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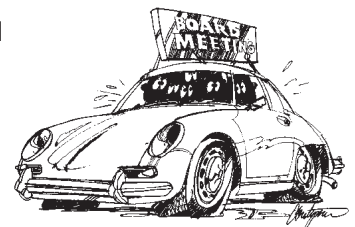
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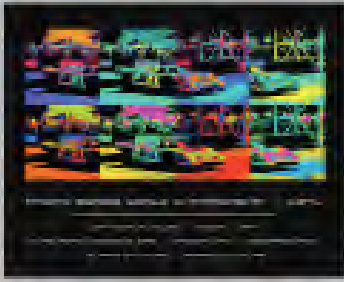


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Sean Reardon, President

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Over twenty-five Porsches in front of modern meets classical. Who would have thought our club had that much culture? Or perhaps who would have thought that venue would make such a worthy backdrop for our treasured machines?

Spring has been busy for the KCRPCA faithful. Another successful club race and DE. More incredible food at the Wayman Open House. The aforementioned romp at the Nelson-Atkins. And in garages all across the region, hundreds of local Porsche owners have been cleaning and tuning and otherwise dewintering their P-cars for the upcoming summer. Personally I've had an interesting last couple of months, but that's another story, though if anyone knows of a set of 7&9x16 Fuchs for sale let me know!

Doug Pierce, our man of a zillion of hats for the PCA, hosted as Zone Rep the annual Zone 10 Presidents' meeting this past month at the Elms in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. While this is my second term as president, it never fails to amaze me as I hear again how much work occurs behind the scenes to keep sixty some thousand club members happy and coming back for more across this nation. Several very informative sessions touched on our national staff and their role in the club, events creation and management at both the regional and national level, and the latest and greatest in club communications. Lengthier discussions centered on event insurance and risk management. Moral of that story: don't take someone else's 908 for a joy ride. Coming away from the meeting I discovered several things: a ton of work goes into keeping the PCA moving along and in business to create fun opportunities to enjoy our cars; volunteers and their time are the backbone of the machine, and that Zone 10 has a crazy group of presidents (in a good way of course). It's a wonder we didn't get kicked out of the dining room. I'm also proud to say that air-cooled 911's ruled the parking lot for this little gathering. All in

all, in addition to learning more about the mechanics of the club, the opportunity to meet or reacquaint myself with the other presidents and share to ideas about what works or doesn't for each of our regions was both enjoyable and will be a benefit to the KCRPCA during the coming months.

Enjoy the spring-we deserve it after this winter!

—scr



Aaron Rubenking, Editor
Haley Hoelscher, Co-Editor

From the Editors

It feels good to say that, as I write this blurb I am sitting in our newly remodeled kitchen.

We are almost there! Only a few more rooms to go and the house will be done. The time cannot come soon enough! We also have exactly 19 days left until we are Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Rubenking. Man was it strange typing that when filling out our nametags for the 50th Anniversary gala, where I hope to see you all! Sign up now, seating is limited!

Some of you may be aware that the rain got the better of my 968 but have no fear the guys a Pirrello collision are going to do their magic as soon as this darn quarter panel and bumper gets here from Germany. Really I think Hans or Dieter is in the shop right now trying to figure out how to make the thing! All kidding aside, to mirror what Sean has said, We hope everyone enjoys the warm weather that we are having right now and let's all hope that June 12th stays nice and clear. We will do a recap in the next issue for anyone that misses this once in a lifetime event. Until next time, keep it between the lines! I know I'll try to.

—Haley & Aaron

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By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

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May

15-16 Ozark Weekend, Ameristar, Kansas City

June

12 Kansas City Region 50th Anniversary Gala, Liberty Memorial
20 Autocross

July

23 Night at the T-Bones, Community America Ballpark, KC, KS

October

1-3 Oktoberfest Drivers Ed at Heartland Park, Topeka

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By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

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Louise & Dennis Marten	10
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Eugene Deffenbaugh	9
Scott Kelly	9
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Eric & Tracie Bowles	7
Aaron Rubenking	7
Jacqueline Neunzig	7
Adam Bold	6
Armando & Susan Lacavo	6
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Patrick & Jamie Pribyl	4
Ronald Tippie	4
Scott Love	4
Dean Rasdall	4
George Pfau	3
Mark Strauss	3
Sean & Stephanie Smith	3
Laurent Vannest	3
Michael Kisler	2

