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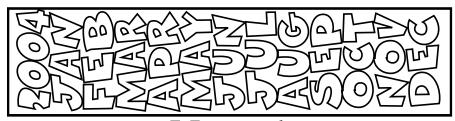
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President's Notepad

Robert Morgan, President



The advertisements and complete calendar are all in the POST, so check out all the upcoming events!

Highlights of upcoming events:

New Members Social

March 12th at Mt. Mike's in Los Gatos. This is a great time for new members to meet other new members, as well as the board members and committee chairpersons. These socials are always well attended so be sure to RSVP to Liz.

Campbell Easter Parade

On April 10th, we will begin our annual spring fling at Rudi and Joanna Herz's, then we'll caravan to the Bunnies and Bonnets Parade in Campbell (be sure to bring lots of candy to toss to the eager onlookers). Then we'll enjoy a wonderful Italian flavored lunch at Mama Mia's. See the announcement in the POST.

Autocross

Our first autocross of the new season is coming up. If you've never tried autocross, you really should. You can learn to drive your car in a safe format, and watch as your times improve. You'd be surprised at how much fun it is. Instructors are available, as are loaner helmets. Give it a try, you'll have a great time.

Driver's Education

We are teaming up with the Monterey Bay Region to try to offer a Driver's Education session. The specifics aren't available yet, but keep an eye

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open for an upcoming announcement. For a better understanding of what Driver's Education is all about, see the PCA Driver's Education website at http://www.pca.org/drivers ed/index.html.

I am very excited about the support this event is receiving. I look forward to at least one event this year. It would fulfill a dream of mine to be able to drive my car on the Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca, Infineon Raceway at Sears Point, or even Thunderhill. I know this will be a very popular program, so be sure to respond

quickly when the details are advertised.

That's all for now, I hope to see you all at the autocross.

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POST POSITIONS



Kevin Bennett, Editor

Fear

In an effort to stay healthy, or as healthy as possible, I have taken to doing a substantial amount of walking, probably averaging over 30 miles a week. Whenever I have some errand to run, the first thing that enters my mind is the question of whether I can do it walking. I know that it's blasphemy to talk about this to a car club, but I walk to the grocery store, the drug store, to the movies; if I could figure out a way to do it I'd walk to fill the car with gas. One of the paths that I take is along a long stretch of railroad right-of-way that is totally isolated by walls and fences for more than a half-mile. There is a lot of gang graffiti on the walls and that coupled with the lack of an escape route got me thinking about danger, safety and caution.

Call it what you will; caution, prudence, care, wariness... fear is a major survival factor in almost every species. I see it all the time in the animal world, cautious squirrels, flighty birds and scaredy cats. It is common to see or hear about it regarding humans, too. Not only the major phobias that we hear about, but small ones, too. People who won't drive on freeways or go out at night, won't go into certain parts of town, or won't fly in airplanes. In the highly artificial world in which we humans now live, however, fear, in relation to the benefit that it seemingly provides to a species, has in many ways been turned on its ear.

Thrills

Entire industries have evolved to cater to those who choose to flaunt the notion of fear and skate on the edge of danger just for the excitement. Skydiving, hang gliding, rock climbing, and bungee jumping all entail a level of distain for gravity. Downhill snow sports like skiing and sledding, as well as racing sports involving cars, airplanes and motorcycles all have an equal lack of respect for the effects of the sudden stop. Even the thrill of our own autocross activities involve an element of danger; and before you inundate me with email about the grand record of safety for AX, just remember to explain why helmets are mandatory.

Not all of the catering to thrill seekers is even really dangerous. Carnivals and theme parks are all loaded with rides that give the body the impression that it is in danger... you hold your breath and your pulse quickens... yet more people by far are killed or injured in their bathtubs in one day than on thrill rides in a whole year. Actually, few people die in any of these activities and the injury level is also relatively small. It is often, in fact, big news when the odds finally catch up with someone and major injuries or death occurs; just look at all the coverage of the recent shark attack on the surfer girl.

Risk

Because so many people participate in dangerous activities with no negative effect, a perception has been engendered in large segment of the population that they can just disregard the need to fear, that is, look out for their own personal safety. Perhaps the legal profession has reinforced this notion by encouraging folks to sue someone every time they do something stupid, like putting a hot cup of coffee between their legs while driving.

