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To honor this year's gorgeous fall foliage: Michael Grabner's 1977 911 Targa enjoying a fabulous last day which we all treasure before those temperatures truly start to fall. (pun intended)



Photo by Michael Grabner

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

Eric Fortin Edina, MN

John Larsen Hopkins, MN

**Taiwo Ngwa** Minneapolis, MN 2018 911 GT 3

Brad Quinn Eden Prairie

Mark Schneider La Crosse, WI

Nathan West Minneapolis, MN 2004 911 40th Anniversary

### 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!

an I get an 'Amen'!

Drum role please .... Let me be the first to welcome our new Executive Leadership Team:

- Tom Karn President
- Steve Albers Vice President
- Scott Brown Treasurer
- Tom Sabow Secretary
- John Velure, Steve Kemp and Jeff Eckroth Board of Directors

We had a record turnout with over 200 ballots submitted, thanks to the innovative voting system deployed by **Dave Anderson**, our registrar extraordinaire. I am very proud



of the experience, vision, and dedication of our new executive team. There is no doubt that they will continue to elevate our club and the experiences our members have. Thank you for stepping up to make a difference.

In 2023 we have been blessed with leadership at all levels of our club and like none we have experienced before. Through their vision and hard work, our club was able to exceed expectations in so many areas.

Between our Green Flag and Checkered Flag parties much has been accomplished and fun was had. I know I'm missing a few but here we go:

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Steve Albers, Steve Albers Realty				
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Numerous Committees have multiple leaders or Co-Chairs now.

75th Anniversary of Porsche celebration with JDC Motorsports and Porsche of Minneapolis - St. Paul. – **Roger** Johnson.

Rennsport Reunion 7 @ Laguna Seca – **Roger Johnson** taking the lead.

Social Calendar with events too numerous to mention – April Barker and Michelle Weber-Eckroth.

Drives, count 'em, 9 Drives – **Theo Martianos** and **Nick** Severson.

All Porsche Show - Phil Saari and Hal Voges.

Award Winning Magazine edited by Christie Boeder.

Expanded Social Media and web presence – Misty Martianos, Judi Sievers, Christie Boeder and Dave Anderson.

Membership Team extraordinaire – Steve Albers, Michael Steinberg, and Carolyn 'Speedy' Veno.

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### From the Editor. . . by Christie Boeder, 1973 Signal Orange 911

ere we are at the end of another year filled with Porsche's and Porsche events - it really was a very busy year and so many club members took part in quite the variety of options. I do think it's a testament to the willingness of many members to work on the planning, organizing, and execution needed for any one of these gatherings. Kudos to everyone and of course to our fearless leadership.

This particular PCA club has been fortunate to include many very passionate individuals who feel strongly about their Porsche's and are good at finding lots of ways to enjoy them in any number of ways such as driving fun roads, following a cool route to meet up at perhaps a restaurants, or a winery, attending various tech sessions, driver training to learn how to handle and understand your car dynamics, driver education for participation in track activities on various tracks such as Brainerd International Raceway. Then there are the social outings; a brewery to encourage a favorite beverage, an Apple Orchard in the fall picking apples, or perhaps just getting out and driving a few of the curvy roads and byways to be found in our state and across the border in Wisconsin along the bluffs and around the river towns fortunately aren't too far away.

Note that President Jeff Eckroth in his final column for the newsletter does a fabulous job listing and noting many

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- Your membership information with PCA is available for our club's records.
- 3. To RENEW an existing Nord Stern membership
- Visit www.nordstern.org to pay via PayPal (https:// website.nordstern.org/membership/#JoinTheClub).

names of quite the roster of members who stepped up and contributed to the 2023 calendar of opportunities for members. I don't need to repeat any here but instead would like to extend my very, very sincere thanks to the numerous businesses that continue to support our club and the newsletter with their advertising dollars!

