

ZEITUNG

Spring 2021



Sequoia Region - Zone 7

A word from our

President

Zeitung

Dear Members,

Sequoia Region - Zone 7



2021 has been more “open” and has allowed us to plan for more events this year.

Our Board is aiming to follow all county health department guidelines and that is proving difficult with changes being made as I type.

The good news is we have logged some great events already this year! Tours have taken place each month with better than expected turnouts. I see pictures of all who've gone with smiles sneaking out from under the masks. Everyone is joyful to be out and about. Keep checking in to see what Randy Ames has planned for us going forward.

Larry Kirlin and his team of volunteers had the first Autocross of the season with over 40 drivers trying out their driving skills. We have several more planned for the year and are hoping to add in a Driver Skill class. We have Autocross planned on the 2nd Saturday of the month when scheduled.

Our membership continues to grow at a rapid rate. In the past 3 months, over 12 new members have joined us. Most find us during our First Saturday Coffee. We had our largest car attendance to date recently.

We are very pleased with how all follow Covid rules for social distancing and masks.

Antonio has planned South Valley coffee each month on the last Friday of the month. You should be getting blasts and text reminders for this event and all of our events, if you're not, please reach out so we can help get you signed up.

I attended our National President meeting last week via Zoom and the #1 topic was Covid safety and risk management. Making sure members are safe and following Social Distancing is key to us opening up more events. Here in Fresno, restaurants are just opening up, so Cindy Suarez has booked a dinner in April. We have to keep it small, but considering we have not had a dinner in a year, we are excited to start this part of our club events up again.

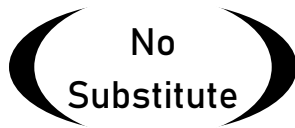
National is planning on the Parade and WERKS events for this year and we have the Mammoth Tour planned with several other Regions in June. You can read more about National directions by following Colin Fat our Zone Rep's article in this newsletter.

Barry Lockton is keeping all the Track days and Drivers Ed days listed with the TrakRatz. If you are interested in doing a HPDE day reach out to a Board Member so we can keep you informed on upcoming events or check the website where we post events on our Calendar.

I've mentioned some fun events ahead, so get your car shined up and ready to come out and enjoy with us!

Regards,

Dave Ogden, President



*Spring Issue
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About the Cover:

2017 911 Turbo S

Owned by PCA Sequoia Club Member:
Yuval De-Mendoza

Photo taken by Ed Suarez
at Sequoia Region AutoCross

Note from the Editor

Guten Tag!

Three months have already flown by and here is another edition of our club newsletter, "Zeitung"!

With the warmer weather, and Covid restrictions lifting slowly, I'm ready to get out and listen to my Porsche babies' hum on twisty, spring filled wild-flower edged roads. How about you?

Our club has lots of events coming up, whether you like to take it slow and easy with a nice social dinner, take in the sights with a tour and lunch getting to know each other, or tear up the asphalt at an AutoCross or track day. While our cars are amazing (they are P-Cars afterall!), it's the people of our region's club that make it even more interesting. Learning about each other and our cars, sharing the latest technology or products, or just shooting the breeze with each other is what we are all about.

Twelve new members joined us since the start of the year per Dan Morris, our new Membership Chair. If you'd like to know more, or have questions about the club, give him a shout at dmorris993@gmail.com

Hope to see you out and about at an event soon!

Prost!

Susanne Waite, Editor



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(Tour)

Hollister Run

Out for a bit of Sun & Fun!

February 20, 2021

Photos and Story By:
Susanne Waite



Everyone was revved up—literally— and ready to go early in the morning, lined up at the Manchester Mall while Flowering Pear petals drifted down on us.

Porsches of all colors of the rainbow and models from 911 Turbos, Boxsters, Panameras and Cayennes (oh, yeah, and that one that looked REALLY funny... oh, sorry, that was a Corvette!) were ready to slide our way through the Valley's almond blossoms and slalom the greening hills.

First, we paraded our way to Harris Ranch for a pit stop. Then from there, Randy Ames, our Tour Director, had planned a sweet drive through backroads that allowed us to stay together without a lot of interfering traffic. Our group was so large, I believe over 35 cars, that we had to split into two groups. However, that didn't stop anyone from having fun swooping around curves and pushing the pedal in the straight aways.

At the halfway point, Dave Ogden had to head back to Fresno and of course couldn't say, 'goodbye' to everyone quietly... He did it in style with a G-force launch control out!

We meandered our way on to an old western bar and grill, to enjoy each other's company. Our destination: "The 9th Hole" for lunch in Tres Pinos, just outside Hollister. Everyone mingled, safely with social distancing and masks, and met new and old members alike. The BBQ food there was absolutely delish (good pick Randy!)

If you haven't been on a tour, consider joining our next one!

