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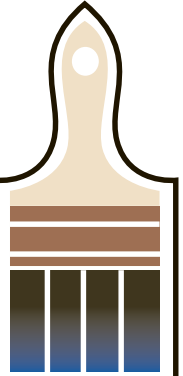
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October

Saturday the **2nd** - Octoberfest at the Beer Garden of Rudi & Joanna Herz. See the ad on page 10.

Thursday the **7th** - Board Meeting 7 PM at Mtn. Mike's in Los Gatos

Saturday the **16th** - Tech Session at Fastlane. See the ad on page 13.

Saturday the **23rd thru 25th** - Hearst Castle tour led by Iles-Reed, Lmt'd. See the ad on page 33.

Saturday the **30th** - Halloween party at the dungeon of Bob & Karen Morgan. See the ad on page 14.

November

Thursday the **4th** - LPR Board Meeting 7 PM at Mt. Mike's in Los Gatos.

Sunday the **14th** - 2005 Activities Planning Session - Mt Mike's (time to be announced)

Saturday the **20th** - GTG at the home of Greg and Sue Sickal. Watch for the ad in the November issue.

Thursday the **25th** - Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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Beverly Vincent takes the helm of the Chardonnay II under the watchful eye of Captain Sean.

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President's Notepad

*Robert Morgan,
President*



Board Meeting

The board meeting on September 2 was really enjoyable. Not only did we have a long-time member visit after a time away, but we also had a potential new member attend. The meeting started with a “tire talk” by Chris Olson. Chris gave us some insight into the latest Bridgestone tire designs, and invited us to visit his shop in Campbell. He handed out business cards good for a discount at his shop, and I saw John Reed walk away with a bunch, so maybe he’ll share if you ask him nicely.

You can read the board meeting minutes in Karen’s column, but the overall feeling was very cooperative, with people volunteering for some long-needed positions.

Autocross School

The Zone 7 Autocross School held at Candlestick Park at the end of August was a fantastic experience. Thanks to Doug & Dana Ambrisko for all their work. The instruction was great (we had 60 volunteer instructors), as were the exercises. The food (organized by Paul Siedel-Smith and Nanci Bishop) was excellent. I’m looking forward to our next autocross so I can apply what I learned. Speaking of application, Greg Sickal and I got to apply some of our new skills after the first day of instruction. We met our wives and John Reed and Angie Sharp up at the Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton for a concert. We got to apply our new throttle-steering and trail-braking skills as we drove aggressively up the hill. It was great fun!

Halloween Party

I hope you can attend the Halloween party at our house on the 30th. The theme is “Creatures of the Night”, so use your imagination when creating your costume and come take a walk through our haunted house. For more information, refer to the flyer in this month’s POST.

Be sure to Vote

In addition to the National election, we have our LPR election. What, you haven't seen the LPR television spots? Please take the time to review, complete, and send in the ballot. If you don't remember your membership number, feel free to call or email Liz Shaw, and she will get it to you. All the board positions are elected annually, and based on your votes, there are awards given at the Year-End Party.

Year-End Party

Speaking of the Year-End Party, Emilie Highley is preparing a fantastic party at the Hilton in Santa Clara. This will be a fantastic event to be sure. Plan now to attend, and RSVP early to ensure your seats. As always, there will be the Awards, introduction of the newly elected Board of Directors, and lots of DOOR PRIZES donated by our generous advertisers. Don't miss it!

Targa update

I know some of you actually read my column if for no other reason than to hear about my experiences rebuilding my 1979 Silver SC Targa motor, and to get the latest on the "Junkyard Dog," the 1982 Burgundy SC Targa that I bought at PartsHeaven. The Junkyard Dog has been carrying all the weight lately. Daily commutes from San Jose to Fremont, as well as the 2-day Zone Autocross school, and several LPR autocrosses. "J-dog" is doing well, other than leaking oil, but I guess that is to be expected since it was way overfilled with oil when I bought it. The Silver Fox is patiently waiting for me to get serious about investigating the miss that occurred on the way back from the Porsche Parade in July. It looks like it may have to wait awhile longer since we're entering a very busy time of year. It's a good thing I have two to choose from...

Be sure to vote!

Bob

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POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



Into the wilderness

Last week I took another of my walks following the railroad right-of-way (RROW) that I often traverse as a short-cut to the Great Mall in Milpitas. I'd noticed a lot of activity along this route during the last few months. Men had come in and knocked down the weeds that grow alongside the tracks, which must happen at least annually, but along with that I'd noticed notations made in spray paint on the dirt and even on the gravel railway bed. Later, some stakes and flags appeared, and most recently I had seen work crews, some of which were actually working; drilling crews creating test wells and surveyors working their arcane arts on the area.

On this particular day, I happened upon a surveying crew, both wearing their orange vests, doing what orange vested work crews seem to do best, that is, just standing around. Since it didn't appear that I would be interrupting anything, I stopped and struck up a conversation with the surveyor. I told him that I had noticed all of the activity along the RROW and asked what was going on. He advised me that the commotion was merely preparations being made for the BART extension into San Jose and that the BART line was going to use the abandoned RROW that I use for my walks. He also stated that the reason that the two of them were standing around was that the battery for his surveyor's scope had died, his backup battery had also failed and that they were waiting for the third member of their crew to return with their truck and another battery. Wanting to be friendly, I didn't ask him why they needed three guys to survey a RROW that must have already been surveyed to death and I didn't ask him why, if they had more batteries available, they just didn't carry them with the rest of their equipment on their truck rather than risk running out of juice and having to stand around at taxpayer expense.

I guess that I wasn't the only one who was trying to appear friendly, however, because after answering my brief questions, the surveyor proceeded to tell me that I had no business using the RROW as a hiking

path. He indicated that it was dangerous to do so and that it would be even more dangerous once the BART extension was running. He even asked me what I would do if I fell and broke my leg.

“Break my leg?” I thought to myself, “C’mon! This is just walking some uneven ground along a railroad track!”

