

# The Nor'Wester

### Newsletter of the Olympic Peninsula Region

#### Porsche Club of America

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

#### Denis Eckert, President

We are officially in Fall! The sun is setting early; the trees are changing to hues of gold and red and there's definitely a little nip in the air at night. And we're almost at the time of year when some of our Porsches get tucked in for their Winter's nap in a cozy garage. And it is also our last Newsletter of 2025.



But that doesn't mean we are done with FUN activities in the Club yet. October brings us one of our annual favorites – the Chili Cook-off in Port Ludlow! By the time this is published, this tasty event will probably be over. Greg and Lynn Buscher are hosting this year and I'm sure all attendees will go home quite satisfied and maybe with a little heartburn.

Another fun event is our annual OPR General Membership meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Port Townsend Aero Museum. This is a chance to meet a lot of your friends in the Club and visit the Aero Museum and see the kind of training they provide to the teenagers who are lucky enough to participate. Some of the kids go on to careers in aviation because of their opportunity for learning there. And we have lunch next door at the Spruce Goose Café. There's a reason pilots fly in just to have breakfast or lunch at this wonderful little Café! Great food and FANTASTIC PIES!!

We also have our Annual Movie night – but with a twist this year. Movie Night is now "Movie Lunch" on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Jo Anne Estes' home in Sequim. Meet your friends on Sequim Bay for lunch and a movie!

And our BIG EVENT of the year is on Saturday Night, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Clearwater Casino in Poulsbo. The theme is *Old Hollywood Glam* for our Holiday Party and Charity Auction Gala! Come as your favorite movie star from that era or just have some fun and dress up to impress your friends. We will have a wonderful dinner buffet, and there will be a lot of great silent and live auction items to bid on! Our prime charity for this event is Coffee Oasis, which provides at-risk youth everything from meals, a place to stay, personal and hygiene products, clothes, job training and even jobs within the three Coffee Oasis locations in Kitsap County. Come out, have fun, food and drinks and of course, great company! We are looking for Auction items; experiences like sightseeing plane flights, an afternoon boat cruise, dinner on the beach, wine tastings, mini vacations, etc., all make GREAT donations!

Your Board and Committee Chairs will have a planning meeting in mid-December to plan activities and events for 2026. If you have ideas for fun events, tours, or social get-togethers, contact any Board or Committee Chair with your ideas! We welcome your input. And finally, here's wishing everyone a great Holiday season and may Santa bring you something special for your Porsche!

"It's not just the cars, it's the people. .

#### Denis Eckert

Have a Question: email me – president@opr-pca.org



# Welcome to the Following New Members & Transfers to Our Region

#### **New Members**

William & Georgia Acorn, Gig Harbor, WA - 2006 911 Carrera

Carol Clingan & Logan Tasker, Bremerton, WA - 2006 911 Carrera 4

Brett Eddy, Poulsbo, WA - 2000 Boxster

Ruth Fischer, Allyn, WA - 2014 Boxster S

Jorge & Mateo Florez, Bainbridge Island, WA – 2026 911 Carrera 4 GTS

Walter Hagius, Poulsbo, WA - 2020 Macan S

Ian Mackenzie & Nina Gonn, Bremerton, WA - 2018 Macan GTS

Jeffrey Reed, Silverdale, WA - 2014 911 Carrera 4S

Todd Rowland, Bremerton, WA - 2018 718 Cayman

Lloyd Usher, Bremerton, WA - 2016 Cayenne S E-Hybrid

Mark Wagner, Gig Harbor, WA - 2015 911 Targa 4

#### **Transfers to Our Region**

Stellario D'Urso, Bainbridge Island, WA (transfer from Northern New

Jersey) - 2003 911 Carrera

Randall & Sue Parker, Port Ludlow, WA (transfer from Central Indiana) -

1973 911T Targa

John Ripoli, Bainbridge Island, WA (transfer from PNWR) - 1961 356

### **Member Anniversaries**

When members celebrate a 5, 10, 15, or 20-year PCA anniversary, they may order anniversary materials at https://www.pca.org/anniversary.

