

# RED RIVER RAMBLINGS

Bemidji Trip Report  
Gimli Track Day  
The Sound of Porsche



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# President's Column



Halloween is over and still no snow! This does not happen very often, and I am really glad when it does! The “nice” weather gives us all a chance to get the last minute winter preparations complete and generally makes for smooth seasonal changes, although I still have not had a

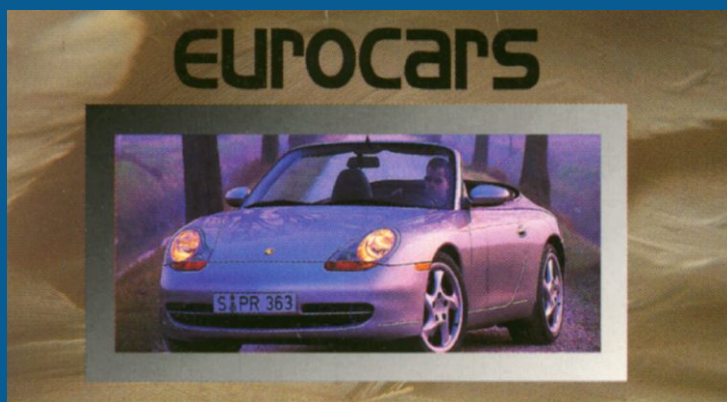
chance to change to winter tires or start my Christmas shopping! I am, however, looking forward to our annual Christmas Banquet! It is going to be held at the Manitoba Club again this year, and the invites should be arriving in your mail boxes shortly! This year, the Board of Directors have decided to open the event up to family and friends, after all, what is Christmas about, right? Being in the Porsche club is not (entirely) about the cars, but about the people! Let's encourage others to come to our event and share our excitement about the Porsche brand and show them how great the people are too! See you soon!!



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Welcome to the last issue of Ramblings for 2014. I think that we had a pretty productive year on the newsletter front - let's take a look back at some of my favorite stories from the last year:

1. Pete Smallwood wins at Le Mans (July/August 2014). RRR Member Pete fulfilled a lifelong dream of racing and winning at La Sarthe and Ramblings was right there to record it all for our members. Well, not "right there" as we don't have much of a travel budget... maybe next year, Geoff...?



2. "Driving the 2014 Cayman" (July/Aug) "Driving the 991 Carrera 4S" (Sept/Oct). I got to drive two remarkable Porsche cars for the newsletter this year, thanks to the generosity of Porsche Centre Winnipeg. I drove a new Cayman for the July/August issue and a stonking 991 Carrera 4S for the next newsletter. Fantastic fun and I hope, informative looks at these super cars.

3. "Red River Ramblers" feature (July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec). This year I've started what I hope is a continuing feature spotlighting a RRR member. So far we've met "Ramblers" Keith Gordon, Andy Tighe, and (in this very issue) Bruce Tait. I've enjoyed getting to know more about these club members and I think it's fun for them too. So if you want to scribble a few lines about yourself and your passion for Porsche I'd like to hear from you it's not hard to do!

4. Constitution. This year some very important work has been done in updating a draft Constitution and Bylaws for the Region. The materials are included in this newsletter once again so I hope you can take the time to skim them over and provide any comments you may have.

1. Event spotlights! This year we've had stories about road trips, pool parties, Pony Corral cruises, Tech Night, Art Show, and more. We're an active club and there's always lots on the go. I'd love to show it all to you every two months in the newsletter but I need your help if you've attended an event and have pictures (or just want to provide a writeup), please send your material in to me. I know that I and the rest of the members would be happy to see your perspective on the events we all love.

I've signed on for another stint as newsletter editor so I look forward to bringing you more Ramblings in 2015. But I can't do it without you! I'd love to hear from you with your stories and story ideas you can send them to me at [newsletter@redriverpca.org](mailto:newsletter@redriverpca.org). Remember that you can also access 2014's newsletters from my blog at [www.things-thatgo.blogspot.com](http://www.things-thatgo.blogspot.com) - we're still working on the RRR website ;-)

And lastly, I want to give a shout-out of thanks to Ray Larrivee, past editor of Ramblings and the man responsible for printing the newsletter you hold in your hands. Thanks again Ray!

So until next year, Happy Winter!





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You might say to yourself as you see the picture above, the folks in that picture sure looks like they are having a great time based on the smiles on their faces. We were indeed having a great time but I must admit, personally I was smiling for a completely different reason. I was smiling because I was damn glad I did not have a Clydesdale hoof through my windshield, more on that later.

