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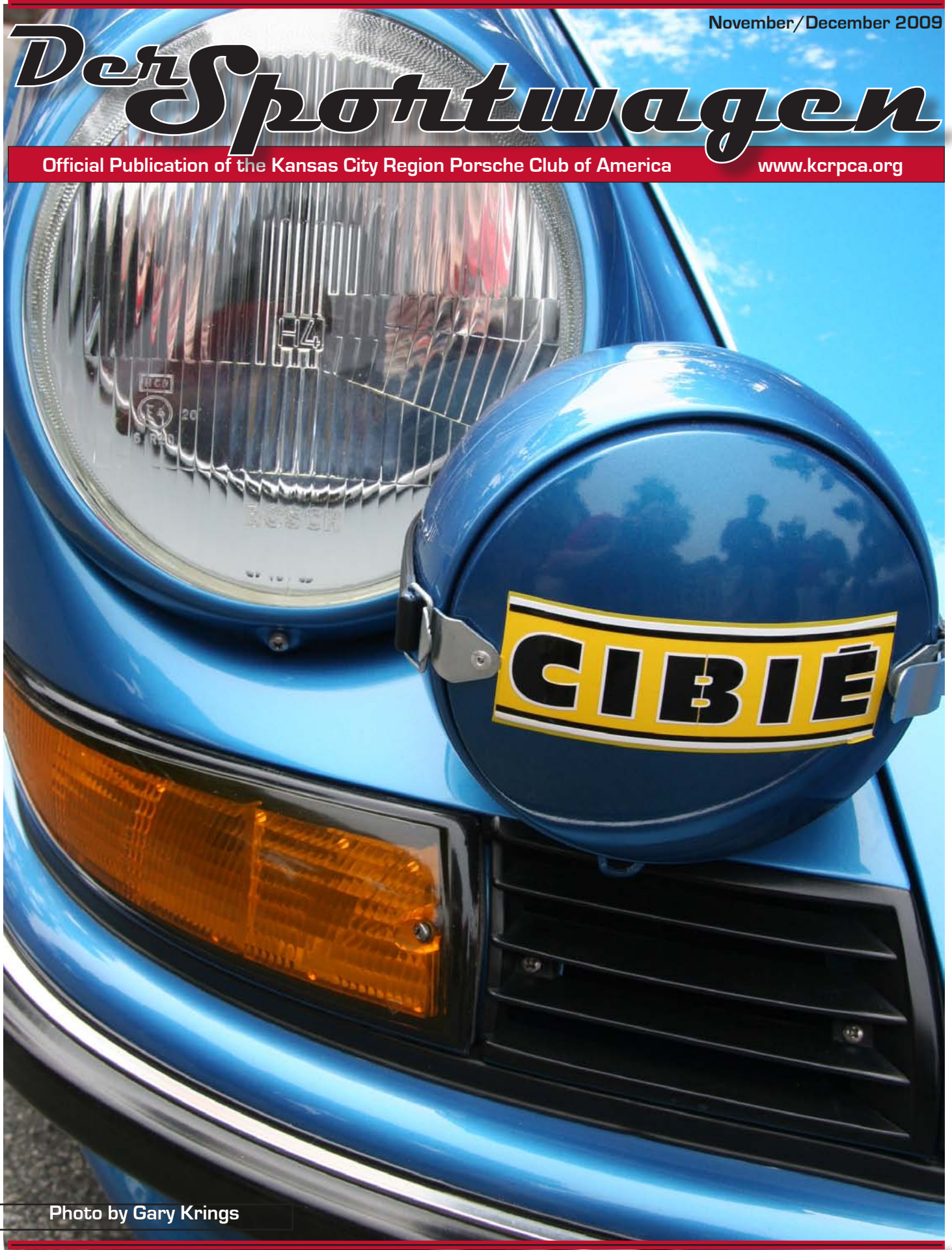


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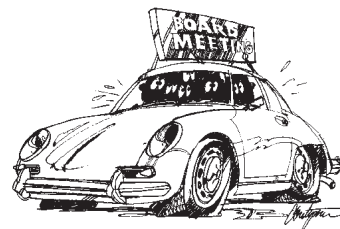
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Sean Reardon, President

Die Anmerkung von Sean

Wow! This Club is almost fifty years old and still going strong. Over the coming months we'll see how much great history has occurred in the KCRPCA since coming together for the first time in

1960.

The other night I had the opportunity to read each and every name in our region membership. (Hopefully Doug will not be hanging out at the Porsche factory next time postcards need to be labeled.) Anyway, I was happy to see how many names on our membership I've seen at various club events over the course of the year. Now, if we haven't seen your face for awhile, pick one of the events on the postcard's calendar and join us!

