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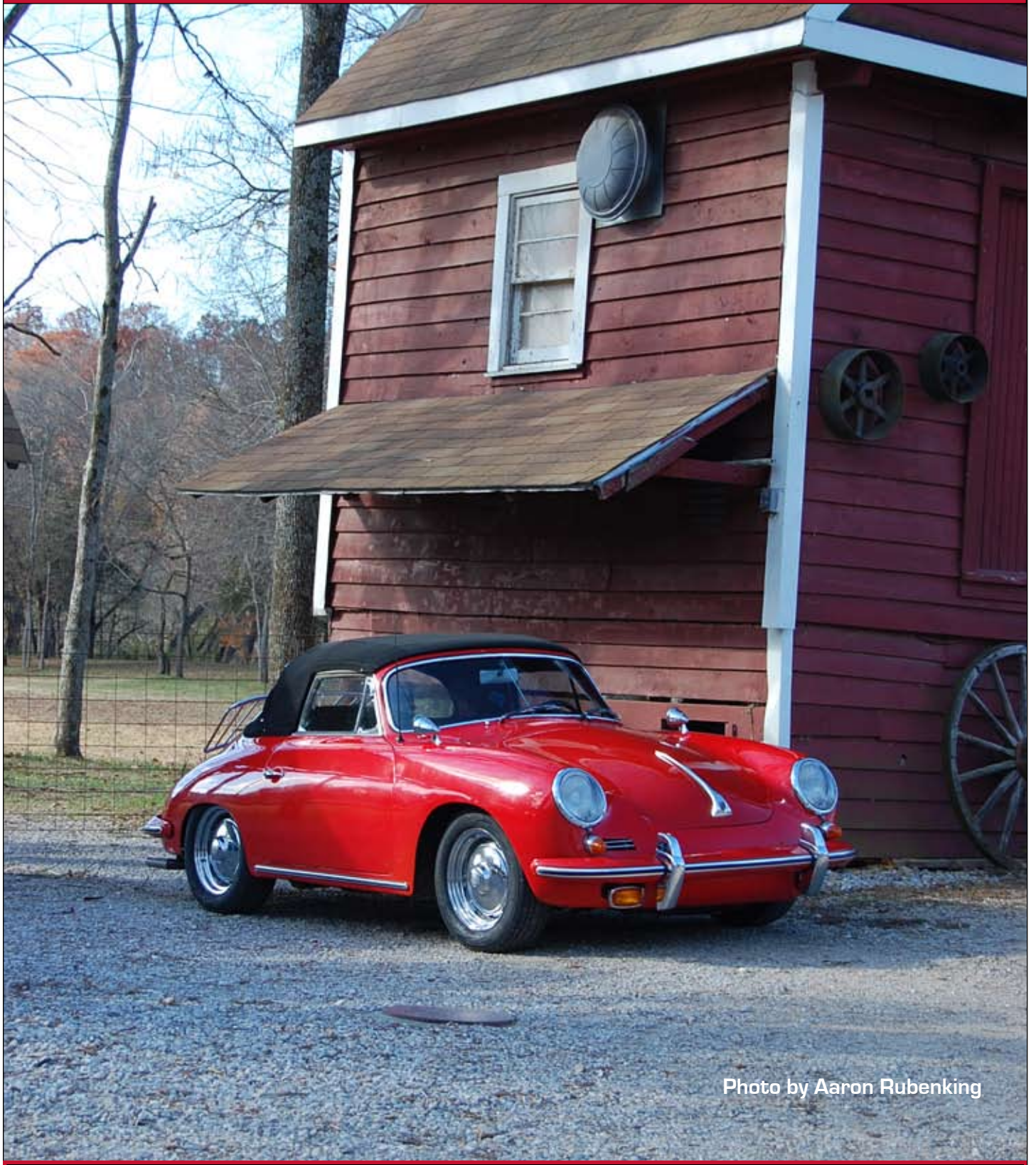


