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Apples and Porsches - they do go together!
Captured at the recent Nord Stern outing
to The Arbor at Young Acres

Photo by Michael Grabner



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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

Our Future is So Bright . . .

Earlier in October, Nord Stern Members had an amazing, shared experience in Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. The annual Fall Color Tour, led by **Jim and Cid Holton, Jim and Gail Southwell, Dennis Kruze, Scott Wilson, Michelle Weber Eckroth** and me had the pleasure of leading 75 members, in 40 cars, through the beautiful countryside. Truth be told, this was our first time attending. To say that Michelle and I have been busy is an understatement, but the friendships we made over the weekend and wonder of the scenery we experienced was the perfect ‘medicine.’ Thank you to the team leadership and to the countless new friends we made.



The week prior, we were in Monterey, California for Rennsport 7. So much has been shared on social media already, but the photos can’t replicate actually being ‘in the room where it happens.’ Our Club Historian, **Roger Johnson**, once again worked his visionary magic at RR7. Roger was our chief instigator for Nord Stern at this iconic gathering of Porsche. Kudos to Roger for establishing our base at the Casa Munros resort and being the brainchild behind the Nord Stern Tapas Dinner and Social. RR7 was the most amazing Porsche experience I have had to date and I’m a bit sad that we need to wait four more years for the next one.

October 14th signaled the end of our Nord Stern year with the Checkered Flag Party at Buck Hill. I was asked “are you relieved.” My reply was an easy ‘no,’ as this year has been energizing, engaging, and an absolute Joy. I can’t thank our **Board, Executive Committee** and **Chairs** enough for elevating Nord Stern and its members experiences in 2023. Can I get a ‘high five’ for **April Sader Barker** and **Michelle Weber-Eckroth** for, once again, creating this epic event for us to gather and celebrate!

Now on to some serious business. Page 16 highlights the future for our club. I encourage you to read the bios for the slate of Officers and Board of Directors closely. These amazing people are on deck to serve our members in 2024. Your Vote in support of these dedicated members means a lot as we build the leadership team for next year. Thank you to **Tom Karn, Steve Albers, Scott Brown, Tom Sabow, Steve Kemp** and **John Velure** for stepping up to serve. This also means we humbly give a standing ovation to **Chip Smith** for his many years of service as he cycles off the Board of the Directors. When I need honest straight answers, I can always count on Chip. His guidance and support has been priceless. Chip – Thank you!

Now: Get ready for 2024 and join in the fun! We are having a blast and would love to have you jump in and play a role driving Nord Stern forward. Check out page four for

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Well, it's fall and we all know what that means . . . P-cars owners start thinking about winter storage options and techniques but before that, there are many roads and drives possible. Especially to catch some of our area's hopefully, colorful fall foliage. This issue does have several great collections of Porsche action at several 'last' 2023 events. Including this year's Fall Color Tour headquartered at PierB in Duluth. Check those out.

But before that, do read the write up we (meaning Jake Sawinski and myself) put together highlighting a wonderful father-son Porsche connection. In this case, the late Clint Sawinski, who was a PCA and long-time Nord Stern member passionate about all his Porsches and with PCA club racing, and his son Jake who now possesses Clint's very first Porsche - a 1977 brown 911 coupe. The Porsche he last was racing was a 1995 993 in GT Silver (#95) features in Jake's memories and it must be noted that the current owner of that car added a note on Facebook (the origins of our correspondence and photos) that I just HAVE to share!

Jake, I actually own the silver '95 993 that's in that photo. It's been a great race car and every time it comes out somebody tells me a story about your dad and that car. It looks quite a bit different now, but people still recognize the car somehow!

— Adam Karon

As noted, once again in this issue there are a bunch of photos from a number of events the club has held since our last

issue - and some photos from earlier 'outings' too. Be sure to browse through and soak up that 'flavor' of Nord Stern camaraderie and bonhomie for which we are so aptly known.

But, don't see perhaps a lot of faces you know? Go ahead and introduce yourself at an upcoming event - you'll be pleasantly surprised at how friendly club members are and it's always rewarding meeting new folks who share in an interest and passion such as our cars, Porsche, driving, touring, eating (yes!) and all the rewards inherent in any 'road trip!'

I know when we first joined it really was seeing the cool event photos and friendly faces of people having a good time at a social, at the track, at tech events that made it so much easier to join in. And you can bet I have never regretted putting a bit of effort into those first 'hi, my name is Christie' back in the day! Try it.

And make sure to check out our January 'Green Flag Party' that'll be here soon and signals the start of another great year of Nord Stern action. See you there.

And ONE correction from last month, Jerry Greene's tire guys name is Randy Bauerfiend (blame this one on MS Office's Autocorrect!!).

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2023

- 7 **Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
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DECEMBER

2023

- 5 **Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: The Exchange, 500 5th Ave NW, New Brighton,
RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome

JANUARY

2024

- 13 **GREEN FLAG PARTY 2024**
Location: Green Acres Event Center in Eden Prairie
Details TBA - watch your PCA news blasts, too

** Business Meetings are open to all Nord Stern members and we welcome all to join in and enjoy some refreshments and hear what's on tap, note that this year 2023 they are held the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the Month, contact the president for locations if not noted.*

LOCAL CAR EVENTS, OF INTEREST

These events are NOT organized, nor sponsored by Nord Stern or PCA, but club members are cordially invited

• MN CARS AND COFFEE •

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• OCTAINE AND CAFFEINE

2nd Saturday of the month Medina Autoplex, April - October

• CARS AND CAVES •

Last Saturday at the Chanhassen Autoplex • 8 a.m. - Noon

****Please note:** Nord Stern sponsored events are officially designed 'Nord Stern' and/or PCA (Porsche Club of America) activities. All other events of potential interest to club members may be added, upon request and dependent on space availability, to this calendar as a courtesy to the organizer, or organizing entity, and at the discretion of the editor.

