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Vintage Porsche patch found in the pages of a book listing all the sports cars up to that date. More info in editor's column

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

## **Brian Eslinger**

Minneapolis, MN 2023 Macan

## **Christopher Fazendin**

Fridley, MN 2024 911 Carrera

### **Andrew Gibson**

Victoria, MN 2024 718 Boxster S

### **Bill Haukoos**

Lakeville, MN 2015 911 Targa 4S

## **Paul Kleeberg**

Columbia Heights, MN

## **Martin Kusar**

Excelsior, MN 2009 911 Carrera S

## **David Vandekieft**

Champlin, MN 2004 911 Carrera Gray Coupe So, Just What Do We Do In Nord Stern??! A brief synopsis of activities and events offered by your club, Nord Stern, and/or PCA or, just enough info to pique your interest??!!

**AUTOCROSS:** A low-speed driving event teaches a person how to maneuver one's car through a course marked by pylons on a closed circuit. Instruction is often available, and drivers compete against the clock. No modifications to one's car are necessary. Helmet required.

**CLUBTALK:** This is an email-based list server for member subscribers focusing on car issues and discussions and a place to ask questions, get recommendations and comments. Alsolast minute breaking news on upcoming events and activities. Join Clubtalk at this link.

**CAR SHOWS/CONCOURS:** Members enjoy gathering and looking over a wide range of Porsche models, most nicely detailed to show them at their best. A generally informal and social setting.

- All Porsche Show: Nord Stern annually hosts the All Porsche Show in late June. One of the biggest events of the year, often with 150+ cars in attendance. A non-judged, "shine and show" event that attracts members and their families, along with prospective members.
- Concours: A setting where Porsches are displayed for general viewing and/or inspection, with
  competition in many distinct model categories. Experienced judges evaluate the various models
  based on cleanliness, overall condition, and authenticity.

**DRIVES:** An organized drive over a planned scenic route, usually to a meeting spot that offers food, beverages, and space to socialize. Venues rotate among popular destinations that offer good amenities for Porsche enthusiasts.

**DRIVER TRAINING (DT):** A driver training course designed to teach and enhance high-speed driving skills and techniques on an actual race course. Training includes classroom sessions, on-track exercises, and supervised lapping sessions. Completion of "DT" is a Pre-Requisite for "DE" participation and is NOT to be confused with Driver Education events. Driver Training includes both Novice and Intermediate level options. A current Snell-rated helmet is required at a minimum.

**DRIVER EDUCATION (DE):** A high-speed driving event on a closed-course racetrack (Brainerd and Road America for example) where drivers are grouped according to prior experience and car capabilities. Lapping sessions allows our members to enjoy the full performance capabilities of their cars in a relatively safe, controlled environment. Instructors are generally available for novices. Prior Driver Training participation is required. A current Snell-rated helmet is required at a minimum.

**PARADE LAPS:** Typically held during lunch sessions at DT/DE/Club Racing 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 so that they can 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 required. This national program is administrated and overseen by a volunteer, trained national staff. The PCA website has a full schedule of races and information. Prior race experience required and/or specific amount of Driver Education participation. Talk to our Chief Driving Instructor for further information.

**RALLY:** An event wherein a driver and co-driver complete a predetermined route along open roads following a specific set of navigational instructions. Can be a TDS (time-distance-speed) or a 'fun' rally. Social: Organized gatherings of club members, affiliates and family member to meet, eat, and socialize. Many different venues and activities are selected every year to bring members together.

**TECH SESSIONS:** Casual educational session spaning a wide range of topics from general maintenance, through Concours prep, performance enhancements, and general car/mechanical knowledge!

**VOLUNTEERING:** The club runs on volunteers! A great way to meet fellow members and get the most out of your membership. We exist because of members volunteering their time and talents to plan and execute our many events. With no paid staff, we depend entirely on volunteers to run our club and keep a calendar of interesting, well-planned activities. Whether its track events, social activities, tech, touring, tech sessions, car shows, or others, we have a place for you and many an opportunity to get involved.

by Tom Karn, White 2020 Porsche GT4

ello Nord Stern! As I perused the August Nord Stern magazine, the word vibrant popped into my head several times. Vibrant: full of energy and enthusiasm; quivering; pulsating; (of color) bright and striking. Our club has a vibrancy that permeates our souls. Vibrant colors, of course (so many great photos of beautiful cars). Vibrant sounds (ah, that flat six). Vibrant events (we've had over 25 so far this year). Vibrant people (that's what it's about, after all). We are all so fortunate to have these cars and this club in our lives. Thanks to the givers in our club that make it all happen; some are new this year, many have been at it for decades!