Several years back I was driving a van on Lafayette Street in Santa Clara. I had the green light and a guy started sauntering across the street against the red light. We have all experienced a similar happening and usually the offending party will see you coming and hotfoot it out of the way of the oncoming traffic [in this case, me]. This guy didn't change his pace a bit as I crept up almost on top of him. He was offended by the fact that I finally stopped, still having the green light, about a foot from him, so he halted his progress directly in front of my van, put his hands on his hips and just glared at me. It is only mild hyperbole for me to say that I wish that I hadn't seen him and I had just run him down. So there I was, stuck in the intersection with this fearless clown blocking my path. It immediately occurred to me that I weighed in at over 2 tons and this idiot couldn't have weighed over 200 pounds; so I took my foot of the brake and let the idle roll the truck forward. Captain Fearless got a shocked look on his face and started hitting and kicking the front of the van as well as spitting on the windshield... but he got out of the way, velling curses at me as I drove off.

Assume the Risk

The only reason the Captain could get away with his act of defiance was because he felt he was assuming little or no risk. The artificial protections

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of our society are what provided him with this feeling of invulnerability. He knew that if I hit him, no matter what the circumstances, I would be putting myself at great legal risk and that is what allowed his imperious behavior.

I'm not sure exactly how it could be done, but I would certainly like to see more of the risk transferred back to the risk takers. I know that there used to be a lot of drunk driving in the early days of LPR, but the legal burden placed on offenders now has raised the fear [caution] level of the members to the point where everyone I know now has a structure to their drinking behavior that will preclude them from getting behind the wheel while impaired... which proves change is possible.

What it comes down to is that I don't like to see stupidity rewarded. I'd like to see the system changed so that when someone goes out and straps on a pair of skis, heads downhill, skis into a tree and kills himself, his heirs can't sue and say the tree shouldn't have been there. Same thing for the family of a driver who wraps his car around a tree at 120 MPH... who then sue the manufacturer on the basis that there was no warning to the owner that it was unsafe to drive at 120 MPH. Oh, and I'd like to take away the right to sue for damages from the sweet young thing who goes up to the hotel room of the sports superstar that she just met and then claims that she was raped; let her have him prosecuted to the max, but she doesn't deserve compensation... even if she's blonde.

Housekeeping

You should have noticed by now that there are a great many captions being included in the POST. They are being written by John Reed and myself. The two of us have agreed to share the responsibility for their creation, so if you like them, feel free to direct the praise to me... if you don't like them, John will be happy to listen to your complaints.

There is a notice on page 19 regarding a membership directory that your board of directors is planning on distributing to the masses. As there are many who are concerned about their privacy, it has been decided to allow members to opt out of inclusion in the roster. So speak up to Liz Shaw if you wish to remain an island.

There are several ads for events taking place in April. Some of them have early cut off dates so if you may be interested, check on them soon.

LPR's St.Patrick's Day Brunch



Don't forget the wearin' o' the green.

Sunday, March 14th 11:30 a.m.

at the

Los Gatos Brewing Company 130 N. Santa Cruz Avenue (at Gray's Lane), Los Gatos

Total cost is \$11.00 per person. Mimosa's can be purchased for \$5.50 each to accompany this fantastic 'brunch'.

Menu Selections (select one):

Banana hot cakes with Applewood smoked bacon, maple syrup French Toast topped with fresh berries & served with chicken apple sausage

Applewood smoked ham omelette, served with home fried potatoes

Smoked turkey & Applewood bacon club, basil pesto rub, tomatoes, butter lettuce, cheddar cheese & served with potato salad

All selections include complimentary coffee, tea or soft drinks

Contact: Emilie Highley at 408.267.6877 or Debbie Bennett at 408.926.1788 with your menu selections (checks for advanced payment can be sent to either;

Emilie @ 1468 Lesher Court, San Jose 95125 or Debbie @ 1918 Orolette Place, San Jose 95131)

Make your reservations on or before 10 March 2004

After brunch tour around Los Gatos - Old Town - the shops, galleries, museums; take the trail walking tour, plus wine tasting and more!

