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From the Front Seat

By RSR President Peter Grant



"Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear...look! Up in the sky! It's a bird!, it's a plane! No...it's actually a BMW. (note: I believe I've mixed together the introductions from "The Lone Ranger" and "Superman", but without doing any research, the above is about as far as my memory can take me. Thanks for the literary "license"!)

A very ordinary 2001 E46 chassis 330Ci. Not even an "M" car. And it didn't come from Brin-gaTrailer, although as you know from last month's article the idea of adding a BMW to my "serial" collection was spawned there! For those who purchase cars on line, the value of the "safety" factor found when dealing with BaT becomes readily apparent when you start dealing with other on-line auction sites. But due diligence and a bit of luck has landed another "good bones" car in the garage that's in need of some TLC. Perfect.

The car was shipped from Portland, Oregon and delivered right over at Briarwood Mall...not much more than a couple of miles from the house. I was reminded of how my first drive in a German 3-pedal car (my brother's 320i) hooked me for life before I even reached my home. "Snick, Snick, Snick"... like a hot knife through butter. That's what the shifter feels like. Same feeling of lightness. What fun!

Does this mean I'm abandoning the Porsche ship? Good grief...NO (except for the Felicity Ace that sank on it's Atlantic crossing recently with a cargo hold full of brand-new Porsches!)! But re-finding the very different, and for me, very satisfying driving experience offered by one of BMWs older 3-series cars is proving to be great fun. I love Porsches, and each one I've owned has provided a terrific driving experience. That the BMW can provide the same level of driving joy while being a completely different "feel" might hold a "life lessen"...different need not be defined as worse. It's just...different.

"Meanwhile, back at the ranch", the RSR social and driving season is now well under way, which means the RSR volunteer engine is up, running, and going at full speed. May started off with a well-attended New Member Party, with thanks to Sebastian Gaeta and the Arbor Motion/Rennstatt team for a great time. Next up was our first Driver Ed track day at Waterford Hills Race Course, featuring a special focus on all those "first-timers" to the track. With over 80 cars going on track, the list of volunteers working together to make such an

event happen is long. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a great kickoff to the Driver Ed track season.

And then there's the "new kid on the block" ...Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) events. Once a popular RSR event, these driving fun events are experiencing a resurgence through the efforts of Phil and Francie Kish and Diane and John Thomson. Following this month's "Cars&Coffee" at Zingerman's Road House on May 20, TSD rally participants gathered at Stadium Auto (only 2 blocks away from Zingermans), where they were treated to coffee, bagels, and donuts by their gracious hosts and Co-Rally Masters Jim Glenn and Nick Bleau. Nick and Jim also had set up the challenging course facing the competitors. Special thanks to the Stadium Auto gang, and to Diane and John Thomson, who put the route together and provided a number of "prizes and awards" for all who participated.

Coming up soon is our 3-day benchmark Driver Ed event at Grattan. Aside from a great three days of on-track high speed track time, this year it includes a partner event to tour the Frederick Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids and a driving tour from there to Grattan Race Course, followed by touring laps of the track (street speed), dinner, and music at the track with all the DE students and instructors. Whew!

And coming up soon is our feature social event...Porsches in the Park...July 15. This full day of Porsche fun will include a driving tour, a TSD Rally, and a "People's Choice" set of awards for all Porsches in attendance, along with dinner, music, and dancing. Double Whew!

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! To all who help make this club a great place to celebrate...and to all those who have yet to volunteer but are thinking about it. I know you're out there! Join the fun, host an event or jump in and help with one that's already planned. YOU are what makes this club great.

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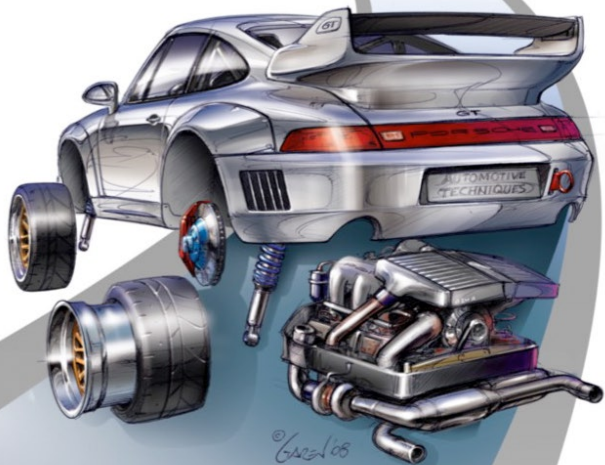
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June 9-11 (Fri.-Sun.): HPDE Weekend at Grattan Raceway.

