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Cover photo by Shannon Ivey

A fun Fall Foliage 'portrait' by Shannon of his recently restored 1982 911 SC that he raced back in the 2000's.

Beautiful P-car!

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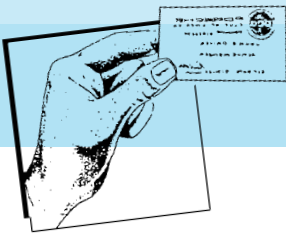
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WELCOME . . . *New (or Returning!) Nord Stern Members*

We hope to see you at upcoming events!

Josh Buckler

Wayzata, MN

2022 Cayenne E-hybrid

Andrew Doble

Minneapolis, MN

2002 911 Carrera

Jamie Dolynchuk

Hopkins, MN

911 Carrera GTS

Daniel Fischer

St Louis Park, MN

718 Cayman GTS 4.0

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2023 Panamera GTS

Marco Molinari

Lake City, MN

2024 911 Carrera S

Jon Schell

Shoreview, MN

1985 928 S

Keith Smythe

Champlin, MN

2017 718 Cayman S

Steve Wein

Pepin, WI

2024 718 Cayman S

Fatih Yucebilgic

Minneapolis, MN

2014 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet

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. Also last 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 spanning 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.

The Prez Sez . . .

by Tom Karn, White 2020 Porsche GT4

Congratulations Nord Stern on an outstanding year for the club! Our season of events officially came to a close at the Checkered Flag party on October 12th at Buck Hill. Kudos to all the leadership, including the Board, Executive Committee and Committee Chairs, and the numerous volunteers for their tremendous work providing enriching experiences for our members in 2024. You’ve seen and heard the names many times—in this column, in other areas of this magazine, in emails, at events, on social media, etc. The great news is that most of our Committee Chairs are planning to stick around for next year, ready to build upon their successes! New to the team will be **Karen Kahler**, who has graciously agreed to serve as the Social Chair, stepping in to replace **Michelle Weber-Eckroth** after two years of stellar service. If you’d like to plan an event with Karen, let her know (Social@NordStern.org). **Al Stasny** is a new member who has also stepped up and will be helping in significant ways with the All Porsche Show and DE/DT. Thanks Karen and Al!



Nord Stern participated in 33 events this year, including those sponsored by some of our key partners. There is no doubt that the most involved individuals have the most fun and get the most out of the club. So if you’re looking for more, let us know and we’ll get you involved. Our team is already busy planning for next season. Our last business meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, December 3 at Spasso in Minnetonka. Come and join us!

Jump in and help! You’ll love it!

Thanks to the Fall Color Tour Team for a Spectacular Event! We kicked off the fun at the historic Kitchi Gammi Club in Duluth. This beautiful venue provided the perfect setting to gather, meet the team, connect with friends and enjoy some delicious fare. We awoke to a gorgeous Fall morning on Saturday - a perfect crispness was in the air and the sun was shining! After the Driver Meeting, we departed for some amazing driving on the best roads Wisconsin has to offer. Several stops allowed us to stretch our legs, chat with new and old friends and enjoy more of the beauty of Northern Wisconsin. After returning to Duluth, we wrapped it up with a Paddock Pizza Party at Clyde Iron Works - some of the best pizza I’ve ever had! The Team promised an EPIC Event and they absolutely delivered! Thanks to the following Team Members that made it all happen:

- **Jeff and Michelle Eckroth** for their leadership as co-chairs - a flawless event.
- **Jim and Cid Holton, Dennis Kruse, Scott Wilson and Adam Riutta** for their significant efforts as the local “boots on ground” scouting routes and arranging venues.
- **Rich and Mary Rolfs, Chuck Barr, and Jason Barney** (The “Drives” Team) for all they did to plan the event,

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A couple of items to cover in this issue. We welcome a new advertiser, see page 34, called 'River Ice Cleaning'. Welcome to the world of Porsche's, their owners and their incredible passion for the marque. Stay tuned for more info.

And this issue features three 'end of the year recap reports' and comments from three of our Nord Stern Chair peeps. I think it's really important to get a feel for what each of the various activities that we as a club organize and execute in any given year. I'm thrilled to include here a report from on our 2024 Track Season, on our wild, crazy, and passionate Social Media presences on Facebook as managed (mainly although she doesn't take the credit she should!) by Misty Martianos and from Roger Johnson on the various Tech sessions held this year and well-attended by lots of members. Thank you and am hoping more of our leadership team will respond to my nag and get us short reports or recaps of the 'highlights, the lowlights (oh, never!), all the goods from 2024.

