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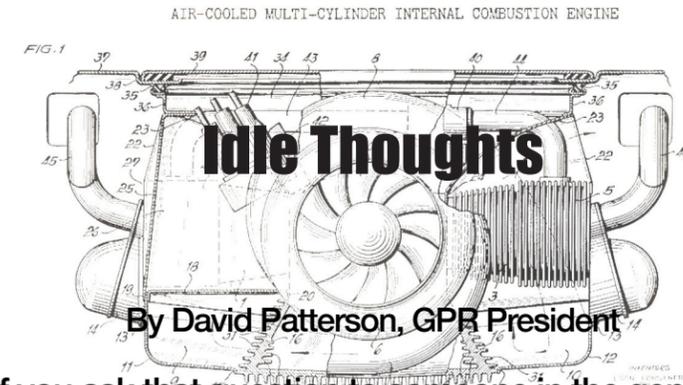
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By David Patterson, GPR President

What is a Porsche? If you ask that question to someone in the general public you are likely to hear comments that center on high performance, racing, affluence, and prestige. Each of these potential answers to the question are in some aspects accurate. Our vehicles are capable of impressive performance; either for their time or for all time. The racing prowess of the brand has expanded its reach well beyond the awareness of owners. The age old statement of "Race on Sunday and sell on Monday" can be applied, at least in part, to Porsche's success as a brand. Perceptions of affluence are born out by the halo cars that sit at the top of the mountain in each model year; and even some at entry levels. And lastly . . . .

Prestige, noun - widespread respect and admiration felt for someone or something on the basis of a perception of their achievements or quality.

As owners our answers become more nuanced. The performance that is born of the racing heritage is undeniable and even more impressive when experienced behind the wheel. The funds spent on purchasing or repairing our cherished vehicles is of equal parts choice, appreciation, love, and obsession. Certainly, each of us has been wooed by the prestige of the brand ourselves. But when I am asked "What is a Porsche?", my answer is . . .

It is an amazing machine that links decades of enthusiasts under the banner of engineering excellence, timeless design, and the drive to perform at our very best; all while sharing the experience with remarkable people.

At the midpoint of the year, it is of the utmost importance that I draw your attention to the remarkable people who are on the Great Plains Region board. As president I have a unique vantage point to witness the large strokes and small details that make this whole thing run. The first half of the year has been full of opportunities to stay connected, socialize, head out on the track, and give back to our community. I am so thankful for each board member and their time and effort to provide us all with opportunities to enjoy our membership in the Club.

Thank you to each of you for being members of the Great Plains Region. GO DRIVE!

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## Club Calendar

### July

- 10** [Breakfast at Porsche Omaha](#)  
6625 L St., Omaha, NE, See details on Page 13
- 17** [Tech Session at SLM Auto Care](#)  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm 2925 Keystone Dr., Omaha, NE 68134
- 24** [Dinner at Pasta Amore](#)  
6:00 - 9:00 pm 11027 Prairie Brook Road, Omaha, NE 68144

### August

- 7** [Volunteer at the Food Bank](#)  
9:00-11:30am See details on Page 6
- 14** [Porsches & Pancakes](#)  
Location TBD
- 21**  
**-22** [DE at RPM](#)  
19340 Jesup Ave. Pacific Junction, IA 51561

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### [Club Racing Calendar](#)



### Online and Social Media



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# Upcoming GPR Social Events

## The Food Bank for the Heartland Item of the Month for July is Canned Pasta

Please bring at least one can of pasta to each event you attend in July. Drop off your cans in the designated Food Bank box. Be sure to check back each month to find out what the Item of the Month will be.



You donated 97 boxes of cereal in May. YOU are making a difference to our neighbors in need. Thank you for your generosity!

We will present a check to The Food Bank for the Heartland for \$400, which was money donated during parade laps at RPM and MPH in May. Thank you!



We have a wonderful opportunity to volunteer at the Food Bank on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11:30 am. Due to Covid restrictions still in place, the Food Bank is limiting us to 15 people who can volunteer. Sign up quickly so you don't miss out, using the instructions below. Thank you for volunteering your time!