June 10 (Sat.): Grand Rapids Garden & Track Tour (see ad on page 10)

July 10 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

July 15 (Sat.) 1:30-8:00 PM: Porsches in the Park -- German Park (5549 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor) Host: Jon Heidorn (see ad on page 8)

August 7 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

September 11 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

September 30- October 1 (Sat.-Sun.): HPDE Weekend at GingerMan Raceway.

October 2 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

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Other Events of Interest

Second Saturday of every month, 9:00 AM: The Gathering At Rennstatt (669 State Circle, Ann Arbor) (see page 27)

Third Saturday of every month April thru October, 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM: Ann Arbor Cars and Coffee. Zingerman's Road House, Ann Arbor (see page 27)

June 2-4 (Fri.-Sun.): Motor-Stadt 50th Anniversary Event -- Bavarian Inn & Lodge, Frankenmuth, MI (see ad on page 19)

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Ann Arbor Cars & Coffee – Saturday July 15th 7:30 – 9:00 am

Porsches in the Park 2022 – Saturday July 15th 1:30 – 8ish pm

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June 9th - 11th — Grattan Raceway
September 12th — Waterford Hills
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September 30th-October 1st — Gingerman



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Grand Rapids Garden & Track Tour Saturday, June 10th — 9:00 AM

Departing Saturday morning join us for a fun afternoon in Grand Rapids. We'll begin with a relaxing tour of the Frederik Meijer Gardens.



We'll then take a winding drive out to the Grattan Raceway where we'll drive "parade laps" on one of Michigan's most challenging road courses. Don't worry, parade laps are driven at normal public road speeds with no opposing traffic.

Finally, we'll join the track enthusiasts who spent the day driving the course "at speed" for the Saturday dinner on the site.

The cost for all events is only \$60/person. For more information contact Kevin Kral (kevinjkrall@gmail.com) or register by Saturday, June 3rd. at msreg.com/23RSPGarden.

New Member Party -- 2023

By member Sebastian Gaeta with photos by Burghard Linn & Patrick Young

Rally Sport Region's New Member Party was held on May 6th with a terrific turnout of members both new and "old". This annual event is a great opportunity to meet new members, welcome them into the club and also encourage them to become active in our Fast and Friendly Region. Among the 60 or so attendees were not just new members but some aspiring new members as well. The feedback I received from them was quite positive so hopefully that means even a few more new members!



Hosted by Arbormotion / Rennstatt and catered by Satchel's BBQ, it was the perfect combination of food, friends and Porsches. The BBQ from Satchel's was a big hit which is a good thing since they will be catering this year's Porsche In The Park event in July. I'd like to thank the Huber family and Jon Heidorn for helping with the early morning set up. Their hard work paid off as everything went very smoothly. Along with the Christmas Party this event is the best opportunity to mingle in a social environment with your fellow members so here's to seeing you at the next one!



Host Sebastian Gaeta (second from the right) chats with members (new and "old.")



As usual Satchel's BBQ was a hit!!!

RSR's Season Opening DE at Waterford Hills -- 2023

By member Sebastian Gaeta with photos by Burghard Linn, Glenn Trapp & Webmaster Emmanuel Garcia

More than 50 students and 25 instructors gathered at Waterford Hills for RSR's first High Performance Drivers' Education event of the season. Beautiful weather made for a great day of track driving and general camaraderie. Kevin Kral was Track Chair for this event and hit a home run on his first event.



Kevin Kral (left) holds the flags as Chief Instructor Phil Mather explains what to do when the yellow caution flag is out.

Charlie Brown's tireless efforts as Registrar resulted in full attendance and Chief Instructor Phil Mather's track management resulted in an exciting but safe event. Also, thanks to our DE sponsors Renstatt Racing, Porsche of Ann Arbor, Bloom Roofing and Stadium Auto Service who provide important funding for our DE events.



David Walker poses beside his 1985 911 -- you just have to love the rare colors.



Jeff Mahakian and his 2010 Carrera S Cabriolet





Boxsters are becoming increasingly popular at our track events. Cedric Gibson (left) and Dan Wagner (right) had a good time with theirs.