August was the month for Drives and boy did the new Drives Team shine with their three outstanding events: Vino in the Valley, Eagan Car Club: Drive or Arrive, and Drive to Henderson Classic Car Roll-in. Thanks to Rich & Mary Rolfs, Chuck Barr, Jason Barney and Nick Severson for all their efforts to scout routes, coordinate with venues, get the word out, get everyone registered and ensure all PCA

rules are followed. These drives are big undertakings and three in one month is a lot of work. Thank you for creating these events for us to enjoy! We also must thank the Membership Team for their role in the Eagan Car Club event. They coordinated with the

owners to provide a great reception for Nord Stern. And, of course, they are always working in the background to recruit members, welcome new members and support existing members. Thanks to Carolyn "Speedy" Veno, Michael Steinberg and Amanda Zander for their terrific work.

Although Summer seemed to come and go in a flash, don't despair! We have many fun events left before Porsche 2024 ends. Check the website (NordStern.org), social media, ClubTalk and emails often so you don't miss anything!

Next Up—Final Fling! September 14th & 15th at Brainerd International Raceway. Don't miss your last opportunity this year to drive your Porsche on the track at our High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) and Driver Training (DT) event. If you're new to the track, you can sign up for DT, a driving course designed to teach and enhance high speed driving skills and techniques on an actual racetrack. Training includes classroom sessions, skills sessions and supervised lapping sessions with your personal instructor. Not sure if this is for you? That's a common feeling. Contact our Driver Training team at dt@nordstern.org to talk it through. They are there to help you! Register now for Final Fling at ClubRegistration.net.

Following Final Fling we're bringing back a big hit from last fall! Apple Picking and Pizza at The Arbor at Young Acres in Prescott, WI on September 21st. This family friendly event is a great way to enjoy a beautiful Fall Saturday. Registration is required, so go to ClubRegistration.net and sign up now!

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ell, this was a fun submission a few weeks ago by long-time Nord Stern member, very serious Porsche enthusiast and one of our newsletter's most faithful photographers, **Michael Grabner**.

When I saw the image attached to an email to me, I had to

immediately ask Michael, what in the heck is the patch sitting on? A stunning image in my opinion and made even more spectacular with his choice of background.

Turns out (I guessed wrong, I will admit!) it is the cover from a fluorescent light fixture such as one may have in a basement. Who knew! And of course there had to be a bit of story here, too, as the patch obviously is not recent or new.

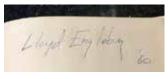
Michael reports that the patch was given to him by a good friend who found it after going through her father's stuff. It was tucked into a book that listed all the sports cars up to that day. She was never aware that her father had a Porsche at any time in his life before



children, but obviously was a fan.

The patch is in pristine condition. We just not sure exactly what era that it's from! So here's a new puzzle, question we'd love to get answered by any one of the very knowledgeable members. For sure it is from the 50's

or 60's. Michael also took a pic of this friend's dad's name in the book. So a bit of



mystery when it comes to the exact era this patch is from.

And as always, we have a plethora of photos from some of the recent summer Nord Stern outings and I am so grateful to everyone who takes time to capture some

of the fun. After all, a picture sure does paint a thousand words - and it for sure appears the club is having a bumper year of action and fun.

Be sure to check out this year's report from the annual Porsche Parade (and yes, it includes many photos that help visualize all the interesting and fun activities planned every year at this big national gathering of all things Porsche!) We have been to several over the years and they are fun and interesting for sure. Make sure one is on your 'bucket list!'

# 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

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

Mail renewal checks to: Scott Brown - call for address

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Nord Stern membership Options: \$30 per year, or \$80 for three years

\* Check your mailing label for your expiration date

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# 2024 Calendar . . . Get Around with Nord Stern

# SEPTEMBER 2024

# 3 Nord Stern Business Meeting \*

Location The Exchange, 500 5th Ave NW, New Brighton, RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome

# 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

# 21 Nord Stern goes Apple Picking - 2nd Annual!

The Arbor at Young Acres, Prescott, WI 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$30 per person includes pizza, farm activities, LOTS of fun

# OCTOBER 2024

# 2 Nord Stern Business Meeting \*

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

# 4-6 Nord Stern's Annual Fall Color Tour

HQ: PierB in Duluth
Friday evening welcome party
Saturday drive with lunch destination
Saturday night dinner details - clubregistration.net
SAVE THE DATE

# 12 Nord Stern Checkered Flag Party

Location: Buck Hill Party Room Time: Noon - 4 p.m. Details/Cost TBA

## NOVEMBER

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

## **DECEMBER**

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Nord Stern Business Meeting \*

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

- all are welcome

2025 Events - Save the dates!

## JANUARY 2025

## 11 Nord Stern 2025 Green Flag Party

Location/Time/Cost: To Be Announced Save the Date

\* 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, September - May 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. Non-Nord Stern events of potential interest to our membership may be added, upon request, and dependent on space availability, to this calendar as a courtesy to the organizer, or an organizing entity, and strictly at the discretion of the editor or Nord Stern president.

