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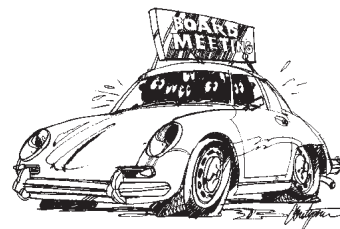


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Die Anmerkung von Sean

I wonder how life would be without hobbies? Since June I've been fortunate to celebrate 50 great years of PCA in Kansas City, work an extremely hot club race at VIR, attend Parade in Chicago, work with our great board to finalize details for a full slate of fall activities, and somehow managed to volunteer myself again for more Parade duties next August. [Yes, this is a thinly veiled excuse for skipping my column in the previous newsletter.] Anyway, I realize with all of these activities, how lucky we are to have such a fun group of people to share our Porsche interests. Cigars taste better when sharing with friends while talking cars and racing. Driving a curvy road is fun, but sharing that experience with 20 other Porsches makes it memorable. Hours of hard work cleaning and polishing that 944 simply makes the car look great and feels mildly rewarding, but showing your car to dozens of other interested club members and friends in that state of polish proves to others your passion for the marque and intensifies that feeling of pride. Hell, just sitting down to a simple breakfast becomes an event to look forward to all week when you're surrounded by 30 other Porscheophiles telling track tales or describing visions for their next Porsche. If you've experienced these things with other KCRPCA'ers you know how cool it is; if not, come out and join us!

Now for a bit of housekeeping, as mentioned we have several great fall events coming up including our traditional shrimp boil, autocross, driver's education event at Heartland Park and two Oktoberfest events including the return of the concours and another fun drive to a great eatery. In other words, EVERYONE should find something they enjoy to join the Porsche faithful here in KC.

Also, our hardworking newsletter editors,

Aaron and Haley Rubenking, have come to the conclusion that their lives have become much too busy to continue as fulltime DerSportwagen editors. I'd like to thank the Rubenkings for the work they've done to keep up the tradition of a great newsletter. With that in mind, the KCRPCA Board is researching alternatives including an outside vendor to help with graphic layout and composition. If there any aspiring editors out in KCRPCA-land speak up! Aaron, Haley, Cindy, and those who served before will be glad to tell you of the never-ending heaps of glory bestowed upon this lofty position. Enjoy the autumn and drive those Porsches!

—scr



From the Editors

I can hardly believe that lake season is already winding down and we are on our way in to another fall/winter [hopefully this one will be better suited for the nutso's like me that drive a Porsche year-round!] Haley and I are awaiting PCA Palooza coming up in November, as this is always a nice way to start off the colder months. We have been getting a stronger Kansas City showing at this event in the last few years and would love to continue the upward trend.

As Sean mentioned we are looking for someone to either take over the newsletter from us or at least be able to compose the Newsletter as the amount of time it is taking us does not fit very well at this moment in time. If anyone would like to assist please give us a shout!

Looking back over the last two years a lot has changed in our lives and it has been so nice to be able to share this with you all, people I like to call my dear friends. We are truly blessed more than we know to have such a wonderful group of friends! It was even so apparent by our pastor during our wedding that there were a few comments of a long life together taking those long rides in a great sports-car.

Porsche, there really is no substitute

—Aaron

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By Doug Pierce, KCRPCA Membership Chair & Zone 10 Rep

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Silver 2001 996 Turbo

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Steve & Terri Kramer
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Transferring to the Northeast Region

Calendar of Events

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

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SEPTEMBER

- 18 Annual Shrimp Boil
- 26 Autocross, Ameristar Casino, Kansas City, MO (See Page 9)

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Drivers Education, Heartland Park Topeka (See Page 8)
- 3 Oktoberfest Car Show (See Page 17)
- 16 Fun Drive to Paola (See Page 12)

DECEMBER

- 4 Christmas Party (See Page 17)

Kansas City Region Driver's Ed

By Robert Wayman KCRPCA Vice President, Driving Activities

The Kansas City Region PCA will be holding a Driver Education event October 1-3, 2010 at Heartland Park Topeka, the Midwest's premier road course. All makes and models are encouraged to attend, not just Porsches. As always the event provides plenty of track time. Classroom instruction, driving exercises, and in car tuition is included for Novices and "Taste of the Track" participants, and anyone else interested in learning more. Friday October 1st will be an open track day for Instructors and preapproved Advanced drivers only.

