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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 Tom Karn, White 2020 Porsche GT4

Hello Nord Stern! From the Porsche enthusiast perspective, the amazing weather we've experienced this winter feels like the best gift ever—time! I know some are understandably disappointed with the mild winter and lack of snow. After all, surviving winters here requires embracing them. But many of us have been given the gift of more time in our P-cars as a result. Wonderful! When I put winter tires on my GT4 this season, I wasn't planning to blast through any snow drifts. I was only hoping to extend my season a little until the snow piled up. As I write this, the GT4 is still getting exercise! No battery tender required!

Welcome to our new members! You have joined an incredible group of passionate, generous, knowledgeable, and fun individuals. We look forward to you joining us at one of our many upcoming events. The 2024 schedule is filling up with track events, membership events, drives, tech sessions, social events, car shows, and more! Check this Award-Winning Monthly Magazine, along with NordStern.org, Facebook, and Instagram frequently for updates and additions to the schedule.



One of the best benefits of membership in Nord Stern is this Monthly Magazine. It is truly your magazine. It's almost impossible to make it to every event and Christie Boeder, editor@nordstern.org works tirelessly to keep us all informed and updated regarding club happenings through this publication. Do you have a Porsche story you want to tell? Write it

up and send it in! How about a cool photo of your car or Porsche friends? Always fun to see your car or your write-up in print.

Since you probably bought your Porsche to experience the thrill of its performance and want to do so legally, bring it to the track! Our four track events have been finalized so go now to clubregistration.net to get registered. If you're new to driving on a race track, make sure you sign up for **Driver Training** at our combined **Driver Education/Driver Training** event in April. That's the first step toward driving solo on the track and won't be available again until September. Try it! You'll love it. We have a phenomenal group of instructors to help you. If you have questions about it, our Driver Education Chair (John Blackburn, de@nordstern.org) and our Driver Training Team (Ben Rogers, Scott Brown, Matt Smith, Tylar Twite, dt@nordstern.org) are happy to talk you through it. They understand that the decision to drive your car on the track is not always an easy one. Meet them and take the opportunity to learn more at **"Track Prep: What you need to know"** hosted by Werks Automotive on April 6th. Also, Loonacy Weekend in July is our combined Club Race and Driver Education event. Participating in the "Drive to Loonacy" is one way to enjoy a group drive on fun roads and learn more about the track without committing. You'll be able to watch races, talk with drivers of all experience levels and even drive on the track

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As I am running out of room in this issue and the event calendar is filling with upcoming outings for us members, do keep checking the calendar listing here in the newsletter but better yet, the website calendar as we try to keep it as up-to-date as possible. LOTS of stuff going on. Whew. And one of the reasons this issue is 'full' is because March is always when we highlight the track season, those track dates, current car number assignments, the needed tech inspection form (remember, as the show Hill Street Blues always ended roll call; be safe out there!), how to request a change. All that along with some fun articles from various members - so NO skipping pages.

To highlight our upcoming Membership Socials that are of course open to all members whether you are newer to the club or have been around forever (like us), we are fortunate that several shops and the Porsche dealerships open their doors so get these on your calendar as they are always fun and interesting:

Porsche Minneapolis Social: March 9, 8:30 a.m.

The dealership will introduce the new Cayenne highlighting what's new. Refreshments will be available.

Imola Membership Social: March 23, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Imola will host Pizza and a raffle for some merchandise. And will have staff on-site to answer questions and meet

with members. A waiver will likely not be needed as they will not have vehicles on lifts.

Nord Stern will provide coffee and sodas.

Come for the pizza, stay for the cars and conversations!

Auto Edge - Membership Social: April 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Auto Edge will host catered food, a raffle for some merchandise. Their staff will be on site to answer questions and meet with members. A waiver will need to be signed by all attendees, as they will have vehicles on lifts for display and demonstrations.

AND, Lego kits will be available for attending Porsche Juniors!

Let the fun begin!



HOW TO JOIN PCA AND THEN NORD STERN REGION PCA

1. First, JOIN Porsche Club of America (PCA). Please visit www.pca.org for membership instructions.

2. Second, join Nord Stern

- Visit www.nordstern.org and remit dues via Paypal hotlink on the Membership page.
- Or, send check, payable to Nord Stern, directly to the treasurer via the snail mail address below.
- 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>).

- Or, send your check, payable to Nord Stern, to Scott via snail mail address - available upon request

Address Changes:

Please send any address changes or updates via email membership@nordstern.org

Mail renewal checks to:

Scott Brown - call for address

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\$30 per year, or
\$80 for three years

* Check your mailing label for your expiration date

2024 Calendar . . . Get Around with Nord Stern

MARCH

2024

- 5 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka (101 & Mtka Blvd)
RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome
- 9 Nord Stern Tech Session - Porsche Minneapolis**
The New Cayenne - What's New!
8:30 a.m.
- 13 Nord Stern Happy Hour* NEW EVENT**
Bald Man Brewing 5 to 8 p.m.
Register at clubregistration.net
- 23 Nord Stern Membership Social**
Location: Imola, Inc.
13300 15th Ave N, Plymouth, 763.205.2561
Details on nordstern.org
- 30 Nord Stern Tech Session - Carsmotology**
Time to think about Detailing - from THE expert!
Carsmotology: 17217 Ademann St. SE #308, Prior Lake
10 a.m.

