

What a great presentation and I'm sure I was not the only one who wanted it to continue longer. What a pleasure for me to finally meet both of them with Patrick Long thrown in as a bonus.

Thanks Leonard, Betty Jo and Patrick for coming to the north country!

— Jon Beatty Jon when you are right, you are right and thanks to Roger for arranging it for us.

- Keith Jones 50th Anniversary Dinner

Thank you to Kim Fritze for organizing a fantastic event last night. It was fun to see such a large turnout of members, both old and new. It was fun to see all the track crowd wearing suits and ties for a change.

Thanks should also go to Roger Johnson for organizing the Nord Stern 50th Anniversary program and Patrick Long as the guest speaker. Although many people contributed to Roger's program, his obvious passion for Nord Stern and all things Porsche made this a truly special event.

— Bret Bailey Couldn't agree more. Geri and I had a great time last night, and Leonard Turner's presentation in the afternoon was great.



Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a great day. Is there any doubt that this is the region of the year?!

Steve Thompson

want to ditto Bret's remarks and add my THANK YOU to all who contributed.

I did not know the track rats could clean-up so good.

- Stephan Meydell agree with Bret. What a wonderful way to start off the new year, 50th year at that!

Excellent setting, great meal, huge turnout, grand program, and enjoyed by all.

- Dale Trippler

There are so many people to thank for the January 17th Anniversary dinner and meeting. It was a spectacular evening enjoyed by one and all. Nord Stern's Roger Johnson and Mark Bouljon of Carousel Porsche worked hard and long to gather bits and pieces of memorabilia and memories from the early days of the club. What a job they did. We all enjoyed the slide show and video presentation focusing on Nord Stern's beginnings and the development of PCA from the national perspective. While shifting through lots of photos, publications, posters, brochures as saved by several members from the 1970s, and before, it was obvious a souvenir book needed to be put together. Gordon Maltby volunteered to be the editor and put his professional skills to the task. And to have both Patrick Long and Tom Countryman (one of our 'founding fellows!') sign them for those attending, wow! Thank you, Gordon, as I couldn't have put together anything close to that. Having our zone rep, Doug Pierce, in attendance plus both Betty Jo and Leonard Turner was a huge plus. Leonard graciously presentated a slide show in the afternoon from many of his travels on behalf of Porsche and new car rollouts which focused on 'the stories' that went with the photos. Most entertaining!

And what can we say about Patrick Long?! He was the surprise of the evening for me (I knew about Bruce's award - see page 32 about that part of the evening); only 27 years old he has already traveled down the road of life in a most adventurous way. His passion for motorsports, for racing and for pursuing excellence is awe-inspiring. I was mesmerized listening to him relate his 'story' and how he got where he is today and where he hopes to go. So articulate, what a talented spokesperson for Porsche. Thank you, Roger, for getting Patrick here for the evening.

And of course to **Kim** and **Keith Fritze** (and their daughter who was our 'official' photographer!) for organizing the dinner itself, it was yummy and the location great. I know there were others who worked on the dinner and to you all, I say THANKS for the memories! What a night, a night to remember...

- Christie and Bruce Boeder



PCA Zone 10 Calendar . . . Be sure to check out events at neighborhing regions -All PCA members are welcome at any of these events

Courtesy Doug Pierce, Zone 10 Rep

City

JAN	UARY 2009	
17	Region 50th Anniversary/Holiday Party	Nord Stern
24	Region 50th Anniversary Party	St. Louis
24	After Holiday Party	Wichita
31	Changing of the Guard dinner	Kansas City
FEB	RUARY 2009	
7	Easy TDS Rally	Red River
7	Model Car Show	Great Plains
14	Brunch	Dakota
15	Radio Controlled Car Race	Dakota
21	Dinner at Parkers Smokehouse	Great Plains
28	Out of the Corkscrew Social	Great Plains
21	Mardi Gras Casino Night	Kansas City
MA	RCH 2009	
1	Wine Tasting at Paulo & Bills	Kansas City
7	Multi-lap TDS Rally	Red River
14	St. Patrick's Day at Shamrock Racing	Great Plains
13	Superstition Party	Dakota
28	Speedway Motors Museum Tour	Great Plains
	AIL 2009	
3	First Fast Friday, Mid America Motorplex	Dakota
3-5	1 6 9	St. Louis
17-1	9 PCA Club Race & DE	
	at Heartland Park Topeka	Kansas City
25-2	6 First Fling Drivers Education at BIR	Nord Stern
25	Gymkhana	Great Plains
	¥ 2009	
2	Spring Tour to Godfrey, IL	St. Louis
	7 Ozark Getaway/Rally	Kansas City
	7 Car Show, Fargo, ND	Dakota
16	Inter-Marque Spring Kick-off Location	Nord Stern
17	Five's a Winning Hand Poker Run	St. Louis
-	E 2009	a
7	European Auto Show, Plaza Frontenac	St. Louis
10	Outing to the T-Bones minor league baseball	-
	4 Fast Fling Drivers Education at BIR	Nord Stern
	4 Summer DE at Heartland Park Topeka	Kansas City
	9 Keystone (SD) to Keystone (CO) tour	Dakota
	/42009 Porsche Parade, Keystone Colorado	
	Y 2009	0. T .
25	Tour St. Louis	St. Louis
	/2PCA Club Race & DE at BIR	Nord Stern
	GUST 2009	Kana C'i
9	Autocross	Kansas City
15	Fun Drive to Marina Grog & Galley restaura	nt Kansas

