



AZ NCRS SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 CHAPTER EVENT

Special Guest and Speaker

Karsten T. Garbe

Plant Director, Global Pre – Production Operations (PPO)



Karsten Garbe was named General Motors Plant Director Global Pre – Production Operations (PPO) in September 2017. In this role, he leads the global team of 3 GM PPO Plants in GMNA, GMK and GMSA and jointly leads our SGM PPO plant in China. Garbe is responsible for the production of all Pre-Production vehicles worldwide, including Autonomous Vehicles like the Cruise Origin, Battery Electric Vehicles like the GMC e-Hummer and Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles like the Mid-engine Corvette and the next Generation of Midsize Trucks.

He successfully prepared and migrated the GMNA PPO Plant into a Production facility for Ultra Low Volume Vehicles and will be responsible with his Team of Skilled Trade employees to produce the GM flagship luxury sedan, the Cadillac Celestiq.

During the start of the Pandemic, from March 2020 to Dec. 2020 Garbe took on the challenging Project Lead of GM's Face Mask Production initiative. In this highly recognized Face Mask Start-up, he led in record time the development and production of more than 27 M Face Masks in the US and supported duplication of the production equipment in GM facilities in Mexico, Canada, Brazil and outside Companies like – Little Caesars.

Prior to his current position, Garbe was in Global Manufacturing Chief positions for Advanced Vehicle Development, GM Small Cars, GM Compact Vehicles and GM Midsize Vehicles, being responsible from Vehicle Architecture development to the launch of more than 30 vehicles in all 4 GM regions of the world. Garbe had several other positions within Product Development and Manufacturing Engineering through his 32-year career with General Motors which started 1990 at Opel in Ruesselsheim, Germany.

Garbe graduated from Southern Westphalia University of Applied Sciences in 1990 with a German Engineering Diploma in Production Technology.

To prepare himself for Manufacturing Leadership assignments, Garbe successfully finished a 3.5 year apprenticeship as Machine Builder and worked as a skilled trade employee in parallel to his University degree.

Location: RIM COUNTRY BBQ <http://rimcountrybbq.com/>

Address: 202 W Main St, Payson, AZ 85541 - Time: 9:30 a.m.

Note: Lunch Will Be Served at 11:30 a.m.

RSVP by September 2, 2022 to Greg McGill at activities@arizonancrs.com