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*The Two Icons Mount Rushmore
and The (1988) 930*

Testifying to the mantra: Porsches are
meant to be driven (Kevin admits to
9,000 miles last summer!)

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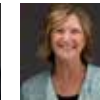
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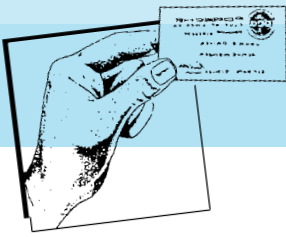
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WELCOME . . . *New (or Returning!) Nord Stern Members*

We hope to see you at upcoming events!

No new Members this month

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.

Saturday, January 11, 2025 saw more than 100 guests dressed to the nines, wine, and dined during annual the Green Flag Gala at the Golden Valley Country Club.

As always, traditions were acknowledged. Our 2024 President, **Tom Karn**, honored me with the famed Presidential Suitcase and Perpetual Pressure Plate Recognition Baton. We welcomed **Karen Laumbach** as our incoming Social Chair. Karen and **Michelle Weber-Eckroth** were key players in bringing this occasion to life. Their creativity and attention to detail ensured a fun and unforgettable evening for all who attended. **John Velure** was honored with the *Outstanding Achievement and Lifetime Service Award*, while **Michael Steinberg** and **Carolyn “Speedy” Veno** were most deserving of the *Chairperson’s Of The Year Award*. Of course, it goes without saying, our Board Members and Executive Team continue to perform exceptionally well. They deserve a ton of credit for helping to shape and, continue to, execute on behalf of the financial health and growth of our Club in 2025. Thank you **Jeff Eckroth, Stephen Kemp, Tom Karn, Derek Laumbach, Tom Sabow, and Scott Brown!**



There are so many unique opportunities our Club provides. One of which is supporting a nonprofit organization with an impeccable reputation and extraordinary results for the children they care for. St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital continues to partner with Nord Stern, Porsche North America,

and JDC Motor Sports. Thank you to **Roger Johnson** for coordinating with our awesome representative from St Jude, Katie Cummings. Our honored guests, Colleen Kelley with her amazing children, Colton & Melea, shared a heart-warming reflection of their families journey and experience with St. Jude. The Kelley family is one of many whose lives have been forever changed thanks to St Jude.



At our 2024 Gala evening we raised \$5,000.00. This year we raised nearly \$13,000! This amount exceeds more than 50% of last years’ total raise. When we decided to move forward with the silent auction, we had to move fast. So many Nord Stern Members pitched in, rolled up their sleeves, and got to work. As a result, 19 donors contributed 64 items, services, entertainment, collectibles, libations, wearables, art, and more. Thank you to all of our incredible donors!

Also, a special thanks to our onsite event volunteers - **Jim and Gayle Southwell, Andy and April Barker**, Golden Valley C.C. members, administrative, and event staff.

In closing, to experience the culmination of unrelenting coordinated efforts amongst Nord Stern Members, family members, vendor partners, GVCC, and countless others, reminds me of how wonderful we have it as members of the Nord Stern Region.

Cheers, Steve

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I must admit it is fun to add advertisers to our Nord Stern newsletter and get the opportunity to meet new folks who share a passion for Porsches!

In this issue we welcome, Kris Skellenger and his business SPD Action Tour (ad on page 9, do check it out). I had the pleasure of back and forth emails when he reached out and now also a quick meet at our recent Green Flag Party. But more importantly, I have to confess that when we saw the tours (specifically the Alpine) he sets up and runs, we sat up and said, oh we want to go - a bucket list item for sure! But first off, here is a brief intro to Kris and his ventures, adventures, and automotive passions. Welcome, Kris:

Kris Skellenger formed SPD Action Travel after 15 plus years traveling the world for business in his company's other industry - motorsport simulators



After countless unique experiences at some of the world's greatest cultural, scenic, and historic landmarks and - most importantly - race tracks, he realized that it was time to offer up those incredible experiences to others.



In addition to travel, Kris has been a driving instructor with the Brainerd International Raceway Performance Driving School since 2011 and joined the Nord Stern Driver Ed roster in 2023. He doesn't restrict himself to four wheels either having raced Superbikes at a professional level in the U.S. (including the world famous Daytona 200) and can still be found on two wheels during some of his motorcycle-based Action Tours.

And in this issue be sure to enjoy the photos from this year's Green Flag Party and Jim Southwell's recap! All good stuff.

