



FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT **Danielle Morris**

Leaves Turning, Calendars Forming

October may be my favorite month in Oregon. The air changes. Mornings turn crisp. The light comes in at a slightly different angle. And if we're lucky, the trees remind us that change can be absolutely glorious.

October is also when your club leadership starts framing the year ahead. There are still drives, dinners, and miles left in 2026, but the 2027 calendar begins taking shape now. So we're asking ourselves a few questions.

What should we continue? Some traditions earn their place. There are drives and events members circle on the calendar every year. They build friendships, make memories, and give us a wonderful excuse to exercise the cars that brought us together in the first place. Those deserve careful stewardship. But a tradition deserves respect, not automatic renewal. Attendance shifts. Interests change. Something that was perfect five years ago may simply have run its course, and there's no shame in saying so.

What deserves a try? Experiments deserve room. Some will work brilliantly. Some will teach us how to experiment differently next time. Both outcomes are useful. But an experiment deserves a fair look, not automatic adoption. Not every good idea needs to become an event, and not every event needs to become a tradition.

The goal is balance: preserving what people love while making room for what might come next.

And that's where you come in.

The officers and board can build calendars, reserve rooms, scout roads, recruit volunteers, and debate

ideas. But this is your club. You know which drives you still talk about months later, and which ones you quietly skipped. You see things we don't.

So I'd genuinely like to hear from you. Finish any (or all) of these sentences and send them my way:

- I would like to see _____ in the upcoming year(s).
- I really enjoy the opportunity to _____.
- I have ideas, energy, and some capacity, and I'd like to volunteer in the area of _____.

And one more, which may be the most important:

- I would like to thank _____ for giving their time, ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to help our club prosper.

That last one matters. Every tour, dinner, technical session, newsletter, registration table, website update, and board meeting exists because someone decided to give a piece of their life to this club. Sometimes we see that work. Often we don't. October is a good month to notice it.

So enjoy the color. Enjoy the cooler drives and these last months of 2026. And while you're out there, think about what would make this club more interesting, welcoming, and fun in the years ahead. Then tell us.

The best version of our club probably isn't sitting in a boardroom waiting to be discovered. It may already be in the passenger seat, or reading this issue of the *Anzeiger*. Send your responses to: VicePresident@OregonPCA.org ■