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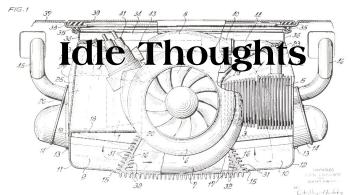
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By David Patterson, GPR President

The cooler weather as of late has been welcome. Mostly because it has thankfully brought with it a bit of moisture for some parts of the Great Plains Region. Truth be told, fall is my favorite season but I do not typically exclaim that very loudly for fear of being accused of blasphemy by my summer loving wife.

So it was that we found ourselves on a cool morning walk recently, myself happy and Angela

realizing that winter is ahead, and came across something truly heartwarming. Just as we rounded a corner we saw a grandfather and his three grandchildren coming out of their garage. That alone may not have been noteworthy, but each child was riding an electric "go-kart" and took to racing around a surprisingly competitive oval raceway comprised of the circle driveway and sidewalk in front of the house. With kids that are now driving real cars I lost track of the developments in

the toy industry and was excited to see that a company made an improvement on the old Power Wheels Jeeps that I lusted after as a kid. With staggered wheels, a center shifter, low to the ground design, and just enough speed to elicit giggles and shrieks; everyone both riding and watching had grins from ear to ear.

Angela and I stopped to talk to the grandfather to get a better look and were surprised to see that www.radioflyer.com was the manufacturer of these amazingly fun rides. As he watched the kids, he made two comments that truly resonate: "I am a guy who loves American muscle cars but this is definitely one way that I can get behind electric!" and "They aren't the cheapest things but the smiles I see on their faces makes them worth every cent." I couldn't have agreed more.



So consider this an early holiday tip from yours truly to look into the 2021 Outdoor Toy of the Year – the RadioFlyer Ultimate Electric Go-Kart for Kids (in red or pink). With one or more of these around and dry tarmac, fun will be had by all in any season

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Great Plains Region Club Calendar

October

October 1st - OktoberFAST DE at RPM

October 8th - Breakfast at Porsche Omaha 8:30am (RSVP)

October 22nd - Porsches & Pizza (RSVP)

November

November 5th - New Member Dinner

November 6th - Porsche Collector Quest (1pm - 3:30pm)

November 12h - Porsches at Paradise (8am)

December

December 10th · Sip & Script Modern Calligraphy (Ladies Event—RSVP)

National Calendar



Club Racing Calendar





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Upcoming GPR Social Events

Our Next Social Dinner - Porsches & Pizza!

What's better than Porsches & Pizza?! Our next social dinner will be held at La Casa Pizzaria West, 610 S.168th Street in Omaha. We'll meet on Saturday, October 22nd at 6:00pm. This is a bye weekend for the Huskers so you don't need to worry about missing the football game. We'll have a buffet of appetizers, pizza, pasta, salad and dessert.

The room capacity is 55, so watch your email for the RSVP and signup right away!

This event is paid for by your Club. If you cancel your RSVP less than 48 hours prior to the event you will be charged for the meal (including taxes and fees) that the Club has incurred. Sudden or unexpected conflict or misfortune will be handled individually.



Ladies Only - For Your Calendar - December 10th



Join us at Cellar44 Wine Bar in Omaha for cocktails and modern calligraphy for beginners. Whether you're a stationery nerd or just a crafty individual, in this workshop you'll be learning an introduction to modern calligraphy with a pointed dip pen and ink. We will cover all the basics and get you ready to add those special lettered details to all your holiday tables, Christmas trees, hostess gifts, gift tags, holiday card mailings and more!

Class includes 1.5 hours of instruction and demonstration, our beginner's calligraphy kit (two nibs, black ink pot, 2 letter guides, tracing paper and straight pen holder), and all materials to write on. Everything is yours to keep at the end of the workshop! We will also be doing a BONUS lesson where you will learn how to letter on an ornament!

Note that this class is for BEGINNERS! There will be a \$20 fee and we only have 10 tickets available. Watch the next issue of Der Skooner and your email for more information.



Porsche Collector Quest November 6th

We've added a new event to our calendar! It's a buy, sell, swap and show event for those with Porsche collectibles. Hot Wheels and collectibles aren't just for kids. There are a lot you out there who collect them. This is a great opportunity for you to show off your collection. Have any collectibles that you'd like to trade or sell? This is your chance. Those who want to see the displays are welcome, too.

