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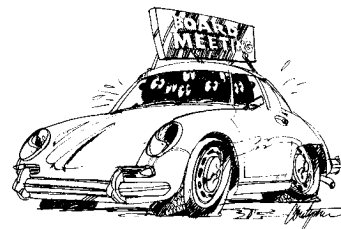


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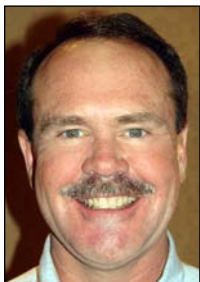
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Greg Wright, President

Die Anmerkung von Greg

Happy Holidays and New Year!

We Porsche folk are the hardiest people that I am aware of. The scenario that brought this observation was the weekend of our Christmas Party, December 8th at the Grand Street Café. Earlier in the day I showed up on the Plaza to be a bell ringer for the Salvation Army in our all-wheel drive tow vehicle due to the forecast and presence of freezing rain. My partner in the bell ringing assignment was Jerry Clark. He showed up in his Boxster. Guess I can't forecast weather much—thank goodness that is not what I do for a living—unlike others in the Club on whom we rely for accurate appraisals of the weather for our DEs and Club Races.

Jerry and I did our bell ringing stint having watched three people fall on icy sidewalks. We did our part flagging the Plaza work crew down to salt the area in question as the weather continued to be borderline for driving. After our shift Jerry headed for his Porsche without concern. What a wimp I am, though I despise the cleanup necessary after a rainy day, and I am not equipped with tires capable of handling anything south of 50 degrees, let alone the moisture, frozen or not.

After a power nap following bell ringing, Lance the Wonderdog and I ran seven miles that morning in the mist/rain, Kathy and I loaded up once again in the AWD tow vehicle, unfortunately not a Porsche, and headed for the Plaza. I have not been to the Plaza twice in the same day since my college years. We arrived safely despite the warnings on the news to the contrary. Stay home if possible was the message, and almost every event in KC was cancelled that day except for our party.

Despite the conditions, some 45+ Porsche enthusiasts made it their mission to attend our annual gathering. I have to admit there wasn't a plethora of Porsches in the parking lot, with the exception of our Treasurer, Jim Phillips, who does have the luxury of having a Cayenne in the garage. The rest of us drove anything else to get there.

The very next Saturday morning it snowed. What a motley day to go to breakfast, one would think. But no, there was a modest assembly of eight people who braved the elements and came for the camaraderie of an excellent breakfast with the finest of our Region.

Should the weather turn bad on the 26th of January, please remember this column and head on out to the Changing of the Guard dinner, Porsche or not, to celebrate our dedication to our chosen marque and the dedicated Kansas City Region members who make it all happen. The BBQ and sides, especially the cheesy corn, baked beans, burnt ends,

and brisket, at Fiorella's Private Reserve, are awesome and the company is incomparable.

—Greg



Cindy Thomas, Editor

From the Editor

Darn, Darn, Darn, Darn, Darn!

That's my best Herman Munster I can do under the circumstances.

What I can't believe is that I purchased a car with sport wheels and didn't take into consideration the durned tires! Here I go again, looking at my beautiful AMG wheels with SUMMER tires on them!!! I'm facing another winter with the prospect of purchasing a set of wheels and winter tires from tirerack.com again. Sheesh! When will it end???

Oh well, I do miss Jinxy. I hope she's enjoying the weather in Corpus Christi. I know that the extra winter tires I sent down with her are stored lovingly in a garage somewhere, never to be used again. Sigh.



I should've gotten that Cayenne S as I'd be sloshing around joyfully in the snow instead of spinning my wheels drifting around corners on 119th & Roe. Brings back memories of driving in northwest Iowa in the wintertime.

Good times. Quite fun until I

high-centered the Mustang. I learned to carry a shovel in the trunk. Of course, it wasn't a REAL Mustang . . . it was a 1977 Mustang II. Cut me some slack—I was just a high school kid!