Member **Notes**



This year's Newcomer's Social is just around the corner and I'd like to invite all LPR members to join us at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos on the 12th of March. Even though this event is geared toward people who have joined LPR within the last year, it's always nice to see some members who might not have joined us at Good Time Gatherings or tours in the past year. I'll have lots of information about upcoming events, plus many of the people who are organizing these events will be on hand to give you further details or encourage you to sign up for something. We'll meet in the enclosed room to the right as you enter the restaurant and LPR will provide lots of pizza and beverages for everyone. This is always a fun gathering and it gives people a chance to meet the board members and the committee chairpeople and talk "Porsche"! If you already know that you'd like to join us, just send me some email or give me a call so that I can add your name to the list. Oh, and don't forget to bring your name badge form for a signature. I look forward to seeing many new and "seasoned" LPR members there.

I love this time of year because it seems like there is Porsche activity everywhere you look. This month, LPR will hold its first in the series of autocrosses at Marina Airport, plus we have several Good Time Gatherings, tours, and tech sessions scheduled throughout the spring and the summer. I recently received some information from the PCA National Membership Chairperson and she had a list of reasons for why people don't renew their PCA memberships. One of the reasons was that there were "few or no local activities". Well, that's not the case with LPR! I've always been impressed by the willingness of LPR board members and regular members to come up with interesting and fun ideas for activities. I know that some people don't renew their memberships because they sell their car or for some other personal reason, but I doubt we'd have someone drop out of PCA/LPR because of the lack of activities. I think some regions are even envious of our "Good Time Region" nickname.

We have 3 sets of members transferring into LPR from GGR and I'd like to think that one of the reasons they chose LPR is for our plethora of activities – social as well as technical and race-oriented. Edward and Judy Chang live in Los Altos and drive a 1999 Boxster. Robert Heuser drives a 1999 911 and lives in San Jose. And the last set of transferees is James Holmes and his affiliate member, Susan Peete. James drives a 1973 914.

Our only new members this month are Larry and Janet Russell. They have a 1958 356, which I'd love to see. Hopefully, they'll join us at the Campbell Easter Parade in April, or some earlier LPR activity. I don't have any other information on the Russells because I didn't receive anything from National, as this was going to press.

Welcome, everyone!! Glad to have you and I look forward to meeting you at the Newcomer's Social.

Liz Shaw <u>tobias@ix.netcom.com</u>

Have You Moved In Cyberspace?

Do we have your current E-mail address? Please send any updates to our Membership Maven Liz Shaw at **tobias@ix.netcom.com**

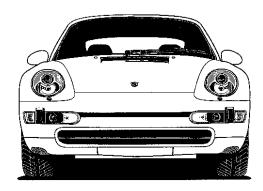


Loma Prieta Region - Porsche Club of America

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As at last year's CRAB, the location of most of the events will be at the Lions Gate Hotel and McClellan Business Park area. To get the more details and a CRAB 31 entry form, visit the SVR website at www.derporsche.net or contact Kern or Cindi Breaux at (916) 966-2425, e-mail brecko@earthlink.net

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The MOUNT HAMILTON TOUR



Saturday, March 27th

Spring has sprung and you're invited to join us for the first LPR one day tour of 2004. Our destination is the Lick Observatory, 6,000 feet above the valley atop Mount Hamilton --- The view is breathtaking!

After a tour of the 36" telescope our driving venture will take us through the scenic and equally breathtaking San Antonio Valley.

The tour will end with lunch at the Rattlesnake Bar and Grill in historic downtown Livermore.

COST: \$5.00 per car

RSVP Deadline: On or before Friday, March 19th

YOUR TOURGUIDES: John Reed and Angie Sharp.

Phone (408) 371-1965 or email: jpreed911@aol.com to RSVP.

Start time and start location and other tour stuff will be sent after you RSVP.

Route Notes: The tour will last 4-5 hours including lunch. The driving distance is less than 75 miles.

Ken Iles says, "Sign me up! I can hardly wait to blow the cobwebs out my exhaust!"

This will be a rain or shine event. If it snows, that's another story!



Zone 7 Banquet-An Evening to Remember

by Tim Fleming

class of the Wall of Fame:

In the Porsche Club of America, the zones originated as a means for coordinated communications with the National organization. In Zone 7, the combination of various regions was an opportunity to leverage the rich resources of the west coast, whether it was for a west coast Parade or our renowned competitive series. On January 17, we honored some very special individuals who have unselfishly worked in the Porsche

and PCA world over the last 30+ years, bringing recognition and pride to Zone 7. It was my privilege to be part of this inaugural effort.

