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It has been great to see so many of you at Cars & Coffee and Drive & Dine this last month. We have had record turnout for it being cold and wintery out!

For March we have our usual Cars & Coffee at Cozy Café on March 11th. And, don't forget the Drive & Dine on March 21st at Whiskey River in Ankeny.

There is one non-PCA sponsored autocross on Saturday, April 1, for those that have the competitive bug. It is being held by DMVR SCCA. Please see the calendar on the Schonesland website for a link to this event for more information if interested!!



Our first drive is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd. It is our annual Mad Warren drive. For those that have not done it before, it is a nice start to the driving season with a half day drive on a few of the curvy roads here in central Iowa! More information on this drive, as well as all of the other drives, will be coming soon. Always look at the website or Facebook for updated info!

Looking forward to warmer weather, cleaner streets, and some spirited driving!!

Jen Scharff, President jenscharff@me.com

PLANNED DRIVING TOURS

Preliminary Schedule Subject to Change

April 22 - Mad Warren

May 6 & 7 - Loess Hills to Sioux City

June 3 - Stalltek Restoration Tour

June 9 & 10 - Omaha Cars and Coffee

July 13 to 16 - Wisconsin Drive

Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 - Redwing, MN





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CARS & COFFEE

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The weather once again smiled on the Schonesland Cars & Coffee at the Cozy Cafe. Have we had a great winter or what?

From left to right: Jeff Hammond, Angie Nowysz and Thomas Nowysz

CARS & COFFEE

RECAP



From left to right: Julienne Krennrich, Garry Seeman, Don Parbs, Rich Collins and John Haluska



From left to right: Kyle Yoder, Ken Watkins and Schonesland President Jen Scharff



From left to right: Phill Paterson, Drew Hillman and Cameron Thorstenson

Don't Just Attend Porsche Parade... ...Be a Part of It!



Porsche Parade offers driving tours in which PCA members and guests meet up at a defined starting location, drive together along an interesting route, and enjoy a unique place or destination – often including a luncheon with PCA friends. Parade is a great time to join a driving tour!

Phase 2 Registration Opens April 5, 2023



June 18-24, 2023
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www.porscheparade.org

DRIVE & DINE ANNA DOLCE RECAP

Anna Dolce is a new venue for hungry Schonesland members. Even though it was freezing outside with piles of snow framing the parking lot, the atmosphere inside was warm and friendly. A total of 36 Schoneslanders attended.



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DRIVE & DINE

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ANNA DOLCE

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From left to right: Klay Kane, Shashi Perera, Mindy Bell and Ed Bell.

From left to right: Logan Runyan, Kloey Runyan, Emily Hillman and Past President Drew Hillman.



From left to right: Ken Watkins, Garry Seemann and new member Dan Loes.



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UPCOMING DRIVES

Season Opener Mad Warren Drive Only Seven Weeks Away Loess Hills Run to Sioux City is just two weekends later!!

Believe it or not, we're on the backside of winter and just seven weeks away from the MAD WARREN drive to kick off the 2023 driving season here in Schonesland.

Touring Committee member and Trail boss Herman Riva is putting together a memorable half-day event to get our Porsches out of winter's hibernation and running down the hilly, curvy highways of MADISON & WARREN counties on SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND. Please be looking for more information as the final details are announced.

The LOESS HILLS RUN to Sioux City will be held on SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 6TH & 7TH. One of Schonesland's favorite tours, this drive will thrill you with some of the best driving roads in the state of Iowa. The Loess Hills Scenic Byway is on the United States Registry of Scenic Byways and deservedly so. Touring Committee member and Trail Boss Cam Torstensen will be filling you in on dining and route details when they are completed.

With an overnight stay at the Marriott Riverfront Hotel overlooking the mighty Missouri River in South Sioux City, NE and our private dinner at the legendary Kahill's Chop House in the hotel, it's a full day of driving, fun, friendship and dining. The next morning, if you have the time and enough gas in your tank, you can drive the Byway again to return home.

This is a very popular Schonesland event so get the date on your calendar and we will let you know the details in the near future.

Please put these dates on your calendar!

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Rudi and his wife came to Iowa from Bosnia in 2000 after graduating from college. Rudi began working at Willis Auto Campus in 2012, where he learned the PPF installation process from Willis' founding PPF installer at the time. In February of 2021, Rudi pursued his "American dream" and opened Rudi's Protective Solutions, LLC in Urbandale, offering complete wraps, window tints, protective paint film (clear bras) and paint correction and ceramic coatings.

