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Welcome . . . New (and Returning!) Nord Stern Members We hope to see you at upcoming events!

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

A brief synopsis of activities and events offered by your club, Nord Stern, and/or PCA or, just enough info to pique your interest??!!

Autocross: A low-speed driving event, teaching one how to maneuver one's car around a set course of pylons on a closed circuit. Instruction is available, drivers compete against the clock. No modifications to one's car are necessary. Some safety equipment needed (helmet).

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 skills and techniques 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, or the equivalent 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 to 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 are 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 Steve Kemp, 2012 Carrera 4 GTS, 2007 987.1 Boxster S

ello Nord Stern members. Hopefully all of you have now got some nice Spring diving done around town, out for a drive, or up at the track. It was great to see so many of you in person at our March and April events with Black Forest Performance, Imola Motorsports, Wizard Products, and Auto Edge. Thanks to all these great businesses for their hospitality and support of our club. They are a part of our Porsche community and hope you support them as well. Thanks also to all the Nord Stern volunteers that that put these events together for us.

I am driving up to Brainard tomorrow for First Fling, so of course checking the weather forecast hourly. Like almost always, some warm days are arriving just in time. I'm finally going to take the PCA instructor training this year! Thanks to **Ben Rogers** and **Scott Brown** for putting this together

> with PCA support. I've benefited from a lot of instructors giving their time for me, so looking forward to giving some time back. Come to Fantastic Fling May 14-15 and be my first student!

> > Don't forget the first Nord Stern 2022 Drive event "The Road To Valhalla" on June 4th up to the Thirsty Pagan

Brewing in Superior, WI. Signups for that are on Clubregistration.net and you can also order t-shirts and pullovers with the drive logo that benefits Courage Kenny. If you not up for that long of a drive, Porsches and Pints is back on the calendar for 2022! Join us on June 16th at Boom Island Brewing for some good conversation, Porsche watching, food, and refreshments.

For experienced drivers and the new students who were trained at First Fling and Fantastic Fling, we'd love to see you at Cheese Fling, Jun 20-21, at Road America. Elkhart Lake and Road America are a such a special place. Even if you not driving the track, it's worth the trip there just to explore around the town, watch the cars on huge track, or volunteer to help at the event.

Our Nord Stern Facebook and Instagram pages are seeing more and more posts and visits. Thanks **Misty Martianos** and **Betsey Porter** for building up the sites! Head over there to see what others are doing and post some pictures and stories to share how your Nord Stern Spring is going so far. You can also get more information on upcoming events there and setup reminders by clicking Going!

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From the Editor ...

by Christie Boeder, 1973 911, Signal Orange

elcome to what, hopefully, is the beginning of warmer, drier, spring/summer weather patterns and more options and opportunities to get out and just drive our cars! I have faith that yes, we will be shortly complaining about heat and humity before we know it. At least I truly need to think that way as it's been a long, long winter in more than one way with weather, frigid temperatures, continuing pandemic recovery efforts and ALL the crazy side affects troubling our society and economy. May we all find our joie d'vie again in whatever manner, activities work for you.

In the meantime, watch the calendar, PCA eblasts, the website for all the upcoming events that a number of YOUR fellow club members are organizing that promise interesting and very fun time in our cars and with fellow Porsche peeps.

And see below news about homnoring one of those 'behind the scene' volunteers who truly ARE the glue holding the club together and contributing to it's growth. Yeah, Jeff! Welcome, Todd.



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Above, Chip Smith (L) hands off a beautiful model match to retiring Treasurer Jeff Bluhm (R)

eff Bluhm was recently honored at a luncheon with Board Members Chip Smith and Roger Johnson for his
17 years as Nord Stern Treasurer.

It was most appropriate for Chip Smith to make the presentation as it was Chip that got Jeff involved with the club. When Chip was elected Nord Stern President for 2005, he recruited his close friend and fellow enthusiast to serve as his Treasurer. Little did he know he would still be Treasurer when Chip became President again in 2020. This was a classic case of "just one more year" and with Jeff's "can do" attitude one year simply blended into the next. Each incoming President wanted Jeff to continue and was grateful when he agreed to another year.

Nord Stern is extremely thankful to Jeff for his careful management of the club's money and fellowship over these many years.



Todd Smith has taken over from Jeff and will capably fill Jeff's huge shoes.

