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August 14—Chardonnay Tour • August 21—Debbie Does Everything BBQ

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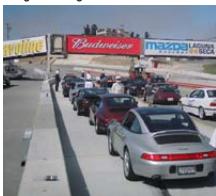
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Drivers at the DE line up to take aim at those apexes.

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President's Notepad

Robert Morgan, President



This has been a very busy summer thus far. We have been to a Driver's Ed. at Laguna Seca, followed by the 49th annual Porsche Parade in Ft. Worth Texas. Then we had the LPR Family Picnic at Kelley Park. There are so many opportunities to participate in fun-filled events, I certainly encourage you to attend and share the enthusiasm. Check the calendar for upcoming events.

Elsewhere in this POST, you can see articles on the various events, but I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate LPR, the POST, and Barry Pangrle for winning 3rd place in the PCA National Newsletter competition. This is a great honor for our region. I heard several very positive comments on the quality of the POST. I hope we will compete again next year in ALL the national competitions-you never know! It's just a matter of submitting the application. Really, we can be proud of our region members and their contribution to our region and to PCA as a whole. We are, and always have been a very significant region. Just ask Ken Iles or Tom Provasi! Zone 7 (to which LPR belongs) is also very important. As a zone, we offer everything from social, to rallies, technical to autocross, driver's ed. to concours, time trials, and much much more. I would encourage you to attend the 50th Porsche Parade next year in Hershey, Pennsylvania. It will certainly be a memorable event.

If you haven't been to the website lately, you will notice a few changes. Greg Sickal has been busy adding calendar items, and even adding a Driver's Ed. section, now that we're active in that. The POST is now in color on the website. Kevin has been able to put the photos in color on the web version of the POST, although we will still have to limit the color in the printed version to the front and back covers only. We are taking a survey to determine how many members really use their printed copy, and how many would prefer to access the web for their POST. The advantage to the web is that it is always current and up-to-

❖ President's Notepad...

date with event information. In fact, the POST goes up on the website at the same time it goes to the printer so you can get an “advance copy” each month as soon as it’s finished! Honestly, printing the POST is the biggest single expense for the club, and we will continue to do it, but there are many who find it preferable to use the web, and never really use the printed version. We want to send you a printed POST if you’ll use it, but want you to know that you can always get the latest and greatest on-line.

Be sure to check your calendar to stay abreast of all the activities, and please, RSVP early if you can. It really helps in the planning of events to know how many will attend.

We do need to nominate officers for next year. There is a two-term limit on service, so many of us need to relinquish our positions to others. If you have benefited from the region, I would ask you to consider being active on the board. We need you, new member or old, to participate in the leadership of the region. Please notify Vince Vincent of your interest!

In case you’re wondering, I took the Silver Fox to Parade. The Junkyard Dog just couldn’t be repaired in time. Oh, it’s nothing serious, I tried to change out the Catalytic Converter, and couldn’t get the rusted bolts loose-I just ran out of time. It was a good test of my rebuilt motor, I can tell you. I need to adjust the valves when I get back. I’m writing this from Texas, prior to driving back to the Bay Area. Wish me luck.

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POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



I recently attended a party thrown by Bill and Emilie Highley to celebrate his mother's ninetieth birthday. It was a lavish affair with a sumptuous table, flowing champagne and live entertainment in the form of an Elvis impersonator. Elvis was a big hit with all of the revelers and, the next day, his performance got me thinking about visionaries.

There have certainly been some renowned examples of visionary zeal in my lifetime. John Kennedy immediately comes to mind for his decision to go to the moon, because, while he surely didn't see Silicon Valley as a direct descendant of that decision, he certainly foresaw that there would be a large commercial impact in the technological development that would enable achieving such a goal. Martin Luther King saw a better world for blacks and was a driving force in a civil rights movement that has created innumerable opportunities for minorities. Ronald Reagan was the first to see that government could not be the panacea for all ills. He ran for smaller, more efficient government as well as lower taxes and to this day, that platform is the standard by which most candidates are judged.

Here in Silicon Valley, we are blessed with what I think is one of the great business visionaries of my time. Steven Jobs founded Apple Computer based solely on his hobby as a technology wonk. I don't think that he foresaw the PC industry turning into the behemoth that it is, but then many folks in this valley have founded large, successful firms. What sets Jobs apart is that he left Apple, stumbled with Next, but then hit the long ball again with Pixar, a pioneer in the field of computer generated animation. During Jobs' absence, Apple became an also ran in the computer industry which this writer predicted would gradually disappear from the scene. Instead, after years of floundering, the company brought Jobs back and under his guidance, the now flourishing company has offered up numerous stylish and innovative computer designs (colors no less!), specialized software applications (digital photography, music) and ancillary computer oriented products (the

company's Ipod is the hottest thing in the marketplace.) In an era of obscene overpayment of CEOs, Jobs is one of the few worthwhile examples of how valuable a single man can be to a company.

Another hot visionary at this moment is none other than Michael Moore. Moore is the Oscar winning director of documentaries who made his first big splash with 1989's "Roger & Me," wherein he debuted his ambush/confrontational style of documentary journalism. Last year he won the Academy Award for the anti-NRA "Bowling for Columbine" and he has just released "Fahrenheit 9/11" which, after its opening weekend, is already the highest grossing documentary in the history of Hollywood. Moore has made it plain that one of the goals of his latest work is to contribute to the ouster of President Bush in the next election. I don't care for his politics and careful analysis of his documentaries reveals a high element of fiction in what he portrays as fact, but you have to give him credit for standing up for his beliefs as well as his visionary use of the heretofore relatively obscure genre of movie documentaries to prove that one man can truly make a difference.

