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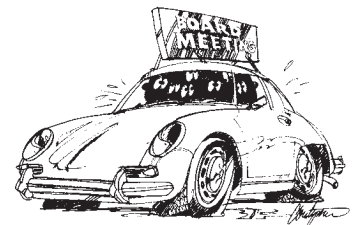


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**Next month's meeting: July 1**



Greg Wright, President

## Die Anmerkung von Greg

### Greetings

Summer has arrived and things are in full swing, or maybe in overdrive. I found myself with four separate events scheduled for last Saturday. I am really in need of a social secretary to keep it all straight. The one event I really missed was the Porsche Club's car show in conjunction with Jorge Padron's visit to Outlaw Cigar up north off of 64<sup>th</sup> Street. Last year, we had 15 cars and 25 folks show up for roast pig, brats, beer, calendar girls, an Apache helicopter, and of course, fine cigars. Jorge owns a C4S and is a super nice guy who happens to make great smokes for those inclined. Attendance this year was a little on the spotty side and we hope to improve on that for next year. I have to assume that everyone else's schedule has gotten as crazy as mine?

We continue to get great reviews on our efforts at putting on the finest PCA Club Race in the United States. Cindy Thomas has the best job—in that she got to pick up the Cayenne Turbo pace car from our signature sponsor Aristocrat Motors. Ned Luce and Cindy used the Turbo to lead the racers during starts and double yellows. While we can't compete with some of the other venues such as Road America or Watkins Glen, we are certainly the best organized and customer friendly race I have ever attended. Our Region owes a debt of gratitude to Sean Reardon, our Region's Executive Vice President, who was also the Race Director for the last five years since its inception. His skills in organization are unparalleled and will be difficult shoes for our next race director dynamic duo to fill. Jerry Clark did a great job in his first year as Registrar, a very time-consuming job that gets more hectic and demanding as the race approaches. Bob Wayman stepped up to work the long hours associated with timing and scoring and Scott Harrison served again as the Scrutineer's assistant.

The first person I saw when I arrived Friday morning at 6:45 am was Lin Burney. I thought I was arriving early to help—he was already on the job. Al Hess arranged for the purchase of a grill through sponsorship and negotiated a catering opportunity for a long-time Topeka restaurateur. Ralph Light organized all of our wonderful volunteers, too numerous to mention, including my lovely wife. I realize that I thanked our volunteers in my last column, but the feedback I have received in the past month has been phenomenal. Once again, great job Kansas City Region PCA members!

The proceeds from Charity laps at this year's Club Race will be donated to the American Cancer Society in honor of Shawn Kramer. Shawn is a long-time DE participant and friend; he graced our event by participating in the DE for advanced students. He is battling a metastatic cancer and has an incredibly solid grasp of what is important in life. Please say a prayer for Shawn and his lovely wife Debbie.

Ozark Weekend, held over Mother's Day weekend (to be changed for next year), was a blast even though we did not have our usual romp through the Ozark hills while trying to make sense out of rally instructions from the distant planet Luce. Our scheduled scenic drive was interrupted by tornado activities to our immediate south. The main thing we really missed is the person responsible for the organization of the event, our former Social Chair Steve Kramer. I say former because Steve has taken a position in Boston and currently is doing the commute on a weekly basis. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve for all of the hard work he has done since getting roped (volunteering) for this position 18 months ago. We will miss Steve and Terri (and Zoë) and wish them well in their travels.

Just around the corner is our June Driver Education event to be held June 20-22nd at Heartland Park Topeka. It is open to all skill levels, so if you have ever considered learning the capabilities of your car and improving your everyday driving skills, this is the event for you. At the end of June we have two opportunities to show our cars on the 28th. There is a concours on the green at the KC Art institute and there is a Porsches and Powerboats car show in Blue Springs. Once again, so many choices and so little time.

—Greg

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By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep



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# Rod Replacement

Article and Photos by Stephen Kaspar, KCRPCA and PCA National Tech Editor



I am always amazed when people call to talk about our engine builds and how shocked they are that the case halves do not need to be split in order to change rod bearings. I have been building motors for about 17 years now and have always done this. Often a customer will have a low mileage 930/911/993TT/996TT/997TT motor and want to add HP but typically doesn't want to spend the extra \$1,200 to split the lower end. This, in turn, usually detours the individual from modifying anything. I will admit that the first time I tried this I, too, thought there was no way can this be done. However, the procedure is pretty easy.