APRIL

2024

- 2 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location The Exchange, 500 5th Ave NW, New Brighton,
RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome
- 6 Nord Stern Track Prep: What you Need to Know**
Werks Automotive, 14205 W. 62nd St, Eden Prairie
Time and details TBA
- 13 Nord Stern Membership Social - Auto Edge**
Location: Auto Edge, 900 Wildwood Rd., Mahtomedi
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food • Prizes • Guest Speaker • CARS
- 27-28 Nord Stern First Fling @ BIR**
Driver Ed/Driver Training - Long Track
Registration will be at clubregistration.net

MAY

2024

- 4 Nord Stern Midwest Clear Bra**
Note: Tentative Tech Session
- 7 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka (101 & Mtka Blvd)
RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome

JUNE

2024

- 17-18 Nord Stern Cheese Fling @ Road America**
Driver Ed only - Elkhart Lake, WI
Registration will be at clubregistration.net
- 29 Nord Stern Annual All Porsche Show**
Roseville Central Park, 10 am to 1 pm
NOTE: This is a Saturday date this year

JULY

2024

- 12-14 Nord Stern Loonacy DE & Club Race @ BIR**
BIR Long and Short tracks
Registration will be at clubregistration.net

SEPTEMBER

2024

- 14-15 Nord Stern Driver Training @ BIR**
Driver Training will be Saturday/Sunday
Registration will be at clubregistration.net
- 14-15 Nord Stern Final Fling @ BIR**
Two Day Driver Ed BIR Long Track
Registration will be at clubregistration.net

** 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 2024 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

• CAFFEINE and OCTANE

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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Car Number Assignments and 'How to Request a Change'

by Dave Anderson and Andy Barker, Registrars

The 2024 DE track season is fast approaching and it's time, once again, to open the car number registration period. Car numbers are used at our Brainerd (BIR) and Road America track events to help with identification. As long as you participate in at least one track event within a moving 3-year period of time your assigned number will be yours to use.


Please help to keep the car number assignments up to date by reviewing the published list. If you have an existing number that isn't assigned to you, but you've used it at a track event in the past 3 years, let us know. On the other hand, if you see your name associated with a car number you're no longer using, let us know that as well.

If you'd like to request one or change your assigned car number, all that is needed is to contact the Registrar by e-mail (Registrar@NordStern.org). To make the assignment process as efficient as possible, simply provide your current number and three new numbers in preference order. We'll reassign the first one on your list that is available. Conflicting number requests will be given priority based on the current membership status and when the change request is received.

- **Note:** 2024 Tech Inspection form is available online and reprinted in this issue.
- Current car number assignments also available in this issue, page 11

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING A CAR NUMBER ASSIGNMENT

- Drivers must have registered for a DE event in the previous 3 years. Unused numbers are released for reassignment.
- Active drivers (after their first year) may request a different number if it is available.
- Duplicate number requests will be resolved by Nord Stern membership status and seniority based on the number of years each member has been active with the Club




**NORD STERN
Happy Hour**

Wednesday • March 13
5 - 8 pm
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***Brothers Gutierrez Food Truck**
from 4-8 pm



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We had 24 students participate at the BMW teen clinic at Dakota County Technical College on Saturday, February 3rd. Cars of all makes and models and drivers from ages 15 to 19 years old were present.

The students were split into two groups alternating between classroom and on-course exercises with right-seat instruction. Instructors included a number of PCA/Nord Stern club members. Max Brown (15-years-old) drove Nord Stern club member Jenny Brown's "pixie" (a Mini Cooper) that has been to a number of PCA events. (Max is Nord Stern Treasurer Scott Brown's son)

Northstar BMW has a number of additional events upcoming - check out their website: www.Motorsportreg.com for a number of other Non-Nord Stern car-related events that may be of interest!



Photos, top to bottom:
Scott and Max Brown and their Mini Cooper
Instructor Ben Rogers and his student
Students can participate in ANY vehicle!

Photos, top to bottom:
An enthusiastic group of students participate in the 'Street Survival' car control clinic
Max Brown and his instructor on course
Another student/instructor work their way through the DCTC track

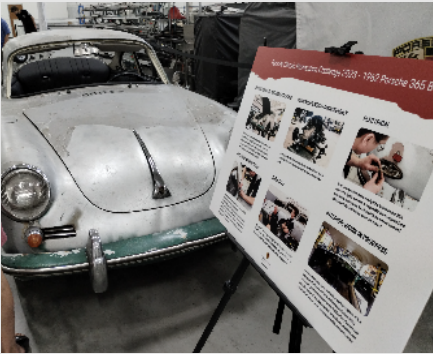
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2024 Nord Stern
Car Number
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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

Tech Events 2024



February 17 @ 10:00 AM

Print Labs - Lakeville
Vehicle Wrapping

March 9 @ 8:30 AM

Porsche Minneapolis - Golden Valley
The New Cayenne

February 24 @ 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

JDC Motorsports - Savage
Vehicle 963 Data

March 30 @ 10:00 AM

Carsmotology - Prior Lake
Car Detailing

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- 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.

