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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??!!*

**Volunteering:** The club runs on volunteers! A great way to meet members and get the most out of your membership. Our club exists BECAUSE of members volunteering their time and talents to plan and execute our many different events. With NO paid staff, we depend entirely on volunteers to run OUR club and keep the calendar full of interesting and well planned activities. Whether your interest lies in track events, social activities, technology, touring, tech sessions, car shows or other, we have a place for you and many an opportunity to get involved.

**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: NS 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 / MEMBERSHIP:** 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 Jeff Eckroth, 1996 993, 2015 GT3, 1992 911 Turbo

“Time Flies when you are having Fun... with your Porsche!

The past month has been a blur, like Turn 1 at BIR full out! When I stop and reflect, words do not do the feeling justice... I just smile. I am amazed and so very, very proud of the collective leadership and energy of Nord Stern.

In case you missed it, here is a quick rundown (event and chair):

- **June 10:** 75 Anniversary Celebration at JDC Motorsports, including a massive drive from Porsche of Minneapolis: **Roger Johnson, Theo Martianos and Nick Severson**
- **June 15:** Boom Island Brewery Social: **Michelle Weber-Eckroth and April Barker**
- **June 19-20:** Cheese Fling @ Road America: **John Blackburn, Dave Anderson and Andy Barker**
- **June 19:** The Porsche Parade – We love our Magazine and so does the PCA. Nord Stern Monthly Magazine was awarded 2nd Place Newsletter/ Class V, **Christie Boeder**, editor. Well deserved, Christie . . . Bravo
- **June 25:** All Porsche Show: **Phil Saari and Hal Voges**



- **July 14-16 Loonacy Weekend:** A ‘cast of dozens’ lead by: **Steve Kemp, John Velure, Kim Fritze, John Blackburn, Tom Karn, Dave Anderson, Andy Barker, Jim Southwell, Michelle Weber-Eckroth, April Barker, Judy Sievers, Drew Steinke**, and so many more!

- **Drive to Loonacy: Nick Severson**

Say that in one breath. This underscores the power of our Porsche People, their engagement and how you elevate the experiences we can all enjoy.

For each event, we need Chairs/Leaders and volunteers. The unsung heroes are our registrars, **Dave Anderson** and **Andy Barker**. They set up the details behind the scenes that allow you to see the event, register, and then they organize, take payments, confirm your participation and so much more. They really do turn visions into reality for Nord Stern. Give a shout out to registrar@nordstern.org.

I preach ‘The Lottery Rule – You have to Play to Win.’ Since our club is fueled by volunteers, we needed a better ‘tool’ to help you know how to jump in and where you can be involved. **Dave Anderson**, our webmaster, created exactly what we needed. The Volunteer Signup Tool (found on our home page tool bar) was indispensable for Loonacy weekend. Thirty-two of our members volunteered for 65

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Well, we have another issue just jam-packed with photos, from numerous members, highlighting all the outings and events the club has held over the past several weeks. It sure has been busy (see Jeff's column for a more distinct listing!) and we have the images to prove it. This month you'll find more photos - especially the 'people' ones - from the incredible 75th Porsche Anniversary at JDC-Miller that began at Porsche Minneapolis and included a drive out to the Savage facility.

Plus, there are photos from the ever-popular Porsches and Pints social at the Boom Island Brewery in Minnetonka, some from the All Porsche Show held annually over in Roseville as a part of their week-long Rosefest, and a recap of this year's Porsche Parade held out in Palm Springs, CA.

I will again comment that I am one lucky editor. We have a number of members who so freely share their photographic talents and expertise. Always reminds me of the old saying 'a picture paints a thousand words' . . . So apt when it comes to capturing the essence of any of these Nord Stern events. I

always feel that photos are the best PR there is for anything the club schedules and organizes. It really does remind me of the first year or so we were members in the club and I was totally clueless as to what was what. My other half joined as he knew the club drove on the track at Brainerd and that was his goal! I, on the other hand, initially couldn't figure out why people were so friendly until I noted in the newsletter all the photos from social events where it was pretty obvious it was 'about having fun, too!' That kind of broke the ice for me, to be quite honest.

So here's to 'breaking the ice' for newer members and the encouragement that it IS about being coming involved, volunteering, meeting like-minded people!

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Destination: Villa Bellezza/Ciao Bella  
Registration and details @ clubregistration.net
- 26 Nord Stern Membership Social:  
Eagan Condo Garages**  
Option breakfast+Drive, 8:30 a.m.  
Open House: 11 a.m. Register at clubregistration.net
- 31-  
Sept 2 Run For The Hills**  
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**SEPTEMBER**

- 5 Nord Stern Business Meeting \***  
Location: TBA
- 9 Nord Stern Drives #4 Fall Autotour and Brunch**  
Meet@Porsche of Minneapolis 9 AM  
Destination: Jordan Supper Club & Tap Room,
- 15-17 Nord Stern Final Fling Driver Training  
& Driver Ed @ BIR**
- 23 Nord Stern Social - Apple Picking and Pizza**  
The Arbor at Young Acres, Prescott, WI  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$30 pp
- 27- Rennsport Reunion 7**
- Oct 2** Location: Laguna Seca, CA

**OCTOBER**

- 3 Nord Stern Business Meeting \***  
Location: TBA
- 6-8 Nord Stern 2023 Fall Color Tour - NOTE DATE**  
HQ will again be Pier B, Duluth, MN  
Friday Welcome Party @ The Kitchie Gummi Club!
- 14 Nord Stern Checkered Flag Party**  
Location: Buck Hill  
Time: Noon - 4 p.m.

**NOVEMBER**

- 7 Nord Stern Business Meeting \***  
Location: TBA

**DECEMBER**

- 5 Nord Stern Business Meeting \***  
Location: TBA

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*\* Business Meetings are open to all Nord Stern members, this year 2023 they are held the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the Month, contact the president for locations if not noted.*

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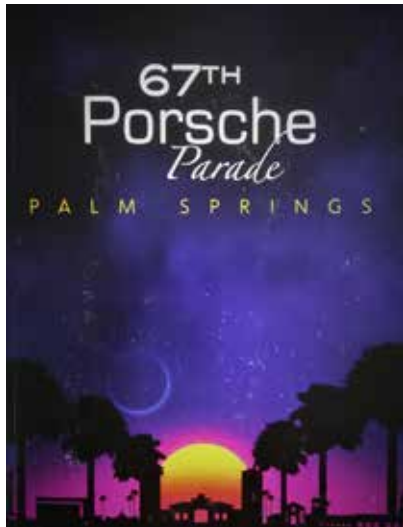
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Now a 40-year PCA member, I'm headed to my 35th National Porsche Parade. It's the 67th Parade; how's that for event staying power! Big distance this year, nearly 2,000 miles, to Palm Springs, CA. I plan three days of driving each way, gas prices have really dropped over the last year, plus the Cayman achieves amazing fuel economy. Ferry Porsche insisted that sports cars needed to be efficient, certainly the 356 reflected his philosophy. It is the 75th Anniversary of Porsche; I knew there'd be extra celebratory effort...I'm doing that too!