2022 Calendar ...

Get Around with Nord Stern

<i>MAY</i> 7	Nord Stern Tech Day from 8:30 am - 3 pm Four Locations! See ad Pg 19	2022	 16 Nord Stern Last Fling Driver Training Location: BIR - Donnybrook course Registration will be online at clubregistration.net 				
9	Nord Stern Business Mtg * Location: The Exchange Food and Drink 500 5th Ave NW, New Brighton, MN Time: 6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Meeting		17-18 Nord Stern Last Fling Driver Ed Location: BIR - Donnybrook course Registration will be online at clubregistration.net	2			
14-15	Nord Stern Driver Ed aka Fantastic Fling Location: BIR - Comp course Registration will be online at clubregistration.net		OCTOBER 202. Sept 30- Oct 2 Annual Nord Stern Fall Color Tour Location: HQ Pier B in Duluth, MN	2022			
JUNE		2022	Registration will be online at clubregistration.net				
4	Nord Stern Drive #1 - The Road to Valhalla Thirsy Pagan Brewery, Superior, WI		 Not too early to make those PierB reservations! 10 Nord Stern Business Mtg * 				
11	Nord Stern Southern 'Sota Techno/Social Med City Detail, Rochester, MN Details		Location: TBA Time: 6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Meeting				
20-21	11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Details TBANord Stern @ ROAD AMERICA DELocation: Road America, Elkhart Lake, WIRegistration will be online at clubregistration.net		NOVEMBER 2021 14 Nord Stern Business Mtg * Location: TBA Time: 6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Meeting	2			
26	Nord Stern All Porsche Show - @ The Rosefest Same Location: Central Park, Roseville, MN Featuring 100's of Porsches! playground, Kurb Side Food Truck (http://www.kurbsideiceco.com/) Registration will be online at clubregistration.net		DECEMBER 202. 12 Nord Stern Business Mtg * Location: TBA Time: 6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Meeting Note: Events on clubregistration.net open 90 days prior	2			
JULY		2022					
8-10	3-10 Nord Stern Loonacy Club Race and DE Location: BIR - Donnybrook course Registration will be online at clubregistration.net		* Business Meetings are open to all Nord Stern members, this year they are held the 2nd MONDAY of the Month, contact the president for locations if not noted.				
16	Nord Stern Drive #2 The Great River Excursion Location: Villa Bellezza, Pepin, WI, Details TBA		LOCAL CAR EVENTS OF INTEREST				
AUGU	UST (2022	NOT organized or sponsored by Nord Stern or PCA				
20	Nord Stern Drive #3 Star Prairie Run Location: 45th Parallel Distillery, New Richmond WI Details TBA		• MN CARS AND COFFEE • (See Ad) First Saturday of the month, May - October				
26	Eagan Condo Garage Open House		OCTAINE AND CAFFEINE 2nd Saturday of the month, April - October				
SEPT	SEPTEMBER						
10	Nord Stern Drive #4 The Overland Epic Location Carlos Avery State Wildlife Management Area Columbus MN, Details TBA	2022	• CARS AND CAVES • Last Saturday event at the Chanhassen Autoplex • 8 a.m Noor April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30 Featuring Nord Stern on August 27, September 24	1			
8-10	Mellow Yellow 4: 3 Days of Drives Headquartered Out of Rochester, MN - Dakota Region of PCA Info: https://www.dakotapca.com/mellow-yellow	1	**Please note: Nord Stern sponsored events are officially designed 'Nord Stern' and/or PC. (Porsche Club of America) activities. All other events of potential interest to club members may be added, upon request and dependent on space availibility, to the calendar as a courtesy to the organizer, or organizing entity at the discretion of the editor.				







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April 11th Nord Stern Business Meeting Minutes . . .

Respectfully submitted, Judi Sievers

he Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

• Attendees: Steve Kemp, Jeff Eckroth, Todd Smth, Judi Sievers, Dave Anderson, Mary Driscoll, Toni LaRose, Roger Johnson, Dan Perinovic, John Velure, John Blackburn, Ben Rogers, Scott Brown, Andy Golfis, Betsey Porter, Karen Carson

Autocross - Andy Golfis

- Kemp attended regional meeting; Met with Kansas City Event Chair/discussion re how events are run, etc.
- Andy called KC Chair re details on running events. Nord Stern still has timing equipment. Look for volunteers.

Club Race - John Velure/Dan Perinovic

- Everything on schedule.
- Kim Fritze will speak at Friday night dinner meeting with all volunteers. Velure will setup pre-race meeting with BIR Kristi Copham and Dawn Olsen re workers. 3 caterers will submit bid for Sat night dinner.
- Discussion re dealership involvement (Johnson and Velure). Details to follow after meeting.
- Charity Live/Silent Auction: need chair for logistics at track, donation items, how to handle payments, etc. will write article on Club Talk for volunteers.
- Pace Car Driver assigned ; may need 2nd pace car driver for split starts.

Dealership - Roger Johnson

- Phone call with new Porsche Mpls. Marketing person.
 Discussion re 'Fashion Week" April 26. Have 6 free tickets for female members.
- May 24th Classic Car Drive to Arboretum from Porsche St. Paul, approximately 5 pm. More details to follow from Roger.

Driver Ed/Driver Training – Ben Rogers, Scott Brown, John Blackburn

- Discussion of schedule for all 3 days.
- Both Long Track and Short (Competition) Track will be used.
- Dave Anderson requested schedule for next event.
- Suggestion by Judi Sievers to change area of Grid at

Short track, per what is currently used by BMW and SCCA.

- Kitty Olsen will run Race Control and coordinate workers.
- Will debrief after first two events re 2022 DE program.

Insurance - Jeff Carlson

• Kemp reminded chairpersons are responsible for working with Jeff to obtain insurance for their event. All current events have insurance in place.

Membership - Steve Albers, Betsey Porter, Jim Southwell

- Imola Event: 110 attendees
- April 16: 10:00 a.m. "Membership Social" at Auto Edge in Mahtomedi
- New member numbers up this year; 140 people have not renewed membership. Betsey will send email to



Meeting Minutes

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members.

Met Council - Bob Kosky

No report

Newsletter - Christie Boeder

• May newsletter is half done. Official due date for newsletter articles is 15th of month.

Registrar – Dave Anderson

- First Fling: DE 50, DT 27 (students & instructors), Inst Dev 23
- Fantastic Fling: DE 14, DT 8 (advertise to other clubs, BMW, Audi, SCCA)
- Cheese Fling: DE 56
- Final Fling: DE 18, DT 11

Safety Chair – Steve Kemp/Acting Safety Chair

 Kemp will be Acting Safety Chair and has recruited experienced drivers to be a part of the group

Secretary – Judi Sievers

• Steve Kemp requested meeting notes go out to all event chairs.

