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for 'top down' or
'top off' is just
around the corner!

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Welkommen . . . Welkommen . . . Welkommen

Welcome . . .

New Nord Stern Members

We hope to see you at upcoming events!



Stephen Bobusch

Bloomington, MN
2002 911 Carrera

Dan Engle

Hopkins, MN
2005 911 Coupe

Shelly Genetti

Eden Prairie
2006 Boxster S

Henry Heintz

Crosslake, MN
2017 Pure White 718 Boxster S

Noah Huth

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2009 Aqua Blue Metallic 911
Carrera 4S

David Moorman

Woodbury, MN
1985 911 Red Carrera Cabriolet

Michael J. Napoli

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2001 Boxster S

Jon Nelson

Thunder Bay, ON, Canada
1985 Red 911 Carrera

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2007 Silver Boxster S

Thomas Palladino

Wayzata, MN
2006 911 S Coupe

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 listserv for member subscribers focusing on car issues and discussions as well as a place to ask questions, get recommendations and comments. Also for last minute breaking news on upcoming events and activities. **Subscribe at <http://listserv.nordstern.org/mailman/listinfo/clubtalk>, or any account edits, updates.**

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. Note: Nord Stern conducts an 'All Porsche Show' at which cars are 'shown' but not judged.

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!).

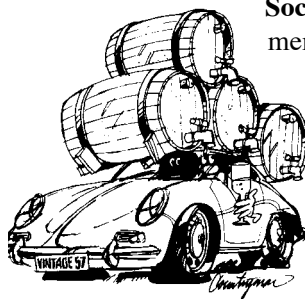
Parade Laps: Often held during lunch at Driver Training/Driver Ed events at closed-course racetracks, this controlled environment with a pace car provides participants an opportunity to take street cars on the track at highway speeds so that they can see what the course is like. Minors are permitted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

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!

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!



The Prez Sez . . .

Roger Johnson

*2005 Arena Red
996 Turbo S*

Hopefully by the time you read this, our snow will be a memory but at the time of this writing it sure doesn't look that way. My turbo is definitely iced in and it may be July before it hits the road.

Nord Stern has had a very active 2019 so far. We've been to the American Swedish Institute for our 60th Gala. Then on to several "tech" sessions, some of which are not very technical in nature. Thanks to JDC Miller Motorsports, US Bank Stadium, DentKraft, Midwest Clear Bra, and others, for hosting us. If you know of something club members might be interested in seeing, please reach out to me. We like all kinds of things.

Please consider attending one of our monthly business meetings. They are very social in nature with a little business thrown in. Usually first Monday of the month.

Be sure to check out the club calendar elsewhere in this issue. The driving season will ramp up quickly in April. Scheduled are three Member Socials. These are by no means only for new members. They are great for everyone.

The first track event comes at the end of the month. Our season kicks off with a driver's school. Great for those who wish to take their Porsche out on the track but also can be a great refresher for those who have been away from the track for any period of time. The we hit the long track at Brainerd for two days. I am thinking we are the only group that runs

the historic long track at Brainerd. Mark your calendars as Nord Stern will also be returning to Road America.

Nord Stern has been invited to an open house at a simply amazing collection of mostly 356's and wooden boats. Russ Hagen's collection is primarily focused on 4-cam engine cars and Speedster's. You won't see this many of these very special cars anywhere else. Period. Don't miss this very special opportunity. Details are elsewhere in this issue. You will be asked for a donation to Special Olympics. No R.S.V.P. required and feel free to bring a friend. Nord Stern thanks Russ Hagen and Rick Moe for the invite.

Again, feel free to reach out if you have ideas for future events.

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April is the month . . . it's the month when we start to realize spring and summer are literally just around the corner even as we watch all the snow remain piled high in the shadows of buildings, on the north side of the roads!

And boy are things 'heating' up in the world of Nord Stern with the track season coming up soon. There are our annual Membership Socials at THREE separate locations - choose one, choose them all - which are some of our first opportunities to get our Porsches out and drive to meet up with 'old' members, 'new' members, to socialize, hear about the coming year, nosh a bit, listen in on tech sessions the shops hosting put on JUST for US! Let's shake off the winter blues and get out and about with Nord Stern. Our Membership team does a great job organizing the events and they truly are a wonderful time to acquaint or re-acquaint oneself with all things Nord Stern and Porsche fun!

And let's not forget the annual Auto Fair gathering hosted by long-time Nord Stern member at the Porsche St Paul on May 5th this year! Another great drive and arrive gathering of fine German engineering.

It's also the month when those Nord Stern members who have NOT renewed their dues **no longer are in our database for mailings**. Sigh, no hard copies to sit around the coffee table for thumbing through whenever one is bored or need a 'fix' to minimize the sting of winter. (Not that I hate winter one bit, being a skier and love the mountains - in all seasons - and will argue it's tough to beat the craggy mountains tops and towering majestic pines draped in plumes of snow white snow!)

So why do we charge a dues on top of the PCA dues? Our Membership people get to try to answer the question as it gets asked a lot. There is of a dues requirement to join PCA which divides membership up into a bunch of regions and zones, of which we are one. And not that many other regions have a local dues 'requirement' so it does get confusing.

I, being the editor of the newsletter, like to point out that our local dues go a long way to covering the cost of this publication and the mailing. There are other reasons of course, but here's the club's position and hard to argue against it; plus there is the old adage that we all tend to value that which we've paid at least something for!

It's been asked: Why Pay Dues to Nord Stern addition to the yearly PCA dues??!!

Answer: Support our local Region of PCA (Nord Stern) and its activities!

- Receive our awarding winning monthly magazine
- Cool t-shirts, etc

How do I join Nord Stern?

- Go here: <http://paypal.nordstern.org/membership.html> (see pg 5)

What does membership cost:

- \$30 per year, \$80 for 3 years
- Life members suggested donations: \$20

From
the
Editor . . .

by Christie Boeder, '73 911



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- 8 Nord Stern Business Mtg (DATE CHANGE)**
Location: Grizzly's in Plymouth
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting
- 3 - 6 PCA's Treffen Santa Barbara, CA**
- 13 Nord Stern's Membership Social & Tech Session:**
Location: Auto Edge
Time: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee and registration
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Club Info: What events we do
When do we do these events, How YOU can join us
11:30- 12 p.m.- Pizza Lunch
12:30 - 2:30 Auto Edge Tech
- 14 Nord Stern's Membership Social & Tech Session-**
Location: Werkstatt 533, Rochester, MN
Time: doors open 11:30 a.m./Pizza/Club Info
- 20 Nord Stern's Membership Social & Tech**
Location: Imola (new address!)
Time: 9:30 a.m. See pg 10 for details
- 27 Nord Stern First Fling Driver Training**
- 28-29 Nord Stern First Fling Driver Education**

MAY

- 5 2019 AutoFair**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. @Porsche St. Paul
- 6 Nord Stern Business Mtg**
Location: Grizzly's in Plymouth
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting

JUNE

- 10-11 Nord Stern Driver Ed @ Road America**
- 30 Nord Stern All Porsche Show in Roseville, MN**
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Roseville's Central Park
Featuring: GT2, GT3 and GT4 models - special parking for the featured cars!

JULY

- 21-28 PCA Porsche Parade Boca Raton, FL**
- 26-28 Nord Stern Club Race and Driver Ed**

AUGUST

- 10 Nord Stern Vino in the Valley Drive**
- 31 Cars and Caves will Feature Nord Stern**
Charity will be the Shriner's Hospital Twin Cities

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Rochester Labor Day BBQ**
- 9 Nord Stern Business Mtg**
Location: Grizzly's in Plymouth
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting

2019 27-29 Nord Stern's Annual Fall Color Tour

Headquarters: Pier B in Duluth
Eventmasters: Michele/Ron Johnson, Lauri/Greg Wagener

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A mix of rooms with either king or 2 queen beds are being held in both price categories. When all rooms are gone, they will honor the rate if rooms are still available. Best idea: book early to get what you want!!!

