

From the Zone!

Wow, it is hard to believe another new year is upon us. It is even harder to believe that I am starting my last year as Zone Rep. These first three years have flown by and I am looking forward to my fourth year.

We have a group of new Presidents stepping up this year along with one President and one Past President making a return. Thank you to all of them for taking a Leadership Role in their Regions. The Presidents for 2020 are:

Maurice Scorsolini, Central Wisconsin Region
Robert Rath, Chicago Region
Shaun Stammes, Fox Valley Region
Chase Abel, Kentucky Region
Alan Wagner, Milwaukee Region
Curt Hamilton, Southern Indiana Region
Ken Hold returns as President for Bluegrass Region
Marcus Lucas continues on as President of Lincoln Trail Region

With the elections of new Presidents, it means there are Presidents who have finished their terms. It is a major commitment to take on the role of a president. Please join me in thanking them for their service to the Club and to their region's members and welcoming them as our newest group of Past Presidents:

Patrick Meyer, Bluegrass Region
Neil MacDonald, Chicago Region
Charles Holstein, Central Wisconsin Region
Todd Benz, Fox Valley Region
Steve McCombs, Kentucky Region
Tony Quebbemann, Milwaukee Region
Philip Green, Southern Indiana Region

There are two regions celebrating major anniversaries this year! Milwaukee Region is celebrating their 60th year and have planned many special activities. The year-long celebration culminates with a fabulous finale event! It is a dinner at the Harley Davidson Museum on October 24, 2020 with two wonderful key note speakers. The guest speakers will be none other than Hurley Haywood and Sean Cridland. Sean Cridland co-authored with Hurly Haywood the book, *Hurley from the Beginning*. This book chronicles the life of Hurley and how he became one of the most famous Porsche racecar drivers. Milwaukee Region has been gracious enough to invite members from outside their region to attend. It should be a great event and the perfect conclusion to their 60th Anniversary celebration!

The other region holding an anniversary is Fox Valley Region. They are celebrating 30 years! Congratulations to both regions for all their success!

The New Year is shaping up to be another great year for events. Have you thought about trying your hand at Autocrossing? This is the year to start! In addition to the Autocross School and 5 autocrosses that Chicago Region puts on every year, Central Wisconsin Region has scheduled four autocrosses and Milwaukee Region has three autocrosses planned. Milwaukee has rented the go-kart track at Road America. For those who have been to Road America, they know it is an understatement to call it just a

go-kart track. It is a large track with elevation changes and multiple layouts that can be used. It should be a blast to drive! These autocrosses are planned as a part of Milwaukee Region's 60th Anniversary celebration.

For those who enjoy DE events and want to improve their instructor skills, now is the time to become a Nationally Trained Instructor. I am excited to announce that Central Indiana Region has invited members of Zone 13 to participate in their National Instructor Training program. This will take place on the Friday of their **Spring Brake HPDE** event. This event is open to both new instructors and any current instructors willing to be Mentors. It is being held from April 24th to the 26th at Putnam Park Road Course in Mt. Meridian, IN. Mt. Meridian is about 20 minutes due west of Indianapolis, IN. For those who have never driven Putnam, it is a great 2 mile Road course that is considered a technical track with plenty of run off area. I had the chance to drive it last September with Kentucky Region and had great fun. More information can be found at the following link:
<https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/10324>

Parade this year is being held at the La Quinta Resort and Spa in Palm Springs, California. It will be a little earlier this year with the dates being between June 21st and June 27th. Similar to last year, this year's events will be held at a Waldorf Astoria Resort. The accommodations with the backdrop of the Santa Rosa Mountains will be spectacular. Housing registration is already open. So, get online and sign up if you have not already. It should be another wonderful Parade!

Once again this year, the annual Presidents' Meeting will be held in Chicago on the weekend of March 21st and 22nd. All of the Zone 13 Region Presidents are invited to attend this meeting. Attendance is highly encouraged by National EC. In fact, one member of the EC will also be attending the meeting. It is a great opportunity for the Presidents to discuss opportunities and issues that are faced within their regions. The same format will be used as was introduced last year. The meeting will take place over two days with a group dinner on Saturday Night. This allows for our presidents to get to know each other in a more social setting. With six new presidents, I know I am looking forward to getting to know everyone a little better.

If you are not a member of the PCA Zone 13 Facebook Group, consider signing up to see what is happening throughout the Zone. It can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Zone13>

Here is to the snow melting quickly and the weather warming up. A new driving season is right around the corner! It should be another great year filled with wonderful events and activities occurring in all our regions across the zone!

All the Best for a great year!

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