Over the weekend of September 12th to 14th, Red River Region PCA went on a fantastic trip to Bemidji hosted by Region member Rich Siegert. Most of the group met on Friday morning to convoy on to Warroad MN in order to meet Sabine and Andreas who were driving from their home in Sioux Lookout, ON. Rick Dobel lead the group to Bemidji through some of his favourite fishing spots. Others wished to go at their own pace and met up with the rest of the group in Bemidji that evening. (Cont'd)

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Recent acquisitions.

# RRR Takes Bemidji



Upon arrival on Friday, the group was treated to a catered reception in one of Rich's hotel's banquet rooms and discussed plans for the remainder of the weekend. Rich distributed maps and discussed waypoints/attractions he would be leading us to the next day.

Saturday morning started with a complimentary breakfast, the group set off for a visit with Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox ... well most of the group did. For some odd reason Richard Wansbutter and myself were somehow able to lose track of the group in front of us and the first destination was less than 1 mile down the road from the hotel parking lot. I blame my Canadian GPS unit! I embarrassingly had to go back to the front desk to find out where the statues were. The rest of the day I made sure we do not lose sight of the car in front which turned out for most of the day to be the Fernandos' Panamera and its mesmerizing spoilers... I had no idea all the different directions they can go! It all depends on the mode set by the driver, and Paz mixed it up for us!

## The Drive

We really cannot thank Rich enough for plotting such a wonderful route! He led us for a scenic drive along some fantastic twisty turny 2 lane undivided roads to and from Itasca State Park. I can only assume they were scenic as I was concentrating more on keeping my car rubber side down. Did I mentioned the roads were state trooper free??? In order to not incriminate any of the drivers in the group I will not disclose exactly at what rate we might or might not have been traveling; suffice to say I know of at least one (and I'm guessing more) of the drivers have already mentioned they need to replace their front tires after the drive. The smell of burnt rubber was definitely noticeable in the hotel parking lot that evening.

The route was fantastic, there were endless combinations of double turns along with elevation changes. On more than one occasion I had to battle the laws of physics to ensure my car would complete a turn in the amount of asphalt available. (Cont'd)



Left to Right: Rick Dobel, Dennis Duncan, Lorrie Dobel, Bev Duncan, Allison Torbiak, Richard Wansbutter, Waiyen Chu, Dan Torbiak, Rich Siegert, Sabine Kottschoth, Andreas Kottschoth, Lisa Fernando, Dr. Paz Fernando

# RRR Takes Bemidji



Having driven through many parts of North America I have to admit I have not encountered a horse and carriage warning sign prior to this trip. For some reason I thought it was amusing when we drove past it but quickly realized that it was posted as

fair warning of what we would soon encounter. I was in the middle of the convoy and was wondering why everyone in front of me were scooting over to the oncoming traffic lane for what I thought was no reason at all. It was soon apparent the reason for the weaving back and forth; the cars in front of me were avoiding mounds upon mounds of road apples.

The second example of why the warning sign was needed happened around a blind corner. We were traveling at an appropriately high velocity and I noticed Dr. Fernando slowing down to an uncharacteristically low speed to for the turn. I had thought there might be a trooper or the local sheriff coming towards us but I did not notice a motor vehicle ... and as I was concentrating more on not instantly fusing my car into the back seat of theirs I did not have scan that far ahead for an extended period of time.

As I entered the corner it became quickly evident why the good doctor slowed down; there was an indeed an oncoming vehicle but it was not motorized. I can within inches (in the middle of a decreasing radius turn) of a young man piloting a wagon pulled by a pair of the biggest horses I have even seen in my life. At that point I am pretty sure my eyes became bigger than the horses as I was a) surprised to see a wagon in the oncoming lane; b) grateful the horses were calm and used to oncoming vehicles; and c) the driver of the wagon had the horses in control and did not charge at and crush my car. I was informed afterwards by the other drivers the horses were in fact Clydesdales.

The day was not just a day of driving at excessive speeds; Rich led us to through Itasca State Park where we visited the headwaters of the Mississippi River, we visited the tallest pine trees in the state and had a wonderful lunch at the historic Douglas Lodge.

