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YOSEMITE REGION - PCA

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President's Message

This is my eighth and final President's Message.

The last two years have passed by too fast. I would like to thank all our regional membership and my board of directors.



Over the last two years, we have worked tirelessly to take our region to the next level. Through group discussions and planning of events, the focus was on our region and our membership. This encompassed driving, tech sessions, social events, et cetera, as a way to increase overall interest to a greater part of the regional membership.

In 2022, we were mostly out of COVID and event rebuilding started. By year's end, we had 19 calendar revisions. As mentioned, the focus was on annual drives, new drives, social gatherings, new venues for the members BBQ and the regional holiday party. We advertised monthly board meetings via the national email platform. To my surprise, the general membership came to our meetings and offered great ideas. In the past two years, we have held a total of 24 monthly board meetings.

With the region founded in 1959, I wanted to know if what worked back then, would it work today. We looked at everything, the past, present and the future. With all volunteer organizations, it's all about the people. As a PCA member, I, like many of us, love all things Porsche, the cars, history, lifestyle and, yes, fellow owners. With new and greater member involvement comes new ideas, and those ideas are what is taking our region to new levels.

With social media, we are exposed to a greater audience, both in regional membership and beyond. That platform is important for a large part of our membership to be informed and involved with the region. In the past, involvement was mainly through drives. It is important to understand that there are many members that will only surf our website, read Panorama and never come to an event. With past, new and a greater variety of events being advertised via email and social media, that may be the catalyst that entices that part of the membership to participate.

People make the club at all levels. With a rich history, our long-time, active members, and past officers' involvement, it will help to bridge the "old and the new." I see that as the best of both worlds!!!

As mentioned in the Q3 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 regional membership is over 350.

I'm proud to be a Yosemite PCA member, and would like to congratulate our new regional President, Jeff Rosenthal, and Vice President, Andy Constantinou. Your leadership will take us to the next level!

In closing, my call to order to our membership is to become involved at any level. "It's not just the cars, it's the people."

Many thanks for the opportunity and happy motoring,

Dave Boyd Yosemite PCA Regional President 2022-2023

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4th Annual Second Harvest of the Greater Valley Donation and Tour

Written By Dave Boyd

For the fourth year, the Yosemite region of Porsche Club of America was proud to organize this annual donation event. PCA is a charitable, non-profit organization, and this event directly aids those in need.

Our chairman for the event is our regional treasurer, Mr. Larry Inman, who managed the details with the Food Bank. The Food Bank was hosting multiple donations drives on that Saturday. So to accommodate the Food Bank, this year's event was held at JM Equipment in Manteca who offered their huge parking lot.

The day started, like many of our 2023 events, with wind and rain. LOL. The weather didn't slow down our membership from coming, and the JM parking lot started filling up around 9:00 AM. With over 30 Porsches in the wet parking lot, all in attendance stayed dry and enjoyed club hosted coffee and donuts.

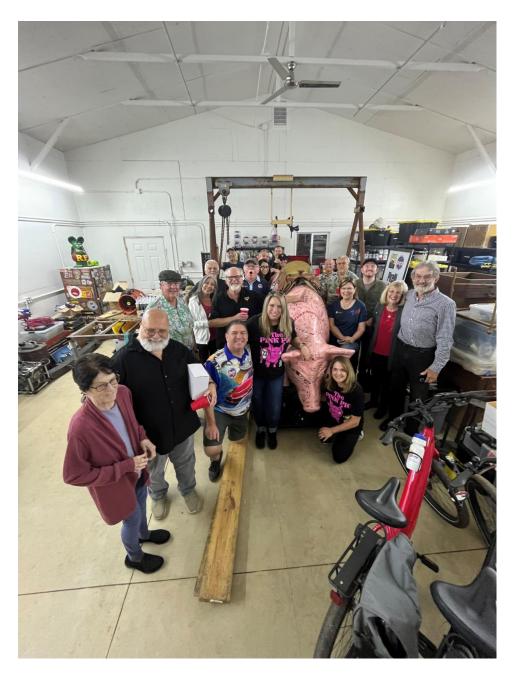
Lots of boxed foods, canned goods, turkeys, and cash were donated to the Food Bank. In addition to the private donations, the Yosemite Region also pitched in with a check.

