



## In The Zone

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### West Coast Race Series Holds 2 Events in September:

Golden Gate Region hosted the first 2 West Coast Race events of 2020 at Sonoma and Laguna Seca Raceways on the weekends of August 22-23<sup>rd</sup> and September 5-6<sup>th</sup>, the Labor Day weekend. After the season's first 4 events were cancelled, the series finally got underway and were well attended. The event at Sonoma Raceway was attended by 33 drivers competing for series points while the Laguna Seca event saw 43 drivers competing along with 103 drivers participating in the Golden Gate Region's DE event (Driver's Education) that was held in conjunction with the club race. **Jim McClellan**, Golden Gate Region, is the chair of the West Coast Race Series. Jim is fortunate to have a stalwart crew of some 8 other Golden Gate Region members who assist him with running all these events. Without the assistance of the volunteers, the series and DE events usually run in conjunction with the races would not be possible. The following are photos taken at the recent club race event at Sonoma Raceway.





## What is PCA Club Racing?

PCA club racing is the most competitive form of club activity. Unlike autocross where speeds generally do not exceed 60 mph or a rally that is time and distance competition, club racing is the most competitive form of competition. With speeds nearing 140 mph or more depending on the track, club racing can only be run on a racetrack unlike an autocross that can be held at an airfield runway or large parking lot. Club racing requires that the racers attend a professional racing school and that the driver be licensed. Their Porsche must be equipped with a roll bar, fire extinguisher, five-point harness and other safety equipment. The car interiors are generally stripped and generally don't have air conditioning, radios, sound insulation, and rear or passenger seats. All items that add weight to a race car. Cars are not road legal. There are quite a few classes of cars which compete against one another as well as Spec racing which pits similar models with limited performance enhancements allowed. Current spec racing includes Spec Boxster, Spec 944, as well as GT3 and GT 4 classes. Overall, there are more than a dozen car classes ranging from vintage, spec (11 classes), stock, and modified (4 classes).

Club racing is not intended for a novice who wants to take his or her recently purchased Porsche to the track. That is the purpose of PCA and region sponsored DE events (Driver Education). The most common progression to get into club racing is to first learn the basics of car dynamics at an autocross, progress to DE's and finally to club racing after becoming licensed. Very few members in PCA relative to the club's 134,000 members are club racers but the program at regions throughout the United States is quite robust and held at major track venues throughout the country such as Sebring, Laguna Seca, Watkins Glen, Circuit of the Americas, Sonoma, Road Atlanta, and Daytona to name just a few.

Drivers who compete in PCA club racing compete for year end awards and championship points and receive bragging rights at end of year awards ceremonies. It is a very competitive series but like all things PCA, it's equally about the friendships, friendly competition, and the fun of club racing. The following photos are from the most recent West Coast Club racing series held at Laguna Seca in Monterey where there were 43 racers accompanied by 103 drivers in the DE event. The race was coordinated by Golden Gate Region and Jim McClellan's dedicated group of volunteers.

# Volunteers Fuel the Success of Club Racing!



## Zone 7 Concours Series Cancelled:

Monterey Bay and Golden Gate regions recently cancelled their annual concours due to Covid 19 related issues with large group gatherings and concerns with either their dealer locations or county parks departments. With only 1 event still on the schedule, Loma Prieta Region on October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Zone Concours series has been cancelled. Zone rules require a minimum of 3 events to be considered a series and award trophies. The LPR event being held will be just for regional competition but will be supported by the Zone 7 Concours team. I am sure that all concours competitors are extremely disappointed and will be looking forward to more events in 2021. To find out more about the latest updates on the scheduled October concours events please refer to the Zone 7 website.

## Zone Autocross Series Update:

The Zone Autocross series events #2 and #3 at the Cow Palace in Daly City were cancelled due to the use of the facility as a refuge for farm animals and livestock displaced during the recent fires.

Golden Gate, Loma Prieta and Redwood regions had secured the use of the Cow Palace in Daly City, just south of San Francisco, but recently have had to cancel events due to complaints by neighbors of the Cow Palace regarding noise. As of this writing, I am awaiting an update on whether this site can be used for autocross moving forward or if the regions who have planned to use this site no longer have access. Please check with the region's websites for the most up to date information.

Sacramento Valley Region in partnership with Redwood Region have a Zone Autocross event scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Thunderhill Raceway Park with SVR hosting on the 10<sup>th</sup> and RR hosting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open, and drivers need to register for each day separately.

## Events of Interest:

- 1) West Coast Series Races, September 26-27, Thunderhill, by Golden Gate Region
- 2) Zone 7 Concours, October 4; Carmel Valley, by Monterey Bay Region - **CANCELLED**
- 3) West Coast Series Races, October 10-11, Sonoma Raceway, by Golden Gate Region
- 4) Zone 7 AX, October 10-11, Thunderhill, by Sacramento Valley and Redwood Regions
- 5) Zone 7 Concours, October 11, Porsche of Fremont, by Loma Prieta Region - **CANCELLED**
- 6) Zone 7 Concours, October 18, Porsche Redwood City, by Golden Gate Region - **CANCELLED**
- 7) Zone 7 AX, October 24, Cow Palace, Daly City, by Golden Gate Region
- 8) Zone 7 AX, October 25, Cow Palace, Daly City, by Loma Prieta Region
- 9) PCA Tech Tactics West, November 21-22, Southern California - Tentative
- 10) Loma Prieta Region 50th (plus 1) Anniversary Gala, March 2021
- 11) PCA Spring Treffen at the Marriott Scottsdale, Arizona; May 5-9, 2021; *treffen.pca.org*
- 12) Porsche Parade at French Lick, Indiana, July 11-17, 2021
- 13) PCA Werks Reunion, August 13, 2021, Monterey; *werksreunion.com*
- 14) PCA Fall Treffen at the American Club, Kohler, Wisconsin, October 13-17, 2021
- 15) PCA Spring Treffen at the BRO<sup>A</sup>DMOOR, Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 27-May 1, 2022
- 16) Sacramento Valley Region 60th Anniversary Celebration, May 7, 2022

Note that past Treffens have sold out in as little as one hour due to their growing popularity.



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