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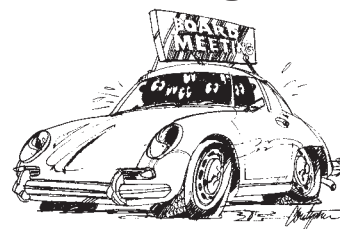


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Notice of Election

Below is the official ballot for election of the Kansas City Region, Porsche Club of America. Vote for one candidate by placing an "X" in the appropriate box.

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Those listed above comprise the slate of nominees for Kansas City Region PCA offices for 2009. All are active members or family members currently in good standing. Signed nomination acceptance forms from each nominee are available upon request and will be filed prior to the election results.

Respectfully submitted October 8, 2008.

Cindy Thomas
Chairman, Nominating Committee
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A Letter from the KC Love Fund

Submitted by Keith Baker, KCRPCA Board Member

Keith —

It was such a pleasure to meet you; you were my brightest ray of sunshine on a rainy day! Please relay our thanks to the members of the Porsche Club who participated in the event last weekend. The gift of \$458 was much-needed and greatly-appreciated!

When you called this morning to say you were bringing by a check, I happened to be working on a case of a boy, Dominick, who is in need of a wheelchair ramp to get in and out of his family's van. (The ramp he once had could no longer accommodate the increased weight of a growing boy and his motorized wheelchair.) His social worker said he had not been out of the house in months because there was no way for his family to transport him. The price of the ramp was just shy of \$400. I knew we were running out of funding to assist him, but so wanted to address his need . . . then the phone rang and it was you!

It's a double-happy ending too — not only can we get Dominick a new ramp, but I found it for \$158 less online!

You and the Porsche Club members zoomed to our rescue and we are so thankful! Because of your gift, not only will Dominick benefit, but we will also be able to provide sisters, Emily and Katelyn, with eye exams and glasses too!

So, from me to you, a "world of thanks" because you did a world of good!

Kind regards,
Lisa

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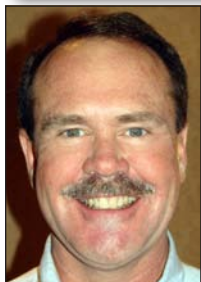
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Greg Wright, President

Die Anmerkung von Greg

Happy Halloween,

The Schattenbaum Region's Driver Education event was a blast. I was reminded, painfully, how bad I am out of shape because of the G-forces that driving at Watkins Glen puts on the body as one accelerates around

Turn One, then flat out through Turn Two and the "esses". My neck got sore trying to keep my head upright through the corners. Kathy, the kids and I had an awesome time. The central/southern New Jersey Club has very nice, low-key folks to spend a few days with.

Speaking of fun-loving, low key-folks—last week the Kansas City Region hosted a Driver Education event at Heartland Park Topeka. Happily, we had great attendance and weather for the event that marks one of the last opportunities to get out on the track before the long off-season. Guess it's time to start thinking about winter projects, upgrades and/or repairs for number 5, my 944 S2.

Thanks to the efforts of Neill Flood, Keith Baker and Aaron Rubenking, the Kansas City Region has had a number of opportunities to get the Porsche out of the garage and enjoy the camaraderie of the PCA. Detailed later in the newsletter are stories about the Fun Drive to Lawrence, the German Car Show, Fun Drive to Heartland Park Topeka and the Driver Education event. Rudy Rodriguez hosted two Autocross events at the Ameristar Casino. The October Autocross on October 5th had 20 participants.

Given the events happening in our world today, two things that can't happen fast enough—the election and the end of this financial downturn. Being somewhat of a news junkie, I really have had my fill of campaign rhetoric and the red state/blue state mumbo jumbo. Betsy Stark, ABC financial analyst, is on the national news every night to explain the latest downturn, bust or failure. All really important stuff, mind you, but whatever happened to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan? Even the presidential candidates have forgotten them because of the financial crisis. I am thinking of taking the suggestions offered in one of John Prine's songs "Blow up your TV, throw away your paper, move to the country, build you a home. Plant a little garden, eat a lot of peaches. Try an' find Jesus on your own."

