

Dear Members,

2021 has been a much better year for the Club than 2020.

We are all feeling less stress just by getting outside and seeing the sights we have in our local region.

Tami and I flew to Maui for our 41st Anniversary. We had great relaxing time (near normal) vacation.

As you will see in this Newsletter edition, our Club has been active. Autocross is coming off 2 months of drawing larger than ever numbers of drivers. Tours have been full and with many new cars and faces. Cars and Coffee is at capacity with cars and now seeing members that we have not seen in a year thanks to the vaccines.

2021 is halfway over and we need to plan for the balance of the year. Cindy Suarez has Social Dinners scheduled but needs help finding places that will take a group of our size. Our normal places are being ridiculous on their requirements of a minimum cost to have event (to the tune of \$3,500+) This does not work for us. Our typical dinner is around 40 people at \$40 (\$1,600) So if you know of a place that would accommodate our group size and budget, please let Cindy know.

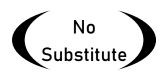
Elections will take place in October and I will not be running for the Board or any positions available, so we need to start looking for others to step up and get involved to keep our club growing and thriving. Randy Ames and Larry Kirlin are willing to do so, but then we need people to start taking over Autocross and Tours. Please contact them or me if interested.

One of our biggest events is Oktoberfest. We plan for September 25th for this annual dinner and car show (presuming catering is still able—no changes in COVID rules.)

I always look forward to our Saturday Cars and Coffees to see our old and meet our new members (we are up by over 22 new members this year). If you have just joined make sure you look for me and Dan Morris (New Member Mentor) so we can get you hooked up with emails and text blast that Antonio Panzera (Webmeister) can send you alerts and blasts for our events so you do not miss out on the fun we have driving and sharing good times with good people.

Regards, Dave Ogden





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2014 Boxster 981

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Letter from the Editor

Hallo!

I've missed seeing my fellow Porsche Club enthusiasts these past three months, as well as many of our Club's fine events! Time definitely got away from me as I went seeking adventure on a couple personal trips.

I excitedly decided to hop in my 2012 Panamera S, and take off on the great American Road trip for 3 weeks- <u>SOLO!</u>

Some of my friends thought me insane! Some called me, "Brave!" I love exploring and a good challenge!

Checking off many of my "Bucket List" items along the way, I comfortably hit Sedona, Taos, Galveston, New Orleans, St. Augustine, Amelia Island, Savannah, Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Asheville, Nash-



ville, and other cities, as well as a few National Parks along the way (Arches, Bryce, the Smokeys.) I hope to have time to write an article about this trip where my P-car ran like a champ! It never let me down—even when I hit snow, a torrential downpour, and the mother of all potholes in New Mexico!

I can't wait to see you out there soon and hear your stories about your adventures in your Porsche! Our cars draw us together, but it's the people that make our Club great!

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Please send your interesting stories, creative photos, suggestions and information you'd like to share with the Club. When doing so please include as much information as possible (author's name, photo credits, age and model of car, owner's name(s), locations and any other pertinent information you have gathered.)

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50 Years (almost) of Porsche Love

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Having had instilled in me that "never volunteer" mentality since my time in the military fifty years ago, I should have known better that something was amiss when Randy Ames had us all raise our hands at the end of the pre-tour briefing for the "Back Roads to Bass Lake" tour on the morning of April 17, 2021.

After a series of questions from Randy, I found myself to be the only one with my hand still up.

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As such, I apparently had won the "prize" (which of course was not announced in advance) -getting to write an article for Zeitung regarding the history of one member's association with Porsche ownership. So here goes...

I bought my first Porsche in late 1971, a three year old 911 coupe. Having just been promoted to First Lieutenant and drawing flight pay to boot, I had some money burning a hole in my pocket. I was looking to moving up in life from driving my trusty old 1965 Triumph TR-4 (which I'd had since college) to something more exciting.

At the time, I was stationed at Norton AFB in San Bernardino. Ever since I arrived therefrom USAF pilot training that summer, I had been looking around the



Southern California area for a vehicle upgrade. Since I had only owned British sports cars since getting my driver licensein 1963, I was actually leaning towards buying an XKE at the time. However, when I saw that slightly used 911 on the lot one day at the Santa Monica Porsche dealership, things changed.

After taking her out for a test drive with the salesman, I knew that the time had come for me to have a German sports car!

I traded in my TR-4 that same day and drove back to the base in my very own Porsche 911. Very cool!

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50 Years (almost) of Porsche Love

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Over the next couple years I drove that car all over the place- to the mountains, to the deserts, to the beach. Great car! She had six Weber carburetors and could really move. It was a continuing challenge to keep her tuned properly, but a great FAST car. I was sold on Porsches.

Unfortunately, over time and increasing mileage, maintenance issues became more and more tedious (and expensive) and I reluctantly decided to sell the car in the fall of 1973. My service commitment would be completed the next year. I would be returning to Fresno and law school and I knew that I wouldn't be

able to afford a Porsche as a mere law student on the GI bill.