OCTOBER**2019**

- 4 Nord Stern Last Fling Driver Training**
- 5-6 Nord Stern Last Fling Driver Ed**
- 7 Nord Stern Business Mtg**
Location: Grizzly's in Plymouth
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting
- 13 Beer and Bark Drive**

NOVEMBER**2019**

- 4 Nord Stern Business Mtg**
Location: Grizzly's in Plymouth
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting

DECEMBER**2019**

- 2 Nord Stern Business Mtg**
Location: Grizzly's in Plymouth
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting

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Informal 'Post-Work' Social, 5:30 p.m. at

Grizzly's (Look for the Porsche Flag)**220 Carlson Pkwy N****Plymouth, MN 55447 (763) 476-1011****<http://grizzlysgrill.com/locations/plymouth-mn/menus/>****MN CARS AND COFFEE - See Ad****(1st Saturday of the month, April - Oct)**

CARS AND CAVES: LAST Saturday of the Month
(April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug 31, Sept 28, Oct 26)

A monthly car show and garage open house held at the
Chanhassen Autoplex from 8 a.m. - Noon

2019
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Coffee & Donuts
10:30 a.m. Introduction of
Officers and Presentations
Event Chairs
11:30 Pizza Lunch
12:30 - 2 p.m. Tech
Session

Auto Edge
900 Wildwood Rd.
Mahtomedi
651.777.6924

April 14, 2019 Sunday

Doors open 11:30 a.m.
Pizza Lunch, Social, Club
Info, DE Tech

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533 6th Ave NW
Rochester, MN 55901

werkstatt533.com

April 20, 2019 Saturday

Tentative agenda
9:30 to 10 a.m. Registration
10 -11 a.m. club events
presentations
11 to 12:00 p.m. Imola
Presentation and Social

Imola (NEW LOCATION)
13300 15th Ave N
Plymouth, MN 55441

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So, What DO we do as Nord Sterners?

Learn What we DO, When we DO it, How we DO it and How you can DO it, too. Learn about our: Driving Schools, All Porsche Show, Day trips/tours, Social/Dinner Events, North Shore Fall Color Tour, Low Speed Autocrosses, High Speed Track Driving, National Club Racing Program, Charitable events!



These Socials are your chance to find out more about Nord Stern's upcoming activities and meet other club members! New members please contact Ed Vazquez, Membership Chair at edmn911@aol.com.

All Nord Sterners Welcome: new, old, young, or just curious, Join Us!

So, how are you with car magazines? I started with Road & Track and Car and Driver in '63, '64. They were my entrée to the great big car world outside my quaint suburban enclave. Magic places far across the sea, like Monaco, Spa, the Nurburgring. One could dream, and so I did. Every month.

But I've cut back some in recent years. First, because a lot of the car reviews I used to covet in the buff books I now get delivered to me for free, on-line. Also, because the content just gets too repetitive. I mean, how do you differentiate your new car unveil/review from the competition when the competition was one car up on the same ride-drive intro?

I still get *Excellence*, of course. But I used to consume the Brit magazines devoted to Porsche as well. Now I confine my Brit Porsche reading to my occasional visits to Barnes & Noble, where I can thumb through by leaning against the magazine stand, as long as my feet hold up. Then put it back on the rack. My rule of thumb, is to buy a magazine, but only under one condition. That I'm also buying something else. Like . . . a book. And the mag is usually Classic Porsche.

But I do indulge every month in one Brit car mag, Octane. I subscribe. I love the content. The scope. Is it a throw-back? Yeah, well, sort of, I guess. But it's more than that. I mean, after all, they review watches. Books. Each issue they update the reader on what's new with each editor's fleet . . . cars they actually own. And they have the best for-sale ads on the planet. An original Blower Bentley. F-40. DB-5. Soft window Targa. C-Type. 330 GTS. Alfa GTZ.

And, occasionally, there's a real surprise inside. Like the latest issue. The one that features a Lambo Countach "Periscopica" on the cover. In glorious purple. When I ripped open the shrink wrap, out came an insert called "Octane Great Escapes – Your guide to motoring adventure."

And that's where it got really interesting. They profile a firm called "Great Escape Cars" that rents classics to . . . people like you and me. For an hour, a day, a week, a month, a whatever. They're based in the South of France. Of course.

I really like the founder's approach. In an interview, Graham Eason says, " . . . an old-car equivalent of Hertz or Avis is a poor response to what customers actually want. So, I offer classic driving experiences rather than classic car hire. Driving an old car is a

special experience, but the longer you spend in one, if you don't drive one regularly, the more its foibles become apparent . . . so (our experiences) are built around the idea that the first 60 minutes in a classic car are the most thrilling. It's affordable, too . . ."

Exactly. For years, when people have asked me how often I drive my '78 911 SC and I tell them less than 1,000 mi/yr, they've looked at me cross-eyed. And when I've explained that this pattern keeps things fresh, that each time I get in it's like a new experience, they've tended to gaze skyward and step back quickly.

But I make no apologies. And neither does Mr. Eason. What's the secret to building a good fleet? "Passion," he says. "You have to buy cars that you love, or you will end up hating them."

And reliability? Eason states "Reliability-wise, top of the tree is everything that is air-cooled followed by everything that is German. You learn that some reputations are undeserved. E-types don't overheat when they are well-maintained. German cars do rust. Italian cars can drive big mileages, and so on. Our Lamborghini Jalpa, which has the reputation of being rather temperamental, and which has never been restored, just keeps driving and driving . . ."

Eason adds " . . . it takes a car a couple of years to become reliable enough to continue on the fleet. Being home-built is not a recipe for reliability – the worst two cars I've had were Cobra kits. They were popular, too, which made things worse."

The biggest mileage in a single day? "At the very beginning of our company, I delivered our Lotus Seven to Nice airport. The renters arrived complete with helmets. The next day they called me from Lisbon in Portugal to tell me they had arrived and that the car was fantastic."

How did he get started? "A friend borrowed Linda's and my Lotus Seven S2 for his wedding anniversary and had a fantastic time, but still wouldn't buy a classic afterwards. He said, 'We don't have space to park it, time to take care of it and the knowledge, but it was a great experience to have it for a weekend.' That was the moment."

Customer favorites? "We are based on the French Riviera so glamour is all. E-types, Mercedes 190 SL, Rolls-Royce Corniche Convertible, Jaguar

by Danielle Badler

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Out and About at JDC Miller Motorsports

photos by Brandon Olson with son, Cason



ClubTalk
'Challenge'
The BEST
part of
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garage and
One of the
Worst

Started by Todd Smith, a pictorial 'challenge' to post a photo of the 'best' part of your garage and/or the 'worse' part of your garage

So your editor decided that this was entertaining enough to see that I'd like to run a series of the submissions - and the fun comments.

If any one who participated would prefer their submission NOT be included please email me directly at editor@nordstern.org

And our last entry from, Wesley Powers, who claims 'I have a long way to go!



The Last Decade: 2008 - 2017

A Bigger, Better and Fast BIR!

With rumors and speculation about the future of Brainerd International Raceway in the rear-view mirror, new owners Jed and Kristi Copham set out with a new vision of what the track should be and a goal of bringing in a wide variety of entertaining motorsports, most of which included driving opportunities for novice racers who want to enjoy the thrill of racing competition.

The Cophams continued to spend money on capital improvements, including enhancements to the drag strip and the new road course, with the goal of eventually making it certified to host all levels of road racing except for Formula One. Improvements were also made to the ticketing system, the front gate to help move fans into the track more efficiently and reduce the line of cars that backed up onto State Highway 371, an in track security, with a more PR-focused approach.

2008



The track's fifth decade kicked off with a big 40th anniversary party. The new 2.5 mile Competition Road Course opened so a celebration was in order. Legendary racing announcer Chris Economaki who was 87 at the time, was the keynote speaker at the banquet, and three-time Indy 500 winner Bobby Unser gave high-speed rides around the new course in a Hyundai sedan.



2009

A third Outlaw drag race, call the Street Car Showdown, joined the well-established Show & Go and Muscle Car Shootout to create the three-race Muscle Car Series. Series champs are crowned in 13 classes.

BIR partnered with Modern Automotive Performance to start the Proving Grounds, which featured imports and sport compacts in drag racing, drifting, autocross and open

lapping. Little did anyone know how popular this event would become. With a younger fan base - 18-30 year olds - the Proving Grounds has become the second largest event on BIR's schedule, with events in June and September.



2011

BIR welcome Australia's Powercruise, which puts on an Aussie-style cruising show with events like roll racing, street racing, powerskids, drifting burnout contest and cruising. Powercruise is still part of BIR's racing program each year.

Endurance racing was added to BIR's schedule as well, featuring the ChampCar Endurance Series and the World Racing League. Teams of drivers and



Brainerd
International
Raceway

... aka ...

