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The Prez Sez . . .

by Bret Bailey

If you are a member of Nord Stern, I'll bet you're a car person like me. Put a bunch of us in a room together and we can have a great conversation. In fact we can probably talk for hours about whether it is best to wave or flash headlights when we see another Porsche on the street or what is the best way to winterize our cars.

Talking Porsches to people who don't share our passion for autos, and especially Porsches, can be challenging. In past conversations, I have needed to defend my choice of cars with environmentally conscious people who feel smug as they tell me about their Prius's gas mileage. Others have told me I was crazy to spend that much money on a car that will go 180+ MPH when the speed limit is no more than 70. I tried to explain that it is not how fast you go, but how quickly you can go that fast. They didn't get it. Maybe I should have asked Roy Henneberger to send them an email explaining torque vs. horsepower.

Mostly, my conversations with non-car people are fun. It gives me a chance to talk about something I enjoy and it really is an exciting topic. I also feel that in some small way, I am being an ambassador to the sport of autoracing or the Porsche brand. Maybe I will convince someone to consider purchasing a Porsche and joining Nord Stern and PCA.

The following questions are some of the most frequently asked questions and funny comments I have heard. I bet you have heard some similar ones as well.

Them: How do you pronounce it – Porsh or Porsha?

Me: Porsha

Them: Well, my friend had one and he called it a Porsh. I think he was right.

Them: How fast does it go?

Me: Over 180 MPH!

Them: Have you ever had it going that fast?

Me: No

Them: Then how do you know it goes that fast?

Them: You race cars , , Are you are a professional racer?

Me: Yes, I won a bottle of wine this year, but don't tell anyone as I don't report my Club Race winnings on my taxes.

Them: Isn't racing expensive?

Me: No, compared to Polo, it isn't that bad.

Them: My son just graduated college, rented an apartment in Uptown, and got a job. He is looking for a Porsche. Do you know of any used ones for sale?

Me: Yes, I hear of them frequently

Them: I am not sure what he means by this, but he said he wants a GT2. Do you know where he can get one?

Me: I hope his student loans are paid off.

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2005 911 Carrera S

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).

ClubTalk: 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.

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 for example) where drivers are grouped according to prior lap times. Prior Driver Training participation is required. Performance enhancements are frequently made (but not required!).

Parade Laps: Held during lunch at Driver Training events at closed-course racetracks, this controlled environment with a pace car provides participants an opportunity to take street cars on the track at highway speeds so that they can see what the course is like. Minors are permitted in state approved restraints and with a signed parental release.

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

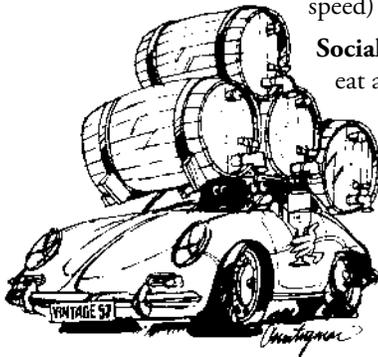
PCA Club Racing: Wheel-to-wheel competition between drivers who hold PCA club racing licenses. There is a race class for every model Porsche. Safety modifications to your vehicle required.

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!

Taste of the Track: For those who would like to learn more about Drivers Education, but do not want to be a full driving participant in their own Porsche. You will be a passenger with an approved instructor for one run group session at track speed.

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!



Holidays are amazingly just around the corner. Always feel that rush once I've been asked to buy my greenery and wreaths from the local boy scout troop. Sigh, where did the summer go.

Always the lament, fortunately it was a fun summer with much to do and enjoy. Lots of track stuff, lots of Porsche outings, local biking, hiking, going to the Lake, squeezing in yard work, enjoying the weather as much as possible (after all we know what's just around the corner!). What makes summer rather a special time when you live in a state like Minnesota - with truly four seasons and three out of four just not lasting as long as any of us would like.

And you can guess which one lasts perhaps a tad too long! Although we like to ski and being able to cross country ski locally is a real treat when we have a 'real' winter. And I hear via the usual rumor mill that this year's darker months are thus predicted. We'll see.

However, we did get to have a bit of a blast back to summer this past weekend. It was with much delight that we boarded our flight to Monterey, CA to attend the Rennsport Reunion IV scheduled at Laguna Seca Raceway (or officially known, rather, as Mazda Raceway!). Meeting up with a number of Nord Sterners and other friends we know from other regions was a much anticipated

vacation and it proved to be that and more. What a show and it would appear attendance far exceeded expectations. Merchandise was almost sold out immediately. The lines were over an hour just to get into the store. Boy, was that not well planned. We did manage to get 2 posters and 2 long-sleeve t-shirts on the first day as we could see it was going to be problematic. And the Boeders are not known for patiently waiting in lines like that - just for another t-shirt (they didn't arrive until Saturday which added to the waits).

The weather was perfect, an unbelievable assemblage of historic and interesting Porsches with corrals equally as fascinating. My eyes were glazing over, though!

I'll be featuring a follow up in an upcoming issue. If you ever get the chance to attend one of these, do, as they aren't a guaranteed event in any given year. But we are guessing PCNA and Porsche AG were quite pleased! The rumors were that there were close to 70,000 tickets sold for Saturday alone.

Anyway, enjoy this issue in its printed format! It features a lot of pictures from various events from the recent past months. As we move into the new year my hope is to get back to a monthly print production. Stay tuned!

And in the meantime, get the holiday party on your calendar as it sounds like a fun gathering - see you at the next event!