But of course the other fun in this issue are the visuals from this year's Fall Color Tour. Always a very favorite club event now headquartered out of PierB in Duluth, the weekend outing includes a welcome party, plenty of driving fun on various roads hopefully speckled with fall foliage (just starting this year), a group lunch at an area resort, several 'rest stops' of interest and an informal Saturday dinner of some sort - this year pizza (yum) inside the restored Clyde

Iron Works complex in Duluth. And again this year, the weather was perfect, the driving pretty amazing, lots of fun, and many lending their hand to make it such a successful event - Tom covers it all in his column.

One of our fall events was a repeat of last year, the Apple Picking at Young Acres. I couldn't include all the photos Michael Steinberg captured at this fun outing so I'll add a few here. My favorite might just be Carolyn (Speedy) Veno enjoying an initial bite of a luscious apple from the orchard!



And in the mood of Porsche and 'model' here is a really nice shot of Michelle Weber-Eckroth with their P-car at the Orchard. Thank you, Michelle, for organizing the

very family-friendly outing at a spot where I hear the Pizza is just outstanding. We were out of town this year, but hoping this gets scheduled again.



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

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2024-25 Calendar . . . Get Around with Nord Stern

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

2025 Events - Save the dates!

JANUARY

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 •

2024 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.

Any event dates that conflict with a Nord Stern-sponsored event will NOT be published in any official Nord Stern communications.

2025



Get to Know your '24 Nord Stern Officer Candidates!

Voting Online November 1 through November 15, www.nordstern.org

PRESIDENT – STEVE ALBERS

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

VICE PRESIDENT – DEREK LAUMBACH

My passion for Porsches goes back to my childhood when the first 911 Turbo was released. I had a large poster of it on my wall and could only dream of owning one someday. I still have that poster and I was able to join the Porsche world in 1996 when I bought my first 911. Since that time my collection has grown as well as my passion for the brand. I have enjoyed many years in Nord Stern attending social and track events and making great friends. I am looking forward to 2025 as I go all in at the track and start the adventure of PCA Club Racing.

SECRETARY – TOM SABOW

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

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

TREASURER – SCOTT BROWN

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

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

Board of Directors (3-year commitment)

TOM KARN (WILL BE ON THE BALLOT TO SERVE YEAR 1 OF 3)

Although my fascination with the Porsche marque goes back to the 80's, it wasn't until somewhat recently that we had the fortune of purchasing our first 911. Top-down drives in our 2009 Carrera Cabriolet became one of our favorite summer pastimes. After encouragement from several Nord Stern members, the track events soon became an additional passion. What started as just an opportunity to drive incredible cars fast turned into wonderful weekends with great friends. Serving Nord Stern as President has been one of the most fulfilling endeavors of my life. I am more excited than ever to continue giving back to the club.

JEFF ECKROTH (SERVING YEAR 2 OF 3)

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

STEVE KEMP (SERVING YEAR 3 OF 3)

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

Attendees:

Michelle Weber-Eckroth, Tom Karn, Judy Sievers, Mike Steinberg, Derek Laumbach, Karen Kahler, Al Stasny, Steve Albers, Carolyn Veno, Andy Golfis, Karen Carson, Scott Brown, Jim Southwell, Rich Rolfs, Scott Quick, John Blackburn, Todd Smith, Christie Boeder

Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by Tom Karn at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

President, Tom Karn:

- Thank you to all for your hard work on Club Race/Loonacy
- Still looking for a Green Flag speaker

Vice President, Steve Albers

- Thank you all for a great Loonacy/Club Race weekend

Treasurer, Scott Brown

- First Fling was financially healthy
- Cheese Fling as well
- Club is financially healthy

Secretary, Tom Sabow

- no report

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

- No report

All Porche Show, Phil Saari, Jim Southwell

- Working on next year's show
- Considering a bigger venue

Advertising

- No report, two new advertisers as of the November issue

Autocross, Andy Golfis

- Still looking for ways to build attendance
- DCTC track re-do next year will be big

Charity/Community Relations

- \$14,000 raised for St. Jude
- Please keep St. Jude present and obvious at all club events

Club Race Loonacy John Velure

- Working on next year

Dealerships, Roger Johnson

- Nord Stern is now part of the Porsche dealership marketing plans

Driver Education, John Blackburn

- All DE executed well and without losing money
- June 23-24 are possible dates for 2025 Cheese Fling
- John is happy and willing to continue in DE role for 2025, anyone interested in assisting, let him know

Drivers Training, Ben Rogers

- Doing a review of rules & procedures

Historic Archivist, Roger Johnson

- No report

Insurance, Jeff Carlson

- No report

Membership, Steve Albers, Michael Steinberg, Carolyn Veno

- Active paid members: 547
- Total: 637
- New members this month: 9

News Magazine, Christie Boeder

- Thank you all for your magazine contributions. Keep sending them in!
- Suggestion was made to have a write-up of our St. Jude partnership, Michelle W-E will look into this

Fall Color Tour, Jeff Eckroth, Michelle Weber-Eckroth

- 50 cars registered
- 90 head count

Registrar, Dave Anderson and Andy Barker

- Big thanks to Vic and Maddie Lee for your assistance!