If you missed an anniversary, the form will let you order materials in 5year increments and will round down to the last milestone.

#### **2025 November & December Anniversaries**



40 Years!



**David & Patty Meyers** 

15 Years

**Walt Boyes** 

**5 Years** 

**Bob Banisik** 

John & Lynn Csernotta

**Congratulations to All of You!** 



# "In the Zone" By John P Sommerwerck PCA Zone 6 Rep



My term as Zone 6 Rep is nearing its end. Zone rep terms are for two years and can be renewed once. So, we are now trying to figure what comes next for us. It is also that time of the year when PCA regions seek volunteers to staff the key positions. PCA as the saying goes: Is fueled by Volunteers. Will you be a volunteer?

Fall is a special time of the year. The last of the Zone 6 signature events took place: Oktoberfast, 101 Loop Tour, and Tech Ed with Alwin Springer to name a few. I just returned from a very full weekend of region visits. I had dinner on Friday night with the Olympic Peninsula leadership. I went to PNWR's TechEd with Alwin Springer on Saturday. Then closed the weekend with a ferry ride up to Victoria to have lunch with the Vancouver Island region leadership. Now I am getting my cars ready for winter; storing my Spyder. Putting snow tires on the Macan.

For those long-range planners in the audience, I would note; Porsche **Parade 2026** will be held in Lake Placid, NY starting June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. **Spring 2026 Treffen** will be held at the Montage Palmetto Bluff (Bluffton, SC) March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>. **2026 Treffen at Sea** Pacific Wine Country cruise will depart from Vancouver, BC on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. **Parade 2027** will be held in Boise, ID, starting July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy and my Zone 6 region visit plans are complete. We have visited nine regions so far and have plans to visit the last two in November. Zone 6 signature region events can be found <u>PCA Zone 6 - The Pacific NW Regions</u>. Zone 6 abounds in great roads to drive and great automotive venues.

Parting shot. Fall Colors

Stay healthy and we will see you in the Zone!





This month's photograph was taken by me of Nancy's Copper Ruby Metallic Macan and my Gentian Blue Spyder with our colorful Maple tree in the background.

#### Olympic Peninsula Region 2025 Event Calendar Overview

Event/Social Chair: Maryann Elwell e-mail: <a href="mailto:social@opr-pca.org">social@opr-pca.org</a> or (253) 853-4003

#### November 2025

6th - Board/Chair Meeting via Zoom

8th - noon-2P - Annual Meeting/Lunch at Port Townsend Aero Museum

15th – noon **Movie Afternoon** – at JoAnne Estes in Sequim

15th - 2026 Board Voting Ballots Due

22<sup>nd</sup> – Holiday Party/Charity Gala/Auction at Clearwater Resort & Casino

#### December 2025

15th - January/February Nor'Wester Deadline

Starting Nov 1st, Saturdays 8:30A-10A - Porsches & Pancakes Gig Harbor – Due to the start of the rainy season we are going back indoors on Saturdays at Hops N' Drops, located at 5414 Point Fosdick Dr. NW in Gig Harbor.