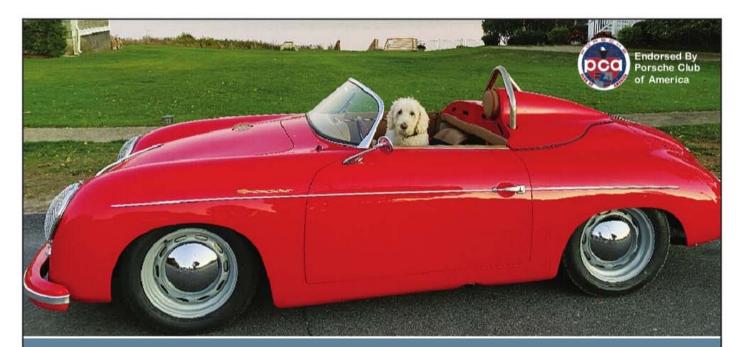
On the other hand, I surely didn't want to give up sports cars entirely. So, looking forward to easier (and hopefully cheaper) maintenance, I then bought a 1966 Sunbeam Tiger. I rebuilt the engine at the base auto hobby shop and learned a lot about cars while doing so. The Tiger was a cool fast car- British racing green paint job with a Ford V-8 engine, roll bar, and removable hard top. I kept the Tiger for several years but she just did not handle like a 911- way too nose heavy cornering. It has been said that one doesn't really appreciate things until they're gone. How true! I really missed that 911.

After law school and getting my practice started, I knew it was time to get another Porsche. I bought a four speed 1966 912 coupe in early 1980 and a five speed 1966 912 coupe in 1981. They were both very nice cars that handled well, but they didn't have the kick of a 911.

Eventually, I bought a 1973 911 Targa in 1984. It was great to have a REAL Porsche again! I bought another in 1989, a coupe in 2000, my first Cabriolet in 2008, and my present Cabriolet in 2016 (2007 Carrera 4S) . My current beast has a six speed manual transmission and, since Michelle doesn't like to drive anything but automatics, this car is all mine, all the time.

There has always been sometime magical about driving a 911. Every time that I have been without one, I have dreamed about having one again.

I think I'll keep this one!



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Estrella Warbirds Museum Run

It was a nice crisp May morning, cool breeze blowing, and Dave was in shorts. It was going to be a good day.

17 cars met at the Manchester Center Starbucks parking lot, ready for Randy to lead us on a nice drive down highway 41 to North 101 to East 46 in Paso Robles to the Estrella Warbirds Museum.

The old highway 41 is a nice twisty road with fresh pavement, truly a joy to drive. The only exception to that is when you get stuck behind a hay truck going 10 MPH. At least he did eventually pull over for us to pass, unlike the U-Haul's from a few years ago.

After making our way to the Estrella Warbirds Museum, they had a nice lunch ready for us, with tri-tip, chili, rice, salad, garlic bread, and all the fixins, even ice cream and cookies for dessert

After lunch, they handed out passes for the museum, for us to walk around and see all the displays at our own pace. I didn't even know this place existed, it's truly a hidden gem. They have a large outdoor static display area with various military aircraft, helicopters and troop transport vehicles. Even a tank turret to climb in. They also have a large indoor display area showcasing various types of custom hotrods, motorcycles and racecars ranging from dirt track, to NASCAR to Indy cars, and a large building with military equipment, ordinance and other equipment on display.

This is absolutely a great place to stop for a visit if you have a few extra hours in Paso Robles, and you just can't take any more great wineries.



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It's about the ROAR of the Crowd, not the Engine - TAYCAN!

Is it the sleek body style, slanted windshield, commanding headlights that draw your attention to Porsche's first electric vehicle, the Taycan? Or, is it the cat like stance, creeping quietly up on you like a tiger stalking through the grass? Then you realize it's not creeping, it's sprinting like a Cheetah at full speed.

The Taycan is expected to be posh, stylish, and sport sweet lines just like any other Porsche. Where it surprises you, is once you are behind the wheel! Don't let the four door sedan fool you – it drives like a svelte coupe! Smooth as glass, sharp handling and G Force pick up that throws you back into your seats (whether leather or vegan, they are cushy!)

CJ Wilson at Fresno Porsche excitedly shared his enthusiasm for the Taycan. He honestly shared he wasn't too keen on an electric vehicle – until, he drove the new Taycan Turbo S in Barcelona at a Dealer Event. He said he was surprised at the 750 hp/774 pounds of torque, 2.6 seconds to 60 mph, (along with the ear-to-ear smile spread across his face) that caused him to pivot right then and there! He's now an admirer of the silent beast!

After lunch, yummy Sakura Chaya trays of goodness, we were invited to drive the awaiting cooled Taycans. Interestingly enough, they get better distance out of the batteries in heat, and today, it was 108 degrees today – truly a car meant for Fresno! Speaking of distance, the Taycan 4S has been proven by *Car and Driver* to have a range of 270 miles before needing a charge.

