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Photo by Mark Pladson

At Rolex 24 @ Daytona: Mark attended a PCA tour of Michelin tire area. They brought 32 trailers of stock for the week. 16k tires slicks and 10k have tread for wet, they do not have any intermediate like F1.

There are new tires for GTP which have a web pattern on new unused tires that is only cosmetic. It is there to draw attention to the fact they are made from 50% recycled material and much more durable and come up temperature faster. The GTP cars used to using up to 50 sets, now 23 sets for the race. The tires are leased not bought, about 125k for the race depending how many are used. Each tire has an RF ID tag which scanned on pit out/in and you can't swap tires within team.

Michelin has 60 people staffing 8 hours on and 4 off during the race. It takes minutes to swap tires and balance. The tires are filled with nitrogen which replaces air at 5% humidity to .5%. The TPS sensors tracks pressure and temp in both the tire and the wheel. Right rear is highest wear because of banking. Teams may just change outside tires mid race to save tires to enable all 4 tires to be changed in the last hours of the race.



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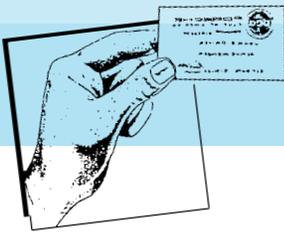
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WELCOME . . . New (or Returning!) Nord Stern Members

We hope to see you at upcoming events!

Christopher Karras

Ireland
2002 911 Carrera

Tom Thuent

Frederic, WI
1982 911 SC

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 200+ 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. Also referred to as 'Tours'.

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-Requirement 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! Meet fellow members AND get the most out of your membership. We exist because members volunteer 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. And we do have a lot of fun, join us!



Hello Nord Stern Members!

The Green Flag Gala was a truly magnificent evening, serving as a powerful reminder of the incredible spirit and generosity that defines the members of Nord Stern.

It is with immense pride that I report on the spectacular success of the event, held on January 17th, where our collective efforts resulted in raising just over \$15,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

This outstanding achievement underscores the deeply compassionate nature of our club members and their willingness to rally together for a cause far greater than ourselves. To kick off 2026 with such a significant contribution is a testament to the strength and character of the Nord Stern community.

The success of the gala was built upon the dedication and generosity of many. A heartfelt thank you is owed to all those who thoughtfully donated the truly fabulous items that made our silent auction such a thrilling and competitive success. Your contributions were the cornerstone of the fundraising effort.

Furthermore, we extend our deepest gratitude to every single person who attended the Green Flag Gala. Your presence created a vibrant atmosphere and your enthusiastic participation in the auction—especially to all the winning

bidders—was the direct source of the funds raised. It is your commitment that allows Nord Stern to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children battling illness. This event truly showcased how our passion for Porsche is beautifully complemented by our commitment to giving back.

As the calendar pages turn and a few precious warmer days break through the late-winter chill, a familiar feeling begins to stir in the heart of every Nord Stern Porsche owner who has tucked their pride and joy away for the winter. It’s an unmistakable, the almost physical itch—the irresistible urge to throw off the winter car cover and prepare for the driving season ahead.

For those of us living in climates where 5 to 6 months of the year necessitate automotive hibernation, this anticipation is a profound annual ritual. We face the philosophical dilemma: is the long wait a form of pure, unadulterated torture, or does it serve to amplify the joy, making that first drive in the spring all the more exhilarating?

The moment of resurrection is one of pure automotive bliss for me. All it takes is that first warm day—and salt free roads—to justify the entire winter’s agony. To sit in the driver’s seat, turn the key, and hear the engine roar back to life is the ultimate reward. It is a promise of open roads and the wonderful events that lie ahead on the spring and summer calendar.

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First, we welcome a new advertiser Gain Stage Garage and I hope to more properly introduce them to our readership in our next issue. So stay tuned.

And in that vein, it also seemed a good idea to introduce our club to a newer member who is stepping up to organize a 'new to Nord Stern' event called a 'Photo Rally'. We've included a write up in this issue for the May 9th outing, check that out on page 18 on the details. Definitely something new and different for us, but NOT something new in the world of PCA. So really here is a Porsche Personality submission (who remembers all the wonderful, 3-4 years of 'Porsche Personalities' in the newsletter based on interviews conducted by Nord Stern Marsha Drake! I certainly do and am always happy to be able to highlight one of our members as the motto says 'It's not just the cars, it's the people!')

Without further ado, introducing **Cathy Robson!**

Growing up, I helped my Dad set up timing equipment at the Porsche Club time trials at Willow Springs Raceway in Rosamond, California. We were always around Porsche events and Dad was active with navigational rallies and club events. He and his brother built a prototype rally computer in the early 1970s (two JPL engineers!) and in 1970 Dad and his rally partner won the Seattle Parade TSD Rally. My uncle sold Dad his first Porsche, a 1962 356C, which he still owns and drives occasionally to Cars and Coffee events.

As I got older, Dad started to teach me how to do navigational rallies as a navigator. We ran PCA rallies and the Santa Monica Sports Car Club First Friday Nighter

rallies in southern California. When I attended the San Diego Parade with Dad in 1977, I promised myself when driving home, that 'one day I will own one of those little cars and I will go have Porsche fun with those people, too.'

Fast forward 31 years, I had an opportunity to buy a 1999 Boxster during the economic downturn when the owner was "marking down" the price on the SALE sign in the Walt Disney Studio lot parking structure where we both worked at the time. I drove the car to Dad's house to show him and he was very proud that I was the second generation carrying on the PCA tradition.

My first Parade was in Keystone, Colorado (2009), where I drove the Boxster and participated in TSD Rally, Car Corral at Concours, Gimmick Rally, and took first place in the Boxster Tech Quiz! This was the last parade hosted by local regions. After this time, a National Parade Committee was formed to put on parades around the country as they were growing larger, more popular, and regions were less able to put on events of the size the Parades have become. The organizers of the new Committee must have seen me as a willing volunteer (sucker?) and while I didn't get my requested position on the Committee, I was asked to be the Hydration Coordinator for Parades going forward. Since 2010, in St Charles, Illinois, I have provided water and ice distribution to each event at Parade and have worked with a great Parade team, and many great volunteers who recognized the size and demands of my job at Parade. Some of those volunteers made sure they always signed up to be one of my regular volunteers to help on the Parade days they were available.

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MARCH

- 3 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
 Location: Alex's in Roseville
 RSVP to president@nordstern.org
 - all are welcome
- 21 Nord Stern New Member Social**
 Location: Imola Motorports
 Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 All are welcome, come enjoy refreshments, the shop meet and greet club leads and chairs!