I must admit that I was cavalier regarding his seeming concern for my safety. I told him that I carry a cell phone, that my wife knew where I had gone and what route I had taken and I also told him that I thought I might continue to use the RROW even when the BART was running because it was so convenient for me. The fellow reemphasized that I shouldn’t be using this path and that it would somehow be blocked to me when BART was running. I left the guy, just as the number three man was arriving in the truck, wondering how BART could possibly block foot access to a RROW on street level and chuckling to myself about the surveyor’s overblown emphasis on the inherent dangers of using it as a walkway. Little did I know that within a week the surveyor would seem prescient in his advocacy of danger despite the fact that it was unlikely that even he could have foretold the unexpected form in which said danger would take.

Once again, into the wilderness.

One week later, I was on the same return path to my home after seeing a movie at the Great Mall. I was short of a mile in from the last cross street and close to the same distance before exiting the RROW. I had been walking along the eastern side of the tracks where the going is easier. At this half-way point, I always cross over to the west side of the tracks, where once again, the going is easier. Just as I stepped up on to the track bed I froze as I was confronted by a pair of jackrabbits.

“This is bad.” I said to myself, “Two against one.”

I have written before about seeing gang graffiti along this path and I considered that it would be just my luck if these were a couple of jackrabbit punks looking for trouble. Fortunately, being an avid reader, I recalled seeing advice on what to do when confronted by fierce creatures in the wild. So, fighting the urge to turn and run, I made myself look as big as possible and continued to face them as the sinister pair gave me their malicious jackrabbit stares. Then, deciding to test their mettle, I took a step toward them. Fortunately, my aggressive

behavior had the desired affect, for their bravado quickly evaporated and the two turned and scampered off like a couple of scared rabbits. Testosterone and adrenaline coursed through my veins. Boldly, I stepped after them, following in their tracks as they scurried down the confined avenue of the fenced RROW. Every minute or so, they would pop up again as they continued to flee from me down the west side of the tracks. Finally, they wised up and hopped over to the east side of the RROW and were not seen by me again. I cockily walked on as if king of the world. It was only after I reached the relative safety of the cross street and was on the final leg of my journey home that it occurred to me that the two could have led me into a jackrabbit ambush and how lucky I was to escape the confrontation unscathed.

I guess I have to give the surveyor his due and say that he was right. There are unexpected dangers lurking along that RROW that are magnified by its absolute isolation from civilization. Now, after my encounter with the two feral beasts, I have considered what would happen if I should get a thorn in my shoe, or if I really did fall and, heaven forbid, scraped my knee. I'd be helpless! Clearly, I may need to reconsider the benefit vs. risk of continuing to use this rugged, isolated route through the wilds of San Jose.

Please Vote.

There is a ballot included with this issue. Please take the time to read about the candidates and make your contribution to the process. There is a contested race for the Membership position, and in the interest of harmony and productivity for the 2005 Board of Directors, I ask that you vote for Ed Tefankjian for Membership Director.

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OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 2 at 5:00 P.M.

Hosts Rudi & Joanna Herz have just returned from Germany where they spent two grueling weeks sampling beer, wine, music, gemütlichkeit, food and other Oktoberfest details for incorporation into this LPR event.



Warning! This festival requires your enthusiastic participation. Break out your lederhosen and beer steins and dance the chicken polka with abandon. Prizes will be awarded for the best Bavarian dress, best stein and best chicken polka! This event will be adults only and cost \$15.00 per person.



RSVP to Festmeisters Rudi & Joanna at 408-559-1731 by Monday, September 27.

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Member Notes

Liz Shaw, Membership Director



October is here and from the looks of the LPR calendar, things are not slowing down much for the season. A very successful tech session is being repeated this month and I encourage all of you gear-heads and gear-head-wannabes to attend. It's at Tim Benson's Fastlane Porsche Repair in Santa Cruz and it will be held on the 16th, starting at 10am. Last year, Tim discussed brakes, suspension, and other aspects related to car handling. He also described modifications that are geared toward racing and high speed driving, versus those that can be done and still allow the driver to enjoy some comfort in the car for everyday driving. Tim plans to discuss brakes and suspension again this year.

Speaking of Tim Benson, 9 out of 11 new members this month were referred by Tim. Eleven new members for one month is quite a lot for LPR and we're very grateful to Tim for steering these Porsche owners our way.

The new PCA membership application forms no longer record the new member's interests, so I hope all of these newbies show up to many LPR events.

Victor Carvalho lives in Boulder Creek and drives a 1976 green 911 S Targa.

Kevin Gagnon lives in Sunnyvale and drives a 1986 burgundy 911.

Stephen Gagnon (any relation to Kevin??) is in law enforcement, lives in Aptos, and has an Arrest-me Red, oops, Arena Red, 1997 993 Coupe. He did fill out one of the older PCA membership forms and checked every box for his interests. I'd say we have a real Porsche enthusiast among our ranks!

Tooling around Los Gatos in her 2004 red Boxster S is Kay Gilles.

❖ Member Notes...

Back in Santa Cruz county, Aptos to be exact, we have Steven Manville, a Farmer's Insurance agent. He drives a 1997 black 993 and his family includes wife, Beatriz, and kids, James and Kimberlee.

Jay Pennock lives in Santa Cruz and is the proud owner of a 1997 silver Boxster.

Another silver car owner is Tim Sawyer with his 1990 911 C2 (hmm, same autocross class as me – sounds like a competition!). Tim's wife's name is Lisa and his 4 year-old son's name is Cole.

Further south and into Salinas, is Marie Scherer, a physician, driving a 2000 blue Boxster.

Now making our way back north, we have Paul Tashiro from Freedom. He's got a 2001 grey Boxster.

In Santa Cruz, software engineer Thomas Tong can be seen driving his 1986 red 911 Cab.

And last but not least and living in the best town ever, Scotts Valley, is Mac Small, driving a 1995 black 993 Cab. Mac's wife's name is Mel Walsh and his affiliate member is his son, Geoffrey Small. Mac and Mel have another son, Scott.

Welcome, everyone! And if you need any directions or info about the tech session (or any of the other upcoming LPR events), don't hesitate to send email or give me a call.