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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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* Check your mailing label for your expiration date

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

FEBRUARY

2025

- 4 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: The Exchange, New Brighton, MN
RSVP to president@nordstern.org
- all are welcome
- 8 Nord Stern Goes Curling!**
Dakota Curling Club, 4:45 to 9 p.m.
Instruction included, register @clubregistration.net
- 15 Tech: Print Labs**
10 a.m. – 12p.m.
Print Lab Wraps
8231 214th St W Suite 2, Lakeville, MN

MARCH

2025

- 4 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka (101 & Mtka Blvd)
RSVP to president@nordstern.org
- all are welcome
- 15 Nord Stern Tech Session**
Further Performance
10 a.m. to Noon
- 22 Nord Stern Membership Social**
Location: Imola Motorsports
Details: TBA

APRIL

2025

- 1 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: The Exchange, New Brighton, MN
RSVP to president@nordstern.org
- all are welcome
- 12 Nord Stern Open House @ Auto Edge**
Location: Auto Edge, 900 Wildwood Dr, Mahtomedi,
Details: TBA
- 26-27 Nord Stern First Fling**
DT and DE at Brainerd International Raceway

MAY

2025

- 6 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: Spasso's, Minnetonka (101 and Mtka Blvd)
RSVP to president@nordstern.org
- All are welcome

JUNE

2025

- 14 Automotorplex Car Show**
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
3600 Arrowhead Dr, Medina, MN 55340
Porsche is featured marque
- 23-24 Nord Stern 'Cheese Fling'**
DE @ Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI
- 29 Nord Stern All Porsche Show**
NEW LOCATION: Roseville Area High School
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
All models welcome, food truck, vendors, Details TBA

JULY

2025

- 11-13 Nord Stern Loonacy Driver Ed/Club Race**
Location: Brainerd International Raceway
Details TBA!

AUGUST

2025

- 16 Nord Stern Eagan Car Club Drive and Open House**
Location: Eagan Car Club, 501 Classic Ct, Eagan, MN
Details TBA

SEPTEMBER

2025

- 2 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: The Exchange, New Brighton, MN
RSVP to president@nordstern.org
- all are welcome
- 27-28 Nord Stern Last Fling**
DT and DE @ Brainerd International Raceway

OCTOBER

2025

- 3-5 Nord Stern Fall Color Tour**
Location: PierB, Duluth MN
Details TBA
- 7 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka (101 & Mtka Blvd)
RSVP to president@nordstern.org
- all are welcome

NOVEMBER

2025

- 4 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
Location: The Exchange, New Brighton, MN
RSVP to president@nordstern.org
- all are welcome

DECEMBER

2025

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

** 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 2025 they are held the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the Month, September - May contact the president for locations, if not noted.*



European Automotive & Motorcycle Action Tours



Run by Nord Stern member Kris Skellenger, SPD Action Travel is your direct connection to the world's great automotive adventures.

Join us on one of our 2025 summer events!

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May 2025**



**Nurburgring to Stuttgart
July 2025**



**Alpine Porsche Drive
July/August 2025**



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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.

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



It's tradition. Every year, Nord Stern gathers for an annual membership meeting embedded in a holiday party to celebrate our existence, the fun memories we have created in the past year, and to look forward to the Porsche fun ahead. Over the years these parties have rotated through several classy venues, included notable Porsche celebrities, and generally set the bar for a good time with people of all stripes who enjoy such camaraderie.

This year was no exception, and featured a new venue, The Club at Golden Valley, recently refreshed and still decorated in winter holiday splendor, welcomed Nord Stern. The overall theme this year centered on something we can all be proud of, the charitable contributions in our community, as it pertains to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Roger Johnson kicked off the evening with a welcome and introduction of the club's leadership team, including Steve Albers, President, and Derek Laumbach, Vice President. Outgoing President Tom Karn transferred the President's Pen and "Pressure Plate" to Steve Albers. Take it away, Steve!

John Velure was honored as Chairperson of the Year for his work heading up the Loonacy Weekend, which he led this past summer to finish nicely in the black. Carolyn "Speedy" Veno and Michael Steinberg were celebrated for their work as Membership Chairs and received the Outstanding Achievement and Lifetime Service Award. All the while, Michael roamed the room with his SLR, capturing the moments. Well done, All!

Guests dined on Steak Fillet, Walleye, and Mushroom Risotto, starting with a salad and finishing with a choice of two desserts. Tables were decorated with custom made chocolate Porsche 911s which were raffled off after dinner to twelve lucky winners. The Club's bar was seamlessly changed from the initial reception area to the dining room in minutes, nice touch!

On to the main presentation on our dedicated club charity, the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We were joined by Katie Cummings and Tori Williamson of St. Jude, and Colleen Kelley and children Colton and Melea. Colton is a recovering patient of St. Jude, and Colleen talked about her struggle as a single mother to provide the best care for her ailing son, and how St. Jude has helped them and kept Colton alive and thriving. A short touching video featuring Colton at Road America last summer with our charitable partner JDC Motorsports raised the emotional level in the

room and led to the continuation of the Silent Auction.

Tom Karn kicked off the auction, which featured close to thirty items, including a magnificent Porsche themed quilt, made by Eileen Karn. Eileen started on this project in May of last year, selecting materials to accurately reproduce the Porsche crest, and framed it with photos of iconic Nord Stern cars and factory race cars. Eileen worked hundreds of hours to produce this item, for the enjoyment of the club and the benefit of St. Jude. Many thanks, Eileen!