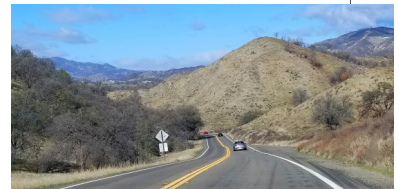




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Our 2021 Tour Calendar

April 23-24	Back Roads to Bass Lake	NOTE: Due to Covid - Some Tours may have to be cancelled
May 15 th	Estrella Warbirds Tour to Paso Robles	
June 19 th	Wine Tour TBD	
June 18-20 th	Mammoth Lakes Tour (Registration Required)	
July 17	Grizzly Falls Tour & Picnic (Entrance Fee)	
August 21 st	Porsches to Pismo Tour	
September 18 th	Equinox Tour	
October 16 th	T Tarantula Tour	
November 20 th	Wine Tour	
December	No Tour (Christmas Party)	

Other Possibilities: Yosemite by moonlight dinner and tour, Christmas Tree Lane decorate and tour, or the Where's Vern Mystery Tour

Randy Ames—Tour Director — amestr@att.net

PCA Spring Treffen** at the BROADMOOR in Colorado Springs, CO April 27-May 1, 2022

PCA Spring Treffen** at the Marriott Scottsdale, Arizona; May 5-9, 2021; treffen.pca.org

Sacramento Valley Region 60th Anniversary Celebration, May 7, 2022

Loma Prieta Region 50th (plus 1) Anniversary Gala - June 19, 2021

Porsche Parade at French Lick, Indiana July 11-17, 2021; porscheparade.org

PCA Werks Reunion, Monterey, CA August 13, 2021, werksreunion.com

PCA Fall Treffen** at the American Club, Kohler, Wisconsin October 13-17, 2021; treffen.pca.org

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On the Edge

Push Your Car to the Limits... Safely!

Save the Date!
April 10, 2021

March 13, 2021

Story By: Larry Kirlin

Photos By: Ed Suarez

"The maximum amount of runway surface was used and the course included both fast and technical features. We sometimes hear that the runway surface is loose at Madera but this course allowed the best drivers to steer with their throttle, adding some theater for the observers."

On Saturday, March 13th we held our first autocross event for 2021 at the Madera Airport. This was by far the largest event held by us in Madera.

We started the day with over 40 participants. This high turnout is likely due to a few factors. First of all, everyone was tired of being cooped up for winter and COVID quarantines. Second, our event didn't conflict with the SCCA autocross schedule. I believe the final contributing factor is that we are holding fun events on a consistent schedule. Regardless of the reasons, we are starting to gather a solid group of drivers.

The course design was submitted by one of our competitors, Mitchell Calloway. According to Mitchell, he has never designed an autocross course before. You would never know it because this was one of the best courses we have ever had at Madera. The maximum amount of runway surface was used and the course included both fast and technical features. We sometimes hear that the runway surface is loose at Madera but this course allowed the best drivers to steer with their throttle, adding some theater for the observers.

Top time of the day (TTOD) honors go to Jason Hansen in his Mitsubishi Evolution. Jason left absolutely nothing on the table, putting every bit horsepower to work through his all-wheel drive stallion.

Top time for the Porsche club was earned by Yuval De-Medonsa in his 911 Turbo. If you can believe it, this is only Yuval's second attempt at Autocross. He told me after the event that his goal is to earn overall TTOD. I for one believe he will achieve his goal very soon.

We recently updated the autocross page on the club website with the following:

☑ Snell SA 2015 helmets are now the minimum standard for PCA track days so we recommend the same for Autocross.

☑ Passengers are not allowed at any PCA autocross unless either the driver or passenger is an instructor.



On the Edge

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Pre-registration is required. Registration is capped at 40 participants. On-site registration is an additional \$10 if space is available.

Thanks to all the participants and crew for a fabulous event. If you happened to notice, all of the regular crew members were given silver Sequoia PCA Auto-cross ball caps. This token of appreciation is available to anyone who is willing to volunteer for one of our regular positions.

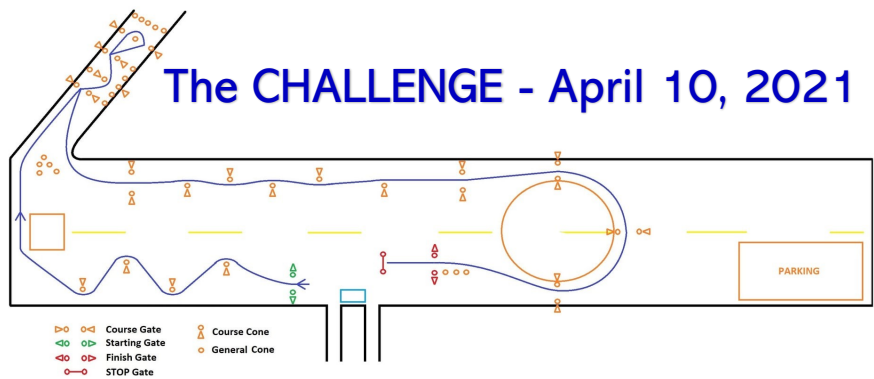
I am currently looking for someone to assist with the timing computer. We are also considering offering food for sale at the events. If we decide to offer food I will need help with that task.