Donnybrooke
Speedway

*courtesy Brainerd International
Raceway: 50 Years of Racing
1968-2018*

Where We Were – Where We Are – Celebrating 60 Years of Nord Stern



Just a few years after joining, the Boeder's have taken the lead at Nord Stern. Bruce is President, and Christie has taken over as the ultimate Newsletter Editor. In her column she says they're excitedly getting ready for a Parade in Oklahoma, but "the new engine will not be ready for the drive." They obviously didn't seek my budgetary and track advice: "If you don't drive so fast, your stock motor will last a really long time."

– Ron Faust

October 1996

- **Mike Selner** is supporting two user groups, TechTalk and Club Talk. Also Nord Stern was working on a way to put the newsletter on its home page.
- Longtime member **Bill Becker** had passed away; he was a Speedster driver.
- The Fourth Annual Fall Color Tour was scheduled for October 4th at Bluefin Bay.
- The Club Race at Road America was the largest in the country with 230 racers and 129 DE participants. **Bob Johnson, Rick Polk, Tim Watson** and **Jim Bryant** earned class victories.
- **Jill Daneu** wrote the saga of their first rally experience at the BIR Club Race. The route headed up Highway 77 where I live now. They spot the required orange sock at the Madden's airstrip, then on past Kelly's, but the big rock had NO date and NO dedication to "Tamara and Kelly" as described in the rally notes! Jill even got out to look for the dedication, but little did they know that rock is repainted on a very regular basis to this day. Then on past a handful of restaurants that are still going strong and back to 371 where they got hit by a thunderstorm.
- The instructions said "If you don't see the Big Bobber water tower (in Pequot),

you must be on the wrong road." They navigated flooded country roads and downed trees from the storm, but the real challenge was finding one sign that had been just taken out by a fallen tree. They soon got back to BIR and found out they had placed 2nd at what they called the "Rally From Hell." Does anybody remember if there were more than two finishers? (If so, let your editor know since the Boeders were on track and unable to run the rally - which I remember being quite tempted by!)

- **Garfield Clark** wrote on the Blackhawk Farms event. Apparently **Kim Crumb** waxed poetic at the start and quoted



Hemingway: "... Mountain Climbing, bull fighting and auto racing are sports. Sports have consequences, but games, games are like ... being served an ace on the tennis court." Very soon thereafter Garfield encountered one of the consequences and went off at 110 mph on Turn 1. There was oil on the track ...

- An article from the Kansas City PCA Region suggests a new event called "Synchronized Tail Wagging." The object is for a group of 911's to perform a ballet where the goal is to simultaneously raise and lower their rear spoilers while driving. There would be point deductions for "partial erections that result from less

than full-speed efforts." (hmmm, don't think those words would fly very well today!)

- **Peter Vickery** reported on the 1996 Afton Concourse. He estimated that over 500 people attended and wrote that it was like Sturgis - without the tattoos. The results are in the scans, but Peter noted that in the "Street" 356 Category **Phil Collins** got 150 out of 150 possible points and **Phil Saari** beat this author by 5/100th of a point. In full Concours competition **Jim Tourtillotte** scored 297.7 out of a possible 300 points and **Luis Fraguada** scored 294.8. Having judged in this event a few times, I like to remind readers that

it was just a game. It was very, very hard to look at 10 or more cars in a row and award points consistently without being able to go back to compare them. Who showed up in your class each year was also very important.

- **Teresa Vickery** reported on the "For Women Only" driving school Nord Stern put on that year. The school had been for "Quick Chicks" previously and timed run classes were even separated into "M" and "W" groups. Back in the Neanderthal Age none of us guys had any clue as to why this was a problem. **Susan Arndt, Phyllis Godfredson, Christie Boeder** and **Wendy Pilhofer** instructed.
- The Porsche website pointed out what a big year 1993 had been. Porsche had swept the world's premier endurance races: 24 Hours of Daytona, 12 Hours of Sebring, Le Mans, and Spa.
- In the Marketplace two investment vehicles are listed:
 - A 1867 912 for \$3,700.
 - A 1968 911S which "ran well before storage; make offer."
 - A highly modified 914.



FRED AND JILL DANEU - PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB TESLOW
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On View at Afton Concours . . . by Peter Vickery, Kim Crumb, Lee Jacobsohn



FORMER NORD STERN PRESIDENT TERRY JOHNSON WITH DAUGHTER KARA



1979 930 TURBO CARRERA OWNED BY JIM & DIANE GARBER - GUARDED BY TONY THE TIGER!



PETER VICKERY INSTRUCTING INSTRUCTORS L TO R: ERIC PILHOFER, DICK MENTZMA, DARYL FORTIER, LUIS FRAGUADA & ENTRANT DICK BEERS



JUDGE SONIA FORTIER - ALL WORK AND NO PLAY!

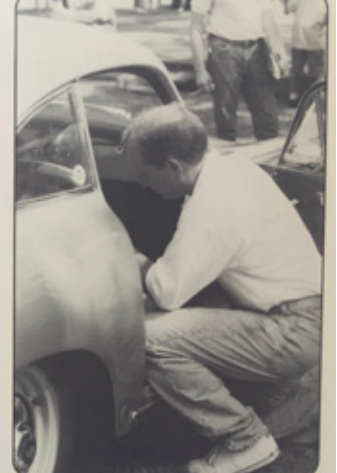
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EVENTMASTER PETER VICKERY - WHAT A GREAT DAY!



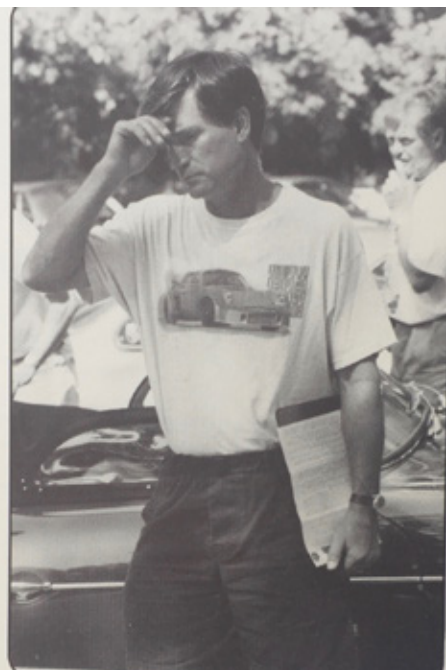
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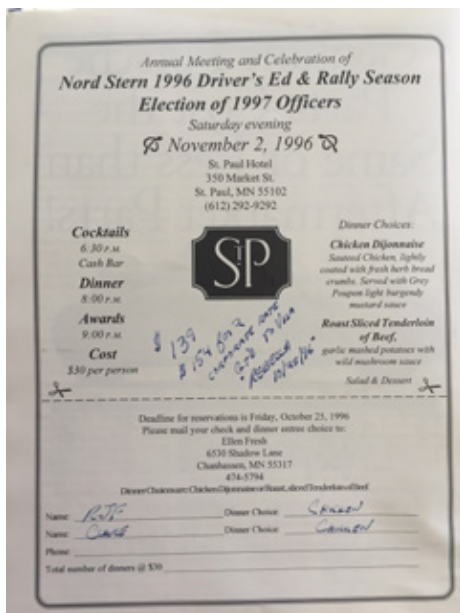


WHEW, THIS IS HARD WORK - DAVE WEISEL



LUIS FRAGUADA - WITH CALCULATOR IN HAND!

OCTOBER 1996



Afton Concours August 25, 1996
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door prizes by
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Results

Street	Year/Make/Model	Score
1st	1989 911 Cab	140**
2nd	Dave Pfahl	137.5
3rd	Jeff & Karen Fetzer	136
4th	Dick Boers	136 (tie?)
5th	Barb Meyer	128
6th	Damon & Prudence Rapson	127
7th	Dave Mayer	124
8th	Chad Peters	122.75
9th	Bryan Donnell	114.5
10th	Kelly Crowley	113.5
11th	Daniel Wilensky	111
12th	Adam Smith	108

928 944 944T and 968

Full	Year/Make/Model	Score
1st	Luis Fraguada	294.8
2nd	Roy Hunsberger	285.7

Street

Year/Make/Model	Score
1st Kim Crumb	139
2nd Scott & Kelly Mayer	123.5
3rd Stephen Fong	115.5
4th Tom Dods	111.25
5th Mark Kitchcock	108.75
6th Brad Portillo	103
7th Lon Wang	89.5

* Score includes 2 age points.
** judge missed entering points on a 7pt. area. We agreed that minimum of 4 points was appropriate.