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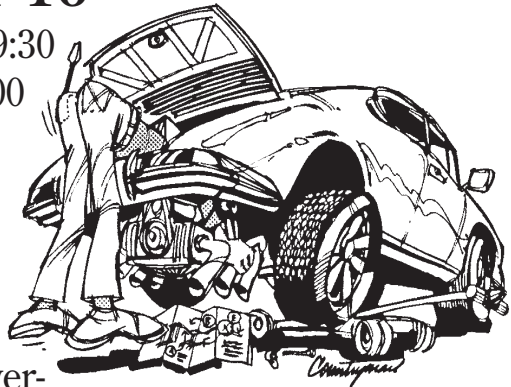
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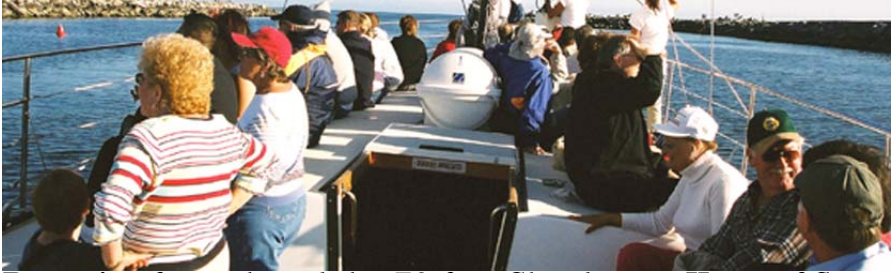
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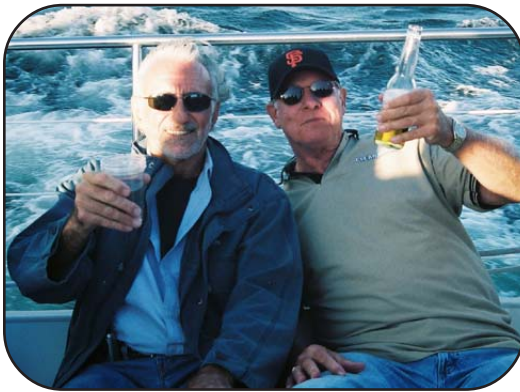


Oo-ee Baby. LPR takes a Sea Cruise

By John Reed



Reporting from aboard the 70 foot Chardonnay II out of Santa Cruz: The weather is holding bright and clear. The jib is jibbing and the sails are somewhere out there sailing. The beer and wine is being served and the poop deck is free of.....wait a minute, how in the name of Blue Beard did 20 LPRites end up on this sailing schooner on a beautiful August evening?



Ed Tefankjian and Big John hoist a cup of vino and a bottle of brew as the waves in the background kick up.

Let us digress back to the event's humble beginnings last November at the club's annual '04 calendar planning session. Our beloved Activity Director Harlan Pester asked the assembled LPR folks if he rounded up 20 tickets would there be enough interest in going on a sail aboard the Chardonnay II. Being a diverse (and sometime perverse) PCA region the answer was a rousing "yes."

The stage was set. Harlan was off to get tickets and begin signing up those brave enough to sail on a vessel with Ken Iles and myself. Those old enough to remember will recall the infamous Russian River canoe trip with Ken, Kathy and me trying to stay upright, etc. Now that we're older and wiser, just trying to stand upright is an adventure, and trying

❖ Ooo-ee Baby...

to stand and sit on a rolling sailing ship should prove to be very interesting. This fact didn't seem to bother the other 18 who decided to see for themselves how two old sea dogs held up against the raging sea (quick, cue the Victory at Sea theme).

We gathered around 5:30 p.m. for the 6 p.m. departure in the lower north/west or south/east Santa Cruz boat harbor on a absolutely balmy August 14th evening. Harlan gave out the boarding passes and we had plenty

of time for the usual LPR hugs and kisses, the official club greetings. I gave up smooching Ken in 1974 when he asked if I would like to see his etchings but I still take the plunge when it comes to June! Everyone was there, well, almost. Club Prez Bob Morgan and his trusty sidekick Greg Sickal were on the way from the Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca and were somewhat lost, seems they thought Castroville meant boat harbor in spanish and had stopped to load up on artichokes and sea sick pills. With patience and a lot of cell phone shouting Harlen guided The Bob and The Greg to safe harbor.



Cabin Boy Greg Sickal points the way (who knows where) as LPR Captain Bob Morgan enjoys another cup of (who knows what) while the lady next to Bob admires his jib.

Word came down that the Chardonnay II was ready to board. We meandered along admiring the multitude of sailing craft bobbing lazily in the water. We were greeted by the Chardonnay's crew and helped aboard, some fore, some aft, some confused by nautical terminalogy, but all got aboard and settled in for the cruise somewhere out there (thanks, Captain Kirk). We also greeted people on board whom we hadn't met as yet but with whom we became friendly and even more friendly as the vino and brew began to pour. The crew, Captain Sean, mates Stacy and Linda were informative and very attentive. When asked, "What's that?" Capt. Sean knowledgeably replied, "Beats me, matey!" And so the venture into the sunset was off and running, or snorkeling, or whatever the old sailing saying says.

This was billed as a two hour cruise and, of course, the names of Gilligan, The Skipper, Maryann and others beached on a island came up in due

course. But the true due course was in the hands of Capt. Sean, a seasoned old barnacle of the sea, he's 35, tan, good looking and been at this for 15 years. Stacy and Linda were also young, tan and not a barnacle out of place, just ask Ed Tefankjian and Ed Tavares whose sharp eyes kept a watchful lookout for Ms. Stacy and Linda at all times. Not to be outdone, Ken informed one and all that there was no old barnacle like his old barnacle and he had the bilge to prove it. No one asked for the proof but we did vote Ken as Commodore of the Poop Deck and he once again was a happy sailor.