Once you get to the point that the piston and cylinders are off, you can access the rod nut and bolt. You will want to have a couple of things handy, first and most importantly, is the telescoping magnet and your extension with the socket on it for the rod nut, and you'll need a small hammer. I mean very small. Take the rod and rotate it so you can reach both nuts. Loosen and remove the lower nut. Next loosen the top nut. Do not remove it yet. Now take your socket and extension and gently tap the end of the extension on the nut. The rod halves should loosen up. Next, take the magnet and hold the back side of the rod. The rod end cap is the part that you need to keep from dropping in the case. Pull the nut off and pull the rod out, now rotate the end that you are hanging onto with the magnet and pull it around the crank and pull it out of the spigot hole. Rod is removed.

The install is a little more tricky. Simply not enough room and unless you are a mouse, your hands are not small enough. Mate your rods and stronger rod bolts together. Both ends of the rods will be stamped. Keep the rod orientation the same as you assemble the rod in the motor. The numbers should match each half and face each way. Line the threads with molly grease or oil as the manufacturer suggests. Load the bearing into the cap and place a drop of oil on the bearing and a pre-lube, like Redline, on the face of the bearing. Place the end of the rod on the crank and spin it around until the bolts are facing you. Gently place your magnet on the edge of the upper portion of the rod and hold it in place. This should keep it held where you need it to place the other end of the rod over the bolts. Place the rod over the bolts holding pressure on the back side of the rod pulling the end towards the front section. Start your nuts on the top bolt, then the bottom and gently tighten them one turn at a time until eventually seated on the crank. Tighten to spec with TQ wrench or TQ based on pre-stretch prior to installing. Once on, use rubber band to keep the rod center and dragging on the spigot. I know, the world's cheapest Porsche tool! No, there is not a P number for that one <grin>.

It may take a few times to get this right, but it is possible, and I have built hundreds of motors this way.

—Stephen



Rods ready for bearings. Normally I will match numbers and halves together with a paint pen so as not to mix up the ends when putting them in the case.



Redline pre-lube and oil on bearing.



Placing rod end on the crank.

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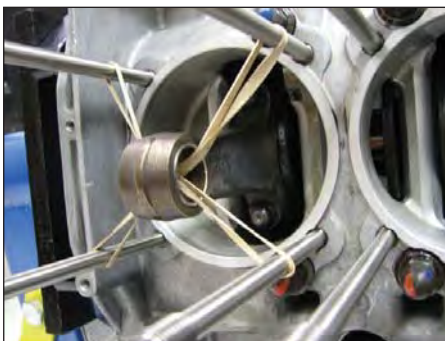
Rotating rod end on crank to face bolts outward.



Holding rod end in place with magnet.



Placing rod half in place and starting top nut.



Fancy Porsche-made rubber bands holding rod center and in place.



Cindy Thomas, Editor

# From the Editor

## A Friend of Bill's . . .

Bill Carroll, long-time member of the KCRPCA and printer of *Der Sportwagen*, has moved on and we thank him for the hard work and dedication in printing this Region's newsletter—offering us the luxury of receiving the hard copy in color. We wish him well and thank him for such quality work. By referral from Board Member Robert Wayman, Tom Waters of Corporate CopyPrint ([corporatcopyprint.com](http://corporatcopyprint.com)) has offered *Der Sportwagen* his services at a competitive rate. Please consider Corporate CopyPrint should you need printing/ mailing services in the future.

I would like to welcome Haley Hoelscher and Aaron Rubenking as *Der Sportwagen* "editors-in-waiting" for 2009. They have graciously (albeit, cautiously) stepped forward to succeed yours-truly as co-editors. Haley and Aaron are active members of the KCRPCA and will do a fantastic job of carrying on the tradition of this Region's award-winning publication. After three years, I believe it's time for fresh minds to oversee *Der Sportwagen* and their creativity will keep this a vibrant and entertaining newsletter for all. Thank you, Haley and Aaron, for your enthusiastic support!