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Rochester Labor Day Picnic and BBQ

Thanks to eventmasters Jeff Boehm and BJ Peterson Boehm for coordinating a GREAT Rochester Labor Day picnic! Final count: 21 cars, 45 people, 2 dogs and 2 cats. :-).

This year, the event was held at the home of the late Nord Stern member and 356 owner, Dennis Prescher. Special thanks to his widow, Wanda, for being such a gracious host and for providing the expansive side lawn on which to park our cars and chairs. Look for a photo recap of this annual event in a future issue of Nord Stern. Thanks also to budding photojournalists Morgan (Jeff & BJ's granddaughter) and Madison (Todd and Kathy Smith's daughter) for assisting with photos.

– Jill & Fred Daneu
Nord Stern staff writer/photojournalists

I always look for an excuse to put down the top and go for a drive on a nice day.

Thanks Jeff and BJ and the Labor Day picnic as my excuse for us to drive down & attend.

Thank you also go to our host for providing a soft lawn to park & sit on and beautiful scenery to enjoy the company of our southern Nord Stern family.

– Todd, Kathleen, & Madison (photographer)

Annual Fall Color Tour 2011

It's hard to believe that the Fall Color Tour (FCT) was a week ago today! The weather was ideal for driving, hiking and enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow Nord Sterners. Latest tally . . . 80+ people and 40+ cars. **PCA National Club Racing Chief Steward Vickie Earnshaw** and **PCA Zone 10 Rep. Doug Pierce** also attended our annual Northwood's weekend event. Doug was also our official observer...thanks Doug! As with most Nord Stern events, "it takes a village" of volunteers. :-).

Many thanks to Friday Night Social hosts and waiver wranglers, **Steve and Pam Flaten!** Steve and Pam are new members and this was their first Fall Color Tour. Thanks also to the Friday Night Social set-up crew of **Steve and Nancy Meydell** and new members **Rich and Julie Sanders**. Final kudos goes to the clean-up crew of **Ed and Ali Vazquez, Chris and Ann Lordan,** and **Fred and Jill Daneu!** Thanks again to all Fall Color Tour groupies. Look for a photo recap in an upcoming *Nord Stern*. See you on next year's 20th FCT when we will head down the winding roads of the Gunflint Trail.

Yours in up north adventures and all things moose,
John Dixon and Jill Daneu (the JD's) Color Tour Group
Leaders, Attendees, Hosts, and Volunteers:

THANK YOU !!! We had a fantastic time. We appreciate all the set-up, the door prize gifts, and the Great food donated by all. Thanks BlueFin and Nord Stern for the donated amounts for the gift certificate I won.

John, a special thanks for the origination and continuance of a social event unlike any other. As always, its not just about the cars . . . its the people. And the cars are REALLY fantastic, so that says alot about the Club as a whole.

Any out there that have not taken this opportunity , wow!!! if you only knew what you are missing. Please join us all next year for another milestone in Club history. We can't wait.....

– Don and Pam Lawrence

And a huge thank you to John and Suzanne Dixon for starting this tour 19 years ago and organizing it each and every year since.

It's not too late to make your reservations for the 20th annual next September 28-30 at Blue Fin Bay.

– Christie and Bruce Boeder

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 6:30 Social, 7:00 Business Meeting
 All Members welcome and encouraged to attend.

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 Old Log Theater - Noon lunch with Matinee
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December

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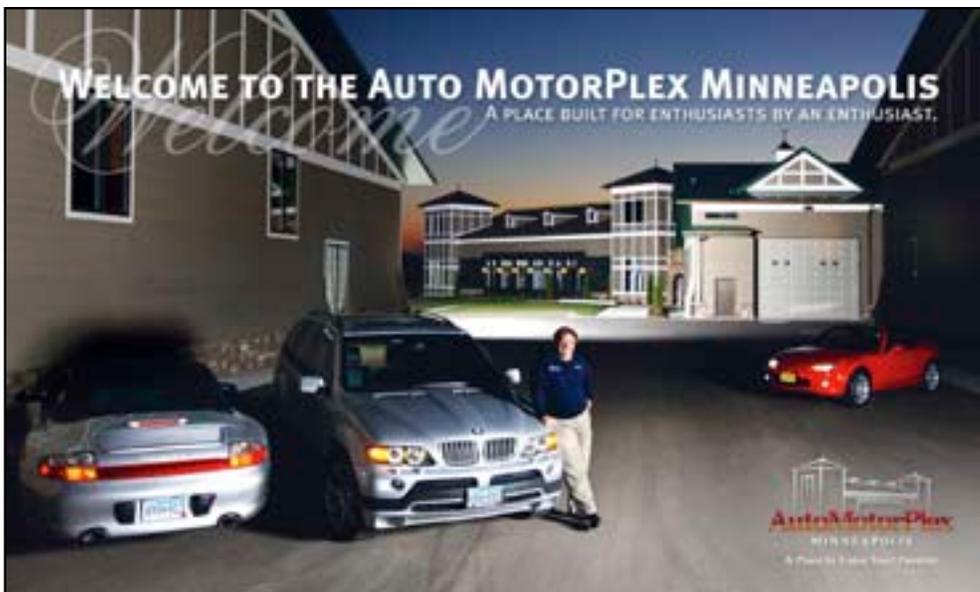
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January

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Them: Oh, you go to BIR. My brother-in-law races there too. How fast do you get going in the quarter mile?

Them: My husband goes up to BIR. He has won quite a few up there.