#### ... DETAILED CALENDAR

#### November 2025

- 8th noon –Annual Meeting Join us at noon for the Annual Meeting at the Jefferson County Airport Museum Library (upstairs), located at 105 Airport Rd, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Please RSVP by 10/31/25 to Maryann Elwell via email <a href="mailto:social@opr-pca.org">social@opr-pca.org</a> or 253-853-4003, so we can provide a headcount. A \$12/adult or \$10/senior donation to the Port Townsend Aero Museum is suggested for using their facility and it will allow you to tour the museum after the meeting. Encourage everyone to donate more it they can. If interested in lunch after the meeting at the Spruce Goose Cafe across the parking lot, please RSVP by 10/31/25 for that as well, so Maryann can provide the final count to them. Also a group will be meeting at 11A at Kitsap Park & Ride Transit center (21992 Viking Ave NW in Poulsbo) and departing at 11:10A to drive up to Port Townsend. Please mention where you plan to meet the group when you RSVP.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Silent/Live Auction Donations Deadline: It's that time of year again! Our club is gearing up for one of the most anticipated events of the season—the Charity Auction and Dinner Gala—happening at the Holiday Party on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Clearwater Resort in Suquamish. We are now collecting fabulous donations to make this year's auction bigger, brighter, and more impactful than ever! Every contribution helps us raise funds for the Coffee Oasis and spreads holiday cheer in our community. Have something wonderful to give? Please reach out to our amazing Charity Chair, Marlene Scheffer, at <a href="mailto:charity@opr-pca.org">charity@opr-pca.org</a> with donation details by 11/10/25. Experiences like sightseeing plane flights, dinner on

- the beach, wine tastings, mini vacations, etc., make great donations. Let's come together, give generously, and make this a night to remember.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Holiday Charity Gala RSVP & Payment Deadline: To meet our final count and payment deadline for the event, payment of \$65/person must be received by 11/12/25 via check written to "OPR-PCA" and mailed to OPR-PCA, P.O. Box 3572, Silverdale, WA 98383-3572 or via Paypal at <a href="https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/OPRPCA">https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/OPRPCA</a>. Cancellations/refunds cannot be accepted after 11/12/25. RSVP to Maryann at social@opr-pca.org.
- **15**<sup>th</sup> **2026 Board Voting Ballots Due** Ballots must be submitted to our Elections Chair, Brett Burroughs at <a href="mailto:targa4us@comcast.net">targa4us@comcast.net</a> by 11/15/25.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Movie Afternoon Social noon We are planning a movie social at JoAnne Estes' home in Sequim. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Cost is \$30/ person and can be made via check written to "OPR-PCA" and mailed to OPR-PCA, P.O. Box 3572, Silverdale, WA 98383-3572 or via or Paypal at <a href="https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/OPRPCA">https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/OPRPCA</a> by 11/8/25. The movie will be Racing in the Rain. Directions will be provided to those who RSVP. Please RSVP by 11/8/25 to Maryann at <a href="mailto:social@opr-pca.org">social@opr-pca.org</a>.
- 22nd 5:30-10P Holiday Party and Charity Auction Gala at Clearwater Resort & Casino. This year's theme is Red Carpet/Hollywood Glam! We will have a buffet dinner in a private banquet room with a no host bar and parking on site. Buffet includes: Clearwater signature salad, London Broil in Red Wine and Mushroom sauce, Chicken Cordon Bleu with Dijon sauce, Au Gratin potatoes, rolls, roasted vegetables, water, coffee, teas, and various petit fours and mousse cups for dessert. Dinner cost is \$65/person including one drink ticket for the bar and must be paid no later than 11/12/25 (see payment options above). RSVP to Maryann at social@opr-pca.org. We will hold the Charity Silent Auction during the cocktail hour 5:30-6:30P, dinner will be served at 6:45P and the Live Auction will follow dinner. Even though our block room rate has expired you can still book your room by contacting the Clearwater Resort & Casino at (866) 609-8700, standard rates apply.

#### January 2026

10<sup>th</sup> – noon-2P – 2026 Calendar Planning Meeting at Yacht Club Broiler – Join us for a noon lunch followed by the 2026 Calendar Planning Meeting at 12:30P at Yacht Club Broiler private room located at 9226 Bay Shore Dr NW, Silverdale, WA 98383. Please RSVP by 1/5/26 to <a href="mailto:social@opr-pca.org">social@opr-pca.org</a>, so we can provide our final count for seating. Bring your calendars and bring your event ideas!