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# Upcoming Events - Get these on your Calendar







Who Are Those Guys?

photos by Michael Steinberg

Two of my favorite shots from this year's Loonacy weekend up at BIR feature (L to R) Steve Albers, Jim Southwell and President Tom Karn!





t's my annual trek to the week of all things Porsche, this year in Birmingham, Alabama. June in the Deep South, no need to worry about packing a warm jacket! The Cayman



dutifully does 32 mpg for the 1,080 miles to B'ham. I couldn't resist one extra stop. NASA in Huntsville is just 10 miles off the direct I-65 route. There are rockets and spy planes, such as the A-12, which was top secret; essentially, it was the working preview to the fabled SR-71 Blackbird.



I finish my Day 2 at the Sheraton near the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Sunday morning, I drove the last 90 miles to B'ham. It's a "downtown" Parade with the convention center



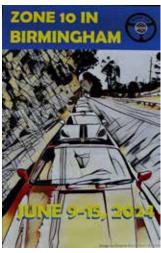
providing a huge auditorium for indoor Concours Prep, meeting rooms, plus generous spaces for the Goodie Store, Hospitality, the Art Show, etc. The two H.Q. hotels are part of a connecting skyway system, so you could stay in A/C when walking to banquets and many events.

Sunday in the week-long Parade schedule means: go through registration, attend my Concours Judge's meeting, turn in my Art Show entries, check-into the hotel, etc. And? This is my 36th Parade; seeing so many Porsche friends stretching back through my four decades of membership is really great. Late in the afternoon, the Zone Reception social event is on the



nearby City Walk. Our Zone 10 Rep, Stephen Kemp, hosted; there was even a special poster!

Monday is the Concours, also held on the nearby City Walk. That's a large shaded area under I-20 prepared as a park with fountains, seating, etc. I judged two of the "Transaxle" car classes. In perusing, I noticed an early Boxster. When I checked the entrant info? Grant Larson. Yes, the actual exterior designer of the Boxster from Porsche AG. Later, he gave in-person presentations at the Convention



Center. A unique visual? A 944 was shown as a tribute to the legendary "Pink Pig" racecar. My favorite car at the Concours? The 904 GTS.

By mid-afternoon, it's off to the Art Show reception for the Artists and Guests. The Porsche brand is often identified with the creative class; this event is a natural expression of member talents. My Classic Photography entry, "ICONS ENDURE," wins an Honorable Mention award. At the end of the week, my other entry, "WHITE LIGHTING," in the "computer-revised photo" class, sells to a PCA Region





Art award and submisions, photos by Ken Geljack President.

Tuesday is the TSD rally; instead, I've opted to walk the course at Barber Motorsports Park. What a place! You could be forgiven if you thought you'd entered a Sculpture Garden masquerading as a racetrack. First-rate everywhere, including that you can



observe the "Proving Grounds" autocross area from inside a large, elevated, airconditioned building. Covering 14 acres,



this includes a long, steeply-banked, concrete turn, reminding a bit of the Kleines Karussel on the Nurburgring. On-site waterfalls? Check. (photo: P24waterfalland Cayman) The landscaping is manicured to a golf course standard; Barber Motorsports as the "Augusta National" of racetracks? Absolutely.

Later that evening is the elegant PCA
Concours Dinner. I opted for the Filet
entrée. The featured speaker is the new
PCNA CEO, Timo Resch. It's a case of
"he's back!" He was here at PCNA in the
early-mid 2000s after starting his career as
an engineer at Porsche AG. After the '08
financial crash, he moved back to Germany,
making career stops at Audi, BMW
Motorrad, and BMW M; now he's back at
Porsche in the USA. We've met at the Rolex
24 at Daytona; he shares a gasoline-in-theveins passion for motorsports!

Wednesday is my "lounge around at the hotel" day, plus I study for the last of the Big Four competitive events: the Historic and Technical Quiz. I also review my notes from the Tuesday course walk. I'll be ready for "Day Two" of the Autocross, tomorrow, when I'll compete with the Cayman.

Thursday, and there's a new competitive twist this year, the Hoffman Cup. What's that? It's an Overall National Driving



Championship. To be eligible, you either win your class or have a very low "delta" to that winning lap time. After the Parade Autocross, there's results-math to sort-out those Top 30 participants; then there's a subsequent runoffs. PCNA provided the cars for this unique competition, making it more "ceteris paribus." Latin: all else being equal. I made the cut, qualifying Top 30 to be in the inaugural PCA Hoffman Cup competition. Then the competitive procedure is: Q1-Q2-Q3, F1-like. First up, all 30 of us drove one of two 911 Carrera T's. This is the sportiest of the entry-level 911's



currently available. I liked it. Driving it, I made it into the Top 20, qualifying for Q2. For that, PCNA then provided two Taycan E/V's. I should note that they wouldn't let you adjust the stability control, traction control, etc. I sure wish it had been Caymans for Q2; I do think there is an advantage if it's a Porsche model that you have practice/ experience with. The acceleration of the Taycan was vigorous, but I felt the heaviness in all the corners. I finished 11th, just missing the Top 10. No Q3 for me. The Top 10 drove a PCNA Macan GTS for the final. Top 11 in a PCA National Autocross Driving Competition . . . I hope you won't make a 72-year-old guy apologize for that. Kudos to Paul Kudra, the Parade Autocross Chairman, for adding the Hoffman Cup event to the Parade.