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't wish a hearty THANK YOU! to Ken Wilkerson for the lovely Editor photograph above. This was taken at Kansas Speedway back in April. I have to admit that up until this past April, I was a Kansas Speedway race virgin. My first experience has spoiled me since Ken had awesome seats at Turn 4, headsets so I could listen in on the racers' communication with the spotters as well as the most incredible tailgating food ever (thanks to Chef Matt)! I learned what all the hoo-ha was about Danica Patrick and who that Castroneves guy was (the ladies at work just love him). And I learned that I liked Indy cars over Indy trucks or Indy light cars because Indy cars sounded cooler. I await my virgin NASCAR experience this upcoming September. Who knows, I soon may be able to identify NASCAR drivers by their car numbers, woo! Let's not get carried away here . . .

However, I noticed something—my perspective on the Indy race was really influenced by my experience as the KCRPCA pace car "valet" and Club Race Communicator for the last couple of years. A Dodge Charger as Indy pace car is nice . . . but, ummm, it doesn't top a \$113k Cayenne Turbo as far as I'm concerned, thanks to Aristocrat Motors. No, sir. It doesn't. Does it, Ned?

—Cindy

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**08 PORSCHE IN THE HEARTLAND**



# Heat in the Heartlands Drivers Ed at Heartland Park Topeka

June 21-22, 2008



By Richard Bennett, KCRPCA Vice President of Driving Activities

Summer is fast approaching and so is the second 2008 KCRPCA High Performance Drivers Education and Taste of the Track at the known and respected Heartland Park Topeka.

We have just completed our annual "Porsches in the Heartland 2008" Club Race and Advanced DE which was an action-packed, sell-out event.

The June 21-22 event is a traditional PCA HPDE, open to novices and experienced drivers alike. No prior experience required. There will be a host of highly-skilled and experienced instructors on duty for Novice and Intermediate instruction or for tips on improving driving technique. All makes and models are encouraged to attend, not just Porsches. As always the event provides plenty of track time. Classroom instruction, driving exercises and in-car tuition is included for Novices and Taste of the Track participants, and anyone else interested in learning more. This is a great way to learn the principles of car performance, practice high-speed driving techniques, experience the exhilaration and capabilities of modern automobiles, in a safe, controlled environment.

Charity Fun Runs will be available during lunch for friends and families to see the track and experience a little of what it's like.

KCRPCA is one of the most friendly and hospitable Clubs in the country, and the instructors are highly proficient. DE events are action-packed and fun for all, irrespective of experience. Heartland Park is the home of the SCCA and is a challenging track, complete with elevation, camber, and the famous and exhilarating "Alpha Zero." (Great gift for the car nut.)

Recent events have been a sell-out. Registration is open and is online through [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net). Online payment can be made via Paypal or you can mail your application and check via regular mail. Forms are available at [KCRPCA.org](http://KCRPCA.org) or [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net). Places are taken on a first-come, first-served basis, based on application and payment being made. Register early, don't leave it to the last minute and miss out.

No special equipment required, limited quantity of KCRPCA helmets are available for loan. Snell 2000 or newer helmets required.

Friday is open track for Instructors and Advanced Students only.

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Your instructor will take the time to explain the basics of driving on the track, including track rules, some basic vocabulary and an explanation of "the line" and why we want to drive as smoothly and accurately as possible. Your instructor will drive his/her own vehicle in an appropriate level "run group" session (Novice or Beginner), and will answer your questions as you have them during the session (generally 20-30 minutes). The event chief instructor or registrar will assign your instructor and set up a mutually-agreeable session time for both you and your instructor. This experience is intended to be educational and informative. If you are uncomfortable at any time, your instructor will adjust his/her speed or bring you into the pits at your request. Most instructors truly enjoy taking out Taste of the Track participants, answering questions and hopefully inspiring you to become a full-fledged participant. As a Taste of the Track participant, you should plan to spend the whole day at the track and sample the entire experience. There will be a required general driver's meeting in the morning. Charges for this activity are \$25 for a single 20-minute session, \$75 for an all-day experience (Friday, Saturday or Sunday). Registration is also at [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net).

