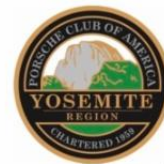
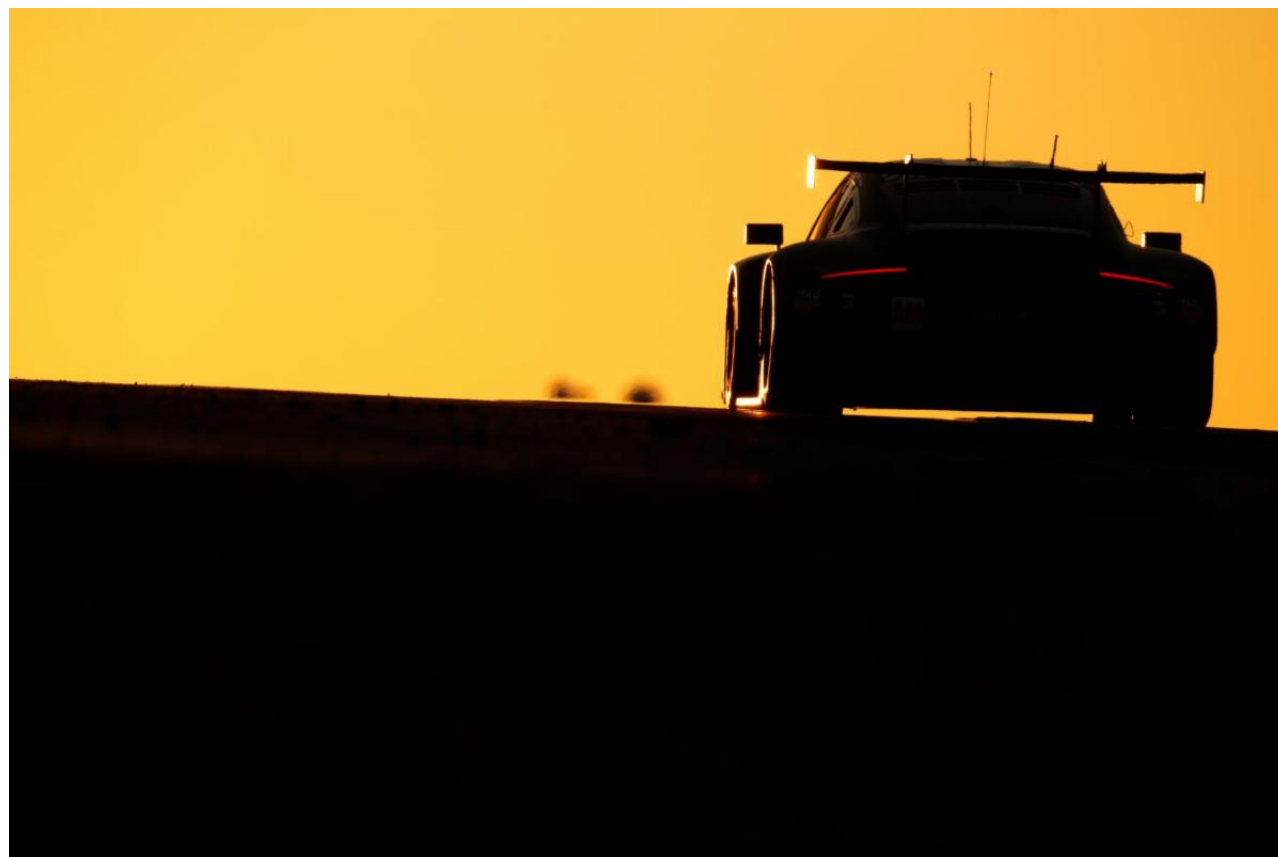


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President's Message

Happy 2023! We have gotten the year off to a great start with two events in January.

With COVID in the rearview mirror, our Yosemite PCA board has been working hard to fill the 2023 calendar with annual new social events and many new single and multi-day tours.