On the brighter side, the PCA-Palooza is coming up November 7-9 in Eureka Springs, AR. Palooza is a very casual multi-event gathering of more than 140 Porsches and 250 people at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks. November 15 we are bringing back the pub night theme with a Saturday evening event to be held at Longbranch Saloon at 91st & Metcalf. Our Holiday Party will be held December 6 at the InterContinental Hotel overlooking the Country Club Plaza. There will be plenty of hors d'oeuvres and libations to celebrate the season.

—Greg



Cindy Thomas, Editor

From the Editor

If you haven't noticed, Aaron Rubenking has added some very nice touches to *Der Sportwagen* this month. Many thanks to his enthusiasm and gumption in getting this issue put together for the Region! I think you'll be

pleased with the newsletter in the upcoming year. Thanks again, Aaron, for your hard work!

I may no longer be editing the newsletter, but I will still be around. Steve Reardon, current webmaster of the KCRPCA website, will be handing the reins to me in the next few months to keep the members of our great Region informed. I have some ideas and hope to implement them in the coming year.

Mike Diaz, Porsche sales at Aristocrat Motors, had some guts! At the new 911 event on October 25th, yours-truly was able to experience first-hand Launch Control with the new Porsche Doppelkupplung (PDK) transmission. Woo hoo! From a standing start—we shot out like a rocket! Those who like to take their cars to the track (or drag race high-schoolers), will enjoy this brilliant addition to the 911's list of cool-things-it-can-do. This option is only available with the Sport Chrono Package Plus. For a fun research project, just Google "Porsche Launch Control" and you can find videos of it being demonstrated—even by Hurley Haywood. I just added this to my Christmas list. More on the event in December's issue!

Okay, now that Aaron is laying out the newsletter, I have a deadline to meet, so I will close for now. Hope to see you at an upcoming Club event!

—Cindy

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By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

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Fun Drive to Heartland Park

October 18, 2008

Article by Aaron Rubenking, Assistant Co-Editor

Photos by Robert Phelan of PhotoMotion www.photomotiononline.com



First of all I would like to say, Thank you!! Thank you to the first-timers who showed up for the fun drive to Topeka! That was the whole idea. What did you think of the track? Addicting, I know. I am waiting on my turn out there with the “big boys” (and girls!). We had about seven cars start the Fun Drive to Topeka and of which three were first-timers! Welcome! After breakfast, we shoved off to Topeka where we ended up about two hours later. It was a nice drive, albeit held up by traffic at points. We all took advantage of the parade laps and Jim, the answer to your question, the charity is the KC Love Fund. More on that later, though. It is truly the people who make this Club something special. I hope to see all of your faces at the upcoming events! Enjoy it—that’s why you pay the membership right? Thanks again, you guys made my first fun drive attempt a great success!

—Aaron



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KC German Car Show

October 12, 2008

Article and Photos by Keith Baker, KCRPCA Board Member



A successful event = great cars, a great turnout, and a \$458 donation to the Fox 4 Love Fund For Children. The 2008 German car show on October 12th at Hawthorne Plaza featured Porsche, Mercedes, BMW and Audi was held under a breezy blue sky worthy of the sunscreen I failed to bring!

A variety of approximately 35 P-cars showed up with most being entered in a shine and show "People's Choice" awards contest. Both their owners and the general public voted on their favorite cars. The categories and their winners were:

Air Cooled, Bud Reno and his 1957 356 coupe; Water Cooled Early /Pre-1996, Tim Bubniak and his 1991 944 S2; Water Cooled/Late 1997 To Current,

Greg Wright and his 2002 911 Turbo; and the People's Choice award winner.... drum roll please....Bob Newton's 1957 356 Speedster cabriolet. All beautiful automobiles as can be seen by the accompanying pictures. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all that entered.

One of the most satisfying results of the day was the \$458 raised and donated to a very grateful director of the Love Fund. She had an immediate need for the funds as mentioned in her thank you letter on page four. Porsche owners can be proud of the fact that they helped three children in a very big way!