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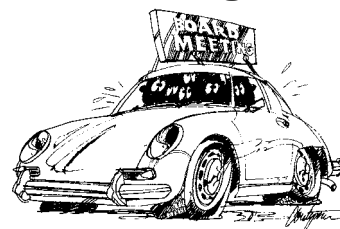


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Greg Wright, President

Die Anmerkung von Greg

Dog books seem to be the rage as the holiday season descends upon us. There are at least three books in my library with a dog at the center: *Good Dog. Stay.* by Anna Quindlen, *Marley & Me* by John Grogan (which is also a holiday movie), and *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. I was on my way to Hastings, NE for a Driver Education event when I first heard of the book *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. I received a phone call from Dave Tripp explaining he had just read a book about driving and the human condition, written from the perspective of a dog, and he had thought of me, and probably, Lance the Wonderdog.

I now have two loaner copies of the book as other folks have also read the book and know my fondness for both driving and dogs. While I am only about a quarter of the way through the book, it is very entertaining and has me thinking back to wet days on the track as well as everyday life and the opportunities that each day brings. It is written from the perspective of Enzo, a Labrador mix, who is convinced that in his next lifetime he will return as a man and will be able to enjoy opposable thumbs (for picking things up), and a facile tongue (for speaking his mind - finally). Facial expressions and tail-wagging only go so far, trust me.

Enzo's master, Denny Swift, is an up-and-coming road course race car driver who gets weekend gigs at the 24 Hours of Daytona, Speed Channel's Touring Car Series and Driver Education events. They often watch Denny's races together and discuss the techniques and truths that Denny has learned about driving. One of his favorite sayings, "That which you manifest is before you" was learned at a driver's school early in his career. The saying actually makes a bit of sense if you can imagine inducing a car to get loose on purpose with the ability to predict what it is going to do, versus reacting to a car that has gotten loose without your being aware or being in control.

I am now wondering how much Lance has gleaned from watching Speed Channel over the years. Does he think like Enzo, want opposable thumbs and is he a philosopher? I suspect so considering he has the uncanny ability to make Kathy and I happy and is able to make his way through life with balance, anticipation and patience.

I am thrilled to report that elections for POTUS are finally over. However, National and Kansas City Region PCA elections are currently being held. Please get involved and vote. We have a great slate of candidates for our local offices and board positions. Kurt Gibson, from Springfield, MO is running for President of PCA National. There is no such thing as a lame duck President of the Kansas City Region. We are currently working on our Social and Driving schedule for all of 2009. Events will be publicized earlier to allow for busy schedules and more participation. The new Board will continue in the tradition of "it's about the people not the cars".

Our Holiday Party will be held December 6th at 6 pm at the InterContinental Hotel overlooking the Plaza lights. Great view, better friends. The Changing of the Guard, a dinner to acknowledge the service and hard work of the current Board members and a celebration of the new Board members, will be held January 31st at Fiorella's Private dining room at 134th and Holmes.

—Greg



Cindy Thomas, Editor

From the Editor

It's hard to believe that it's been almost four years since I started editorship of *Der Sportwagen*. And what a fun time it's been!

I especially loved getting to know everyone and learning about the Porsche marque, which has become my favorite car of all time. Many thanks to Aristocrat Motors for the opportunity to drive some pretty awesome vehicles, three years of pace cars, and brand-spanking new P-cars, too many to count. I feel fortunate to have made some wonderful friends through the Club and look forward to meeting many new friends in the future. Our Region is particularly fortunate to have very active social and driving events calendars.

