



Happy Trails

As we wind down 2020, most of us are ready to write off this year as an anomaly and look forward to a better 2021. We were glad to host our only HPDE at La Junta and an indoor social at Edelweiss in October. Traditionally, the next few months will be relatively slow for the membership but the Board will be planning for our Holiday Party and activities for 2021. Don't forget to vote by Election Day, and also our own AMR election for Board of Directors. Have a Happy Thanksgiving; and for those who are serving or have served in the armed forces, have a great Veterans Day!

Upcoming Events*

- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 15 Deadline for 2020 AMR election ballots
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving
- Dec 08 AMR Board Meeting @ Kasten's residence
- Dec 11 AMR Holiday Party @ El Paso Club
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Jan 01 New Years Day
- Jan 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

* Most events are still in the planning stage and may change or be canceled due to various conditions and guidelines; please check [AMR website](#) for latest updates, registration info, and future events.

In the Zone

Installment 47

by Rich Sanders – Zone 9 Rep

November 2020

This will be installment 47 of 48 "In The Zone" newsletters that I'll get to write as your Zone 9 Representative. The zone representative appointment is a 2+2 year commitment. If you don't mess up the first two years too badly, you get invited to do another two. The "job" requires acting as a liaison between the PCA national organization and the individual regions within the zone. That means that as of January 1, I'm done- at least in this role. I'll still maintain another "job" as a member of the PCA Audit Committee where I'll complete my second two-year term on July 31st of 2021.

Frankly, it's been a fun assignment. In the process, I've enjoyed meeting with several hundreds of PCA members. Based on my interactions, I would actually prefer that PCA reversed the club motto by considering a modification to say "It's not just about the people, it's about the cars".

Coming into this role, several members of the Executive Council let me know that being a zone rep is the best volunteer job in PCA. During the tenure, I learned more about PCA's internal operations than you would ever imagine. And inevitably, there are situations in the liaison role that become challenging and intense. But seldom if ever, do they become internally political. The professionalism of our national volunteer staff, PCA headquarter employees, and elected Executive Council members are truly impressive. And we try our hardest to keep those challenging situations in the background, so that the general experience of all members is simply about Cars and People. So by and large, describing the zone rep role as the "best job" in PCA, is pretty darned accurate.

While I have no real role in the decision about my successor, I am aware that there are well-qualified candidates in the pipeline. The decision process belongs to nationally elected leaders on the Executive Council. Hopefully, by the time that I write next month's installment number 48 of 48, I'll be made aware of the decision, and will be allowed the opportunity to introduce your next Zone 9 Representative.

Sadly, I'm closing out 2020 with a whimper. One of my favorite travel patterns at this time of year has been to head to our warmer southern regions to enjoy holiday gatherings, December drives, and Oktoberfest. And if there are no conflicting dates down south, I get to close out the year at the winter holiday party right here in Utah. But I fully expect that most, if not all, of those activities are destined for cancellation as the result of gathering restrictions. So as I'm reaching a long elbow-bump out to Carrera, Roadrunner, West Texas and Llano Estacado regions, I have to offer a socially distance COVID Good-Bye.

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Membership Corner

New Members

A big welcome to our new/transferred members Patrick & Carole O'Brien of Black Forest; Becky McElroy of Calhan; Mark Harris, Hunter Pickett, David Wehrin of Colorado Springs; Philip Plienis of Ridgway; James Warren of Trinidad; and Scott Davis of Woodland Park. We look forward to seeing you at our social, tour and/or track events.

Elections Deadline

Don't forget to cast your ballot for the AMR Board of Directors by November 15 at <https://amrporsche.com/2020-amr-election>.

PCA National: YouTube Channel Updates

Since February 2010, Porsche Club of America's YouTube channel has carried the name "PCAHQ." In an effort to reach a larger audience, PCA has changed the channel name to "Porsche Club of America," which should be easier to search for than PCAHQ. The change took place on October 13, 2020 with the new URL of <https://www.youtube.com/PorscheClubofAmerica>. A link is also available from the AMR Homepage.



MotorsportsReg Credits Extension

Members with MotorsportsReg credits expiring in 2020 will be extended 1 year from the date of their expiration.

Tire Certificate Drawing Carryover

Blue tickets from 2020 membership socials for the new tires certificate drawing will be carried over to the 2021 Holiday Party.

AMR Holiday Party

To be held at the El Paso Club on Friday, December 11. Registration is open thru [MotorsportsReg](#).

Good Turns

November/December Charity

We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Salvation Army's "Angel Tree Program." These toys will be distributed locally to less fortunate children at Christmas. Please plan to bring a toy(s) of up to \$30 in value to the AMR Holiday Party.

...Low Drag

La Junta "PCA & Propellers" HPDE

We had a beautiful first October weekend for our first and last HPDE of the year at La Junta. It was a good turnout with 26 drivers. The event went smoothly on both days and we had a relatively clean spin log in Control; kudos to Kathleen Lennon for keeping the event on track. Big thanks to Jackie Vance and Michael Onstad as event chairs and Dan Taylor for providing the beverages, many other members were also on hand to support this event. We are hopeful that we will return to our normal DE schedule in 2021 with some form of instruction for new and/or novice drivers. See event photos at <https://amrporsche.com/2020-lajunta-hpde>.



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