Up front, or, up front as it's known in ship lingo, was Bob and Greg. Captain Morgan and his first mate/cabin boy Grego were in rare sailing form. They regaled the up front bunch with tales of their Porsche driving

pro prowess and sailing knowledge. Bob led those close by in a hearty "yo ho, yo ho, it's a pirates life for me" while Greg flew around the boat demonstrating the approved, or not, "man overboard" technique. And the brisk sailing went on. One notable moment accrued when June Iles decided to visit with Angie Sharp who was sitting comfortably below the upper benches keeping an eye on Capt. Sean. June weaved left, the boat weaved



Angie Sharp demonstrates the "lunch overboard" technique. Vince Vincent appreciates her efforts while Christina Vincent looks pleased to be far from the action.

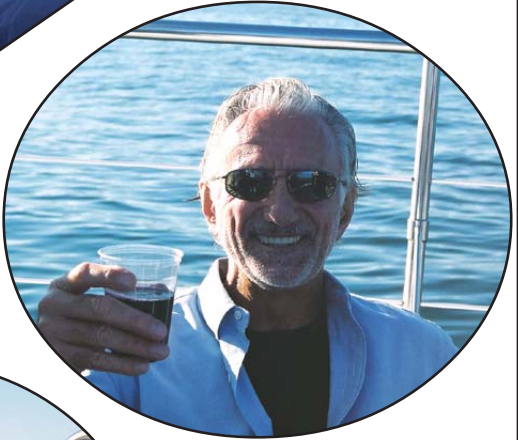
right, June landed hard against Angie, Angie's arm flew up, glass of chardonnay in hand and right on cue I received a glass full of wine in the crotch. The laughter began and I was informed by the Captain that I was officially chardonnayed, too, on the Chardonnay II. What an honor and talk about sour soggy grapes! And the brisk sailing went on as the sun began to set.

This was worth the price of admission. The sunset was spectacular. Captain Sean kept turning the boat ever so slowly so everyone could enjoy the moment(s). Back and forth, forth and back and the gently rocking motion soothed the soul. Ok, not everyone's soul was soothed. Bev Vincent was feeling a tad under the weather and turning a whiter shade of pale. Captain Sean to the rescue. He suggested that Bev steer

LPR at Sea



Above: Bob Morgan celebrates by doing 25 squats, although, someone said it was really only one. Right: Now that Ed Tefankjian has rid himself of Big John he seems to really be getting into the activites on board.



Left: Emilie can't help hamming it up with her impromptu impression of the ship's mascot. Is that a blowfish?

Right: Emilie Highley and Karen Tefankjian think Capt. Sean's a hunk. Ed admires the cameraman!



Photos by John Reed

❖ Ooo-ee Baby...

the boat, eyes affixed on the horizon and that this would ease her discomfort. It worked and we were treated to Assistant Captain The Bevster turning us left, then right, then straight ahead with a big smile on her face. And LPR Captain Morgan up front was proud of Bev's efforts. And Greg said that he was dizzy. And the brisk sailing went on. But not for long. Sunset means it's getting dark (I learned this as a child when my parents left me in a closet one night, now I'm out of the closet and...) so our leader, Capt. Sean, took control of the boat and headed us back to the dock of the bay. Sailing on the Chardonnay II out of Santa Cruz was over. As we



Cheers from the Iles, The Tavares, The Highleys as the voyage gets under way.

ambled up the pier and looked back for a final, fond farewell to our sailing craft, Capt. Sean waved and in his best booming voice said, "Sail with us anytime and have a safe passage home." We responded in our

best booming voices, "The Schooner the better!" What a boat. What a crew. What a cruise.



Vince, Beverly & Christina Vincent look totally at ease early in the voyage, belying Bev's future reaction to the motion of the ocean.

We boarded our land yachts and headed over the river to the Crow's Nest for dinner and a final wrapup of the evenings festivities. Around 10 p.m. we sailed over the hill to the lands of Los Gatos, San Jose, Los Altos, Willow of the Glen, Dublin and points east, west and down under.

Thank you Harlen Pester for setting up this specialty outing for LPR. And thanks to all who attended and made this another memorable LPR event. And the brisk sailing lives on...

Got a Squeaky, Creaky Hatch Lid?

by *Larry Wilson, Sacramento Valley Region*

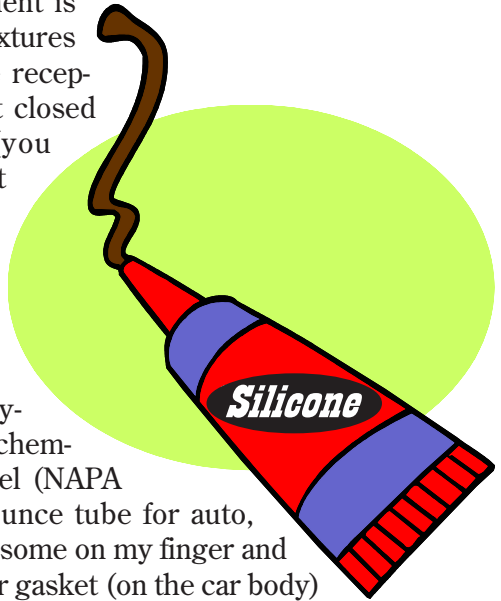
For me, the first sign of spring is a noisy rear hatch lid on my 944. It squeaks, it creaks, it rattles, and it drives me nuts. But I've found the solution, and if the problem is not caused by the glass separating from the hatch frame, this solution may work for you, too.

First, make sure the adjustment is correct on the two bayonet fixtures on the hatch that go into the receptacles on the body to keep it closed when shut. Not too tight (you shouldn't have to slam it to get it completely closed), and not too loose (you shouldn't be able to work it up and down when closed).

Assuming the adjustment is correct, I put silicone everywhere; better living through chemistry. Using a silicone clear gel (NAPA Silicone Compound in an 8-ounce tube for auto, home and industry use), I put some on my finger and smear it liberally on the rubber gasket (on the car body) that seals the hatch lid when closed. You might want to go light with the gel on that part of the gasket you lean over when putting parcels in the rear storage area. Then I smear it on the bayonets, the rubber block around the bayonets, the bayonet receptacles, and the rubber stop around the receptacles.

For a finishing touch, I take CRC Heavy Duty Silicone (spray can with an extension tube) and spray the hinges. Both products advertise that they reduce wear and squeaks caused by rubbing or chafing on nylon, rubber, metal, or non-metal surfaces. It's true — they completely get rid of the creaks, squeaks and rattles on my 944 rear hatch lid. Maybe yours, too.

