



FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT **Daniel Morris**

More Than the Machine

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We spend a lot of time talking about the cars. Horsepower. Handling. Model years. Options. Provenance.

Those things matter — they are part of what draws us in, what excites us, what keeps us learning. But they are not what keep us here.

What keeps us here is something harder to quantify.

It's the relationship.

Whether we say it out loud or not, most of us have built something personal with our cars. Some of us name them. Some of us talk to them — usually when something isn't quite right, but sometimes when everything is exactly right. We arrange our garages a certain way. We wash them with care that borders on ritual. We notice the smallest changes in sound, feel, and response.

These aren't just machines we own. They are experiences we tend to have.

And then there's the moment where it all comes alive — the drive.

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Here in Oregon, we are fortunate in ways that are easy to take for

granted. Within a few hours, we can find ourselves along the coast, winding through the Gorge, or stretching across high desert roads that seem to go on forever. The same car can feel entirely different depending on where you take it — tight and technical one day, open and flowing the next.

The road, in many ways, completes the car.

And yet, even that is only part of the story.

Because alongside the driving, there is the learning.

Our tech sessions, our shared conversations, the willingness of members to open the hood — literally and figuratively — deepen the experience. Understanding how these cars are built, how they perform, and how to care for them builds confidence. It transforms ownership into stewardship.

You begin to understand not just what the car does, but why. And that changes everything.

But even with all of this — the relationship, the drive, the knowledge — there is still one more element that matters most.

Each other.

The Oregon Region has never

been just a collection of cars. It is a collection of people, each bringing their own story and their own version of what this experience means. Some are here for the driving. Some for the technical side. Some for the social connection. Most of us, if we're honest, for some blend of all three.

Which raises a simple but important question: what do you want more of?

More drives? Different types of drives? More tech sessions? Different topics? More opportunities to gather and connect?

As a Board, we can build calendars and plan events — but the best version of this Club isn't something we design alone. It's something we shape together.

So consider this an open invitation. Tell us your favorite roads. Tell us the drives you think others should

experience. Tell us the events you've always wanted to see. We're also exploring tools like Ride with GPS to capture and share routes more easily, so the great drives you've discovered don't stay hidden — they become part of the Club's collective experience.

Because at its best, this club is not just about where you go. It's about what you share.

It's the early morning start before a drive. The quiet moment after you park and look back. The conversation at the end of the day with someone who just gets it.

The connection — to the road, to the machine, and to each other.

That's something worth building together.

You can always reach me at vicepresident@oregonpca.org. ■

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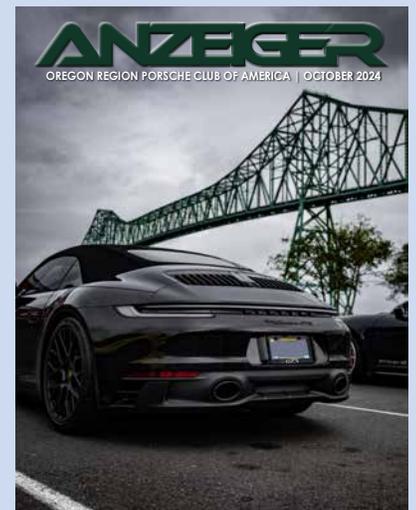
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