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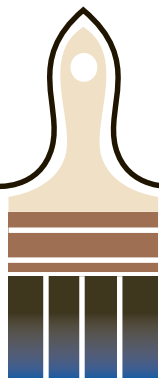
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• **Soup Night at the Glathe's.**

Reporting: Gift Exchange at the Iles'
• **2004 Awards Banquet**

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February

Thursday the **3rd** - Board Meeting
at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos

Saturday the **12th** - Tour to
Blackhawk Auto Museum.
See the ad on page 14.

Saturday the **26th** -
Soup Night at the Glathe's.
See the ad on page 30.



Tort law taken to its natural conclusion.

March

Thursday the **3rd** - Board
Meeting at Mountain Mike's in
Los Gatos

Saturday the **12th** - LPR Day
at the Races.
See the ad on page 8.

Friday the **18th** - Newcomer's
Social at Mt. Mikes. Watch for
the ad in the March POST.

Sunday the **20th** - LPR
Autocross #1 at Marina. Watch
for the ad in the March POST.

Saturday the **26th** - LPR's 35th
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awards pose for
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Geschwätz in die Überholspur

Tom Holdych, President



Well, I hope that everyone is having a happy and healthy New Year so far. After having gotten the flu in December, we ended up heading to my folks in L.A. for Christmas. Going down there definitely does allow one to appreciate living in the Bay Area, although I will have to say that there seemed to be a Porsche around every corner you turn in L.A. I also got the chance to check out our new Durango's performance at triple digits on Highway 5 (hey, I was just trying to keep up with the flow of traffic...) I'll have to say that the Durango's stability at speed makes me want to try it at one of our DE events this year. Well, at least I'll use it to tow the track car to the events, even if it doesn't get onto the track.

Speaking of the track car, I am really trying to get up the attitude and energy to prepare it for the 2005 season. All it really needs is an oil change (I want to see if it leaks a little less if I use dino oil instead of synthetic), and a general check-out. But with the weather having been what it is up here, it wasn't until the second weekend in January before I even uncovered it (having run my last event of 2004 at Laguna Seca on Dec. 15th). At least I've started getting it ready, as I'm installing a new camera system for 2005 video capture. Hope it works out.

I can't believe how well that little '87 911 Coupe has done since we bought it in May, soon after our first-ever DE at Thunderhill the month before. After having run 11 DE days with that car in 2004, I never had to replace anything after my initial prep work on the car, and that was only an oil change and some new brake pads. I know (and I have been told by my instructors) that I brake "like a weenie", but I can't believe how good my front pads look after 11 track days. I can wholeheartedly recommend PBR Metal Master pads to anyone who wants to listen.

While I haven't gotten a chance to get too far into the track car this year, at least I did get the opportunity to get the Fire Engine out for a little spin during a break in the rain on January 1st. It hadn't even been started since our last event with it (kick-off of Fire Prevention Month in early October), and had just been sitting in the warehouse. Well after

only about half-a-turn of the crank that Detroit Diesel 6V-92 Turbocharged motor happily came to life, after having sat all alone for 3 months! Of course, that is the good news. The last couple of events where we used the rig, it seemed to be running a little hot. Time to change the coolant filters, replace the temperature gauge (to assure accuracy of readings), flush and replace the coolant (all 6 gallons worth), check or replace the multiple thermostats, verify good flow through the radiator, verify good circulation by the water pump, etc., etc. Boy, sometimes ya gotta love those air-oil cooled engines in the older Porsches.

So I hope that everyone had a prosperous Holiday season. Did you get some neat stuff for your Porsches that you just can't wait to show the others at the next GTG or Tour? Emilie Highly et al organized a fantastic Holiday Party this year, and this event continues to be one of the MANY high points on the LPR calendar. We've also got to give a big THANKS to Ken and June Iles for offering their fabulous home, at kind of the last minute, to host the Holiday Gift Exchange. Once again the gift giving-and-grabbing was organized in a very creative fashion, and I think that everyone left with a new treasure. Oh, and a full stomach with all of the wonderful food which was brought. Thanks to all for 2 great events to close the LPR 2004 social season!

And 2005 is shaping up to be no slouch either! Planning continues on the 35th Anniversary Celebration Extravaganza ("35 Years of Good Times") which will be held in March. But, of course, you don't have to wait until March to have fun, as Harlan Pester is organizing our first GTG of 2005 at C.B. Hannigan's (Jan. 22), Ed and Karen Tefankjian will be hosting our first Tour of 2005 to the Blackhawk Museum (and some additional, very special destinations) on Feb. 12, and Soup Night is returning to the Glathe's on Feb. 26th. (In fact, as I write this I am test cooking a new Clam Chowder recipe I hope will be a winner). What a wonderful start to the new year!