For those of you who missed the event, it truly was a special evening. Almost all of the honorees were able to attend, swapping stories and revisiting many of the successes that have brought us where we are. The following individuals, with very partial descrip-

tions of their achievements, made up the inaugural

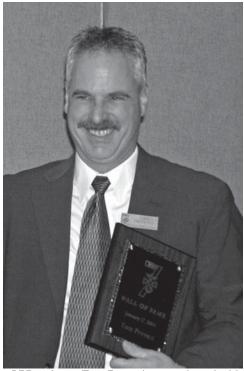




A who's who of Zone 7 gathered for this photo of the inaugural honorees for the Zone & Wall of Fame.

- o Bruce Anderson, longtime PCA tech chair, author
- o Bud and Mary Ann Behrens, former zone reps, instructors, and active in the zone
- o Brian Carleton, long-time zone activity and member of the Garretson LeMans teams
- o John Clever, distinguished rally-ist and member of the Garretson LeMans teams
- o Bob Garretson, distinguished driver for world endurance championships
- o Gene Gilpin, former zone rep and Parade chair
- o Rik Larson, distinguished rallyist and Parade Chair
- o Hank Malter, former PCA national president
- o Milt Minter, distinguished road racing driver
- o Dwight Mitchell, distinguished enthusiast and driver (road racing/autocross)
- o The Neidel Family, they do it all
- o Burt Propp, former PCA National President
- o Tom Provasi, distinguished autocrosser and PCA national leader
- o Duane Spencer, well known author for 356 and 912 performance
- o Hank Watts, distinguished driver and respected author
- o Larry Wilson, long time zone and national activity, including newsletter chair
- o Terry Zaccone, long time zone activity and distinguished autocrosser

If you see these individuals or other longtime contributors to Zone 7, please extend our collective thanks. Through their volunteer efforts and enthusiasm, the Zone and its respective regions have grown and thrived.



LPR stalwart Tom Provasi seems pleased with yet another addition for his love-me wall.

Hey, you!... New guys!



Newcomer's Ice Breaker March 12, at 6 PM





Ever wonder why we call it "The Good Time Region"? Here's a great opportunity to answer that burning question. Come on out to meet the gang this

month at a low key get together over pizza and beer. Maybe you'll run into some real party animals or maybe some racing freaks, but no matter what, it should be more interesting than Friday night TV. Come alone or bring your spouse or significant other and enjoy an evening with, and on, Loma Prieta Region.

Mountain Mike's Pizza
430 N. Santa Cruz Ave.Los Gatos
For questions, directions or to RSVP: Liz Shaw
at 831-438-6470 or tobias@ix.netcom.com

Attention All Members

LPR will be publishing a Membership
Directory, containing name and contact
information for all members, and
distributing it to the full membership in
April. If you do not wish to be included in
this publication, please contact Liz Shaw;
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Sunday, June 6, 2004



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Belle Bella

by Jim Bryant

What more can be possibly said about the Italian themed GTG on Sat Jan 17 at the Highley's. Things were humming along nicely but it wasn't

until 6:04pm when the Bryants arrived that the party really took off. We were greeted warmly at the door by the lovely and talented Emilie Highley, in her red hot sweater. Bill Highley was nowhere to be seen, munching on the munchies and chatting up the women in the kitchen no doubt.

After depositing my coat, I stealthily sought out the appetizers. Yum to the brochettes and artichoke dip with which I engorged myself. Being in stealth mode, I don't think anyone noticed. My stealth appetizer engorgement was interrupted as I wondered into the living room in search



Never one to waster hot water, hostess Emilie Highley washes out Bill's socks while fixing dinner.

of the beautiful violin music. Playing a wonderful rendition of, I think, God Save the Queen was Priscilla La Rocca. Priscilla was an acquaintance



Host Bill Highley reads the card, Emilie Highely wonders what it is while Debbie Bennett is left holding the bag.

of Debbie Bennett, who arranged for Priscilla to entertain us. Priscilla played a lot more songs. too. but I didn't recognize any others. Paul Seidel-Smith and Nanci Bishop seemed to be really enjoying the music. I could tell because their heads were swaving to the music: either that or they were just nodding

off? Meanwhile Vince Vincent was occupied with the vital responsibility of photographing the night's activities while his wife and attaché, Beverly, directed his activities.

