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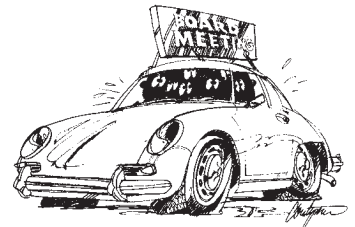


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Next month's meeting: October 7



Greg Wright, President

Die Anmerkung von Greg

Greetings

What a whirlwind summer it has been. Between work and my numerous hobbies, time really flies by. It seems like just last week we were driving up to Hastings, NE for a driver education event in the sleet and rain. A half dozen sets of tires, a round of brake pads, five road courses and lots of 93 octane gasoline have kept me busy this year. Unfortunately, there are only a few opportunities left to drive the race car before it gets put away for the long winter months when time does not go by so fast.

Our local pharmacist, Mike, runs a one-man pharmacy in direct competition with the big boys CVS, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee and the like. He is a self-professed "car guy," having owned a 911RS in his distant past. With the business environment he finds himself in, money is tight and a Porsche is not in the immediate future. We ran into one another a few years back at an open house at a Ferrari repair shop and got to talking about our past cars and I mentioned that he was more than welcome to take the 911 Turbo out for a drive sometime. He was very enthusiastic about the possibility at the time and the subject has come up a few times in subsequent visits.

This past weekend, we attended a driver education event at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit outside Tulsa, OK put on by the Kansas City BMW Club. Before we left town Thursday, Kathy dropped the garage door opener by the pharmacy along with the key to the 911. Mike was ecstatic. We got home Sunday evening to find the car in the garage with a prescription refill in the front seat and a very nice note thanking us for making his weekend. He and his wife loved the car and made sure to put his name at the top of the waiting list if I ever make up my mind as to which Porsche is next.

The Kansas City Region's social calendar has been equally busy this year with several very popular open houses, a wine tasting, ImagineAuto's Spring Car Thing, our Club Race, Ozark Weekend, the Marina Grog and Galley drive, a swap meet and most recently, an Ice Cream Social rally. The calendar remains packed for the rest of the year. Coming up September 13 is our Shrimp Boil to be held at the home of Terri and Steve Kramer. Following in a few weeks, there will be a scenic drive to Lawrence for lunch.

October 12th is the Oktoberfest Car Show with our Mercedes, BMW and VW friends. A \$20 donation to the Love Fund is suggested. The next weekend, October 17-19, is our last driver education event of the year at Heartland Park Topeka. A great idea came up at a recent Board meeting to have a fun drive to Heartland Park. Folks will leave after Saturday breakfast at LePeep's, arriving just before noon in time for charity laps on the track, some lunch and possibly a ride with an instructor as part of the Taste of the Track program.

PCA Palooza, an informal, multi-event weekend in Eureka Springs, AR, is November 7-9 this year. Great fun. Our holiday party is scheduled for December 6. We also have discussed the idea of a monthly pub night and would like suggestions for a location. Please email googebince@sbcglobal.net with suggestions. The Porsche Club is about the people, who happen to own the finest cars, Come out and participate.

—Greg



Cindy Thomas, Editor

From the Editor

First off, a special thank you to our new advertisers, Jennifer Templin at Reece & Nichols and The Right Angle Custom Frame Gallery. We appreciate their support of *Der Sportwagen*. Please make sure you use their services for your real estate and framing needs.

Another thank you goes to Aristocrat Motors who hosted their new line of cars by Maserati on August 26th. This fascinating line of vehicles drew quite a crowd and we all enjoyed the Italian food and beverages. A sign-up sheet for test drives was remarkably barren as the designated test drive day was August 27th and apparently folks just had too many important things to do than drive a Maserati . . . WHATEVER!!!

Past President of the Mercedes Club, Bob Del Popolo, took the first test drive slot of the day, and I took the last. Needless to say I was pretty geared-up that entire day before the test drive. I had no idea what I was in for . . .

Ed Noblett, Aristocrat's Maserati specialist, led me to the 433hp 2009 Grantourismo S in Grigio Granito (metallic charcoal). He went along and showed me which button to push to put the car in reverse and how to flick the paddle shifters to put the car in neutral before flicking the switch to put the car in park. Very strange to have no gear shift knob on which to rest my hand. I guess I could just hang on to my coffee cup . . .

