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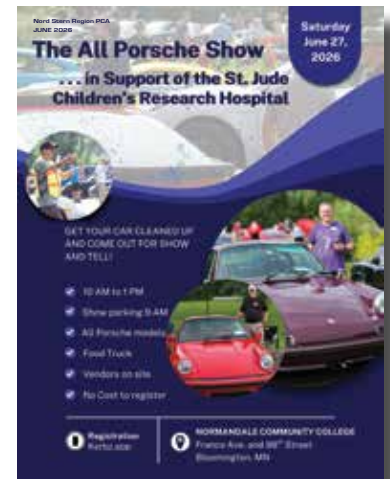
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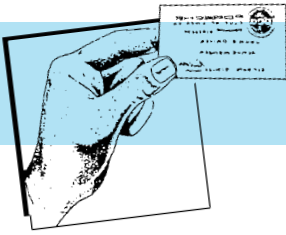
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## WELCOME . . . *New (or Returning!) Nord Stern Members*

*We hope to see you at upcoming events!*

### **Mike Bloom**

Greenwood, MN  
2001 Boxster S

### **Andrew Chisholm**

Roseville, MN

### **Brian Christopherson**

Mendota Heights, MN

### **Kris Clover**

Minnetrissa, MN  
1965 356

### **Sandra Ecker**

Circle Pines, MN  
1990 911 Carrera 2

### **Jeffrey Griffith**

Lakeville, MN  
911

### **Laura O'Neill**

Chaska, MN  
2026 911 Carrera GTS

### **Tim Petersen**

Maplewood, MN  
2007 911 Carrera S

### **David Pitera**

Minnetonka, MN  
2000 Boxster S

### **Derek Waterhouse**

Lakeville, MN  
2023 911 Carrera T

### **Timothy Watson**

Mankato, MN  
1973 914 2.0

**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. And we do have a lot of fun, join us!

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-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!



The spirit of Nord Stern was on full display at the beginning of May as we completed our first Craig Steele Memorial Photo

Rally — and what an incredible event it turned out to be. With more than 30 cars participating, members set out from Hastings and traveled north along the beautiful St. Croix River valley toward Pine City, all the while searching for 16 photo clues and 6 barn flags hidden along the several-hour driving route.

The rally combined everything we love about our club: great roads, beautiful scenery, fun competition, and outstanding people. Each time I spotted one of the photo items, I got such a rush and immediately became focused on finding the next one. It made for an incredibly engaging and memorable day behind the wheel.

If you missed this year’s event, you will absolutely want to sign up next year. A huge thank you goes out to the Drives Team and to Cathy Robson for introducing Nord Stern to this fantastic new event. The Craig Steele Memorial Photo Rally was a tremendous success and a perfect example of our club motto: “It’s not just the cars, it’s the people.”

As you’re reading this article, I also want everyone to be thinking ahead to the exciting events coming up in June so you don’t miss out on what’s next for Nord Stern.

For our track enthusiasts — or anyone who has ever

considered trying high-performance driving — this may be the perfect year to experience the legendary Road America. Nord Stern will return to Road America on June 22–23 for our annual Cheese Fling HPDE event. It is always one of the highlights of the driving season, filled with great driving, great people, and plenty of track time.

Come drive on the same pavement that hosts IndyCar Series, IMSA SportsCar Championship, and GT World Challenge. Even if you are planning to spectate rather than drive, the IndyCar weekend takes place the weekend before our event — making June an exciting time to visit Road America.

Then, on June 27, our annual “All Porsche Show in Support of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital” returns at an exciting new location. After many wonderful years at Roseville’s Central Park, the show will move to Normandale Community College, giving us even more room to showcase the incredible Porsche vehicles that continue to make this event such a success.

Attendees may get an up-close look at Minnesota’s rarest Porsches. Past shows have featured extraordinary cars such as the Porsche Carrera GT, a 964 Turbo S 3.6 Flachbau, a 356 Carrera GT, and many more, this year promises to be no different. Whether you are showing a car, talking with fellow

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It's been quite the busy time in the club as winter releases its grip, the weather warms up a bit and the P-cars come out of storage. In fact we have already held First Fling, tech sessions, open houses at several long-time Nord Stern supporting shops, and now the first Drive/Rally. Way more on the calendar. Keep up to date checking online or in your Kerbz account. And speaking of the first of the season - and actually first of a kind - drive/rally for the club. It was just held May 9th and was a 'Photo Rally'. We ran an article earlier in the year on 'just what a photo rally truly is' and since we weren't able to participate, all I know is what several members reported back. It sounds like it was great fun, something different, and well-run. Sounds like a perfect day to me, but take it from those who were there:

*"A BIG shout out to Cathy and everyone who helped with Saturday's photo rally. It was great fun along an excellent route. Geri and I met a number of new (to us) people and some who were on their first (but not last) Nord Stern drive.*

*Thanks also to Porsche St. Paul for hosting us."*

*– Steve Thompson*

*"The photo rally was fun. I went with a guy named Dave, a member I met just a few weeks ago as navigator Gayle could not make it. We started at Porsche Saint Paul, but*

