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Fall 2020

Sequoia Region - Zone 7

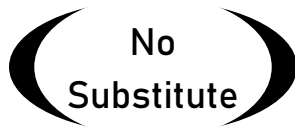
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by Susanne Waite

## Letter from the Editor

Here goes my first attempt at designing a newsletter, so go easy on me!  
(Bitte!)

Dave Ogden and I made a deal, that if he let me take his 2018 Porsche 911 Turbo S for a spin, I'd take on the newsletter. So here I am. (I'm not sure who got the better deal, but I am sure, it's the beginning of a wild ride!)

I'd like to see our newsletter not only be about our amazing cars and awesome events, but also our members on a more personal level. There are so many I have yet to meet. And I hope this newsletter helps us all to get to know our fellow Porsche Enthusiasts better (as well as where and how to do so!)

In that vein, I need your help!

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

This is our club's newsletter - Let's *rev* it up!

Prost!

Susanne Waite

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A word from our  
**President**

*Zeitung*

**Dear Members,**

Sequoia Region - Zone 7

2020 has been a trying year for all of us. Our Club has made the best of it as we adapted to the constant changes with the fires, restrictions and CDC guidelines. We had to change tour routes at the last minute, as well as tour locations as we flexed to meet COVID guidelines and the fire restrictions.

Autocross overall was a great success, though we had to make adjustments also. We have been able to make it a very safe event, with the opportunity for the drivers to experience track time and learn how to properly control their cars.

Our Saturday Cars and Coffee (C&C) really grew this year, despite all the restrictions. We had over 80 cars at times and lots of participation! It continues to be where we gain most of our newest members, sometimes two to three each time.

We did lose our social dinners due to the many restrictions that restaurants could not overcome. We had hoped our Octoberfest and Christmas dinner would happen, but once again caterers had to pull out at the last minute. Cindy Suarez continues to search potential sites that might be able to handle our group.

Charity funds raised were less this year without raffle money, but thankfully we found other ways to give back to our community with events like the Food Drive that Ed Suarez put together. This was a highly successful charity. This past Saturday we completed our Toys for Tots with a huge number of toys along with online contributions.

Donations from members and others reached \$1,126.00. Your Board voted to contribute \$1,000.00 to go alongside our members. Thanks to everyone that contributed.!

We've been able to do this thanks to PCA National having a strong year in Region Refunds. This money becomes available to us due to the growth of new members.

PCA National is seeing a significant amount of growth in new membership. We have also seen the same percentage of growth on our Region as well!

There have been roughly three new members per month joining our region. Due to this, we asked Dan Morris to lead this new position as our New Member Mentor. Dan has been

reaching out to new members and helping them connect and plug into events we put on. Our goal is to get new members more involved so we don't see them drop out in a year or two.

2021 is going to start like 2020 finished up it appears. We have already planned Tours and also scheduled Autocross (AX). First Saturday Cars and Coffee is also plugged in. Social dinners, when allowed, will come back as well. Elections are over with a small change at VP with Darrick stepping out and Ed Suarez moving in.

We announced and gave 2020 Awards at December's C&C. **Randy Ames was awarded "Event of the Year (all Tours)"**. Randy does so many things behind the scenes that many are not aware of like pre-running routes and being highly flexible with destinations. **"Enthusiast of the Year (Mike Wickstrom Award)" was given to Antonio Panzera**. Here is a guy on fire! In the past 6 months he led two South Valley C&C's along with starting up Text alerts. Antonio pre-tests each blast and link before you see them along with running our email blast and website. The **"Pillar Award" went to Larry Kirlin** who has AX handled turnkey. Larry, just like our other two award winners, does it all and most of us do not see the time or effort he puts into an event like AX. The Club also recognized **Ed Suarez** for all his **behind the scene work** with a pair of Porsche tumblers for his coffee. Anytime I need help with a flier or a pickup, Ed is there to cover us.

Thank these guys when you see them for all they do behind the scenes that allows us to be the dynamic club we are.

Until our next event, be safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing your eyes smiling behind the mask!



