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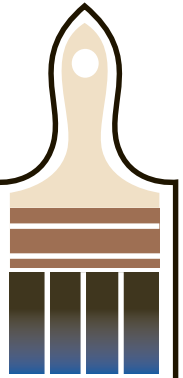
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Saturday the **16th** - Fun with the Vanacores. Ad on page 12.

Saturday the **23rd**- Iles & Bryant stage a Gymkanna. Watch for the ad in the April POST.

Sunday the **24th**- LPR Autocross #2 at Marina. See the ad on page 15.

Saturday the **30th** - 1 day mystery tour. Watch and listen for clues to see if this event happens or remains forever a mystery.

May

Thursday the **5th**- Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos

Saturday the **21st** - Larry & Linda Smith didn't learn their lesson last year and are hosting a GTG for LPR one more time. Are these people are amazing or what? Watch for the ad in the May issue.

Sunday the **22nd**- Fun with cones! LPR Autocross #3 unwinds at Marina. Watch for that ad appearing in the May issue.

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Geschwätz in die Überholspur

Tom Holdych, President



It really hit me this morning: I remembered why I bought a Porsche.

If you read my column last month you recall that I had just purchased a Jaguar, which I was going to use as a replacement for my '87 Carrera Targa for the daily drive to work. My wife Annie and I both love to drive that new car, and she loved it so much that I didn't get a chance to drive it much for the first 3 weeks or so after we bought it. No problem: I just drove her '89 C4, and had plenty of fun doing so.

But with the recent inclement weather we have been having, the pain to jockey cars around on my long-but-narrow driveway and Annie's allowing me to drive the Jag occasionally, I gave the C4 a nice washing and covered her up for a little rest. For the next several weeks my commute was taken in either the Jag or our Dodge Durango (which we bought last year as a tow vehicle for the track car) – Both fine vehicles.

But that's the rub – They are mere *vehicles*. They are nice and comfortable to drive and they have both reliably gotten us where we needed to go. They are quiet when you roll up the windows (perhaps too quiet...), which really allows you to enjoy the stereo or take the occasional cell phone call and actually hear the person on the other end. But... in the end they are still just *cars*, nice ones albeit but still lacking that special feeling that, well, you can only get when driving a Porsche.

These thoughts began to gel when I uncovered my red Targa last night, and was going to drive it for the first time for about a month. I did the standard "vehicle shuffle" on my driveway to bring the Targa to the front of the line for the morning commute. It has been going through the "preparation to sell" dance with several LPR members, getting a PPI, a smog inspection and going through test drives. So far my hard sell tactics haven't yet worked, but currently club members Kevin and Debbie Bennett are looking seriously at it. I think that I have Debbie hooked, but that Kevin is a tougher sell. They are looking for a Porsche for tours that would be more comfortable than their 914, and after some short pondering on my part, I might be looking for a 914 to use for autocrosses. Hey, this might work.

Anyway, the leather and rubber on the Targa hadn't been treated since January, so with the car now accessible at the front of the line on the driveway,

out came the Lexol and Vynlex. Whereas I don't recall the last time that I even vacuumed the Durango (ask anyone who has ridden in it about our Dalmatian fur issues...), I actually enjoy performing these maintenance and care tasks on the Porsches. So I finish with the seats, the lip on the whale tail, the rear bumper guards, the tires. Boy she looks nice! And for some reason, for the first time in a while I feel excited about my commute to work tomorrow morning. Who knows, it might be the last time that this car and I commute together.

So here I am writing this column that next morning when it has really dawned on me. I absolutely love driving Porsches! I guess that all it took was a short hiatus from driving one that really "drove" this point home. Annie and I will drive her over to the Highleys tonight for one of our last planning sessions for the upcoming LPR 35th Anniversary Celebration and Gala, and hand her over to the Bennetts for some additional pre-purchase assessment. At the same time, the Bennetts will hand us their Speed Yellow '76 914 for us to do our own assessment. And if everything pans out, Kevin and I will hammer out a deal and 2 LPR Porsches will change hands, but still "stay in the family". I'll let you know next month.