Show me? It started with my Art Show entries. I did “Originale,” a print of the 356 in clear acrylic, and “Pinnacle,” a rear  $\frac{3}{4}$  view of the 918 Spyder, as a canvas print. When I watched the official Porsche AG livestream on June 8th, it was gratifying that Porsche also picked the 918 as the #1 car in their own Top-10 Countdown. My big creative effort went into “Celebration,” which was a photo collage design based on the “75” number design of Porsche’s Anniversary. I repeated that style and theme in “40” to represent my four decades in PCA. Made from? All the images were from NORD STERN magazine covers! There’s a whole week of car fun, the absolute center of the Porsche universe one week each year.



How do you pack a Cayman for a nearly two-week trip? It has more space than you might expect for a mid-engine sports car? It will take one piece of full-size luggage in the “frunk,” and I put the car cover in the area that remains. The rear area easily takes an airline carry-on +. It’s a smoky morning, with a muted Minnesota sunrise, as I head for Colorado. It’s smooth jazz as all those freeway miles go by, “Watercolors” on Sirius XM. This is the opportunity to do a long-distance, real-world, mileage test. At the end of day one? The speed limit is 70 in MN and Iowa, 75 in Nebraska. After 11 hours of driving a total of 803 miles, at an average speed of 71 mph, it’s 32.2 miles per gallon. Dr. Porsche would be proud of that efficiency.

The next day it's west on I-70 and into the Rocky Mountains. I go through the 1.7 mile-long Eisenhower tunnel; it's at 11,158 feet to go under the



Continental Divide. Those are mountains so high that there is always snow on those peaks. Continuing west is the Glenwood section of I-70, at the bottom of a deep Colorado River gorge. Often the freeway had to be “stacked” to make



it fit, the very definition of scenic driving. A real effort was made to minimize the disruption of the surroundings. The speed limit goes to 80 in Utah. Flashback, I'm thinking of my very first Parade, that was in 1984 and at Appleton, WI. Memorable highlights? How members helped each other. I was just about to finish the TSD rally, and I came across Hank Godfredson and his 356 coupe. The oil sump had taken a hit driving over RR tracks; serious distress, he was parked. I finished the rally just up the road and then returned, putting the tow hook in the back of the 928 and promptly pulling Hank and the 356 across the rally finish. They even blew the horn! Road America was nearby; we took care getting the 356 there. By the next day, repairs were successful. This was still the era of big-track Parades, with some interventions. They had added chicanes before all the major corners: 1, 3, 5, 12, etc. That kept speeds down some, but adding that many additional brake points wasn't always a total safety gain? Oh? Brakes back then weren't what they are today. I completed the first lap and pulled into the pits. As I'm coming to a stop, wisps of smoke were coming out of the front wheel wells. One of the corner workers suddenly grabbed a fire extinguisher and was about

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# NORD STERN

## 2023 SEASON OF SPEED

DATE	EVENT	TRACK (TYPE)
4/22-23	FIRST FLING	BIR (DE + DT)
5/20-21	SPRING FLING	BIR (DE + DT)
6/19-20	CHEESE FLING	ROAD AMERICA (DE)
7/14-16	LOONACY WEEKEND	BIR (CLUB RACE + DE)
9/15-17	LAST FLING	BIR (DE + DT)



Tom Sabow and Jeff Eckroth



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**Saturday August 26**

Eagan Condo Garages  
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11AM to 2PM

8:30 AM - Optional Breakfast & Drive  
Joseph's in Stillwater

- Meet and Greet
- Tours of model garages
- Casual lunch and refreshments
- Beer samples courtesy Bald Man Brewing

Details at [www.nordstern.org/calendar](http://www.nordstern.org/calendar)  
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**14-16  
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**Raise Your Hand!**  
Be a part of the team. Step up  
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## Raise Your Hand and BE a Nord Stern Volunteer

- Nord Stern is a club, a club made up of members who share a passion, an interest, a desire to delve ever deeper, in our case, into the Big Wide World of Porsche!
- Like all clubs, it runs on volunteers, people who give of their time and talents with very little interest in 'what's in it for me.' For those who DO step up, all would agree we get way more out of our membership than we give.
- Take a look and decide where **YOU** can take that little leap and be a part of the big picture in Nord Stern!
- This July's **Loonacy Weekend** Club Race and Driver Ed is the perfect opportunity to spend time helping out - all while being up in beautiful Minnesota lake country, seeing LOTS of Porsches, Porsche people, track action, racing fun, good food, appropriate libations and in general a GREAT time.

**Here's what's needed:** Grid Workers, Steward Assistant, Scrutineer assistant/s, timing assistants, Info area staffer, and more.

**Contact volunteer coordinator, Jim Southwell, at [volunteer@nordstern.org](mailto:volunteer@nordstern.org) and Step Right Up and Join In! You won't regret it.**



All Porsche Show - a Sampling



Above, Dave Anderson and his 968



356 on hand with Chris Docken's Signal Orange 911







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The 2023 APS Featured models were the 924, 928, 944, 968





