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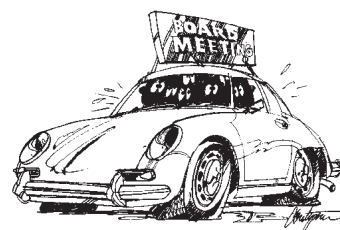
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Happy New Year everyone!

And now that it's actually 2010, I can officially say Happy 50th Anniversary to the Kansas City Region Porsche Club! In 1960 my parents had barely met so I hadn't even begun to be a glint in their eye. Point being, I have zero firsthand knowledge of what was going on back in 1960. However, over the next twelve months we can look forward to hearing some stories by the Kansas City Region "oldtimers". If you have great stories or photos from "back in the day", let us know!

Distantly related to the subject of the club's history is a conversation I had over Thanksgiving with my parents about cars during our respective childhoods. My dad grew up on an Iowa farm so cars simply existed to get them to and from town. A new Ford was purchased on a regular basis not to keep pace with neighbors and the Jones', but to replace a vehicle torn to shreds fairly quickly on dirt roads and such. He had to wait until college graduation to join the ever burgeoning foreign sports car enthusiast ranks with his brand new bright red '58 MGA. My mother on the other hand was the proverbial city girl from St. Louis. Growing up comfortably middle class, she was fortunate enough to spend time riding in the classic 1940's and '50's American iron, enjoying firsthand all those spectacular Harley Earl and Virgil Exner creations seen only on Barrett Jackson TV. While their first car was a pedestrian early 50's Dodge, that car was replaced with an outrageously finned 1959 Dodge. I'm pretty sure there's more steel in those fins than my entire first car. And nowadays teenagers get to drive new cars with catchy styling, 300 watt iPod enabled factory stereos, heated seats and cool aluminum wheels.

I on the other hand managed to miss these and all the other cool car generations of 1950's hot rods and chrome wonders, 1960's Pony cars, scary fast muscle cars, and stylin' 1970's vans. I mean no disrespect to my parents, but the '81 Mazda GLC they provided me was the epitome of lame cars prevalent in that era, though in fairness, just about all cars were lame. American cars failed the walk and chew gum

test by being both ugly and unreliable. Japanese cars had fantastic reliability but the soul of a saltine cracker. Even several European cars were just dumb (Renault Le Car?). Thankfully some Germans bucked the trend and produced what I consider the first modern classics with Mercedes' timeless 380SL, BMW's first rocket ship sedan M5 and of course the 911SC. Do I feel slighted by my place in automotive history? Hell yes! Perhaps that explains my neurotic habit (or need?) of occasionally trading cars. Therefore on to the next one...
—scr



Aaron Rubenking, Editor
Haley Hoelscher, Co-Editor

From the Editors

Now that the holidays are over it is time for all KCRPCA Members to get excited for a wonderful new fun-filled year to come. Not only is it now 2010, it is the 50th anniversary of the Kansas City Region and boy do we have some great plans in action for the celebration! It will be a busy time getting ready for the festivities. Speaking of busy, Aaron and I have been doing some planning of our own. Wedding planning that is, and buying our first home! We cannot believe that 2010 is finally here and that our wedding is just around the corner. Even more exciting is that we are in the process of buying a house so that we will have somewhere to go once we are married! Not a bad plan to have, huh?! Well, until the next time, keep reading and we'll see you at the events!

—Aaron and Haley

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By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

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Brian Emory

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Saturday Breakfast Location Change

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



We are sorry to announce that our current breakfast location, Yarbrough's Family Restaurant, is closing its doors. Yarbrough's has a long-standing tradition in Kansas City, dating back to 1949, for serving good home cooked food. They have certainly served us well over the last year and we are going to miss them.

But, we are pleased to announce that we have found another fine family owned and operated restaurant, Pegah's Family Restaurant, to provide us with a private room, great food and plenty of hot coffee every Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. We will be making the move on Saturday, January 2, 2010.