We'll meet on Sunday, November 6th from 1-3:30pm at the home of Mike and Amy Anderson. (Thank you for hosting this event, Mike and Amy!) Watch for the RSVP coming to your email soon.



October 8th -Breakfast at Porsche Omaha

Our monthly GPR breakfast will be held at Porsche Omaha, 6625 L Street, on October 8th. You must RSVP to attend and the maximum number is 50. Check the gprpca.com website to see if you can still sign up.

Breakfast begins at 8:30am.

Our thanks to Porsche Omaha for hosting these quarterly breakfasts.



The Mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha (RMHC) is strengthening children and their families during their most difficult and challenging times.

The GPR has an opportunity to support RMHC by providing much needed monetary donations as well as items for families, for the kitchen, and for the House. The Item of the Month for October is On-The-Go-Cereal.

Check back each month to see what the Item of the Month will be for the RMHC Omaha.

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of the GPR Board meeting

September 13th, 2022

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm at the home of Mike Anderson. Present were David Patterson, Eric Elliott, Carol Lynch, Terry Lessmann, Melinda Halvorson, Mike Anderson, Jeremey Kroh, and Kurt Halvorson. Rick Mourey joined by phone and Bob Kirchner was unable to attend.

PRESIDENT: David Patterson opened the meeting and proposed members for the nominating committee (Mike Anderson, Carol Lynch and Jeremey Kroh), which were approved by the board.

SECRETARY: The August 2022 minutes were approved as distributed. The ballot for the 2023 GPR board will be included in the October Der Skooner and voting will take place via email, with a link to the ballot on our website. Voting will be open in October.

TREASURER: The club's cash balance on August 31, 2022, was \$75,308. Revenue year to date is \$19,066, including PCA dues rebates of \$4,672. Expenses year to date are \$29,620, for a net year to date loss of \$10,554. The August DE profit was \$557.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 199 paid GPR members at present (a new record). Letters have been mailed to 100 PCA members who are not yet GPR members, encouraging them to join by October 31 for 14 months' worth of membership for the price of 12. There will be 4 new lifetime members honored in 2023. Holiday promotion preparation for the GPR Gear Store on our website is underway.

SOCIAL: The September item for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) is diapers; October will be On-the-go cereal. Registrations for the Sunrise Fun Run September 24th at 7am to Milady Coffee House in Fremont are almost full. Porsche Omaha breakfast is October 8th at 8:30am with RSVPs required. The Club paid Porsches and Pizza social dinner is October 22nd at LaCasa West with RSVPs required. A buy, sell, swap and show event for Porsche collectibles will take

place November 6th. A Ladies Only "Sip and Script" calligraphy event is scheduled for December 10th – emails to go out soon.

REGISTRAR: Dog Days DE at RPM garnered 25 drivers, including 5 novices. The Sunrise Fun Run can accommodate 30 cars; 25 drivers and 9 passengers have registered to date. Registration closes September 22nd. Oktoberfast DE on the 1st is the final DE of the season at RPM. Registration closes September 26th for novices, and the 28th for all other drivers. Promotional email to be sent out to generate additional interest.

SAFETY: John Krecek is stepping back from CDI (Chief Driving Instructor) duties after his long time commitment to this role, with GPR member Jim Medici to be added to the roster, joining Safety Chair Rick Mourey and Registrar Terry Lessmann. August DE reports were filed with PCA. The insurance certificates for the September Fun Run and October 1st DE have been secured. Parade Laps and a raffle will be held at the October DE. The Club Racer 'counts by zone' analysis has been completed and shared with the Club Race team – discussion to follow. Nationally, 2023 DE minimum standards are still under review – focusing on DE safety for electric vehicles and related track requirements.

EDITOR: September Der Skooner was published and distributed to advertisers and members. A Rocky Mountain Region article, recaps on the August DE, September social events, and a feature from club racer David Safris on his Road America experience will be included in the October newsletter.

WEBMASTER: GPR website is up to date with confirmed events through October. September Der Skooner was emailed out September 1st to members. RSVP forms for the Sunrise Fun Run and Porsche Omaha breakfast are on the website. RSVP forms for Porsches and Pizza, the Porsche collectibles event, and the Ladies Only event will be posted by the end of September.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

The next board meeting will be October 11th at 6:00pm.

Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

Board of Directors Voting Now Open

Voting for the proposed Board of Directors for the coming year is now open. Ballots are collected from now through October 31st and will be tabulated on November 1st. The 2023 board will be installed by the outgoing President at the December Board meeting. Please note that there is no Vice President for 2023 as the outgoing President, David Patterson, will assume "Past President" duties for 2023.