Snell 2000 or newer helmet will be required (a limited quantity of loaner helmets available), Please advise if you need to use one. Long pants and long sleeves recommended, closed shoes required.

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- Sign all appropriate insurance and track waivers
- Complete appropriate entry form including payment of entry fee
- Attend activities as a Novice student, such as a Driver's Meeting and Novice classroom
- Wear an approved helmet

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—Richard

# Porsches in the Heartland

By Sean Reardon, KCRPCA Executive Vice President and Club Race Chairman

Photo by Jack Bishop, KCRPCA Secretary



Back in the Summer of 2004, Al Hess and the Kansas City Region PCA Board had this crazy notion of hosting a PCA Club Race. Even more crazy than that was the decision to host our first race that coming Fall, during the last weekend in October. Miraculously, the race was organized, well-attended and enjoyed by all, despite the short timeframe. And with that began our five-year history of PCA Club Racing in the Kansas City Region.

Each year brought a new set of challenges. As Race Chairman, I've had the privilege of seeing firsthand all aspects of the racing event, many of which differ significantly with other regional PCA events. These Club Racing events actually come together as a team effort between the local region, or regions in the case of large market races, and PCA Club Racing, an arm of the national PCA organization. The local region signs a contract with PCA Club Racing to host a race, then hands control of the event over to the national staff who have been assigned to that particular race to run the event during the course of the weekend. Seem like a strange and complicated arrangement? You bet, especially for our first year! With many questions and a lot of help from both the National Club Racing staff and a multitude of local volunteers, our Halloween on the Plains 2004 Club Race debuted with just enough racers for a single run group, serviceable weather and minimal financial losses. With each successive year, we learned how to avoid pitfalls from the previous year, but alas, something new always managed to surprise us each year. Some surprises were merely humorous; others, well, as your mother used to say, if you don't have anything nice to say . . .

The Kansas City Region Club Races have been anything but boring. Years One and Two ran on the old pavement. Cracks that large should be illegal. And we'd all like to forget the original Alpha Zero. Fun? Yes. Safe? Well, remember again what your mother used to say. 2006 was going to be a banner year with brand new pavement and a new April date with beautiful, warm Spring weather. We all remember the relentless rain. What most don't remember are the Herculean efforts by Jim Phillips, Kathy Wright and the folks with Aristocrat to keep the hospital-ity tent from blowing away while planting sandbags around the base to keep the damned water from floating away our t-shirts

and coffee pot. And how did the Kansas City Region treat our friends from PCA Club Racing these first few years? Mike Haag was kind enough to bring his Shop Vac to clean up the dead spiders and roaches from the rickety timing and scoring shack before Michael Wingfield, our National Timing and Scoring Coordinator, arrived for work. Adam Seitz gave most of his divided attention to our (five-time) National Steward Vicki Earnshaw as our first Steward's Assistant. Hope that novel was as good as the movie. And what about our poor National Scrutineers? Fireworks on the Plains in 2005 exemplified all the Kansas stereotypes: wind, sun, heat and absolutely, positively no shade anywhere.

The volunteers have also provided their own bit of color to the event over the years; without them of course, the event doesn't run. "Where's our PA announcer??" "Driving in the DE." "Where's our enduro timing crew??" "Driving in the DE." Volunteer corner workers: eliminating that bit of madness after 2004, was necessary to keep Ralph Light from the men in white coats. Lin Burney and his outstanding grid volunteers. "Where's our pace car??" "Lost somewhere in Nebraska." Lance the Wonder Dog. And Doug Pierce, who early on learned the value of showing respect for Susan Shire, our National PCA Club Racing Coordinator.

But what counts most is the racing and the racers. Five years of racing has brought some of the best there is. Jo-semanuel Gutierrez still talks with pride at receiving a Workers Choice Award in 2006. Michael and Gennie Hemingway came to our first race in 2004 and to their fifth this past April. Three-wide racing up the hill into Alpha Zero. GT3 Cup cars lined up, fired up and ready to leave the grid. Roland Manarin's blindingly-fast teal 911. Thirty-four E Class cars in one run group in 2008. Al Hess and the four-minute enduro pit stop. Bryan Henderson keeping his green 911 together for one last race in 2007. Camber plates. Rookie candidates. Accidents. Furled black flags. Pace Car.

