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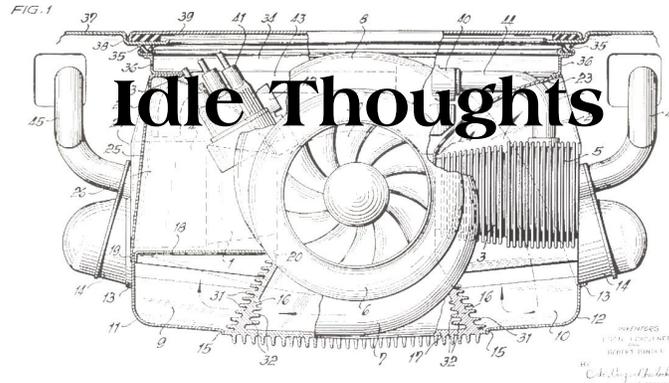
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On The Cover

Photo Provided By:
Robert Kennedy



By David Patterson, GPR President

GRATEFUL

As a new year begins, it is important to thank two individuals who are transitioning off of the board. For the last two years Mark Eichten has helped us all stay informed as Editor of Der Skooner with work that was valued and even award winning. Joe Chambers is concluding an eight year span of active participation on the board in a variety of roles; most recently as Past President. I am grateful for Joe's unwavering passion for and dedication to the club. I foresee both of them enjoying social and track events in 2022 along with all of you.

This issue of Der Skooner is Jeremy Kroh's first as Editor. I appreciate the interest and vigor he has already demonstrated for the role. Mike Anderson also joins the board as Vice President and will no doubt bring energy and vitality to match his purple Porsche. Welcome aboard to both of them.

The last two years we have all been reminded of the importance of the simple things in life. Time with family, sharing a beer with a friend, and savoring a meal out; all were activities that were at times recently limited. Above all else, our health is something for which we should all be grateful. With this in mind, the board has selected the Ronald McDonald House as our charity to support for 2022. As the children (and their families) served by this organization work to regain *their* health, we will provide some support along the way.

2022 is sure to be another tremendous year for the Great Plains Region. I look forward to having each of you along for the journey.

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You and a Guest
Are Invited to Attend
the
Great Plains Region Annual Winter Party

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Champions Run
13800 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha

6:00 Social Hour Cash Bar
Followed by Dinner, Raffle, and Awards

Please RSVP the names of those attending and your entrée selections
on our website, www.gprpca.com, by January 29th:

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You must be a current GPR member to attend this event.
Join or renew your membership today.

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Club Calendar

January

January 8th—Breakfast at Porsche Omaha

6625 L St, Omaha, NE 8:30am—10:00am [RSVP Here](#)

February

February 5th—[Annual Winter Party at Champions Run](#)

13800 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha, NE 6:00pm—9:00pm [RSVP Here](#)

March

Stay tuned!

National Calendar



Zone 10 Calendar

Club Racing Calendar



No matter if your toys are covered for the winter, or they stay out to play, warmest wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

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Upcoming GPR Social Events

Happy New Year! As we begin a new year, the Great Plains Region has selected a new charity to support in 2022, and it is the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha.

“The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha (RMHC) is to create and operate programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. We strive to do so by providing opportunities that strengthen children and families during their most difficult and challenging times. The specific purpose of the Ronald McDonald House Charities is to support access to care, reduce financial burden, provide psychosocial support keeping families together, enhance clinical experiences and outcomes and help families resume normalcy.”



The GPR will be able to support RMHC by providing much needed monetary donations as well as items for the families, for the kitchen, and for the house. They often have nearly 100 people staying there. That means they go through a lot of paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. Providing a comfortable stay for the families takes not only a wonderful house, but an amazing amount of items that need to always be on hand.

When asked what item is most needed right now, they said **laundry soap** and **dryer sheets**. So while you're out shopping, let's pick up these items and bring them to the Porsche Breakfast at Porsche Omaha on January 8th. If you can't make that breakfast, please bring them to the Porsches at Paradise breakfast on February 12th.

Check back each month to see what the Item of the Month will be for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha.