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**Happy Thanksgiving
from Nord Stern**

A Father Son Journey with Porsche

by Jake Sawinski, 1977 Brown 911 Coupe

Recently, while scrolling through Nord Stern's Facebook page, a particular post caught my eye and I could NOT resist reaching out to this particular Nord Stern FB member. There, in his sweaty attire was the late Nord Stern member/club racer, Clint Sawinski. Clint passed away several years ago at far too young an age.

There are many club members who remember Clint, his various track cars, his enthusiasm for racing and his graciousness in sharing his skills. The Boeders have a lot of Clint stories and I am so pleased to connect with Clint's son, Jake, the FB member who posted the photos that caught my attention. Jake has been kind enough to share a number of his father/son memories and the connection they shared with Porsche. Please enjoy, as both Bruce and I did; our memories and connections are so important!



driving our trusty tow vehicle, a Jeep Cherokee (Classic), in the middle of the night. He would get as much sleep as he could while I was driving, and we would pretty much arrive at the track just in time for him to throw on his race suit and get on track for first practice. That trailer was badly undersized, so we were always blowing tires and leaf springs on it.

And I did get to participate in 2 or 3 Driver Ed weekends at BIR around 2010 in my dad's track 993 (the silver car #95).

For the Brown 1977 911 coupe (photos above and below), he would always tell me when I was a kid *"someday that will be your car."* When you're a kid growing up you just pass those comments off. *"Ok, sure, Dad. Whatever you say"* is all I would think in those moments. When my dad's good friend "delivered" the car in the weeks after his passing, that's when the reality of his loss started to set in.

My dad had bought the 911 while he was living in Germany for a year or two, and when he moved back to the States, he imported it to bring it home with him. He was the 2nd owner and now I am the third. I remember my sister and I getting sick in the back seat of it when we were toddlers!

I know I am very, very fortunate to have this Porsche, and to be honest I need to remind myself of that from time to time. There's not a day that goes by that I wish I didn't have this car and had a healthy father. So, it's really a generational car for me. My aspirations with it are to get it 'healthy' and back on the road and keep it on the road. Some day (hopefully a LONG time from now), it will be my son's car. And when that day comes, I'd want to have it as a well sorted, vintage,



Above, Clint, on the right, cooling off (note no Cool Shirt technology for him!)

Photos far right: Clint and son Jake together at one of the races

Clint in his silver 993 #95 waiting in the grid for one of the PCA club races at Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI with Nord Sterner Jerry Greene (note the Jerry cartoon decal!) right behind

all photos courtesy Jake Sawinski

Growing up, I had the opportunity to spend many weekends with my dad heading to different tracks. And when I eventually got my driver's permit, I became his "co-driver" for various cross-country trips trailering the race car to Road America, Mid-Ohio, Putnam Park, and of course, BIR, among others.

We would load up the car and all the gear on the Thursday night after his work and my school and as soon as we got home from work/school on those Fridays, we would hit the road - headed to whatever race was on the schedule. For the longer drives such as Mid-America I would take over



air-cooled, analog machine that won't be forgotten - or left in a field somewhere!

I've had the car about 4 years now (yikes, it's been that long already). And just this summer I finally got a bit more serious about working on it. I got it running by flushing out the old gas, an oil change, and tuning the CIS injection system. Frankly, it would always start and run - but pretty rough. The shifting felt just terrible, and I just thought that's how an old car should feel. But I finally looked into it and discovered that the bushing in the shift linkage was completely gone. So, I replaced that and the other two shifter bushings.



Right now I am working on rebuilding the brakes. All but one caliper was completely stuck. The plan for this upcoming winter after the brakes, are the suspension bushings and oil leaks. The rear main seal leaks badly and the few times I've driven the car

around the block it smoked pretty bad from the oil leaking right onto the exhaust. Valve

cover gaskets and oil return tubes are also on the list. If I get those things taken care of this winter that should get the car back on the road for next summer. From there I can drive it for a summer and then put together another winter "to do" list.

No matter what happens with the car I'll always have a time capsule. And a great reminder of my dad and



all those race weekends adventures.



October Nord Stern Business Meeting Minutes

by Tom Sabow, Secretary

Attendees:

- Jeff Eckroth, Steve Kemp, John Velure, Steve Albers, Carolyn Veno, Jim Southwell, Scott Brown, Tom Sabow, Andy Golfis, Karen Carson, Chip Smith, Roger Johnson, Judy Sievers, Amanda Zander, Rich Rolfs, Dan & Amanda, Michael Steinberg

Meeting was Called to Order at 6:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President, Jeff Eckroth:
- We'll be discussing chair positions at November meeting
- Big thank you to **Roger Johnson** for Rennsport/Nord Stern coordination of resort rooms and the Thursday evening gathering.

Vice President: Tom Karn:

- No report

Treasurer: Scott Brown:

- Still working on chair transition
- All financials will be on QuickBooks

Secretary: Tom Sabow:

- No report

Board of Directors: Steve Kemp, John Velure, Chip Smith

- Loonacy/Club Race Weekend:
- no report

Advertising: Mollie Nygaard

- All is good and up to date.