## 75th Event Starts with a Drive from Porsche Minneapolis . . .

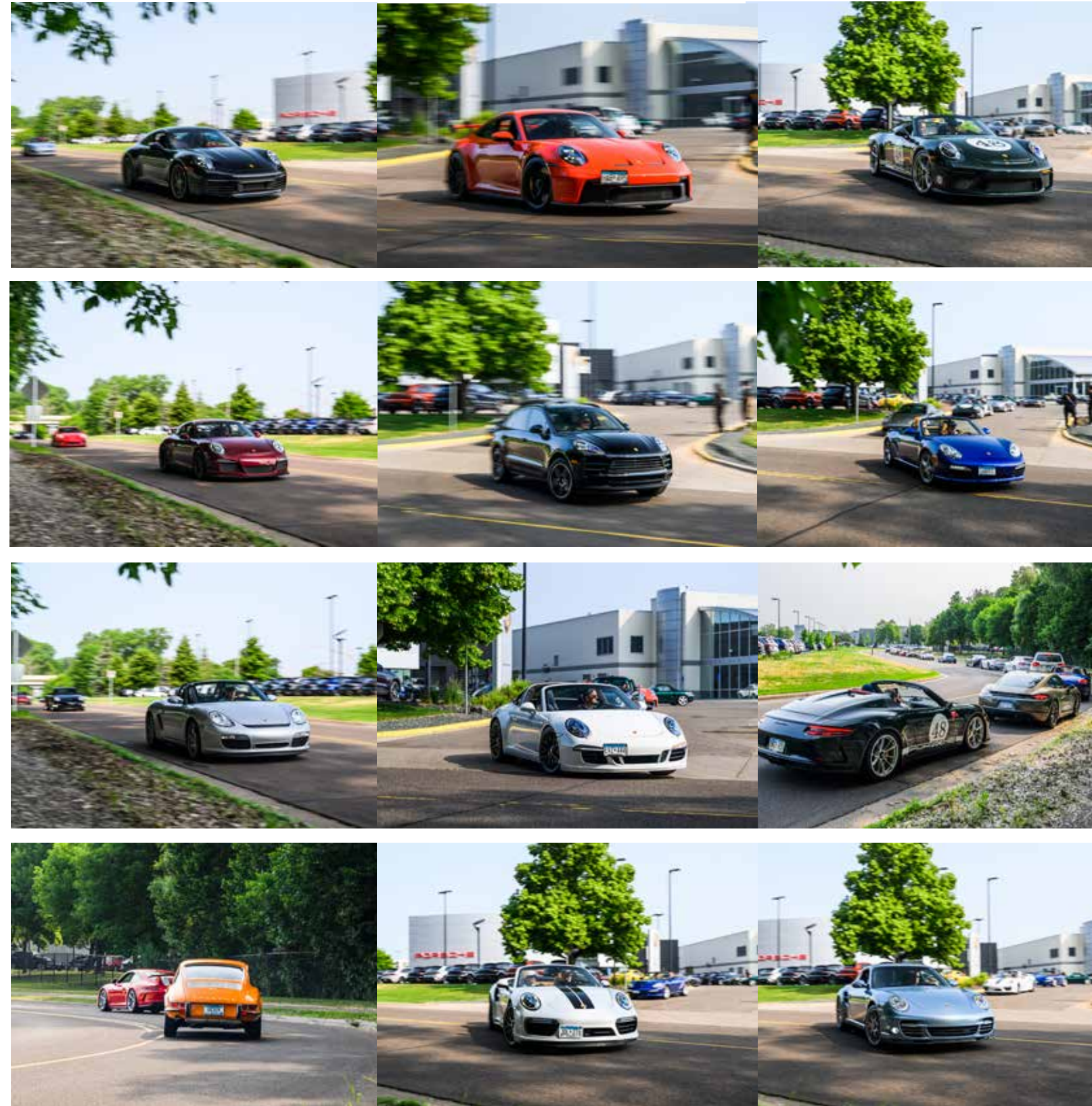




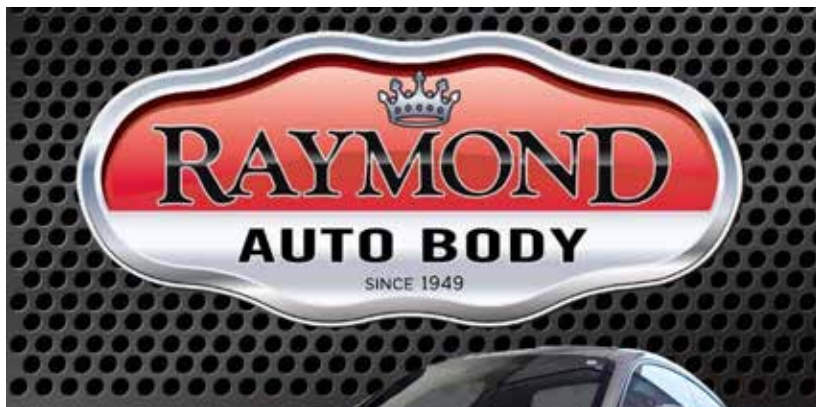
# Quite the 'Parade' of Porsches, Models, Colors!

*photos by Alex Bellis, Alex Bellis Photography*

Yes, the 75th Anniversary of Porsche event on June 10th was quite the deal. Combining an organized drive from Porsche Minneapolis (thanks go to our Drive masters, Theo Martianos, Nick Severson, registrars Andy and April Barker and all the helpers, a big group headed to the JDC facility in Savage where the action continued with a presentation of the fabulous 963, LeMans 24 Hours streaming onto the side of one of their transporters, food trucks (yummy!), St. Jude charity t-shirts, LOTS of meet and greet time where hundreds (!! ) gathered on a picture perfect day to celebrate Porsche. It just was glorious and all the moving parts (thanks to the organizing skills of Roger Johnson, the club leadership, JDC Motorsports, Porsche Minneapolis, professional photographers and many a 'non professional' who take many great photos, and of course the many volunteers helping facilitate parking) it was fun, fascinating, and unforgettable. Thanks to one and all who 'made it happen.'







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# 75th Anniversary Event @ Porsche Minneapolis & JDC Motorsports

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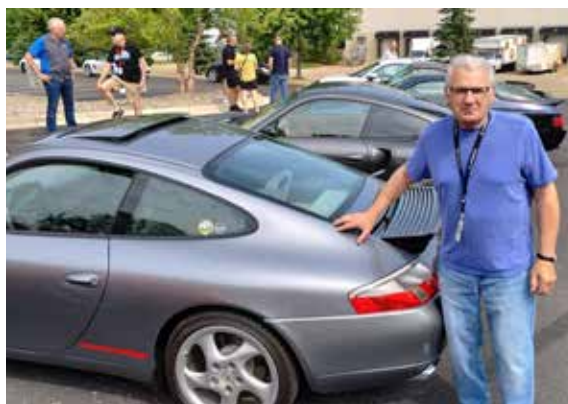
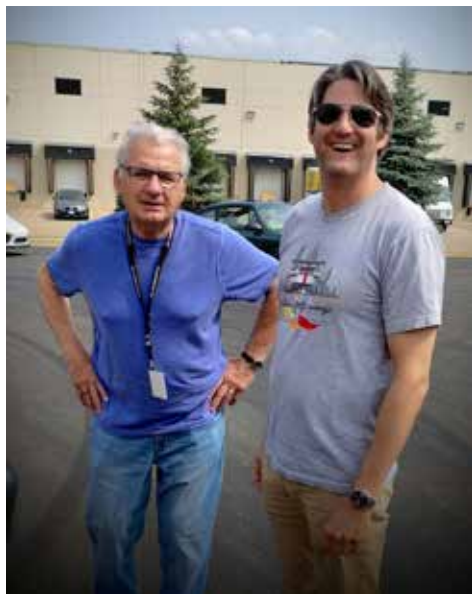
Left: Chad Johnson with St. Jude and the charity t-shirts

Far Left: Amy Schmitz, Jack Hoffman and Carmen Schmitz

Food was fabulous!