Pegah's Family Restaurant is located at 11005 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas. This location is about a mile west of I-35 at the Johnson Drive exit. I look forward to seeing you there.

—Jan

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Panamera Test Drive at Aristocrat

By Jason Abbott, Kansas City Region PCA Member



Halloween 2009. The setting: Aristocrat Motors. The event: Porsche's grand unveiling of its new four-door sports sedan, the 2010 Panamera. For the driving pleasure of those who were lucky enough to be 21 years old and above (myself not included) there were two Panamera's; a Panamera 4S in Carbon Grey Metallic as well as a Panamera Turbo in Yachting Blue. Both vehicles were equipped with Porsche's quick-shifting PDK transmission. While I could not drive either of the new Porsches, nor the Jaguar XF, Maserati Quattroporte, or the Mercedes E63 AMG, I was lucky enough to take at least two rides in the back seats of all but the Jaguar.

From a rear-seated viewpoint the Panamera 4S was smooth yet firm and very luxurious. There was, however, an undeniable presence of its 4.8 liter V8 engine that resonated nicely when accelerating. The engine had a sound reminiscence of the American V8 powered cars I have been in, but it had a tone quality that only a Porsche can provide. The Turbo, while it boasted more options than the 4S, was slightly quieter than the 4S - or so I thought until the driver gave it the full beans, which pushed the car forward with a surge of power and torque that the 4S lacked, opening up the exhaust and creating a simply fantasmic aura of power coupled with luxury. The very comfortable back seats in these cars had plenty of leg and head room available while fitting the shape of my body in a way that held me in place very nicely while

cornering. The new Panamera is possibly the most comfortable sedan that I have ever had the pleasure of riding in. Not only are the new cars comfortable, they are powerful: the 4S has an impressive 400 horsepower and 369 foot-pounds of torque while the turbo boasts 500 horsepower and 516 foot-pounds of torque, making both cars a blast to ride in and to drive (well, so I heard from the thrilled driver while pretending to drive from my rear-seated vantage point).

I also enjoyed the other cars; the Maserati's power was similar to that of the Panamera 4S, but it had the unmistakable exhaust note of an Italian sports car. This made for an utterly amazing experience that melted (in a good way) the sports-car enthusiast in me. I absolutely loved the sound! While it lacked some of the comforts the Porsche had, it definitely made up for this in the aesthetics department. The exhaust note and upholstery resembled a sports car with plenty of carbon fiber thrown around the interior while maintaining a sedan feeling with its four-door layout and smooth ride. As for looks, the new design of the Panamera was more attractive to me than the Maserati. The Porsche seems to be more sleek and modern to me. The Mercedes was a different story, with its 6.2 liter normally aspirated motor that produced 507 horsepower and 469 foot-pounds of torque; easily making it

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the quickest car in the group. The interior was luxurious and comfortable, second only to the Porsches. The engine sound was a loud and exciting one which grunted and roared like a true V8 should. While the Maserati sound was my favorite, the silly little American in me was thrilled with the raw powerful sound the Mercedes produced when rewed.

Overall the Panamera was excellent, as were the other cars. But as for sights and sounds the Maserati and Mercedes won my heart. Had the Panamera been blessed with a throatier, more pronounced exhaust note it would have won by a landslide. I enjoyed all of the cars, both looking at them and riding in them, which made this Halloween one of my favorites, ever.

—Jason

Changing of the Guard Dinner

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



Your votes have been counted and now it's time for the installation of officers at the annual Changing of the Guard dinner on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Once again, by popular demand, the dinner 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. All this for only \$30 per person.

Come see the new KCRPCA officers installed and enjoy a barbecue feast! This event is by ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY. For your convenience, you can now pay either with a check made out to "KCRPCA" or online at our website, www.kcrpca.org, using PayPal. Checks should be mailed to:

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

—Jan

Wine Tasting

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



Back again is our always popular wine tasting event. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, February 21, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This year's event will be held at Yia Yia's Eurobistro, 4701 W. 119th Street in Leawood, Kansas. They are located on the south side of 119th Street between Nall and Roe.