27-30	Run for the Hills 7 Multi-Region Event, Key	stone, SD
Dako	ta	
SEPT	TEMBER 2009	
7	6th Annual Rochester BBQ & Picinic	Nord Stern
12	Shrimp Boil	Kansas City
18-20	Fast Fling Drivers Education at BIR	Nord Stern
18-20	RVBOWOW 5 End of Summer Tour, MN, W	VI Dakota
19	Winery Tour	St. Louis
25-27	Annual North Shore Fall Color Tour	Nord Stern
27	Autocross	Kansas City
OCT	OBER 2009	
1-4	PCA Escape to the Birthplace of Aviation, D	ayton, OH
3	Fall Color Tour	St. Louis
9-11	Fallfast DE at Heartland Park Topeka	Kansas City
17-18	Fall Carrara Classic Drivers Education, Gate	eway Int'l
		St. Louis
17	Octoberfest Rally	Kansas City
18	Octoberfest Car Show	Kansas City
NOV	EMBER 2009	
1	Autocross	Kansas City
10	PCA Palooza, Eureka Springs, AR	
14	Porsche Dinner	Dakota
DEC	EMBER 2009	
5	Holiday Party	St. Louis
5	Holiday Party	Kansas City
12	Christmas Get Together	Dakota
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President Bob Barker opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. The following topics were presented and discussed:

Advertising: Ed Vazquez, Chair

Ed talked about some possible new advertisers who have expressed some interest in putting ads in Nord Stern's newsletter.

Autocross/Time Trials: Harvey Robideau, Chair No report.

BIR Relations: Rick LaVerdiere, Chair No report.

Concours: Brain Mayer, Chair

Concours will be held on Sunday, June 28th next year. The venue will be in Central Park, Roseville again next year.

Club Race and Dealer Relations: Roger Johnson, Chair The dates for the Club Race will be July 31-August 2, 2009.

Driver's Education: Andrew Busche, Chair No report.

Driver's Ed Registration: Kim Fritze, Chair Still looking for volunteers to take over this task for a couple of track events next year.

Driver's Training: Ron McFarland, Chair First Fling will be held at BIR on the Big Track and maybe Last Fling on the New Track if facilities are available. Will be meeting with BIR reps soon to finalize details.

Drives: Mike Lancial and Randy Walker, Co-Chairs

Nothing new to report.

Historic Archivist: Kim Fritze

Nothing new to report.

Insurance: Michele Johnson, Chair Insurance for tech session in January is all set. All is well for insurance.

Membership: Steve Sherf, Chair 188 members have not paid yet for next year. Four new members signed up this month.

Pizza will be served and chairs will be asked to talk about their events at the New Member event in March.

Met Council: Bob Kosky, Chair No report.

Newsletter: Christie Boeder, Chair Need articles for future issues.

Rally: Dale Trippler and Scott Welz, Co-Chairs No report.

Road America: Dave Anderson, Chair No report.

Rules: Bret Bailey, Chair

Nothing new to report. Not planning on any rule changes this year.

Shop Relations: Mark Kedrowski, Chair

- Auto Edge will hold a TECH SESSION on Saturday, January 24th called, "Cayman as a racecar."
- SWAP MEET will be held at Carousel Porsche on Saturday, March 14th. More info will be available soon.
- Maplewood Imports will be holding their annual AUTO FAIR on Sunday, May 3rd. More info will be available soon.

Social: Kim Fritze, Chair

The Holiday dinner is set for Saturday, January 17th at Interlachen Country Club. 182 club members are signed up so far. Dress will be semi-formal, suit and tie. The theme will be Spyder to Spyder, meaning the 550 Spyder to the RS Spyder. Gordon Maltby put together a 28-page booklet on the history of Nord Stern. Everyone will receive a copy at the end of the evening.

Special presentation at 2 PM at Interlachen CC will be Leonard Turner talking about his experiences over many years doing photo work for Porsche and Panorama.

Safety: Dave Anderson, Chair No report.

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

Michele discussed with the Board several options to increase interest in Taste of the Track.

Timing and Scoring: Ed Tripet, Chair No report.

Treasurer: Jeff Bluhm

No report, but the Club is doing well monetarily.

Webmaster: Bret Bailey, Chair Working on updating several things various chairs have provided. Working on links to cool videos.

50th Planning: Lee Jacobson, Chair No report.

New Business:

Discussions on whether there is an official written policy on the use of Clubtalk. Suggested putting together a calendar of events with the 50th year logo on the top. Advertisers are asking for one to post at their place of business.

Meeting ended at 8:12 PM. Respectfully submitted by Dale Trippler, SecretaryNord Stern Porsche Club, January 14, 2009

NORD STERN JANUARY 2009



2009 Season Kick-off & New Member Reception Thursday, March 12, 2009

This is a great opportunity to find out more about Nord Stern's upcoming activities for the year and to meet other club members.

- A special invitation to our new members and Porsche owners who may be thinking of joining to find out what the club is about.
- A special invitation to existing members to meet our new members and to learn about this year's events.

We will have short presentations with question periods on:

Driving schools Day trips North Shore weekend High speed track events Charity events Concours Social events Low speed autocrosses Club racing

Please join us at 6:30 PM at the clubhouse of the new Motorplex Minneapolis in Chanhassen (8200 Audubon Road) for pizza and beer. Cost is \$15.00 per person at the door.

Please RSVP with Steve Sherf at 952-471-1054 (ssherf42@gmail.com) by Tuesday, March 10. Just leave your name and the number of guests that will attend; pay at the door. Friends and family members are welcome!

Carousel Porsche Winter Tech Session Date: Saturday February 21, 2009 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Model Year 2009 Porsche 997 (and other models) Come and see the latest and greatest Porsche innovations (PDK, DFI, & more!) have some coffee and treats, and drool over the latest cars Members and interested guests are welcome Carousel Porsche, 9191 Wayzata Blvd, Minneapolis

Eventmaster: Mark Kedrowski, mark@blueearth.net

Nord Stern Swap Meet Invites All Sellers and Buyers (hmmm, that sounds like everyone!)