So, depending on whether you read your POST on line (in full color, I may add), or wait until you receive it in the mail, the following will be of variable value to you. Our year of events has really gotten off to a nice start with Soup Night at the Glathes and Ed & Karen Tefankjian's Blackhawk Tour in February – Both excellent events and enjoyed by all who attended. March is even bigger and things just continue from there. LPR's Day at the Races brought to you by Greg and Sue Sickal occurs on Saturday March 12th. My understanding is that Greg made some big bucks during his last foray to Bay Meadows, and he is guaranteeing success and financial independence with the "Sickal Method" of horse picking, which I am sure he will impart to you for a nominal fee. Our first Newcomers Social is scheduled for the following Friday (3/18) at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos. Please take this opportunity to meet some new LPR friends whether you are new to the club or an old hand. I've got to say that I am quite proud of our members, and I would love for all of you to come out and meet some of the folks who have recently joined our family, or are looking to do so. Then, the next day on Saturday 3/19 we have our first Tech Session of the year at Jeda Generations in San Jose. This session will cover upholstery and headliners, and be presented by a well known and established firm who is very knowledgeable on all vintages of Porsche. Whenever I see auto upholstery work being performed I am always amazed at the tricks and artistry the good guys have developed over the years, and the magical outcome they can achieve. I'm sure that they will not only give some ideas on what can be done to make the interior of your Porsche better-than-new, but can also give some sage advice as to how to keep your car looking great year after year.

Continuing an incredible 3-day weekend, LPR's first autocross of 2005 will be at Marina Airport on Sunday, 3/20. I have only attended a couple of autocrosses, and have only run 1 since I joined LPR. But I have told myself that this is the year I will try and run the whole LPR series. But unfortunately I will not be running at this first event. My excuses are twofold. First, I promised Cathy Carlson at the March Board meeting that I would help out at the first event (me and my big mouth), and second, I will be running Laguna Seca the following Monday with the National Auto Sport Association (NASA). So, I'll be trailering my track car down to Marina on Sunday, but I'll be working the event that day and not running my car. But, since Bob Morgan is still "Porscheless" (at least without one which runs), I have offered him my track car for the day and he may take me up on that offer. You guys better watch out: I know that it is a great car, and with a real driver behind the wheel she is going to be quick! I am going to help Bob out as much as possible to classify the car as "Showroom Stock", but we'll have to see what we can get by with the Tech guys...

Rounding out our month of March (whew!) is the LPR 35th Anniversary Celebration and Gala on Saturday 3/26. Now I am sure that most of you have seen coverage of this event on CNN, NBC, CBS and ABC (we couldn't *guarantee* enough sexual/adult situations, so FOX wouldn't touch it), but I'll give you a little more of a briefing here. First you should know that a dedicated group of your LPR peers has been working feverishly on the preparation and execution of this event since December of last year. Significantly due to Emilie Highley's planning and management skills, it is now very gratifying seeing our efforts coming to fruition, and I am quite sure that this will be an event talked about for some years down the road. Kevin Bennett has done an incredible job on a special edition of the POST to commemorate *A Drive Down Memory Lane*, and I have been working with Bob Morgan, Ken Iles and John Reed to put together a video slideshow which will be premiered at the party, then locked away in the Disney Vault. Don't miss your opportunity to see the show (and receive your own commemorative CD or DVD). Personally, Annie and I have only been with PCA and LPR for 2 whole years, so we've got a full 33 years of *Good Times* to make up for in this single night. If you can only attend one LPR event this year, make it the 35th Anniversary party!

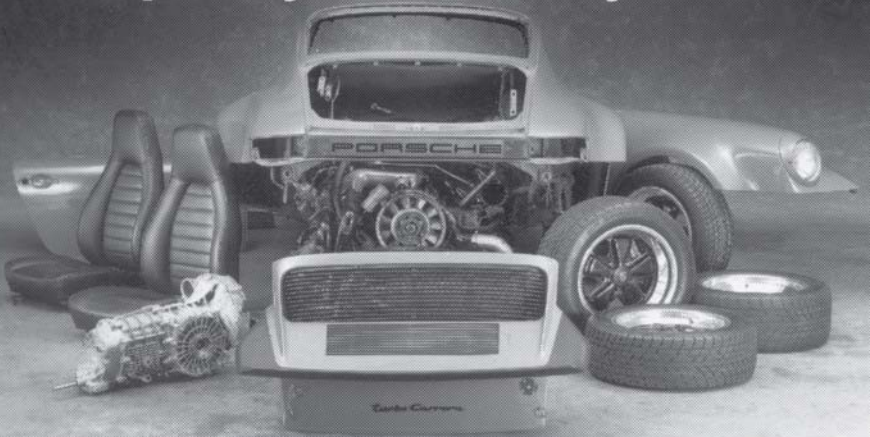
So that's it for LPR's own "March Madness", but the fun doesn't stop there by any means. As we head into April it looks like LPR will be hosting the Zone 7 Concours School on 4/9 at Stevens Creek Porsche. Whereas I have never been "into" concours in the past I do plan on attending this event. During our last Zone President's meeting we discussed the Concours School, and its emphasis on becoming a concours judge. It was felt that this might limit the participation somewhat, so we determined that we would pursue an additional emphasis in this and upcoming schools: What is concours,

❖ President's Notepad...

how do I get into it, and what do I need to know if I want to enter my car in its first concours? I have personally had these questions, and I look forward to my first foray into the clean world of concours!

