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Prez Sez

from President Arne Berglund



Wow, it's been quite a while since I've written one of these. An unusual and unique situation. I hope that all of you and those you love have stayed safe and healthy through this time.

We are lucky to live here in Oregon, outside the Portland metro area. Our areas have been only

lightly affected. Which means, that with some minor accommodations and new processes, we can resume (and already have resumed) club gatherings and events. I ask that you keep an eye out for new requirements and special instructions that may be noted in the email notices of upcoming events. The more we all cooperate and accept this, the smoother everything will go.

There is a lot of other content in this issue, so take some time to read through it all. More announcements on future club doings, an article from one of our member's travels, opportunities to serve the club, info from our Zone Representative (Cascade is one of 10 Regions in Zone 6), and even a teaser for next year.

It's true that our club season has been shortened a bit by all of this, but your club board and other volunteers are working hard to make sure we can make the best of the rest of it. Watch your inboxes, and if you see a way you can help out, let us know.

In the mean time, stay safe, and join us for some fun and fellowship.

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1964 356C owned by Gordon Joelson.

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Zone 6 PCA

Bringing the Regions together.



PCA Zone 6 is one of 14 PCA Zones. It includes three Canadian Regions and seven American Regions. All of the regions have a Region Representative that is the main liaison between the regions executive and PCA National Executive. The current Zone 6 representative is Mark Prusynski. Mark resides in Boise Idaho and has been a PCA member for countless years.

Three years ago, the Zone 6 PCA website, <http://zone6.pca.org> was restructured, adding more information for PCA members in Zone 6.

On the site there is a map of Zone 6 showing the locations of the regions. There are links to all ten Zone 6 Regions Event Calendars. Seven years of "In The Zone Archives", which are newsletters from Mark and his predecessor, Tim Hagner.

What's "new"? During this time of "Covid19 Shutdown" work has begun on a collection of Tour/Drives. Many of us travel and explore the Pacific Northwest and try to avoid major highways, always looking for that "special drive".

The intent of this is for every region to have a list of "Favourite Drives" in their region. So that if any Zone 6 member or even PCA member is in a region they are not familiar with, that member can click on the region link and find a list of drives they can explore. After all, every region has their best, favourite roads to drive. These are not organized drives or a regional event, although there may be one on that region's calendar.

Click on the link "Tours" in the menu bar of the Zone6 homepage.

The next page lists the regions. Clicking on the link for region you are interested in, will open a list of drives/tours in that region. Only the Canadian Regions have tours/drives listed at this point in time, but we are working on it.

An example is Vancouver Island Region Tour – Pacific Marine Circle Drive.

When you click on the drive you are interested in, you will get a PDF page showing a map of the route, map showing the location of the drive in relation to major cities, a link to a "Google map and directions" you can print, and a short description of the drive and amenities along the route.

The drives are presented as 'stand alone' drives, but one can always combine drives in a particular area, based on the maps.

Hopefully over the next while, regions will contribute their best roads/drives/tours, that can be added so all of us can "Get Out and Drive" that new special road.

Perci Hala/Gary Glover

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Cascade Region Board Election for 2021-22

Accepting nominations now

Your Cascade Region board members are now ¾ through their 2-year term that started in early 2019. Our Region bylaws require us to elect (or re-elect) our board in the fall on even numbered years. (The terms officially start at the end of January of the following odd-numbered year.)

The bylaws specify that elected board members can serve 2 consecutive 2-year terms if they wish and are re-elected by the membership. All 4 of our current board members are eligible for re-election, and all are willing to serve a second term. As such, all 4 current members will be on the ballot this fall. We will also accept nominations from the general membership for any of the 4 elected positions. (Send your nominations to president@cascade-pca.org)

The election this fall will be done online, via MSReg.com and will require that those voting confirm their active club membership status. Expect to see more info on how this will work in early fall.

Your current board consists of:

Arne Berglund (Eugene), **President**
Greg Dino (Waldport), **Vice-president**
Rick Ohlson (Eugene), **Secretary**
John Thompson (Eugene), **Treasurer**

Help Wanted!

Do you want to be more involved in your club? We have an opportunity for you!

Webmaster – Our club website is currently managed by our club president, and could probably benefit from a more active hand. It is based on WordPress, and no direct experience with HTML coding is needed, although some web or graphic design background would be helpful. Please contact Arne (president@cascade-pca.org) with any questions.

