Happy Trails

Hard to believe it’s already fall season. There are only a handful of activities left before we head into the holiday season and begin planning for 2022. We have the make-up Fossil Beds tour and the last AMR HPDE at La Junta Raceway on the first October weekend. If you want more track time, RMR has their final DE at High Plains Raceway the following weekend. Our popular October membership social will once again be at the Edelweiss German Restaurant, an AMR favorite and fitting hangout for a German car club. Whether you own an air-cooled Porsche or not, you would not want to miss Porsche Colorado Springs’ **Porsche Klassiker am Museum** being held at the U.S. Olympic Museum downtown on October 16 (see advertisement in eTrails). A new PCA national event is also making its debut this November – the **UnStock** will highlight modified Porsche and is being held at Gunther Werks headquarters in Huntington Beach, CA. If you are not familiar with Gunther Werks, it is a company specializing in creating an updated version of the 993. While it is like and unlike RUF and Singer (depending on your point of view), GW’s aim is to take the qualities and performance levels of today’s RS models, and apply them to the air-cooled 993 to create a modern classic, or what some people would refer to as resto-mods. If you are looking for a Porsche fix in November, you may want to make a trip out west for this event. In this issue of eTrails you will find a recap of the Fall Mystery Tour (you will have to read it to see where we went), an event in its 41st consecutive year. We are seeing a good number of new AMR members at our events and I hope this trend continues as we make plans for next year. –@

**Upcoming Events***

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*Most events are still in the planning stage and may change or be cancelled due to various conditions and guidelines; please check the AMR website at [https://amrporsche.com](https://amrporsche.com) for latest updates, registration info, and future events.*
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From the President

Fellow AMR Region Members,

There is a unique car show happening in the Alpine Mountain Region that should be of interest to all our members called Porsche Klassiker am Museum in front of the US Olympic and Paralympic Museum in Colorado Springs.

The event is focused on all air-cooled Porsches from the early Porsches to the last 993 models and everything in between. If you want to display your air-cooled beauty, the cost is $35 per car displayed. Staging will begin at 8:00 am and displays will be open from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Register your display car at https://msreg.com/PorscheKlassikeramMuseum. Registration ends October 10 at midnight.

The public is welcome to attend free of charge and there will be free off-street parking. Food trucks will be available to recharge yourself while perusing some truly spectacular Porsches. There will also be discounted tickets to the Olympic and Paralympic Museum for everyone and special hotel rates for those coming from out of town. I was also told that there will be some special guests in attendance.

Vote for your favorite cars with the People’s Choice Awards!

There are volunteer opportunities available as well. If you are interested in contributing your time to help with Porsche Klassiker am Museum, please get in touch with Lou Morales as soon as possible at secretary@amrporsche.com.

The event is being sponsored by Porsche of Colorado Springs, Norwood Development Group, Rocky Mountain 356 Club, AMR Porsche Club of America and RMR Porsche Club of America.

We hope to see you there!!

Nate Adams
AMR Region President

Membership Corner

New Members
A big welcome to our new/transferred members Thomas Acker and John & Beth Haney of Colorado Springs; William & Jennifer Eyler of Hotchkiss; and Frank Kraemer of Germany. We look forward to seeing you at our social, tour and/or track events.

October Membership Social
The October Membership Social is being held at Edelweiss German Restaurant on October 20. Drinks will start at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served from a select menu at 6:30 PM. RSVP is required as space is limited to 60 people! Registration is now open on MotorsportsReg at https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/amr-octoberfest-membership-social-edelweiss-german-restaurant-pca-alpine-504672 and closes on October 17.

Member Submissions Requested
Have you been on a tour, DE, social, or an interesting event involving AMR members and cars? Do you have pictures from those events that you want to share with the rest of the club? We are
always looking for photos and input for eTrails and “From the Regions” in Panorama magazine throughout the year. Please email your hi-res photo (1Mb or above) with a short description and/or a post-event write up to amr.etrails@gmail.com. You will be given due credit with your submission in the publication.

Good Turns
October Charity
Thank you all for your generous donation to One Nation Walking Together in September! This month we will be collecting the following donations for the Marion House Marketplace Pantry, helping individuals and families in our community in their journey from crisis to stability:

- Pull-Ups (toddler) diapers
- Baby wipes
- Gerber baby food purees
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned soup
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Canned beef stew or chicken
Life or Cheerios cereal  
Zatarains boxed rice or beans  
Spaghetti  
Cash or checks made out to “Catholic Charities” are also appreciated.  
Donations can be dropped off at the October Membership Social at Edelweiss.