I really enjoyed the drive inside the park as the sun poked through the clouds and I was able to open my roof and an opportunity to enjoy nature; if you call rumbling through the woods in a convoy of loud sports cars enjoying nature. I am sure we scared the living daylight out of a number of deer, rabbits, squirrels, and various birds who usually enjoy a serene and peaceful existence within the park.

**A big thank you to Rich for being a fantastic host and for plotting a state trooper free route for the drives!!!**

On the last day of the trip we all left town at our own pace and I ended up selecting a route that took me along the shores of Red Lake, MN which was scenic and free of other traffic. During the parts of the trip where we were not on the road, we ate great food and enjoyed fellow members' company. I believe all that made the trip had a wonderful weekend and I highly recommend you all join us next year. Rich and myself had already discussed perhaps scheduling this trip a little earlier on in the summer in order for us to enjoy some water events such as a pontoon boat ride on the lake; especially for members that might have developed a fear of Clydesdales!!!



# Porsche Club of America

## Red River Region



# DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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Red River Region  
Porsche Club of America, Inc.

**PART A – CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I. Name and Headquarters

The name of the Club shall be the “Red River Region, Porsche Club of America, Inc.”, hereinafter referred to as “the Club” or “Club”. Its principal office shall be at the residence of its duly elected President.

ARTICLE II. Objectives

The members of this Club are joined together and are mutually pledged to the furtherance and promotion of the following:

- a. The highest standards of courtesy and safety on the roads.
- b. The enjoyment and sharing of good will and fellowship engendered by owning a Porsche automobile and engaging in such social and other events as may be agreeable to the membership.
- c. The maintenance of the highest standards of operation and performance of the Porsche marque by sharing and exchanging technical and mechanical information.
- d. The establishment and maintenance of mutually beneficial relationships with the Porsche works, Porsche dealers and service sources to the end that the marque shall prosper and continue to enjoy its unique leadership and position in sports car history.
- e. The interchange of ideas and suggestions with other Porsche Clubs throughout the world and in such cooperation as may be mutually desirable.
- f. The establishment of such mutually cooperative relationships as may be desirable with other sports car Clubs.
- g. Charitable events, activities and organizations which promote the objectives of the Club.

ARTICLE III. Policy

- a. This Club shall be politically non-partisan.
- b. This Club is empowered to do all things and conduct all business, not for profit, necessary to carry out the general purposes set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation and in this Constitution.
- c. All obligations incurred by this Club are incurred solely as corporate obligations. No personal liability whatsoever shall be attached to or incurred by any member or officer of this Club by reason of any corporate obligation or liability.



## ARTICLE IV. Membership

- a. Any Porsche owner, lessee, or co-owner is eligible for membership as prescribed in the Bylaws.
- b. In accordance with the Bylaws, membership of any member may be revoked or suspended for conduct inconsistent with the objectives or the policies of the Club, or prejudicial to the good order and repute of the Club.
- c. All members must be members in good standing in the Porsche Club of America, Inc.

## ARTICLE V. Officers and Elections

- a. The leadership of the Red River Region, Porsche Club of America, Inc, shall be vested in its President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These shall constitute the Board of Directors with the immediate past President serving as an ex-officio and voting member.
- b. Only Active Members and Family-Active Members may hold office at the Board or Chairperson level. If the immediate Past President is elected as an officer other than Past President, the Past President position shall be filled by the next immediate Past President who is still active in the Club.
- c. Members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for the term(s) as defined in Article V(i) of the Bylaws.
- d. Results of the elections shall be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Club. Publication in the Club newsletter or notification via electronic means of the time and place of the Annual Meeting at least 30 days prior to such meeting shall be deemed sufficient notice to the membership.
- e. In the event that any officer is unable to complete the prescribed term in office, the following succession will prevail: for President, Vice President will succeed. Any office, other than that of the President which becomes vacant between elections, will be filled by presidential appointment with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. The successor of the partial term shall complete the remainder of the originally elected term. This partial term shall not count towards the consecutive term limitation provided for in Article V(i).
- f. All meetings for the conduct of Club business shall be conducted with usual parliamentary procedures as specified in Roberts Rules of Orders.

