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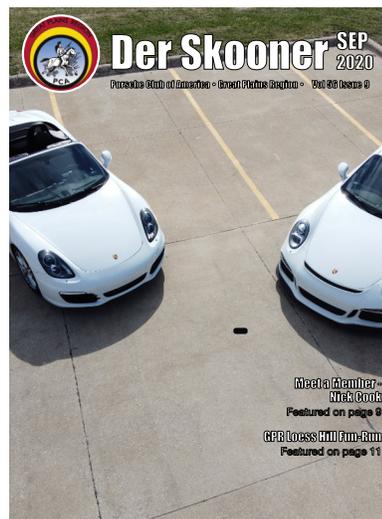
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From the President

By Joe Chambers

Propel - drive, push, or cause to move in a particular direction, typically forward.

The pandemic has certainly tested our club's ability to keep moving forward. In June we cautiously managed our way through a DE at RPM with 48 drivers. July turned out to be another dry month for us. On August 8th we returned to the Garden Cafe and had 25 people in attendance. It was great to see those who came. At the time of this writing, our August 22nd Fun Run is a big hit with 50 members registered and more expected in the next few days. These events have demonstrated that our members respect each other and can safely gather together.

Today (8/17/20) we announced our next big event to be held at Champions Run. You can tell from the invite that you received via email that this will be a special social for us. Hopefully, you will find something you like on the lunch and dessert menus. We are confident we have the right space reserved to protect our members for this large gathering. The indoor lunch is in a big room that will allow a lot of space between attendees. The car show will be outdoors in the fresh air. We look forward to seeing many of you at this event. We also understand that some of you will not be comfortable attending and we respect your decision.

Our next DE will be on October 17-18 at RPM. Registration will open on ClubRegistration.net on September 15. We all had a great time back in June and hope that you will come out and support the event and join in the fun. There will be a novice class for those of you that are first timers.

In October we will be sending you the slate of candidates for the 2021 Board of Directors. Our nominating committee (Steve Gehring, Kurt Halvorson, Terry Lessmann) presented their recommendations to the current BoD on August 19, 2020. The board has approved the slate and we will present the candidates to the membership on October 1, 2020. The membership has from October 1-31 to cast their vote. The votes will be counted and reported by the Secretary on November 1, 2020. The newly elected board will go into effect on December 1, 2020.

In addition to the BoD vote, we will also be sending a proposed change to the Great Plains Region bylaws. It requires a vote for approval from the membership to take effect. The proposed change is to include a provision for a Vice President. Presently, when a new President (2 yr term) comes in, prior President becomes Past President. The change will allow for the Past President to serve the first year and then the second-year a Vice President may be elected. The VP will be the presumed President (pending a membership vote) for the following 2 years. Then the cycle is repeated. If you have any questions upon receiving your ballot, please refer them to our Secretary.

All the best,

~Joe

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GPR Porsches & Pancakes are BACK



Article by Mark Eichten photos by Armando Colorado

Check out the awesome lineup in the parking lot at Rockbook Garden Cafe for our Porsches & Pancakes on August 8th. There was a wonderful member turnout and great service as usual for around 25 members.

Looking forward to our next Porsches & Pancakes on September 12th. Hope to see you all there.



Congratulations - Q2 Article Winner - Matt Miller

Congratulations to Matt Miller!

His article was voted the best member submission of Q2 published in the Der Skooner. He won a \$100 gift certificate to SierraMadre Collection!



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September

12 Porsches & Pancakes (September)

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20 Car Show and Lunch at
Champions Run

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

National Calendar



Zone 10 Calendar



October

10 Porsches & Pancakes (October)

8:00 am - 10:00 am

17-

18 Fall DE at RPM

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Joe Chambers 10 years

News

By the Numbers:

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267 PCA members in GPR region

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Why not save time and renew for 2 or 3 years? The benefits are many: you will be able to attend GPR member-only events such as the always popular Winter Party, Spring Fling Social, annual picnic, as well as enjoy free advertising for car-related items for sale in Der Skooner.

Be sure to add your significant other to the email list so she/he can also receive GPR/PCA emails. Complete the information and pay by credit card on our secure site. If you prefer to pay by check, you may print the online form and mail it in.

Reminder annual Memberships expire on December 31st. Please go to gprpca.com and click on the link: "[Join or Renew Your GPR Membership](#)".

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A note from the editor

As editor, I would encourage you to share your news, articles, ideas and photos. One of the features in the monthly newsletter is *Meet a Member*. Please consider being featured this year! The process is easy, you can fill out the form [here](#) and upload a few pictures to share your story with the club!