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Results

Entrants	Model/Year	Score (200 possible)
1st Hank & Phyllis Goddardson	1976 911	181
2nd Rick Sojowski	1989 944T	156

356 and 4 cylinder 914

Full	Score (300 possible)
1st Dave Weisel	1958 356A 259.50

Street

Full	Score (150 possible)
1st Ross Collins	1957 356A 150*
2nd Phil Saari	1961 356B 140.1 (Really?)
3rd Ron Faust	1964 356C 140.05
4th Bill Siegelkow	1962 356 134.75
5th Margie Lindemer	1965 356C 134.1
6th Rem Lam	1964 356C 130.95
7th Bonnie Newman	1965 356 119.4

Early 911- pre 87

Full	Score
1st Steve Lindemer	1965 911 259.5

Late 911

Full	Score
1st Jim Tourtellotte	1982 911SC 297.7
2nd Peter Vickary	1988 911 262.9
3rd Jim & Diane Garber	1979 930 196.5

Badler . . .

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XK120, Alfa Romeo Spider Giulietta – all go down well.”

Gee, am I hearing exhaust notes? Or is it beginning to sound an awful lot like the car ads in the back of the regular Octane magazine? Only better. Because you get to actually drive the car, on real roads, in the real world . . . until the new wears off and you begin to feel like you’re just driving a car. And when that happens, you get to give it back and walk away. Or rent another interesting steed for an hour, a day . . . and give that back too.

Sounds like a winning formula to me. As another ex-pat Brit, Graham Parker, was wont to say, “Passion is no ordinary word.” And neither is Octane. Or Graham Eason.



BIR . . .

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junker car compete. The team that completes the most laps in the given time - usually seven, eight and up to 12 hours - wins.

2012

The International Watercross Association introduced BIR fans to watercross, which continues to be a big hit. Watercross features snowmobiles racing on open water in drag racing and oval racing.

2015

BIR made big headlines for all the wrong reasons when 100 mph straight-line winds tore through the track, rolling a set of bleachers, ripping apart buildings and leveling thousands of trees. Dozens of people volunteered to clean up debris and cut up trees to keep the racing season going!

Just some fun stuff . . . Quotes re: Porsches, Racing

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“A car should not only be functional, but should also have a beautiful appearance.”

Ferry Porsche

“You may always modify a Porsche, but its character and inimitable quality must be maintained.”

Ferry Porsche

“To sit on a ranch horse that’s been broken in, it’s like getting in a Porsche.”

Sam Shepard

“Be yourself. If you try to be someone else, it won’t work. Whatever you do, you are not going to make everyone happy.”

Kimi Raikkonen

“For sure, sometimes I don’t know what I am doing.”

Kimi Raikkonen

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JDC Tech Session

Fellow Geffroren im Norden (roughly; Frozen Northers),

I am sure there are plenty in our club that want to join me in thanking John Church and his team for a fantastic visit to his World Class Motorsport facilities on Saturday!

To think this amazing team and facility exists in the Twin Cities is mind blowing. They participate and have won races that we all love like The 24 Hours of LeMans, Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona, The 12 hours of Sebring.

The fact that John would host the 70+ of us and entertain us with tech and race information for nearly two hours shows that he indeed is a home town boy.

One of my favorite statements was when asked why he based so far from the racing action, he said it's the strong work ethic of our area. Indeed, he had technicians working on cars, while we were on our tour.

I also enjoyed him talking about his "Dr. Phil moments" with the drivers. He said he is constantly calming some down and firing some up meanwhile trying to set up a car that four world class drivers can all live with for 24 hours.

Special Thanks to Roger and crew for arranging the strongest attended tech session that I have ever been to.

– Keith Jones

JDC-Miller Motorsports link <http://jdcmotorsport.com/>

Yes! It was fantastic. My son (13) got so much out of it too, and came away amazed. Thanks so much to John and to the organizers.

–Merrill Aldrich

Definitely an impressive operation. Glad we were able to attend!

– Brandon and Cason Olson

Right: yes, the driving season IS just around the corner for all of us, whether it be low speed autocross (see calendar by MAC) or up at BIR!!

Check out the 60th Anniversary video here: <https://vimeo.com/311114238>



A few miscellaneous photos that provide a bit of humor - Clubtalk can really get quite witty! I don't know that I can even imagine captions for these two photos that were recently posted . . . !

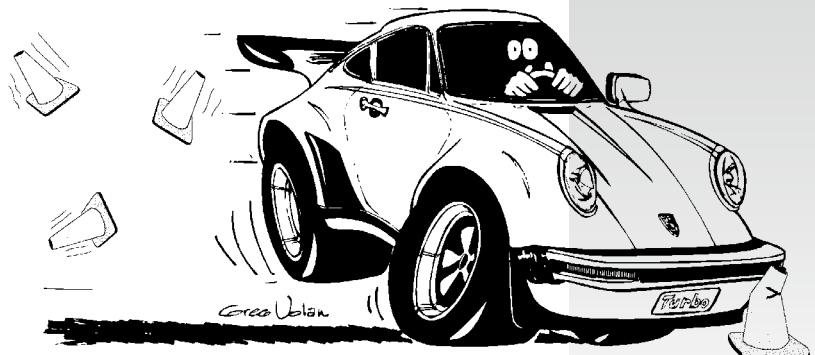


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Commentary via Nord Stern's listserve 'Clubtalk'



2019 Rolex 24 ... In IMSA'S 50th Anniversary Year

It's Nord Stern's 60th Anniversary year, and? It's IMSA's 50th Anniversary Year, too. (photo 2894)
I look out over the wing of the 757, the ground



below has no snow. It's my 17th time attending this race; I intend to make it a whole-car-week. I'm jetting down to MCO nearly a whole week before



by Kim Crumb

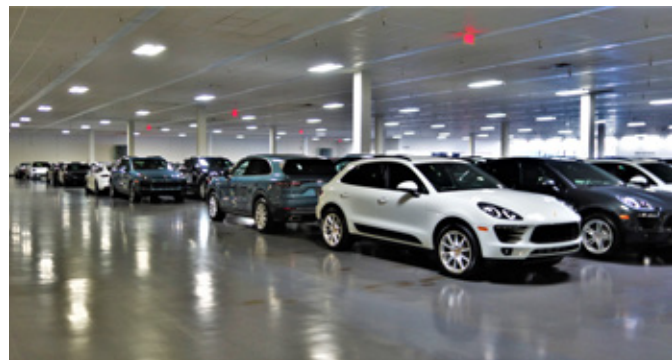
the race; with Paul, Cindy & Steve, car friends. It's off to the resort, the Ocean Walk, right on Daytona Beach. We "move into" the condo, getting groceries to stock the kitchen for the week, etc.



We do an easy day on Monday. There were NASCAR races on the beach back in the 50's. It was an "oval track," where part of the oval was the beach, the other a parallel beach road. This site still has? A restaurant called the North Turn. We go for lunch and view the wall art, which covers stock-car history.



It's a "bullet-trip" on Tuesday. I thought of all the cars I've bought over the years. Most often I have to travel all over the country, to Find the One I Want. You too? For example, I've bought three 928's from: Michigan, Georgia and California. It seemed that Porsche's were spread pretty thin. Another plan: to have lots of Porsches on-hand, ready-to-go, now. 22 acres worth, everything from Macan's to GT-2 RS's kept ready by having them all indoors! (photos below and pg 23 top) This reduce-the-wait-time plan has propelled



Champion Porsche to a proud position, of being the #1 Porsche Dealer in America. I still marvel at their winning LeMans in 2005... as a Porsche dealer, not a manufacturer! They have an artistic representation: a whole wall of helmets: and they are all from driver's who have Won LeMans and have also driven for Champion. (photo right of Kim and Larry Reynonlds, by .Cindy Zipf) They also have a museum, with a comprehensive display of Porsche Racing Posters. (photos to the right)

We also stop at RENNTech Mercedes, a team I drove for back in the 90's. They were servicing? A "street"



CLK-GTR, that was a direct competitor to the fabled Porsche GT-1 (Strassenversion) that won LeMans Overall in 1998. Then back to Daytona, we did just under 500 miles that day.