Rudi is the preferred film installer for many of Central Iowa's most prominent auto dealers, and as the word gets out, to many auto owners, especially those with luxury and exotic cars. Rudi's passion for excellence and his clients' complete satisfaction borders on fanatical. He fiercely stands behind his work.

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COMPETITION CALENDAR



Non-PCA Competition Events

Autocross Events held by Des Moines Valley Region - SCCA

- April 1-2: Valley West Mall – north end lot
- May 20-21: Merle Hay Mall – north end lot
- July 15-16: Merle Hay Mall – north end lot
- Sept. 23-24: Valley West Mall – north end lot
- A June and August site are in the planning stage but not confirmed at this time.

Check the DMVR Facebook page and DMVR-SCCA website for updated information. <https://www.dmvrscca.org/> DMVR can provide helmets and usually assist with instruction. Registration is typically at 7AM. You can register for either one or two days.

Track Days put on by SCCA in the Midwest. (This is for “Track Experience” sessions conducted on the racetrack.)

- May 20-21: Heartland Park Raceway, Topeka, KS (250 miles – 4.5hrs)
- July 15-16: Ozarks International Raceway, Gravois, MO (325 miles – 5.5hrs)
- Aug. 12-13: Hastings Motorsports Park, Hastings, NE (295 miles – 5hrs)
- Sept. 16-17: Raceway Park Midlands, Glenwood, IA (125 miles – 2hrs)

Nord Stern PCA competition events

Complete info can be found at <https://website.nordstern.org/calendar/>

- April 22-23: First Fling
- May 20-21: Spring Fling
- June 19-20: Cheese Fling
- July 14-16: Loonacy Weekend
- Sept 15-17: Last Fling

Great Plains PCA competition events

Check for future postings on their website
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60 DAY EVENT LIST

- March 11 Cars & Coffee @ Cozy Cafe, Johnston
- March 21 Drive & Dine @ Whiskey River, Ankeny
- April 8 Cars & Coffee @ Cozy Cafe, Johnston
- April 18 Drive & Dine Location TBD
- April 22 Mad Warren Drive

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It's an age old question: what do you get someone who really doesn't need anything. My girlfriend, Dorothy Struthers, went another way for Christmas and gave me an experience. I have been a Porsche guy ever since I studied in Germany. If you think about the cars driving around the United States in 1970 and then immerse yourself into a Porsche environment, the difference in cars was eye opening. I came back home knowing a Porsche would be in my future once I made enough money to afford it. So, from pretty much the moment I learned about Porsche Experience Centers, it became a bucket list thing for me.

This past January, Dorothy and I drove to Los Angeles. I could write a dozen articles about LA. It is a HUGE metropolitan area with a month of activities if you have time, money and patience with mind numbing traffic. We did manage to squeeze in the Petersen Automotive Museum, Rodeo Drive, a glass of wine at Walley's and dinner at Spago where Dorothy met Wolfgang Puck!

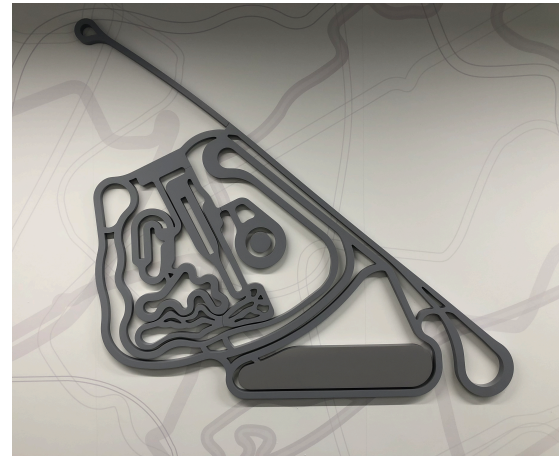


As you drive into the Porsche Experience Center (PEC) in LA, you realize you are entering a special place. Sparkly Porsches of every model in the parking lot. Well landscaped. Very neat. Very clean. You enter an airy central hall encircled with large monitors advertising new model Porsches and special cars from the company's illustrious racing past. English was just one of a half dozen languages we heard.



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My time slot on the track was 10:00 to 11:30. And, at exactly 9:55 a pleasant young man named Derek introduced himself. Derek was my instructor. His family once owned and he had managed a go-cart track. To say that Derek could navigate around the PEC track is a huge understatement.