Me: I know most of the racers, but I am not familiar with that name.

Them: Oh, he doesn't race, he just does Driver's Education.

Them: I was excited when my fiancé told me he was getting a 911. I always wanted a luxury car, but wasn't too familiar with Porsches. The 20 year old 911 he brought home wasn't as luxurious as what I was expecting.

Them: Why do you need so many cars? You can only drive one car at a time.

Me: Why do you need so many pairs of shoes?

Them: Different occasions. Showy, running errands, sports, chores.

Me: Exactly!

Did you know Nord Stern has a Facebook group page? Search for Nord Stern or go to <http://www.facebook.com/groups/208429984485/> and share some of your humorous Porsche conversations online.

Letters to the Editor

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Another great Fall Color Tour in the books. What a great weekend get away. A little driving, a little hiking, great food, great company, great cars, great colors, great scenery and a great lake all in a nice relaxing atmosphere. For us, its booked again for next year. I am looking forward to the hike to the overlook of Gunflint lake. Believe me, this is one hike you don't want to miss, what a view. We had another great time and look forward to it again next year. Thank you to John and all those who help make this a weekend, as always, one to remember.

– Greg and Cheryl Adams

I would just like to second all the kudos already given for a great weekend - our first Fall Color Tour with the group. Only downside was not being able to take-in all the great dirt roads under red and orange maple trees (if only there was button you could push and presto - high road clearance and no dust!)

Thanks to John for the great hikes and all the others that volunteered their time to make it a great social networking event as well as touring event.

– Terry and Janie Saxton



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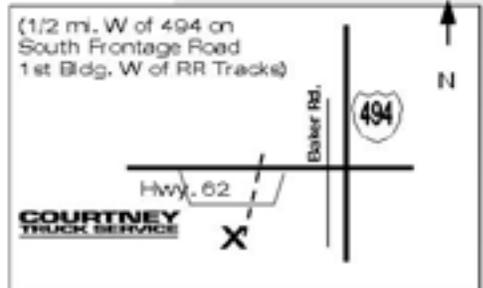
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The Annual Rochester Labor Day Porsche Picnic

by Jeff Boehm

The perfect setting and the perfect day! Sunny skies and temps around 70 and a great new location made this years picnic a big success.

This year's event was at the home of Wanda Prescher. Wanda's husband Dennis passed away 3 years ago from Multiple Myeloma, a form of bone cancer. Dennis was a Nord Stern member and 356 enthusiast whom had wanted to host the event at their home. Wanda and her sons Ryan and Derrick were gracious hosts as our group of 21 Porsches (including Dennis' 1965 356 C which the family is keeping) graced their lawn in SW Rochester.

We welcomed old friends and made new ones and I think even signed up a new member! All in all a great day! 21 Porsches, 45 people, 2 dogs and 2 cats. If you didn't make it do mark your calendar for next year's event it is always a great afternoon. This year's photo credits go to BJ's and my 10-year-old granddaughter, Morgan.

(editor's note, I believe Morgan has been a consistent attendee of this annual gathering and has contributed several photos over the years! Undoubtedly a budding photographer. And it's great to watch the next generation growing up with such a plethora of Porsches.). Pictures right, below and left by Jeff and Bj's 10-year-old granddaughter!



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The Long Beach Dream Tour

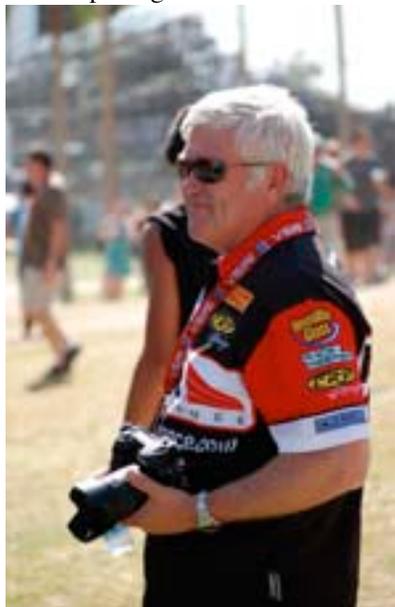
by Ron Faust and Don Erickson

I had read about the “Ultimate Automotive Experience” package put together for the Courage Center charity auction by Roger Johnson and Keith Jones. I didn’t see how it would fit into the Faust Frugal Racing Team budget for this year (or this decade). Then, at the winter banquet, we met Don and Gayle (Erickson) for a drink before the party. Later, about twenty minutes before the bidding on the auction was supposed to end, Don said “*We should go.*”

A wink from our loving wives, the credit card comes out, I’m tapping numbers into the laptop Keith Jones happened to have at the party. Pretty soon, Don and I and Bill and Kathy Berard are going . . . Ron

It takes a martini to get Ron to get his credit card out, so what’s the problem? . . . Don

The package was incredible. *Dave Roberts’ Carlisle Industries*



Roger Johnson with a smile and a camera at the track, as always

contributed four seats on the company’s Lear jet that was heading to Long Beach. Fellow Nord Sterner, ‘*Mr. Target’ Doug Scovanner* obtained tickets through the Target Ganassi Indycar racing team (which Target pretty much sponsors). Even though they don’t sell tools, I’ve always liked shopping at Target. . . . Ron

Soon after our arrival on Thursday, we are at the track. We meet Patrick Long and visit the Flying Lizard pit area. Then we get to walk the track; the exercise is good. Long Beach is like the Minnesota State Fair of racing; so much to see, so much to do, day after day. Friday the pace picks up. Indy Cars, Indy Lights, ALMS, World Challenge Cup . . . Don