As an added bonus, NAPA claims the silicone gel, if applied to your TV antenna, will improve reception during damp weather. Right.



Caption Contest

Win an entry into
the Morgan's
Halloween Party



Once again, Greg Sickal has provided fodder for your fertile imagination. Submit your entry for this photo sequence online to badass@ix.netcom.com with "Caption Contest" in the

subject line. Judges for this contest will be Kevin Bennett, John Reed and Bob Morgan. Submissions must be received by **October 28**. First place receives free entry into the Morgan's Haunted Mansion party on October 30th.



The winners for the August contest are:

2nd place; Bob Morgan for "Don't I look like James Dean?"
and

1st. place; Henry Coles for "How do you like these gloves I got at Wal-Mart?"

Thank you to all who entered.

Emilie Highley, Kris Vanacore & Debbie Bennett - The three Wine Muses.



Box, Barrel or Can BBQ

by Emilie Highley

Well, the Bennett's have not lost their touch in putting on an LPR GTG... one thing I can say is do not volunteer to do a write up on an event and be a major contributor to the evening's program... trust me, you can easily go into OVERLOAD! We arrived at the Bennett's early to help out in the last minute prep! Deb and Kevin are were so organized that there was virtually nothing to do... OK OK OK, so we arranged the salami and cheese – BIG DEAL! SO, we got right down to the important



Even the Bennetts got into the act, receiving this gift from the Prez in appreciation for putting on the event.

❖ BBQ ...

stuff – drinking!!!! Kevin mixed up a batch of margaritas (sort of a ‘test run’ to ensure that the ingredients were all right on track)... needless to say they were FABULOUS (I needed to pace myself, or I would never be able to do this write-up)... Debbie was in ‘high gear’... ribs on the BBQ, pork in the oven, beans cooking on the stove, patio set - (I feel like we’re producing an Albertson’s commercial!).

Guests began to arrive promptly at 5:00 – Diane Cox was among the first to join in the festivities along with Yolanda Gale – Jim Cox where are you????? We understand that he was in Atlanta beginning the ‘big move’... we missed you Jim!!!! I was performing my usual VEEP job... collecting money for the GTG’s – great way to socialize and welcome folks to the event! The ‘gig’ (that’s Greg Sickal lingo) was in full swing - the masses had arrived – the Iles, the Travares, the Vanacores, John Reed and Angie Sharp, Russ and Doris Britschgi, Dick and Judy Dentino, Greg and Sue Sickal – WOW... Kevin’s blender was blending as fast as it could, cranking out all those margaritas’s (hope the tequila lasts!) OH MY GOSH... what do my wondering eyes see... Kirby and



Kevin Bennett’s granddaughter, Emily, supervises as her grampa performs the time honored ritual of pulling the pork.



Emilie’s innate sense of elegance and sophistication adds Highley to all of LPR ‘s good time gatherings.

MJ Hollis have arrived – seems like forever – good to see you two, MJ’s almost 100% recovered from her broken leg! Here come the Pruss’s. . . what no “Goodie Store?”... glad to see that you were here for FUN and no business!

Ken and June were working the crowd getting everyone to sign up for their Hearst Castle Tour. . .while Rudi and Joanna Herz were promoting their upcoming Oktoberfest... Our Prez and 1st Lady have now arrived presenting Debbie with a beautiful bou-



Ever the scientist, Ken Iles appears to be considering sending whatever he scraped from the bottom of his shoe out for lab analysis.



Doris Britschgi and Judy Dentino enjoyed the evening's festivities.

Debbie does the BBQ...



Kris Vanacore reacts with trepidation to the Lord of the Barrel's patter, but seems pleased with the Three Stooges tape, including the "Nyuk, Nyuk," that accompanies it.





Left; Karen Morgan's not happy with her prize, but she got a MEDIA card and is telling Bob to get his butt up there and give her two bucks!

**while
Em &
Kev give
out the
loot**



Bob Morgan seems to be fighting a gag reflex. Well, we know it can't be Debbie's food, so it must be John Reed's gags....



Yolanda Gale leads the charge through the chow line.

❖ BBQ ...

quet of roses... OOPS, I now have gotten sidetracked as I stood watching Kris Vanacore having difficulty in opening up the wine... NO "Two Buck Chuck" for this event – Deb and Kevin made me promise to upgrade the wine a little!

(Hope the our Treasurer is understanding when I present the invoice for wine.) After analyzing the situation, I realized that Kris was using the corkscrew incorrectly and basically was screwing counter-clockwise... not clockwise... with the right wrist action, we corrected that situation and the wine was now uncorked and "breathing"

(not to heavily)... Special thanks to Kevin and Deb's grandchildren Emily and Alex who also came to the rescue and helped us open a bottle or two!!!! I did notice that Little Emily had her grandpa Kevin wrapped around her little fingers with all those BIG hugs... aren't grandchildren wonderful! (There is a 'softer side' to Kevin)!!!!



Host Kevin Bennett hams it up, clearly relishing his role as Lord of the Barrel.



The Bennett's son, Kevin, demonstrates his skill with a knife as he dissects the ribs.

Dinner was about to be served, so Kris and I asked everyone to take their seats – what a feast – not only were there ribs, beans, potato salad, coleslaw – but also Debbie's famous PULLED PORK. I was stopped in my tracks when Big John Reed commented – "What's pulled pork?" Kevin Bennett commented – "You've never tasted pulled pork. . " John quickly replied "I guess I have" (as he rolled his

What's with this guy? He's not president yet. I should be sitting at the head of the table!

More BBQ Pics



Above: Sue Sickal is awestruck by the magnificence of her prize... her very own, personal autocross cone, and it's already broken in! Incredibly, Sue elected to not keep this spectacular prize and used a prepaid MEDIA card to chose another gift. Above Left: Sue seems even more excited over getting down and playing with the model Porsche she received as her second choice... saying something about keeping Greg entertained. Left; It was nice to see Joan & Jack Wallace, who made the trek north to participate in this evening's activities.