Regards,  
**Dave Ogden**  
President

## (Tour)

## Tarantula Run

*Annual Run to Coarsegold's  
Famous Tarantula Festival*

October 17, 2020

Story By: Greg Belemjian

Photos By: Mark & Carrie  
Davis

It was a sunny Saturday morning when twenty-one shiny Porsche's gathered at CJ's house (aka Porsche Fresno.) After milling about, visiting with new and old friends, feasting on all the automotive eye candy, we had a brief, but very informative meeting. We split up into two groups and were on our way to the Sierra where we would usually lunch at Coarsegold's annual Tarantula Festival (except this year it was cancelled due to Covid.)

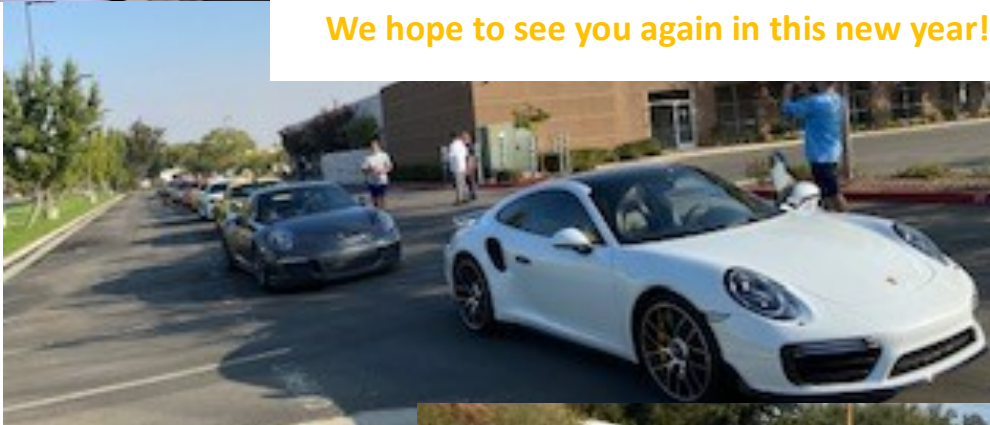
Tarantulas emerging to find a mate this time of year aren't going to let Covid stop them! So we still had to be on the lookout to avoid any wayward lovesick arthropods on the roadway as we drove through the foothills.

We cruised twisting mountain roads to Mariposa for more good times and a tasty lunch at Happy Burger. If you haven't eaten a burger there yet, you need to set aside a time to go experience one.

Did you see any Tarantulas you ask?

Well, no, but what a great tour. Randy Ames, tour master extraordinaire, is always at the top of his game. He once again put together a challenging, twisting, turning route bringing out the very best in our cars, and those smiling faces piloting each and every one. Mixed gently with great people, cars, and food, and you end up with a wonderful day. We call it the Tarantula Tour, and it was a blast!

**We hope to see you again in this new year!**





## Our 2021 Tour Calendar

January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wine Tour	<b>NOTE: Due to Covid - Some Tours may have to be cancelled</b>
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hollister Tour with Optional Gilroy Outlet Mall	
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wine Tour	
April 23-24	Fred Scott Angeles Crest Tour & Nethercutt Museum	
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Three Rivers or Picnic at General Grant Grove	
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Possible Local Mini Poker Run Tour before dinner at Ed and Cindy's house	
July 23-25	Mammoth Lakes Tour	
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Porsches to Pismo Tour	
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wine Tour or Equinox Tour	
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	T Tarantula Tour	
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wine Tour	
December	No Tour (Christmas Party)	

**Other Possibilities:** Estrella Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles, Yosemite by moonlight dinner and tour, Christmas Tree Lane decorate and tour, or the Where's Vern Mystery Tour

**Loma Prieta Region**  
50th (plus 1) Anniversary  
Gala - March 13, 2021

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

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the Marriott Scottsdale,  
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60th Anniversary  
Celebration,  
May 7, 2022

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French Lick, Indiana  
July 11-17, 2021;  
[porscheparade.org](http://porscheparade.org)

**PCA Werks Reunion,**  
Monterey, CA  
August 13, 2021,  
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**PCA Fall Treffen\*\*** at the  
American Club,  
Kohler, Wisconsin  
October 13-17, 2021;  
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## On the Edge