Well, I guess that I need to conclude my column for this month. I have to admit that I didn't have a clue as to what I would write about this month, and that Kevin would finally be happy with me as my column would be shorter than usual. But I have to thank my '87 Carrera Targa for giving me the inspiration for this column. Annie and I had no real concept, when we bought our first Porsche and joined LPR, of the passion, pure enjoyment and camaraderie that would ensue. And we've never looked back. Deep down, with whatever else is going on in our lives and in the world, I think that we can all ultimately see how fortunate we are to have and drive Porsches, to interact with the wonderful people in LPR and PCA in general, and to be able to share our passion for Porsches with others in our new extended family.

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POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



I was having a conversation with Rudi Herz the other day and he made the comment to me that the hit-and-run is becoming so common that it is almost the standard to be expected in the event of an accident. I see Rudi a lot and due to his often ebullient reaction to the food served to him at our many mutual dining experiences, I have taken to calling him “Captain Hyperbole.” There is certainly an element of hyperbole in his comment about the hit-and-run rate and, reflecting his strong sense of proper behavior and obedience to the rules of society, an inferred expression of frustration over what he sees as a declining respect for the law. Rudi and I get along very well together. One of the reasons why is that we often have similar views and, in this instance, I found myself in complete agreement.

That is not to say, however, that we are right. California has changed tremendously over the last 40 years. A few seminal changes: the ethnic makeup of the population has changed radically, the population density of urban areas has increased, the illegal immigrant population has soared, and government has done a poor job of improving and maintaining infrastructure in face of these changes.

It is only logical to assume that because we have more people rubbing elbows with each other that there are going to be more instances of every type of behavior, including hit-and-run accidents. I mentioned illegal immigrants because they, too, could be a significant factor in that, not being legal citizens and being probably unlicensed as well as uninsured, they might have a strong incentive not to stick around when involved in an accident. I have, however, also seen stories of U.S. citizens taking the hit and run route, so it is clear that this crime is unascrivable to merely one social or ethnic group. It is still a crime, however, and if it is on the rise, it should be addressed.

There is a strong bent in our society toward sympathy and forgiveness toward transgressors. With the sole exception of crimes against children, we seem open to almost any excuse offered as to why a criminal defendant should not be held responsible for his crime. Remember Dan

White's lawyers arguing that eating Twinkies showed he was depressed and was thus incapable of premeditating murder? The judge allowed it, the jury bought it and now it seems no excuse is too strange to be argued to a jury.

And there lies the rub. If you hit someone and you take off, the risk-to-benefit ratio seems to be off kilter. On one side, you take no responsibility for the damage you caused and suffer no penalty other than dealing with your own conscience. On the other side, you are caught and offer any conceivable excuse as to why you did not stop. If you or your imaginative lawyers are compelling enough, you play on the sympathy of a jury and gain a reduced penalty for your flouting of the law.

The huge population and large urban areas in California offer a high degree of anonymity to transgressors and the financial constraints placed on law enforcement agencies, in my mind, are shifting the advantage to the bad guys in too many cases. Even the law enforcement agencies say that they are directing more of their resources to deterrence rather than to investigation of crime. Since a hit-and-run is usually committed by an average person in an emotional moment rather by someone who is perpetrating a crime for profit, it seems to me that the threat of severe, automatic criminal penalties would have an enormous affect in deterring this serious crime. Sentence a few people to years in jail for leaving the scene of an accident, mandated by law with no judicial discretion, and when that decision to flee or stay comes around, more people will be making the proper choice.

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MEMBER NOTES

*Ed Tefankjian,
Membership Director*



I hope everyone is enjoying this spring weather we are having!!! Karen and I finally got the top off the Targa!!! And I got one autocross in. Also, we had a great “sunny day” for the Blackhawk Tour. It rained Friday and Sunday, but Saturday was beautiful! It was the first tour Karen and I put together and the weather more than cooperated. For those of you who could not make it please read the article in the POST...a good time was had by all!