All great stories and great memories for those that drove, organized or simply sat and watched. And how was the race in 2008? Great! If you weren't there you should have been.

—Sean



# Pierce Open House

By Greg Wright, KCRPCA President

Photo by Cindy Thomas, Editor

Word on the street is that commodities are the first growth industry of the 21st century. We are all aware of the spiraling cost of gas, corn, steel and a long list of other commodities. The most troubling increases, however, have been in the price of cocoa. Cocoa has risen 40% this year alone and that spells trouble in paradise. With decadence and little regard for the world economy, Jan and Doug Pierce hosted an open house with nothing but the finest of chocolate treats. What a great idea.

Walking in the front door we were greeted with the aroma of Doug's secret chocolate chip cookies. He explains that honey is the signature departure from the run-of-the mill toll house variety along with some cinnamon. To economize on part of the offerings, the Pierce's stopped by the Russell Stover seconds store and grabbed a mondo supply of toffee bars, nut clusters and, my personal favorite, pecan turtles. Why not start this party off right, with a chocolate chip cookie followed by a turtle. I had to pace myself so as to not get the stomach too full to try the next treat, and to keep my heart rate in check with all of the caffeine in the chocolate. It was a delicate balance, but I was up to the task.

I should explain further that the Pierce's live on a golf course—there's a four letter word for you—and in-between chocolate treats, entertainment was provided by innocent, but usually inadequate, performers teeing off on hole #9 on the Falcon Valley Golf course. It was a beautiful view from their living room and back deck, great entertainment for both experienced golfers and non-golfers alike. I have been in situations like this

when wagering would occur with the arrival of each foursome—no respect for the golf-challenged here.



Time for more chocolate, I lucked into just a half piece of the potentially-hazardous (lactose) mousse cake, better grab it, along with some sort of decaf coffee to wash it all down. Does it get better? Yes. I then tried one of Jan's creations, a fudge brownie with chocolate chips. I had to pause after this one because I had just tasted what I would normally go to sleep after eating as a dessert. Where's the couch?

But there was more, I was encouraged to try a store-prepared item, a chocolate roll. No problem, second-rate compared with love-enriched chocolate, but quite tasty. Then we all enjoyed another foursome splash in the water immediately in front of the tee, or water on the slice side of the fairway; great stuff, and tough hole. Time for another hand-dipped chocolate strawberry, I had lost count at this point as to how many of those babies I consumed. Why didn't I think of that—have you ever said that?

After a long 10-minute break, the turtle bars were my next focus. Had heard several reports of their allure, in retrospect, should have started here, then pulled up a chair with a pan of Jan's cupcake fudge brownie cakes. Call the ambulance, please. What a party, can't remember when I have had so much fun, or better food. Chocolate is food isn't it?

To top it off, the Pierce's encouraged doggie bags, I filled the trunk in the 911 and had a plate on my lap for the drive home, great party, and can we do this again Jan and Doug?

—Greg



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# Ozark Weekend 2008

By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

The 42nd Annual Ozark Weekend returned again to Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks this last May 9-11. Twenty-four members, family and friends with ten Porsches attended. Some elected to drive their "Brand X" automobiles for various reasons.

Things started out a bit shaky behind the scenes. It began with the loss of our Vice President of Social Activities, Steve Kramer, to a new job in Boston that takes him from the Kansas City Region just a few weeks before the event. Loose ends were finalized, but not without a snag or two. Engraved trophies were to be completed Wednesday prior to the event with newsletter editor, Cindy Thomas, doing the pick-up and transportation to Tan-Tar-A. But when the trophies were delivered they were dated for the 2007 Ozark Weekend. In addition, Cindy found at the last minute she would not be able to attend. Trophies were re-done/replaced overnight and I picked them up for the journey, along with three sets of golf clubs, golf shoes, computer bag, and luggage for two, all in the back of a Porsche 968. There was room for more, but not much.

Things unofficially got rolling Thursday evening at The Potted Steer overlooking the Grand Glaize arm of the Lake of the Ozarks for dinner with KC Region President Greg Wright and wife Kathy. The four of us managed to eat enough for at least twice as many people.