All Porsche Show: Phil Saari and Hal Voges

- **Jim Southwell** is stepping in to co-chair with Phil in 2024

Autocross: Andy Golfis

- Lots of Porsches at the September 17 event at Dakota County Technical Center

Club Race/Loonacy: John Velure, Steve Kemp

- Loonacy merchandise is still available on website
- Party World is out of business so we'll need a new tent/event equipment vendor
- Loonacy Weekend chair position is open for 2024

Dealerships: Roger Johnson

- Porsche Minneapolis now officially has "Classic Dealer" status and is holding their first Classic Dealer event on October 11. Many Nord Sterners attended.

Driver Education: John Blackburn

- Working on getting ahead of 2024 negotiations with BIR

Drivers Training: Ben Rogers, Scott Brown

- 9 students signed up for Last Fling
- Want to keep using advertising for future DT events

Historic Archivist: Roger Johnson

- No report

Insurance: Jeff Carlson

- No report

Membership: Steve Albers, Michael Steinberg, Carolyn Veno

- 714 paying members. 98 new members ytd 2023!
- **Amanda Zander** is stepping into a co-chair role in 2024
- We need a place to store the tent, AV equipment, tables etc.
- One of the tent legs is damaged. Currently looking for a fix.

Magazine: Christie Boeder

- No report. Please send photos and event write-ups directly to Christie's email: editor@nordstern.org

Registrar: Dave Anderson and Andy Barker

- No report

Safety Chair: Nathan Reader, Paul Thai

- No report

Shop & Tech Relations: Roger Johnson

- No report

Social: Michelle Weber-Eckroth and April Barker

- 40 attendees at Apple Orchard event on September 23
- Weather was great and food and drinks were delicious! Check pictures in this issue.

- Upcoming Checkered Flag Party at Buck Hill on October 14
- Green Flag Party date is January 13. Venue is Green Acres Event Center in Eden Prairie

Social Media: Misty Martianos, Christie Boeder, Judi Sievers

- Our use of social media continues to be a great launch point to inform & remind members of events. It's also proving to be a good marketing tool to help convince people to want to become members of Nordstern.
- Thank you to all for contributing content & photos!

Touring, Rallies, Drives: Theo Martianos, Nick Severson

- Thank you for your service, Theo and Misty
- Nick will continue as chair and be joined by **Rich Rolf**.

Track Relations: Jim Bahner

- No report

Webmaster: Dave Anderson, Christie Boeder

- No report



Above, Rich Hall captured a great shot from this year's Fall Color Tour - and this isn't of course everyone participating in the tour drive. What a great turnout!

Next Meeting

- November 7 at Spasso, in Minnetonka

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:18 pm

Respectfully submitted

Tom Sabow, Secretary

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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!
- 32 members signed up to volunteer at Loonacy Weekend, and filled some 65 volunteer slots using our new Volunteer signup page: <https://website.nordstern.org/volunteer-new/>. All had a chance to contribute, meet other fellow members, and share their Porsche stories. How about you?
- Take a look and see where **YOU** can take that little leap and be a part of the big picture in Nord Stern!
- Remember - The club needs those helping hands all year round.

Last Fling at BIR - Another picture perfect outing



Above: Heading to grid at Last Fling

Below: A very arty shot of Speedy and your editor thinks it merits a 'caption contest'! We do know how to have fun - vReminds me the sun artwork at the end of CBS morning news segments.



Above: A bit of serious mechanical adjustments and tweaking by anyone with the name of Speedy must truly be most skilled!

Below: President Jeff Eckroth is all smiles



Above: April Barker ready to get on track and 'up to speed'

Below: Joe Pietri and Jeff Eckroth enjoying the sights and sounds inside one of the garages at BIR full of Driver Ed 'participants' aka, the CARS!





Above, Our most favorite track Starter Judi Sievers with her beautiful 1999 911



Mark Mann checking tire pressures - important stuff for track times



Above: Speedy (Carolyn Veno) checks out some seriously wide tires
Below: Joe Pietri attends Nord Stern's Last Fling



Above: A room full of DE drivers at Last Fling listen attentively
Below: Mark Schumacher and his '912' Porsche with appropriate car #'s



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PRESIDENT – TOM KARN

Although my fascination with the Porsche marque goes back to the 80's, it wasn't until somewhat recently that we had the fortune of purchasing our first 911. Top-down drives in our 2009 Carrera Cabriolet have become one of our favorite summer pastimes. After encouragement from several Nord Stern members, the track events soon became an additional passion. What started as just an opportunity to drive incredible cars fast turned into wonderful weekends with great friends. I can't wait to meet many more amazing Porscheophiles and see what the next P-Car adventure brings.

VICE PRESIDENT – STEVE ALBERS

Back in 2004, I bought my first Porsche, a 2001 Black Boxster S. My job allowed me to live anywhere. In the winters I would suitcase out of a buddies house down in Cape Coral, FL. I would jet between Cape Coral and Miami Beach to visit my girlfriend. Never has a more boring stretch of highway been 'so not boring!' I'll never forget those vexing words echoing through my passenger window, "Give me one reason why I shouldn't take you to jail right now?" Ahh, those were the days. Thankfully I grew into an older, wiser me. Now, this same thrill is enjoyed within the confines of the track; And I'm in a place to give back. My goal is to listen, learn and lead as those before me have done for me.

SECRETARY – TOM SABOW

I noticed my first Porsche when I was 16. It was parked at Ridgedale in Minnetonka. It was a 928. Copper/brown, parked nose in, and that ever so cool spaceship-like rear-end grabbed my attention and never let go. Fast forward to my Cayman GTS purchase in 2019 and a dream fulfilled. A neighbor and Nord Stern member soon after heard my lamentations that "Target runs do not do this car justice!" And before I knew it Bill had me at BIR for a DE instructing me how to extract the utility for which a Porsche is built. I never had so much fun in my life.