January Breakfast at Porsche Omaha

Start the new year off right and join the Great Plains Region after the holidays for breakfast at **Porsche Omaha, 6603 L St.** We'll meet on **Saturday, January 8th at 8:30 am.** We will not meet at Paradise Bakery this Saturday, but will be back for our usual Porsches at Paradise on Saturday, February 12th at 8:00 am.

You must RSVP to attend and we are limited to 50 people. Please go to our website, gprpca.com to **register by Wednesday, January 5th,** or when the event is full.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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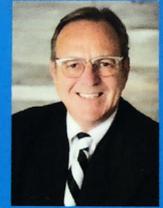


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Meet a Member

Robert Kennedy

Article and Photos by Robert Kennedy

When did you join the PCA?

After a two-decade delay, I finally joined this past summer.

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

As a former Porsche tech, I've driven more of them than I can remember - but my '01 Boxster S is the only one I've actually owned.

Where are you from?

I moved here from Dallas (where I'd worked at Park Place Porsche) in 2004.

What makes your car(s) special?

I did the initial PDI on it back in May 2001. So while I'm technically the third owner, my involvement with this particular car dates back to "day 1" and mile number 14. I expect I'll be keeping it.

Next Porsche or current project?

I plan to change the expansion tank, motor and transmission mounts, and do some other routine maintenance before my first DE event next spring (if my wife will allow it).



Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Probably discovering that I'd worked on it 20 years ago. I didn't know that when I bought it, so that was a fun surprise!

What got you interested in Porsche?

When I was a kid, my dad had a friend who was curious about buying a Jeep Cherokee, so they swapped cars overnight. He test drove our Cherokee, while my dad took me out in the guy's red 911. I was hooked!

Any other dream cars you would own?

We've got a nice collection, so I can't complain. That being said; I'd love to own the Keaton-era Batmobile! LOL



Favorite road trip, track or race?

Summer 2018, we took a family trip down to a big Mustang show in St. Louis. We trailed my King Cobra behind our truck and toured the Gateway Arch and National Museum of Transportation. We had a great time with our kids, my car won an award, and I met my future boss at Ford - who eventually talked me into writing a book that is now nearly complete!



Membership News

January Anniversaries

5 years—Mike Toohey

15 years—Kim Burger, Brian Tessman

20 years—Scott Lautenbach

25 years—Jay Moore, Eric Elliot

By the Numbers:

GPR Membership is 84.

103 members need to renew their 2022 membership dues to be attend the GPR Club sponsored Winter Party on February 5, 2022.

PCA Primary members are 303 .

Time to Renew Your GPR Membership!!

2022 is now!!

Check your PCA membership card and confirm your membership is current.

You will need your PCA number to RENEW your GPR membership!

Go to gprpca.com and look for the "About" Link. Use the drop down menu to select "Become a Member."

One year renewal is \$30.00. You can also renew for two (\$60) or three years (\$90). You may pay by check or credit card.

If any of your contact information has changed, please let us know.

The Great Plains Region Board works to ensure there are numerous social and car events for you to enjoy. Many social events are completely supported by the club. Your club dues must be paid for you to enjoy the fun.

If you have a question about your membership with GPR please contact Carol via email:

membership@gprpca.com.

A Note from the Editor

First, let me start off by thanking Mark Eichten for his dedication to the Great Plains Region newsletter these last few years. Make sure and thank him next time you see him, he left quite a set of shoes to fill!

Now I'll introduce myself. My name is Jeremey Kroh, and this is my first year of Porsche ownership. Hopefully we've met in person at some of the events this past summer or fall, and if not, you may have seen my little 986 Artic Silver Boxster in the November issue of *Der Skooner*. I've got plenty to learn about the world of Porsche and I'm more than eager to take notes and listen to the stories of all the veteran and new owners alike.

This is your newsletter and we'd love to hear about your tales from the winding road or track! If you would like to send in an article for consideration, please send an email to:

editor@gprpca.com

If you are new to the club or haven't been featured in the Meet A Member section, please consider submitting an article and [use this link](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support of the newsletter!

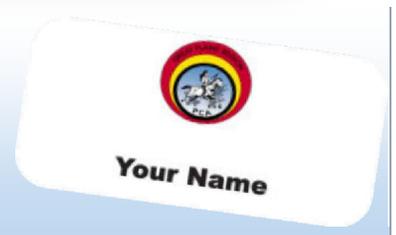
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