Middle Photo Below: Dr. J. Layne Moore and his gorgeous 911

Below, Brad Baron and Nathan Reeder



An event that brought out a LOT of smiles!  
Right, Brad Baron and his 2001 996 C2





L - R: Jeff Eckroth, ?, Michelle Weber-Eckroth, ?, Theo Martianos, ?

Below, Pat and VP Tom Karn



Above, John Church of JDC and Roger Johnson



L-R: Keith and Kim Fritze, Bret Bailey, Laura Catania



Jim Holton and Bill Berard



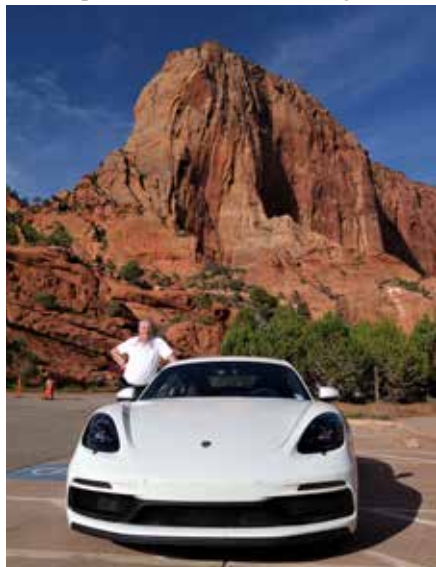
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to dump the chemical contents all over the forged wheels. Likely it would have been “game over.” A fellow Nord Stern member rose to the occasion! Bill Groschen quickly jumped the barrier and physically restrained the worker, who was caught by surprise . . . especially as Bill explained, “no, no, no . . . that’s normal for him.” By then I had had time to get unbelted, take off my helmet, and verbally engage with assurance: “the line for the next timed lap is fairly long; there will be plenty of time for the brakes to cool off more, don’t worry.” A disaster averted. I then earned my first Parade Driving Championship in my second year of PCA membership. Who wouldn’t sign up for more of that fun?!

Back to now, I’m going through a mountain pass section in Utah. Unexpectedly, it starts



to rain. Sudden weather shifts are common with big elevation changes . . . it seems to be easing, and then I see why: there’s white stuff on each side of the road. Oh-oh, the precipitation had turned to snow. I’m thinking the Michelin Cup 2R’s are not, ahem, optimum snow tires. Looking at



the dash info, it’s 50°, so it’s melting fast, turning to slush on the road . . . A few miles later, it’s dry desert again. Utah is home to what are called the “Big 5” National Parks. I intend to do a bullet-trip tour at Zion as I near completion of this day. I’ve transitioned south onto I-15, stopping at Exit 40. It’s Kolob Canyons, a five-mile drive that’s



an almost hidden part of Zion. I drive up the gorgeous sandstone canyon, and at the terminus, I ask a spectator to take a picture of me and the Cayman with a backdrop of red monolith rock (Photo left below). What a way to be winding down this day, and with my Senior National Parks Pass, no charge.

I spend the evening in St. George, my anticipation is building. It’s through Las Vegas the next day. There are a lot of solar farms in the desert SW. Most are solar panels, but I spot one that’s different. It uses reflecting mirrors, all aimed to concentrate



the energy on a central tower. I exit I-15 at Barstow and take a two-lane cross-desert route to Palm Springs. I’m near 29 Palms, the Marine desert training base, where I

spent a week back in ‘05. I had gotten a request from a fan, a PCA member, who was serving in Iraq. I then found out that more of our servicemen were dying on our highways after returning, than in combat! WHAT? We started the non-profit Operation Wheels of Freedom Foundation, with an exciting safe driving program designed to “Honor, Educate and Entertain” our returning service men and women. It was the mission of anybody’s lifetime. Be proud some PCA people were the origins of the OWOFF tour . . . And you can check out a couple videos on YouTube if you’re curious.

Arriving in the Coachella Valley, you see thousands of windmills. I head first to a car wash! I clean off all the miles of grime before I head to the Parade Welcome Tent. The HQ hotel is a Waldorf Astoria, the LaQuinta Resort and Club, built in 1926. Back then, this was a destination for the rich and famous. They did make sure the room key cards were Porsche Art. (photo below) Nord Stern member Paul Cole will



be arriving soon . . . There are many, many small buildings . . . These are a kind of “four-plex” called “casitas.” I turn in my Art Show entries, go through final registration, and then attend the Concours Judges meeting. Whew, then it’s off to the Zone Socials on the Grand Lawn. There is even a large-scale chessboard. Next?



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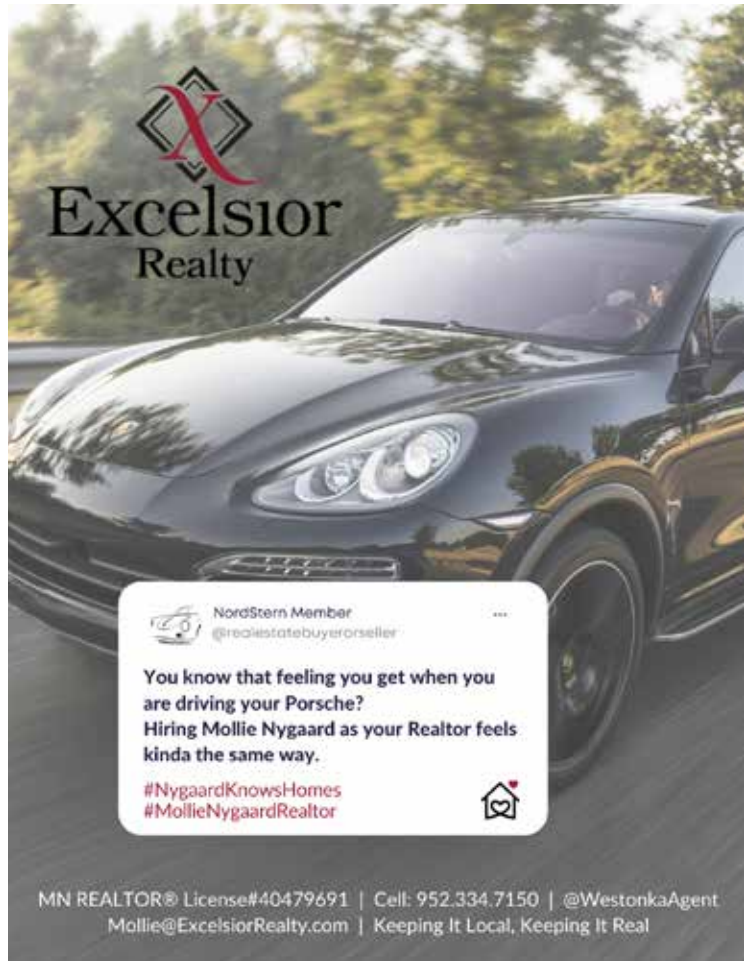
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# 75th Anniversary Event @ Porsche Minneapolis & JDC Motorsports

*All Photos by Michael Steinberg*



Photos here on both pages were taken at the JDC-Miller Motorsports shop where the 963 was on display along with all the festivities celebrating Porsche's 75th Anniversary.