Slipping behind the sporty steering wheel, into the leather wrapping around us, each of us were given a 25 mile chance to drive, TRULY drive, this pouncing panther! The look, the speed, and now the handling! It grips the corners and whips around with agile moves. This car is not just a car, it's an EXPERIENCE! One you need to drive to understand! Did I mention, it's a blast!?!

"Electric cars are the future, and the future is SO fun!" CJ Wilson gleamed. I agree! It's addicting. You need to go drive it and find out for yourself!





The new Taycan base starts at just \$80,000 and is eligible for a California Clean Fuel Reward of \$1,500!







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MORE INFORMATION: www.pca.org/activities



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The following is the May mid-month membership update. 2021 is off to an amazing start with strong membership growth.

April ended with 90,591 primary members — 843 increase over March. Here are some details:

- April primary growth, new member joins and Test Drive conversions all set new records
- April primary member growth (843) was the largest monthly increase since 2012
- · April new member joins (1,384) was the largest month since 2014
- April drops (1,314) were below the last four months and last four Aprils (YOY)
- April Test Drive conversions (57) was the highest month since recording this data (2017)

Here are the national membership numbers as of today:

- · 91,591 primary members
- · 49,050 co-members
- 140,641 total members
- 960 Test Drive subscribers
- 4,846 PCA Juniors

Growth - Actual		Growth - Factored		
Region	Total	Region	Total	
Metropolitan New York	104	Everglades	1.16	
Chicago	90	Appalachian	1.06	
Northeast	80	Arizona Mountain	1.02	
Potomac	78	Three Rivers	1.01	
Los Angeles	70	Musik Stadt	0.92	





2nd Half 2021 Tour Calendar

July 16-19 Mammoth Lakes Tour

July 17 Three River's Tour

August 21 Porsches to Pismo Tour

September 18 Wine Tour or Equinox Tour

October 16 Tarantula Tour

November 20^t Wine Tour

December No Tour (Christmas Party)

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

NOTE: Due to COVID -Some Tours may have to be cancelled

July 11-17, 2021; porscheparade.org

Porsche Parade at

French Lick, Indiana

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

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

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On the Edge

Push Your Car to the Limits... Safely!

We held our third autocross event May 8th, at the Madera Airport. Although we had a small group of participants, this was my favorite event since becoming the autocross chairman.

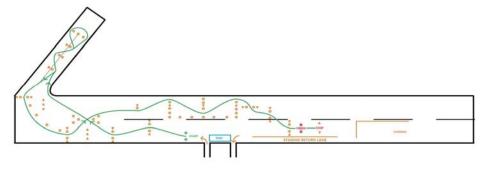
We only had 13 competitors on course this weekend. I have to assume Mother's Day made an impact on our numbers. It certainly wasn't the weather keeping people away. The skies were blue, the weather was mild, and the breeze made you feel like you were on the coast.

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So what made this my favorite event? Well, it was a combination of things. To begin, we have an awesome group of crew and participants. People arrived well before the start time to lend a hand setting up the course. We had the entire field set and ready before 8 am. To give you some perspective, we are usually lucky to have it ready by 9:30 am. Being ready early created a relaxed atmosphere and gave everyone plenty of time to walk the course, get their cars ready and not feel rushed whatsoever.

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"Thanks to all the participants and crew for a fabulous event!"



Once Tom Daugherty announced that the course was hot, the fun began. Mitchell Calloway designed an all-new course for us with some fast sweepers, a driver's choice slalom, and a full throttle finish. There were a lot of cones to navigate on the course and but after a few runs, everyone caught on and starting chipping away at their elapsed times. Right away we knew the Top Time of the Day (TTOD) was going to be a close race between Dave Ogden, Kevin Jones and Yuval De-Medonsa. There was plenty of banter between them, making it even more fun for everyone to watch.

Although his driving was flawless, Dave's, oops— Tammy's— Boxster was no match for the two all-wheel drive 911s. In the end, and by a scant 0.2 seconds, Yuval was our podium winner. Kevin, always the gracious competitor, rewarded Yuval with a celebratory shower in the face from his garden sprayer.

Everyone was in good spirits and enjoyed watching these guys going for the top step on the podium. But still, I haven't gotten to the final, and most important reason I felt this was the best event so far.

On the Edge

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They always say the PCA isn't just the cars, it's the people. That couldn't be truer about the autocross group.

Because we got an early start, we ended before our lunch arrived. That gave everyone a chance to clean up and gather under the tents for some bench racing and storytelling. Between the weather, the companionship and the stories, there was no place I would have rather been at that moment.

It's times like these that I feel fortunate to be part of this club and can spend an afternoon shooting the breeze with good friends.

Thanks to all the participants and crew for a fabulous event. I look forward to seeing everyone again.