Please contact me at-lakirlin@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping at the events.

Our next autocross event is April 10, 2021. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us. I look forward

to seeing everyone in April.

The CHALLENGE - April 10, 2021



The RESULTS - April 10, 2021

Phil Castro	2015 Mitsubishi EvoX	45.643+1	50.366+dnf	>45.646	45.646
Kevin Jones	2017 Porsche 911 4S	47.219	46.496	> 46.025	46.025
Dave Warner	2016 BMW M2	48.565	48.418	> 46.833	46.833
Cliff Page	2013 Porsche Boxster S	47.922	> 47.229	47.649	47.229
Matt Britter	2015 Porsche Cayman S	47.372	> 47.265	47.332	47.265
Gary McDaniel	2005 BMW ZHP	48.981	> 47.580	48.313	47.580
Eric Gnesa	2020 Tesla Model 3	> 48.000	48.843	48.467	48.000
Bennett Harrell	2002 BMW 325i	49.235	> 48.261	47.833+1	48.261
Chris Colwell	subaru	53.800+dnf	49.72	>48.374	48.374
Joel Heckman	2018 Ford Focus ST	> 48.590	48.946	48.652	48.590
robert cabasu	vw	50.255	48.778+dnf	>48.690	48.690
Dexter Jones	2020 Subaru WRX	49.912	50.154	> 49.390	49.390
Leon Weinroth	mustang	> 49.587	49.681	49.771	49.587
Lisa Gnesa	2020 Tesla Model 3	50.225	> 49.708	51.371	49.708
nickolas forson	fusion	52.958+4	54.585+dnf	>51.331	51.331
James McGurk	2004 BMW Z4	52.588	51.834	> 51.821	51.821
mitch gliowai	subaru	53.022	52.45	> 51.970	51.970
christian keyser	Hyundai Veloster	55.528	52.321	> 52.254	52.254
roger cooper	porsche boxster	55.92	55.387+dnf	>53.275	53.275
mike robeson	bmw	55.177	55.042	> 53.591	53.591
Henry Gnesa	2021 Porsche Cayman GT4	62.154	57.978	> 54.317	54.317
Nick Callender	1983 Porsche 944	61.755	57.632+1	>55.712	55.712
Josh Ramirez	2011 BMW 328i	> 56.430	56.653	56.83	56.430
garyu ballestrini	jensen healey	57.723	58.946	> 56.538	56.538
Joshua Rhodes	1966 Ford Mustang	>56.523+1	78.533+dnf		58.523
Eric Tobias	2020 Corvette				dns



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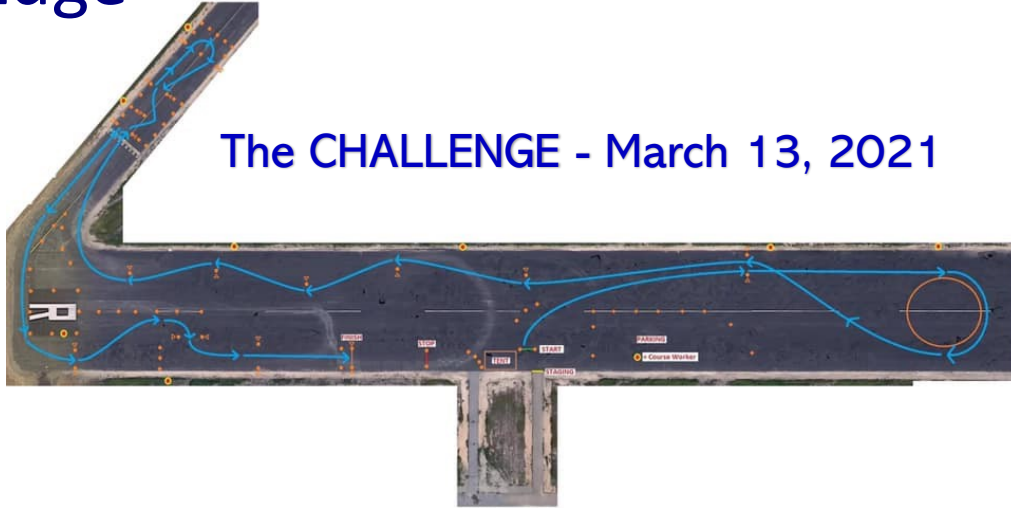
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On the Edge

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The CHALLENGE - March 13, 2021