APRIL

- 7 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
 Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka (101 & Mtka Blvd)
 RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome
- 11, 12 Nord Stern Instructor Training**
 Dakota County Technical College
 Details - See pages 22, 23 of this issue
- 24-25 Nord Stern First Fling Driver Ed**
 at Brainerd International Raceway, Details TBA
 Registration: Kerbz app

MAY

- 1 Nord Stern Porsche and Pints**
 Location: Boom Island Brewery
 Time: 5-8 p.m. Food Truck on site
- 2 Auto Edge Annual Open House**
 Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Location: Auto Edge, 900 Wildwood Rd. Mahtomedia
- 5 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
 Location: Alex's in Roseville
 RSVP to president@nordstern.org
 - all are welcome
- 9 Nord Stern Photo Rally (Saturday)**
 Porsche St. Paul - See pg 18 for more info
- 16 Intermarque Spring Kick-Off**
 Vintage European Car Show - Osseo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 23 Nord Stern Drive - 45th Parallel Distillery**
 Start time and location TBA

JUNE

- 13 Nord Stern Red Wing Drive (Saturday)**
 Start time and location TBA (Sat)
- 22-23 Nord Stern Cheese Fling Driver Ed**
 @ Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
 Registration: Kerbz app
- 27 Nord Stern All Porsche Show (Saturday)**
 Details, Location TBA

JULY

- 11 Automotopex - Medina Caffeine and Octane**
 Non-Nord Stern event: Feature Marque - Porsche
- 25-26 Nord Stern Loonacy Driver Ed and Club Race**
 (Saturday, Sunday) @ Brainerd International Raceway

2026 AUGUST

- 1 Nord Stern Eagan Car Club Drive & Tour**
 9:30 a.m., Details TBA
- 8 Nord Stern Vino in the Valley Drive (Saturday)**
 Start time and location TBA

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
 Location: Axel's in Roseville
 RSVP to president@nordstern.org
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2026 18-19 Nord Stern Last Fling Driver Ed (Friday, Saturday)

- @ Brainerd International Raceway
 Registration: Kerbz app
- 26 Cars and Caves German Edition (Saturday)**
 @ Chanhassen AutoMotorplex, see flyer elsewhere

OCTOBER

- TBA Nord Stern Fall Color Tour 2026**
 HQ @ Pier B in Duluth
 Details TBA, Registration: Kerbz app
- 2026 6 Nord Stern Business Meeting ***
 Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka
 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.*

LOCAL CAR EVENTS, OF INTEREST

These events are NOT organized, NOR sponsored by Nord Stern or PCA, but club members are 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

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June 8-16

Le Mans & Normandy

\$5,625
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July 13-23

Alpine Porsche Drive

\$14,500
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September 28 - October 6

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Hi Nord Sterners!

Welcome to Sally's Slipstream and happy March! As the temperature in the Great White North starts to rise, it's time to dust off the driving shoes and start thinking about track season. Perhaps some of you



Submit questions via QR Code above

ventured south over the winter to put laps in on tracks not covered by ice. For those that did not do that but are intrigued by that idea like Wanderlust Wally, we'll discuss that topic below.

If you have been contemplating improving your skills behind the wheel and/or have wanted

to see what your Porsche can do when unbridled from those pesky speed limits, now is the time to start planning your participation in Nord Stern's First Fling at Brainerd International Raceway, April 24-25. **Remember, you can find and register for all of our upcoming events using our new registration platform, Kerbz.** You'll have access to the region's top instructors in a safe environment to improve yourself as a driver and to begin to understand the immense capabilities of German engineering!

Do you have track-related questions for me and our team of talented instructors? Simply send them to sally@nordstern.org or scan the QR code below and complete the form. We'll answer a couple of them each month and get you on the fast track to driving success.

Question:

Does my standard personal auto insurance policy cover my car for damage while driving on the race track during a DE event? Submitted by I. M. Covered (Or Not)

Answer:

Your personal car insurance policy will likely not cover any damage to your vehicle while on a racetrack, even if the event is untimed. However, this is ultimately dependent

on your specific policy! Look for language in your policy similar to "surface used for racing," "high performance driving," or "speed contest or speed test" to see what specific scenarios your policy would not cover.

With that said, there are insurance products designed specifically for HPDE/track use, and PCA encourages members to consider them:

- **PCA HPDE Insurance Program via Lockton Affinity:** PCA has a longstanding relationship with Lockton Affinity to offer single-event physical damage coverage tailored to HPDE events. These policies are generally affordable, easy to buy online, and designed for club Driver Education events at approved tracks.
- **Specialized Track Day Insurance:** Multiple companies provide track-specific insurance for both physical damage and, in some cases, liability:
 - Lockton Affinity
 - Hagerty
 - RLI
 - OpenTrack
 - Traction Insurance

In a nutshell, read the small-print on your policy to verify what coverage you have. If you aren't comfortable that you will be covered during the event you'll be participating in, reach out to one of the above providers to find the best coverage for your situation. Adding a trackday-specific policy will provide additional comfort for you and allow you to focus more on the job at hand—driving!

Question:

Now that I've driven at BIR, how do I go about finding out if I can participate in DE events at other race tracks? Are there reciprocal agreements between clubs? - Submitted by Wanderlust Wally

Answer:

Once you've completed a PCA Driver Education (DE) event and have an established record with your region

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Lots of great photos from our annual Holiday party which this year was again held at the Club at Golden Valley and featured a silent auction benefitting St. Jude and a presentation by long-time Nord Stern member, Dave Roberts, and his Driver Ed, racing, and adventures on various international race tracks. A rare opportunity to dress in more than just track duds!

Photos L-R, clockwise: Tom and Eileen Karn (quilter extraordinaire) and the Porsche quilt auctioned that evening
Nord Stern 'fur babies' enjoying a rare chance to pull out theirs: Christie Boeder, Pat Schevren, Alice Gist, Gayle Southwell, and Carolyn Veno

Bobby & Michelle Viau with Jim Southwell

Alice and Tim Gist with the quilt

Jenny Brown

Jay Hilden and Sarah Hanson

Cathy Robson with Dick Bristol;

Dave and Sue Roberts

Derek Laumbach and outgoing Prez Steve Albers passing over the Nord Stern 'briefcase'



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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 we returned to a known venue, The Club at Golden Valley, recently refreshed and still decorated in winter holiday splendor, welcoming Nord Stern.

We kicked off the evening with a welcome and introduction of the NS leadership team, including **Derek Laumbach**, President, and **Scott Quick**, Vice President. Outgoing President **Steve Albers** transferred the President's Pen and "Pressure Plate" to Derek Laumbach. Take it away, Derek!

Andy Barker was honored as Chairperson of the Year for his work as Registrar and our E-commerce activities, which is an intensive and ongoing effort. **Christie Boeder** received the Outstanding Achievement and Lifetime Service Award for her thirty-some years as Newsletter Editor. Don't you love it when you find the newsletter in your mailbox? All the while, **Michael Steinberg** roamed the room with his SLR, capturing the moments. Well done, All!

Guests dined on Steak Fillet, Salmon, and a Teriyaki vegetable entree, starting with a Greek salad and finishing with a choice of four cupcake desserts. Tables were decorated with custom made illuminated Porsche centerpieces which were won by lucky seat holders after dinner with twelve lucky winners. The Club's bar was seamlessly changed from the initial reception area to the dining room in minutes, nice touch!