The last visionary, and probably the least of the three, is Andy Kaufman. Yes, Andy Kaufman. Kaufman was a comedian who envisioned entire routines where the audience was the butt of the joke. He specialized in performances that centered on making the audience so uncomfortable, they were ready to explode with appreciation when he finally gave them something to enjoy. One of his all time classics is the routine he did on Saturday Night Live wherein he stood next to a cheap record player while it played the "Mighty Mouse" theme song. The seconds tick by, the song reels off, Kaufman just stands there, you wonder what the hell is going on then, finally, Kaufman, with vaudevillian verve, lip-syncs, "Here I come to save the day," and brings the house down.

I am sure you are asking yourself why I have included Kaufman, a semi-successful comedian who has been labeled a "pop-cultural prankster and entertainment terrorist" and who died at the age of 35, with two other men who are clearly giants in their respective fields. To answer that, I have to talk about another comedy routine of Kaufman's. He came on stage in the persona of "foreign man," which is also the character he used in playing Latka, the mechanic in the TV series, "Taxi." He proceeded to do a series of truly awful impressions. Imagine Latka doing takes on Cary Grant and Jimmy Cagney. The tortuous impressions go

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on for so long that you are squirming in your seat, uncomfortable and embarrassed for this poor inept boob. Finally, the act ends with an impersonation, in full costume, which is so right-on that it just blows the audience away, allowing Kaufman to leave the stage to thunderous applause. Who was the subject of this impersonation? Why it was Elvis, of course, and that's why Kaufman is included in this list. He was the very first Elvis impersonator, spawning literally thousands of copycats and a minor entertainment industry.

Caption Contest

John Reed and I have been having so much fun writing captions that we have decided to give all the members a shot at this bit of club levity. Check out the flyer on page 30 and send in an entry. Don't be bashful, cause if you don't win, no one but the judges will even know you entered. All you alpha-male competitive types will be risking nothing with the potential of enduring fame as the first winner of what I hope to be a series of such contests. Take on the job and send me an email; remember, it's all in fun!

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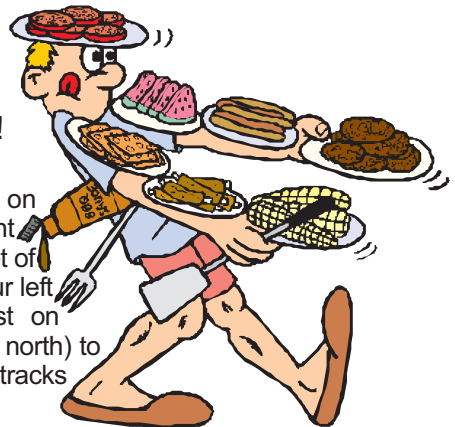
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That's right, the Bennetts are breaking out all of their tried and true recipes and cooking up a storm for LPR. Appetizers, salads, smoked pork butt, ribs, side dishes and desserts will all be whipped up by Debbie with a dash of Kevin sprinkled in. In addition to the great food, the Bennetts are cooking up a novel entertainment to round out the evening, so don't miss out on what is sure to be an august event.

The cost will be \$15.00 per person

RSVP to Kevin or Debbie at
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Hostetter (Capital-Hostetter from the north) to
left on Rue Avati (across the railroad tracks
is too far).



Member Notes

Liz Shaw, Membership Director



This month we're welcoming our first Cayenne owning members and we have 2 of them! When the Cayennes became available in the US last year, I wondered when we'd get our first Porsche SUV owners. I heard from one dealer in San Jose that over 50% of their new vehicle sales were for Cayennes.

I decided to gather some statistics of the LPR membership to see what everyone was driving. The listing I receive from PCA National only lists one car for each member and I know that many members own more than one Porsche (lucky dogs!). So based on a membership of 293, here are the statistics: 57% 911's, 11% 356's, 9% Boxsters, 7% 944's, 5% 914's, 5% 912's, 2% 968's, 2% 928's, 1% 924's and 1% Cayennes. I've rounded up for the 924's and Cayennes, as we only have 2 of each of those models. I was a little surprised (but pleased) with the percentage of 356 owners (yes, I'm biased in their favor). It'd be interesting to get more accurate statistics of what everyone drives, to include the Porsches for the multiple-car owners. I think several people own one for competition and one for their daily driver or as a collector car.

So to get back to the Cayenne owners, I'll introduce them. From Santa Cruz, we have Leonardo Adame and his wife, Linda Goldwyer. They have a 2003 Cayenne S. The other Cayenne owner is Sherry Fang, who lives in Sunnyvale with her husband, Mark Santoro. Sherry uses her SUV for her daily driver and, although no interests were listed on her membership application, I hope she joins us for a Good Time Gathering or tour very soon.

For the month of July, we also have Robert and Shelly Simonich from Tracy. They have a 1973 911.

Los Gatos residents Elizabeth and Brian McMahon just bought a 1973 white 914 and they're very interested in getting involved in LPR's

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activities. I had a very nice conversation with Elizabeth and she said that she's excited to own her 914 and she wants to get involved in Autocross, Drivers' Ed., Technical, and Social.

Finally, transferring into LPR are Michael and Pamela Hushaw. They live in Aptos and they have 2 Porsches: a 1986 951 and a 1995 993.

Welcome, everyone – we're glad to have you and we look forward to seeing you at the next LPR event!

