

OREGON REGION PCA VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

An Interview With Randi Ledbetter

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Randi with the 911 that she and Gordon used to race.

The Quiet Contributors: How Behind-the-Scenes Volunteers Make a Difference

This month I had the pleasure of interviewing Randi Ledbetter, for our spotlight on OR PCA volunteers. Randi and her husband Gordon have been members of the PCA for 48 years, including time in Idaho, California, and Oregon. They have participated in many PCA and ORPCA events through the years, including autocross, hill climbs, PCA club racing and many social events including Porsche parade, Arrive and Drives, and club dinners.

But did you even consider who is the wizard behind the form you submit to sign up for an event? Well, please meet Randi, who helps get the event leaders the forms and information in a workable and readable format. About five times a week she downloads the forms and populates this information in a spreadsheet to let the leader know the basic information about who is coming, how many cars, who is staying for lunch, etc.

Randi stated that she "just wants to help others and make ORPCA events workable.." She began volunteering when Peg Ryan, former ORPCA Club



At Randi's beach house: Marlene (sadly gone now), David Lee in front and his buddy Jay behind, Randi, Judith and Roger from the Pacific Northwest region.



(Left) Randi hiking with friends in Arizona. (Below) On top of Chapman Point with neighbors from Randi's beach house in Cannon Beach.

President and Communications Director, asked her to help clean up the tour reports we send to tour leaders. Randi had no idea how to work a spreadsheet but Peg taught her “just enough”.

Having Randi help with forms and spreadsheets has a big impact on the ORPCA events community. Her work helps relieve some of the load for event leaders and gives them someone they can reach for help. In return, Randi feels the satisfaction of helping others and meeting the people in the club. As a former physician, she has a strong sense of helping people and being dependable.

The motivation for Randi is simple. She loves Porsches and being social. That is the perfect formula for a great volunteer for the club. She likes to think of herself as the “Pinch Hitter” who can be there to help when it is needed.

Randi finds a way to balance her volunteering hours by carving out time in her week to help with the club's driving events. Her volunteer hours help her stay connected to the ORPCA community and give her a sense of belonging. Her advice to others who want to



start volunteering: “Just step up at any club event and ask the organizer if you can help in any way.”

No matter what ORPCA event you attend, you will likely see only the result, but most of the important work happens behind the scenes and the praise goes to the leader or organizer. As ORPCA members, we need to applaud the quiet contributors who are behind-the-scenes volunteers making a difference and getting things done.

Thanks to Randi for all your hard work behind the curtains. I know she does not want a title for her volunteer role, but I suggest we call her the ORPCA Tours Form Wizard.

Here are some fun photos that Randi shared with us.