David Walker in his Prussian Blue 1985 911

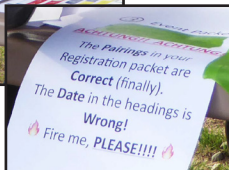
Two "real 911's (in the Editor's opinion).



Tim Boertman in his Espresso 1988 911



Charlie Brown, RSR's indefatigable Track Registrar displays his patience.



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Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) Rally

Story by John & Diane Thomson, photos by Mike O'Rear and other participants

Rally Sport Region opened our second season of TSD (time-speed-distance) rallying with a great event on Saturday, May 20. Stadium Auto Service hosted all the competitors and served as the start point for the rally, which was very convenient for those coming from the Cars and Coffee event at Zingerman's Roadhouse just around the corner. While the skies didn't always look great, the weather forecasts were correct and we didn't see any rain all day.

We had a spectacular selection of cars, including everything from John and Carole McConnell's hot rod 356 to Annie and Pepijn Bruienne's stunning Frozen Berry Taycan. We also met our future HPDE track chair, Elin Good-Parodi—she may be only 12 but she's clearly got her eye on the driver's seat in their gorgeous GT3!

Jim Glenn and Nick Bleau did a great job planning the route, which headed through some of the really nice roads in Unadilla, Hell, Hamburg Township and Marion Township before ending at Block Brewing Company in Howell. Besides the conventional TSD scoring which rewards competitors for completing route sections as close as possible to the ideal time, there was also a scenic "gimmick" where competitors took pictures at each stop along the way, earning dice to throw in a best Yahtzee hand contest back at the end of the route.

Ruth Schenk, Navigator on the 1st place car driven by her husband Chuck. (Anyone can drive the car, the power is in the navigator).
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A custom trophy mug made by Hostess Diane Thomson ----->



Contestants in front of a mandatory photo stop in Hell (Michigan, that is).

Chuck and Ruth Shenk posted the best score in the TSD, followed by Kalyan Sennerikuppam and Bob Gage in 2nd and John and Carole McConnell in 3rd, with Tim Pott and Mike O'Rear winning the gimmick with a large straight. Everybody had a great time and was a great way to start the season.

The next TSD rally will be as part of the Porsches in the Park event on July 15th, and we will do another one in the fall; we do lots of training for new rallyists so don't be afraid to give it a shot!

Thanks so much to Stadium Auto Service for hosting, and our new rallymasters Jim and Nick for helping to plan, and to all the participants for making such a fun event!

Event Rallymasters—Jim Glenn, Nick Bleau, and Diane and John Thomson



Stadium Auto's Rally Masters Angie & Jim Glenn (left) & Nick Bleau.



A fine and fitting end to a great drive -- food and beverage at Blocks Brewery in Howell.

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(TSD Rally from page 15)



John and Carole McConnell's hot rod 356.

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Annie and Pepijn Bruienne's stunning Frozen Berry Taycan.



Nick Bleau releases a participant on to the course.



Happily working hard to bring Time-Speed-Distance Rallying to RSR, John and Diane Thomson.



Recent new member Chris DeAngelis with son Aaron show a steely determination to do well.



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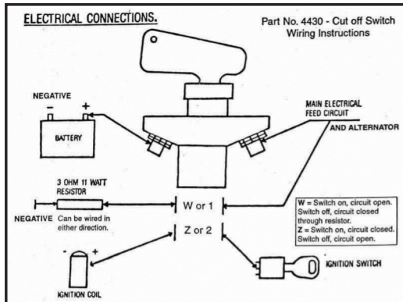
The 944 Chronicles

By member Skip Kuhn (see other articles by Skip at <http://exclusive.multibriefs.com/author/skip-kuhn>)

I dislike automotive wiring diagrams. Especially the ones I have a difficult time deciphering which is all of them. Several years ago, a young electrical engineer I worked with during my time in Afghanistan assured me that as a mechanical engineer it was OK if I let the smoke out of the wires occasionally when bread boarding a prototype wiring circuit idea. It was an indication that I had just learned something about electricity and electrical engineering. More succinctly, don't do that again. Consequently, adding auxiliary gauges to the 944 while challenging, only involved installing new gauges into existing gauge circuits. There wasn't a lot of deciphering required to understand what wire did what and where to plug them into the new gauges. No smoke emanated from my self-designed jumper harness, and ensuring a consistent ground was the biggest challenge.