Safety Chair; Nathan Reader, Paul Thai

- No injuries and very few damaged cars this season

Shop & Tech Relations, Roger Johnson, Stan Lim

- Plans for a Dent Kraft event this fall



Add your CO-PILOT as a CO-MEMBER!

Co-members are free and get a PCA membership card as well!

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If you'd like to add a co-member, send an email with their **full name, relation to you (i.e. Spouse, child, friend, etc.)** and their email address to membership@pca.org



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It Was 'Last Fling'. . and the 2024 Driving Season Concludes

photos by Michael Steinberg



Photo Left:
Father and Son Time at the track!
John Velure (left) and Joel Velure (right)

And in the background, a view inside one of the track garages, full of Last Fling participants (i.e. Porsches and a few non-P cars DE'ing in another Nord Stern organized and executed event)

Photo Below:
Nord Stern member Adam Ruitta and his P-car getting ready



Photo above: Saturday Driver Training schedule, color-coded no less, makes attending one of Nord Stern's excellent training events very useful. Note the rapt attention students are giving to one of our Driver Training Instructors explaining undoubtedly the finer points of car control; Brainerd's track configuration, turn-in points, apexing, exiting and how to drive on a high-speed track. Lots to learn.

Photo below: the schematic noting where the various 'exercises' are held on the track for students learning these new driving skills.

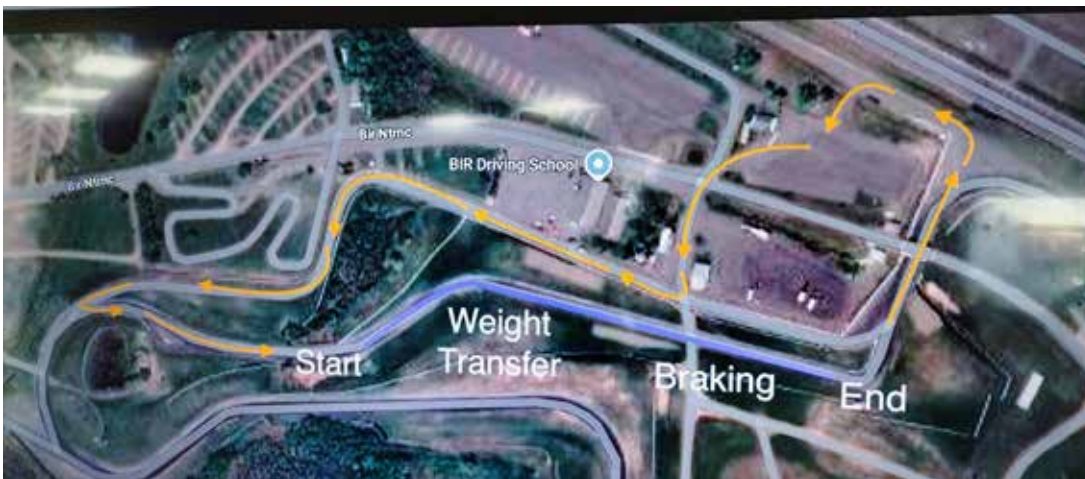




Photo Left:

The line-up to get into Brainerd International Raceway one doesn't get entry until that waiver is signed!

Photo above:
In line to sign that BIR waiver and enter the track grounds, the anticipating is high!

Photo Right:

Carolyn (Speedy) Veno cruises by the food truck onsite at this year's Last Fling which for sure takes 'track food' to another, much better level.



Below and below left:
Close up of some of the maps and schematics that help newer drivers visualize the track, the various skills and techniques to maximize one's Porsche when driving on a high speed course like BIR. Learning the mechanics of our Porsches not only helps teach the fastest and most efficient 'line' for your P-car on course, these skills also translate to being a better driver, able to anticipate and respond to developing scenarios on our every day roads and highways! A win-win, for sure.



Random Fall Color Tour Photos

photos by various members

Jeff and Geneva Sorum at the Cornucopia, WI rest stop on Saturday's drive.
Photo by Jim Southwell



Adam Skatvold participated in this year's FCT in his 1971 '61' photo by Jim Southwell

Nord Stern knows how to enjoy and celebrate the beauty of fall in the Midwest, now that's a charcuterie board.
Photo by Geneva Sorum



The Eckroths and the Southwells at Clyde Irons for Saturday evening's pizza. photo by Geneva Sorum

A fun photo of most of the Porsches parked in front of our lunch stop, Lakewoods Resort!
photo by Amanda Zander



The 2nd story view of Lakewoods' dining room. photo by Amanda Zander



Beach photos from Cornucopia, WI including one of the old fishing boats. photos by Christie Boeder

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- 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.**

Nord Stern friends and family,
I just wanted to share my heartfelt appreciation for our club and my role as the chair of social media for the Nord Stern Region of PCA. This year, we witnessed **Scott Kuhne's** incredible vision as he restored cars that had seen better days. **Edmund Vazquez** sparked countless engaging conversations with his fascinating topics. **Chris Docken** and his lovely daughters were deeply involved with their beautiful signal orange 1965 911 Porsche. One of my favorite memories, though, is **Bob Walden** dressed as the Easter bunny—truly unforgettable!