Finally, 2005 will provide a great opportunity for you to get pretty sporty with your Porsche in track and other competitive events. Just today I got word from Cathy Carlson that she has firmed up 8 autocross events for this year, and an article by Hank Watts on the web site and in this month's Post should speak of the 5 DE days that Coastal Driving School has already inked. Track days are pretty tough to get this year, with Laguna Seca closing down for 1-2 months to perform construction for a professional motorcycle racing event they will be holding in August. I

❖ Geschwätz in die Überholspur...

am pretty sure that CDS will be getting more track days for the upcoming year, but they may only be able to get them on some pretty short notice (like when another group cancels out), so keep your calendar flexible to get the most driving days under your belt this year.

Well, that's about it for now. If you wanted to go to Parade this year, I hope you got in. By the time you get this Post it will probably be too late as this is the 50th Anniversary Parade, and most believe that it will sell out the day registration opens, Jan. 18th. I'm going to try to get in, and this would be my first ever Porsche Parade. I'll let you know next month if I got in...

Tom



The POST gets mail

I'm distressed and incensed with your recent comments. For you to spend valuable "Porsche club" space with your crass and uninformed comments on nurse staffing ratio's is ludicrous. The *Prieta POST* is a forum for Porsche enthusiasts and should not be a forum for your personal rants. I would appreciate if the readership was directed to cogent information on Nurse Staffing Ratio's and that future use of the *Prieta POST* bear some relationship to Porsche enthusiast matters.

Nurse Staffing Ratio's

www.calnurse.org/?Action=Content&id=251

www.calnurse.org/?Action=Content&id=170

www.futurehealth.ucsf.edu/CWI/nursfactsht.htm

Scott Weyland, BSN,RN,CCRN,CEN,CFRN

Congratulations! You have once again rammed your conservative opinions up the collective exhaust pipes of our highly captive regional auto society. Just as well that it only just encompasses a single page (both sides) so that those who find it offensive can rip it out without greatly impacting the content of our otherwise unobtrusive periodical. While others choose to sit by tacitly whilst you exercise your verbal talent, I personally choose to say, "Right On Man!" We have an outstanding publication. Thank you for all your efforts.

Dick Dentino



LPR Racing Fans,

Join us for a Day at the Track...

Horse track, that is. The Loma Prieta Region of the Porsche Club of America will be having a Good Time Gathering (GTG) at Bay Meadows Racetrack on

Saturday, March 12th

from 12-5pm. We will dine in the elegant indoor Turf Club section and enjoy a buffet-style lunch with excellent views of the racetrack. You can mingle with other LPR friends, watch the races and think about where the term "Horsepower" came from, and of course, you can bet money if you're the gambling type.

The cost is \$34 per person

and includes track admission, free parking, a program guide, and the buffet lunch. Although parking is included, we will be arranging group transportation on CalTrans from San Jose to the track for those who wish to avoid the hassle of driving and parking.

If you plan to attend this event, please RSVP to me at gsickal@yahoo.com so we can keep track of how many people will be attending. We need to give a rough headcount and deposit to the Group Sales Dept. at Bay Meadows by the end of December in order to confirm our space at the track.

Updates and more info are on the Lpr website at http://lpr.pca.org/flyers/20050312-baym_flyer.pdf or from the Bay Meadows website at <http://www.baymeadows.com>

Thanks,
Greg & Sue

POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



At the time of this writing, the holiday season has come to an end and the new year has begun. I am not particularly a fan of sports, but the biggest thing going right now on TV is the series of BCS bowl games and the crowning of the national champion in the FedEx Orange Bowl, where the undefeated USC Trojans will take on the also perfect Oklahoma Sooners. Having watched only a single football game this season (and that one was an NFL game on Christmas day), I can't say that I am excited about watching, but I might. The single greatest football game (my opinion) that I ever saw was a college game (number one ranked Nebraska vs. number two ranked Oklahoma in the 1970s), but generally, sporting events rarely measure up to their hype, which is one of the reasons why you will rarely find me ponying up money to see them or, even worse, to bet on them.

That is not to say that I find major fault in sports or sports fanaticism. One of the many positives of organized sports is that it allows a great number of disparate people to find unity in a common interest. I guess that that is one of the reasons team fans will festoon themselves with jackets, shirts and caps emblazoned with their franchise's logos... to announce to the world their allegiance and, perhaps, attract fellow aficionados with whom they may rehash tales of their hero's daring-do.

The minor problem with all of this is that the fans take it all so seriously. Sport fandom is all about the past. Statistics, team records, "dynasties"... they are all yesterday's news. As blessed as the Bay Area has been in professional sports (even the Warriors have won a national title) all of those teams are in the doldrums now. So the fans are left living on hope and they must subsist on what little good news comes along.

