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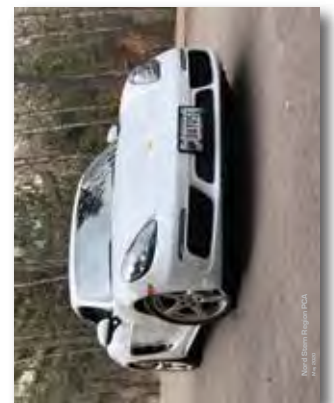
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Welcome . . . New Nord Stern Members

We hope to see you at upcoming events!

Roger Forland

Rochester, MN

White 2002 Boxster S

Doug Johnson

Prior Lake, MN

Patrick McGlynn

Edina, MN

Curt Olson

Ramsey, MN

Blue 2012 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 listserv for member (Nord Stern) 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: Sometimes 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 . . .

by Chip Smith,

You can't make this stuff up: "Worldwide pandemic shuts down economies across the globe and forces people to stay home." No one of sound mind would predict such a scenario as likely any time soon. But it happened.



In February, my wife and I left for a month in Colorado. The Corona virus was in the news, but not yet labeled a pandemic. 24 days later, Colorado shut down all ski resorts, restaurants and other non-essential businesses and we headed home early.

The virus was now called Covid-19 and was the major issue worldwide. Minnesota, like many other states, issued orders restricting group activities, non-essential travel and non-essential businesses. Our Nord Stern board reviewed options to hold our scheduled events while complying with the restrictions and keeping our members and their families safe. Ultimately, we had no choice but to cancel all activities for April. As I write this in mid April, the state has extended its restrictions through May 4 and the only May event - the Annual Auto Fair at St. Paul Porsche - has been postponed. We'll know better in early May if further cancellations/postponements are needed, and if we need to implement any modifications to our remaining 2020 events. We hope to reschedule cancelled events where possible.

Nord Stern monthly business meetings normally cease from June through August but this year we will continue with them through the summer, as needed, to keep up with the Covid-19 developments and

adjust our schedule accordingly. Our April meeting was virtual using video conference technology and we anticipate that format continuing for at least the next few meetings.

In the mean time, our members are itching to drive their P cars and socialize. I understand. It may be a few weeks yet but we will return to our event schedule eventually, perhaps with some modifications for a period of time. The safety of our members is our top priority and we want to be a good citizen complying with state and federal directives.

As a side note, auto repair shops, including the service department at car dealers, are considered "essential businesses" and are allowed to remain open under the current state restrictions. Our local Porsche dealers and most of the independent shops many of us use are open with accommodations for personal distancing. If you have a maintenance/repair issue or upgrade you've been thinking about for your car, now might be a good time to get it taken care of. They can use the business.

We will get through this crisis like we have all prior ones. Have patience. The good news is that, once we are free to congregate in groups again, we have several events planned for the balance of the year.

Be safe and be thankful.

Chip Smith, 2020 President, Nord Stern

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This will be a bit skinnier issue than we usually send out. With our usual lives somewhat at a stand still while we quarantine ourselves, with our activities just about everything most of us do on a regular basis also 'on quarantine' . . . We really haven't had to think twice about what a privilege it is to have the opportunities, the places to go, the people to visit, all the myriad entertainment options. So kind of hard to report, and cover, and include photos from whatever Nord Stern had on it's calendar!

But we do have some photos from recent adventures and as always, some of our 'Where We Were' archives are providing a fun look at what makes Nord Stern the club it has been, and continues to be. In fact, there are a couple of recent emails I've included later in the newsletter that are great reads and truly a testament to the spirit, the people, the enthusiasm that makes this club a fun 'place' to play, volunteer, be a community. I think if nothing else, I for one during these days of working remotely, staying in place, am even more appreciative of the sense of community and camaraderie there is in Nord Stern. As I've said to several friends of late, I really am a people person!

Or, the other way for me to look at this is that cleaning organizing, fixing up, are functions always needed and going nuts with all that right now is not necessarily really necessary.

I'll admit to feeling justified binge watching some shows/movies that I've always said I'll get to eventually but never do as there's always other, seemingly more important or useful thing I have needed to tackle (like the newsletter! ha ha). So while feeling a tad guilty about that we sure have been enjoying The Crown on Netflix, and of course there's that F1 series, the documentaries on racing, racing movies, most of which I enjoy too.

Hopefully everyone is able to take the time and slow down, enjoy nature as we move into Spring (thank goodness!), read more, get your cars out and all spic and span'd. Driving isn't verboten and we've taken a few jaunts along some of our scenic routes. All good stuff.

And right now for us, it's been more about family time (yup, we get to be with our kids and granddaughter) as they are totally isolating themselves having everything delivered, and not out in public. Woo Woo.

From the Editor . . .

by Christie Boeder, 1973 911, Signal Orange

I'm getting quite comfortable with both Google Meets, BlueJean and Zoom! Along with Facetime, Houseparty. So many virtual options out there. Not the same but it is good always to see those familiar faces of friends.

Even Nord Stern is planning to continue the virtual business meetings so you'll see email blasts on those - hop on and listen if you normally don't attend, it's fun! Who knows when we can get up to the track at BIR, at Road America, or hold one of our socials, drives (Porsches and Pints, for example on 6/11)! No matter what we will be ready when it's safe again (we might all be wearing masks - which I figure will just be the new fashion for awhile!).

In the meantime, stay safe out there, or should I say in there?!



Midwest Motoring Invites You

October 9-11, 2020

Alma and Waumandee, Wisconsin
Open to vintage vehicles 1990 and older

Agenda for the weekend in Alma and Waumandee:

- *Friday evening: Depart from a winery in the hills above Alma for a parade run of the Time Trial course followed by wood-fired pizza at a genuine Wisconsin pizza farm
- *Saturday: Time Trials with mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30AM (rain date: Sunday)
- *Saturday evening: Awards banquet serving broasted chicken with all the trimmings
- *Sunday morning: Free tour of a private car museum in Alma with gorgeous 1930s Franklins

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Driver Name (let you know who's in to receive participant package) (checklist Nov. 2020)

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Year, make, model, color, requested car number

Email and phone

Emergency contact name and phone

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- 9 Auto Fair! @ Porsche St. Paul - POSTPONED**
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JUNE

- 8-9 Nord Stern DE @ Road America**
Elkhart Lake, WI "Cheese Fling!"
- 11 1st Ever 'Porsches & Pints'**
See ad in newsletter! 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Boom Island Brewing, 5959 Baker Rd, Minnetonka
- 28 All Porsche Show**
Roseville Central Park, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Featuring 914 and 914-6 models 1970 through 1976

JULY

- 24-26 Nord Stern Loonacy Club Race & DE**
Brainerd International Raceway

AUGUST

- 29 Nord Stern @ Cars & Caves**
Eventmaster Bret Bailey, Open House @ his Garage
Time: 8 a.m. to Noon, No Cost, Families invited!