We get the inside tour of the Target/Ganassi pit area. The trailers are cleaner than operating rooms. Transmission gears



Don Erickson, Ron Faust, Roger Johnson, Scott Pruett, Kathy Cross-Berard and Bill Berard in the Target/Ganassi trailers

sitting on the counter but no pictures are allowed of something like that. **Dario Franchetti** and **Scott Dixon** want to talk about what cars we drive; they are regular guys with regular egos. There is no rush. They are forgiving when I tell them my 356 has only 75 HP . . . Ron

I’m cruising, checking it all out. Ron is focused on all the red suits in the Target hot pit. It’s hard to know when a pit stop will come, and then it’s all over in eight seconds; easy to miss the whole stop . . . Don

The challenge was to find out what came with the package and what did not, which hospitality area was for us and which was not. Luckily, **Roger Johnson** kept us from getting lost. Before the Indy Car race you can walk through pit lane where all the cars are parked; drivers are walking up to their rides. Then they clear the track, and we are shooed behind the fences. A few minutes later, the worker who had sent me out looks at the pass around my neck and sees “Izod” on it. “*Oh, you’re Izod; I didn’t see that. I am so sorry*” and he continues to apologize profusely for minutes. There is a sidewalk just behind the hot pits for all the Indy Cars; I am ushered back onto it. No fence, just a low wall separated me and my Nikon from all the action. I’m in heaven . . . Ron

You have to take life’s opportunities when they come by. We think this could only happen in Nord Stern and will be forever thankful to all who made it happen . . . Don and Ron.

Editor’s note: Dream trip, indeed! Well done, one and all . . . and with fabulous pictures no less. Go online and download this issue as the pictures to the right are BEST seen in full living color to really appreciate!



Above: Cragar/Hawk team owner and Nord Stern member Dave Roberts



Roger Johnson & Porsche factory driver Patrick Long in the Flying Lizard pits



Don Erickson surveys the Target tows; maybe one of these could get my Cobalt back to the Lake



Lear 45 - It makes a commercial plane look like a bus



Major tool lost . . . and no, they weren't souvenirs



Waiting

Below, after advice from Don Erickson to get more power, Dario Franchetti went on to win the series



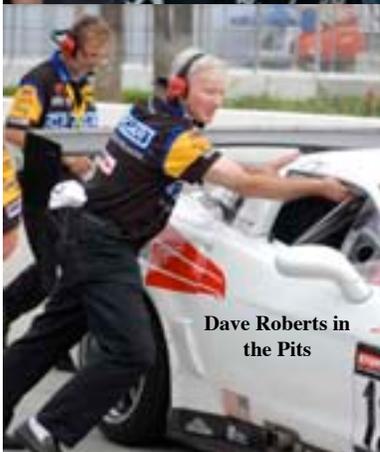
Dave Roberts and Ron Fellows trying to talk a couple of Nord Sterners into switching to the Dark (Corvette) Side



Cragar/Hawk crew chief Nick Short



Dario Franchetti Target Ganassi IndyCar



Dave Roberts in the Pits



Patrick Long dealing with the press



Flying Lizard ALMS Car exiting pit lane...helmet-less



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'Down Under' Reporting

from Susanne Clay

Reporting from 'down under' are long-time Nord Stern members Susanne and Pat Clay who have emigrated back to Pat's homeland. To say we are jealous is only the tip of the iceberg. What a gorgeous land, their economy is humming along and there's an active Porsche Club. Cool!



From an email early this year she reports they've been to a couple of PCNZ events, a drive touring the countryside ending up at a winery where they had a lamb on a spit (oh dear, we aren't in Kansas anymore!) . . . then last weekend a Christmas beach party that was a total washout, although the Concours was held anyway. The water-cooled vs air-cooled annual tug of war was cancelled, though; the rope was too heavy and soggy from the rain!

It rained over an inch that afternoon. Let's just say the Cayenne was the last vehicle to pull out of the park which got somewhat muddy be the end of the event. It was raining cats and dogs the whole time but that didn't stop the kiwis from showing up with their P-cars anyway (yahoo, the way to be). They had a confirmed total of about 170 people. There was a good range of cars, we took some pics for you to give you an idea. Unfortunately it was raining so hard you couldn't even see the beach just behind the park.

We had gone to the beach the weekend before last, and knew you'd appreciate our Christmas car photo (photo far right)! We kept the MN plates just for a touch of home. The 2012 Porsche Parade is being hosted by our region (it's in February 2012 and I know Pat and Susanne would love to see some Minnesota faces!). And of course she picked up the brochure and details. If only there was enough time in the calendar and dollars in the budget, sigh!

But good to know there are P car peeps to be found in all sorts of interesting places world-wide! Someday we will get there.



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Torque vs. Horsepower

by Pedro Bonilla, Pedro's Garage

Have you ever wondered why “torque vs. horsepower” has always drawn so much debate? I think it's because since the definitions involve trigonometry and physics most people don't want to go through the hassle of deciphering it all. Let me try to simplify it a bit.

Here's the short of it: Horsepower (HP) doesn't really exist, just torque!

You don't believe me?

Here's definition: $\text{Horsepower} = (\text{Torque} \times \text{Engine Speed}) / 5252$. So, HP is just a function of Torque.