## ARTICLE VI. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended as prescribed in the Bylaws.

## **PART B - BYLAWS**

### ARTICLE I. Membership

- a. Active Members: Any person 18 years of age or older who owns, co-owns or leases as Porsche may become a member of the Red River Region, Porsche Club of America, Inc., provided that person is also a member in good standing of the Porsche Club of America, Inc.
- b. Family Active Member: If requested by the Active Member, membership may include one other person of the Active Member's immediate family, also 18 years of age or older, restricted to spouse,

sibling, child, or parent, whether otherwise qualified for active membership by ownership of a Porsche or not.

c. Honorary Members: Any person, who merits recognition for outstanding interest in or service to the Club may be elected to Honorary Membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Such membership shall be limited to one year but may be renewed at the option of the Board of Directors.

d. Lifetime Membership: Any person who is deemed to have performed extraordinary service to the Club may be so honored by a two-thirds vote by the Board of Directors. Lifetime Membership shall accord such as long as the designated Lifetime Member shall maintain membership in good standing with the Porsche Club of America, Inc.

e. Affiliate Membership: Any person 18 years of age or older named by the Active Member in lieu of naming a Family Active Member.

f. Associate Membership: An Active Member who ceases to own, co-own or lease a Porsche while in good standing, or any person employed by a Porsche oriented business, interested in the Club and its objectives having paid PCA and Club dues and fees as required.

g. Termination of Membership or Expulsion: A membership can be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors for documented infractions of National or Regional rules or regulations, or for actions inimical to the general objectives and or best interests of the National or Regional Club. Upon written notice of termination, the affected member will have 60 days to give notice of appeal to the Board of Directors. Upon such notice, the Board of Directors will advise the membership through written communication of the appeal. The appeal shall be heard at either a regular meeting or an officially called special meeting taking place within 60 days of the appeal notice. The Club may thereafter uphold the decision of the Board of Directors to expel the member or may vote to overturn the termination with a majority vote of the Active Members (excluding Family Active Members) in attendance. Termination of an Active Member will also terminate the membership of any Family Active Member or Affiliate Member whose membership is associated with the terminated Active Member. An expelled or terminated member of the Red River Region will not be allowed to attend or participate in any Red River Region Club meetings, activities or events. The affected member shall have the right to appeal the Club action to the National Club in accordance with the National Club Bylaws. Termination of any Family Active Member or Affiliate Member does not affect the membership status of the associated Active Member.

h. Suspension of Membership: A membership can be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors for documented infractions of National or Regional rules or regulations, or for actions inimical to the general objectives and or best interests of the National or Regional Club. The length of suspension is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may range from 3 months to 2 years. Upon written notice of suspension, the affected member will have 60 days to give notice of appeal to the Board of Directors. Upon such notice, the Board of Directors will advise the membership through communication of the appeal. The appeal shall be heard at either a regular meeting or an officially called special meeting that is to take place within 60 days of the appeal notice. The Club may thereafter continue the suspension for a definite period of time, terminate the suspension or choose to terminate the membership by a majority vote of the active members in attendance, and its decision is final. Suspension of an Active Member will also suspend the membership of any Family Active Member or Affiliate Member whose membership is associated with the suspended Active Member. Affected members will not be allowed to attend or participate in any Red River Region Club meetings, activities or events. The affected member shall have the right to appeal the Club action to the National Club in accordance with the National Club Bylaws. Suspension of any Family Active

Member or Affiliate Member does not affect the membership status of the associated Active Member. A suspension shall remain in force awaiting the conclusion of the appeal process.

## ARTICLE II. Officers Duties and Committees

a. Officers: The officers of the Red River Region, Porsche Club of America, Inc., shall be as defined in Article V(a) of the Constitution.

b. Duties and Responsibilities: The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be as follows: The Past President shall assist and advise the President and Vice President as necessary; act as mediator or arbitrator should the Board of Directors be unable to resolve an issue in the normal course of events, and oversee matters relating to the Region's constitution.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Directors; supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties, and be responsible for filing the annual Regional report to the Porsche Club of America Inc.

The Vice President shall carry out the duties of the President during the President's absence and perform other duties as requested by the President or the Board. The Vice President shall also oversee the regular publication of a Club newsletter.

The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club; issue notices of meetings of the Club and Directors; keep minutes of all meetings of the Club and Directors; have custody of all records and documents of the Club, except those required to be kept by the Treasurer; maintain the register of Members; and perform other duties as requested by the President or the Board.

The Treasurer shall cause to be kept such financial records, including books of account as are necessary; render financial statements to the Directors, members and others as required; and perform other duties as requested by the President or the Board. If necessary, the Treasurer shall also be responsible for preparing and filing any tax returns.

c. Committees and Appointees: Committees and Appointees are necessary for the performance of the Clubs business and shall be established by the President. The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Committee Chairpersons and Appointees. The Chairpersons and Appointees shall report to the Board through a member of the Board. Such assignments shall be on a case by case basis depending upon the interests and workload of the individual board members.