Liz Shaw
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Upcoming LPR Events

September

- 9/2 LPR Board 7:000 p.m. at Mt. Mike's
- 9/5 Livermore Wine Tour
- 9/11 Pool Party with the Iles
- 9/17 New Member Social at Mtn. Mikes Pizza
- 9/19 LPR Autocross #6 at Marina
- 9/25 One Day Tour

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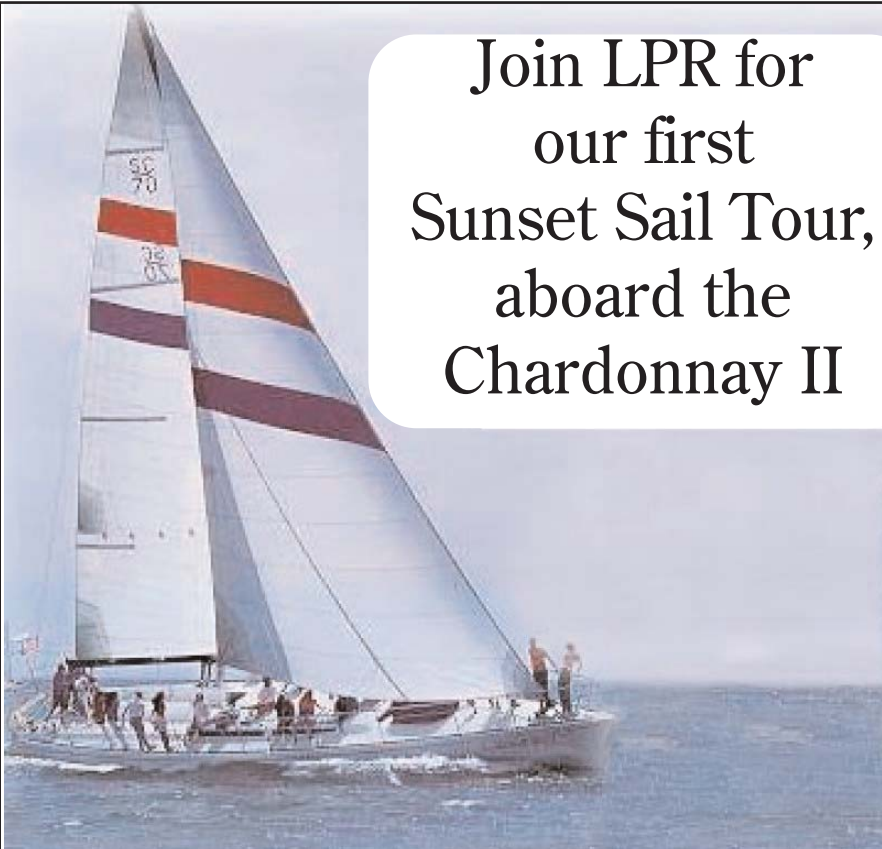
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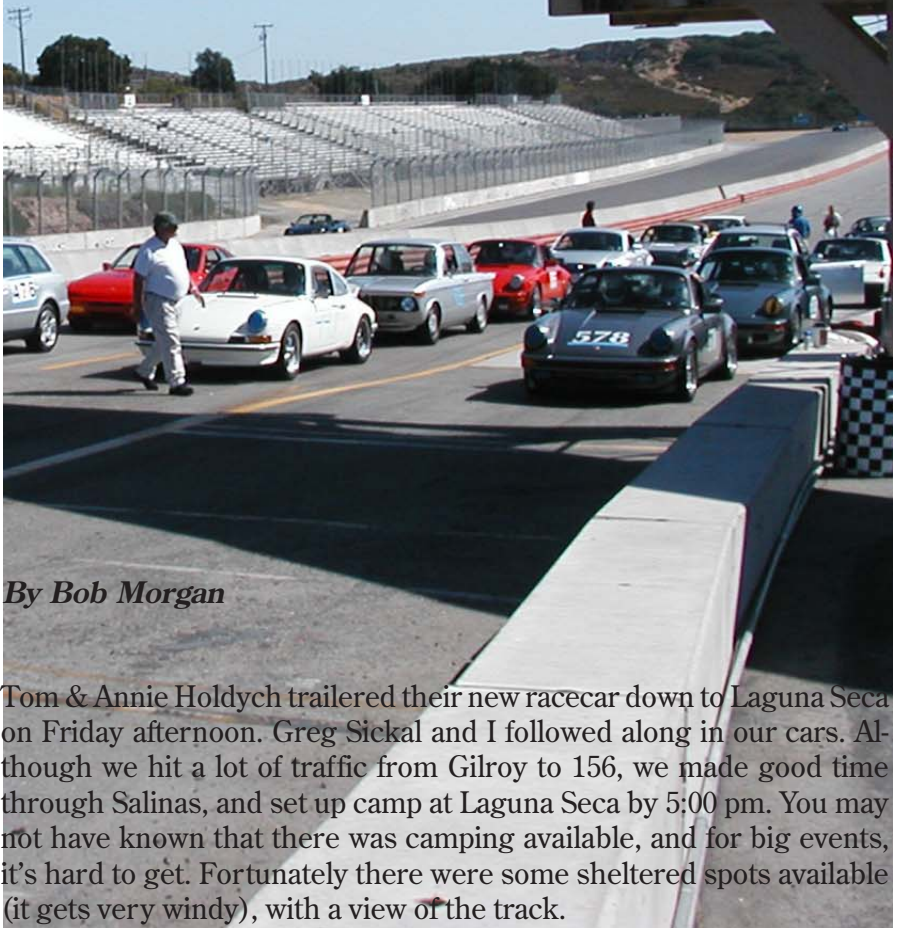
Only 20 spots available. Call Harlan Pester @
408-891-4404 before Aug. 6th to sign on.

Please advise Harlan if you plan to join us for dinner
to follow at the Crow's Nest Restaurant at 8:14 P.M.

Directions and other important information on the web at
<http://lpr.pca.org/flyers/081404-ChardonnayTourMap.pdf>

Driver's Ed. Camping at Laguna Seca

Photos by Bob
Morgan and
Harlan Pester



By Bob Morgan

Tom & Annie Holdych trailered their new racecar down to Laguna Seca on Friday afternoon. Greg Sickal and I followed along in our cars. Although we hit a lot of traffic from Gilroy to 156, we made good time through Salinas, and set up camp at Laguna Seca by 5:00 pm. You may not have known that there was camping available, and for big events, it's hard to get. Fortunately there were some sheltered spots available (it gets very windy), with a view of the track.