The fun continues to this day and is largely due to the great friends that I've met in Nord Stern and the fantastic Porsche experiences that we continue to share.

TREASURER – SCOTT BROWN

I have had a love for all things fast since getting my license at 16; motorcycles and cars, especially driving fast on back

roads. And then . . . I did my first track event in 2015 in my 996 Turbo. Since then I have driven on track with a number of clubs and a number of cars - I am hooked! In the past couple of years, I have helped revamp the club's Driver Training program (if you haven't tried it yet, you must!). Looking forward to more events, more driving, and more fun.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jeff Eckroth

Hailing from North Dakota, Porsche Cars were not on our radar. In 2014, a friend in Fargo lit the fuse and my wife and I acquired a 'Truck' aka a Cayenne S. Then, soon after, a 997.2 C4S and we were hooked. We have evolved to love and own a representative from each model designation from F body to 992. Being part of the people of Porsche Nord Stern brings us great joy and I desire to share this enthusiasm with our club members, present and future.

Steve Kemp

A long time Audi Quattro fan, I wandered over to the Porsche dealer in 2005 and drove a new 987 Boxster S. After the first corner, I have not stopped smiling. I was able to finally get my own 987 in 2007, joined the club, and have done DE events since then. I'm currently learning how to drive a C4 911 on the track for a new challenge. This club has connected me with so many wonderful people that love their cars as well. I started PCA Sim racing about a year ago and have enjoyed getting to know PCA members all around the US and Canada.

John Velure

I have been around and in the Club since 1981/82. My father had a 73 911T. During those early years, you could find me in the BIR paddock or down at turn one setting up cones when the Club had a chicane at the end of the straightaway. Due to college I missed the late 80s, I engaged again in 1993 after buying an '88 911 Targa. Now my boys have picked up the Porsche bug, I get another opportunity to live vicariously through them. That's what life is about, right? Passing the baton onto your kids.



Now, that's a sign we in Nord Stern love to see! Photo by Gary Hite from the recent 2023 Fall Color Tour headquartered at PierB in Duluth, MN. The Saturday afternoon drive went into Wisconsin and included Lakewoods Resort on Lake Namakagon (above!) in Cable with stops that included Cornucopia on Lake Superior in northern Bayfield County, Wisconsin. And some fabulous driving - watch this issue and future ones for a lot of excellent photographic evidence!

Racing Quote for November:

“What’s behind you doesn’t matter.”

— Enzo Ferrari

Prez Sez . . .

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a listing of our committees and the smiling faces that lead them. This can be you! Send them an email - ask how you can be part of their team. If you are not sure, you can reach out to **Jim Southwell**, our Volunteer Chair at volunteer@nordstern.org or president@nordstern.org and we will hook you up.

In closing, mark your calendar for **January 13, 2024. We are going to kick off 2024 in style at our Green Flag Gala at the Green Acres Event Center.** The venue is an enchanting Historic Barn, and our Guest speaker is none other than Lori Schutz, a highly engaged PCA leader and the daughter of Peter Schutz, President of Porsche in the 80s. Michelle and I can’t wait to see you there.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your Porsche Passion. It is an absolute pleasure to experience our amazing car culture through the friendships I have made.

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The Arbor at Young Acres Social

Kudos to the Club and The Arbor at Young Acres

Mary and I had really outstanding individual pizzas . . . the Twin Cities is filled with good pizza but we both agreed these were some of the best we have had in years. The venue is very nice and the service really friendly.

And the apples were really outstanding . . . we were told that we were the first group to pick their Honeycrisp apples and they are wonderful. As are the Sweet Sixteen apples which have a hint of Cherry Cola . . . quite amazing!

And really great job by **Michelle Weber-Eckroth** and **April Sader Barker** . . . very well set up and thanks from both me and Mary!

— Rich and Mary Rolfs

The Arbor at Young Acres was excellent. I only took 3 photos because I was living in the moment! Thanks to team **Michelle Weber-Eckroth** and **April Sader Barker** for putting on such a great event at a great venue.

It was good seeing new people, and people I already knew. Plus it was fun seeing families doing family stuff. There were tractor rides, a corn maze, outdoor games, the orchard, indoor good food, and amazing beverages.

Plus a great waitstaff with an amazing chef. I hope we do this again next year. I am now ordering the ingredients to make the crust for the pie I plan to make! The sun kept peeking out and it did not rain. It actually was nice it was a bit overcast because to keep the temperatures lower. Well done!

— Misty Martianos





From racing to series production

In 1974 the turbocharger technology recently developed for the 917/10 and 917/30 racing cars finds its way into the Porsche 911.

When the series version of the Porsche 911 Turbo celebrates its début at the Paris Motor Show in autumn 1974, it heralds a new age in many ways, and represents a first. Porsche has taken the winning turbocharger technology featured in the 917/10 and 917/30 Can-Am race cars and implanted it into a series vehicle, completely eclipsing the car's previous performance. When combined with the 911 Carrera RS 1973, which is fitted with a naturally aspirated engine, it delivers 210 PS, though with the 911 Turbo it delivers 50 PS more; with 343 Nm of torque, it outperforms the previous top model in the 911 series by a solid 88 Nm. The 911 Turbo is seriously fast, achieving speeds in excess of 250 km/h and reaching 100 km/h from a standing start in just 5.5 seconds. In short, its performance sets new benchmarks and hits new heights for drivers.