## ARTICLE III. Accounts

a. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Red River Region Porsche Club of America Inc., shall begin on the first day of January each year and shall terminate on the following 31st day of December.

b. Books of Record: The books of record shall be properly maintained by the Treasurer to reflect financial receipts, disbursements, balances and assets of the Club.

c. Annual Statement: The Treasurer shall prepare an income statement annually showing the opening balance, expenses, incomes, and closing balance of the Regions accounts.

d. Audit: The books of the Club and the annual income statement shall be audited annually by a Committee or person appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, or by an independent professional accountant if the Board of Directors so request. This shall be at the expense of the Club.

e. Surplus Funds: Only a reasonable and necessary amount of funds shall be accumulated in the Club treasury consistent with Provincial and Federal governing laws in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. In the event of a surplus of funds, the Board of Directors with, in accordance with allowable and non-allowable expenses, determine a sensible method of using these funds in a manner that is in the best interests of the Region and its members.

#### ARTICLE IV. Meetings

a. Regular Meetings: The President will hold regular meetings every month, at a place and time determined by the President. A quorum is twenty members including at least two members of the Board.

b. Annual General Meeting: The annual general meeting shall be held concurrent with the regular meeting in the month of December of each calendar year. A quorum is twenty members present including at least two members of the Board. No business, other than the election of a Chairman and the adjournment or termination of the meeting, shall be conducted at a general meeting at a time when a quorum is not present. If at any time during a general meeting there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress shall be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated. If within thirty minutes from the time appointed for the annual general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be terminated and stand adjourned until the regular meeting of the next month, and if, at the reconvened meeting, a quorum is not present within thirty minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the members then present, shall constitute a quorum.

c. Special Meetings, Events, Etc.: The details of special meetings, events, etc. shall be notified to the membership by the Regions newsletter, Canada Post, Fax, e-mail and or telephone, as appropriate to the event and the time available for notification.

d. Board Meetings: All board meetings shall be held in executive session. There shall be no less than six board meetings in one calendar year; however, the President reserves the right to call board meetings as needed. Any board meeting may proceed at the discretion of the President with three board members present, provided that a reasonable attempt has been made to schedule the meeting to include all five board members. The details of board meetings shall be notified to the board members by the Regions newsletter, Canada Post, Fax, E-mail and or telephone, as appropriate to the event and the time available for notification. Board members may be allowed to participate by telephone and vote by e-mail. A quorum for a board meeting shall be three members.

#### ARTICLE V. Elections

a. Nominating Committee: Three or more Active Members not seeking election, appointed by the Board of Directors each year, shall constitute the nominating committee responsible for nominating a slate of board members to serve the following year. The nominating committee shall be appointed no later than the close of proceedings of the October monthly meeting of the membership. The nominating committee may not nominate the same person for more than one position.

b. Report: The nominating committee report shall be presented at the November monthly meeting of the membership.

c. Additional Nominations: Additional nominations may be made by the membership and shall be received by the nominating committee prior to adjournment of proceedings of the November

monthly meeting of the membership. Those nominated shall be proposed by an Active Member and seconded by an Active Member.

d. Ballot: An election ballot shall be mailed to each Active Member not later than twenty one days prior to the annual meeting of the membership. Ballots will be sent to the Active Member only, with a space for the vote of the Family Active Member. Only votes from Active Members in good standing and the Family Active Members as shown on the PCA records on the first day of December will be counted. All others will be disqualified. In the event that there are no contested positions, (all are filled by acclamation), the balloting process shall be waived.

e. Candidates: For the information of the members, and at the option of the candidate, a summary of PCA activity, qualifications, and general information, written by each candidate, and not exceeding 250 words, shall be included with the mailing of the ballot.

f. Presidential Candidates: Candidates for the position of President must have held a position on the Board for no less than ten calendar months, during the current, or immediately previous, calendar years.

g. Ballot Committee: An Election Chairman appointment by the Board of Directors who, along with two other Active Members appointed by the Board of Directors, shall function as a Ballot Committee to certify the validity of the ballots and report the election results to the membership at the annual meeting. Any candidate for a contested position may not serve on the Ballot Committee.

h. Balloting: Signed ballots shall be returned by mail, fax or in person to be in the possession of the Election Chairman no later than 8:00 pm on the evening of the annual meeting. Votes will then be counted at the meeting and the result announced.

i. Term of Office: The term of office for each board member shall be one year. No person may serve more than four consecutive terms in the same position. The Past President shall remain in office until such time as a new President is elected, where upon the outgoing President shall assume the position of Past President and the incumbent Past President will be displaced.