As for my car search, I'm honestly glad it's over with...until the next time. I never thought buying a Porsche would turn into such a chore. (Actually, number eight was a royal pain in the uh, neck, but that's another story.) Just when I had thought I'd seen everything with the crazy guy in South Carolina, I had the pleasure of dealing with The Texas Wonder. I thought I had found the right one as everything for this car was smoothly falling into place. Rare original Minerva Blue paint, decent interior, unbeatable price, good records, and ties to Kansas City. Hell, my brother even had a chance to test drive the car while on a job site visit ironically located across the street from the seller. However, open title = bad news in Texas. Skip a month at the local friendly license bureau, and you're out 1% of the purchase price, plus all the sales tax you've been putting off. Keep that up for fourteen months...well, you get the picture. Good luck with that car buddy.

What I learned is that you always come back to the one that caught your eye in the first place. For me it was a Moss Green '86 Carrera coupe. Far from perfect but a helluva lot more unique than some of the other Porsche's I've owned. Not only was this car very interesting looking, but it came with a zillion records, several unusual options, had the original window sticker and handwritten order form, drove great and best of all, had a very cool seller! After trading dozens of emails, I learned that this women's Porsche fascination began as a kid while assembling her first model car kit, a Porsche 356. Her foray into Porsche ownership began

twelve years ago while bringing a Mazda in for service and seeing this green 911 sitting on the showroom for sale. After convincing her husband that her Porsche-induced heart palpitations weren't a medical condition and her dad to spot her some money, the Porsche was hers. Thankfully for me, twelve years later, this 911 wasn't getting the time and mileage it deserved. So now it sits in my garage. I never realized how much I missed the air cooled until I once again heard the low rumbling whine turn into a mechanical shriek as the car screams past 5000 rpm. And the doors! With all the greatness of modernity why can't we have the thunk and subsequent 'ting' of a 911 door? Regardless, I love having a 'real' 911 once again!

—scr



Aaron Rubenking, Editor
Haley Hoelscher, Co-Editor

From the Editors

Hello everyone! We hope this edition finds you all happy and well. We have some great events coming up that we are very excited about. First, the legendary KCRPCA Holiday Party is just around the corner. That is in the "do not miss" category. Also, we are very

excited for our 50th anniversary festivities that many people have worked tirelessly to coordinate. We would love to see record numbers at these events.

It seems amazing that we could possibly be winding down another year, but here we are. Our best to everyone!

—Haley & Aaron

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By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

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Kristopher Klint

Transferring to the Saint Louis Region

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Transferring to the Maverick Region

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William Murray
Overland Park, KS 66223
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Blue Springs, MO 64014
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Stanford Thorne
Overland Park, KS 66221
Red 1988 944 Turbo

John Valley
Topeka, KS 66603
Silver 1998 911

Scott Wagner
Overland Park, KS 66213
Black 2004 911 C4

Kathy Dancer
Fort Scott, KS 66701
Blue 2000 911

Laurie Carson
Kansas City, MO 64151
Blue 2001 Boxster

Allen Guinn III
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Blue 2003 911 Carrera 4S

James & Marilyn Hebenstreit
Prairie Village, KS 66208
White 1959 356 D

W.R. & Brad Riley
Overland Park, KS 66214
White 1986 930

Robert Shoop
Manhattan, KS 66503
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Calendar of Events

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31 Oktoberfest Rally

November

1 Oktoberfest Car Show

December

5 Holiday Party [See page 15]

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5th Annual PCA Palooza

By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep



The 5th annual PCA Palooza hosted by the Ozark and Cimarron Regions is scheduled for November 13th, 14th, and 15th 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 171 Porsches, besting the 2007 number by nearly half again. Even more are expected to attend this year. A number of Kansas City Region members have attended previous Paloozas and found it 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 pleasant for the mid/late fall season. Eureka Springs is approximately 230 miles south of Kansas City so it's really a fairly easy half-day's drive to get there. For all the event information and registration go the Palooza website at www.pca-palooza.com. Don't miss it this year.