# Where We Were . . . 60+ Years!

Curated by Ron Faust, 1980 Weissach 911 SC, 50th Anniversary 911, 356 and Kevin Egan, 2018 718 Cayman



Left: The cover was the 959 with only 842 miles on it, at the Parade Concours, photo by Marsha Drake

Below: From the Parade

Below left nad right: several images of Jack and Ginny Case, photos by Skip Carter from the article "Early Porsche Parades"



Jack and Ginny Case,  
photo by Skip Carter



Ginny and Jack Case with their medallions from 2001 Parade Rallye,  
photo courtesy Jack Case

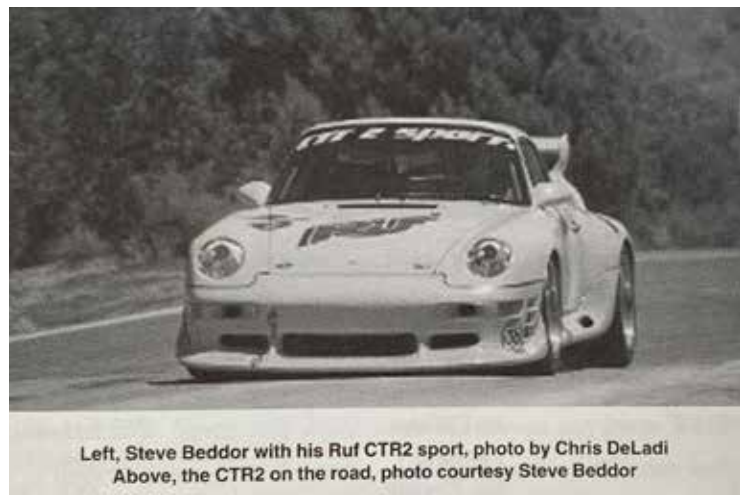
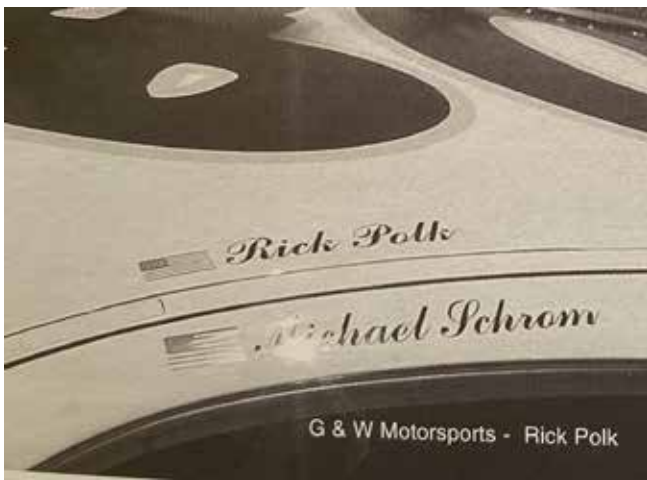


Jack and Ginny Case are charter members of the PCA. Here is Ginny with their license plate and San Diego Region and PCA badges. Photo by Jack Case.



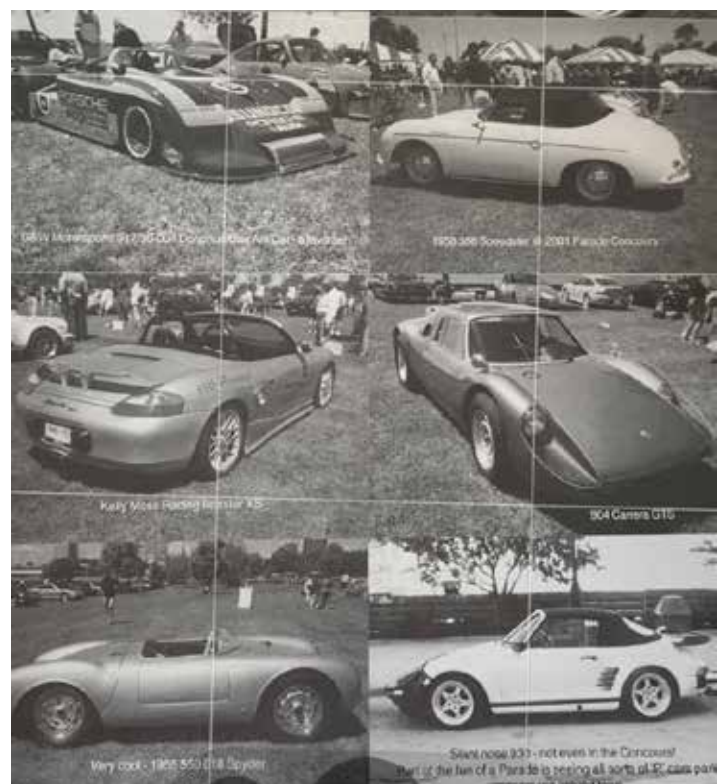
Jack with their  
1970 911 S  
Targa along  
the California  
Coast, photo  
courtesy Jack  
Case





Above left, Above and Right: various Porsches from the 2001 Porsche Parade Concours, photos by Mark Read and Marsha Drake

Above: Kathy and Bill Berard with son Cashin and daughter Lizzie, photo by Kelly Meyer from the 2001 Parade





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The Pirelli Welcome Banquet, with seared sea bass, mmmm.



Monday, it's 6 am for the final Concours Judges meeting. They want to get most of the Judging done in the morning to avoid the afternoon desert heat. It's a beautiful setting on the Pete Dye Mountain Course that's adjacent to the resort. (photo below). We commence judging, one of the participants lacks a Porsche Certificate of Authenticity or the Window Sticker . . . In the Preservation Class, one of those is required. We must know the factory facts about how the car was originally built to verify the preserved condition (photo, judgig right top, by Paul Cole). Another participant has driven their car less than 1,000 miles a year. There is a special "Low Mileage" Class for cars like that but they have instead entered "Full," and I note that "Usage" is one of the major scored areas. They did know about the Low Mileage Class . . . Which they could have won... It was not a helpful strategy to ignore that best-class-fit and instead go into "Preservation Full." Our team does a wide-



Photo by Paul Cole

ranging consult after we've judged all our cars. In Preservation, it's not a merely a matter of adding up a line of numerical scores. We actually re-review each car and begin our rank ordering. Some years there can be close calls and lengthy debates needed to resolve the complete order with full confidence. This year we were quickly in agreement. We take our judging responsibilities seriously, especially knowing that some participants have



spent weeks, months, or more preparing their beautiful cars.