Our club is filled with amazing people whose knowledge of Porsche cars is simply outstanding. There's always someone offering the first chance to buy a car or a part, and others giving away stuff for free. We've shared favorite roads, admired fall colors, and enjoyed epic adventures like the Eckroths' camping trip.

I'm incredibly grateful for my social media team: **Judi Sievers, Christie Boeder,** and **Steve Kemp.** They do an amazing job keeping everyone engaged, and Steve Kemp's insights into Sim Racing are invaluable. A special shoutout to **Roger Johnson** for all his efforts with the JDC team and raising funds for St. Jude—plus, we get bragging rights with a Nord Stern emblem on their cars.

Every day I see new, fantastic content on-line, and it makes me proud of our great club. My only complaint is that time flew by too quickly this year, but I'm excited for what next year holds. If you're not already a member of the Nord Stern Facebook group, you should definitely join.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Facebook this year. I'm so glad you're all here. See you in 2025!

Cheers,

Misty Martianos

It was an event-packing year for tech sessions with some new events and some club favorites. New events included two sold-out sessions at JDC-Miller MotorSports with Systems Engineer Ryan Perera giving us a deep dive into the data available to the team streaming off their Porsche 963 GTP car.

Porsche Minneapolis hosted us not once, but TWICE with a session on the new Cayenne and one on their Restoration Challenge 356 Speedster. We returned to Print Labs and Midwest Clear Bra demonstrated their magic to the club. Then it was back to JDC with an open house for St. Jude that featured a detailed session on the GTP hybrid system.

Plans are tentative to round out the year with a paintless dent removal session. Stay tuned, the year is NOT over yet.

— Roger Johnson

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Track Year in Review: 2024

As we wrap up another exhilarating year on the track, let's take a moment to reflect on the highlights of our 2024 Driver Education and Driver Training programs!

Our season kicked off with the **First Fling at BIR** (Brainerd International Raceway to the uninitiated) where we welcomed 19 enthusiastic Driver Training students, 40 Driver Ed participants, and 18 dedicated Instructor-only participants. Note - this is 18 members who made the effort to instruct - without driving on track themselves - a very generous donation of time and expertise. It was a fantastic start to the year, setting the tone for all of our events. Not too cold. No snow. It could have been worse (and has been)!

The **Cheese Fling** held annually in June at Road America saw an impressive turnout with 109 Driver Ed participants and 2 instructor-only registrations. The energy and excitement were palpable, making it one of the standout events of the year. The track. The driving. Second to none. If you have never driven at Road America, it's worth the experience. (Note: you must have driven in a high speed environment prior to driving at Cheese Fling. Reach out with any questions on eligibility.)

In July, the **Loonacy Weekend** was a major highlight, featuring both club race participants and Driver Ed registrations over the course of this annual three-day event. The weekend was a testament to the passion and dedication of our community, the support from our partners at Porsche Minneapolis/St. Paul, AutoEdge, and Werks and of course our tremendous volunteers. The Loonacy team truly outdid themselves once again.

We concluded the season with the **Final Fling at BIR**, hosting 9 students, 59 Driver Ed participants, and 5 instructors. It was a fitting end to a year filled with learning and high-speed fun.

None of this would have been possible without our incredible instructors and volunteers. Thank You All!

Special thanks to **John Blackburn** for managing Driver Ed and track relations, **Ben Rogers** for his classroom expertise, and the unwavering support with registrations from **Dave Anderson** and **Mary Driscoll**, **Andy** and **April Barker**, **Vic** and **Maddie Lee** as well as **Tyler Twite** and **Matt Smith** on the training side. The efforts and expertise of our members are the backbone of our success.

As we look forward to 2025 Events, we're thrilled to welcome **John Velure** assisting with classroom instruction and new member **Al Stansy** to the DE/DT Teams. We are also excited to announce a new **February session** on "**What to Expect at the Track**" aimed at those interested in learning more about track driving. (Editor's note: watch the website calendar, emails for upcoming details - don't miss out on getting the low-down on just what it is the club and its members do at BIR, at Road America, at various other tracks around the U.S.!)

As dates and events are finalized, we will be posting these to the Nord Stern Calendar and the Nord Stern Facebook Page. Our first official **'Save the date'** will be for **Cheese Fling 2025, to be held June 23rd and 24th**. Editor's Note: This is after the ever popular Indy race weekend- get your hotels booked early!

Thank you to everyone who made 2024 an unforgettable year. We can't wait to see what 2025 has in store.