—Anniversaries Continued

Valentin & Rhonda Alvarez	2
Jeff Wood	2
Daniel & Morgan Georgie	2
Jim Weir	2
Don Richards	1
Peter & Rebecca Basta	1
Dustin Keib	1
Alan & Kathleen Critchley	1
Steve Kirsch	1

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Topeka, KS 66617

Yellow 2000 911

Bruce & Michael Myers

Topeka, KS 66604

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Louisburg, KS 66053

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Overland Park, KS 66213

White 2006 Carrera S

Michael Hill

Peculiar, MO 64078

Silver 2000 Boxster S

Randall & Denise Jackson

Prairie Village, KS 66208

Silver 1957 356A

Peter Young

Mission Hills, KS 66208

Black 2009 Carrera S

PCA at the Kansas City Auto Show

By Doug Pierce, PCA Zone 10 Representative and KCRPCA Board Member

Aristocrat Motors was kind enough to offer the Kansas City Region table space in part of their display area at the Kansas City Auto Show this last March 3-7 so that we could introduce PCA to the public attending the Show. In addition, Aristocrat offered us space for 1960's vintage Porsches to display as part of the overall '60s theme of the show. KCR member Jim Brown answered the call braving the weather and street salt with his recently renovated 1968 911. Thanks much, Jim. Your car drew a lot of attention, admiration, and questions.

We set up our table in the mist of the vintage Mercedes Benz's, the Porsche, and a striking Alfa Romeo at the very north end of the hall and stocked the table with issues of Porsche Panorama, Der Sportwagen, and

of course, membership applications. We were located right across the aisle from the stage where the bands performed periodically. Traffic was brisk, building rapidly from 10:00 am when the doors opened.

Throughout the course of the show we met all kinds of people – those who had always admired Porsches to those that actually owned a Porsche, but were unaware of the existence of an active Porsche Club - they immediately got a membership application. We even had "Penny Lane", the self professed girl in the tire pictured in all the Auto Show marketing posters and materials, stop by for a look and a chat. During the course



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of the Show, we gave away almost 3 file boxes of Pano's and newsletters that had been saved up over the last several years. Hopefully we snagged a few new members for our efforts.

One of the interesting topics discussed with many of the people we talked to was the misconception that Porsches are horrendously expensive and way out of reach for the average individual. Using Jim's 1968 911 as an example along with the Panorama "The Mart" classified section, we were able to show them that cars such as Jim's [granted, maybe not quite in as pristine condition], or in that general vintage, could be had for well under \$20,000. And

these were nice, well maintained PCA member cars.

Thanks to KCR members Jack Bishop, Jim Phillips, Tim Bubniak, Sean Reardon, and others who helped out or stopped by our table, it was not really a chore to man the table, but an interesting way to spend the better part of a weekend. There are now many more people aware that there is an active Porsche Club in the area. Hopefully some, including the younger ones, who picked up magazines will develop an interest in the marque and become members when they buy their first Porsche sometime in the future.



T-Bones Baseball Game

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



Come join your KCRPCA friends on Friday night, July 23, 2010, at Community America Ballpark to see the Kansas City T-Bones Baseball Club meet the Rockford Riverhawks. This is the second year for this event. Everyone who attended last year had so much fun they wanted to be sure we included it on the calendar again this year.

We have reserved the same block of tickets behind home plate, so you will be able to catch all the action and a lot of shade! If you are already a fan, you know how much fun a T-Bones game can be. There is always plenty of entertainment in addition to the game. If you are not a fan yet, this is a great time to become one.

Tickets are \$11.50 each. Parking is free. Some members last year expressed interest in meeting informally at Arthur Bryant's Barbeque, 1702 Village West Parkway, before the game to enjoy a long-standing Kansas City tradition of baseball and barbeque. They do not reserve tables, but it should not be a problem getting a table at 5:00 p.m. and holding a spot for your friends. The game begins at 7:05 p.m.

All ticket reservations must be received by Friday, July 9, 2010. You may enroll online at www.kcrpca.org or mail your check, payable to "KCRPCA" to:

Jim Phillips, Treasurer
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Please include your return address on your check so tickets can be mailed to you on Thursday, July 15, 2010.

Hope to see you there!