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Rochester Annual Labor Day BBQ**
Location: Brian and Gina O'Neill's Home
- 8 Nord Stern Business Mtg**
Location: Lifetime Fitness in Eden Prairie
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting
- 18 Nord Stern Driver Training**
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Location: The Greenbrier First Settlers
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- 25 Nord Stern's Get to Know Cirrus Aircraft - Facilities Tour! NEW LISTING**
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- 25-27 Nord Stern's Annual Fall Color Tour**
Pier B, Duluth, MN

OCTOBER

- 11 Sunday: The Bark & Beer Tour (aka The SE MN Fall Color Tour)**
Location: Departing at 10:00AM from Essex Park in NW Rochester, Details TBA
- 13 Nord Stern Business Mtg**
Location: Lifetime Fitness in Eden Prairie
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting

2020 NOVEMBER

- 10 Nord Stern Business Mtg**
Location: Lifetime Fitness in Eden Prairie
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting

2020**DECEMBER**

- 8 Nord Stern Business Mtg**
Location: Lifetime Fitness in Eden Prairie
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting

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May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, Sept 5, Oct 3


• OCTAINE AND CAFFEINE • (See Ad)

2nd Saturday of the month, April - Oct

• CARS AND CAVES • LAST Saturday of the Month

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

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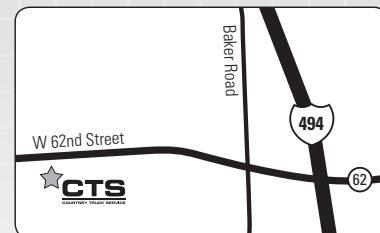
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Back in 1999 I left behind a job to dive headfirst into dotcom. You can probably guess the end of that story. Dotcom turned into dot bomb and I had to pivot jobs very quickly. The job I left had me going into an office every day except for business travel. Dotcom hipness had me working from home, virtually. I was a telecommuting pioneer. To be frank, I do not know what I would do if I had to go back into an office every day. I suspect, I would hate it.

My usual work attire is jeans and a long sleeve Porsche t-shirt. The thought of dressing up, even just a little, turns my stomach. Most weeks I have fifteen plus conference calls which are usually routine. However, over the past several weeks as COVID-19 has become a major part of our lives, the company I work for, like many others has mandated that office-bound employees adopt and adapt to WFH a/k/a working from home. Now phone calls include background noises like dogs and kids, and I hear the frustration in the voices of people who have never done this before. But it's an experience we are all sharing right now.

Every week I usually get out of the house by going to the gym early, then at some point maybe running a few errands, but with the CV-19 thing, not so much. Like a lot of us I've been cooped up in the house for days, now weeks on end and, no surprise, I've gotten stir crazy. The weather hasn't helped. We've had more than a week of very steady, sometimes heavy rain. Every day, same forecast: Yep, more rain. Great! But last week I saw a break in the rain. Exactly one day, a Saturday no less. Sunday more rain. But Saturday, chilly and dry. In other words, perfect.

My plan was to head out mid-morning and take my usual run up to a secret bridge over the Red River, the wet border between Texas and Oklahoma. But the more I thought about it, the more I thought – hey, I bet other people have been cooped up, dealing with self-isolation, social distancing and might need to stretch their legs so to speak and do some driving. As a group our PCA region is very socially active every weekend, (sometimes two or three activities on the same day), mid-week pop-ups and a variety of other regularly scheduled events. I figured others needed to get out of the house and run for a bit.

I posted my idea up on our FB page and was not surprised when many people said, “Hell Yeah.” I said

Social Distancing While Driving a Porsche

by RL Turner, Maverick Region of PCA

we'd practice social distancing, just wave at each other when we arrived and then would be safely ensconced in our cars for the rest of the trip. Many people said they'd join, but you never really know until you go. I'd posted up the route so everyone going would have an idea of our general direction. I asked that everyone have a full tank of gas and maybe water and snacks. I was so happy to see the rain tail off Friday, heading into Saturday. Perfect, the promise of a dry day.



The forecast promised clouds, but lo and behold – the sun! Wow, a sunny day to boot. Even better. I arrived early to find the place I told everyone to meet was blocked due to road construction. What a great start to the drive! Nothing like having to quickly improvise. I asked my wife to post up on FB a nearby location along the highway next to where we were supposed to meet and I added my phone number for people to reach me just in case. There's always that moment when you've put something together and you're not sure if people will show up or not, so it was a relief to see the first Porsche arrive, then another and another. My relief tuned to excitement as it appeared there were many people needing to get out of the house. We filled up the side of the road, eleven Porsches strong and one BMW X5M (the owner worried that his older 944 couldn't keep up). We got out of our cars, greeted each other at a distance, maintaining our social distancing protocol and spread out to take photos of our assembled jelly-bean colored cars as the drivers and passengers of other cars gawked at the row of gleaming Porsches. Our group assembled; it was time to hit it.

We managed to keep our social distancing by following each other, no worries there! Everyone keeping pace, our string of cars stretched out over a quarter mile. I had to manage some local traffic but kept us all together. Once we got out in the country, we found little traffic. One kind driver in a pick-up truck even pulled aside so we could all pass. I must admit, there may have been a time or two (but only a time or two ;-) when we cooked it up a bit. Just saying. We pressed deeper into the country, the route I selected providing a good combination of fast sweeping corners, longish straights in between crests with good sight lines for a mile, sometimes more. Here the string of Porsches would stretch out, giving the engines a chance to

Nord Stern April Business Meeting Minutes . . .

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Chip Smith

'Virtually' Present: Officer and chairs Lara Dant, Ryan McGee, Chip Smith, Christie Boeder, Chuck Porter, Dan Perinovic, Misty Martianos, Dave Anderson, Andy Barker, Mollie Nygaard, Toni LaRose, Jim Bahner, Dave Sorenson, John Blackburn, John Velure, Jeff Bluhm, Roger Johnson, Betsey Porter and members Theo Martianos, Judi Sievers, Bruce Boeder, and Steve Meydell.

President – Chip Smith

- Thanks to Andy for setting up the video conference, we will probably have to meet this way throughout the summer as conditions change to respond to events quickly.
- Chip put a notice out on Club Talk that Nord Stern WILL NOT be hosting or sponsoring any events as long as Governor Walz's Stay at Home order is in place.

