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# Prez Sez

from President Ross Rampy



## Fellow Cascade Porsche Pushers

(There is no Prez Sez this month. Ross is taking a break. But I know he's around because he dropped by our Friday April dinner. Sporting a beard no less.)

## Common Block Brewing, April 21st

It was a great dinner, and so your editor got to go to another neat place he didn't know existed.



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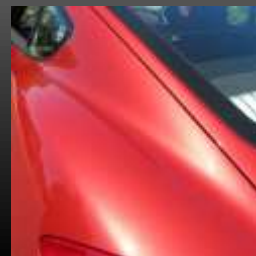
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## On the Cover

Bill Kohn's Cayman.



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# Awesome April Drives

*Rain produced delays and determination in April as you'll read in the next two stories of our Region's Awesome April Drives.*

## Central Chapter Wine Tour 2017

Greetings to all Cascade Region PCA members from the Central Chapter. For those new to the Region, the physical size of the Cascade Region gives us a Central Chapter, with members concentrated in Eugene, and of course the Region's main area, in Southern Oregon.

Our Chapter held our 2017 planning meeting in February, with a great attendance of new and long time PCA members.

Our leader, Arne, had asked at our monthly Saturday coffee who would be interested in leading a drive in 2017, and Shonna Butler & I offered to lead one. Having been on several in 2016, my 996 Targa got the feel for how we organize our drives.

The date chosen for our drive was 8 April. Shonna and I commenced our planning early in 2017. Our plan was to select sections of Oregon backcountry paved roads we knew of, combining with the always-popular winery visits.

Our chapter has 2 groups of drivers, both spirited & touring oriented which sometimes coincides with the Porsche model they own. Our chapter includes Turbos, 356s, Carrera 4S & S models, and everything in between those models. We have pristine 914 & 912's in our chapter.

With a very wet winter here, and having to cancel the chapter's first drive to the Dandelion Festival in March due to those downpours, inclement conditions can dictate group transit speeds to be prudent.

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We chose to start the morning drive in a westerly direction, out in to the Mohawk Valley, which is east of Springfield. Taking Hwy 126 to the Mohawk Valley off ramp, we left the city limits quickly. This area gives a perfect Porsche transit road, the goal Shonna & I chose as paramount to a successful chapter drive. We couldn't have the windows down to hear all of our glorious engines, and we had proper spacing due to rain at speed. The road thru the Mohawk Valley has limited traffic, and at the end you turn into the Cascades or towards Crawfordsville and straight on to I-5, which is what we did.

Heading west, we crossed over I-5 at the Pioneer Plaza Truck Stop, but no more than 1 mile over I-5, we took a farm road south for several miles. Faulk Rd. is long, straight and flat. We turned at Lake Creek Road to head west again to turn on one of the alternate roads to take from Harrisburg up to Corvallis. Shonna used to take Peoria Rd often, and she knew a special stop for the group to stop at. The Mennonite community operates a handmade baked good store, open only Fridays & Saturdays. Our group rolled in, and filled the parking lot with pure German excellence. Whether bread, rolls, pasta or other handmade goodies, each Porsche left with something.

We went along the Willamette River up to Corvallis, thru downtown Corvallis to avoid a lot of traffic so we could have more Porsche roads, and turned at the Corvallis Municipal Airport. The roads circumvented the Corvallis & Philomath Hwy 20 traffic, as we headed for our lunch stop. If you haven't taken your car to Alsea, we recommend you make the drive to get out there. We came in and headed to Deb's Restaurant for our lunch. They offer a group room with big windows to admire the forest all around. But the deal is the food. Homemade everything. The desert case is not for the faint of heart. So many ingredients from Oregon are used.

After lunch, we head south east, going thru Alsea Falls State Park. The road will test your turning skills. You will climb up, crest a lower pass on the Coast Range, and descend back in to the Willamette Valley, headed to Munroe and our first winery.