#### Other PCA Region/Porsche Events

- PCA National Calendar of Events is found at this link: <a href="https://www.pca.org/events/">https://www.pca.org/events/</a> 11/9 – 8A-4P – PNWR Winter Tour #1 - Skykomish Fall Wanderland 2025 – For details and to register go to <a href="https://www.pnwr.org">https://www.pnwr.org</a>.
- 12/6 8:30A-12P **PNWR Judged Concours Class** At Chris's German Auto in Redmond. For details and to register go to <a href="https://www.pnwr.org">https://www.pnwr.org</a>.
- 12/6 8A-11A **PNWR NW Harvest Food Drive** PCA PNW Region is getting together again to gather non-perishable food donations for the NW Harvest/

- King 5 food drive on Saturday December 6th! Fill your Porsche with non-perishable unopened food items. NW Harvest prefers we deliver our goods in open boxes rather than bags which easily split, and are not easy to stack. For details go to <a href="https://www.pnwr.org">https://www.pnwr.org</a>.
- 12/8 11A-3P **PNWR Annual NW Toy Run** benefiting NW Children at Griot's Garage at 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma. \$5 cash donation per person or 1 new unwrapped toy per person. Donations are per person, not per vehicle. Cash only please. For details go to <a href="https://www.pnwr.org">https://www.pnwr.org</a>.
- 12/13 8A-3P **PNWR Winter Tour #2 -** For details and to register go to <a href="https://www.pnwr.org">https://www.pnwr.org</a>.
- 1/24 6-11:30P **PNWR Annual Winter Celebration** at Hyatt Regency Lake Washington-At Seattle's Southport in Renton. For details and to register go to <a href="https://www.pnwr.org">https://www.pnwr.org</a>.

#### Other Car Related Events

- 1st Tuesdays 10-11A **Storytime for Little Spark Plugs** at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <a href="https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/">https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/</a>.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 10A **LeMay Monthly Private Garages Tour at Marymount** located at 325 152nd Street East Tacoma, WA 98445. For details and tickets go to <a href="https://lemaymarymount.org/events/">https://lemaymarymount.org/events/</a>.
- 2nd & 4th Sundays 5-7P Cars & Coffee (and maybe Beer) Gig Harbor has ended for the winter and will resume on March 8, 2026.
- 3rd Saturdays 11A-3P **ACM Family STEAM Day** at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <a href="https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/">https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/</a>.
- 11/8 9-10A **Sequim Cars & Coffee** Meet at Adagio Bean and Leaf at 981 E Washington St, Sequim, WA 98382. For details go to <u>Sequimcars.com</u>.
- 11/8 **Annual Sock Hop** at LeMay Collections at Marymount. For details and to order tickets go to <a href="https://lemaymarymount.org/">https://lemaymarymount.org/</a>.
- 11/27 8A-5P **Black Friday Sale** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma.
- 12/6 8A-11A **Caffeine & Gasoline/New Product Demo** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma. Theme: Motorsports
- 1/6 8A **Caffeine & Gasoline** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma. Theme: Rally Cars

# Olympic Peninsula Loop Tour: A Scenic Autumn Excursion By Jason Scheffer

From October 3rd to 5th, 2025, members of the Olympic Peninsula Region of the Porsche Club of America participated in a memorable driving tour around the Olympic Peninsula. The event featured a rewarding driving experience on scenic and challenging roads, complemented by engaging stops and exceptional dining. The tour was thoughtfully planned and led by Jason Scheffer, with social arrangements coordinated by Maryann Elwell.

Day 1: October 3rd

#### **Opening Dinner: Kokopelli Grill, Port Angeles**

The event commenced with a welcome dinner at Kokopelli Grill in Port Angeles. This gathering provided an opportunity for participants to connect, review the itinerary, and enjoy a fine meal in a relaxed setting before the driving portion of the tour began.

Day 2: October 4th

#### Port Angeles to Madison Falls Trailhead

The 21 participants and their 11 Porsches were divided into two groups for the tour. Group 1 was led by Jason and Marlene Scheffer in their tangerine 1973 911, while Group 2 was guided by Bill and Maryann Elwell in their yellow 2003 911 Cabriolet.