Vice President – John Velure

- No separate report

Treasurer – Jeff Bluhm/Todd Smith

- No separate report

Secretary – Betsey Porter

- No Separate Report

Advertising – Mollie Nygaard

- Still working on getting payments, have called, emailed and sent hard copies.
- Will let them know they will be dropped from May newsletter
- John V offered to help call delinquents
- Have one advertiser dropping support but another is interested in joining.

All Porsche Show – Phil Saari and Hal Voges

- Chairs are slightly worried about the date, but all is TBD
- Roger says dealerships are interested in displaying cars if the event goes on.

Autocross – Andy Golfis

- Via email, no update, newsletter has the calendar as it stands to date, MAC's website will reflect changes as they occur.

Board of Directors – Roger Johnson, Lara Dant, Ryan McGee

- Chip is doing a great job managing everything during this crisis.

Charity – Mark Kriesch

- No report

Club Race – Dave Sorenson

- Revised ad placed in Club Racing News
- Registration opens June 8
- The national steward asked for some info and Dave provided
- Bruce reports that the club races planned for May will be cancelled
- Dave says he might get mugs instead of t-shirts, but can wait till closer to decide.
- Dave is working with Lara to recruit volunteers. Might use Sign-Up Genius to make it easy.
- Chip talked to the BBQ guy from last year and he is happy to participate but he recommends we cater instead of cook. They ran out of food last year. We could charge a nominal fee.
- Chip also suggested a "Rennsport" style photo of the racecars on the straightaway. Sell for a small fee.

Driver Education – John Blackburn

- No update, waiting and seeing with Road America as it's a mid-June date
- Dave A sent an email about Audi Great Lakes inviting us to their BIR event in May.
- Betsey Porter will post this option on FaceBook.

Driver's Training – Jim Bahner

- Still planning on holding Final Fling
- Would like to start looking for someone to take over as chair, but no rush.
- Chuck indicated the Safety Inc guys are not pushing to be paid for First Fling cancellation.
- Jeff will pay deposit to Road America to hold our date after Jim Bahner speaks to them about a compromise on any future rescheduling.

Historic Archivist – Kim Fritze

- No separate report

Insurance – Dan Perinovic

- We got refunds on our cancelled events.

Membership – Nathan Reader and Betsey Porter

- Betsey Porter will work with Davel Anderson to email the 142 members who have not yet renewed for 2020.
- They will be dropped by the next newsletter publication date and also removed from Club Talk.
- We are disappointed to have had to cancel the Socials but hope that won't discourage new members from participating in any remaining events.

Newsletter – Christie Boeder

- No separate report/update, May issue is under construction heading to the printer on the 22nd. Will be uploaded to the Nord Stern website on that date, available as a pdf download.

Registrar – Dave Anderson and Andy Barker

- Andy and Dave have resolved all registrations for First Fling. All refunds and rollovers have been processed.
- Fromage Fling currently has 28 registrants. We'd suspect members are waiting to see whether it'll be held and what travel options will be for lodging and meals.

Safety – Chuck Porter

- Talked to the Safety Inc guy today, he would be interested if we decide to try for another date at BIR later this year.

Social – Toni LaRose

- We will play the brewery event currently scheduled for June by ear.
- Confirmed a tour at Cirrus for the Friday of the Fall Color Tour. September 25 at 11 am.
- Will coordinate with Ron and Michele Johnson
- Andy Barker will add it as an add-on to the registration.
- Roger made inquiries at the Kitchi

Gammi Club for lunch on Friday after the tour.

- Per Christie, the **Auto Fair at Porsche of St Paul has been postponed.**

Social Media – Betsey Porter and Misty Martianos

- We are having good engagement on FaceBook as people are starting to unpack their cars and want to get out and drive, participate
- Trying to encourage non-members to join the club, too.
- People are very much liking Roger's historical posts
- Will get Betsey images she can easily use for social media posting.

Shop and Tech Relations – Roger Johnson

- Both tech sessions were canceled
- Shops are of course interested in re-scheduling if we want.

Touring, Rallies and Drives – Ron Johnson

- No separate report

Fall Color Tour

- no separate report

Vino in the Valley

- no separate report

Track Relations – Jim Bahner

- Both tracks have contracts in place, but if there is a Stay at Home order in place during our events, they will put our deposits toward our next scheduled event.
- John B hopes that the tracks will be mindful of group size restrictions.

Webmaster – Dave Anderson and Christie Boeder

- Will post Roger's historical stories

Old business

- Solve agency offer to work with us is on hold as they are closed during the Covid-19 crisis.

New Business

- We will hold meetings all summer, second Tuesday of month, via videoconference.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Betsey Porter, Secretary



Distancing . . .

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breathe right up to red line.

As we piled on the miles, I could feel it. There is a perceptible change and it sweeps over you. The car helps. Man and machine, the sympathetic beating of human and mechanical hearts. The road makes you focus, pay closer attention to the details. It can transport you if you let it, leaving our trials and concerns behind, if for only a couple of hours. We turned onto a road that leads across the river, the border between two states. There is a sight line of almost two miles down a hill before the bridge. I saw clear road ahead. May have gone just slightly above the speed limit, just a smidge. In the distance I can start to make out a red car shape on the left side of the bridge and I can also see some tiny stick figures near the car. I must admit, I lifted. Then I realized it was Porsche people waiting to cheer us on, so I

punched it again, giving them a show. We roared past them in a blurred whoosh of sound, color and speed.

A brief stop to meet and greet the Porsche people and then we were back at it, a little

more relaxed on the return. Cars peeled off as they needed gas or headed home in other directions. The final two cars, my 981 Cayman S and a 951 drove the last few miles together before we finally parted ways. I don't know about you, but I needed that. It helped me reconnect to — me. And every once in a while, that blast in the country is just what the doctor ordered. Pulling into the garage, I turned the key and the great beast of an engine stilled. I let out a long slow breath too. I feel good after a drive like that. Just the right amount of edge, adrenaline and seat time.

Times like this offer perspective on who we are, on our priorities. But it's nice to know that we can escape, even if it's just for a little while, reconnect with others that share a common passion and experience the love of driving our cars. We may be alone in our cars, but in this case, we are together at the same time, practicing a good measure of medically mandated social distancing — at maybe just a few miles over the posted speed limit.

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

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Porsches are always a big part of *Cars and Caves* at the Chanhassen Autoplex. August Cars and Caves will be featuring Porsches and Nord Stern at our August 29th show.

Premier parking will be given to Porsches. A number of garages that feature Porsches will be open for all members and Porsche owners. Bret Bailey's garage will host an **Open House** where there will be coffee, breakfast treats, and drawings for prizes.

Cars and Caves is held on the last Saturday of the months April through September at the Chanhassen Autoplex (8150 Audubon Road, Chanhassen) from 8 a.m. until Noon.