*then we drove down to Hastings to a starting point to get instructions. The route then went all the way up through Afton, Bayport, Stillwater, Scandia, Rush City and finally Pine City to the finale at a nice bar/restaurant. I think there about 35 cars. It was fun to pick up all the photo clues along the way. Dave and I ended up doing two drives BACKWARDS to get back on the route, but arrived at a reasonable time with an okay score sheet!*

*Thanks to our Drives Team and Cathy Robson and Dick Bristow for organizing and mapping the drive and rally. Two hundred sixty miles on my car over the rally course (door to door)!"*

*– Jim Southwell*

*"Such a fun event! Thank you so much for all the work you put into organizing this rally Cathy Robson! We weren't able to stay for awards."*

*– Brittany Drury*

*"This was a lot of fun for my son and I to attend! Can't wait for more!"*

*–Paul Gerlach*

Lots more on the calendar for 2026 - let's get out there and drive!

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Porsche St. Paul, Meet @ 8:30 am; Depart 9 am
- 22-23 Nord Stern Cheese Fling Driver Ed**  
@ Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI  
Registration: Kerbz app
- 27 Nord Stern All Porsche Show (Saturday)**  
Details on the cover, new Location: Normandale  
Community College Parking lot

**JULY 2026**

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- 25 Drive to Loonacy**  
Leave from Porsche Minneapolis
- 25-26 Nord Stern Loonacy Driver Ed and Club Race**  
(Saturday, Sunday) @ Brainerd International Raceway

**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
- 29 Porsche Minneapolis Tech and St. Jude Open House**  
Location: JDC-Miller MotorSports

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Nord Stern Business Meeting \***  
Location: Axel's in Roseville  
RSVP to [president@nordstern.org](mailto:president@nordstern.org)  
- all are welcome
- 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
- 6 Nord Stern Business Meeting \***  
Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka  
RSVP to [president@nordstern.org](mailto:president@nordstern.org)  
- all are welcome

**NOVEMBER**

- 3 Nord Stern Business Meeting \***  
Location: Axel's in Roseville

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- all are welcome

**DECEMBER**

- 1 Nord Stern Business Meeting \***  
Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka  
RSVP to [president@nordstern.org](mailto:president@nordstern.org)  
- all are welcome

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*\* 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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**Remember, all event registrations are now on Kerbz.app or the Kerbz app**

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# POP QUIZ!

## Is getting air in a Porsche 911 GT3 RS at the Nurburgring fun?



Hi, I'm Kris and I like to do fun things. Do you like to do fun things? We should do fun things together!

If you like to drive Porsches and have fun, consider joining either our Alpine Porsche Drive or Black Forest & Nurburgring Porsche Drive.

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[www.spdactiontravel.com](http://www.spdactiontravel.com)



**Instructor Klaus:**  
"AAAAAAACCCCHH!!!  
(German for "make it stop")"

**Kris:**  
"Please be quiet, I'm concentrating.  
Also, yes."

<b>July 13-23</b>
<b>Alpine Porsche Drive</b>
<b>\$15,600</b> <small>Per car (one or two people)</small>
<b>September 28 - October 6</b>
<b>Black Forest &amp; Nurburgring Porsche Drive</b>
<b>\$13,900</b> <small>Per car (one or two people)</small>

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**NORD STERN REGION OF PCA**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**JOIN US**

Raise Your Hand! Events always need 'extra hands'! Connect with your community of fellow Porsche owners.  
[www.nordstern.org](http://www.nordstern.org)

[VOLUNTEER@NORDSTERN.ORG](mailto:VOLUNTEER@NORDSTERN.ORG)

**I**t's official, the great driving weather has finally arrived and it's great to see so many of you out on the road! While I wasn't able to join the Nord Stern Photo Rally in early May, I was fortunate enough to see the group driving south on 694 on their way to Hastings - what a fantastic surprise! I winked at everyone but we'll see if any of the eagle-eyed participants were able to sneak a photo of 'ol Sally!

This month we have two questions relating to car prep & upgrades, thanks to Kevin and Donna. We've got two spectacular track events coming up soon that are a must to get on your calendar:

## **JUNE 22-23: NORD STERN CHEESE FLING AT ROAD AMERICA**

This is one of the best tracks in the country and every opportunity to drive this wonderful ribbon of tarmac should be taken.

## **JULY 25-26: NORD STERN LOONACY WEEKEND AT BRAINERD INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY**

Open to all drivers that have prior high-performance driver education (HPDE) track experience, successfully completed a regional PCA or other club Driver Training (DT) school

## **JULY 25: LOONACY DRIVE**

Experience the thrill of our signature Nord Stern PCA event with a coordinated group trek from Porsche Minneapolis to Brainerd International Raceway (BIR). We will gather at Porsche Minneapolis for coffee, refreshments, and a mandatory drivers' meeting before departing on a lead/follow journey led by experienced drive leaders.

This is shaping up to be another fantastic summer and I hope to see you at one of our track or social events!