—Doug

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944 SPEC/SP1 Build, Part 6: Wrapping It Up

By Karl Wilen, Kansas City Region PCA Member



Well, you guys are probably tired of hearing me ramble on about the SPEC build, so I am going to wrap it up this month. What is to come next month? I'm not sure, but surely I can think of something. Again, I need to edit my edit from last month concerning the Autopower roll bar. After talking to a few SPEC region directors, they are telling me that the new Autopower bar is indeed legal, and that we were incorrectly informed about it being illegal by the local NASA region tech inspectors at the race the car attended. The horizontal bar does not have to meet the diagonal bar, but if it does, it has to be welded a certain way is what I was told. This is the most current information I have. Where does that put us? Well, I'm not sure exactly as to who is correct, but hopefully it was just a local (not local Kansas City) NASA error.

I have gone through the brief basics on building a track car for the SPEC or SP1 series over the last couple of months. In the first issue we talked about some basic costs involved in building the car. Since then, we have gotten through the build and have been doing a lot of maintenance on Joel's race car due to 25 year

old items being worn out. While the build of the car was solid, we knew there were going to be some ongoing maintenance issues associated with starting with a cheaper car. Fuel lines, tank screens, oil leaks here and there, belts/water pump, rod bearings, motor mounts, starters, etc all were at the end of their life span and needed to be addressed. By the end of the race/DE season, we are hoping to have wrapped up most of the maintenance issues associated with the car. So, like I mentioned in the first article, if you are going to start with a cheaper base car, then expect to have to spend some money tackling the issues that will arise from previous owner's neglected maintenance. Starting with that \$3,500 car seems like a better deal as the season drags out. With that being said, most of the money you spend on getting the car up and running is going to happen during the build process, and probably throughout the first couple of track weekends as you shake the car down and see what you have. This year we are over budget, but next year should be much easier on the wallet.

Another great option for getting into the SPEC/SP1 series is to buy a car from someone who has already spent the money on building a SPEC car. This, quite honestly, is the cheapest route to go considering the current economy. People are dumping their toys at a significant loss, so there are some smoking deals out there if you search hard enough. You will pay more up front initially, but if the car is already built, then you just need to tackle the maintenance issues as they arise.

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One final note before wrapping this up.....The best preventative maintenance advice I can give you.....store your race car inside when it is not being used. Cars that sit outside during the long off season and in between races are subjected to Mother Nature, and she will attack those 20 year old seals, gaskets, etc without any mercy. Keeping your nice track tires out of the weather is also going to extend their lifespan as well. For the guys who live in areas where it gets well below freezing during the winter months: if you are not storing the car in a climate controlled environment for the winter (and are running straight water + water wetter), remember to either drain the cooling system or swap in coolant for the winter months so your block doesn't freeze and crack.

By the time you read this, our track season will likely be over for the year and we will be started on the planning stages for next

year's season. The winter months will allow us to tackle some projects that weren't pressing during the season, but will be nice to have done. Remember, if you are storing the car for the winter, to put the car away with a fresh change of fluids, top the gas off, add some fuel stabilizer, and start getting ready for next season.

Here are some "specs" on our SPEC/SP1 build:
[And thanks to the vendors who supplied the parts and support the series!]

Koni struts/shocks with front conversion kit:
(Paragon Products)
Weltmeister 28mm Front / 22mm Rear sway bars: (Paragon Products)
30mm Torsion Bars: (Paragon Products)
Longacre ignition panel: (Ebay)
Custom Cage: (KCRacewear)
Tires: Toyo R888's: (Frisby Tire)
Hawk DTC Brake Pads: (Andrew Racing)
Initial interior, AC Delete, and suspension prep:
(Underground Autosport)
Seat Back Brace: (I/O Sport)
Seat: Kirky: (OG Racing)



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Fire System: AFF 5 liter System (Racer's Warehouse)
Maintenance and continue preparation: (Doc Wilen Racing)
Owner who keeps breaking things: (Joel Karns)

Maintenance Items which we had to tackle during the journey:

Rear pump fuel hose and tank screen due to fuel leak.
Rod Bearings/Pan Gasket: Preventative
Motor Mounts: Since we were in there.
New Starter: Old one died.
Clutch Master and Slave Cylinder: Fluid leak.
Still need to swap out the intermediate line.
Firewall stress fracture pair due to repeated clutch use (somewhat common issue)

New and simplified vacuum lines
Timing belt, water pump and associated rollers and seals: Preventative
Upper balance shaft reseal: Excessive oil leak
Oil separator seals: See above
Cam housing reseal: See above
Rewire fuel injector harness: 25 years of heat from the heaters make them very brittle
Front wheel bearings: Standard track car maintenance
Manual steering rack intermediate shaft replacement (we replaced the entire unit since the tie rods were completely shot as well).
Replace radiator fans and radiator: Coolant leak and locked up fans.

