

The Dusty Trail

July and August 2016



Upcoming Events

July 16th-Dawn Patrol Drive- leave Holy Spirit Church at 49th & Bahnson at 10:00 drive to Minnesota location and have lunch-please RSVP to jkl.lunde@sio.midco.net-**Kathy** and Lee Lunde hosts

July 27th-Board Meeting at Sue Johannsen's home in Brandon at 2717 Augusta 7:00 pm

August 25-27th Run for the Hills Call K Bar S in Keystone for reservations and then fill out registration form available at dak.pca.org

October 6-8th A.M.O.R.E. Tour information & registration forms available at dak.pca.org.

Check out the our website at dak.pca.org for pictures from Parade 2016

In our Region

This has been an unusual summer in the Sioux Falls area. Lots of rain in May and June and some June days that felt a lot more like July. Now it's July and we've had some lovely days with temps in the 80s and low humidity. We walk on the bike trails in the mornings and have enjoyed quite a few pleasant mornings. We are planning to go to Run for the Hills this year which is the first time in about 3 or more years. We are looking to reconnect with old friends and hoping to meet new friends who are coming this year after either experiencing Escape 2015 in the Black Hills or hearing about what a great time everyone had.

In May, Dave and Linda Shields hosted a Pot Luck at their house on a warm Saturday. They provided the meat and everyone brought a dish to share. It was well attended and everyone had a good time.

From June 19-25th , the Porsche Parade was held in Jay Peak, Vermont. John Forrete has provided us with an article about Parade and an article about attending La Mans in France, a once in a lifetime experience to be sure!

On June 26th, a new member, Jerrod Einerwold , set up a Dawn Patrol for us. We drove up to the Montrose area and then came back for lunch at Shenanigan's Pub. Thanks Jerrod, for your effort! and work to show us a good time

“A voice cries out in the wilderness” – no, not a Scripture passage, but those of us who attended the 2016 Porsche Parade in beautiful, rural Northern Vermont at the Jay Peak Resort. Actually, it may have better of a quote to say, “A boxer engine cries out in the wilderness”! The roads were spectacular for Porsche cars and there were many plying the roads of this northern dominion for the last week of June.

The Jay Peak Resort is well laid out, but it is sprawling in and about the hills and valleys of the area. The week started out very warm, but cooled off nicely as Parade progressed. Beautiful drives to the small towns in the area and we took great advantage of the shops and restaurants. This was particularly true of Fritz and Pamela’s Austrian restaurant – The Derby Line Inn – in Derby Line, VT. It is so close to the Canadian border (“How close IS it??”) that half of the opera house is in the United States and the other half is in Canada!

The Gimmick Rally was a particular challenge this year finding and photographing covered bridges in the region. We came across some young entrepreneurs (ages about 11 and 9) who produced their own maple syrup and brought some back home with us. And their mom’s brownies weren’t too shabby, either.....

Tech sessions were also excellent, as usual. Did you know that if you buy Michelin tires that they offer a 3-year roadside assistance??? Nope, we didn’t know either; so needless to say, we had to hug the Michelin Man.

Another wonderful Parade has come and gone, but we look forward to the 2017 Porsche Parade in Spokane, Washington. They will have their hands full trying to outdo the celebration held in Vermont!!



Trying to sum up the experience of the 24 Hours of Le Mans in one sentence – or even harder – in one word is a futile exercise. It is such an intense encounter, that words cannot fulfill the requirement. As Marcine said, “It is sensory overload!” – and she is absolutely correct.

We arrived on the Thursday before the race and stayed in the Flexotel Village of Travel Destinations. It was conveniently located on the grounds of the racecourse “Village” area, but we still did miles of walking around the venue. The layout is vast, but there are amazing happenings around every corner. We watched Thursday night qualifying sessions in the rain (if it ain’t raining, it ain’t Le Mans.....) and went into the city of Le Mans on Friday looking for the ceremony of the hands (the bronzed hand prints of the previous years’ winners are placed at Place St. Nicolas) and meandered up to the Cathedral (beautiful St. Julien’s, btw) that Steve McQueen drove by in the movie. Great lunch at Auberge des 7 Plats in town and then back to the race course to check out all the booths in the “Village”. Saturday was the start of the race and the numbers were placed between 250,000 to 300,000 attending. Rain delayed the release of the racers by the safety car, and I cannot do justice to the sounds by sheer verbal description. It is both heard and felt. We were in the stands 24 hours later, when the poor Toyota Hybrid failed on the last lap and stalled in front of us. We watched the ebullient Porsche team; as they realized that they would get their 18th win at Le Mans. A great ending to a lifetime dream of actually attending the world’s greatest car race!!

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