



During the Installation & Awards dinner we met our new GRCR board and awards were presented to several members.

Awards were presented to our members who have reached 30 years in the Porsche Club of America. We had 4 members who received this award in 2025 – Chip Hammond, Les & Phyllis Steers, Phil & Janice Lynch and Steve & Deb Dowd.

Other awards that were presented were for a variety of things in no particular order:

*Copeland Award* – Which is presented to a member who has been of service to the Porsche Club, our region specifically, for many years. This year the award went to Bill Roberts for all of his years dedicated to the region during the INWR years and he was critical in getting the new Greater Columbia Region on the right track.

*Enthusiast of the Year* – Presented to a member who impacts the region in some major way. This year the award was presented to Melanee Johnson for all of her efforts in getting the new region going and her willingness to jump in on any task which needed an extra hand. Without Melanee, I think a lot of things would still be up in the air.

*The Dummkopf Award* - awarded to someone who does something silly, stupid, etc. with or to his Porsche, or at an event or in his own garage and is always awarded in the best spirit of friendship and camaraderie and with love and affection because we all have crazy love for these cars. This year the award was presented to Dex Peters for a little mishap during the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. It seems that somehow the keg Dex was transporting fell from his truck on the way to the venue. As if dropping the keg wasn't enough, Chip Hammond had no idea about the keg being dropped when Dex asked him to help tap the keg. If you have never tapped a keg, a keg that has been shaken up sprays everywhere. Needless to say Chip took a beer shower. So, for these reasons Dex was awarded the first ever GRCR Dummkopf award. Keep your eyes open throughout the year for possible candidates for the award for 2026.

I want to thank everyone who received an award for their support to the Greater Columbia Region and PCA.

Upcoming Events – we decided since February frequently is a no drive kind of month, we would try something a little different. How about an afternoon bowling with your GRCR friends and families. We would like everyone to come out and join us for **Super Charged Black Light Bowling at Atomic Lanes in Richland on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**. For this event we would

like to encourage members with PCA Juniors to join us and bring the juniors along. The PCA Junior will bowl for free with a paying member. Additional details and to register [click here](#).

In March we will hold a **New Members Lunch and Membership Meeting** which will be held at the CG Public House in Kennewick on March 28<sup>th</sup>. For this event any new member, new to PCA since March 2025, is invited to join us at no charge. For additional details and to register [click here](#).

Of course, we will still be having Cars & Coffee on the second Saturday of the month and Porsches & Pints on the third Thursday.

Cars & Coffee in the Tri-Cities is held at the Country Mercantile on Dallas Road, Richland. I'm not sure when Cars & Coffee in Walla Walla and Wenatchee will start back up, watch the [GRCR calendar](#) for these announcements.

Porsche & Pints is held at a different location each month, February will be at Atomic Ale in Richland. Be sure to look at the GRCR calendar or WhatsApp for the location each month.

On the what you need to know front – I have received information about the “From the Regions” in Panorama. Basically, they have asked that we no longer submit photos of just a group of people, they are getting overwhelmed with group shot photos. They would like to focus on the “event” here is the statement from the Pano staff:

“change for March is that instead of a "first come, first served" order, I will be applying some judgment about the quality and interest of the photos submitted (please, no large group photos - they will get very low priority.) PCA wants the emphasis going forward to be on region (or zone) events that might spark ideas for other regions. It could be a unique event. It could be a unique aspect to a particular event. It could be an unusually successful event and what made it so successful. Again, the emphasis is on the event.”

That all being said, I would still like to encourage people to upload their photos and experiences at GRCR events to the [GRCR Blog](#) space on our website. We'd love to hear your thoughts on the events and see the photos our members take.

And always remember “It's not just the Cars, it's the People”. I hope to see you at some upcoming events.