However, one major racing-oriented modification to Project 944 remains. To me it is not only challenging but simultaneously fraught with peril. It is the wiring and installation of the mandatory external electrical cut-off switch. Typically mounted on the roll cage just inside either window (racing applications), it ensures that all power to the engine, alternator, and the rest of the vehicle (i.e., fuel pump and ignition) can be shut off externally by a corner or rescue worker. I already have a battery disconnect installed on the negative battery terminal but that won't meet the requirements of being able to kill the engine from outside the car in case of an emergency. An alternative mounting location for this switch on the 944 is under hood next to the stock battery location with an external pull cable attached to the switch. The other end of the pull cable provides a pull loop that is accessible externally along the base of the windshield.

I decided to use a Rennline 6 pole switch that isolates the battery feed, ignition coil, and ignition switch in a single quarter turn. It also includes a resistor circuit that prevents damage to the alternator if the switch is thrown while the engine is running. I know nothing about this particular feature but my longtime friends who are also automotive electrical engineers have promised me that failure to include said feature will almost assuredly result in an alternator replacement if the switch is flipped either accidentally or intentionally while the engine is running. I'll take their word for it.



Installation of course means modifying and adding to the factory wiring harness to accommodate both the switch circuitry and its installation location.

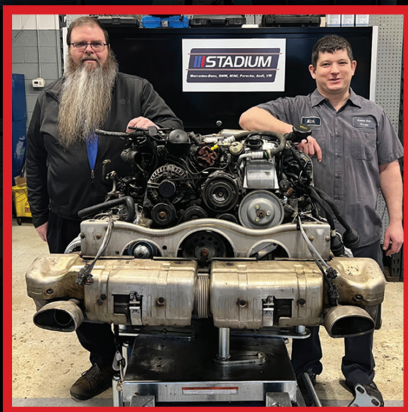


Hooking up a timing light to the MGB and setting ignition advance, easy. Setting points and checking dwell angle, ditto. Rerouting the primary power feeds and ignition coil wiring for the 944, I'm not quite there

yet. Inadvertently letting the smoke out of the wires is not an option for this project. I'm concerned about making an overly simplistic interpretation of the wiring diagram for the Rennline switch. Unfortunately, yet again, I have found myself overthinking this unfamiliar technical challenge and have gone into a state of analysis paralysis, a condition which really slows down progress until I manage to convince myself I know what to do.

Once I master the switch "challenge" the car is off to the fabricator to have the door bars installed into the roll cage. Notching and fitting tubes is definitely outside my current skill set. After that it's a matter of refitting the seats, belts, and roll bar padding. SCCA Improved Touring (IT) rules allow me to run the factory fuel tank along with a handheld fire extinguisher so the only work there is fabricating the fire bottle mounting plate to allow it to be mounted on the tunnel between the seats. A full remotely operated fire system installation is next up on the to do list for racing in vintage events with the VSCDA next year. In the meantime, according to the internet, I need to replace the "voltage stabilizer" for the fuel and temp gauges in the MGB. That is, once I figure out where it is and what it looks like.

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Caymans & Commentary

By member Randy Beikmann

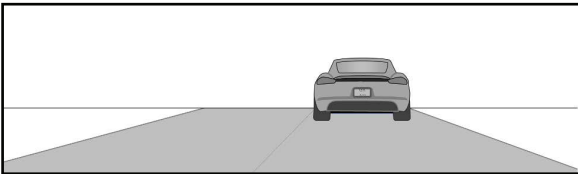
A Pleasant Surprise

On the way to our HPDE event at Grattan on MI-44 last year, I was following a car that caught my attention. It sure looked like a Porsche, but at about a quarter mile ahead, I couldn't quite place it. It had an impressively wide and low stance, and it was just a little squarish and blocky. Pretty intriguing.

I caught up closer to the track, and was very pleased to see it was a 718 Cayman, similar to the one I was driving! It's funny how you rarely get to see what your own car looks like on the road, but when you do it's good to find out that it looks great.

The other funny thing is that when the 718 came out, I wasn't thrilled with the styling cues. I didn't like the black band between the taillights with the chrome Porsche letters on it. I liked the way it was on my 987, where nothing connected the lights, and the vehicle model was spelled out in script. That was more subtle, and easily removed if you wanted to be more stealthy, which actually may be why Porsche puts more permanent lettering on the back now. (The badge on the frunk also used to be simply glued on, but now it sinks into an indent – you're not going to leave that off!)