### Push Your Car to the Limits... Safely!

**Save the Date!**  
**March 13, 2021**

November 14, 2020

Story By: Larry Kirlin

Photos By: Ed Suarez

*"We had a couple of first timers at the event this month. Both during and after the event I was contacted by the new folks to let me know how much they enjoyed the day.*

*The autocross courses are a lot of fun and our atmosphere is quite casual.*

*That's not to say we aren't serious about safety (or competition!)*

*It's just that we focus on seat time and try to minimize dead time."*

Saturday, November 14th, we held our monthly autocross and annual car control clinic at the Madera Airport. Both events were the largest attended in recent memory.

We started the day with 22 cars on the autocross circuit. Exactly half of the cars were Porsche. It was a fast course, giving horsepower an advantage over agility. The top time of the day was earned by Ken in his Porsche Cayman. Man is Ken fast and smoooooth behind the wheel. Our runner up was Phil C. in his Mitsubishi Evo X. All-wheel drive is definitely an advantage at Madera, but you can't discount Phil's excellent driving skills.

**Our next autocross event is March 13, 2021. Mark your calendars now and come join us.**

Immediately following the autocross was the Car Control Clinic. All PCA members enjoyed sandwiches from Sam's Italian Deli while we were getting the course ready. It was perfect weather to enjoy your lunch in the sun. I can't say the same for the morning weather though. A cold fog rolled over us for most of the morning. Brrr.

Ken Vaughn and Tom Daugherty took one group of students, while Dave Ogden and I took the other. The purpose of the clinic is to allow the students to experience their car as it approaches or exceeds its design limits. Pushing the envelope. Ten 10ths. All that jazz.

A slalom is a good way to introduce drivers to the feeling of lateral weight transfer. A slalom packs a lot of direction changes into a short distance; as the driver increases speed, the weight transfer becomes more pronounced. The slalom is also employed to make drivers exceed the lateral grip capabilities of their vehicles and observe resulting vehicle behavior.

The skid pad allows you to feel your car slide in the front or rear. Losing control of your car is a scary experience. Hitting the brakes or turning the wheel and not having the car respond as it should makes you feel helpless. But, simply hoping that your car will never skid is not the answer to feeling more in control. Understanding what makes your car skid and learning how to prevent it are the first steps.



# On the Edge

(Continued)

The Chicago Box is our emergency maneuver element. Imagine you are happily cruising down the interstate at 65 MPH with the music blasting. You don't notice that you have crept up a little too close to the car in front of you. That car stops suddenly, by the time you see it, there isn't enough space to stop in time. However, an alternative lane to the left or right is free. You need to execute an emergency lane change. This helpful technique teaches you to change lanes quickly and safely in the event of brake failure, a tire blowout, a sudden obstacle in the road, or other similar emergency.

Finally, we have our launch/braking element. Emergency braking means coming to a stop...fast. We have all been in situations where bringing the vehicle to an immediate stop is necessary to avoid a collision. Any hesitation could mean the difference between a near miss and a nasty crash. Many drivers are typically not prepared for this type of braking. I cannot think of anything more important than learning how to brake out of dangerous situations. You need to know how your car will behave while emergency braking.

For this element, the student will accelerate, emergency brake and while the car is under full braking, they will experience a pulsation from the car's Anti-lock braking system. This system allows you to brake faster and, because the wheels don't lock, it allows you to potentially steer around an obstacle.

The students all had several opportunities to practice each element of the course. It took quite a bit of coaching to get some people to push their car over the limit. It's not easy to push through your fear and trust the instructor but I can say that each person went outside their comfort zone for this clinic. I'm very proud of our students for trusting us.

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



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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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## Member Spotlights

*Getting to know our Members*



### David Wong

lives in Clovis, CA and is the General Manager for Japanese Kitchen, EdoYa, Sakura Chaya Fresno & Sakura Chaya Clovis

#### When did you fall in Love with Porsche?

When I was a kid I went to the dentist and saw one in the parking lot. My mother told me, "That Porsche is the dentist's car if you want one, you have to work hard and become a dentist!"