Following a morning drivers meeting, the groups departed Port Angeles at 9:00 AM for the first leg of the journey.

The destination was Madison Falls Trailhead, a paved trail located just inside Olympic National Park. The path winds gently through a serene forest and concludes at a picturesque waterfall. Benches at the trail's end offered a peaceful vantage point to observe the cascading water and enjoy the quiet beauty of the surroundings.



Madison Falls — a tranquil start to the day's journey.

#### Madison Falls Trailhead to Clallam Bay County Park

Departure from Madison Falls was briefly delayed when a flock of peacocks unexpectedly crossed the road in front of both groups — a surprising and delightful sight that added a touch of whimsy to the morning. Once underway, the drive led to Clallam Bay Spit Community Beach County Park, a 33-acre coastal park offering access to the Clallam River and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The area is known for its dynamic tidal landscape and abundant wildlife, including eagles, osprey, and marine mammals. The park's amenities provided a welcome respite after navigating the winding roads of Highway 112.



A colorful display of Porsches at Clallam Bay County Park.

#### Stint 3: Clallam Bay County Park to River's Edge Restaurant, La Push

Lunch was hosted at River's Edge Restaurant, where guests enjoyed a variety of regional specialties in a warm and accommodating setting. The restaurant's scenic view of James Island and the Pacific Ocean complemented a menu featuring Maple Salmon, Crab Mac n Cheese, Clam Chowder, and the ever-popular Fish and Chips. Before departing La Push, the group gathered their Porsches for a photo in front of the dramatic coastal scenery — a fitting snapshot of camaraderie and the stunning natural backdrop.



Tour participants gathered for lunch at River's Edge Restaurant — a moment of connection and coastal views.



Porsches lined up along the coast near River's Edge Restaurant, with James Island in the background.

#### Stint 4: River's Edge Restaurant to Lake Quinault Lodge

The afternoon drive led participants through the winding roads of the Olympic National Forest, offering dramatic views of the Pacific coastline and stretches of lush, old-growth woodland. The route combined sweeping curves with elevation changes, making it both scenic and engaging for drivers — punctuated, of course, by six very short road construction segments that offered just enough delay to savor the scenery and then row through the gears getting back up to highway speeds. The leg concluded at Lake Quinault Lodge, a historic property built in 1926. Nestled in the temperate rainforest, the lodge offered tour participants an opportunity to relax by the fireplace, explore the grounds, or enjoy the lakefront setting.



Porsches winding through forested curves en route to Lake Quinault Lodge.



Tour participants gathered at Lake Quinault Lodge in front of the iconic rain gauge mural — marking the end of a spirited afternoon drive.

#### Stint 5: Lake Quinault Lodge to Quinault Beach Resort and Casino

The day concluded at Quinault Beach Resort and Casino, where participants gathered for dinner in a private room. The evening featured a technical quiz organized by Brian Forde, focusing on the options and variations of the current Porsche lineup — a fun and informative challenge that sparked lively discussion. Congratulations to the quiz winners: **Andrew Campbell** (1st place), **Vicki Richter** (2nd), and **David Peterson** (3rd).



Andrew Campbell celebrating his 1st place Technical Quiz win — a moment of triumph.



Vicki Richter receiving her 2nd place Technical Quiz award from Maryann Elwell.



Andrea and David Peterson celebrating their wins — Poker Rally 3rd place and Technical Quiz 3rd place, respectively.

Members also participated in a poker rally throughout the day, collecting playing cards at each stop and comparing hands at the end of the drive. The winners were: **Beck Johnson** (1st place), **Kevin**, a friend of Sean Lee's visiting from Michigan (2nd place), and **Andrea Peterson** (3rd). The combination of trivia and chance added a spirited layer of competition to the evening's festivities.



Beck Johnson with Maryann Elwell — celebrating Beck's 1st place Poker Rally.



Kevin, visiting from Michigan and friend of Sean Lee's, proudly holding his 2nd place Poker Rally prize.