Derek led me to a 2023 911S. Chalk (Jim and Jen Scharff take note) with a black interior and deviated stitching in chalk. No manuals are currently being offered at the PEC anymore. A true sign that times are changing.



The PEC consists of multiple components. The complex contains a handling circuit, autocross pad, launch mode straightaway and two epoxy coated skid pads. If I do say so myself, I was the master of the skid pads. Growing up in Iowa, winter driving teaches you counter steering. The water sprayed epoxy coated pads were as slick as any black ice I have ever ventured on. It was fun skidding all over the place. But, I was so looking forward to track time the skid pads grew old pretty quickly.

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THE BUCKET LIST



The autocross pad was truly a learning experience. I had never attempted autocross before that moment. Navigating the cones the first couple of laps was confusing. But, once I got comfortable with the tight turns I would have loved a few more times around the course just to improve my lap time.

Launch mode was a new one for me as well. All my 911's have always been sticks. So, when Derek told me to put my left foot on the brake, floor the accelerator with my right and press my head back onto the headrest I didn't take him very seriously. After my first launch and banging my head back on the headrest I learned to do whatever Derek said. I now know why they call it launch mode.

Then came, the main course, the handling track. Derek took the wheel and drove me around the 1.3 mile track a couple of times. It was a tight course with concrete barriers closer than I would have wanted. After his running narration of how to navigate the curves we pulled over and he got into a lizard green 911, gave me an intercom and told me to try to maintain a two car-length gap between us.

Derek's first lap with me in tow was a calm one. After the first lap I felt pretty cocky in my ability thinking numerous "spirited" driving tours with the Schonesland faithful trained me well. Then came the second lap. And, the third lap. Each lap got faster as I struggled to keep on Derek's rear bumper.

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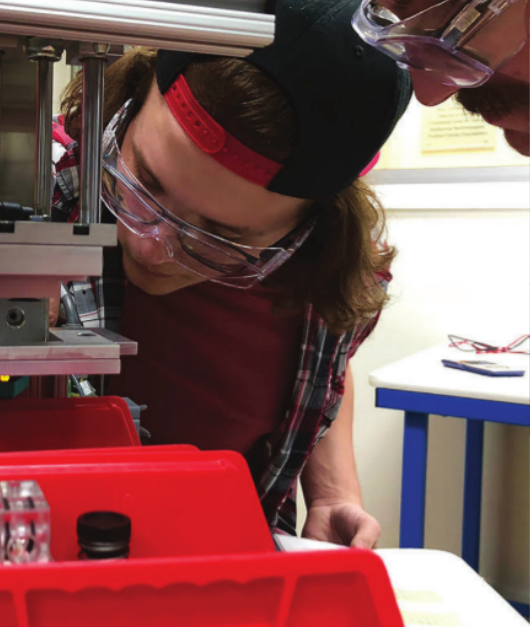
The faster we went the more the bolsters, keeping my Dad bod in place, seemed less and less adequate. After a half dozen laps I was in full sweat, need a shower mode. It was intense. Derek's voice seemed to fade away as I focused in on the black PEC license plate in front of me. On the autocross pad, if I goofed up, I would squash baby rubber cones. On the track, mistakes would be punished by a stone henge of concrete barriers.

My 1 1/2 hours of driving experience ended on the track. The concrete barriers mercifully kept their distance and the day remained educational not painful. It was a magic 1 1/2 hours which passed way too quickly. I wish I could have done it all day.

After my drive, Dorothy and I had a reservation at 917 the restaurant on the second floor with a magnificent view of the track. It was well worth it. Magnificent view. Great food. Wonderful service. And, wait for this: 911 shaped butter!

I have had a fifty year love affair with Porsche. The question always in front of me has never been whether to own a Porsche or not; but, how new a Porsche can I afford. So, experiencing that beautiful facility with well trained and well outfitted staff and a livery of squeaky clean brand new 911's, Caymans, Taycans, Macans and Cayennes left me even more of a fan. I go to the grocery store, get my haircut and routinely haul golf clubs in my 911. It is my daily driver. Yet, when on one of the patented Schonesland twisty road tours it morphs into an adrenaline pumping, thrill infusing sports car. My reaffirmed take-away is that Porsches are amazing machines.

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MEET THE MEMBER BOB EDDY

So, imagine being on a country road when a black cabrio passes you. All you can see, as the Porsche disappears over the horizon, is a big head of silver hair. Well, you have just been passed by a huge Porsche fan who has in his garage some of the most iconic Porsches out there. So, it's time to get to know long time Schonesland board member Bob Eddy.