The speaker for the evening was **Dave Roberts**, a long time Nord Stern member, and active vintage racer. Dave got his start with the club as a Driver Training student with **Bruce Boeder** as instructor. Dave regaled us with tales of his many adventures, racing all over the globe in cars ranging from his own SWB 911 to a Camaro for Bathurst, Australia to an Indycar here in the states. You could say that Dave is enjoying his retirement!

We also heard from **Katie Cummings** on our dedicated club charity, the St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital. Katie was

joined by **Debbie Witschen** of Anoka, whose son was a St. Jude patient. Debbie emphasized the overall support that St. Jude provided her family as her son fought childhood cancer. To me, this is one of the things I am most proud of as a Nord Stern member, our support of an organization that does so much for families in extreme medical crisis.

Similar to last year, our gala featured a silent auction, which included over thirty-five items, including a magnificent Porsche themed quilt, made by **Eileen Karn**. Eileen replicated her Porsche-themed quilt, featuring the iconic Porsche crest, surrounded by a selection of werks race cars and some well-known NS 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, car service gift certificates, artwork, wine and liquor offerings, and lifestyle opportunities. Donors included:

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- JDC-Miller Motorsports
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- SPD Action Travel

Members:

- Bret Bailey
- Andy & April Barker
- Christie Boeder, Bruce Boeder
- Michael Bowman
- Jim Brown
- Scott Brown
- Kim Crumb
- Dan Ferrell
- Eileen Karn
- Derek Laumbach
- Scott Quick
- Ben Rogers
- Rich & Mary Rolfs
- Pat Scherven

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Photos, Clockwise, L to R: Mary and Scott Quick; Past President Steve Albers passing the infamous 'pressure plate' to 2026 President Derek Laumbach, Bidding on silent auction items benefiting St. Jude; Katie Cummings of St. Jude speaks on behalf of the organization and the relationship with the Porsche community; Christie Boeder is surprised by Derek Laumbach, Steve Albers and the club upon receiving an award honoring her many years of volunteering with Nord Stern (yes, I was surprised! but so grateful for the opportunities, friendships and relationships with members both locally and nationally!); Dave Roberts, the evening's speaker; Lots of great donations to ponder over and make those bids; and center is Katie Cummings of St. Jude with Debbie Witschen, a St. Jude Mother who shared their family's story.



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Holiday Party . . .

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- Judi Sievers
- Jim Southwell

The auction concluded at 8:45PM, and the final tally totaled \$15,000 going directly to St. Jude. All told, that brings Nord Stern charity donations over the years to over \$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, Debbie Witschen, and the many St. Jude patients appreciate it!

How did this all happen? Through the work and dedication of Social Chair **Karen Laumbach**, that's how. Karen worked with her team to confirm the venue, provide a theme and solicit auction items, donating her time and considerable talents to the effort. Karen now has one year in the books as Social Chair, and we look forward to more great events as we roll into 2026. Ideas from members for social events are always welcome and can be sent to social@nordstern.org.

So, our first major event of the new year is in the books, and we can look forward to a rewarding and fun-filled year together. Keep up to date with what is happening on the club website, Facebook, and enews email. See you out and about! Wear your badges!

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10 a.m. - Coffee and donuts, mingle and check out all the cool cars on display

- 11 a.m. - Pizza
- Membership presents information on Nord Stern Region of PCA, Club programming/events in 2026
- Chairs and club leadership on hand to share club activities and opportunities
- All Members WELCOME!
- Ends 1 p.m.

MAY YOU HAVE THE LUCK OF THE IRISH...

AND CHEAP RENT

Sally . . .

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(meaning you’ve completed at least one full-day event and been marked as “eligible” or “qualified”), that qualification isn’t just with your local club, it follows you to other PCA regions.

PCA is a national organization, and regions recognize each other’s DE progress. So if you’ve run with one region and are marked as qualified or progressing toward it, you can generally participate in DE with another PCA region — provided:

- They have space in the event
- You meet their event prerequisites (car tech, insurance, waivers, etc.)
- You register appropriately through that region’s registration system

I’d recommend contacting the DE Registrar or DE Chair of the region holding the event, they’ll likely be happy to help you with any questions you have and may even provide additional resources to help you prior to, and at, the track.

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January wasted absolutely no time humbling me. In my year-end recap for 2025, I predicted that unit volume would pull back modestly, noting that early January had produced the lowest number of Porsche's for sale across the three major online auction platforms that I could remember seeing. That observation held true for about a week. Then the floodgates opened. January 2026 went on to become the biggest January on record since I began tracking the market, posting a 73% sell-through rate on 605 cars for a staggering \$72,122,544 in total dollar volume. For context, January of last year closed at a 69% sell-through rate, \$41,125,442 in sales, and 561 units. Much of this outsized dollar figure can be traced back to a number of heavy hitters crossing the block at Mecum's Kissimmee sale, paired with strong action out of Arizona and online, setting an unexpectedly aggressive tone for the year ahead.

Leading the charge in January was the 918 Spyder, with five examples crossing the block and three finding new homes. The headline sale was a 2015 918 Spyder showing just 845 miles, finished in Paint-to-Sample Pure Orange and optioned with the Weissach Package, along with Color-to-Sample Pure Orange interior piping in place of the more common Acid Green. While it was described as a one-of-one color, there are in fact a handful of other Pure Orange cars known. Even so, the combination of low mileage and eye-catching spec proved irresistible, resulting in a new auction record at \$6,050,000. The other two cars to sell did so strongly as well, hammering at \$3,575,000 and \$3,205,000. The two remaining examples failed to meet reserve, both stalling just short of the \$3m mark.

Not to be outdone, January also delivered a new auction record for the Carrera GT. This one came as a bit of a surprise, as it was not the lowest-mileage example we have seen, showing just over 2,000 miles, nor was it a particularly exotic specification, finished in Seal Grey Metallic over Dark Grey leather. Even so, it became the first Carrera GT to cross the \$3m mark at auction, selling for \$3,085,000. Staying with the Porsche supercar theme, we also saw a strong result for a 959 Komfort, which sold at \$2,535,000. Showing just 1,000 miles and modified by Canepa with their Phase II specification, this example featured a claimed 640 horsepower along with Canepa's suspension upgrades. That result landed squarely between the roughly \$2m we typically see for standard 959s and the \$3m territory occupied by full 959 SCs Reimagined by Canepa.

Another one of my predictions for 2026 was that Boxster and Cayman values would begin to level off for standard

variants, while the special cars would start to separate themselves. So far, that thesis is holding up well. January delivered the first 718 Spyder RS to cross the \$200k mark since May of last year, with a 1,700-mile example selling for \$214,000. Finished in Paint-to-Sample Gulf Blue and well optioned with the Weissach Package, Magnesium wheels, and PCCB brakes, this result suggests buyers are once again willing to pay up for the right spec. Digging further back into the Boxster catalog, we also saw a new auction record for a 987 Boxster Limited Edition. Showing just 3,000 miles, it sold for \$53,666, a figure that even eclipses recent Boxster S Limited Edition results. Rounding things out was a Boxster RS 60 Spyder with 22,000 miles that brought \$48,000, topping recent mileage comps and reinforcing the strength of the special-edition Boxster market.