Cars . . . This show features exotic, classic, custom, and collector cars. You know, the type that you don't see in the parking lots. If you have one of these cars, you likely want to get out and drive it or show it off. This is the place for you!

Garages . . . Yes, the cars are cool, but check out the garages! Chanhassen AutoPlex is known around the

August Cars and Caves Invites Nord Sterners

by Bret Bailey

country for their amazing man caves. These garages feature amazing car and automobilia collections. Many of the garages are themed to reflect the owner's specific interest. Many of the garages are open for viewing.

Free . . . There is *no cost* to bring your car or family. All of the shows are sponsored by a charity group. These groups may ask for a donation, but the donation is not required. 100% of any funds raised belong to the charity. The August show will feature the Shriners Hospital for Children Twin Cities.

Family Friendly . . . Bring the spouse and the kids. If your family hasn't enjoyed some other car shows where you had to drag them along, this is the car show for you! The air conditioned club house is a good place to get out of the sun, rest your feet, or use clean indoor plumbing. The garage owners are friendly, often inviting the little ones to get their picture taken in a car or handing out stickers. See you there!

Driver Ed and Driver Training SAFETY Updates and Information for all Nord Stern members participating in track activities

Hello Drivers,

Track season is almost upon us so here is a reminder to get your safety gear in order before it's time to head to the track. Our first Driver Training (now cancelled) but Driver Education for the 2020 season is April 25-26 which also is now canceled but let's cross our fingers for our other currently calendared track events.

Helmets: 2010 and 2015 Snell rated helmets will be accepted this season as 2020 models will not be available until late in the year. Helmets must be presented to the driver check-in desk at each track event.

Tech Inspection: Each car must pass an inspection by an approved shop or individual. Tech forms must be presented to the driver check-in desk at the participant's first DE event for the year. Up to date log books will be accepted for race cars. More details and the tech form can be found on our club website

Safety Update for Track Action

by John Blackburn

at <http://nordstern.org/tech-inspection/> and a copy is in this and last month's issue.

Harnesses and head/neck restraints: Make sure your harness belts are in good condition, installed properly and up to date. Use of a harness requires use of a head/neck restraint (eg. HANS type device).

Equivalent restraints: If you have two people in the car, one must be an instructor and both seats must have equivalent restraint components.

That's it. It's pretty straightforward and for the safety of all participants. I look forward to seeing you at the track.

– John Blackburn, Driver's Education Chair




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Editor's Note: Life is lively on the Internet! Now that we can't just hop in our cars, meet at restaurant, or at a track, or at a park, or just about anywhere else! So in the spirit of keeping ourselves entertained, Kudos to **Misty Martianos** for devising the above Bingo Card especially for all of us Nord Sterners, Porsche car owners who are truly lamenting the state of the State right now!

NORD STERN MAY 2020

Made event harder now that the weather truly is getting warmer, the sun is shining longer making our days longer and brighter, begging for some good, old-fashioned driving. Granted, driving for pleasure isn't restricted per se, but it does preclude organized, group activities all of which we are dying to do (but NOT literally!).

As the saying goes, this too shall pass and until then we amuse ourselves in small and goofy ways. Report your score and I'll publish that next month!



All Porsche Show 2020

Sunday, June 28

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Celebrating 50 years of the 914 model”

A featured event of the City of Roseville's annual Rosefest Celebration. @ Central Park, Roseville, Dale Street Entrance!



- All models and years of Porsche invited, especially 914/914-6's
- New Porsche models on display!
- Porsche cars for sale area
- All Nord Stern advertisers invited to display their business
- Kurb Side Catering food trucks will be onsite

This is the **LARGEST** display of Porsche automobiles in the Upper Midwest.
A suggested donation of \$20 will go to support the programs of Courage Kenny.

This is a rain or shine event.

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Questions: aps@nordstern.org

June

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Porsches & Pints

Thursday, June 11, 2020

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Come join our first **Porsches & Pints** at **Boom Island Brewery!**

Flight tasting of **four - 5 Oz.** beers of **your choice** plus a 5 oz. Boom Island tasting glass to keep. \$20 per person (tax & tip incl.). Please register on clubregistration.net.

A casual event open to everyone. Just a chance to get together, tell stories about Cheese Fling perhaps! You do **not** need to do the flight tasting - Come enjoy the friendly atmosphere, outdoor patio, and **El Burrito Mercado food truck** will be onsite! They also have soda, water and Kombucha for non-beer drinkers.

Registration online at clubregistration.net (whether purchasing the flight/glass option or not)

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clubregistration.net

The Olsons' quarantining . . . !

by Brandon Olson, with Cason

Before the snow we were able to get some nice drives in the '74, and we even took the engine out of the 71 project car (pic right).

I found a Porsche website that had a bunch of interactive activities for kids. www.porsche4kids.com/en. Cason has been working on tracing some of the pictures from the site to work on developing his artistic skills. He said he wants to bring them to the Porsche show to display while he sells his Porsche hot wheels, assuming things are "normal" enough for the all-Porsche show.



1986 944 @ Urban Growler!

photo by Erik Johnson

New Member **Erik Johnson** took out his '86 944 to pickup a to-go order to support our favorite local St. Paul brewery, Urban Growler!

Support, support, support (the name of the game these days of 'Shelter in Place') your local establishments so they're still there when this is all over, so we can all take some magnificent rides to them in our Porsche's!



1. When was the first car bearing the brand name Porsche officially approved?

- a. 1932
- b. 1948
- c. 1925
- d. 1898

2. Where was this first car bearing the brand name Porsche officially approved?

- a. Washington D.C., America
- b. Stuttgart, Germany
- c. Kärnten, Austria
- d. Wolfsburg, Germany

3. Ferdinand Porsche was the designer of the Volkswagen Beetle and of the first Porsches, the Porsche 356.

- a. True
- b. False

4. The first 356 had a modified Volkswagen engine as its heart. How much break horse power (bhp) did it develop?

- a. 105 bhp
- b. 35 bhp
- c. 66 bhp
- d. 42 bhp

5. Sport cars can be dangerous, and some well known people have died in them. James Dean, the actor famous from "Rebel without a cause" died in a Porsche. With what type of Porsche did he have an accident?