1. Visit the Food Bank for the Heartland event registration page: <https://cerv.is/m?0353g2HSeFT>
2. Click on the "Register" button at the bottom of the page.
3. Follow the on screen instructions to access the CERVIS registration system. If this is your first time using the system, you will be prompted to create a Volunteer Profile.
4. Once you have successfully signed into the system you will automatically be registered for this event and receive a confirmation E-mail.
5. Event Registration Code: 2HSeFT  
Food Bank for the Heartland Volunteer Center  
10525 J Street Omaha, NE 68127



## Social Dinner at Pasta Amore

We hope you'll join us at our next GPR Social Dinner at **Pasta Amore**, 11027 Prairie Brook Road, Omaha on **July 24<sup>th</sup>**. We'll meet at **6:00 pm** for a social hour (cash bar) in their private dining room with dinner to follow.

The restaurant has a maximum of **60** people (which includes guests) in the private room, so **RSVP by July 17<sup>th</sup> at [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com)**. Our menu will consist of:

- Lasagna
- Shrimp Fettuccine Alfredo
- Chicken Marsala
- Saltimbocca
- Linguine Primavera

Save room for dessert! You'll have a choice of Cannoli or Tiramisu.

This dinner is for current GPR members only, and will be paid for by your Club (except for alcohol). If you're not a GPR member or you need to renew your dues, please join us at [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com).

Please park on the north side of the restaurant.

Don't forget to bring cans of pasta for the Food Bank for the Heartland.

Pasta Amore is always a favorite restaurant of the Club - don't miss it!

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## Meet an Advertiser - Mike Ramm

Article and Photos by Mike Ramm

**What is the name of your Business?**  
Farmers Insurance Ramm agency

**What is your business story, what got you interested starting and running the business?**

I started in the insurance game in 1980 at the ripe age of 22 with Mutual of Omaha. I had sold ski equipment at Westroads Mall prior to being in the Marine Corp for several years. Since I remembered doing well at sales I thought I'd like to try selling health insurance after I got out. Well as the years have progressed my business model had greatly expanded into not only health products but life insurance and retirement planning. Then along came an opportunity to start a property casualty business which includes auto home and commercial insurance. Farmers Insurance is a great brand and what they don't have they allow me to continue the health business and group. I love it all and my staff is magnificent.

**What makes your business special?**  
We are very good at what we do so I do believe with our staff that we are special, not always the cheapest but you'll never have to worry how good your coverage is.

**Next Porsche or current project?**  
My car was purchased in 1971 by my dad. He passed in July and I just finished her up on his behalf. Lots of originality with this one. 56K on the ticker. It was a leaker so had the engine rebuilt and the MFI sent off to the east coast for a rebuild also. Paint is original and magnificent. Its done other than getting a Phillips screw driver put back in the tool roll.

**Favorite memory with your Porsche?**  
My favorite memory on this car is the not being able to touch it for 40 years other than waxing it for my dad. LOL

**Any other dream cars you would want to own?**  
I still love the little 914. I'd love to have one widened and built to race. Running on rails as they say.



The Great Plains Region Invites You to

Come *Track* with us!

Here are the remaining dates for 2021 DEs

Raceway  
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**Dog Days DE**

August 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Novices are welcome

Raceway  
Park of the  
Midlands



**Oktoberfest DE**

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Novices are welcome

Check [ClubRegistration.net](http://ClubRegistration.net) for more information as it becomes available.

## First TECH SESSION of the Year - July 17<sup>th</sup> at SLM Auto Care

2925 Keystone Drive (NE of 86<sup>th</sup> & Maple)  
Omaha at 9 am.

A Dyno session is planned.  
Snacks and beverages will be served.

To meet PCA requirements we all need to  
register and sign waivers  
at [ClubRegistration.net](http://ClubRegistration.net)  
by Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm.



# Membership News

## 11 New Members in June

### News

By the Numbers:  
159 Paid GPR members  
293 PCA members in GPR region

When you join the Porsche Club of America, you become a member of the largest independent, single marque club in the world. Membership is open to all Porsche owners, co-owners or lessees, who are 18 years of age or older. Club membership allows you to learn more about what your car can do, have more fun with it and get to know other Porsche owners who share your interests. We have fun, do cool stuff and drive some of the finest cars made. Come join the fun!

You must be a PCA member (pca.org) in order to join the Great Plains Region.

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.

Please go to [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com) and click on the link: "[Join or Renew Your GPR Membership](#)".

Questions? Contact:  
**Carol Lynch**  
Membership Chair

### A Note from the Editor

As editor, I would encourage you to share your Porsche 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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### Member Name Badges

Look official at our next GPR/PCA event. The magnetic name badges are \$10, includes shipping.

Please contact Melinda at [melinda.halvorson1115@gmail.com](mailto:melinda.halvorson1115@gmail.com). Don't forget to wear your name badge to all GPR events!