February 6th Nord Stern Business Meeting Minutes

by Tom Sabow, Secretary

Attendees:

- Jeff Eckroth, Carolyn Veno, Jim Southwell, Tom Sabow, Karen Carson, Roger Johnson, Amanda Zander, Michael Steinberg, Stan Lim, Chuck Barr, Tom Karn, Michelle Weber-Eckroth, Todd Smith, Judy Sievers, Scott Quick, Mary Quick, Steve Kemp, Jason Barney
- Meeting was called to Order:
- At 6:36 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

President, Tom Karn:

- A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make the Green Flag Party a success
- Badges – new members will be given six months to order their badge, free of charge
- Looking into adding a driver safety and skills clinic
- Considering going digital only for magazine

Vice President, Steve Albers:

- no report

Treasurer, Scott Brown:

- January is reconciled
- Molly & Christie rock!
- 2023 tax return is finished
- Please register early for Driver Training and Driver Education events

Secretary, Tom Sabow:

- No report

Board of Directors, Steve Kemp, John Velure, Jeff Eckroth

- no report

Advertising, Mollie Nygaard

- no report

All Porsche Show, Phil Saari and Hal Voges

- date is set for Saturday, June 29

Autocross, Andy Golfis

- no report

Club Race/Loonacy, John Velure

- Event will be the weekend of July 12
- Help on this committee is needed

Dealerships, Roger Johnson

- all is going well

Driver Education, John Blackburn

- no report

Drivers Training, Ben Rogers, Scott Brown

- no report

Historic Archivist, Roger Johnson

- 936 article is in progress

Insurance, Jeff Carlson

- All policies needed are up-to-date

Membership, Michael Steinberg, Carolyn Veno, Amanda Zander

- 628 paid up members. 6 new members in Jan. 2024.
- Membership renewals are upcoming
- Discussed a dedicated Nord Stern phone number
- Auto Edge Membership event is Saturday, April 13 (see ad on back of newsletter)
- Imola Membership event is Saturday, March 23
- New member section in magazine is being revamped

Magazine, Christie Boeder

- Please send photos and event write-ups directly to Christie's email: editor@nordstern.org
- Thank you to all the members who have been and continue to send in their photos and interesting stories!

Registrar, Dave Anderson, Andy Barker

- 2024 events are on Club Reg
- Track pricing is single pay pricing for the whole weekend

Safety Chair; Nathan Reader, Paul Thai

- No report

Shop and Tech Relations, Roger Johnson

- Print Labs, JDC, Carsmotology, Clear Bra, Dent Werks, new Cayenne launch at Porsche Minneapolis tech session dates are all now listed on website's calendar and in our magazine's calendar

Social, Michelle Weber-Eckroth

- Green Flag was a huge success
- 98 registered party goers with \$5,900 raised from the live auction times (thank you attendees!) and donated to

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St. Jude Children's Research

- Wednesday, March 13 is Bald Man Brewery Social (register at clubregistration.net just for a number count)
- Saturday October 12 is the date for the 2024 Checkered Flag party

Social Media, Misty Martianos, Christie Boeder, Judi Sievers

- Please continue to submit content, photos, etc.

Touring • Rallies • Drives, Jason Barney, Chuck Barr, Rich Rolf, Nick Severson

- Fall color tour is October 5-6
- Discussed destinations for mid-season drives

Track Relations, Jim Bahner

- No report

Volunteers, Jim Southwell

- No report

Webmaster, Dave Anderson, Christie

Boeder:

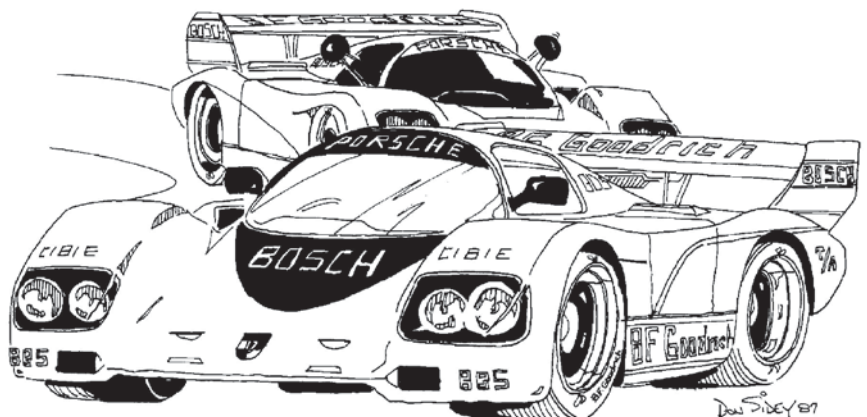
- No report

Next Business Meeting will be:

Tuesday, March 5 at Spasso's in Minnetonka

Meeting was adjourned @ 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Sabow, Secretary



Prez Sez . . .

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at highway speeds during the “Parade laps”. This was a big hit last year and several participants decided to take it to the next level and sign up for Driver Training!

Speaking of “Drives”, our new **Drives Team** has been working diligently to fashion experiences that will live up to those created in 2023—that is no small order! Rich Rolfs, Jason Barney and Chuck Barr are scoping routes and destinations, both old favorites and new ones too. Once winter is officially over, you can count on epic excursions on some of the best back roads in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Want to learn more about your car or SUV? Want to hear about the latest and greatest from Porsche? Check out one of the many **Tech Sessions** organized by Roger Johnson and Stan Lim. We are fortunate to have many great shops and the two dealerships to host these events for us. On March 9th, Porsche Minneapolis will be presenting the New Cayenne and on March 30th, we’ll learn everything there is to know about detailing at Carsmotology.

Our Membership team (Carolyn “Speedy” Veno, Michael Steinberg, and Amanda Zander) has put together another fun assortment of **Membership Events**. The first is coming up soon at Imola on March

23rd, followed by AutoEdge on April 13th. These events are sure to include food and beverages, lots of camaraderie, cool cars to check out, and plenty of members with lots of knowledge to share about the club. Also, Porsche is the featured marque at the car show at the AutoMotorPlex in Medina on June 8th. Although this is not a Nord Stern event, the Membership team will be there along with plenty of Porsches (over 120 showed up last year!). The All Porsche Show, which is a Nord Stern event, will be held on Saturday, June 29th in Roseville.