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### DECEMBER

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

### JANUARY

- 2 Nord Stern Business Meeting \* Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka (101 & Mtka Blvd) RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome
- 13 NORD STERN GREEN FLAG PARTY 2024 Location: Green Acres Event Center in Eden Prairie Registration on clubregistration.net Details TBA - watch your PCA news blasts, too

#### FEBRUARY

### 2024

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#### MARCH 2024 5 Nord Stern Business Meeting \*

Nord Stern Business Meeting \* Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka (101 & Mtka Blvd) RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome

#### APRIL

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

### MAY20247Nord Stern Business Meeting \*

Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka (101 & Mtka Blvd RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome

#### JUNE

29 Nord Stern Annual All Porsche Show - TENTATIVE Roseville Central Park, 10 am to 1 pm NOTE: This is a Saturday date this year, to be confirmed by the Roseville Rosefest's Committee.

\* 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 •
First Saturday of the month, May - October
 • 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.



### Car Biz Board





### Out and About with fellow Nord Stern members!

photo submitted by Michael Anderson

ditor's Note: Recently on Clubtalk a newer member sent this great photo of one of the Nord Stern business cards some members have on hand to 'compliment' a fellow Porsche owner, and make someone aware of our club.

Michael reported on his experience finding one of these cards on his Porsche (and I can attest that, yes, Michael was at the November business meeting. Seriously, welcome to the club)

Leaving work at the MOA today, this was on my car. I found it humorous since I was just at the business meeting last night. Cheers!

#### – Michael

And P.S. our Prez Jeff E. 'fessed up that he left the 'business card' and as another former membership committee member noted, *"Michael, our Membership Elves leave no stone unturned! Maybe you need a Nord Stern or PCA decal on your car."* A good idea.

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### Porsche invades Buck Hill @ The Checkered Flag Party

by Michael Steinberg



It was a fabulous way to 'end' the 2023 Nord Stern year of fun and action with a party at the Buck Hill Event Center. Above, Rick Polk and Jerry Greene rehash their club racing adventures at BIR, left Personalized COOKIES!











Our thanks to Michael for all the great photos from the 'end of the year' celebration held this past October at the Buck Hill Ski Area event center. Lots of smiling faces attest to a fun afternoon with food, appropriate beverages and some fun door prizes and best of all, Porsche Cookies!

> Clockwise, from right, April Barker MC'ing George and his Mom excited to win advertiser Imola's door prize lots of Porsches in the parking lots of Buck Hill - sans snow! Another view of parked P-cars with a range of models present Sarah and Gary Amendola Andy Golfis, President Jeff Eckroth, Pat Golfis













What's a club without a bunch of enthusiastic, can-do, generous, talented members who step up to get things done (and truly, who doesn't love a good party!). Kudos to eventmasters Michelle Weber-Eckhoff and April Sader Barker above.

L-R, Daniel Matajira, Amanda and Stephen Zander

L-R, Geneva Sorem with her door prize, Carolyn Veno and Cathy Robson

Below L-R, Jay Silverberg and his 'winnings, Chip Smith and Ben Rogers probably comparing track strategies, Amanda Thomas















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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.

### The Nord Stern November business meeting was called to order by President Jeff Eckroth at 6:36 p.m.

- Attendees:
- Jeff Eckroth, John Velure, Carolyn Veno, Jim Southwell, Scott Brown, Tom Sabow, Andy Golfis, Karen Carson, Chip Smith, Roger Johnson, Amanda Zander, Rich Rolfs, Michael Steinberg, Stan Lim, Mike Anderson, Chris O'Connell, Chuck Barr, Tom Karn, Andy Barker, April Barker, Michelle Weber-Eckroth, Christie Boeder, Bruce Boeder, Todd Smith, John Blackbourne, Ben Rogers

### NEW BUSINESS

### President, Jeff Eckroth:

• A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make 2023 a great year for Nord Stern

### Vice President, Tom Karn:

- First Tuesday of every month will remain as our business meeting date, alterating between Spasso's in Minnetonka and The Exchange in New Brighton
- Green Flag Party guest speaker is Lori Schutz, daughter of Peter Schutz, former Porsche CEO

### Tech session discussion

### Treasurer, Scott Brown:

- Tax returns are in for 2021/2022
- Rennsport room deposit refunds are coming

### 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. Invoices will be sent shortly to current advertisers

### All Porsche Show, Phil Saari and Hal Voges:

• no report, date with Roseville's Rosefest TBA

### Autocross, Andy Golfis:

• Discussion concerned identifying Autocross events run by other organizations, that we can direct our members to in 2024.