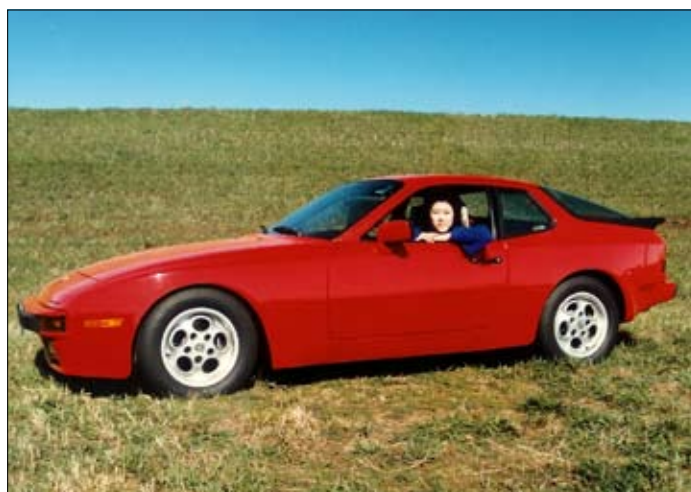
Being an editor of a very active Club is not easy, but it is extremely rewarding. Aaron Rubenking and Haley Hoelscher know this and are very excited to step up and take *Der Sportwagen* into these upcoming years with an eye and an ear for what Porsche stands for all of us. Please join me in welcoming Aaron and Haley whenever you see them at an event. Let them know what you'd like to see in future issues. Send them photos, stories, anything that expresses your enthusiasm of the marque and the camaraderie that goes along with it.

Now, on to the website! Check out all of our upcoming events. Also, submit your classifieds for free if you are a PCA member. I will be making some updates as time goes by, so check in on occasion to see what's new!

I close with a very old photo of my first time behind the wheel of a 944. I shot the photo from a tripod-mounted camera at a Porsche dealership in Sioux City, IA. Yes, this was shot in the 1980s when big hair and electric blue sweaters were "in".

Auf Wiedersehen!

—Cindy



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By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

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A Year in the Life of a Track Rat

Article and Photos by Robert Wayman, KCRPCA Board Member



I had no idea what would happen that pretty Fall day in 2006 when I tentatively climbed the stairs at LePeep for my first KCRPCA breakfast. Fearing the worst (a bunch of stuck-up car snobs), I was welcomed with open arms into the camaraderie of a bunch of people just like me. A car fanatic from an early age, I was delighted to make the acquaintance of people who knew who Stirling Moss and Jackie Stewart are; got up at midnight to watch the start of F1 races on the other side of the globe and, like me, could tell that a car in the parking lot had two degrees of negative camber dialed in, but had difficulty remembering their wife and children's birthdays. I was home and among friends.

Fast forward to October 2007, Heartland Park Topeka, my first DE. On the grid with my instructor Jeff



Hembree sitting calmly next to me, my heart was racing faster than the turbo motor behind us. Jeff says, "Let's go have some fun", and my life was changed. Calm, cool and collected, Jeff patiently showed me the line and let me go at it, by Sunday afternoon he told me I needed to think about getting better seats and some R compounds because I was getting all I could out of those street tires. "You can do this, man," he said, one of the best things I have ever heard. Hundreds of miles running down a drag strip, sitting in grandstands all over the world and clipping apexes on freeway on-ramps brought me to this place where I can really do it on a race track. I was in heaven.

Over the winter, I amused myself by making large lists of all the things I needed to do to my 965 to feed this gnawing in my gut. Casually discussing this with the better half one evening, she said "Why don't you just buy a track car instead of making all these changes to your dream car, wouldn't that cost about the same?" Now you know why I have been married to her for 35-plus years. Raise your arms; the roller coaster is cresting the hill!

For the next two months, the search was on. I talked to all the cool guys, looked at Internet ads until my eyes were worn out. 951, 911, M3, Z06, they were all out there. In the end I found the perfect car, a 1982 930 that had all the goodies already on it. It took about six weeks to strike a deal, and then on the coldest day in February, the Pumpkin came home. Having a bright orange race car delivered to your door at 8 pm by a gigantic truck also containing a 1956 300SL and a F40 is a great way to meet the neighbors with whom you have previously only exchanged waves.