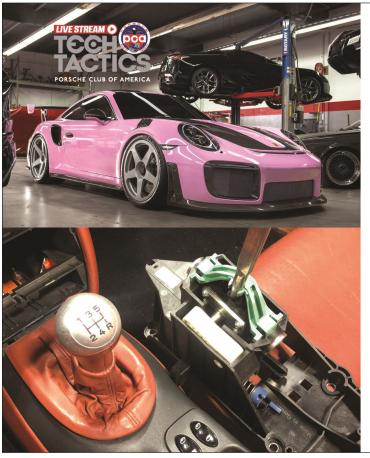
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2023 Great Plains Region Nominees:

President - Mike Anderson
Secretary - Kurt Halvorson
Treasurer - Bob Kirchner
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Pebble Beach Concours

Article and photos thanks to Kurt Halvorson

I had the opportunity in August to check an item off my bucket list – attending the Pebble Beach Concours. I'm certain many of you have made the trek long before I, but it was a very special trip to see such an incredible array of cars from yesteryear to modern day. The number of marques represented were beyond count, and I was amazed at the friendliness and courtesy extended by not only the volunteers and employees, but by the attendees as well. It was truly a pleasure to attend.

While Porsches were not as prevalent at the main event as in prior years when the marque was the focus, there were a few of note. (962 at right and 935 below) Ferrari had a special 100 car display on the 1st fairway of the golf course, while the main event was in its historic location on the 18th fairway along the ocean. There are many events throughout the week – the Quail gathering was one I missed, but one I would certainly take in if I were to return. The annual historic car racing at Laguna Seca Weathertech Raceway takes place Thursday-Saturday, and this year's feature group was LeMans racers through the years.

There are also myriad auction houses with auctions taking place over several days – Sotheby's, Gooding, Bonhams, etc. Previewing the auction lots can provide just as much of a thrill as viewing the main event. We also attended the Con-

corso Italiano on Saturday, taking in as many Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Alfa-Romeos and some long forgotten brands as you could imagine.



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Pebble Beach

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The last few photos are of the Best of Show Winner, a 1932 Duesenberg J Figoni Sports Torpedo (below) and a 1964 Porsche 904 Carrera GTS Coupe. (right)

If you plan to go, book a room now for next August as events take place throughout the week – and take in as many as you can. Get your eyes full!

Find out more information at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance website.

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All European Show and Shine

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On September 23rd, the All-European Show and Shine was held at Lauritzen Gardens. Visitors were treated to the fantastic array of fine European motors on display at the 100 acre gardens.









Membership News

Anniversaries:

15 Years - Walt Wood 20 Years - Jim Avilla ported 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.

Welcome to new GPR Club Members:

Kayleen Mourey

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Deon Bahr

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Randall Neumann

Carl Adrian

Steve Williams

Mary Patton

Steve Wilson

By the numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: 304

GPR Membership: 213

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. Some social events are completely sup-

A Note from the Editor

The leaves are changing. Nights are getting cooler. A rainy Saturday morning in early September brought just a handful of us to discuss the latest garage projects and other musings over coffee, eggs and cinnamon rolls. Please be sure to join us at our next breakfast at Paradise Bakery. Even if the weather is sub-par, come on out. While your Porsche makes a great centerpiece, it's really about butts in seats that makes the club great! Left to right in the photo: Carol Lynch, David Patterson, Jeremey Kroh, Robert Kennedy, Armando Colorado, Robert Kirchner, Terry Lessmann, Steve Ginn and Rick Mourey behind the camera.



Member Name Badges

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

Please contact Melinda at Melinda.halvorson1115@gmail.com. Don't forget to wear your badge to all GPR/PCA Events!



Editor

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At our latest board meeting, we had a surprise visitor in our own award winning web designer, Eric Elliot. He normally dials in for the monthly board meeting, but this time we were all surprised when his beautiful Speed Yellow Boxster pulled into the drive. Eric is quite dedicated to the club, and making a special trip from New York City only underscores his dedication. I bet getting his Boxster out storage was also a bit of motivation!



Going back one more month to August, the Dog Days DE was a great success with 25 drivers. This version of the newsletter will be out after the last DE event of the year, the October 1st OktoberFast DE. I would invite any of the novice drivers to reach out to me and share your experience with the club with an article about your time in the classroom and on the track with your instructor. Thanks to Mark Eichten and Armando Colorado for sharing a few photos from the track on the next page.