### Club Race/Loonacy, John Velure, Steve Kemp:

- Loonacy Weekend chair position is open for 2024
- Nice write-up on our 2023 event in Mid America
- Submitted an article to PCA to promote the Club Race

### Dealerships, Roger Johnson:

• In discussions with Porsche Minneapolis for joint events in 2024

### Driver Education, John Blackburn:

• We had FIVE fantastic track events in 2023 with lots of track time for all who participated, even First Fling despite some snow

### Drivers Training, Ben Rogers, Scott Brown:

- 45 new drivers over 3 track events
- Will consider using Dakota County Tech Center track next year for entry level DTs

### Historic Archivist, Roger Johnson:

 Lori Schutz is our Green Flag speaker. She is the daughter of Peter Schutz, former Porsche CEO

### Insurance, Jeff Carlson:

No report

### Membership, Steve Albers, Michael Steinberg, Carolyn Veno:

- 610 paid up members.
- 98 new members ytd 2023

### Magazine, Christie Boeder:

 No report. Please continue to send photos and any event follow-up or PR directly to Christie's email: editor@nordstern.org

### Registrar, Dave Anderson, Andy Barker:

- Working on a new structure for all primary communications.
- Goal is to centralize all thus enabling organizational continuity
- Online newsletter is going behind a pay wall on the website

### Safety Chair; Nathan Reader, Paul Thai:

No report

### Shop & Tech Relations, Roger Johnson:

Lots of shops and potential interesting topics to



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### November Meeting Minutes ....

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choose from in 2024 for tech sessions

Stan Lim joining Roger as co-chair

### Social, Michelle Weber-Eckroth and April Barker:

- Checkered Flag Party in mid-October at Buck Hill was a success!
- Green Flag Party date is January 13th.
   Venue is Green Acres. Registration
   opening up soon at clubregistration.net

### Social Media, Misty Martianos, Christie Boeder, Judi Sievers:

- No pictures are to be taken by solo drivers while driving please
- Thank you to all for contributing content and photos!

### Touring, Rallies, Drives, Theo Martianos, Nick Severson:

- NINE great drives this year!
- 2024 Touring/Drives co-chairs: Nick, Chuck Barr, Rich Rolf

#### **Track Relations, Jim Bahner:**

• No report, dates for track days TBA

### Webmaster, Dave Anderson and Christie Boeder:

No report

Next Meeting: December 5 at The Exchange in New Brighton

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Tom Sabow, Secretary

# Racing Quote for December:

If a driver can leave a trail of rubber from tun out to the next turn in, you have enough horsepower

- Carroll Shelby (and others)



### Making a Memory Photo by Chip Smith

h, the Red Baron 'lives' again at the Smith home! In fact, Chip's 1/25th model of his iconic club racing 911, the one many long-time members have watched DE and race at BIR is even painted with Guard's Red paint (accuracy counts!) #13 had many miles on Donnybrook and while it is 'no more' Chip's model keeps those many memories alive.



Prez Sez . . .

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Five Driver Education/Driver Training Events – John Blackburn, Ben Rogers, Scott Brown, Nathan Reeder and Paul Thai.

A Loonacy Weekend beyond compare – Steve Kemp, John Velure, Kim Fritze and a cast of dozens.

With so much going on, this kept our amazing registrar team of **Andy Barker** and **Dave Anderson** hopping. Well done!

And the Photography! WOW! – grab a cup of coffee and enjoy the images captured in print throughout the year. **Michael Steinberg** led the pack of the many who shared their talents to make sure we could all experience the people, cars, and events. Kudos to the roster other members who shared their photographic abilities: **Michael Grabner, Cathy Robson, Li Moissette, Judi Sievers, Carlos Marroquin, Jim Southwell, Josh Hway, Chris Docken,** 

### April Barker, Mark Amfahr, Tom Karn, Gary Hite, Kevin Davis, Jon Hauptman, Amanda Zander, Theo Martianos, Jay Silverberg, Tom Sabow!