The ride was sporty until Ed pressed the "Sport" button to soften the ride and lessen the engine roar. Um, yeah, I didn't like that, so I pressed the button to turn up the engine volume. Oooooohhhh, that sounded niiccceeeeee when the car downshifted as I slowed to a stop. Unfortunately, the time slot I selected was rush hour so I was unable to get it up to the published top end of 183 mph. Nor could I try to see if I could go 0-60 in 4.8 seconds. I don't think Bob Del Popolo did either.

All in all, I was delighted to take a ride on the Italian side and I have to say, it was extremely satisfying. Words cannot describe the pleasure driving this reasonably-priced (\$137k) luxury sport coupe. Visit Aristocrat for your Italian experience!

—Cindy

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By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

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Fun Drive to Topeka

October 18, 2008

By Aaron Rubenking, KCRPCA Member



Please make plans to join us Saturday, October 18th for an exciting day of Porsches! We will have a fun drive to Topeka to support all of our friends out at the Kansas City Regions' final DE event of the year.

We will arrive in time to participate in the charity laps for a \$10 donation. This is a GREAT way to get your car on the track in a very controlled environment. We will follow the pace car around the track for a number of laps (non-timed, NO passing allowed, NO special equipment).

If you would like to participate in our "Taste of the Track" or, as I like to call it, a pay-as-you-go-DE-event, bring \$25 for a single 20-minute session or \$75 for an all-day experience. Please contact Richard Bennett for information about the "Taste of the Track" at samluke@sbcglobal.net or call 816-478-6875.

Our fun drive will lead us through Lawrence and around Clinton Lake. Our friend Scott Harrison has opened his "test" track for us to use on the way to Heartland Park. Thanks Scott, we will leave it in great shape for the General!

We will meet at breakfast at LePeep (see page 3) and leave after we're done looking at all of the great cars. I do not plan on making any stops along the way. Please plan accordingly.

This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy your Porsche with fellow PCA members and we look forward to seeing you at the event.

Please feel free to contact Aaron Rubenking at 816-519-0547 or Aaron.Rubenking@me.com if you have any questions.

—Aaron

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Registration Open for FallFast KCRPCA HPDE October 17-19

By Richard Bennett, KCRPCA VP of Driving Activities

Mark your calendars and get your registration in.

Kansas City Region High Performance Drivers Education Event and "Taste of the Track" event at the known and respected Heartland Park Topeka, home of the SCCA run-offs.

The October event is a traditional Porsche Club of America, High Performance Driver Education (HPDE), open to novices, and experienced drivers alike. No prior experience required. Friday is open Track for Advanced students and KCRPCA Instructors **only**.

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. 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. No special equipment required other than helmet (limited quantity of KCRPCA helmets are available for loan). Snell 2000 or newer helmets required.

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.

Charity Fun runs will be available during lunch Saturday and Sunday 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 with the famous and exhilarating "Alpha Zero." Great gift for the car nut.


Registration is open and is online through clubregistration.net. Online payment via PayPal is also available. Applications and payment by check are also possible by mail, for those not comfortable with the online registration. Forms are available at KCRPCA.org or 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.

We will also be operating the PCA "Taste of the Track" Program which allows the Track Experience, at higher

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—Richard



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2008 Shrimp Boil

September 13, 2008

By Robert Wayman, KCRPCA Board Member



Can you believe it is September already? Cool nights, turning leaves and the scent of shrimp boiling in the air. Terri and Steve Kramer have graciously agreed to host our annual Shrimp Boil at their home in Overland Park again this year. Last year's event was very well-attended with members new and not-so-new sharing truths and lies long into a beautiful evening. Perfect shrimp, both HOT and not-so-hot, expertly cooked by Steve Kramer and Al Hess with much advice from the crowd and a plethora of wonderful side dishes made for a great deal of fasting on the following day. One of the highlights of the festivities is partaking of appetizers, side dishes and desserts brought by members, so dust off that winning recipe and bring your favorite item to share. Shrimp, soft drinks and good times will be provided by the Club. This year, the stain on the deck will be dry!

Make plans to attend this "signature" event of our Club on Saturday, September 13, 2008 and see what it is all about. Arrive around 5:30, first batch of shrimp will be pink and ready about 6:30. Please RSVP to me rpwj@kc.rr.com

so we can be sure and have everything we need to support the large crowd. If you can, let me know what type of dish you are bringing so we can coordinate if necessary. Please bring \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the shrimp. The address is: 13219 Beverly, Overland Park, Kansas. Let's fill that cul-de-sac again this year with Porsches. See you there!