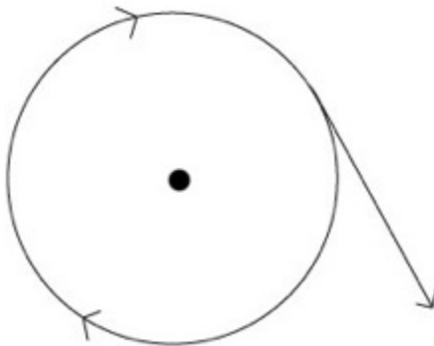
But first we need to understand a few concepts:

Force is the pressure of one mass against another. In the metric system force is calculated in “Newtons”. Gravity is an easy example of a natural force and in the English system its unit is pounds. So we also use pounds as a basic unit of force.

Work is defined as force over distance and is calculated as $\text{Work} = \text{Force} \times \text{Distance}$. Work is achieved when a force causes an object to move. The force placed on the object and the distance it moves is the work done.

Power is the amount of work that can be done in a certain amount of time and is calculated as $\text{Power} = \text{Work} / \text{Time}$. Power was originally defined by James Watt (inventor of the steam engine) who noted that a horse could lift at a rate of about 550 lb-ft per second in an 8-hour shift.

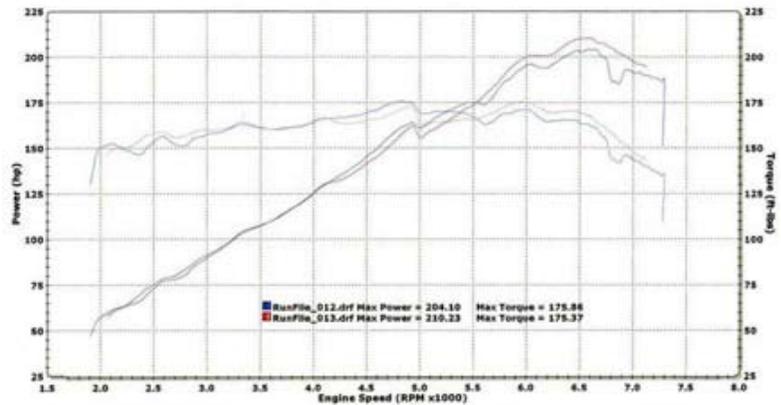
Torque is the tendency of a force to rotate an object about an axis and is defined as the force at any one point on the edge of a circle in the exact direction of rotation, multiplied by the radius (distance from the center).



As we explained above, in the metric system, force is calculated in Newtons, and distance is in meters, so the standard torque unit is Newton-Meter (N-M). In the Standard/English system, force is calculated in pounds and distance in feet. So the torque unit is lb-ft, usually called “foot-pounds” and sometimes also written as “ft/lb”.

Torque is the measure of the turning force of an object, such as a flywheel or a bolt. For example, pushing or pulling the handle of a wrench connected to a nut or bolt produces a torque (turning force) that loosens or tightens the nut or bolt.

Horsepower is a unit of power. It can be defined in multiple ways, but in its basic sense, it is defined as work done in a straight line as described above under “Power”. When the work is not done in a straight line (as in an automobile engine), it must be defined in a different way: Torque.



$\text{Horsepower} = (\text{Torque} \times \text{RPM}) / 5252$. It's worthwhile noting that horsepower is not recognized in the International System of Units.

The reason Horsepower started being used was to compare the output of horses (which everyone understood) with that of the (then new - 1702) steam engines that could replace them. In a study done in 1993 to try to prove (or disprove) the theory it was found that one horse could produce a peak power over a few seconds as high as 15 hp. However it was observed that for sustained activity a work rate of about 1 hp per horse is consistent with what was determined in 1702.

Going back to the formula: $\text{HP} = (\text{Torque} \times \text{RPM}) / 5252$ we can see that at an engine speed of 5,252 RPM Torque and HP are equal. That's why when we see a graph of Torque / HP we see the lines always cross exactly at 5252 RPM.

But where does the 5252 come from? Watt's definition for HP says: 1 HP = 550 lb-ft / sec, or 1 HP = 550 lb x 1 ft / 1 sec

If we convert straight-line work to its rotational equivalent the formula becomes: 1 HP = 550 lb-ft x 1 rad / 1 sec (a rad is a unit-less measure of a circular distance)

When we convert radians (rad) to revolutions and seconds to minutes the formula again evolves. Note: 6.28 rad per revolution (2π) and 60 seconds in 1 minute

$$1 \text{ HP} = (550 \text{ lb-ft} \times 1 \text{ rad} / 1 \text{ sec}) \times (1 \text{ rev} / 2\pi \text{ rad}) \times 60 \text{ sec} / 1 \text{ min}$$

Multiplying and canceling, the formula simplifies to:

$$1 \text{ HP} = 5252 \text{ lb-ft} \times 1 \text{ rev} / 1 \text{ min} \text{ which is the same as: } 1 \text{ HP} = 5252 \text{ lb-ft} \times 1 \text{ RPM}$$

So, $\text{Horsepower} = \text{Torque} \times \text{RPM} / 5252$.

If you've rear this far I applaud you, since you now know where 5252 comes from and why the HP and Torque curves cross each other.

Book Reviews for Porschephiles:

The Lost Spyder

by Sean Michael

Review by Dale Tripler, Nord Stern

This is a book everyone can love. You don't have to be a Porsche aficionado to enjoy this adventure, a cross between *Raiders of the Lost Arc* and *James Bond*. If you enjoy reading entertaining mysteries with many twists and turns, this is a book you will want to read.