We all know there is so much more I could share about the countless and selfless individuals that came together to just make our year so much darn fun. THANK YOU is just the beginning of the gratitude we all feel.

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 4 for a listing of our committees and the smiling faces that lead them. This can be you! Send them an email and ask how you can be part of their team. If you are not sure, you can reach out to **Jim Southwell**, our Volunteer Chair, 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. Registration is open at www. clubregistrtion.net. Like so many of our events this is most likely a sellout so please register early to secure your spot at this signature event. 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.

> Your Prez' Jeff Eckroth



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### Photos from this year's First Fling ... Better known as 'Snow Fling'



Left:

Scott Perkinson, Carmine Red 991.2 GT3

Right:

Andy and April Barker share their #022 Cayman



NORD STERN DECEMBER 2023

Right:

Richard Prim Orange GT 2RS





Left:

Kevin Fitz #951 out on track with 2 others close behind

### Two more First Fling pics to tide drivers over 'til Spring 2024!

photos by Gary Almendola

Right: Steve Powless' 914-6

Below: Lance Van Norman Speed Yellow 1979 911 SC GT 2B







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oes that headline ring a bell? It might, if you're an afficionado of the late '70s/early'80s semi-punk English rock beat from the soul of Graham Parker. Perhaps "Get Started, Start a Fire" will strike a spark. Or "Stupefaction." Or "Local Girls." Or "Heat Treatment." No? Go check them out.

In all honesty, I don't think his song about passion is anywhere near his best, but I do love the title. Because I couldn't say it any better. I'd just take it farther. Not only is it no ordinary word, it's no ordinary thing in our lives. In point of fact, it drives what we think, what we say, what we do. And how we do it.

Take a love of cars. Please. Did I hear a rim shot? Sorry, I'm channeling Henny Youngman. But I digress. If you're reading this, there's a very good chance you're passionate about cars, and especially our favorite marque. Now, let's take a deep breath and all look inward . . . to answer the question of why. So why are we all such knuckleheads for all things automotive?

To me, the answer is that it's a deceptively simple combination of genes and environment. Here's my story. I very dimly recall living in East Orange, NJ, at age two or three, and being taken down the road to watch them build, of all things, the Garden State Parkway. I was absolutely fascinated. No, I was actually imprinted by the experience. I don't know how else to explain it.

And my father fed the passion – he would give me boxes, that housed cathode ray tubes. I'd throw away the tubes and I'd push the boxes around, endlessly, making believe they were cars. A few years later, my parents built me a sandbox. What did I do with it? I built roads. I had the bug. And I still do. And I probably will, long after I can safely steer a buggy down the street.

In other words, it's in my DNA, but it took the Garden State Parkway and my father's tube boxes to bring it out.

How about you? Can you point to a seminal experience that opened your eyes, and ears, and all your senses, to a passion? If you can, I bet it probably changed and directed your life. Now, I think this can be a very telling way to explain what's happening to the car universe that's evolving all around us.

For example, I've been mystified by the explosion in popularity of SUVs over the past 10+ years, and how manufacturers are feeding the beast with bigger, badder, heavier, thirstier, higher-riding vehicles. That are being gobbled up by the consuming public, in the US and around the world. And electrification looks to take the trend that much farther, adding a few thousand pounds of road-hugging battery weight, with . . . oh wait, now I guess it's ok . . . electrified efficiency. If you can find a charger, and have the spare time to wait for the damn thing to charge.

Why? Is it actually fun to wheel around these giant blobs? But then I think back to my youth, to the age of the station wagon. Ponder this – they had about the same effective space utilization as today's three-row SUVs. And they probably weighed about the same. The only differences? They rode lower to the road. And they only had rear wheel drive. Oh, and the third-row seat actually faced backward.

Here's a revelation. They were bought by the parents and grandparents of the people who buy today's earthshakers. Now, with all due respect, these people were, and are, not enthusiasts. They didn't have the passion then, and they don't today. Their vehicle of choice was and is transportation, rational and practical transportation. Not that there's anything wrong with that, as Porsche lunatic Jerry Seinfeld would say.