The club was a part of the season's grand opening at Broadley Vineyards. We continued south from Munro on Territorial Road to Pfeiffer Vineyards. The marketing people there had hoped we would park our cars along their

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driveway to create a good photo op, but the incessant rain made the grass too sloppy to park and walk on, so we settled on their large parking lot.

This winery has a very large and well appointed gathering area, and it is inside. We are considering having one of our dinners here.

The huge figure 8 drive we set up was about 175-200 miles. While the roads were good for our cars to be on, they would have been better without some of the heavy rains that beat on us. All of us have safe cars, but we also know how to adjust our driving based on inclement conditions.

Everyone was happy who went on the drive. We recommend any who have not organized a drive for your group to do so; we have so many options for places we can point our special cars.

Don't hesitate to join us this year on our outings; we may join you all on the McMinnville drive later in the year too.

*Rick Ohlson & Shonna Butler*

## April Showers bring delays but a great drive for the Southern Chapter's opener

Finally, on Saturday April 29, the Cascade chapter was able to get its first drive of the season in the books. Meeting at our usual Barnes and Noble starting grid, April's on-off-on again Arrive and Drive took off to the north. Lead by Terry Jameson we transitioned out of the city ending up on Agate Road in White City, moving over to Antioch Road via Hwy 234 and Dodge Road. With our ultimate goal insight (Bill's Motorcycle Salvage @ Antioch Road and Sweet Lane) we made our 1st landing with one causality. It seems that the stop and go getting out to the country left Gary Ward guessing as to where we were and/or how to get there (Sorry Gary but we should have gone over the "always in the mirror" rules.

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*Note: This situation brought up a couple of thoughts that we will address later in the Newsletter.*

Fortunately, Gary took advantage of the extra time on this bright and sunny Saturday morning and gave his Arena Red a good bath and detail.

So back to the drive... After discussions regarding the cause of losing our tail, we again took off to the north with John Early (in his ancient air-cooled) in the lead.



Continuing west on Sweet Lane we then turned north on Meadows Road toward Wimer picking up East Evans Creek Road after a few miles. This part of the run provided some of the best scenery and left/right sweepers of anywhere in Southern Oregon. After Wimer, we attacked Rogue River via West Evans Creek Road and then headed up to Grants Pass on

Foothills Blvd. Grants Pass became Upper and Lower River Roads and Roberts Bridge Road to Merlin-Galice Rd and then on west to opening day at the Galice Resort for lunch. By this time it was about 2:00 and we all decided to call it a day splitting up for the ride home.

The fun part of the Arrive and Drive was not knowing where we are off to... the down side is that there was no documentation to get our lost compatriots back on course.

Will we do Arrive and Drive again? I hope so. Will we have a catch up strategy? Absolutely!

See ya next time around.

*John*



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# Cascade Chapter Directory

John Early, Vice President

In years past, as I understand it, when you could buy a Porsche without water or electronic/digital nothing, there was a chapter directory, probably etched in some kind of stone. Years have passed Porsche's now run on water and a plethora of digital electronics. Yet we still have a need for connectivity and some way to make that happen.

While riding with the Capitan, WHM, (last week's excursion to Galice) he offered to put together a local directory that included contact information and pictures. Now you might think that we could just go to PCA National and get this info (and we do use it for this newsletter and other club business). However, it is not available for us to use in this way.

So, over the next month or so, when you are together with your Cascade brothers and sisters let's discuss this a bit more and decide how we might want to go about it or not...

I look forward to your comments.

*John*





*I only asked for a touchup.*

## Upcoming Events

**Central Chapter – Fall Creek Drive & Hike**

**May 20th**

**Central Chapter – Saturday Coffee**

**June 3rd**

Eugene Market of Choice

**Southern Chapter – Poker Run to KcKee Bridge**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> 9 AM**

**PCA – Porsche Parade - Spokane**

**Starting July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Southern Chapter – Lake of the Woods Picnic**

**July 22nd**

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