Please contact me at lakirlin@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like to help with a future autocross event.

AutoX Results:

Row #	Driver	Car Model	Raw Time	From 1st
1	Yuval D	Porsche 911 Turbo A	42.816	0
2	Kevin J	2017 Porsche 911 4S	43.033	0.217
3	Dave O	Porsche Boxster	43.872	1.056
4	Ric Q	Scion FRS	45.664	2.848
5	Bruno R	Porsche 911	46.837	4.021
6	Mitchell C	subaru	47.92	5.104
7	Mike W	Porsche 911	48.289	5.473
8	Larry C	porsche boxster	49.219	6.403
9	Henry G	2021 Porsche Cayman GT4	53.035	10.219
10	Gary B	jensen healey	53.833	11.017
11	Nick C	1983 Porsche 944	55.557	12.741
12	Leon M	Porsche Boxster	57.969	15.153
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PCA Dinner hosted by Cindy & Ed Suarez

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-Margie Black

Retrospective

Dave and Sue Goerlich met while in high school, and were married soon after they graduated from college. They joined the Porsche Club in 1978 when Tony Maslowski (a general contractor) was president, and was building a home next door to the Goerlichs. They owned a 1967 911S which Sue, a teacher, drove to school every day. The first dinner meeting they attended was at the Villa Basque on Blackstone. They came into the club full of energy, love for the car, and eager to jump in and be involved. There are only six car-owners still in the club today who were members when Dave joined... Kassabian, Brinker, Back, Gilpin, Pierce, and Zutler.

Word 包 中 dui h拒命 ############ current Porsche is a 1997 911 Turbo. Over the years, besides the 1967 911S, he has owned a 1958 speedster, 1972 914, 1973 914-6, 1975 911 Carrera. Dave, Sue, and their sons Scott and Brian have been a true Porsche-loving family. Sue passed away seven and a half years ago; both sons live nearby.

> For many years Dave was the Tour Chair for the club. Together with Sue, they planned and led many wonderful overnight tours — to Mendocino, Fort Bragg, the Sierras, to Pozo (where we engaged in some sort of contest in which the winner ended up in the toilet...there's more to that story) — as well as to Cayucos over the 4th of July weekend when we all lined up along the street for front-row parade watching, followed by a barbecue. A few very special "hobby tours" introduced the club to a race car collection, popcorn machines, model trains, and other interesting hobbies. They attended several Porsche Parades, traveling to Reno, Costa Mesa, Monterey, Texas, and San Diego, at all of which he usually participated as a Concourse judge.

> He was the founder of the Greater Valley Concourse, and chaired that event for thirtytwo years. They started out at the Griffin Ranch, moved over to the Fuji Farms, then the Coombs Ranch, and the final years were at Fresno State. There was always a fabulous dinner the preceding evening in Old Fig. The last year this event raised \$45,000 for charity.

Dave also loves boats (Chris Craft, a Scarab, and a Hatteras) and collectible cars (a Mustang GT, a Ferrari, two street rods: '40 Mercury convertible and a '40 Ford Coupe). He has flown radio modelers for years with Carl Kassabian, and is now a club member and collector of vintage travel trailers. Cars and boats have always been a big part of his life. Sue would always say, when he announced he was looking at another purchase: "You sure we don't have one of those already? Maybe a different color?" He attends a lot of the Saturday Cars & Coffees and loves to "talk cars." He has been a big part of what makes us all say "it's not the cars, it's the people."



FROM THE DESK OF SEAN LABONTE | FRESNO PORSCHE

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Best Regards / Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

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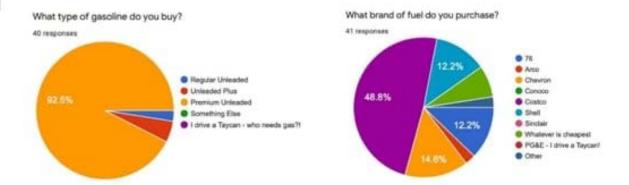
as shared by Kevin Scritchfield

With the goal in mind to gain members' experiences and knowledge of both their cars and the local area, a link to a survey was originally sent out back on April 23rd and shared at Cars & Coffee on May 1st and June 5th as well as through multiple text and email communications from Anthony. As was promised, part of the point of this survey was to share the results with all of you by way of an article here in the Zeitung. Now, even though Dave has lamented more than once that there were more people that responded to this survey than vote in the club elections, there were still only 41 people that chose to share their feedback. I will provide a question-by-question breakdown here of the responses for you. I must emphasize here that these are simply the opinions and input from our fellow club members – the businesses mentioned here in no way whatsoever represent an endorsement by the local or national Porsche Club of America! And if a company was not mentioned, it only means that out of the 41 respondents, not enough of a percentage of them use any of those companies to be included here.