#### When did you get your 1<sup>st</sup> Porsche?

10 years ago

#### What model and color was it?

1<sup>st</sup> 1997 911 Carrera Coupe black with tan interior

#### What do/did you love about it?

The way it looks and drives!

#### How many Porsches have you owned?

Five!

1<sup>st</sup> 1997 911 Carrera Coupe black with tan interior

2<sup>nd</sup> 2001 911 Carrera 4 Red with tan interior

3<sup>rd</sup> 2003 911 Turbo Lapis Blue with grey interior

4<sup>th</sup> 2013 911 Carrera S Racing Yellow with black interior

5<sup>th</sup> 2018 911 Carrera 4S Racing Yellow with black interior

#### What do you consider your Dream Car?

Porsche 2020 911 GT2 RS

#### What Porsche(s) are in your stable?

2018 911 Carrera 4S

#### How do you use your Porsche?

I drive it daily and just for fun.

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

I recreated a scene from Fast and Furious. I pulled up next to someone at a red light and asked, "Nice Car, what's the retail on one of those?"

#### What do you like best about the PCA Club?

Everything! I drive to Cars and Coffee on Saturday morning, Autocross, and track days... then drive my Porsche back to work on Monday.

#### What are your other hobbies?

Skiing & Collecting Hot Wheels (Especially Porsches!)



David's 2018 911 Carrera 4S



## Member Spotlights

*Getting to know our Members*



### Geneva Reinhard

lives with Bruno, her husband of 48 years, in Fresno, CA. She grew up in Fresno and is a retired Dental Office Manager.

#### When did you fall in Love with Porsche?

In 2006, my husband got his first Porsche Cayman S, then a 2015 Cayman GTS. We were having

fun with all things Sequoia Region PCA! I teased him so much about having my own blue Boxster— but, instead, he surprised me with a special 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet in Gentian Blue!

#### When did you get your 1<sup>st</sup> Porsche?

My own? In May 2020!

#### What do/did you love about it?

I love the power and sound of this car. I'm still pinching myself in disbelief that Bruno got me car that cost so much more than his. This is a dream car!

#### How many Porsches have you owned?

Our family... Four

#### What do you consider your Dream Car?

I have it! My 911 C4S Cabriolet .

#### What Porsche(s) are in your stable?

A 2020 911 C4S Cabriolet and a 2021 Cayman 4.0 GTS

#### How do you use your Porsche?

It's my Daily Driver and I love AutoCross!

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

The craziest thing is that I street raced two young men in what they *thought* was a fast Charger, I showed them the difference!

#### What do you like best about the PCA Club?

Anything that involves us turning the key.

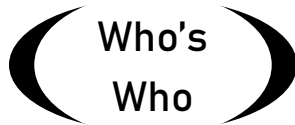
#### What are your hobbies?

Stained glass, sand blasting glass, rock, wood, and driving my 911!

*"I'm enjoying the  
Hell out of BLUWIND!  
(That's its name.)"*

~ Geneva Reinhard





## Member Spotlights

*Getting to know our Members*



### Barry Lockton

lives in Clovis, CA and is retired from public works and facilities management. He is fortunate to have been married to the lovely Annelie for fifty years and has four sons.

#### When did you first fall in

**love with Porsche?** Circa 1958 when a friend drove me to a Dodger game in his Porsche.

#### When did you get your first Porsche?

January 1969 at Kendon VW/Porsche in Harbor City for \$6,052.

#### What make, model, and color was it?

1969 912, Blut orange (Tangerine).

#### What do/did you love about it?

I was able to maintain it myself and it was capable of being driven hard! We even took the family tent camping in it!

#### How many Porsche's have you owned? Two

#### What do you consider your dream car?

Porsche GT3

#### What Porsche(s) are in your current stable?

2007 C4S—except for this week because the 912 I gave to my son is here also.

#### How do you use your Porsche?

Enjoyment and track time.

#### What's the craziest thing you ever did with a Porsche?

Driving my 07 Carrera 4S up a 6,000' high torn up dirt logging road in British Columbia, fortunately pulling off just before a logging truck came barreling down.

#### What do you like best about the PCA Club?

Track days are my favorite followed by Cars & Coffee, then tours.