The unofficial weekend continued with golf at Tan-Tar-A's Oaks course Friday morning. We were actually able to put together one full foursome this year including Greg Wright, Haley Hoelscher, my spouse Jan and I. Greg got to play with two girls this year. A first for him. We also had a viewing gallery comprised of Kathy Wright and Aaron Rubenking following our progress with wild cheering (and drinking of beer) at our every accomplishment. Weather this year, however, was an issue. We started play in an on-again/off-again light mist and temperatures in the high 50s. At least it wasn't windy. Needless to say, the course was not busy and we had only a twosome catch up with us that we allowed to play through. Our level of play basically matched the weather conditions with the first nine holes taking well over an hour longer to play than normal. We grabbed lunch at the clubhouse after the ninth hole with, I think, only three out of four of us putting a ball in the water in front of the ninth green. Lunch was more for getting warm than to take on sustenance. It was determined at lunch that there were more important things to do, like napping, than to struggle through another nine holes of golf, so we begged a raincheck for the back nine on Sunday morning when the weather was forecast to be better.

Official start of Ozark Weekend was the reception Friday evening graciously sponsored by independent Porsche shop ImagineAuto, Inc. of Lenexa with appetizers and a cash bar located in the hospitality suite overlooking the resort and Lake of the Ozarks beyond. Nearly all of the participants had arrived at the resort and reception by the time of lights out for the evening. Big day tomorrow.

Saturday morning started with the car show, not necessarily a full concours, but an opportunity to polish the car and show what you got. The shine and show area was behind the main resort hotel building where most, if not all, of our group was housed, up the hill. Just about everything at Tan-Tar-A seems to be up-the-hill. The weather was gloomy, but did not threaten rain until later, so we didn't have to move the venue inside.

Cars prepped and prepared were judged starting at about 10:30 am by everyone present for a Peoples Choice Award. A crew of "Celebrity Judges" (Vicki Baker and Jan Pierce) judged for the Q-tip Clean, Where's the Engine, and Baby Needs New Shoes (tires) Awards. While the car show progressed, a tech quiz put together with the help of the Nord Stern Region newsletter quizzes was distributed. Questions ranged from Porsche history, past and current, to obscure technical details concerning things like the weight of a 1984 Carrera engine, something everyone should know off the top of their head.

After a lunch break where most of us ended up at Copeland's down the road, the driving tour was to assemble at 1:00 pm for a cruise through the countryside. By then it had started raining and a tornado watch had been put into effect for the area. This was the same line of storms that produced tornadoes later in the day killing several people in southwestern Missouri. The driving tour was canceled in light of the weather conditions leaving the rest of the afternoon free. So, with the choice of a relatively safe concrete structure hotel with a dry parking garage, or an outlet mall, where to go? Jan picked the outlet mall. Out of the garage came our freshly-cleaned Porsche to traverse the several miles to the outlet mall through rain and mud puddles.

The awards dinner was slated to be outside on the patio. For obvious reasons, it moved inside. We were treated to a buffet dinner with salad, veggies, cheese potatoes, BBQ chicken, steaks and two varieties of chocolate dessert. Awards were presented at the conclusion of dinner:

**Peoples Choice Car Show – Rob & Connie Waldrop, 2007 Boxster S  
Baby Needs New Shoes – Aaron Rubenking, 1995 968**

**Q-Tip Clean – Keith & Vicki Baker, 1987 911 Carrera Cabriolet  
Where's the Engine? – Greg & Kathy Wright, 2002 996 Twin Turbo (credit given to the detailing expertise of Tom McIntyre)**

**Tech-Quiz – Rob Waldrop, missing only 1 of 28 questions**

New to Ozark Weekend this year, after dinner was Casino Night. The games: Craps, Blackjack and Roulette. Professional casino personnel set up and managed the games while teaching the participants the ins and outs of each game, from the most basic concepts to professional gambler techniques. Each participant was given \$16,000 in play money markers to win or lose at the games. Nine-year-old Jett Kaspar (Stephen and Roxanne Kaspar's son), befriended me to watch and learn about the game of craps. By the end of the game, he had absconded with all of my money and was playing as my proxy. He can really throw the dice. This is one smart kid (or one gullible "adult"). In two hours at the end of the evening, Judy Bennett had parlayed her starting \$16,000 into \$42,450 at the Blackjack table winning the prestigious Steve Winn Casino Night Biggest Winner Award. Too bad, Richard, you can't use your wife's winnings in your racing budget.