Alpine Treks
Anatomy of a Mystery Tour
by Alex Ching

The Alpine Mountain Region just completed the overnight “On the Road Again” Fall Mystery Tour on September 18-19, 2021. This event marked the 41st consecutive years the club has conducted a mystery tour; that’s only five years short of the number of years AMR has been in existence! It was a well-attended event with 39 cars and members coming from the Roadrunner and Rocky Mountain Regions; we also had a couple from the Audi Rocky Mountain Chapter join us for the weekend. For as long as I’ve been with AMR (a whopping five years), I’ve heard the mystery tour was the one to attend. Just what makes this a popular, enduring event; let’s take a look…

This was Kim and my first overnight mystery tour (we attended last year’s mystery tour but it was only a day tour due to COVID) and like everyone else, we had no clue as to the destination or which direction we are going when we signed up. Our tour leaders, Chris and Kathleen Lennon, sent an email telling us where and when we would meet for the drivers meetings and gave some packing tips but nothing that hinted at the destination.

On the morning of the 18th we topped off the Boxster and headed to Porsche Colorado Springs, our tour starting point. The PCS staff guided us into our space in one of the two groups. With 40 cars the tour was separated into two tour groups so it is more manageable for the driving team. We lined up with the first group. A big thanks to PCS for providing coffee and donuts for us as they had done all season long. Another bonus was a number of Singer Porsche on the showroom for the participants to gawk at. It’s always a special time after arriving
at the dealership and before drivers meeting as members reconnect and catch up with each other or getting to know some of the new members. By the way, I've noticed more and more new faces the last couple of times I showed up at an event, which is a very positive trend. We checked in and received our goodie bag, dinner tickets, and initial instruction booklet; we would be making our first stop in Florence and then a lunch stop in Silver Cliff before getting part 2 of the directions...the destination guessing game is afoot. Chris began the drivers/safety meeting at 9:00 am with the first group departing at 9:30 am, and the second group would depart ten minutes later.

After leaving PCS with the first group, we proceeded south on Nevada where many of us got separated by traffic lights. A well-planned regroup point after crossing South Academy Blvd had us back together again and we continued on CO-115 towards Florence. We reached our first stop at the Exxon gas station after about an hour. The Exxon in Florence is a familiar stop for many of our southern tours as there is an adjacent unpaved lot that is large enough to hold about 50 cars. We had a 15-minute rest break before moving on and in about 10 minutes upon our arrival, the second group arrived to fill in the rest of the unpaved lot.
After our rest break we continued on CO-115 and turned south onto CO-67 soon after. Our next turn would be at Wetmore where the directions take us on CO-96 west to Westcliffe. This section of CO-96 is part of Frontier Pathways Scenic Byway that goes through the San Isabel National Forest in the Wet Mountains before descending into the Wet Mountain Valley and ending in the town of Westcliffe. The roads of San Isabel National Forest always make for a fun drive and we enjoyed seeing some of the prominent granite rock formation going through the canyons.

Arriving at Wetmore before heading into the Wet Mountains

After coming out of the Wet Mountains everyone is treated to the grand vista of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range. As the mountains appeared larger and larger, we would eventually reach our lunch destination at Tony's Mountain Pizza in Silver Cliff. This ended our first leg of the mystery tour. Lunch was included with the registration fee and Tony's dished out some delicious pastas, pizzas, and salad for us to enjoy. At this point it is still a guessing game at where we would end up at the end of the day. After lunch Chris and Kathleen handed out the instructions for the second leg of the journey; we would go around the Sangre de Cristo to Walsenburg for the next rest stop. It is likely that the final destination is somewhere in Southern Colorado either south or west of Walsenburg, but there are a lot of choices in either direction...
Once again we go back on CO-96 west toward Westcliffe and then turned south to CO-69 where we would traverse Promontory Divide in the southern part of Wet Mountain Valley. As we get to US-160 after driving southeast along the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo, we turned south to go through Walsenburg and then looped west towards Lathrop State Park on the outskirts of the city. The park would be our last rest stop to find out our destination. After the second group arrived we saw the visitor center’s courtyard as a good place for a group photo before making the announcement. The Lennons gave a hint that this would be a new destination that the mystery tour has not been to in the past. Many guesses were offered but no one was able to come up with the correct destination. A second hint was offered when Kathleen brought out a popcorn container...still no correct guesses. At last Chris announced that the destination is the Best Western Movie Manor in Monte Vista, which has a drive-in theater that you can either watch the movie in your car or in your room where there is a large window facing the screen with an indoor speaker. The movie chosen for us that night would be “Smoky and the Bandit”.