Do you have track-related questions for me and our team of talented instructors? Simply send them to [sally@nordstern.org](mailto: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:**

*I just bought a 1987 911 in January and over the past several weeks have been trying to get it track ready which*

*brings up a question about the restraints. The stock seats have a buckle that attaches to the seat but the rules don't seem to allow that. Is that correct? I have to attach them to the floor of the car with a large washer on the underside?*

*- Submitted by Buckle-Up Bernie*

### **Answer:**

The short answer is: your factory three-point seat belts with the stock seats are generally acceptable for Driver Education use as originally installed from the factory. In many older 911s, the buckle side of the restraint is attached directly to the seat structure itself, and Porsche engineered that system as a complete package. For PCA DE tech inspection purposes, we typically do not require you to relocate those factory mounting points to the floor simply because the buckle is seat-mounted.

Where people get into trouble is when they begin mixing aftermarket components - for example, installing fixed-back racing seats, harnesses, or modified seat brackets while still using portions of the original restraint system. Once you move away from the stock configuration, the rules become much more strict because the geometry and crash loads change significantly. If you are planning to add harnesses, harness bars, racing seats, or different mounts, then yes, proper chassis-mounted attachment points with backing plates and hardware become critical. But for a basically stock '87 911 with OEM seats and OEM belts, you are usually fine as-is provided everything is in good condition: solid seat mounts, functioning retractors, no frayed webbing, and secure hardware.

As a tech inspector, the biggest thing I'd tell you is this: don't start drilling holes in the floor to "improve" the restraint setup unless you have a very specific plan that follows accepted motorsport safety practices. Incorrectly installed harness hardware can actually make the car less safe. I would recommend emailing some detailed information to [safety@nordstern.org](mailto:safety@nordstern.org) including photos of the seat mounts and belt attachment points and our team can give you any necessary guidance. We'd much rather help you evaluate the existing Porsche-engineered setup than see a well-intentioned modification that creates a new safety concern.

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The JDC  
963 'action  
shot' diving  
into the  
Laguna Seca  
corkscrew  
turn,

photo  
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**Question:**

*I'm considering adjustable coilovers. How do basic suspension settings like rebound and compression damping affect handling on the track, and what's a good starting point for dialing in a street/track setup?*

- Submitted by Damping Donna

**Answer:**

Adjustable coilovers can be one of the most rewarding upgrades you make to your car for track use but they can also become one of the easiest ways to make a very good car unexpectedly difficult to drive, particularly if you start chasing settings before you understand what the car is telling you. The important thing to remember is that dampers do not create grip. Tires create grip, springs support the car. The dampers (your rebound and compression adjustments) primarily control how quickly weight transfers around the chassis.

Compression damping, sometimes called “bump,” controls how quickly the suspension compresses when weight is added to that corner of the car. Under braking, turn-in, curb strikes, or transitions, compression damping affects how fast the chassis settles. Too little compression and the car can feel soft, lazy, or floaty. Too much compression and the car may feel skittish, nervous over bumps, or unwilling to use the tire properly because the suspension is resisting movement instead of allowing the tire to stay planted.

Rebound damping controls how quickly the suspension extends again after being compressed. This is often the adjustment drivers feel most dramatically. Rebound has a huge influence on balance and confidence. Too little rebound can make the car feel unsettled or bouncy in transitions. Too much rebound is even more common — and more problematic. An over-rebounded car can “jack down” over a series of corners or bumps, effectively reducing available suspension travel and causing the car to lose compliance and grip. Drivers often describe this as a car that suddenly feels nervous or loses traction for no obvious reason.

For a dual-purpose street and track Porsche, my advice is always the same: start conservative and stay balanced. If your coilovers have a recommended baseline from the manufacturer, begin there. Don't assume “stiffer equals faster.” In fact, many first-time setups are overdamped because people equate firmness with performance. A properly sorted Porsche should feel controlled and composed, not harsh.

A good starting point for most modern adjustable dampers is:

- Ride height: modestly lowered, not slammed
- Compression damping: near the softer half of the adjustment range
- Rebound damping: slightly firmer than compression, but still moderate
- Alignment: prioritize a proper performance alignment before chasing damper clicks

Then make small changes — one adjustment at a time. Two clicks can make a noticeable difference. Eight clicks all at once teaches you nothing.

When evaluating changes on track, focus on specific behaviors:

- Does the car feel stable under braking?
- Does it behave predictably at turn-in?
- Can you confidently apply throttle at corner exit?
- Does it stay composed over curbing and surface changes?

If the car improves in one phase of the corner but becomes worse somewhere else, you're learning something valuable about the balance.

And here's something we emphasize with PCA students all the time: suspension tuning should support driver development, not distract from it. A well-driven Porsche on a simple, conservative setup will almost always outperform an aggressively tuned car driven by someone chasing setup instead of consistency. Before you spend hours adjusting dampers, make sure your tire pressures, alignment, braking technique, vision, and consistency are already in a good place. Those fundamentals produce lap time and confidence far more reliably than turning knobs in the paddock.