This year, the glorious news for our Bay Area fans was the sudden emergence of the Berkley Cal Bears as a major force in NCAA football. They lost only one game, a squeaker to the number ranked USC Trojans, and ended the season with a ranking of number four in the nation. The excitement was almost palpable among the sports crowd as they considered the likely pairing of their newly beloved Bears (10-1)

competing in one of the major BCS bowl games with a possible, however remote, chance at a resulting National Championship for Cal. The FedEx Orange Bowl; the Nokia Sugar Bowl; the Rose Bowl by Citi; the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl; one of these prestigious stages was a sure bet for the Bears... or was it?

When the BCS announced that they had bypassed the Cal Bears for the BCS series, the reaction was such that you would have thought the world was ending. Oh, the anguish! How could this happen? The number four team in the nation in the Holiday Bowl against lowly #23 ranked Texas Tech? It had to be some sort of conspiracy! Cries for revision of the BCS abounded. There was even talk of lawsuits. And, of course, in the actual game, the Bears, with a +11½ point Vegas advantage managed to lose by two touchdowns, a 25 point swing. With the loss, the controversy immediately subsided, but not without long term affect.

The Associated Press issued a cease and desist order to the BCS regarding using its poll in determining the national rankings. The reason, as stated in their order, was that the independence of their poll was threatened. I think, and you may recall this word from a previous column, that they are being disingenuous. I think that the negative publicity associated with the BCS along with the possibility of dealing with possible legal actions is a more likely explanation of AP's action. By formally distancing themselves from the BCS, AP has, hopefully, insulated itself from any further inclusion in the storm of controversy swirling around the Championship Series, and said controversy is destined to increase now that AP is forcing them to revamp their process.

It just goes to show that zealotry, even the kind associated with sports, is capable of having far reaching and unexpected consequences.

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MEMBER NOTES

*Ed Tefankjian,
Membership Director*



With all the rain since Christmas I have not had the chance to run any back-roads with my Porsche, let's hope we get some dry weather soon. Speaking of back-roads, Karen and I have a tour to the Blackhawk Museum on Saturday February 12th. We will be driving some very scenic back-roads to get there.....look in this POST for the details of this Blackhawk tour and other exciting LPR activities.

A note for both new and old members, now that the holidays are over make a New Year's resolution to get more involved with the club, there are good time gatherings, tours, autocross, something for everyone.

I'm pleased to let you know that we had seven new members join LPR since the last POST. Referrals; three from Tim at Fastlane, one from Bob Stewart at Stevens Creek Porsche and several from LPR members;

- Jim and Deb Johnson live in Sunnyvale and have a Red 1964 356SC.
- George and Sharon Breein live in Los Gatos and have several Porsches; a 1955 black speedster, a 1964 red 356 coupe and a 2000 silver Boxster S.
- Robert and Jeannine McGuckin live in Aptos and have a 1989 red 928.
- Evan Snyder lives in Los Gatos and has a 1978 silver 911SC Targa (another Targa in the club!).
- Lau Le lives in San Jose and has a new 2005 seal gray 997! (I'm envious).
- Felipe Heston lives in Aptos and drives a 1974 orange 914.
- Brad and Aomi McClure from T&D Performance in Campbell have a 1977 brown 911S and a 1999 white Boxster.

Ed's tip for February

If you remember my Porsche washing "January tip"; using the old leaf blower to get rid of those "perpetual leaks" that keep dripping and leaving

water spots. Either my in-laws know me too well or they read the January POST. Anyway, they bought me a “Mr. Clean AutoDry Carwash”.

Mr. Clean’s claim; this product uses a special soap that cuts the dirt, facilitates the removal of the water and does not remove the wax. Also, a special filter is used to provide de-ionized water for the rinse cycle that removes the water drops and this de-ionized water will quickly evaporate leaving your car completely clean and spot-free. This sounded like the answer to one of my prayers, however, with all the rain since Christmas I was running out of time to evaluate this product and make the deadline for the POST. So I did what any Porsche enthusiast would do, I got everything ready, loaded the special soap and filter in the hand held “washing gun” and waited for break in the rain (all I needed was about 30 minutes). Also, my plan was not use my Porsche for this evaluation (what if it left streaks?), so I used my other black German car as the test vehicle.

Everything went as planned, however, my neighbors know I have this thing about keeping my Porsche very clean, so when they saw me washing my other car on a rainy day they just smiled and shook their heads. I guess at my age you wouldn’t call me crazy, I think eccentric is the right word. I followed the directions 150% and the device was easy to use (the easy part was washing the car in the shade, I hadn’t seen the sun in days). Next I quickly put the wet car in the garage to dry before it rained again (I didn’t want to contaminate my experiment with rain water). The car was completely dry the next day and was about 95% free of water spots. The product is good and it gets me closer but I’m not ready to give up my leaf blower yet!

If any of you have had experience with this product, I would appreciate any input.