#### What are your other hobbies/passions?

Enjoying the outdoors, flyfishing, and travel. Previously, competitive cycling.



The Lockton's 1969 912, family Labrador, and 2007 911 C4S



*Thoughtful,  
contemplative,  
wistful of the past...*

December 12, 2020

Story By: Margie Back  
Historian



**Diane Tjerrild**  
*Zeitung* Editor, 2014-2020

*"Diane, though not a member of the club, brought her energy and talent to putting the Zeitung together. And what a wonderful gift that has been!"*

~Margie Back

## Retrospective

Since the early days of our Region, we have **leaned on and appreciated the newsletter** as a tool for keeping members up-to-date, as well as it being a vehicle to encourage members to participate in the ongoing activities, and a means to rejoice together over successes among the group. It has always been important and eagerly awaited.

Beginning back **in the late '50's** with the small group of Porsche owners who came together as the "Fresno Region," the newsletter was a few mimeo'd sheets stapled together — and also from the beginning there has been an editor. The editor determined what items or events needed to be publicized, wrote the articles or assigned others to write them, facilitated the printing, assembling, mailing list and labels, as well as the actual work of getting the newsletter in the mail. In addition to the large amount of work involved, there was the cost of paper and postage. And luckily, the money raised through raffle activities each month covered the cost.

Evolution of process took us from the few stapled sheets to an 8-1/2x11 booklet to a 8-1/2x14 booklet. Then in **2006 Debbie Molineaux** — with strong computer skills — created an electronic newsletter. That allowed us to discontinue hard copy mailing the *Zeitung*, saving much work and expense. **David Crabtree took over in 2007**, then **Vern Simmons in 2009**. In 2010, Vern took the *Zeitung* quarterly, and expanded the number of pages.

Due to its larger size, the reproduction of photos, expanded use of color, and the number of hours required to put it all together, President Dave Ogden recognized the need for a different kind of editor.

**2014 minutes record**, "President Dave decided it was time to sub out the newsletter, to offload Vern and Karl Lawley (webmaster)." This is where **Dave introduced us to Diane Tjerrild**. Diane's expertise is in advertising/marketing, so our newsletter fit her skills well.

**Diane, though not a member of the club, brought her energy and talent to putting the Zeitung together. And what a wonderful gift that has been!** She has not only gathered the contributions of members and pulled them together in a professional, attractive manner — she has used her own initiative and ability to search and find other materials, developed layouts of beauty and color, and gave us a newsletter with many pages of quality content.

**Diane has seen the need to retire** from this assignment. **We let her go reluctantly** with great thanks and appreciation!

We move now to another chapter. **The new editor is Susanne Waite**. Susanne became a member of Sequoia Region in 2013. She is a "Porsche Proud" owner of a 1988 Porsche 911 Cabriolet, 2006 Boxster S, and 2013 Panamera S. She is lucky to live in Coarsegold where she enjoys driving the mountain curves just going to the grocery store.

**Welcome, Susanne! Thanks for assuming this responsibility!**



DIANE TJERRILD

FROM THE DESK OF SEAN LABONTE | FRESNO PORSCHE

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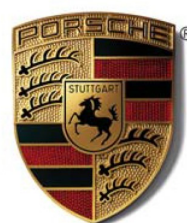
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*Let it Rip!*

## HPDE Day at Thunderhill



Bruno Reinhard

Lloyd "Mike" Willmott

Larry Kirlin

Vince Nolletti

Dave Ogden

November 23, 2020

Story By: Vince Nolletti

Photo By: Tammy Ogden

Five of those known as the "Track Rats" drove northbound to Willows, CA to attend the Diablo-organized High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE) day at Thunderhill Raceway Park. The event was sponsored by Porsche Walnut Creek.

We left the day before, less the Ogdens who trailered their 911 Turbo S. We stopped to gas up at Costco in Woodland. We met to fuel up ourselves at Granzella's Italian Restaurant in Williams where we had great conversations about big game hunting (inspired by the massive number of animal trophies mounted on the walls - everywhere!)