We have a few short months until I drive a Porsche again—Club Race is just around the corner—April 18-20. Can't wait to see what Aristocrat provides this year. Ned, you ready to drive the pace car again? . . . I thought so!

—Cindy



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Man Child in the Porsche Land

By Robert Wayman, KCRPCA Board Member



Monday, October 22, 2007, 0250 hours, American Airlines Flight 693, Dallas to Sao Paulo, Business Class seat 6G . . .

The guy in seat 6H is snoring and everyone else is asleep. I am sitting here awake in the dark visualizing the line around Heartland Park and wondering why I couldn't get slowed down correctly in 12 so I don't scrub off speed and enter the straight after 14 without enough revs to get the turbo spooled up when I can do it so well in my head. After 18 months of Porsche ownership and breakfast gatherings, your obedient servant signed up and attended his first DE this weekend. Arriving with no small amount of trepidation (what will the cool guys think?), I was amazed at the organization and just plain fun that was to be had. Starting precisely at 0800 with Richard Bennett's "Let's get rolling, mates" whistle, every phase of the program is ticked and tied and goes off without a hitch. Al Hess is personally getting gallons of Starbucks coffee and dozens of donuts at 0645 for gosh sake. A bunch of the old-timers (read that to mean "quick guys") come in and welcome the rookies and all ask the same question, "Are you having fun, and is there anything you need?" It is then that you realize that the instructors and others are just you with a little (ok, maybe a lot) more experience and every one of them wants you to get the same enjoyment out of this that they have enjoyed for years. Following a class session, (gee, mom, I really did have to go to drive-your-car-quickly class) we are on the track before you know it and beginning to learn a totally new way of looking at our cars and our personal performance. All of the rookie class reports instructors are knowledgeable, patient and really interesting people. It is quite amazing that these guys give up their personal time to help get us started. My guy, Jeff Hembree, is my new personal hero. Cool, calm and collected, even when we did a

little side-step at the entrance to the main straight, him telling me that it was shame that I had to make an early exit to catch this plane to Brazil because I was really making progress, was the best thing I have heard since my grandson (age 2.5) told me he loved me.

DEs are really just that, drivers EDUCATION. Rarely have I learned so many new things and so much about myself in a 36-hour time span. Here are a couple of significant take-aways for me:

- Cars are fast; drivers are quick
- A 225 HP Boxster, well-driven by a lady rookie, is quicker through 3, 4, 5 and 6 than a 320 HP Turbo driven by a ham-fisted male rookie.
- The most impressive performance feature of our Porsches is the brakes.

So, if you want to really learn about your car and a bit about yourself, come out to the next DE and see what it is all about. No one expects you to be the next Michael Schumacher, you can drive and learn at your own speed and develop as far as your desire and ability will take you—and have a great time doing it. It will make ownership of your car complete and make you a better, safer driver in every situation.

There is however one critically-important piece of advice that you need to know to insure your DE experience is the best that it can be—If you are walking across the hotel parking lot towards the front door at 10:15 pm and one of a notable (but unnamed) group of former KCRPCA officers suggests that the group turn left and have "one and go" at Johnnies, please, please, TURN RIGHT and walk straight to your room..

See you in the Spring!

—Robert

Souper Super Bowl Party

By ShaAnne Lucas, KCRPCA Member

If you can't be in Arizona February 3rd for the Super Bowl, the Spencers' is THE place for PCAers. Neil & Nichole Spencer are hosting "Souper Bowl 2008." Once again, we'll be collecting cans of SOUP at the door that will be donated to the local food pantries. Bring your favorite snacks to share, along with your libation of choice. So plan to join us for the kick-off by 5:18 pm, then vote for your favorite commercial. Give Neil a call at 913-484-2960 or email me shaanne@c-senterprises.com for more information. Just another great year of social activities in Kansas City—Football on the big screen and food for the pantries—it doesn't get any better than that!

The Spencer home is at 2944 West 123rd Terrace, Leawood, KS 66209.