Social Media - Misty Martianos, Betsey Porter

- Misty is gathering video for event promotion. Requested stories/photos/ video by members for past DE/DT events to include not only race cars, but also people working on cars, workers, grid, socials, etc., to post on Facebook. John Blackburn will contact Josh Hway.
- Club will be setting up our own
 YouTube Channel (per Steve Kemp)

Tech & Shop Relations - Roger Johnson

- May 7 Tech Event
 - 10 a.m. Presentation by Jennifer Turcotte @ Imola/detailing
 - Noon: Lunch and presentation by Clear Bra
 - Porsche Mpls: 993 turbo project
 car

Social Events - Toni LaRose

• Michelle Eckroth will assist Toni with the summer events and transition to

Social Chair this summer.

- June 16th "Porsches and Pints" to be held at Boom Island. Catered by Bad Rooster. 5-8 PM free event. Signup on Club Reg for food count. Special parking for first 20 cars.
- **August 13** Winery Visit in Mankato. Details to follow.
- Chili Cook Off no date yet and will have change of venue (The Barn not available).

Touring, Rallies, Drives - Ron & Michele Johnson, Theo Martianos, Nick Severson

- Via email.Reminder by Kemp to complete insurance for all events.
- June 4th " Road to Valhalla"
- August 20th " Star Prairie "

Treasurer - Todd Smith

- Paid all deposits for events up to club race event
- Budgets done; using 3 different programs to determine last year budget vs. this years
- Anderson asked if Driver Number Car Plaques ordered for next race. "Yes"

Track Relations - Jim Bahner

No report

Webmaster - Dave Anderson and Christie Boeder

No report

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NEW BUSINESS - Steve Kemp

- Discussion re member name tags, small vs. large? Lanyard?, use blank, generic name tags, already have?
- Betsey Porter suggested all event chairs

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Pikes Peak Time Attack Champion Winner



or the past several years the 48 Hours at Sebring Club Race has done something very special at their race. They bring in a significant race car that they keep under wraps and don't unveil it until the Friday evening sponsor reception in the Hall of Legends. The car then remains on display throughout the weekend.

In past years these cars have ranged from a 962 to the GT3R winner of the previous week's Rolex 24 in all its grimy glory. Each evening there is a guest speaker who relates to the car. This year's car was driven to victory in the Time Attack class at the Pike's Peak Hillclimb and 2nd overall by Romain Dumas. It is a 2019 GT2RS Clubsport. As you will see, however, it has been tweaked a bit for Pikes Peak. The beauty of the Pike's Peak Hill-climb is that the attitude toward modifications is, shall we say, liberal.

Champion Porsche displayed this brand new GT2RS Clubsport at the 2019 Porsche Parade in Boca Raton. Clubsports are basically factory built track versions of street cars. This one came from Porsche with the 700 hp engine and PDK transmission of the GT2RS street car in a track car body. It featured a lot more carbon fiber panels including the



FIA escape hatch roof.

Champion took this impressive track weapon and built on it. Look at the aero package. Starting at the front, there is a massive front splitter and a bunch of intriguing winglets and other aero devices. Moving down the side you will notice highly modified sideskirts and a variety of aero devices in front of the rear wheel arches.

Minutes . . .

Pikes Peak . . .

have permanent name tags.

• Todd Smith suggested all people at events have some type of name tags.

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- Betsey P suggested Marketing Chair who will coordinate decision re name tags, beside other duties.
- Roger Johnson suggested name badges for all instructors at race events.
- Discussion re shirts for instructors at race events.
- Next Meeting Date: The Exchange Food and Drink 500 5th Ave NW, New Brighton, Just south of 694/35W/Cty Rd E2
- Motion to Adjourn: Betsey Porter, 2nd Andy Golfis

There being no 'Old Business,' the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Judi Sievers, Secretary But it is the rear of the car that is most impressive. Probably the largest defuser you have ever seen, It is also likely the widest defuser you have ever seen spanning the entire width of the car. Note the multi-element rear wing which is also much different than the standard Clubsport version.

Viewed from the side, with multiple wing elements, you need multiple adjustments.

One has to speculate that if this much thought and effort went into the aero package, what is under the body panels is equally impressive.

Lastly, there is the classic Champion livery. Updated from the 1995 design by its original designer, Dave Schnorr of Schnorr Art. Dave was the guest speaker at the Friday night reception in the Hall of Legends at the Sebring Club Race. continued from page 13



It is easy to see why this was a winning effort.



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PCA opens a new chapter in its history of friendly competition . . .

he PCA objective was that all Porsche models would be eligible, with a major emphasis on stock cars with modest levels of preparation, appropriate safety equipment for car and driver and modest expense levels comparable with participation in the club DE program. Licensing would allow anyone with an appropriate level of DE experience and a good safety record to participate in PCA Club Racing.

The final critical element was that this would be a hybrid structure comprising PCA national rules, licensing and national officials including a steward and a scrutineer at each race. The races would be hosted and staffed by each region. Each race would be a standalone event, with such things as the schedule and trophies being decided by each region. There would be no concept of a series or points or a championship.

Translating those objectives into a simple but comprehensive rule set was a major undertaking. The rules needed to provide a path for anyone in DE who wanted to race and a safety package that would allow them to race without major modifications to their cars and would support the acceptance of racing coverage under the PCA national insurance program. Finally, the program had to make business sense for PCA. It needed to be financially self-supporting.



A team was formed to work on the rules. Led by Bob Russo, the team grew over time to include Dan McChesney, Tom Tauscher, Harry Hall, and Axel Shield. Over the next 18 months, Friedman and the team worked tirelessly. There was work on the rules, definition of a safety package that would be acceptable to both the insurance carrier and the majority of racers. There were surveys, presentations, dialog with zones and regions across the country, progress meetings with the executive committee and more. Fortunately, PCA President Dennis Thovson had raced with SCCA and gave his support to the program. The incoming president in 1991, Bert Misevic, also had a racing background. In 1991, Friedman presented a



Denver pre-grid for the first PCA Club Race ever held: Ron Mistak, Peter Kitchak, Martin Snow, SteveKent, el al.

complete proposal to the executive board at Parade in Boston. The proposal encouraged fun racing and for participants to enjoy a competitive racing experience with a primary concern for preserving their own cars and those of their fellow competitors. There was a place for all Porsches, and a conscious de-emphasis on winning and 'buildto-win' arms races.