- a. 911 Targa
- b. 550 Spyder
- c. 912 E
- d. 500 Carrera

6. Porsche's best known model is the long running 911 series. What did Porsche want to call this car initially?

- a. 921
- b. 911
- c. 901
- d. 912

Porsche Trivia . . . How Did You Score?

courtesy <https://www.funtrivia.com/>

7. How many Porsche 911 Turbos did Porsche originally intend to produce?

- a. 90
- b. 500
- c. 35,000
- d. 10,000

8. In 2005 the Toyota Prius won the "car of the year" award. Which Porsche model has also won this award?

- a. 928
- b. 914
- c. 911
- d. 356

9. In 1978 Porsche had a new weapon for races. The 935. What was this car's nickname?

- a. Spyder
- b. Battle-Pieces
- c. Ducktail
- d. Moby Dick

10. In which of Porsche's models did Audi play an important role?

- a. 911
- b. 924
- c. 914
- d. Cayenne

11. Which motor sport event has never been won by a Porsche car?

- a. Monte Carlo Rally
- b. Le Mans 24 Hour
- c. Paris - Dakar Rally
- d. Formula 1 World Championship

Where We Were . . . 60 Years!

curated by Ron Faust, 1980 Weissach 911 SC, 50th Anniversary 911, 356

January 1998

The front cover shows the Factory GT1 with the familiar Mobile One paint scheme at Laguna Seca runoff this fall. Photo by **Kevin Zuch**. Back cover: “perhaps ‘BYE’ would be more appropriate for this Turbo S! Photo also by Kevin Zuch.

- **Ron Smith** takes over as President for 1998. He says his worries that he won’t do a good job are to a large extent assuaged by the wise counsel of **Ron Draper** who had assured him that in one mere year he can’t do too much damage to the club. Ron Draper had also volunteered to run the Club Race for 1998.
- **Teresa Vickery** reports that Nord Stern racers had gained seven 1st place finishes in a recent weekend at the track at Heartland Park. Five other Nord Stern members also finished on the podium. Check out the results in the scans—too many winners to list here.
- **Dave Weisel** had been contacted about changing the Nord Stern logo. A decision was tabled for a future meeting.
- **Walt Thode** of the Silver Sage Region put together a 2 1/2 page list of every vehicle built by Professor Ferdinand Porsche or by the Porsche Factory. The first was the Lohner-Porsche

electric car in 1900. The list includes tractors, tanks, the 356, 911, 944, etc., etc., and a long list of race cars.

- **Chip Smith’s** 3rd grade daughter **Megan** shared a very insightful composition on racing. Is she still in the club?
- **Ray Calvo** from Allegheny Region contributed an article on how to remove 911 wheel bearing caps using a slide hammer.
- **Mark Tashhian** of Metro New York Region wrote “Wheel Tips: Alloy Lug Nuts”. You must use the original Porsche lug nut wrench, he advises, as the original socket will go all the way to the base of the nut. Many standard 19mm sockets do not go all the way to the base of the nut, risking shearing the top part on.

The Marketplatz Lists:

- 1992 968 in dark blue/tan for \$19,000
- 1988 944 Coupe in burgundy/tan with lots of race goodies, offered by Scott Kuhne
- 1959 356 A Coupe ex-rally car from Portugal for \$7,000 or \$5,000 without the motor
- 1986 944 Coupe in red/bone leather for \$7,200
- 1973 911 T club racer with all the goodies. Two races, two class wins. \$60,000





Lee Jacobsohn



Group 1 practice race (Tom McGlynn #199)



Group 2 practice race (Ron Smith #23, Teresa Vickery #21, Bob Viau #46)



Group 3 practice race (Jim Bryant #94)



Alberto Magallon (97) in front and Lee Jacobsohn (51) in back



Joel Pfister (21) and Bob Polk far right



A very wise daughter 'speaks'!

Racing . . .

by Megan Smith

(I JUST ATTENDED MY 3RD GRADE DAUGHTER'S CONFERENCE. FOUND THE FOLLOWING IN HER BOOKLET OF MISC. WRITINGS:)

Racing is a fun sport to do and watch. I like to watch my dad race his Porsha 911. He normally doesn't win but he still enjoys doing it and I enjoy watching it. Lots of other people also enjoy watching people race like Jeff Gordin. Lots of people like watching him race his nascar. He wins a lot. (If your wondering who he is he's the one who drives the dupont car). Some peoples job is racing. Its not that good of a job because you only get paid a little bit for doing it unless you win.

(MAYBE SHE'S ON TO SOMETHING, SAYS DAD: CHIP SMITH)

Nord Stern wows the crowd at Heartland Park

by Teresa Vicker

For all of you Nord Sterners who didn't make it to Heartland this past weekend: you missed a great event. Harvey Poling, Larry Woscyna and Great Plains Region put on a terrific weekend that was perfect in almost every respect. Great weather, great organization, great hospitality by this wonderful group of people. (Oh, and pretty good racing, too!) And wasn't it fun to have a Pace Car with an Auto Edge decal!

Nord Stern results:

7 first place finishes!!:

2R	Tom McGlynn
1R	Steve Beddor
2S	Joel Pfister
E	Ron Smith
F	Bob Viau
G	Erik Johnson
I	Joe Rothman

Add to Nord Stern results the following podium finishes, too!

G	Bruce Boeder
I	Jim Bryant
I	John Rebane
5S	Dave Arundel
3R	Bo Polc

Answers . . .

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12. Sweden

In Austria, Switzerland and Canada Porsche sold the US versions, but Sweden got the normal version. Porsche makes these different versions because of the differences in the laws to protect the environment. Austria, Switzerland and Canada have test that are very similar to that of the United States.

13. The type of engine that resembled a boxer and a roadster style

The type of engine that resembled a boxer and a roadster style

14. Porsche Ceramic Composite Brakes

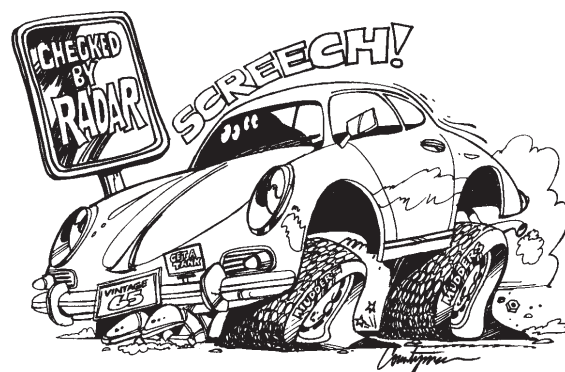
This 2004 Porsche has more than 600 BHP. Besides ceramic brakes it also has a ceramic clutch. It has a 5.7-liter V10 so that the car can travel at speeds of up to 330 km/h or 205 mph. And with its price of approximately \$440,000 or 450,000 it is one of the most expensive Porsches in their history.

15. Project D1

The C1 was the code-name for a new five-door Volkswagen sport back to be positioned between the Passat and the Phaeton. The E1 where the Bentley Arnage, Azure

DHC and Continental coupe replacements.

The C1 was also called: the Porsche Panamera.