#### ARTICLE VI. Amendments

a. Constitution: Notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution must be distributed in writing to the membership thirty days prior to the meeting for the purpose of voting on such amendments. Notifications via electronic means shall be permitted. The Constitution may be amended by a majority of those Active Members assembled at the regular meeting where the vote is taken. Written proxies, delivered to a member of the Board before the vote is tallied at the meeting, shall be included.

b. Bylaws: Notice of proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be distributed in writing to the membership thirty days prior to the meeting for the purpose of voting on such amendments. Notifications via electronic means shall be permitted. The Bylaws may be amended by a majority of those Active Members assembled at the regular meeting where the vote is taken. Written proxies, delivered to a member of the Board before the vote is tallied at the meeting, shall be included.

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# Ever Wish You Had Three Hands?

By Brian Hanson

Unfortunately, it's almost that time of year again for tire change-over. (Was there a real summer 2014 and where did it go?) If you are like me and do your own tire/wheel swap several times every year, you will doubtless have more than once cursed the European car makers and their continued use of wheel bolts. Oh, to be certain, wheel bolts are the more cosmetically attractive option with which to affix alloy wheels to your Audi, VW, Porsche, etc., but bolts (unlike studs) leave you little or nothing upon which to "hang" the wheel while struggling to get one or two bolts started. You wind up wishing for a third hand - two to hold the wheel in place and a third to screw in the bolts. (It's no wonder that racers of European marques often switch wheel mounting from bolt to stud.)



I found my choice of guide on the internet quite by chance. It's made for and sold by Reverse Logic. Manufactured in the USA from either aluminum or stainless steel, the guides come in several sizes/threadings, each with its own plastic storage tube. The guides range in price from about US \$10 - \$30. US lower 48 state-shipping is free but USPS International on my order to Canada was a nominal \$5. If you are interested in learning more, visit [reverselogic.us](http://reverselogic.us) for pictures and details.

Speaking of pictures, here are some showing the guide tool "in action" on one of our vehicles, a Jetta GL 1.8T.



Well, at last, I have found a preferable option to a third hand. (Just think of having to buy not one but two pairs of gloves and tossing one away....an added expense, ha!) The option is a "wheel bolt guide" or wheel hanger, something I, personally, haven't seen for decades. The guide is a long-ish metal rod, threaded at one end. The thread allows the guide to be inserted into the bolt hole closest to the "12 o'clock" position. The wheel/tire can then be hung on to and be supported by the guide while you now have a free hand with which to insert the other bolts. Thereafter, the guide is unscrewed and replaced by the last remaining bolt. Believe me, it works slick, so to speak!



## CLIP ART

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# Trackday Fun at Gimli Motorsports Park

By Andy Tighe



Back in September I received a very kind invite from Tripat to bring my car to Gimli for an informal track session. At the very least it would be a day in the sun watching some great cars zip round the track. As it happened the track day fell on my birthday, and my brother was flying in for a few days from England, but we did make it out there for a few hours in the afternoon.

There were some amazing cars there and a good mix too. A couple of GT3's and a Lamborghini Aventador spyder were the highlights. They all sounded amazing shooting by the pits at wide open throttle. The Lambo was beautiful to say the least, the leather interior alone probably represents a check box on an order form that costs more than my whole car. It looked like a very nice place to sit. At idle in the pits the engine note was making some big promises, like a quiet F1 car (but a real one from before the V6 era). It went pretty good too from what I could see, but it was a lot quieter than I expected as it ripped down the main straight. The GT3's by contrast sounded like they were sucking up all the air available! Dave from our club was there in his Boxster and offered to take me for a ride so I could see the track. Dave drives fast. Like limits of the track fast! It was very exciting to say the least and as soon as we got back he took my brother out too. It was a highlight of his trip I think.

And then I took my car out. I was a lot slower than Dave I'm sure, but I had a really good time and felt like we were going about as fast as we dared without destroying the car! As we hit the hard corners I was thinking about the nice new suspension bushes I put in last winter and what they must be experiencing right now. I was also thinking about the bolts that I tightened up and just how tight are they?!