I'm pleased to introduce the following new members who joined LPR last month;

New member from Tim at Fastlane

- Chris Finn, Soquel, Black 2004 996 C4S

Transfer in

- Scott Pastrone, Santa Cruz, 1969 912

Ed's tips for April;

- When you change your e-mail address please send your new address to me (edjt@earthlink.net) so I can update your file. Many times we send out e-mail messages to LPR members and we always get some e-mails rejected.....I'm sure that it is because we don't have your latest address on file. Also, if you make any changes to your profile (like your address, phone number, etc.) that you give to PCA National you need to be specific about the Region. If you are just updating your information and do not want to transfer out of LPR you need to let them know that. We have had some cases where a member has just changed their address and National has moved them to another Region. If you have any questions please contact me.
- This tip is for you old and new members, you need to become more active in the club. Both Karen and I have met so many wonderful people since we have joined LPR....we need to let you know that you are missing a great opportunity to meet new friends that also share your passion for Porsches. Believe me, there are so many fun

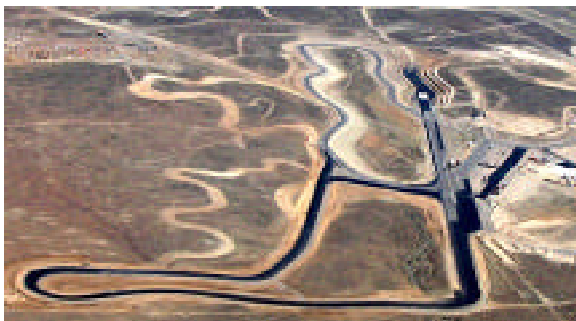
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THE BLACKHAWK TOUR

LPR'S FIRST TOUR OF 2005

By Bob Morgan

Early in the week, rain was predicted to hit on Sunday, the day after our first-scheduled tour of the year to Blackhawk on Saturday. As this was the first tour that Ed and Karen Tefankjian had hosted, they were understandably concerned. Winter weather is difficult to predict (even in the Bay Area), and we knew there would be some chance of rain-outs when we set the schedule in November. When the rain began falling on Friday, Karen's worries compounded. Karen called Ken.

Ed and Karen had pre-run the tour with Ken and June Iles (tourmasters extraordinaire), and had an excellent plan. The tour packages were ready for each vehicle, complete with color maps, directions and Valentine's candies. Ken and June were out on Friday when Karen called for advice, and didn't return until late in the evening. "Too late to call back tonight" Ken thought.

Fortunately for all concerned the dawn brought clear skies. Thirty of us met at a Starbucks in Milpitas to enjoy our good fortune and begin our tour. We signed the insurance waiver and Ed conducted the Driver's Meeting at 8:45 am. We reviewed the plan, checked our FRS and CB radios operations and got underway. I must confess that neither of my two Porsches were running properly (but that's another story), so we played caboose in my wife's Japanese car. Fortunately for us, Ed was leading the tour and obeying all the speed limits (to the dismay of the

Turbo owners in our group). We were able to stay together as we wound our way through the eastern foothills, passing the many bicyclists out enjoying the morning.



Tour Leader Ed Tefankjian galvanizes the crowd with his oratory prowess! Both clearly mesmerized, Vince Vincent fiddles with his camera while Bob Morgan works on his memoirs.

Cows grazed on the lush green pastures and seemed to enjoy watching our 15 Porsches and 1 Lexus meander past. Emilie Highley (not being a farm-girl) questioned the function of the ear-tags on the cattle. Perhaps a bovine fashion statement? As we headed toward Dublin, we noted the similarity to Ireland,

what with the emerald green hills, rock outcroppings, and cattle grazing. The verdant hills, dotted with brilliant yellow splashes of wild mustard, all beneath a clear blue sky reminded us why we live in Northern California. Continuing along Calaveras Road we couldn't help but notice the wispy tendrils of fog stretching between the hills into the Livermore Valley. Ed & Karen's 1987 SC crossed the 100,000 mile odometer reading at about this point. It must be time for Ed to get a 987 for Karen, and a 997 for himself!