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—Karl

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Post Event - Shrimp Boil

By Neill Flood, Kansas City Region Executive Vice President



September 12 was the latest iteration of the long standing traditional Kansas City Region Shrimp Boil. Again this year the event was graciously hosted by Steve and Terri Kramer at their southern Overland Park residence (which is, by the way, for sale if you're interested). The park like backyard atmosphere along with an ample deck and sun porch made a very pleasant backdrop for the festivities.

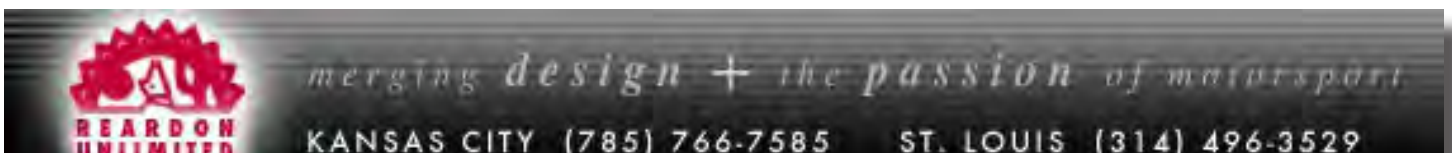
It sprinkled a bit just before the 4:00pm start time and looked like it could be another wet affair like last year, but the sky cleared and not another drop of rain fell through the rest of the evening. Good food, pleasant temperatures, and good friends attracted nearly 50 members who filled out the shrimp, brat, grilled chicken, corn on the cob, and boiled potato menu with a wide assortment of appetizers, side dishes, and desserts.

An interesting cast of characters was on hand ranging from long time members to brand new ones. This


was the first Kansas City Region event that several of the newer members had attended and all appeared to come away with satisfied appetites and happy to have joined in the camaraderie. New member Marilee McGinness made a feeble attempt at gate crashing claiming she had emailed her payment to Treasurer Jim Phillips even though her name did not appear on the official list. Special dispensation was granted until her payment had been found and cleared (which it was and did the following week) saving her from being forcibly removed from the premises.

Many, many thanks to the Kramers for hosting the Shrimp Boil for the 3rd year in a row. It was brilliantly executed as usual. If the Kramers are still in town next year, maybe we can give them a break. Unless, of course, they beg to host the Shrimp Boil yet again.

—Neill



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KCRPCA 50th Anniversary

By Connie Waldrop, KCRPCA Member

Plan to celebrate 50 years of great people, great activities and great cars! Remember, "It's not just the cars, it's the people".

The 50th anniversary committee is hard at work planning an exciting celebration that you will definitely want to be a part of. Watch for details as they unfold in *Der Sportwagen* and on the web site.

We are looking for pictures, slides, memorabilia, newsletters or anything related to the Club's early history that you think might be of interest to other members. So, please dig around in those corners of the closet, basement or garage and let me know what you can share for this special occasion. You can contact me at cwpc@juno.com or 913-897-7373.

—Connie



KCRPCA Holiday Party

By Jan Pierce, Kansas City Region Vice President of Social Activities

Please join your KCRPCA friends on Saturday, December 5, 2009, for a special Holiday Dinner at Brio Tuscan Grille, 502 Nichols Road, on the Country Club Plaza. KCRPCA has reserved a private room on the second floor for a five-course sit down dinner featuring appetizers, salad, pasta, entrée, two sides and two individual-sized deserts.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar and appetizers of spinach & artichoke dip, roasted red pepper & fresh mozzarella bruschetta and shrimp bruschetta with fontina cheese and lobster butter sauce. Dinner will be served Tuscan style on large platters with plenty to pass around. If you would like more, an extra platter will be provided. The menu consists of Brio chopped salad, penne Mediterranean, chicken "under-the-brick", crispy potatoes with fresh rosemary, grilled asparagus and two deserts each, both chocolate caramel cake and raspberry cheesecake.

Come make a special holiday evening on the Plaza. Enjoy the Plaza lights, good food and good friends. Parking is available in any of three free parking garages located within a block of Brio, or if you prefer, the restaurant provides valet parking for \$6.75.

This event is by ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY. All reservations must be received by Saturday, November 28, 2009. We must provide a guaranteed count to the restaurant. No one can be accommodated on the day of the event. The Holiday Party is always one of our most popular events, and we have strictly LIMITED SEATING available. Get your reservations in early to avoid being disappointed.

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I am looking forward to seeing you there.