Photos by Vince Vincent

❖ BBQ ...

eyes)... John, was that a little white lie... or what!!!!!! Anyway, a 'hush' came over the crowd as we all dug in and feasted!

Bill and I dined with the Dentino's and the Ambrisko family... what a treat... Dick entertained us with a number of fun stories, while Doug and Dana discussed Autocross.



Ed Tavares puts up two bucks to cash in his MEDIA card and takes a pretty good prize for his faith in the purple box.

Little Ashley Ambrisko made her presence known, not only as a great eater – she loved those ribs... but this child, at the ripe age of 6 wants to race cars – PORSCHE's of course! I came away thinking that she was 6 going on 21! Doug and Dana – you have a great child – not to mention, a future LPR Member!!!!!!

Kevin is now pacing... he wants to start the MEDIA Game... dishes are cleared, coffee is brewing... the floor now belongs to Kevin.... WELL ALMOST... what is a GTG without a call to attention a 'whistle' from Debbie that quickly calms the crowd...

Kevin explains that we are about to play a game similar to 'Let's Make a Deal'... If your name is called, you get to pull a card worth \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 or \$10... Your choice is to keep the money. or select a FABULOUS prize (from the Bennett's Porsche stuff collected over the years)... Precious prizes were tucked away in THE PURPLE BOX, THE RED BARREL, or THE CANISTER... you also had a chance at winning a "MEDIA" card once you have selected your prize... SO, what the heck does ME-



Joanna Herz seems pleased with her prize from the Lord of the Barrel... the bottle she received looks sparkling, but I don't think it's water.

& More BBQ Pics



Emilie Highley, along with Debbie Bennett, reacts to Kevin Bennett's elegant introduction of the MEDIA card and Emilie's highly personal association with it.



Below; Emilie Highley exchanges fashion tips with Ashley Ambrisko. Now we know how Emilie manages to stay so chic!



Above; Bob Morgan was delighted to find a table where they let him sit at the head, although note that Mary Jane Hollis is telling Kris Vanacore that she is actually at the head and that Bob is really sitting at the foot. Our Prez should have known they wouldn't allow John Reed to sit near the place of honor.



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DIA really mean. . .are YOU ready for this? ” MAKE EMILIE DO IT AGAIN”!!!!!! What have I gotten myself into????? Kevin goes on to introduce my involvement in the game... facilitating the participation of the group (Vanna White move over... you now have competition)... Kevin kept the momentum going about me being blonde, or being cheap but not free! To be perfectly honest, I was beginning to believe that I about was to be a prize! YUCK!!!! (At least I knew that I could not possibly fit in THE PURPLE BOX, THE RED BARREL, or THE CANISTER.)



A hush fell over the crowd as I looked everyone in the eye – most of you would not even stare back, you were probably thinking “PLEEZ DO NOT CALL MY NAME” ... Who would our 1st contestant be... “Joanna Herz... Come on down” Joanna was quick to give up her \$2.00 and pick a fabulous prize in THE PURPLE BOX... Sue Sickal...

Forty-five people can fill up a backyard very quickly.



Tom Holdych is charmed with his prize.

Come on down... Sue took THE PURPLE Box and received a ‘trashed, run over and discolored’ orange parking cone... AND a MEDIA card – guess what Sue did???? She gave up her MEDIA card and took a chance at another FABULOUS prize... better prize – Sue is HAPPY! Diane Cox... Come on down... again THE PURPLE BOX... (Is there a pattern here... why aren’t the men being called?... and what’s so special about THE PURPLE BOX??)

Angie Sharp... come on down... Angie takes THE RED BARREL and keeps her prize! Russ

Britschgi... come on down... STOP everything... Russ pulls the card for \$10.00... will he give it back or go for a fabulous prize?... NOPE, he keeps the money... that figures – no gamble with the men!!!!!! The game continues giving most everyone a chance to participate and decide if they would be a few bucks richer or take a chance at a FABULOUS prize...

❖ BBQ ...

Kevin has a seemingly endless supply of FABULOUS prizes... the gang is really into it... Vince Vincent is busy snapping pictures as daughter Christina looks on... THE PURPLE BOX continues to be the most popular... key fobs, PROSCHE charms, radios, liquor, hats, books and movies are all given away. NEVER have I seen such participation at a GTG!

As the game ends and members are attempting to trade their prizes with other members, Debbie's tantalizing and warm Apple Brown Betty is brought out along with homemade ice cream YUM-YUM... plenty of time to diet tomorrow!

Clean up begins as Kris Vanacore, Kelly Bennett, and Judy Dentino roll up their sleeves to 'whip' Deb's kitchen back into shape.

This GTG was an evening to remember – hope you all had a chance to check out Debbie's ribs and butt. This GTG was advertised as a "Debbie Does It All BBQ"... The question in my mind remains "Does Debbie do it all, or does she need a "touch of Kevin" to make it all happen"...

Shall we do it again next year??????? I'm game... but will Kevin "Make Emilie Do It Again???"

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Board of Directors - Nominees

TOM HOLDYCH – PRESIDENT

Since joining LPR, I have noticed a level of discord due to the desire of some members to become more formal, while others wish to retain the existing, more casual atmosphere. I have to say that I support the latter, and I would not support any expansion of unnecessary formalities. I believe that LPR meets the needs of its current members, and is attractive to potential new members – both of which are the lifeblood of a club’s success and longevity. I feel that LPR has established what has been, and what continues to be a successful formula. This has resulted in a strong and participatory club membership, a warm and friendly atmosphere, and some memorable “Good Times”. I see no compelling reason to deviate from this formula. As President I would work to further strengthen LPR within an environment of open discussion and policy-making, fiscal responsibility, integrity, friendship and Porsche related fun. I ask for your vote if you too have the same vision for LPR.



EMILIE HIGHLEY – VICE-PRESIDENT

As the candidate for the Vice President’s position in the Loma Prieta Porsche Club, I feel that I bring a dimension of organization and creativity to the Club and have fun doing it! While planning events and maintenance of the annual calendar are key to the position, the role of Vice President is a ‘reach out and touch everyone’ type of position. I feel that this is one of my real strengths and one that I would like to continue to draw upon in 2005.