We awoke Sunday morning to grey sky, temperatures in the 50s, and wind – a perfect golfing day. Maybe Friday wasn't that bad after all. But the foursome persevered and finished the back nine playing really not much better than when we started two days earlier.

Many thanks to all involved in this year's Ozark Weekend planning. Steve, sorry you couldn't make it, and best of luck in Boston.

—Doug



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## Porsches and Powerboats at Blue Springs Marine

**June 28, 2008**

**10 am - 2pm**

The 1st Annual "Porsches & Powerboats" car and boat show will be Saturday, June 28th, from 10 am until 2 pm at Blue Springs Marine, Blue Springs, Missouri. All Porsche Club members, regardless of brand of car, are invited. Sponsor for the show is Meguiar's auto and marine care products.

Drive out to Blue Springs for an afternoon of tropical music, free BBQ, a chance to check out your fellow Club members' Porsches or look over your dream boat for this summer.

At 1 pm, Meguiar's will demonstrate some of their great auto and marine care

products, and pass out free samples.

At 2 pm, a panel of judges will award trophies for Sexiest Car, Brightest/Deepest Color, Best Overall and a People's Choice Award. Also, prizes from a drawing of those in attendance who registered will be held.

Blue Springs Marine is located just 15 minutes east of the Sports Complex on I-70. Take exit #18, turn left. Go north 1 block to Jefferson Street. Turn right and go east four blocks.

For more information, contact Jim Rand at 816-868-5774.

## Invitation to Present Kansas City Art Institute “Art of the Car” Concours

**June 28, 2008**

Aristocrat Porsche is one of the major sponsors of the Kansas City Art Institute’s Concours, “The Art of the Car” to be held on the Institute’s grounds at 4415 Warwick Blvd, Kansas City, Missouri on June 28, 2008. We would like to invite the Porsche Club to be represented at this event.

As a presenting sponsor, Aristocrat Motors would like to invite three to five vintage Porsche owners to enter the competition and be eligible to win the Aristocrat Motors Special Trophy.

By vintage, we are hoping to show 356 to early

911 examples of our favorite marque. There will be a total of 200+ vehicles and motorcycles, so you will be surrounded by great automobiles.

If you would like to represent the Club and be part of a great event—one that is growing every year—please contact Robert Hellweg of Aristocrat Motors at 913-677-3300. Or email [kcaiconcours@millerco.com](mailto:kcaiconcours@millerco.com) to request an application. For additional information, visit [www.kcai.edu/advancement/ways/ArtoftheCar-concours.php](http://www.kcai.edu/advancement/ways/ArtoftheCar-concours.php).

We look forward to seeing you there.

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## Fun Drive to Marina Grog & Galley Lake Lotawana, MO

**July 26, 2008**



Please make plans to join us Saturday, July 19, 2008, for an off-the-beaten-path drive to the Marina Grog and Galley Restaurant located at Lake Lotawana, Missouri for dinner. Once we arrive at the restaurant, we will enjoy excellent food and scenic views of the lake.

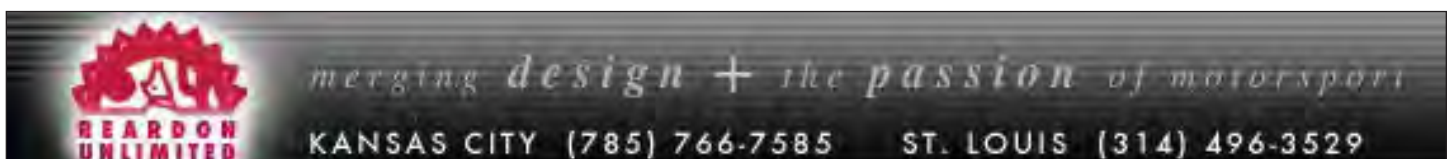
This will be about a one-hour drive and we will meet at the Independence Center Shopping Center (Macy’s – North Park-

ing lot) at 4:00 pm and promptly depart at 4:30 pm. The Independence Center Shopping Center is located off Hwy 470 and East 39th Street in Independence, Missouri.

