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The Return of Porsche Club Racing to PIR: Why It Matters

On July 11 and 12, our Club is proud to support the return of Porsche Club Racing to Portland International Raceway (PIR) as part of the annual Rose Cup weekend.

One of the most exciting aspects of our Oregon Region is how our Porsche community continually evolves. We are a driving club, a social club, and a volunteer organization - and every so often, an opportunity comes along that allows us to be all three at once in a way that truly elevates our region. This July, we have one of those moments.

On July 11 and 12, our Club is proud to support the return of Porsche Club Racing to Portland International Raceway (PIR) as part of the annual Rose Cup weekend. This marks an important milestone for Oregon PCA, Friends of PIR (FOPIR), and the broader Porsche Club Racing community in the Pacific Northwest. We are excited to sponsor this return and help bring high-quality Porsche racing back to PIR.

Over the two-day event, we expect approximately 40 fully race-prepared Porsches to compete on PIR's challenging 12-turn, 1.95-mile circuit, ranging from 911s to

Spec Boxsters. This will be real, competitive Porsche Club Racing - drivers who have built, prepped and trained for this level of motorsport, bringing both skill and sportsmanship to the track. For many of our members, this will be an opportunity to see club-level racing up close, meet drivers and teams, and experience a different side of what PCA can offer beyond tours and social events.

This effort has been a true collaboration. We are working closely with FOPIR, whose leadership and commitment to motorsports at PIR have made this possible. FOPIR will run multiple race groups and themes over the Rose Cup weekend, and we anticipate some of our Club Racers may qualify in more than one race category—for example, a vintage 911 that qualifies as both a vintage car and within our Porsche Club Racing group. This layered, inclusive approach is part of what makes Rose Cup such a special weekend for racers and spectators alike.



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On our Club's behalf, I am representing the PCA Oregon Board in this sponsorship and coordination effort, and I am deeply grateful that our former Zone Representative, John Sommerwerck, has agreed to chair our Club's involvement in the event. John brings both experience and credibility to this role, and his leadership is already making a difference in how smoothly this is coming together.

We have also been fortunate to work with national and regional leaders in Porsche Club Racing as we prepare for this return to PIR. In addition, one of our newer members, Greg Dino—who also serves as President of the Cascade Region—has stepped in with energy, experience, and connections to help recruit drivers and sponsors. This cross-region collaboration strengthens the entire PCA community, and we're grateful for Greg's willingness to lean in and help make this event a success.

None of this works without volunteers - and I want to thank the members who have already stepped up to help over the Rose Cup weekend. We will need people to support the drivers, their teams, and our own members who come out to enjoy the event. The good news is that many of these roles are simple, approachable, and genuinely fun. Some positions require little more than being present, attentive, and helpful—welcoming people, pointing them in the right direction, and

helping ensure everyone has a great experience. This is a wonderful way to get involved, meet racers and fellow members, and see behind the scenes of a major motorsports weekend at PIR.

Importantly, this event is not just about a single weekend. Both FOPIR and PCA share the goal of making Porsche Club Racing at PIR the annual tradition it once was. This July is our opportunity to set the tone -to show that our Club can support racing in a way that is professional, welcoming, and aligned with the spirit of PCA. If this weekend goes well, it opens the door to again making club racing a regular, visible part of our region's identity.

Whether you are a longtime motorsports fan, a casual spectator, or someone who simply enjoys seeing what our Club can accomplish when we work together, I encourage you to come out to PIR on July 11 and 12. Volunteer if you can. Bring a friend. Cheer on the drivers. Introduce yourself to the teams. This is our club showing up for something bigger than any single drive or dinner - and that's something worth celebrating.

As always, thank you for being part of what makes Oregon Region PCA such a strong, engaged, and evolving community. I look forward to seeing many of you trackside in July.

Until then—enjoy the drive, and we'll see you out on the road! You can always reach me at vicepresident@oregonpca.org. ■

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