It was cold the following morning (in the 30's) and the track was a bit slick. As the sun came up it warmed the asphalt and we were able to track at higher and safer speeds with lots of space to comfortably push our machines and legally fulfill our need for speed.

It was one of the best events in a long time - despite the COVID restrictions. And, as always, the comraderie was special!

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## Amusement

## Tell the Truth

*Be Honest! Does this Pana make my butt look big?*  
By: Anonymous

It's an odd feeling when you look at a specific car that everyone is RAVING about and you ABSOLUTELY do not get it. That was my reaction when Chris wanted to buy a Panamera. I just did not like the way it looked. (It's... bubbled rear... a 4-Door... just so... BIG!) I was thinking to myself, "It's not a 911! It's not a sports car! We might as well buy a tank!"

We found the Pana Chris wanted to buy. Chris went for a test drive, I scratched my head still dumbfounded and what can I say, against my inner wishes, we took this anomaly home. However, I despised this car even though it has lots of bells and whistles that I find appealing. I just didn't see the attraction.

Fast forward a few months, I still had no desire to drive that car; but one trip, on our way to the coast, I asked to drive it. We made our way down Highway 41 south, passed Kettleman City, and got stuck behind a slow lumbering semi-truck.

This was the magical moment... I looked down and saw a button that read "Sports Plus." So, I punched it. The car crouched down, sprung forward like a tiger and I swear, I even heard it growl! Suddenly, something inside me woke up!

Passing that semi-truck was a breeze, but that is only the beginning. I bonded with this homely car; was one with it. I was in the "Zone". Passing 1, 2, 8 cars, taking corners like I was on the track. And while I was channeling my inner Steve McQueen, Chris was distracted all the while playing on the cell phone.

Chris suddenly breaks for a second, looks up from the cell phone at me, and calmly asks, "Do we really need to be going 120?" Looks back down at the cell phone.

Honestly, I had no idea I was going that fast. I quickly eased off the accelerator, turned off the "Sports Plus", and set cruise control to 60 mph so that I would save myself from a stint at the joint.

Typically, we buy a vehicle because we've admired it



"I was hoping you would clean up more leaves than just around your Porsche."

from afar or in an ad photo. We see a beautiful car that we have no problem paying a small fortune for. The Pana was a challenge for me. I find myself now loving the way the car looks. The soft lines, color, and size. And, being tall, I fit in it like a glove! It's stylish, comfortable and classy! I could not stop taking pictures of it. I even named it (let's just say, after a James Bond Girl.) The car I hated is now my ABSOLUTE favorite of all time!

Of course I think we can all agree that buying a Cayenne is just silly... RIGHT?!? (BTW: We have a test drive date set up... )



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## In The Zone

November 2020  
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Photos by Collin Fat

### PCA Makes Glovebox Available to All Regions:

PCA Glovebox is now available to all regions to store or archive all of their important documents such as copies of their bylaws, articles of incorporation, signed waivers, policy and procedures documents, tax returns, and other important information that many times gets displaced or lost when board members transition from the old board to the newly elected one. In addition, PCA Glovebox is a great place to store items related to the history of your club such as its original PCA club charter, old newsletters (digital copies), photos, or records of the members of the club that have served as club presidents. It is also a great place to store original purchase documents for the club laptop, autocross trailer and registration, insurance documents, and other documents related to the business of running each club.

PCA Glovebox was asked for by region presidents looking for a National repository for important documents. Glovebox is a highly secure, cloud-based storage repository. It is available now to all region leadership, Zone Reps, and National Committee chairs. Region leadership that can have access includes all the board members, club historian, safety chair, concours, DE and AX chairs. In addition, the information is constantly backed up and it automatically tracks all the edits of documents and who made the change. It provides continuity of important information and only requires a quick flip of the switch when your board positions transition from one board to the next. No longer will documents and the history of the club become lost.

Glovebox works similarly to Drop Box as a depository for large amounts of data that would generally be stored by club leadership on several computers owned by past and present board members or event chairs. The issues with this manner of storage are several. If the members computer was lost in a fire, hurricane, or by theft, in most cases the information would be lost as most members don't customarily backup their information. It also helps ensure that all future board members have access to all the information needed to do their jobs and have the information needed at hand. Too many times, information is lost during the transition of boards for one reason or the other. Glovebox will aid in protecting this valuable information and make the transition

much more seamless.

