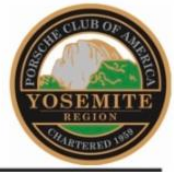


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YOSEMITE REGION - PCA

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President's Message

We are past the three-quarter year mark and the cooler weather is upon us!

Q2 came to an end and Q3 started with our Second Annual Sierra Foothill Tour with lunch at Dodge Ridge. The hills were still green, and the crazy winter of 2023 continued that day with rain in June! 2023 Porsche Parade in Palm Springs was a success and several Yosemite members were in attendance and all enjoyed the event.



Last year Chuck Pierce and I offered a Tour Master 101 class that included club sponsored pizza. A second session was completed in July. We had a small but eager group willing to learn and lead some future drives. Bob Tyler led his first official regional drive with a group that traveled over two Sierra passes. A second new drive will happen in October and this will be the regions first gravel road SUV tour to Pinecrest Lookout. With 2 out of 3 new Porsche's sold being 4 door vehicles this event will bring a new spin and many regions have incorporated a similar style of event into their calendars!

Our monthly board meeting happens the first Thursday of the month at Pizza Plus in Escalon. Always open to the membership and we have had visitors each month

August is the 2nd month of Q3 and was the start of a very busy event calendar through November. Starting with the annual Oakdale County Club car show, 2023 Werks Reunion and our 1st Dust Bowl Brewing Company "Porsche & Pints" social. Amazing turnout of many current and new members in attendance.

This is an election year and nominations for the positions of regional President and Vice President will open on September 1st. An announcement will be sent to the membership via email.

Closing Q3 events:

- **Election nominations open – Sept 1st**
- **Start of Rennsport – Sept 28th**

Beginning Q4 Events:

- **Telfer Campout 2.0 – Oct 14th**
- **Fall Colors Drive – Oct 21st**

Please visit our regional website for a complete and updated 2023 calendar. All club events will be launched via the membership email and setup on Eventbrite.

As mentioned in the Q2 message as a region, active membership continues to grow, and we are at a record high since the club was founded in 1959. Our current region membership is over 350.

I would like to invite everyone to become involved. We need your ideas for future drives, social events and anything that membership would have an interest.

Many thanks and happy motoring,

Dave Boyd
Yosemite PCA Regional President

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WERKS Monterey

Written By Dave Woods

Recently I had the pleasure of going to the WERKS Reunion in Monterey and

entering my 1973 911T Targa. Since my car is celebrating its 50th year anniversary I thought it would be fun. Not knowing what to expect but enjoying the experience of being around Porsche enthusiasts was the main reason.

The event started at 7 am so thank goodness I was able to park my car on Thursday evening and leave it covered until the start time. When I arrived around 8am I noticed my car was one of the only few still covered so I laughed to myself thinking crap I already lost judging points. Around 9 am I met a Husband and Wife judging team and was asked questions about my car's story. Honestly, I really do not have an exciting story so I just gave them a short and to the point version. Looking back, I needed a better story. They looked the car over from top to bottom then side to side then inside to outside. They were kind and told me the car was very nice and then they moved to the next car. As I walked around measuring up my car to others, I quickly realized that my car would need a serious and expensive makeover in order to compete for a platform honor.

As I reflect on the experience, I am glad I did it and would encourage anyone to give it a try. If I make some improvements on the car and try it again, I need to have a better story.



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Dust Bowl Porsches and Pints

Written By Dave Woods

Our PCA club enjoyed a warm August evening at Dust Bowl in Turlock. We had 29 cars and near 50 people in total. It was fun being there together having a few Pints, looking at the Porsches, and eating some good food. Join our group next time if you have not done so and you too will enjoy the experience. Cheers! Congratulations to the two winners of the Dust Bowl crawlers.



2023 Oakdale Golf & Country Club “Friday Night Live” Car Show

Written By Dave Boyd

This event has become an annual for the Yosemite Region of PCA. Our annual chair for this event is our Treasurer, Mr. Larry Inman. For 2023, Larry worked with the club and reserved 20 spots which was announced via Eventbrite. The open spots were taken within 3 days of the email sent to the membership. The actual attendee total on the day of the event was 19 Porsche cars and just short of 40 members present to enjoy the warm summer evening.

Our model years for this gathering ranged from 1972 to 2023. If someone was interested in becoming a Porsche owner, this was a great cross section to view. The golf club staged us in the middle of the action on the #9 fairway. Our group arrived around 4:00 and on the lawn by 4:30, ready for a mid-summer’s evening show and shine!

This car show event started with the golf club around 10 years ago, and with over 120 cars this year, it was the biggest and best event so far!

Great cars, food, music and friends is guaranteed. Save the date as this event is always held on the first Friday night of August.



Second Annual Sierra Foothills Tour 2023

Written By Dave Boyd

With the record winter of 2023 in the rear view, we had a second installment of the Sierra Foothill Tour with lunch at the Dodge Ridge Mountain Resort.

The day started out in Oakdale with our normal meet and greet, pre-drive briefing with paperwork. During the weeks leading up to the day of the drive we enjoyed springtime weather, which was nothing less than stunning. Like much of YTD 2023, a few days before, the national weather service forecasters were calling for rain!

With just short of 20 cars and under overcast skies, we started the tour heading east on a selection of two-lane country roads. The hills were still green and to our surprise, there were wildflowers late in the season. Prior to the tour, a pre drive was done and the route was clear, and the roads were in great shape.