Since that fateful day, I have been to Heartland Park (3X), MAM, Road America, Hallett and Gateway racetracks. Thanks to skilled and patient instructors, Brian Forsythe, Chris McIntyre, Nick Georgieff and John Rhodes and countless hours of bench racing advice from



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Al Hess, Greg Wright, Chris Blazer, Richard Bennett and others, I have progressed from novice to intermediate/advanced, not the fastest guy out there, but not getting in too many people's way. I have learned a completely new skill set that has taught me things about myself that didn't know (quite surprising at age 56) and have made me a much better and safer driver in all circumstances. The track brotherhood has become my extended family and I have met people with the same interest from all over the Midwest. A list of my experiences would fill an encyclopedia but here are a few of my favorites:

- Sharing a fantastic sunrise at HPT with fellow early riser Rick Lopes
- Thinking my car was on fire on the track at MAM then realizing my instructor (name withheld) was smoking a cigar
- Trying to keep up with Al Hess on I-70 while pulling a trailer (not for the faint of heart)
- The ambiance and luxury of the American Family Inn in Bellville, Nebraska
- Blood Orange martinis at Stephano's in Sheboygan
- RGPs at Road America
- A \$20 dinner at a Lebanese Steak House in Tulsa that included hummus, salad, ribs, baked potato, fried baloney and a great steak.
- Trying to keep up with Greg Wright in my last track session of the year and realizing there is still lots for me to learn next year.

As you can see, my experience has been a total one, not just limited to time on the racetrack. My entire universe has expanded, going to the track providing an escape from the day-to-day world that is like no other diversion I have experienced. It is easy to think about work and other problems while playing golf or bass fishing, but I assure you that while going over Alpha Zero at 5000 RPM, approaching the Kink at RA or the Bitch at Hallet, it is impossible to be thinking about anything else other than the track ahead. That fact alone is enough to keep me coming back.

So thanks to all my fellow track rats, words cannot express my appreciation for all of you letting me into the Club. It has been the Year of My Life.

—My name is Bob, and I am an addict.



Changing of the Guard

January 31, 2009

By Sean Reardon, KCRPCA Executive Vice President



Come join us for this annual tradition celebrating the peaceful change of leadership for the Kansas City Region PCA. Held at Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbeque, we guarantee that fine food, good drink and warm weather will be on tap. This event is an excellent opportunity for Club members to thank our outgoing Board members and welcome in the new. The Ron Kitchen Trophy for acknowledging one KCRPCA member's enthusiasm for racing and driving Porsches will be presented as well.

The event starts at 6:30 pm, January 31, 2009, at Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbeque and Private Dining 13645 Holmes in south Kansas City. Please send \$25 per person to:

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—Sean

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A Test Drive in the 2009 911

October 25, 2008

Article by Jack Bishop, KCRPCA Secretary

Photo by Cindy Thomas, Editor



It's always fun to look at new Porsches in a nice showroom and appreciate looks and craftsmanship. If you're really interested, a test drive can generally be arranged that allows you to drive it around the block a time or two, having to cope with traffic during the process. (Ever notice—all Porsche showrooms are in urban areas.)

For this reason an invitation to test drive a 2009 Porsche 911 equipped with the new PDK 7-speed transmission was interesting, but not necessarily exciting. I'd read reports of tests conducted on Alpine country roads and road courses, but Heartland Park is 50 miles from the Aristocrat Motors auto storage facility where we were invited to meet on a cool damp Saturday morning. Coffee and donuts were there as promised along with four new 2009 Carreras. Surprise! Laid out in the fenced storage area was an almost ¼ mile properly-coned slalom course. About 50 Club members and I used it to wring out the cars and polish our driving skills. Take as many laps as you need. Check out the PDK's manual shift. Even try out the launch control. It was all open for you to check out.



I did a few laps in a Carrera 2S. Great car; and the double clutch in manual mode is race car quick. Set the PASM in sport mode; PDK to manual, and you have a slalom course tiger! This is an automatic transmission that deserves a serious look; even if you're a 6-speed manual die-hard like me. Thank you Porsche and Aristocrat Motors for a very enjoyable morning.

—Jack

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Pub Night

November 15, 2008

By Neill Flood, KCRPCA Vice President of Social Activities



Although I enjoy the colors of Fall and a break from the humidity we experience during the summer, it's tough knowing the winter is almost here. As you can imagine, tee shirts and shorts have already made way for jeans and sweatshirts. Saturday's Pub Night was a good example of the weather change we've recently experienced as it was cold enough to ditch the windbreaker and go for the heavier jacket. Fortunately, the atmosphere at the Longbranch Steakhouse and Saloon made up for the weather with a good turnout and plenty of conversation/humor to pass around.