Carlos Avery State Wildlife Management Area



AUGUST 20

New Richmond WI

ate March in Minnesota should be approached cautiously and with an eye on the weather report. If you are heading out, should it be Sorel boots or your favorite tennies? Take the winter-tired Family Truckster of the low slung Stuttgart Speedmobile? Luckily, while March 26 started at a cold twenty degrees, bright sun and clear, dry roads beckoned as over one hundred Nord Stern stalwarts, new members, and numerous prospective members converged on Imola Motorsports for our second spring Member Social and Tech.

Imola graciously hosted us, as they have many times in the past, and opened their spacious facility, brimming with some spectacular Porsche rolling stock. GT cars? How about a GT3 RS and a GT3 touring, 992 variety. Extremely desirable street cars? Would you like a subtle Gray over Chocolate leather Singer coupe, or a Martini liveried 918 hypercar? If you lean towards the track variety, a prepped Cayman was on the alignment rack with its suspension and brakes exposed for inspection and discussion. Reminder: Powerball drawings are every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Buy your tickets by 9:00PM those days.

Nord Stern has quite a schedule of events coming up this season, with five track events, up to six drives, Porsches and Pints, All Porsche Show, Club Race, and Fall Color tour as signature events. Add in numerous planned and pop-up tech events, and there's lots to do and enjoy. Club Chairpeople gave presentations on upcoming events with their involvement, including Ben Rogers, John Blackburn, Andy Golfis, Board member Roger Johnson, and President Steve Kemp. Member Shelly Genetti plugged her April 9 Wizards Detail event. All organized by the Membership Team of Betsey Porter, Steve Albers, and Jim Southwell. Note: these people are all volunteers, and we are looking for more of the same! Email volunteer@nordstern.org.

Also discussed were the club's primary communication channels, including:

- Website: nordstern.org
- Newsletter, on the website first of the month and in the mailbox
- Facebook: Nord Stern Region of Porsche Club of America
- Instagram: nordsternpca
- Clubregistration.net

Imola provided some great door prizes: three mini Jump Starters for three lucky attendees, followed by ample Gina Maria's pizza for the whole crowd. A great way to spend part of a Saturday. Thanks to Imola Motorsport for their enthusiastic hosting of the event!





Imola Motor Sports Brings Us All Together

by Jim Southwell Membership



Standing Room Only! @ Wizard Product demo held at Chanhassen Autoplex

hanks to Nord Stern members Shelly Genetti and Ed Vazquez for organizing a morning tech and demonstration session featuring Wizard care car products. It was a 'sell' out!











Above, 11-year-old Max Andersen learning the fine points early







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Book Review

by Bruce Herrington, Pando April 2022, Orange Coast Region of PCA

PORSCHE Model by Model

he author rightly claims that this book "... talks in plain English and avoids corporate-speak". Indeed, it is a very captivating book, easy for even the non-Porschephile to read. The Porsche enthusiast will find a wealth of information about the genesis of their favorite model. All varieties of Porsche are covered in great, but very readable detail.

Chapter 1 (Porsche Precursor) starts with the usual coverage of a precocious Ferdinand working for his tinsmith father. But the Introduction has already spent some 12 pages on the author's informal, personal rambling about the Austrian origins of the 'German' car, about English corruption of German words, and an overview of Porsche's AG's history and the many non-German individuals who played key roles in that story.

This book is organized by model series, not over-all chronology. Chapters 2 (356: Defining Moment) through 10 (Taycan), though written in a very readable conversational tone, include a great deal of specific information. There is also an unusually complete mention of individuals who were involved in the design and development of Porsche automobiles, especially those who worked in the early days of the 356. In addition to the narrative, there are tables showing timelines of development, and sidebars providing additional details about people or special events. Especially for the later years, detailed specifications are presented in tables in the text. One table that is problematic is the one summarizing the year-range of the 'series letters', eg "G series cars," which seems to conflict with the usage in the narrative.

This book provides a humanized, almost insider view of the development history of each model. The bulk of the book deals with the 901 through 997 to 992 evolution. Separate chapters cover the 356s, the 914s, the 4-cyl water pumpers (924-928GTS) and the Boxster-Cayman, etc. There is even a separate chapter on the Carrera GT-918 cars. The Taycan gets 13 pages of coverage.

PORSCHE Model by Model is printed on semi-gloss paper to make the photographs sparkle, the text is crisp, clear and there are few pages without pictures, most of which are new, not old stand-bys that seem to show up in every book about Porsche. With the acknowledged support of Porsche archives and media sets, even the chapter devoted to the 356 has



some new pictures.

This is a book about Porsches, so versions by RUF, Tech Art, Singer, FVD Bombacher, RPM Technik, etc. are mentioned but not covered. Interestingly an Elva-Porsche is discussed, but only the one produced as an exercise by Porsche AG, not the ones built by Elva Ltd.

For a book about cars, there is a great deal of information about the people involved, as well as the engineering design of individual components, especially engine and suspension. This is not a book that many will read from cover to cover. But anyone with an interest in a particular Porsche era, or of a specific model series, will find a wealth of interesting, detailed and people-oriented information in this book. Though race performance and successes are mentioned, the emphasis is on production vehicles for sale to the public. Clearly written by an enthusiast, this is a captivating read with many personal anecdotes from the author and about other Porsche-involved people.