# Donut Drive



Article by Melinda Halvorson Social Chair  
Photos by Melinda Halvorson and Amy Anderson

39 Porsche friends gathered on June 5th with one thing in mind ... eating delicious donuts! While we were a day late for National Donut Day, we were ready to celebrate. After the obligatory Driver's Meeting, we counted off to form two groups. We had 23 cars, which would have been too many to stay in one group. We decided to send each group to a different donut shop, then switch after we finished our first donut feast. We selected The Wahoo Bakery and Rise and Shine Donuts in Fremont for our drive for donuts. The best thing about the drive was seeing the other group on Highway 77 as we passed each other while heading to the other donut shop. We flashed our lights, honked and waved. I'm sure other drivers wondered what was going on! The donut shops were ready for us with plenty of delicious donuts to eat and take home for later. The employees were excited to see us and very happy for the business. The locals in Fremont and Wahoo enjoyed seeing



our cars, which was fun. Both groups decided Rise and Shine Donuts had the best selection, but The Wahoo Bakery was the winner for the best tasting donuts. My favorite donut? Chocolate iced cake with sprinkles! I'd say our First Annual Donut Drive was a success! We'll do it again next year with a new Donut Drive route and new donut shops to try. Hope you'll join us!



# Green Gateau Event

Comments by David Patterson

Photos by Armando Colorado

On Saturday, June 19th nearly forty Club members gathered at The Green Gateau in Lincoln, Nebraska for an evening of delicious food and great conversation. An already "sweet" evening was capped off by a selection of the restaurant's signature desserts.



# Board of Directors Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of the GPR Board Meeting June 8, 2021

The Great Plains PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on June 8, 2021 at the Lynch residence. Present were David Patterson, Joe Chambers, Terry Lessmann, Carol Lynch, Melinda Halvorson, Bob Kirchner and Kurt Halvorson. Eric Elliott joined by telephone and Rick Mourey and Mark Eichten were unable to attend.

**PRESIDENT:** Patterson welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**SECRETARY:** The May 2021 minutes were approved as distributed.

**TREASURER:** The club's cash balance was \$91,650 on May 28, 2021, including deposits of \$1,224 from PCA for the National Dues Subsidy and \$450 for member dues allocated to our region. The Spring Fling DE at RPM produced positive cash flow of \$416; final results from the Club Race at MPH will be finalized in June. The club's tax return has been completed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** At present, GPR has 146 paid 2021 renewals and 285 primary PCA national members. Chair Lynch received 2 GPR members by reaching out to PCA members who had joined since the first of the year. Two members from Schonesland Region (Des Moines area) reached out to Chair Lynch to inquire about our DE events and other events we support. Discussion ensued around potential partnering with other regions for track events in particular.

**SOCIAL:** The food drive item for the Food Bank for the Heartland is canned vegetables for June and canned pasta for July. \$350 will be provided to the Food Bank from Parade Laps at the recent DEs, along with 47 boxes of cereal and 5 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese donated from the Ladies Luncheon, Board meeting and Donut Drive. Approximately 80 people attended the Tessman social dinner in Hastings during the Club Race weekend. The First Annual Donut Drive garnered 23 drivers and 16 passengers. Picnic volunteers are being sought. Club paid dinner June 19th at the Green Gateau in Lincoln is full with 40 RSVPs. Tech Session is July 17th at SLM Auto Care. Another club-paid social dinner is scheduled for July 24th at Pasta Amore. Member volunteer day at The Foodbank is August 7th. Tech Session at Star Class Motors is slated for August 28th at 9am. GPR window stickers are now available to members.

**REGISTRAR:** Club Race weekend (May 28-30) attracted 29 racers for the weekend and 28 DE drivers. Discussion ensued around the registration process for ClubRegistration events and PCA waivers.

**SAFETY:** Club Race was reported to be a success with positive feedback from PCA. Required event reports (no

issues) were filed with PCA. An advanced DE / Club Racing instruction/coaching program is still being finalized. Discussion ensued around having a Club Race debrief with co-chairs, registrar and president after final feedback is received from PCA.

**EDITOR:** June Der Skooner was published. Editor Eichten requests articles from members attending events. If you are reading these minutes, consider writing an article about anything Porsche for the newsletter!

**WEBMASTER:** The GPR website is up to date with scheduled events. RSVPs are active for the Annual Picnic on the GPR website. The GPR Instagram feed was added to the GPR site landing page and the photos page as well.