Use the above QR to submit YOUR question, or questions, comments to Sally Slipstream!

# A Porsche WIN and the Nord Stern Connection. . .

courtesy, <https://www.pca.org/news/how-jdc-miller-porsche-963-won-laguna-seca-2026-pca-tech-tips>

Old Spec, New Heroes: How JDC-Miller's Porsche 963 Defied the Odds at Laguna Seca, posted by Manny Alban



Porsche won the StubHub Monterey SportsCar Championship at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca this past Sunday. While that alone is a headline you've seen quite often this year, this time there were different faces at the top of the podium. The story of how JDC-Miller got there could easily have been a chapter in that children's book, *The Little Engine That Could*.



Seeing a customer team not only beat the factory-supported Porsche Penske Motorsport 963s but also the heavily favored Whelen Cadillac V-Series.R and the Meyer Shank Racing Acura was a rare but welcome occurrence. The fact that they were running 2025 spec car and not the updated 2026 model that the Penske team is running made the win even more impressive. It seemed an impossibility at the start of the race. But those who followed the IMSA GTP series



Right: The two Porsche Penske 963s showing off their Apple-inspired livery in a pre-race photoshoot

knew that this little team from Minnesota was just waiting for the right opportunity to finally come out on top.

Why didn't they run the 2026 specs? Budget. With an upgrade cost of approximately \$650K, the team had decided to stick with the 2025 spec and hope that Balance of Performance decisions would lean towards making them a bit more competitive with the 2026 specs. This turned out to be a smart decision for the Laguna Seca race as the Penske



Porsche 963s, while a little lighter than they were at Long Beach, were still the heaviest GTP cars in the field.

This year JDC-Miller has the 24-year-old factory driver Laurin Heinrich on their team, and the GTP rookie has been nothing but impressive in almost every race. (Ed.: Fun fact: Heinrich raced with PCA Sim Racing in 2022.) His co-driver is Tijmen van der Helm, who has been with the team for four years. Together, they seem to make the perfect pairing for this privateer team that only runs one car.

The race was scheduled for 2 Hours and 40 minutes. The tides seemed to change when Heinrich got in for the final stint. He went from 10th to 1st place. What made this more

impressive is that he not only managed his tires and fuel but had enough battery power to make that final pass.

The pass on the final lap — isn't this what all drivers and series promoters dream about? The thrilling pass on the last lap to power on for a victory? This time it wasn't a dream. Many spectators at Laguna Seca and those watching from home were able to see Laurin Heinrich pass, on Turn 5, Earl Bamber in his No. 31 Action Express Racing Cadillac V-Series.R for the lead and overall win. Watch the finish below.

With this most recent win, Heinrich leads the GTP Driver standings. His co-driver, van der Helm, is currently 6th in the driver standings.

The PCA connection? JDC-Miller Motorsports and the Nord Stern Region of the Porsche Club of America have been very close since the team's inception, and CEO John Church has always been a supporter of the region. In 2023, at Rennsport Reunion 7, PCA National President Aaron Ambrosino interviewed John Church right next to their 963. Watch that video below.

Prez Sez . . .

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enthusiasts, or simply enjoying the display, this is an event you will not want to miss.

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for these outstanding events. A sincere thank you goes out to all of the event chairs and volunteers whose hard work makes these experiences possible for our members year after year.

Till next month, keep the shiny side up!



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## Out and About Club Racing

*by Bret Bailey*

Scott Gill and Kevin Cyr representing Nord Stern at the Road Atlanta Raceway.

Placing 2nd and 3rd in Clubsport (14 cars in class).

It's a big deal when you get a trophy that nice in PCA Club Racing. The this editor notes that I've been to a lot of club races over the years and admit to never having seen trophies that big, that nice! Congratulations, Scott and Kevin.

Very cool!





Four months in, and 2026's total dollar volume is already more than halfway to 2025's full-year total. March's strength carried right into April, giving us another record-setting month with 741 Porsches crossing the block, 76% of them selling, for a total of \$76,742,859. That compares to April 2025, when 664 cars crossed the block, also with a 76% sell-through rate, for a total of \$56,730,704. That makes two months in a row where dollar volume eclipsed the previous year by more than \$20m.

Leading the charge was a 2015 918 Spyder, the singular Paint to Sample Riviera Blue example with Weissach Package delivered to North America. Showing just 1,300 miles, it didn't quite top the Orange example sold at Mecum earlier this year, but its \$4,680,000 result firmly secured the number two spot for 918 Spyder sales over the last twelve months. Other heavy hitters at the top of the market came from the usual suspects at Singer Vehicle Design and RUF, but it was refreshing to see something from the golden era of Porsche motorsport crack the top ten. That honor went to a 1976 934 Race Car campaigned by Porsche-Kremer Racing in period, including a class win at the 1977 24 Hours of Le Mans. After several unsuccessful attempts to sell over the last few years, the historic racer finally changed hands at a final bid of \$1,000,000, which feels like a strong buy for such an important piece of Porsche racing history.