Next up was my education on the history of the Weber BBQs. According to Harlan Pester, it seems that Mr.. Weber started making charcoal fueled BBQs in his garage (just like Hewlett and Packard) and everyone knows that Weber BBQs are charcoal [geez, I thought they were propane]. See what you can learn at a GTG! After that, Ralph Maines and I spent some time planning the important considerations for the next tech

session; just who was going to bring the coffee & donuts? I don't think anyone else noticed, but Ralph sported new suspenders and a new Porsche pin in his hat.

Meanwhile back in the kitchen things were really starting to heat up! Emilie was quarterbacking her Sous Chefs (Sue Sickal and others) and saucier (Jen Bryant). Jen was responsible for stirring the sauce and not letting it burn. It was a tough job for her because Jen has only two styles of cooking - burnt and call 911. The main ingredient to the sauce was pesto and



They hit the chow line; Mike Lobenburg, Jim Bryant, Nanci Bishop and Paul Smith. Nanci better pick up the pace, Paul seems impatient to use that knife.

cream. In consideration to all those on a New Years resolution diet plan Emilie put the cream and the pesto through the calorie eliminating machine. June Iles and Judy Dentino helped by carefully monitoring the pasta making sure it didn't boil over all the time keeping the wouldbe male food testers at a distance. June and Judy managed all this and didn't spill a drop of their drink! Debbie was fully engaged with wine sampling while she encouraged [talked to] Emilie's cooking team (the Sue chefs, pasta kooks and saucier). At that time, when things were a bit frantic in the kitchen, a platter of chicken parmesan showed up from out of nowhere. Jen thinks it must have been catered but it was way too tasty for that!

Soon after came the call for dinner; back to stealth mode! Slyly returning to the kitchen, my eyes popped at the vast panorama of delicious food laid out before me. There were numerous salads, two types of pasta

Gather 'round and chow down. Karen Morgan [the one with no dandruff] holds court with, from right, Joe Pruss, Bill Highley, Cheryl Pruss, Liz & Sam Shaw amd Kevin Bennett.

Hosts Bill and Emilie Highley make nice for the camera.



Rosie & Ed Tavares and June Iles relax during the affair... speaking of which, Ed is clearly dreaming about his RV again.

Belle Belle Pasta ale Highley



Jim and Rochelle Warriner Porsche Club



After practicing on session, Ralph Main earful about the



Look at this!
Someone caught
Vince Vincent
without a camera in
his face. Both he and
Liz Shaw are
entranced by the live
music.



laugh at one of Ken Iles' "war stories".



New Goodie Store magnates Joe and Cheryl Pruss were happy to take your orders.



Harlan Pester at the tech tes gives Kevin Bennett an latest POST editorial.



Emilie Highley and Jen Bryant had to worry about all the cooks [Debbie Bennett, June Iles and Rosie Tavares] watching from the weeds, just waiting for them to screw up.

dishes and breaded chicken parmesan. Did I get in line? No, I was in stealth mode, remember? I took the opportunity to jump to the wine bar since everyone else got in the food line. And the desserts! There were

cakes and lemon squares and chocolate mousse pie and pound cake and cheesecake. Being too fat from the first courses I determined stealth mode was impossible so I just bellied up for the desserts and made a pig of myself.

After dessert there was some talk of a Porsche camping weekend. I laid out my plan for all of us to gather at a State park, roast marshmallows by the camp fire, BBQ some burgers on the (charcoal powered!) Weber, and sleep in tents. The women were not so keen on the idea of camping in a tent; seems they all wanted to sleep with Ed Tavares in his RV [which



Ah... the culture. Priscilla La Rocca fiddles while the gang eats the viddles.

explains why he's always smiling in his pictures!]



Sam Shaw and Judy Dentino admire Debbie Bennett's composure as Ken Iles nonchalantly tests his new deodorent.

