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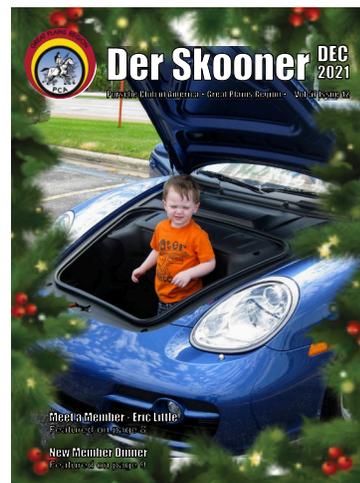
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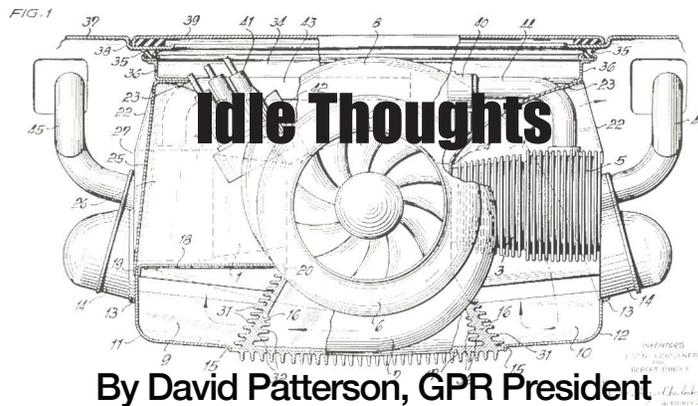
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By David Patterson, GPR President



The holidays are a whirlwind of events, flavors, sounds, and experiences. Time spent with family and friends crescendos from Thanksgiving all the way through New Years festivities. Belts often strain against our best effort at will power and our hearts burst with the joy of new memories being added to those already cherished.

One constant at our house over the holidays is that we assemble at least one puzzle as a family. The initial salvo usually involves all of us working to sort and piece together the edge pieces. Indeed, the edge must be there as a guide to fill in the rest. As the puzzle takes shape over the course of a couple weeks it is less common to find all five of us working together. One afternoon has one ambitious member of the family deciding to finish one particular portion of the puzzle. Another evening may feature two siblings who might otherwise be rivals working together. Eventually the accumulation of seconds and hands veers towards its inevitable conclusion when we all gather back at the table to witness the placing of the final piece.

The Great Plains Region is placing the last piece into the puzzle that is 2021. It has been an extraordinary year of drives, dinners, and camaraderie. To the board - thank you for providing the "edges" so that we could all enjoy our cars and each other. To the members - continue to add your "piece" to the Club as we head into 2022. After all, puzzles and the Great Plains Region are so much more fun when done together.

My very best to you and yours this holiday season. You will be on my mind as I raise a glass to the past year and make a toast to the promise of 2022.

Happy Holidays,

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# Upcoming Social Events

## Food Bank Item of the Month

The Food Bank for the Heartland Item of the Month for December is **canned soup**. Please place your items in the designated Food Bank box at the breakfast gathering.

On November 4, 2021, the Food Bank for the Heartland celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Started in 1981 at a warehouse at 50<sup>th</sup> and Hamilton in Omaha, the Food Bank distributed 38,800 pounds of food through 21 partners in its first year. Their network has since grown to 589 partners and they provided more than 44 million pounds of food (including food distributed through SNAP) in 2021!

This wraps up our giving to the Food Bank for 2021. YOU are making a difference to our neighbors in need. Here's a look back at your giving for the entire 2021 year:



Peanut Butter	46 jars
Mac & Cheese	224 boxes
Cereal	97 boxes
Canned Vegetables	175 cans
Canned Pasta	123 cans
Pork & Beans	60 cans
Pancake Mix	38 boxes
Pasta & Sauce	16 boxes
	10 cans sauce
Boxed Meals	126 boxes
Canned Soup	???

Monetary donations: \$3,660  
(This includes our Virtual Food Drive, Parade Laps at DEs, and Club donations.)

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## Paradise BAKERY & CAFÉ®



## Porsches at Paradise

Please join us for our next **Porsches at Paradise on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 am**. We meet at Paradise Bakery & Café at Village Pointe, 17305 Davenport Street, Omaha.

The café offers omelets, scrambled eggs, breakfast sandwiches, quiche, yogurt & granola parfait, oatmeal, cinnamon rolls and muffins. Of course, they have coffee, juice, smoothies, and an Espresso Bar.