We were able to get our cars checked Friday night by Pete Siemens. We off-loaded some of our stuff and went back up to camp. Tom & Annie had brought some MRE (military-style meals) Barbequed Ribs. This was a package big enough to feed eighteen. Sure. We were all a little skeptical, but the (Mc)ribs were pretty good, and it went well with the corn-on-the-cob and fruit that Annie had brought. Later that evening Pete and his son Eric came up and stayed at our campsite. We got to talk about the track and Greg asked about a million questions! This was Greg's first Driver's Ed. event, whereas Tom, Annie & I had gone to the first event at ThunderHill in April. We felt very expert.



This Carrera Speedster was a star of the event as it turned heads everywhere it went.

The next morning Tom woke and started breakfast. It was a classic “pancakes & bacon” breakfast, and we indulged heartily. Pete and Eric were quite surprised at our preparedness and especially Tom's ability to whip up gourmet meals on a campfire.

Cars were lining up to get onto the track at 6:00 am. We drove down to the track at about 7:30 am. We were in no hurry since we had “tech'd” the night before. The driver's meeting was at 8:15 and JJ (John Jeffries recently of LPR), introduced the staff: stewards Ed Shih and John Houston, Competition Directors Steve Taty of MBY and Pete Siemens of LPR, Registrar and Webmaster Liz Shaw of LPR, and last but not least, Chief Instructor Hank Watts, also an LPR member. Hank took all the novices into the classroom for orientation. He reviewed the meaning of the flags, and covered the rules for passing. Passing is only allowed in the straights, never in the turns, and ONLY with a signal from the driver being passed. This is to ensure there are no surprises and to minimize danger and potential damage.

There were 4 run groups with 25 cars in each run group. Two of those run groups were novices. There were 25 instructors for the groups and they had to switch back and forth between novices' cars and their own cars. They are all volunteers, and it is obvious that they love to help people learn to drive fast. Of course, they like to drive even faster! I took a ride with John Teaseley, my instructor for Saturday, and with

John Jeffries on Sunday. I was amazed at how much faster they could drive with very similar cars to my own. I guess that's why they're the instructors and I'm the student.

Annie Holdych and I were in the Novice 2 run group, while Tom Holdych and Greg Sickal were in Novice 1. The only unfortunate thing was that the first Novice 1 run was shortened because SpeedsterFest was going on and what seemed like a thousand Speedsters and 356's got to drive around the track starting at 10 am. There were cars from all over the US and Canada.



The 356 enthusiasts abounded as hundreds of the classic model showed up for this SpeedsterFest

There were Speedster lovers from all over the world, even a couple from Belgium. This was quite an event. It seemed like every Speedster ever built was at Laguna Seca celebrating the Speedster's 50th Anniversary. There were several prototypes and very rare cars, like the America

(is it RS America, or did that moniker come later), one of only 16 built. It was a beautiful thing to see.



I hear Greg Sickal was worried about the safety at these events. Guess he was concerned that they might be selling pieces of his car at this store...

My instructor for Saturday, John Teaseley was really great. He was very tolerant of the difficulties I had hitting the apexes, and encouraged me to try again at the next turn. I could feel my confidence (and speed), build as I began

to get the timing down. We were all starting to feel more comfortable. There were no major incidents, but during our Novice debrief we were

chastised as a group for not doing a better job signaling for passes. I think Hank's words were "This is the worst group I've ever seen" or something close to that. After that, we all tried very hard to let anyone that came up behind us get past at the first safe point.

My wife Karen had some difficulty finding the racetrack and finally arrived about 1:00 pm. She was so relieved to have arrived that she immediately went shopping!

By the end of the day I was exhausted! I had to exit early on my last session because I had started to miss apexes and brake points-just generally screwing up, and my instructor asked if I was alright. Apparently I wasn't, so I told him I would cut the session short and go in. He complemented me on that decision.

Karen and Annie left to go on an "all girls tour" to Malibu with Sue Sickal the following day. We had a nice barbecue and beer celebration in the pits hosted by Coastal Driving. Greg eventually had to leave because Sunday was all booked and, try as he might, he could not convince Liz to let him in. It really isn't her fault, Greg, the track has a 25 car limit and was all booked-up! I'm pretty sure Greg will register for both days next time...

That night we had Pete and Eric, Cat Siemens and Evan Williams, and John Teasely, my Saturday instructor, all staying at our campsite. I think it was better than in the pits where they had planned to stay. Of course it's not saying much that camping with us is better than "the pits". We had a great time re-hashing the days events and complementing one another. My big contribution Saturday night was supplying the S'mores, which are always a big campfire hit.



Tom Holdych is ready to hit the track and take dead aim at some of those apexes running around out there.

❖ Driver's Ed Camping...

The Sunday sessions went very well. Tom and I both felt we were getting smoother, and hitting the correct points on the track more often. Evan Williams was my morning instructor and he was very positive and helped me focus on being smooth and hitting apexes. Now I was only missing them about half the time. It really takes a lot of patience to be a good instructor. My afternoon instructor was Ken Mack (original owner of Ken's Sportech). He was very clear about what we would be working on (smoothness and hitting apexes, sounded pretty familiar), and I felt very comfortable, and made good progress. Except for taking turn 3 once without using my brakes (Ken was sure trying to brake for me, though), I did pretty well. Ken showed me a really good way to get around turn 9. While we're discussing turn 9, Tom Holdych was coming into that turn pretty fast, and got to experience his first spin! It was fine, he did what he was supposed to do ("both feet in", ask him), and he didn't hit anything. In fact he was most disappointed that he didn't have his video camera on at the time!



Everyone is grateful to the instructors who train the new drivers, but this one was clearly having so much fun he almost forgot that he was supposed to switch with the student.