—Jan

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LPMM Muffler Modification

By Karl Wilen, Kansas City Region Member



Looking for a cheap exhaust upgrade for your 993 or 996? One of the biggest complaints I hear about the 993 and 996 models from owners is the lack of a deep throaty exhaust. Even with the 993 Motorsport mufflers (which used a similar internal design), the sound just isn't what it should be from a German sports car. When the 996 came out, Porsche introduced the Porsche Sport Exhaust (PSE) that used a vacuum actuated valve to allow exhaust air to bypass the mufflers under a certain load/rpm range. The result was a mild sounding exhaust if you were tooling around town, but a deep throaty exhaust if you were stomping on the gas. But.....for about \$4,000 that they will cost you, they should sound good. Credit to a good friend of mine, Adam Gill, for the pictures and background information in the article from when he did his modification to "Ruby", his 993 C4S. Ruby, to my knowledge, was one of the first cars in the area to try this modification which then spread like wildfire among the local 993 owners here in KC. After installing a ton of aftermarket exhausts, I didn't believe such a cheap modification could sound worth a damn. It turns out, I was wrong. Enter Leland Pate. Leland was a Rennlist member years ago (and still is to my knowledge) who wanted a deeper exhaust note

from his 993, without spending \$1,100+ on a set of aftermarket mufflers that may or may not sound good. So he came up with a cheap design on his own. The modification is known as the LPMM (Leland Pate Muffler Mod), and is one of the cheapest, worthwhile modifications you can make to your 993 or 996. Having installed literally every type of aftermarket muffler available for the 993's and 996's, I can tell you that this is the best sounding exhaust out there. A nice deep throaty exhaust, like the factory should have offered in the first place. And here is the kicker, expect this to set you back less than \$150 if you pull the mufflers out yourself, maybe \$300-350 if you pay someone to R&R the mufflers. A great improvement over \$1,100 + a few hundred for R&R.

The modification connects the inlet pipe of the muffler, directly to the outlet pipe of the muffler, which essentially allows some of the exhaust gases to bypass the muffler. The difference between this and a full muffler bypass, is that it still allows some of the air to travel through the muffler allowing it to do its job and keep the sound tolerable. You will need is a 2 foot section of 2" stainless steel pipe, which can be acquired at most metal supply stores.

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In KC, I have used Metal By The Foot, and Metal Cut To Length in Olathe. It will set you back about \$20. You can also order pipe on Ebay for about the same if you are too lazy to go down to the metal shop (which I have also done before, and the price is similar). If you want a more mild exhaust note, you could use 1" or 1.5", but that defeats the purpose of doing the modification in my opinion. 2" is the maximum size you will be able to fit due to size restrictions. Once you acquire the pipe, you need to remove your mufflers from the car. This is fairly easy on the 993, but there are a couple of clamps that can be a bit of a bummer to get off. Once you have those disconnected, remove the muffler strap and drop it out the bottom (the muffler has a hook and hangs on it's mounting bracket, so it won't just fall down when you remove the strap). If you need detailed instructions on how to do so, you can email me (karl@wilen.us) but it is very straight forward.



Next, you will need to find a welding shop that can plasma cut and weld stainless steel. Adam used Jim's Custom Welding, and some of the other 993 owners have found other shops in town that have happily done the modification as well. What I can tell you about welding shops, is that let cash and a case of beer on a Friday afternoon do the talking. To have the existing mufflers cut with a plasma cutter, and the new pipe welded in place should run you around \$100....and a case of beer (and don't skimp out on that cheap St. Louis beer, we have a damn brewery here in town for God's sake). The shop will have to saddle cut the pipe on the mufflers (cutting a hole in the existing pipe), and on the piece of pipe you are adding. Not hard to do, but finding a shop with a plasma cutter will make things much smoother. You can do it with a die grinder and air compressor, but it will take longer.

The end result should look something like this.



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Note, depending on your car, you may find that the heat shields on the stock mufflers are corroded badly, so if you want to reuse them, you will likely be looking at replacing the hardware when you go to reinstall the shields on the mufflers (they must be removed so the new pipe can be welded in place). A lot of guys leave them off without any ill effect, and aftermarket mufflers don't come with them either, so it isn't a big deal.

Once the pipes are installed, reinstall the heat shields if you want and put the mufflers back on the car, and fire it up. You will be amazed at the sound. Double check all your clamps to make sure there aren't any annoying exhaust leaks, and take it for a spin.