The food at the Longbranch was very good and the chicken fried steak was a feast large enough for two people. One of the aspects I enjoy about the Club social events is the opportunity to meet new people and catch up with friends. This event didn't disappoint as a little mingling was only part of the fun. The only drawback of the night occurred during the drive home as thoughts of the gym were experienced due to the food and beverage consumed. Hope to see you at the next Pub Night.

P.S. Don't forget the Holiday Party is Saturday, December 6th at the InterContinental Hotel located on the Plaza.

—Neill

Autocross I & II

Article by Rudy Rodriguez, KCRPCA Autocross Chair

Photos by Jack Bishop, KCRPCA Secretary

When winter comes, it marks the end of the autocross season. It's a sad note, but true. When I reflect on the past two autocrosses, the last one is the worst for me because I know that my Porsche will be parked for another four months. If you missed the last one you will have to wait until next year in order to test your Porsche to its limits. That said, the Autocross I and II was as competitive as ever. In October we held an autocross for members who have never participated in an autocross before. The turnout was excellent. We had nineteen cars participate. All makes and models were well-represented. That list included: 911s, Boxsters, 944s, a Cayman, a BMW 550i and lastly, a Lotus Elise. Hey, who let that guy in? Just joking. Everyone was a good sport and the times were all competitive. The top four times were Mike Upchurch (2008 911C4S) at 36.50, Jim Pirtle (2008 911) at 36.99, Mak Kirby (1989 944TS) at 37.00 and Craig Lutz (1990 964) at 37.49.



Next up was our second competitive autocross on November 2, 2008. Turnout was light with nine participants, but the laps were heavy. Each member received 8-10 runs each. Even though only nine cars participated, there could only be one winner. The top time for the day was 1:24.2 and went to Jeff Rogers in his 1985 911. The second best time was Matt Miller at 1:26.7 driving his 2006 Corvette. In third place was Marty Sallaz at 1:27.2 in his 1989 944T.

Lastly, I would like to thank the following people for their support this year in helping me organize the autocrosses: Chris McIntyre, Jim Phillips, Mark Sherwood, Jack Bishop and any others that I have forgotten. With these volunteers, Kansas City would not have an autocross program. See you next year!

—Rudy

PORSCHE PARADE 2009

Keystone, Colorado—What's it all about

Part One

By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep



Many PCA members have never attended a Parade and don't have a clear concept of what it is and what goes on. Porsche Parade is the annual PCA national convention, this year held June 29-July 4 in Keystone, Colorado, within a fairly easy drive from anywhere in the Kansas City Region. The Kansas City Region, along with other Missouri Regions, actually hosted a Parade at the Lake of the Ozarks in 1983. It was a much different affair than the Parades of today. The Keystone event will be the 54th Parade, the first one being held in Washington, D.C. in 1956.

Components of Parades in recent history vary slightly, but the core competitions at every Parade include a Concours d'Elegance, a Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) Rally, Autocross, and Technical/History Quiz. The key word here is competitions. These core events are taken seriously, VERY SERIOUSLY, by many of the entrants. They are not like the fairly-laid back competitions that take place at our local region level. Yes, we have awards and trophies for our Regional winners, Parade has awards and trophies too. The National Parade awards carry **a lot** more weight and prestige.

Then there are the other activities which include banquets (lots of them), socializing with old and new friends, seminars, tech sessions, gimmick rally, golf tournament, radio-controlled car races, goodie store, guided and unguided tours of the surrounding areas, children and teen activities, and the list goes on. Really, something for everybody. The selection of activities varies from Parade to Parade and are clearly delineated on the Parade website (for Keystone: www.porscheparade2009.com) and other Parade publications.