Nord Stern advertisers and members donated a wealth of desirable items for auction, including sports tickets, dinners, watches, car service gift certificates, artwork, wine and liquor offerings, and lifestyle opportunities. Donors included:

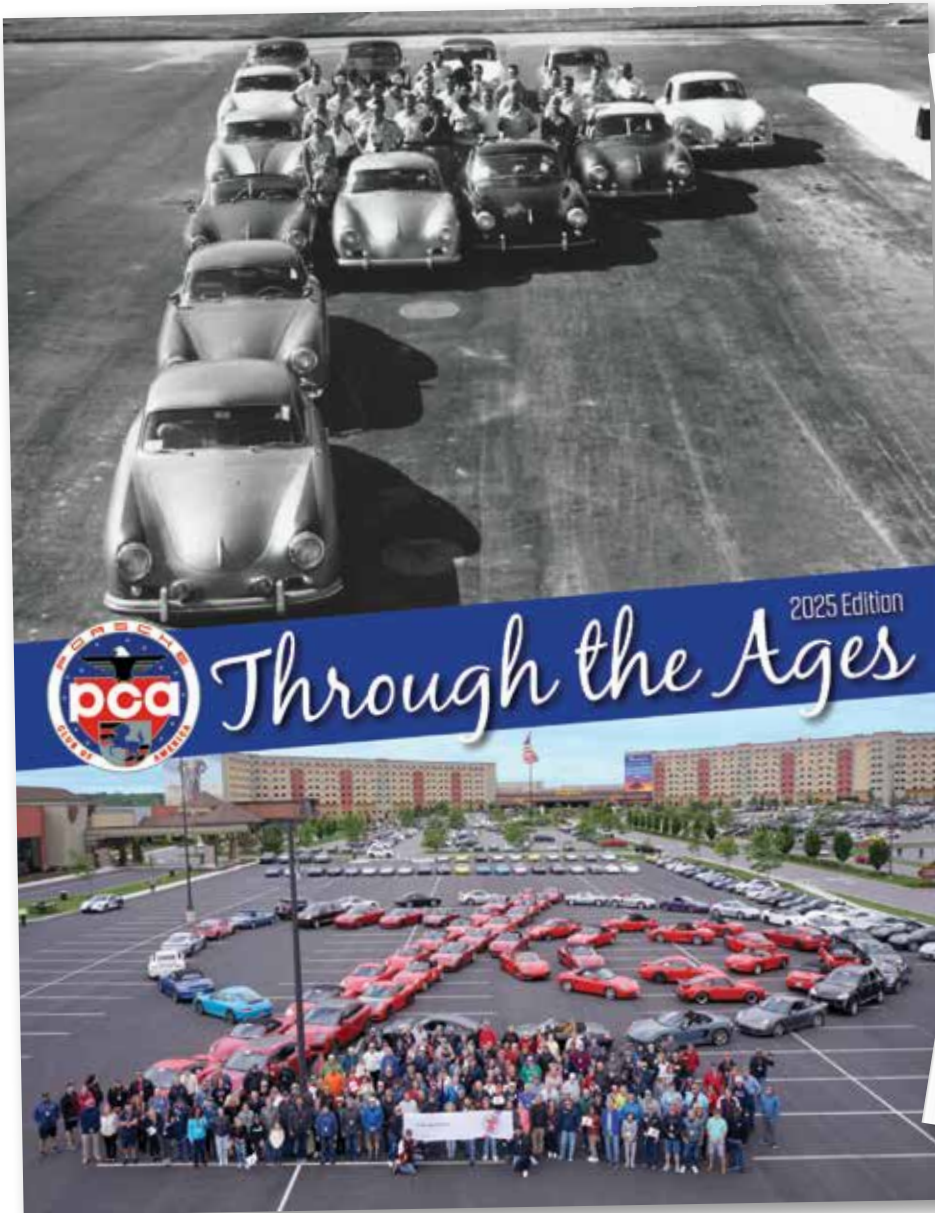
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- Kim Crumb
- Jeff Eckroth and Michelle Weber-Eckroth
- Roger Johnson
- Eileen Karn
- Mark Mann
- David Manzey
- Rich and Mary Rolfs
- Pat Scherven
- Judi Sievers
- Jim Southwell
- The Club at Golden Valley

The auction concluded at 8:45 PM, and the final tally totaled \$12,693 going directly to St. Jude. All told, that brings Nord Stern charity donations over the years to some \$750,000, a great legacy of the club. Thanks to all our advertisers and members who donated all the desirable items, and to members for digging deep to make the auction a success. St. Jude, Colton Kelley, and the many St. Jude patients



Updated PCA History Book Online Now!

