The PCA Zone Challenge – 1st Annual at Parade Portland

Are you looking for some friendly, fun, team-oriented competition? The 13 PCA Zones, the Executive Council, and our Sponsors are fielding teams to compete in a Parade triathlon that is sure to entertain spectators and participants. Three events will comprise the **Zone Challenge**, and will be held throughout Parade week.

The first event will be the ***Pit Stop Challenge***. Two Porsches will be set on blocks for a timed pit stop competition. Teams of participants will have to remove, rotate and torque wheels for the fastest times, with penalties for crossing threads, loose lug nuts, etc. Two teams will compete against each other at the same time, so the rest of us can enjoy the action. Think of this as changing a flat tire, in record time. Occurs on Monday afternoon, after the Concours d'Elegance, at the Concours site.

Next we will have the ***Porsche Pusher Autocross***. Two Porsches will be provided for a two-car-at-a-time autocross on mirror image courses with a common finish line. Each zone will compete with a multi-person team. Think of this as what happens when a car stalls. Event is Tuesday afternoon after the conclusion of the Rally, in the hotel parking lot.

The final event will be the ***Porsche Pull***. This will be like the truck pull events you may have seen during strongman competitions. Multi-person teams will compete against each other, using ropes to pull Porsches across the finish line. This one will occur Friday afternoon, in the hotel parking lot.

Plan Your Cheers

Each team will provide their uniforms (or T-shirts), cheerleaders, signage, and assorted hoopla. Awards will be given at the Victory Banquet for overall and individual wins, as well as for the best zone participation, uniforms, cheerleaders and enthusiasm. Trophies will be awarded to the winning zones after each event.

We hope this event will become an annual part of future Parades. We understand that next year's San Diego Parade committee is already making plans to carry this forward, and we are planning a perpetual trophy for awarding to the overall winning zone each year.

Specific rules about each of the three events are being drafted and will be made available later in the spring, but you should already know enough to see that this will be a fun event to participate in or to watch. So mark your calendars and be ready to volunteer when your zone reps start looking for team members.

For more information about the Zone Challenge, contact your zone rep, or email Walt Thode, Zone Challenge Chair for the 2006 Portland Parade, at zonechallenge@paradeportland.org.