Thank you for additional great article submissions so far this year! Please continue to use the links below to submit articles and Meet a Member submissions.

Article Upload [link](#). Photo Upload [link](#).

Thank you for your contributions to making the Great Plains Porsche Club an excellent community of car enthusiasts.

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Meet a Member - Nick Cook

Article and Photos by Nick Cook

When did you join the PCA?

Joined the PCA in February of 2019.

What Porsche(s) have you owned and what do you currently own?

2016 Cayman S, 2013 Boxster S, and a 2014 GT3.

Where are you from?

I live in Sioux City Iowa with my wife Shannon and two sons. I have worked for Wells Blue Bunny in the Ice Cream Capital of the world, Le Mars Iowa for almost 15 years now as a Systems Engineer. Yes we get ice cream in the break rooms which is nice but not so good for my figure !

What makes your car(s) special?

With 6 months under my belt with the GT3 everything about it is special. From the looks to the epic Flat 6 spinning to 9000 RPM ! Grabbing the keys and heading to the garage to take it out is such an occasion.

Next Porsche or current project?

I was on the fence about going with the GT3 or a Turbo S. I might have to try out a 992 Turbo S on the used market in a few years.

Strongly considering adding sports exhaust to my Boxster. It sounded so good on my Cayman I can just imagine how great it would sound with the top down.

What got you interested in Porsches?

After owning Mustangs and old hot rods I was ready for something a bit more special. I test drove some

new Mustangs, C7 Corvettes and then a few older 997 and 996 911s. While at Woodhouse Porsche in Omaha they had just taken in a 2012 base Cayman with PDK. They gave me the keys and I headed out. The handling, awesome sounding Flat6 and insanely fast shifting double clutch transmission had me hooked. Until I test drove that Cayman I never knew a 6 cylinder engine could sound that good and an automated manual could shift that fast. I decided to start the search for a 981 Cayman. I found the one, a 2016 Cayman S PDK with the must have Sport Exhaust option in Chicago. We road tripped to pick it up in the Spring of 2018. The funny thing on that trip was I got pulled over for speeding,
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Pictured above and below GT3.



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I hadn't been pulled over for speeding in over 10 years. It wasn't in the shiny new Porsche like you might have expected but in the Family SUV on the way to Chicago. I guess you could say I was a little excited to get my first Porsche.

Any other dream cars you would own?

I am really into the naturally aspirated engines since they seem to be a dying breed and have so much more character. I would like to own a Ferrari F12 or 812 Superfast once the used prices come down a bit.

As for the may never be able to afford dream cars I would have the 918 Spyder, Carrera GT, and Ford GT on my list.

Favorite road trip, track or race?

My wife Shannon and I did our first road trip in her 2013 Boxster S last summer through Colorado and the Million Dollar Highway. The mountain roads with the top down was an amazing experience.

Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Our trip to Colorado had some great memories. We hope to make many more with a possible trip to Porsche Palooza in Arkansas and maybe some day a trip to the Tail of the Dragon.



GPR Loess Hills Fun-Run



Article by Rick Mourey, Safety Chair, Photos provided by Armando Colorado

GPR held its first Fun-Run of 2020 and the COVID era on August 22. Planning for the first Fun-Run proved to be interesting since PCA is still requiring their COVID approval process for events to be followed and all the rest rooms at our typical mid-point park stops remain closed due to COVID. With Armando Colorado and Terry Lessmann pitching ideas and helping to check route options out, we managed to get everything set up, approved and this time opted to do a non-stop run with no bio breaks. This was also the first time we used Club Registration site for a Fun-Run sign up, with Terry handling registration instructions and getting the e-signature process going for the release forms. This proved to be fortuitous since typically it's a "let's see who shows up" event format. As the car counts began to grow on the Club Reg site (about 40 when we finally started on Saturday), we quickly realized the Mormon Plaza parking lot was not going to cut it for a group this size. We did a quick pivot and moved across the street to the empty one on a Saturday, Battlefield Dr., which turned out to work great for the number of folks showing up.