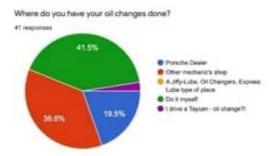
As can be seen in the graph below which represents the results for the first question, we have a very diverse taste within our club for the cars within our favorite marque's lineup with at least one person owning nearly every street model made by Porsche. The most popular of course is the 911 with 18 respondents and the second most popular is a Boxster/Cayman with 11 owners within those that replied. Perhaps what might stand out from this info would be what models are NOT represented by the respondents: No one had a 968, 924, Taycan, Macan, or newer version (2017-present) of the Panamera, even though I know that we have club members that own these cars (well, I'm not sure if anyone has a Taycan yet!).



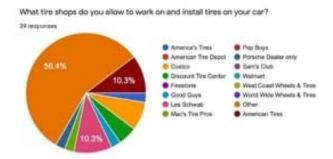
Based on the model that each person owns, the second question asked about what type of gasoline they buy for their beloved ride to sip on. This one had an overwhelming response of following the recommended guidelines from Porsche with nearly 93% of people saying that they provide only Premium Unleaded for their babies with the majority of the other 7% owning older vehicles. What might be more interesting to know here is that nearly half of the respondents (49%) agreed on Costco as their brand of choice for fuel with the next most popular brands being Chevron at 15% and a tie between 76 and Shell at 12%. However, 37% of these owners use a fuel additive as well with the most popular brand being Techron. These responses made me think about how the majority of people use Costco gas but add a Chevron additive! So I researched this a bit and it turns out that using this combination of Costco fuel and Chevron additive is still cheaper than purchasing Chevron gas in the first place!



In response to where oil changes are done, the majority of people (over 41%) change their own oil while nearly 20% take their cars to the Porsche dealer only for this service and nearly 37% employ another mechanic's shop (with the rest using a Jiffy Lube or something similar). Out of the 16 owners using other mechanic shops for their oil changes, the choices were split with 6 people choosing Kurata Automotive (near downtown Fresno), 4 choosing German Autowerks (Clovis), and 3 using Siegfried's (on Blackstone north of Bullard) with the final 2 people choosing Auto House in Clovis and German Auto Repair in Fresno. These answers poured over into the next set of questions having to do with where these prized possessions are taken for other services and repairs. The number one response with 35% of people choosing (Dave) Kurata's Automotive Service on Divisadero near Downtown Fresno with some comments about Dave having some specific tools and techniques that are exclusive to higher-end cars and Porsches specifically. 26% of the people said they chose Siegfrieds Motors on Blackstone and 9% use German Autowerks in Clovis. I've learned from talking with multiple people at Cars & Coffee on this topic that Dave Kurata used to be a member of the club and was very generous in terms of donating services and other items for different events. But I also learned that because he is so busy, it's a little tough to get an appointment. And more than one person told me that he's trying to slow down and retire soon – he's been in that location since 1964!



In terms of tire shops, the opinions were pretty split with over 56% of people using some other shop than those listed. But from the 'Other' category, once again Kurata's came out on top with 11 people choosing his shop over any of the others with specialty equipment and techniques cited as reasons why that shop is the superior repair facility. For example, his tire machines clamp on the hub of the tire and not the rim. From there, the responses were spread out over the many big name as well as local tire shops in town.

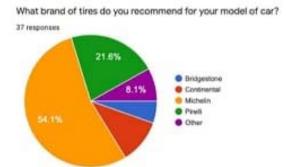


The next question asked if people have had any kind of paint touch-ups, paint correction, or full repainting of their car done. Only 9 people responded with the name of a shop and only 2 of those were repeated: both Diamond Auto Body and Paint in Fresno and Carlos out in Sanger each had 2 people recommending their services. However, at the June 5th Cars & Coffee, I did meet and talk with the owner of Paint Innovations in Fresno. I believe his name was Dustin. He is actually now doing full body restorations and has done a few early Porsches and I learned some club members have used his services – even for their other cars. He taught me a little about paint correction, gapping (of body panels) and ceramic coatings. It was a great conversation. And someone else at this same event shared with me that they've used Central Cal Body & Fender for blending color on various cars for the past 40 years.

When it came to people sharing where they take their car for detailing services, the responses were just as spread out as for paint shops but there were 2 shops that at least got a repeat recommendation: Detail Dan (also known as Diamond Dan's Detailing) and Elite Auto Spa. However, at least a couple of people that I spoke with at Cars & Coffee were VERY adamant that their detailer was the absolute best in town! One of them shared with me how great of work that Detail Dan does and the very high-end show cars that are listed on his resumé. And the other person shared with me all of the very detailed work that Elite Auto Spa does in removing headlight rings, vents, and other decorative pieces in order to wrap the ceramic material into those crevices and around body gaps so that every small piece and edge of the car is covered. But I also found it interesting that 3 people responded that they do this work themselves on their cars.