Through the Ages now features the latest club events and programs

New for 2025, the Porsche Club of America History Book contains an overview of the club's history, followed by individual sections covering specific detailed items. Some sections were designed for use as standalone articles for region newsletters. Individual chapters and page numbers can be "clicked on" from the contents page. Major National Awards are also included.

Take a look: <https://ww2.pca.org/pca-history>



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

2025 Season of Speed!

We have a great 2025 track season in the works! Here are some key details to help you manage the family/work calendar and get a bit fired up.

Hold the (track) date:

We have tentative dates for the 2025 season. While these are “tentative” the tracks do have us on their calendars so it’s safe to start booking hotels with cancellation/change flexibility. We’ll be signing contracts with the tracks soon. We’re still trying to figure out if we can turn some two day events into three days.

- **4/26-27 First Fling at BIR (DT + DE)**
- **6/23-24 Cheese Fling at Road America (DE)**
- **7/11-13 Loonacy Weekend at BIR (DE + Club Race)**
- **9/27-28 Last Fling at BIR (DT + DE)**

Note: DT (Driver Training) is a prerequisite for all DE events

DE Information session! “KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!”

Want to learn more about Driver Education (DE)? Join us for the upcoming info session. Our DE, DT, Instructor and Safety leaders will be there to tell you what to expect, how to get ready and to answer questions.

WHEN: January 18, 2025

TIME: 10 am-noon

WHERE: 1400 Van Buren St NE, Minneapolis, MN

*****When you arrive, feel free to park on the street or in the large parking lot across the street. Enter the building through the main entrance/under the red awning. We will be in the “Indeed Room” just inside the main entrance on your left. John and Scott will have coffee and doughnuts. Text Scott at (651) 335-1621 for assistance the day of the event.*****

PCA HPDE MINIMUM STANDARDS UPDATE

Good news, PCA has come to its senses and changed some key safety standards for the 2025 season. Many thanks to Nord Stern DE safety co-chair, Paul Thai for his advocacy.

2015 SNELL HELMET EXPIRATION

There is a delay in 2025 Snell certification standards and therefore manufacturer production.

- 2015/2020 Snell rated helmets will be accepted for all of 2025.
- Snell 2015 helmet expiration has been delayed until 2/28/26.
- Snell 2025 helmets won’t be on the market until 10/1/25.

TECH INSPECTIONS

- All tech inspections will now be valid for 120 days.
- A region may choose a shorter timeframe but not longer.
- Nord Stern will follow the 120 day guidance.
- If an incident or mechanical occurs during the 120 days a new tech inspection is required.
- The driver is required to keep the tech inspection for the full 120 days.
- The new form will be on Nordstern.org soon.

WINDOWS AND PASSING SIGNALS

Per the new minimum standards we may now run with side windows up OR down and use hand signals OR turn signals for passing contracts (point bys). This is a big win for safety and common sense:

- Some cars don’t have windows and some windows don’t go down.
- Windows up keeps arms in the car.
- Sometimes it’s too hot to run with windows down.
- Sometimes it’s raining.
- Windows are engineered to be part of vehicle crash integrity.
- All track safety rigs have hammers.

That’s all for now. Stay tuned for more updates on our track dates and registration. Clear your calendar and encourage your friends to join you. That includes BMW and Audi enthusiasts.

John Blackburn, Driver Education Chair

WELCOME TO THE



2025 SEASON OF SPEED



BIR DONNYBROOK



BIR COMPETITION



ROAD AMERICA

DATE	EVENT	TRACK (EVENT TYPE)
APRIL/26-27	FIRST FLING	BIR (DE + DT)
JUNE/23-24	CHEESE FLING	ROAD AMERICA (DE)
JULY/11-13	LOONACY WEEKEND	BIR (CLUB RACE + DE)
SEPT/27-28	LAST FLING	BIR (DE + DT)

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Attendees: Steve Albers, Tom Karn, Derek Laumbach, Karen Kahler, Carolyn Veno, Andy Golfis, Jim Southwell, Roger Johnson, Michelle Weber-Eckroth, Bruce Boeder, Jason Barney, John Velure, John Blackburn, Andy Barker, Todd Smith

Call of Order:

Meeting Called to order by Steve Albers at 6:31 pm

NEW Business:

- President Steve Albers:
- Affirm Meeting Minutes From December
- Thank You to Tom Karn, 2024 Nord Stern President
- Calender - as you confirm dates change status on the Google calender
- Google workspace update

Vice President Derek Laumbach:

- No Report

Treasurer, Scott Brown

- No Report

Secretary, Tom Sabow

- No report

Board of Directors, Stephen Kemp, John Velure, Tom Karn

- No report

All Porsche Show, Jim Southwell

- Big open Space for Show
- Badge Program Successful - 451 in member hands, 74 were paid under the store tab on website, the difference of 377 were given out as free badges during the first year and to new members during the first 6 months of their membership in 2023, 174 units available for use.