KAREN MORGAN – SECRETARY

I am running for the LPR position of Secretary. I currently hold this position and it would be my privilege to continue serving the club as its Secretary. Unlike my brother’s girlfriend who (when asked to take minutes of a meeting) merely wrote the beginning and ending minute times (true story), I have been known to include much information and I enjoy keeping all members informed of club business. Please consider me when you vote



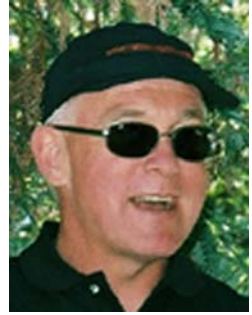
HARLAN PESTER – ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

I have really enjoyed being part of the LPR Board this past year. As I stated earlier, this position is responsible for seeing that all LPR motorized events, has the proper Insurance coverage. It has been an honor for me to serve in this responsible position and to interact with the other Board members of LPR. If I am elected to serve another term in this position, I will continue to serve to the best to my ability, and am looking forward in doing so.



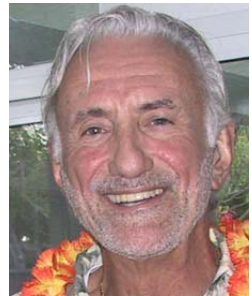
BOB MORGAN – MEMBER-AT-LARGE

It has been my privilege to serve LPR as Member at Large, Vice President and President. As Member at Large, my responsibilities will include maintaining the By-Laws, the Policies and Procedures, and ensuring the continuity of leadership for the Region. I feel well qualified to hold this position again, and look forward to serving on the Board for another year. I would appreciate your vote.



ED TEFANKJIAN – MEMBERSHIP

I am excited about being a candidate for the LPR Board as Membership Director. At the suggestion of Tom Provasi, Karen and I joined LPR as dual members last year. During this past year, we have gone to numerous LPR events and have met many wonderful people that share our passion for Porsches and having fun along the way. We now understand why LPR is called the “Good Time Region”! We both have thoroughly enjoyed all the LPR events, the members and the club structure so much that we have changed our primary PCA membership to LPR.



Now I would like to be part of the process helping the club to grow and meet its' objectives. I have had years of senior management experience at the Vice President level in Fortune 1000 companies. This along with my love of Porsches and having a good time makes the opportunity for becoming the LPR Membership Director very exciting. Thank you in advance for considering me as the next Membership Director.

KEVIN BENNETT-EDITOR

I'm doing the job now and I'm willing to do it again next year. What more can I say?



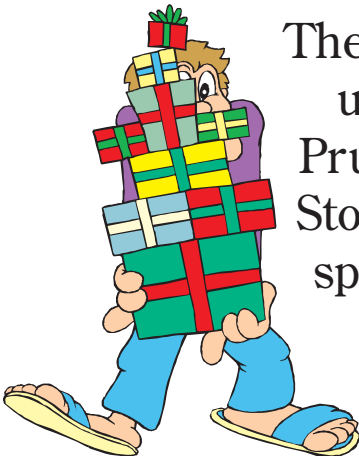
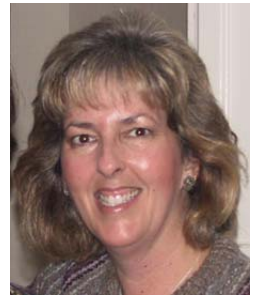
NANCI BISHOP - MEMBERSHIP

I am running for the office of Membership because I truly enjoy working with new members and would like the opportunity to encourage each and everyone to become involved. I have worked in the area of membership with other groups and know I could do a great job for LPR. I have spent the past two years encouraging women to participate in driving events and all members to become more active. I hope you will vote for me.



SUE SICKAL - TREASURER

Nothing submitted.



The Holidays will soon be upon us. Joe & Cheryl Pruss and the LPR Goodie Store will be offering some special items for your gift list. Look for more information in the November issue.

Awards Nominees

Enthusiast Man Of The Year

Bob Morgan

Bob Morgan is currently President of LPR. Bob autocrosses, participated in both drivers' ed. events and consistently provides photos to the POST as well as written reportage on events. Bob attended concours judging school this year, then ran the concours at the LPR Swap Meet. The Morgans host the Halloween party and Bob is so devoted to the success of numerous activities LPR's that he cut his attendance at Parade short and drove an entire day so that he could attend the LPR Picnic. It is a rare event where you will find Bob Morgan not in attendance and his good humor and exuberance for all things LPR-PCA make him a worthy candidate for this award.

Greg Sickal

Greg Sickal devotes uncounted hours every month to maintain and continually improve the truly excellent LPR web page. He is an autocrosser, he participated in the driver's education event at Laguna Seca and is consistently seen cutting up at the monthly good-time-gatherings. Greg often provides photos to the web page as well as the POST and he has written several articles that were published in past POST issues. Greg put a tremendous effort into initiating and researching a proposal for having the club print the POST, in house, in hopes of creating a substantial savings to the club, and then hosted a meeting of the Board of Directors for consideration of same. In addition, Greg and Sue hosted December's gift exchange and are hosting another GTG in November. Greg's devotion to service to the club as well as his constancy of participation in all aspects of club activity epitomizes the very essence of enthusiasm for LPR and is why he should be voted Man of the Year.

Enthusiast Woman of the Year

Emilie Highley

Emilie has worked exceptionally hard throughout 2004, organizing or helping out with many of the social activities. Every Good Time Gathering has been very successful, well-attended and fun; and it's due in a large part to Emilie's input. Emilie frequently volunteers to help out wherever she can and she always has a positive, can-do attitude. Emilie goes out of her way to welcome new members at our events and she immediately sets them at ease by introducing them to other LPR members. Emilie is one of LPR's best promoters, as everything she does for LPR is selfless and for the benefit of the membership

Liz Shaw

Liz is currently serving her second year as Membership Director wherein she maintains the official club roster. She carefully follows through on her job by arranging two “Newcomers Socials” each year, and then trumps that by contacting all of the new members and asking them to come to each of these events. Liz has responded to the POST Pest by writing event coverage and, in the absence of a Tech Chairman, arranged for a Tech event to be held in October. She is an autocrosser and she not only participated in both driver’s education events, but she served as both Registrar and Webmaster for this new LPR activity. Liz is consistently seen at good-time-gatherings and her dedication has been a real asset to the growth of our club.