Perhaps this one is a 'no-brainer', but a full 68% of people said that they hand wash their cars themselves only – ever! With one person saying that they even have soft water plumbed to the hose bib outside of their garage specifically for car-washing purposes! For those that do use a car wash, it was somewhat unanimous with 16% of these saying that they use the Piccadilly Hand Car Wash. And the majority of people also said that they do their own detailing work on their cars with responses of 'self', 'at home', and 'DIY'.

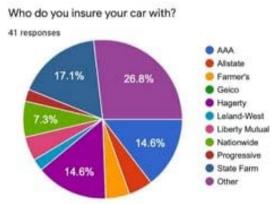
When it came to tires, the clear favorite is Michelin with over 54% of people saying this is the brand of choice and the Pilot Sport 4S being the favored model. Second place went to Pirelli with 22% and the favored model being the P-Zero. And 14% of people use Continental Extreme Contact Sport models. But of course, the main comment added here was, "Depends on usage".



I really debated on whether or not to share this because this makes it sound like the whole reason I did this survey thing was to do some advertising for this company, but please trust me that I am simply sharing a little personal information here! And one of the reasons for me doing this is because most people didn't know of an upholstery shop in the area or several stated that the one they've used in the past is no longer in business or as one person commented, "I wish I did!". I was a high school teacher for 30 years and one of my former students lost both of his parents in a car accident when he was a sophomore. His dad owned an upholstery business and so he started learning how to sew and manipulate fabric at an early age. He even did his Senior Project on reupholstering a recliner claiming that he was going to take his dad's business to the next level. He has done that and more! He got his Bachelor's Degree from the Craig School of Business at Fresno State and now has 9 employees. He has earned multiple contracts with companies like Apple Computer, Rivian Motors, Amazon, and many other tech companies in Silicon Valley. He just completed the acoustic and other upholstery components in the People's Church new sanctuary building. And yes, he does cars too (and boats)! His name is Kodey Wells and I was recently re-connected with him when I needed some upholstery work done on my pickup that I was selling. He is just an awesome person as one of the most upbeat and positive people I've ever met. His company name is Wells Upholstery and his shop is just west of Clovis Avenue south of the airport. And he has a very cool website that shows off his work! So, if you have upholstery or Cabriolet top work that needs to be done, check out his work. Another recommended upholstery shop was Hector's down on North Abby in Fresno.

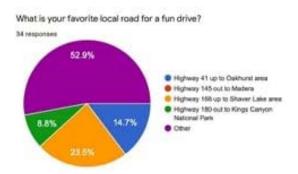
I don't know why, but I sincerely thought there might be a clear 'winner' in the "Who do you insure your car with?" category; that maybe there was this special link between Porsche cars and some specific insurance company out there. But these responses were just as spread out as the answers to many of the other questions. Now, our club president, Dave Ogden, has made his recent insurance frustrations/changes relatively public with posting on the club's Facebook page this same question – asking people who they recommend for car insurance because AAA was significantly increasing his premiums on his 911 Turbo. Leland-West, a nationwide insurance carrier for exotic and collectible cars, was recommended to him and it is actually headquartered right here in Fresno. He was able to drop his premium from AAA by 50%! So I checked into them as well and you can fill out their online form and get a quote very quickly. They saved us nearly 40% on our 2013 911 Cabriolet. Now, they will only insure exotic and collectible cars and so you can't bundle all of your auto insurance with them (unless you only drive exotics and collectibles I guess!), but for many of us that own 1 or maybe 2 cars in that category this still represents a significant savings. Back to the survey results for this question though - most people actually did not choose one of the main companies that I listed in the response options and instead 27% said, "Other". Most of those people are insured with USAA which I hear is a great company, but you have to either be in, or retired from, the military or have some other close connection to the military within your family in order to benefit from their services. Otherwise, 17% of people use State Farm and AAA and Hagerty (another exotic and collector insurer) shared 2nd place in popularity with nearly 15% each. However, between the time of people replying to the survey question and this article being written

with Dave and I both changing from AAA to Leland West, these numbers change to 9.8% for AAA and 7.3% for Leland-West



Another area where I just figured absolutely nearly all Porsche owners would use and hold near and dear to their driving hearts turns out that only one-fourth of the respondents even own or use — and that is a radar detector! And the way this question was worded, it didn't even necessarily mean that you owned one — it said what model do you own OR recommend! Just 11 people answered this one with an overwhelming 82% saying that Valentine is the detector to use.

Even though I have lived and driven in the local eastern foothills for most of my life (even doing my Driver's Training up there!) and more specifically (until recently) up near Shaver Lake, I thought I knew the roads in the area well enough to claim that those roads held the most fun curves and undulations of any other spots around, apparently some people have different opinions! Even though nearly 24% of the respondents agreed that Highway 168 up to Shaver is one of the most fun roads to drive, 53% of the people replied with "Other" when it came to the best roads to drive in the area. Now, at least those in this group added other roads in that same area as their favorites mentioning Watts Valley to Humphrey Station, driving around Pine Flat, Old Millerton Road, Tollhouse Road, Sample Road and Auberry Roads — all roads that I grew up driving but unfortunately, rarely in a Porsche! Other roads mentioned included many of the other local mountain roads as well as optional pieces of the drive over to the coast and along the California coast. In fact, just last week (over 3 days) my wife and I drove Highway 1 from Halfmoon Bay down to Cayucos and used the Old Creek Road shortcut (which one person mentioned) to get back over to 41. Wonderful roads and beautiful scenery!