#### Day 3: October 5th

Following a leisurely morning and brunch, members chose their own pace for the remainder of the day. Some opted to stay and enjoy the Ocean Shores area, while others departed early due to prior commitments. A smaller group, led by Bill and Maryann Elwell, continued the Loop Tour, driving through the scenic backroads of the Olympic Peninsula en route to Alderbrook Resort and Spa in Union, Washington.

#### Conclusion

The Olympic Peninsula Loop Tour offered a rewarding blend of great roads, natural beauty, culinary enjoyment, and camaraderie among club members. Special thanks are extended to Marlene Scheffer for her assistance in planning the tour route, and to Maryann Elwell for her coordination of the social elements. Appreciation also goes to Brian Forde for organizing the technical quiz and to all participants who embraced the poker rally with enthusiasm. Thanks as well to our Sweeps — Brett and Diana Burroughs and Robert Bernardo — for helping to keep the groups together throughout the drive. The event exemplified the spirit of the Porsche Club of America — celebrating the joy of driving and the value of shared experiences.

We look forward to future tours and continued exploration of the Pacific Northwest's scenic treasures.

# The Roaring Engines to Roaring Cats

By: Kip Sparber, OPR-PCA Vice-President

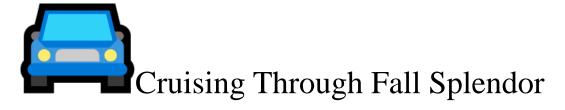
From roaring engines to roaring cats, and tigers to tacos, the OPR-PCA Fall Tour was a celebration of community, compassion, and the joy of the open road.

As autumn painted the Pacific Northwest in warm hues of amber and crimson, the Olympic Peninsula Region Porsche Club of America (OPR-PCA) set out on a seasonal journey that combined scenic driving with a touch of wild wonder. Their destination: the Wild Felid Advocacy Center (WFAC) on Harstine Island—a sanctuary for exotic cats from around the world.



Before arriving at the Felid Center, the group made a quick stop at Hoodsport Coffee to stretch

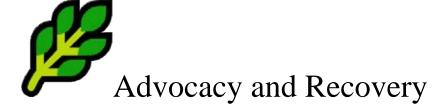
their legs and replenish their fluids. Nestled along the Hood Canal, the café offered warm drinks, fresh pastries, and a chance to soak in the serene waterfront views. It was the perfect pause to refuel both body and spirit before continuing the adventure.



The tour resumed with a convoy of Porsches gliding through winding roads framed by fall foliage. The drive across the Harstine Island Bridge offered panoramic views of Puget Sound, with drifting leaves and misty air adding to the magic.



At the WFAC, members were greeted by the calls of bobcats, servals, snow leopards and a beautiful tiger. The center, home to over 25 felids rescued from unsafe conditions, offered an intimate look at each animal's story and personality. Salem the snow leopard and Kumba the serval were among the stars of the tour, captivating visitors with their grace and presence.



The past year has been especially difficult for the center, which lost several of its beloved cats to a strain of avian influenza. Despite the heartbreak, the WFAC has remained resilient—thanks in part to support from tours like this one. Every visit helps fund veterinary care, habitat maintenance, and the ongoing mission to provide a safe haven for wild felids in need.



After the sanctuary tour, the group headed to La Palapa II Mexican Restaurant in Belfair for a festive finish. Over plates of sizzling fajitas, enchiladas, and fresh guacamole, members swapped stories, admired each other's cars, and reflected on the day's highlights. The warm hospitality and vibrant flavors made for a perfect ending to a memorable fall outing.



# Flying the Friend-ly Skies By Jill Diefenderfer

At last November's OPR Charity Dinner and Auction, I was the lucky high-bidder for a flight with Mike Friend in his RV-8 Experimental aircraft. Earlier this year, in April, our schedules—and the weather—finally aligned, and we took off for a truly breathtaking adventure!