—ShaAnne

Membership

By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

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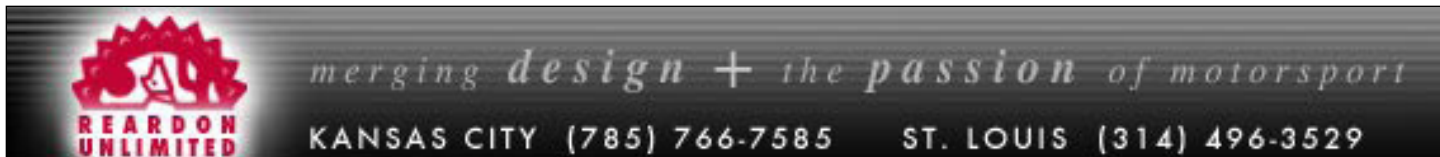
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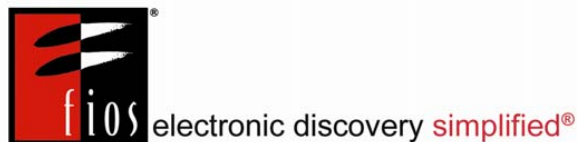
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Starting the New Year Together

By Steve Kramer, KCRPCA VP—Social Activities

There are two things other than death and taxes and that we can be assured of: The Chiefs won't be celebrating Super Bowl glory, and the Kansas City Region will make the greatest effort to bring the entire membership together. My goal is to coordinate the events and activities that all will want to attend. Driving, eating, spiffing and DE/Club Racing are on tap. How about Oktoberfest? I would like to hear from you, both members of many years, and the new blood. I have really enjoyed spending time hearing great stories of years past, when gas was under a dollar and the Rat Pack was Sinatra, Martin and the boys. My email is sfkramer@earthlink.net. Please send me a note, tell me what you'd like to attend, and let's make it happen.

A few activities to start out the year are listed below. Contact Jim Phillips or myself if you'd like to attend.

- Changing of the Guard, January 26th at Fiorella's Private Dining—Will it be an evening for Cayennes again?
- Wine Tasting at Paulo and Bill's, February 24th—Four wonderful wines, unique hors d'oeuvres and great company.
- Open House at the Waymans', March 15th—Robert and Suzanne are opening their home to us for what should be a culinary treat. Suzanne once did this professionally, but she is not going to charge us!
- KCR Weekend—Lake of the Ozarks? A get-away weekend is in order and I'd like your input into what the Club should do. Lake of the Ozarks is the default, but we want to try some different things to reduce the cost and increase the fun. What are your thoughts?

—Steve

Holiday Party 2007

Article by Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

Photos by Mark Sherwood, KCRPCA Member



In what seems to have become a trend over the last few years, Kansas City Region winter events have brought on some really lousy winter weather. Such was the case again this year for the annual Holiday Party held at the Grand Street Cafe just east of the Plaza. The streets were not as bad as they may have been first perceived. Road crews had been busy all day spreading what appeared to be the last of the free world's supply of salt on the pavement in an apparently successful attempt to keep the freezing rain from sticking. All-in-all, the weather was not nearly as bad as the obviously over-cafeinated weather forecasters in the City had predicted. However, not many Porsches (except for the Cayennes) were driven to the party. But, it's not a car show, it's a Holiday Party.

Despite the weather, attendance was good with a gratifying mix of new and old members (old defined as years in the Club, not chronological age, although not necessarily mutually exclusive). The food, as usual, was good, conversation even better ranging from reminiscing about past PCA events to really bad jokes. Pictures of proud past-president Chris McIntye and wife Ellen's brand new grandchild received limited, but nevertheless wide distribution. Everyone appeared to have had a wonderful time, with no known mishaps on the way home.

I hope all have had memorable holiday season. See you at an event in 2008, maybe Changing of the Guard scheduled for January 26, nearly guaranteed to be the coldest, nastiest day of the winter.