One model that has seen significant upside so far this year is the 911 Dakar. Throughout 2025, Dakars generally traded in the \$300,000-350,000 range, with only one example cresting the \$400,000 mark. April gave us two. The first was a 2,184-mile example finished in Paint-to-Sample Acid Green over a Black leather and Race-Tex interior featuring Shade Green stitching, matte carbon fiber trim, Racing Yellow seatbelts, and aftermarket Pascha seat inserts. It sold at a final bid of \$405,000. The second was another Paint-to-Sample car, this time finished in Stone Gray with "Rallye 1971" decals and showing just 346 miles. That example hammered at an impressive \$460,000. Two new twelve-month highs for the model, back to back, in the same month.

Newer cars weren't the only ones setting records. One of the more surprising results of the month came from the transaxle market with a 1988 944 Turbo S Silver Rose. Originally intended as a limited-run model, the Silver Rose package paired the updated 250-horsepower Turbo S drivetrain and M030 suspension package with exclusive Silver Rose Metallic paint and the now-iconic Burgundy

Studio Plaid interior. While Porsche ultimately built more Turbo S models than originally planned, true Silver Rose examples remain highly sought after today. This particular car showed just 7,500 miles and presented in phenomenal condition throughout, helping it hammer at an impressive \$95,550. Just shy of the \$100,000 mark, the strongest public Silver Rose sales we've seen to date.



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Another surprise from April was the appearance of the first 992.2 Carrera T Club Coupe at auction. Introduced for 2026 as a 70-unit celebration of the Porsche Club of America's 70th anniversary, the Club Coupe is based on the enthusiast-focused Carrera T and pairs a 388-horsepower twin-turbo flat-six with a 6-speed manual transmission. Finished exclusively in Sholar Blue Metallic with PCA-specific detailing throughout, it follows in the footsteps of previous PCA anniversary Club Coupes and immediately became one of the most desirable special-edition 992s. Showing just 21 delivery miles, this example represented the first real public opportunity at ownership for those who missed out on an allocation. And bidders responded accordingly, pushing the final price to an eye-opening \$346,500.

As usual, the 356 market was a bit of a mixed bag. Thirty cars crossed the block in April with only 50% finding new homes. Speedsters dominated the top end of the market, accounting for four of the top five sales and posting a respectable 67% sell-through rate. Leading the way was a Hoffman-delivered 1957 356A Speedster that topped every other 356A Speedster sold at auction this year, whether online or in person. Originally finished in Red before being repainted Black under previous ownership, the car paired its striking exterior with a beautiful Red leather interior and Beige square-weave carpets. Backed by a rebuilt numbers-matching engine, it sold at a final bid of \$491,000, comfortably eclipsing previous highs for the model.

My favorite 356 of the month, though, was a 1959 356A Convertible D finished in Auratium Green over Brown

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## Stuttgart . . .

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leather. Although refinished from its original Ruby Red during a 2021-2022 refurbishment and powered by a replacement 1.6-liter flat-four, the color combination looked fantastic. It ultimately sold at a final bid of \$225,000, slightly below the twelve-month average, likely due to limited documentation surrounding the refurbishment work.

Overall, April was another exceptionally strong month for the Porsche market with strength at both the very top and across several enthusiast-driven segments. From record-setting modern special editions to strong results for analog-era cars, the market showed little sign of slowing as we head deeper into 2026. Looking ahead to May, we have the usual steady stream of online auction action along with two sales from Bonhams and one from Mecum. It will be interesting to see if the market can keep this incredible run going into the summer months.

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### 2026 Porsche Sprint Trophy Porsche Club of America by Yokohama Calendar

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# An attentive audience at the recent Midwest ClearBra Tech!

*photos by Michael Steinberg*





Other than Speedy, here perusing the latest issue (at that time) of the Nord Stern newsletter, it was a very attentive audience of club members at the Midwest ClearBra Tech. Nice artwork by the way in the shop!



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# Auto Edge Open House Brought Out the Faithful . . .

by Michael Steinberg



Clockwise: Steve Kemp (Zone 10 Rep); Bob Quickel; John Velure presenting info; a slice of the crowd; New Member Kevin Mashuga; As busy outside as inside!; Jason Burney and Vic Goss and above Todd Brackey and Andy Golfis discussing something serious

Right page top and clockwise Dan Bathour; Kris Skellenger, Todd Brackey, ?; Scott Quick, Rick Dagenais, and another attendee are enjoy the event; Nord Stern's own Carolyn Veno mans the registration table with grace and style! just like the beautiful Porsche with its PCA badge!