The next board meeting will be in person Tuesday July 13th at 6:00 pm at a location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

## Join Us for Breakfast at Porsche Omaha - July 10<sup>th</sup>

Porsche Omaha, 6625 L St., Omaha, is hosting breakfast Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. (Note: There will be NO Porsches & Pancakes at Garden Cafe on July 10<sup>th</sup>.)

We'll have a great morning amongst the beautiful Porsches. **You must RSVP by Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** on our website: [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com) so we can give an accurate count to the dealership.

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## GPR Classified Ads

Complete front bumper cover for 981 Cayman, removed from my 2015 car at about 19k miles. Includes all attached hardware including DRLs and headlamp washers as well as radiator ducts. Was covered in 3M clear film until just before it's removal, so the Agate paint is very good, but there is some curb rash on the lower right front. No other accidents or repairs.

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## Classified Ads

FREE to members, please send your details to [editor@gprpca.com](mailto:editor@gprpca.com) for Ads, include pictures and contact information. Ads will be published in the Der Skooner for 2 months unless notified of the item being no longer available.

# Porsche Drivers Education 101 Experience

Article and photo by Tom Henriksen  
additional photos on our site at this [link](#)

It is not often in my advancing life that I get to participate in an event that far exceeds my expectations. I expected to enjoy my DE-101 time at the track, but I have been telling anyone that will listen, that those two days were the most fun I have had behind the wheel of a car . . . ever! Jim Medici was assigned to me as my driving instructor. Jim was incredibly patient, knowledgeable, and fun to drive with. A huge thank you to the Great Plains PCA for organizing this event, and making it easy and enjoyable for this new 2004 Porsche Boxster owner to have some fun with his new toy. Also, a big shout out to the Raceway Park of the Midlands for providing an excellent facility.

First session, Mr. Medici drove my Boxster a few laps around the track while I held on tight in the passenger seat. Jim also owns a 2004 Boxster S, and told me he was only driving at about 80% of the car's capability. I thought he was going to wreck my car! Boy, did I have a lot to learn. First of all, I had to learn that the German engineers who design the Porsche Boxster know how to build a high-performance vehicle. I had no idea the turning and braking capabilities of my Boxster. Jim did a great job showing and telling me, but until I had a few sessions under my belt, it was not easy to trust the brakes would work as well as they did.

Jim praised my improvement throughout Saturday, even though there were many turns I left much to be desired. The pursuit of a perfect lap was addictive. What a joy to try. The sessions were 20 minutes long each hour. When I first heard this schedule, I thought that was not enough time on the track. Boy, was I wrong. After 20 minutes of tight turns, and maximum acceleration, my body and mind were ready for a needed break. Terry's classroom instructions were very informative and helpful. The best lesson was "smooth is fast". Also Jim's words, "you are either on the gas or on the brake" kept ringing in my head. Coasting before braking is a hard habit to break. My

father's instructions teaching me to drive at 15 years old did not include no coasting before a stop.

My Sunday had to be cut short due to youth baseball coaching duties. Yet, applying the lessons learned from all day Saturday was continued joy. My wife and two youngest kids were able to come to the track and watch from the stands. Jim rode with me during the first 20-minute session that day. Then he told me I was ready to solo. The two solo sessions were awesome! The pursuit of a perfect line, and on the gas or on the brakes, were great challenges. Look forward to trying again. Now time to look into purchasing track tires and track brakes . . .



Above: Tom and Jim

# From the Grid

Article by Rick Mourey, GPR DE/Safety and photos by Armando Colorado additional photos on our site at this [link](#)

We are almost halfway through our DE/Club race season and after a year of limited track time and ever-changing event schedules, it's really good to be back with a full schedule. Even better is reconnecting with all our regulars at the track and seeing all the new faces coming out. GPR really enjoys putting these events on for drivers and appreciates all the support.

GPR racers kicked off the Club Racing year with the first local race at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka, Kansas.

The Great Plains Region was well represented on the race side with Rick Mourey, Shawn Keeler, Mark Hoffman and Dave Safris our adopted Iowa racer all competing. On the DE side Roger Williams rolled in with his new and highly pedigreed Cup Car. Next time you see Roger ask him how much the torque wrench cost for the wheel nuts on that car...We also had traveling John Artherton, Terry Whitney and returnee to the club Mike Anderson running the DE. Sandy Brusco made the drive down and it was great to have her in the paddock lending her smile and crew chief skills to the weekend. So, all of that was great, the weather, not so much. Let's just say we all were able to give our rain tires and cold weather gear a workout, including Shawn's high output heater!! Theresa and I have added one of those to our race weekend inventory!