The RESULTS - March 13, 2021

Driver	Car Model	Run 1..	Run 2..	Run 3..	Total
jason hansen	mits evolution	51.359+1	53.222	>50.174	50.174
frank vasquez	bmw	52.825	51.373	> 51.192	51.192
Yuval De-Medonsa	2015 Porsche 911 Turbo S	53.379+2	52.232	>51.283	51.283
Kurt Wong	2013 Scion FR-S	52.256	51.435+1	> 51.760	51.76
Ricardo Quinonez	2013 Scion FRS	53.830+2	52.932	>52.417	52.417
Jerry Kell	2002 Subaru WRX	55.444	53.536+1	> 52.466	52.466
joshua pranich	mini cooper s	54.037	54.284	> 52.557	52.557
Kevin Jones	2017 Porsche 911 4S	54.429	54.247	> 52.765	52.765
Katherine Flater	2013 Scion FR-S	54.581	52.803+1	>51.784+1	53.784
Phil Castro	2015 Mitsubishi EvoX	55.549	53.961+4	> 53.892	53.892
lean weinroth	mustang	57.144	55.006	> 54.894	54.894
chruis colwell	subaru	55.006	57.962+1	>54.904	54.904
Darrel Huckabay	2020 Porsche 718 Spyder	58.809	53.455+1	>53.084+1	55.084
Ed Runnion	2020 Chevrolet Bolt EV	55.698+1	56.418	>55.255	55.255
Joel Heckman	2018 Ford Focus ST	> 55.754	55.515+1	55.857	55.754
James West	1966 Chevrolet El Camino	55.124+1	54.075+1	>56.068	56.068
Martin Connolly	2017 Mazda Miata RS	58.025+1	>56.354	56.376+1	56.354
Bruno Reinhard	2021 Porsche Cayman GTS	56.979	> 56.497	76.465+1	56.497
Dave Keyser	2016 Mazda MX-5	57.565	57.239	> 56.588	56.588
roger cooper	porsche boxer	60.384	57.640+1	> 57.802	57.802
Tim Brown	Porsche 944	60.515+1	58.934+1	> 58.957	58.957
Mr Garza	BMW 355	64.311+1	60.259+1	>59.834	59.834
Adam Claes	2008 Porsche Cayman	62.444	60.839	> 59.957	59.957
mitch calloway	BRZ	> 60.116	60.926	60.549	60.116
Oniel Young	2014 Audi RS5	58.714+1	>58.331+1	60.446	60.331
Peter Nassar	2019 Porsche Cayman S	75.226+2	61.231+2	> 61.571	61.571
Nick Callender	1983 Porsche 944	> 65.921	66.322	66.948	65.921
Wyatt Star	Miata	70.968+dnf	75.791	> 70.694	70.694

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e-Brake News



Dear e-Brake News subscriber,

Porsche Club of America delivers e-Brake News to your inbox every Tuesday. This is the August monthly recap.

Check out the [August issue of Porsche Panorama](#) and scroll down for the top e-Brake articles of the month.

Scroll to the bottom to vote for the Porsche of the Month, and to see July's winning photo.

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2. Here are the Spring 2020 Member Only Raffle winners of a Taycan 4S

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Are you a member and took a stunning photo you want to share? Submit your pictures to potw@pca.org. Be sure to include your contact information, your Region name, and a few sentences about your picture.

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Each month, we will feature the Porsche of the Week photos from the previous month. Then we will tally the votes and crown a new Porsche of the Month winner. PCA, in partnership with [Griot's Garage](#), will be giving away a Concours Lawn Kit to contest winners and a PFM Speed Shine Kit to randomly selected voters.

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August 4



August 11



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Photos & Story by:
Ed Suarez

San Joaquin Winery Run

We had a short but fun drive over to the San Joaquin Winery. With a total of 14 cars we travelled through the west side of Route 99 and meandered by the river. Then 20 minutes down the highway drive into a 50 minute cruise.

Once we arrived at the winery, took our group photo and headed into the winery grounds.

The winery had everything set up, with a long table to seat our 27 member wine tasters. The winery brought out a large number of bottles of whites and reds to sample while we ate our lunch under great weather conditions.

It seems from everyone's laughter and smiles, that it was a great time had by all.

I would like to thank Erica Magarian and Joe Sagariballa from the winery for setting up a great tasting for us.

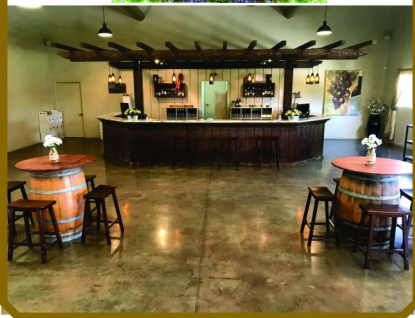


March 20th Tour

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WINERY

Launch from Porsche Fresno dealership at 11:00am
Plan to arrive at dealership around 10:30am. Bring a lunch. Get ready for great varieties of reds and Whites!
Please remember to RSVP

Covid form must be signed prior to the tour



SAN JOAQUIN WINERY TOUR
Saturday
March 20, 2021



Emphasis is placed on safety, scenery and fun. Please relax, meet some new friends, and enjoy the experience to the fullest.