See you on the 11<sup>th</sup> and don't forget to bring canned soup for the Food Bank.

# Club Calendar

## December

- 11 [Porsches at Paradise](#)  
8am Paradise Cafe, 17305 Davenport Street, Village Pointe

## January

- 8 [Breakfast at Porsche Omaha](#)  
8:30-10:00 am Porsche Omaha 6625 L Street, Omaha, NE

## February

- 5 [Annual Winter Party at Champions](#)  
Champions Run 13800 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha, NE

## [National Calendar](#)



## [Zone 10 Calendar](#)



## [Club Racing Calendar](#)



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# Meet a Member - Eric Little

Article and Photos by Eric Little

**When did you join the PCA? First joined in 2010.**

**What Porsche(s) have you owned and what do you currently own? Previous: 2006 Cayman S, 2016 Cayman S, 2017 Macan GTS. Current: 718 Spyder**

**Where are you from? Grew up in Ohio and Kentucky, but have also lived in Georgia, Arizona, Utah, and Washington**

**What makes your car(s) special? It's special because it hides some of my flaws on the track!**

**Next Porsche or current project? No plans for another one right now.**

**Favorite memory with your Porsche? My favorite memories in this car are with my 9 year old son who likes to take "Porsche rides" out in the country with me. Those times with him are very special to me and something that I hope will bring a smile to his face later in life. He also gets very excited as the rpm's climb toward 8,000, so it's fun to watch him when we have a chance to stretch the Spyder's legs.**

**What got you interested in Porsches? I test drove my first Cayman from Porsche of Omaha in 2010 or so. I wasn't really planning on buying it! Once I grabbed second gear and mashed the gas, it was over.**

**Any other dream cars you would own? GT3**

**Favorite road trip, track or race? One of my favorite memories in the 2016 Cayman was at the PCA Instructor Training in Hastings a few years ago. I thought I was leaving some speed on the track in turn 3, so after the training I asked Sandy Steckman to ride along with me. Long story short, right before we exited the pavement in the upper 90s in turn 3, Sandy calmly said, "Uh oh" into the in-helmet speaker system. I'll never forget how calm he was. Or maybe he faked it. Either way, everything worked out!**



# Welcome New GPR Members

Article and Photos by Melinda Halvorson

Your GPR Board had the delightful opportunity to welcome 12 of our 31 new members and their spouses officially to the Club. The Board hosted a wonderful dinner at Oak Hills Country Club on Saturday, November 13th. The evening started with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar social hour. After we were seated for dinner Board President David Patterson said his words of welcome and introduced himself. We went around the room and introduced Board members who were present, and then on to each new member and their guest. It was a fun way to learn a bit about each other. Dinner was followed by a delicious apple crisp a la mode. The laughter and conversation went on for quite a while until it was time to say our goodbyes.

The GPR Board would like to officially welcome our 2021 new members:

Ben Babcock  
Tracy Bahle  
Mark Brunholz  
Mark Cederdahl  
Mike Coholich  
Mark Clark  
Kevin Coughlin  
Michael and Penny Cox  
Wesley Dacus  
Rob Halvorson  
Joseph Heieck  
Tom Henriksen  
Robert Kennedy  
John Killion  
Jeremy Kroh  
Greg Lemon  
Keith Lodhia  
Bryan McLaughlin  
Chad Meyer  
Nicholas Mizaur  
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Mike Ramm  
Tanya Spratt  
Jacob Stiverson  
Curtis Stowe  
Nick Terrano  
Michael Wagner  
Jay Zimmerman



# Membership News

## Anniversaries

### Kurt Halvorson - 15 years

#### By the Numbers:

186 Paid GPR members  
305 PCA members in GPR region

#### Time to Renew Your GPR Membership!!

The end of 2021 is almost upon us. There is a little detail that you can complete early, if you would like to get it off your list:

Now is a good time to check your PCA membership card and make sure it is current and RENEW your GPR membership!

Go to [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com) and look for the "Join or Renew Your Membership" link located at the top of the page.

A one-year renewal of \$30.00 is good. But make things easy on yourself and commit to two or three years. You may pay by check or with credit card.

Additionally, please let us know if/when changes to your physical address, email address, or phone numbers occur. Then we will be sure to have up-to-date contact information to keep you informed and engaged on Club activities and events.