PORSCHE Model by Model is hardbound with 240, 8-1/2 x 11 inch semi-gloss pages and 250 photos. There are two pages of chapter-by-chapter footnotes, an extensive bibliography, and three pages of triple-column index. It should be available for \$60.00 at your favorite bookseller or from QuartoKnows.com.



CARS AND CAVES FEATURED CAR CLUB: NORD STERN

July 30, 2022 • 8 a.m. - Noon

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Cars and Caves is a last Saturday of the month car show running from April through September.

Cars: This show features exotic, classic, custom, and collector cars. You know, the type that you don't see in the parking lots.

Nord Stern: The July event is featuring the Nord Stern Porsche club. There will be special parking, on a limited basis, for collectible Porsches. There will also be garage open houses which feature Porsche collections, race cars, and memorabilia.

1730 Motorplex Court, Unit 9 will be hosting an open house with coffee, treats, and door prizes for Nord Stern members. Just look for the Porsche flag hanging in the courtyard.

Garages: Yes, the cars are cool, but check out the garages! Chanhassen AutoPlex is known around the country for their car caves. These garages feature amazing car and automobilia collections. Many garages are themed to reflect the owner's specific interests and will be open for viewing.

Free: There is NO cost to bring your car or family. All shows benefit a charity group. These groups may ask for a donation, but a donation is not required. 100% of funds raised go to the charity. The July event is hosting **Special Olympics of Minnesota**.

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 handing out stickers or inviting the little ones to get their picture taken in a car.

Questions? Contact Bret Bailey bb@bretbaily.com

Upcoming Membership Social Event

by Jim Southwell, Memberhip

oin fellow club members 'down south' in the fair city of Rochester for a gathering at local shop, Med City Detail. Another opportunity gather with fellow Porsche owners, meet and greet, get details on current shop projects and learn from the experts. Lunch will be provided, sign up with be via clubregistration.net. So mark your calendars now and plan a leisurely drive to south east of the Cities, or from whatever direction one is coming from! All are welcome.

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June 11, 2022 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

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Where We Were ... 60+ Years!

he front cover of Nord Stern for June of 2000 featured a picture of Susan Cirillo blasting down a straightaway at Road America during the summer of 1999. The excellent photo was taken by Nick Cirillo. The back cover of our June newsletter was a photo of the legendary 917, the overall winner of the 1970 24 Hours of Lemans. This iconic vehicle was on display at the Sebring Club Race, attended by several Nord Stern members. The photo was taken by Pam Viau; her husband was in the 917 at the time of the photo, **Bob** was grinning from ear to ear.

Editor supreme Christie Boeder focused the Club's attention on the upcoming Club Race, set for mid-June. Race chair Ray Newman explained that the opportunities for fun would be beyond superb. Nord Stern's own Fred Senn donated to print for the Saturday night auction to be raffled off during happy hour. Club members were advised to bring their checkbooks. Three entertaining options were available during Club Race weekend. In addition to the race itself, Club members had the choice of entering the enduro or taking part in driver education. The Courage Center was again the beneficiary of major level fundraising during the Club's Saturday Enduro. Drivers were able to earn pledges for their laps and contribute to a great cause while having

Front Cover, below, Susan Cirillo at Road America. summer 1999 photo by Nick Cirillo



fun. Bobby Piper, one of the club's most avid racers again secured significant funding for Courage Center personally. Christie also reminded the membership that a Kids Klub would again be available throughout the weekend. At the Klub, children were able to stay with an adult or other staff member in a safe and entertaining environment while Nord Stern members enjoyed the track.

A couple of letters to the Editor offered thanks to all for the wonderful time

June 2020 had at the Club's recent Spring Fling. New members seemed almost surprised by the sharing nature of so many in Nord Stern. A specific thanks was offered to drivers' education instructor extraordinaire Ron Faust.

> President Jon Beatty offered thanks to all for the great First Fling event. Specific thanks to Nick and Susan Cirillo, Erik Johnson, Fred Jacoberger and Brian Smillie. Jon also offered some very positive comments on the first autocross school of the year held at the Dakota facility. While the weather was a bit wet and chilly, Jon noted that it was much better at the track than being in a boat for the fishing opener up north. Nick Cirillo, assisted by Jim Bahner, evidently did an outstanding job running the class and setting up a very challenging road course. Finally, Jon reminded all that the Concours Committee, made up of Luis Fraguada, Jr. and Mitchell Berry was conducting a technical session in Maplewood later in June. The session was designed to reveal every secret a Club member ever wanted to know about how to successfully compete with the shiny car set.

> Eleanor Myrus from the San Diego region provided a good read from one of the many Porsche women in California getting involved in autocrossing for the first time. Eleanor was nervous and frightened but did very well during her first effort at the event and promised that she would be back.

A lighthearted look at the various categories of "Porsche Pushers" was provided by Hans Deutschmann, the club analyst of the Kansas City region. Hans' article was reprinted from Der Sportwagen. From Hans' perspective, those who drove Porsches twenty + years ago could be categorized as either Garage Queens, Wild-Ass Gear Heads, or Water Boys. The piece was well-written and made your humble scribe chuckle as I dictated my comments in advance of our upcoming newsletter. As I was preparing my summary, I had to note that Porsche 25 years ago was distinctly different from what it is today. Gone is the independent car company that sold small numbers of vehicles very similar in nature. Today, Porsche is a small part of a very large international car company with a distinctly different product line designed and assembled at the turn of this century. Back then, Porsche sold no (zero) sports utility vehicles of any type, had no luxury four-door sedans for anyone to purchase, and certainly offered no EVs. My, how the times have changed.