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- 1** 10-10 a.m.
Meet & Greet
*Winery Open House
*Tasting Room
*Liquor Store
*Liquor 101
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EMERGENCIES:

- * For serious medical emergencies, call 911, then notify the Tour/Group Leader after medical help is on the way.
- * For minor medical emergencies contact the Tour/Group Leader to determine the best course of action given the situation.
- * For car related issues, flash your lights to notify the car in front and then, as best you can - pull off at a safe location that will accommodate at least one rescue vehicle/ tow truck. Raise the hood and turn on the emergency flashers. Notify the Tour/Group Leader to determine the best course of action given the situation.

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Member Spotlight

Getting to know our Members



Debi Schmidt

lives in Fresno, CA and works with her husband of 15 years, Bill Schmidt, in his legal practice. They have four grown children and a Belgian Malinois named "Loki". She is a graduate of Fresno State University.

When did you fall in Love with Porsche?

My first memory of loving a Porsche was at the Guy Gardner Cadillac/Porsche dealership in Fresno... my dad had a 1909 Cadillac and in exchange for letting us keep our horses on the property GG owned across from our house, my dad lent the car to GG to display at the dealership showroom for a few months. We took the car to the dealership and a brand new White Targa was sitting there in the showroom... gorgeous... that must have been around 1975 or 76, well of course I got right in and it was definitely a dream car!

When did you get your 1st Porsche?

When I married Bill in 2006, he owned a 1987 black 930 Turbo. We then purchased a Panamera a few years later, and in 2014 a red 1989 Targa, and lastly a 2014 Cayenne GTS...

What do/did you love about it?

I love how the Targa looks and



how nice it rides.

How many Porsches have you owned?
Four.

What do you consider your Dream Car?
1970's Porsche Targa

What Porsche(s) are in your stable?
1987 930 Turbo
1989 911 Targa
2014 Cayenne GTS.

How do you use your Porsches?

We drive the Cayenne daily, the Targa for fun and the 930 for special occasions.

What's the craziest thing you have done in your Porsche?

Craziest thing.... Hmm.. I will mention Bill taking the 930 and racing it on the track at Buttonwillow!

What do you like best about the PCA Club?

My favorite part is cruising and going on the tours.

What are your other hobbies?

Loki requires a lot of activity to stay out of trouble- Bill is a pilot, so we will fly our plane (sometimes just a few hours to the coast for dinner or even a picnic lunch and walk on the beach.) We go for short hikes in Shaver and enjoy being outdoors. We also have a small



vineyard (99 vines) where we pick the grapes to produce wine in small batches.



Retrospective

*Contemplating the past with
a new board member.....*

March 10, 2021

Story By: Margie Back
Historian

"Since becoming a part of this Region, he never misses Cars & Coffee, so no doubt many of our members already know him. He has found himself "volunteering" to be our new Membership Chair and looks forward to getting involved with this new responsibility."

~Margie Back



Dan Morris and his wife, Melissa, became members of our Region in 2016, together with their black/grey carbon fiber interior 1995/911.

Dan actually joined PCA in 2007 after buying his first Porsche - a 2006 993 - the result of a diligent two-year online search.

Dan and Melissa moved to Fresno from San Diego, drawn by the fact that Fresno is

home to a lot of family members. He is a retired network administrator for the DOJ. His son, who lives in San Diego, is his co-member; they also have a daughter living in the Bay area.

Dan is a self-described "car guy," having fallen in love with Porsches when he was around age 14. His brother-in-law took him for a ride in a 912 and he was sold. He loves the engineering, especially the torque coming from the back.... knowing the car will adapt for safe driving at any speed, on any road, in any weather.

Since becoming a part of this Region, he never misses Cars & Coffee, so no doubt many of our members already know him. He has found himself "volunteering" to be our new Membership Chair and looks forward to getting involved with this new responsibility.

Dan also has participated in some of the drives and autocross. He told me about a favorite activity of the San Diego group: a three-day autocross event. Friday - learning through shop talk, Saturday - driving exercises and instruction, Sunday - autocross, proceeded by drives with club members who share their insights for better driving skills.

Sounds good, doesn't it?



Cars & Coffee - Fresno

February 6, 2021

*Come on out and meet
your fellow members!*

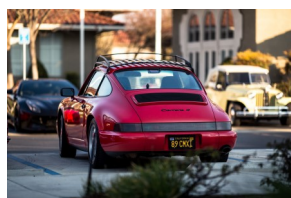
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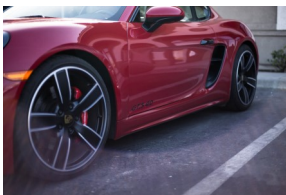
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Should we... RALLY?

That's a good question, but before we can answer it, we need to ask ourselves another question. **What kind of rally are we talking about?**



Unlike a tour, a car rally is a competitive driving event. But unlike a race or autocross, rallies require a team of a driver and a navigator (sometimes called a co-driver). Also, rallies are conducted on public roads rather than specifically designed race tracks.