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Porsche Gathering – June 20, 2020

How do you get a group of stir-crazy Porsche enthusiasts together in the midst of Oregon's gradual re-opening from the COVID-19 pandemic? It's simple. Pick a large parking lot (it helps if the prime tenant has recently closed), ask people to leave a blank space between cars and observe social distancing. The result? Central Chapter's Porsche Gathering, which happened on Saturday, June 20.

We couldn't be more pleased with the results. We exceeded our RSVP count with more than 20 Porsches. Even better, we attracted potential new members, including one with a beautiful single-family ownership 964 coupe in white over burgundy leather with only 58,000 miles (possibly for sale! stay tuned). And, a member from the Southern Chapter who drove up from Medford! (OK, grandkids in Eugene provided a convenient excuse.)



Even a bit of Oregon drizzle couldn't dampen our spirits. Central Chapter is now looking forward to its July events... a Monroe Loop Drive on July 11 and a detailing session on July 18 at **N Touch Detailing** to learn about *ClarityCoat*, a new "paintable" (and still removable) protective film.

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The 3 Ps of Porsching: P-cars, People and Pizza

By James W. Hatfield III

First Gathering

On the 14th of December at 2019 at 1:30 P.M. excited members of the Southern Chapter of the PCA and their 14 cars and one pickup truck gathered in the small town of



A FEW OF THE CARS READY TO "TAKE OFF" TO THE GALLERY OF RARE CARS

Eagle Point, Oregon. There were no eagles circling in the sky this day, but several fast land creatures like black and red Caymans were seen at our gathering spot for the start of this adventure.

In the mid-19th century, a rock cliff near the location of what later became the town of Eagle Point was a favored nesting place for eagles on the rugged rock outcropping. The eagles are rarely seen now and have been replaced by a town of about 9,000 residents including, in the past, celebrities like Ginger Rogers (dancer/movie star), Patrick Duffy (actor) and Kim Novak (movie star and sex symbol of the early '60s).

Many people who live here like the feeling of the wide-open spaces and the availability of large properties and lots. Eagle Point is one of the towns that Gordon Joelson and his wife Elaine own houses on; but more importantly for this day are their large garages that store the precious collection of old and rare cars, including our favorite — Porsches. The Joelsons have two garages with a third being built. We will be seeing just one of the garages, and when the "parking" runs out of time in 2 hours it is the sign to leave so the Joelsons can get back to their regular lives again.

As we were all getting ready to leave the parking lot headed to the Joelson's residence one last P-car pulled into the parking lot with a stunning "Miami Blue" color. Bill Kohn ran over to the owner, had him sign the official PCA event release like we all had already done earlier and we all took off as a group for the day's activities.

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Treasure Trove Of Rare Cars

Then just like magic all of the different Porsche engines started up together with rumbling melodic and power tones while white pickup truck had a western twang-twang sound. It turns out the woman who owns the white pickup has a Cayman but it was in the shop getting work done on it and she wasn't going to miss this first-class PCA auto show event.

We all took off together, connected by an invisible yoke of camaraderie, for Gordon's treasure trove of rare cars. The residence for the cars was about 5 miles away. When we got there

we all jockeyed our cars backward into the parking stalls with the headlights facing out like we were about to rob a 7-11 Store — in truth it was the “cool” factor most of us were looking for.

The Show Begins

Once inside the garage Bill got us to quiet down and the grand spokesman Gordon gave us insight into how the collection came about and how and why it continues. He said, “My wife made me buy them” and everyone gut laughed. From the back of the room Elaine had this big grin on her face... people turned and saw it and everyone started laughing again.

The short version of why the collection started was he loved cars, had some extra money and the process started. He sold one car that paid for 3 others. Fix those up and sell them— now you have many. Add decades of time, good luck and soon you have a car rabbit farm; and you know how fast rabbits reproduce. By now the people had settled down and Gordon proceed to share his wonderful, interesting and detailed history of most of the cars in the collection. The club members looked like they were in a trance listening to Gordon talk;



STUNNING MIAMI BLUE PORSCHE

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he is a great storyteller with great stories to back up what he was saying. Gordon took questions, but most people were silent in a kindly reverence of Gordon's passion for cars.

Here are some poignant thoughts Gordon shared with us about his collection:

—When Gordon is buying cars, he looks at both the car itself and its history. He will buy a car only if it has no rust and is rare.