Then it's off to the Artist's Reception for the

Art Show. As the Chairperson Rose Ann notes, the photography categories are, by far, the most competitive. There are so many great photographers in PCA. I win two 2nd place awards; I'm especially proud of "Celebration,"



dedicated to this 75th & 40th Anniversary Year.

Photo below: Kim and Rose Ann  
PCA Parade Official Image)





Tuesday is the TSD rally; instead, we go out and walk the Autocross Course. Later, we visit the Porsche Design store in a town just west on I-10. That “pays off.” How so? There is a special drawing that only Parade goers are eligible to enter. Two weeks later, Paul wins Porsche Design luggage!

That evening it’s time for the Concours Banquet, so large that it took two ballrooms; there are something like 2,000 people. It trends dressy, as you’d expect from a dinner dedicated to a Concours, a “Contest of Elegance.” First-rate food, which is no small feat given the sheer number of meals to be delivered in such a compressed time span. Medjool date-braised short rib was the superb main course.

Wednesday, we do another in-person check of the course in the late morning; now with cars running, it’s the first day of competition. There is a large concrete patch that clearly has a big reduction in grip . . . That’s where people are repeatedly sliding wide, getting sideways, and more. After that, we head to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. It takes about ten minutes to go up two and a half miles inside Chino Canyon, eventually to over 8,500 feet. Stunning scenery and the tram cars actually rotate as you ascend/



descend . . . The largest tram in the world that does that. Don’t miss that next time you’re in Palm Springs. At the TSD banquet

that evening, it’s announced that NORD STERN has earned a 2nd place in the Class V newsletter awards; congratulate Christie next time you see her! (Editor’s Note, thank you Kim, it was a nice surprise!)

Thursday, it’s my day to compete at the Autocross. The Cayman is legal for the Stock Class, except? The Cup 2R’s have a 140 treadwear rating, and 180 is the minimum for all the Showroom Stock and Production Classes. I’m in what I call “never-never land,” Class M03 is essentially an unlimited, full-race allowed, class. Indeed, that’s what happens: a full-factory Cayman GT4 Clubsport MR racecar is entered, and with two drivers. Run your street car against a factory racecar with two well-known drivers? The very definition of an uphill battle, park it? You know me better than that. When the dust clears I have split the lap times of the two drivers in the Cayman Clubsport MR, #141 & #73.

(Photo: below, official PCA Parade photo.)



I didn’t get the win, but besting the lap time of a factory racecar, even just once . . . With an utterly stock street version of the same Porsche model . . . I won’t be apologizing. Maybe next year tire availability will be better and I can get one of the great 200 treadwear autocross tires in the stock sizes for the Cayman? Then I’d be in Showroom Stock Class S07.

Later that night Porsche has added something special. The 964/911 RSR 3.8 is a featured car in the new Transformers “Rise of the Beasts” movie. They have arranged for a one-off theater showing for Parade attendees ahead of the forthcoming official release. Porsche only made 55 of that RSR, so a number of replicas were created for the movie, it plays the part of “Mirage.” I

won’t spoil it by giving more hints about the movie; this free sneak preview was yet another plus of being at Parade.



Friday morning? That’s the usual time for the last of the Big Four competition events: the Tech Quiz. 50 Questions on Overall Porsche History, Racing and Technical, and then 25 Questions on your “model specific” car. Plus, five tie-breakers, just-in-case. I’m in Q07M, the “Transaxle” cars; this class now combines the 928 with the 924/944/968 series. This is actually two different models, spanning nearly 19 years each; I bet there is less than 1% overlap in parts other than fasteners. I do have a soft spot for the 944 Turbo S, but I’ve never actually owned one of the four-cylinder series. Yes, I study to enhance my knowledge on these models. Later there’s the Autocross Banquet, which is actually a snazzy buffet . . . And the “cowboy casual” tone is a change that’s a good match. The week is just flying by.

Saturday is the Parade of Porsches. This commemorates the original Porsche PARADE, now 67 years ago. The limit was 300 cars, with 600 more wanting to get “in.” We’ll drive the famous Palms-to-the-Pines twisting highway that goes up 18 miles from the desert floor into the mountains, and then we’ll return. Talk about a “RENNBOW” of Porsche colors!

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*Members of the region are welcome to place ads of a non-commercial nature at no charge for two months. \$10 for non-members. Submissions must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication date: editor@nordstern.org.*

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years and it has always been stored in a garage. Four original wheels are included, (not shown in the photo). A new battery was put in in 2022 and a radio with speakers was added in 2005. The price is \$4,500. Due to the

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## Prez Sez . . .

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event time slots over the three-day event. It also allowed **Jim Southwell**, our volunteer Chair, the ability to communicate with each person and coordinate their time and talents.

Epic Driving is Ahead on October 6-8, 2023 with Nord Stern's Annual Fall Color Tour.

Join us for the 2023 version:

- Gala Reception at the historic Kitchi Gammi Club on Friday evening at the Kitchi Gammi Club
- Followed by a full day of driving on scenic and winding roads in northern Wisconsin
- Wrapping up Saturday evening with (new addition) a Paddock Pizza Party

We are limited to 75 participants. Once again headquartered out of Duluth and the lovely Pier B Resort, where we have secured an expanded block of 30 rooms. Book your

room and get ready to enjoy the north shore of Wisconsin and Minnesota at the peak of the Fall color.

When booking use Leader Number 180733. Please email [fct@nordstern.org](mailto:fct@nordstern.org) or [fallcolortour@nordstern.org](mailto:fallcolortour@nordstern.org) with any questions.

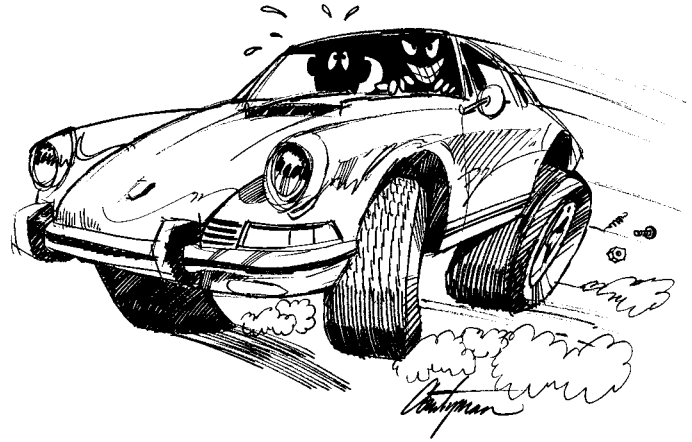
We are far from finished for 2023! Look for more Events ahead from our Drive Chairs, **Theo Martianos** and **Nick Severson** ([drives@nordstern.org](mailto:drives@nordstern.org) (see Ad below for the upcoming Drives) as well as Social Chairs, Michelle Weber-Eckroth and April Barker ([social@nordstern.org](mailto:social@nordstern.org)) have several outings planned for us. They are having a blast and would LOVE to have you join in

the fun. Send them an email and ask how you can be part of their team.