Our Social Chair, Michelle Weber-Eckroth, along with 2023 new member volunteers Scott and Mary Quick, are bringing back the **Social Event at Bald Man Brewing** on March 13th. Come out and enjoy a Wednesday evening with friends while supporting the owner and Nord Stern member, Dan Jacobs. For those wanting to get more involved in the club, **Social Events** provide a huge opportunity. Michelle is looking for help! She has a lot of experience and can provide much guidance, but would like some help from members who would be willing to take on the planning of just one event. Please let her know which event you’d like to plan: social@nordstern.org.

If planning social events is NOT your thing, we can use help in many other areas, especially at **Loonacy Weekend**. Get involved! Being around the cars is great, but the people make the fun enduring. Jim Southwell is the volunteer coordinator and can be reached at volunteer@nordstern.org. Let him know you want to help and he’ll figure out where!

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Oh What A Night it Was: 2024's Green Flag Party

Photos by Michael Steinberg

Photos: Top to Bottom:

Jim and Gayle Southwell man registration and are the recipients of the 'Outstanding Leadership and Lifetime Service' Award!!

Pre-Party gathering: Gary Amendola, Karen Caron

Mingling are Corey Johnson and Roger Johnson

Pat and Andy Golfis join Barb and Dave Kearn



Photos: Top to Bottom:

The table settings were quite elegant

Christie Boeder, Jim Arhart, Bruce Boeder

Mercedes and Dave Galey enjoy the appetizers

One of 2 commissioned Artworks that were auctioned



Photos: Top to Bottom:

Social Co-Chair April Barker

Chip Smith and Keith Fritze

Jim and Arhart join Barb Coleman

Second commissioned Artwork that was auctioned





Left: Carolyn Veno enjoys the pre-party spaces

Above: Carolyn Veno, Stephen and Amanda Zander



Our evening's guest speaker Lori Schutz



Above: Jeff Eckroth presents Michelle Weber-Eckroth and April Barker with the 'Chairpersons of the Year Award'

Left; Presenting the presidential pen to 2023 President Jeff Eckroth by Roger Johnson



Left: 2023 President Jeff Eckroth presents incoming 2024 President Tom Karn the 'official presidential briefcase'

Above: Steve Albers auctions 963 JDC model to Amanda Zander



It really was a fun evening at this year's 2024 Green Flag Party. From creme brulee dessert, to raffle give-aways (the cool prints on the table), to the fascinating inside stories by Lori Schutz of her father's tenure at Porsche, to the presentations of this year's membership awards, to quiet moments, to the numerous great conversations among members and friends!

Photos: Clockwise, top: the barn; Member Chuck Barr; Jeff and Michele Eckroth; the table decor; St. Jude representatives with Lori Schutz; Tom Karn with John Velure, Scott Brown and Tom Sabow; Steve Albers joins Michelle Weber-Eckroth; Kim Fritze with John Velure; and Jim and Gayle Southwell are honored with the 'Outstanding Leadership & Lifetime Service' Award.

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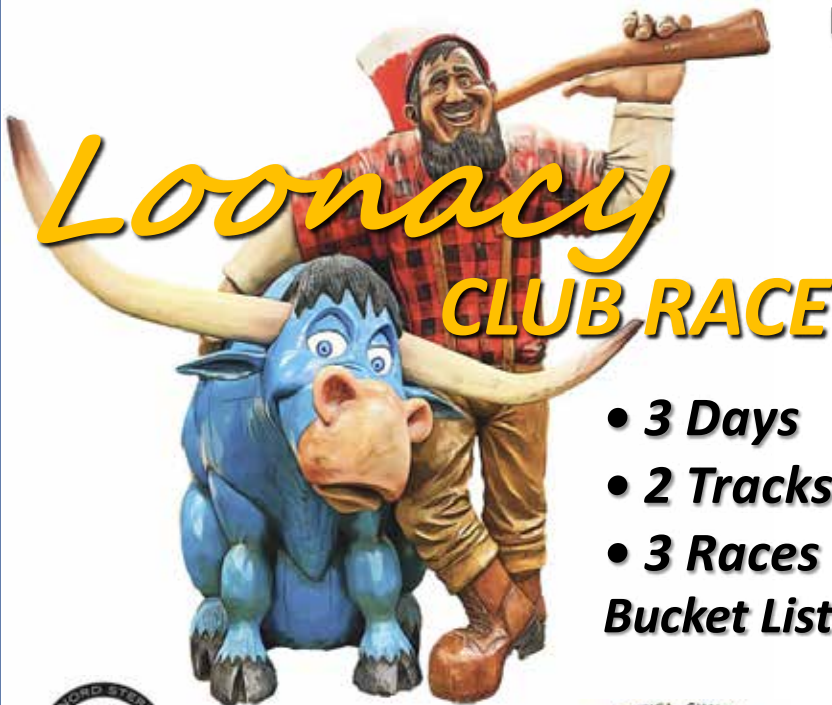
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So I was meandering through my local Barnes & Noble. I had already cruised through the car magazines, noting once again the amazing fact that Jolly Olde, a country the size of New York State, still dominates the car mag shelf space. I counted four Porsche-only monthly Brit titles. How can that be?

No matter. On to the remainder shelves. And there, amid the 50% off titles on the top ten killer submarines of the world, how to cook a soufflé like Julia Child and gardening secrets of the pros . . . there it was . . . really? Could it be? Yes indeed! “The Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee Book.”