Hans Mezger, engineer and “father” of the Porsche turbo engine, captures the essence of the first 911 Turbo in a few words: “It’s still all about driving – where other engines hit their limits, the turbo engine is just getting started. So driving is even more thrilling.” In fact, the 911 Turbo takes driving pleasure and dynamics to new heights – by no means is it a simple sporty enhancement for anyone and everyone. Though the three-cylinder boxer – which is fitted with mono-turbocharger, wastegate and Bosch K Jetronic fuel injector – proves its mettle as a sophisticated Porsche engine even at idling speed, when it hits 4,000 revs on the central counter it really creates new challenges for the driver. If the 911 Turbo comes up in conversation today, people still excitedly remember the “shock to the system” that many drivers experienced, overwhelmed by its powerful acceleration that caused the track-wide rear axle to practically tear into the asphalt. Witnesses of the era certainly reported the odd rear-end collision involving a 911 Turbo; not caused by a driver absent-mindedly braking too late and driving into the next car, but rather the vehicle’s powerful acceleration whilst overtaking ending with some accidental contact.

By a distance – much faster than anyone else

Hans Mezger – The Porsche 917 Chief Engineer

In 1968, Chief Engineer Hans Mezger and his colleagues develop the 917 in record time. The car is a highlight of his career.

Hans Mezger is born on 18 November 1929 in Ottmarsheim, Swabia. After graduating from high school and completing his studies in mechanical engineering at the University of Stuttgart, Hans Mezger joins the technical calculation department at Porsche in 1956. He is initially involved in the development of the Carrera four-cylinder engine and develops his own formula to calculate cam shapes; his formula makes the cam manufacturing process much simpler and brings huge cost savings. At the start of the 1960s, Hans Mezger is also involved in the development of the 1.5-litre eight-cylinder engine and chassis for the Formula One racing car, the Porsche 804, which goes on to win the 1962 French Grand Prix with Dan Gurney at the wheel. After working on the 804, Hans Mezger constructs his first complete engine with six-cylinder boxer for the 911.

Hans Mezger is appointed head of the newly created motorsport development department under Ferdinand Piëch in 1965. Guided by his leadership the department goes on to develop outstanding race cars and racing engines that establish a reputation for Porsche as a world-renowned name in motorsport. The 12-cylinder engine of the Porsche 917 is an undeniable highlight from this period;

the new 580 PS Group 4 sports car proves its might at the 1969 24 hours of Le Mans race, leading the pack with ease until it is forced to drop out near the end. “We were, by a distance, much faster than the rest of the grid in the 917, and the engine ran like clockwork. If the gearbox hadn’t cracked, it would have been an outstanding victory,” continues Hans Mezger. In the subsequent year, the enhanced 917 finally gives Porsche its long-awaited first overall win at the 1970 Le Mans race.

For the 1971 Can-Am racing series, the 12-cylinder engine is fitted with completely new turbocharge technology featuring wastegates, to enable outstanding responsiveness and eventually deliver up to 1,200 PS; by 1974 the same technology has found its way into the series models, namely

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the 911 Turbo.

As well as making many other successful advances in motorsport, Hans Mezger dedicates himself to one particular customer commission in the early 1980s: he constructs the “TAG-Turbo Made by Porsche” engine for the British McLaren racing team. It is a Formula One engine that generates up to 1,000 PS output from just a 1.5-litre displacement. Between 1984 and 1986, this V6 engine dominates the elite motorsport world and wins three consecutive Formula One World Drivers’ Championships.

After 37 years at Porsche, Hans Mezger retired at the end of 1993, though he remains closely affiliated with the Porsche brand and company – and is still the proud owner of a 1977 Porsche 911 Carrera 3.0. His extensive expertise is still much sought-after and valued by journalists and authors.



Porsche 917 50th Anniversary Remi Dargegen Porsche AG



Far left, Judi Sievers and grandson getting ready to pick some of the ripe, yummy apples!

Left, Carolyn Veno tries her hand and also gets a chance to “taste test” the options!

