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THIS MONTH

April Fool's Day—Board Meeting

April 17th—Luau GTG • April 23 thru 25th CRAB

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President's Notepad

Robert Morgan, President



It's nearly Spring. Time to attend to those "honey do's" that seem to blossom with the spring flowers. Just don't neglect your Porsche. You'll be wanting to drive those curvey roads, take in a Tour or two with your LPR friends, and maybe attend your first autocross! Be sure to change the oil, check your brakes (if you're going to autocross, you probably want to change your brake fluid), and by all means check the air in your tires.

Campbell Easter Parade 4/10/04

The annual Campbell "Bunnies & Bonnets Parade" through downtown Campbell has become a tradition for LPR. The day before Easter we gather at the Herz's, caravan to the parade site, decorate our cars in a spring theme, and parade them down the main street. If you've never done it, it's a lot of fun. Just be sure to bring candy to toss to the bystanders, and don't make the rookie mistake of tossing all your candy out at the beginning-you must pace yourself!

Driver's Education 4/11/04

Our first Driver's Education event will be on Easter Sunday. If you haven't already, go to the website at www.coastaldriving.com to download the registration form. I don't know if there are any spaces left, but it's worth a try. I am really proud of the team that has pulled together from both LPR and MBR to make this dream a reality. I hope we can offer additional D/E events as the season progresses. Much depends on the success of this first event.

Engine rebuild update

As many of you know, I am in the process of rebuilding my 1979 911SC Targa. I have been fortunate enough to have had Pete Siemens' help to remove the motor and get me rolling. Tom Holdych helped me tear down the motor & split the case. I took lots of digital photos of the removal and tear-down process so I'm hopeful that I can put the puzzle back together. As I'm writing this, Ted Robinson of German Precision

❖ President's Notepad...

is doing machining on the case (replacing those cursed Dilavar studs), replacing the valve guides, and getting the cams reground. I will be putting the case together this weekend (3/13-14), new pistons and cylinders are due this week, so I may have it back together in a month or so. I don't know if I can have it ready by the Driver's Ed or not...

There is a ballot insert this month to allow you to vote to approve several changes to the bylaws. Please take the time to read and return your ballot.

There are many events upcoming so check the calendar and pick an event to attend.

Enjoy,

Bob Morgan



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POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



There has been a substantial evolution; some might even call it an upheaval, during my lifetime that has altered the status and role of many segments of our society, not the least of which is the gay population. California has for years carried the sobriquet “The Land of Fruits and Nuts”, and not just because of our agricultural heritage. Our state has long been quick to embrace both revolutionary and radical changes and has exhibited an almost schizophrenic nature by electing a conservative governor like Pete Wilson while sending Democrats Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer to Washington. I am confident that the rest of the country is saying, “They’re at it again,” thanks to San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom’s decision to begin conducting gay marriage ceremonies at city hall. Newsom has begun a frenzy of controversy with multiple jurisdictions around the country embracing his rejection of heterosexual bias regarding marriage.

Predictably, the religious right is up in arms over their perceived desecration of the hallowed institution of marriage. Pope John Paul II himself has weighed in on the issue by saying that gay marriages “degrade” the true sense of marriage between a man and a woman. The most entertaining reaction, however, comes from the left. The liberal politicians are tap-dancing around this issue with complete abandon. Even Boxer, that guiding light of liberalism has refused to jump on the gay marriage bandwagon, fleeing instead to the lifeboat of “civil unions but not gay marriages” that has been floated by her peers.

It seems clear to me that the problem here is that the institution of marriage is so closely associated with religion. I cannot for the life of me understand how the ACLU and its ilk allowed an often religious ceremony to become so ingrained in the relationship between the government and its citizens. Marriage is a major factor in estate planning, health care, tax law, credit and insurance rates; not to mention government benefits. There have long been civil marriages performed in wedding chapels, city halls, courtrooms and aboard ships. I think that it could be

successfully argued that marriage is no longer just a province of religion. It is, in fact, certainly more important to our society as a secular institution than as a religious rite. Because the legal ramifications of marriage are so ingrained into our culture, it begs the question that if two people, no matter their gender, wish to make the commitment embodied in marriage, why should they be deprived by their government of that right and its benefits?

One of the other social upheavals that has occurred is the precipitous decline in the number/ length of marriages and the demise of the nuclear family. While the 'no fault' divorce has certainly contributed to the dissolution of marriages, I think that we as a society have been actually encouraging the casual attitude among the young regarding getting married.

Most people are aware of the tax penalty built into the income tax code for marriage; two people reporting separately fall into lower brackets than one couple reporting combined income. This downside used to be compensated for by upsides encountered in the workplace. But in our efforts to level the playing field and end discrimination, and this is in large part for the benefit of the gay community, we have seen the creation of "domestic partner benefits." Now those upsides, like healthcare and family leave benefits, have disappeared as reason for marriage; ergo, fewer marriages.