Wednesday? It was a wonderful warm day, in the 70's. We go out and enjoy the sun, and float around in the "lazy river" that's right on-site at the Ocean Walk . . . such winter "suffering." In the evening, we head to a new event: "One Daytona." It's on Daytona Avenue, outside the track, there is a whole line-up of Rolex 24 racecars. An attempt to bring-racing-out-to-the-people. There are interviews with superstars like ex-F1 Champion Fernando Alonso, who will be



driving a Cadillac Daytona Prototype. (photo below of #73 911 GT-3R driven by Patrick Long)

Thursday we pre-accumulate a little rest for the race weekend . . . getting out to the track for the afternoon, which is Qualifying. A Mazda DP takes the pole (run by Joest Racing.) The #911 RSR takes the pole in GTLM . . . with that whole class covered by only .7 second! The GTD polesitter is a



Ferrari 488. An idea of the scale of this event? Michelin has brought 12,750 tires! I watch them do the Tech Inspection on the 911 RSR. (photo pg 24) We've got infield parking and a nice hospitality area with elevated seating overlooking the hot-pit with, replete with nice catering, etc. (Thanks BMW . . .)

Friday, we arrive by 9 a.m. There are "meet the team" sessions, organized by various car clubs. Steve wins one of the raffles . . . he's going to get a Hot Lap around Daytona! (photo pg 24) There is a

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Rolex . . .

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four-hour support race that afternoon, sponsored by BMW, it's the first race of the Michelin Challenge. The GTD cars in the 24 Hour race are (built to international FIA spec) GT-3 cars, the cars in this



Tech Inspection on the 911 RSR

race are often GT-4 cars. There's quite a range these days: Aston-Martin Vantage, Porsche Cayman, BMW M4, Audi R8, McLaren, Mercedes, Mustang & Camaro in Gran Sport. In the TCR class there are: Honda Civic, Audi RS3 and Hyundai Veloster N. (Yes, Hyundai . . . not afflicted with "not invented here" . . . they hired away BMW M and Mercedes AMG people to get serious about high-performance.) There was a time when Porsche was one of the few sellers of ready-to-race cars . . . now many car companies like that plan.



Hot Lap around Daytona!

The McLaren wins, always getting back to the front with relative ease, I'd expect a "Balance of Performance" rules adjustment from the officials before the next race. An Aston was 7 seconds behind. A BMW M4 was 4th and the highest placed Porsche Cayman GT-4 was 8th. In the TCR class: it's Honda, Honda and then Audi.

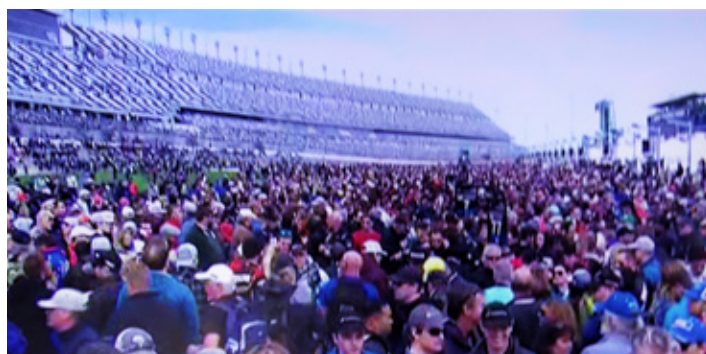
Saturday, we arrive early again. We have a fancy breakfast, and head out . . . there is so much to see-and-do, there is a whole "manufacturer's midway." At the official Porsche area? You can have your picture taken with a Cayman GT-4 Clubsport, for example. Porsche is showing off their clever "# 59" historic livery....done in stripes... that will be used here, and again at Sebring. (photo right) In the historic display? A car driven by Nord Stern member Peter Kitchak that was in the Rolex 24 back in 1997. (photo right) These



cars actually do exhibition laps, I still have a soft spot for the 962.



Before the race you can go out on the grid with all the cars and teams . . . everybody does! (photo below) There is dramatic music as an



anticipatory backdrop. One of the selections? Which I recognize as from Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, it's "O Fortuna," and certainly the

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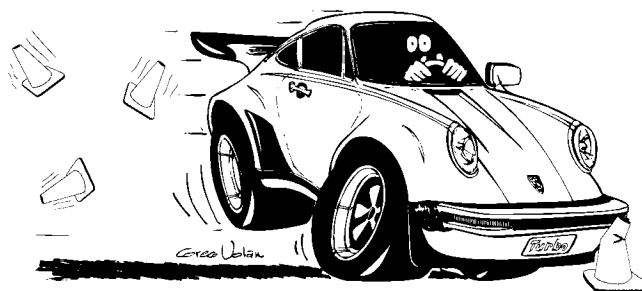
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April 13th (Sat)	NOVICE DRIVER'S CLASSROOM	MAC	DUNWOODY
April 14th	NOVICE DRIVER'S SCHOOL #1	MAC	DCTC
April 27th	MOWOG #1	MAC	Canterbury Park
April 28th	MOWOG #2	MAC	Canterbury Park
May 18th (Sat)	MOWOG #3	MAC	DCTC
May 18-19	Sat Practice/ Sunday Event AUTOX	SCCA	WINONA?
June 1st (Sat)	NOVICE DRIVER'S CLASSROOM	MAC	DUNWOODY
June 2nd	NOVICE DRIVER'S SCHOOL #2	MAC	DCTC
June 8th (Sat)	MOWOG #4	MAC	DCTC
June 23rd	AUTOCROSS	CVSCC	CVTC, EAU CLAIRE, WI
July 14th @	SUPERSUNDAY AUTOCROSS I	COM	DCTC
July 27th (Sat)	MOWOG #5 (May become a practice) (Depending on Oct 12/13)	MAC	DCTC **** See Notes
Aug 4th	MOWOG #6	MAC	DCTC
Aug 18th	Practice Event #2	MAC	DCTC
Aug 18th	AUTOX	SCCA	WINONA?
Sept 8th @	SUPERSUNDAY AUTOCROSS II	COM	DCTC
Sept 22nd	MOWOG #7	MAC	DCTC
Sept 29th	AUTOX	SCCA	WINONA?
Oct 6th	MOWOG #8	MAC	DCTC
Oct 12th	MOWOG (Tentative)	MAC	Canterbury Park ****
Oct 13th	MOWOG (Tentative)	MAC	Canterbury Park ****

Notes: Dates in bold are confirmed. With construction at Canterbury they will not confirm dates yet (the overflow lot isn't going away but they may need to use it) so those are NOT in bold. The plan is that the MOWOG series will be 8 events without those October dates and 9 if we get them. MOWOG #5 will flex to a practice event and we will end up having a double MOWOG at the end of the year. If Canterbury does not work then Oct 6th will be the last event of the year. Also, the Winona SCCA events are not organized by MAC. Questions: Andy Golfis (autocross@nordstern.org)

Drivers: Autocross is great fun, low speed, challenging and an excellent outlet for learning more about how your Porsche handles (punting cones is always SUCH fun!)! Participating in the full season/series is not required.



PCA's Zone 10 Directory

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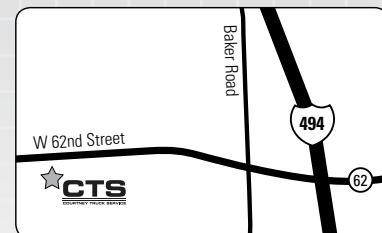
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Rolex . . .

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teams do wish that the Empress-of-Fortune will smile upon them. It's 2:35 pm when the race starts. The sound of tens-of-thousands of horsepower roars by . . . the suite we're in has a view of the start/finish line . . . everything around you trembles. Subtle it isn't.

It's coolish, I'm keeping an extra layer of clothing on, and the weather forecast for Sunday is ominous. The Porsche Club has a good-sized area with parking and hospitality. It's by the "kink" that's between the two infield 180 degree turns. There's even a cool poster to commemorate the event. Nearby a 356 coupe is carrying firewood for camping!