This is a big year in the Porsche world with the Porsche Parade in Palm Springs in June and Rennsport returning to Laguna Seca in late September. In addition, there is a handful of Autocross events that will be held in the central valley this year. This is the best way for all drivers at any skill level to put their Porsche to the test!!

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

We had a round of semiannual elections and would like to congratulate Larry Inman for his reelection as regional Treasurer and Marianne Boyd as regional Secretary and acting events coordinator.

Many thanks and happy motoring,

Dave Boyd
Yosemite PCA Regional President

The 2022 Yosemite Board

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Introduction to the Digital World of Racing

Written By Jeff Rosenthal

Ever wonder what's it's like to drive the new Porsche GT3R? Or blast 160MPH down the straight at Watkins Glen with someone pushing you in your rear view mirror? How about dropping down the corkscrew turn at Laguna Seca? Many of the top IMSA, IndyCar and NASCAR teams are using simulation technology to help their drivers prepare for their races, and as a PCA member, you can have access to this same technology for the price of a Starbuck's coffee run each month - all while learning about racing and making new friends along the way!

PCA Sim Racing is a rapidly growing portion of PCA, in addition to what's offered through the PCA Autocross, Club Racing and other car events and can really help you to understand how to drive the most out of your Porsche investment. You might ask, "Is it a videogame? I don't play video games." – to which the answer is the PCA Sim Racing motto: "The racing is real, but the cars aren't." Leveraging the iRacing simulation platform for our events, PCA Sim Racing places you into the driver's seat of a real, "simulated" version of the best that Porsche has to offer – the Porsche 919 LMP1, Porsche GT3R, Porsche 911 RSR, Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, and the Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport. Included with your free membership to the PCA portion of iRacing entitles you to "Season" racing against other PCA members, education about each track through open sessions, and special events such as team, endurance and charity races.

Haven't raced before, either in real-life or in a simulator? Not a problem – it's a great way to learn about racing and car handling without risking your

valuable “real world” car or replacing tires! All you need to get started is a basic wheel/pedal set (such as the Logitech G920 set which is about \$260 at current) and a PC / monitor to serve as your “windscreen” – while there are more expensive options and upgrades possible, this basic setup can get you into the action quickly!

Our PCA Sim Racing Chair (and current Vice President) Jeff Rosenthal started with PCA Sim Racing several years ago, and is happy to help – if you have questions, or want to learn more, please reach out to Jeff at vp@yos.pca.org – he’d be happy to help answer any questions you might have about getting started.

See you on the (virtual) track!



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Annual Holiday Party 2022

Written By Jeff Rosenthal

Gathering to celebrate the holidays and spread some good cheer, the PCA Yosemite Region Annual Holiday Party took place on December 10, 2022 at Oakdale Country Club where our members not only had a great time socializing and celebrating, but also giving back to the community through a successful Toys for Tots toy drive. Gathering despite the stormy conditions, our members were treated to a wonderful dinner and social event, with many thanks to some of our wonderful PCA Region team and Oakdale Country Club team for a beautiful venue and decorations. Our PCA members were also joined by several retired US Marines representing the Toys for Tots charity, and several tables of gifts were gathered for children in need this holiday season. What a wonderful close to a fantastic year, and we look forward to seeing everyone throughout the 2023 PCA event calendar year!



Yankee Hill Cooking & Mini Tour

Written By Dave Boyd

It had been several years (Due to COVID) since the Yosemite chapter of the Porsche Club of America visited the Yankee Hill Cooking School.

One of our past Presidents, Chuck Pierce, had the idea to revisit this year and booked the date. The activity was scheduled on Eventbrite by our, Event Coordinator and the 30 spots quickly sold out.

The day started with a group tour briefing of 16 cars & 26 members in Oakdale. With the paperwork completed, a short, but fun, one-hour drive into the foothills

left at the scheduled time. The roads were clear, and the group stayed together from start to finish.