When two people partner for life, it creates strength; a safety net for that couple which is both beneficial and irreplaceable in our society. It should be the mission of government to encourage these lifetime bonds, no matter what the gender. I am happy to see the marriages now taking place in San Francisco. I hope they continue and become the norm throughout the country. I am truly confident that many, many people agree with this view. I mean think about it, not only is the gay community joyous... divorce lawyers must be ecstatic.

Finally, I would like to see the marriage penalty eliminated and all of the domestic partner laws rescinded. Then all of those involved in casual relationships can be told that if they want to participate in benefits offered to married folks... commit.

There's a ballot insert this month. Fill it out and send it in.

URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Legislation to Repeal Old Car Emissions Exemption
Reintroduced in California State Assembly

Here we go again! As predicted, legislation has been reintroduced in the California Assembly to repeal the state's current rolling emissions test exemption for vehicles 30 years old and older. A.B. 2683 repeals the current pro-hobbyist exemption and replaces it with a provision requiring the permanent testing of all pre-1976 vehicles. This year, the bill was introduced by California State Assemblywoman Sally Lieber (D-District 22).

We Urge You to Contact Assemblywoman Lieber and Your Own State Assembly Member Immediately to Oppose A.B. 2683

* Existing law in California exempts all vehicles 30-years old and older from emissions testing.

* California's current emissions testing exemption recognizes the minimal impact of vehicles 30-years old and older on vehicle emissions and air quality.

* Vehicles 30-years old and older constitute a small portion of the overall vehicle population and are a poor source from which to look for emissions reduction.

* Antique and classic vehicles are overwhelmingly well-maintained and infrequently driven (about one-third the miles each year as a new vehicle).

* Legislators and regulators are feeling the heat from a failed effort to meet air quality goals and are looking for a convenient scapegoat. The old car hobby should not carry the burden of their mistakes!

Contact your State Assembly Member to oppose A.B. 2683. Assemblywoman Lieber can be reached by e-mail at:

Assemblywoman.Lieber@assembly.ca.gov

To find out who your own State Assembly Member is, contact the California Assembly's general information line at 916/445-4311. This information can also be accessed via the Internet at:

http://www.enjoythedriver.com/legislative/contact_legislator.asp
or by calling the SEMA Washington, DC office at 202-783-6007, ext. 38. Please e-mail a copy of your letters to us at stevem@sema.org or fax to 202/783-6024 or mail to:

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Washington, D.C. 20004
Attn: Steve McDonald

A decorative header featuring various tropical items: a whole coconut, several lemons and limes (some sliced), a martini glass with an olive, and a thought bubble containing a martini glass. The word "HAWAIIAN" is written in large, bold, black letters across the top.

HAWAIIAN

A decorative header featuring two palm trees on either side of the text. The palm trees have coconuts hanging from their fronds. The word "LUAU" is written in large, bold, black letters across the top.

LUAU

When: Saturday, April 17
at 5:30 P.M.

Why: So all the women
can get lei'd.

Where: 3163 Mabury Rd.,
San Jose.

Cost: \$10 per beachbum.

**Please RSVP to Jen or Jim before
Thursday, April 15
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Plan on bringing a salad, appetizer or
dessert to complement the chicken, pork
and seafood that will be served.



Directions: Take Hwy 680 to Berryessa exit. Go east on Berryessa to right on Piedmont Rd, then left on Mabury. Barring earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions, 3163 Mabury will be the 7th driveway on left.

Member Notes

Liz Shaw, Membership Director



Happy Spring, everyone! As I write this, it's not "officially" spring, but we all know it's just around the corner. I hope to have met many of the members who joined LPR in the past 6 months, at the Newcomer's Social, and what would even be better is if they all celebrated Spring by attending many of the varied events that LPR offers. One of the most fun events in April is the Campbell Easter Parade. Last year, we saw so many creatively decorated cars that it was sometimes hard to remember that, underneath the bows and streamers and bunnies was a serious performance car! Another nice thing about last year's Easter parade was that we snagged a couple of very enthusiastic new members. It's a good thing I keep a supply of membership forms in the glove box because you never know when I might need to sign someone up "on-the-fly".

Speaking of new members, the newly voted in members from the February board meeting are: Brian Perry and his affiliate member, Sandy McDonald; John Penkoff; and Richard Vidaurri. Brian lives in San Rafael and joins us from the Golden Gate Region; he drives a 1955 356. I always love it when a 356 owner joins LPR because I think those cars are the coolest!