This book begins with a rather self-centered foreword by Bernie Ecclestone who, for better or worse, was an integral part of Formula One and its championships. The introduction, replete with several driver portraits, provides an overview of the history of Formula One and sets the tone for the stories of effort, perseverance and of course, luck . . . Which follow.

The text is all about the guys – the champions, not the championships nor the cars. The racing careers of all 33 (through the 2019 season) are profiled. Included are many drivers, no where near as famous as the excluded Stirling Moss (who indeed never was a champion, a whole ‘nother story), but who achieved at least one World Champion title.

The author of this profusely illustrated book is a prominent, long time British motor-sports writer and broadcaster, apparently no relation to Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton or once famous sports-car racer Duncan Hamilton. Though well-written and very readable (including quotes from the champions themselves), the point of this book is the outstanding photographs by Bernard Cahier, familiar to old time Road & Track readers, and his son Raoul-Henri. The pictures (with comprehensive captions) give an up close and personal look at the drivers and their environment. Included is an interesting shot of a handsome Niki Lauda, a face forgotten by some; never known by many.

These captivating stories are not just about on-track performances, but about backgrounds, personalities and character. Definitely not a book of dry racing statistics, it provides insight into the champions as people, not just as racers. Though there are some descriptions of extraordinary daring-do on the track, it is basically about the drivers themselves, their backgrounds, character and interactions. One need not be a racing enthusiast to appreciate the interesting biographies in this book, or the intellectually elevating effect of the polysyllabic British vocabulary used.

Presented in chronological order of their first championship, the story of Lewis Hamilton, current reigning champion, is somewhat awkwardly not the last chapter in the book.

Book Reviews for Porschephiles

by Bruce Herrington, Orange Coast Region
The 356 Porsche:

FORMULA ONE: THE CHAMPIONS 70 YEARS OF F1 DRIVERS

by Maurice Hamilton, photography by Bernard & Raul-Henri Cahier published 3 March
2020 by White Lion Publishing, London, UK

There is barely mentioned Porsche content because both Niki Lauda and Alain Prost drove Porsche powered McLarens in the mid ‘80s.

FORMULA ONE is coffee table sized, but without the dust jacket it is just a plain red book. The end papers present a checkerboard of faces. – some are familiar, but you have to read the book to be able to identify all of them. A must have for anyone interested in the stories of Formula One drivers, their professional lives and racing careers. Perhaps to become out dated by the crowning of future champions, this book will forever be a classic. The first printing might even become a collector book.

Hardcover with 240 9-1/2 x 12 inch pages, it is printed on heavy, semi-gloss paper to enhance the crispness of the photographs. Pictures are all black and white until color shots of Jackie Stewart appear in ‘69 and ‘71. There is a limited index. By the time you read this, it should be available for \$45.00 from your favorite book seller (ask for it), or from QuartoKnows.com.



12. Porsche has adjusted their 993 (1994-1997) series on a few points for the US versions. These US versions of their models were also sold in a few other countries as well. Which of the following countries has the standard European version?

- a. Switzerland
- b. Canada
- c. Sweden
- d. Austria

13. Where does the Porsche Boxster get its name from?

- a. A technology used for galvanizing the body
- b. The name of the coach builder that designed this model
- c. A German word for one of the stars in the sky
- d. The type of engine that resembled a boxer and a roadster style

14. The Porsche Carrera GT has a lot of special features. What is the feature called PCCB?

- a. Porsche Central Conditional Battery
- b. Porsche Ceramic Composite Brakes
- c. Porsche Controlled Camshaft Belt
- d. Porsche Carbon Ceradyne Body

15. Around the year 2004 Porsche was planning a four door version, which was inspired on the lines of the 911. What was the project name for this new Porsche?

- a. Project E1
- b. Project Cayenne 2
- c. Project D1
- d. Project C1

How Well did YOU Do? This is rated a 'Tough' quiz online but I bet our membership comes close to aceing it! Fun site for our stay at home days!

ANSWERS:

1. 1948

Although Porsche has designed and created products and technologies for more than 100 years the first car was officially approved on the 8th of June 1948. This was the first 356 to see the light of day. The Porsche got the license plate "K-45286".

2. Kärnten, Austria

On 8 June 1948 the first Porsche 356 was officially approved by the state government of Kärnten in Austria. Because of the Second World War, Porsche had moved from Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen to Gmünd in Kärnten.

3. False

Ferdinand Porsche, the designer of the Volkswagen Beetle died in 1951. His son, named Ferdinand "Ferry" Porsche, had already taken over the role of designer for Porsche at that moment. So both the Volkswagen Beetle and the Porsche 356 are designed by Ferdinand Porsche, but it wasn't the same man.

4. 35 Bhp

The first Porsche 356 had a modified 1.1-litre VW engine developing 35 bhp at 4000 rpm. It gave the car a top speed of 135 km/h or 84 mph.

5. 550 Synder

James Dean crashed his car on 30 September, 1955. The car nicknamed "The Little Bastard" was a 550 Spyder. After the crash the car was bought and taken apart to be just in race cars. Two race car drivers had accidents during a race in October 1956. Troy McHenry died, racing a car with the engine of "The Little Bastard" went out of control and hit a tree. William Eschrid's flipped over. He survived despite serious injuries.

6. 901

In 1963 the first 911 was made. Porsche wanted to call this model series 901, but the French car manufacturer Peugeot already had the rights for this name.

7. 500

The first Porsche 911 Turbo was presented at the 1974 Paris Motor Show and originally intended for a production "volume" of just 500 units. By the time the last air-cooled 911 was delivered to its proud owner on 31 March 1998, however, Porsche had built and sold no less than 32,335 Turbos to customers the world over.

8. 928

The "car of the year" award exists since 1964 and is a prize given out by the car journalists. Up to 2005 Porsche has the only sports car to win this award. The Porsche 928 won in 1978 defeating the BMW series 7 and the Ford Granada. The 928 was the model that had to replace the decaying 911, and had a water cooled front engine. The fine looking 928 would eventually fail in the role of succeeding a myth.

9. Moby Dick

The car was named after a book by Herman Melville. He also wrote "Battle-Pieces and Aspects of the War". Ducktail was a nickname used for the rear wing that Porsche introduced for their 911 series. Spyder is the name for their 550.

10. 924

In 1976 Audi supplied the engine for the first water-cooled Porsche. The 914, 924 and Cayenne are all developed with the help of Volkswagen.

11. Formula 1 World Championship

The Monte Carlo rally was won by Vic Elford and David Stone in 1968 in their 911 Turbo. The first Porsche victory on Le Mans was in 1970 from a Porsche 917K driven by Hans Herrmann and Richard Attwood. In 1984 Porsche won their first title in the Paris-Dakar Rally. A 959 driven by Rene Metge and Dominic Lemoyne. Porsche did win the Formula 1 World Championship, but this was a McLaren car powered by a Porsche engine.