# Twin Cities & Area Events / Autocross Calendar 2026

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June 7th	MOWOG #4	MAC	SFG
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June 21st	Autocross Super Sunday	COM	DCTC
June 21st	Father's Day		
June 27th	Evo School I	MAC	SFG
June 28th	Evo School II	MAC	SFG
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July 25th	Track Cross #2	MAC	DCTC
July 26th	MOWOG #6	MAC	DCTC
Aug 1st	Track Cross #3	MAC	DCTC
Aug 2nd	MOWOG #7	MAC	DCTC
Aug 9th	Autocross Super Sunday	COM	DCTC
Aug 23rd	Autocross	CVSCC	Rock Falls
Aug 30th	MOWOG #9	MAC	DCTC
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Sep 27th	MOWOG #9	MAC	SFG
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Editor's Note: as a follow-up to the PCA news blurb (available online here: <https://pca.org/news/how-jdc-miller-porsche-963-won-laguna-seca-2026-pca-tech-tips>) about JDC recent win at Laguna Seca that appears elsewhere in this Nord Stern issue, I asked Roger Johnson to expand a bit more from the perspective of the team. There is online video of the race, highlighting the work and strategy behind what is involved in this level of racing - and having only been closer to the Club Racing program, it is mind-boggling to get a glimpse of the technology, the engineering, the driving skills, the finances it takes to run at this level. It's more than a bit overwhelming from my perspective!



What a thrill it was to see Laurin Heinrich pull off a dramatic pass for the win at Laguna Seca. It represents four years of hard work by the team. We have always been optimistic that this day would come, as we have consistently improved the team, our processes, and the car. These cars are extremely complicated, and the learning curve is steep and ongoing. The challenge in professional motorsports is that, as you improve, the other teams are constantly improving as well. You take a step forward, but so does everyone else. That makes this win that much more rewarding.

It was also gratifying to see the reaction in the paddock from our competitors, who were very happy to see us win. The Porsche Penske guys were as thrilled to see us cross the finish line as we were. They have worked with us very closely over the years, and it is easy to say that, in many ways, a win for us is a win for them. Graciously, Earl Bamber came over to congratulate Laurin and Tijmen.

Very early in this journey, JDC-Miller MotorSports Managing Partner, John Church, joined PCA and Nord Stern. It took a call to the National Office to get him signed up with a 963 VIN number. Certainly, he is still the only 963 owner in the club. It has been rewarding to take Nord Stern along for the ride, and the team very much appreciates the support. Always fun to greet Nord Sterner's and PCA members at the track, so be sure to stop by. We look forward to hosting the Club at our shop on August 29th.

## Attendees:

**Derek Laumbach, Karen Laumbach, Jason Barney, Tom Karn, Roger Johnson, Bob Quickel, Andy Golfis, Scott Quick, Mary Quick, Phil Saari, Carolyn Veno, Steve Albers, John Blackburn, Chuck Barr, Jeff Carlson, John Velure, Karen Carson, Victor Lee, Michelle Weber-Eckroth, Jeff Eckroth, and Roger Johnson**

## Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by Derek Laumbach at 6:30 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### President, Derek Laumbach:

- Received a one time payment from PCA of \$6 per member of approx \$7000
- Received two subsidies so far this year - hope we can apply for the following yet this year
- Hospitality Park Subsidy for the APS - \$500
- Multi-Region Three activity event for Loonacy - \$750
- New Member Social for JDC \$500
- Working on event sponsorship, couple in the wings

### Vice President, Scott Quick

- No report

### Secretary, Tom Sabow

- No report

### Treasurer, Jay Hilden

- First fling had \$41,885 in expenses with \$33,669 in revenue leaving us (\$8,215) in the hole for the event. Last year's First Fling track expenses were \$29,402 on the short track. It might be worth discussing whether the long track was worth it for next year.
- All funds have been transferred out of ClubReg so we should be all reconciled there.
- Checking and Savings accounts now have a combined total of \$105,642.86 so we're looking good there.

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

- Jeff commented he's impressed with communications and planning of events

### Advertising, Mollie Nygaard

- No report

### All Porsche Show, Phil Saari and Jim Southwell

- The All Porsche Show in Support of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Contract was signed with Normandale Community College
- Need volunteers

### Autocross, Andy Golfis

- No report

### Club Race/Loonacy John Velure. Steve Albers

- Loonacy organization meeting planned for next week
- Saturday/Sunday long track
- Working with BIR to coordinate with their Friday event

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

- Details for Loonacy are in the works

### Driver Education, John Blackburn

- First Fling registrations were in line with expectations

### Driver Training, Ben Rogers

- New Instructor Training: Mia Walsh, PCA's HPDE chair trained new instructors and graduated 15.
- Teen Clinic: We ran our first ever Tire Rack Street Survival event with 19 teens learning car control
- First Fling: With our 15 new instructors, we were able to field 18 new drivers in our Driver Training program.

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

- The group is working on new routes

### Fall Color Tour/Charity Ambassador, Jason Barney

- A new route is being considered for the Saturday Drive and looking for a new venue for the Saturday night meal

### Historic Archives, Roger Johnson

- No report

### Insurance, Jeff Carlson

- Insurance for events was discussed

### Membership, Carolyn Veno & Michael Steinberg

- Auto Edge event was well attended, 75 members



# 2026 Event Advertising Rate

*Advertising & Sponsorship Opportunities, submitted by Derek Laumbach, President and Mollie Nygaard, Advertising*

The Nord Stern Porsche Club is excited to introduce a NEW sponsorship program designed to elevate our events and create a more inclusive, engaging experience for all members.