John Penkoff drives a 2002 Silver 911. He and his wife, Christi, have two grown children and John's occupation is in property management. He only listed Technical as his interest, but we hope to see John at some other LPR events throughout the year.

And just in the nick of time for this batch of new members is Richard Vidaurri. He drives a 1980 Weissach. For someone like me, who had to use Google to figure out what a Weissach is, this is what one webpage had: "The 911 SC Weissach was produced in 1980 as a limited edition of 400 units. They were all coupes. They had beige leather interiors with burgundy carpet. "911 SC" was scripted in the carpeting. You could get the car in either Black Metallic or Platinum (200 in each color). The

❖ MEMBER NOTES...

Weissach editions had a new front spoiler as well as the RS wing on the rear deck.” Richard didn’t list the color of his car but according to this webpage, it could only be one of two colors. Good thing Richard checked off all of the boxes for his interests because I think we stand a great chance of seeing his special Weissach.

Welcome, everyone! Thanks for joining LPR and I hope to meet you soon. And for everyone else, remember that if you need to update your email address, mailing address, or other contact info, just send me an email or give me a call. If you haven’t received any email from LPR in the past month and you’d like to be on our email list, by all means, send me a note.

Liz Shaw
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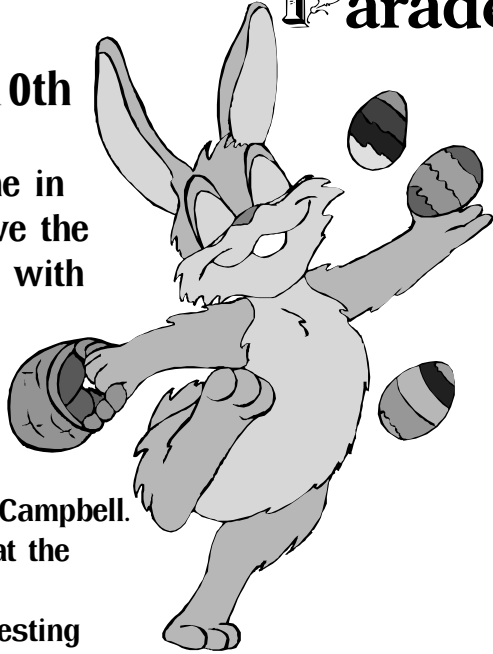
Bunnies & Bonnets Parade



**Saturday, April 10th
10:00 A.M.**

**Decorate your Porsche in
Easter finery and drive the
Main St. in Campbell with
your LPR friends.**

**We'll meet at Rudi and
Joanna Herz' before the
parade, at
1888 White Oaks Drive, Campbell.
Cars may be decorated at the
parade site.
Prizes for the most interesting
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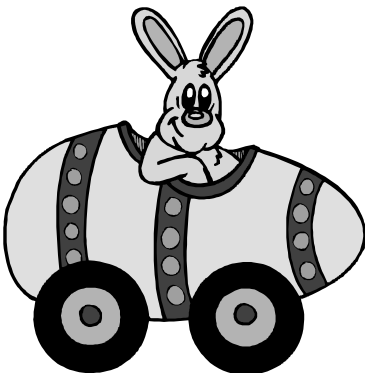


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\$30.00 fee includes entry for two to the dinner/dance extravaganza, hosted by the East Fresno Rotary Club in the Old Van Ness District on Saturday, May 15th. There is no fee for "Display Only" Porsches and the Porsche Art Exhibit. Lunch will be available with your reservation \$6.00 per person.

Awards given for concours entries at this event sponsored by
Michael's Porsche of Fresno.

Check the "Greater Valley" web site at www.concoursdelegance for concours registration and information. You may also call (559) 438-6367 for more information.

Entry deadline is April 10th. Contact Rocky Taylor (559) 674-8847 or (559) 706-1324 or e-mail to taylor@sierratel.com. Fax your entry to (559) 674-3867.



Lodging at a special group rate is available at the Four Points Sheraton, 3737 N. Blackstone Avenue, Fresno. The rate is \$90.00 plus tax. Call (559) 226-2200 to place your reservation and be sure to mention "Porsche Club." If you have special transportation needs, contact Rocky. Shuttle service will be available to the dinner/dance.

Mairyland has it's share of bad winter snows, and as usual, the radio announcers advise people not to drive during severe conditions. The other month though had to be the topper. This guy comes on and says: "Please don't do any unnecessary driving unless it's absolutely necessary."

Saw a sign in a field recently that I'm still trying to figure out. It said: "No Unauthorized Trespassing".