Later on in the evening, I had not seen Bill for a while [maybe he was in stealth mode, too] so I inquired of Emilie, "Where's Bill? Did he go to bed early?" "I hope not," she said with theatrical emphasis, "he left with Karen Morgan." Poor, misguided Emilie was under the impression they left together to get a box. I say misguided because when Bill

returned he didn't have a box. Bill recovered quickly and explained he had left the box outside. Yeah, Bill. Okay, sure, whatever...

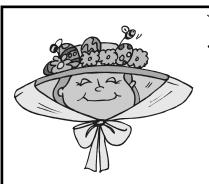
Thanks to Emilie and Bill for their efforts in putting on this fine event for the LPR faithful.



Above: Christina and Beverly Vincent, clearly taken by surprise by the photographer.

Left: Jennifer Bryant holds down the fort at the stove while Emilie is out back hanging the socks on the clothesline.

Photos by Vince Vincent and Debbie Bennett



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

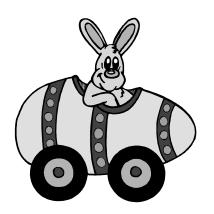
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*The restaurant is located on the south side of I-80 where it meets I-505 and is adjacent to an ARCO service station. (It is more or less on the opposite side of the street from the now-closed Coffee Tree Restaurant.)

Porsche Cooling Systems

by Ken Mort

The first tech session of the year was held at RMG Enterprises on Jan. 17, 2004 and hosted by Bob Grigsby with the able assistance of Dan Heinrichs and Dan Leitner.

Background

Porsche cooling systems have evolved from the simple air-cooling system of the 356 to the present day sophisticated liquid-cooling systems. This



RMG host Bob Grigsby talks about cooling systems before show and tell.

evolution has been dictated in large part because of smog control requirements. The air-cooled cars tend to run hotter with much greater temperature variations both within the engine and overall depending on the car's speed and outside air temperature. To compound the problem the fuels nowadays tend to make the cars run hotter.

Air cooling

<u>356.</u> - The early Porsches have a simple cooling system with a cooling fan mounted on the generator shaft. The fan is inside of a shroud, which directs the air around the engine cylinders and heads. An oil cooler is inside the shroud to cool the oil with the cooling air from the fan. Fit of the shroud and sheet metal around the engine is very important for proper cooling. Proper operation of the heater boxes is also important. The oil temperature is monitored by a gage on the dash that has green and red zones. Even though there are no numbers the gage should be checked periodically.

911type cars. - The 911 series has a system similar to the 356 but more sophisticated. They tend to have the same operating characteristics; that is, the hotter the air temperature the hotter they get, and the faster you drive the hotter they get. The early cars have five bladed fans. These fans can be replaced with eleven bladed fans that help reduce the operating temperature. The oil coolers are better on the 911 type cars than on the

356s. There are oil coolers up front so there are oil lines going from the engine to the oil coolers. These lines should be checked for damage at every oil change. After the car has been running for a while the line should be warm. There is a thermostat, and if it is not operating correctly the line will not be warm indicating insufficient or no oil circulation.

As per the owner's manual, at idle with a warm engine it is normal for the green light to come on because of low oil pressure. Bob thinks this is bad because the pressure is too low. Heavier weight oil should be used to help keep the oil pressure higher at idle. It helps to keep the idle speed at least 1,000 rpm for older cars to achieve reasonable oil pressure.



"I went out for a donut and you won't believe what I stepped in!"

Oil flow restrictors at various places in the engine and washers under the by pass valve as proposed by various publications tend not to increase oil pressure safely and are not recommended. Synthetic oil tends to have lower viscosity and therefore lower operating pressure. Bob recommends that the Porsche oil filters be used rather than aftermarket oil filters.

On hot days and high speeds the oil temperature can exceed 300 deg f., but it is desirable to keep the oil temperature at or below 250 deg f. It is helpful to know what the oil temperature is. For cars with green and red zones on their temperature gage instead of numbers, Palo Alto Speedometer can put numbers on the gage.

964 and 993's do not usually have temperature problems unless the thermostats or temperature senders fail. It is important to check that the oil cooler is warm at the right front fender if the car has been run for a while

Water cooling

The operating temperatures of the Boxster and 996 are lower than for the air-cooled engines by on the order of 50 deg f. so the oxides of Nitrogen can be controlled more effectively. The antifreeze used is made by Porsche and has Ethylene Glycol with rust inhibitors. 50 % antifreeze and 50 %

* Cooling Systems...

water is the mixture specified by Porsche. Bob recommends using distilled water with the Porsche antifreeze. Porsche says their antifreeze will last forever, but Bob says it tends to degrade in 30-40,000 miles and recommends changing it by 50-60,000 miles.