Please keep your web browser pointed you to [www.nordstern.org](http://www.nordstern.org) for more detail and [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) to sign up and register.

I hope to see you at a Nord Stern event soon and thank you for allowing us to be part of your Porsche Passion.

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Jeff Eckroth



## Upcoming Nord Stern Drives

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July 2023 has been a spring and summer in Minnesota where the weather has often been quite cooperative for the limited 'driving' season here in the upper Midwest. And our Nord Stern calendar has certainly reflected members underlying interest and passion for getting out and taking advantage of the roads, the destinations, the sheer fun and joy of putting the foot down on the accelerator and enjoying the the handling capabilities of their cars.

Looking back and seeing all the smiling faces in the sheer plethora of photos, and participant numbers, from events sure underscores how much Minnesotans like to just 'get out and drive'.

And there are more options coming up - see the list to the left and get signed up! These are always great and end at fun restaurants or wineries. What's NOT to love.



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## Nord Stern's 2023 Fall Color Tour . . .

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- Registration fee \$40 per person: includes Friday night at Kitchi Gammi Club and Saturday night Paddock Pizza Party
- Friday Night @ Gala Reception at the Kitchi Gammi Club – enhanced food spread (shrimp!) with passed heavy apps. Cash Bar
- Saturday Drive (full circle) – Leaving Pier B to just outside of town (Hwy#53 wayside) to regroup . . . next destination Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center



(Ashland, WI) to regroup with a few stops on the way to Lacewoods Resort for Buffett Lunch (Lunch \$23 per person, beverages extra)

- Then on to Cornucopia, WI
- Back to Pier B ETA about 4:30 p.m. (Gas/Refueling options along the way)
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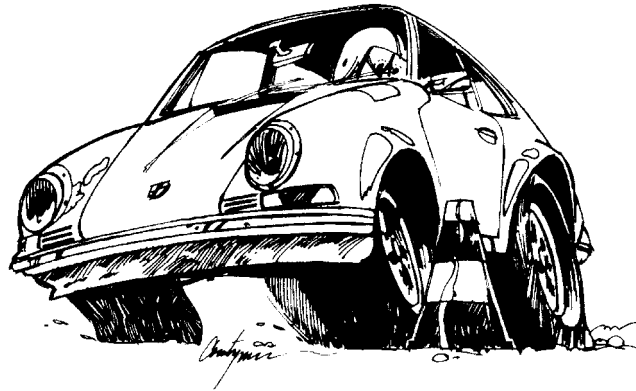
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**T**wo magic days driving manufacturers' latest offerings came and went again last month. And your humble scribe is here to report back on a new year and a new slew of vehicles.

This is an annual event, for which major thanks go to the Rocky Mountain Automotive Press Assn, for arranging everything. And the vehicle manufacturer reps, for bringing the cars.

A few top-of-mind observations. First, annual spoiler alert; no Porsche participation, no Audi participation, no BMW participation. Audi and BMW have participated in the past. But Porsche has never shown, for at least the last 10 years that I've gone. I have no idea why. They're all missing out.

As for the manufacturer reps, riding shotgun, or in the back seat, I must say, this year's crop was extremely knowledgeable, and really good company. Forthcoming on tech, and product planning, and industry observations. It hasn't always been like that. And I didn't notice even one cringe, as we blasted through the twisties.

Which brings up the route. Oh, we've been in the mountains before. But this year was some of the best of the best. Up to the Peak to Peak Highway, back down for lunch in Lyons, up to Estes Park, into Rocky Mountain National Park, over Trail Ridge Road, down and through to Winter Park for the night. The following day were drives around the surrounding roads. Then up and over Berthoud Pass (11,300 ft elevation) and back down. A quick hop on I-70 to Georgetown and up over Guanella Pass. Then back down, a left onto 285 and back to our base in Golden, CO.

We saw elk, we saw moose, we saw deer, we saw pronghorn sheep, we saw tundra, we saw snow, we saw rain, we saw sun, we saw curves, we saw straights.

Oh yeah, the cars. Of course there were EVs, and there were hybrids, and there were SUVs, and there were trucks. I couldn't find the time to get into everything. But I did spend seat-time in two, yes, two manual transmission fun machines. The Toyota Corolla GR. And the Acura Integra Type S.

Did I enjoy them? Is Trail Ridge Road the highest road in North America that goes somewhere? The GR can't escape its econobox roots. But 300 hp from a 1.6-liter three cylinder

mill, driving all four wheels, can get your attention. Hey, Subaru, this really is a street rally car for today. Linear punch into the stomach, a nice, tight ride, no-thought steering. If you're interested, I'd order one today. They won't last.

Nor will the Integra. A year ago, I drove the A-Spec, and I found it a buzz-box, sadly lacking in oomph. No longer. The exterior's more pumped up, the interior's more luxe, the power's more . . . more. And, on the overrun, the engine gives you a "pop pop pop" song that's almost worth the price of admission, in and of itself.

Trends this year. The Honda Accord hybrid had paddle shifters that didn't actually shift the vehicle at all. What they did was control the degree of regenerative braking, when you lifted. You went from virtually none to, well, a lot. Paddle on the left for more, paddle on the right for less.

Full-on, I found this remarkably useful in the twisties. But I couldn't help wondering, does it affect fuel economy? Honda's rep said hardly. Does it save on wear and tear on brake pads? Yes. Do brake lights come on, when in full regenerative mode? I forgot to ask. But I did hum Fleetwood Mac's "You Can Go Your Own Way."

The Mercedes-Benz AMG GLE 63 S 4matic+SUV won the longest model name contest. And, with a reported 603 hp and 627 ft-lbs of torque, with the help of a 48-volt hybrid assist, leading to a reported 0-60 time of 3.7 seconds, at an MSRP north of \$160K, it also won the most outrageous vehicle award, at least from me.