There's something for everybody at Parade: Sim Racing, R.C. car racing, a Gimmick Rally, etc. How about extra athletic and social events? There's a 5K Run/Walk, a golf tournament, plus a range of tours to places for BBQ, Classic Cars, Breweries, Whiskey Distilleries, and more. There's a full range of "Kid's Parade" activities too.

Friday morning is the Historic and Technical Quiz. The format? First, it's 50 "General" questions on Porsche history and such.

Those are the same on everybody's test.

Then there are 25 questions that are "Model Specific," in nine Men's and Ladies' classes ranging from the 356 up to the current models. I only got 3 questions on the 928; it got merged into the 924/944/968 Tech Quiz some years back. There are also five super-difficult tie-breaker questions. The results? I earned the Top Podium Spot in Q07M, the "Transaxle" Porsches quiz.

Saturday is the Parade-of-Porsche's driving tour. This re-creates an element from the

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Early Boxster entered by Grant Larson, exterior designer of the Boxster from Porsche AG



My favorite car at the Concours? The 904 GTS.



A 944 was shown as a tribute to the legendary "Pink Pig" racecar.



As Kim says, the Barber Museum is a 'must' for anyone who has 'gasoline in their veins!'

Lots of goodies.



Left: Volunteer Worker
Party. There are over 600
people who have done at
least two shifts (1 full day)
and are invited to the Worker
Party - always a highlight of
Parades.

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# Slowpokes Inc.

# **Open Track Events - No Run Groups**

# **Brainerd International Raceway**

- Competition Course: 2.5 Miles 13 turns
- Track Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

\$400 per event or \$1,300 all 4 events\*

# 2024 Dates

- May 10<sup>th</sup> (Friday)
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday)
- September 3<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday, day after Labor Day)
- October 7<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

# **Format:**

- No run groups
- · Passengers allowed
- Lunch from 1 to 2 p.m. Parade laps on Track

# Requirements:

- Prior High Speed Track Driving Experience
- Vehicle Tech Inspection
- · Contact us for details or questions

Contact us: info@slowpokes.org

If your happiness requires more track time visit www.slowpokes.org to sign up

Nord Stern SEPTEMBER 2024

# Random Loonacy '24 Scenes

by Michael Steinberg





Left to right
Lining Up behind the grandstands; Chad
Lemmons; #912 'leading' the pack; Rick Polk's
#22; April Barker and their GT4; Earl Herrington;
Starter Al Carton; Jim Arhart and his GT4; Drivers
Maddie Lee, Codie Donahue, and April Barker;
future driver Jarvis Yanke; Bret Bailey and Greg
Adams; Jeffrey Velure; and John Velure
going 'undercover'











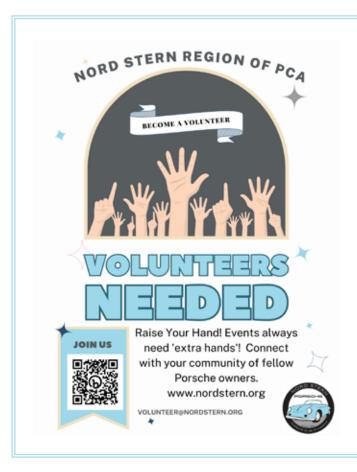






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# Raise Your Hand and BE a Nord Stern Volunteer

- Nord Stern is a club, an organization 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!
- In '23, 32 members signed up to volunteer at Loonacy Weekend, and filled 65 volunteer slots using our Volunteer signup page: https://website.nordstern.org/membership/volunteer/. 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 a small leap and be a part of the big picture in Nord Stern!
- Remember The club needs those helping hands all year round.

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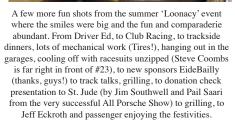








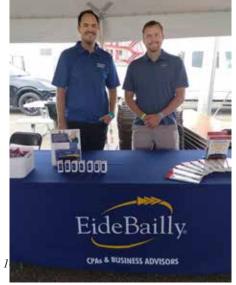
















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## Parade . . .

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very first Porsche Parade back in 1956.

They limit it to 300 cars; those spots go fast.

We met at Classic Cars Motoring as the line-us-all-up launch point and then did a police-guided seven-mile scenic drive along



the Cahaba River that concluded at Barber Motorsports Park. The finale is our lap around Barber (photo below), which has an enjoyable "roller coaster" quality. After that, I had just enough time to tour their Vintage Museum before the Volunteer Worker Party.

took a picture of me and the Cayman out front! (photo below)



I head back to the H.Q. hotel and the Volunteer Worker Party. There are over 600 people who have done at least two shifts . . . one whole day . . . to qualify for this event. This is a shining example of the volunteerism that makes PCA possible. There was a generous buffet lunch plus over 100 door prizes. This worker-only event is a tangible thank-you gesture, showing that volunteerism is not taken-for-granted at our Porsche Parade.