Drivers' Education

by *Tim Fleming, Zone 7 representative*

PCA recently completed a survey of its members, which yielded some very interesting data. In addition to the usual demographic questions, there were a number of questions relating to the value that members receive from the club. More to the point, the data reflected the priorities of the club members, specifically relating to what they hoped to get from PCA. The highest ranking items were access to technical information, and Panorama Magazine. Coming in at #4, ahead of tours, rallies, concours, etc. was drivers' education, namely the opportunities to drive our Porsches safely at speed on a controlled course, usually a race track. Fully 75% of the respondents indicated that they participated in PCA driving events, or were contemplating doing so.

Well, for you 75%, we've got a few events coming up for you.

In zone 7, Golden Gate Region has held a very successful big track series for a number of years. It is called a "time trial" series, but essentially it consists of 1-1/2 days of drivers' education (driving at speed in a controlled environment, on a race track), followed by an afternoon of timed runs with only a few cars on course at any one time. These events are very fun, and safely run. The range of participants runs from beginners to very serious drivers indeed. With the higher speed time trial elements, GGR has commensurate higher car preparation and driver safety standards. See www.pca-ggr.org for more details.

In addition to the GGR series, there are now other opportunities within PCA for Zone 7 PCA members to try out the big track experience. Loma Prieta and Monterey Bay Regions have teamed up to host a drivers' education series; Sacramento Valley Region also will hold a very similar series. These events will be low key events, no time trials, with plenty of track time involved. Run groups will be organized for levels of driving experience and lap speed. Instruction (classroom instruction and on-track in-car instruction) will be provided for those needing or desiring it. Of course, instruction is always provided at no charge. Both groups are being run by very experienced teams (organization and instructors), in conformance with PCA Standards for Drivers Education events.

❖ Driver's Education...

All of these events will be open to all PCA members. The first two events will be held at Thunderhill Raceway in Willows, a very fun track with plenty of run-off room; it's a very safe, non-threatening, facility to learn.

If you want to give these events a try (or just come out to watch), the LPR/MBR initial event will be on April 11 at Thunderhill, and the first SVR event will be held on June 4, also at Thunderhill.

For more information, please be sure to check the LPR or MBR websites at <http://lpr.pca.org/> and <http://mby.pca.org/>, and the SVR website at www.derporsche.net. Or you can contact me at 916.985.4142.

Loma Prieta Region and PartsHeaven Present
Zone 7 Concours #2 & Swap Meet
Sunday, June 6, 2004



Concours

8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Judging starts at 10:30 A.M.
Fee: \$20.00 per entry

Swap Meet

Registration at 6:30 A.M.
Meet open from 7:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
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For information, contact:

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Soup á la Glathe

By Rosemary Tavares

February 21 was a great night for soup as it was cold and rainy. So Ed and I, with a salad in tow, headed to Bill and Lorraine Glathe's home in San Jose. We were the first to arrive as it is difficult to calculate the time it takes to get to that part of San Jose from where we live in San Ramon. Bill and



Debbie Bennett stirs things up and finds one of Bill Highley's socks!

Lorraine showed us their new canine addition to the family. The cute little bundle of white fur never makes a mess when it is left alone and never has to go to a kennel when they take a trip. Bill says he thinks this is the coolest dog he has ever had. The only problem is that you have to make sure he has fresh batteries or he won't perform any of his tricks or bark. That is my kind of dog.



*"By golly, Jim, you're right! Your ears are ringing!"
Kevin Bennett, Jim & Diane Cox*

Shortly after our encounter with the dog, the guests started to arrive. Jim and Diane Cox arrived with the best looking vegetable soup I've ever seen. Debbie Bennett brought Kevin and her famous potato soup. Dick Dentino brought a wonderful Borsht soup with the recipe to share so we

could all try our hand at trying to duplicate the delicate flavors within. Joanna Herz brought Rudi and a fabulous split pea soup. Lorraine made a clam clowder and a chili bean soup, both of which were scrumptious.

❖ Soup à la Glathe...

I want you to know that I tasted each and every one of these wonderful soups and I know it takes more than just cooking ability to make soup. It takes heart and each one of these cooks had a very large and generous heart to cook for all of the hungry LPR'ers. So thanks for taking the time to make really good soups.

Now for the salad, there was a nice variety of them also. Jack and Cynthia Lewellen, Bob and Karen Morgan, and Joe and Sheryl Pruss brought salads. Appetizers were provided by Ralph



"This party has class! Look, a chicken noodle finger bowl!" John Reed has things well in hand.



Hosts Bill & Lorraine Glathe prove that you can retire and still have a pot to.....

Maines, Lorraine and Bill, and Ken and June Iles. Desserts were provided by Greg and Sue Sickal, Esper Kershaw, John and Angie, and Pete and Margo Novak who came up from Los Angeles to share the evening with us. Tony and Joanne Antonowica also brought desert which was a great chocolate cake with chocolate covered cherries on top filled with cherry liqueur (yummy).