—Keith





Tim Bubniak and his 1991 944 S2



Bud Reno's 1957 356 coupe



Greg Wright and his 2002 911 Turbo



Bob Newton's 1957 356 Speedster cabriolet

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PORSCHE WINS LMP2 AND GT2 TITLES

Article Provided by Jill Beck PCA National Newsletter Committee Chair

ATLANTA - October 18 - Porsche entered today's Monterey Sports Car Challenge, the final round of the 2008 American Le Mans Series, with the LMP2 prototype drivers championship and the GT2 production-based drivers championship already clinched, but the manufacturers titles in both classes were still up for grabs.

But, when the checked flag fell on the four-hour sports car classic early Saturday evening, a Porsche race team in each class scored a third point finish - good enough for the marque to win both manufacturers championships.

In a race which featured 13 yellow flags and a racing surface which lost its grip due to excessive gravel on the track from the many racing incidents, the 2007 and 2008 LMP2 drivers champions, Romain Dumas (France) and Timo Bernhard (Germany), overcame an off-track incident of their own to guide their Penske Porsche RS Spyder to a third-place finish - just high enough to edge Acura by a single point in the final standings. Porsche ended up with 214 points, and Acura, with its one-two finish at Laguna, finished second with 213. Penske Racing had previously clinched their third straight LMP2 team title.

In the production-based GT2 class, Porsche had a more comfortable lead of 15 points going into the last event, but a strong contingent of Ferraris threatened to overcome those points with a sweep of the top position in the four-hour finale. But the Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of Patrick Pilet (France)/Johannes van Overbeek (USA) finished fourth in class to seal the manufacturers championship, 220 - 215. Originally, Dirk Werner (Germany)/Bryce Miller (USA) in the Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911 GT3 RSR had finished third, but the car was excluded at post-race tech for a ride height violation due to a broken right front spring.

Previously, Joerg Bergmeister and Wolf Henzler (both Germany) had clinched the drivers championship in their Flying Lizard Porsche, and Flying Lizard Motorsports had sealed the team title - their first.

Hartmut Kristen, head of Porsche Motorsport, couldn't have planned the season any better for this final result.

"To win all six championships - team, driver, and manufacturers titles in both LMP2 and GT2 - is so much satisfying than any individual race that we could win. This team effort included all our teams, their drivers and crews, our engineers - both at the track and in Germany - and all the Porsche AG, Porsche Motorsport, and Porsche Cars North America employees that helped make this happen. A special thanks must go to Penske Racing and Flying Lizard Motorsports, the teams that produced the drivers championships and contributed heavily to the manufacturers titles," said Kristen.

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Paul Ritchie, president of Porsche Motorsport North America, was particularly gratified with the success of the 2008 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR after the 2007, when Ferrari got the best of Porsche for the championship.

"Over the winter, the engineers at Weissach, led by Roland Kussmaul, completely re-vamped the race car, including a new aerodynamic package and a four-liter engine, and provided us with a great package - and our teams did the rest. A special thanks must go to my staff at Porsche Motorsports North America, who provided critical parts and service support to keep everyone on the track," said Ritchie, whose organization is based in Santa Ana, Calif.

Other LMP2 Porsche finishers included Helio Castroneves/Ryan Briscoe in the Penske Porsche RS Spyder (fourth); Guy Smith/Chris Dyson in the Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyder (fifth); and Marino Franchitti/Butch Leitzinger in the other Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyder.



Other GT2 Porsche finishers the Darren Law/Seth Neiman Flying Lizard Porsche (fifth); the Joerg Bergmeister/Wolf Henzler Flying Lizard Porsche (ninth after an early-race accident resulting in a long pit stop for suspension replacement). The Francesco Pastorelli/Nicky Pastorelli/Mark Basseng VICI Racing Porsche did not finish due to an early-race accident.