993 Turbos carried their late-2025 momentum straight into January, highlighted by a 37,000-mile 1997 example that hammered at \$395,000. Finished in Black over Black, the car was lightly modified with Bilstein PSS9 dampers and RS adjustable sway bars, changes that appeared to be well received rather than penalized. Condition was strong, service history was well documented, and factory options such as Sport Seats and carbon-fiber interior trim helped round out the package. At \$395,000, the result topped recent mileage comps that have largely lived in the \$340–350,000 range.

Looking ahead, the calendar doesn't offer much time to catch our breath. RM Sotheby's Miami sale lands at the end of February, followed closely by the Amelia Island auctions in March, both of which are poised to bring another wave of high-quality cars to market. After an opening month that already rewrote the January record books and validated more than a few early predictions, 2026 is shaping up to be a strong year. If January is any indication, bidders remain engaged, selective, and willing to pay up when the right cars appear.

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PHOTO CREDIT MECUM AUCTIONS

Sharpen Your Pencils, Nord Sterners, Say What, A Photo Rally?!

by Cathy Robson and the Drives Team

Guess what - there will be PAPER involved in what promises to be a unique upcoming Nord Stern event. Check out the info courtesy of these organized organizers! PENCILS? PAPER? Oh my.

- So Sharpen those pencils (after first locating some in the back of that junk drawer we all have somewhere in



Rally start: 2014 Jay Peak Parade, are Paul Young Sr and Jr

and Navigator will use written instructions to travel along a set route. This is a paper and pencil exercise! There won't be a digital route app that will assist with the event. Old school clipboards may be helpful! Each car will follow the route independently, not a lead/follow. It also is NOT a timed event. There will be opportunities to stop and explore the various areas the teams will traverse. Along the way, participants will look for objects in photos and keep track of them.

At the Rally end, we will enjoy a great pub, yummy food and drink, scoring and awards for winning teams. You just need to be at the end-point before the scoring table closes, giving you adequate time to stop and explore.

Rallymaster **Cathy Robson**, a long-time rallyist, and Dick Bristow have created a PCA-style Rally with easy-to-follow instructions and a fun "gimmick" to solve while you travel through beautiful parts of Minnesota. Drivers will enjoy some great Porsche roads; and Navigators, be ready for the challenge of helping your driver follow the route and

our homes).

- Find a clipboard.
- Clean your spectacles/cheaters/contact lenses.
- Prepare to GO Old School for some fun and adventure.

This year, the Drives team of Nord Stern is presenting a different kind of event for your enjoyment. Not a drive or a tour, but a Rally. A Photo Rally! Scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2026. We will meet at Porsche St. Paul and proceed from there to the Rally start point. The actual Rally route will remain secret until the Instructions are distributed at the Rally's starting point.

Teams consisting of a Driver



Craig Steel and Cathy Robson at 2015 Parade French Lick 1

keeping track of the pictured objects you find along the way.

Cathy and Dick have crafted a fun route, with (they promise) a moderate challenge in spotting photos of objects along the way. There aren't any built-in traps to confuse rallyists, and the route should be well marked. They have found a fun end-point for food, scoring, and socializing at a location which makes the return home convenient.

You will notice that this event is entitled the **"Craig Steele Memorial Photo Rally."** Cathy wanted to honor her PCA friend who, because of serious medical challenges is unable to participate in events such as this, and is based on a Photo Rally he held in the Redwoods region in California. Sadly, Craig is no longer able to rally or drive his beloved Cayman. Teams will run in his honor to carry on the tradition. The Drives team hopes you will enjoy running this new event. Watch for registration to open soon. See you there!

Prez Sez . . .

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With this being the March issue, we can confidently say that the wait is nearly over. Soon, we will all be enjoying our Porsche's, sharing the road and track, and gathering for socials once again. Until then, keep those battery maintainers charging, and keep dreaming of that first drive.

On a business side of this I hope by now most of you have checked out and maybe even registered for a Nord Stern event on the new platform Kerbz, which we transitioned to on February 8th.

This decision was driven by the desire to provide an improved, streamlined event registration experience, enhancing the overall interaction our members have with the club. We aimed for better functionality, improved communication, and a much smoother registration process.

One of Kerbz's key benefits is its mobile-first approach. Knowing that convenience

is paramount, we ensured members can effortlessly view and register for all upcoming events directly from their mobile devices and get push notifications about events they are registered for. We encourage all members to download the Kerbz mobile app, available at <https://kerbz.app/native>. We believe Kerbz will be a great benefit to the club.

With that being said, it is currently early February, and I am dreaming of those teaser warm days that lie ahead. The garage, which currently serves as a temporary sanctuary for my beloved Porsche, feels far too quiet. The car sits patiently under its cover, awaiting the glorious moment of its annual awakening. Every glance at the calendar reminds me that the long, cold grip of winter is still firmly in place, but those fleeting moments—a sudden spike in temperature, the stronger afternoon sun—offer a tantalizing promise of spring. Soon enough, the winterizing procedures will be reversed: the battery will be reconnected, the

flat-spotted tires will roll again, and the unmistakable roar of the engine will fill the air. The anticipation is a significant part of the joy, making that first drive of the season all the more rewarding. Lets hope it happens soon!