Sean Michael is a Porsche owner and a long time PCA member who lives in Alabama. I met Sean and his wife, Kristy, at a restaurant in Hershey, PA during the 50th Porsche Parade. Frank Thayer and I were having dinner one night when I spied a speed yellow Boxster pulling into the parking lot. When Sean and Kristy walked in, we waved them over and spent an extremely pleasant evening chatting over dinner.

Last month's Panorama contained an article on *The Lost Spyder* with Sean and Kristy Michael's picture featured. I went to the bookstore to buy a hard copy only to be informed that the "E" version was the only one available there. So an e-version became my constant companion for the next two days until I finished the book.

The Lost Spyder was almost impossible to put down. Each chapter inexorably took me to the next. While a lot of information about Porsches is packed into this wonderful book, as well as just how the Porsche company really works and its record-keeping systems, none of the information is complicated or drawn out. There is just enough information to provide what you need without weighing you down in unnecessary details.

The mystery revolves around an adult daughter's search for her estranged father and the plot line flows like water downhill gaining speed and volume until you reach the conclusion. The character development was so good I couldn't help but care about each of the primary characters. For me, that is what makes a good story great. Of course, there are some really unsavory characters, but that is life. The mystery takes you on a roller coaster ride of places and circumstances that will hold your interest long after you have finished the book.

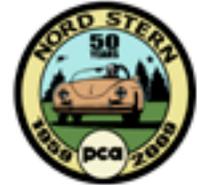


I highly recommend *The Lost Spyder* to anyone who loves mysteries. If you love Porsches, even better. This book will have even more for you to love.

The book is available in e-version and in paperback at some bookstores. For more information about the book check the web site: www.lostspyder.com.

– Photo above provided by Author Sean Michael

Where We Were – Where We Are – Celebrating 50+ Years of Nord Stern

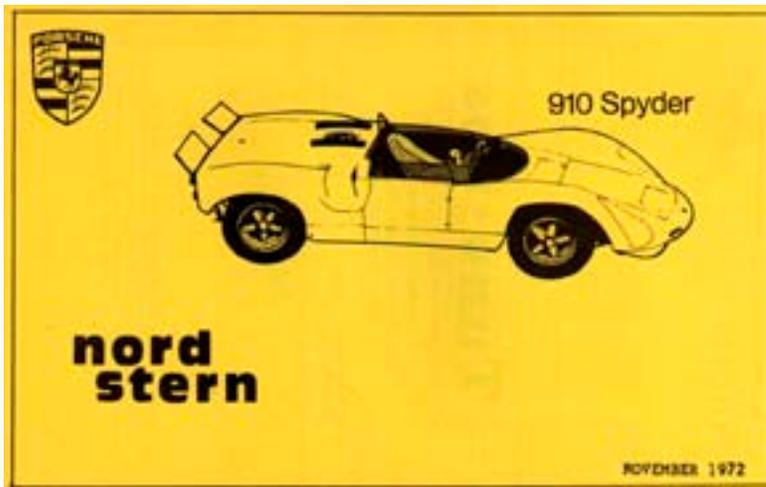


“Know your history or you might have to repeat it” doesn’t really apply to our car hobby but any automotive history gets interesting for most of us who have been doing the car thing for a while. Long-time Nord Stern member Gordon Doering has contributed his newsletter back issues to the club, as have several other members now that this column has acquired a ‘life of its own’ as it hopefully entertains while enlightening us members!

While some of the old newsletter information is quaint, occasionally you see something that boggles the mind; are we on the same planet?

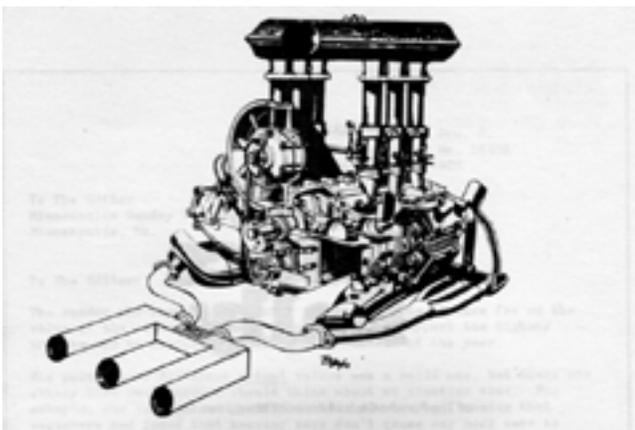
-Ron Faust

- The centerfold is two pages of autocross standings through six timed events in 1971. Over 60 members scored points in one or more events. It’s amazing how this competition has dwindled for a number of reasons.
- A technical article describes 914 fires that have destroyed multiple cars across the country. A battery cover was apparently added to prevent rainwater from overflowing the battery acid; the acid overflowed onto fuel lines.
- The Market Place lists a 1967 912 for \$3400.