Autocross, Andy Golfis

- New pavement will be ready for 2025

Drivers Education, John Blackburn:

- All dates set tentatively.
- Intro to DE confirmed January 18th
- 2 DT events one spring / one fall

Drives, Rich Rolf, Jason Burney

- Developing Routes \$350
- Motion to approve GPS AP Steve Albers motion -- Tom Karn, Second ---approved
- Membership, Carolyn Veno, Michael Steinberg
- 583 active members / 4 comp memberships /.
- 85 lifetime

Register, Andy Barker

- Migrate to Google Accounts
- 13 Permanent accounts \$13 a month to facilitate thread history

Social, Michelle Weber-Eckroth

- Green Flag Party: 98 registered 5 comp.

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Above: Don't ever say Nord Sterners don't have a sense of humor! Amanda Zander photobombs April Barker at this year's Green Flag Party - let the year begin!

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Above right: Representatives from St. Jude's, our Nord Stern region's current charitable recipient through donations at various events this year PLUS the evening's Auction. Middle is Eileen Karn who created the gorgeous quilt and featured a number of iconic Nord Stern Porsches with a range of years and models PLUS a real Porsche Tractor
Below: Steve Albers; Tom Karn receives congratulations on moving onto the Board of Directors from Roger Johnson after his stint as 2024 President and photos below with the 'passing of the gavel from Tom Karn to 2025 nord Stern President Steve Albers (hoisting the traveling 'red Porsche briefcase' and the 'pressure plate'.






While the Green Flag Party is our holiday celebration, it also serves as the club's annual business meeting and included are a few annual awards to outstanding club members recognizing their time, talents, and contributions to the club and it's activities. This year the Members of the Year were Carolyn Veno (Membership Maven extraordinaire) and Michael Steinberg (Club photographer fantastic) and John Velure with the Outstanding Lifetime Award. Photos L to R: Tom Karn and Carolyn aka Speedy Veno, Jeff Eckroth introducing the St. Jude's representatives; and some serious bidding on a few of the many of the donated items being auctioned for St. Jude.

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Members at the '25 Green Flag Party . . . It's About the People

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Top row L-R:
Andy Golfis, Autocross
Eventmaster



Stephen and Amanda
Zander with Andy and
April Barker



Middle Row L-R
Carolyn Veno and Pat
Golfis

Michelle Weber-Eckroth,
Social Eventmaster
(retiring!)



Bottom Row L-R:
Tom Karn with Pius
Eigenmann behind



Gayle and Jim Southwell
(too many club roles to
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- 20 Silent Auction Items

Social Media

- Confirmed Events will indicate ready to push out into social media world

Volunteers, Jim Southwell

- Rested and Ready for 2025

Tech & Shop Relations, Roger Johnson, Stan Lim

- Confirmed Feb 15th Tech at Print Labs

Webmaster, Dave Anderson & Christie Boeder

- Word Press Upgrade
- Website Paywall in process

Club Race, John Velure

- Working on advertising early in the Club Race Magazine for Loonacy

Adjourned @ 7:21 pm

Respectfully submitted
by Derek Laumbach

Gala Indeed . . .

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appreciate it!

How did this all happen? Through the work and dedication of Social Chair Michelle Weber-Eckroth, that's how. Michelle worked with her team to select a new venue, provide a theme and solicit auction items, donating her time and considerable talents to the effort as she has for the last three years. Michelle is moving on, and Karen Laumbach is taking over as Chair. She has a great template to guide her, and she will be well supported by our members.

And here's a short video for the JDC team at Road America who treated Colton and his family with some very special track experiences highlighting their commitment to St. Jude's! **Watch it here:**

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Son Colton and Mom Colleen Kelley share a moment at the podium while talking about the work that St. Jude's Hospital does for its patients and in particular, their personal journey. photo by Michael Steinberg

A Gala Affair

Photos below and right hardly do justice to the many fun, practical, not-so-practical, cool, items donated by various Nord Stern members, several of our advertisers, the Golden Valley Country Club itself and auctioned for the benefit of St. Jude's. The bidding was competitive in true club fashion.

Photo lower right shows a very proud Tom Karn with his wife Eileen who created the fabulous quilt incorporating the Porsche crest and prints of a number of iconic Porsches owned by Nord Stern members. It was a highlight!

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911 GT3: The first of its kind

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December 27, 2024: A 911 like never before: 25 years ago, Porsche celebrated the world premiere of the first GT3. The puristic sports car continues to delight Porsche enthusiasts to this day – including a prominent first owner.



A reunion after almost a quarter of a century. Walter Röhrl is overwhelmed. “For me, this is like a journey back in time,” says the two-time rally world champion and Porsche brand ambassador. In front of him is a flawless 911 GT3 (996) in the Clubsport version. It is the first 911 GT3 in the company’s history,



Visit to the FL8WERK: Walter Röhrl immediately feels at home again in his company car from 1999.

prominent driver: S-WR 996.

