

The Dusty Trail

November and December 2016



New Members

Mark Dahlan
Lakota, ND
2001 911 Carrera 4

Jeffrey Eckroth
Bismarck, ND
2012 Cayenne S
1999 Boxster

Upcoming Events

**November 16th-DRPCA
Board Meeting 7 pm @ 2717
Augusta Brandon**

**December 10th-Dakota
Region Annual Christmas
Event-at the Illinois Central
Locomotive Buliding-525 N
Weber 6 pm \$25 per person
RSVP to Sue Johannsen @
sue.johannsen@hotmail.com**

**Check out the our website at
dak.pca.org for pictures**

President's Message

Hello everyone,
Happy Fall everyone. Well another trip to the East around the Mississippi, LaCrosse and Decorah is in the books. A combination of old friends and the welcoming of the new was a great combination. All those I have spoken with had a wonderful time. I was unable to attend and have caught a considerable "hard" time for that. I promise the pie will return next year. We have some opportunities to come together for additional events in November with a trip to Bluestem for supper on the 5th and our Christmas event on the 10th of December.

We are nearing the time when our voting opportunity for Board members is coming to a close. The closing date is November the 1st. As soon as the voting is completed we will notify the membership of the results. I would like to thank all of those who agreed to serve for the coming year.

Please consider this your personal invitation to come for our next event.

Have a wonderful fall and a safe winter season.

Sue

John Forrette has provided a report on the trip he organized and we wished we could have attended called Amore: Buon Giorno!!!!

It truly was a collection of "good days" for the annual DRPCA trek to the Mississippi River Valley of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. AMORE' tour was anchored this year in festive La Crosse, WI at the wonderful GrandStay Suites, right on the waterfront. We started with a fun dinner at the fabulous Wine Guyz restaurant on Thursday evening and everyone got a chance to acquaint or reacquaint with new and old friends. Afterwards, a few hardy souls took the elevator to the top of the Charmant Hotel for a fireside table and conversation, coupled with a million dollar view of the river. On Friday, the featured drive took us from La Crosse to Decorah, IA along the Iowa River Road. A gracious and delicious meal was served at T-Bocks in downtown Decorah and was arranged by regular attendees and our constant DRPCA friends from Decorah - Chuck and Terri Grosser (with help from their low mileage Turbo.....). Many thanks to them! We then meandered back towards Minnesota, where we took in the bluffs near La Crescent and a stop at the River View Winery for the splendid wines and an even more splendid view of the river from high atop the bluff. It was then onto the South Wind Orchards for apples of every kind and variety. A stop at the restored Pickwick Mill in Pickwick, MN was next; after the beautiful, winding roads of the valleys that connected these areas. Dinner was served at the ever-popular Hillside Fish Shop in Bluff Siding, WI, before heading back to La Crosse for an extended nap. Saturday's weather was even more gorgeous than Friday's, which allowed for the drop top cars to take advantage of the conditions. A drive from La Crosse to Prairie du Chien, WI started the tour and eventually the group wound its way to the little hamlet of Potosi, WI, home of the famed Potosi Brewery. Lunch was at the brew pub and many took the time to walk through the grounds, the brewing museum, and the winery and cheese store across the street. It was tough to leave such a charming place - and we got to meet a group of Porsche owners and drivers from Illinois there! They had the whole gamut of P-cars from 356's to 991's. The ride back to La Crosse was a perfect mixture of town and country, with exceptional Porsche roads abounding. We happened on AppleFest in Gays Mills, WI and it looked like a great time - it was postponed from the previous week due to flooding in town that occurred a few weeks before. Back in La Crosse, we were treated to another scrumptious meal at the 4 Sisters Tapas and Wine Bar - and treated to another great view of the river from its dining room. Votes were cast and the AMORE' Fun Person of the Weekend was our own Sherry Peer! She was awarded a bodacious "Chevy Trucks" T-shirt! Member and La Crosse native Jim Meyer took a group up to see Grand Dad's bluff at the crack of dawn on Sunday (9 AM) for a sensational view of the Mississippi River and its valley. Some issues with Ryan and

Jeanine's Boxster tire arose, so they repaired to "Boxster World" (a.k.a. Jim's house) for a healing touch. Thanks to all for their participation - especially, new PCA members Bill and Michelle Heiting from Stillwater, MN and Jozef and Nikki Jo Mergan from Onalaska, WI. Stay tuned to the Dakota Region website and Facebook page for photos from this year and information on next year's tour and the return of RV-BOWWOW!!!

On November 5th, Dave Brandt and Sherry Peer hosted us at a dinner in Luverne, Mn at the Bluestem. It is located at the exit for Luverne on I90 & Highway 75. It was very well attended with 14 guests and the food was delicious. Lee and I had hanger steak with fresh vegetables and potatoes. We had great conversation and were invited to Sue Johannsen's house for dessert. Thanks to Dave and Sherry for hosting this wonderful dinner.