In general, there are three types of rallies: gimmick, time-speed-distance (TSD), and stage.

Gimmick rallies have no assigned speeds and contestants are allowed more than adequate time to complete the route. The Social Distancing Rally the Redwood Region held in July and August last year was a gimmick rally. You could take as long as you wanted to find the markers. But unlike most gimmick rallies, there were no "traps" on the Social Distancing Rally.

A typical trap on a gimmick rally might be a route instruction saying "Right second opportunity" but if the general instructions say not to use freeways, then a freeway onramp does not count as a legitimate opportunity. Keep driving; keep counting.

The Porsche Club of America (PCA) calls gimmick rallies fun rallies. "Part of

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the challenge with a fun rally is to discover the intended route, which may require other skills such as solving a puzzle or looking for obscure reference points.” (<https://www.pca.org/activities>)

The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) calls gimmick rallies GTA rallies, for their Game, Tour and Adventure; elements. (<https://www.scca.com/pages/what-is-roadrally>).



Time-speed-distance, TSD, rallies are broken into legs, with a start time, route instructions, assigned average speeds, and a finish checkpoint for each leg. The object is to arrive at each checkpoint at exactly the prescribed time, with penalty points for early or late arrival, either in seconds or hundredths of a minute. There is a bit of math involved in running a TSD rally ($\text{time} = \text{distance} / \text{speed}$) and that's the duty of the navigator. The navigator is not a passenger, the navigator is the captain of the team; they tell the driver where to go and what to do. In my opinion, developing great driver/navigator teamwork is the most rewarding aspect of running a TSD rally. The TSD route may be clearly defined, including the mileage to each route instruction, or it may include intentional traps that could cause the participants to take the wrong route and arrive at the checkpoint at the wrong time.

Some PCA regions offer TSD and gimmick rallies, though COVID put the damper on most 2020 events. Unfortunately, none of these rally Regions are in our neighborhood. (<https://www.pca.org/event-type/rally>)

Stage rallies are somewhat like off-road races. They usually consist of alternating transits and stages. The transits are on public roads and contestants must adhere to traffic laws. Stages are closed sections, often on dirt, with the objective of getting from the start to the finish of each stage in the shortest amount of time. More like an autocross than a road race, cars compete against the clock, with usually a minute or two between each cars' start time. Stage rally cars are heavily modified for speed, safety, and endurance, but they must still be licensed and street legal. A full roll cage, fireproof suits, and helmets with HANS devices are all required.

The World Rally Championship consists of a series of stage rallies. (<https://www.wrc.com/en/>)

SCCA no longer sanctions Pro Rallies (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SCCA_ProRally) but Rally America

(<https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/>) NASA Rally Sport (<https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/>)

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and American Rally Association (<https://www.americanrallyassociation.org>) still do. A few Porsches run stage rallies in the US, but four-wheel drive, turbocharged Subarus (Subari?) tend to dominate the winner's podium.

The Mendocino Rally, which I organized from 2011 to 2015, was a stage rally.

(<http://www.motorsportmemories.com/gallery/2013-2/mendocino-rally-2013/>)

A couple Mendocino Rally videos show the view from inside a rally car

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NyFAaQCczNs>) and from the spectator area <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhRTrkOJk-k>).



A Ruby Red 1965 model year 911 Coupe (chassis 300055, also known as R1) was plucked from the production line. It underwent careful preparation but deviated only slightly from the standard specification.

So, should Zone 7 PCA region conduct rallies?

First, let's rule-out stage rallies. Most of us don't want to subject our Porsches to that kind of punishment. We could organize a stage rally, but I can tell you from experience with the Mendocino Rally, it takes a lot of time and work.

That leaves TSD and gimmick rallies, which are both suitable for Porsches, new or old, two doors or four. No special car preparation is required for a TSD rally, and your "equipment" can be as simple as a smartphone or pocket calculator and a clipboard, assuming your stock odometer and clock are in working order.

As an organizer, and as a contestant, I prefer a TSD with a well-defined route and no traps, but many people enjoy gimmick rallies. If gimmick rallies are your thing, I would encourage you to organize one.

The Redwood Region is planning to offer a TSD rally school (including a practice 1-leg rally) and two TSD rallies once COVID social distancing requirements are lifted. To get people interested, all three events will be free. They will be open to all PCA members and/or Porsche drivers, from any Region. If sufficient entries come from different Regions, the "Best Regional Team" award will be recognized. If the 2021 events are successful, we will offer more TSD rallies in the future.

I invite all PCA members to participate in our 2021 rally events. Watch this space for dates and details. I would also like to coordinate with other Zone 7 Regions to offer a series of TSD rallies in 2022. Perhaps a different Region hosting a rally each month, creating a Zone 7 Rally Series, complete with an annual championship and an awards banquet.