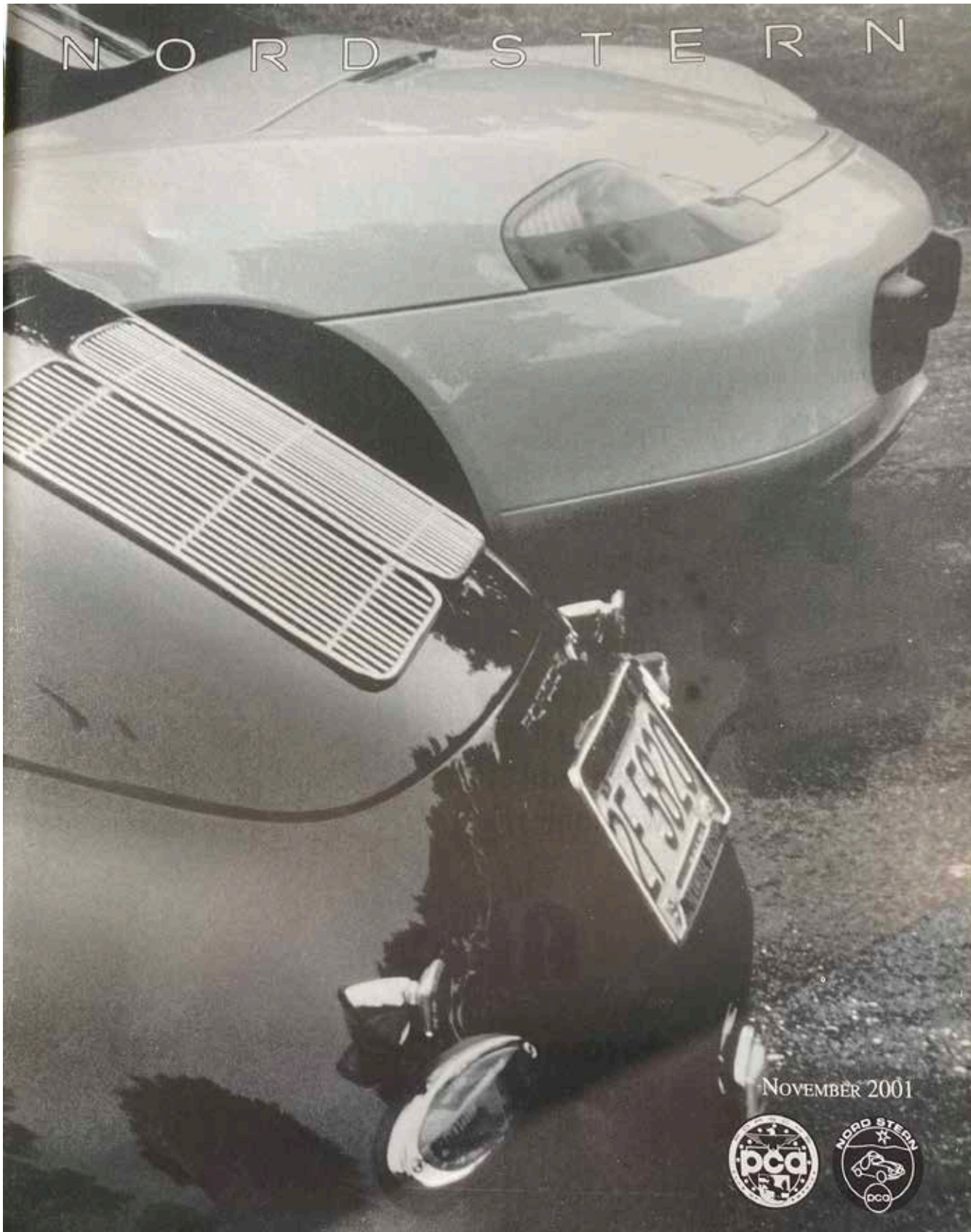


More photos from the club’s apple picking

photos by Michael Grabner

Where We Were . . . 60+ Years!

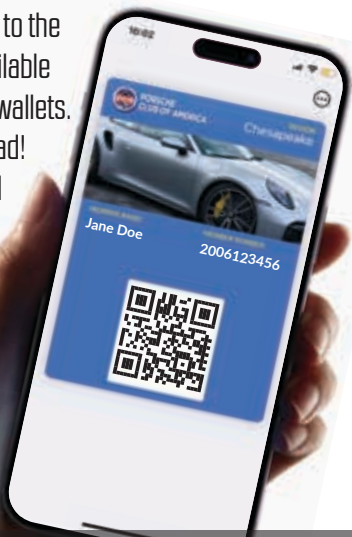
Newsletter Covers and tidbits; scanned by Ron Faust, 1980 Weissach 911 SC, 50th Anniversary 911, 356



Above, the cover from 22 years ago (seems like yesterday to some of us!) of an original photo taken by Ron Faust. Illustrating the 'Old and New' and timelessness of Porsche design. Top is his yellow 2001 Boxster S alongside his 1964 356C. Still stunning after all these years...

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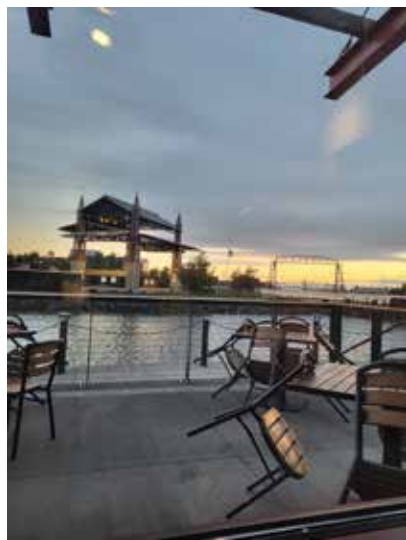


Above, left, the Kitchi Gammi Club in Duluth once again was the host site for the Friday evening 'Welcome Party' for this year's FCT. Above right, Jim Holton, club member welcomes attendees. Below, left is the reception hall where arrivals mingled, middle are the special event stickers ID's for participants, and right is the fabulous hall where appetizers and mingled were enjoyed by all



Saturday adventures: Lakewoods Resort, Cornucopia, Clyde Iron Works

photos by Li Morrisette



Lunch stop was at Lakewoods Resort on Lake Namekagon, stops include Cornucopia on Lake Superior and dinner Saturday evening at the very cool Clyde Iron Works building in Duluth.



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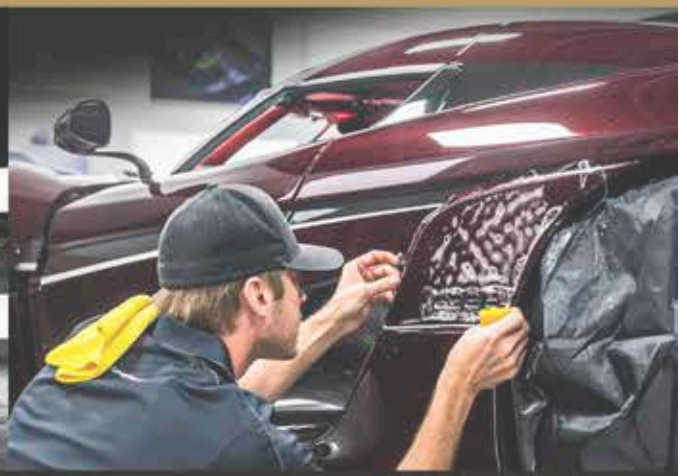
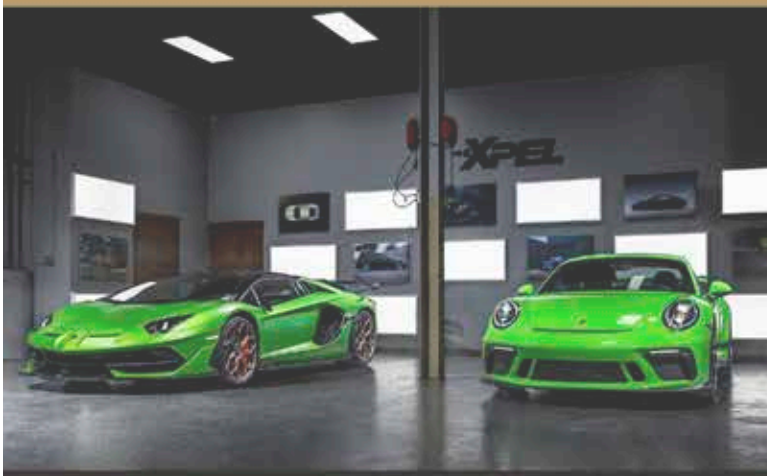
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As a 25 year Nord Stern member this year, I want to extend my appreciation to our Nord Stern social teams. This was a year with many choices and opportunities to share our Porsche Passion.