As reported by PCA, the Porsche 911 was named one of the most significant automobiles of the 20th century by the Society of Automotive Engineers. As the SAE noted, the 911 was acknowledged as the world's most recognized sports car and known for both its performance prowess and rear engine design. The Porsche 911 was introduced in the fall of 1963 in Frankfurt as a successor to the classic Porsche 356 and immediately became a hit. The comments from PCA and SAE traced the development and refinement of that original design to models such as the 911SC in 1978 and the new (in 2000) 415 horsepower 911 turbo with a Tiptronic S transmission. This vehicle, which was released in 2000, featured twin turbo chargers, the Porsche stability management system and all-wheel drive. What a run for a single model.

Porsche Pics, as a part of the Out and About with Nord Stern feature, offered pages of black and white photos of the First Fling held in late April of 2000. Ed Tripet was the photographer for the first DE event of the new millennium.

A follow-up article regarding the art of buying a used Porsche was provided by Paul Lighthill of the Riverside Region of California. Paul offered suggestions as to how to research prospective models, paying attention to their potential challenges and then inspecting the car personally, driving it with care while learning about the vehicle at the same time. Paul also detailed how important it was to retain the services of an experienced mechanic to perform a detailed pre-purchase inspection.

Marketplatz from 20 Years Ago

- 1992 Porsche 968 Coupe, 117,000 miles, midnight blue exterior with black and tan interior. Limited slip differential, heated seats, headlight washers, a strong engine and a new timing belt. Great Alpine sound system, removable sunroof, and a new heater core. Previously owned by Erik Johnson and serviced by Johnson Autosport and AutoEdge. Looks great, clean car, \$16,500. Call Bruce Campbell.
- 1983 944 I Class Race Car. Everything is for sale---parting out the vehicle. All must go, including race seats, seat braces, roll

cage, shocks, springs, door handles, tires, wheels, etc. Call with your needs --- it's for sale. Call Steve Lindemer.

- 1981 911 SC Targa. 60,000 miles. Pacific blue with tan leather interior, air conditioning, cruise control, Alpine sound system, all recommended updates. Original Fuchs. Never raced, never crashed, no smoking, no dings, and no winters outside. Complete service records including original winter sticker available. Meticulously maintained by Rick Moe at the Nürburgring for over a decade. Absolutely mint condition. \$19,975. Call Steve Venable. Serious inquiries only, please.
- 1967 Ford Contour SE, DOHC V-6, 5 speed, sport suspension, power sports seats, moonroof and ABS. Second set of wheels with Blizzaks. Recipient of lots of TLC during its 95,000 miles. \$9500. Call Mark Kittock.
- 1986 911 Carrera. Guards Red with a black interior. 57,000 miles, excellent condition, lowered, with upgraded torsion bars and Koni adjustable shocks. Momo wheel. Serviced by Johnson AutoSport. \$24,000. Call Keith.
- 1971 911 T. In excellent condition and even looks a bit like a Carrera RS. Laguna blue with newer cloth Recaro seats and Fuchs alloy wheels. Interior updated and now looks clean. Around 100,000 miles on the fresh 2.2-liter engine. With the kid now growing, I must part with my prized possession. \$10,000. Call Rob.
- 1986 Porsche 944, 5 speed 69,000 miles. Platinum with burgundy leather interior, sun roof, air, power steering, cruise, and power windows with chips. All service done. AC recharge and new starter. \$7500. Call Mike Argir.
- 1970 914-4. 1.7-liter engine. Tangerine with black interior, 42,000 miles. Pedrini wheels, Koni shocks, Bursch, Weber 40 carbs. Owned since 1972. \$4700. Call Gary Greiner.
- Photo collages (R) show very nice weather at that year's First Fling DE (unlike 2022!)













by Danielle Bādler, courtesy PCA Newsletter Editor's Facebook Page

> o I watched Season 4 of "Drive to Survive." Actually, I more or less binge-sped through it. Because all I really, really wanted to do was get to the end, to see how they handled the season-ending last-lap contretemps between Lewis and Max.

> Boy was I disappointed. Because, well, since I knew what happened, there was nothing I learned from the docu-series that I didn't already know.

Hey, look, once again, the camera work is often scintillating. Coupled with the audio track, the footage is often spellbinding. I mean, for some of the shots, I don't even know how they did it. Like the camera view back to the driver from the dashboard, which at one point literally focuses in on the driver's left eyeball. Through the visor.

Which is spectacular, at least from a technical point of view. But, uh, let's face it, eyeballs are eyeballs. And they don't actually change our view of the subject. The driver or the series.

In fact, it made me blink. Because the format is getting stale. There, I said it. If I had an air-gun for the number of times Red Bull team principal Christian Horner went on, and on, about how they have to fight, how they have to push, I could probably afford to buy out Red Bull CEO Dietrich Mateschitz. Who, by the way, has never been mentioned, in any of the seasons.

Or Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff's "A driver has to be a lion in the car. Even if he's knocked down." And "We can't afford to lose." And "The best team, with the best driver, scores results." Please.

This time around, Toto's wife, Susie, makes an appearance too. Although it's never made completely clear, she seems to have a distinct business role in Toto's wheeling and dealing. And it carries through to her comments, like "He just never stops fighting." They're shown on a private jet, several times, flying somewhere. You never find out where.

Same goes for Geri Horner, nee Halliwell, Christian's wife. Yes, that Halliwell, of the Spice Girls. For the record, she was Ginger Spice. How do I know that? I looked it up. Because, in the series, she's just simply a very loving and dutiful wife. Christian says, "I've been very fortunate. She's been incredibly supportive." You get the idea. It's time to simply say enough. Enough of the platitudes.

But, hey, I'm not one to just criticize. That's the easy stuff. No, I also have some thoughts on how the series could actually rise to a new level of revelation about a sport we all know and love. Here goes.