—Bob

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Fun Drive to Lake Lotawana

Article and Photo Provided by Dawn Flood, KCRPCA Family Member



As the most-recent addition to the PCA via the "Flood" name, I have been granted the privilege of writing my first article for *Der Sportwagen*. Well, here goes.

The fun drive to Lake Lotawana Saturday, July 26th, started off with a glitch. Unfortunately, our 911 was still in the shop and leading a Porsche fun drive in a Toyota Camry was not what we had in mind. Luckily for us, Al Hess came to the rescue by letting us borrow his newly-acquired Boxster while Al joined Sean Reardon for the event. About 40 participants arrived at Independence Center to catch some intense sun in the parking lot and to admire the impressive display of Porsches in attendance. One of the event participants, Bob Wayman, even received a standing ovation for his superb driv-



ing skills that caught the attention of all, including a highway patrolman, while he was en route to meet our group at Independence Center.

Throughout the drive, we encountered some slow traffic, but overall, we were able to enjoy the scenery and several exciting curves along the way. Some tricky turns and changes in the names of roads allowed about half of the group to get off-course, but everyone was able to meet up again in Bates Center and off we went to the restaurant. After everyone arrived at Marina Grog and Galley, a group photo was taken and then off to dinner filled with conversations of cars, good times and upcoming events. Overall, the event was a success minus a few bumps and wrong turns.

—Dawn

Hot Day—Cool Race Car RS Spyder at Aristocrat Motors

Article by Jack Bishop, KCRPCA Secretary

Photo by Aaron Rubenking, KCRPCA Member



My first experience with sports car racing was in Marlboro, MD in April 1960. It was going



to be a super show! Corvette was running a new prototype they called a Stingray. Some guy from Texas named Jim Hall was driving the first of Maserati's new Tipo 61 racercars to hit our shores. The race was great, but in the end they were all upstaged by a kid from New Jersey named Roger Penske driving this tiny little mid-engine RSK 60 Porsche.

So 48 years later comes an invitation from Aristocrat Motors to take a look at another of Roger Penske's little mid-engine marvels. Granted, it's a

bit longer than an RSK 60, but not a lot heavier. No question about it, though. As a steady stream of fellow Club members and I saw as we walked up to it that Saturday morning, the RS Spyder was purpose built; it was all race car.

—Jack



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Fun Drive to Lawrence September 27, 2008

By Neill Flood, KCRPCA Vice President—Social Activities



Please make plans to join us Saturday, September 27th for an off-the-beaten-path drive to Lawrence, KS for lunch at the Genovese Restaurant. Once we arrive at the restaurant, we will enjoy excellent food and can view the unique shops on Massachusetts Street after lunch.

This will be about a one-hour drive, and we will meet at the Sears Grand Parking lot in Lenexa, KS

[8540 Maurer Rd Lenexa, KS 66219] at 10:00 AM and promptly depart at 10:30 AM. The Sears Grand Store is located near 435 and 87th Street.

This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy your Porsche with fellow PCA members and we look forward to seeing you at the event.

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—Neill

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PCA Palooza

November 7-9, 2008

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



The 4th Annual PCA Palooza, hosted by the Ozark and Cimarron Regions, is scheduled for November 7-9 this year, again in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Although this is a fairly-young multi-region event, it has grown phenomenally over the years, last year attracting some 141 Porsches from 11 states. A number of Kansas City Region members have attended previous Paloozas and found the event to be well worth the trip.

A major feature of the event is the numerous driving tour routes offered on some of the most interesting

roads around. And the weather is usually quite pleasant for the mid-fall season. Eureka Springs is approximately 230 miles from Kansas City so it's really a fairly-easy half day's drive to get there.

Stop by the Pierce's getaway at Beaver Lake for a light brunch when returning home Sunday. It's basically on your way back, depending on your route to the Kansas City area. For all the event information and registration, go the PCA Palooza's website at www.pca-palooza.com.

—Doug

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08 PORSCHE IN THE HEARTLAND

German Car Show

October 12, 2008

By Keith Baker, KCRPCA Board Member



Fellow Porschephiles, back by popular demand, a German car show will be held Sunday, October 12th in front of the US Bank building at Hawthorne Plaza—SW corner of 119th and Roe.