Now, I have to be honest here, I was truly looking for some 'inside information' by adding the next question about being able to get away with some more 'spirited' driving by finding out there was some gold mine of a road that the CHP never travels on and I could experiment with the Launch function on my car and have a little anxiety-free driving time in Sport Plus Mode, but nobody seemed to have the Mother Lode of roads for me here! But I know . . . I know . . . I need to find a track to safely play on! I do have to say that I am enjoying

sharing my new toy with friends by going out 168 to Sample Road and turning right on Watts Valley Road which circles back around to becoming Ashlan down into the flats again.

Now I know that such an open-ended question like, "What's your favorite road outside the local area?" I would get a myriad of unique responses, but it sounds like I need to try out at least these roads at some point in the future:

Los Gatos Creek Road

Angeles Canyon Highway

190 out from Porterville

The PCH further north and further south than what we did last week

And yes, I would love to get my car out on Laguna Seca and am looking to join one of the training classes to do just that!

As for the last question which asked, "Do you have any other recommendations or sage advice for new owners/members?", the responses can pretty much be summarized as:

Enjoy the drive - be smart, be safe, maintain your car . . . and be involved in the club!

Thank you to all who were willing to share their opinions and favorite establishments with the rest of us. I'm hoping that what was shared here is helpful information to you and in finding some good local resources to take care of your beautiful Porsche!

List of resources (in order shared above):

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German Autowerks, 1560 Tollhouse Rd., Clovis - 299-1312 - germanautowerksclovis.com

Siegfried's Motors, 6173 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno – 439-3393 - Siegfriedsmotorsinc@yahoo.com

Auto House, 2862 Larkin Ave. Suite #1, Clovis - 559-292-2028 - autohouseofclovis.com

German Auto Repair, 6622 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno – 438-6508

Diamond Auto Body & Paint, 427 W. Bedford Ave. #107, Fresno – 439-3868 - diamondautobodyandpaint.com

Paint Innovations, 1469 N. Thesta St., Fresno

Central Cal Body & Fender, 4051 N. Valentine #106, Fresno – 225-4137

Diamond Dan's Detailing, 493-0445 - diamonddanscustomdetailing@gmail.com and on Facebook

Elite Auto Spa, 1421 N. Clovis Ave. #106, Clovis – 907-5366 - eliteautospaca.com

Piccadilly Hand Car Wash, 2261 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno – 222-7066 - piccadillycarwash.com

Wells Upholstery, 5531 E. Lamona Ave., Fresno – 265-2511 - wellsupholstery.com

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In The Zone



June 24, 2021

Zone 7 Representative Sacramento Valley Region

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California Lifts COVID Restrictions Effective June 15th:

The California Department of Public Health has eliminated numerous COVID-19 restrictions effective June 15. The color-coded tier system for reopening businesses will be eliminated, allowing businesses to return to more normal operations with fewer restrictions and limitations. One major change is that the State will adopt the new mask recommendations recently issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stating that people who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear face masks or physically distance in most outdoor and indoor settings. This new guidance was based on additional studies regarding the effectiveness of the vaccines and the declining COVID cases that have resulted as the distribution of the vaccines continues.

For club activities such as autocross and driver education events, in car instruction may now resume with the

exception that if the instructor is not fully vaccinated the choice shall be left up to the student on whether to request a fully vaccinated instructor, and vice versa. This option should be fully communicated before the start of instruction. However, if the track or the county in which the event is held has more stringent COVID restrictions, the most restrictive guidelines will prevail. For all other events including tech sessions, dinner meetings, tours and concourse events, no restrictions will apply unless county restrictions or the venue in which the event is held is more restrictive.

Regarding the continued requirement for all participants to continue to sign the PCA Communicable Disease Waiver, PCA is still reviewing this issue and until further notice, all events moving or otherwise will require attendees to complete the waiver.



In The Zone

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Zone 7 Concours Series Updates:

Roy Schauben and Simone Kopitzki have been working very hard this month conducting the hands on phase of the Zone Concours Judges School. With over 60 students registered for the 2 part training, 3 sessions were held in June with training on June 6th at Redwood City Porsche, June 13th at Hi Tech Automotive in San Rafael, and in the Sacramento area that was cosponsored by SVR on June 27th. The following photos are from the event at Hi Tec Auto.