The flight from Bremerton Airport to Orcas Island Airport took just 28 minutes, but it was packed with unforgettable moments. On the first leg, we flew in formation with another plane, an awe-inspiring sight from the cockpit. For the return leg, we were on our own, and I even got the chance to "take the stick" for a little while!

Because I mentioned to Mike that I enjoy rollercoasters, he treated me to a couple of aerobatic maneuvers—super fun, though I might have blacked out for just a second!

It was a perfect day to take in the majestic sights of Washington—many of which I had never seen from the ground, let alone from the sky.

This flight was an absolute thrill and an experience I'll never forget. And Mike is an excellent pilot! He made me feel very safe and comfortable. If you have the chance to bid on this adventure at this year's Charity Live Auction, I *highly recommend it*—you won't be disappointed!





This is the plane that took the lead in the formation flight to Orcas Island. We took pictures of each other along the way.







That's me behind Mike!





Incredible views of the San Juan Islands and the inter-island ferries!



#### First leg arrival at Orcas Island Airport

#### Take off from Orcas Island on our second leg





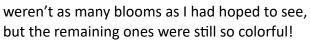
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I took the stick – on our way to Snoqualmie Falls. I'd never seen the Falls – from land or sky! Incredible to fly right over the top of them!

Tipping through the tulips! I had never been to the Tulip Festival either, so this is why I waited until April to take the flight. Due to weather and schedule conflicts, we caught the very end of tulip









Fun Meter pegged!!!



# What Tastes Great on a Chilly, Fall Day and is Even Better Than a Tailgate Party? *The Annual OPR-PCA Chili Cookoff!*

By: Denis Eckert

This year's Chili Cookoff was hosted by *Lynn & Greg Buscher* in Port Ludlow! There was a great turn-out of chili lovers and they were all in for a treat. We had seven varieties of chili to sample this year; everything from sweet chili to different levels of beans to all-meat chili/no beans. Add in some side dishes, desserts, and of course, cervezas and wine and you have the recipe for a delicious afternoon! There were 13 Porsches (we confirmed that Porsches do NOT melt in a little rain) and 26 people who enjoyed a great time with fellow Porsche members on a Saturday afternoon.

We're already looking forward to next year as the chili challenge draws some very spirited competition!



When Porsches invade Port Ludlow . . . . There MUST be a Chili Cookoff!





More Porsches in the driveway – from two classics – a red 356 and a tangerine (orange) 1973 911T – to 2 Macans. It's always fun to see the variety of Porsches that come out to our events.



Our HOSTS – Greg and Lynn Buscher awarding the much sought-after and coveted 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award!



#### 1st Place!

Sean Lee and Nesta Lou winning the Blue-Ribbon adorned toilet seat. They can now display it proudly on their mantel at home for the next year! You can tell Nesta loves winning!

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place!

Brooks and Nichole Wolfe, two of our newer members and first-time Chili-Cookoff participants enjoying their podium finish!



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place!

Kathy and Reed Ulmer, who also joined OPR-PCA in the past year and were also first-time Chili Cookoff participants.



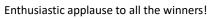






Our Hostess, Lynn, making sure everything is just right!

The appreciative audience and taste testers.







When: November 15h at noon Where: Jo Anne Estes' in Sequim Movie: Racing in the Rain

Food & Beverages Will Be Provided



RSVP to Maryann by 11/5/25 at social@opr-pca.org

Cost: \$30/person

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#### Olympic Peninsula Region-Porsche Club of America

# Red Carpet Gala & Charity Auction!

WHEN: Saturday, November 22, 2025 WHERE: Clearwater Casino & Resort

15347 Suquamish Way NE, Suquamish, WA 98392

TIME: 5:30PM-9:00PM

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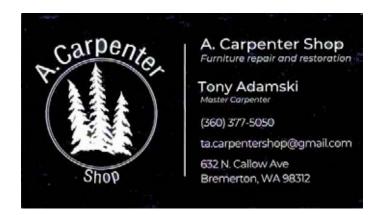
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