KCRPCA is one of the friendliest and hospitable clubs in the country. DE events are action packed and fun for all, irrespective of experience. There will be a host of highly skilled and experienced Instructors on duty for Novice, and Intermediate Instruction, or for tips on improving driving technique. Heartland Park is a challenging track complete with elevation, camber and the famous and exhilarating "Alpha Zero". A Great gift for the car nut. Charity Fun runs will be available during lunch for friends, and families to see the track.

This is a "no frills" event designed to maximize your track time while keeping costs down. We have been able to keep the cost of this event the same as last year.

Please complete registration at www.clubregistration.net. Once you enter your info it is stored for future events and makes registration a breeze. Please be sure to update your driving resume on your profile so we can place you in the appropriate run group. This year you will be able to pay directly using your credit or debit card or you may send your entry fee to the address listed on the drivers application form. Additional information is available from Robert Wayman (816) 678-8370 or via email at kcctrackstuff@gmail.com. You must be 18 years old, have a valid driver's license, come with a 2000 (or newer) Snell approved helmet (there are a limited number of loaner helmets available) , and your car must pass a technical inspection. Open cars must have roll bars approved prior to the event. (Targas, 914's, Boxsters & Z4's and any open car with an approved factory roll over protection system are OK as delivered – email me for official approval). Please download the technical inspection and drivers application forms from our website. A completed drivers application and tech form are required to participate. You can send the drivers application form to me at the above address prior to the event, please bring the completed tech form to the track.

Entry must be made by September 26 so I can receive your entry in time for run group assignments. Your registration fee includes an affiliate membership in the KCRPCA. KCRPCA cancellation policy is noted on the event site at www.clubregistration.net. Space is limited; therefore acceptance is based on the entry date, register early this event is popular and fills up every year.

You will receive a confirmation email, please include your email address on the Drivers Application Form. Tech form and additional info are available at www.clubregistration.net.

See you there!

—Robert Wayman

KANSAS CITY REGION PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

Fall 2010 Autocross
Sunday, September 26, 2010
9AM to 11AM

Ameristar Casino West Parking
3200 N. Ameristar Drive, Kansas City, MO

Event Pre-Registration Form

Name		Date of Birth	
Address			
City / ST / Zip			
Phone (Work)		Phone (Cell)	
		Phone (Home)	
Email:			
Drivers License State:		Drivers License Number	
Porsches Only Please			
Porsche Model		Year	
			Color
Autocross Experience (Mark "X")	Beginner:		Novice (Less Than 4 Events)
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2010 Parade: A Reflection

By Doug Pierce PCA Zone 10 Rep



Parade this year, the first PCA National run Parade, was held in St. Charles, Illinois, July 3 through 8. St. Charles is a far western suburb of Chicago located on the Fox River that runs through the middle of downtown. PCA had taken over the Pheasant Run Resort where we had things basically all to ourselves, at least for a few days.

Jan and I left for St Charles a day early to attend pre-Parade meetings and to allow time to play golf at the Amana Colonies course in central Iowa. A friend of ours having grown up in Iowa recommended we play Amana since it was basically right on the way. Who would have thought there would be a picturesque golf course with wildly rolling hills and tons of woods in the middle of corn country, but there it was. I donated several balls to the woods, just a preview of things to come.

Arrival, check-in, meetings, and the other pre-Parade items went smoothly. We held our Zone 10 get-together right before the Parade opening Welcome Party in a pizza shop down the street from the resort. Not quite like Keystone with the heat and humidity having followed us to Illinois, but fun none-the-less. Well attended from all Regions in Zone 10 save 1.

The Parade Welcome Party featured Chicago style food - Chicago pizza, Chicago dogs, and a wide variety of other items. The Party was located at the general aviation airport located right next to the resort and featured classic Porsches paired with classic airplanes that periodically taxied away (the airplanes anyway) only to come back and buzz the hanger where we were located. Quite the unique venue.

The first major Parade competitive event was the Concours held on the first fairway of the Pheasant Run Resort golf course just outside our door. This Concours appeared to be exceptionally well populated with some one-of-a-kind examples of Porsche production. The classic display was especially interesting this year.

We basically goofed off most of the next day walking around looking at all the cars and eating with a number of friends we have made over the years, at least until the ice cream social. And then more eating.