And then there was the angularity of the 718. The contours had been very rounded on the 987. Now the shape was punctuated by sharp edges on the tops of the front and rear fenders. The headlights also had sharper ends. Hmmm.



On the other hand, designs have to change with time, or they get stale – even the 911 changes! For most cars, my rule of thumb is that if a new model looks good to me right away, it hasn't changed enough. The update has to create a reaction, show progress, and probably cause a little unease. Otherwise it won't age well. Music fans say the same thing when their favorite band's new album "just doesn't sound like the previous one." But who wants to hear the same thing again?

So, upon further review, the 718 works pretty well. The sharper edges help it break away from its big brother, without being too radical of a departure from previous Cay-

mans. And to me personally there is a hint of "pony car" in it, mainly from the early generations of Mustang (not a copy mind you, but similar elements).

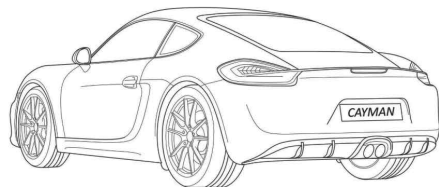
Take a look at the 1970 Mustang rear window, a long fastback with a ducktail. The rear fenders extend wide from the B-pillars (or are they C-pillars?), and they are sharp-edged, giving it broad shoulders. The 718 uses the same general concept. It looks great on both cars.

The 718 side scoops look awesome, just like on the 981. They remind me of those on the 1964 ½ to 1968 Mustangs, with one major difference: they're functional!

What do I miss about the 987 styling? The biggest thing is the extreme drop of the fastback, right down to the bumper. The rear fenders, sticking above the level of the window near the tail, give the impression it's going to leap ahead. The resulting ¾ view is stunning. No other car has that same squat look.

From a practical standpoint, I've never driven a car with better visibility than a 987, being able to see the ground 20 feet ahead and behind. The 718 is better than most modern cars, but it can't touch the 987, which also has huge mirrors placed forward and outward compared to the 718 (Porsche may have been trying to improve aerodynamics and wind noise by moving them back and in.)

Looking back, I don't know why I had a problem with the 718 in the first place. It must have had just the right amount of change.



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Ramblings From a Life With Cars

By Regular Contributor and SEM-PCA Member Tom Fielitz

What is Behind Me?

A long time feature on all cars is threatening to become extinct. We have taken for granted that all of our cars and trucks come equipped with rear view mirrors. The need to see what is behind us has not changed but how that is done has evolved in many of our current vehicles. It is shifting from that reflective piece of glass to a miniature camera and video screen. It is mostly a change of necessity but also of aero design. As automotive design has evolved in more wind cheating shapes the view out the rear of the car has become more and more restrictive and limited. The answer has turned from better window design to creative automotive technology. In some ways the same automobile racing demands that created the rear view mirror drove the technology of the replacement of mirrors by the video monitor and screen.

It is commonly held that the car mounted rear view mirror was created by Ray Harroun for the first Indy 500 of May 30, 1911. Rear view mirrors on street cars soon followed as the story goes. It was true that it was the first application of a mirror on a racing car. Ray Harroun actually was a widely successful racer and inventor of that era. Common racing practice was to carry a riding mechanic who would observe traffic as well as monitor the mechanical bits of the race car. Ray figured this created more aero drag as well as additional weight. He had never seen a mirror mounted on a car but he once had observed the driver of a horse drawn taxicab with a mirror mounted on a stick. His 3x8 mirror affixed to the dash of his Marmon Wasp drew much objection from the other racers.

But starting 28th in the first Indy 500 field he drove a steady race for 6 hours and 42 minutes to win at an average speed of 77 mph. In fact he credited his win to Firestone who advised him to keep the speeds below 80 to limit tire wear and blowouts. Changing a tire took over ten minutes and Ray only changed the right rear tire for the entire race where as his competitors changed as much as a dozen tires. As for the mirror advantage, "To tell the truth, on the track surface, I couldn't see a damn thing in it, Harroun said, and no one knew but me."

Harroun went on to drive for Buick and Marriot from 1905 to 1911 winning many race with the 500 being his last race. He even founded the Harroun Motor Car Company in Wayne, Michigan before retiring in 1959 and dying in 1968. Riding mechanics became mandated in 1912 to 1917.