Date: Saturday March 14, 2009 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(set up starts at 7:00 AM)

Carousel Porsche: 9191 Wayzata Blvd, Minneapolis

Eventmaster: Mark Kedrowski, mark@blueearth.net

\$20 per table for sellers

Tables need to be reserved by check to the club or PayPal payment no later than March 9th.

Please Note: No cars for sale at the swap and Porsche-related parts ONLY

S tarkey's loss is your Gain! Since I have been granted a economic work holiday (or what is more commonly called a layoff!), I thought I would use this free time to start visiting our advertisers and provide us with news from our advertisers. The days are getting longer and we really only have ONE more month of full blast winter (February) before we can start rolling down the road in our P cars. (editor's note: remember, there are **some** of us who daily drive our P cars All Year Long. Although it is true the other daily driver in the Boeder household is an Audi!) I only hope that GAS PRICES will stay down. I will be really unhappy if we spend another year with HIGH GAS prices during the summer and LOW gas prices in the winter.

First Stop, Maplewood Imports. I thought I would pass on some thoughts to all.

1. I visited the new Porsche service bay, and I must say, the Maplewood building is the same but the reception room is modern. If you need any work done and they are your preferred shop, you may want to call Sheila. They can always use the work and by doing it in January you will be rolling down the road in the Spring without having to wait during the annual Spring service rush. She has a hibernation special posted on their website. While I was there, I met the Service Rep for Porsche who was in town visiting. Sheila is well known with Porsche North America so keep that in mind.

2. If you are thinking about buying a newer, used Porsche, the lot is full with a multitude of pre owned Porsche's. I even saw a freshly traded in YELLOW GT3 that came from

by Ed Vazquez

Rochester. DALE TRIPPLER, this is YOUR COLOR! It would really compliment your YELLOW Car collection! If anyone wants to donate a new TURBO Cab to the advertising department, I will gladly take the one in the showroom!

3. Saw a new 2009 SUPERCHARGED Audi 3.0 A-6. Yes Supercharged!!! Scott Wheeler showed it to me after he had just taken it for a spin. The smile on his face was bigger than the dealership! For all of you who drive AUDI's while your P car is hibernating, here is a new vehicle for you to consider. They were also delivering a new R8. I have to find out who the buyer is so that I can use his broker for stock advice!

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Did You Know . . . Miscellaneous NS Tidbits Gathered at Random

 $\mathbf{F}_{ ext{time:}}^{ ext{rom Keith Jones: Roger Johnson said to me one}$

"You come to Nord Stern for the cars. ou need to find out what polish to use, which tires, how to store, etc.

After a while the events become more important than the cars. The cars are a tool for your next Club Race, DE, Concours, Rally, or Tour.

Finally, the people become more important than the events. The events are a tool to see the people you have become such good friends with and close to!"



Editor's Note: I couldn't resist including this even though I am sure it's not an exact quote, it's close enough to the truth many of us know and appreciate in this club.

PORSCHE PARADE 2009, Keystone, Colorado . . . What's It All About, Part 3

by Doug Pierce, Zone 10 Rep

A nother in the group of major competitions to be held at Parade, Keystone Colorado, Parade, June 29 thru July 4, this year, is the TSD Rally. TSD stands for Time Speed Distance (some think it's Trauma Stress Disorientation, but it's not). The TSD Rally is all about the three components – manage your Speed to travel the prescribed Distance in order to arrive at the calculated Time. This year the TSD Rally will be held on Wednesday, July 1, traversing the scenic roads in and around Keystone.

Anyone registered for Parade is eligible to compete in the TSD Rally as driver or navigator, assuming the driver has a valid full drivers license and meets the general eligibility requirements outlined in the Parade Competition Rules (PCR). The full PCR's are available on-line at www.pca.org. The rally team does not necessarily mean husband and wife, wife and husband, or any other family combination. In some instances it's better to pair up with a complete stranger – fewer heated arguments and divorces. The entered Porsche must be street legal (no race cars) and pass a technical inspection that checks things such as tire condition, lights and signals, brake function, and similar safety related items.

For those new or relatively new to TSD Rallying, a Rally School is held prior to the event where basic rally concepts and techniques are covered. You will need to refer to your detailed Parade schedule included with materials received at registration in Keystone to find it. Times and locations of the Rally School can and do change at the last minute, so keep track of this sometimes moving target on schedule monitors and bulletin postings throughout the Parade areas. If you miss the Rally School, you may be in trouble (this is the voice of experience here).

There are 4 official rally classifications: Equipped, Navigational, Unequipped Plus, and Unequipped. The 5th unofficial classification, in which I excel, is Unprepared (Jezzzz,



they moved the Rally School location and we missed it). The Unequipped classification allows only simple time pieces, the car speedometer and odometer, paper, pencils, clipboards, and similar non-automated devices to help you keep track of your time, speed, and distance. Unequipped Plus allows for factory built-in computers that can read out average speed. Navigational class allows the addition of maps, prepared charts and tables, slide rules (slide rules? I've got one, but have long ago forgotten how to use it), non-programmable calculators, and factory GPS/ Nav systems. Equipped basically allows any rally aid you can imagine including non-factory GPS, computers, laser guidance systems, heat seeking missiles, etc. - everything but 2-way radios and cell phones which are not allowed in any classification. In fact, leave your cell phone in your room for the TSD Rally. If you are found with a cell phone, you're disqualified. In the unofficial Unprepared classification, which is my personal favorite, you don't even have a clue.