PCA recently held a Region Focus event to explain in detail how Glovebox works, and you can view the details at this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/7349892594174995975>.

### Zone Autocross Series Update:

The Zone Autocross series held six Zone events in the month of October with Golden Gate and Loma Prieta regions hosting events at the Cow Palace on the weekends of October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and again on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Sacramento Valley along with Redwood regions hosted a dual event at Thunderhill Raceway on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Due to restrictions imposed by Cow Palace management, all events at this location were restricted to 50 drivers. At the Thunderhill event, participation was only limited by each region with Sacrame

to and Redwood Regions capping registration at 75 drivers so that they could provide a quality experience for all participants. The current Zone standings are posted on the Zone 7 website.

Drivers need to compete in at least 50% of the scheduled events (4 out of 7) in order to qualify for year end awards. Due to restrictions imposed by various counties in Zone 7, our annual awards banquet will not be held until February of 2021 and in conjunction with the Zone 7 Annual Presidents meeting. It will likely be a virtual ceremony or perhaps a drive by event where winners drop by to receive their awards. Watch for details. For more information contact Zone 7 AX Chair Grady Carter at [gradyz7ax@gmail.com](mailto:gradyz7ax@gmail.com).

Pictured: Bill Thorp, Collin Fat, and Kathy Thorp.



### PCA National Autocross Chair Visits Zone 7 AX Event:

At the SVR Thunderhill event, PCA National AX chair, Kathy Thorp attended along with her husband Bill. They drove all the way from San Diego to check out our event and walked away totally impressed with our organization, Covid 19 pro-

## Zone Autocross Continues to See Growth Among Women and Young Adults:

Zone autocross participation has been impacted by restrictions related to Covid 19, yet regions continue to attract new members to the sport for those regions with an autocross program. Most significantly, I have seen a noticeable increase in the number of women who are participating over the course of the last 3-4 years and the change has been quite noticeable. When I first started autocrossing in 2007, I might have seen 1-2 ladies per event competing. Today, I am seeing 5-7 women competing. In addition, I have noticed that many members have been bringing out their adult or teenage children to also introduce them to the sport. These trends bode well for our sport as we continue to face issues finding autocross sites not only in Zone 7 but throughout the nation.



## Region Elections:

Please get involved and consider chairing a dinner or club driving tour. If that may seem too much to tackle, volunteer as a co-chair for an event. Your club is always looking for volunteers to help. Remember, PCA would not be able to provide all the events and programs it schedules yearly without the help of a dedicated membership of active volunteers.



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## Charity Werks

*Generosity & Altruism*

October 17, 2020

Story By: Ed Suarez

Photo Credit: Susanne Waite

### Fantastic Club Led Food Drive

This years food drive was very successful. The club teamed up with Catholic Charities to gather our donations and provide them to the needy. Jeff Negrete and Ashlee Wolf from Catholic charities were very supportive and excited about our event. They were amazed that so many members came out and showed their generosity in providing quality foods for our needy community. Jeff made a point of saying that very often they get foods that came out of people's pantries, while what we provided was a major step above. Every time that we have held a food drive, the participation gets larger and the donations grow. I want to thank everyone for their generosity; and it means so much that we are contributing to our local community.



### Toys-for-Tots

WOW! We collected \$1,126 in donations in addition to the \$1,000 Vern will be sending on our club's behalf! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this year a success. I'm betting we gave a lot of smiles this year!



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## End of the Road—2020



*Reflections from your  
Tour Director*

December 31, 2020

Story By: Randy Ames  
Tour Director

Reflecting on this year's tours through the lens of Tour Director, has allowed me to review and analyze **what worked and what could be better**. The purpose of this article is to share those insights with you and ask for your assistance in making our tours even better this next year. We anticipate the 2021 tours to be in place on the club's website calendar by the end of December with the first tour scheduled for February.

I hope the insights below will help you to **know the "why" behind the tour structures** and how you might participate moving forward.