If you are a current advertiser—or have been considering partnering with the club—we'd love to connect with you. Please feel free to reach out to me (President) or to Mollie from our advertising team. We're happy to answer any questions and help you find the sponsorship package that best fits your goals.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect with our 1,100 members by advertising in our monthly newsletter on our website and via our club's social media</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half Page Ad in monthly Newsletter (or \$1,000 ad credit) [1]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Page Ad in monthly Newsletter (or \$1,400 ad credit) [1]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Page Ad in Newsletter (or \$1,400 ad credit) [1]</li> </ul>
Monthly	Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your Logo with link on website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your Logo with link on website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your Logo with link on website registration site</li> </ul>
Full Page	\$120.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly Social Media Post [2]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your Logo with link on Kerbz registration site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly Social Media Post [2]</li> </ul>
Half Page	\$ 85.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HPDE Recognition on event site and drivers meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly Social Media Post [2]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official Loonacy Sponsor</li> </ul>
Quarter Page	\$ 65.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free Garage at BIR Spring or Fall events (if registered for event)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HPDE Recognition on event site and drivers meeting PLUS speaking opportunity at event [4]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tent Space in Paddock</li> </ul>
Eight Page	\$ 55.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotional Display at HPDE and other club events [3]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One Complimentary HPDE Spring or Fall event registration and Garage Stall [5]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banners/Logo on Pace Car [6]</li> </ul>
Inside Cover	\$130.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotional Display at HPDE and other club events [3]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HPDE Recognition on event site and drivers meeting PLUS speaking opportunity at event [4]</li> </ul>
Back Cover	\$130.00			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Complimentary HPDE Spring or Fall event registration and Garage Stalls [5]</li> </ul>
Business Card	\$55.00			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotional Display at HPDE and other club events [3]</li> </ul>
All Ads Full Color				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event Vendor Tent Space at our All Porsche Show in June</li> </ul>
12-month pre-payment required		<b>\$2,250 / year</b>	<b>\$5,250 / year</b>	<b>\$12,750.00 / year</b>

- Total region membership is 1722
- Survey ranking of events:
  - Social
  - Drives
  - Tours
  - Tech Sessions

#### Newsmagazine, Christie Boeder

- No report

#### Nominating Committee

- No report

#### Photography, Michael Steinberg

- No report

#### Region Representative, Steve Kemp

- No report

#### Registrar, Andy Barker and Vic Lee

- Registration and Check in went smoothly using Kerbz for First Fling

#### Safety, Paul Thai, Tom Sabow, Gary

##### Amendola

- No report

#### Social, Karen Laumbach

- May 15, Bald Man Brewing
- July 11, Automotorplex - Medina at Tom's garage
- Discussed future possible events

#### Social Media, Judi Severs, Misty

##### Martianos and Karen Laumbach

- Karen Laumbach joined the team

#### Tech & Shop: Todd Smith and Bob

##### Quickel

- Further Performance and Midwest ClearBra had good attendance

- Dent Kraft: June 6

#### Volunteers, Jim Southwell

- No report

Adjourned @ 7:52 pm

Submitted by:

Scott Quick, Vice-President f  
or Tom Sabow, Secretary

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Members of the region are welcome to place ads of a non-commercial nature at no charge for two months. \$10 for non-members. Submissions must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication date: editor@nordstern.org.

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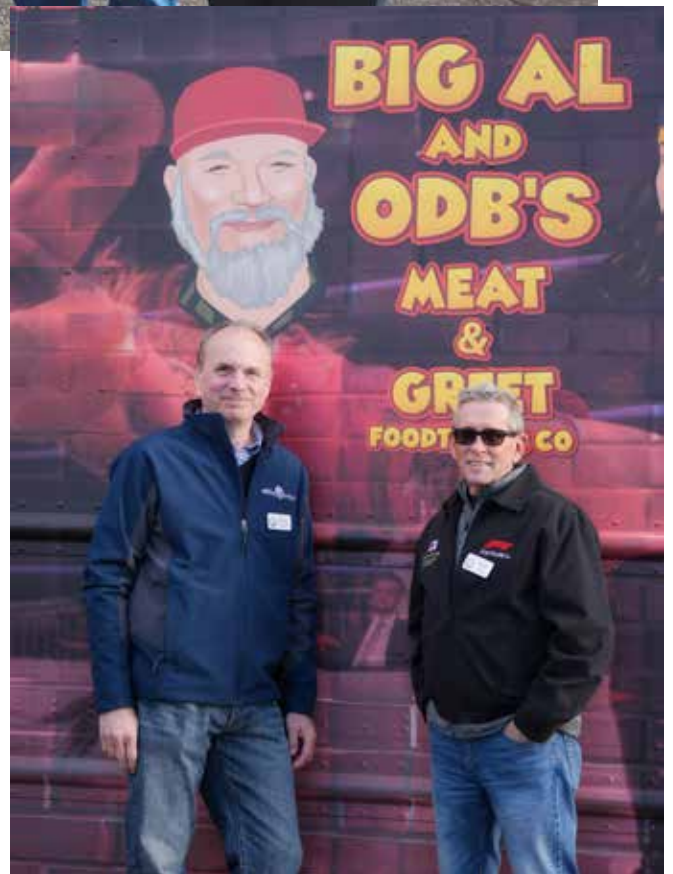
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Above, Steve Herron, Bruce Boeder, Jim Southwell, Susan Grandchamp (new member!) find it a very fine evening to hang around a bunch of car peeps enjoying a brew of some sort or the other!