The water tank is plastic and it tends to deteriorate. It has a float and an instrument that indicates when the level is low. The tank is intended to prevent air bubbles getting into the cooling system. Rather than like a simple overflow tank the Porsche tank is under pressure when the car warms up. The cap is intended to vent at 15 psi. It is important to check



Harlan Pester and Jim Bryant find this demonstration to be very uplifting.

it regularly so that it operates correctly. It is important to not overpressure the cooling system as well as to not under pressure it.

According to Porsche water hoses are to be replaced if they are disconnected. Bob says that the hoses are very good and if they check out OK they can be reused.

The proper way to drain the coolant from a Boxster was demonstrated. They have made a special tool that sucks the coolant out of the tank and the cooling system. They check for cooling system leaks both with a vacuum test and a pressure test. Engine problems

can affect the cooling fluid. Some of the early Boxsters had head gasket problems. If the exhaust smells like pancake syrup when the car is started up and it runs rough it may have a leaking head gasket.

Cooling system diagnostics are done using the Porsche System 2 Instrument.

Careful examination and service of the cooling system is very important. Periodically leaves and other debris should be cleaned out of in front of the radiator. In addition, the areas around the air intakes tend to fill up with various kinds of debris so they should be vacuumed out; they have even had to clean birds out of the ducts. Cleaning the air intakes is a service owners can do.

This was a very interesting tech session; there was something for everybody. Many thanks to Bob Grigsby, Dan Heinrichs, and Dan Leitner.

cool Tech 101



One way to keep an engine cool is to remove it from the vehicle...
"Hey, your oil cooler is showing!"



Doug Ambrusco and Rob Ways pick up cooling tips for the upcoming autocross season.



Bob says, "Watch what happens when I remove my finger... boy, is this cool!"



Ralph Maines gives Harlan Pester an earful about the latest POST editorial.



Yes, even the ladies appreciate that Porsches are cool. Jean Ohl, Angela Ling and Ron Reak.



Jim Warriner discovering why Porsches are the coolest cars around.

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10 Campbell Easter Parade /LPR

17 "Let's Go Hawaiian" GTG at Bryant's /LPR

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23-25 356CAR 16th Annual North Meets South /356 Car

30 US Sportscar Invitational at Laguna Seca /Zone 7

May

1-2 US Sportscar Invitational at Laguna Seca /Zone 7

6 Board Meeting - 7 pm, Mountain Mikes Pizza /LPR

8 2-Day Clear Lake Tour /LPR

16 LPR Autocross /LPR

22 GTG to be Announced/LPR



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No open exhaust, 92-decibel limit strictly enforced

Special Restrictions: No car may produce a sound level greater than 92 decibels. Any car louder than the limit will not be allowed to run. No open exhaust; pleading ignorance will not be an acceptable excuse. If local residents complain about the sound made on the way to the track or on the track, or the way we drive on the street, we may be asked to leave permanently.

Directions: Take Shiloh exit, a few miles north of Santa Rosa on Hwy 101 and proceed west for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Windsor Road and continue for 1.2 miles to the rear gate to the airport. Please drive safely and quietly so as not to upset the local residents.

There will be a Saturday evening party and dinner.

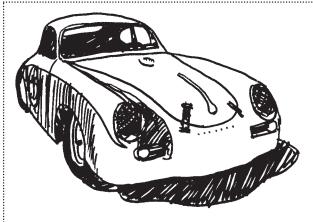
Details will be announced later.

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Loma Prieta Region PCA

The February Board meeting was held on February 5th, 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, Joe & Cheryl Pruss, John Reed, Angie Sharp, Annie Holdych, Paul Seidel-Smith, Nanci Bishop, Ken & June Iles, Barry & Suzanne Pangrle, and Bill Highley. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

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

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Bob Morgan

Bob reported that he sent out billing letters to all POST advertisers.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Emilie Highley

Emilie presented a report listing all the future Good Time Gatherings through May. She also announced the Newcomer Social on 3/12 and the one-day Mt. Hamilton tour to be conducted by John Reed on 3/27. She reported on the LPR Family Picnic in Kelly Park on July 11th to which Tom and Annie Holdych will bring their fire truck. She also presented a budget for the Year-End Awards Banquet. Vince proposed to adopt the budget and to provide a \$500 deposit to secure the site (the Hilton in Santa Clara). seconded by Harlan, the motion passed unanimously.

