



# DER AUSPUFF MESSENGER

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## From the SBR President

One of our initiatives to keep us connected during this COVID-19 pause in activities was asking for photos of the various Porsche models. We received 129 photos of your cars. (A very few were different shots of the same car.) You can see these at <https://pcasb.org/>. These shots show the diversity of model ownership among our members. You may continue to submit photos to [pcasb\\_webmaster@outlook.com](mailto:pcasb_webmaster@outlook.com).

With the Club's successful Motoring to Malibu on August 22, SBR is slowly

restarting its activities. Our two monthly breakfasts will now be more like a Cars & Coffee. We also have driving events scheduled throughout the fall. All activities will follow strict State of California and PCA safety guidelines. There will be no sit-down meal functions anytime soon. Planned activities are listed on page 7 and on <https://pcasb.org/>.



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## Der Auspuff Wins PCA's Best Newsletter Award

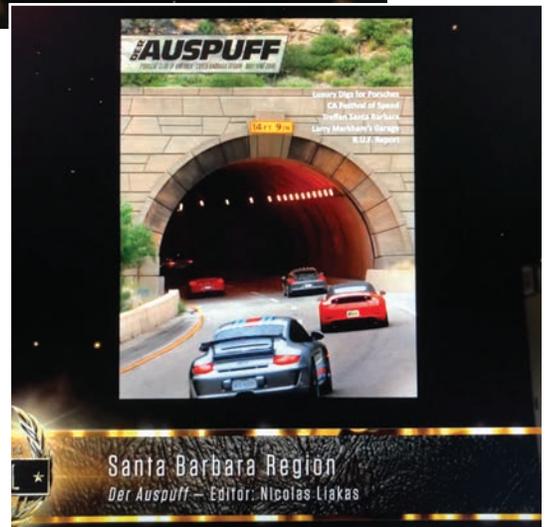
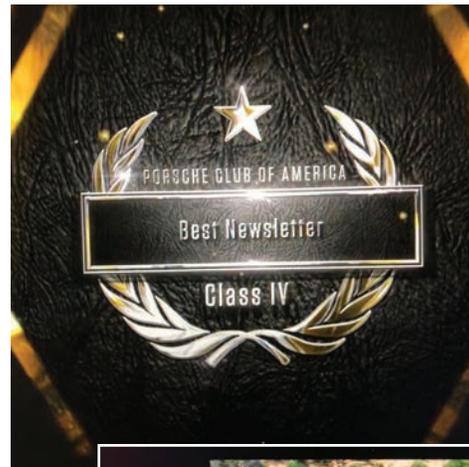
Hosted by PCA President Tom Gorsuch, the 2020 National Awards to regions were announced virtually on August 19. Thanks to outgoing editor Nicolas Liakas and his team of contributors, the Santa Barbara Region's *Der Auspuff* took home top honors: first place for Class IV! There are six classes: Class IV is for regions with membership numbering from 400 to 799. The award also placed SBR in contention as a finalist for the top national honor of best newsletter overall: the Betty Jo Turner Award.

Before congratulating the winners, Editor-in-Chief of Panorama Rob Sass outlined the categories for evaluation:

- Layout, appearance, photography, and graphics;
- Officer and committee chair columns; and
- Event publicity, features, and articles

During the past two decades, *Der Auspuff* has won numerous newsletter awards, including at least four Heinmiller Awards (predecessor to Betty Jo Turner Awards) and several Best In Class.

Credit is due all who write for our magazine, the photographers, and those who organize and report on events. Michael Dunwell of SirSpeedy assists with layout. The leader of all of this, and most deserving of our congratulations and thanks, is editor Nicolas Liakas. We are grateful!



## Racing in the Rain

### CCCR Autocross, Santa Maria Airport

**Lightning in the sky** and lightning fast lap times. On Saturday August 15, the California Central Coast Region of PCA hosted an autocross at the Santa Maria Airport. As a new Porsche owner, I look forward to these events as a way to learn the capabilities of my car and to interact with other driving enthusiasts

After arriving at the track, unloading the car, and performing my own tech inspection, it was time to walk the course. Walking the course with more experienced AXers gains insight into their strategies on where to shave off those precious tenths of seconds. As the first group started their runs the thunder clouds rolled in and soon lightning was flashing around the periphery of the track. I could feel my adrenaline build as I entered the grid to start my first of five runs. However, the storm had other plans. After my third run, a thunder cell moved directly overhead forcing us to shelter in our cars as the sky lit up and the course was drenched. Our run group was able to do one lap on the wet course, which was an added bonus. The AX bug has bitten and there is no cure.