I was touching a hundred miles an hour by the end of the straight and the car just loved it. The rest of the track is 2nd and 3rd gear for the most part. You have to watch your mirrors a lot when you share the track with a GT3, they do catch up quick even though you feel like you are flying, and that nothing could go any quicker. Everyone was very civilized though and no one overtook unless I made my intentions perfectly clear and moved over. I tried to limit my laps to five at a time for fear of becoming too confident and putting it in a field, or perhaps cooking the brakes. I did feel like they were starting to fade on the odd occasion which I guess is totally possible.

All in all it was a nice way to spend an afternoon and my brother had a great time. We met some interesting people and saw some great cars. It also meant I was able to cross Gimli off my to do list. I've always wanted to get the car on the track but it's never really been an option, so thank you Trip for the opportunity. I did record some video of the day; but in all honesty, even though we were pushing as hard as I liked, the car looks desperately slow in the video!





Red River Ramblers:

BRUCE TAIT



**Name:** Bruce Tait

**Porsche(s) owned:** 1972 911E Targa in Signal Yellow  
How long have you owned your Porsche? Since May 14, 1984

**Why are you passionate about Porsche? When did you first fall in love with Porsche?**

When I was fifteen years old, I'd regularly walk down a back lane in the West End where I'd stop and stare at an early '60s red 356 coupe. During the next couple years I spent a lot of time hanging around my uncle's autobody shop, which specialized in repairing import sports cars Jaguar E-types and XJ's, MGs, Triumphs and Austin-Healeys, Rovers, Austin Minis, Sunbeam Alpines and Tigers, Lotus Europas, and of course Porsches. My uncle worked on an early 911S race car that was sponsored by Autohaus, the Porsche dealer. (Later on I actually ended up buying a race motor, transmission, and other spares from this car!)

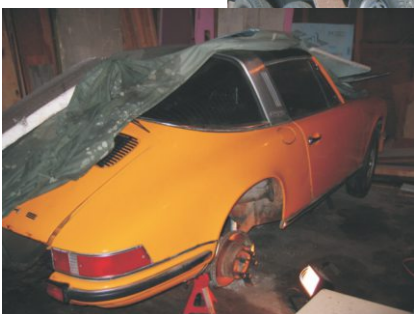
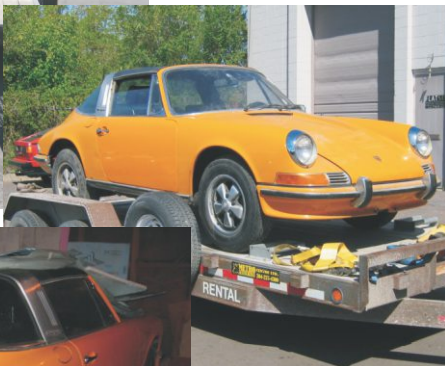
About 10 years later I noticed a yellow 911 Targa parked at Earthways Sports Store on Corydon Avenue. It didn't move at all for a year, then it was suddenly gone. Years later, I saw the car parked in a fenced compound on Higgins. This time it wasn't going to get away! I bought that car as it sat, not running but in good general condition. This is the car that is currently undergoing restoration work at a specialist shop in Minneapolis.

**What's the Porsche you wish you could own?** Porsche Carrera GT I've seen five in person in yellow, black, silver and red. Wow!

**What do you do for a living?** They say the average person changes careers three times. I started out as a heavy duty repair mechanic on Caterpillar construction equipment, worked as a real estate agent for three years, was a seasonal worker in the natural gas pipeline construction industry for 20 years, and now have gone back to school and am looking for a full-time job as a 4th-class power engineer in the steam boiler maintenance industry. My wife Marcia is a medical technologist in the Pathology laboratory at St. Boniface Hospital.

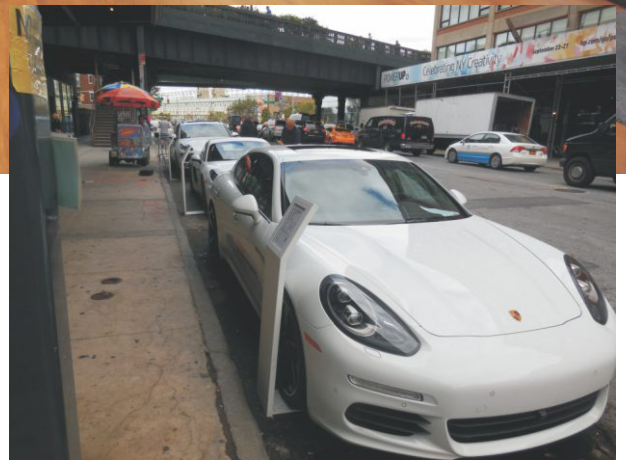
**Do you have any other hobbies?** I enjoy long-distance driving, travelling vacations, watching car racing, photography, listening to music and attending concerts.