Parades can be expensive, or relatively cheap, depending on your level of participation. The base registration charge for the Keystone 2009 Parade is \$165 for an entrant/co-entrant with one car. Additional family members can also register for a minimal cost that basically covers the name badge that gets you unfettered access to Parade activities. Registration allows admission to all non-competitive events, and covers the cost of registration materials, goodie bag, etc. Core competitive event registration is an additional \$10 to \$20 for each event you wish to enter, depending on the event. Meal and banquet tickets are available either as a package for all, or individually. Prices for the banquet and meal tickets have not yet been determined but historically have ranged from as little as \$15 to as high as \$60 per person for individual meals. There are many, many restaurants in the Keystone area where you can get fed at very reasonable rates should you so desire instead of attending Parade venues. Lodging can get expensive if you want to stay close to the action. There are special rates offered to Parade attendees at the Parade central hotel(s), but they can still be higher than surrounding areas if you are willing to drive a bit.

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Parade is a unique experience. There is no other place that I know of that you are immersed so deeply in all things Porsche. You are constantly surrounded by hundreds and hundreds of Porsches (over 800 at the last Parade in Charlotte, NC). You will see Porsche models that you have only seen in pictures, or never seen at all, and in colors that run the range of those offered by the factory over the years. The people are incredibly nice, after all it's not just the cars, it's the people. You'll have very little trouble finding conversational common ground—Porsche.

In following *Der Sportwagen* articles, I will attempt to provide additional detail concerning specific Parade topics. I am far from a Parade expert having attended only three. The true experts are those that have attended nearly all of them, but I have enough of a basis to give you at least some idea of what to expect.


It would be wonderful to see a large attendance from the Kansas City Region at the 2009 Keystone Parade. There is a National award for the Region with the most attendees, factored by the distance driven and the size of the Region. KCRPCA could have a chance to win this award with a good turn-out. Registration for Parade opens March 3, 2009. If you are planning to attend, register early, they may sell out.

—Doug



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Vielen Dank for FallFast DE!

By Emily Compton, KCRPCA Member

A few years ago I promised myself that when I turned 50, I'd get a good looking, head-turning sports car. This year, I made good on my promise. What to get—a muscle car with tons of horsepower and a deep, throaty engine, or something with more finesse? One look at the Porsche Cayman and I was smitten. After an extensive search, I found my perfect Cayman. My frugal German background refused to spend the money for the S version and my racing friends assured me the plain version would go around the track just fine. Did you know only 15 percent of Porsches are purchased by women? The adoption was finalized on July 17, 2008 and a few days later we signed up for FallFast DE 2008.

Since then, the car and I lived in anticipation of Fallfast. I've been the perfect weekend warrior gathering miles on the Cayman's new engine and brakes. I attended a local autocross event to stretch its suspension system and test its abilities.

As the FallFast DE drew closer, I began having second thoughts. A couple days prior to the event, I checked the roster and came unglued when it show 99 entries and only two looked like me! Stricken with panic, Julie Bailey with the Wichita PCA crew assured me it would be okay. That's a lot of testosterone, I mean, premium fuel.

I gathered my courage and refused to let fear deny me of what I had looked forward to for nearly three months. On Saturday, I was up before dawn and at the track by 7:00 am for registration and tech check. The gods of insecurity must have taken pity on me because by chance, I set up next to Andrew Auerbach and his Cayman S. At least I was near one familiar face in the sea of masculinity and hot cars.

Next, it was off to the driver's meeting where I was warmly welcomed by Kansas City PCA President Greg Wright along with Lance, the Wonder Dog. What is it about dogs that make them such great goodwill ambassadors? I liked Greg immediately. After all, how can you not like a guy with such a great dog?

After the opening driver's meeting, it was off to the novice school. There were so many new concepts to think about. My most immediate challenge was figuring out what a torque wrench was and how to use it. The novice instructor stressed its importance and that we use it to do something with our lugs before getting on the track. We were also supposed to check our oil and "gummy" pressure and add 2 to 4 lbs over what the manufacturer suggested. I'm clueless. Andrew to the rescue! He just happened to be torquing his

lug nuts and showed me how to do it. I used the Cayman's on-board computer to check my tire pressure. Good thing they were okay because I had no idea how to inflate or deflate a tire. Ken Huston showed me how to check the oil using the on-board computer.