FITS LIKE A GLOVE

Röhrl sits down in the bucket seat covered with heat and flame-resistant Nomex. Even at 77, the 1.96 meter tall man skillfully weaves his way past the roll cage. The seat: fits like a glove. The steering wheel: “It’s unbelievable how steeply it’s positioned,” Röhrl says. His expert eye wanders over the five characteristic round instruments. “Fantastic,” he exclaims. “The first GT3

was the sportiest Porsche for the road at the time. As honest and purist as it could be.” A mischievous smile follows. “Shall we take a spin?”

Let’s do it right away. But first, let’s linger for a moment at this special meeting place. We are guests in a lovingly designed coach house near the Swabian town of Flacht, also known among fans as the home of the Porsche Motorsport Center. FL8WERK (pronounced “Flachtwerk”) is the name of the circle of friends of Porsche enthusiasts who run this private retreat with great passion. Old neon signs, advertising posters, pinball machines, a pool table, lots of cozy seating areas - this is where the Porsche soul finds a home. “Every piece tells a story,” explains Timo Conrad, co-founder of FL8WERK and current owner of Walter Röhrl’s former company sports car in arctic silver metallic. He carefully leads us past display cases with books and automobilia of all kinds, Porsche model cars of all common scales and countless souvenir photos. And almost every piece also tells of the great love for a brand.



A rare sight: A garage full of 911 GT3 (996) sports cars

the very same car in Arctic Silver Metallic with which Porsche celebrated the world premiere of the derivative at the Geneva Motor Show in 1999. And, as if that weren’t enough, it is the very same car that Walter Röhrl himself drove as a company car more than 20 years ago.

The license plate from that time gives a clue to the



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“We have been organizing tours together for around ten years, we enjoy talking shop and tinkering, and we also look into the history of our special vehicles,” says Conrad. All of this is “purely a hobby,” as the entrepreneur explains. “Most of us work in completely different fields.”

The hosts had no fewer than seven first-generation GT3 models in the rare Clubsport version and in rare colors such as Nogaro Blue, Lapis Blue and Jungle Green Metallic on display that day. “It is estimated that

only around 20 percent of the almost 1,900 examples of the first version of the 996 were built in this version specially designed for racing,” explains Alex Schwaderer, also a co-founder of FL8WERK. They can be recognized by the lack of side airbags, a battery master switch on the center tunnel, the aforementioned Nomex bucket seats and the permanently installed roll cage. Six-point seat belts and a fire extinguisher were supplied ex works. Another feature is not visible from the outside: the single-mass flywheel instead of the normal

dual-mass flywheel between the engine and transmission. “It ensures that the engine responds more quickly when accelerating,” says Schwaderer. With a smile, he adds: “And for the characteristic rattling when idling.”

“It’s the direct, unadulterated driving experience that we love so much about the first 911 GT3,” enthuses Cleto Di Paolo, also one of the founders of FL8WERK. “The car is slim and light, the engine characteristics are perfectly suited to the intended use, the balance is well-balanced, and there is direct feedback on every steering wheel movement.” Without today’s assistance systems, Di Paolo adds, it all comes down to “driving skills”. “But that’s exactly what we like.” When it comes to pushing the limits on the racetrack, the FL8WERK friends are in their element - just like the GT3 Clubsport. “You can feel the racing experience that is in the car,” explains Timo Conrad, “and at the same time it can be driven easily in everyday life. Only



Quick consultation: Röhl tells FL8WERK founders Timo Conrad, Cleto Di Paolo and Alex Schwaderer (from left) about his Nürburgring record drive. A real highlight for the GT3 enthusiasts - at the end of the extraordinary day, they have their GT3 models signed by the Porsche legend.

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Porsche can pull off this balancing act.”

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While the Zuffenhausen-based company set new standards for comfort, safety and efficiency in sports cars from 1997 with the fifth, water-cooled generation of the 911 Carrera (996), the GT3 was deliberately aimed at extremely sporty customers. The model name is borrowed from the GT3 racing class in which the corresponding motorsport versions are used. “At Porsche, I worked mainly with Roland Kussmaul,” recalls Walter Röhrl, who was himself involved in the development of the GT3. “His vision and that of the other responsible engineers was clear: they wanted to create a racing car with road approval.” This concept of the decidedly sporty 911 variants established a successful tradition at Porsche and has lost none of its appeal to this day. The GT models have been the sporty avant-garde of every 911 generation since then.

In 1999, the GT3 was distinguished from the more civilian 996 versions by a significant increase in power by 44 kW (60 hp) to 265 kW (360 hp), targeted fine-tuning of the chassis and bodywork, and the weight-related omission of some comfort features. The water-cooled naturally aspirated engine is still a characteristic feature of all GT3 generations, as is the expansive, initially fixed rear wing. “Every millimeter

is designed for maximum performance,” Porsche once advertised in a brochure for its sportiest 911 version. “With the GT3, form follows function. And function is followed by driving pleasure. A driving

as Conrad now calls it. “I bought it from a private individual in southern Germany and initially had no idea about its history.” Only the entry of the first owner in the vehicle registration document gave a clue: Dr. Ing.