The Great Plains Region Board works to ensure there are numerous social and driving events for you to enjoy. In fact, social events are often completely supported by the club. Make sure your dues are paid for the coming year so you can take advantage of the fun.

If you have a question about your membership with GPR please contact [membership@gprpca.com](mailto:membership@gprpca.com).

Questions? Contact:  
Carol Lynch  
Membership Chair

## Farewell from the Editor

Hi All, 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 next 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 the 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 the opportunity to serve as editor the last two years. It has been an amazing experience. Thank you all for your contributions. Especially the willingness of the board to review each issue along with all the articles, photos, and meet a member submissions. See you on the road.

Mark



## 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!





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](http://www.gprpca.com), by January 29<sup>th</sup>:

Herb Crusted Chicken  
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Grilled Salmon  
Vegetarian Pasta

You must be a current GPR member to attend this event.  
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# Voting Results

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022

Voting results for the Board of Directors for the coming year.

President - David Patterson  
Vice-President - Mike Anderson  
Secretary - Kurt Halvorson  
Treasurer - Bob Kirchner  
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# Board of Directors Meeting

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes of the GPR Board Meeting November 8, 2021

The Great Plains PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on November 8, 2021, at the Patterson residence. Present were David Patterson, Carol Lynch, Terry Lessmann, Melinda Halvorson, Rick Mourey (phone), Eric Elliott (phone), Mark Eichten, Bob Kirchner, Joe Chambers and Kurt Halvorson.

**PRESIDENT:** Patterson opened the meeting and initiated reports from each board member. Later in the meeting, discussion covered annual awards (Dummkopf, Most Improved Driver, Enthusiast of the Year and Family of the Year).

**SECRETARY:** The October 2021 minutes were approved as distributed. Voting for the 2022 GPR Board by members is open through November 15th. Results will be available November 16th and formal notification to the members will take place in the December Der Skooner.

**TREASURER:** The club's cash balance was \$91,803 on October 29, 2021. Net income YTD will be near breakeven after the RPM DE expenses are paid. Revenue totaled \$17,632 and Expenses were \$13,558 through October.

**MEMBERSHIP:** At present, GPR has 184 paid members, 300 primary PCA national members and 175 co-members. Chair Lynch finalized pricing and embroidered shirt selection for membership milestones, as well as a future option for members to order their own logo'd clothing. 29 letters were mailed to new PCA members who have not yet joined the GPR in 2021, inviting them to join us for the opportunity to get 14 months of membership for the price of 12. Seven accepted the opportunity.

**SOCIAL:** The food drive item for the Food Bank is Boxed Meals for November, and Canned Soup for December. 16 boxes of Pasta, 10 cans/jars of Sauce, and 2 boxes of Pancake Mix were donated in October by members. Nine ladies attended the High Tea event October 17th at the new Cottonwood Hotel. January's club breakfast will be held at

Woodhouse Porsche. The Annual Winter Party for all GPR members has been changed to February 5th at Champions Run, due to renovations the club is making.

**REGISTRAR:** Oktoberfest DE (10/23-10/24) had 31 cars Saturday and 19 registered for Sunday. Inclement weather caused the cancellation of Sunday's DE, with refunds issued to the participants. Four novices will graduate in the Spring, following postponed sign off due to Sunday's weather cancellation.

**SAFETY:** October DE reports were filed with PCA – no issues to report. PCA Club Racing magazine article promoting our Carrera GT Club Race at MPH has been finalized. No National updates this month. GPR held 10 insurable events (DEs, Fun Runs, Tech Sessions and the Club Race) this year with 515 participants and no reportable issues. 2022 Planning includes an advanced DE/Club Racing program launch in January, our annual DE 101 session in the Spring, and a refresher skills session for instructors.

**EDITOR:** November Der Skooner was published. Editor Eichten requested articles on the November Porsche Breakfast and New Member Dinner for the December issue. Discussion was led by Eichten, Elliott and Patterson around plans for club communications in 2022. It was decided to utilize the PCA e-Mailer system for monthly GPR updates, including calendar events, a member connection piece, and an advertiser section, at a minimum. The board will review a template draft and determine a point person to facilitate each month's content.

**WEBMASTER:** The GPR website is up to date with scheduled events. Der Skooner was posted to the website and emailed out to members on November 1st. Webmaster Elliott provided an overview of how the PCA e-Mailer communication tool could work for our monthly club communications in 2022.

**The next formal board meeting will be in January.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kurt Halvorson, Secretary**



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