Our first DE in early May at RPM had a great turnout and it's always fun for everyone to get back out on the track and shake off the cobwebs after a long winter! While we did have our fair share of in paddock repairs going on this weekend, (I blame that on COVID) the DE spirit was in full swing with a bunch of folks rolling up their sleeves, grabbing tools and pitching in to help get everyone back on the track or safely headed home. This also turned out to be one of our first early season DE's



where it did not rain, snow or sleet! I think we'll continue to look to early May for future scheduling.

At the end of May GPR returned to racing and held it's Club Race and DE weekend. Over the weekend GPR paid tribute to Sally Knapp, aka "Wolf Kitten" handing out "Wolf Kitten" stickers using Sally's famed white 968 as the pace car for the 2 sprint races on Saturday and Sandy Brusco taking the car for a solo memory lap around the track prior to the parade laps.

Also, for the first time, we opened the DE group to all run groups for the weekend and had a fabulous turnout. With three days of track time for the DE drivers, they had plenty of track time to work on their skills at a track that does not give you too many breaks. The team of the weekend honors goes to team Lynch. Fielding four cars throughout the weekend, including a gorgeous Corvette in that stable of Porsches. I even think we saw George P., take some tread off the tires of his Mercedes AMG. Great to see George out running that stunning AMG even if he didn't "park out back". Lastly, special DE honors go out to every DE driver who hit the track on Sunday in the pouring. You know who you are, and I was impressed with how well you improved lap over lap in those conditions. You bested the club race drivers by never putting a tire off track - Nice Job!

On the club race side we didn't quite have the numbers we typically have, but the "who" of who showed up made up for that. We pulled racers from Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa and of course Nebraska. GPR was well represented with Mark Hoffman, Scott Norby and Dave Safris running outstanding races.

Mark Hoffman took a 2nd in sprint one and David Safris took first in sprint two for the GTB1 class. Mark Hoffman came away with the sprint race corner workers award. Congratulations Mark! Joe Bank, who loves running at Hastings, put down some blistering lap times this weekend posting a 1:29 in Sprint 1. (continued on Page 18)



Steve Coomes paced the 944 group all weekend and pulled out a 3rd overall in the rain in Sprint 3. Steve also gets the honor of longest tow for the weekend, making the trek from Texas. Steve and many of this weekend racers are long term supporters of Hastings race and GPR thanks them for their continues support.

Of course, putting on the Club Race each year requires an enormous amount of work from members of the club and volunteers. There are many roles involved, including the task of Registrar (Thanks Terry L), and doing DE car tech (Thanks, David and Theresa), Club Race Co-Chair, Joe Chambers (thanks for the coaching and



insight Joe). Track side though, I want to give a big thank you to this year's Grid Crew who braved the Sunday monsoon, Scales management, Race Timing and Race Steward. A special thanks to Dr. Windle who was our medical liaison for the club race and kept the entire weekend on track with his medical and ambulance releases each day.

The Grid Crew (RJ Mourey, David Patterson, Bob Kirchner, Theresa Mourey & Kayleen Mourey) make sure all the cars have race or DE tech stickers, get lined up properly, in the right starting position (with many thanks from several drivers), ensure doors are shut, hoods/hatch's closed and window nets are up. There is nothing worse than

being all strapped, sitting on the grid with 2 minutes to go and you realize you can't get your window net up your back hatch is not closed, or the passenger door is not latched..... Grid Crew to the rescue.

Thanks to Wayne Wray who ran the scales again this year for us. Running the scales remains one of those jobs that can be a little lonely until the PCA Steward holds up the "Go to Scales" sign at the end of each race. With the Hastings scales being elevated, Wayne also makes sure everyone gets up onto and off the scales without incident - Thanks Wayne!

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Above: The Grid Crew

Roger Williams was in the timing trailer again this year for us, and we are thankful he's there to help handle this complicated role.

Even with multiple classes, a modified schedule change at the last minute this year the grid numbers were always ready and the timing sheets out to all the racers in the paddock!

Sandy Brusio was the assistant race steward this year and got to see all the all the inner workings of a PCA Club Race. She provided back up to the PCA race steward and coordinated reviews of any



on track issues and of course the required paperwork!

Looking forward to our next DE back at RPM in Iowa in August.

Also, stay tuned for the enhanced DE coaching program in development for DE drivers looking to take their skill to the next level or those looking to get into club racing.

Thanks for all your support and see you at the Track.



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