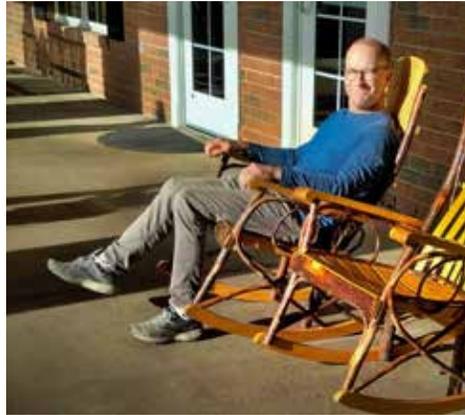
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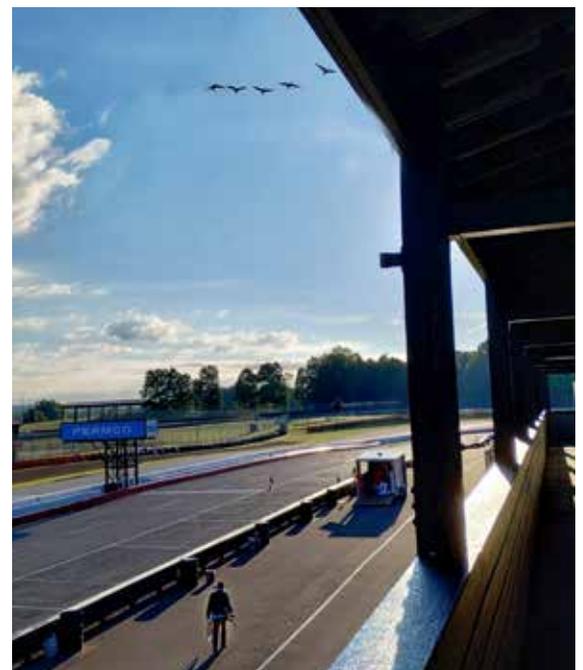
The poster features a dark background with a repeating geometric pattern. At the top left is the Nord Stern logo, a steering wheel with a car silhouette inside. To its right, the text "Nord Stern" is written in a light yellow font. Below this, a yellow and black diagonal hazard stripe runs across the width of the poster. The main title "Driver Training • Driver Ed" is in large, bold, white font, followed by "Track Schedule 2026" in a smaller white font. On the right side, there is a photograph of a white racing helmet. Below the title, four event items are listed, each preceded by a yellow checkmark icon in a circle. The items are: "First Fling @ BIR April 24-25", "Cheese Fling @ RA June 22-23", "Loonacy DE & Club Race @ BIR July 25-26", and "Last Fling @ BIR September 18-19". At the bottom, another yellow and black diagonal hazard stripe is present, followed by the text "registration TBA" in a light yellow font.

Out and About with Nord Stern: Mid-Ohio Driver's Ed Outing

photos by Michael Steinberg



Just for fun - summer 2026 track events aren't that far away so as a reminder, here are some fun pictures of a trip to the famous Mid-Ohio track for some Driver Ed action: Michael Steinberg (above), Tom Sabow soaking up the sun, Tom Karn and Tom Sabow work on their gangsta' look! Bottom left are the 4 amigos: Michael Steinberg, Tom Sabow, Tom Karn, and Stan Lim. Right page are a couple more, Stan Lim with his P-car; Helmet on, check!



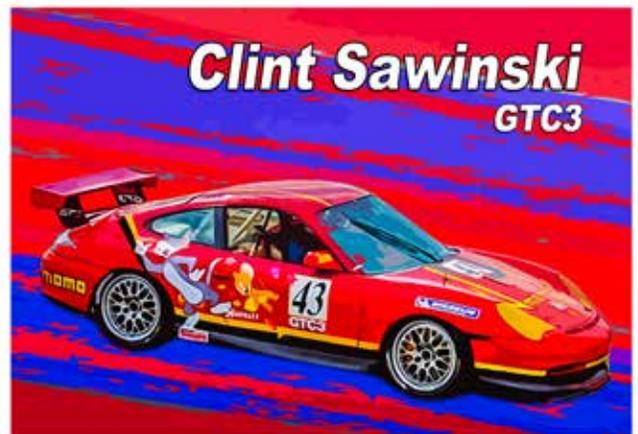



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CAR NUMBER ASSIGNMENTS AND HOW TO REQUEST A CHANGE

by Andy Barker & Victor Lee, Registrars

The 2026 DE track season is fast approaching and it's time, once again, to open the car number registration period. Car numbers are used at our Brainerd (BIR) and Road America track events to help with identification. As long as you participate in at least one track event within a moving 3-year period of time your assigned number will be yours to use.

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

If you'd like to request one or change your assigned car number, all that is needed is to contact the Registrar by e-mail: registrar@nordstern.org

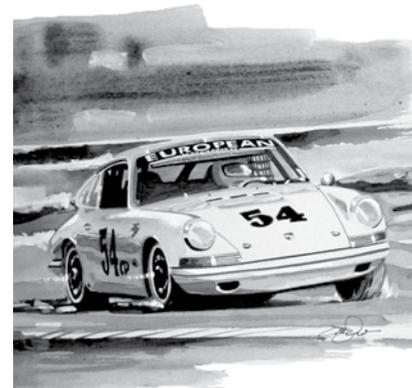
To make the assignment process as efficient as possible, simply provide your current number and three new numbers in preference order. We'll reassign the first one on your list that is available. Conflicting number requests will be given priority based on the current membership status and when the change request is received.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING A CAR NUMBER ASSIGNMENT

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

CAR #	NAME	14	John VeLure	43	Rodger Finke
1	Retired	15	Jason Hatton	44	Chuck Barr
2	Gordon Doering	16	James Arhart	45	Gary Yee
3	Bruce Boeder	20	Richard Thomson	46	Robert Viau
04	Dave Billingsley	22	April Barker	47	Mark Sandau
4	Dale Miron	24	Matt Clark	48	John Zimmer
5	Paul Thai	26	Jeffrey VeLure	49	Michael Hoke
6	Keith Anderson	27	Keith Erickson	50	Glen Larson
06	Rick Polk	28	John Blackburn	51	Cory Hoeglund
7	Greg Windfeldt	29	Victor Lee	52	Scott Donahue
07	Bill Wolfson	30	Aaron Shilts	54	Brovold Shawn
08	Tom Sabow	32	Bill Corcoran	55	Robert Zabel
9	Scott Perkinson	33	Michael Sabers	56	Retired
10	Richard Moe	34	Alan Weiner	58	James Benson
11	Jim Seubert	36	Barrett Sexton	59	Derek Laumbach
11	Gary Amendola	37	Stephen Kemp	61	Steve Herron
12	Thomas Fewer	41	Jeffrey Carlson	63	Jeffrey Eckroth
13	Chip Smith	42	Jon Steinmetz	67	Thomas Kraus

69	John Hull	159	John Miller	811	Stanley Lim
077	Phineas Koutlas	163	Todd Miron	816	Robert Quickel
81	John Link	168	Brad Bass	819	Keith Fritze
82	Bret Bailey	171	Steven Sabers	824	Peter Puffer
84	Troy Petersen	176	Don Charnetski	828	Ben Rogers
86	Robert Carlson	188	Tony Carideo	888	Muzaffar Gafurov
88	Richard LaVerdiere	217	Michael John	912	Mark Schumacher
90	Phineas Koutlas	245	Cameron Parkhurst	913	Thomas Palladino
91	Kevin Mullen	277	Harvey Robideau	919	Brent Schulz
94	Lon Tusler	303	Shannon Ivey	920	Stephen Powless
95	Daniel Martinson	311	Ryan Gates	935	Karl Andreasen
96	Todd Smith	316	Wikstrom Erik	943	Gary Lundeen
97	Michael Bowman	356	Phil Hancock	951	Kevin Fitz
98	Bryce Austin	357	Mark Steingas	964	Hal Voges
100	Luis Fraguada Jr.	375	Chris Repplier	986	Will Kaye
103	Kurt Orenstein	386	Gary Miron	988	Chris Leu
104	David Anderson	411	Thomas Karn	991	Bruce Gates
107	Tom Huber	420	Scott Jenkins	992	Zach Prim
110	Brian Hanson	433	Mike Dekutoski	996	Derek Laumbach
111	Timothy Conners	500	Shawn Brovold	999	William Cliby
113	Michael Stewart	506	Jimbo Erickson		
114	Dave Westphal	511	Daniel Muldowney		
115	Glenn Baird	517	Sean Gallant		
116	Lance Van Norman	527	Patrick Lafond		
118	Adam Gettings	536	Kahler Karen		
120	Charlie Schiessl	556	Chad Severson		
123	Paul Nyhus	569	Sam Blue		
134	Bruce Yerigan	651	Tylar Twite		
139	Alex Irey	711	Nathan Reader		
144	Scott Brown	717	Tim Stone		
146	Bob Viau Jr.	757	Bryan Nelson		
148	David Manzey	762	Reed Unterseher		
152	Dan Niccum	777	Matthew P. Jones		
157	Scott Gill	801	Mark Mann		
158	Scott Gill	808	Chris Rodarte		