The following day was the first of the Chicago area architectural tours put together by our own Kansas City Region Sean Reardon. I was drafted early by Sean to assist in loading people onto busses for the hour or so ride to the Frank Lloyd Wright studio and houses in the Oak Park area of Chicago. There we had a guided tour through the neigh-

borhood pointing out all of the Wright designed houses. At the end our tour, we had time to break off and head for the early Wright designed Unity Temple a few blocks away. Quite an interesting structure, and not being air conditioned, hotter than an iron foundry inside.

The following day started early for us, and offered up hot and humid conditions - probably the most oppressive day of the entire Parade. Jan and I had again registered for punishment of the golf tournament to be held on the Pheasant Run course, minus the Porsches on the first fairway. We were paired this year with Peter and Anna Fuller from the Red River Region in Winnipeg, Canada, fellow Zone 10 members. Both very nice people with golfing abilities in our same general range, and "don't take this too seriously" attitudes. The format was again a 4 person scramble, best ball. Even with that, our team finished dead last at 4 over par (the winning team carded 11 under - cheaters). We did, however, win the "Most Honest" award having recorded the only double bogey of the day (remember, this was a scramble with 4 attempts at each shot - boy did we smoke that hole). In spite of the obstacles, we had a blast.

As is usual at Parade, the week marched on, there were more competitive events, more meetings, much more food, and large doses of socializing. All-in-all, the Kansas City Region did pretty well at Parade. Bob Newton took third in the Concours Street Modified, Touring, Performance class with his 1957 Speedster, only 2 tenths of a point out of second. Sean Reardon took first place, with navigator West Dillard (husband of PCA National Secretary Caren Cooper) in the Equipped Plus class in only their second Parade TSD Rally. Sean also took home a second place trophy in the Mid 911/930 category of the Tech Quiz. Steve & Brenda Wilson finished a respectable 15th out of 57 in the Gimmick Rally. Rob Waldrop took second place at the Art Show in the Classic Photography -Amateur Division with his untitled Monte Carlo Rallye Car (who knew Rob had such talent?). Congratulations to Bob, Sean, Steve & Brenda, and Rob!

At the very end, the official announcement of the 2012 Parade location was made - Salt Lake City, Utah (very nice place, I've been there a lot on business in the past) - and the 2011 Parade in Savanna, Georgia touted. Hopefully we can have some of our KCRPCA members make the trip to Parade in Savanna. We'll be there.

—Doug

Fun Drive to Paola Kansas

By Neill Flood KCRPCA Executive Vice President



Please make plans to join us Saturday, October 16th for a scenic drive to Beethoven's Restaurant (beethovens-paola.com) located in Paola, KS for lunch. Once we arrive at the restaurant, a variety of German entrées awaits us along with Steaks, and Seafood and their wonderful desserts to name a few.

This will be about a 1 hour drive, and we will meet at the Ironwoods Park (14701 Mission Rd.) located in Leawood, KS at 10:30 AM and promptly depart at 11:00 AM. The Ironwoods Park is located off Mission Road (Between 143rd & 151st St) and we will be in the 2nd lot near the Lodge at Ironwoods.

After lunch, the fun drive participants will have the opportunity to tour the Paola Town Square area which offers a variety of locally owned shops in buildings dating back to the mid 1800's. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Porsche enthusiasts and enjoy your car as well.

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PCA Palooza 2010

By Doug Pierce PCA Zone 10 Rep

November 12-14, 2010

The 6th annual PCA Palooza hosted by the Ozark and Cimarron Regions is scheduled for November 12th, 13th, and 14th 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 173 Porsches from 13 states. A number of Kansas City Region members have attended previous Paloozas and found the event 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 quite pleasant for the mid-fall season. Eureka Springs is approximately 230 miles from Kansas City so it's really a fairly easy half day's drive to get there. For all event information and registration go their website at www.pca-palooza.com.