I’m a big Jerry fan. Late night, when Stephen and Jimmy and Jimmy are on hiatus, I watch Seinfeld reruns. And they hold up. The puffy shirt, the bubble boy, yada-yada-yada, the soup Nazi, Festivus. They’re timeless. Not that there’s anything wrong with that.

It also doesn’t hurt that we’re both from the same general neck of the woods, Lon Ghiland. Which the natives shorten to The Ghiland. You have to hit that G, hard. I even had a very distant brush with fame once – a guy I used to play golf with, whose business was drilling precise holes for elevator shafts, told me he once drilled shafts for Jerry’s converted car garage on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Yes, that’s right! Although I never got an invitation to see the result of his work.

At first, I thought the book was a joke. Because it reminded me immediately of one of my favorite bits on the series, Kramer’s coffee table book on coffee tables. But that’s another story. You see, I’ve seen every bite-size episode. I love it. The cars, the guests, the chatter, the revelations.

Of course, I’ve buried myself in the tome. And I’m proud to share some take-aways. Because God only knows how many copies of Comedians are out there, anywhere. Here’s just a scrape of crema from the surface of the cup.

Jerry wrote an introduction to the book. “What if I figured out a way to bring the viewer along on a bit of comedy hang time but mostly the jokes and whatever else has some thought value? I’m not much for podcasts. I think virtually everything could do with a good edit . . . a beautifully put together stand-up set is . . . ‘I have a lot of funny and interesting thoughts. Here’s the best ones.’”

The episode with President Obama; “We did the phone call first. The President was like ‘Yeah, come on over.’ After

Obama hung up the phone, he said to the Secret Service agent who was in the office with him, ‘He’s going to knock on the window. Don’t shoot him.’”

On relationships. Jerry to Bill Burr; “If I could give you three words of marriage advice? I’m married 14 years.” All right. “Never stop apologizing.”

More on relationships. Jerry to Ali Wentworth; “I’ll tell you, your husband (George Stephanopoulos) has got one of the greatest husband lines I’ve ever heard. ‘So you’ve moved to this new place on 72nd. Are you happy there? And he says I hope we are.’”

On TV and movies. Mel Brooks; “It’s got to please you. You’re the only audience. If it pleases you, it will please them. If you don’t laugh, they’re not going to laugh. If you don’t cry, they’re not going to cry.”

On other comedians. Jay Leno; “When you’re hot, whatever you do: ‘Oh, ho, ho.’ People laugh at everything you do. Then after they’ve seen you a few times, it gets a little trickier. Taste is what’s left.”

More on other comedians. Jerry to Howard Stern; “Listen, a great stand-up is a victory over the self. And you are as great an example as exists. Your career is a victory over the self. The greatest obstacles are the self. It wasn’t the business. It wasn’t other people. It wasn’t relationships, your wife, whatever. None of that was the biggest obstacle. It was you. You conquered yourself.”

Still more on other comedians: Robert Klein to Jerry about Rodney Dangerfield; “We’d hang around.” Where? “His place, first on 86th. (In accent) I’ll tell ya, I got an apartment on 86th, between Columbus and Puerto Rico. I got mugged there. The guy had a razor. It was an electric razor. It was my own fault. I was standing close to an outlet.”

Back to Jerry’s intro, on the cars; “. . . if you’re not an automotive enthusiast, cars are an unbelievably boring subject . . . How a person could not be interested in cars, I’ll never understand. They’re such large, important, fascinating objects . . . They’re such a perfect fit with the comedians and the coffee. The reason I love cars is each one’s personality always expresses a moment in mechanical history and culture . . . Every car is so unique to me. And so much like a person. Always trying to please, so often failing.

I hope you find your very own Getting Coffee Book. I’m keeping mine, piping hot, forever.

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Nord Stern Advertiser (And Porsche Story . . .) Profile

by Dave Buyse, Corporate Tenant Advisor

Editor's note: It's with excitement we introduce a new feature introducing our fabulous advertisers who have chosen to be in our newsletter. *Who ARE these folks and what are their businesses? Why do they look to Nord Stern as an audience?* Exactly what we wanted to know, too. Welcome to our first participant: **Dave Buyse of CORPORATE TENANT ADVISORS** (ad on page 15).



My name is David Buyse and I love cars. More appropriately, I love German cars.

I developed an affinity for German sports cars in the mid-'70s when I was 9-years-old and my family moved to Dusseldorf, Germany. We had the chance to meet the legendary Hans Stuck who at the time was a BMW factory driver and then moved to Porsche and won the 24 Hours of Le Mans . . . Twice . . . In a Porsche 962.

I've always liked things that are fast and loud . . . And Porsche, BMW, and Mercedes ruled the Autobahn back in those days. As we would travel, I'd sit in the middle (the 2nd row bench) in our orange/white 1974 VW Bus. It was a classic example of a "double-bug." I liked watching my dad's face in the rearview mirror when he was in the passing lane on the Autobahn. I knew the distinctive double-flash from the approaching car's high-beams would be followed by a car passing us . . . Usually at twice our max speed. I also thought it was so cool that the Police in Germany, Holland, and Belgium all drove Porsche 911 Targa's . . . Awesome memories. We sold that double-bug and once back in the States, my parents bought a Porsche 914 and a BMW 528i . . . I was hooked. Fast forward 50 years, and I'm still that little kid, riding in that double-bug, excited about driving, and ever watchful for awesome German cars.