At last, it was track time! I spent Saturday testing the patience of my instructor, Al Hess. The poor guy got stuck with the novice of novices. He must have seriously ticked someone off to get assigned to me. He definitely earned his Friday track time. In slow motion, I made it around the track, learning lines, apexes, early turns, late turns, where to brake and where to accelerate. Most of all, I learned how to signal people to pass me. The cones were a godsend and the carousel was my favorite. Turn 14 was, still is, and may always be impossible. Al gets an Emmy for pretending that I improved from the morning session to the end of the day. Although I was a slow learner, I had a **great** time. Al is a wonderful instructor.

On Sunday, poor Al couldn't take anymore and paid Marty Sallaz a ridiculous sum to take me off his hands. Marty took one look at the Cayman without an S and me, and made Al pay him more money. So off we go for another session. On the first session I had to re-learn everything Al showed me the previous day. Marty uses a different line than Al! So now I am braking earlier and turning later. On the second session, I seemed to have had a small epiphany. They call them *late apexes* for a reason! Duh. By the end of the day, I think we made some real progress and the smile on my face got bigger and bigger. I had that good feeling in my backside from driving the line correctly and I made a few of the slow pokes give me the passing signal!

Everyone at work thinks there is a new man in my life because there is a semi-permanent smile plastered on my face. If they only knew! I did want a new camera for Christmas, but I may change my mind. A good torque wrench, tire gauge, set of compound tires, brake pads and a tool kit may be more practical. I was thinking of selling my SUV, but someday I may need it to tow a trailer.

I'd like to thank the KCRPCA for one of the best weekends in my entire life. **Vielen Dank!** I'm so jealous of the women married to these great guys with fantastic cars. Next year, encourage your spouse to participate. A few times around the track and she'll not only want her own car (that you'll get to pick out), but will let you buy all the toys you want for yours!

—Emily

PCA PALOOZA

October 7-9, 2008

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

Photos by Aaron Rubenking, Co-Editor

The fourth annual PCA Palooza was held November 9, 10 & 11 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, hosted by PCA's Ozark and Cimarron Regions. Registered this year were 188 Porsches with over 300 people (an increase of 23% over last year) to participate in a wide variety of events including a welcome party, your choice of four different spirited or scenic drives, people's choice car show, tech sessions, awards dinner and autocross. Sixteen Kansas City Region cars were registered this year. In all, nine states were represented.



The weather this year was reasonable on Friday, but cold and windy Saturday, not unusual for early November. Most of the trees had lost their leaves due to a fairly early freeze a couple of weeks prior which only increased the visibility of sweeping vistas over the sometimes rugged terrain. Drives through the Eureka Springs area vary from interesting to spectacular. Roads with twists, turns, and elevation changes in the hundreds of feet radiate in all directions from the event headquarters. These highways surrounding Eureka Springs are perfect for a rewarding drive in any Porsche.

At completion of the drives, cars were cleaned and polished (or not) for the car show. A parking lot with over 150 Porsches of all descriptions drew a great deal of attention from the participants and just about anyone else who wandered by. Snacks and warm drinks were provided by our hosts while we surveyed the cars and determined our favorites. RUF from Texas, as one of the event sponsors, had brought several of their cars for display (and/or sale) and were more than happy to talk about their products.

After a brief respite following the shine & show, and tech sessions hosted by Bridgestone/Firestone tires and RUF, we all met up again at the awards dinner Saturday evening. Food at the awards dinner, as well as the welcome party, was bountiful. Items at the dinner included local favorites of pan fried chicken and barbeque to copious amounts of crab legs, fish and chilled shrimp in addition to the various salads and accompaniments. After dinner, awards were presented, and many entrants received a door prize, some were really nice door prizes. The Greg and Kathy Wright duo again had the system figured out and walked away with three door prizes. The scheme to win more door prizes formulated last year was apparently working. They'll probably be winning a new car in 2009 at this rate.