I was so excited at the prospect of driving the track at Laguna Seca! I've wanted to do this since 1973. I was not disappointed. The format of Driver's Ed. is great because you have an instructor in the car, and they help you learn the course, pick the braking points, find the apexes, and generally help you learn to drive your car on the track in a safe and controlled manner. That sounds a lot tamer than it really is! You go as fast as you can while maintaining control of the car, and I can tell you, it's a lot faster than you thought you could drive safely. The Coastal Driving instructors are the best! They are all well-trained and very encouraging. The entire staff of Coastal Driving is excellent, and many of the staff and instructors are members of LPR. Thanks to all the instructors and staff of CDS for a wonderful experience. Let's do it again!

TOUR DE HEARST CASTLE

October 23-24, 2004

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Mark your calendars and RSVP soon! We're awaiting your call.



"There Castle!"



So there I was on a Friday night, relaxing after a week of stressful work and being inundated with Coastal Driving school registrations, when all of a sudden I was STUNG by the POST Pest, Debbie Bennett. She called up and very politely asked how I was doing, chatted for a few minutes, then BAM!! She stung me with her request to write an article about Harlan's upcoming party. I thought I was immune to her stings since I had told Kevin, her husband, and POST Editor, that I really

didn't like writing articles. Let this be a warning to all of you: you can run but you cannot hide – she will find you and task you with an article request. Don't worry, you'll get over it and you'll enjoy seeing your article printed and distributed to hundreds of Porsche drivers. What could be better??



Liz Shaw knows she's been caught going to the dogs...

Sam and I arrived at Harlan's house and immediately made our way to the cooler full of drinks and the table of appetizers. Many of the partygoers were already there: John Reed and Angie Sharp, Bob Morgan, Jim and Diane Cox, Ed and Karen Tefankjian, Greg and Sue Sickal, Hien Vu, Cecilia and her

two children, and Kevin and Debbie Bennett. Shortly after we arrived, Karen Morgan got there, with her son, Carlos and his college buddy



(sorry, don't remember his name). Paul Seidel-Smith and Nanci Bishop also arrived a little bit later. Emilie Highley made a cameo appearance, long enough to collect everyone's money. Unfortunately, she couldn't stay longer because of a prior commitment.

Greg Sickal clearly idolizes President Bob Morgan... so much so that in his desire to emulate him....

The table talk seemed to revolve around the upcoming drivers' education 2-day event at Laguna Seca, peoples' summer travel plans, recipes, college studies, and just about everything else when a group of people get together for a lovely June afternoon. Harlan definitely wins the contest when it comes to being perfectly prepared for hosting a

barbecue party. He has a huge, built-in grill, capable of barbecuing several types of meat at one time and he had enough food cooking to satisfy anyone's appetite. Harlan was constantly monitoring the grilling, setting out different dishes that people had brought, making sure everyone had everything they needed, and generally being a very busy host.



...he just had to find out if Bob dresses to the right or to the left.

Even though the crowd was a little small, I think everyone enjoyed each other's company. It was nice to have the chance to talk to just about everyone there, while enjoying delicious barbecued beef,



One (or once) is obviously not enough for Karen Morgan. Wonder how Bob feels about that?.



Harlan's backyard is



*Above: What's this? Someone actually went in the pool? Why it's Harlan himself, I'd recognize that bald spot anywhere.
Right: Karen Tefankjian looks at ease sitting in the partial shade. Angie Sharp looks like she has been caught with her hand in the cookie jar.*



Photos by John Reed



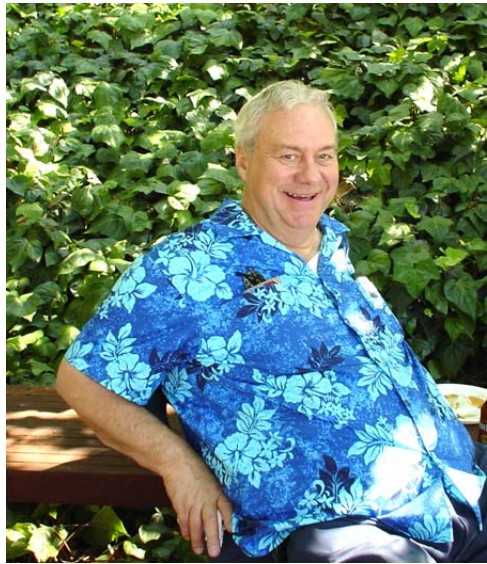
quite tropically lush...



Above right: Liz Shaw's dog clearly agrees with her as she strikes a coquettish pose with Sue Sickal and her big dog.



Ed Tefankjian (left) seems upset that Jim Cox (right) might have on a prettier shirt than his.



Right: Emilie Highley seems very pleased at the notion of sharing two more with Debbie Bennett, who seems equally pleased at the prospect.



❖ Stung at the BBQ...

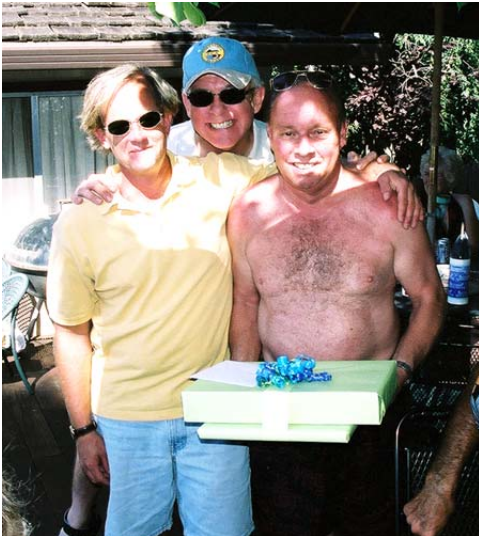
chicken and mango sausages, barbecued chicken breasts, cheddar mashed potatoes, a green bean dish, salads, and garlic bread. Am I making you hungry?? Hint: next time Harlan has a barbecue, be sure you sign up to attend because you know you'll enjoy lots of wonderful food.