Left: What WILL our Dates be in 2025?
Watch the website, your email, the newsletter!

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DATE	EVENT	TRACK (EVENT TYPE)
4/27-28	FIRST FLING	BIR (DE + DT)
6/17-18	CHEESE FLING	ROAD AMERICA (DE)
7/12-14	LOONACY WEEKEND	BIR (CLUB RACE + DE)
9/14-15	LAST FLING	BIR (DE + DT)

Apple picking, Pizza eats, oh yeah; Young Acres was for all ages!

photos by Michael Steinberg



L-R, Clockwise:
Field Manager (or the
joy of stomping on
apples)

Michelle Weber-
Eckroth

Definitely a Targa
Day, Marty and Sandy
Noonan and their
beautiful 1969 911S
Targa!

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eating apples sitting on
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Out and About with Nord Stern at the recent High Plains PCA Club Race

photos by Cameron Parkhurst

Nord Stern was on the road at High Plains Raceway with Porsche Club of America, Rocky Mountain Region. Great track, good weather, and fun people. (editor's note: yes, this is a great track and a club very similar to ours - lots of passionate and fun folks.)

Below: Driver's meeting at High Plains.



It's so funny, isn't it, how our Brit "cousins" are, as the saying goes, separated by a common language. And lane divider. I'll never forget the first time I visited the UK. I was 24, and I went as soon as I had enough money. Coming out of the clouds, on final approach to Heathrow, I stared down at ... my God, I saw, they really were driving on the other side of the road. I actually teared up.

The car enthusiasm, the events! Like the Goodwood Festival of Speed, and the Goodwood Reunion.

Let's take the Reunion first. To me, it's like a Brit car culture Halloween. At the Goodwood circuit. You know the routine? It's open solely to cars built between 1948 and 1966. And everyone, I mean everyone, drivers and visitors alike, dresses in period costume.

Motor Trend chronicled this year's Reunion recently. And I quote, "Among a sea of impossibly rare, inconceivably valuable machines driven at breakneck speeds, it was hard to pick favorites ..."

But they tried. Adrian Newey's Ford GT40. With a "shattered foglight cover (and) destroyed paint on the nose." Can you imagine, at the Monterey Historics? Or on the fairway at Pebble Beach?

A "Team Ikuzawa" Porsche 904. Driven by former F1 pilot Emanuele Piro and his son Goffredo.

And, let's talk about hands across the water, a 1963 Ford Galaxie 500 Lightweight, driven by racer Roman Dumas, "so huge it looked like a flying aircraft carrier compared to the tiny Minis that dotted the track around it."

I've watched endless in-car videos of the event on-line, too. Damon Hill manhandling a real, live Ferrari 250 GTO. Sawing at the wheel. Upshifting, downshifting, dicing with a race Cobra. Hey, that's a \$50 to \$70 million piece of art he's hustling around. It's crazy. And crazy good. Like watching Picasso paint, during his "blue" period, or Gauguin painting in Tahiti.

Part of what gets me is the soundtrack. I mean, we've all seen photos of these machines. But how many of us have heard them come off the page, heard what the Italians call "the wail of the banshee?"

That's one reason why I like the Festival of Speed just as much. Here, the machines run up the "driveway" to Lord March's manor, Goodwood House.

And there's no particular time frame for the participants. Which means the wow factor is stuck on the rev limiter. Prewar Auto Union and Mercedes Grand Prix cars. Who knew what they actually sound like? Who's actually even seen one? Even in a museum?

Same for a Jaguar D-Type, an original Ferrari Testarossa. And so on. At events like this, they actually run them, in anger. And, for the price of admission, you can witness the sight.

I love it. I love the passion. I remember seeing a brand-new McLaren F1, resplendent in a showroom window facing Hyde Park. It sat there a long time. Someone told me the story of Larry Ellison buying an F1, going to the factory, getting fitted for his new ride ... and he never came back to pick it up. They were incredulous, the Brits.

Once the Brits I was working with found out how much of a car wingnut I was. They offered to take me to the Brooklands Motor Course. Of course, I jumped at the opportunity. Just outside of London, I found it to be a timeworn, shopworn time capsule. From 1908. Wrap your mind around that. And the banking was still there, or at least most of it was, except for the part that was torn down during World War II, in order to create an airplane runway, down the middle.