Michael Gardner, who is a new member prospect and friend of Bill and Lorraine was also there to enjoy the fine food and conversation. It was so nice to see some of the people I haven't seen in a while. As I was talking to Jim and Diane Cox about their up and coming move to the state of Georgia, I heard a large crash. As I turned to see what had happened, I noticed several people helping June Iles up off the floor. She had evidently gone to give Big John Reed a hug and I guess he was so handsome that she collapsed



Cheryl Pruss looking pretty as pie!



President Bob Morgan and First Lady Karen clearly have agreed to a mutual endeavor following the evening's festivities.



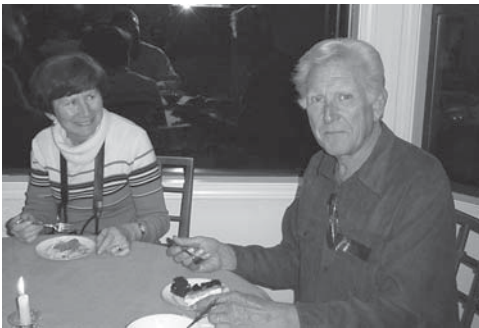
Ralph Maines gives Reg Ricket an earful about the latest POST editorial.



Bill Glathe was amazingly patient when John Reed asked if he could write on his back.



June Iles, John Reed and Angie Sharp gather at table to partake of the evening's fare.



Jean Ricket looks at a very guilty appearing Pete Novak... Is he blowing his diet?



Stereotypically, the guys can't be ladies strike a pose for t



ful



"Okay, I've got down who's naughty and who's nice. The nice ones can go home now." says John Reed.



When it comes to looking up to someone, Rudi Herz and Angie Sharp fit the bill.



round the
2.

Soup Night Shenanigans



Tony and Joanne Anotnowicz thought the evening was souper!



*interrupted while the
the camera.*



Kevin Bennett and Pete Novak should work at learning how to relax at these events.

❖ Soup à la Glathe...



Lorraine Glathe and Vince Vincent getting their just desserts.



Joanna Herz wonders what happened to the chicken noodle finger bowl...

from the excitement! Really though, I think there may have been a tiny step in the way that caused a trip, but the other explanation sounded better. John still has it going on with the women in this club, Right? Watch out Ken!

Before we knew it, the evening was over and everyone was leaving. We ran for the door so that we wouldn't be the last ones to leave as we usually are. That is just because we hate to see a good time end. Debbie and Kevin were going to be the last ones out, but they tricked us somehow and ran out before us!! How dare they do that! Oh well, we had a wonderful time and want to thank our great hosts Bill and Lorraine



Ken Iles holds court for Rudi Herz, wife June and Angie Sharp.



Lorraine reacts to Bill's famous whoopie cushion impression as he performs for the assembled throng.



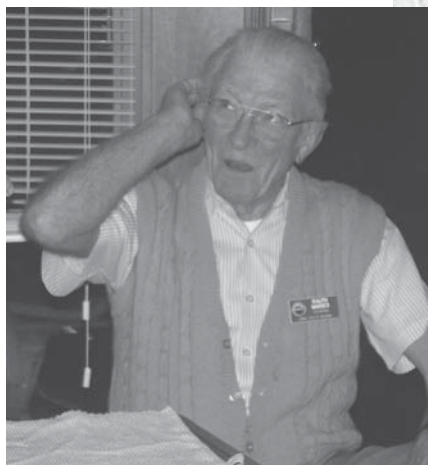
The camera always seems to love Esper Kershaw.



Jean Ricket and Margot Novak stay safe in the kitchen



June Iles and Joanna Herz, always suckers for a good whoopie cushion impression.



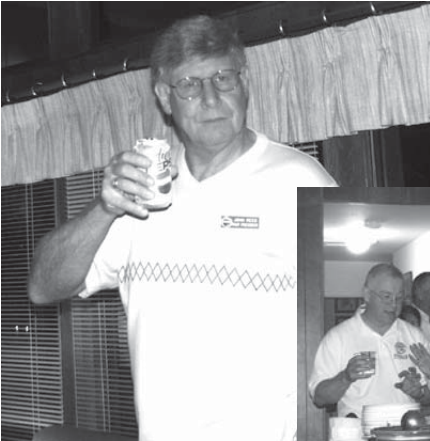
Never one to be outdone, following Bill's performance Ralph Maines proposes to pull a soup spoon out of his ear.

More Soup



Margot Novak and Ken Iles seem to be having a good time...

Photos by Vince Vincent, Greg Sickal and Jean Ricket



John Reed will receive \$.17 from Pepsi for this strategic product placement.

And EVEN



Angie Sharp heard about Bill Highley's sock and is being very careful about what she puts into her bowl.