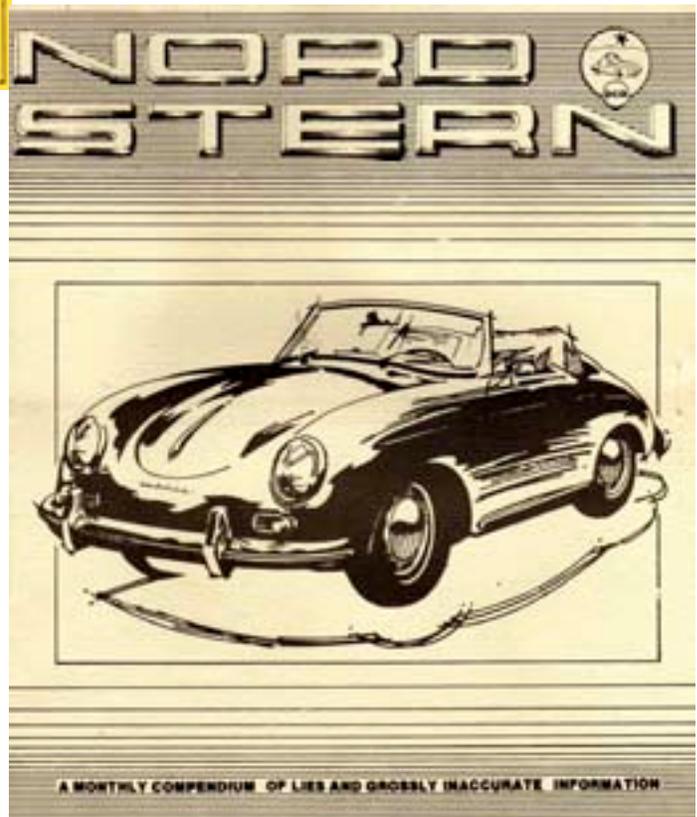
November 1972

- A member’s full-page Letter to the Editor of the Tribune debates the proposed increase in MN license fees on the value of the vehicle. I think this system went through and eventually had me annually paying about 5% of the value of an older Audi for the license sticker. Jessie Ventura fixed all that . . . for a while.



January-February 1981

- Dick Guthart is President. “Gordie” Maltby is Newsletter Editor and introduces a new two-column format. Did they know he was a pro?
- Advertising rates are listed: \$30, \$125, and \$200 for a full page add once, six times, or 12 times respectively.
- Two 1980 books are reviewed: Chris Harvey’s *Great Marques-Porsche* for \$6.95 and Michael Cotton’s *The Porsche 911 and Derivatives* for \$14. The former still sits in



DECEMBER

★ CHRISTMAS PARTY ★



Photo, left:

A few really cool photos from the holiday party 1980. We've evidently always been a group that knows how to party!

Receiving his warm stuffy award is longtime member Denny Guentzel who now is retired and resides in Wyoming with wife Eunie.

Photo, below, Even the advertising was beautiful!

Photo, preceding page far left top is November 1972 cover art

Photo, preceding page far left bottom: Who knew M. C. Escher could design 911 mufflers too?

Photo preceding page left, Cover January/February 1981



The annual Nord Stern Christmas party was again held at Kozlak's in North Oaks, and a good time was had by all. Rick LeBurkien presented his slide show of the year's events with that master of time and space himself at the controls. The presentation was fabulous, capping an evening of good conversation, gluttony, awards, and more than a few jokes.



my reference library; the (now vintage) photography is wonderful.

- Although 1980 total revenue was \$14,309, the treasury balance was only \$2,933 when the new year began.



SPECIALTY COACHWORKS

The Scans Continue -



Rick was presented with a miniature typewriter (which he accepted with a straight face) for again winning a national best newsletter award for the Nord Stern region.

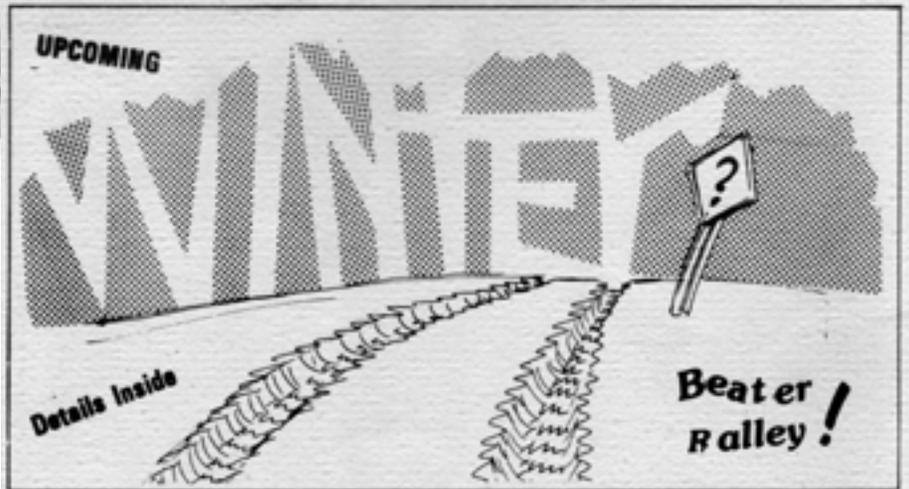


The awards for autocross class points leaders were "warm fuzzies" this year. Steve Coleman presented beautiful 356 fabric prints to Bill Sigglekow and Gordon Doering. Denny Guentzel liked his soft 911, and as you can see, Bruce Erickson was overjoyed with his brown one.



Photo right, Maybe we should resurrect the 'Winter Beater Rally' idea as the season is just about upon us. Not that there are the truly winter beaters there once where . . .

JANUARY - FEBRUARY



October Nord Stern Business Meeting Minutes

by Michael John

The meeting was called to order by President Bret Bailey at the new location, Lifetime Fitness in Eden Prairie.

Treasurer – Jeff Bluhm

- Indicated cash flow is better. Four of the five track events were in the black.