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Fun Drive to Lawrence

September 27, 2008

Article by Sean Reardon, KCRPCA Executive Vice President



We all bought our Porsches to drive them right?? So to help our members (and perhaps a significant other and/or a hopelessly-captive passenger) experience all the finer things about their Porsche, the Kansas City Region organizes fun drives to random destinations. And since the second best thing next to a Porsche is good food, we ensure the route ends at a tasty restaurant! With this perfect combination of good cars and good food, we always find a neat crowd of new and “experienced” members, Porsches both classic and new, and drivers and passengers of all ages.

The Fall 2008 version of our fun drive was no different. With almost 20 cars lined up, we had at least two Porsches for very excited first-time owners, a perfect distinctly-colored 1970s 911, an immaculate 3.2 Carrera and enough 911 Turbos to cause a ruckus in every small town traversed. To join this impromptu 911-fest were several Boxsters of every color. Almost as much fun as the drive and meal is the chance to visit with the group before taking off. As is often the case, several new members make their PCA debut at these events. These new members bring their stories of finding and purchasing their cars. Hearing their excitement while raving about how cool their new car is reminds us long-time owners of many of the reasons we continue to own and drive a Porsche.

On to the drive. . . As usual, our route masters Neill and Dawn Flood did their homework to find a very scenic and challenging route through northeast Kansas, ending up on the well-known Massachusetts Street in downtown Lawrence. While many of us expressed disappointment for this drive of no surprise gravel roads or slow-moving trucks carrying tree stumps, the Floods took us through some nice twisties and long open roads allowing a bit of leg stretching for all those flat sixes. A planned stop at the local quickie mart in some random town gave a chance for the Porsche drivers to take a break, and a chance for the locals to have a collective brain freeze with 20 Porsches suddenly taking over their town. The second leg allowed even more leg stretching of our machines as well as the opportunity to test our skills passing motorized hay bales and identifying the local smokie-mobiles. Good brakes are a wonderful thing.

A large group of Porsches arriving together in Lawrence causes little ruckus, as anyone familiar with Lawrence knows, about anything goes in that town, the weirder the better (I can say that as a Lawrence resident!). With a great second-story view overlooking Massachusetts Street, fun drive participants got a chance to visit about the drive and to get acquainted with other members while eating a tasty lunch.

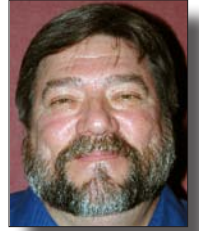
All in all, a pretty cool way to spend a Saturday! If you’ve attended one of these events in the past, you already know how much fun they are. For those who haven’t, dust off that Porsche, check the tires and clear your calendar for our next edition of fun roads and food!

—Sean

Fall Fast 2008

Article By Bob Wayman KCRPCA Board Member

Photos by Alessandro Gioacchini



Braving the first real weather change of the year, more than 90 enthusiasts joined in on the fun at Heartland Park for our final DE of the year October 17-19. A little rain (and to be honest, a few minutes of soft hail) on Friday made the early going a little slippery (a good time to practice smoothness), but the sun was out and the track was dry by noon. Chris McIntyre and Al Hess (with help from a number of notables, Zone 10 Rep



Doug Pierce, our esteemed President Greg Wright and his wife Kathy, Mark Sherwood and President-Elect Sean Reardon) had everything organized to a T and running smoothly from the get-go. Not even a two-hour fog delay Saturday morning could dampen the spirits of the crowd that was split between novices and well-experienced track rats. Following a serious bench racing session, the fog lifted and we were treated to two absolutely perfect Kansas Fall days. Aaron Rubenking and a number of KCRPCA members concluded a fun drive Saturday in time to follow Nick Georgieff's beautiful 1975 911S 3.6 on Parade laps around the track. Instructors from our Club supplemented by instructors

from both the Audi and BMW Clubs (thanks guys!) made sure that everyone was making progress in learning how to safely experience a level of driving that is not possible on the street. The crowd even shared our Pat's Pig dinner with a visiting soccer team from Newton, Kansas at the Super 8 and was treated to a high volume thank you cheer! Acquaintances were reestablished, new friends made and from the host of positive comments received, a very good time was had by all. In the end, that is what it is really all about, spending time with great people, enjoying our shared passion for cars and other pleasures. Experienced or Novice there is something for everyone to enjoy at a KCRPCA DE, make plans to join us next year so you too can get in on the good times.