While the muffler can design is slightly different on the 996, you can perform the same

modification to them as well. Removal of the cans are a bit different on the 996, but still doable in about the same time (1 clamp and 3 nuts). If you don't want to modify your original mufflers, pick up a used set on Ebay to modify. They are usually \$50 bucks or so (I can't tell you how many I have thrown away in the past....doh). If you do this though, make sure you get the same mufflers that are on your car (or at least get all the separate pieces for the muffler). Porsche used two different style mufflers on the 993, one was a Gillet muffler (1996.5-1998) and the other one a Bischoff muffler (1995-1996.5). The Bischoff used a separate connection donut which was later integrated into the Gillet muffler, so while they are interchangeable, you will need the donuts if using the Bischoff cans.

—Karl

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1-2	First Fling Driver Education, Brainerd International Raceway	Nord Stern
1	Josephine's Run	St. Louis
1	Spring Drive - St. Donatus Open House	Central Iowa
2	Annual Maplewood AutoFair, Maplewood Imports	Nord Stern
8	Spring Drive	Nord Stern
8	Radio Controlled Car Event and Dawn Patrol	Dakota
15-16	Ozark Weekend, Ameristar, Kansas City, MO	Kansas City
15	Autocross School	Wichita
16	6th Annual Poker Run	St. Louis
16	Autocross	Wichita
22	Boxster Tech Session	St. Louis
22	Fargo Weekend	Red River/Dakota
22	National Driving Simulator, Coralville	Central Iowa

JUNE 2010

4-6	PCA Club Race, MPH, Hastings, NE	Great Plains
4-6	Loess Hills Trip to Omaha	Dakota
6	European Auto Show	St. Louis
12	Kansas City Region 50th Anniversary Gala, Liberty Memorial	Kansas City
12	Clarksville Run	St. Louis
12	Autocross School	Wichita
12	German Carfest, Veteran's Park, Shakopee, MN	Nord Stern
13	European Auto Show	St. Louis
13	Autocross	Wichita
18-20	Fast Fling Driver Education, Brainerd International Raceway	Nord Stern
19	Afternoon Drive	Central Iowa
26	Illinois Tour and Wine Taste	St. Louis

JULY 2010

3-9	Porche Parade, St. Charles, Illinois	
12-13	Driver Education, Road America	Nord Stern
23	Night at the T-Bones, Community America Ballpark, KC, KS	Kansas City
24	50th Anniversary Celebration	Wichita
24-25	Driver's Education at MAM	Great Plains
25	Fast Eddie's Run	St. Louis
30-31	PCA Club Race & DE, Brainerd International Raceway	Nord Stern

AUGUST 2010

1	PCA Club Race & DE, Brainerd International Raceway	Nord Stern
22	Autocross	Wichita
26-29	Run for the Hills 8, Keystone, SD	Dakota
28	Valve Adjustment Tech	St. Louis

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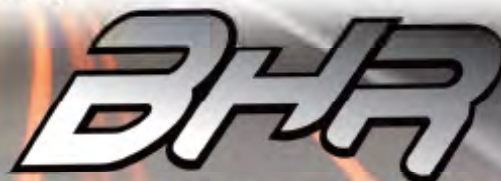
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Once Every Fifty Years: An Event Unlike Any Other

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

All the plans are in place and we are in the final countdown for the KCRPCA 50th Anniversary Gala on June 12, 2010 at Kansas City's most historic landmark, the Liberty Memorial and World War I Museum. Only once every fifty years does an event like this occur. It is sure to be an event unlike any other.

To commemorate this historic event, the evening will begin 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!

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. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided outside, courtesy of Aristocrat Motors.

Following the car show, a spectacular dinner catered by Pierpont's will be served just below the deck in the auditorium lobby of the nationally acclaimed World War I Museum (the exhibits will be closed for this private event). This is the only World War I Museum in the United States. The new museum opened to rave reviews on December 2, 2006.

After dinner, a champagne toast, courtesy of Aristocrat Motors, will be offered on the outside observation deck under the stars and overlooking the city lights.

The event is \$75.00 per person. For further details, visit www.kcrpca.org. There is limited seating. All reservations must be received by May 21, 2010.

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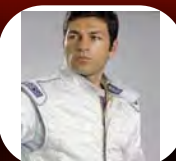
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