For only \$25 per person, you will be able to sample several different wines paired with appetizers. If you would like to extend the evening, Yia Yia's has reserved several tables for anyone from our group wishing to stay for dinner. The menu is available on their website, www.yiayiaskc.com.

This has been a very popular event in the past, so get your reservations in early. For your convenience, you can now pay either with a check made out to "KCRPCA" or online at our website, www.kcrpca.org, using PayPal. All reservations must be received by February 17, 2010. Checks should be mailed to:

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—Jan

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Wayman's Open House


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

One of the most anticipated events of the year is always the March Open House. Bob and Suzanne Wayman have graciously volunteered their home for this event once again this year. Suzanne's cooking is legendary among the Kansas City Region members. This will be an evening you won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 27, 2010. The evening will begin around 4:00 p.m. with dinner around 5:00 p.m.

More details to follow in the March/April newsletter.

—Jan



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KCRPCA 50th Anniversary Gala

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

The year 2010 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Kansas City Region Porsche Club of America. Our Kansas City charter was awarded on May 15, 1960, nearly four years before Porsche put the first 911 model into production and only five years after the Porsche Club of America was founded. So what better way to celebrate this historic event than at Kansas City's most historic landmark, the Liberty Memorial and World War I Museum. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, June 12, 2010. This is an event you won't want to miss.

To commemorate this historic event, we are planning a 50th Anniversary Gala beginning

with the most spectacular car show the Kansas City Region has ever sponsored. Just imagine the entire mall in front of the Liberty Memorial lined with Porsches, including yours.

Perhaps the only sight more spectacular than the view from the mall will be the view from the top of the 217-foot high Liberty Memorial Tower. The elevator will be open for a private view of the Kansas City skyline and the Porsches below. Appetizers and a cash bar will be set up outside for your pleasure.

Following the car show, a delicious dinner will be served just below the deck in the auditorium lobby of the nationally acclaimed World War



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I Museum [the exhibits will be closed for this private event]. The museum, which opened in December 2006, was designed by Ralph Appelbaum, the same architect who designed the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. This is the only World War I Museum in the United States and was recently designated a National Historic Landmark. If you have ever seen the new World War I Museum, you know how spectacular it is. If you haven't, this is your opportunity. I promise you will leave impressed.

After dinner, a champagne toast will be offered on the outside deck under the stars

and overlooking the city lights.

Come celebrate the wonderful tradition of the Kansas City Region with your friends both old and new as well as with PCA National dignitaries. We are encouraging all members and former members who are out of the area to return and join the festivities. A block of hotel rooms at one of the adjacent hotels will be made available for those from out of town and anyone else wishing to extend the evening.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, June 12, 2010. More information to come.

—Jan



KCRPCA 50th Anniversary



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Paola Fun Drive Recap

By Ron Tippie, Kansas City Region Board of Directors Member



Halloween is a festive day of the year, especially for kids who look forward to dressing up, roaming the streets, and amassing more chocolate and candy than anyone could possibly consume. This year Halloween was an exceptional treat, especially for us big kid Porsche fans. The weather could not have been more perfect for a late autumn drive and Neill put together a perfect combination of route and restaurant. The club responded well with 29 Porsches and 55 enthusiastic participants showing up to share a late morning journey through the back roads of Kansas.

The group met at Ironwoods Park in Leawood. It was quite a sight. The bright clear sky shining on all the cars created a literal rainbow of colors that made it impossible not to smile. I always get a thrill seeing so many Porsches, so different, yet essentially true to a common origin. Along with great cars, there are the great folks who drive and take care of them. It was fun to see friends and get caught up with each other again.

After all too brief chats, the engines came to life and the ride to Beethoven's in Paola began. The route was full of short, stomach fluttering hills and interesting curves. One curve was especially interesting. Okay, it was not so much a curve as a turn. More specifically, it was the now forever infamous turn, or lack thereof, on to YY road. Those of use close to our fearless leader made the left turn and watched in our rear view mirrors as those just far enough behind to now see us turn, cruised by. Luckily, they

had maps and were on a road that took them directly to our mid point pit stop.