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P.S. Dave and his wife, Angie, joined Nord Stern in 2021 and LOVE their two Porsche's: 2018 Cayenne (White/Black) and 2018 911 Carrera (GT Silver/Black)!

The cover of January 2024's edition of Nord Stern featured Mike Jekot's hood painting of a furious looking 911 racer breathing fire out of its back end. There's a story behind that car which might be of interest to most Porsche drivers.

The year was 1977 and the 935's were sweeping race after race in their Division 2 racing. Possibly because the outcomes were boring, the German sports channels were only covering races for smaller cars—mostly Division 1 BMW's, Fords, and Lolas. Ernst Fuhrmann and other leaders at Porsche couldn't take it any longer and on April 5th ordered the construction of a race car which could compete with a smaller engine in Division 1.

The engineers decided on a 1.4 L air cooled engine with a single turbo to run in the 2 L class. Weight restrictions limited the car to 1,600 pounds, 141 pounds less than the lightest 911 that had ever been built. Thinner steel, glass and plastic were used to save weight. The oil cooler was moved from the front to the rear. They even used titanium for the gas pedal and gearshift lever to save a few more ounces.

Nicknamed the "Baby", the car did a few laps at Weissach

and then went to Nuremberg for its first race only a few months after its conception. Martini striping was used on a white background, just as Mike Jekot painted it. They qualified only 13th and multiple problems had to be sorted out.

The work was done in time for it to return for the German Grand Prix in August. Here Jacky Ickx qualified for pole position by more than two seconds and finished a half lap ahead of the competition. As Karl Ludvigsen wrote, "Porsche proved its point..that it could win in any class if it wanted to". Porsche immediately retired the Baby to its museum in Stuttgart after this one race victory.



Photo left:

Ron's painted hood (won at an earlier Nord Stern Loonacy Charity Auction) now hangs 'pride in place' in his garage - which this editor calls his 'man cave' along with numerous homages to all things Porsche. Or for some, what might be termed 'heaven on earth.' A fun place indeed. And Mike Jekot's wonderful painting is front and center - beautifully done

and this photo even hints at the wonderful texture of paint on metal. Michael will be greatly missed by many.

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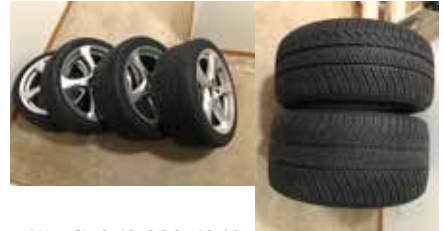
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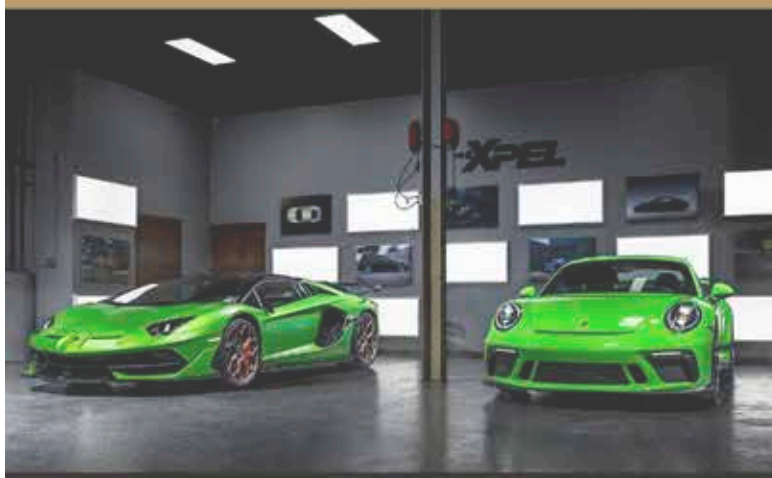
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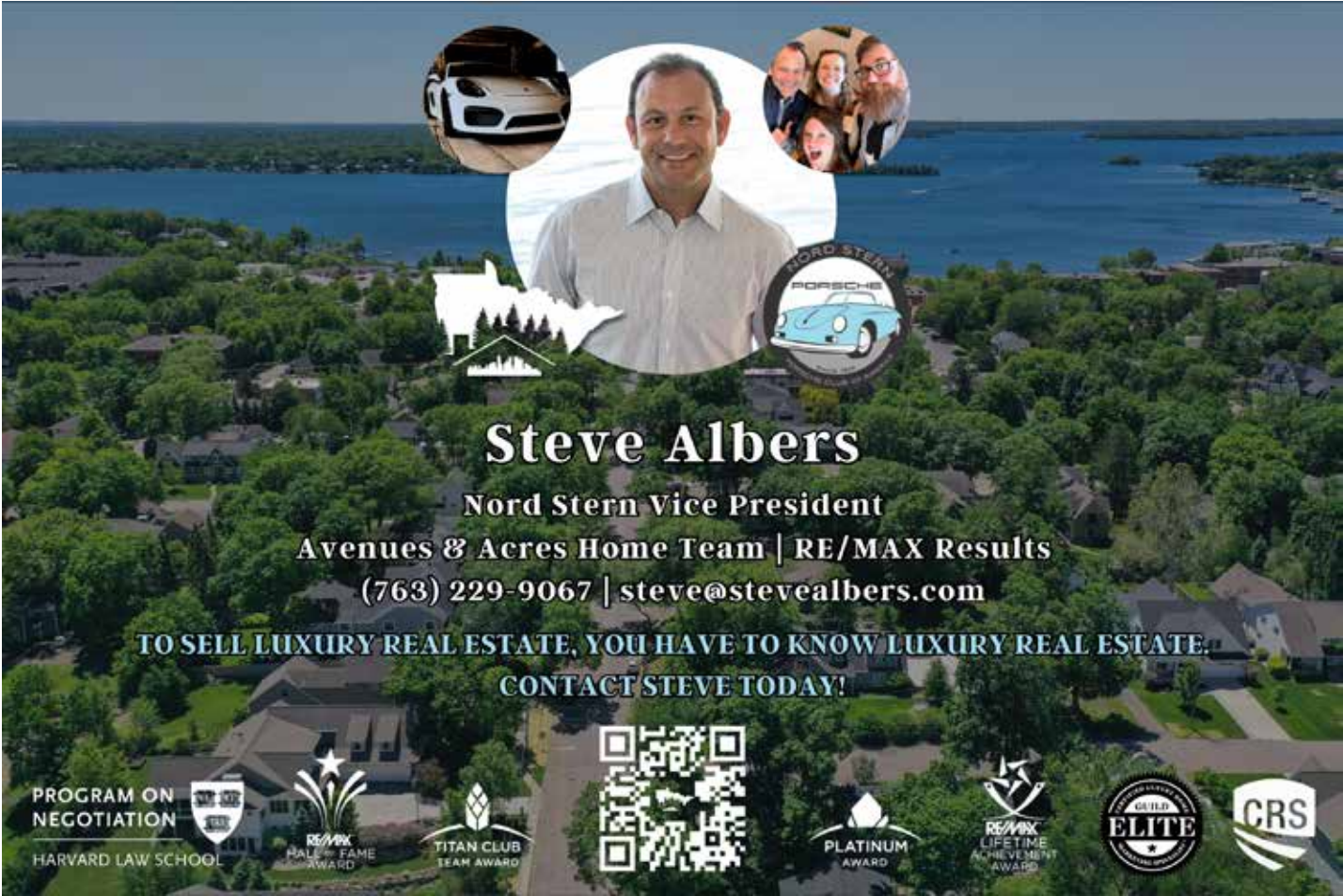