—Report and photos by Phil DeRogatis  
—Additional photos by Glenn Crawford





**Malibu**  
Another Fine Cars & Coffee

At a previous C&C, I heard rumors that Malibu was going strong. Sure enough, Malibu's get-together is at a retail center on Pacific Coast Highway, just south of Malibu Canyon. Tom Gaither, Art Shinn, and I drove down from the Murphy Museum C&C so we got there on the later side of the 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. gathering and had to park in the back it was so crowded. Most everyone wore masks and kept their distances.

We put our name in at Marmalade Café for breakfast and until paged by the cafe walked around looking at the huge variety of different cars. Because we had to sit outside in COVID-19 seating style we were fortunate to be able to watch the cars coming and going.

It was a great morning outing. Well, one note of caution for the future, be careful and don't exceed the speed limit or you might get a speeding ticket. My wife claims red cars are more susceptible.

—Report and photos by Steve Doll



# Back Roads Drive Through Wine Country

## Saturday, September 19, 2020



**The Santa Ynez Valley** has many different micro-climates within its boundaries, starting with a cool ocean influence in Lompoc and getting progressively hotter inland. This enables different varieties of grapes to flourish, and a diverse lineup of wines.

Enjoy a picturesque drive on some twisty roads through Santa Ynez Valley. The rolling hills, blue skies, and rows of vines provide a feast for the eyes. After passing through Santa Maria, we'll continue on back roads to Los Alamos County Park, located on Drum Canyon Road and where picnic tables and restrooms are available. BYO picnic lunch is optional.

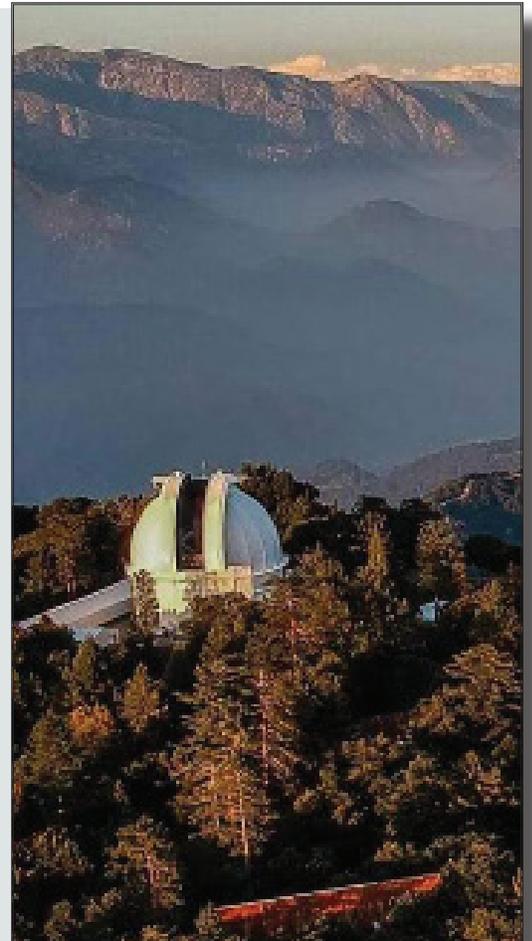
We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at Porsche Santa Barbara's dealership. Cost to participate is only \$10 per person which you pay on the morning of the event. To register, please respond to Doreen Pankow advising her of the names and number of participants: [dpankow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpankow@sbcglobal.net).

## SBR's COSMIC EVENT EXPLORE MT. WILSON SUMMIT DRIVE ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY OCTOBER 17, 2020

Angeles Crest Highway is known throughout the driving world as a unique and challenging adventure on the hills and mountains overlooking the Los Angeles Basin. Automobile magazine writers and critics often rate new models based on their performance on this road. See for yourself what makes this a car enthusiast's playland. If you've driven here, you know what we are talking about.

We will also visit the grounds of the Mt. Wilson Observatory where we can enjoy our BYO lunch just yards away from the numerous telescopes that search the cosmic universe. This is where the theory of an expanding universe was developed, where daytime and nighttime exploration of outer space takes place.

Details about meeting time and place, as well as driving instructions and additional information, will be provided about ten days in advance to those who register for the drive. The SBR activity fee for this event is \$10 per person, and will be collected at the meeting place on October 17. To register, drop an email to [nicolasliakas@gmail.com](mailto:nicolasliakas@gmail.com). Include names of all in your party plus home and cell phone numbers. Let's all enjoy the adventure.





## Did you know PCA has its own racing series?

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If you are a PCA member and have a Porsche race car, come race with us. For information on how to get started, head over to <https://pcaclubracing.org/licensing>

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# PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

## Report from Premier Coach Staying Strong as the Pandemic Hits Hard

How does a business stay afloat when an unprecedented event like a global pandemic hits? Unfortunately, many don't.