& Tech Quiz winners; I'm proudly awarded my trophy. (photos right: Victory Banquet & Tech Quiz Resultsslide, both Official Parade Photos) There's a presentation about next year's Parade, which will be held in Oklahoma City. It's about a month later next year, July 6-12th. OKC

is 778 miles south on I-35, a mere one-day drive from MSP; consider attending! Then they announced the location for '26 ... it's Lake Placid, NY.
Yes, the site of the 1980 U.S.
Olympic Winter Games and the "Miracle on Ice," one of the greatest upsets in Olympic



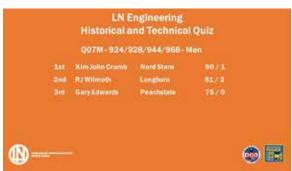
Cars and Motorcycles at Barber!

sports history. I was there in '94, when the Parade was previously at Lake Placid. It's farther than OKC; I'm firmly in the "be there or be square" mode! June 14-20, 2026, see you at Lake Placid?



Like the rest of Barber, the Museum is stunning. Guinness World Records recognizes it as having the largest motorcycle collection in the world, with more than 1,800, spanning over 100 years of production. Their presentation matches that record; this is a must-see for any motorhead. There are quite a few cars too. There are early Porsche and Lotus cars, plus formula racecars, especially INDY racecars. There was a section of later Porsche's, too: a 928, 968, 917, and a 914. I have visited many museums, including the Henry Ford, Smithsonian, etc. Barber sets an amazing standard. I'm providing some photos, but those are just a beginning. A PCA member





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Museum Photos Clockwise, upper left: Indy Cars at Barber;
Porsche 928/968/917/914;
75 years of GrandPrix Motorcycle racing;
Racecars and motorcycles at Barber;
Tribute to Dan Gurney





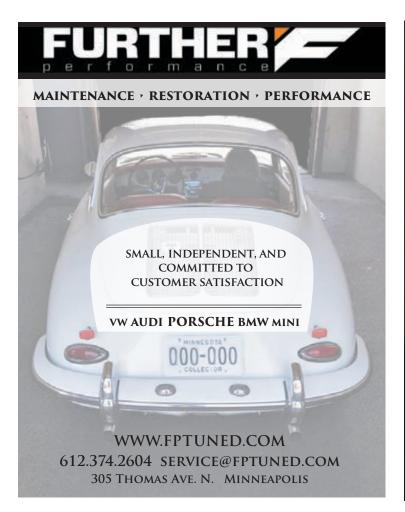
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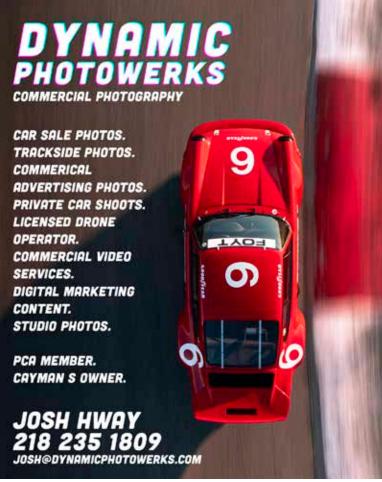
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# Nord Stern Members 'Speak!

n behalf of the Drives Team that participated in the Vino Drive (me, Chuck Barr, and Jason Barney), it was a pleasure to provide the drive to the Club. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback on the drives route and Vino in the Valley is a perennial favorite of the Club. A few specific thanks are in order:

- Thanks to Chuck Barr for carefully planning the route which was spectacular!
- Thanks to the members who helped us on the drive serving as leaders and sweeps: Andy Golfis, Ryan Butkowski, and our President Emeritus Jeff Eckroth and his wife Michelle.

We are actively exploring an even more interesting event next year including an interim stop with bathrooms, Cheese Curds and Ice Cream!

And we have another co-sponsored event with the membership committee next weekend: "Drive or Arrive at the Eagan Car Condos." See the club website and Club Reg for more details!

courtesy Clubtalk

Drives Team: Jason Barney, Check Barr, Rich Rolfs and Nick Severson.

Yesterday's Drive and event at Vino in the Valley was outstanding. I'd like to extend my thanks to the Drive team and everyone who had a part in making this such a success!

- Ron Burns

Yes, it was!! Thanks to Chuck and crew for finding and forerunning the course for us!

Beautiful winding roads and Vino wines' unmatched hospitality made it a memorable drive!

- Bill Berard



- Rich Rolfs

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don't know about you, but I'm always bowled over when I come across an eclectic story in a mainstream media outlet on our favorite subject, performance cars.