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Once upon a time . . .

by Pedro Bonilla, Gold Coast PCA

Porsches came with a nice set of tools which included a jack, and a lug wrench, and a standard or collapsible spare tire! But those times are long gone. In order to save weight and manufacturing costs, they did away with all of that in 2005.



But this deletion is not an exclusive Porsche move. Most car makers adopted the same policy.

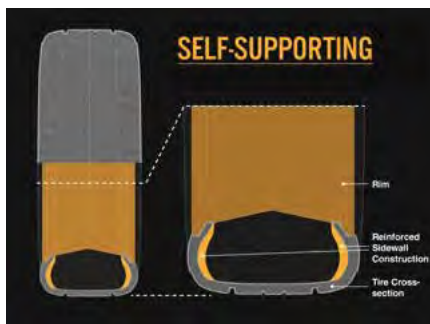
You do get a can of Fix-a-Flat and an air compressor, but I wouldn't recommend using that slime at all. It makes a mess and will cost a pretty penny to clean from the

wheel. My recommendation is to carry a tire plug kit and a 12-volt air compressor (both available at most auto part stores). Also make sure your AAA payments are up to date and don't forget your cell phone in order to call the flat bed if you can't or don't want to fix the inevitable flat tire.

You may be thinking: *"But wait, I don't need a flat bed or a tire plugging kit because if Porsche didn't include a spare tire or tools that means that my car came with run-flats, right?"* Well, you would be wrong if you assumed that.

You can install aftermarket run-flats although they are very limited in sizes and widths and are also more expensive.

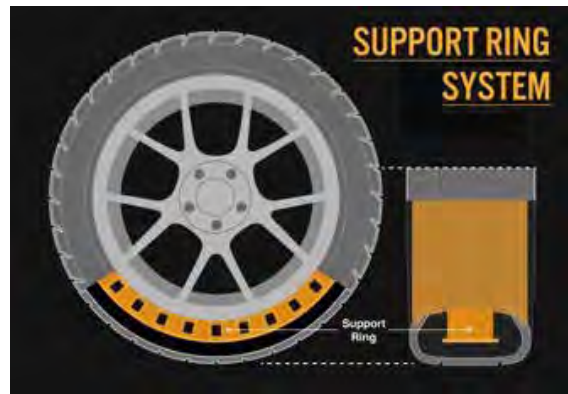
If you purchased your car used and you wonder whether it has run-flats, you can check the tires themselves. They would have one of the RFT (Run Flat Tire) symbols on the sidewall.



So, should you install run-flats as your next set of tires? First, a little more info on RFTs.

There are two basic classifications: **Self Supporting Tire** and **Support Ring System**.

Self Supporting Tires have reinforced sidewall construction that continues to support the vehicle even with total loss of pressure. This allows for continued operation up to the speed and distance specified by the manufacturer.



Support Ring Tires employ a ring of hard rubber or other structure that can support the vehicle's weight in a complete air loss condition.

If you can find them your car's size and you're OK with the extra cost you may still want to consider the following:

RFTs should only be installed on cars equipped with TPMS (tire pressure monitoring system) because if you get a puncture and loose air pressure on a RFT you may not know it due to the extra stiffness of the sidewalls. RFTs don't flatten down when they lose air pressure, they look and drive pretty normal, but RFTs can only be run 50 - 100 miles at a max speed of 55 mph once they lose air. Then they **MUST** be replaced. They cannot be repaired and/or re-inflated.

In my opinion, the only real advantage of RFTs is that when you get a puncture, you don't have to pull over immediately to change or fix the flat, which is good if you're on a heavy-traffic road or dangerous otherwise, and in racing, where having to pull into the pits for a flat could cost you the race, especially if it happens on the closing laps and you have the lead. Many track tires are now available as RFTs.

More tire manufacturers are expanding their RFTs so you may be able to find a set that fits your car. Some sport cars, such as Chevrolet's Corvette now come with RFTs standard. Maybe Porsche will follow suit.

I cannot resist including this wonderful email from long-time Nord Stern member now retired to one of those 'warmer' states. My dearest thanks to Jim for all his very kind, thoughtful words!

Hello Christie,

I was so pleasantly surprised to get the newsletter in my mail last Friday. I have been "off the list" for a couple years after I told you and others in Minnesota a sorry goodbye, while I knew I would miss the monthly up-dates and P Car news, I was on the "retired and free from dues" list and the Club did not need the expense, etc. *(those were what he told me, or what I thought of as 'excuses' as I tried to talk him into keeping that Life status!)*

Thanks for who, or what, happened but I really enjoyed the blast from the past. Yes, I do still remember some of the names, most are new to me though. It is great to see that many of the traditions, events, and the people are still around to keep all the good stuff going.

My memories sometime need a little nudge (not unusual for an octogenarian) but the recent reminder from Nord stern did its job. I realized I still could take out my 2012 C4S Cab and get in a little PDK Sport Plus high rev fun. So that is what I did yesterday. *No virus at triple digits!!!!*

When I read the "memory lane" clip announcing "An evening with Phil Hill" in the November 1997 issue it all came back. How about those prices in the '97 Marketplace ads.

Thanks again Christie. And do pass on my very best wishes for all the Nordsterners. Here in Arizona they only offer the newsletter on the Net. I hate it!!! Yours is still the very best.

– Jim and Janet Thole
Fountain Hills AZ

Hi Roger!!!!!!

We loved the video! (60th Anniversary Video currently available on the nordstern.org home page) Thanks for hunting us down.

You and the other folks did such a great job. Christie for the photos she collected over the years, and the Turners (of Pano fame).

The video was great and brought back happy memories of the warm and wonderful Nord Stern folks and many

ClubTalk . . . Talks

courtesy clubtalk emails

good times we had there.

Hank bought his first Porsche in 1960, in 1962 he joined Porsche PCA. He has been a member for 58 years and loves the cars dearly.

It was a treat to see this video, and the "Orange Car" as we always called it.

Also great to see some of the folks and events we know with so many great photos. Hank designed the '76 Parade logo



and

the PCA Club Racing Logo but did not design the Nord stern Logo. He thinks Gordon Oshwald was the clever designer of the logo with the 356 with the ear muffs.

Thank you for thinking of us!!

– Phyllis and Hank Godfredson
Colorado Springs, CO

P.S . . . Phyllis was the one that put on the very first Quick Chicks driving school much to the disbelief of the many husbands. So many outstanding lady drivers came out of that first school . . . Teresa Vickery to name just one.