MORE Soup

Joe and Cheryl Pruss demonstrate proper etiquette for having your picture taken with your mouth full.



*Why is it that these women never smile like this when there are men around?... Just what were they talking about?
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BOGUS BASIN BACCHANALIA

May 28-31, 2004
in Boise

The Silver Sage Region will again host the Bogus Basin Bacchanalia (BBB) weekend that includes PCA's only hillcross. This is a multi-region event that includes the hillcross, a TSD rally and a mystery event on Memorial Day weekend, May 28-31, 2004.

The BBB '04 weekend starts with registration and a get-acquainted dinner on Friday evening in the Pioneer Lodge at the Bogus Basin ski area, 16 miles north of Boise. Saturday is for the hillcross, where you can drive your Porsche as it was meant to be driven: safe, fast and on a beautiful stretch of winding mountain road. The course is nearly two miles long and features six tight turns and over 500 feet of elevation gain. Kim John Crumb in his 928 set the hill record of 2:01.549 in 1999 on the recently repaved road. If you want to be challenged by the BBB hillcross, be sure to register early since the number of entrants in the hillcross is limited. Saturday ends with dinner and partying in the lodge. Sunday is reserved for rallyists to tour scenic parts of southwest Idaho, and ends with the awards banquet at the lodge. Sometime during the weekend, a mystery event will take place. Since it's a mystery, that's all you get to know for now.

You can learn more about BBB '04 and get an application form by visiting the Silver Sage Region's web site at www.pca.org/ss. Information is also available from Registrar Walt Thode, 547 Balmoral Rd., Boise, ID 83702, (208) 363-9169, wthode@rmci.net.

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Lodging: Sands Regency Hotel, located at 345 N. Arlington Avenue, has rooms available at \$89.00 plus tax per night for May 15 and 16. Call (775) 348-2200 for reservations and reference Sierra Nevada Region/Porsche Club. *Directions:* from I-80, take Exit 13 (Downtown Reno/Virginia St.), turn right on Sierra St. (one way South), turn right on 4th St., and turn left at Arlington.

Saturday Night Barbecue at the Sands Regency Hotel. Cost is \$25.00 per adult, \$15.00 per child under 16. RSVP by May 10, sending your check, made payable to "PCA-SNR," to Pat Costin, 1850 Aquila Ave., Reno, NV 89509.

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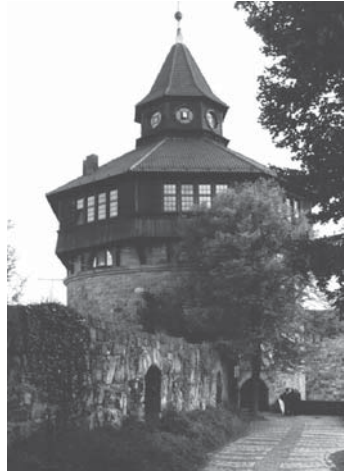


RESPECTING PORSCHE

By Frank Stanton, Coastal Empire PCA Region

In the spring of this year, my wife and I noticed an advertisement in the PORSCHE Panorama magazine placed by Fast Lane Travel. The trip sketch intrigued me enough to place a call to Peter Sontag (CEO of Fast Lane Travel). After talking with Peter several times for assurance of the quality level of accommodations and travel plans, we booked the experience.

Having returned from the 2003 Fall PORSCHE Fest Trip through Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France – a breathtaking adventure – I understand now that life should not be measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breath away.



Dicker Turm Castle

Upon arrival at Stuttgart Airport via Delta Airlines on Friday, October 3, Peter Sontag greeted the others and us in our tour group and escorted us to the Hotel Inter-Continental, Stuttgart. That same evening we enjoyed cocktails and dinner at the Dicker Turm Castle, where we met the rest of our fellow tour travelers and the three PORSCHE tour professionals who would accompany us through the entire trip.



Picking up our Porsches in Ludwigsburg.

Saturday was an exciting day. We were driven to PORSCHE AG in Ludwigsburg and took possession of the 911 we earlier reserved, correct even to our color preference. As the luggage truck took our suitcases ahead to our next hotel, we be-

❖ Respecting Porsche...

gan a trip south to a village in the Black Forest for lunch. The afternoon drive took us to our waterfront hotel, situated on Lake Constance. The day closed as we enjoyed a delicious dinner aboard the antique motor yacht, the M.Y. Emily, cruising Lake Constance.



Neuschwanstein

Sunday provided a unique Bavarian Castle Rally Day as we drove through the first snowstorm of the year in the Bavarian Alps. Here my respect for the 911 began to grow – if you keep your foot down, it will correct your driving mistakes – and you know when it does. We drove through "tunnels" formed by ice and snow that caused the trees to bend completely over the narrow roadways. The reward for our first drive in the snow



Hotel Palace

was a view of Castle Neuschwanstein (Walt Disney modeled his castle in Orlando after this one). We were lost from the group on the return, but "instinct navigation" saved the day and we returned early enough to attend the rally dinner.