That’s all for now, Ed. edjt@earthlink.net

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Blackhawk Auto Museum Kassabian California Classic Cars Arlen Ness Motorcycles

a one day tour on Saturday, February 12

There will be a docent led tour through the Blackhawk Museum, lunch at the Blackhawk Grille, then a short drive to Kassabian Classic Cars and Arlen Ness Motorcycles to check out even more vintage vehicles.

The cost will be \$38 per person which covers museum entrance and lunch expense.

We will meet at the Starbucks at 680 and 237 and leave at 8:45 am.

From 680 in Milpitas take 237 east, you will be on Calaveras. At the first stoplight (Park Victoria Drive, about one block from 680) make a "U" turn back to Starbucks. Also in this shopping center there is a Flames Restaurant and a donut shop if you want breakfast.

Lunch Menu

First Course Selections

Blackhawk Caesar Salad - brioche croutons, parmigiano reggiano or

Star Route Greens - candied macadamia, golden balsamic, asian pears

Dessert

Heirloom Apple Tart

Second Course Selections

Leg of Lamb Sandwich - pomegranate/onion marmalade, garlic rosemary aioli or

Spaghetti - smoked chicken, bacon, rosemary, mizuna or

Roasted Half Chicken - pt. reyes blue & sour cherry bread pudding or

Tamarind-Coriander Beef - scallion flatbread, yuzu, root chips

Leave Blackhawk about 2:30 - 3:00 PM and head for Kassabian Classic Cars and Arlen Ness Motorcycles (about 30 minutes from Blackhawk)

Please RSVP to Karen or Ed Tefankjian at
408-266-6262 by Thursday February 10th



Stealing Christmas

in the home of Ken & June Iles

by Cheryl Pruss

On the 19th of December LPR's annual Gift Exchange was held on a sunny, warm afternoon at the Iles home in Los Altos. There was a large supply of tasty appetizers. We had assorted cheeses, basil cheese bread, lox with cream cheese, cheese dip, stuffed grape leaves, spinach dip in sourdough bread, chocolate covered pretzels (Greg S says the white chocolate are the best) and more with our holiday drinks. There was such an abundance of treats that we each took some leftovers home at the end of the night.

We watched a picture DVD of LPR's holiday party (just held on Dec 6th) that our newly elected president, Tom Holdych had put together (with



The party started with Karen Tefankjian expressing concern to POST Editor Kevin Bennett about her perception that the pictures of her that appear in the POST are somewhat less than flattering. Here, as Karen Morgan and Cheryl Pruss look on, Kevin is telling Karen that her picture is being taken and to strike a pose which will produce an image with which she will be eminently satisfied upon publication in the next issue. Additionally, she was advised of there being only one camera present for this event, to pay attention as to when it was being used and to be sure to always be absolutely ready to strike an alluring pose when the camera flashed.

music). Tom was nice enough to bring along copies for all that voted for him in this year's election (not really ?!!?!).

The gift exchange was great fun. It started with Emilie Highley handing out numbers. These numbers were the order that you'd go up to select your gift. Those of us that were first time attendees were expecting a pretty fast and uneventful gift exchange, until we learned the rules that every gift could be "stolen" as many as 2 times! As each number was drawn from the hat the winner would walk up to the gift exchange pile passing the previous winners who either "marketed" their gift (if they wanted to upgrade) or hid it from the passing club member.



Yolanda Gale unwraps the Porsche bag and taunts Emilie Highley with her good fortune. Emilie thinks that she should put a sock in it.

Yolanda Gale was the original winner of the coveted Porsche bag at least



One thing that you can say about Annie Holdych, she digs into everything with unbounding enthusiasm!

until Emilie Highley showed us all how to upgrade (go figure), ripping the bag from Yolanda's hands with a big smile on her face. John Reed also selected one of the most coveted gifts of the night, 6 loooong stemmed glasses, unfortunately for John, Rosie Tavares ended up going home with the glasses at the end of the night. Bob Morgan stole the custom alignment gift certificate and Karen Morgan (who had a number close to Bob's) then quickly stole it

from Bob. Bob was overheard to say, "And you're a Kindergarden teacher" – as if none of us expected the "one-two punch" from the ex-Pres and his pure-as-driven-snow wife which, with the item having reached the limit of



The ultra-considerate Greg Sickal was particularly interested in making it easy for the ladies to throw away their trash.



Emilie is clearly thrilled with her wine opener as Karen, ever vigilant, poses pretty for the camera.



Annie's enthusiasm seems to be rubbing off on Bob Morgan as they share a laugh without the benefit of Greg Sickal's presence... well... they're probably talking about Greg.

LPR Gift Exchange



Ken Iles appears to be getting bored with the exchanging of gifts and puts the moves on Debbie Bennett.

steals, sent them home with their coveted alignment. This may have deserved “the prize” for best steal, but Greg S deserved “the prize” for best job of preventing someone else from stealing your gift by opening his gift (See’s chocolates) and passing it around before anyone else could steal it.