Worker of the Year

Ward Zitzer

Ward has served as our POST mailing coordinator for more than 11 years. He is responsible for picking up the POST from our printer, coordinating the current mailing list, printing the address labels, placing the labels on the newsletters, (stuffing the ballots into the POST), paying the postage metering fees and delivering the POST to the Post Office for mailing. He has always remained in the background without asking for recognition. I feel that it is time to give Ward this recognition for his continued support of the club over these many years.

Cathy Carlson

From six in the morning to five in the afternoon you are asked a zillion questions and make numerous decisions involving the 40-50 drivers who know that you are in charge. And this is just one of *six* LPR autocrosses held during the year! Imagine adding five more autocross events to this scenerio and you have our LPR Autocross Chairperson Cathy Carlson. Cathy is truly dedicated to making sure that these driving events are run in a professional manner with safety in the forefront. She handles all this with a friendly demeanor and a good natured attitude. Cathy empahsizes what a LPR Worker of the Year is all about. Thank you for considering Cathy as the Worker of the Year for 2004.

Liz Shaw

I think Liz Shaw is a great candidate for this award. She jumped right in as a new member, serving as Membership Chair for two years. She made contact with new members, and organized new member socials. As the membership chair is often the first LPR person a new member contacts, it is a very visible and important position. Liz also volunteered for the new position of Registrar and Webmaster for our joint-effort Driver’s Education program with Monterey Bay Region, the newly created Coastal Driving. In this endeavor Liz has shown excellent organizational and website development skills, as well as tireless effort in help get Coastal Driving off and running.

Kevin Bennett

No accolades for Kevin Bennett are necessary. His record of club interest, input, and in particular the high standard of the "Prieta POST" while in the position of Editor for the year 2004 speak for themselves. He is one of the finest Editors LPR has ever had, (paralleling John Reed in the past,) and he will no doubt continue to be an excellent and first class job in 2005. These attributes, high standards, computer knowledge, and demonstrated dedication to LPR make him an outstanding candidate for the 2004 Worker of the Year Award.

Newcomer of the Year

Linda & Larry Smith

The Smiths have come to the fore this year as enthusiastic and active participants in all aspects of LPR activities. They participate in the autocross series and took part in Sacramento Region's Crab event this year; documenting their activities in writing and in photos; and submitting the result for welcome publication in the LPR POST. Linda wrote the January coverage for the Pismo Tour of late last year. Larry & Linda hosted a spectacular brunch GTG in their home in Capitola and they have been seen on several tours and at many good-time-gatherings in 2004. In just a few short months they have become welcome and exemplary members in the LPR Good Time Region tradition.

Ed & Karen Tefankjian

Ed and Karen joined LPR as dual members late last year. Since hooking up with us they have been participating in almost every aspect of LPR life: Social, Tours, Autocross and a funky Easter Parade in downtown Campbell and a Boat Cruise off the Santa Cruz coast. They have become very, very active during the year and they switched their primary PCA membership to LPR. Ed is running for LPR Membership Director for 2005. What more can we say! Thanks for considering Ed and Karen as LPR's Newcomers of the Year.

Joe & Cheryl Pruss

From the moment Joe and Cheryl Pruss agreed to run the LPR's Goodie Store, the position, and the goods offered, took on great visibility. Their marketing approach was aggressive and innovative, the most recent example being at the last Swap Meet where Joe and Cheryl, along with LPR's major goods supplier Greg Lane, set up a very impressive stand resulting in successful sales. They have a good sense of business and marketing, - essential qualities for the job, - and the sales results are testimony to this. Another year in this important position is sought by Joe and Cheryl, and should be enthusiastically endorsed with your vote.



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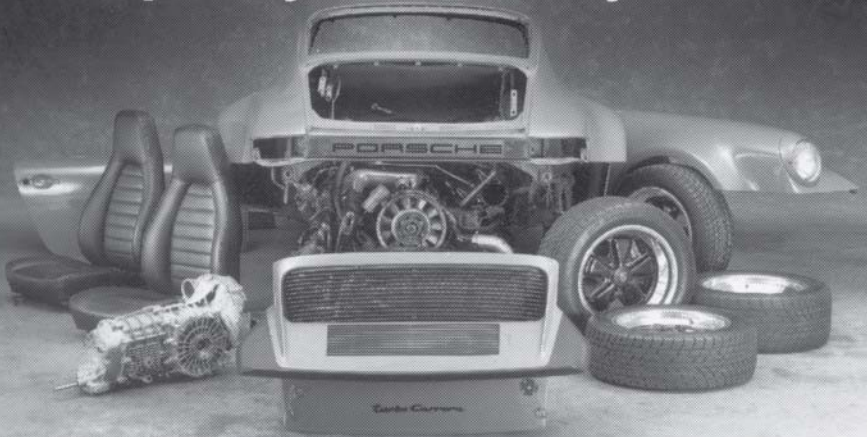
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th Anniversary Party. A proposed date is March 26, 2005. Emilie recommended having the party at Maggiano's. Karen moved and Harlan seconded approving Maggiano's as the site and permitting Emilie to lock in the date and place. Estimated number of attendees is 100 – 125 and a proposed cost of \$65 per person was considered. Several members volunteered to contact advertisers to help underwrite the cost of the event (Monies to go toward music, wine, programs, gifts, etc.) Emilie will report further details next month.

Secretary: Karen Morgan

Karen had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Sue Sickal

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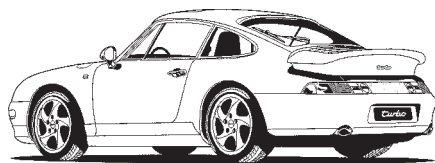
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