The Marina Grog and Galley offers a variety of items such as seafood, steaks and Hawaiian food for your dining enjoyment. Additionally, you can view their website at [www.marinagrogandgalley.com](http://www.marinagrogandgalley.com).

Please feel free to contact Neill Flood (913-424-3092) if you have any questions.

**—Neill**



## Getting to Know . . . Ron “Stig” Leonard



**DS:** Ron, what Porsche do you currently drive?

**Ron:** None. My Burgundy 1987 944 Turbo is currently broken.

**DS:** Where do you service your Porsche?

**Ron:** Home, Trackside, the parking lot at work, by the side of the road.

**DS:** What books are you currently reading?

**Ron:** forums.rennlist.com, OK, it's not really a book, but I do read it all the time.

**DS:** What's your favorite movie of all time?

**Ron:** *Apollo 13*. Because I can relate. It's about an expensive, complicated vehicle that provided an awesome ride, had horrible problems, but didn't quite kill anyone or dissuade them from trying again.

**DS:** Why do you participate in the KCRPCA?

**Ron:** It's on the list of stuff I have to do to Club Race.

**DS:** Your first ride in a Porsche?

**Ron:** Richard Bennett took me for a session in his 944 T at Heartland Park. It was absolutely astonishing how fast we went. I blame him and Jeff Knight for the perpetual state of financial ruin that my track habit has brought since that day.

**DS:** What's your favorite slogan/saying?

**Ron:** Failure is not an option.

**DS:** Turn-ons?

**Ron:** Third gear wheel spin at 20psi.

**DS:** Turn-offs?

**Ron:** Broken glass in my underwear.

**DS:** My favorite local restaurant . . .

**Ron:** I don't like to eat. It cuts into my track budget and the weight is bad for lap times.

**DS:** What is your favorite vacation destination?

**Ron:** Hobbs, New Mexico.

**DS:** Tell us about the most memorable Club experience you've had.

**Ron:** Having Al Hess give me a roll of toilet paper at a DE driver's meeting to commemorate my first spin.

**DS:** If I had all the money in the world, THE car in my garage would be . . .

**Ron:** . . . free of oil leaks.

**DS:** My favorite sports team/sporting event . . .

**Ron:** Ferrari, F1 racing.

**DS:** What is your favorite Club activity/social event?

**Ron:** Club Race weekend/beer and social activities after.

**DS:** At least one thing I want to do before I die . . .

**Ron:** Have one track weekend where my Porsche works right.

**DS:** If you won the lottery, what's the 1st thing you'd buy?

**Ron:** Hoosiers.

**DS:** What's your most embarrassing Porsche moment?

**Ron:** Telling my wife my Porsche needed its fourth motor.

# Calendar of Events

See [www.kcrpca.org](http://www.kcrpca.org) for updated information about upcoming events.

## June

- 21-22 Heat in the Heartlands DE (see page 9)
- 28 Porsches and Powerboats (see page 13)
- 28 Art of the Car Concours (see page 14)

## July

- 19 Bennett Open House (Tentative, details TBA)
- 26 Fun Drive to Marina Grog & Galley (see page 14)

## October

- 17-19 KCRPCA DE at Heartland Park (details TBA)

## Member Musings . . . by Neill Flood

It had been a few weeks since the 930 had been out of the garage and last night seemed like the perfect opportunity for a little drive. Once underway, Dawn and I were proceeding south on State Line Road towards I-435 when we noticed a KCMO police car on our tail. I didn't worry about the police car since I always drive below the speed limit <wink>. Anyway, we approached a red light and the police car pulled up next to us with two young police officers checking out the car. I didn't think much of the cops looking at the car as that always happens in my Ford Contour. Once the light turned green, the cops tried to race me and then pulled away rapidly, looking back at me laughing. This experience reminds me of Greg Wright's "race" with a police motorcycle a couple of years ago.

A Cop Car Trying to Race You . . . Priceless.



Congratulations, Neill & Dawn, on your engagement!

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