When leading a tour my goal is to keep us moving at a good pace, yet please realize our tours are not a version of the Mille Miglia. **Safety is our priority**. That is why we have a

**few simple rules.**

Please keep your **headlights on** during the tour as this helps us to keep track of each other.

Every time you come to a turn in the route, do not proceed until you can see the car behind you. This helps to ensure we **do not lose anyone**. Often times we have cars with a driver only and it is more than challenging to look at a map and stay with the group. By waiting until the car behind you is coming to the turn, you help everyone to follow the route.

Before you slide your car into position at the start of the tour, **think about what speed you are comfortable driving**. Or your passenger is comfortable with you driving.

# End of the Road—2020

(continued)



The front will lend to a quicker pace, the middle a bit moderate and the back will be a bit slower (although no one is truly going slow, we're in a sports car after all!) We want you to be comfortable, so if you are a more cautious driver we ask that you put yourself toward the rear of the group. If you happen to be the car after the lead car, please stay up. If I see the car behind me dropping behind I will slow down, but **we want to keep a sprightly, yet safe pace.**

If you need to leave the tour early, please let the lead driver know, so no one worries about you and your whereabouts or safety.

If you are interested in helping with the tours, a **vital role you can play is the sweep position.** This is the car at the end that watches over the group. The sweep's role watches that everyone is doing okay and if there is a breakdown they will stop to assess the situation and make the lead car aware. The sweep is responsible for filling out the Observer's Report found on the PCA website, which takes two minutes to complete and

ensures the PCA we did everything by the book during the tour.

As a participant of the tour, please **accurately complete the Liability Release.** You and your passenger will both need to sign and print your name on the form.

**Maps for the tour route are posted on Facebook and/or Antonio will post them on our website.** If you want a map, please print one out for yourself as I will only have a limited number of maps printed for the event.

**We have a new RSVP function via text** that is helping us with achieving a headcount. Please ensure you use this simple response feature to let us know if you are attending the tour. Depending on how many cars are attending, we would like to split the group which means gaining another Tour Leader and Sweep. It is easier to have those people in place before the event instead of asking for help the day of the event.

**If you have an idea for a tour, please feel free to email me.** My email is **Amestr@att.net** - All I ask is that you be as specific as possible in your route and what you want to do. I am open to new ideas and routes and look forward to partnering with you. Variety is a good thing!

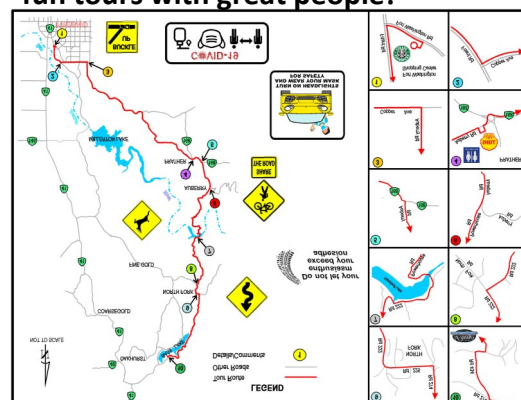
We will have two overnight runs in 2021, the Mammoth Tour and the Angeles Crest Highway Tour, which includes a tour of the Nethercutt

Museum. Thanks to John Paul, we hope to have a few more wine tours next year, in addition to the other tours we have planned. Again, please feel free to let me know about any tour ideas you may have. The goal is to have a variety that will meet the needs of most members.

**My final reflection is on the purpose of the tours, which is to have fun driving our cars while staying safe!** I enjoy being with our members and the tours give us time to have some fun with our cars and socialize also. I have been a member of three car clubs and this club is the one I enjoy the most. We have great people who are willing to help out at whatever event they are attending.

If you are **interested in leading a tour please let me know** and we can arrange that to see if this is a position you might want to take on down the road. As much as I or the general officers of the club enjoy what we do, it is nice to have a break now and then and let others take the wheel!

**I look forward to a great 2021 full of fun tours with great people!**



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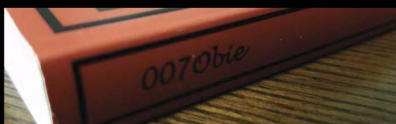
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