Bob Morgan had a short meeting where he went over the rest of June's LPR schedule and into the activities for July. I think every other statement coming out of Bob's mouth had something to do with the drivers' ed. at Laguna Seca.



Bob goes inside to check out the plumbing while poor Greg looks dazed and confused, saying, "He's in there..." as Debbie Bennett and the photographer try to distract him from his separation anxiety.

After everyone was pretty much finished with their late lunch/early dinner, Harlan was presented with a couple of great host's gifts: a salt and pepper shaker set, which was designed for grilling because of the extended wooden



Bob and Greg, finally reunited after some tense moments, present the thank you gift to Harlan Pester, the afternoon's host.

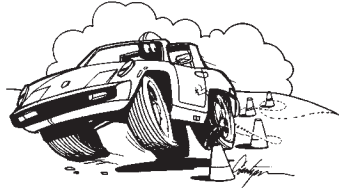
handles, and a Williams and Sonoma book about barbecuing. Very nice additions to Harlan's other treasured barbecue gift: a Porsche logo barbecue apron. I was at the LPR Christmas party where Harlan fought tooth and nail to get his hands on that apron.

All in all, a very pleasant way to spend the afternoon. It was very nice of Harlan to reschedule the GTG so that it would not conflict with the Laguna Seca drivers' education weekend, one week later.

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Afternoon registration: 11:30 A.M. - 12:10 P.M.

Fee: \$30.00 per driver per day - Some loaner helmets available

Exhaust restrictions are 92db @50ft.

For directions, go to: <http://www.pca-ggr.org/acvenues.html#alamedapoint>. A catering/vending truck will be available at the site for snacks and lunch as well as a sports bar & grill open to the public in the Bladium Sports Center

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Extended Stay America, 1350 Marina Village Parkway; Queen \$75.00, King \$79.00 plus tax; trailers O.K. 510-864-1333. Walking distance to Chevy's for the Saturday dinner.

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Saturday Night Dinner

There will be a casual Saturday dinner at Chevy's, 2400 Mariner Square. Cost is \$30.00 per person and includes appetizers, meal, soft drinks/beer/or margaritas. For reservation, send your check, payable to "PCA-GGR" to: Cathy Carlson, 14144 Campagna Way, Watsonville, CA 95076 (831) 728-3190. *The deadline for Reservations is August 1.*

Autocross Chairs

Cathy Carlson (LPR), 831-728-3190 or e-mail 3caces@redshift.com and Rob Ways at ways@mindspring.com

Doug and Dana Ambrisko (GGR) 650-903-0652 or e-mail autox@ambrisko.com



"I told you we should have filled the tank on the way in..."

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at Marina

"Quit complaining and save your breath for the straightaway."



Right: Announcer Terry Zaccone keeps a sense of humor ongoing in the timing trailer.



Left: Never too early to get started; quick kid, pull his finger!



"Good thing the top's off, I haven't had gas this bad since Mother's Day!"





Left: These guys better watch it, rumor is that that guy wearing the hood is a narc.

Right: Poor Cathy Carlson, she dropped her top and nobody paid any attention...



Left: A big smile and thumbs up from Joe Pruss. Looks like he's happy not to be in the line of Bob Morgan's exhaust!

Left: While it's true that you can crack walnuts by rolling your car over them, it makes eating them extremely awkward!



CAPTION CONTEST

Put on your thinking caps,
have some fun and
win one of two coveted prizes!

First prize is a free pass into the Debbie Does It All BBQ on August 21. Second prize is a prepaid MEDIA card and guaranteed participation in the mystery entertainment to take place at the same event.



Since this is the pick on Greg Sickal issue, you are being asked to create a caption for the above photo and email it with "caption contest" in the subject line to badass@ix.netcom.com on or before August 18. The entries will be judged by Kevin Bennett, Ken Iles and John Reed, all of whom will, of necessity, not otherwise be participating. The judges' decision will be final. Only the prize winning authors and their entries will be revealed. Since the prizes apply only to the August 21 BBQ, the winning entries will be announced at that event. The photo and winning caption will be reprinted in the October issue of the POST.

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49th Porsche Parade Diary

By Bob Morgan

Photos by Barry Pangrle

Thursday at 6:30 am we met up with Bud and Maryann Behrens, Terry Zaccone, and Larry and Greg Adams at a little rest stop on Highway 5, 30 miles south of Santa Nella. I'd met some of these people before, but didn't really know them. It was a quiet ride at first, I wasn't sure if my FRS was working...but after awhile, Terry and Maryann began chatting as we made our way south. We met up with Rik Larson and Al Armellini, Dave Darling and his friend Brad, and Brad Zarcoff in Flagstaff that evening. There's something about a tour (especially a multi-day tour like this), that allows you to get to know everyone much better. I must say that by the end of the week we all felt like we'd been friends for years. It's a good thing that Bud and Maryann had a Valentine Radar detector because it showed the direction of the radar. This comes in handy at 90 mph because if the officer is coming the other direction, you need to react quickly. There was one occasion when we were being "pinged" and as we slowed a Ford Taurus passed us. The Arizona Highway Patrol officer going the opposite direction saw us and saw the guy passing us, so he slid sideways on the center divider (a very skillful move), and pulled up behind us. We'd slowed down, and seeing the officer, the Taurus also slowed and pulled in front of our group, but not quick enough to avoid being tick-



Author Bob Morgan looks fashionably chic in his racing duds... he should wear those boots to all LPR events.



Marcia Lommatzsch and her dream cowboy, husband Mike.

and pulled in front of our group, but not quick enough to avoid being tick-

eted. Bud noted that it served him right for passing Porsches. By the way, we now know why Bud uses a cane. It's so he can walk with that lead foot of his!