At the beginning of the Rally, arrive early to get yourself oriented, you are given the route instructions (typically in a language uninterruptible by normal humans, at least by me - theone who missed Rally School). You have a few minutes to look through the very detailed instructions before you have to get in line for your scheduled start time. Don't miss your assigned start (the one thing I did actually accomplish) as that becomes the basis for

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While talking with some of our PCA members during the regional Holiday parties, it occurred to Kathleen Lennon and I that some of you really didn't have a good idea of what registering for the Porsche Parade is all about. We thought we should take a moment to explain just how the process goes. Here are some of the basics for you to think about:

When you register for Parade 2009 online, you must first have access to the PCA National website. Some of you may already have access to www.pca.org and have a password set up for its access. For those of you who do not, please contact Vu Nguyen, PCA Executive Director at vun@pca.org He will assist you in gaining access to the National site, where you will be registering for our 2009 Porsche Parade.

Have a copy of the 2009 Porsche Parade's full schedule of events at hand. It will help you when you are in the registration process, and you can find the full Parade schedule on www. porscheparade2009.com . It will list the four major competitive Events, Special Activities and Banquets plus all their dates and times for your convenient selection. The Parade registration process will take you approximately 30 minutes on line.

The 54th Porsche Parade registration fee is \$165.00, and covers basic admittance to the Parade for the entrant, a co-entrant, and one car. The co-entrant may be an unaffiliated PCA member, but must share the same car with an entrant. An exception applies if the registered Porsche is not legal for street use, in which case a second Porsche may be registered for use in the TSD rally only.

Beginning with the 54th Parade, we have lowered the registration fee, but will be charging entrants additional fees for the four major competitive events, if you choose to enter any or all: Concours - \$20 per car; Autocross - \$20 per driver; TSD Rally - \$10 per car; and Tech Quiz - \$10 per person.

Additional fees apply for banquet/meal tickets and for selected other activities such as the spectacular driving tours, golf tournament, 5K walk/run and some Parade kids' activities.

There are three ways to register for the Colorado Parade and all its activities:

- The fastest, easiest way to register is online at www. pca.org
- Before you can do that, you must be a registered user on the PCA website, as I have stated above. If you aren't already registered, please do that now so you are ready to go at Registration time. If you are already registered, please make sure your information is up to date.
- If you are not comfortable using the online method of registering, please go to the Colorado Parade site directly at www.porscheparade2009.com to download the registration form. Fill it in and mail it on or after March 3, 2009.

- If you do not have Internet access, call Kathleen Lennon, Parade Registrar, at 719-487-2842 or 719-330-1525 and request that a paper registration form be mailed to you. Requests for paper registration forms will be accepted beginning February 14th.
- Mailed registrations and online registrations will be treated alike. There is no advantage to registering either way, beyond your own convenience.

As in the past, there is no early registration. The online registration site will be available starting Tuesday, March 3rd. All online registrations submitted on March 3rd, 4th, or 5th will be treated equally as first day registration and paper registrations postmarked the same days. Paper entries received with an earlier postmark will be rejected. There is no rush to register on a single first day as in past Parades. You may also register later but your options may be somewhat limited.

As you can see, Parade registration has it rules, as do many regional events we all register for. If you are still confused or simply worried you won't do it right, please feel free to call Kathleen Lennon. She will hold your hand through the process prior to our actual registration dates.

Kathleen and I hope these hints and things to think about will help you with your registration for the 2009 Parade. Once you are registered, you will receive a confirmation of registration from the registrar and the Parade code to help you with your selection of Keystone Parade lodging. Whether you choose a hotel or a condominium, you will need this Parade access code to obtain the Parade rates. Check our regional Parade website for a lodging map of the Keystone area www.porscheparade2009.com

Walt and I will also be available to answer any Parade questions you may have. Our e-mail is katfricke@msn.com or call 303-499-6540.

Welcome to the registration process for the 2009 Porsche Parade.

Kathleen Lennon - Parade Registrar Kathy and Walt Fricke - Parade Chairs



JUST AROUND THE CORNER - THINK SPRING! MAPLEWOOD IMPORTS ANNUAL AUTOFAIR SUNDAY, MAY 3 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Maplewood Imports will be holding its annual Auto Fair this year on Sunday, May 3rd from 10 AM to 1 PM. Mark your calendars for the first event of the season to get your Porsche out of storage and on the road again. The Auto Fair is a great place to show your Porsche and let everyone else enjoy its beauty, meet old friends, and contribute to a worthy charity, Children's Cancer Research Fund. It is always a fun event. More information will be coming out soon. Watch your Nord Stern newsletter in future issues. If you have any questions, contact George Andeweg at 651-483-2681 or gandeweg@hotmail.com

What it's All About, Part 3 . . .

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all of your timing through the route. There are many check points along the route where you must stop, check-in, and prepare for the next leg. Check point workers will log your entry and exit times for use in calculating your overall competition standing. Typically the TSD Rally runs 3 to 4 hours. You will be allowed at most of the check points to unload the excess coffee you had at breakfast, but be quick about it, this is a timed event. At the end there are usually refreshments, to get your blood sugar back up.

If the TSD Rally seems to be overly complicated for you, the Keystone Parade also offers a Gimmick Rally. No timing involved, no speeds to maintain, no distances to calculate. Just a drive through the mountains typically answering sometimes obscure questions about the scenery you're passing including things like road sign wording, colors of whatever, number of something, etc. A more low pressure excursion.

Keystone Parade TSD and Gimmick Rally information is available on the official 2009 Parade website at www. porscheparade2009.com.