Like one that appeared recently in The New York Times on, get this, the most desirable collector cars in the world. Under the headline "The Holy Grail Cars? Get Them While They Last" Rob Sass proffers the argument that, today, only the Mercedes 300 SLR Uhlenhaut Coupe, the Ferrari 250 GTO, the Jaguar XKSS and the McLaren F1 merit mention as the ultimate objects of desire for well-healed collectors. With an asterisk.

A what? Yes, since the F1 is several generations newer than the others, and was never meant for the track, although a modified version ran and won Le Mans, it's an outlier to the other rides. Or so says the author.

The thing that gets me is, how many Times readers actually understand and appreciate just what these vehicles were in their time, or are today? And, then, is this really such a short list, the very best of the best?

Let's take the first question first. Do non-gearheads really appreciate classic automotive excellence?

I'm thinking about a round of golf recently, where a friend and I were paired with several men who were probably in their 20s or early 30s. My golf partner is in his 40s. Among other things, he imports and sells late '80s/early '90s street versions of rally cars. Out of the blue, while waiting to tee off, the subject of cool cars came up. And one of the other players said his favorite car was the Ferrari that Magnum drove in the TV series.

So my friend asked him, which model? The 308? The 308 QV? The 328? And our playing companion looked like he just ran into a buzzsaw. He had no idea what my friend was talking about. Which ended our conversation. My friend and I headed back to our golf cart, and nodded conspiratorially. Because this other player just did not understand.

I had another incident recently, at an art show, when I struck up a conversation with an artist who was displaying a five by five foot scene of technicolor Adirondack chairs, resplendent on a Miami Beach beach, or so she said. I really don't recall how we segued into cars, but we did. Turns out, she was energized about an opportunity to turn her artistic creativity to automobiles, and sell her works to collectors.

She started probing, picking my brain about auctions and events, manufacturers and models. And I, of course, given an audience, started a monologue -- the Goodwood Festival of Speed, Monterey, the Mille Miglia Historica, Villa d'Este. This was all news to her.

We exchanged text numbers, and my new best friend has now reached out and queried me, several times since, about auction houses, the most desirable collector vehicles, where to sell her artwork. Finally, I told her to read Sports Car Market, Octane, Hemmings.

What do I make of these chance encounters? It comes down to this. It's the gene. You either have it, or you don't. Yes, you can appreciate the beauty, the sophistication, the mechanicals. You can even enjoy time behind the wheel. But, well, do you understand? Do you really understand? Do you feel the passion? If you don't possess the gene, I think not.

Let's put it this way; given unlimited funds, would you buy a Ferrari 250 GTO, if you can find one for sale? Or a Picasso? Or a Patek Philippe? Or a bottle of Mouton Rothschild? Here's my answer; only if you're a fanatic.

As for my fanatical fantasy list, sure, I'd love a 250 GTO. But I'd also love a Porsche 904. I'd love an original 427 Cobra. And, Mr. Sass, shouldn't these cars also be on the list? Because they too are iconic, and they too could also be driven to the track, raced, and driven home.

Not that I would. Because I'd also have in the garage a Miura, a 275 GTB, a 911 Carrera RS 2.7. Along with a 288 GTO and a Carrera GT. By the way, remember that the last two were developed to race. Except neither race series actually came to be. So, what Ferrari and Porsche did was revamp their models for the street. The price for these vehicles today may not be in interstellar space, but they're certainly blasting through the Ionosphere. Just like the cars the author cites in his article.

The bottom line? Works of art, in whatever form, are works of art. And they become that because they stand the test of time. They're rare. They have provenance. They're eternal. Which means, if you want to bask in your own private Holy Grail garage, or decorate your living room walls with museum-quality visual art, or partake of a particularly rare vintage, you're going to have to pay. Dearly.

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Prez Sez . . .

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The perennial Fall Colors Tour will take place October 4-6. Based out of Pier B Resort Hotel in Duluth, this signature event is once again sold out. For those of us who put the Porsche's away for the winter, this will be one of the last opportunities this year to enjoy wonderful roads and beautiful scenery in Minnesota. If you didn't register, put it on your list for next year and register early! It always sells out. Thanks to the 2024 Fall Colors Tour Team: Jeff & Michelle Eckroth, Jim & Cid Holton, Dennis Kruse, Jim & Gayle Southwell, and Scott Wilson.

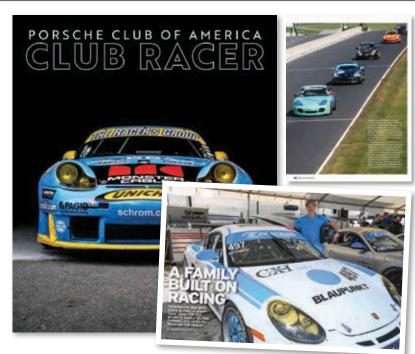
We'll wrap the year again with the Checkered Flag Party at Buck Hill on October 12th. The event was packed last year. We all enjoyed one last opportunity to get together and celebrate a wonderful year of cars, events and friends. Please join us!