Car quartet: The club sport models of the 911 GT3 (996) with their characteristic rear wings particularly inspire the FL8WERK members.

experience that comes directly from racing.” Timo Conrad from FL8WERK also feels connected to racing. “First I drove karts, then various formula classes, even hill climbs,” he says, “but at some point I had to honestly ask myself whether a career as a racing driver was feasible.” He then decided to pursue a career in his parents’ company.

His preference for a sporty form of transport remained, and it is therefore not surprising that Conrad was enthusiastic about the

he F. Porsche AG. “It was a factory car, that was clear,” says Conrad, “but it was only gradually that I was able to uncover the find like an archaeologist.” Certain components indicated that it was a so-called pre-production example, which was later confirmed by research. One thing led to another.

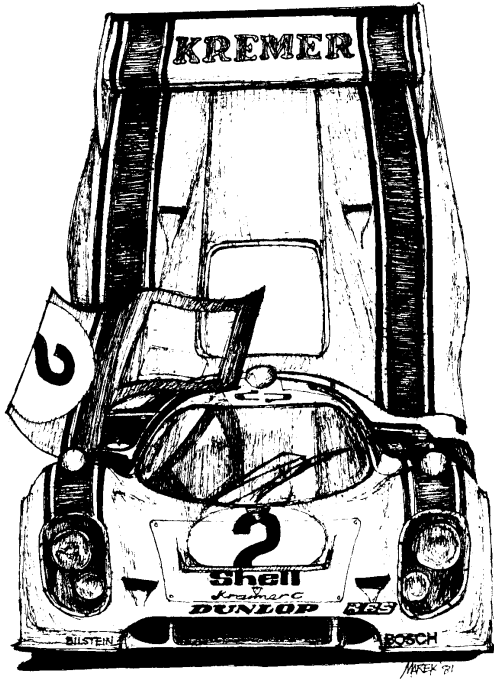
“Of course I knew the photos from the world premiere in Geneva,” says Conrad, “and at some point it clicked.” The first license



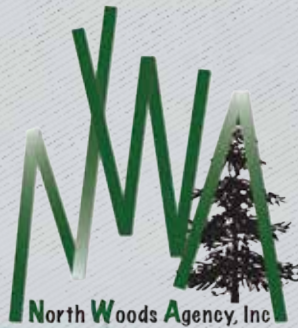
A look inside: The 911 GT3 (996) has a bucket seat covered with heat and flame-resistant Nomex, a permanently installed roll cage and six-point seat belts.

Clubsport versions of the 911 GT3 from an early age. A few years ago, his first example in jungle green metallic was joined by the arctic silver “Geneva car”,

plate immortalized in the vehicle registration document also contributed to this: S-WR



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996 - which, to celebrate today, is once again emblazoned above the bumper as a replica. "At an event I asked Walter Röhrl directly whether it could have been his car." He could still remember it very well. Conrad: "An incredible stroke of luck."

And so Walter Röhrl immediately feels at home again on his first drive in more than two decades when he sits behind the wheel of the GT3 Clubsport. One turn of the ignition key - there it is again, the typical rattling of the single-mass flywheel. Röhrl laughs: "Anyone who doesn't know that thinks the engine is broken." The former rally champion starts telling the story: "With a GT3 of the 996 generation, we set a record on the Nordschleife of the Nürburgring: 7:56 minutes!" The first time that the eight-minute mark was beaten with a street-legal 911. "The car was a sensation back then," Röhrl concludes, "and nothing has changed to this day."



Legendary Porsche Race Cars

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Endurance racing stands for fighting and nail-biting, tears, cheers, and sweat. That's what makes the drivers heroes. But it's not just the people who become legends. Cars do, too.

935/77

The Porsche 935 was a 911 racing version that brought home another World Sportscar Championship in 1976, after a five-year hiatus.

With the end of the prototype racing era, 1976 saw the advent of the great age of production race cars in Group 5. With the 935, Porsche presented a nearly 600 hp (441 kW) version of the 911, which brought a World Sportscar Championship back to Zuffenhausen after a five-year hiatus. Together with the 936, it took the World Championship title in 1976 and, thanks to numerous customer teams, dominated the races of Group 5 until 1981. Successful drivers of the Porsche 935 included Jacky Ickx, Jochen Mass, Klaus Ludwig, Rolf Stommelen, Manfred Winkelhock, and Bob Wollek. Technically, the 935 was based on the 911 Turbo, but visually it was distinguished by its aerodynamic "flat nose" as well as its striking double rear wing. In 1977, the aerodynamics of the 935 were optimized once again. The boxer engine was

also outfitted with a second turbocharger, which boosted the power to 630 hp (463 kW). Porsche successfully defended its title, and Rolf Stommelen won the German Racing Championship in the private Loos Porsche 935. In the years that followed, numerous factory and private drivers celebrated wins in the 935.