Reunited at the pit stop, we set off for the final destination, Beethoven's. A personal highlight as we entered the town square was eyeing a gleaming black 356 parked near the courthouse. It was my first time to visit Beethoven's, a quaint German restaurant notorious for their serving sizes. It would be impossible to leave hungry. Four of us were going to split a single serving of carrot cake for dessert. It was the size of a dinner plate. However, it was apparently the dessert of choice and our dearly beloved President nabbed the last piece they had. We promised ourselves a return trip just to have the carrot cake.

Again, I want to thank Neill for all the work he puts into planning these Fun Drives. If you have not joined us for one, treat yourself, Halloween or not, and come along on our next day trip. It is not often you get to drive in a group along scenic roads that remind you why we love these cars and then top off the drive sharing a relaxing meal with a great group of people. No matter how much we love the cars, it is truly the people that make PCA so much fun.

—Ron

Autocross Update

By Rudy Rodriguez, Kansas City Region Autocross Chairman

When winter comes, that 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 in June and October was as competitive as ever. The June Autocross turnout was good. We had thirteen cars participating. All makes and models were well represented. That list included: 911's, Boxsters, 944's, Cayman, 914 and lastly a Subaru WRX. Hey, who let that guy in? Just joking. Everybody was a good sport and the times were all competitive. The top four times were Todd Wayman (2003 Subaru WRX) at 1:17.50, Craig Lutz (1990 964) at 1:20.14, Don Lillig (2000 Boxster) at 1:21.49, and Richard Bennet (1993 968) at 1:21.88.

Next up was our second competitive Autocross in October and the turnout was awesome with eighteen participants! Each member received 5-6 runs each and each driver circles the course twice. Even though we had a great showing, there could only be one winner. The top time for the day was 1:10.0 and went to Jeff Rogers in his 1985 911. The second best time was Marty Sallaz at 1:10.2 driving his 1989 951. In third place was Mike Upchurch at 1:10.7 in his 2008 911 C4S.

Lastly, I would like to thank the following people for their support this year in helping me organize the Autocrosses. Jim Phillips, Mark Sherwood, Jack Bishop and any others that I have forgotten. Without these volunteers, Kansas City would not have an Autocross program. See you next year in 2010.

—Rudy

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13	Valentines Day Party	Dakota
21	Wine Tasting, Yia Yia's Eurobistro, Leawood, KS	Kansas City
27	Out of the Corkscrew Social, John & Pam Krecek's	Great Plains

MARCH 2010**APRIL 2010**

10-11	Spring Carrera Classic DE, Gateway International Raceway	St. Louis
16-18	PCA Club Race and Advanced DE, Heartland Park Topeka	Kansas City
30	First Fling Driver Training	Nord Stern

MAY 2010

1-2	First Fling Driver Education, Brainerd International Raceway	Nord Stern
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JUNE 2010

4-6	PCA Club Race, MPH, Hastings, NE	Great Plains
12	Kansas City Region 50th Anniversary Gala, Liberty Memorial	Kansas City
4-6	Fast Fling Driver Education, Brainerd International Raceway	Nord Stern

JULY 2010

3-9	Porche Parade, St. Charles, Illinois	
12-13	Driver Education, Road America	Nord Stern
30-31	PCA Club Race & DE, Brainerd International Raceway	Nord Stern

AUGUST 2010

1	PCA Club Race & DE, Brainerd International Raceway	Nord Stern
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SEPTEMBER 2010

9-12	Escape, Sun Peaks Resort, British Columbia, Canada	
10	Last Fling Driver Training	Nord Stern
11-12	First Fling Driver Education, Brainerd International Raceway	Nord Stern
25-26	Fall Carrera Classic DE, Gateway International Raceway	St. Louis

OCTOBER 2010

15-17	Drivers Education, Heartland Park Topeka	Kansas City
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