What do you want from your Club next year? The best way to get it is to join the team! I guarantee you that by volunteering you will get the most out of all that Nord Stern has to offer! Please start thinking about what you'd like to do in 2025. Look back a few pages at the list of officers and committee chairs to spark some thoughts. If you're not sure where you can fit in, email me or Jim Southwell, our Volunteer Coordinator, at Volunteer@NordStern.org

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Your Prez', Tom Karn, president@nordstern.org.

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# Miscellaneous ...



very NOT unusal 'position'
many a Nord Stern member
find themelves in when it
comes to our cars. Here we have Jim
Southwell doing his typical good work
inspecting this GT4RS at Midwest
ClearBra!

Or, how to keep oneself flexible and capable of popping up from our garage floors. ;)!

Photo by Tom Karn.

# Best' . . .

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Just don't expect your friends and family and neighbors to understand. Because, unless they too have the gene, they really don't.

Editor's note: For some of us who have been in the club long enough (or early enough!) late member, Ken Kamstra, (he of the advertising world and his own agency) espoused this exact same theory of the existence of a 'car-gene'. Either one had it or one did not! I cannot disagree.

In fact, he wrote a book about the 'autogene' which we happen to have had a copy.

Ken also was a talented artist and had great fun illustrating his quirky humor with beasty-like images that I had the good fortune to feature in the newsletter way back when (late 90's, early 00's). I might have to dig around and re-publish a few.

Cargoyles, anyone?!



ur September feature Porsches that we call the 'Two Beauties', or 'Team Meeting'! These gorgeous Blue Porsches are owned by long-time Nord Stern member, Dave Weisel. 912 on the left, 911 T on the right. Can almost call these the two 'bookends', if you will. Just think, one can only drive one at a time, darn.

Photo by Dave Weisel (who just was featured in Pano as having joined PCA in 1963, he must havae been a kid!)

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s Judi S says: Perfect day for a drive to, or meet at, the Eagan Car Club. Thanks to the Drives group for their organization (with an optional breakfast at Joseph Family Restaurant) and wonderful drive, AND, the club garage organizers for their wonderful lunch! And per Jim Southwell, Lots to see and lots of fun at Eagan Car Club. Photos to left.

Photo above: Membership peeps Carolyn Veno (Speedy) and Amanda Z at their tent, Chuck Barr led the drive from Stillwater.



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Photo by Michael Steinberg, above: dinner at the track during this year's Loonacy race weekend up at Brainerd International Raceway

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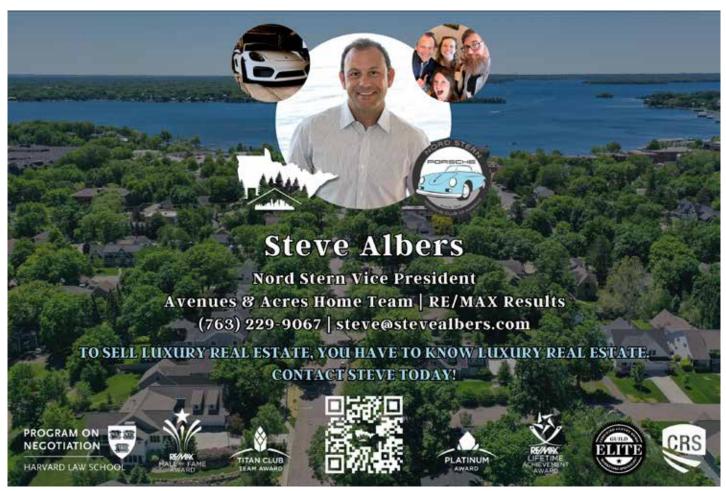
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orsche Minneapolis is one of 60 or so U.S. Porsche dealerships that is participating in the 2024 Porsche Classic Restoration Challenge. In its third year, the Challenge is designed to show Porsche's and U.S. dealerships' commitment to maintaining and restoring our much-loved Classic Porsche's from the 1950s to the early 2000s. Amazingly, Porsche can provide over 80,000 Classic Genuine Parts for our cars. Dealers can compete in three different categories: Restoration, Individualization, and Preservation. Geographic area winners from the East, Central-South, and West will be selected in each category. Judging is conducted by a panel of PCNA experts based on quality of the restoration, documentation, and dealer marketing events and media communications.

Porsche Minneapolis decided on this year's Restoration Challenge back in February: a 1956 356 Speedster shown below. Since then the car has been stripped, sanded and repainted, had its upholstery replaced, and many donor parts were acquired from the era to maintain originality. On July 26, Porsche Minneapolis held an event focusing on the work to rebuild the engine using parts they had sourced from a donor 356 1600 engine. Several dozen Nord Stern members and 356-lovers attended. Jeremy LaVenture (second person



from the right in the photo), Lead Porsche Certified Classic Technician, led the event and described in detail his work on the engine rebuild. Also on the Porsche Minneapolis Classic Team are Mike Lamm, Jon Loewenberg and Jon Beyer. And while there is still work to be done before the restoration is complete, you can see it is a beautiful car.