There have been nice facility upgrades through the years. Along with tall scoring pylons, there are multiple huge tv screens, so you can also watch the tv feed. (photo 3003) Being there live, and seeing that too... that's Really



Experiencing The Race. We stay through the fireworks at 9 pm. It was already a spectacular sight with the cars roaring by, the lit-up carnival rides over by Lake Lloyd, and this just Puts The Spectacle Over the Top. (photos pg 38)

Sunday? It's raining, raining, raining. A half-inch Per Hour, for hours and hours! The race is yellow-flagged and red-flagged, etc. The banking

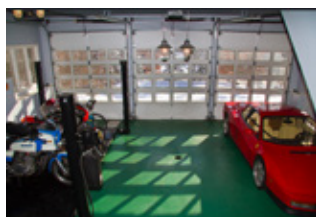


is so steep that the rain runs off....that area is still navigable. Temptation. But? The rain runs down to the flats, making for huge areas of standing water . . . especially where the cars come on-and-off the banking . . . such as into turn #1 and in/out of the "Bus Stop." (overhead photo pg 38) Every time they go "green" there are accidents from acute hydroplaning and poor visibility. Back to: yellow/red flags every time. In the end there are just

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Book Reviews for Porsche- philes

by Bruce Herrington,
Orange Coast Region

Bobby's Got a Brand New Car

by Zidrou,

artwork by Sébastien Chebret

published September 26, 2017 by
Word & Pictures, Lake Forest, CA

It must be admitted, up front, that this book has no Porsche content. It is not a book for Porschephiles to own and read, but it could have an important place in the perpetuation of the car hobby.

Many marque clubs today report declining membership. Where once teenagers bought cars before they were old enough to apply for drivers licenses, and showed up at the DMV on the very day of their eligibility, it is now reported that many teenagers wait years beyond their eligibility to apply for driver's licenses. It has even been postulated that due to Uber and Lyft, total car ownership in 2020 will be less than in 2015. And it has been reported that Google/Alphabet already has numerous self-driving cars zooming employees from building to building amongst its Silicon Valley operations.

Modern cars, even the non-self-driving ones, tend to be self-propelled computers-on-wheels. Where once a few wrenches and a screw driver or two would put a mechanic in business, now it takes a computer, and a specialized one at that. The shade tree mechanic of the John Muir How to Keep your Volkswagen Alive (arguably the first of the complete idiot books) is now the guy with [only] a home computer.

Many current TV commercials for cars tout their sound systems, their driver-support sensor systems, systems to relieve drivers from the effort of parking the car, etc., but say nothing about driveability, performance, and absolutely nothing about

maintainability or, perish the thought, hop-up ability.

What is there in all of the above to generate interest in the car hobby, to promote the mystique of certain marques (i.e. Porsche), to preserve the value of collector cars, or even acknowledge the joy of driving?

Many, cultural/political movements have recognized/promoted the need to inculcate adherence to their principles

in its youth at very tender ages, in order to preserve and promote their cause. Why should the car hobby, and the Porsche Club in particular, not adopt a similar philosophy and start today, to germinate and nurture the Porschephiles of tomorrow?

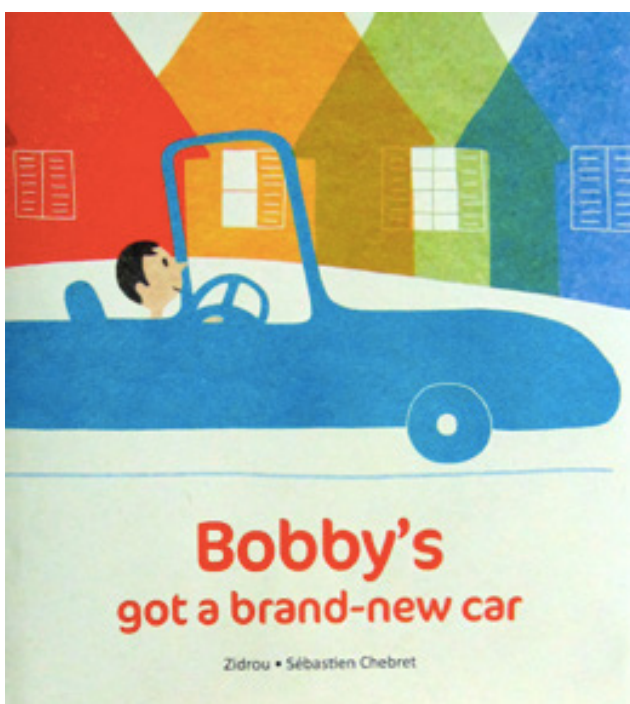
Bobby is a book not for Porschephiles to read and enjoy, but to gift to their progeny in hopes of developing Porsche-philes for the future. The story takes Bobby (a 10? year old) from his decision to buy a car "that goes VAROOM! for real", to cruising through town and chauffeuring his parents (who are ordered to wear seat belts), home from their respective jobs. Bobby purchases everything "with his magic card (the one that pays for everything)". Bobby enjoys the drive, but the book says nothing about the satisfactions of DIY maintenance/repair, the thrill of competition, or the social interaction of showing a car.

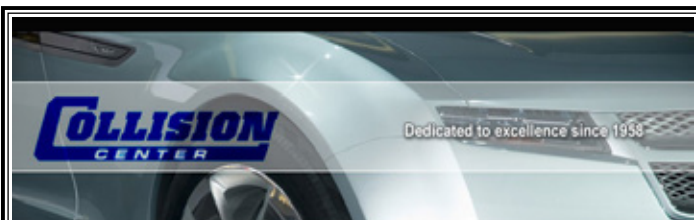
Bobby's got a brand-new car is hardbound with 32, 9x10 inch, highly graphic pages (e.g. the cover).

With large type and short sentences, it is intended for readers of 5-8 years old. As I remember, at that and slightly more advanced age, I loved getting books for

Christmas.

I have mixed emotions about endorsing this book as a means of motivating a new generation of car enthusiasts. I support the message that cars are nice, but cannot condone the sloppy English used in the title. By the time you read this, the book should be available for \$17.95 from your favorite bookseller (ask for it) or from www.quatroknows.com





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Items to be correct: _____

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

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One of my favorite things to do on the web is to go into a car company's web site, head straight to their configurator and build something.

Sometimes it will be a stripper, just the basic car to see how cheap I can build it. And more times than not, I go all in adding every option to see how far I can take it to the other extreme. I try different colors, different interiors, different wheels and I spare no expense on the performance options. If you are going to build something, you may as well go big. Right?

I love me some Porsches! Owned twelve of 'em (and counting). But you know what? I've never bought a new one. The Turner master plan says I get to do that at some point in my short life on this revolving globe. Thinking back to the Brand Loyalty series I wrote a couple of month back, you know I've got to get my boys out of college, propped up and on their own. Could take years. It's funny, I even remind them from time to time (like weekly), that they're holding me back. I am joking here, but just barely.

Point is, I love the Porsche configurator. I build cars on it all the time, like maybe 2-3 times per month. OK, maybe 3-4 times per month. But that's all I'm admitting here. I build Carrera's (mostly Turbos and GT3s), Boxsters, Caymans (especially Caymans; love 'em), Cayennes (just in case we end up needing a new one), Mecans (because they are awesome), Panameras (have you read my action-adventure novels? They factor somewhat in the story line), and 918's (cause they are stupid crazy and it's fun to see if you can configure one to \$1,000,000—yes with reversed pinky held to mouth, Dr. Evil style).

I will build one, giggle and say to my wife, "Hey I built a new Porsche, wanna see it?" She'll glance over at me, with a sideways look, glasses lowered to her nose, and ask if I went all in this time or not. No I will proudly exclaim that I built an inexpensive Cayenne - for her. Does she want to see it? Then she'll ask if it is like the other dozen I have "built" for her lately and not getting her sarcasm, I'll say this one is different. (Yeah, it's red.) Sometimes she looks, sometimes she doesn't and she reminds me (for like the thousandth time) that we're not doing anything before the aforementioned boys are out of school, cars paid off, bills paid off, ETC. Oh yeah—heard that one before. So then, what the heck, I'll reconfigure the car as a Cayenne Turbo S with every option under the sun. \$180K! Yeah, that'll show her!



The mouse hovers over the "get a quote from your dealer" button and as usual, I do not press it. But man, I wish I could. I know that day will come, that perfect moment when I will be able to press that button and talk to the dealer, to build my dream Porsche. I can feel it coming in a three-to-four-year-off kinda way. See I have infinite patience when it comes to waiting for my ultimate car. I've got to, I only get one shot.

And on that exhaust note, see you all next time.

Choose Carefully Part One

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by Robert Turner,
Maverick Region of PCA,
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RL Turner is the author of The Driver, a series of action adventure novels, available in both print and ebook on Amazon (more info at www.thedriver-series.com).

Having owned a dozen Porsches and driven hundreds of laps on racetracks throughout the southwest, author Turner has learned a few things about going fast in a Porsche and then fixing them when he breaks something.