Our classic route of 108 to 132 to 49 to 108 was mapped out. With miles behind us, we stopped in Coulterville to our stretch legs. The second leg was past Lake Don Pedro which was almost at the high-water mark and north to Highway 108. Still under overcast skies and not a drop of rain!

With almost zero traffic the group stayed together, and new club radios worked well on this hilly route.

Our final stop and lunch was at Dodge Ridge. The temps were dropping and with storm clouds building, rain was on its way! Our group enjoyed a nice lunch on the patio as we watched the incoming storm. Still no rain!

This was the end of our tour and with handshakes, hugs and goodbyes, we departed. The drive back to the valley, via 108, was still clear and the heavens finely opened with a world class thunderstorm which lasted until Jamestown.

Great drive, friends and car washing the following day

Special Featured Article

Below is an article written by Don Chaisson for the LPR Region of PCA. Don was nice enough to let us use his article and showcase his documentation of the restoration of Dave Boyd's 914 Race Car over the three year time period.

Rebirth of a Historic 914 Racer

As told by Dave Boyd, Owner, to Prieta Post Editor

Photos by Dave Boyd and Don Chaisson

Preface:

Don knew Dave for several years when he was in the Yosemite Region, where Dave is currently region President. Don had the opportunity to watch the build over the three years it took to restore the car. Dave has been a "Porsche" guy for some time, even posing with his new bride, Marianne, in front of his Guards Red 944 at their wedding in 1985. Dave and his wife, Marianne, are the proud owners of a 911 Carrera S, two 914's, and a 944 like the one they started their married life, just a different color. Dave has been involved in racing off and on for many years. As a 60th birthday present from Marianne, he tuned his racing skills at Porsche Track Experience at Barber Motorsports, where he quickly was assigned to the small fast group, kept up with the instructor and a ringer student who had been hired as an instructor and was learning the protocols. Quick indeed. All he needed was a new racecar!

Dave B: I bought the car because we knew the owner and its racing pedigree. It was owned and built by Jesse Rhodes and driven by Ken Meyers of I/O Port Racing Supplies. Ken piloted the 914 to a regional SCCA EP championship and once held a lap record at Sears Point Raceway.

When we got the car in the shop, it was hurting a bit. With the major damage removed and mounted on the



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alignment rack, we discovered that the tub was roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch out of square. After tons of pushing and pulling to get the tub within 1-millimeter square, the prepped replacement clip fit as well; it was like putting the last piece into a puzzle!



It looked like a Frankenstein car with the car in two pieces. All the long hours of prepping it paid off in the end. It came together beautifully.

I spent hours welding the panels, filing off the burrs and designing and updating the roll cage system. Safety was our number one concern. The key was to lock in the tub and the new front clip with triangulation. Both front and rear suspension points are triangulated into the roll cage.



A lot of thanks go to Rick Freeman of RF Racing Services, a good friend and neighbor, for helping with the updates.

Once done, the "complete" tub went to American Stripping for media blasting and primer. Many hours of sanding every inch of the body took place with help from regional PCA member. With the busy work done,



The base red color applied "everywhere".



The roll cage in black.



Back home in the shop

next stop was Frank Zucchi Carrozzeria for finish body work and painting. Frank learned automotive restoration from his father who was formally trained in Switzerland. Frank put his long experience to work on the body and on the paint, the full "rostitseri" treatment.

Next came putting the "car" together. The suspension is all 911; struts, SC brakes in the front and 914-6 rear. All production parts. The motor is a correct in period 1900cc Type 4 engine, but also got the "full" treatment with high compression, big carburetors, and race ready internals.

The tub and doors are metal, but the fenders, hoods, etc. are NOS AIR composite pieces from the early 1990's -- just as it was originally raced back in the day. We had to make some changes though. For example, we



couldn't use the hood hinges because the new triangulated roll caging in the front interfered with them, so the hood is a lift-off piece. Then the front bumper fog-light housings were converted into brake-cooling ducts. We put a lot of detail into the fit and finish of the whole package and brought the car up to racing spec as needed.

The goal was to get everything together in time for WERKS 2023. With only two weeks before WERKS, we completed the 3+ year renovation.

Just being at WERKS and sharing the car with friends and the crowd, was enjoyable, and I was very pleased to be recognized with a class win. It was a thrill to drive up to the stage and get interviewed at the presentation. I was happy that the high compression motor started and stopped while in the queue and made it on and off the stage green!

Next stop:

Our goal is to work for an invitation to a future Rolex Historic event.



Top to bottom: Dave taking it all in at WERKS
Dave being interviewed at the stage for his First Place



Membership Corner



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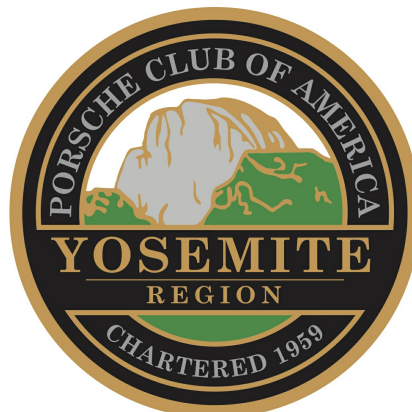
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