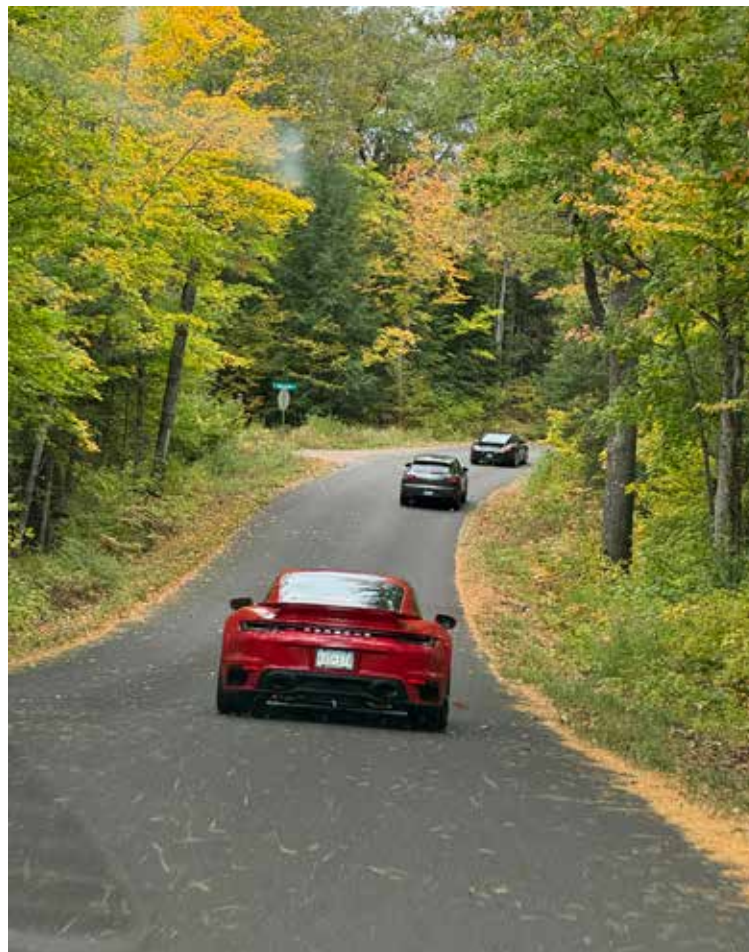
Now, name a dowdy, over-the-hill race track in the U.S. that's still standing, where, if the wind is right, you can still hear the ghosts of Blower Bentleys and SS100 Jaguars and Frazer-Nashes and MG Magnettes. Give up? Yeah, me too.

That's a key difference between the Brits and us. They're still at it. With reverence. Do they feel the sands of time? What sands of time?

And that's why I need to go back on an historic car-culture adventure, soon. Anyone with me?



L to R, clockwise, Michelle Weber-Eckroth, Gayle Southwell setting up registration at the Gitchi Kammi Club; after cocktails, heavy appetizers were served and announcements made upstairs; Following through some of the fall foliage in the Cable, WI area on Saturday's drive; queuing up at Pier B in one of the 3 run groups before 'take off'; Organizer Rich Rolfs making important driving announcements and procedures from the hay wagon.



Business Meeting . . .

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Social, Michelle Weber-Eckroth

- 40 people at apple picking...fun event!
- Checkered Flag party at Buck Hill this month
- Yoga at St. Paul Porsche, Oct. 26, 9-11am

Social Media, Misty Martianos and Judi Sievers

- Facebook is buzzing with activity

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

- Fall Color Tour coming up this month

Track Relations, John Velure, Tom Karn

- No report

Volunteers, Jim Southwell

- No report

Webmaster, Dave Anderson and Christie Boeder

- No report

Next Meeting: November 5 at
The Exchange in New Brighton

Adjourned @ 7:44 p.m.

Submitted by



Prez Sez . . .

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put maps together, develop run groups, make sure all PCA rules were followed, etc., etc.

- **Jim and Gayle Southwell** for taking care of so many little things and big ones too! Drive Leaders, Head AV Technician, Registration and more!
- **Scott and Mary Quick** for filling the crucial role as Group 2 Sweepers.
- **Christie Boeder** for helping with Registration, Photography, Social Media and, of course, Documenting for this Magazine.
- **Andy Barker, Dave Anderson and Vic Lee** for all the work to set up and manage Registration.

- **Jeff Carlson** for always ensuring we have the proper insurance coverage so that we can continue to do these events.
- **Misty Martianos and Judi Sievers** for helping to promote and share the event on Social Media.

It is election season (in case you hadn't noticed!), and not just for our government, but for Nord Stern too.

Please see the bios in this issue for our slate of officers for 2025: **Steve Kemp, Jeff Eckroth, me (Board of Directors); Steve Albers (President); Derek Laumbach (Vice President); Tom Sabow (Secretary); Scott Brown (Treasurer)**. Thanks to everyone for their service in 2024 and their continued commitment to our great club. Special thanks to **Derek Laumbach** for stepping up to serve as VP in 2025. Voting will be open from November 1st through November 15th. Please watch your email for voting information and instructions.

As I mentioned, the Team is already hard at work planning for a fabulous 2025. We'll kick it off again with the Green Flag Party on January 11th at the Golden Valley Country Club. Details will soon follow. Watch your email and social media. Registration will open soon at ClubRegistration.net.

Thanks again to everyone that made 2024 a special year for Nord Stern!