—Doug



PCA ZONE 10 CALENDAR

Update 07/20/2010

SEPTEMBER

18	Ste. Gen Winery Tour	St. Louis
18	Garage Crawl (tentative)	Wichita
18	Annual Shrimp Boil	Kansas City
18-19	Woodhouse Track Experience	Great Plains
18-19	Autoslalom with the WSCC	Red River
24-26	RVBOWWOW 6 tour, Lake City, MN	Dakota
24-26	18th Annual North Shore Fall Color Tour	Nord Stern
25-26	Fall Carrera Classic DE, Gateway International Raceway	St. Louis
26	Autocross, Ameristar Casino, Kansas City, MO	Kansas City
26	Autocross at Yoder	Wichita

OCTOBER

1-3	Drivers Education, Heartland Park Topeka	Kansas City
3-4	Autoslalom with the WSCC	Red River
9	Lamber's Throed Rolls Run	St. Louis
10	Autocross	Wichita
10	Fall Leaf Drive	Central Iowa
17	All Porsche Car Show, Kemp Auto Museum	St. Louis
23	Fall Color Tour	St. Louis
23	Annual Flaming Fall - Rally, Tech Quiz, dinner	Ozark Lakes
30	Road Trip to Cottonwood Falls (tentative)	Wichita
30	Halloween Party	Red River

NOVEMBER

13	Tech Session	St. Louis
14	Old Log Theater, Excelsior, MN	Nord Stern

DECEMBER

4	Christmas Party	Kansas City
11	Christmas Dinner, Gasthaus Gutenberg	Red River
15	Changing of the Guard	St. Louis

For detailed information about listed events, see the respective Region's website or the PCA National site at www.pca.org.

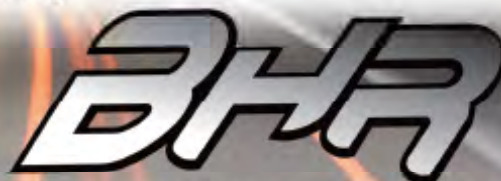
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Oktoberfest Car Show

By Tim Bubniak KCRPCA Board Member

Sunday, October 3rd

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Everyone please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 3rd for our yearly joint Oktoberfest celebration of German cars with the other German car clubs in Kansas City at Hawthorne Plaza on 119th Street in Leawood, across from Town Center Shopping Plaza.

We encourage everyone to come out and show their prized Porsche for all to see. We will hold a judged event for our cars that will require a \$20 charity donation to enter. The charity for this year's event is the World War I Museum in Kansas City. We remind everyone how generous the Museum was hosting our 50th Anniversary celebration that we all enjoyed so much. The World War I Museum is a very unique treasure in Kansas City that we all want to support.

The other car clubs will be holding similar events for their own charities and we want to make sure that our passion for Porsche is very well-represented at this event. The placement of cars for the show will begin at 9:00 am. In case you are worried about a conflict with the Chiefs, this date is an open weekend on their schedule. This has been a terrific event every year, so make sure you clear your schedule to attend. If you have any questions, email Tim Bubniak (listed on page 4) for further information.



—Tim

KCRPCA Christmas Party

By Jan Pierce Vice President - Social Activities

Saturday, December 4th

Please join your KCRPCA friends on Saturday, December 4, 2010, 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 desserts.

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 desserts 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.

Send your check for \$35 per person, made out to "KCRPCA" to:

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—Jan

Porsche RS Spyder, 911 GT3 RSR, 911 GT3 Cup all win at Mosport

BOWMANVILLE, Ont. Canada - August 29 - From the time they unloaded the Muscle Milk Porsche RS Spyder for Wednesday's test until the red flag which ended the Mobil 1 Presents the Grand Prix of Mosport race this afternoon, Klaus Graf (Germany) and Romain Dumas (France) had the fastest car at the track.

Either one driver or the other lead the field in every test session, every practice session, every warm-up, and for the entire American Le Mans Series race, giving the Muscle Milk Porsche RS Spyder its second overall win and third class win of the 2010 season.

In what turned out to be a banner day for Porsche's race cars and their customer-team owners, Patrick Long (USA) and Joerg Bergmeister (Germany) outperformed a tough selection of BMW, Ferrari and Corvette factory race cars in their Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR to score their fourth GT class win of the season and close in on their second straight drivers championship.

And, in the GT Challenge class for matched Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars, the Velox Motorsports Porsche of Shane Lewis/Lawson Aschenbach (both USA) scored the team's first win of the season, and kept Lewis' championship hopes alive as the Tim Pappas/Jeroen Bleekemolen Porsche, the current GTC points leaders, were second.