Group photo at Lathrop State Park
After Chris handed out the final directions and Kathleen handed out popcorn, peanuts, and other goodies for the movie; we exited the park onto US-160 west once again. This stretch of highway from Walsenburg to the turn off for the town of La Veta is actually part of the Highway of Legends Scenic Byway, which circles the Spanish Peaks and was an excellent tour AMR did back in 2019...but I digress. After passing the Highway of Legends we began to head up La Veta Pass (which does not pass through the town of La Veta by the way) and eventually drop down into the San Luis Valley region. Monte Vista is a small town a half hour west of Alamosa on the way to the San Juan Mountains. We arrived at Best Western Movie Manor just after mid-afternoon; it is aptly named the Movie Manor because of the attached drive-in theater next to the property. Once we checked into our hotel room, we prepared for the group dinner in Monte Vista at 5:00 pm.

Dinner at the Mountain View Restaurant was only a short drive back into Monte Vista. The owners had closed the restaurant for the evening to accommodate our group. As with all AMR socials, this is truly one of those special times where you get to sit down with follow members and get to know them better. In our case we set down with the same members we had lunch with at Tony’s Mountain Pizza and continued our conversations from earlier (by the way, the couple from the Audi club were part of our table). Most of us had pre-ordered the prime rib and it was
done to perfection. As a bonus, September 18th was also the 60th birthday of Nate Adams, AMR President. The servers brought out two cakes and we all got to wish Nate a happy birthday.

After dinner we returned to the Movie Manor for the “Smoky and the Bandit” showing. Did I mentioned that all the rooms have a large window facing the drive-in movie screen along with a speaker that pipes in the sound? But we ended up missing the show as we continued the social at the hotel with our dinner mates and a couple more AMR members. We adjourned back to our room for the night afterwards.

We woke up to a nice clear morning and found a few cars already departed for more touring in the mountains (there weren’t much fall foliage enroute to Monte Vista due to the hot summer) or making their way back home. We went to the hotel breakfast room to eat with a few friends before heading home ourselves.

That’s the mystery tour in a nutshell; every tour is different but will have similar format. I would say that the destination doesn’t really matter as much as being able to spend time getting to know your fellow PCA members better, making new friends, and do what we all like best – driving our Porsche thru amazing mountain roads. Thank you Chris and Kathleen for another great tour. If you haven’t been on one, give the fall mystery tour a try next year and you won’t regret it.
Board Biz

July Board Meeting Minutes

The July meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alpine Mountain Region was conducted on July 27, 2021, at Texas T-bone Steak House (5245 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80918). The meeting convened at 6:20pm and adjourned at 8:25pm. President Nate Adams presided.

Attendees: Nate Adams, Dana Kasten, Curt Emery, Pam Drummer, Lou Morales, Dwight Kasten, Bob Foltz, Arnie Easterly, Andrea Borghi, Jim Sorensen, Michael Onstad, Stephen Heptig, Robin Dillon, Danyella Prilika and Robert Prilika

President’s Remarks: Nate Adams reported that he attended Parade, it went very well, and he believed there were approximately 1000 cars and 3000 attendees. AMR, per previous resolution, sent a $500 “goodwill” check to the Swiss Chalet Restaurant and Nate received a very nice “thank you” card asking us to come back. Nate will scan and send card to the Board Members. Nate informed the Board that the Rocky Mountain 356 Club has invited AMR to participate and partner with them on an “Air-cooled Porsche” event, currently scheduled for October 17, 2021. Nate has reached out to the other Regions in Zone 9 to gauge their interest. Porsche Colorado Springs is interested in partially sponsoring. Lou Morales is the AMR Point of Contact for this effort, working with Fred Veitch. Nate, also, reported that Curt Emery is ready to support his responsibilities regarding event insurance as required by PCA. As the new AMR Treffen Chair, Nate sent a message to all 2020 Treffen volunteers asking them to confirm their interest in supporting the 2022 Treffen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasury: Pam Drummer submitted the report. Expenses include: Equipment truck maintenance, windshield replacement and insurance, “goodwill” donation to Swiss Chalet and annual post office box fee. Income includes: account interest. The treasury report was BOARD APPROVED.

CDI Program: Nothing new to report.

Membership: Nate Adams reported AMR membership total is 776 (486 Primary, 280 Affiliates). Jim Sorensen reported PCA has stopped sending him membership information. He contacted PCA via email and will follow up on July 28, 2021, and transfer his responsibilities to the new Membership Chair. Nate announced that Danyella Prilika is the new Membership Chair; she was welcomed by the Board and other attendees.