A sports car, on the other hand, is not rational transportation. It has always been the essence of passion, passion for the road, for the driving experience, for how you get there. Which is why it's not for everybody. Although sometimes it may look like it. We've all met the wannabees. The people who were always admiring from afar, and finally took the plunge . . . only to find the ride too harsh, the seats to snug, the rear seats too small. These people jumped in, and they soon jumped out. Helping the resale market for us enthusiasts. But that's another story.

That leaves us, the few, the proud, the passionate ones. Here's to passion. It's far from an ordinary word, or thing. It's a driving life force. I just wonder what Graham Parker is driving today.

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### Where We Were ... 60+ Years!

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



Above, the cover from the December 2001 Nord Stern issue (which is not online in the archives as it turns out). Long-time, and late Nord Stern member Ron Lewis #90, in his Guard's Red 911 on track at Road America August 23, 2001 Photo by Edmund Lacis

he art of photography as practiced by Michael Steinberg of HeadshotsWOW.

Shadows and angles do their best trompe d'oeil magic - and then the reality in image #2! Very fun. Thanks, Michael.





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hanks to Porsche Minneapolis for the Porsche Classic Center recent introduction event which some Nord Sterners attended. They had a great display of cars from 356 models on up to the latest versions, and including a Singer DLS in full carbon fiber. Lots of tasty treats and beverages as well. Nicely done!



Below, the details, attention to detail are bar none











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Serious pretzels - after all, Porsches are German!

Jeff Eckroth with Michelle Weber-Eckroth enjoy the evening





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"Sport Edition Cup 4" alloy Porsche replica wheels. 2@ 18x8 and 2@ 18x10 (Dusty, but have very few minor marks).



17" compact alloy wheel, with unused collapsible tire  $(185 \times 60 \times 17)$ Vredstein) with zippered heavy nylon bag and unused jack and metal wheel chock/wedge.

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### Out and about with Nord Sterners

Photos submitted by Dave Weisel

Long-time Nord Stern member Dave Weisel visited former Nord Sterners Denny and Eunie Guentzel - happily retired in Montana and enjoyed a tour of Denny's hangar (retired pilot!) where his beautifully restored Silver 1965 356SC shares space with his airplane, Denny's other hobby.







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14205 W 62nd St, Eden Prairie, MN 55346 @werksautomn (f) 0 (\*) (G) Editor's Note: While there undoubtedly are many in our local PCA club, Nord Stern, who have traveled and visited the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart, for others here is some of the information available from Porsche's press website along with a few photos that certainly are enticing! The Boeders certainly hope to make this trip sooner than later.

#### The Historical Archive: Porsche's memory

Two kilometres of files, 2.5 million photos and slides, 4,000 books and 1,700 hours of film footage – the Historical Archive of Porsche AG houses all the important information with an economic, technical, social or cultural reference to Porsche AG. It does not just do this to fill dark storage rooms, but in order to prepare the knowledge relating to the brand for history-related PR work and to share this with Porsche fans around the world. This is done by means of their own publications as well as by communication of historic content at exhibitions, auto shows and events. Every year, staff at the Porsche Archive deal with over 6,000 enquiries about development, motor sport, and the company's history from in-house departments, journalists, academics and authors. The archive is also an important resource for legal issues. It is possible to check on things that happened in the past where necessary. This is because the archive is the memory of Porsche AG!



The opening times of the museum: Visitors Service

#### Tuesday to Sunday

from 9 am to 6 pm Tickets can be purchased until 5:30 pm Closed Mondays

#### Special opening days

The Porsche Museum is open to visitors on almost all public holidays. You can find information about the special opening days and closing days online at www.porsche.de/museum.

#### Admission prices

Adults: 10 euros Reduced price: 5 euros

Children up to the age of 14 receive free admission when accompanied by an adult.

Children up to and including the age of 14 are only admitted when accompanied by an adult.