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PCA Porsche Junior 'Portraits'

Photo by Merrill Aldrich, with his 13-year-old son



Author's note: it certainly is great to know that a younger generation out there is as engaged and fascinated by the motorsports world as are Nord Sterners! I know there are more Nord Stern and PCA members in our region with kids/young adults who take part or are car nuts. Keep sending in the pictures. In fact, in our family our daughter has always loved cars, did partake in driver training as soon as she turned 18. She's pretty vocal about what she likes and doesn't in the 4 wheel world. Plus she drives a manual and her hubby never learned so can't drive her car to this day!

Photo from the recent JDC shop tour

How Many Miles?!

photos by Lara Dant



Past Prez Lara Dant's 1983 Scheiferblau Metallic.928 turned a significant milestone



a bit ago and she shared a photo of the odometer. Very fun! Above a photo of winter



it's hibernation and photo above is from last summer's trip to Banff.

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AN EARLY DRIVERS' MEETING
RICHARD HUTTON SHARES A LAUGH WITH HIS WIFE ANN AND JAN WATSON (Pic left, below)
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Bullfighting and Motor Sporting

Weight of the bull – 1,200 pounds, 38% of a 911 Porsche (911T Carrera);

Life expectancy

- Life expectancy of the fighting bull 4 years (unless pardoned), then 24 years
- Life expectancy of the Porsche – extended warranty: 70% of all manufactured Porsches are still on the road;

Disposition and others factors

- Disposition of the bull – aggressive
- Attitude of Porsche – very aggressive
- Speed of the bull – 35 mph
- Speed of the Porsche (997/2S) 190 mph
- Horns on a bull - two, both sharp
- Horns on a 911 Porsche – two, high tone and low tone
- Bulls usually lose 1,200 pounds in a fight
- Drivers lose up to 9 pounds of body weight in a race
- Bulls go after red capes (though they are color blind)
- Porsches go after apexes (occasionally marked with an orange pylon)
- Color of bulls – very predominantly, black
- Color of Porsches -- in Europe, Jet Black Metallic is the most common choice for the 911 and the Cayenne

What he actually said, “Bullfighting is the only art in which the artist is in danger and in which the degree of brilliance in the performance is left to the fighter’s honor.”

“The cruel sport” is a phrase often used in connection with motor racing, as per Dan Gurney who first uttered those words.

I’ve noted in personal field observations that fighting bulls are quite a bit taller than Carreras, but they are not as long – or as lean.

Bulls rarely go off the track because they do something stupid.

Paul Newman’s first law – It’s useless to put on your brakes when you are upside down. It is more fun to drive a slow car fast than to drive a fast car slow.

To achieve anything in the bull fighting or the car racing game, you must be prepared to dabble in the boundary of disaster.

By Mark O’Brien
reprinted Gran Prix Region PCA
The Circuit
March 2019



In the U.S., customers prefer standard black only for the 911 and the Cayenne, while white is the favorite for all other model series.

Ferdinand the bull – was born in Madrid, Spain, in 1936; Ferdinand Zvonimir von Habsburg (Formula 1 driver) was born in Salzburg, Austria, in 1997;

If given a chance, Hemingway might have thought “To go flat out through a bend that is surrounded by level lawn is one thing, but to go flat-out through a bend that has a stone wall on one side and a precipice on the other – that’s an achievement!”



Photos: Left Hemingway, Above, the author Mark O’Brien with just a hint of Hemingway-ness?!

Where is, or has been, YOUR 60th Anniversary Hat . . . ?

Just for fun

Just like Flat Stanley, our special 60th Anniversary branded winter wear hopefully will travel and I'd love to feature the 'travels' and weather conditions your hat has survived!

Right after our holiday party where all attendees got theirs, President Roger Johnson found himself needing his hat as he cleared some downed trees at their family place up north.

And this month's submission comes from **Keith Jones** who shared his the recent JDC-MILLER tech session sporting HIS 60 years hat!

So, you ask, where do I get my hat? The club did order a number available at upcoming events so be sure to show up, have fun at an your momento. Nord Stern has a wonderful history packed with training opportunities, good drives and tours, rallies, friendly yet often and off the track, knowledgeable, informative tech stuff, along with plain old-fashioned fun. Many a friendship has been cemented over discussions, figuring out paint colors, learning the history of Porsche, missions, The list goes on!



photo of **VP Chip Smith** at

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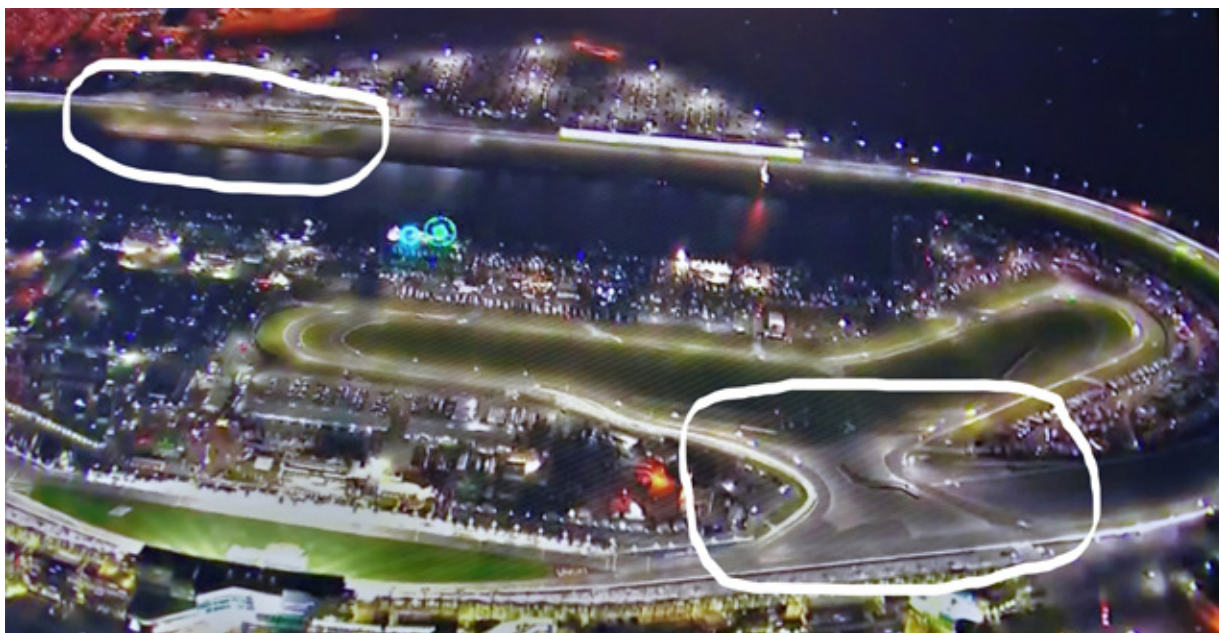
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Rolex . . .

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under 14 hours of green flag running in this 24, most of it run before 6 am Sunday morning. The officials call-the-race with 10 minutes to go.

It's the #10 Cadillac, with Fernando Alonso as the lead driver, that Wins Overall and DP, followed by the #31 Cadillac, and to round-out that podium it's the Acura-Powered #7 Penske car. There were only four cars in the LMP2 class, it's won by the #18 DragonSpeed car. In the hotly-contested GTLM class,



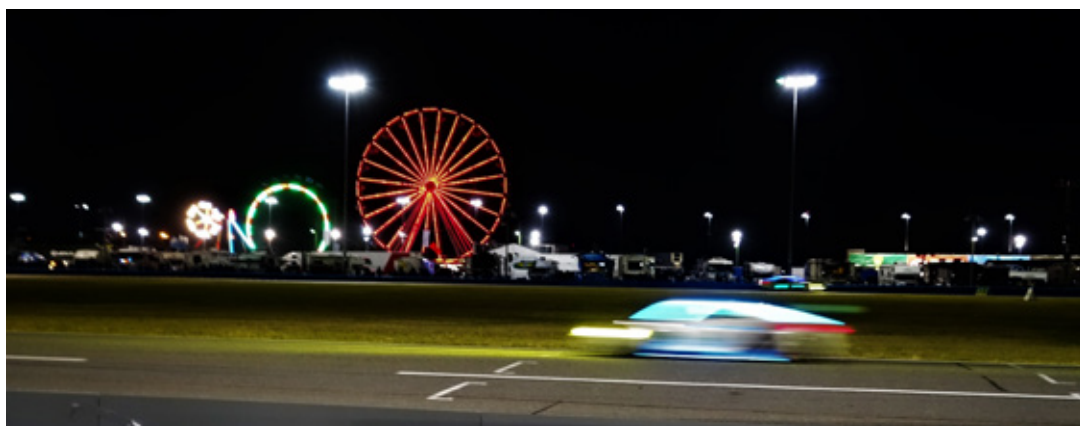
to take the final podium spot. The #63 Ferrari also failed the audit, and was moved to the back of the field, too. All the crashing, and the big reduction in green flag running time, may have caused havoc

with the team's driver strategy? Anyway the 2nd and 3rd spots on the podium, in GTD, were revised, after the post-race audit.