As for mirrors on street cars, European car the Argus had a dash mounted mirror in 1906. In 1914 a patent was issued for a mirror mounting device to view blind spots and a book by Dorothy Levitt in 1906 advised women drivers to use a hand held compact mirror to occasionally look for traffic. In 1921 a patent was issued to Elmer Bergen for a device to mount a mirror he called The Cop Spotter. Mirrors were not widely used because most roads were only two lanes. But as roads were widened to four lanes and traffic increased, the need for mirrors grew. Still, through the early 80's only an inside mirror and a left side mirror were required. My 1972 911 might be one of the last Porsches with only a left side door mirror.

Similar to Ray Harroun's racing mirror, aero considerations are driving the trends to the modern video camera replacing mirrors. The fact is that modern rear windows have become ridiculously small with very limited rear vision. The rear view camera on rear deck lids is very nearly standard equipment but even outside mirrors may shrink to postage stamp size. One tap of the windshield mounted mirror can change it to a wide angle camera view even with enhanced brightness. The days of the mirror being blocked by tall passengers or boxed cargo are gone. Racing has also kept pace with camera technology. Chevrolet developed an advanced rear camera system for its racing Corvettes. Especially in night races it was difficult to keep track of upcoming cars with the glare of headlights. The GM system sorts out cars coming up to pass and even identifies what class of car it is and which side of the car being passed it is most likely to take. GM has made the technology free to all competitors and has saved countless accidents. Along with blind spot monitor lights in the side view mirrors we have taken rear view mirrors into the current century.

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Rally Sport Region -- Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2023

Peter Grant: President.....Absent
Jon Heidorn: Vice-President.....Present
Tim Pott: Previous Past PresedentPresent
Burghard Linn: Treasurer.....Present
Kevin Kral: SecretaryPresent
Charlie Brown III (Events Registrar).....Present

Members & Visitor Present: Jim Glenn, Nick Bleau, Dennis Huibregtse, Glenn Trapp, Gary Hibler, Steve Gross, Suzanne Schimanski-Gross, Diane Thomson, John Thomson, Conrad Zumhagen, Tim Boertman, George Gilligan

Call to Order: John called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM at the NCMS Building, Ann Arbor.

President's Report: Jon reported no update on presidents report.

Meeting Minutes: April meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion: To approve meeting minutes passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Burghard reviewed the April financial report. Motion: To approve all financial reports passed unanimously. REMINDER: The Treasurer's Report is available to club members. Email Burghard Linn at burghard.linn@gmail.com

Insurance Report: Waterford, TSD and other current event insurance has been requested.

Sponsorship Report: DE sponsors are closed for the season. PIP might get Porsche Motor City as a silver sponsor as well.

Social Committee Report: by Jon Heidorn. He handed out a 1-page summary of 2023CY RSP events. New member meeting is going to be held May 6th. Sebastian would like to do another blast and blast to non-members

Advertising Report: All advertisers are paid and we can handle another half page.

Membership: Glenn Trapp confirmed our status is up to 345 members.

Track Report: Discussed current financial status and events. Discussed combined Meijer Gardens Event as well. Charlie

Dave Finch.....Present
Sebastian GaetaPresent
Alex Green.....Present
Wally Haley: Insurance ChairPresent
Matt HuberPresent
Riley McKeownPresent

also provided thanks to Rich Chang for all the work he put in as Charlie takes over. Waterford event is closing today and has all the student spots sold out.

Newsletter: Deadline will be May 21st.

Website: No Report

Events Committee:

- Looking for Volunteers for leading a drive to go with the Grattan Entertainment Event 6/10.
- New pop up gathering will be held May 11th
- John Thomson Planning a TSD Rally on May 20th.
- PiP is well underway and registrations are open

New Business: Dennis brought up the concept of "Adopt a Highway" from a discussion with a member of another region. Dennis to get additional information for the next meeting.

Steve Gross brought up having fliers to put on cars. Last effort faded out. Steve to look into printing up a card.

Spinal Association will be having an event on June 7th that shows what they are about. We donate to that group.

Old Business: Continued discussion on Safety Chair. Moton: To drop the discussion of and safety chair position as approved unanimously.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting passed unanimously at 7:36 PM. Minutes taken by Kevin Kral, Secretary.



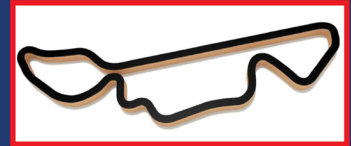


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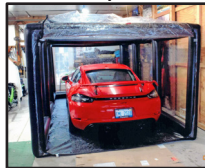
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