Traveling through the Southwest is sometimes beautiful, but mostly hot and tedious. The chatter on the radios was entertaining, as we zipped along toward Parade. We spent Friday night in Amarillo, and traveled to Ft. Worth on Saturday. Texas highway 287 was an interesting stretch, and



Suzette Pangrle and a Carrera GT 440... that's 440 as in \$440,000.00.

Dave's friend Brad kept us informed of the local color as he'd spent 20 years in that area. He said when they'd get bored, they used to go out at night and tip over cows. That stretch of road was very interesting as we'd have 4-lane highway at 70 mph, changing rapidly to city streets at 30 mph, and then back to 70 mph highway. There were police waiting in



The concours site with its brick pavement was almost as pretty as the cars on display.

each little town. We uncharacteristically obeyed every road sign during this stint!

We finally arrived in Ft. Worth, and made it to the Welcome Tent, where we were greeted with cold water and a Maverick region welcome. They gave us directions to the Hotel and we drove on over. The Renaissance

Worthington Hotel in Ft. Worth was our Parade site and nearly all our group stayed there. This made for great fun as we could coordinate impromptu room parties, and meet up at events. Saturday evening I

went to DFW Airport to pick up Karen, who chose to fly in and out. Sunday, we finished registration, visited the Goodie Store and Hospitality rooms, meeting up with all sorts of friends. Tom and Sandy Provasi, Mike and Marcia Lommatzsch, Barry and Suzette Pangrle among others. Sunday night was the welcome dinner, and our Loma Prieta Region newsletter won Third place in the newsletter competition! Silly me forgot to bring a camera! We are all very proud of Barry, who was the editor of the Post during the judged year. The pressure is on, Kevin.

Monday was the Concours d'Elegance, and many of our group signed up to work (rather than compete in) that event. We had to meet at 5:45

am, but only had to work till 10:30 (that is the cool part of the day). It was great to participate in the event, even as a timer, because we got to see some beautifully-prepared cars up-close. Monday night is the Concours banquet. It is a formal affair, and our entire group was dressed to the nines. A very handsome group we were!



How could you have a Parade without a Porsche Tractor?

Tuesday was the Rally. Several Zone 7 teams were involved, and I chose to work the checkpoint (Control 1). We had some difficulties at our checkpoint as our radio went dead and we couldn't hear the car numbers as they passed the entry-point. Of course this happened when we had a group of about 20 cars arrive in quick succession. Unfortunately we kept some people waiting for 30 minutes while we scrambled to get the timing slips out to everyone. Jay Toney and his daughter came into Control 1 with a stuck throttle! One of our worker team just happened to be a Porsche mechanic at Park Place Porsche, one of the parade sponsors. He successfully got them back on the road, with no time penalty. This was quite fortunate as they ended up winning the rally overall, and received the national driving and navigating awards at the Rally banquet that evening. Bud and Maryann won their class as well, as did Rik Larson and Al Armellini. Zone 7 won 3 of the 4 classes in the Rallye. Well-done!

Wednesday was the first of three days of Autocross. Tom and Sandy Provasi smoked the competition with top times of day. I will not be there for the awards on Saturday night, but I doubt anyone will beat them. Many of our group participated in the Driver's Education event at Texas Motor Speedway. This race track is best known for hosting Nascar events but also hosts the American LeMans series. We drove the ALMS course which uses the oval (with 45 degree banking) as well as the road course. It was lots of fun! This is a huge facility, seats 250,000 spectators (although we didn't quite have that many), and is really overwhelming when you enter the infield. I guess I would liken it to stepping onto a professional Football field, only twice as large. We even had a Texas thunderstorm to challenge us as we drove. We got to drive in the rain, and the banked turns were quite interesting. The event was halted during the

thunderstorm (the lightning was very close), so as not to endanger the corner workers, but we were able to resume fairly quickly. That evening I took Karen back to the airport, and after the Rallye Awards dinner, Tim Fleming, the Zone 7 Representative, and his wife Susan hosted a little wine and dessert party in their room. We were having a great time! In fact, Hotel Security had to tell us to quiet down on two occasions, once while Tom and Eleanor Bobbitt were there.



Tom and Sandy Provasi have to be the award winningest couple in LPR.... here for Fastest Time.

Thursday was the day for most of us to autocross, and the course was really challenging. Barry and Suzette drove their 944S, and Suzette was driving so hard that she spun, twice! I wish I could tell you that I won my class, but no, I came in fourth. That may not sound too bad, but there were only four cars in my class. I have brought shame to LPR and will never let that happen again! Next year I'll find a way to bring sticky tires! That night we had a good time recounting the day, I can tell you.

So now it's Friday and I am beginning my drive home. I hope to arrive in time to attend the LPR Family Picnic at Kelley Park on Sunday.

Congratulations to all the Zone 7 winners! And as one person said—"we all won, we got to drive!"

Sacramento Valley Region Presents

Ridge Runner I

A Pan-Am Rally

Saturday, August 21, 2004



Fee: \$20.00 per car, \$15.00 if preregistered by August 16
Registration at 7:45 A.M. • Driver/Navigator meeting at 8:30 A.M.
First car out at 9:01 A.M.
Ron Boeck, Rallymaster

Description: Official maps or instructions will be used to communicate possible routes to stand off and checkpoint controls. There may be non-visual and DIY checkpoints. The rally route will include the Wine Region, the Gold Country, and the High Sierras. Classes and equipment restrictions will be defined and announced at registration. Every rally car must have a driver and a navigator.