Below, a few of the Ladies of Nord Stern! Carolyn Veno (aka Speedy), Michelle Weber-Eckroth, ?, and Karen Laumbach

Right: Derek Laumbach and Scott Quick



# A Glorious Evening for the Boom Island Brewery Social

*photos by Michael Steinberg*



Left: Carolyn Veno, Karen Laumbach, Andy and Pat Golfis  
soak up the sun and fun  
Below: Michelle Weber-Eckroth



Below, Gayle Southwell (R), X, Jim Southwell  
Below right: Tom Sabox and Derek Laumbach confer  
Below left: Yes, it was very sunny!



Is it me or is it getting markedly worse? You're simply perusing your personal Facebook feed, looking to catch up with friends, and you click on something – anything – and all of a sudden the floodgates open. It's like the algorithm says, ah, sucka, read this, answer that, order the set. We got'cha.

I clicked on shoe racks for my closet. Pretty innocent, right? But no. I was inundated, with metal racks, woven racks, wooden racks that fold up to almost nothing when not in use (just when am I going to store shoe racks?) It went on; closet organizers, multi-pants single hangar gizmos, new windows, a new bath, a new roof.

I clicked on "the best female singer of the '70s." Hey, c'mon! I wanted to see what others thought. Although, to me, Aretha closes the voting. For the same reason, I clicked on the best opening sequence in a war picture ("Saving Private Ryan," people!). And, then, the movie you shouldn't have watched as a child, because it ruined you for life (no, not "Rosemary's Baby," it's "Psycho," right?)

I clicked on "the three cars you'd most like to have in your garage." And, again, I couldn't help myself – I answered! Ferrari 250 GTO, Porsche 959 and a Bugatti Royale.

The one car you wish you hadn't sold back in the day ... just one?

Reminds me of the old cartoon where the guy is looking through binoculars at a stop sign he randomly put up, in front of his house. There's a car stopped in front of the sign. The caption says, "Hey, Martha, we got another one!"

How about the geography quizzes, where you click on the name of a man-made shipping canal and you're immediately transported to a site that's asking you for the color scheme of Madagascar's official flag.

Or the sheet of numbers where you're asked to find the outliers in the next five seconds and, if you can, you're a confirmed genius. Although they often don't tell you just how many different numbers you're supposed to find, but it doesn't matter, because time's up.

Someone I'm close to calls it the heartbreak of a disease called "On-and-on-and-on." Get it? A distant cousin, twice removed, of diarrhea of the mouth.

What to do?

Sorry, I'm too busy clicking on "what's my house worth." And, boom, there's my answer, give or take a \$100,000 minimum to maximum spread.

I took a trip overseas earlier this year. It was a fateful mistake – on a daily basis, I'm now offered best price/unbeatable deals on ocean cruises, river cruises, staycations, guided tours to literally every tourist destination on the planet.

Here's a piece of advice; "build" your own Porsche/BMW/Mercedes/Whatever on-line at your peril. Do you ever notice the "bubble" that suddenly appears in the corner, featuring a disembodied name that is ready and able to walk you through the purchase process? No matter the day or time?

But it's too late. Because you'll now be looking at on-line auction houses, and they're featuring rolling classics that are listed at unreal prices ... literally, because the auction still has days of bidding to go.

And the next day? It has spread to your e-mail. Something like "we noticed you perusing our site. Is there something we can help you with?" Or "care to take a second look?" Try blocking these missives. Just try. I think the blocks go to some dead blocking site, where a cabal of virtual witches sit around, howling at me.

Then there's the events/happenings/goings-on around town listings. They're pretty innocent, right? Yeah, sure, until you realize that just about every burg in a large radius has now jumped on the "cars and coffee" thing. A question; when, why, and how did the weekend hang multiply like rabbits? Are they all real? Then again, how can I possibly find out?

I'd really like to fight back. I'd like to line up a series of queries that would surely frazzle the algorithm so much that no amount of crying all the way to the Chat GPT portal will help. You know, something like "name the race track that's most loved by every former Formula 1 champion who ever lived." "Name the one corner that most pilots in F1 believe is the most daunting." "Name the most beautiful car ever penned." No, sorry, that's already been done. "Name the best-sounding engines ever ..." That's been done, too – I've heard Senna lapping Monaco, Senna lapping Suzuka, the audio tracks of F1 V-8s, V-10s and V-12s. And, by the way, it all sounds far better than today's turbo/hybrid V-6s.

But you knew that. What to do? Ask Claude for a solution? Fat chance. I think it's time to go walk the dog, sans smartphone. At least she just doesn't care.



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