Picking up a 2025 Cayenne S from Porsche Downtown Chicago is a vibe—until a 4-inch lake-effect snow dump turns the city into a frozen obstacle course.

After a quick 20-minute tech briefing and a phone sync, the showroom doors retracted, spitting me out across the sidewalk and directly into a 10-lane gladiator pit of semis and commuters. Sliding through the “concrete jungle,” I felt a bit like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz. I tapped the map icon like a pair of ruby slippers, pleading “take me home” to Minnesota, only for the screen to switch as I hit the wrong button. Suddenly, the yellow brick road vanished, leaving me stranded in the heart of a Chicago rush hour blizzard.

After a messy five-mile detour and some frantic screen-fumbling, I finally pointed the nose toward Minnesota. With the lake effect snow in my rearview and Illinois traffic pinned at 80+ mph, the 2025 Cayenne S finally hit its stride—stable, quiet, and effortless. Whew.

However, the tech was a different story. The steering wheel buttons are so numerous that the dash and Head-Up Display (HUD) cycle through menus before I can even process what I’m seeing. I toggled the drive mode to Sport—not just for the throttle response, but to keep the oil temps 20 degrees cooler while I cruised. A quick check of the vitals showed the oil and tire pressures were spot on, and the all-seasons handled the transition from slush to dry pavement with ease. While I never truly pegged the throttle, the Cayenne S had way more than enough muscle to effortlessly dispatch traffic.

The rest of the trek to Minneapolis was an uneventful blur of trying to decode the cockpit. Honestly,

it’s sensory overload: do I really need 64 colors of ambient lighting or a seat massage while I’m trying to focus on the road? (editor’s note: Really?! I’d think not). The cruise control felt like a logic puzzle, and I was halfway through Wisconsin before I finally hunted down the Lane Keep Assist kill switch (another editor’s note: That particular ‘feature’ is a total PITA in my not so humble view and feel your pain with that one). In a Porsche, you want to drive the car—not have the car drive you.

Safe at home in Minnesota, I’ve traded the steering wheel for the Porsche Good to Know app, since the physical manual barely scratches the surface. I’m slowly learning the quirks: the screen demands a single-finger touch to cooperate, not two, and the Head-Up Display is locked for adjustments unless you’re stationary—a safety feature that would have been nice to know while I was squinting at it in Wisconsin!

The Cayenne S is an undisputed masterpiece of engineering, but it’s missing one “old-school” soul: the AM radio.

Does that age me? (ah, yup, ‘fraid so, Mr. Greene!)



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While not an actual Nord Stern run event, the featured Marque for the July Caffeine & Octane gathering at the Automotorplex in Medina will be our fav, Porsche, and there will be many a Nord Stern member on hand.



From the Green Flag Gala: Beverly Barron and Gayle Southwell enjoy the evening
photo by Michael Steinberg

A dark blue event poster. At the top left is a circular logo for 'Caffeine & Octane' with 'Speed & Style' written around it. To the right of the logo, it says 'AUTOMOTORPLEX MEDINA PRESENTS'. Further right is the 'AutoMotorPlex MEDINA' logo. The main title 'PORSCHE Spotlight' is written in large, glowing white letters. Below the title is a photograph of a white Porsche sports car with a rear spoiler, viewed from the rear quarter angle. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'CAFFEINE & OCTANE', 'JULY 11TH, 2026', '9AM-12PM', and '3600 ARROWHEAD DRIVE MEDINA, MN 55340'.

An advertisement for North Woods Agency, Inc. The background is a misty forest of evergreen trees. In the center, there is a logo consisting of stylized green letters 'NWA' with a pine tree integrated into the letter 'A'. Below the logo, the text 'North Woods Agency, Inc.' is written. A yellow banner with a dotted pattern contains the text 'BUSINESS INSURANCE' in large, bold, black letters, with 'PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES SINCE 1997' in smaller black letters below it. Below the banner, there are three columns of business categories listed in white, bold, uppercase letters: 'CONTRACTORS', 'HVAC', 'CONCRETE/MASONRY', 'ELECTRICAL', 'BUILDERS' in the first column; 'AUTO DETAILING', 'FUNERAL HOMES', 'RESTAURANTS', 'LOCAL TRUCKING', 'ARBORISTS' in the second column; and 'LANDSCAPE SERVICES', 'RETAIL', 'COMMERCIAL ROOFING', 'AUTO REPAIR SHOPS', 'AND MORE!' in the third column. At the bottom, contact information is provided in white text: 'Call Dean Salminen at 218.750.4515 | WWW.NORTHWOODSAGENCYINC.COM' and 'Email nwins1@gmail.com | Veteran Owned | Nord Stern Member'.

Attendees:

- Steve Albers, Derek Laumbach, Karen Laumbach, Jason Barney, Tom Karn, Roger Johnson, Bob Quickel, Todd Smith, Jay Hilden, John Velure, John Blackburn, Michael Steinberg, Carolyn Veno, Jeff Eckroth, Jim Southwell, Jeff Carlson

Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by Derek Laumbach at 6:31 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

President, Derek Laumbach:

- No report

Vice President, Scott Quick

- No report

Treasurer, Jay Hilden

- Advertising revenue up in January
- successful money raised for St. Jude at the Green Flag aka Holiday Gala
- Road America deposits have been sent in

Secretary, Tom Sabow

- No report

Board of Directors, Steve Albers, Tom Karn, Jeff Eckroth

- No report

Advertising, Mollie Nygaard

- no report

All Porsche Show, Phil Saari and Jim Southwell

- June 27, 2026. Location tbd, looking at Normandale Country Club

Autocross, Andy Golfis

- No report

Club Race/Loonacy John Velure. Steve Albers

- 2026 planning is under way
- Saturday/Sunday long track will be used
- Friday is a BIR run Driver Ed track day