Directions: Start is at the Elk Grove Brewery in Old Town Elk Grove. For directions, to go <<http://www.elkgrovebrewery.com/>>

Preregistration: Entrants should study the general rules prior to the event. To obtain them, send your entry fee check in the amount of \$15.00, payable to "PCA-SVR," and a self-addressed, stamped, legal-size envelope postmarked for delivery no later than August 16 to:

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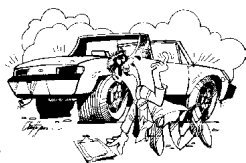
Barbecue fee: \$6.00 per person (\$3.00 for kids under 10)

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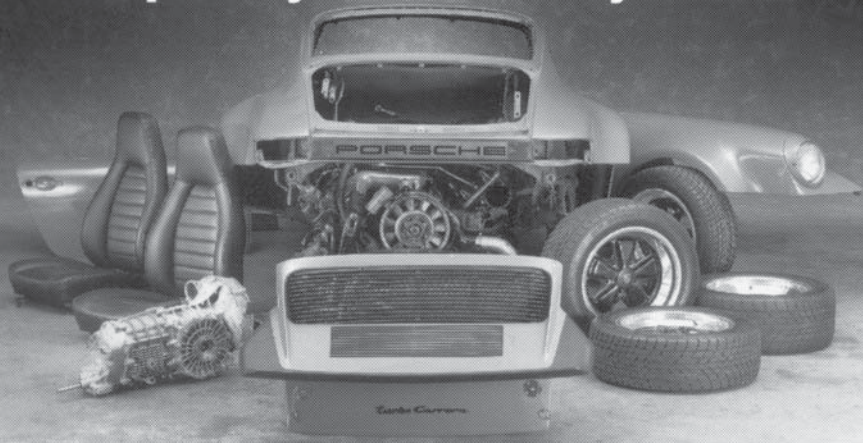
To preregister for the concours and the barbecue, send your check, made payable to "PCA-YR," to Norm Swanberg, 15721 N. Free Road, Lodi, CA 95242. The barbecue menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and soda. Be sure to indicate the number of barbecue lunches.

Directions: exit Highway 99 at Beckwith/Standiford Avenue. Proceed east to Tully Road, turn right on Tully, turn left on Rumble, turn right on College Ave., and turn right at the first entrance to the park. The concours site is the horseshoe turnaround directly ahead.

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Sacramento Valley Region Presents



September 18th & 19th, 2004

Rally Fee - \$55.00 per car if received by Aug. 16; thereafter - \$65.00

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Preregistration is recommended.

General instructions for the rally will be sent around September 10th.

Rallymaster: Keith McMahan.

Tourmasters: Richard Swenson and Judy Hanna.

Fees include a Saturday afternoon social and barbecue at the finish. There will be a Saturday afternoon walking rally contest. Start is at the Raley Shopping Center in Loomis, approximately 25 miles east of Sacramento. Take the Horseshoe Bar exit on I-80 and turn right onto Horseshoe Bar Road. Registration will open at 8:30 A.M. 25 rooms have been reserved at the Inn at Truckee. Call (888) 773-6888; be sure to mention the Porsche Club rate. The special rate and the rooms will be held until are sold out by 6:00 P.M. on September 1st. For further information, contact Rik Larson at (916) 481-6084 (before 9:00 P.M., please) or e-mail <sysnake@comcast.net>



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The July Board Meeting was held on July 1, 2004 at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos. Board members present were: Liz Shaw, Harlan Pester, Vince Vincent, Kevin Bennett, and Karen Morgan. Other members in attendance were: Ralph Maines, Barry & Suzette Pangrle, Ken & June Iles, John Reed, and Angie Sharp. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vince moved to accept the previous month's board minutes and Harlan seconded. Minutes were approved.

Directors' Reports

President: Bob Morgan

Bob was not present at this meeting. Karen Morgan conducted the meeting.

Vice-President: Emilie Highley

Emilie was not present at this meeting. Karen presented Emilie's budget for the Family Picnic. Liz moved to approve a budget of \$1000. This motion was seconded by Harlan and passed. Kevin reminded the club that RSVPs need to be made by Friday, July 9th.

Secretary: Karen Morgan

Karen had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Sue Sickal

Sue was not present at this meeting. Karen presented Sue's report for the month of June. This report showed an income of \$7,450 and expenses of \$2,643.92.

Membership: Liz Shaw

Liz presented several new members: Robert & Shelly Simonich from Tracy, Leonardo Adame from Santa Cruz, and Sherry Fang of Sunnyvale. Harlan moved to accept the new members and Vince seconded. The motion was approved.

❖ Minutes...

Member At Large: Vince Vincent

Vince reported that the Nominations Committee had met and that letters will be sent to prospective nominees to invite them to run for office. A discussion on changes to Policies & Procedures was deferred to next month.

Editor: Kevin Bennett

Kevin announced the Membership Roster was ready for mailing. It is sponsored by Cecil Beach of Body Style and CT Automotive. A discussion of the POST's format was tabled to the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Greg Sickal

Greg was not present at this meeting.

Autocross: Cathy Carlson

Cathy was not present at this meeting. It was mentioned that the next autocross is July 25th at Marina and the Zone autocross will be held on August 7th. Concern was expressed concerning the cost of the Zone autocross.

Safety: John Reed

John reported that the last autocross was very safe. The start and finish were well away from each other.

Tech: Open Position

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Joe and Cheryl were not present at this meeting.

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

Liz Shaw reported that the Drivers Ed. event at Laguna Seca was very successful. An Laguna Seca rep said we ran "the cleanest event in years." There were approximately 100 drivers on Saturday and 99 on Sunday

Old Business:

Printer proposal – Nothing new to report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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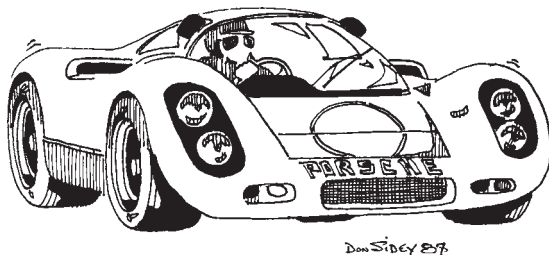
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