I had learned how to relax and enjoy the roads that were built to exploit the capabilities of the PORSCHE. The magnificent Swiss countryside prepared us for the 5-star Hotel Palace located on the shores of Lake Lucerne. It deserves its reputation as one of the top three hotels in Europe.

We departed Lucerne for spectacular mountain driving as we traveled the upper Alps of Bern going through the snow

Following a late Monday breakfast, we took the 911 back through western Austria and into Switzerland. The route offered many switch backs with hairpin turns, and by now



Driving the snowy Alps

❖ Respecting Porsche...

pass of Lake Thun, and arrived in Lenk for the evening. During the day, the 911 and I were becoming one – as I learned how it likes to be driven. Early evening we were driven to the mountaintop for a Cheese & Wine party at a family cheese factory, where the cheese is still made by hand. A wonderful lamb dinner concluded this active day.



The Bugatti Museum

The next day we left Lenk to drive up and across into southern France for lunch and a visit to the amazing Bugatti auto collection in Mulhouse, France. After lunch we dashed back to Stuttgart on the "no limit" German Autobahn. Even with no speed limit, I found the driving to be very regimented, safe and dependable. Before long, we were at our highest speed ever, but still well behind those who felt comfortable at 140, 150 and 160 mph



The Porsche factory's new car dealership.

The four day balance of our visit was back at the Hotel Inter-Continental in Stuttgart with side trips to medieval Rothenburg, a tour of the PORSCHE Factory complete with lunch with the employees, a medieval dinner at the Castle Götzenburg – and to top it off – hot laps at the Weissach Track with the professional PORSCHE Factory test drivers.

For our concluding Saturday evening festivity, we went to a true German Oktoberfest. Imagine seeing 5,000 Germans standing on the tabletops singing beer-induced Country & Western songs – what a sight! Could there be more to see here? We think not. It was time to go home.



Hot laps at Weissach

Yosemite Region Presents

MayMadness

A Pan-Am Rally
Saturday, May 8



Fee: \$20.00 per car, \$15.00 if preregistered by May 3
Registration at 8:45 A.M. • Driver/Navigator meeting at 9:30 A.M.

First car out at 10:01 A.M.

Bud Behrens and Jim Cooper, Rallymasters

Description: Official maps or instructions will be used to communicate possible routes to standoff and checkpoint controls so that entrants may arrive at each checkpoint at the time and in the direction specified. All roads are paved and public unless otherwise specified.

Classes: Everyone is in the same class. Permissible equipment includes clipboard, paper, pens/pencils, highlighters, a watch or timing device, and a single-memory calculator. No rally charts or tables, calculators, or computers are permitted. Each rally car must have a driver and a navigator.

Preregistration: It is strongly recommended that entrants study the general rules prior to the event. To obtain them, send your entry fee check in the amount to of \$15.00, payable to "Yosemite Region - PCA," and a self-addressed, stamped, legal-size envelope postmarked for delivery no later than May 3 to:

May Madness
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Directions: Start and finish will be in Stockton at the Marina Center on Benjamin Holt Drive, just west of I-5. From northbound I-5, take the Benjamin Holt exit and turn left; from southbound I-5, take the Benjamin Holt exit and turn right. Registration will adjacent the McDonald's.



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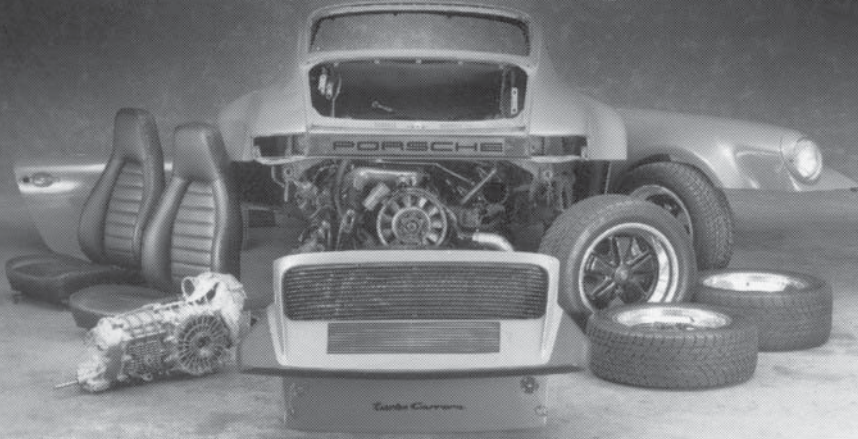
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Loma Prieta Region PCA