The race ended 30 minutes short of the two hours and 45-minute scheduled time as the #8 Drayson Racing Lola clipped the #48 Marquis Jet Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car being driven Luke Hines (England) between turns six and seven, where both cars were at maximum speed. Hines moved over to let the prototype by, but the Lola had not cleared the Porsche when it sent Luke spinning into the guardrail, pushing it back at least six feet from the race track. Although Hines was okay, after a short period of yellow flag time and a longer period of red flag status, the race organizers determined they could not fix the guardrail up to IMSA safety

standards in the time allotted by the TV coverage for the race, so the field was given the checkered flag and the race ended with the cars finishing in the order they were at the beginning of the yellow flag (right before the two-hour mark).

Hines told SPEED TV in a live interview after the race that he was upset about the accident, and, later, the Drayson driver, England's Jonny Cocker, was penalized in the final results for avoidable contact.

"I saw the #8 Drayson car coming, and I moved over to the left as far as I could and gave him plenty of room, yet he still hit me. The team worked so hard to give us a competitive car, and we were headed for the win after scoring the pole position - it's too bad it had to end that way. In GTC, we are responsible for staying out of the way, but the faster cars have a responsibility as well, and I don't feel that the other driver took that responsibility as seriously as he could have," said a frustrated Hines.

For the overall Porsche RS Spyder race winners, they felt they would win the race anyway, red flag or not. They were also on the pole and lead the whole way, and season-long driver Klaus Graf is still in contention for the season championship.

"What a great day! We were fastest all weekend, but we were still pushing for the perfect set-up. We found that set-up, and the the Muscle Milk Porsche RS Spyder ran perfectly - the car was incredible. It was a big pleasure having Romain Dumas - one of the best drivers in the world - as a teammate. As we almost lapped the second-place Honda, you can see that the entire crew did a great job with preparation," said Graf, who had last won at Mosport in the SCCA Trans-Am.

Romain Dumas, who is between his win at the 24 Hours of Le Mans and his upcoming stint in the Porsche GT3 R Hybrid at Petit le Mans, said this experience was great.

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"The 80 minutes I drove was one of the easiest stints I have ever done. I pushed hard for the first five laps, and we already had a ten-second lead, and the crew was already calling me to slow down to save fuel and tires. Driving a Porsche RS Spyder in front at Mosport - I don't think a race driver can have more fun," said Dumas, who, with fellow factory driver Timo Bernhard, won two straight ALMS championships in the Penske Porsche RS Spyder in 2007 and 2008.

The GT battle was another grind-it-out battle, with the Corvettes, BMWs and Ferraris all taking turns leading the race, but the #45 Flying Lizard Porsche 911 GT3 RSR prevailed, not only outthinking the other teams, but showing the all-out speed to keep them at bay once they took the lead.

"This has been an unbelievable season - every win has felt so much different because each one is so hard to get. In addition, it was a great feeling to show that we had the speed as well as the strategy and execution to win - this really gives us a boost for Petit Le Mans. We are a single point ahead of BMW and only 11 points ahead of Ferrari in the manufacturers championship, so there is still lots of work to be done, and there will be some additional Porsches at Atlanta to help us. We don't just want the drivers title - we want it all," said Long, who won the title with Joerg and the Lizards a year ago as well.

Bergmeister, who also won the GT title with the

Lizards in 2008 with Wolf Henzler, agrees that the win was important.

"With a 22-point lead in the GT drivers standings going into the last race, we have a good lead and this gives us even more motivation for Road Atlanta. The win makes us feel good for the possibility of clinching the championship," said Bergmeister, still the only driver to win ALMS and Rolex Grand-Am championships in the same year.

Other Porsche 911 GT3 RSR finishers including the Team Falken Tire entry of Wolf Henzler (Germany) and Bryan Sellers (USA) - seventh; and the Flying Lizard Porsche of Seth Neiman/Darren Law (both USA) - ninth.

As mentioned above, the Bryce Miller/Luke Hines Porsche was clearly the fastest car in GT Challenge, and was in first place right up until the accident, but Shane Lewis has five top-four finishes so far in the class, and today, his Velox Motorsports Porsche broke through for its first win. Although the Pappas/Bleekemolen Porsche is comfortably ahead in the point standings with its second-place finish, Lewis still has a shot at the championship. His co-driver, SCCA World-Challenge champion Lawson Aschenbach, was substituting for Lewis regular co-driver and car owner Jerry Vento. The Battery Tender/Alex Job Racing Porsche of Bill Sweedler and substitute driver Mitch Pagerey (pinch-hitting for Romeo Kapudija, who was injured in a testing crash on Wednesday) finished third despite driving a car that went through a complete re-build at the track Wednesday night and Thursday.



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