

Dusty Trails

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On Any Given Sunday...by Roger St.Pierre

It started as a way to expose any weakness in the old 914 before taking it on the road to the Run For The River meet-up and PCA Board Meeting scheduled for April 9th in Chamberlain, SD. So when the weather cleared in early March I thought it a perfect opportunity get to the car out for a decent drive. I had seen a hint of the charging light flicker on the gauge cluster when driving at night with the lights on a few weeks earlier. So I had suspicions that something was amiss and didn't want to make the 450 mile trip to Chamberlain without a good run in case there was an issue that I didn't want to deal with on a long tour.

Well, as luck would have it, after about an hour of driving and running with the lights on and anything else electrical in order to stress the charging system (what, the AM/FM radio on too?), sure enough, at 80 mph cruising down I-90 it suddenly lost all power and rolled to a stop on the side of the road. Fortunately I was near an exit and was able to pull off clear of any traffic. It was then I was happy I had renewed my AAA Membership (with a 50 year old car, it's best to have a tow at the ready) and made the call.

Meantime, fellow PCA member and comrade Tim Powell happened by in his 911 getting it out for a cruise as well. He offered moral support, but that wouldn't get the car back to Rapid City to the shop it needed to go to. With the local tow, I had the car into Advanced Auto Repair in Rapid City where I hoped Nate would be able to work his magic and get me back on the road.

After several diagnosis and tests, not only did it need a new alternator, but new voltage regulator and ignition coil as well. Oh, and the backfire when it died wiped out the fuel pressure regulator as well. They rebuilt the fuel pressure regulator, installed all the new electrical system components and even welded up a crack in the engine tin. And just like that it was back on the road. The trip a few weeks later to Chamberlain was a blast and the car ran like the wind.

**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

Board Meetings

**Are held every
other month on
the fourth**

**Wednesday at
5:30 Central, 4:30
Mountain time.**

**Due to the
expanse of the
region, the
meetings have
been conducted
via conference
call.**

**Please go to the
new email address
if you have any
items for
discussion or you
would like
information for
dialing into the
meeting.**

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President's Ponderings

Spring is here! At least in Western South Dakota... Early April was a little cool and definitely breezy, but the tulips are in bloom and the grass is green. That also means that we are going for those Sunday afternoon drives with our tops down. It seems like we haven't done that in a long time.

I know it is traditional to do New Year's resolutions, but I think New Summer's resolutions should become the norm. This is the time of year that you should be thinking of getting out, having fun, and enjoying life. Make a list of the things that you WANT to do. Think of the places that you haven't seen but always thought about, then go see and do it. Do you remember how big a pick-me-up it is to simply do something for yourself? See the story elsewhere in this Dusty Trails for an example, a visit to the Pioneer Auto Museum in Murdo.

Life is short, summer is shorter, make your resolutions and follow them!

Tim Powell

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Dakota Region Upcoming Events Plus...

RED LODGE TOUR - 2022 2nd Annual Father's Day Drive. This 4-day tour will take drivers through MT and WY with destinations to Red Lodge, and Cody. Scheduled for June 16-19 allowing for leisurely driving with beautiful scenery including Bear Tooth Pass and Chief Joseph's Hwy. while also touching the Yellowstone and Teton National Parks.

RUN FOR THE HILLS is a weekend of driving and socializing in the Black Hills of South Dakota. August 25-28 will find Porsches of all years and models from all over the country driving the winding roads. Registration has closed for this event having already reached the 60-car maximum. Several of our Canadian friends have again joined us now that the border has opened again. We have started a waiting list, just in case there are cancellations.

MELLOW YELLOW is a 3-day tour of the roads and attractions of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. Based out of Rochester, MN driving the roads of the Upper Mississippi Valley to Decorah, Iowa visiting several tourist attractions complimented by fine food and beverage along the way. Registration is open for this September 8-10 adventure.

WEBMASTER/SOCIALMEDIA COORDINATOR Includes updating and posting required information to our website (DakotaPCA.com) as well as monitoring our Facebook page. For someone who keeps an eye on social media already this shouldn't be a big time commitment. If you would like more information, email us at dakotaregionpca@gmail.com or at tim.lynn@yahoo.com

Check out your local area events. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to expand the activities in the Region...Cars & Coffee, Holidays, Social Dinners, Dawn Patrol Drives, Sunday afternoon drives in the sunshine.

Nice weather is here and now...let's plan for a busy spring getting our cars out hitting the "Dusty Trails".

Dakota Region Membership Info

New Members March—

William Noyes, Grand Forks, ND 2014 911 Carrera 4S

Chris A. Pappas, Sioux Falls, SD 2004 911 GT3

John Rozell, Sioux Falls, SD 2016 Cayman S

New Member April—Robb Hoffman, Hill City, SD 2013 Boxster

Total Membership: 198 (Primary & Associate)

PCA National Highlights & More...

PARADE— 66TH Annual Porsche Parade in the Poconos, Pennsylvania. The Kalahari Resorts Hotel will be your host. Phase II registration open. Over 1,000 registrations already booked. Select your venue opportunities in Phase II registration.

SPRING MEMBER RAFFLE—\$50 ENTRIES OPEN THRU MAY 31, 2022 First prize—2022 Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS plus \$25,000. Drawing for winner on or before July 31, 2022. Go to PCA.org.

RENSPORT REUNION VII 2023 Plans are in the making for the next reunion The last one was in 2018 .

SELLING YOUR PORSCHE or Porsche Parts or accessories? Check out **The Mart**. Mart Shoppers are PCA members and it is a free benefit of membership. Visit mart.pca.org to place an ad in The Mart.

Pioneer Auto Museum

The Dakota Region held a Board of Directors meeting at the Arrowwood Resort in Oacoma, SD in April. The Arrowwood is a quality, impressive facility right on the Missouri River in South Dakota. But the really impressive part of the trip was the visit to the Pioneer Auto Museum in Murdo, SD. Eleven PCA'ers in 6 cars were able to visit the museum.

This is a truly unique place. A museum is typically a place where you find interesting items that are meticulously maintained and organized in a way that tells a story. Not here. In Murdo you will find a wide selection of cars and motorcycles, most of them with a little dust on them, in rows of pole barns! There are a variety of cars from the pre-WWI era, all the way up to a Superbird and an AMC Pacer. How about a car with doors that slide into the front fender to open? One of the cars I was always intrigued with as a kid is a 1937 Cord. They have two of them.

If you get tired of looking at cars, you can move to motorcycles, or tractors, or the reproduction of a turn of the century dentist office. Maybe the old piano is of interest, or maybe the antique outboard boat motors. There is something for everyone. Have you seen a collection of shaving mugs and razors lately?

If you haven't had the chance to see it, make plans to visit the Pioneer Auto Museum in Murdo, SD. It is worth the trip.