The current price overview (includes more info on tours) can be found here:

Price overview (https://bit.ly/47dZJ2z)

### Vouchers: The Porsche Museum offers admission vouchers and vouchers for group tours.

#### Multimedia Guide

In future, modern channels will be increasingly used to enhance the presentation of Porsche's origins and its experience in vehicle construction. The Porsche Museum now has a new multimedia guide. The previous audio clips have been expanded to include 5,000 pictures and 700 films of all exhibits in the permanent exhibition, which can be accessed via a high-resolution touch display. As a result, visitors will be able to immerse themselves even more deeply into the sports car manufacturer's history in the future. The guide is available in the following languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Japanese and Chinese. A children's version is also available for our younger visitors.

#### More information

- WLAN is available for free in the whole Building.
- No animals are permitted in the Museum, except guide-dogs.
- No photographs or videotapes may be reproduced, distributed, or sold without permission from the Museum. Exceptions from these rules have to be confirmed by the Porsche Museum or authorized representatives.

If you have any questions contact us by E-Mail: info.museum@ porsche.de

Fans of the brand will find everything that can be described as "typically Porsche" in the museum shop: Over a thousand different products, including books, calendars, DVDs, model vehicles and t-shirts, are available from the shop.

One particular highlight is the "Edition Porsche Museum" range, which is produced by the publishing house belonging to the Porsche Museum and is available in the museum shop. This edition comprises various books and a DVD that explains "The Porsche Way" in 150 minutes.



The range of products on offer at the modern museum shop at the entrance to the museum now includes over 1000 different items. Alongside small items such as lanyards, pins, posters, postcards and tin signs featuring historic images, the museum sells a select range of Porsche vehicle miniatures for model vehicle fans. For younger visitors, the shop offers various games, model kits and toy vehicles.

#### **Gastronomy (ie FOOD)**

The Porsche Museum offers a diverse range of superb eating and drinking options tailored to our guests' needs and preferences. From coffeehouse specialties and international snacks to gourmet cuisine, there is something for every taste.



As soon as visitors enter the lobby they will see the modern Coffee Bar, which has been designed in keeping with the contemporary look of the museum. They can relax here with a cup of fine coffee and enjoy a snack before embarking on their tour of the museum. Or they can bring along family, friends or colleagues and watch the chefs prepare their meal in the friendly environment of the visitors' restaurant "Boxenstopp". This restaurant next to the museum entrance offers a wide range of different meals ranging from pasta and burgers to salads and the Swabian delicacy "Maultaschen".

### **Boxenstopp and Coffee Bar**

The Coffee Bar is located conveniently for visitors in the Foyer. Here, you can relax with a cup of coffee and enjoy a snack before embarking on your tour of the Museum. Or enjoy watching our chefs prepare your meal in the company of your family, friends or colleagues in the friendly atmosphere of the "Boxenstopp", our restaurant for visitors. The seasonal menu includes regional dishes, fresh salads and stir-fries. The "Boxenstopp" serves a reduced menu from 4:00 p.m. and is also open to visitors without an admission ticket.

Opening Hours Coffeebar

**Tuesday to Sunday** 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Opening Hours Boxenstopp

Tuesday to Sunday 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

The Porsche Museum, including the restaurants, is closed on June 1 and 2, 2017. Thank you for your understanding.

Boxenstopp reservations: We are pleased to accept reservations for groups of 12 persons and above.

#### **Christophorus Restaurant**

The "Christophorus" restaurant on the second floor is on the same level as the exhibition and is therefore accessible both through the museum and through a separate entrance. It thus remains open beyond the regular opening hours of the museum itself.

The mission of top chef Thomas Heilemann and his team is to serve meals of the highest standards of culinary excellence, enabling the gourmet to enjoy both Mediterranean and regional delicacies as well as the most exquisite wines. A particular highlight on the menu is US prime beef grilled fresh, right in front of the eyes of the guest by Porsche's very best chefs. Since its opening, more than 84,000 steaks have been served in the "Christophorus".

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After visiting the restaurant, guests can then wind down in the adjacent Cigar Lounge. Looking through the extensive glass façade, restaurant guests enjoy a panoramic view of Porscheplatz and the production building where Porsche sports cars and engines are built. Through another glass wall separating the restaurant from the exhibition, guests also have the opportunity to admire the classic cars on display in the museum itself. This interplay of past and future highlights the company's commitment to its roots – the view from the dining room thus has a symbolic character.



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