The Benz also featured the most over-the-top dash. The usual digital instrument cluster, flanked by the largest infotainment system maybe in existence. I mean, in nav mode it looks like you unfolded a complete digital, touch-sensitive Hagstrom map. And then, to its right, there's another digital panel, just for the front-seat passenger. And it all kinda flows up, almost into the straight-ahead sight-line, giving a slightly truncated view forward. A true Godzilla vehicle.

What else? The new Prius Prime looks sensational. And drives like a good car, not a Mobil Economy Run entrant. God bless the natural induction of the Lexus IS 500. And the massaging rear seat in the Genesis G90.

Life is good. Thank you all.



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important message. That enmass volunteerism is both acknowledged and



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Think of it commencing as a “cars and coffee” event that’s all Porsche, and then morphing into a spirited tour.

Directly afterwards, we go to the Volunteer Worker Party. If you do one day of work



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(a total of two shifts), you qualify, and I think having this “extra” dedicated event sends a crucially

tangibly rewarded, not merely taken for granted. I think Paul did FIVE worker shifts! A nice buffet lunch and door prizes; nearly everybody got something . . . There was sharing around our table that ensured that.

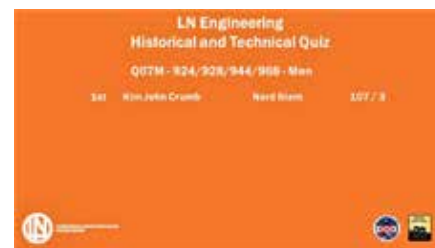
Early in that evening, it was time for a special social with long-time Porsche friends. We enjoy Mumm Brut Prestige while seated near the DAKAR 911 model that Porsche has put on display. This is the



fabric of the PARADE, seeing so many Porsche friends each year. As we imbibe the nectar-of-victory-circle, I reminisce with John and Dodie Mueller . . . They were Nord Stern members twice, and Dodie was once our Newsletter Editor. Pat and Jerry Magolan, the Hurricane Region Ex-Prez, are twenty-plus years PCA friends, also join our celebratory occasion. We remember back to 1988, for example. The Nord Stern “Varmints” first attended the

Rolex 24 race at Daytona; there were nine 962’s entered, and Porsche had previously won the 24 HOUR 11 times in-a-row. But? Jaguar/Walkinshaw came with three entries, and they didn’t underestimate the task of challenging Porsche . . . They were prepared to the teeth . . . 1,000 Dunlop tires and the works. The race pace was extreme, and rate of attrition was high. In a see-saw battle, the Jag just barely got the win with a Porsche 962 just over a minute and something behind . . . After 24 hours! Talk about never give up; it was even minus one of the doors! Then we flew directly to California to do the three-day Advanced Jim Russell racing school at Laguna Seca. We stayed at the Hotel Pacific and drove an advanced formula racecar as the exhilarating training vehicle. Jon Beekhuis, the Indy Light Champion that year, was our primary instructor. Great times, clearly a full expression of our car innate passion, mutually intense experiences well worth recalling together.

An hour later, it’s the final event, the Victory Banquet. Another great multi-course dinner, and they announce the Tech Quiz awards. OK to brag a little? In class order, Q01 M&L though Q09 M&L, these are the winning scores: 93-80-105-96-78-56-77-104-77-107-58-92-56-104-72. That 107, the highest? Yours truly in Q07M . . . We know our Porsche stuff in Nord Stern!



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Headed home, I take a slightly different route, Hwy. 95, through SE California, picking up my outbound route at Las Vegas. How about testing the 80+ mph fuel mileage in Utah? It's one of the few states with that speed limit, so you can maintain that clip for the hundreds of miles necessary to make the test functionally valid. It's great to cruise in the low 80's with near impunity, and it will be interesting to see the measurement? Aerodynamic drag rises with the square of the speed; this will be a tangible test of Porsche engineering. As I cross into Colorado the speed limit drops, that's "test over." At just under 300 miles, with an average speed of 77 mph? 31.0 mpg.



Compared to the test on the first travel day, this is six mph faster; and it has only dropped 1.2 mpg. Again, Dr. Porsche would be proud of that efficiency.

It's north on I-35 in Des Moines; I'm now on the final leg of a 4,000-mile roundtrip; I start thinking about



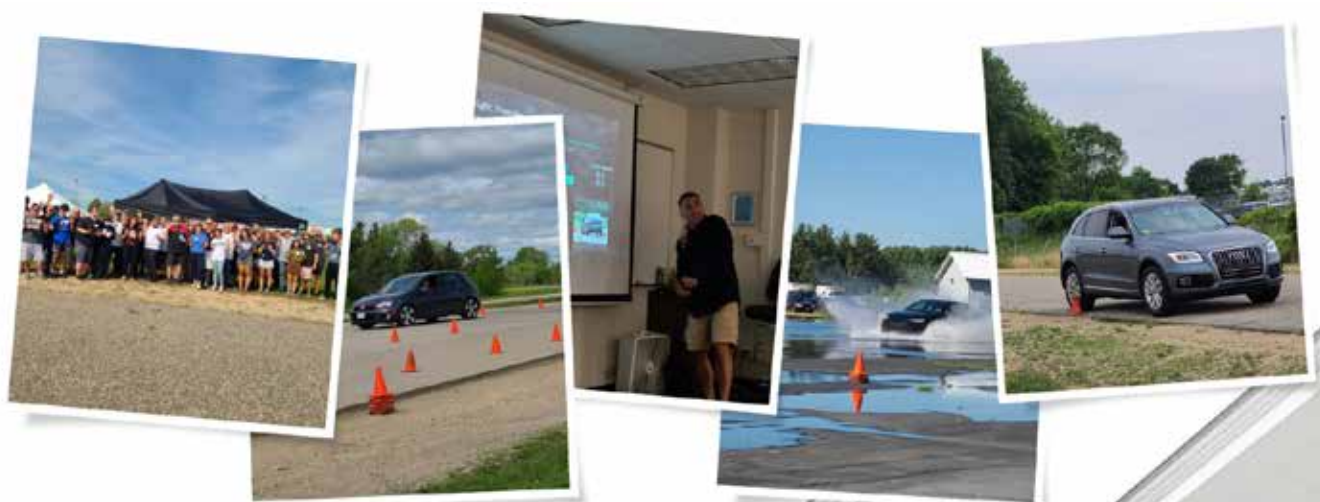
about half the distance. Expect car activities at Barber Motorsports Park, including at the spectacular museum . . . Especially if you're a fan of motorcycles . . . That's at the racetrack.

In 2025, it will be Oklahoma City, the week after the big 4th of July holiday, July 6th – 12th. Heck that's only 780 miles away! All the fun, with fewer "travel calories," see you there?

– K.J.Crumb, 2023



the next couple Porsche Parades. They'll be closer to MSP! Next year it's in Birmingham, Alabama, on June 9 – 15 and



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