You'll need to pardon me as a I jump around a bit this month. I need to give a little credit to the artist that designed the cover for this month's

Der Skooner. I'll admit, it's a bit of a proud papa moment. My daughter, Reagan, a senior at Omaha North High School, has a knack for graphic design. Her main focus is on a career somewhere in the field of information technology. Hopefully she gets her first Porsche earlier in life than I did.



The Great Plains Region has really grown this year. We'd love to hear about your stories from the garage if you've been tinkering with a new acquisition, or would like to introduce yourself to the club. Either way, send me an email and we can get something started! Need to sound off on something? You can do that too.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jeremey <u>editor@gprpca.com</u>

"Informality is the password, snobbery is taboo, every man is your neighbor and all are bound together by an almost unbelievably powerful tiethe dust of the open road" ~ Frank E Brimmer

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Rocky Mountain Region

Article thanks to Danielle Badler of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA

The Times They Are A-Changing

I thought about calling this column "Long May You Run," or "A Thousand Miles from Nowhere," or "Somewhere Down the Crazy River." Because we're moving on, folks. With a hope and a prayer. Electrons are leading us into the future.

I've tried to grapple with the concept, the idea of EVs humming all over the landscape, and enthusiasts, people like you and me, actually jumping on the bandwagon, embracing performance electrons.

The problem, I thought, was just that – how do you jolt yourself upright, when you turn the key or press the button, and all you hear is the whirring of electric motors? In a vehicle that weighs at least 1,000 lbs. more than a version with an ICE would? With concomitant engineering incorporated, in order to begin to approximate the handling prowess of the ICE version? And you're paying a major premium for all this tech? And you're still not sure you'll be able to get enough of a charge, in enough time, to be able to get back home after a long-day's journey into night?

Well... I'm announcing, here and now, I'm bending my view. Don't get me wrong. I'm not there yet. I'm not going shopping for an EV any time soon. But I have finally seen and driven what I would accept as a way forward, for me at least, one fine day.

What happened was, I recently participated in the annual ride-drive event of the Rocky Mt. Automotive Press Assn (RMAP.) It wasn't my first time, but it's been a few years, due to, yes of course, Covid.

And I got to sample a bunch of new offerings from some of the major OEMs. No, not Porsche. They weren't there. In fact, they've never been there. But Genesis was, as was Hyundai, and Kia, and Nissan, and Toyota, and Honda, and Lexus, and Acura, and Jeep. Thank you, all.

For the record, let it be recorded, I actually drove two vehicles equipped with manual transmis-

sions, the new Nissan Z and the new Acura Integra.

But the show-stoppers were the newest EVs. And the one that shook my pre-conceived notions the most was the Genesis GS60. The what? Yes. Just introduced in the U.S., this past spring and, as of this writing, only available in seven or eight states. It's sleek, it's agile, and it's got some of the coolest tech I've ever seen.

Like facial recognition. You stare at the B-pillar and the car recognizes you. Then there's finger-print recognition to start. Put the two together, and you literally don't need a key. And, according to the factory rep, it's the only vehicle in the world that has facial recognition, at least for now. Zap your friends with that one, folks!

Don't miss the interior. Sleek, current, but not overdone. The central console floats out from between the seats like a shrunken surfboard. And, on the steering wheel is a button labeled "Boost." What does it do? Deliver an instant 50 hp, for about 10 seconds, over the stock 429 hp. I'd call it "Press to Pass," or maybe "Boom." You're cruising along, you just press the button and ... whoa ... the thing bucks forward.

I had another electric shock from the event that I want to mention as well; the revelation that automotive journalism is self-charging, too. Oh, I kinda knew what's going on — I watch YouTube car reviews too. But what I wasn't ready for was the fact that, at least in this crowd, as a written word afficionado, I was in a shrinking minority.

Here's what happened. The organizers found that they had too few cars for every scribe to drive one to the staging area. So I for one hopped into the Z-car passenger seat for the drive... and watched my companion fasten his Go-Pro to the windshield and begin a commentary on the vehicle, as we drove.

When my chauffeur found out that I write about Porsches, he turned the camera on me and asked what I thought of our ride. And there I was, on video, praising Nissan for keeping the faith. And the car wasn't bad, either, especially at its price point.

