



Message from EMPA President, Dino Oberto

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Greetings, all—

As we are entering the final days of voting there remain some very close decisions. If you haven't already sent in your ballot *now is the time to do so*. Voting ends on December 13th, so please do your best to return those ballots to me by that date. At this point **email** is the best response (**dlmo@ptd.net**).

I would also like to pass along some updated news.

The Brice's NAPA Auto Parts EMPA Photo Contest, which is being held virtually this year, is going very well. Contest chairman, Bob Yurko, and Brent Smith have done a super job of laying out everything. There is still time to get your broads entered into the contest as well, with the deadline being December 26th. If you need assistance do not hesitate to contact Bob by phone at 484-347-1768 or email at bobyurko31@gmail.com You can also email Brent at brentsmithphotography@gmail.com

The Pocono Raceway EMPA Writers Contest entries are now in the hands of the judge. Good luck to everyone who entered. Some great pieces have been sent in.

To our prayer warriors out there, please keep member Ken Johnson in your thoughts and prayers as he has been battling Covid for three weeks. He says the battle is far from over.

And finally, I need to inform you all of the status with a gathering. On Sunday, December 7th the board had a Zoom meeting to discuss possible plans of a social gathering to hand out selected awards that we have voted on. We had previously decided to hold off on the Hall of Fame presentations until 2022.

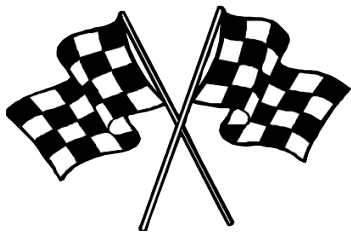
It has become apparent that with the ongoing upsurge of COVID-19 cases, we are just not in a position to bring us together in a socially safe setting. The risk factor is everywhere of the virus spread and, try as we may, we decided that we have no other choice but to call off the proposed get-together.

I reassure you all that we hoped it would not come to this and remained optimistic every step of the way, but the options pool was not working out in our favor.

I sincerely hope you will all understand the decision made, and very much appreciate the great support that you have for us and the organization.

We will still be announcing the winners from respective contests and award categories. As things begin to ease, which we see coming sometime in early 2021, we will make personal presentations to those individuals.

Peace and out,
Dino



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