All-in-all, it was an extremely well-run event with great sponsors and volunteer support. Again this year, organizers Leonard and Melody Zechiedrich, Chip Gibbons, and all of the other workers executed another fabulous event. Take a look at the PCA Palooza website (a first-rate production in and of itself) at www.pca-palooza.com for detailed descriptions and photos from this year's event.

Palooza 2009 is scheduled for November 13-15 next year. Mark your calendars early and schedule the trip for next year. It's well worth the effort to get there.

—Doug



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08 PORSCHE IN THE HEARTLAND

Getting to Know . . . Jan Pierce



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

Jan: Great people and lots of fun activities. I go places and do things I would not necessarily do otherwise.

DS: What Porsche do you currently drive?

Jan: I currently drive a 2001 Honda Civic, a hand-me-down from Doug when he bought his 968. Great car. Always starts, gets 30 miles to a gallon, and is easy to maintain. You've got to have one of those cars in the family.

DS: What books have you recently read?

Jan: We do books on tape when we travel in the car. Just completed *The Da Vinci Code*. We kind of compromised on the mystery writers since he won't listen to romance novels and I won't listen to science fiction. My favorite authors are James Patterson, John Grisham, Janet Evanovich and Sue Grafton.

DS: What is your favorite vacation destination.

Jan: Switzerland. It is everything you imagine, just like *The Sound of Music*. But Italy would not be far behind.

DS: Have you ever attended a Porsche Parade?

Jan: I have attended three Parades—Ft. Worth, San Diego and Charlotte. We took the car to Ft. Worth and flew to the Parades in San Diego and Charlotte. We had a great time both ways. We saw a lot of new and different cars, met some great people, and enjoyed some wonderful food and sites. I want to encourage everyone to come to next year's Parade in Keystone, Colorado June 29 to July 4. It should be a great venue and have some wonderful driving experiences.

DS: Who is your favorite Hollywood personality?

Jan: George Clooney, for obvious reasons.

DS: What is your favorite local restaurant?

Jan: Marina Grog and Galley. The drive makes it a destination, I love sitting outside overlooking the lake, and seafood is one of my favorites. For my last meal on earth, I'd probably request scallops.

DS: What is your favorite sport?

Jan: Golf, although I show no aptitude for the sport, I always have a good time being outdoors with friends.

DS: If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy?

Jan: A home in the mountains. We lived outside Denver for a couple years, and always said we would get back someday, somehow.

DS: Name the place you want to go but haven't been?

Jan: I want to go to Germany. The only problem is, I think the only part of the country I might see is the Porsche factory. We have planned the trip for Fall 2009.

DS: The "one" thing you want to do before you die.

Jan: See all the National Parks. I have my National Parks Passport and am slowly collecting my stamps. What a national treasure.

DS: What is your favorite KCRPCA event and why?

Jan: The wine tasting because I have a history of drinking all my samples and Doug's. Always have a good time.



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Holiday Party

December 6, 2008

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

December

06

KCRPCA Holiday Party (see this page)

2009

January

31

Changing of the Guard Party (See page 8)

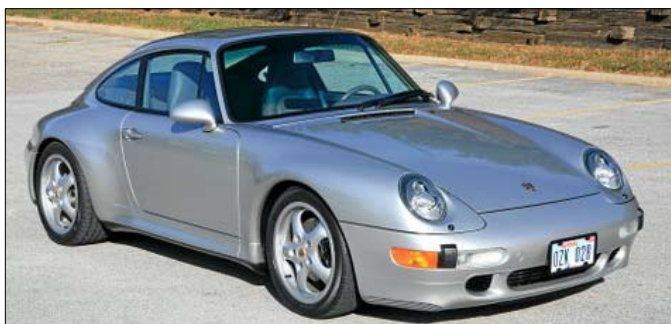
February

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Mardi Gras Casino Night (details TBA)

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PCA ZONE 10 CALENDAR
Update 11/18/2008

DECEMBER

01	Holiday Party	St. Louis
06	Holiday Party	Kansas City
10	Christmas Party	Ozark Lakes
13	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

10	Holiday Party	Great Plains
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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