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Badler

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But what struck me at the event was that this type of journalism – what should we call it, electro video? -- was the preferred way for most attendees to communicate with their audiences. Us keyboard pounders were, and are, a shrinking minority.

Is this good? For us? For news? For an informed public? I don't know. Although I do remember a TV journalist who was asked how they can possibly cover a complex story in a two-minute stand-up TV news segment. Her response? That's the challenge, and that's what makes the challenge rewarding.

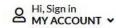
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Yokohama Drivers Cup

Article by David Safiris. Photos by David Safiris and Competent Motorsports LLC

Road America is always a challenge and the Yokohama Drivers Cup (YDC) event in mid-August was a great way to finalize the summer season.

A small group of Porsche Cup cars descended on this legendary track for a three-day event. I went over with my racing friend Mark Hoffman from Great Plains region with the 991.1 cup car. Strangely, we were the only competitor in a 991.1 Cup class and the other competitors were split between 991.2 Cup cars and the new 992 Cup. Every Porsche generation is incredible but somehow, they always get better. I'll say it this way. If you want to race against a 992 Cup car the best thing to bring is another 992 cup car.

I was splitting time with Mark during practice and then running the 40 min sprint races Friday/ Saturday and then we were going to co- drive the Sunday enduro.

The Friday schedule was jamb packed. Mark and I were getting up to speed in the open practice and times were dropping all through the morning. The weather Friday was cool and overcast and the track was fast and predictable.

By the sprint race I was ready to go and managed some good laps right off the start. With sol-

id laps and clean driving, I was able to pass a few cars that lost time with off track experiences. One 991.2 car that had spun was charging hard and Mark was reading me out lap times and gaps the last few laps. I was lucky to get to the finish line preserving a six second gap that would not have held up for even two more laps.

Sadly, late Friday proved to be the best part of the weekend and by Saturday morning there were bands of rain hitting often enough to keep everything wet.

Saturday afternoon I guessed wrong on the weather and ended up not starting the second sprint race when we were not ready with mandated wet tires. Bittersweet though as a number of cars experienced off track slides that in a few cases led to significant damage. Nothing quite focuses your mind like seeing a crumpled cup car.

After sitting out a day we were ready to attack things on Sunday. The weather had other plans though and, despite a clear radar, mist and periodic rain ruined the morning. The track was again declared wet requiring rain tires. This time we were ready and made it to grid for the short morning warm up and third race. The third race was scheduled to be a longer enduro but with the rain they shortened to 40 min race and set up a pursuit style race for those cars willing to chance another race in the rain.

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Yokohama

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The pursuit format was a fun way to end the weekend and being the slowest car, we started the race a few minutes ahead of the other cars. Mark started off the race and was running great laps. They released the remaining cars based on their expected lap times. I switched into the car on the eighth lap and immediately realized the track was worse than I expected.

The pursuit gap worked for us for ten laps and then we lost out to the 992 Cup who stormed by us on the straight leading to turn five. We put in a couple more laps and finished the thirteen-lap race without incident. 155mph in the rain is stressful - and I was ready to call it a weekend.

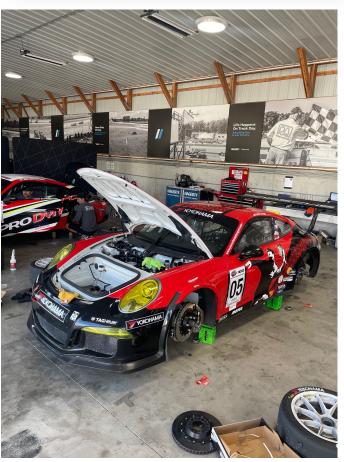
Weather aside it was a great event and the YDC crew was very professional and worked hard to keep everything running smoothly.

The YDC series falls somewhere in the big gap between professional racing and amateur racing. They put on a pro level event and the cars are limited to factory production cars. They have just enough of a lean away from pro racing to keep it fun and focused a bit more on the needs of the drivers and teams. With a little luck I will get to the YDC event at Sonoma Raceway at the end of October to finalize another fun race season.

Check out YDC on social media - instagram: YokohamaDriversCupUSA - For more photos and video you can follow me on Instagram at: dsafris racing.

Quick shout out to 3R Racing in Denver for getting several issues sorted out with the car prior to my heading out to race. Mark and I were supported at the event by Esses Racing out of Austin Texas and they did a great job for us through a challenging weekend.





Great Plains Word Search

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