—Doug



2008 Executive Committee Results

By Jack Bishop, KCRPCA Secretary

I would like to thank all those who participated in the voting, and to Neill Flood and the Election Committee members. The ballots have been counted and the results are:

2008 Club Officers

President – Greg Wright

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Robert Wayman

Doug Pierce

(Robert and Doug will join Keith Baker and Cindy Thomas on the Board of Directors for 2008.)

Please join us at Fiorella's Private Reserve in Martin City on January 26th for some excellent food, drink and fellowship. 2008 is going to be a great year for KCRPCA and this is our opportunity to start it off as only we can!

—Jack



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Driver's Education and Club Race

By Ned Luce, KCRPCA Member

Photo of the author provided by Ned Luce

Thursday afternoon, October 11, 2007. A small caravan of Porsches departed the intersection on 71 Highway in Grandview near Gail's Harley Davidson store, bound for Hallett, OK. Al Hess, with mechanical guru, Karl Wilen from ImagineAuto, was pulling his black 944 track car on his new Featherlite trailer, I was hauling my 911 RS America on my old Featherlite trailer, and Chris McIntyre, in the true spirit of "run what you brung," was driving his 944 Turbo. We were headed for the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit.

The 300 mile drive down featured me attempting, and occasionally failing, to keep up with Al and Chris, a particularly worrisome situation since we were staying at the Lake Shore Motel in Mannford, OK and I had no idea where that was. However, after arriving, we ate dinner at Freddy's Steak House right next door and I had one of the best filet mignons I have ever had after asking the waitress about the chicken parmesan and being reminded that Freddy's was a "steak house."

The next morning was another challenge for me since I got up late after my traveling companions left for the track. To make a long story short, I traveled about 40 miles to get to the track which was but 21 miles away and drove in to the track as the drivers' meeting was about to start! There were about 35 DE participants and slightly more than 50 racers.

From then on, things went very well for me. The track is a "technical" track, meaning it has a lot of turns and hills. It was challenging for me also since I had never been on the track and it took at least a whole session to figure out where the

next turn was. Al and Chris were helpful and full of advice since they had been there before. Doug McAllister showed up with his "brand new" 1979 911 SC to participate in the PCA Race. (For those of you who remember Doug's old car, #101, with the spots all over it bringing to mind 101 Dalmatians, his new car is #102, sans spots.) Doug also brought his sons, Austin and Taylor, as his "pit crew." John Byram was there for his first-

ever PCA Race. Unfortunately, he had a minor accident and was dubiously judged to be at fault thereby earning "spectator status" for the remainder of the weekend. Brian Gleason and Brian Forsythe also made the trek to Oklahoma to run the PCA Races. Former KC Region folks Phil and Dawn Moore were there from their home at the Lake of the Ozarks with their red 944.



Late Saturday, Al's car broke a ball joint so he was also done for the weekend. It also put a dent in his efforts to pass me on the track! Chris burned up some brake pads, but was shortly back on the track. Chris and Al took great glee in lapping me during our driving sessions. (I need a stronger car, more driving talent, or BOTH.)

By Sunday noon, I had put 230 track miles on my car, Al had left, and Chris was watching the first Sprint Race that Doug was running. I loaded up and headed back, enjoyed listening to the Chiefs beat the Bengals, basking in the afterglow of a great track weekend, and looking forward to the following weekend's DE at Heartland Park.

—Ned

Changing of the Guard 2008

January 26, 2008

We will be celebrating the dedicated people who make the Kansas City Region the best it can be. The Changing of the Guard begins at **6:30 pm, January 26th, at Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbeque and Private Dining** at 13645 Holmes in South Kansas City. Please send **\$25 per person** to:

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Calendar of Events

See www.kcrpca.org for updated information about upcoming events.

January

26 Changing of the Guard Dinner at Fiorella's (see page 11)

February

24 Wine Tasting at Paulo and Bill's (see page 9)

March

15 Open House at the Waymans' (see page 9)

April

18-20 KCRPCA Club Race (details TBA)

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