I am reminded of the saying: Gas fuels our cars, but Volunteers fuel our club."

Thanks to ALL that volunteered in 2023. A note to all member: Participation adds enjoyment!

A special thanks to **April Barker** and **Michelle Weber-Eckroth**, this year's Social Mavens.

– Ed and Ali Vazquez, 1998

Well said, Ed.

– Marty Noonan, 1991

Ditto!

– Michael Grabner

CHECKERED FLAG AT BUCK HILL KUDOS

Great event to end the year! Thanks Michelle (Eckroth-Weber) and April (Barker). Thanks, Board members!

– Cathy Robson

Yes - good friends, good food, good drinks and most of all, the cars!

Great event Michelle and April - you sprinkled in a little of Jeff (Eckroth) to make a perfect event.

– John Velure

Great people, cars, food and a fun social event. Thanks everyone.

Cookies, Too! (editor's note: watch your December issue for some wonderful photographic 'evidence!')

– Marty Noonan

RENNSPORT REUNION 7

It was Christie and my 5th Rennsport Reunion and the opportunity to share it with many Nord Stern Members was special.

Thank you Roger (Johnson) for setting up a block of rooms at Casa Munras, a great place to stay. And thank you Roger for

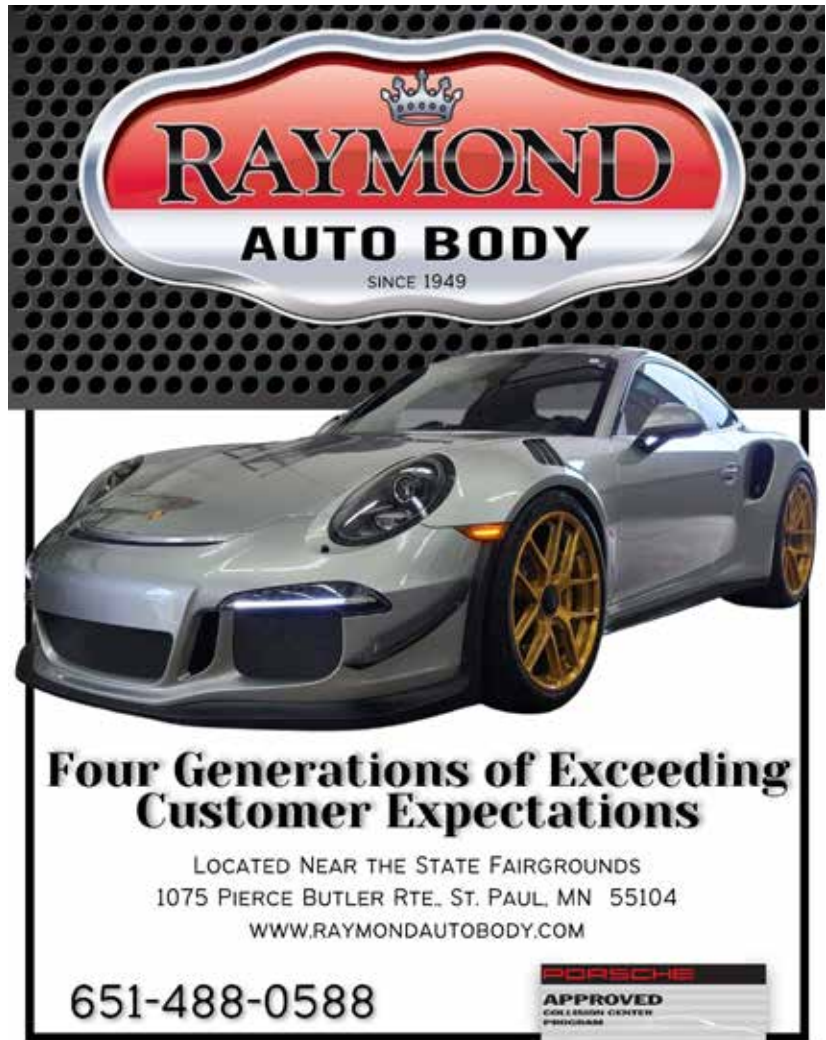
arranging the Thursday night Tapas and bar, also at Casa Munras.

– Bruce A. Boeder

Casa Munras was a great spot for Nord Stern members to congregate for Rennsport. Easy access to Highway 1 to the track and lots of people and fun cars to discuss

with other members as well. I got to meet some members that I've heard about over the years and have not met previously and reconnect with others that I've known for some time. I enjoyed it immensely. Thank you, Roger!