Entry in a TSD Rally is something that can really hone your competitive skills, the Gimmick Rally can be just fun. If you're at Parade, my suggestion is to participate in at least one of the rallies, possibly both, if for no other reason than to see the beautiful Colorado landscape.

A Member's Perspective . . .

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but in light of our anniversary year, what better way to continue honoring the club than through the words of the 'most important' component of the club - the members?!

Jill Daneu has volunteered to interview members to 'get their story' and we will publish a monthly column celebrating the 'People of Nord Stern!' So when she calls (or feel free to contact her directly!), please contribute to our 'oral history' with your memories of joining the club. We have great stories - let's share them!



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	Eventmaster: Mark Kedrowski, mark@blueearth	.net	28	All Porsche Show and Concours	
March		2009		10:00 am to 2:00 PM	
10	NS Business Meeting			Central Park in Roseville	
	Ramada Mall of America Airport			Eventmaster: Brian Mayer	
	2300 East American Boulevard, Bloomington.			Watch Your Nord Stern for further Details!	
12	New Member Social (see page 12)		13	German Carfest 2009	
	Motorplex Minneapolis			8:00 am to 2:00 PM	
	8200 Audubon Rd.			Veteran's Park, 1801 E. Co. Rd. 101, Shakopee	
	Time: TBA			All German cars are welcome!	
	Eventmaster: Steve Sherf, ssherf42@gmail.com			Hosted by the Minnesota Mercedes-Benz Club. Ir	nfo:
14	Swap Meet at Carousel Porsche - See Pg. 13			Paul Bergquist 952-937-1822 pbassocinc©aol.com	
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May		2009		andrew.busche©watsonwyatt.com	
3	Maplewood Imports AutoFair		25-27	Annual North Shore Fall Color Tour!	
	Maplewood Imports - See page 17			Mark Your Calendars Now for next year!	
	10 AM to 1 PM			BluFin Bay in Tofte, MN	
	Eventmaster: George Andeweg, 651-483-2681			Eventmaster: John Dixon, eyerack©tcq.net	
9	NS Annual Spring Drive			-	
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may autocross reviewed !!!



More Blasts From The Past: Left, Ron Faust scanned this page out of the June 1975 Nord Stern newsletter as it accompanied a full page analysis of how the eventmaster who laid out the course thought it should have been run! Editor's Note: Now that's what I call being detailed!

COURSE WORK AT NORTH HENNEPIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE 7411 85Th AVENUE NORTH, MINNEAPOLIS MAY 17, 1975, SATURDAY 8 A.M. – REGISTRATION AND TECH 9:30 A.M. – PRACTICE 1 A. M. – TIME RUNS FEE – 3.50, NON-PCA – 4.00, PORSCHES ONLY Left, Autocross announcement from 1975 newsletter - love the original artwork! Below, a young Corey Johnson who contributed to the March 1975 issues (see page 25 here) both images scanned by Ron Faust



EVENT MASTERS: NIEMEYER & BECKER





Mid-1970s Scans and Aspen Rennenhaus Poster . . .

Poster submitted by Larry Skoglund

Above is the poster from the 1975 Aspen Rennenhaus which he and many other Nord Stern members attended driving out in a caravan with as many as a dozen other members. Check this one out in color - orange and reds, very cool!

And to the right is the beautiful, original artwork for the Nord Stern Sprints scheduled for late summer 1975.



Steve's Tech Corner: ABS Emergency Override

by Steve Grosekemper, San Diego Region (from THE WINDBLOWN WITNESS)

The level of sophistication that our cars have achieved over the last several years is nothing short of miraculous. We now have cars that will shift exactly when they should, put power down to the wheel that needs it and stops the wheel that has the best traction! These are all truly wonderful features of our new smarter vehicles. However, there are times when the driver needs the car to do something that might be contrary to the "intelligence" our vehicles now possess. This is going to be our topic today.

When a late model car with anti-lock brakes is being used for racing, the ABS system is unaware of whether the car is going backwards or forwards, it only knows that the wheels are spinning. The reason that this is an issue is as follows: the front brakes normally do most of the braking and are, therefore, much larger in size than the rear brakes. This is because, under braking, the weight of the car will shift towards the direction of travel, placing a much higher demand on the front brakes. Unfortunately, if the car gets completely out of control and ends up going backwards, this high braking demand is now placed on the forward facing rear brakes, while unloading weight off the rearward facing front brakes. Since the rear brakes are too small to do much stopping at all on their own, they are of very little use in this situation. The larger front brakes that now have no weight on them, immediately lock up. The ABS sees this and, thinking the car is going forward, it releases the pressure to the front calipers, virtually eliminating any effect they might have had. What you are left with is a smart car that will not stop in a safe distance.

The remedy for this is to install a switch that can be easily activated to shut the ABS system off in such an emergency. The highest priorities for such a switch are to be highly visible as well as easy to use in a panic situation. I have come up with a system that does both of these while still remaining simple and cost effective.

The following installation was done on a 1993 RS America, but it translates to most other Porsche models with ABS:

- 1. Install a Porsche rocker switch part# 911.613.113.00 in the switch blank between the speedometer and clock.
- Grind a slot into the top of the switch so a cloth streamer will just slide into it. Insert the cloth streamer (I prefer red) into the top of the switch and push the top of the rocker switch in. The switch will now be in the "on" position. ABS activated. (see figure 1)

- 3. Run two 24 guage wires from the switch to the front fuse box in the trunk.
- 4. Disconnect the battery negative cable.
- Lift out the fuse box and cut the .75mm brown wire at the #31 connection of relay R34 (see figure 2)
- 6. Solder these two cut wires to the wires that run to the newly installed switch in the dash.

Install heat shrink tubing to the wires and reinstall the fuse box.