[Editor's note: Bruce has to be one of the friendliest and most enthusiastic members of our club. Ask him about his autographed nametag!]



# The Sound of Porsche

By Dallas Ewen



Living where we do, it's important to take full advantage of Porsche-related opportunities whenever you can. That's why I was anxious, on a recent trip to New York City, to check out Porsche's "pop-up store" in Manhattan's trendy Meatpacking District.

"The Sound of Porsche Stories of the Brand" operated for about three weeks this Autumn as a chic boutique space next to Diane von Furstenberg's atelier on West 14th Street in lower Manhattan. The purpose of the boutique wasn't necessarily to sell cars, but rather to introduce the Porsche brand to pedestrian passersby in this high-rent (and high-net-wealth) area.

The space was liveried in cool white set off by orange mid-century style seating. The main area was flanked by listening stations where visitors donned Bose headphones and chose from an array of 16 "records", each one a video about the Porsche brand accompanied by a high-end soundtrack. My wife and I sampled several of these videos, on topics ranging from Porsche's history at Le Mans to the interesting history of one very high mileage Porsche car.

The venue also included a contest area where visitors could sketch their vision of the sound of Porsche for a chance to win a trip to the Stuttgart factory museum. Of course there was also the obligatory gift shop where one could purchase branded sunglasses, shoes and various other sundries (I bought a licensed "Porsche Parking Only: all others will be towed"). I also picked up some branded swag including a copy of the latest so-painfully-cool-it's-almost-self-parodic Porsche design magazine "Black" and yes, its cover design is gloss black on matte black...

However, hipsterism aside, the coolest part of the boutique was at the back the Sound Lab Virtual Drive Experience. It's a soundproof glass room where sits a new 991 wrapped in white vinyl. Visitors select one of three "soundscapes" which is entered into a console by an attractive young attendant, and the show begins. The lights dim, you hear that flat-six cranking over, and suddenly the car is alive with imagery flashed onto it from an unseen projector. We'd selected the "Nurburgring Nordschliefe" soundscape and it was awesome, a virtual lap around the Green Hell. The car reflected the landscape guardrails, asphalt, trees and grass - as we lapped the track, while the soundtrack wailed through an unseen array of Bose speakers. Fantastic!!

So after loading ourselves with swag and enjoying complimentary cold beverages, we departed for the remainder of our day in NYC. The Sound of Porsche was a really neat experience and something that I think would give those unfamiliar with Porsche a real sense of the brand. The venue was urbane, cool and hip, staffed by young, friendly, knowledgeable (and highly attractive) young people no doubt chosen for those attributes. A very pleasant way to pass a couple of hours in New York City!

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## Club Christmas Party

*Our Annual Red River PCA Christmas Banquet RSVP invites have been sent!*

*It will be held on Saturday November 29th at the Manitoba Club.*

*Please be aware that this year, the event is open to family and friends! If there are additional people that you would like to attend with you, please make note of their full names and meal choices on the back of the RSPV cards that will be arriving in your mailboxes very shortly! The cost of this event is per person, so please include your payment with your returned RSVP card and send it back ASAP!*

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### Club Meetings:

(Locations of meetings will be emailed)

7:00 p.m. Weds., Dec. 3, 2014 & 7:00 p.m. Weds., Jan. 7, 2015

Please feel free to join us earlier for refreshments before the meeting begins.

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As you plan a vacation or a business trip, look for a local PCA event there before you leave.

**IT IS ALL THE SAME CLUB; FEEL FREE TO SAY HI & JOIN IN**

**For questions about any event in this calendar, please email [events@redriverpca.org](mailto:events@redriverpca.org)**

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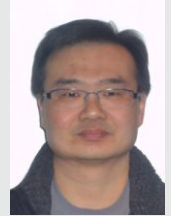


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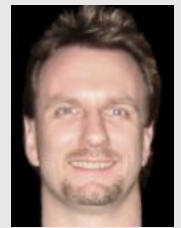
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