– Jim Southwell



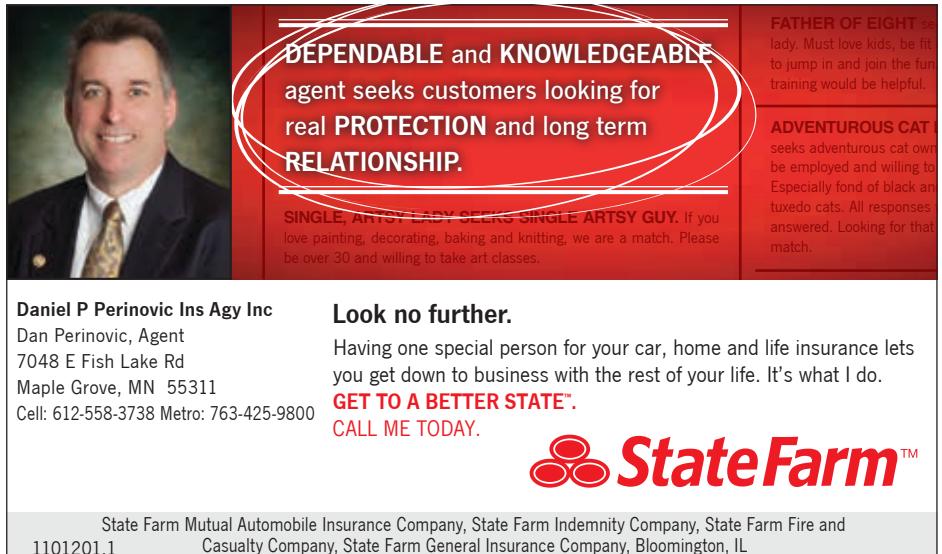
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Group 2 Stagin



A study in Red and Black



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Group 3 participant



Red over Speed Yellow!



Early Boxster Pod in Group 3



Stop at Cornucopia vessel





Above far left, Cathy and her '99 Boxster, PierB HQ, Right: some foliage color at Lakewoods Resort Lake Namekagon

Below left, Lift Bridge and below right, @ Bentleyville

Bottom left, Sunday morning

Bottom right, Sunday morning in Duluth, Bill Swisher's '99 Boxster



Oh man, I really don't like the fall. Yes, yes, I know all about how the leaves change color. How the air gets crisp and brisk. There's just one thing. You have to break out those thick, wooly, layers of clothing, the ones you packed away, at least six months ago, and tried to forget you had. It's time to get resigned and prepared for what will come and what may be.

That's my problem. Cold. Sleet. Snow. Winter. Here in Colorado, if you don't ski or snowboard or skate, or drive a 4WD rally car with studded snow tires (do those tires even still exist?) what's the point? I much prefer spring, and how it moves into summer. The warmth of the sun, the greening of the world, the renewal, the reawakening, the dry, sticky asphalt.

What to do? If you're like me, you hole up, with sensory alternatives like the computer, and books, and magazines, and music. You get through, with gossamer fantasies, stories like the one I just stumbled on, in the on-line version of The Robb Report. In it, they feature a photo shoot of Ralph Lauren's fall clothing collection, with the models all posed in, on or around a vehicle from Ralph's mind-numbing car collection.

You're not familiar with this stable of automotive purity? Think a light blanket of powdery fluff, falling from the sky, creating a monochrome veneer of white that encircles some of the greatest cars ever conceived and created. Like his 1938 Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic Coupe. One of three remaining, of four made. And the model. She's sporting a \$1,990 wool jacket and \$750 patent pumps.

I'm transported into a multidimensional tone poem. Into the soundtrack of my mind come the words and melody to Joni Mitchell's iconic The Urge for Going. "I awoke today and found the frost perched on the town. It hovered in a frozen sky, then it gobbled summer down. When the sun turns traitor cold. And all the trees are shivering in a naked row. I get the urge for going but I never seem to go."

Of course! She needs those studded snow tires!

I'm sure nobody makes studded snows for Ralph's 2015 Ferrari LaFerrari. And this one's black on black. Which is treason, you say. And you may be right, unless you're in the business of creating taste, like Ralph Lauren. The male

model is styled in all-black as well. Again, the setting is a background that's as pure as the driven snow.

I'm humming The Summer Wind. Sung by Frank, with the Nelson Riddle Orchestra. Ralph, Frank, you know you're legendary if that's all you need to say. "The autumn wind and the winter winds, they have come and gone. And still the days, those lonely days, they go on and on. And guess who sighs his lullabies through nights that never end. My fickle friend, the summer wind."

How about Ralph's Blower Bentley? This one's one of the four Birkin team cars that ran at Le Mans in 1929, and won. First through fourth. Driven by the legendary Bentley Boys.

What do I hear? Autumn Leaves. And, no, not the actual leaves, the song. Sung by Eva Cassidy. "Since you went away the days grow long. And soon I'll hear old winter's song. But I miss you most of all my darling. When autumn leaves start to fall."

And then there's Ralph's 1959 Porsche RSK. One of 34. Of course, it's resplendent in silver, perched on a white platform which sits on black flooring. The background is white as well.

I smile. To myself. Because this car, and, in reality all of Ralph's cars, are just so achingly perfect. And timeless. What's that I hear? The words of Marty Balin, and the Jefferson Airplane. "The summer had inhaled and held its breath too long. The winter looked the same, as if it never had gone. And through an open window where no curtain hung. I saw you coming back to me."

Yes, this is transcendent beauty, in design, in art, in music, in performance. This is what gets me through. This is the way to cope with, and maybe conquer, the seasons of life.

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