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Rolex 24 ... 19 + 19, a 55-year Drought Over ... Onto Le Mans

It's the annual start to the sports car racing season; I started going to the Rolex 24 back in 1988. Much has continued to evolve over the decades. Qualifying, now called The Roar Before the 24, occurs on the previous Sunday. Of course, I was there. In the headline class, "Grand Touring Prototype" (GTP) there were four Porsche 963's, two Cadillac's, two BMW's, and two Acura's. This reminded me of history - especially 40 years ago - when there were more Porsche's on the grid than any other brand. That's an edge, especially for an endurance race. The results? The qualifying lap record fell by nearly a second. There were two Cadillac's on the front row, but the whole GTP field was covered by 8/10ths of a second. That's beyond extremely close and heralded an epic competition. The #77 (992) Porsche GT-3 R took the pole in GTD Pro, so there was reason for P-car fans to celebrate.

That leaves a few "flex" days until the action restarts. I spent one of those days at Champion Porsche, the largest Porsche dealer in the USA. They always have special cars right on their floor, ones that we often don't get to routinely see, like the Sport Classic, GT-3 RS, and Porsche Design specials. I still marvel at them winning Le Mans Overall back in 2005; they proudly display that trophy. I



enjoyed looking through some of the special Porsche color samples, etc. Later I stopped and visited friends at RENNtech, a team I drove for back in the 90's; they are still a premier Mercedes tuner in the USA.



I pointed the BMW 5er back north for the 160 miles to Daytona. Just the right vehicle for the week. A freeway flyin' 500-mile day trip with the two stops, and later to carry lots of folks going to the track and the airport. My thanks to SIXT, as they have far more European vehicles available than other companies at MCO. A German sport sedan met both my wants and needs.

Wednesday evening there is a special street party. I think it's a clever promotion by the track and IMSA. They bring examples

of the race cars out of the track and have a big event in an open-air mall area at One Daytona, directly across from Daytona International Speedway. No ticket required; anybody and everybody is invited. Inclusion can be an under-utilized principle? There are pit stop contests for three crews, and one of those was JDC motorsports, with their Porsche 963. The livery for #77 Porsche in



GTD Pro was already viral, it was displayed too. Tomorrow, it's "game on" for four days of racing.

We had amazing weather this year. 70's nearly every day, and no rain. Basking in the glow of the sun and listening to the eager engine sounds echoing off the banking. This is the center of the motorsports universe this week every year. There were ten of us. Once you really get 100 octane in the bloodstream, it doesn't get out!

We got our wristbands for the PCA tent at Turn #4. A great perk: seating, two big screens to watch the live TV feed, refreshments, and meeting PCA friends, like Kim and Keith Fritze's. The first big race is the



IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge, a four-hour race for GS (GT-4) and TCR cars on Friday afternoon. The #91 Cayman GT-4 RS Clubsport wins the GS Class, beating many V8 entries such as M-B, Aston Martin plus McLaren and BMW. And? The crew of JDC team in TCR does miracle work with their Audi RS 3 LMS in TCR . . . explain? They had problems, missing all of practice and qualifying . . . they needed a new ECU. Apparently, the nearest one was in Mexico! Urgent arrangements were made and the team barely made it to the grid. They had to start from the back, of course. Passing the entire field, they made it stick in the end, winning TCR. Two big victories!