Porsche Minneapolis will host an event at the dealership to show the completed project on Monday, August 5th at 5 PM.

(editor's note: I saw on Facebook that Nord Sterners were there on August 5th - send some photos for the newsletter as the Speedster looked just fabulous.).



Club Race weekend volunteers and workers meeting, photo by Michael Steinberg



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# A 'Taste' of the Vino in the Valley Drive and Winery!

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Photos top to bottom of right column courtesy Porsche St. Paul: "We love to host our friends at the Nord Stern Porsche Club! Serving as a meeting point before they kicked off their Vino in the Valley drive on a beautiful summer day"













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## ... Definition of House versus a Home ...

Homes are a place that memories are made, where you are surrounded by the humblest of belongings that make you 4. smile, decorated with personal touches and sentimental items that ooze your personality and style, where you begin each day, and where you rest your head each night, but most importantly your home is where . . . Q.

## Q. How did you become a realtor?

A. Even before becoming a realtor I always loved looking at the MLS lists. There was something fascinating about all the information about the house in one location. It was like a short storybook highlighting the best characteristics of the lead character.

## Q. What is your favorite moment when helping a client?

A. There will be a moment . . . after visiting many houses . . . walking through them. . . discovering the clients visions . . . and listening to them as they feel out each house . . . there will be that moment when their face lights up and they know this is the house for them.

# Q. What are you known for?

A. At work I am known as the office organizer!

# Q. What one word describes you?

A. PIVOT. . . in real estate things are always moving and changing. . . Yes, Pivot!

# Q. What is your best talent you give to your clients?

A. That would be patience. I don't rush people – one client took 3 years to decide. It must be a good fit.

Also, if I can help expand their vision. For example, I can recommend paint colors that will bring out the beauty to the room. Helping them to see what can be.

## Q. Favorite color Porsche?

A. Black.

# Q. How do you define customer service?

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- 3. Asking what their end goal is and are they flexible with their wish list.
- 4. Educating my clients so they have a knowledge base so they can make the best decisions.
- 5. I am a counselor and a guidance coach!

# Q. Who is your favorite hero?

A. Neil deGrasse Tyson.

He can explain complicated ideas into layman language.

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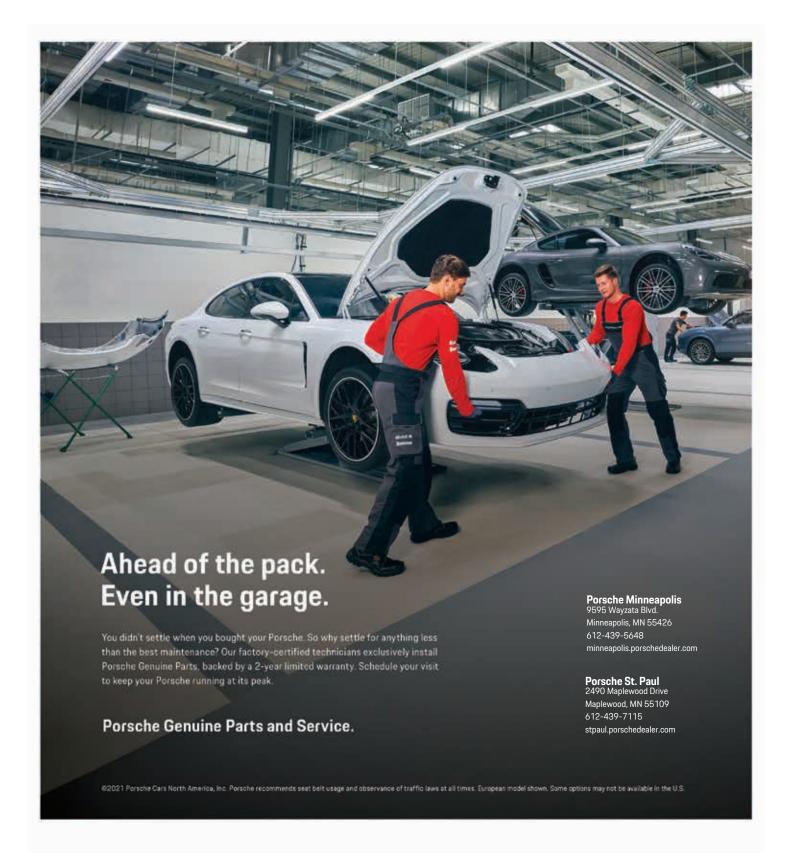
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# Q. If you could come back as someone, who what that be?

A. My Godmother. She was a kind, generous soul, and thoughtful. She gave every ounce of her being. . . she was like sunshine.

Thank you Mollie!







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