Event day turned out just about perfect, and while a little warm, there was plenty of sunshine and just about everyone with a Cab had the top down, for our 4PM start. We broke up the run into 3 groups (first time I have ever done that) and headed over the Mormon Bridge to Iowa. We drove the North Loess Hills route, which takes you into Crescent and then east and north up through Beebetown (don't blink), through some great twisties and open straights to Logan and then Magnolia. From there we picked up the Loess Hills Trail south, navigating handful of tractor passings (all with friendly waves) into Missouri Valley. It's here group 2 got held up by a very long train with group 3 almost catching them. Joe was game on, but I don't think Denny wanted us to catch him. As you would expect. the radio chatter between the leaders

and sweepers was the typical "tractor ahead", "how's the speed", "3 cars didn't make the light", "Biker bar, can we stop?", to some really awful jokes that got Joe and I banned from radio use by Cindy and Theresa. Coming out of Missouri Valley, group 3 picked-up a biker who dropped right in behind Theresa and I running sweeper. She hung off my rear bumper all the way down the Lincoln Highway into Crescent, running a few corners and tractor passings with us nose to tail, with a couple of big "thumbs up" thrown in and a big wave as we headed back towards the Mormon Bridge and she pulled off. I'm sure she was part of the group Armando ran into when he did a pre-drive. We all finished up the run back near the Mormon Plaza on Battlefield Drive and got ready to leave from there for food! Armando suggested we try out the food truck



stop on 108th & Q, and what a great idea it was. We had around 15 cars hit the food trucks, and it was fun to get some great food, cold drinks and catch-up on the drive and of course all things Porsche!

A big thank you to everyone who posted pictures and videos on the GPR website. Those are always great to see, and special thanks to Armando, Moe Shanley, Denny Strauss, Sandy Steckman, Joe Chambers and Terry Lessmann for handling lead, sweeper, and rover duty for 3 groups. Great job keeping everyone together and having a safe and fun drive.

If you are looking for a fun drive even as a lone Porsche, Armando, Terry and I highly recommend you give the North Loess Hills route a shot and of course finish up at the food trucks on 108th & Q!

We have already started planning our next Fun Run, thinking about a sunrise(ish) start, ending at another of Armando's foodie stops. Look for upcoming news on this.

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Board of Directors Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of the GPR Board Meeting August 4, 2020

The Great Plains PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on August 4, 2020 on Joe Chambers' patio. Present were Joe Chambers, Steve Gehring, Rick Mourey, Terry Lessmann, Brandon Koom, Armando Colorado, Mark Eichten, Eric Elliott (by phone), Moe Shanley and Kurt Halvorson.

PRESIDENT: The president led discussion around the board's current composition and who wished to be considered for another year in their role. Upcoming vacancies were noted for president, membership, treasurer and social. A nominating committee of Steve Gehring, Terry Lessmann and Kurt Halvorson was appointed by the board to consider candidates to fill the open positions, for ballot vote by members this fall in accordance with the by-laws.

SECRETARY: The July minutes were approved as distributed.

SAFETY: Insurance was procured from National for the planned Fun Run on August 22nd. Helmets with a Snell 2010 rating may be allowed through 2021 – final status to come.

REGISTRAR: We will utilize ClubRegistration.net for RSVPs and registrations for driving events. Registrar and Safety reviewed this new electronic process with the board.

TREASURER: The club's cash balance was \$81,970 on July 31, 2020. Dues receipts for July were \$150, interest income was \$7; newsletter costs were \$139 and Stripe processing fees were \$5.

MEMBERSHIP: Through July GPR has 138 paid members and 267 PCA members. There were 5 new PCA members, 4 new GPR members, 1 transfer out of our region and 6 PCA Test Drive members.

SOCIAL: August Porsches and Pancakes is August 8th; a Fun Run is scheduled for August 22nd with a food truck dinner afterwards; September 12th Porsches and Pancakes; September 20th Champions Run -

Lunch and Car Show; September 26th Fremont Fall Fest (not a GPR event). Possible October events discussed.

EDITOR: August Der Skooner is published. Editor plans to publish a Meet a Sponsor/Advertiser column for those interested in participating, as well as continuing the Meet a Member column. Fewer printed copies of Der Skooner are required, resulting in modest cost savings.

WEBMASTER: The website is up to date; Der Skooner link was provided to members via email; new social events will be added to the site and emails will be sent to members for upcoming events.

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Halvorson
Secretary

Reminder from the Board:

The GPR is dependent on volunteers as well. It's challenging to identify members who have an interest in leading the club and are willing to make themselves available to serve. We would like to hear from you if you are one of those people. Ideally, we are looking for both men and women to help lead our group. Knowing who has an interest will hopefully help us find a better balance on our board. We sincerely need your help. Please email Joe if you have any interest President@gprpca.com

Rick and Armando getting setup for the fun run!





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