Editor: In 200 words or less, tell us about yourself.

Bob Eddy: I am pretty much a born and raised Des Moines-ite. Went to Roosevelt High School followed by attending Engineering school at Iowa State University. Following ISU, I entered the Army and after training spent a tour in the Vietnam world and then spent about two years stationed in Stuttgart Germany working in Engineering Intelligence for Headquarters 7th Army. Upon completing my Army obligation I took a European discharge, bought a VW and traveled through Europe for seven months. Returned to Des Moines and went back to school at Drake University. Then did an assortment of jobs and in 1982 started my own Electrical Contracting Company. After 33 very successful years sold the business and retired at the age of 71.

Left photo from left to right: Bob Eddy, Chip Ganassi, Mark Rushbrook (CEO Ford Motorsports) and Roger Penske.



MEET THE MEMBER BOB EDDY

Editor: What was your first car?

Bob Eddy: My first car was a 1957 Chevrolet Belair Convertible. My first new car was the 1966 VW Beetle.

Editor: Were you always a car guy?

Bob Eddy: Yes I guess the phrase "Car Guy" is me as I have always been infatuated with all types of cars and a few motorcycles.

Editor: When did you get introduced to Porsches?

Bob Eddy: Porsches came into my life in 1966. The German Autobahn (highway) patrol started driving 911 White Porsches with a blue light on the back and had two officers inside. I thought those cars were so neat. The German people used to say "If the car doesn't catch you then their radio will; but, the officers didn't know how to use the radio". From that point on I KNEW I wanted a Porsche. I have been through the Porsche factory and museum twice and would love to go again and have also been through Porsche Motorsports facility, the racing arm of PCNA.

Editor: What was your first Porsche?

Bob Eddy: My first Porsche was a 1959 356A Convertible D, that I bought in 1968 from a dentist in Marshalltown. I still own that car today. The Convertible D was only made one year and a total of 1033 were made world wide. Mine is Silver with Red Leather and has the 1600 Super engine putting out 75 HP.



MEET THE MEMBER BOB EDDY



Editor: Tell us a funny story about you and your Porsche.

Bob Eddy: There have been many fun and exciting memories. In 1979 I was at a SCCA race at Road Atlanta. A man I got to know there was Vic Skirmantz who was known as "Mr 356". Vic raced as a national champion a 356 Speedster in class EP. On a test and tune day I got to drive his Speedster for a few laps. When I finished and came into the pits he said to me "Nice drive; but, you're not on the gas enough and are shifting too early." I responded to him, "Vic, its your car and I don't want to blow it up or wreck it, so thanks." He came back and said: "No problem - they can all be fixed".

Editor: Today, what is in your garage?

Bob Eddy: Today my daily driver in the winter is the Cayenne and in the summer is the C4S Cabriolet, The 930 and the 356A go out on nice fun days and the 911S Targa is in the garage of my house in Santa Fe and also gets driven nice fun days.

Editor: If you had a dream Porsche, what would it be?

Bob Eddy: My dream Porsche would be one of three: The first would be a 935R race car from the late seventies and early eighties. The second would be a Carrera GT or a Carrera GT-1, and lastly a new 911 GT-3R. (If money was no problem then a 904 or a 906).



MEET THE MEMBER BOB EDDY

Editor: What is your favorite part of the Schonesland club?

Bob Eddy: I first Joined Schonesland Region PCA back in 1969 and was introduced to the club by Sid Jepson. Back then the club was not real large but every one was very very hard core Porsche people and fun filled. I stayed an active member until 1974 or 1975, when I started my race career in SCCA.



I didn't have the time to devote to both and racing won out. After 18 years of national competition in SCCA racing my attention returned to Porsches. The club is a gathering of some really great friends and people who get together for a social or a driving event or a competition event, that turn's into a bunch of Porsches having fun with the people. As the saying goes "it's not just about the cars, it's about the people who drive them". It is always a time full of friends, fun and fellowship.



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Call to Order
- Cars & Coffee Recap/Future Events
- Drive & Dine Recap/Future Events
- Driving Tours Update
- Financial Report
- Advertising Report
- Competition Events
- New Member Update
- Website
- Spinner
- New Business:
 - Schonesland Merchandisers
 - Future Planning Meeting Dec. 2, 2023
 - Proposed subsidy for planning drives
 - Mary Alice Hill memorial gift
 - Report from Zone President's meeting
- Next Meeting – March 28th, District 36, 6PM if eating, 7PM for meeting



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