Many SBR members are familiar with Premier Coach Auto Collision Group, a proud Porsche Approved Collision Center. Safety has always been a priority, but a new kind of safety (viral safety) was thrust onto the scene last March. There were no clear guidelines when the pandemic hit, so the top-notch Premier Coach Team did what they always do: they came together and brainstormed for days to create a one-of-a-kind, zero-contact, TOUCHLESS process that keeps their guests and employees safe and also allows for maximum efficiency within their shops!

Businesses of all kinds have been financially impacted. Premier Coach took its hits as well, but fortunately less severe than most others. Premier Coach has been an active part of the community for over 25 years, they've created partnerships with insurance companies and agents, and they work very closely with their certified dealer partners. This diversified flow of work combined with their TOUCHLESS processes allows guests to receive help quickly, safely, confidently, and comfortably. Add in the government assistance and Premier Coach is proud to say that they did not have to lay off a single employee during this time!

"The fantastic team at Premier Coach is what makes us who we are and we are truly blessed," says Cliff Sullivan, owner of Premier Coach Auto Collision Group. Premier Coach blasted

out notice of their team's TOUCHLESS plan via radio, social media, and email campaigns, and they worked closely with their dealership partners to make sure all prospective guests were aware of the safety measures that had been put into place.

In the coming weeks we plan on a second report about what the future of the automotive market will look like from the auto collision repair perspective. Meanwhile, for more information on Premier's processes see their website at [premiercoachautocollision.com](http://premiercoachautocollision.com).

—Report by Clifford Sullivan



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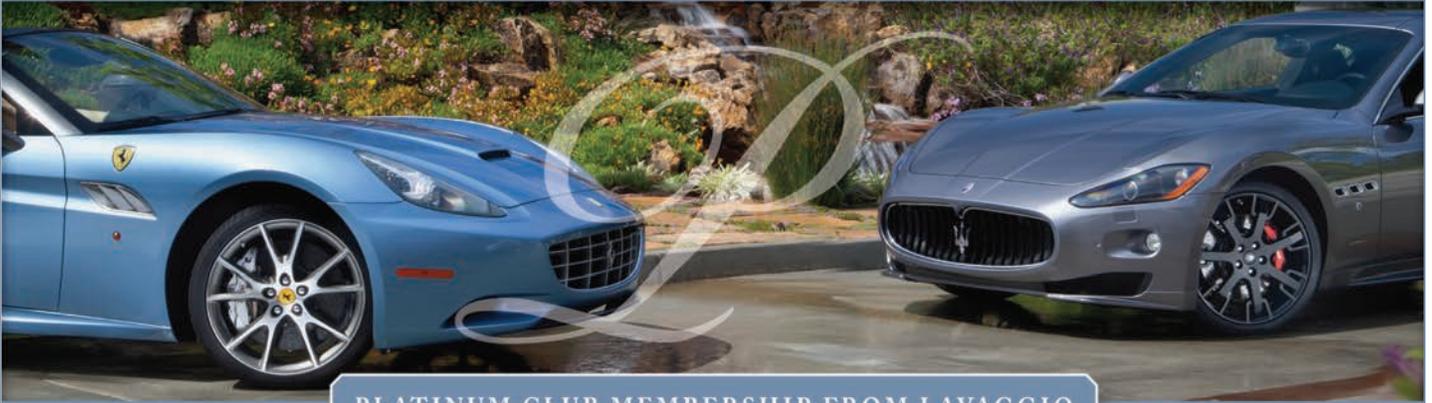
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## Upcoming Events

### Introducing SBR Cars & Coffee . . . not breakfast.

Masks and social distancing still necessary.

- September 5, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.  
Camarillo Premium Outlet Mall in front of Panera Bread
- September 12, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.  
Leadbetter Beach, Santa Barbara, near Shoreline Cafe



Please keep the following SBR events on your calendars and look for more information as the dates draw closer. *More information on each of these activities is on the Club's website: <https://pcasb.org>.*

- **Back Roads Drive Through Wine Country, September 19.** Let Doreen Pankow know if you would like to attend so she can keep you updated on details ([dpankow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpankow@sbcglobal.net)).
- **CCCR Autocross, Santa Maria Airport, September 19.** Registration for PCA members opens on August 26 and for nonmembers on September 12. Registration closes September 12. See [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com).
- **Mount Wilson Observatory Tour, October 17.** Let Nick Liakas know if you would like to attend ([nicolasliakas@gmail.com](mailto:nicolasliakas@gmail.com)).
- **Ocean Palms to Mountain Pines, November 21.** Let Nick know if you would like to attend ([nicolasliakas@gmail.com](mailto:nicolasliakas@gmail.com)). **Please sign up ASAP: we need an accurate count to make the necessary arrangements.**

The pandemic isn't over. Safe gathering protocols will be enforced if conditions warrant. We remain optimistic as many are looking forward to getting back on the road with SBR friends.