Before we dove into the great cookies and sweets, Ken broke out his old LPR POSTs. We were reminded that the 70’s really were a swinging time, by the picture of the Lady holding up the cone (from a 1972 LPR Post). This somehow led to a discussion of LPR doing a calendar as a fundraiser (like the movie Calendar Girls) “The Girls of LPR”. Greg Sickal nominated his wife Sue to participate and all the guys want to know why – I think Sue was signed up for February. Emilie H. announced that the Lady



Rudi Herz appraises Karen’s careful pose as the camera captures her stealing the coveted Porsche bag from a clearly distressed Yolanda.

holding up the cone had nothing on her – not to be outdone she then volunteered to be Miss November. There were several other volunteers and talk of continuing discussions at the Board Level.



Doris Britschgi watches Jim Cox who, with cavalier élan, steals the Porsche bag and retires it. Meanwhile, Emilie Highley breathes into a Christmas stocking to keep from hyperventilating in all the excitement.

We were visited by a group of 15-20 carolers (the Iles’ neighbors) at the door before the night was over rounding out a really fun night.

On behalf of all those attending, thank you to our hosts, Ken & June Iles, for opening their home during this festive season. Your warmth and graciousness made for a delightful evening.

Gift

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Above: Greg Sickal finds a popular way to get around having his gift stolen by immediately sharing the box of candy with all present.



Above: Emilie was apparently caught here either doing the jerk or protecting herself from one.

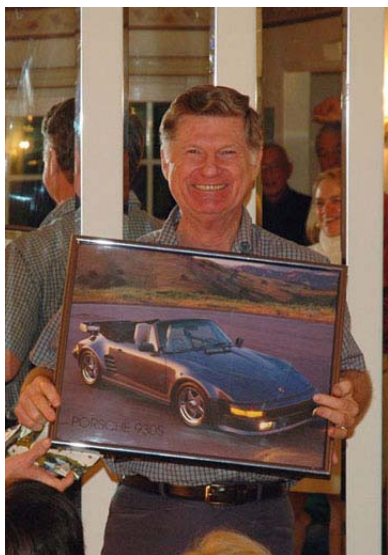


Above: Joe Pruss and Bob Morgan both bet Karen Tefankjian that they could take a worse picture than she could.

Change



Left: The Iles laid out a typically elegant array of fine comestibles for the assembled guests.



What would an LPR Gift Exchange be without a Porsche Pic? Smilin' Ed Tavares is the proud recipient.



Liz Shaw advertises her gift to the crowd as Karen Tefankjian strikes another careful pose.

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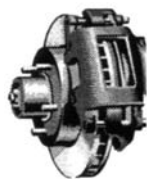
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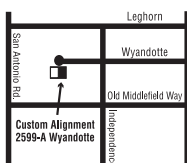
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2004 AWARDS BANQUET

by Barry Pangrle

On December 4, LPR held another event worthy of a region with the moniker "The Good Time Region". Sixty LPRers and guests attended the Holiday Gala at the Santa Clara Hilton and celebrated the year that was and recognized the people that put in that extra effort that makes our region so special.

Guests started arriving around 6:00 PM to warm up from a rather cold and windy evening. Suzette and I arrived at about 6:45 PM and picked up the last name tags on a table outside the dining room. Vince, Tom and Greg were busy taking pictures of guests and everyone seemed to be enjoying the evening and conversations.

Dinner was served shortly after 7:00 PM with a selection of salmon, chicken, or steak. Everyone seemed to generally enjoy the dinner and conversation and then we moved on to the awards portion of the evening.

Our lame duck president, Bob Morgan, was the master of ceremonies for the evening and he did a wonderful job. Harlan Pester presented door prizes throughout the evening with the help of his lovely young assistant Ashley Ambrisko who pulled names out of a bag.

Joe and Cheryl Pruss who have jumped in to run the Goodie Store were awarded the Newcomers of the Year. They're doing a great job



Above: VP Emilie Highley presents the Man of the Year award to President Bob Morgan.

Below: Bob Morgan returns the favor by presenting the Woman of the Year award to Emilie Highley. What a team!



and many club members picked up more LPR merchandise at the banquet.

The Event of the Year went to Debbie (and Kevin) Bennett for the *Debbie Does It All* cook out. The Bennetts have a long history of putting on club events on a grand scale and Debbie

Does It All was no exception. With the number of fine events that the club hosts each year, receiving this award is quite an honor. We'll all be looking forward to the next Bennett production.



Cheryl & Joe Pruss take the honors as Newcomers of the Year



Ken Iles and John Reed's Pismo Beach Tour won the Jim Kershaw Memorial Tour of the Year Award. Ken and John, partners in crime on many an adventure, put together another fantastic tour to the Central Coast. It's hard to beat the roads, scenery and people that tour together.