—Jan

Pebble Beach Concours

By Gary Krings, KCRPCA Member

Six weeks ago, I had the pleasure of attending my 24th Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca. For those of you who have also attended them, you know that each event has a featured marque. This year, Laguna Seca's marque was Porsche, so the race cars, as well as the more familiar models from early 356's to Panameras covered the Monterey Peninsula—what a treat!

During the week preceding the main events, are a number of other fantastic car happenings. On Monday, there is a show comprised of strictly Porsches and Ferraris on Ocean Avenue in Carmel. We arrive on Tuesday for the Concours on

Ocean, also in Carmel. This is a concours with cars which most of us can relate to—British, Italian, American and, of course, German! There were an unbelievable number of 356's and early 911's, and vintage Porsche race cars as well as a Carrera GT.

On Thursday, most of the cars that will be displayed on the 18th fairway of Pebble Beach on Sunday, drive into Carmel on what is called The Tour d'Elegance. It is a real treat to see these priceless cars close-up...and free! The pace car was a Panamera (gorgeous interior), and it led the fabulous cars down Ocean Avenue where they park for the entrants' 1 ½ hour lunch break. Hun-



Photos by Gary Krings

dreds of folks wander up to the cars without a barrier (unlike the car shows at shopping centers!) Porsche prototypes and other one-off models were present. (The race cars were out at Laguna Seca where they ALL posed for a fabulous picture on the track which I believe will be in Road & Track.)

The "big day" is, of course, Sunday. I arrived at Pebble Beach at 4:30 a.m. to secure a place by the awards stand. The race cars were lined up together on the field, including Seinfeld's 917K Coupe & 908/03 Spyder, Canepa's 917/10 Can-Am & 962C, as well as a 550 Spyder, and a 356 1500GS Carrera Coupe shown in the Postwar Preservation Through 1967 Class. The Best of Show this year was an

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I am already looking forward to number 25!



—Gary

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Election of Officers & Directors

By Jack Bishop, Kansas City Region Secretary

It's that time again! Election day for our 2010 slate of officers and directors is December 12, 2009.

The Kansas City Region has big plans for next year. In addition to our regular slate of driving and social activities, 2010 marks the Club's 50th anniversary. Plans are already in motion to recognize our history and heritage properly. Club president Sean Reardon has directed the formation of the nominating committee accordingly.

Rescheduling of Der Sportwagen's publishing will require a change in the way the Nominating Committee Report and the ballots are distributed. Those members providing an e-mail address with their PCA membership or renewal application will receive them by e-mail. If no e-mail address is provided, they will be mailed. Now this is important: If either your mailing or E-mail address needs updating, do it this month, either by mail or use

of the PCA web site Member Service/Member Records page. It just takes a few seconds and offers an excuse to view some quality graphics on the new web site.

As always, Club Members can nominate their own candidates by petition as long as it is signed by five club members in good standing and accompanied by a letter of acceptance from the candidate(s). Those petitions must be in my hands by November 14. Use my contact information shown at the front of this issue. Ballots will be sent to Region Members on November 21. They may be marked and returned to me by mail, postmarked no later than December 12. This is your opportunity to start the next 50 years on the course you choose! Please, take advantage of it.

—Jack

Changing of the Guard Dinner

By Jan Pierce, Kansas City Region Vice President of Social Events

It's hard to believe, but another year has almost passed and it's time for the annual Changing of the Guard dinner on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Once again, by popular demand, the installation of officers will be at Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbecue at 13645 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a cash bar and 7:30 for a barbecue buffet dinner. Come with a hearty appetite because we will be dining on pork spare ribs, beef brisket, hickory roasted chicken, polish sausage and beef burnt ends, along with whipped potatoes, cheesy corn, baked beans and Mediterranean pasta salad. To finish it all off, there will be a delicious dessert cart and coffee. Come see the new KCRPCA officers installed and enjoy a barbecue feast!

This event is by ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY. Please mail a check for \$30 per person made out to "KCRPCA" to:

Jim Phillips, Treasurer
6409 Maple Drive
Mission, KS 66202

All reservations must be received by Saturday, January 9, 2010.

—Jan

PCA ZONE 10 CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER 2009

10 PCA Palooza, Eureka Springs, AR
14 Porsche Dinner
14 Tech Session – Wheel Repair
21 Dinner at Kobe's Steakhouse

Dakota
St. Louis
Wichita

DECEMBER 2009

5 Holiday Party
5 Holiday Party
5 Road Trip to Kansas City
12 Christmas Get Together
18 Holiday Party

St. Louis
Kansas City
Wichita
Dakota
Central Iowa

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.kcapca.org

Nord Stern Region: www.nordstern.org

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

Red River Region: RedRiverPCA.org

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