Friday night, I had a special invitation. If you don't want to hear about a big V8 sedan with a manual transmission, it might be best if you quickly advance to the next paragraph. You wonder if there is even such a car still made? Nearly everything with a big engine now has a double-clutch or automatic. But there is one hold out to tradition. There is a special unveiling held at the Hall of Fame Museum inside the D.I.S. HQ building. H.O.F. is a stop worth it all by itself. Da, da. It's the 2025 Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing. 668 supercharged V8 horsepower and a six-speed manual transmission . . . and a nice interior, too. I give them credit for continuing to build this kind of velvet-hammer kind of vehicle when the usual-suspect



brands have stopped doing so.

We're back early on Saturday; it's the really Big Day. Early on, the historic cars will do a few display laps; I remember a lot of these old war horses in their prime and intend to enjoy hearing them out on the track once again.

From 1981 through 1987 Porsche won Le Mans overall 7 times in a row, first with the 936, then the 956, and finally the all-conquering



962. Things change, especially the rule book. In the 90's the GTP Class was going to be replaced by GT1. Meanwhile, in 1993, one of the 962 teams, Dauer, set out to make street-legal cars out of the 962. Porsche had concluded that the standard 962 was no longer competitive with the new rules set. There wasn't time to make a 993-based version to align with the new GT1 rules, which would be the eventual answer. In the meantime? With a whole new body from Lola Composites and a real interior, Dauer had somehow gotten a version of the 962 made road legal in Europe . . . it was designated "962LM." Porsche saw this as the loophole . . . this "street legal" 962 could run competitively in GT1, that allowed a 650 hp engine instead of a 550 hp one and allowed a 31.7 gallon fuel tank instead of 13.7 gallons. More power, far fewer pit stops for fuel . . . game on. Two cars were entered at the '94 Le Mans race, with a few grumbles from the ACO, the sanctioning body. In this guise, the "old" 962 won Le Mans just one more time. The Sultan of Brunei loved it, and apparently bought five from Dauer at \$1.2M each (mid-90's dollars.)

There I was at this year's Rolex 24, and one of those two Dauer 962's from the '94 Le Mans race was there. One of the actual



drivers, Danny Sullivan (photo right, LtoR Danny Sullivan, Paul Cole). I was enjoying the sounds of these cars lapping - and then there was an incident. The safety/pace car for these display laps, a new BMW M3CS, hit the wall on the backstretch, two people went to the



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hospital. That brought this session to a halt. I leave you to the internet for photos of that debacle. Afterward, Paul and I discussed some racing history through Indy and CanAm with Danny. Later we do the grid walk, which is time to meet old friends, including team owners and drivers. What's their outlook? It will be show-and-tell time soon; those intentions and predictions will be tested. As we head back to the



condo, there is a great sunset framing the grandstands.

The next morning, I was looking out of the floor-to-ceiling glass of the Ocean Walk condo at an amazing ocean sunrise; what a



great planet we have; we are so fortunate. There was a magnificence that set a tone for the day.

Back to the track, and there have been a few casualties overnight. The PCA tent serves as our "HQ," and at noon, we are served a choice of Panera box lunches. Thank you, Porsche of Melbourne! There is a special event poster and a live painting, which depicts Porsche at this race. Later it's auctioned for the Austin Hatcher Foundation. I won't spend as much time on the nitty-gritty of race details; in today's hyperconnected world you likely know them already . . . if you want to know. What's the context?



As expected, it's extremely close in GTP. The lead had changed many times, with nobody getting very far ahead. This would be a fight right to the end. The #6 Penske Porsche has suffered some penalties, as these cars as closely measured and monitored by IMSA in real-time. It seemed those violations



occurred under braking and recharging the hybrid battery. The team caught on fast and implemented software changes on #7, and the info went to the two other Porsche 963's. As it came to the penultimate hour, one of the Cadillac's and the "#7 963 were trading the lead. The last pit stop and last yellow flag were crucial elements . . . with just over two seconds to spare, the 963 wins. It was the 19th time for Porsche to Win Overall at Daytona . . . exactly matching their same count for Le Mans: 19. The #62 Risi Ferrari took GTD Pro, with the #77 Porsche only one lap back. The #57 Mercedes took the win in GTD "AM."

In the Winner's Circle, Roger Penske noted the end of the 55-year drought, that he had last won this race in 1969. That was with a Lola T-70, and that year, the winning margin was? 20 LAPS. Think about how much the competitive level has increased . . . now a 2 SECOND margin is more typical. His comments also made it firmly clear his sights are set on the Circuit de la Sarthe and June . . . Le Mans is a big race that he has yet to win. At 86, you can see that the flame still burns strong in him. If efforts can be redoubled in any way, they will be. There was a little faux pax by officials . . . they threw the white flag one lap too early. So it was actually the 23:58:24.723 this year . . . just shy of the 24. See you at the PCA tent next year?

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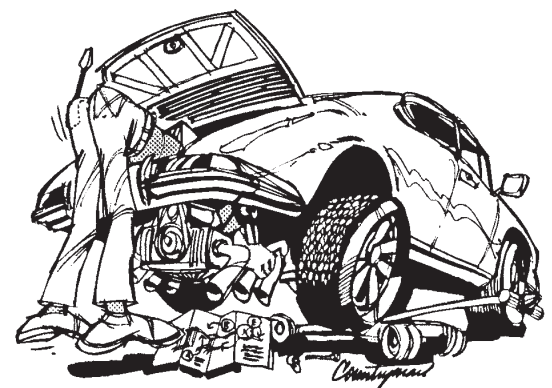
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