

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Carole Hedstrom



How Much Is Too Much?

As you know, 2026 is packed with events and activities across all parts of our lives. The ORPCA calendar includes more than 70 drives, over 15 dinners and socials, a dozen tech or garage visits, and at least six multi-night getaways. At the same time, members are balancing vacations, family visits, the 250th USA birthday, World Cup Soccer, PCA Racing at Rose Cup, and the many summer traditions of the Pacific Northwest, including concerts, wine tastings, and days at the coast.

You may have noticed that the Club has removed a few events in the past couple of months. When leadership planned the 2026 calendar, the goal was to offer members a wide range of choices by day, location, time, and type of activity. That said, every event depends on volunteers willing to organize and support it. Notably, a few drives have been dropped from the schedule. Running 70 drives in one year is ambitious by any standard. In fact, most PCA regions run 10 or fewer drives annually. Oregon is fortunate to have some of the best Porsche roads in the country, and we clearly make the

most of them.

The Tours Team has quietly removed drives when no volunteer has stepped forward within five or six weeks of the scheduled date. Planning a drive takes time: selecting a route, finding a suitable lunch or picnic location, arranging a rest stop, requesting insurance, posting the event on the website, and promoting it through the weekly email. These tasks are handled by our outstanding volunteer leaders, along with the administrative volunteers who support our website and communication channels.

July is especially full, and some calendar adjustments were necessary. Traditionally, our Saturday drives are held on the second Saturday of each month. This year, however, the second Saturday fell on July 11, the same weekend as Rose Cup Races. For the first time in decades, PCA Racing was part of the Rose Cups. This was a significant event not only for ORPCA, but for the City of Portland and

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Portland International Raceway. PCA Racing and Rose Cup Races filled the whole weekend, with practice, qualifying, and the showcase race on Saturday, plus a practice session and final race on Sunday. Because of that, the regular Saturday drive was bumped from the calendar.

Even so, July still offers plenty to enjoy: the Scenic Oregon Tour will take two groups into Central Oregon, there will be a relaxed dinner in Canby, Pride in Motion drive, member cars featured at the Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance, a mid-week drive, a Sunday cruise and a

summer evening drive. Every one of these events depends on volunteers. We host events based on whether or not there are volunteers ready and willing to organize and lead them.

As you know, ORPCA is 100% volunteer led, organized, and coordinated. It is you; your enthusiasm and support that keep the Club moving and vibrant. We always welcome more help. It's not just the cars; it's the people. If you would like to get involved and show us your volunteer spirit, please email me at president@oregonpca.org

Let's drive! ■

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