Start with the actual performance of the cars. We already know how the drivers are "really" athletes. This is brought home in one sequence when feisty Alphatauri rookie Yuki Tsunoda, who Horner calls "the best talent in a decade, if not more," (the entry, after all, is Red Bull's junior team) complains about having to hit the gym. Team principal Franz Tost says, Yuki, you have to work out two to four hours a day, six days a week. Yuki is shown scowling.

How about answering questions like . . . What's the typical 0-60 time for a modern F1 car? Braking distance? Cornering Gs? Cornering Gs between tire choices? Downforce? Horsepower? Hybrid horsepower? Let it be known, there is virtually nothing said about just how off the charts these cars actually are.

Or what they're like to drive. Put a club racer in one. A journalist. Your father-in-law. Let's see how they manage. Left foot braking. The hand clutch. Paddle shifting.

Or compare them with . . . Sports prototypes, Indycars, Formula E cars, MotoGP bikes. Anything. Season after season, we've been bombarded with the interpersonal drama of a cutthroat sport. Fine. Now, how about some background, any background, on the sabers they wield.

Or the sponsorship drama. Last season, we actually came along, once, as team principal Gunther Steiner pitched Haas sponsorship to an unnamed German company. This season, we open with Steiner in bed with Uralchem oligarch Dmitry Mazepin . . . With his son Nikita behind the wheel. How did this happen? We'll never know.

Or maybe, just maybe, we're no longer the audience for the series. Maybe Netflix has made a decision to target chronic binge-watchers, hungry for something different, something dramatic, something human-interest. If the focus expands enthusiasm for the sport, I can't fault that. The evidence, at

Trends Make the Future ...

by Pedro P. Bonilla Gold Coast Region, "Die Porsche Kassette , Published in the April 2021 issue of "Porsche Profile"

he auto industry is changing at an incredible pace and actually mirroring trends in other industries.

It used to be that automobile manufacturers were mammoth conglomerates that dictated their own paths and controlled their own future.

The traditional business model of designing, manufacturing, selling, servicing and financing vehicles still continues, but the industry is speeding towards a new frontier mainly guided by sustainability, and changing consumer behavior.

Because of this, manufacturers now collaborate with tech giants, they work closely with audio moguls and augmented reality experts and we can see how these collaborations with advanced technologies are making their way into our cars and our car culture.

This trend, which actually started in 2018, together with the ever-decreasing emission standards have made vehicle production costs increase.

This higher cost produced a reduction in car sales in 2019, which was worsened by the global pandemic and its aftermath in 2020.

Now, in 2021 but with 2022 models ready to go into production, manufacturers are embracing these technologies more and more in order to increase sales.

Lets take a look at some of the industry trends in more detail.



Electrification:

Probably, the biggest trend for the last 20 years, and this is just the beginning. Toyota started the trend in 2000 with the successful introduction of the hybrid Prius, then Tesla with it's full electric line of vehicles changed the way people view electric cars.

Porsche was quick to realize the trend and started

working on its strategy for 2025 and along them, Audi, Mercedes Benz, and most other manufacturers which are introducing or working on new electric platforms, even Ferrari.

Connectivity:



When we were kids we followed with keen interest the displacement in liters of our Porsches, which slowly grew from the 1.1L flat-4 of the early 356s to the latest 4.0L flat-6 powerhouses of the new GTs (GT3, GT4, GTS). But nowadays buyers are more concerned with how big the infotainment screen is and whether it has Apple CarPlay or not and whether they can access their Pandora account from their car.

Self-Driving ability:

Automated or assisted driving is another of the rising trends in the industry.

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Once Again . . .

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least on this side of the pond, seems to bear it out. Monster attendance for the U.S. Grand Prix in Austin (although that was never mentioned.) Two American races added to the calendar for 2023, Miami and Las Vegas. My understanding is that Netflix is now trying to double down on its success, producing a series on professional golf by covering this season's PGA Tour.

And let's not forget that, reportedly, Volkswagen AG has granted approval for Porsche and Audi to join the circus. Porsche is apparently in discussion with Red Bull to supply engines in 2026, and Audi is discussing the same with McLaren, as well as

outright buying a sizable chunk of McLaren's F1 unit.

At Yas Marina for the final race of the season, Stefano Domenicali, CEO of Formula 1 Group, gives his only interview of the series. He's asked who's going to win, and he says "the political answer is Formula 1." That pretty much sums it up.





Above, Back Cover of the June 2000 issue: On display at Sebring Club Race, winter 2000, the legendary 917, overall winner of 1970 24 Hours of Lemans, A big grin can be detected!

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Left to right: Don Erickson, Bob Viau, ron Smith, Lee Jacobsohn, Jack Holtman, Nick Summer's cars lined up and ready to roll down at the Sebring Club Race this winter. Yes, all those cars do fit in that transport! Photo by Pam Viau. And yes, even race cars like to concours!

The Scans Continued . . . June 2000

Editor's Note: Always interesting to see the track classes and run times from the year-long competition,

let alone the participants as well as many names still active today

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Trends . . .

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Car buyers cautiously embrace safetyfocused semi-autonomous driver aids but have been slow to accept the prospect of handing the steering wheel and all controls completely to the car's computer(s).

This one is not without controversy. Some believe that the age of fully automated, selfdriving taxis is just around the corner, while others believe that in order for cars to drive by themselves safely it will take many, many more years.

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All of theses trends are reshaping our everchanging way of life. They will transform the car into a platform, where drivers evolve to riders, reframing "driving" as the synonym of well-being and convenience.

Is this the future? Who knows?