Testing:

With the car running, pull the red streamer and notice an alarm sound as the ABS warning light comes on.

Warning: Modification of any brake or safety system should be left to qualified personnel. This modification is for off-road (racing) use only and the user assumes any and all responsibility in the event of system failure.



Figure 1: The switch is now in the "on" position

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Where We Were – Where We Are – 50 Year of Nord Stern!

"Know your history or you might have to repeat it" doesn't really apply tour car hobby but any automotive history gets interesting for most of us whhave been doing the car thing for a while. Long-time Nord Stern member Gordon Doering has contributed his newsletter back issues to the club. While some of the old newsletter information is quaint, occasionally you see something that boggles the mind; are we on the same planet?

March, 1975

- New technology advances the newsletter's production quality: a carbon ribbon for the typewriter.
- **Dave Morse** contributes a well-written five page technical article on racing tires, complete with figures.
- **Robin Boone** adds a three page article on 911 suspension preparations.
- A youthful **Corey Johnson** is pictured in a two page article on preparing 914's for the track.
- Jim Clark, Chair of Speed Events, breaks down autocross (we call it DE now) preparation into preparing yourself and preparing your car. The former includes mental and physical condition. The first rule of physical conditioning is: "THE NIGHT BEFORE: What did you do the night before the autocross? If you feel pretty badly the next day, you will probably drive pretty badly."

April, 1975

- Editor-wrencher-writer-racer **Larry Skoglund** is feisty again; you can read it between the lines. After a polite reminder on the importance of the newsletter deadline, he (who drove his 4-cam 356 to the San Diego Parade) launches into an attack of the eastern PCA members who have suggested touring to the upcoming Seattle Parade with their Porsches on a railroad flatcar. Thirty-three years later, it doesn't sound like such a bad idea to me.
- Larry then attacks the 55 mph speed limit. "...they're here so you'd better learn to adapt or buy a Pacer." He suggests touring off the 4 lanes; he and Annie had driven to Denver totally avoiding freeways. He was planning touring all the way to Seattle on the back roads. "Time at 55 mph means nothing. Do the chain restaurants and their fine meals hold you? Discover the small towns again, it's exciting."
- The Treasurer reported Nord Stern was running \$694.27 in the black.
- Annie Skoglund's brief, handwritten submission: "Annie is human relating this month. See you next month—if I am still human and relating." June, August and September BIR events are on the calendar.

May, 1975

• Although this issue has only one photograph, the artwork is



truly beautiful. **Hank Godfredson's** line drawings of two 917's makes a stunning cover (see cover of this issue of Nord Stern!!!). 914 designs for a May autocross and August Sprints at BIR are elegantly simple, but suitable for framing.

- Nord Stern superwoman Annie Skoglund is back and encourages spouses to look closer after their husbands' rebuilds to see things not in any fix-it manual. "The cylinder heads are your new stove (burned bread, raw vegetables and no cookies), the brakes are your new wallpaper you spent weeks finding, the race tires are the casual (is their any other kind?) furniture you picked out, and last but not least, the engine rebuild is your birthday present—but don't fret—he'll let you drive it!"
- At the April monthly meeting, Annie, had recommended that the club purchase an electric typewriter. And we think we've got hard times.

June, 1975

- Editor Larry Skoglund puts in a plug for the Donneybrook Farm Campgrounds and Cabins for the upcoming BIR weekend. "Why not join us?" It sounds like a lot more fun than the Paul Bunyan Inn. And at \$3.50 per night per 4 person campsite just think of all the extra money you would free up for tires.
- Original technical articles form the backbone of the content of many issues in 1975. In a series called "Kaput" John Horner submits a wonderful three page article this month on carburetor balancing. It's a clear, concise combination of theory and practice that demystifies the subject better than anything I've ever read.
- The used 911T's are heading to market for the first time; three appear in the June classified ads.

July-August, 1975

- Seeking help, the Newsletter Editor says each edition is taking about 20 hours to put together and \$90 for the club to publish. (current editor's note: Those were the days!!!)
- The three day Nord Stern Sprints will be on Labor Day weekend. Saturday is Concours and Rally sans BIR track time. Registration is up to \$30.00 per car.
- A pair of 356 front and rear bumpers are for sale in The Mart for \$25.

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ABS Override . . .

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Figure 2: Lift out the fuse box and cut the .75mm brown wire at the #31 connection of

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The All Porsche Show and Concours - Coming Soon! June 28, 2009!

Porsche Wins Numerous Prizes and Awards

Courtesy Jill Beck, National PCA Editor

S tuttgart. 2008 was yet another excellent year for Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, in the truest sense of the word: once again, the 911, the Boxster, Cayman, and Cayenne brought home numerous prizes and awards for the German manufacturer of sports cars. In all kinds of contests, competitions and tests, both the public and the press, customers and connoisseurs confirmed through their vote that Porsche continues to outperform even the greatest expectations in the market.

Porsche has become a regular winner in the contest for the "Best Cars", conducted each year by Germany's leading motor magazine auto motor und sport among its readers. In 2008 the Overall Convertible Award went to Porsche's proven 911 Carrera Cabriolet. The readers of Sportauto, another leading German car magazine, chose the Boxster in the Convertible/Roadster Category up to Euro 80,000 as the "Most Sporting Car in 2008", thus paying their tribute to the enormous dynamic driving potential offered by Porsche's lightweight mid-engined roadster.

The open-air 911 also convinced the readers of Auto Zeitung to choose this outstanding car as No 1 in the Convertible Category above Euro 30,000 for their "Auto Trophy". And for the 15th time in 21 years, the 911 Carrera was chosen by the same readers as the "Best Sports Car", winning its category by a wide margin. Auto Bild Sportscars, in turn, acknowledged the 911 GT2 as their most outstanding sports car, just as the 911 GT2 was also lauded by Powercar, another leading sports car magazine, as the winner in the Supersports Category above 450 bhp. The 911 GT2 is of course the top supersports model within the 911 model series.