We arrived at the Blackhawk Automobile Museum on schedule, and arranged all the Porsches on the plaza in front of the museum for a photo shoot. Our docent for the museum tour, Ed Holloway, was very knowledgeable, not just about autos, but also about the US Presidents. There was a special



Karen Morgan is in high spirits. Karen Tefankjian should consult with Karen M. about how to get a good photo taken for the POST.

display sponsored by one of the museum directors containing various paintings and sculptures. We learned lots of interesting tidbits. For example, did you know that President Taft originated Baseball's 7th inning stretch? The connection to the auto museum was the 1942 presidential limousine at the entry to the presidents' area. After an enlightening session on the presidents, we moved on to view some of the earliest autos from the late 1800's. The first gasoline-powered automobiles were built in 1885 by Germans Daimler and Benz. Those autos were not on display, but the 1893 Duryea was, as well as a 1901 curved-dash Olds. The Duryea was entered in the first race from Chicago to Evanston, Illinois and back. The Winton was on display. It was the first car to travel coast to coast, and



Bob Morgan was driving a Japanese car on this tour. Apparently shunned by the group, Bob had been pleading to have someone take one of these radios so he would have someone with whom to talk. Diane & Pete Siemens don't seem interested either.



No, the group was not under attack by indians. Ed Tefankjian made special parking arrangements that resulted in this display in front of the museum.

was the best selling car between 1906 and 1909. There were many other fascinating examples of automotive genius and beauty. Under-represented (I thought) was Porsche. There was but a single example of a pre-A 356, actually a prototype with the body by Waibel. I remember several Porsches last time we visited. The displays do change periodically. The absence of Porsches did force us to focus on other makes, particularly interesting was the Tucker Torpedo on display in the post-war section.

There are so many cars on display, having a docent provide a little focus and historical perspective was really an excellent way to see these automobiles.

Our lunch was nearly ready at the Blackhawk Grill, just a stone's throw from the Museum. Ed and Karen had arranged 2 salad and 4 entrée



This may sound sacrilegious, but if Linda Smith is going to drive around with such a broad grin on her face, she should be driving a Beamer!

choices. Members at our table chose either the half-chicken or the rack of Lamb sandwich. The food and service were both excellent.

We then journeyed to Pleasanton and visited the showroom of Kassabian Motors. There were a few Porsches there for sale, although the majority of floorspace

was dedicated to good old American muscle-cars. I was momentarily tempted by a 1975 Turbo that was all set for the track, with a roll-cage and 5-point harnesses. I know Vic Monzon had a great time revisiting some of the cars he had owned before making the leap to Porsches.

Arlen Ness' motorcycle showroom was right next door, so many of us took the opportunity to have a peek. These are not just motorcycles, mind you, but more like motorized sculptures. There were so many themes represented, why they even had a motorcycle done up as a fire engine. One of my favorites was the bright Yellow "Ness-talgia", inspired by a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, complete with tail fins.

There were several first-time tourers: Kirsti and Eric Cyrus, Paul & Terry Gregory (who've been very active in autocross and thought they'd try touring as well), and George and Sharon Breein. We enjoyed having you and hope you tour with us again.



Typical Ken Iles...first thing in the morning, when most folks are looking for a hot cup of coffee, Ken is looking for a hot body to cuddle up to, in this case, Angie Sharp.

Thanks so much to Ed and Karen Tefankjian for the best tour of the year (so far).

BLACKHAWK TOURING



Remember the opening sequence to “The Texas Rangers” on Saturday morning TV? From left: Ed Tefankjian, Paul Gregory, Larry Smith, Bill Highley, Bob Morgan.



The group reacts to John Reed’s vow to maintain radio silence on the tour. From left: Dick Wallace, Mary Wallace, Pete Siemens, Bill Highley, Diane Siemens. Below: Most everyone had gotten their coffee fix and so, just before departure, they were successfully prodded into posing for this bon voyage shot.

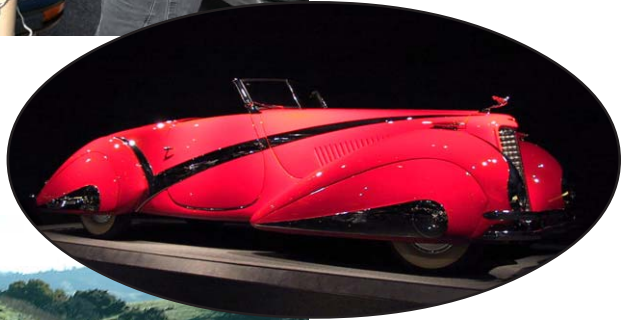


Photos by Vince Vincent,
John Reed and Vic Monzon



One of the carefully crafted entertainments of the afternoon was this skit involving a jar of petroleum jelly, the club banner, Ed Tefankjian and Bob Morgan.

Below: Most of the tour members would have considered a swap of their own cars for this museum beauty...



Left: Sunny California backroads in winter... it's why car clubs were invented!