In doing research for this article I came across the flowing quote:

To the question of whether the Porsche brand faces conflict between innovation and tradition, Knuth Walczak, Porsche's head of the Innovation and Preliminary Development Management said:

"We don't define the Porsche brand of the future – instead, It is the Porsche brand

that has defined our focus. We have the fascinating job of continuing to build authentic sports cars. I'm certain that the technologies of the future will not cool down the hot, fascinating core of the Porsche brand but instead will heat it up even more."

Most of the articles and news releases relating to the future of the auto industry and future of the sports car that I read were about the above mentioned trends and how cars and the auto industry would evolve and modernize as it embraced the future. Only Porsche, referring to the probability of introducing a 911 Hybrid, promised that *"it will be extremely powerful but still a fantastic driver's car as it has always been."*

I hope and believe that Porsche will keep those promises of maintaining tradition and heritage very present in their near-future, electric, self-driving, connected sports cars.

A few of us (fewer and fewer every year) still perceive pure enjoyment from driving our old, analog, disconnected Porsche.

Heck, some of us still like to shift our own gears using heel/toe.



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

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Club Racing . . .

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Club Racing was designed to be a rewarding experience anywhere on the grid and at any position during a race and to provide an ideal transition from DE for PCA members and their cars. This was racing for fun not for fame.

There were seven stock classes for all Porsche models based on horsepower-toweight ratios, stock engines and drive trains, full road equipment, street tires, full factory weight and with limited improvements such as sway bar changes allowed. There were two additional classes for cars with substantial upgrades.



A modest package of safety equipment acceptable to the PCA national insurance program was required, including a roll bar or optional roll cage to rules specifications, proper seat and five or six point harnesses, window net, fire extinguisher, kill switch, Nomex driving suit, gloves, underwear, shoes and helmet. All cars were required to be in top mechanical condition and cosmetic condition indicative of the driver's concern for the preservation of his or her car.

Above: At Denver, Club Racing Chairman Alan Friedman hands out rookie licenses to Steve Kent (Maverick) and John Armstrong (Roadrunner).

Finally, the proposal was adopted and the PCA Club Racing program was official.

There was little time to celebrate. The real work of setting up the program had just begun. Most important, there were races to be scheduled for the 1992 season and preparations made to ensure that these first races would be run safely and successfully. Friedman was duly installed as the first PCA Club Racing chairman, and the real work began. Bob Russo was named chief national scrutineer. Dan Mcchesney was named national scrutineer. Tom Tauscher started Club Racing News and served as editor for many years. National staffer Ruth Harte managed licensing and all administration for the program.

The First Season of PCA Club Racing

Several regions, including Potomac, had expressed interest in holding a race in 1992. The initial plan was for three races: Potomac at Summit Point in June followed by Reisentoter at Pocono in August and a



Bea Knoerzer (356B) and Alan Benjamin (911T) avoid a spinning Phil Debus (924S) in Second Creek's Turn 1.



Rocky Mountain Region Newsletter, 1st Club Race





Round up the usual suspects...drivers meeting at Second Creek Raceway emphasized safety, sportsmanship and eaution.

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Club Racing . . .

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Lime Rock race in September. The Lime Rock race was jointly hosted by three regions: Connecticut Valley, Metro New York, and Northern New Jersey. Rocky Mountain (RMT) region then snuck under the wire to schedule their race a week before the Potomac Summit Point race. RMT grabbed the glory of hosting the first ever PCA Club Race, making the Potomac race the first east of the Mississippi. It's a good thing Potomac doesn't hold a grudge.

Club Racing, Panorama December 2005

By Alan Friedman, PCA national safety chairman and 1st Club Racing Chairman

tell people Club Racing was conceived on a dark and stormy night in December 1989. I was finishing my second tour as zone rep when President Dennis Thovson called from New Jersey and wanted me to be national safety chair. I'd been noodling over the racing thing and said, "I'll tell you what. I'll consider being safety chair if you'll let me study the feasibility of racing. The line went silent. After a while, he said something like, "Well, that's interesting, and said he'd talk to the council. We put it together from a business perspective. I felt PCA was losing a lot of very engaged people who wanted to go racing and as a result left their Porsches and PCA behind. In those days, there wasn't



much Porsche racing in SCCA and vintage racing was mostly 356's. I was vintage racing in a 1967 two-liter 911 that had actually competed in Trans-Am in 1968-69. I raced mostly with SVRA, including a number of very enjoyable two-hour enduros at Watkins Glen. In my class, I often competed against Bruce Jennings and enjoyed his stories about racing Porsches in the Sixties and Seventies. I'm not surprised by the popularity of Club Racing because we did a study in 1990-92. At a presentation in 1991 to the executive council, I predicted it would plateau at 25-30 races annually and 1,500-2,000 licensed

drivers. We've been in that range a number of years. The surprise came in terms of the evolution of equipment and tractor-trailers, which I didn't think about then. We were focused on creating a program into which people could easily transition from DE. We wanted to ensure we had classes for all cars and a reasonably affordable safety-equipment requirement.

The first race was in '92 at Second Creek Raceway in Denver, hosted by Rocky Mountain Region. There were about 50 cars, only sprint races, and classes were similar to today but fewer.

Once Club Racing was born, I did both vintage and PCA racing when I wasn't stewarding.

Stewarding is and was a tough job because we'd created it out of whole cloth: there was no precedent in PCA for either the steward's job any other part of organizing and managing a race.

> Inspiration is Instant -Creating a Program Takes Time





Random Photos from First Fling action ... More next month Left, Photo from the PCA Instructor Development day at BIR during First Fling, photo by Cameron Parkburst Right, President SteveKemp and his silver 911 911 Carrera 4 GTS reporting on getting on track at First Fling 2022 dodging snowpiles (sort of!)

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