It's quieter on the way back to the airport, turning in the Wolfsburg Edition Passat that I got as a rental. Delta pushes our takeoff back to 9 pm, I couldn't help but think I'd like to have them move it back much further... maybe about a week? It will be midnight

the lead had changed back-and-forth frequently. The short-restarts-under-rain resulted in plenty of crashing, and those eliminated a lot of good cars from contention. Surviving mattered, it's the #25 BMW M8 winning, followed by the Ferrari 488 #62 in 2nd, with the #912 Porsche 911 RSR getting the 3rd spot on the podium. The Lamborghini Huracan wins the GTD class, with an Audi R8 LMS GT-3 in 2nd and a Lexus RC-F GT-3 getting the final podium spot. The highest-placed Porsche 911 GT-3R, with Patrick Long as the lead driver, places 8th. So ends the 57th Rolex 24? Almost. There is a post-race audit, there are rules about minimum-and-maximum driver times. In GTD, the 2nd place Audi failed this audit, and was moved to the back of the field. This elevated the Lexus to 2nd in GTD, and another Audi moved up from 4th

when we get to MSP. The sights and sounds, the intensity of the "rev me, rev me" engines, those sensations will entertain me as our winter months wind-down. Making plans for the 2020 Rolex 24, my 18th time, see you there?





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On the occasion of your 60th anniversary, Porsche Community Management would like to take this opportunity to thank not only the members, but also the Club management, for constantly spreading and preserving the worldwide ideas of Porsche Clubs. Through this you have added so much to the high reputation of the name and the Porsche marque.

In closing we wish you success and continued development in the years to come and of course an enjoyable anniversary in the spirit of the Porsche Clubs.

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new teenage drivers and multiple toys in my own collection. Too many "goods" to list, but I will attempt to list those some might find concerning. I have some but not extensive previous records or service history. Car was a theft recovery early in its life (93?) and therefore has a Salvage title. AC not working - compressor supposedly good but not blowing cold. Tires will need replacing soon. Overall an excellent opportunity to purchase a late model 928S4 at a reasonable price and complete to your standards. \$10,750 or reasonable offer. 952.658.9229

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I have been a professional Porsche mechanic ever since that humble beginning 40 years ago.
For 33 of those years, I have provided uncompromising service to Porsche owners at the Nurburgring, Inc.
Of recent, I have accepted an opportunity to continue my career in a new direction.
I will be a curator for a private Porsche collection.

I would like to thank all of you who have supported the Nurburgring, Inc. through the years.

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March 2019 Business Meeting Minutes . . .

President – Roger Johnson

Roger called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Welcome members Kurt Oddsen, Jim Southwell, Judy Sievers, Charles Price!

Minutes from February meeting were approved.

Each attendee was asked to suggest ideas for tech sessions:

- Go karts
- Indoor track in Fridley
- Progressive dinner
- Flying simulator/skydiving simulator at Ridgedale
- Engine rebuild
- SIM experience
- Porsche Experience at ATL or LAX
- Petit Le Mans near ATL
- Rebuild project at Lon's
- Things that should be looked at on older cars
- Things that should be looked at on newer cars/partner with P of Mpls or St Paul
- Halloween costume contest for cars
- Movie night "Ford vs Ferrari," Nov 19 at Parkway or Uptown
- DE/DT lite – chalk talk (no cars) at BUR or Imola or Automotorplex
- Track buddy system
- Group trip to Formula One race, Sao Paolo or Montreal or Long Beach (Feb)
- Treffen to the factory in Germany
- Dyno session
- Schell's Brewery trip to New Ulm
- Detail tech session
- Golf outing
- Boat outing

Roger and Chip met and are discussion/looking for 2020 officer and chair candidates.

Please note: April's business meeting will be 4/8.

Vice President – Chip Smith

Via email, working on VP candidate and open chair positions for 2020.

Working with Roger and other chairs on event promotion and details.

Chip will not be able to attend Monday meetings, will need to pick a new day when he is President so he can attend!

Treasurer – Jeff Bluhm

Cash balance is fine. Paid for half of RA fees, will pay for First Fling in March.

All proceeds and expenses for calendar are in.

Would like a second set of eyes to look it over. Chip volunteered to help with that. Roger will reach out to Michael for a final calendar discussion.

Advertising – Lara Dant

Sent invoices out to all advertisers. Lara says it is hard for her to know when advertisers have paid their bill if they mail checks to Jeff.

All Porsche Show – Phil Saari and Hal Voges

No report. All advertisers are invited to have a display/table.

Autocross – Andy Golfis

MAC's schedule for 2019 is available and was sent to Christie. It will run in the newsletter monthly.

Any and all members are welcome to attend any of the autocross dates. Betsey will post on FB

Board of Directors – Lara Dant and Ryan McGee

We are not great at scheduling BOD meetings.

Bylaws need to be updated this year!

Charity – Mark Kriesch

No report. Roger is thinking about mixing up the charity events at Club Talk.

Club Race – Dave Sorenson

Susan Shire has the application for 2019.

Roger suggests we create a Midwest Challenge for our Club Races, with Nord Stern, Chicago, Heartland Park and Hastings.

Roger will bring it up at the Zone 10 Presidents meeting this month.

Driver Education – Misty Martianos

No report

DE Registrar – Dave Anderson

We have 18 registered for the US Bank tour on March 9, 39 are attending so Dave will set up early to get info from attendees.

Road America DE is ready to go, will email previous participants and open registration early.

Driver's Training – Jim Bahner

No report. There are new 'ads' running for the events in the newsletter and will be posted online.

Fall Color Tour – Ron and Michele Johnson

No report. Roger emailed Cirrus to see if they do tours.

by Secretary Betsey Porter

Minutes . . .

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Historic Archivist – Kim Fritze

No report

Insurance – Dan Perinovic

Certificates are in place for New Member Socials.

Membership – Ed Vazquez

Ed asked Roger to create 60th Nord Stern Anniversary stickers. Roger will order some.

Roger wants to increase the number of years required for “lifetime” membership.

We have 100 life members out of 608 total in Nord Stern.

Ed would like to do another email blast to lapsed members. Lara indicates they are dropped from the newsletter in April if they have not renewed. (Christie confirms that non-renewals are dropped from the mailing list with the April issue).

Ed will also send an email blast to members announcing Spring membership meetings to ask people to attend.

Chairs, please attend as many meetings as you are able.

Thinking about a small Duluth meeting, but

not firmed up yet.

Met Council – Bob Kosky

No report

Newsletter – Christie Boeder

No report

Rally and Drives – David Hudgens

Roger will send a webcast he saw to the two chairs.

Safety – Paul Ingebrigtsen and Chuck Porter

Chuck, via phone call to Betsey, indicates that Simpson has a head restraint that works with three-point belts.

Social Media – Betsey Porter

FB is still really engaged

Created FB Events for all our planned events through May.

Insta is hard in the winter (Christie, have any winter shots from Michael?)

Shop and Tech relations – Roger Johnson

US Bank tech session is March 9

Dent Kraft/Clear Bra tech session is March 16th.

Cars and Caves event?

Touring – Randy Walker

No report

Track Relations – Jim Bahner

No report

Webmaster – Dave Anderson and Christie Boeder

Dave will shortly have more time available to work on the website. Christie reports that she can now re-access to upload current content, newsletters, event information after being locked out for about a month.

Old Business

None

New Business

Parade is in Boca Raton, registration is open. 60th Anniversary badges are ordered, will only be available if members participate in one of our events

Meeting adjourned 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsey Porter, Secretary

Am I Lost? Why Can't I Play?

photo by Brandon Olson

Beautiful GT3 RS left outside all the fun at the “Wheels of Italy” Italian car show this past fall. It really does make for a funny picture looking for all the world like that child with their nose pressed up against the fence longing to join all the other kids playing!





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