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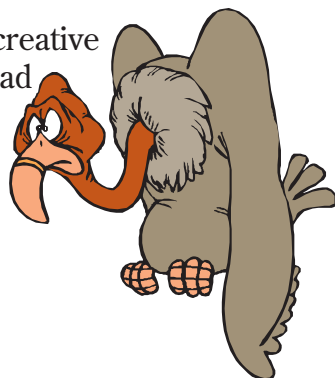
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What a tasty encounter!

by Margot Novak

This annual event makes me wax nostalgic. Not only did we taste some sumptuous soups and salads, we savored reconnecting with LPR friends. This year, it was better than ever. Not only did we get to see Tom and Sandy Provasi (he painted the exterior of our house before we moved) but even rarer was seeing Larry and Carole Goodwin (she was POST editor when we first joined LPR in 1978).

Though Pete and I moved back to southern California in 1990 and haven't made too many of the LPR events, the soup night is one that we usually do attend and we always enjoy. For the past three years, we've been joined by our long-time friends and former neighbors, Reg and Jean Rickett, who are now members of LPR, after Reg bought his silver Boxster last year. (Pete's years of prodding finally paid off.) Even before joining, Jean contributed some of her photos of the soup event for the POST.



Harlan Pester demonstrates the focus and concentration required of a good Soup Nighter.



President Tom Holdych presents hosts Lorraine and Bill Glathe with a thank you gift for hosting this event yet again.

The soup night is close to my heart as Pete and I helped initiate the first one about fifteen years ago with former members, Tom and Cathy Mathieu at their house. As with many things, there has been an evolution on where the event is held and who decides on the soups. For the past ten years, Bill and Loraine Glathe have hosted this

❖ What a tasty encounter...

event and attendees offer to make their favorite soup, or bring a salad or dessert.

Some of the highlights for me were getting a guided tour of the Glathe's attic hideaway, helping Jean Ricket make rosesettes for a desert, seeing Kirby Hollis with his beard disguised as a famous literary figure, having a bowl of Sandy Provasi's vegetable minestrone, getting a hug from big John Reed and seeing the PCA DVD that the Glathe's received for hosting this event.



Carole Goodwin and John Reed don't just reminisce about the good old days... they relive them!

One of the added pleasures of visiting LPR is the trip up scenic 101, especially during the green time of year. And this trip was greener than ever with all the rain California has had. The rain also brought about an altered route because of the closure of Pacific Coast Highway in the Malibu area. On the way up we took I-5 to Lost Hills and then cut across to 101 for the final third of the trip. On the way home we decided to be more adventurous, which meant we took a bit longer to make it back. We'd intended to make a stop in Templeton for a snack at a coffee house and make a visit to Herman's Chocolate Factory, but as they were both closed we left 101 at Atascadero and the route we chose seemed to vanish and so we winged it and came out at Buttonwillow by I-5. We were rewarded by enjoying some great Porsche roads, even if we weren't in a Porsche for this trip; however, we probably will be when we come up for LPR's 35th anniversary bash later this month.



Jim Cox, Ed & Rosemary Tavares. Notice that Jim & Rosemary were wearing flowers in their hair..



Bill Glathe played a PCA 50th Anniversary DVD for those present. Taking it all in, from left: Jean Ricket, Ralph Maines, Larry Goodwin, Carole Goodwin, Sandy Provasi, Tom Provasi, Kirby Hollis and Mary Jane Hollis.

Chili Cookoff, Soup Night and in between

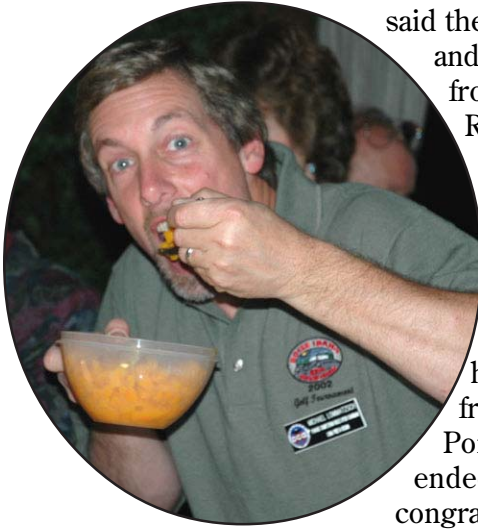
by Tom Provasi

When Debbie Bennett called and asked me to write up the annual Soup Night at the Glathe's, I couldn't say no. Being editor for so many years in the early 90's, I know how difficult it is to get a variety of writers for the year's events. Sandy and I had attended many events at the Glathe's over the years, but haven't had the opportunity for quite some time. Since 2005 is the 35th anniversary of LPR, I thought it appropriate to take a look back and see how the Glathe's Good Time Gathering has evolved over the years. Let's take a look back in time.