2021 Zone 7 Concours Series Calendar:

Date	Host Region	Location
August 1st	Sacramento Valley Region	Porsche Rocklin
August 22nd	Monterey Bay Region	Carmel Valley Community Park
August 28-29th	Sierra Nevada Region	Rancho Santa Fe Regional Park, Reno
September 26th	Redwood Region	Tbd
October 17th	Diablo Region	Porsche of Livermore
October 24th	Golden Gate Region	Porsche Redwood City
November 7th	Loma Prieta Region	Porsche Fremont
November ???	Zone 7 Awards Banquet	tbd

In The Zone

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Shasta Region Z7 Tour:

Shasta region held its Zone 7 Tour on Saturday, June 12th with some 20 cars participating. The route covered more than 250 miles of some of the most challenging roads in the region with a lunch stop in Etna just north of the city of Redding. Tour chair, **Allen Krohn** and his team of volunteers broke the tour into 2 groups. The weather was perfect with day temperatures well below that 100 degree mark. The tour was followed by a dinner at the Gaia Hotel's Foxwood Grill.





Loma Prieta Region Celebrates 50th Anniversary:

Loma Prieta regions celebrated a delayed 50th Anniversary at the beautiful Cinnabar Country club in Morgan Hill with some 100 members in attendance. The club was chartered in March of 1970. The original charter members numbered 27 and 3 of the original charter members who are still active with the club include **Terry Zaccone**, **Ken Isles**, and **Mark Esper**. The club went all out and provided a no host bar, tray passed appetizers, and a fabulous dinner. Region president, **Peter Ridgeway** was the master of ceremonies and introduced charter member Terry Zaccone to read prepared remarks from Ken Isles. The evening concluded with dancing to some 70's and 80's tunes. The event was chaired by **Kris Vanacore**.







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Volunteers Needed:

Part of the Rolex Monterey Historic races is the PCA Hospitality Tent and car corral at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. If you are planning to attend and would like to donate a few hours of your time assisting at the hospitality tent, send an email to Collin Fat at cfat1952@gmail.com to let me know your interest in helping out. The hospitality tent will also be open on Friday, which is new for this year. Corral Parking is only available through the raceway and no longer can be purchased through PCA.

Zone 7 Autocross:

Events #3 and #4 were held at the Cow Palace in Daly City on June 26th and June 27th with Golden Gate and Loma Prieta regions hosting. With 8 events on the calendar, you must compete in at least 50% of the events and at least 3 different regions to qualify for year end awards. Please see the updated calendar:



Zone 7 2021 Autocross Series Calendar

Saturday	April 17	Thunderhill	SVR	
Sunday	April 18	Thunderhill	Redwood	
Saturday	June 26th	Cow Palace	LPR	
Sunday	June 27th	Cow Palace	GGR	
Saturday	September 11	Cow Palace	GGR	Tentative
Sunday	September 12	Cow Palace	LPR	Tentative
Saturday	October 16	Thunderhill	SVR	
Sunday	October 17	Thunderhill	Redwood	
Sunday	November 20	Crows Landing	GGR	



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Events of Interest:

- 1) Monterey Bay Region 60th Anniversary, TBD
- 2) Porsche Parade at French Lick, Indiana, July 11-17; porscheparade.org
- 3) PCA Werks Reunion, August 13; Monterey; <u>werksreunion.com</u>, Registration is open. The event is at a new location, Bayonet Golf Course overlooking Monterey Bay in Seaside.
- 4) Monterey Historic, Porsche Platz Corral August 14-15th. Tickets at weathertechraceway.com
- 5) PCA Fall Treffen at the American Club, Kohler, Wisconsin, October 13-17; <u>treffen.pca.org</u>. Registration opens August 4th.
- 6) PCA Spring Treffen at the BROADMOOR, Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 27-May 1, 2022

Note that past Treffens have sold out in as little as one hour due to their popularity. Registration for the Treffens typically opens 3-4 months prior to the event.

2021 PCA West Coast Race Series Schedule

With Federal and State directives pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Club Racing schedule is very fluid and subject to change on a day-to-day basis. The racing schedule shown below will be frequently updated with the latest official status of each of our races.

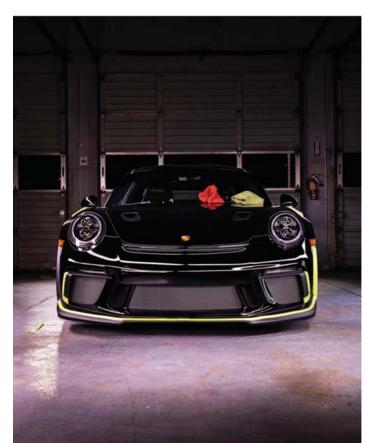
Dates	Event	Status	Enduro
Jul 03-04	Sonoma	Opens 05/17	
Sep 18-19	High Plains Raceway		✓
Sep 25-26	Thunderhill		
Oct 09-10	Sonoma		
Oct 30-31	Auto Club		



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