Dealer Relations: Roger Johnson, Steve Albers, Tom Karn, Derek Laumbach

- 2026 planning underway

Driver Education, John Blackburn

- Dates set and contracts signed
- First Fling: April 24/25 at Brainerd International Raceway: Driver Ed and Driver Training
- Cheese Fling: June 22 and 23 (Monday, Tuesday) at Road America, Driver Ed only
- Loonacy Weekend: July 25-26 at BIR, Driver Ed and Club Race event
- July 24 BIR will be running its own Driver Ed day that our DE/Club Race drivers can sign up for
- Last Fling: September 18-19 BIR, Driver Ed and Driver Training sessions

Driver Training, Ben Rogers

- April 11 new instructor training. Candidates: 14. Mentors: 7.
- April 12 Tire Rack Street Survival clinic. 9 students so far
- Look for Kerbz rollout to register

Drives, Touring, Chuck Barr, Rich Rolf, Allen Kreemer, Jason Barney

- All 2026 drives are finalized and on the online calendar
- Season starts with 2 drives in May

Fall Color Tour/Charity Ambassador

- No report

Historic Archives, Roger Johnson

- No report

Insurance, Jeff Carlson

- Current YTD and pending on upcoming events

Membership, Carolyn Veno & Michael Steinberg, Amanda Zander

- Total PCA region membership: 1707, primary members: 1126, affiliates: 581

Newsmagazine, Christie Boeder

- Appreciate all photographs and stories that you send in!

Nominating Committee



- No report

Photography, Michael Steinberg

- No report

Region Representative, Steve Kemp

- No report

Registrar, Andy Barker and Vic Lee

- We are upgrading and updating our registration system: Kerbz
- Benefits: improved functionality, better communication, more streamlined and efficient registration process
- Kerbz will be live for Nord Stern event registration on February 8.

Safety, Paul Thai, Tom Sabow, Gary Amendola

- No report

Social, Karen Laumbach

- March 18: Happy Hour at Axel's in Roseville
- May 1: Happy Hour - Porsches and Pints at Boom Island Brewery
- Looking for/open to new ideas for social...bowling, bocce ball, etc.

Social Media, Judi Sievers, Misty Martianos

- No report

Tech & Shop Todd Smith and Bob Quickel

- Dent Kraft and Print Wraps are planned events

Volunteers, Jim Southwell

- No report

Webmaster/Tech Dave Anderson & Christie Boeder

- No report

Next Meeting: March 3
at Axel's in Roseville

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:43 pm

Submitted by
Tom Sabow, Secretary

Robson . . .

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One of these great volunteers is Craig Steele from the Redwood region in northern California. He always signed up to handle the water and coolers at AutoX for two days at Parade. He didn't participate in AutoX, but decided that he could always help me and I was starting to learn about the motto in PCA "it's not just the cars, it's the people." Over the years, I have had many great volunteers who make my job possible! I stepped away from Parade for a few years, and during that time, I was encouraged to come back and do my job again, because they had not found someone else to step up and do Hydration. I heard that as there wasn't anyone as crazy as me who would volunteer to this extent on their vacation!! I returned to the National Committee as the Hydration Coordinator in Palm Springs in 2023. Yeah, I'm kind of a volunteer-type person.



Long Beach Porsche Parade with Dad

Over the years, Porsche world allowed me to indulge my photography hobby to shoot motorsports: POC, PCA, R Gruppe in southern California, and a press pass to shoot at the Long Grand Prix for a couple years. I still get to Road America in the summer to shoot cars on track and get a photo or two published in "PCA Club Racer."

I also help put on the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. Even after I moved to Minnesota in 2021, each year I go home to work the Rose Parade. I moved to be closer to my son, daughter-in-law and grandkids who live in Clearwater. The 2026 Rose Parade, in the rain, was my 18th Rose Parade as a "white suiter" on the Tournament of Roses committee.

In 2024, at the Birmingham Parade, I reviewed my list of volunteers and saw a familiar name: Craig Steele signed up for

AutoX! During the week, I was working my various events and a nice couple located me out delivering water at Concours to bring a message from Craig - that he had had a medical setback and wasn't able to attend Parade, but to be sure and plan for him to be at Oklahoma City because he was going to drive Route 66 from California to OKC with a group and they were excited for the drive and the Parade location. Now that nice couple are other great Porsche friends I stay in touch with and try to see more often than just once a year at Parades.

I had wanted to put on Gimmick-type Rally for my former region, San Gabriel Valley, in California. I searched online and found a post about a Rally Craig Steele had done in his Redwood region. I reached out and he shared some pointers, lessons learned, and the factors they considered as they wrote their rally. After COVID and my move to Minnesota, I still had my notes and ideas about a rally. In 2025, when I saw those people who delivered Craig's message, they shared even more news: Craig's health was declining. He received a devastating diagnosis and would not be able to come to Parade, drive Route 66, nor drive or participate in club events anymore. His wife extended her thanks for our friendship over the years. At that table over coffee, those friends and I decided that I would finally dig in and write this rally and dedicate it to Craig so his memory would carry on in PCA with events!

Over the years, my volunteer work has provided me with fun activities, outlet for my organizing skills, great people with whom I work. Albeit "Hydration" is a big lift, and the Rose Parade is a long way from home. Zoom meetings work well, and I love being a part of a team working toward a common event goal that we make fun and memorable for participants.

Savannah Parade Hydration, 40 lb bags



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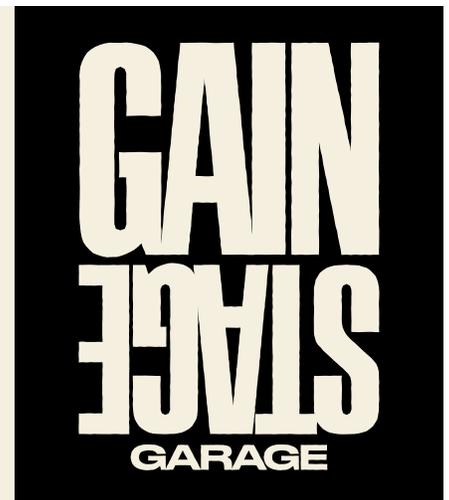
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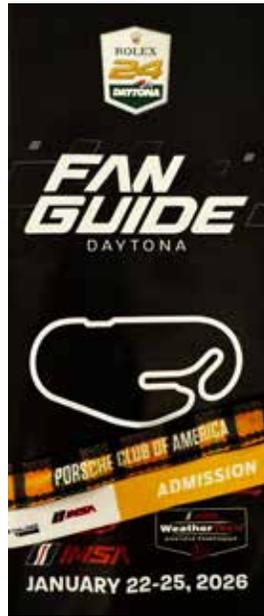
"Amat Victoria Curam - Victory loves preparation, A Porsche Penske Three-Peat"

by Kim Crumb



It's time for my annual trek to the Rolex 24 and Florida fun in the sun. I'm just two years shy of my 40th anniversary of first attending this race, which effectively starts the sports car racing season. There have been many changes, and the PCA "Platz" tent on the Kink in the Daytona infield is one of the hospitality upgrades. Just show your PCA membership card, can't get more club-friendly than that.