Social – Carrie John

- Checked the Air National Guard Museum and determined it was a nice venue but not for that time of the year.
- Planning to hold the event at Morrie's Long Lake facility.
- Confirmed date of 01/21/12 and working on details.
- Discussed the idea of putting a new car like a GT3RS in the banquet area.

Advertising – Jim Bahner

- New Advertisers are working out.
- Working on transition positions that still need filling along with next year's budget.

Newsletter – Christie Boeder

- New printer has been great.
- Flow of material has been good for the newsletter.
- It was brought up the Board is looking at trying to get the magazine back on a monthly basis.
- Discussed how the newsletter can always use:
 - Tech articles and if possible combine with a local interest story.
 - Promotion for upcoming events.
 - Past event coverage.
 - Article on something Nord Stern has done.
 - Any special interest or restoration stories are welcome.

Membership – Ed Vazquez

- Planning March's new member meetings. Trying to finalize the dates. One will be held at Auto Edge and one at MotorPlex.
- Discussed ideas to gain new membership.

Website – Bret Bailey

- The site needs to be refreshed over the winter.
- Looking at PayPal online registration.
- Indicated if anyone is interested or wants to work on the website to let him know.

Dealer Relations – Roger Johnson

- No Report

Tech Sessions – Keith Fritze

- New hybrid Cayenne.

Autocross – Harvey Robideau

- No report.

Met Council – Bob Kosky

- No report.

Charity – Keith Jones

- No report.

Insurance – Michelle Johnson

- Nothing new to report.

Club Race – Roger Johnson/Ron Smith

- Nothing new to report.

DE – Jim O'Brien

- Found some event masters.
- Discussed goal is to get events published sooner on website.

Track Relations – Rick Laverdiere

- We are looking for a chair for this position.

DE Registration –

- Was discussed that Dave Anderson indicated he will continue in this position although he was not at the meeting to confirm.

Driver Training – Ron Johnson

- Focus is to get more people in driver's training.
- Involve more clubs – Mercedes, Audi, BMW.
- Discussed advertising DE and Track events in these clubs newsletters.

Drives – Mike Lancial

- Will continue in this role.

Rally – Dale Trippler / Scott Welz

- Bret noted Dale indicated he had a plan in place.

Concours -

- Noted it will continue.

Safety – Keith Erickson

- Sent some documents to specifically help new track drivers. These will be forwarded to Jim Bahner. Discussed how these would be helpful to get ahead of time and could benefit everyone not just new track members.

Historic Archivist – Kim Fritze

- Nothing new to report.

New Business:

- Procedures Manual was discussed. Bret is asking all Chairs to compile a list of responsibilities, notes, or procedures for their role by November 18th. We need to more easily bring new Chairs up to speed. Any format is acceptable and send it to Bret Bailey.
- Club Race Alternate Enduro was discussed. Ron Johnson was asked to pull a team together to investigate and complete due diligence by preparing a plan to present to the Nord Stern Board of Directors. The plan will cover a list of issues provided by the Board along with any other pertinent information.
- Kevin from Imola brought up Facebook links. Imola has a news feed on every page and he will share how to do this if we would like.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael John, Secretary

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Old Log Theater



The Mercedes-Benz Club of America Twin Cities Section and the

Nord Stern Region of the Porsche Club of America

invite you to their annual lunch and matinee outing to the Old Log Theater. This year we will be enjoying a performance of

“Everybody Loves Opal”

Sunday, November 20, 2011

Social Hour & Cash Bar starts at 11:30am

Lunch Seating at 12:00 noon

Lunch @ 12:30pm, Performance @ 2:00pm

The outing consists of good cars, food, friends, and laughter (not necessarily in that order). We will meet at the Old Log Theater for lunch and then stay to watch the matinee.

The lobby and bar at the Old Log Theater open at 11:30am. Luncheon seating begins at 12:00pm, luncheon is served at 12:30pm. The show begins promptly at 2:00pm.

You have a choice of one of five main course entrées for lunch: Roast Crown of Pork, Crispy Southern Style Country Baked Chicken, Beef Stroganoff, Walleye Pike Almandine or Grilled Vegetable Stuffed Ravioli (vegetarian). All meals include: Mixed Green Salad & House Dressing, Potatoes O’Brian, Vegetables, French Bread & Butter, Dessert: Apple Crisp, Beverage: Coffee, Tea or Milk.

Please make your meal selection on the reservation form below. Each reservation is \$37.50 per person which includes lunch and your ticket to the show.

Please send reservation form (below) and payment to your events hosts (MBCA club members) John Elliot & Beth Kraus, 5904 Lee Valley Road, Edina, MN 55439. Their phone number is (952) 829-5142 if you have questions. **Make checks payable to: “MBCA-Twin City Section”**

CUT OUT AND ENCLOSE IN ENVELOPE

All reservations and payment must be received by October 27, 2011

Yes! I / We would like to attend the Mercedes-Benz Club / Porsche Club Old Log Theater outing! Cost is \$37.50 per person.

Please list name of each attendee, Check one main entrée selection per person:

Attendee#1 Name: _____

Roast Crown of Pork _____

Crispy Southern Style Country Baked Chicken _____

Beef Stroganoff _____

Walleye Pike Almandine _____

Grilled Vegetable Stuffed Ravioli _____

Total \$ Amount Enclosed: _____

Attendee#2 Name: _____

Roast Crown of Pork _____

Crispy Southern Style Baked Chicken _____

Beef Stroganoff _____

Walleye Pike Almandine _____

Grilled Vegetable Stuffed Ravioli _____

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If you need to run directions use:

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