Our returning Vice President, Emilie Highley, who has put in countless hours to help coordinate club events,

Above: Debbie and Kevin Bennett received the award for Event of the Year for the Debbie Does It All Barbecue.

Right: June & Ken Iles and John Reed & Angie Sharp collect the Tour of the Year hardware for putting on the 2003 Pismo Beach Tour.





*Above: Debbie Bennett savors... er... really savors... a moment with Bob Morgan.
Right: Ashley Ambrisko and John Reed.. the long and the short of it. Below: Diane and Pete Siemens out on the town.*



Bill & Emilie Highley make a sartorial statement this evening. Cheryl Pruss certainly seems to be enjoying herself as she receives the attention of Kevin Bennett and her husband, Joe.



won the Kathy Reed Memorial Woman of the Year Award. We are fortunate as a club to have Emilie serving again on the club board. There's no time to rest either, she's already working on preparations for this year's holiday awards banquet.

The next award recipient was someone with whom I could truly empathize. Our editor Kevin Bennett was awarded the Harry Reed Memorial Worker of the Year Award.

Again we are fortunate to have Kevin returning as editor. I remember first seeing an LPR Post at Ken Mack's shop and it made a very positive impression on me. We appear to pick up a large percentage of our new members from establishments that have copies of the POST available



Doug, Dana and Ashley Ambrisko receive the Ken Iles Driving Award from Cathy Carlson & Bob Morgan.



Greg Sickal receives the President's Award, amazingly enough, from the President, Bob Morgan.

and I'm sure that the quality of the POST is an influencing factor in getting new members to join. Another aspect of editing the Post is that it will suck up all of the time that a person has available and then some. Keep up the good work, Kevin.

Anyone that would leave Porsche Parade in Ft. Worth, Texas early on a Friday in order to drive to make it back to San Jose, California in time for the LPR Family Picnic on Sunday is surely a worthy recipient of the Enthusiast of the Year Award. Our former LPR President, Bob Morgan, is that enthusiast. Bob has been very active in every aspect of the club

and he even made his Friday evening banquet tickets available so that my sister and brother-in-law who live in the Fort Worth area were able to attend. Thanks again for your infusion of enthusiasm into LPR Bob.

The autocross awards were presented by our own autocross super chair team of Cathy Carlson and Rob Ways. Cathy and Rob have done an extraordinary job of putting together the LPR autocross series and it grows to eight events this year. We also wish Rob well as he goes off to graduate studies.

The Ken Iles Competition Driving Award was presented to the Ambriskos, Doug, Dana and Ashley. The Ambriskos have been most generous with their time in helping to organize autocross driving schools and driving the trailer and supplies to and from autocross events.



Karen Morgan receives the Foot of the Year award from Greg Sickal.



Bob Morgan, after a year of merciless ribbing in the POST, is a good sport about Kevin Bennett winning Worker of the Year.

It's hard to imagine how LPR could pull off these events without their support. Thanks again to Doug, Dana and Ashley.

The President's Award is defined as an award given by the President for outstanding service to LPR by a member who may or may not have been nominated for other awards. This person usually exemplifies the selflessness and dedication required to do a wonderful but under-appreciated job for LPR. The winner is perhaps LPR's "Susan Lucci" of award nominations who for all of his efforts and contributions has missed awards

by "this much". His efforts in keeping the LPR website up to date have been tireless and are a great source of information to club members.



The 2005 Board of Directors, from left: Member-at-Large Bob Morgan, Secretary Karen Morgan, Editor Kevin Bennett, Activities Director Harlan Pester, Treasurer Sue Sickal, Membership Director Ed Tefankjian, Vice President Emilie Highley, and His Highness, President Tom Holdych.

AWARDS



Vince Vincent surrounds himself with the fairer sex... Annie Holdych, Karen Morgan and Angie Sharp.



Above: Debbie Bennett clearly had a good time at the party this evening as here, she's shares an embrace with Sue Sickal.

Right: During the presentation of the special award to Ralph Maines, Kevin Bennett appears to be singing "Swanee" to the honoree.

BANQUET



The effort necessary to run a high quality website are on par with editing the POST. The President's Award went to Greg Sickal whose contributions and character help make LPR The Good Times Region. Special awards may be awarded by the Board members for special



Above left: Don wise stands tall as he accepts a Certificate of Appreciation for the sponsorship of the LPR autocross series from Cathy Carlson. Above right: Tim Benson receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Liz Shaw for his sponsorship of the series.

individual recognition and they often honor long-term commitment to LPR. This year, Ralph Maines was awarded a special award. The guests were then treated to stories about Ralph and his Porsche as told by Ken Iles, John Reed and Tony Vanacore.