—A friend heard that Steve McQueen's "Bullitt" car, a '68 dark moss green Mustang, was going up for auction soon. He told Gordon that anyone owning a similar '67-'68 green Mustang would see a big jump in value, under the "rising tides lift all boats" theory. So Gordon found and bought one.

—He has representatives who look out for cars for him.

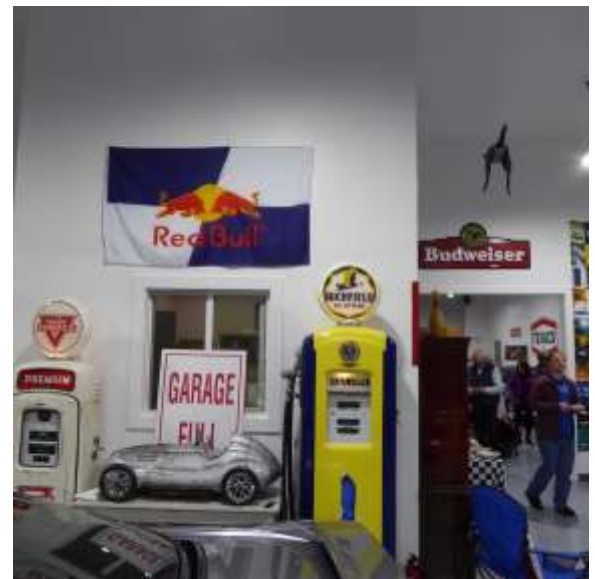
—All his cars are trailered for delivery, and he uses the same transporter each time.

—He's spent 40-50 years collecting memorabilia to help show off his cars, as you can see in some of the photos.

His Cars

Below is a list of a few of the cars we saw, with Gordon's thoughts on them. But first I'll start with the car that I liked the best and it isn't a Porsche. I love my '86 black Carrera better than any version, even the new models. But many decades before I bought this car, a new vehicle emerged that made car lovers stammer and caused their eyes not to believe what they were seeing. It was the first Acura NSX and it arrived on the scene in 1991. It had a European design with race car snazziness, quick power and superior handling — it was drop-dead gorgeous.

When the Acura NSX first came out I went down to my local dealer in San Jose, California, and tried to figure out a way to buy one. I just didn't have enough credit history to get a loan but luckily I got to have those wonderful memories back again in real time with a real NSX in front of me while Gordon spoke in-depth about the car.



• **'91 Acura NSX:** The first year of the NSX. The NSX is essentially a re-engineered Dino Ferrari. In 1988 Honda took apart a Dino and re-engineered it. The NSX was the first all-aluminum car ever built: chassis, wheels, engine, etc. The mid-engine car handles beautifully. Gordon's wife, Elaine, bought it for his 60th birthday. The owner of the car at the time owned and leased carriage condos (for motor homes) and wanted to sell the NSX to help pay for expanding his property. A friend of Gordon's had one of the guy's carriage condos, heard about him wanting to sell the NSX, and contacted Gordon and Elaine.



• **'62 Mercedes 300 Roadster:** Unrestored. Bought at about 20,000 miles, now has 27,000 miles. One of few in the world left. 1,100 built. Dana Mecum (owner of Mecum auction sales as



seen on TV) also has a similar one. Gordon bought it from Fred Lusty in Reno, 88 yrs. old. Fred had a 40-car garage underneath his house in Lake Tahoe. He had lot of patents for lenses, microscopes, etc. (He was head of the company that manufactured the Hubble Telescope.) Bill Harrah was Fred's best friend. The car spent most of its life in Harrah's museum. Offered it to "Restorations" in Encinitas, California, the top 300SL guy in the country. Gordon bought it from him sight unseen. The top had never been up. It was so thin you could read a newspaper through it; it was replaced (the only thing not original on the

car.) The fitted luggage and bubblehead lights are original.





- **'74 Ferrari Dino:** Gordon bought in 2018. About 1,100 total miles. One of 91 “chairs and flairs cars” (bigger wheels and tires) brought into the U.S. It has an F1 racing overhead cam with Daytona interior. This car also spent most of its life in a museum, in Wichita, Kansas, owned by a lumber baron [... Gordon laughed at the irony of a lumber baron in Kansas]. The museum bought the car new in '74, so Gordon became the second owner when he bought it 21 years ago. It had 17,000 miles, now about 20,000 miles.