Our elections for Board of Directors has been held and we have some new and some returning Board members. Please refer to the list on the last page of the newsletter for the Board members for 2017. Congratulations and thank you to all our board members.

I have been encouraging members to send in Porsche related stories to add to our newsletter. The following story was sent in by Dave Shields. I am sure you will enjoy it.

AN AUTUMN CAUTIONARY TALE

Fall is a beautiful season, mostly my favorite. It does create some anxiety for me. Living in the Midwest it means the days are shortening; less light; winter and snow approaching. Also, somehow inside my bones it feels like school will soon be happening! Memories of trips to the principal's office... I often watch the squirrels running around gathering nuts before the really bad weather hits. I identify a great deal with those squirrels.

Besides all the household tasks like putting away the hoses, raking leaves, putting deck furniture away; there are also car tasks to do. I've gotten caught being too late with these tasks; rushing to store a car for winter; just as the sleet starts on Halloween, for example.

Friday, as part of this winter preparedness I scheduled the 911 and the Cayenne for the summer/winter tire swap at Classic Import Car Repair. It has meant scheduling, taking the eight winter tire and wheel sets off the wall hangars in the garage, and either borrowing a pickup or making several trips. But when we bought the Cayenne, the original owners gave us a basket that fits into the receiver hitch. Now I've got this to move the tires. I can put the smaller 911 tires

in the back of the SUV and strap the four larger Cayenne tires to the basket, then truck them the short distance to Tranby's from the house. I had just enough time to do this before they closed. I used to change the tires myself but, it involves a great deal of lifting and I've gotten lazy. I did pass on how to do it to my kids, though which I feel good about.

I started by loading the four smaller wheel/tire combos into the back of the Cayenne; covering the tires to prevent marring anything. I then mounted the basket to the receiver hitch of the Cayenne. The basket fits a little loosely and rocks a bit, but the tires would be cinched with straps and solidly loaded.

I then moved the larger wheel/tires to the basket. The rear of the car faced the steep driveway and the street. These wheels and tires are heavy! I got three of them in the basket and got them balanced against each other. I turned to get the fourth and they fell over. I placed the fourth tire/wheel against the garage door frame so I could tie down the three to prevent escape.

At this point I went to get the straps to tie things down surely. I didn't go very far. I wanted to put number four with the three and when I turned to get the tire it was gone! I think there had been some distractions. The UPS driver who is attractive, vivacious, and friendly (and returns my waves...an Iowa farm boy always appreciates return waves) stopped to leave a package and comment at the Porsche with all the tires! Of course, I smiled and greeted her.

Had I put the wheel somewhere else in the garage? I took at least two tours around the garage, but no fourth giant wheel! I was worried that it had silently rolled down the driveway; so, hoping to find it elsewhere was wishful thinking. Both my parents had dementia, not hereditary, but still I worry; especially since retirement. I stared north down the steep driveway. No tire! I figured it would've crossed the street, jumped the north curb, run across the lawn, then run down the hill to Plum Creek ravine (killing a few deer and turkeys on the way!). I considered hiking the long distance to the ravine, but wasn't yet ready to commit trespassing. Besides I couldn't believe it was gone! Did someone steal it?

From our house East Plum Creek RD curves east and finally south downhill. I can only see a short way that direction. About this time my neighbor from a block away stopped as he was walking his two English Bulldogs. I said, "Hi" and I went to let the dogs sniff me. He warned me, "The little one bites". So, I eyed them for size and they looked about the same so neither got petted! My bulldog neighbor said laconically; "Did you lose a tire?" (He could see my process by the back of the Cayenne, I am sure.)

I said, "Why yes, did you see one?" He said, "It's down the hill at the bottom in the gutter!" I asked, thinking of the danger, "was anyone killed?" He said, "No" and I thanked him and proceeded to walk the three-block distance down the hill. I found the culprit, as he had mentioned, in the gutter. There was a small scratch on the wheel..not really curb rash. I started rolling it back up the hill. I got about a block, it was hard work because of having to lean over to roll it.

At that point another neighbor asked if he could help by putting it in his pickup

and moving it to my house. I gladly accepted the offer. This neighbor is running for State House, he is a nice man, good neighbor; but sadly, I didn't vote for him. I didn't tell him, as we talked about his reasons for running, I felt guilty for not voting for him. I reminded myself it's best to vote for the person; not the party. I wasn't living my values. He asked my stance on issues.

Then, he helped me tie the tires down. I was still embarrassed and grateful I hadn't hurt anyone or thing; just my pride. I mentioned my worries about dementia and some of the dangerous things my dad did on the farm in that state. He concurred that his own father on the farm had worried him as well. By now it was too late to take the tires to Classic. That would have to wait till Monday.

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