The Food Bank CEO arrived around 10:00 with a big truck to collect the donations and we finished with a group picture.

With the donations completed, we did a pre-drive briefing and lined up to start our tour. Yosemite PCA members are always up for a day on the road regardless of the weather, and 15 cars made the tour.

With the wind letting up, the tour started with Dave Boyd in the lead and John Greenburg in the chase car heading east along two-lane roads that were covered with fallen leaves in bright colors. Although the weather was gloomy, the scenery was beautiful! We covered roughly 70 miles which led us to lunch at Gold Dust Pizza in Copperopolis, where we were able to get inside before the sky opened up to a heavy downpour \mathfrak{S}

This was a very special day to help others during the holiday season.



Telfer Studios Yosemite - PCA 2nd Annual Campout Written By Dave Boyd

For the second year, Beth & Kelly Telfer offered their home for a social gathering, dinner, and campout.

Starting in Escalon, a handful of the partygoers enjoyed a foothill drive led by Chuck Pierce. The members that participated on the drive, arrived at Telfer Studios at 5:00 PM to join the group already on site, with everyone there just in time for happy hour.

Our host, Kelly, led a tour of his studio and his new workshop up on the hill. To our surprise, the "Pink Pig" was stored inside getting ready to leave for its new home with Porsche! With members in attendance, we all gathered around for our final pictures with the "Pig".

After the tour and happy hour, everyone enjoyed a buffet Mexican dinner under the stars on a beautiful fall evening. With a campfire ablaze under a moonless sky, stories were shared, lots of laughs and the wine flowed late into the evening!

The campers, and others who stayed in town, returned for a Yosemite PCA hosted breakfast prepared by our board of directors.

To our surprise, Bob Tyler from Merced, showed up just in time for coffee with four friends in tow. Our breakfast was a hit, so much so that a couple of his friends joined our region \odot

Again, many thanks to Beth & Kelly, and next year's event will be bigger than ever!



Yosemite PCA 2023 Holiday Party Written By Dave Boyd

Though the years, the last official club event in December is the regional holiday party.

The event was held for the second year at the Oakdale Golf & Country Club. For over 15 years, our regional holiday party has included the Toys For Tots toy drive.

Guests started arriving for social hour around 5:30 p.m., and the buffet dinner began at 7:00 p.m. The dining room of the country club was decorated in the Christmas spirit, with handmade centerpieces made by our secretary and event chairperson, Marianne Boyd.

Our regional President, Dave Boyd, gave a summary of the 2023 events and the results of the Presidential election. Congratulations to our new regional President, Jeff Rosenthal, and Vice President, Andy Constantinou. In attendance was our Zone 7 Representative, Brian Adkins. We always look forward to having Brian at our events, and it's great to hear about what is going on in the other Zone 7 regions.

With dinner and presentations behind us, the evening turned to Toys For Tots. For this event, members brought an unwrapped toy. It was amazing to see the toys that were Porsche themed!! We collected bags and bags of toys, and our region made a cash donation.

The surprise for the evening was a pop-up auction, which was a regional first. Our regional member and official artist for the Porsche Club of America, Kelly Telfer, offered one of his limited-edition prints. This was auctioned at the end of the Toys For Tots presentation, and all proceeds were donated to Toys For Tots.

The auction was fast and furious, led by Telfer and Boyd. It was great fun, and Telfer sweetened the pot with a print of a "Pinto." LOL. The bidding went back and forth. Congratulations to the Cooper family who are now the proud owners of two Kelly Telfer prints.

This year's event was one for the record books!

Membership Corner



Total Members: 228 Primary, 122 Associate



Calendar for future events

Want to be aware of upcoming events??

The region creates events for the enjoyment of our members. The website keeps about a 2 to 3 month horizon of event opportunities to enjoy.

Click <u>HERE</u> to link to the Calendar section of the website, or go to the Yosemite Region home page at:

https://yos.pca.org

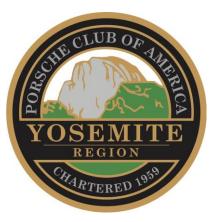


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