Yankee Hill Cooking School is up a steep dirt, gravel and a little bit of asphalt road. Once on top, parking is at a premium, and the first to the top would aid with getting everyone safely parked. This is a most unlikely place to see a vast collection of P-Cars!

The host of the Cooking School is Chef Ron, and to say that he is a character, would be an understatement. With his wit, he started us with preparing an appetizer, and no wine could be shared until this task was completed. All in attendance shared in the kitchen duties and had a lot of fun cutting, chopping and dicing. It seems that the main ingredient in all of Chef Ron's recipes is wine, lol....

With two tables overflowing, all in attendance enjoyed a wonderful meal followed up coffee and molten lava cake dessert.

Stay tuned for a possible drive and Pizza Cooking Class mid-summer.



Blain Motorsports Foundation & Tour

Written By Dave Boyd

On a beautiful mid-winter day, we started with pre-drive briefing in Ripon. With the paperwork completed, 10 cars and 16 members started the one way 147-mile trip southbound on Highway 99.

With little traffic we caravanned south with a bio break in Merced, and we met up with member Bob Tyler who hitched ride. Shortly before noon, the group arrived at the Blain Motorsports Foundation in Visalia, California.

When we arrived, met by Mr. Brian Blain, as our guide, he talked about the family farm and the reason for the Foundation. The property and shops were nothing short of amazing. The vast collection of cars, spanning over a 100+ years was breathtaking, specializing in pre-war Indy race cars that are all running and track ready. Many of the cars are raced and can be seen at vintage events all over the country.

The Blain Foundation is a private operating 501 (c) (3) foundation that was established to ensure that the history is preserved for the benefit of future generations to enjoy.

Please visit our website at www.blainfoundation.org



Tech Session #1 for 2023 - 914 Race Car Restoration 2.0 “The Final assembly”

Written By Dave Boyd

This event was a follow up to the Tech Session held in late winter 2022.

Last year, 28 members attended the first event and the discussion was about the race history, fabrication and damage repair required to restore this time capsule to its racing glory. At the first event, the car was a bare unibody with a recently built safety cage, other structure improvements and all the damage from the strut towers forward was removed. It was a daunting sight!

The event was launched on Eventbrite and 26 members had signed up weeks in advance. The subject matter experts Ricky Freeman (RF Racing Services) and Frank Zucchi (FZ Restorations) had also committed.

The 2023 event was once again was to be held at Dave Boyd's workshop.

The morning of the event we were met with the worst weather in years. High winds and heavy rain. The 26 members that signed up on Eventbrite, due to the weather that morning was in question? But the show must go on and we were ready with 36 donuts and couple of gallons of coffee J

Scheduled for a 9:30 start time and to our surprise, members started filing in at 9:25 and 24 of the 26 showed up!! I'm thinking that it was the power of free coffee and donuts, lol...

Since last year, all repairs are complete and final assembly was in progress, and at this event the old 914 was roughly 60% back together.

The host, Ricky Freeman and Frank Zucchi talked about everything done over the past year and the timeline to completion with a target date of April 1st. After that efforts, will shift to setting the car up, tuning and track testing to get ready for upcoming vintage events and shows.

The official coming out will be the at 2023 Werks Reunion and it will be proudly displayed on the lawn!

Membership Corner



Membership Totals: 216 Primary, 116 Associate



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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.

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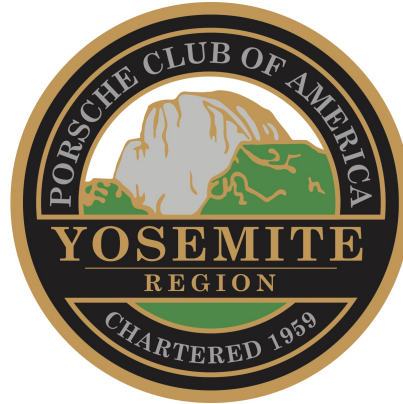
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