– Roger Johnson.

I was one of the founding members of this club back in the 50s but moved to Europe and never rejoined when I moved back 20 years later, as I no longer had a Porsche having moved on to single seaters.

Now in my 80s, I have become a bit nostalgic and wondered if my old car was still around. It was a ruby-red Porsche Carrera Speedster built in 1959. All the works for racing . . . factory roll bar, Sebring auspuf, etc. I took delivery of it at the factory and sold it on a Sunday morning in the fall of '59 to an engineer at the Ford plant in St Paul.

If anyone knows anything about this car, please get in touch!

Stay safe, stay healthy.

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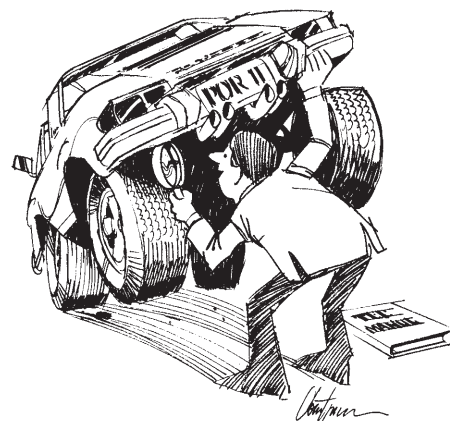
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- Go here: <http://paypal.nordstern.org/membership.html>
(see pg 5)

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From deep inside the Corona-sport mechanized newsroom, a team of elves have been working tirelessly to compile the best, the most bizarre, the most barren and the most brazen events and commentary from the whole wide world of cars and racing, post virus-arrival. I've asked the trolls to sort out the life and the death, the timely and the relevant . . . and irrelevant, and here's their report.

Bernie Ecclestone. That should be enough. But it's not. Not by a longshot. In a missive, sent from his ranch, north of Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he's wintering (summering?) the pandemic, the long-time F1 major-domo has announced that he's about to become a father, again, at 89 ripe years of age.

While you're pondering that reality, be advised that Bernie has also weighed in on what Formula 1 should do to revive the 2020 season. The wee-one's thinking? Do more than one race at a time. And do it by reversing direction for the second part of the double-header.

Wait, wait! News flash. Bernie has now come out with an update; cancel the entire 2020 season, and start fresh next year. And, yes, it's true, Mad Max Mosley has surfaced, in agreement. Will the powers that be follow this sage advice? Hope springs eternal. The question is whether the virus does, too. Some people, and things, just don't go away.

Sterling Moss. He passed, recently, at 90. I found it interesting that he was characterized, more than once, as the best driver to have never won the Formula 1 World Championship. Yeah, well, on the other hand, one thing I'm truly amazed about, is that he merited a full half-page obituary in *The Gray Lady*, *The New York Times*. And they called out, and I quote, "In a 14-year career, he won 212 of his 529 races in 107 different types of cars."

Moss' greatest win? Come on. If you're reading this, of course you know the answer. Ok, ok, the Mille Miglia of 1955, in the Mercedes 300 SLR, no. 722. With Denis Jenkinson co-driving. Which is arguably the greatest racing accomplishment of all time.

The Times obit ran a truly memorable quote from Sir Stirling. "To race a car through a turn at maximum possible speed when there is a great lawn to all sides is difficult. But to race a car at maximum speed through a turn when there is a brick wall on one side, and a precipice on the other – ah, that's an achievement!"

Notes From the Underground

by Danielle Badler, courtesy PCA Editors, May 2020

I had a brush with fame with the great one, about 10 years ago. At a concours in Santa Fe, NM, where I think he was being honored. I'm strolling along, admiring the iron, and, out of nowhere comes a golf cart, all wheel-spin and dust, with Moss behind the wheel. Along for the ride are Lady Susie, his wife, and Denise McCluggage, who's probably worth her own column.

Anyway, Moss, unmistakable in his trademark "britches," struts up to, if my memory serves me, an English Ford from the '50s. I'm luckily within earshot. He looks it over and then engages a man standing proudly by. "Your car?" he says. Uh yes! Says the surprised owner. Moss says something to the effect of "I rallied one in the '50s. It was bloody awful." And, with that, he hops back on the golf cart and broadsides his way into the distance.

The Cannonball Run. Three guys just did it, in 26 hours, 38 minutes, in a 2019 Audi A8. According to one report, they had to average around 106 mph, in order to set that time.

I'm laughing at the ensuing commentary. Will it go down as a record with an asterisk? The issue is that, because of our national home-staying, the roads of our great big country are all but empty. There's a coterie out there saying, Yes! On empty roads . . . that's cheating!

As if the idea of barreling coast to coast at extra-legal speeds is morally ok. I'm not going there. Instead, I'm harkening back to an interview with another legend, Dan Gurney, who, of course, set the initial record with Cannonball creator Brock Yates in a Ferrari Daytona in 1972, at 35 hours and change.

Gurney related that, after the race, Kirk White, who owned the Daytona, offered to sell it to him for \$15,000. Gurney turned it down. Why? He couldn't afford it.

Gemballa. Then there's the tale of Benjamin Chen, who took his Gemballa-tuned Porsche Carrera GT out on Manhattan streets and . . . proceeded to slam head-first into a parked van. Out of boredom? Who knows.

As you might expect, in our modern age, where nothing happens without an ensuing video, there are at least two visual accounts of the whole sordid mess. One shows the accident, pretty much as it happened. And the second shows Chen reversing, his whole front end a mess of frame, suspension and bodywork, and trying to actually drive away.

Now, let's talk about irony. According to a report in *Motorauthority*, Chen is the founder of the Goldrush Rally, an annual event that "sees

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1988 Porsche 924S in Stone Grey

Manual transmission, 128,000 miles \$4,250 o.b.o. Nice opportunity for a cheap daily driver or race car candidate located in St. Paul. The body is in good shape, this was originally a Florida car and spent much of its life in Arizona. It was repainted in the original color at one point, so the paint generally looks good, but there are a few blemishes as you'd expect. Mechanically, the car runs and drives well and is generally in good shape, with a few known issues noted.

Notes from the Underground. . .

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car enthusiasts drive and party across several states in the space of a week.”

Police apparently caught up with Chen – judging by the look of the Porsche’s front end, he couldn’t have gone very far – and charged him with reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs.

My lasting thought? The sound, emanating from the 5.7-liter V-10, as Chen revved the hell out of it, to try to get away, is truly just plain amoral. Like always, it still sounded like a de-tuned Formula 1 motor. Through a smartphone, no less.

That’s all for now. We’ll leave it to the elves, tucked away safely at virus control, to monitor all channels for updates and new news, going forward. In the meantime, stay safe out there! And sane!

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