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4th BOARD MEETING

The March Board meeting was held on March 4, 2004, at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos. Board members in attendance were Bob & Karen Morgan, Susan Sickal, Emilie Highley, Harlan Pester, Liz Shaw, Kevin Bennett, and Vince Vincent. Other members present were Ralph Maines, Pete Siemens, John Reed, Angie Sharp, Cathy Carlson, Rob Ways, Paul Seidel-Smith, Nanci Bishop, Barry Pangrle, Bill Highley, and Hank Watts. Others present included Steve Taty, John Cole, and John Jeffries. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Emilie made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Vince and passed with unanimous approval.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Bob Morgan

Bob and Sue will review the list of Post advertisers who have paid this year's billing.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Emilie Highley

Emilie reviewed the list of March events that include a St. Patrick's Day Brunch on the 14th, a Tech Session on the 20th, an autocross on the 21st, and the one day Mt. Hamilton Tour on the 27th. She spoke of the Campbell Bunnies & Bonnets Parade to be held April 10th. She and Harlan announced a Good Time Gathering for Aug. 14th that will be in Santa Cruz. It will commence with a Harbor Cruise and end with dinner at the Crow's Nest.

SECRETARY: Karen Morgan

Karen had nothing new to report.

TREASURER: Susan Sickal

Sue published a report detailing income and expenses for the month of February. Income was \$1,951 and expenses were \$1,008.08. Sue reported that dual members and some advertisers have paid.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR: Harlan Pester

Harlan reported that insurance has been applied for to cover the March events.

MEMBERSHIP: Liz Shaw

One new member, John Penkoff, of Los Gatos, and one transfer from GGR, Bryan Perry, were nominated for membership. Vince proposed the new members be accepted and Emilie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Liz reminded the club of the New Members' Social to be held at Mtn. Mike's on 3/12.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Vince Vincent

Vince proposed one more minor change to the bylaws: that the ballots be counted by or on 11/5.

Kevin proposed a change to the bylaws linking them to the policies and procedures. In addition, he drafted a statement regarding charity functions to be added to the policies and procedures.

Harlan moved that the proposed revisions be accepted. Emilie seconded the motion and it carried. Vince will work with Kevin to publish the proposed by-law revisions in the April Post.

EDITOR: Kevin Bennett

Kevin reported a problem with the PageMaker software. He received some feedback.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webmaster - Greg Sickal

Greg was not present at this meeting.

Autocross – Cathy Carlson

Cathy reported the May 16th autocross date has been changed to April 25th and the Zone 7 autocross site has been changed to Alameda. Cathy met with Marina Airport personnel and discussed some issues. She clarified the autocross contract with Marina Motorsports (including the security costs). She will act as an accountant for Marina Motorsports at the autocrosses.

Rob Ways led the discussion regarding the increase in autocross fees. Vince moved that the autocross fees be rolled back to \$30 with a review of profits/losses after each autocross. Sue seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Reed presented the club with a \$500 autocross sponsorship check from CT Automotive. Bob will write CT automotive a thank you letter.

Safety – John Reed

John will be at the tech session, the autocross, and tour.

Tech – Ralph Maines

Ralph reminded the club of the next tech session at Clear Armour on 3/20.

Bob needs to talk to Al at Part Heaven about setting up corrals at the Swap Meet.

Goodie Store – Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Joe & Cheryl were not present at this meeting. Emilie and Bill will bring Goodie Store samples to the New Members' Social.

Drivers Education – Pete Siemens

Pete introduced Steve Taty, Hank Watts, John Cole, and John Jeffries who, along with Pete, explained the Drivers Education Series (titled Coastal Driving School). Pete gave the event background – it was designed to be an introductory experience at a track environment. Hank, Chief Driving Instructor, discussed the rigorous driver instructor training. Steve, past president of MBR, talked about the Monterey Bay Region's focus.

❖ Minutes...

John Jeffries, Chairperson, presented the event details. Liz Shaw was also introduced as the Registrar.

The event will take place at Thunderhill Raceway on April 11th. The cost is \$145 for the one-day event. Instructors will pay \$36 and 3 slots will be comped (Chair, CDI, and Registrar). There are 130 – 140 slots available. Porsche club members have first rights to the sign-ups. After 3/21, the event will be opened to other car clubs. It is projected that there will be 32 instructors and 64 entrants.

Pete presented a memorandum of understanding with the Monterey Bay Region for this event. Liz moved to approve it and Vince seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Cecil Beach of Body Style has provided a \$400 sponsorship. Details regarding the establishment of a bank account were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Membership Roster - There was some discussion about putting the membership directory on a CD. A motion, made by Harlan and seconded by Emilie, was approved to spend monies to publish the directory in a booklet format.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Printer Proposal – Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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