Build year:	1977
Class:	Group 5
Engine:	Flat-six bi-turbo
Displacement:	2,857 cc
Power:	630 hp (463 kW)
Weight empty:	2,138 lbs.
Top track speed:	227 mph
Most important win:	Manufacturers' World Championship 1977
Drivers:	Jacky Ickx, Jochen Mass



2024 President Tom Karn and Colton Kelley (young St. Jude patient whose journey was shared by his Mom, Colleen) pull the tickets for the raffling of the Chocolate 911 Porsche's coveted by all in attendance)

Photo by Michael Steinberg

Let's all turn the wayback machine to when Baby Boomers began coming of age, to the early '60s. Ok, from a do-run-run automotive style standpoint, what comes to mind?

I'll take three, please. As the leader of the pack, I was watusi up to the Jaguar E-Type. From 1961. If only because none other than Enzo Ferrari allegedly called it the most beautiful car ever designed, at least to that point.

Who can argue with Il Commendatore? Even though one could see the derivation from the D-Type racers and their stillborn XK-SS street version. No matter. It was, and probably still is, the ultimate chick magnet. In some circles, that alone puts it at the top of the heap.

Second, I'll take the C2 Corvette, specifically the split-window coupe. Remember, this was 1963, the roads were chock-a-block with mastodons, Sedan de Villes, Imperials, and the like. I remember spying my first C2, out there, in the wild. I almost did a head-over-heels stoppie on my banana-seat Schwinn.

I admit, my memories are swayed by the fact that, a few years later, my uncle bought a '66 coupe, 327 auto, that he let me drive. You remember? With the radio vertically integrated in the center stack? Wound it up, on the Wantagh State Parkway, heading to Jones Beach. Tack it up, tack it up, the windblast drowned out Hey Little Cobra. Could this be magic? It was.

Third, the original 911. I mean, hey, after all these generations, and models, and sub-models, nobody can not tell a 911, any 911, from anything else on the road. Still. To this day. Who else, or what else, can say that? I'm waiting. Repeat after me, the 911 defines "iconic." Kudos, Butzi Porsche.

Which is why it's so disconcerting to me to see what's going on today. Stop at a light, any light, and look around. What do you see? A sea of love? No! A sea of black, or white, or silver SUVs that . . . and, hey, probably like you, I could identify virtually every car on the road at five years old . . . today they all look, ok, I'll say it, the same. I'm embarrassed to admit something. It's this. I've had to peek around the rear, in order to see the nameplate and identify the brand. Me. Probably you too. I'm ashamed.

Even exotics. This actually happened to me recently. I was walking my dog in my neighborhood and I saw a bright "rosso" . . . Ferrari 296? . . . parked at the curb. I got closer and, my jaw dropped. No! It was a "Little Red Corvette!" A C8! What the . . . Had I completely lost my touch? I screamed "heel" and we did a quick three-point turn.

Apparently, this commonality, this, ok, I'll say it, copy-cat derivative blandness, hasn't gone without recognition, at least by some automotive design studios. At least two examples I've stumbled on recently come to mind.

The first is the "almost production" Honda 0 Saloon that has been making the car-show circuit. Now, from the side-view, it looks to me like a Lamborghini Espada that slipped into a galaxy far, far away. From the front, the headlights lie flat, above the grill, like, let's pause for reverence, the Miura. Really.

Beneath it all lurks Honda's next-gen EV platform. Which to me is fine, just fine. Reality may bite, but at least it may look good. One thing is for sure, neither you nor I will mistake it for anything else on the road. But, and it's a big but. Would a five-year-old version of myself today stop in my tracks and start hyperventilating? I don't know.

Nor do I know about the recently announced Jaguar rebranding. Like Honda, it's all for its coming EV lineup. The first show-car iteration is called the Type 00. I'm not kidding. A coincidence with Honda? Do I see a raised eyebrow? I don't know, but it's not a good start. Nonetheless, in a story in Business Insider, Jaguar's chief exterior designer, Constantino Segui Gilabert, says "It is a dramatic presence, channeling a unique spirit of British creativity and originality. It celebrates art and embodies the essence of Exuberant Modernism."

Like the SS 100? The XK 120, 140 and 150? The E-Type? Even the F-Type? Is Sir William Lyons rolling over in his grave? Or, is he saluting Jaguar's new direction, from his perch in car design heaven? I don't know. It's hard to tell much, from the photos I've seen so far.

One thing is for sure. The EV ripple, or wave, depending on your point of view, is giving automotive designers a rare opportunity to add their names to the pantheon of Pininfarina, Giugiaro, Gandini, Mitchell, Shinoda, Sacco, Butzi and more . . . even Sir William. Will it work? Can it work today?

Ahh, change always leads us to the same place, doesn't it. We'll have to stay tuned. Because, once again, only time will tell. But I really would like to be five again, to see for myself.

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