- **Blue '82 911 SC:** One of 19 made. First widebody non-Turbo Porsche. This one was built for world famous runner Mary Decker Slaney. She was competing in Germany and a Porsche representatives went to the field and offered the athletes a tour of the factory. In a special area they were manufacturing 18 of these special 911 SCs. Mary Decker Slaney asked if they could make one for her, and hers became the 19th. Two years later, in '84, Gordon bought the car from her. The reason she sold it? She had just married British Olympic discus thrower Richard Slaney (and also a repeat winner of the Britain's Strongest Man title), who's 6' 7" and weighed close to 400 pounds. Richard was too big to fit into the car. Gordon had a new Ford Bronco that Richard loved, probably because it was one of the first vehicles he fit into. They made a trade—not straight across-the-board trade; Gordon kicked in some money—and the car became Gordon's.



- **White 912 Porsche:** A sports agent in LA who represented a lot of Japanese baseball players was getting rid of all his old cars and buying just new cars. So Gordon bought the 912
- **Brown '64 356C:** Gordon bought it from a doctor in Pennsylvania who got it from a deceased patient. The doctor was a surgeon whose first love was cars. While working on a car, he cut off his index finger. So he retired from being a surgeon and spent his time fixing cars instead. The "patient" who owned the 356C before his death was the chairman of hardware stores in Pennsylvania; he drove the car in summers. It has about 60,000 miles.



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- **Carrera GT3:** The last one built. Delivered in April 2019. Gordon didn't get the GT3RS because the only option was PDK shifting. Gordon said, "God made 5- and 6-speeds for Porsches." The GT3 has

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- **McLaren:** Bought in Scottsdale from a Beverly Hills plastic surgeon. Gordon has put 2,000 miles on it in a couple of years. "It has cleaner lines than most McLarens, same engine and specs."



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- **Karmann Ghia:** He owns two of these, which are often called the “poor man's Porsche.”

Both are “hot” —meaning fast...not stolen!
 Standard hp starts at 40; and these two cars are 120 hp to the rear wheels. Porsche 356 parts work in the Karmann Ghia. Gordon works with Bug Germanators in North Bend, which built VW race engines. They also work on Gordon's VW Thing.



- **Service Board:** How Gordon keeps track of the service on these cars.

Vehicle	Last Tires	Last Driven	Last Serviced	Repairs Needed
MBZ 300 SL				
Dino		11/17		
356 C Coupe		10/10	8/1/17	oil leak
356 C Cab		11/17		
Porsche GT3	7/17	12/15		STARTER
911 SC		11/12		
Corvette Rdstr 350		10/10		Head, Throttle Slacks
Corvette Z06		10/18		
Corvette 427		11/15		SEAT BELT FINE
NSX		12/7		
McLaren		11/16		
Mustang 281		11/16		FUEL
401 Ford		11/16		Fuel tank with oil
74 Ghia				SEAT BELT TOP
71 Ghia		9/20		BRAKES
VW Thing		11/16		EXHAUST
PORSCHE 912		11/17		SEAT BELT BELT
MUSTANG 370		10/11		



Pizza and Chat

It seems like one minute we were in the garage and the next minute the two hours were up. Then everyone was in their own cars and heading for the last half of today's fun — pizza at Kaleidoscope Pizza in Medford, Oregon.

Kaleidoscope Pizza is about 15 minutes from the “car show” and everyone arrived at different times. Several people had other things they had to do before it was pizza time, so our reserved section filled up slowly.

Eating and talking, taking and eating, eating, eating and more talk among friends in our Chapter. This is only my second time with the group so it was difficult to eat pizza as there were so many interesting Porsche conversations going on at one time and also the many layers of P-car owners lives outside the realm of cars. I

left for home full with Porsches, people and pizza.



IN THE HEAT OF HOT CONVERSATIONS WITH CLUB MEMBERS I FORGOT TO TAKE PHOTOS OF US ALL AT KALEIDOSCOPE PIZZA. CAN ANYONE RECOGNIZE THIS PIZZA AS THEIR OWN PIZZA?





Preaching to the Choir

Upcoming Events

Central Chapter – Tech Session at N Touch Detailing

July 18th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Southern Chapter – 4th Saturday Cars & Coffee.

July 25th and August 22rd Black Rock Coffee Bar, 9AM

Central Chapter – 1st Saturday Coffee

August 1st Shopko 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Southern Chapter – Auto Europa Ashland Car Show

August 16th 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM <https://autoeuropaashland.com>

(If times and locations are not listed here, check our website at www.cascade-pca.org or contact your chapter representative for the most current information.)

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