Membership Socials: Members’ Social occurred at Paravicini’s on July 21st. August Social is TBD.
**Tours:** Arnie Easterly reported the Pike's Peak Hill Climb Tour (July 10) went well and included 23 cars and 41 participants. Departing the Broadmoor parking garage was slow and difficult. The Royal Gorge Tour (July 25) included 74 cars, 148 participants with some cars/participants showing up that had not pre-registered. There was some discussion suggesting not collecting the registration fee to be fair to those who did pre-register. Colorado Springs Porsche made it a memorable event, but the Board expressed some concerns regarding insurance for AMR-sponsored tours with unregistered participants. Arnie discussed the upcoming Bishop’s Castle Tour (August 14), saying the Kastens did a pre-run and there are currently nine cars registered.

**Charities:** Nate A reported that Barb Treacy is still looking for volunteers for a Charities Outreach Committee. July charity for social was “One Nation Walking Together.” August Charity is TBD.

**Website:** Andrea Borghi reported the AMR site (amrporsche.com) has been migrated to PCA and is functional. Certificate is needed. Total annual site management costs will be significantly reduced.

**Sponsorships:** Nate Adams stated there was nothing new to report. The Board discussed the idea of establishing a sponsorship budget projection at the next Board retreat in 2022 [New Action Item (AI)].

**Porsche of Colorado Springs Liaison:** Nate Adams stated there was nothing new to report.

**EVENTS**

**Future Events:**

- **Snowmass Tour (July 31-8/1):** Canceled due to lodging schedule issues.
- **PPIR Autocross (August 7):** Only 9 registered; need 30. Can A/X be rescheduled? [New AI]
- **Bishop’s Castle Tour (August 14):** Pre-run accomplished by Kastens.
- **Rampart Range Off-Road Tour (August 28):**
- **Pueblo HPDE #2 (August 28-29):** Chair Michael Onstad; Co-chair Stephen Heptig. 54 registrants; need more instructors. AMR is contracting our own Starter and Corner workers (offering payment and food vouchers). Board members requested the PMSP contract be reviewed / changed accordingly. Budget BOARD APPROVED.
- **Fall Mystery Tour (September 11-12):** Budget BOARD APPROVED.
- **“Cars & Colors” Fall Tour (September 24-26):** Canceled due to lodging schedule issues.
- **New Member Social (September 25):** Venue is Porsche Colorado Springs.
- **La Junta HPDE (October 2-3):** Chair Robin Dillon; Co-chair Becky Heptig. Robin reported that they want to “make it a blowout!” Several activities being considered to encourage participants to return. Budget BOARD APPROVED.

**Past Events:**

- **Pikes Peak Hill Climb Tour (July 10):** See report above.
- **Royal Gorge Tour (July 25):** See report above.

**Old Business:**

- **June Board Meeting Minutes Approval:** Approved via email prior to July Board meeting.

**New Business:**
• **Changing PCA / AMR brochures** Researched by Dana and Board asked her to investigate printing “in-house” to save on expense [New AI.] Danyella will research new sticker and get QR code from Andrea to replace the current ink-stamped information.

• **Overnight Tour Pre-Run Reimbursement Standards (Fuel)** Curt took action to meet with Dana and Bob to draft standards / limits.

**Motions:** None

The next Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at Arnie Easterly’s home in Colorado Springs.

Respectfully submitted,

Luis F. “Lou” Morales, Secretary, Alpine Mountain Region, Porsche Club of America

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**Happenings at PCA National**

**What is ÜnStock?**

Spring and summer are usually the busiest seasons for PCA activities but once we hit daylight savings in the fall, the number of events begins to drop off drastically. The exception is where the weather is good year-round at certain locations.

Join us on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at Gunther Werks’ headquarters in Huntington Beach CA as we highlight PCA member’s modified Porsches. This is PCA’s newest national event. We’ll have some amazing cars, food, raffle prizes, and more! Registration information coming soon!

**Porsche Parade 2022**

The 66th Porsche Parade will be held June 12-18, 2022 at the Kalahari Resorts Poconos, PA. Set amidst a forest in the Pocono Mountains, this sprawling, African-themed resort is 2 miles from I-380 and 11 miles from Pocono Raceway. PCA has already begun planning in earnest for this event. If you have never been to a Parade, it is PCA’s national convention with a myriad of activities for all. Stay tuned for Phase I and II registration in early 2022. Start making plans now and come join us for a week of fun and everything Porsche!
National program updates
PCA is always giving back to the community, please come join us…

PCA members make a difference in their community!

Porsche Club of America Regions create fantastic opportunities to give back and support many different aspects of their communities.

Every year across Porsche Club of America, members are making a difference with many amazing, heartwarming, and thoughtful acts of kindness. PCA is continually collecting stories of member’s community contributions, and publishing articles for all to read in an effort to highlight what our club is doing and inspire other regions to help in their own way.

READ ALL OF THE HEART-WARMING MEMBER STORIES: www.pca.org/members-making-difference
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