Your Prez', Tom Karn

president@nordstern.org

Left, as owner Lara Dant says, the PERFECT Porsche for a Costco run!

Lara's 928 now has over 445,000 miles on the odometer and still going strong. And obviously plenty of storage for either a road trip or a shopping run.

Thanks to the Fall Color Tour Team for a Spectacular Event!

We kicked off the fun Friday night at the historic Kitchi Gammi Club in Duluth. This beautiful venue provided the perfect setting to gather, meet the team, connect with friends and enjoy some delicious fare. We awoke to an absolutely gorgeous Fall morning on Saturday - a perfect crispness was in the air and the sun was shining! After the Driver Meeting, we departed for some amazing driving on the best roads Wisconsin has to offer. Several stops allowed us to stretch our legs, chat with new and old friends and enjoy more of the beauty of Northern Wisconsin. After returning to Duluth, we wrapped it up with a Paddock Pizza Party at Clyde Iron Works - some of the best pizza I've ever had!

If you missed it, be sure to register early for next year! The Team is already talking about how they can make it better!

– Your Prez, Tom Karn

Clubtalk Chatter:

The Boeder's would also like to express their appreciation

and thanks for the work by the Eckroths, the Holtons, Rich Rolf and the whole Drives team (including locals Scott and Dennis!) for organizing and managing such a large group of Nord Sterners (48 cars and 91 people) and their favorite cars at this weekend's (I think this would be the 31st) Annual Fall Color Tour.

From the lovely Friday Evening Welcome party at the historic Kitchi Gammi Club (such a cool building!), the 4 stages of driving some twisty, windy, interesting roads into Wisconsin, buffet lunch at lovely Lakewoods Resort on beautiful Lake Namakagon near Cable, WI, to stops along the way and that evening a yummy pizza buffet at the renovated cool Clyde Iron Works complex in Duluth, this signature Nord Stern event is one to get on your 'to do' list. The weather was wonderful, friendships renewed or newly made, fall foliage to oogle, and the driving well worth venturing north (or east for those out of North Dakota!).

As the saying goes; it's not just the cars, it's the people.

- Christie Boeder

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The Heros of Le Mans . . . 3 concepts, four overall wins

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1994 to 1998: Three concepts, four overall wins



Above: Rennen Le Mans 1994; Mauro Baldi, Yannick Dalmas und Hurley Haywood auf Porsche Typ 962 Dauer Le Mans GT; 1. Platz im Gesamtklassement

Dauer 962 LM-GT – Porsche TWR WSC 95 – 911 GT1 – 911 GT1 '98: Surprise victory for the clever GT – renovated Spyder proves unbeatable – the first mid-engined 911 – triumph at the 50th anniversary of Porsche

For 1994 there are new technical regulations. Le Mans prototypes, Le Mans GT1 and Le Mans GT2 – these are the new classes in the order of the expected performance. Porsche engineers read the rule book carefully and discover that the 962 C can be modernised and modified to be eligible as a Le Mans GT1 race car, because the required street-legal version already exists: the Dauer 962. At Porsche, the Dauer 962 LM-GT is designed with a flat underbody, the required minimum weight of 1,000 kilograms, and narrower tyres (14 instead of 16 inch). Porsche is setting its sights on the GT1 class victory. But it turns out quite differently: With an hour to go, a Toyota prototype is in the lead – right behind are the two works-run Dauer 962 LM-GT! When the Toyota disappears into the pits for repairs to the gearbox – Porsche sweeps to its 13th overall victory. The winning pilots: Yannick Dalmas, Mauro Baldi and Hurley Haywood. At the wheel of the second Porsche, Hans-Joachim Stuck, Thierry Boutsen and Danny Sullivan are flagged off in third behind the Toyota sports prototype. On the way to victory, Thierry Boutsen's adrenalin level shoots sky high while driving at 300 km/h: in pitch darkness in the Tertre Rouge corner his Xenon lights, used for the first time, suddenly give up the ghost briefly.

In 1995 the factory looks into the possibility of competing with sports cars in the USA and takes a break in Le Mans. Hans-Joachim Stuck, Thierry Boutsen and Christophe Bouchut drive a Kremer K8 Spyder fielded by Kremer Racing as the best Porsche to sixth place overall. Like the second-placed Courage C23 with Bob Wollek, Eric Hélary and Mario Andretti, the Spyder is powered by a 935 type engine that is also planted in the 962 C.