From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Porsche, Mercedes, BMW and Audi Clubs invite members and non-members alike to shine and show their cars. Last year, Porsche had a great turnout with over 30 cars on what turned out to be a beautiful fall day. Club president Greg Wright said he was thrilled to see so many new people and their cars at the event.

This year the Porsche Club will host a "Best of Show" award allowing car owners and the general public to vote on their favorite P-cars. Each entrant will receive a card on which to record their car's information, place it on the windshield and voters will judge their favorite cars—First, Second and Third Place. Anyone who wants to vote can vote, and winners will receive an award. Judging will start at 11:00 am and run through 1:30 pm. We encourage entrants to stay through most of the show to have the best chance of winning.

Entrant's fee is \$20 per car and, as last year, will be donated to the Love Fund. Your local Club strives to have many activities throughout the year and one of our missions is to give back to the community with various charitable events such as this one.

All the Clubs had a great turnout last year and we look forward to seeing you there!

—Keith



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PCA ZONE 10 CALENDAR
Update 08/14/2008

SEPTEMBER

13	Crown Valley Winery tour	St. Louis
14	Havelock Car Show	Great Plains
18-20	PCA Escape to the Land of Enchantment, Albuquerque, NM	
19-21	RVBOWWOW4 (tour Lake Pepin area of Mississippi River in MN/WI)	Dakota
19-21	Annual North Shore Fall Color Tour	Nord Stern
23	Sienna Car Show	Wichita
26-28	Last Fling Driver Training and Driver Ed - Brainerd, MN	Nord Stern
26	Porsche Night on the Town, Dubuque, Iowa	Central Iowa
27-28	Fall Carrera Classic Drivers Ed – Gateway	St. Louis
27	Fun Drive to Lawrence	Kansas City

OCTOBER

2	Croctoberfest 2008, Atlanta, Georgia	Cayman Registry
11	Anniversary Car Show Autocross	St. Louis
11	Westboro Fun Run	Great Plains
12	Porsche Only Car Show	St. Louis
12	German car show at Hawthorn Plaza	Kansas City
12	Fall Leaf Tour	Central Iowa
18	Breakfast at Tiffany's (Sweetest Day) – Hosted by Forrette	Dakota
18	Fun Drive to Topeka	Kansas City
17-19	Drivers Education, Heartland Park, Topeka	Kansas City
25	Fall Colors Tour	St. Louis

NOVEMBER

7-9	PCA Palooza, Eureka Springs, Arkansas	
15	Casino Night	Kansas City

DECEMBER

1	Holiday Party	St. Louis
6	Holiday Party	Kansas City
12	Christmas Gathering hosted by he Eide's	Dakota
17	Board Meeting – Changing of the Guard	St. Louis
18	Holiday Party	Central Iowa

JANUARY 2009

17	Region 50th Anniversary Party	Nord Stern
24	Region 50th Anniversary Party	St. Louis
31	Changing of the Guard Dinner	Kansas City

For detailed information about listed events, see the respective Region's website or the PCA National website at www.pca.org.

Central Iowa Region: www.ciapca.org

Dakotas Region: www.dak.pca.org

Great Plains Region: porsche.ellipse.net/

Kansas City Region: www.kcrpca.org

Nord Stern Region: www.nordstern.org

Ozark Lakes Region: www.olk.pca.org/

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Schönesland Region: www.shonesland.org

St. Louis Region: www.stlpca.org/

Wichita Region: www.pca.org/wic

Calendar of Events

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

See page 15 for PCA Zone 10 Calendar

2008

September

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| 13 | Shrimp Boil (see page 9) |
| 27 | Fun Drive to Lawrence (see page 10) |

October

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| 05 | Autocross at Ameristar Casino (see page 11) |
| 12 | KC German Auto Show at Hawthorne Plaza (see page 14) |
| 17-19 | FallFast—KCRPCA DE at Heartland Park (see page 7) |
| 18 | Fun Drive to Topeka (see page 6) |

November

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| 02 | Autocross at Ameristar Casino (details TBA) |
| 15 | Pub Night (details TBA) |

December

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| 06 | KCRPCA Holiday Party (details TBA) |
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January

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| 31 | Changing of the Guard Party (details TBA) |
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February

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| TBA | Mardi Gras Casino Night (details TBA) |
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