Ken recounted an encounter that Ralph and his 356 had with a deer one evening. Thankfully, Ralph weathered the encounter better than the deer. John's tale had to do with the installation of a new electronic device and a trip to Radio Shack for some parts. Of course, before any of us leave home, we are always sure to close the garage door. Apparently, we don't always make sure that there isn't anything obstructing the door on its path down though.



Bob Morgan receives a surprise award in the form of a beautiful scrapbook from its artistic creator, Sue Sickal.

Perhaps the best kept secret of Ralph's past was told to us by Tony Vanacore. Little did any of us know that back in the '30s, Ralph was busy working under cover in a German factory with Dr. Ferdinand Porsche. Ralph's code name at the time was "Agent 356". Tony explained to the audience how it was Ralph's interesting habit of celebrating 3:56 every afternoon that some how stuck with Dr. Porsche so that when Ferdinand Porsche decided to design something more sporting than the "people's car", he named it the "356".

On a personal note, it was really nice to see Ralph presented with this award and the montage of faces of club members. I still remember the first LPR meeting that I attended at Mountain Mike's and sitting at a table with Ralph. He was very friendly and welcoming and a big part of the reason why I came back to more meetings. Ralph has done a lot for the club over the years including setting up tech sessions like the one on engine swaps at CT Automotive where I found the 944 with the 968 engine that I now own. Thanks again for your contributions to LPR Ralph, the club wouldn't be the same without you.



Ralph Maines was speechless when he received a special tribute and award in the form of this framed collage of photos of his LPR friends.

Special recognition was also given to Don Wise of CT Automotive for sponsoring the LPR Autocross series, Tim Benson of Fastlane for sponsoring tech sessions and helping to increase membership and thanks to Bob Stewart and Steven's Creek Porsche for supporting LPR in 2004.

In all, it was a great evening to get dressed up and party with LPR and recognize all of the members who help make LPR the "Good Times Region". Remember, "It's not just the cars, it's the people."

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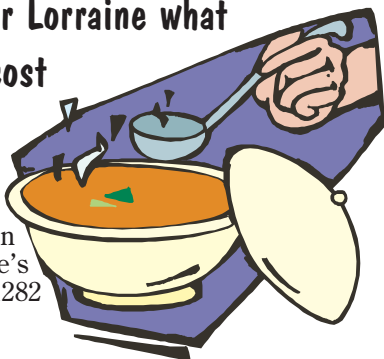
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In the Zone

by Larry Sharp, Zone 7 Rep



Well, I have had a great welcome from the regions and I would like to thank all our members, especially Tim Fleming, for all the support. 2005 is going to be a busy year in our zone. You can chose between established events such as GGR's Time trials, Sacramento's Rallies, Diablo's Saturday breakfast, Sequoia and Yosemite's *Scream at the Lake* autocross, and LPR's many social events. There are Monterey Bay and LPR's *Coastal Driving Schools* Drivers Ed events, *Marque Madness* at Laguna Seca, and many more. Just check out the calendars in the next month for something to attend.

As you read this, the deadline for the 50th Parade in Hershey, Pennsylvania has passed. This promises to be a great event if you decide to attend. IF you can't make it to Parade try to make *CRAB* in Sacramento or *Escape to the wine Country* in Redwood Region's area. They are both great events and the Redwood weekend is the first event of its kind. It is a three day event with many activities and is promising to be a strong National event, attracting members from all over the West Coast.

The point is every region offers events for you to attend, and if you haven't made plans yet please check out your local newsletter or web page and find a event that seems fun to you (and they all are) and make more friends that share your passion for Porsches.

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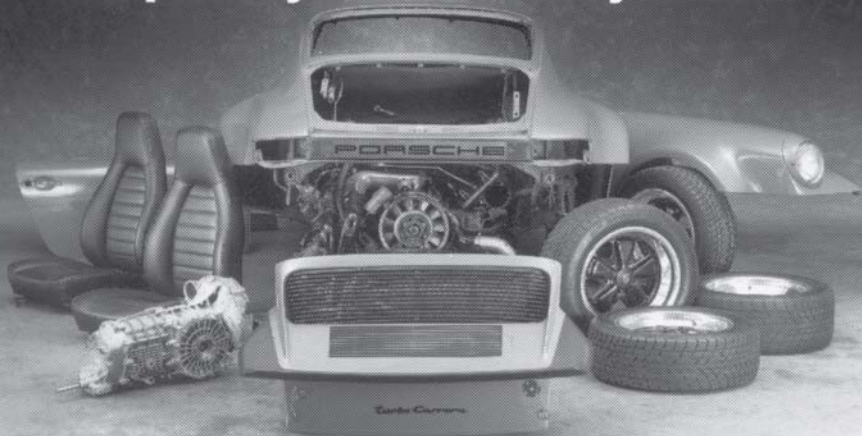
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Loma Prieta Region PCA
Minutes of the January 2005 Board Meeting



The January Board Meeting was held on January 6, 2005 at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos. Board members in attendance were: Tom Holdych, Emilie Highley, Kevin Bennett, Bob and Karen Morgan, Sue Sickal, Ed Tefankjian, and Harlan Pester. Other members present were: Ralph Maines, Annie Holdych, Cathy Carlson, Joe & Cheryl Pruss, Greg Sickal, Karen Tefankjian, Jim Bryant, Pete Siemens, Hank Watts, Liz Shaw, Barry Pangrle, and Ken & June Iles. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Bob, seconded by Harlan and minutes accepted.