It's a wider-ranging "car guy" trip for me; escaping the bitter cold here surely is appealing. I fly into MCO and meet up with fellow Nord Stern member and also long-time Rolex 24 attendee, Paul Cole. We head south to Pompano Beach and Champion Porsche, the largest USA dealer. I admit having a Porsche dealer inventory so large that you tour by golf cart in a huge "big box store" indoor area, that's quite an experience. It's warm... nearly 80...and there are Porsches as far as the eye can see, it's like being in a Porsche Disney World. (photo below) I like seeing their 24



Hours of Le Mans trophy, and "Champion's Wall" which is the helmet display of the winning drivers who drove for their team. (Photo left, bottom)

Then it's off to RENNTech, the M-B team I drove for back in the 90's. The restomod fever that started with American muscle cars? European classics seem to be the next wave, like Singer, etc. M-B? Back in the mid-50s, they had the 300SL Gullwing, which was kind of the first supercar. What if you removed the 3L six and installed an M-B V12, and then added Project One (M-B AMG Hypercar with a 1,063 hp version of the previous F1 engine, good for 6:29 lap at the Nurburgring) livery? Unique, and? Merely parked at the curb at RENNTech. (photo below)



We're at Daytona on Friday, a day of multiple support races, including the 4 Hour Michelin Pilot Challenge race. We do the pre-race grid walk, my soft spot is for the GT-4 Caymans, of course. We meet Nord Stern members (Photo



right top includes L to R: Guy Perea (front) Paul Cole, Jeanine Perera, Kim) at the PCA tent. You can feel the tempo accelerating. Basking in the sun and the baritone sound of engines, I don't miss...even a little bit...the bitter cold back home.

A PCA friend, Ken, has built a new home just off the intracoastal in New Smyrna Beach, just 15 miles south of



the track, Paul and I are guests for the race weekend. We are back early on Saturday. There's a vintage "race" where you can see some of the cars of Rolex 24 history. It's called the "IMSA Classic" and it's only 30 minutes; eight of the eighteen entries were a version of a 911 GT-3 or RSR. Oldest? The 1989 Mazda 767 prototype, which went on to win Le Mans two years later, one big win for the Wankel rotary engine. I saw all of these cars race in their prime, and you'll never forget the ear-splitting sound of some of them, especially the rotary.

Then it was time for a coffee meeting with Timo Resch, PCNA CEO. He was at Porsche AG in the 90's, and here at PCNA in the aughts. It was back to Deutschland, he did a stint at Audi, then BMW Motorrad. Then it was global VP for BMW M, so that brought him back to the USA for the Rolex 24. . . a kindred spirit. He became PCNA CEO in late '23. When I get a request for a meeting like this, I don't "pass." It's at



Porsche Racehaus, which is up in a "High Banks" suite, looking down on the front stretch banking. We discuss multiple mutual

Porsche passion topics, it's great to have a CEO with so much authentic "gasoline in the veins!"

Perfect Preparation." With the title I've chosen, you can understand the basis of my "bet." There's a flyover of our Joint Strike Fighter jets.



There was a record crowd, and the tension of the race start is evident. Looking over the qualifying results, the usual suspects are high on the grid. I'd gone through the garage earlier, and the 963's exuded "Penske

Paul and I took the Porsche shuttle back to the PCA tent, we watch The Start from there

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Here's an answer to a problem you probably never thought of. What? Stay with me. What to do about the potential demise of late-night TV talk shows.

Why, you ask? Well, I happen to like a drole monologue, some wacko news clips, a little "schtick." I find it works wonders to clear my brain and settle into never-never land. Most nights, I can hardly get past "Meanwhile," which is just fine with me.

But the fabled time slot, the ghost of Paar and Carson and Leno, is being racked and ravaged. Colbert is canceled. Kimmel went dark, came back and . . . who knows what's next.

Well, here's a proposition for the producers. An outline for a complete rethink. It's a proposal. A treatment. A look at how the late-night concept could recapture its glory. Here's the idea; go vertical, on a rotating basis, based on broad-based themes.

Like cars, theater, film, sports, fashion . . . for the whole show. Oh sure, they could still touch on the day's headlines, in the traditional monologue. But the whole warmed-over guest at the desk thing, and the featured musical act, would be totally rethought, along the lines of the theme for the evening.

I'm focusing first on Kimmel. The plan would be to move the show from LA to Vegas, the entertainment capital of the world. And . . . where . . . Jimmy's . . . from! I know, right? And, to kick off the reboot, they would launch the concept around the Las Vegas Grand Prix.

Can you see Max, and Lewis, and Lando, and Oscar on the couch? Yucking it up with Jimmy?

I can hear the dialog now. "Who actually drinks the most champagne on the podium?" "Do any of you guys ever exceed the posted limit, when you're not racing?" "By how much?" "Who actually brakes the latest, and does this comport with any other performance abilities?" "What kind of life insurance do you carry?"

One idea would be to resurrect the goofy driving course that Leno had, when he did that ill-fated one-hour pre-late news show. Remember that fling, and that track? It looked like a pre-teen obstacle course for go-karts with governors. They even had balloons marking the turn-in points.

This time around, Guillermo would hop into the latest vehicle of choice, supplied by an advertiser . . . like . . . wait for it . . . Cadillac! Think about it - with their F1 car making its debut this year, what better way for GM to show its mettle. I bet Mary Barra would be willing to drive it on-stage. And then, if Guillermo can see out of the car, without a booster seat, he'd set the time to beat.

And, you guessed it, for the following show, Audi would be the featured advertiser, and F1 car. Followed by Ferrari. And Aston Martin.

Now, if this isn't a compelling reason for Porsche, and BMW, to enter the fray, what is? First the Kimmel show, next the world.

You want audience participation? How about "guess the horsepower at idle of a '26 F1 car?" "What's the downforce at 200 mph?" "In the wet?" "How do you find reverse?" "Does every F1 'pilot' (said with a French accent) fly their own private plane?" "When you're watching an F1 race on TV, what do you say, when your family asks you to change the channel?" "At a pit stop, would you rather be a tire-changer, a lug-nut wrencher or the guy who lifts up the front of the car with that metal contraption?"

For winning, the audience member would get to BE the child seat for Guillermo - Guillermo would sit on the winner's lap, so he can actually see out of the race car.

And, think about this, they could highlight the next season of "Drive to Survive!" I'm sure Netflix would swoon at the opportunity. Invite on a producer, who brings with him clips from the new season. You know the routine, he sets it up, sits back and . . . we watch snippets of the production.

It's brilliant. Because then, we don't need to sit through each episode of the whole series, the incessant team orders to "push, push," the rivalries, the wins, the losses . . . all from last season. Because we already know the outcome - it's from last season! We just get the best parts.

And what happens to the live studio band? Replaced by audio clips, of a V-8 engine, a V-10, a V-12, revving up to redline. Earphones would be optional.

Oh, I'm in. For this show, I might even stay up, beyond the monologue. Hey, late night, let's do it.



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