If you are interested, please contact me at jim_robison@comcast.net



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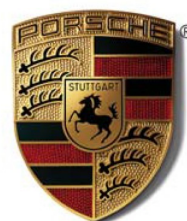
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In The Zone

March 2021

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PCA National Event Updates:

Adult vaccine rates for those over 65 has exceeded 60% of all those who are qualified. Case rates as well as the positivity rates are decreasing and many counties in Zone 7 are coming out of the most restrictive purple tier. This is excellent news for future club activities not only in Zone 7 but for PCA national events across the country. At the most recent national staff meeting, PCA club president **Tom Gorsuch** gave an upbeat assessment of upcoming events. He reported that Club Racing has more than 20 events for 2021 scheduled versus last year's schedule of just a little over a dozen. Treffen Scottsdale sold out in a record of 13 minutes and Parade at French Lick, Indiana has nearly 3,000 attendees signed up and could exceed the stellar turnout we had at Parade Monterey in 2014. Werks Reunion at Amelia Island is still working on some safety issues surrounding the pandemic and updates from local health authorities. **Tom Provasi**, Werks Reunion Chair, is confident the event will proceed and is hoping to open registration as early as late May or early June. Tom was very encouraged with news regarding the coronavirus and hopeful that the pandemic will allow large group gatherings for all our big national events. Let's keep our fingers crossed and do our best to maintain public safety and the safety of our members.

Zone 7 Region Event Planning Updates:

As we get good news weekly on the pandemic, many regions are making commitments to schedule multi-day tours. Sierra Nevada Region has scheduled its very popular Mammoth Mountain tour for June with details and registration opening soon. In the northern most part of Zone 7, Shasta Region is still in the planning stages for its popular Zone 7 tour, but it will be broken into 3 separate tours covering most of the route had the event been held over 3 days. More information on this event will be coming shortly.

The 2021 Zone 7 autocross series has a total of 9 events on the calendar with Golden Gate, Sacramento, Redwood and Loma Prieta regions hosting several events each.

The Zone concours series is still trying to figure out its competition schedule with only Sierra Nevada, August 29th, Sacramento Valley's event scheduled for September 12th, and Monterey Bay scheduled for July 18th. According to Zone Concours chair, **Roy Schauben**, 3 other regions are planning on holding events and are trying to work with various dealers on sites as well as what county guidelines are regarding outdoor group gatherings. Stay tuned for more news.

Zone 7 Presidents Meeting;

The Zone 7 Presidents meeting was held on March 13th and attended by nearly all region presidents in the Zone. Several regional vice presidents were also in attendance. The meeting was held via Zoom with PCA National Treasurer **Craig Kugler** addressing the group on risk management as well as providing an update on PCA's national strategic plan for 2021. **Greg Halverson**, national tour chair, provided an update on minimum guidelines, post event reports, what to do in the event of an accident and answered several questions. **Tom Provasi**, Werks Reunion chair provided an update on Werks Amelia Island as well as some of the process and obstacles he and his committee are dealing with for Werks Monterey which is scheduled during the Monterey Car Week festivities. In attendance at the meeting were several first-time region presidents and the comments I received following the meeting were quite positive on the information provided.

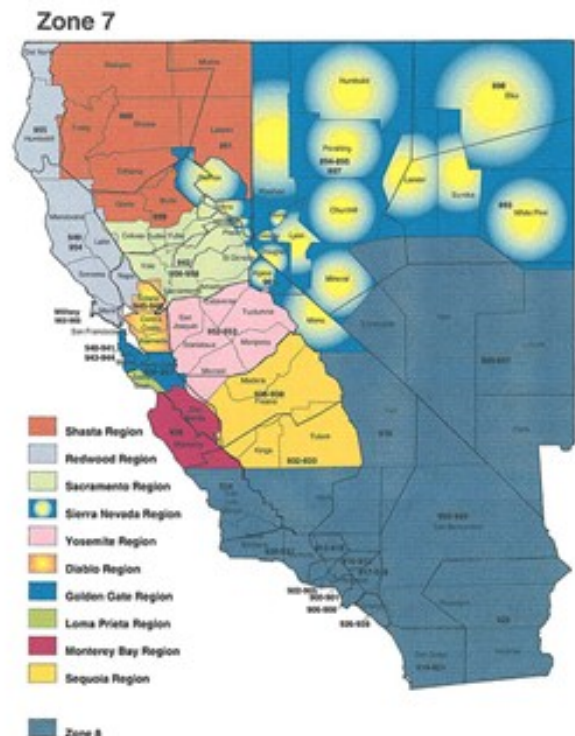
What is Zone 7:

I think many of the members of Zone 7 are not quite sure what Zone 7 is and how it fits in the organizational structure of PCA? To put it in simple terms, it is like a state that is based on geographic boundaries. Like how states in the United States are defined, PCA is divided in 14 Zones throughout the contiguous United States and includes Puerto Rico and parts of Canada. Hawaii and Alaska also have active regions. Within the 14 Zones are contained 146 regions with the 146th being formed just recently. The map below shows the geographic locations of the 14 Zones of PCA.