It all started way back in 1984 when the Glathe's hosted the inaugural Chili Cookoff competition. Marilyn Schatz

Diane Cox is in the middle of a move back east, so she wasn't able to bring a soup. That didn't keep her from being curious about what the other soup chefs had brought to this evening's shindig.



Mike Lommatzsch gives a vivid demonstration of what this evening is really about.

said the highlight of the night was Rudi and Joanna's three day old 944, direct from the Porsche Treffen trip. John Reed had seconds of chili and Kathy vowed that she was sleeping on the couch. In 1985, one of the most outrageously funny memories for me was when Bill Glathe displayed his new red Porsche by pulling down his pants to proudly show off the front and rear of the brightest red Porsche boxer shorts. John Reed ended his presidents column with a congratulations to the 49ers for winning the Super Bowl over the Miami Dolphins. Wow, have things changed from the glory years of 49er football.

Jim Kershaw wrote about the 3rd annual event in February '86 and the huge turnout. This large turnout was partially due to the new member cocktail party hosted by the Iles prior to the event. I bet that tour from the Iles home to the Glathe's was one to remember. Highlights of the 1987 event was Bill showing his new playroom. Gerri Hoban was there to accept her Newcomer of the Year award. Who could forget the '88 chili night when Larry Brisson did some modeling of Lorraine's lingerie and came out sporting a flowered straw hat and a pair of lacy pantaloons. Penny noted in her column that she was glad the photographer had run out of film (how convenient).



Karen Tefankjian apparently asked the photographers present to try some new angles...

1989 marked the final time that the chili cookoff was held in January. This 6th annual event had 55 attendees and Marilyn Sweet took the first place prize for the second year in a row. The 7th and final chili event that

the Glathe's hosted was moved to May so that the Good Timers could eat outside overlooking the Almaden Country Club Golf Course. Bill missed this event as Pan Am had him held over in Zurich. Earlier that year in January 1990, Tom and Cathy Mathieu, hosted a new Good Time Gathering called Soup Night. They continued to host this event through 1993.

In 1991, the Glathe's agreed to another spring time outdoor event, but this year chose to do a BBQ. Chili did not seem appropriate for the warmer months. Bill was AWOL again and Ralph Maines assumed the duties as BBQ chef. '92 continued as a BBQ event and Kevin Bennett wrote "There was,



Debbie Bennett always seems comfortable at these events, here, apparently, in Tom Holdych's lap.

in fact, a good mixture of both old (whoops, I mean original) and new LPR club members, a combination I think, that solidifies any club or organization such as LPR". That sure remains true as was the situation this year (read Margot Novak's report elsewhere in the POST).



No, Ralph Maines is not blessing this event. Apparently someone told him that they liked his manicure and so he resolved that he should take a photo of his nails.

For some reason, the Glathe's did not host an event in 1993. Probably a well deserved vacation, or Lorraine's way of telling Bill she wasn't going to host another event without him. The chili cookoff resumed this year at the Bennetts in November.

Well, here's where the tradition continues. The comfortable surroundings of the Glathe's home in early winter was back. No, not the Chili Cookoff. No, not a BBQ. But yes, the well liked soup events that

the Mathieus had started four years earlier. Steve Douglas writes in the final sentence of his article, "Will this become another annual event at the Glathe's? We sure hope so." And the rest is history!

Soup's on!



Above: Carole Goodwin bears the fruits of a cruise through the soup line. Above left: Annie Holdych couldn't look happier as she collected the money from those attending. Left: John Reed toasts the cameraman as Ralph Maines plays a supporting role to that hat of his.



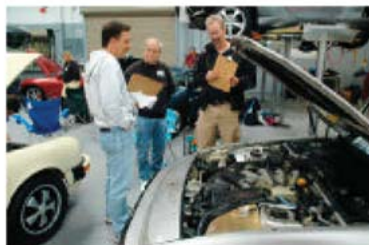
Above: Sue Sickal and Judy Dentino pose pretty for the camera. Left: Lorraine Glathe, Margot Novak and Rosemary Tavares all look quite at home in the kitchen... am I allowed to say that?

