



In the Zone

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Happy New Year:

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year and looking forward to a New Year that I hope we all get through safely. With most of us vaccinated and boosted, and our children and grandchildren ages 5 to 12 years old fully vaccinated we will still all have to be on our best behavior and to continue to practice social distancing and the wearing of face masks for the foreseeable future.

Each of your region's board of directors should be working on a calendar of events for the year and have probably done so with the assumption that the pandemic would have been behind us. This has proven not to be the case and there could be some shuffling of region activities. For those events that are generally held outdoors like DE's, autocross, tours and rallies, these events are more than likely to go as planned. However, indoor event like club dinners, tech sessions, rally or autocross schools may be subject to cancellations or rescheduling. Let's hope that these events can happen as planned.



Region Leadership Changes:

All regions in Zone 7 have probably completed their annual board of director elections and based up what I know, we will be welcoming 2 new club presidents to Zone 7. For Yosemite Region, **David Boyd** will be taking over the leadership of the region while **Ed Suarez** will be leading Sequoia Region. Thank you both for stepping up to lead your regions!

Continuing to serve for the 2022 year will be **Ed Hunter**, Golden Gate Region, **Terry Topolski**, Shasta Region. **Peter Ridgway**, Loma Prieta Region, **Brian Adkins**, Diablo Region, **Natasha Zelig**, Monterey Bay Region, **Rik Larson**, Sacramento Valley Region, **Millie Smith**, Sierra Nevada Region, and **Ben Davoren**, Redwood Region

The Zone 7 annual Presidents meeting will be held on March 5, 2022 in Roseville. At this event all the region presidents will have a chance to hear the latest updates from one of PCA National's Executive Council members as well as several PCA National chairs. In addition, we will review updates to the national Region Procedures Manual as well as hear updates on PCA National events and the Zone 7 concours and autocross programs.

Zone 7 Leadership Updates:

I would like to announce the appointment of **Brant Ballantyne** as the new Zone 7 autocross chair for 2022. Brant will be following in the footsteps of **Grady Carter** who after serving for the last 3 years has decided to step down. I thank Grady for his years of dedicated service to the Zone autocross series and for building the program over the last several years.

Brant has been autocrossing with a variety of clubs since 2009, including the Boston and Northern New Jersey Chapters of BMWCCA and Renegade Miata Club driving his father-in-law's 2002 Miata and his 2004 BMW 330i ZHP. In 2014, his family relocated to Orinda, CA where he joined PCA Golden Gate Region. as an owner of a 2010 Cayenne. After joining the Golden Gate Region, Ed purchased 2001 base Boxster which he has been competing in for the last 6 or 7 years. Brant is a GGR autocross instructor and an Autocross Rules Committee member. He has owned and autocrossed several Porsches including his 986 Boxster, 981 Cayman S, and 996 Carrera; all while becoming good friends with lots of competitors along the way.

Brant is currently working with the Zone 7 Region autocross chairs on coming up with the dates for the 2022 AX Series and hopes to be able to publish the schedule in the coming months. Also, if you have any comments or suggestions for the 2022 rules update, you can email Brant at: flat6axr@gmail.com

Continuing to serve Zone 7 as volunteers are the following:

Howard Thomas	Treasurer
Rik Larson	Secretary
David Bunch	Social Media
Roy Schauben	Concours Co-Chair
Simone Kopitzki	Concours Co-chair
Richard Chew	Webmaster



Brant Ballantyne

Brant and his wife, Lisa, are both from Massachusetts and met in college at Tulane University. Brant completed his Master of Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has a MBA from Boston University. Brant was a professional structural engineer and a partner in an engineering consulting firm until he decided to become a stay-at-home-dad when his boys were younger. His wife’s job gave the family the opportunity to relocate to the Bay Area. Besides autocrossing, Brant enjoys snowboarding, golfing, travel, and being a super fan at remote and local venues on the West Coast in support of his two sons' competitive soccer careers.

Brant’s primary duties as the Zone 7 Autocross chair will be to head-up the review of the autocross competition rules as well as to be the primary contact point for region autocross chairs regarding safety, compiling results for year end awards, and will be attending most if not all of the Zone 7 events for the season.

Welcome on board, Brant, and thank you again for stepping up!