The editors of the same magazine also picked the 911 Turbo Cabriolet as their No 1 in the Convertible/Roadster Category and the Cayenne Turbo S as the best offroader. The Cayenne successfully defended its leading position as the benchmark in the SUV market with several magazines. Readers of Off Road, a specialist magazine for vehicles of this type, chose the Cayenne in their "Off Road Award 2008" as the best luxury SUV. Diners Club Magazine lauded the Cayenne as the "Best Offroader of the Year", and the internet portal Autoscout24 presented the Cayenne with its "Internet Auto Award" as the best sports utility of its class throughout the whole of Europe. Porsche's SUV also won the national competitions in Germany, France and the Netherlands, with Autorecht24 placing the Cayenne Turbo right at the top in 2008 as the "Car of the Year".

Porsche models were among the winners also on other continents, as is clearly borne out by two examples in particular: No less than two Porsche sports cars appear on the podium in the prestigious "Performance Car Of The Year" Award presented by Motor Magazine in Australia, with the 911 GT2 ranking right at the top and the new Carrera S with PDK receiving third place from the jury. And in the opinion of the US car magazine Car and Driver, Porsche's Boxster and Cayman entry-level models are among the world's "10Best Cars", as in the previous year.

Porsche sets the benchmark not only in terms of products, but also through its vehicle concepts and technologies. As an example, VDI-Gesellschaft Mess- und Automatisierungstechnik awarded their "Useware Prize 2008" to Porsche's new PCM 3.0 Communication Management. PCM stands out in particular through its simple, rapid and safe operation, this special award presented once a year expressing the appreciation of the Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (Association of German Engineers) for particularly user-friendly systems based on outstanding methods of development.





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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.	On the 1980 928 with automatic transmission, it is
reco	mmended that you only shift into "1" when the car speed is
belo	w mph.

- a. 10
- b. 100
- c. 45
- d. 90

1980 Owner's Manual, page 40-c

2. Air bags became standard equipment on _____ U.S. models.

- a. 1999
- b. 1989
- c. 1978
- d. 1990

Excellence, Vol. 3, page 1088-d

3. The early 928 automatic transmission was designated Type 922. It was a redesigned transmission from the Stuttgart neighbor ______.

- a. Daimler-Benz
- b. BMW
- c. Audi
- d. Volkswagen

Excellence, Vol. 2, page 927-a

4. On the 1980 Porsche 928, the washer fluid warning light came on when the fluid level in the windshield/headlight washer reservoir was down to 10 U.S. quarts or 10 liters.

True or False

1980 Owner's Manual, page 23-F

5. On the 1980 928, the EFI (electronically controlled fuel injection system) is also known as _____.

- a. K-Jetronic
- b. D-Jetronic
- c. L-Jetronic
- d. None of the above

1980 Owner's Manual, page 77-c

6. In 1988, Porsche produced a Club Sport version of the 928. Besides being lighter, it had manual operation of everything but

the windows, stiffer front springs and rim widths of ______ on the front and ______ on the rear.

- a. 6.0 inches / 8.5 inches
- b. 5.5 inches / 9.0 inches
- c. 14 inches / 18 inches
- d. 8.0 inches / 9.0 inches

Excellence, Vol. 3, page 1085-d

7. For the 1980 928, the radiator fan switches on automatically when the coolant temperature reaches 198 degrees F (92 C) and continues running, even with the engine turned off, until the coolant temperature had dropped to 189 degrees F (87C).

True or False

1980 Owner's Manual, page 23-T

8. In 1986, the 928 was given an extension of the Porsche Company's guarantee against rust-through from seven to twenty years.

True or False

Excellence, Vol. 3, page 1078-F

9. Who set two FIA land speed records for stock production cars in July of 1986 at the Bonneville Salt Flats in a Porsche 928?

- a. Denny Kahler
- b. Bob Hagestad
- c. Al Holbert
- d. Jochen Mass

Up-Fixin # 10, page 238 (or Panorama 12/95)-c

10. What was the horsepower of the 1985 U.S. 928S model with a five-liter, four valve engine?

- a. 200
- b. 275
- c. 425
- d. 288
- Up-Fixin # 10, page 238 (or Panorama 12/95)-d



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A Member's Perspective . . . Our Story, with just one very meaningful word: Thanks

by Bruce Boeder

In 1990 Christie and I joined Nord Stern and PCA, after having owned our 911SC for two years. I'd grown up with the two sons of Craig Alexander, a charter member of NS who attended the 50th Anniversary dinner on Saturday night, January 17th. Craig and his

sons had always said the club was fun. Christie and I thought we might have some fun and meet a few interesting people. I thought I might get to drive on a race track once or twice. We never thought in our wildest dreams how big a part of our lives the club would become, how much fun we would have, and how many wonderful people we would meet.

Now, 20 years later, it's become such a major part of our lives that it's almost like we never were not members. Rather than driving on track "a couple of times at most," I've driven on 10 tracks and been at 19 more (and counting) working and attending races. Christie and I have been in more than half the states in the USA and several Canadian provinces because of PCA. We've attended and enjoyed six Parades and most importantly, met a ton of people and made new friends around the country who we never would have met but for PCA.