Porsche and Porsche customers return in 1996 to secure wins in all classes. Reinhold Joest has taken over the two ex-works TWR WSC 95 sports prototypes intended for 1995. At his own cost, he modifies and optimises the aerodynamics with assistance from Weissach. Housed under the carbon-fibre plastic body in the carbon fibre monocoque is an old acquaintance: the three-litre turbo of the 962. Manuel Reuter, Alexander Wurz and Davy Jones win the overall category with this Porsche. Amongst the LM GT1 as the highest Grand Touring class, the brand new 911 GT1 proves unbeatable with a double victory. Hans-Joachim Stuck, Bob Wollek and Thierry Boutsen win in the first mid-engined 911 followed by Karl Wendlinger, Yannick Dalmas and Scott Goodyear. At the same time, the two 911 score second and third in the overall rankings. The German Roock Racing team win the LM GT2 class with a 911 GT2.

With factory help, Reinhold Joest and his squad again give the 1996-winning Porsche TWR WSC 95 an overhaul for Le Mans 1997. In Weissach, the 911 GT1 - the near-winner of the previous year - also undergoes some fine tuning. The Porsche TWR WSC 95 and the GT1 are clear race favourites. On Sunday morning the 911 GT1 driven by Bob Wollek is in the lead when a drive shaft breaks at 7.45

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Le Mans 1995. 13: Courage-Porsche mit Bob Wollek/Mario Andretti/Eric Helary (2.Pl.Ges.kl.)



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a.m. and the car hits the barriers. Victory eludes Bob, even at his 30th start. After 22 hours, the second 911 GT1 is running a clear first when the oil pipe breaks and the engine bay catches fire. Ralf Kelleners climbs out unharmed, but the race is over. The Porsche TWR WSC 95 of Joest Racing has battled hard against the two works vehicles over virtually the entire distance. Now the prototype is in the lead and Michele Alboreto, Stefan Johansson and Tom Kristensen win. This marks the fourth victory for Joest – and the 15th for Porsche.

In order to remain competitive in the prototype class, Porsche builds a new race car from scratch in 1998. The 911 GT1 '98 is the first vehicle to feature a carbon-fibre body developed by Porsche. The 3.2-litre twin-turbo is housed – like in the 911 GT1 – in front of the rear axle. Porsche faces extremely tough competition from Mercedes and Toyota. Toyota's prototype has been customer-made specifically for Le Mans. BMW, Nissan, Ferrari and McLaren have also brought strong race cars to the Circuit des 24 Heures. The race escalates into a duel between Porsche and Toyota. On Sunday morning it looks like the Japanese challenger will come out on top when a water pipe on Allan McNish's car breaks. Shortly afterwards, Joerg Mueller takes a romp over a chicane and damages the underbody. Both Porsche stand in the pits for a little over half an hour. The Toyota moves into the lead but is hampered by gearbox troubles. With 90 minutes until the flag, McNish is running 44 seconds behind the Toyota. Five minutes later McNish reports from the cockpit that the Toyota is beached on the side of the track. The do-or-die battle is over after almost 23 hours. Double victory for Porsche with Allan McNish, Laurent Aiello and Stéphane Ortelli ahead of Joerg Mueller, Uwe Alzen and Bob Wollek. It is a welcome and hard-won success to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the sports car make, Porsche.

Legendary Porsche Race Cars - Model Highlights from 1951-1998

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904 Carrera GTS

Jahr/Year	1964
Motor/Engine	4 Zyl./Cyl. Boxer/Flat
Hubraum/Displacement	1.966 ccm
Leistung/Power	180 PS/hp (133 kW) @7.200/min
Gewicht/Weight	650 kg
Vmax	263 km/h/kph

Beautiful and fast perfectly describes the Porsche 904 Carrera GTS, which was first presented in November 1963 on the Solitude ircuit near Stuttgart, clinched class victory in spring 1964 at Daytona, turned heads with a double win at the Targa Florio and scored a class win in the two-litre Grand Touring class at its Le Mans debut. Using a composite construction, F. A. Porsche created the 904 featuring a

steel frame and a glass-fibre reinforced plastic body. The use of plastic was a first for Porsche, hence in the construction they sought advice from aviation experts. Two bodysells per day were laminated by hand at the Heinkel Flugzeug Bau GmbH in the German town of Speyer. Aside from its streamlined shape, what made the mid-engined race car so successful was its small frontal area of just 1.4 square metres and the Cd value of 0.33. Thanks to its different engine options, ranging from four to eight cylinders, the 904 Carrera GTS turned out to be very diverse. 106 units were mounted with a 180 hp (with racing exhaust) four-cylinder Carrera motor and fielded at Le Mans. Later, four vehicles received a 210 hp six-cylinder and two works-race cars were propelled by 240 hp eight-cylinder power units.



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Christie, You could not have said it better. Everything ran smoothly thanks to everyone's hard work at putting this event together. Cheryl and I have been doing this event since about 2003 and consider it our favorite. The 12 of us from the Fargo Moorhead area had a great time and will be back again!

– Greg Adams

Thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this a fantastic event, including all the drivers and navigators!

- Ron Burns

Photos right an below, just a small sampling of some of the FCT participants making their way through the woods and over the winding roads near Cable, WI. Captured by Cathy Robson.



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