—Bob



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08 PORSCHE IN THE HEARTLAND

Getting to Know . . . Dawn Flood



DS: Dawn, why do you participate in the KCRPCA?

Dawn: I started out going with Neill just so I could spend more time with him, but for some reason, everyone grew on me. I particularly like the breakfast on Saturday. How often does a woman get to hang out with a large group of handsome men driving exceptional cars?

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

Dawn: The wine tasting at Paulo & Bill's was the first opportunity where I really got to know more of the group in what seemed to be a relaxed setting (which became more relaxed with every glass of wine).

DS: What's your favorite slogan/saying?

Dawn: "From there to here, and here to there, funny things are everywhere." Dr. Suess

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

Dawn: Run the Black Mountain Marathon which is 20 miles up a mountain, then back down again.

DS: What books are you currently reading?

Dawn: *ABC I Like Me.*

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

Dawn: *Hope Floats.*

DS: First ride in a Porsche?

Dawn: With Mr. Wonderful (Neill) on our first date Halloween night, and he has been following me around ever since.

DS: If you won the lottery, what's the first thing you'd buy?

Dawn: A new house for my parents, then that Jaguar XK120.

DS: What's your most embarrassing Porsche moment?

Dawn: Trying not to flash Sean Reardon while getting out of the back of his car after the Lake Lotawanna Fun Drive.

DS: Turn-Ons?

Dawn: A 1981 blue 930 turbo with a tall dark and handsome Scottish-Irish man in the seat.

DS: Turn-Offs?

Dawn: Fords, Chevys, Hondas, Oldsmobile. . .

DS: If you had all the money in the world, THE car in your garage would be . . .

Dawn: 1950s Jaguar XK120 convertible, white.



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Holiday Party

Saturday, December 6th

By Sean Reardon, KCRPCA Executive Vice President

Please bring your holiday spirit to the Intercontinental Hotel [401 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64112] on Saturday, December 6th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This is a new location for the Holiday Party where we will enjoy a private room with an excellent view of the Plaza lights. Admission is \$15 per person which includes tasty hors d'oeuvres prepared by the talented chefs at the InterContinental Hotel. A cash bar will also be available to satisfy your beverage desires. In order to ensure we have enough food for this event, we would appreciate your RSVP by December 1st with a check to:

Jim Phillips, Treasurer
6409 Maple Drive
Mission, KS 66202

As always, we welcome walk-ins, but your RSVP would be most helpful. This event is always well-attended and I'm sure you will enjoy it. Feel free to contact Neill Flood (913-424-3092) with any questions.

—Sean

Calendar of Events

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

See page 19 for PCA Zone 10 Calendar

2008

November

15 Pub Night (see this page)

December

06 KCRPCA Holiday Party (see this page)

2009

January

31 Changing of the Guard Party (details TBA)

February

TBA Mardi Gras Casino Night (details TBA)

Pub Night

Saturday, November 15th

By Neill Flood KCRPCA Vice President of Social Activities

With the Fall in full swing, cool evening breezes and football in abundance, let's enjoy a Pub Night together! Please make plans to join us **Saturday, November 15th** at the Longbranch Steakhouse and Saloon (9095 Metcalf Ave.) for dinner and cocktails. Dinner orders will begin around 6:00 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy an evening full of great conversation with your fellow Porsche Club enthusiasts and we look forward to seeing you there!

—Neill

PCA ZONE 10 CALENDAR
Update 10/23/2008

NOVEMBER

7-9 PCA Palooza

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

DECEMBER

01	Holiday Party	St. Louis
06	Holiday Party	Kansas City
12	Christmas Gathering hosted by the Eide's	Dakota
13	Christmas/Holiday Party	Red River
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.

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