Photos by John Reed, Greg Sickal & Tom Holdych

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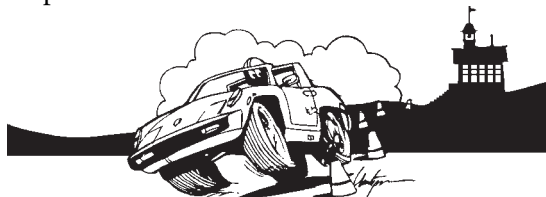
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Minutes of the March 2005 Board Meeting



The March Board Meeting was held on March 3, 2005 at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos. Board members in attendance were: Tom Holdych, Kevin Bennett, Bob and Karen Morgan, Sue Sickal, Ed Tefankjian, and Harlan Pester. Other members present were: Ralph Maines, Joe & Cheryl Pruss, Karen Tefankjian, Jim Bryant, John Reed, Angie Sharp, Ken & June Iles, and Cathy Carlson. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Harlan to accept them. Sue seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Directors' Reports

President: Tom Holdych

Tom had nothing new to report.

Vice-President: Emilie Highley

Emilie was not present. Tom reviewed the upcoming March events:

- 3/9 – 35th anniversary party planning at the Highleys
- 3/12 – Day at the Races organized by the Sickals
- 3/18 – Newcomers' Social
- 3/19 – Tech Session at Jeda
- 3/20 – 1st autocross of the season at Marina
- 3/26 – 35th Anniversary Party

Tom suggested Greg, the Webmaster, send out a mass e-mail to provide an accurate address (street name) for Jeda as well as a phone number. Jim will provide these to Greg.

Also, Greg will be asked to include the correct address of Mtn. Mike's for the Newcomers' Social in this e-mail.

Secretary: Karen Morgan

Karen had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Sue Sickal

Sue presented the February Treasurer's Report. Income for the month was \$2,227 and expenses were \$3,442.22. She also reported that advertisers have yet to be invoiced for their ads in the POST.

Activities: Harlan Pester

- Insurance Waivers and Observers Reports - Harlan has the certificate of insurance for the autocross on 3/20. Bob will provide an observer's report for the Blackhawk tour.
- Bob asked for insurance coverage for the 4/9 Concours Judges School.

He also requested that this event be added to the LPR Web site and the “What’s Happening” calendar of events in the POST.

Membership: Ed Tefankjian

· A motion was made by Ed and seconded by Sue to accept new member, Chris Finn, and Scott Pastrone, who transferred into our region. The motion passed unanimously.

· Ed recapped the Blackhawk Tour that he and Karen organized. 30 people in 16 cars attended. A profit of \$104.22 was made.

· He reminded the club of the Newcomers’ Social to be held at 7 p.m. on March 18.

· Ed reported on the San Jose Grand Prix Car Club proposal. He motioned that Bob & he contact Larry Sharp to explore the possibility of making the SJGP participation a zone event. Sue seconded the motion and it passed.

· Ed passed out new decals commemorating LPR’s 35th anniversary as a region in PCA.

Member At Large: Bob Morgan

Bob reported on the Concours Judges’ School, an event we will be hosting, at Stevens Creek Porsche on April 9th. We will need to provide lunch for the participants. He will come back with a budget, etc., at the next meeting. Bob encouraged participation in the school. Bob will also seek to obtain a \$250 grant from PCA National as the Concours School will be a multi-region, multi-event affair.

Editor: Kevin Bennett

Kevin had nothing new to report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Greg Sickal

Greg was not present at this meeting.

Autocross: Cathy Carlson

Cathy presented an autocross budget. After moving the timer purchase to July, the budget was approved through a motion made by Bob and seconded by Sue.

Safety: John Reed

John had nothing new to report.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Other than the upcoming tech session at Jeda on 3/19, Jim had nothing new to report.

Goodie Store: Joe and Cheryl Pruss

· Sales were \$35.

· One invoice for \$36.75 to Racesetter was submitted.

· They will be at the Newcomers’ Social & the 35th anniversary party (where they’ll need a table for merchandise display).

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Charity: Bill Highley

Bill was not present at this meeting. He will report about the proposed charity event with the Campbell Rotary Club at the next meeting.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken submitted 2 articles to *Panorama*, one about the dinner meeting at Hannigan's and one about the Blackhawk Tour.

Drivers Education: Pete Seimens

Pete was not present at this meeting.

Old Business

Tom will attempt to contact Hank next week regarding the CDS and will report back to the Board.

New Business

· John mentioned that a new message board was needed for Don's Autowerks. Bob has one that will be given to Don.

· The next board meeting will be held on April 7, 2005, at Mtn. Mike's in Los Gatos.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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