14 Zones of PCA



Taking it down to Zone 7, our regions are divided geographically into 10 regions mostly in Northern California and Northern Nevada. The Zone goes all the way to the Oregon border and as far south as Fresno. With well over 10,000 members, primary and affiliate, in Zone 7, we are one of the larger Zones in PCA. Unlike a governor of a state or your region president, as your Zone Rep I have no responsibility for the governing of your individual regions. I act mostly as support, information source, and as a liaison with PCA National. Below is a map of Zone 7 and its regions.



PCA National Events Upcoming:

Your leadership team at PCA national has been very busy. Last year, national has had to deal with the consequences of Covid 19 on our club's national events such as club racing where at least 16 events had to be cancelled in addition to Spring Treffen and Parade in Palm Springs. National hopes that their planning for Treffens, Werks Reunion, Parade and a host of other events scheduled for this year can continue as planned. Your national leadership team has been diligent in being flexible and in developing policies and procedures to enable large national events such as Parade to continue, but with a twist. Phase 1 registration for Parade 2021 opened on February 10th and Treffen Scottsdale opened on February 24th and was full 26 minutes later. Treffens have in the past sold out in about an hour so if you have any interest in attending, mark the opening of registration on your calendar.

The winter national staff meeting originally scheduled for February 6th in Jacksonville Florida was cancelled due to concerns with Covid and was instead held conducted virtually. This meeting gathers all the national committee chairs, Zone Reps, Executive Council members and national headquarter staff to share plans for the year as well as to provide updates on their committee. Updates are generally provided by the chairs of Parade, Treffen, Werks Reunion, Club Racing, Policy, Audit, insurance and social media to name just a few.



National Events of Interest:

- 1) PCA Spring Treffen at the Marriott Scottsdale, Arizona; May 5-9; treffen.pca.org; Registration Closed
- 2) Loma Prieta Region 50th (plus 1) Anniversary Gala, June 19
- 3) Monterey Bay Region 60th Anniversary, TBD
- 4) Sierra Nevada Region Mammoth Lakes Tour, June 18-20th; email missmillie44@icloud.com
- 5) Porsche Parade at French Lick, Indiana, July 11-17; porscheparade.org, **Registration Temporarily Closed**
- 6) PCA Werks Reunion, August 13; Monterey; werksreunion.com
- 7) Monterey Historic, Porsche Platz Corral August 14-15th. Tickets at weathertechraceway.com
- 8) PCA Fall Treffen at the American Club, Kohler, Wisconsin, October 13-17; treffen.pca.org
- 9) PCA Spring Treffen at the BRO^ADMOOR, Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 27-May 1, 2022
- 10) Sacramento Valley Region 60th Anniversary Celebration, May 7, 2022

Note that past Treffens have sold out in as little as one hour due to their popularity. Registration



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May 22-23	Buttonwillow	Opens 04/05	
Jun 12-13	UMC		
Jul 03-04	Sonoma	Opens 05/17	
Sep 18-19	High Plains Raceway		✓
Sep 25-26	Thunderhill		
Oct 09-10	Sonoma		
Oct 30-31	Auto Club		



Let's Help Each Other



Survey Coming! Please Participate.

My name is Kevin Scritchfield and I am a newbie/oldie to the PCA and the local region. I was a member back in the late 80's and early 90's when I owned a 1967 912 Targa (#38 of the 544 made) - man, I wish I still had that car!! And as I write this, I am waiting for a transport truck to deliver my newest acquisition - a 2013 911 Carrera Cabriolet in Anthracite Brown with Luxor Beige interior - and I am so looking forward to driving it very soon!

When I was a member earlier in life, it was then the San Joaquin Region. As I attended my first Cars & Coffee on March 6th, I was able to catch up with a few folks from that era of the club which was great!

As I enter this new chapter of Porsche ownership with my retirement car, my 2013 991.2 is going to be significantly different in terms of the engine and technology in comparison to my 912. Therefore I am reaching out for some help here. But the type of help I'm looking for also has the potential to help many, if not most, of the members of our club in one way or another. As I await the arrival of the car that I have dreamed of owning for many years, I have lots of questions. Some have to do with local concerns and some are more general. Things like: Where do people have their cars repaired here in Fresno? Only at the dealership? Or what other shops are popular? Where is the best gas for this level of engine? Who do people insure their Porsche's with? And even though I have lived in the foothill area for most my life, where are the best roads to enjoy my new toy?

So please take a few minutes to answer some questions (completely anonymously) and share your favorite ways to take care of your prized car(s) when a survey arrives from us soon. The entire purpose of your answers is to provide some information that hopefully all of us can gain from and contribute to topics for future articles in the *Zeitung* newsletter in the coming months. So keep your eyes peeled for a future email and/or text message with a link to this very important survey! I appreciate all of the choices and opinions that you would be willing to share with the rest of us!

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