Emilie also mentioned that Mary Jane Hollis would be recovering from knee surgery for the next 3 months and that Mike and Marcia are to be married in February.

SECRETARY: Karen Morgan Karen had nothing new to report.

TREASURER: Susan Sickal

Sue published a report detailing income and expenses for the month of January. Income was \$270 (from the Pasta Night GTG at the Highley's) and expenses were \$1,247.79.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR: Harlan Pester

John will be transferring forms to Harlan tomorrow.

MEMBERSHIP: Liz Shaw

No new PCA reports were available so there is no list of new members to present to the Board at this time.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Vince Vincent

Vince presented proposed minor changes to the bylaws. His objective in passing them out was for members to review and e-mail comments to Vince. Electronic voting could

Minutes...

be added. Members not knowing their PCA number (to include on their ballot) can contact Liz Shaw.

Kevin suggested that charity guidelines be added to the policies and procedures and that LPR create a specific event to generate an income for charitable purposes. During the discussion that followed, it was noted that LPR is under no obligation to give anything (monies) to charities. Other forms of charitable giving (i.e., time) was discussed. Bob suggested Kevin draft a proposal stating our position on charities and how to proceed with charitable funding in the future with an e-mail to Vince so that it may be included in the proposed revisions.

EDITOR: Kevin Bennett

Kevin reported that the POST archives are incomplete. Issues of the LPR POST from the early eighties and almost all of the seventies are missing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webmaster - Greg Sickal

Greg was not present at this meeting.

Autocross - Cathy Carlson

Cathy was not present at the meeting. She did provide Bob with a copy of the contract with Marina Motorsports for his review and an autocross schedule as well as a budget. Bob announced autocross dates of 3/20, 5/16, 6/13, 7/25, 8/7-8, and 9/19. A motion was made and passed to raise the autocross fee per car to \$35. Paul and Kevin will work on a flier announcing LPR's autocross series for Paul to pass out at GGR's autocross school.

The board raised concerns about the presence of Marina Motorsports' traffic control personnel. It was suggested that they sign in and out so that we have a method of tracking the hours they work. Paul and Nanci will continue to be at the front gate when it opens at 7 a.m.

Safety - John Reed

John will be at the two events in March, the autocross and the tour.

Tech – Ralph Maines

The next tech session is set for Clear Armour on 3/20. Clear Armour will provide "wake-ups" free of charge.

Bud Behrens made up a flier for the Swap Meet. Jim Bryant is the Swap Meet contact, Bob Morgan is the Concours contact.

Goodie Store – Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Joe gave a report updating current items for sale, presented samples of new merchandise, and provided an order form that members can use to order merchandise. He also detailed his plans for the Goodie Store and said that he & Cheryl would be traveling from the end of February until the end of March so they will be unable to attend any functions during that time.

A motion made by Emilie and seconded by Vince requested the approval of a \$153.10 payment to Racesetter Designs for consignment items sold and outstanding orders. The motion passed. Joe & Cheryl will deliver the check when all items have been received.

Charity - Open position

Public Relations – Penny Brisson Penny was not present at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Membership Roster - Kevin presented several options regarding the printing of a membership directory. Harlan moved that LPR generate a membership directory the size of the POST containing the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of all LPR members. Emilie seconded the motion. Two board members were opposed, four voted in favor, and the motion passed. Privacy issues were discussed and it was decided to both publish in the March POST and send a mass e-mail advising members of the directory's publication and telling members they may opt-out of having personal information published. Any new membership information (changes) and all opt-outs need to be sent to the Membership Director, Liz Shaw. The method of printing and distribution will be decided at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Drivers' Education – Bob discussed the establishment of a drivers' education program as a joint venture between the Monterey Bay Region and LPR. A meeting will be held Saturday to flesh out the details. Karen made a motion to allow Bob to use proxies for board members at this meeting in Capitola with MBR and other interested people. Sue seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



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