

El Portal

Winter 2020



President's Message

Last month, I started sharing personal relationships that were created by owning a Porsche. This month's story involves our own member Larry Matlock. In the summer of 2018, I joined a drive to Danville to visit the Blackhawk Museum. We all parked our cars out front and the staff asked if we needed trays under them to catch leaking oil. I remember telling the staff to save those for the Corvette club's next visit.

After a tour, we were off to a local golf club for lunch, where I shared a table with Larry Matlock and his wife Colene. I talked about our upcoming trip to Germany, and Larry shared that he had an old friend in Munich who might be able to give us advice.

After exchanging emails with Larry's friend, we learned we had a shared passion for cars AND beer. That set the stage for our Munich stop. He met us at our hotel, took us around the city and then out to the Bavarian countryside to visit a beer-brewing monastery. The day ended with a stop at his home where we met his wife and shared coffee and car stories. Our teenagers said it was one of the best days of their lives. And we still keep in touch with him.

All from a lunch conversation where our passion for Porsches was the thread that tied us together. Thank you, Larry and Colene, for a connection that reached across the globe.

Cheers,

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Welcome New Members

John Berg

2006 911 Carrera S

Blane Cox

1987 911 Carrera

Richard Lind

2007 911 Turbo

Benny Walker

2015 Cayman S



Congratulations, Don!

For those of you who haven't yet met Don Chaisson, he's our webmaster and photographer who tirelessly snaps pictures at our events. Behind the scenes, he runs the website, recently winning the third place 2020 PCA Website Award! And that's with Don's *previous* website design. He's been working on a new design this year. We offer big applause for Don and a debt of gratitude for everything he does to make Yosemite Region thrive. When they say it's about the people, it's people like you, Don!

2021 Club Elections Update

In the next two weeks, you should receive the 2021 election ballot email! Both Secretary and Treasurer positions are up for election.

Secretary

Our interim Secretary, Jim Mazza, stepped into the role earlier this year and will not run for a new term in 2021. Jim, thank you for your service and continued membership in the region. The Board will be starting a search for a new Secretary shortly.

Treasurer

Our interim Treasurer, Larry Inman, also stepped into the role earlier this year and will run for a new term. Larry recently retired from his career as a computer industry executive, having worked at Cisco Systems, Hewlett-Packard and IBM in a variety of engineering and marketing roles. Most recently, he led a marketing operations team at Cisco, managing the team's planning, staffing and budgeting/spending (\$10M+/yr). He's been a PCA member since 2002 and served as the interim PCA-YOS treasurer since January 2020.



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Quick, Tell Us What You Think

It's not too late to tell us what events you'd like to see in 2021. When you fill out the survey, you will automatically enter for a chance to **win TWO Yosemite Region pint glasses**. The last day to complete the survey is **Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020**.

[TAKE THE MEMBER SURVEY](#)

In the Zone



Collin Fat

Collin's [November](#) report is here.

(Photo by Collin Fat)



Event Updates

Save the dates for [2021 national events](#).

What's Happening



Turkey Drive into the Hills

Join us for a Turkey Drive into the Hills, a road trip to help struggling families have a Thanksgiving this year. We'll meet in Manteca, then drive to the Second Harvest Food Bank to drop off frozen turkeys and other non-perishable food donations. We'll continue our drive to Copperopolis area. After the drive ends, there will be an opportunity for a no-host lunch before returning home. **Saturday morning, November 14th** Join us

[**SIGN UP FOR DRIVE**](#)

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ZONE 7 EVENTS CALENDAR

AUTOCROSS SACRAMENTO

AUTOCROSS GOLDEN GATE



Have you signed up for PCA Juniors?

It's not just the cars. And it's not just the grown-ups. PCA is about the kids too!

The PCA Juniors program is here for kids to enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and continue the passion that runs throughout the Porsche Club of America. As a PCA member, you may sign up your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew under the age of 18. It's free to join! Your PCA Junior will receive a welcome box with an ID name badge in the mail. Many region events include activities for children and teens geared to grow enthusiasm for Porsche and PCA for generations to come.

SIGN UP HERE. IT'S FREE! <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors>

The PCA Juniors program has worked with coloring book illustrator Fireball Tim to create custom coloring sheets for you to download and enjoy.

DOWNLOAD HERE: <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors-activities>



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