Directors' Reports

President: Tom Holdych

Marque Madness – Tom announced this new event to be held 4/29 – 5/1 at Laguna Seca. PCA and the Zone support this endeavor even though it is open to other marques. The club will need to ascertain what their involvement will be. Tom presented information he learned at the last Zone meeting and specified that he would try to get more information at the upcoming Zone 7 Presidents meeting.

Region Report – Tom reported that the 2005 Region Report had been submitted.

President's meeting on Jan 15th – Tom passed out the agenda and asked that anyone who would like to attend this meeting let him know by Friday, 1/7.

Charging for food & drink at Board Meetings - A motion was made by Harlan and seconded by Emilie that those attending Board Meetings buy their own drinks and that an honor system be set up for buying the pizza. A suggested donation is \$3 per person. The motion passed.

Vice-President: Emilie Highley

January events:

19th – 35th Anniversary Committee meeting at the Tefankjians'

22nd – GTG at CB Hannigans (Harlan)

35th Anniversary Status: Plans are going well. Theme is "35 Years of Good Times".

Dissection of Holiday Party – Recommendations for next year: It was agreed that formal/semi-formal attire is preferred. Emilie will finalize a venue for next year's party. Emilie reported the cost to LPR for the event was only around \$700 due to the donations received and that attendees were charged \$40.

Secretary: Karen Morgan

Karen had nothing new to report.

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Treasurer: Sue Sickal

Sue presented the December Treasurer's Report. Income for the month was \$6,195 and expenses were \$1,187.40. She reported that the 3rd quarter National payment was received. Sue will close the '04 books by 1/10/05 and provide a year-end report at the next board meeting.

Activities: Harlan Pester

Insurance Waivers and Observers Reports - Harlan will apply for insurance coverage for the 2/12 Blackhawk event.

Membership: Ed Tefankjian

A motion was made by Ed and seconded by Sue to accept the following new members: Lau Le, Felipe Heston, George Breein, Brad McClure, Evan Snyder, Robert McGuckin, and Jim Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed presented an agenda for the Blackhawk Tour that he & Karen are conducting on Feb 12th. He thanked Ken & June for their help and asked for member input as to lunch options.

Member At Large: Bob Morgan

Bob had nothing new to report.

Editor: Kevin Bennett

Kevin had nothing new to report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Greg Sickal

Greg had nothing new to report.

Autocross: Cathy Carlson

Cathy will e-mail a budget. Potential expenses include \$1500 for timing & \$800 for display equipment.

8 events are scheduled for this year. 7 dates are tentative (depending on Marina Motorsports) and 1 is firm (in Alameda – joint with GGR). Cost will remain at \$30 per driver at each LPR event.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Jim announced a tentative tech session for February 19th at Jeda Upholstery.

Vince suggested contacting Cecil Beach to host a tech session.

Goodie Store: Joe and Cheryl Pruss

Sales were \$305. December deposit was revised to \$345.

A check for Racesetters in amount of \$243.90 was requested to pay for past invoices.

Approximately \$265 of LPR merchandise was sold at the Holiday Party.

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Charity: Bill Highley

Tom appointed Bill Highley to this position. The club expressed interest in joining with the Campbell/San Jose West Rotary Club to produce a joint charity venture. Bill will provide more details and a presentation **next month**.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Last month's Panorama Has a report on the LPR Hearst Castle Tour.

Drivers Education: Pete Seimens

Hank and Pete presented a 2004 Coastal Driving School Financial Reconciliation.

The initial LPR deposit was returned to the LPR treasurer.

Much discussion ensued regarding support for CDS.

Hank provided a list of upcoming expenses and future DE dates (Buttonwillow: 3/26 – 3/27, Fernley: 5/14 – 15, Laguna Seca: 12/15). Ed moved and then modified his motion to read that upon the closing of the club's finances the board will vote upon returning the \$1750 seed money to CDS. Tom will review the MOU and work with CDS to clarify the contract. Harlan seconded Ed's motion and it passed unanimously. Tom will notify Hank of the board's decision by 1/14.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Vince announced that 3 new membership boards were built (three cost the same as one). One went to T & D and 2 will be in storage at Bob's house until needed.

The next board meeting will be held on February 3, 2005, at Mtn. Mike's in Los Gatos.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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