What Christie and I have done in the club has always been a labor of love and certainly hasn't been "work." I know that Christie continues to enjoy being the *Nord Stern* editor and I'm energized every time a novice driver clicks on the track with a little bit of help from my instructions, or a club race goes like clock work with a little assistance from me in the tower. I'm always amazed at the heart and soul that members from Nord Stern put into the club. We joined because of the car and I have to confess I still get a thrill when I hear the exhaust note of any Porsche on track. However, even if we weren't driving or going to the track we'd stay active because of the people. It truly is the people, and not the cars, that make this such a great club and organization.

When Rick LaVeredrie started talking about this special award for a special member I thought "gee, Roger Johnson is finally getting an award... or perhaps it's for Teresa Vickery... or maybe Hank Godfredson is being recognized since he came all the way back from Colorado... or maybe the two charter members or any number of others who have given so much of their time and talents to the club over the years."

Needless to say, I was floored when it dawned on me that Rick was talking about me. I continue to be almost speechless about it and am humbled to have received it. All I can say is "thanks."

Editor's Note: Of course, there are always two sides to every story and I will take this opportunity to include the 'other story' that accompanies the Boeder story of "hmmm, I think I would like to drive on a high-speed track and I know there's a Porsche Club



locally that offers driving schools up at BIR and oh, I have to buy a Porsche before I am 40 - which he already had and was now on two #2- and oh, by the way, Christie, you are going to attend the school, too, but in a borrowed car (Automatic BMW) since we

each have to have a car and I get the Porsche!" of how he/we joined PCA and Nord Stern.

Frankly, I had no idea what he was talking about at the time nor any inkling of what this meant. We attended a Tech Session at Carousel Porsche to learn more about what was required for driver training and all I truly remember is listening to several women (Sonia Fortier and Kathy Johnson) talk about the school. And then it hit, wow, these guys are really NICE and wow, this might actually be a FUN thing to do. Up to then it wasn't registering that more than half of the club-thing was quite social in nature. So talk about naive and clueless - that was me!

Then the other half of this whole driver training event meant traveling to Brainerd and staying with another couple who had a cottage on Gull Lake and whom I had NEVER met.

We got up to Brainerd late on Thursday because our son Geoff, who was 7 at the time, required a quick trip to an Urgent Care clinic as he had managed to jam a pencil into his hand. Typical kid stuff but that delayed us a couple of hours and added to the stress of getting out of town, getting the kids settled in with the babysitter and finding our way to somewhere we had never been before. I knew things were going to be okay when our hosts stayed up and waited for us to make sure we got there okay. That was impressive to me.

So we are going to spend three days with this couple (and others) attending DT and then Driver Education - the additional 2 days of DE was also a 'say what?' for me. To make a long story short, Bruce knew this couple through work, he thought we all had a lot in common and that he wanted me to meet them. Doug and Sue Arndt become our instant best friends that weekend and remain so to today. I knew the cabin drill/routine just fine as our family also has the obligatory 'cabin up north' so we clicked, and by the end of those three days we were all totally addicted to the track driving, to our Porsches (I got to drive the Porsche during the DE days, thank you very much!), and as friends. The exhaustion we all felt on Sunday evening was total, yet exhilarating, and we were ready for more!

This was truly our story of how we discovered the joys of Nord Stern. I know I have told this story before (and I have others) Why on earth would you ever want to attend a Porsche Club national event without bringing your Porsche? What do you do if your beloved baby is older or fragile and can't make the trek across the country or if it's in so many pieces it can't even make it out of the garage? Does that mean you have to miss out on all the fun? The answer is a resounding "NO!" There are many ways for people without their P-Cars to participate and compete at Parade.

One of the big four competitions historically is the Tech Quiz. Come test your technical and historical knowledge of all things Porsche and PCA. Sign up for your favorite model and era. Perhaps the 914 is your bailiwick, so come show those other guys and gals how much you really do know about them! Since there are so many 911s around, that quiz is divided into eras. Check out the current year's Parade Competition Rules (PCRs) for the complete list and start studying your copy of "Excellence was Expected." Not that there are many questions from there ... it's just fun to read!

Relatively new to the Parade schedule is the **Gimmick Rally.** While it still requires some sort of vehicle, it doesn't have to be a Porsche. Your loaner hybrid will work just fine. Sign up and take in some of the most interesting roads in the area. See the sights, answer the questions, and have fun. If you just **have** to compete in the standard TSD rally, why not find a single driver What if you're artistic and know bubkes about the inner workings of a 944 engine, well then get out your paints, camera, needlepoint, or favorite artistic medium and enter the art show. Believe me, the artists are very serious about their work. Enter

Are you more into sports than the cars? Come play in the golf tournament against Peter Porsche or compete in the 5K Run/Walk. Get your heart pumping from exercise instead of the purr of the GT3. Whatever it takes.

for fun or for competition and also enjoy the fruits of everyone

else's labor. Amazing works of art abound.

Would you rather play with toys? Bring your favorite remote controlled car and see if you can beat the 7 year olds out there. Trust me, it's way harder than it sounds! If you don't have your own RC car, not to worry . . . Vu Nguyen always brings loaners. Oh, and try to beat HIM in his own car. That's harder than beating the 7 year olds!

The Parade organizers are always looking for more ways for people to be able to compete with each other, with or without a vehicle. So, don't let that stop you from coming to Keystone! You are sure to get your fill of whatever level of competition you desire, while your baby sits safe and protected in your garage at home.

out there? No, this is not a dating service . . . but there are always people who come to Parade without a navigator (and they can't compete alone). We'll do our best to get you a ride if you can't bring your own.

Another new competition is the Zone Challenge. This is an always changing set of events that test you in ways you never knew we would! Tug of wars, rapid tire changing, carburetor rebuilding, sandcastle building, virtual racing, you name it. Get together with others in your Zone to build your dream team. Even if you don't win, you'll have tons of fun trying!



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