PCA West Coast Race Series Announces Schedule for 2022:

The West Coast Series is a PCA club racing points competition comprised of the all the PCA club races that occur on the west coast of the USA. Historically, club racing in the PCA has been most popular on the east coast, and this series was created (starting with the 2014 season) to encourage west coast club members to take up club racing by providing them with the increased competition and sense of camaraderie that comes with having one’s own competitive series. All PCA club racers are eligible to participate and all entrants to the below-listed events are automatically entered into the series.

Dates	Event	Registration Opens
April 2-3	Thunderhill	February 21
May 14-15	Buttonwillow	March 28
May 28-29	Laguna Seca	Pending
August 27-28	Sonoma	July 11
September 24-25	Thunderhill	August 8
October 8-9	Sonoma	August 22

2021 Zone 7 Concours Series Results, Correction:

In last month's column, I missed reporting the results for several of the class award winners. The following updates the list to reflect all the award winners. A special shout out goes to the Concours Rookie of the Year, **Alan Wong!**

Place	Winners	Class	Max Points Scored 4 Events	Percentage	Calculation	Note:
1st Place	Thorsten Kopitzki	C7	980	100%	980 Max Points = 100%	Overall Winner Full Concours
1st Place	Alan Wong	C9	979	99.90%	980 Max Points = 100%	ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
1st Place	Tim Bringman	C10	979.6	99.96%	980 Max Points = 100%	
Touring I & II						
Place	Winners	Class	Max Points Scored	Percentage	Calculation	Note:
1st Place	Al Price III	T4	936.4	99.62%	940 Max Points = 100%	
1st Place	Juan & Rowena Fernandez	T6	939.9	99.99%	940 Max Points = 100%	
NO OVERALL AWARD - Only 2 qualifying						
Street						
Place	Winners	Class	Max Points Scored	Percentage	Calculation	Note:
1st Place	Jack & Joyce Bean	S1	559.9	99.98%	560 Max Points = 100% (5 events)	Overall Winner Street
1st Place	Norman Perales	S4	559.9	99.98%	560 Max Points = 100% (4 events)	tie with J Bean (4 events)
1st Place	Seamus, Turner	S6	558.3	99.70%	560 Max Points = 100%	
1st Place	Carolyn Wong	S7	559.8	99.96%	560 Max Points = 100%	
2nd Place	Larry Fingers	S7	558.5	99.73%	560 Max Points = 100%	
1st Place	James Gatewood	S9	559.9	99.98%	560 Max Points = 100% (4 events)	tie with J Bean (4 events)
Unrestored						
1st Place	Arthur Woo	U4	937.9	99.78%	940 Max Points = 100%	Note:
NO OVERALL AWARD - Only 1 qualifying						

Events of Interest:

The 2022 concours schedule is currently being developed and should be completed in the next month or two.

Events of Interest:

- 1) Zone 7 Rally School, February 12th, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, Ca.
- 2) Zone 7 Presidents Meeting, March 5, Madiu Community Center, Roseville, Ca.
- 3) Zone 7 Awards Banquet, March 5, Cattleman's Restaurant, Roseville, Ca.
- 4) PCA Spring Treffen, April 27-May 1, 2022, the Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 5) Zone 7 Shasta Tour, June 9-13th, sold out
- 6) Porsche Parade at the Kalahari Resort, Pennsylvania, June 12-18
- 7) PCA Werks Reunion, August 19, Monterey
- 8) PCA Fall Treffen, September 14-18, Sunriver Resort, Bend, Oregon



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ZONE 7

IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS — IT'S THE PEOPLE and the roads!



The Redwood Region proudly presents the 2022 Zone 7 Rally School

Topics will include gimmick rallies, time-speed-distance (TSD) rallies and stage rallies, with an emphasis on TSD mathematics.

GPS checkpoints will be explained, and the free competitor application will be available to download to your smartphone.

A short practice rally will follow the classroom presentation, with trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

TSD and gimmick rallies use public roads at legal speeds. They are suitable for any car. A Macan or a Panamera is as likely to bring home a trophy as a 356, a 718 or a 911.

When:

- Saturday, February 12, 2022
- 10:00 – 3:00

Where:

- Sonoma State University
- 1801 E Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park

Who:

- PCA members from any region
- If possible, both drivers and navigators should attend

How to enter:

- Pre-registration is required
- No on-site registration
- \$10 per car plus \$7 SSU parking fee

What to bring:

- Smartphone required (1/car)
- Calculator (phone app will do)
- Clipboard, pen or pencil

Questions:

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Registration closes February
msreg.com/Z7RallySchool