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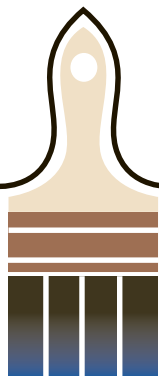
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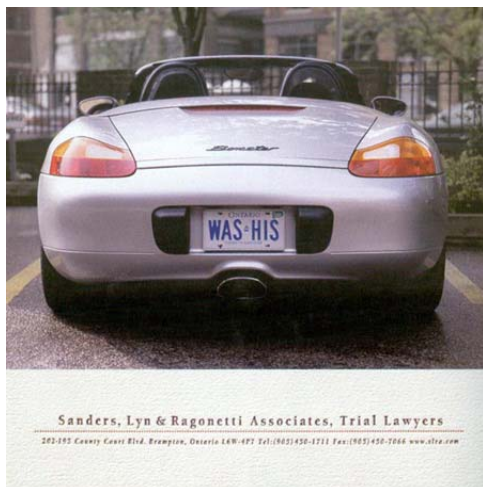
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What's Happening

January

Thursday the **6th** - Board Meeting
at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos

Saturday the **22nd** - LPR hits Los
Gatos for a restaurant GTG at
C.B. Hannigan's
See the ad on page 12.



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. Watch
for the ad in the February
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Geschwätz in die Überholspur

Tom Holdych, President



1970

The first year of a new decade.

The United States was bloodied in Vietnam, and in 1970 the first U.S. troops officially entered Cambodia while seeking the enemy. Four Kent State University students later died while protesting this incursion.

In 1970 the Ford Pinto was introduced. The C-series 911 was introduced, with engine displacement bumped up to 2.2 liters. Gasoline sold at an average of 36 cents per gallon. The median household income was just over \$8,700 per year. The cost of a first class stamp was 6 cents. A dozen eggs cost 62 cents, and a gallon of milk cost \$1.15. Richard M. Nixon was president, and stocks rose by 32.04 points in a single record-breaking day.

The Billboard top song of 1970 was *Venus* by The Shocking Blue. The Grammy for Album of the Year went to Simon and Garfunkel for *Bridge Over Troubled Waters*, and for Best New Artist award went to The Carpenters. Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin, both 27 years old, died of drug overdoses in 1970. And the Beatles split up.

The top television shows of 1970 were led by *Marcus Welby, M.D.*, followed by *The Flip Wilson Show*, *Here's Lucy*, *Ironside* and *Gunsmoke*. Fox's *The Simpsons*, currently the longest continuously running sitcom in television history, was over 19 years away from its first episode. Top movies of 1970 included *Love Story*, *M*A*S*H*, *Five Easy Pieces*, *Patton*, *Airport* and *Chariots of the Gods*.

The American Football League was merged into the National Football League in 1970, and Kansas City beat Minnesota in the Super Bowl. Baltimore beat Cincinnati in the World Series. New York defeated the LA Lakers for the NBA Championship, and Boston beat St. Louis for the Stanley Cup.

In 1970 IBM introduced the floppy disk. The LCD (liquid crystal display) was invented by Hoffmann-LaRoche. Soviet cosmonauts set a new record

of 17 days in space, and the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission was launched... and successfully recovered. Lasers were used for the first time in bomb targeting to increase accuracy. Bar codes were introduced for industrial and retail use.

In 1970 several new words or phrases were introduced, including *preppie*, *hassle*, *fast-food*, *rip-off*, *Fortran*, *blahs* and *put down*. The most popular youth fashion was generally found in Army-Navy surplus stores and thrift shops, but shopping is only occurring between contests of telephone booth stuffing. The FDA ordered a massive recall of canned tuna for possible mercury contamination.

So why am I bringing up these pleasant and/or painful (especially that bit about The Carpenters!) memories from 35 years ago? Because during all of this craziness, on March 18, 1970, *your* Loma Prieta Region was born when it received its charter from the Porsche Club of America.

I was 10 years old (almost eleven!) when LPR was born, and although I don't recall when it actually started, I'm pretty sure I was lusting after Porsches by this time. I do remember my next-door neighbor having a white 356 coupe around this time. But I didn't actually get my first Porsche until 2003 and, as many of you may know through personal experience, that was only the top of a very slippery slope. Within about a year of my first Porsche purchase (a beautiful Guards Red 85.5 944 NA), I sold it... and then purchased three 911's! I am fortunate to have my '87 Targa as my daily driver. My wife Annie has an '89 C4 for fun, and last May we purchased an '87 Coupe to dedicate to track use. Ah, the (Porsche addiction) Force has become strong in this one.

And now you have voted me in as President of LPR for 2005, our 35th anniversary year. The very first thing I must do in my new position is to thank the departing and remaining Board members both for their encouragement to run for President and for their seemingly tireless work to make LPR what it is today. I believe that the course in which they have steered LPR is a good one, and I know that Annie and I thought of joining no other region when we signed up for PCA. I've got some pretty big shoes to fill to keep up with the past Presidents over the last 34 years of LPR, but I'm sure that I will get plenty of support from the very active membership of the Region.

I especially have to thank retiring President Bob Morgan. I have been somewhat of a car nut/gearhead for my whole life, starting with the first car I ever bought back in High School: A 1968 Ford Mustang GT/CS (California Special), which was black-on-black with a 390 engine. I must

have taken that car apart several times during my ownership of it, and I was even able to get it back together! I actually still own this Mustang, and it is currently in the final stages of a (1.5+ year) major mechanical overhaul. I'll have to bring it on one of the LPR tours someday...

Prior to Porsches I also got into something else which was a little "different". Since 1997 I have bought and restored/maintained several classic fire engines. We still have one, which is the 1966 Crown Firecoach which we brought to the Family Picnic last year.

So why am I thanking Bob Morgan for all of this? Well, although I found it to be quite easy and satisfying to perform mechanical work on old American iron, I was not so confident about my abilities with Porsches. This is one of the main reasons that I offered my assistance to Bob last year when he was rebuilding the 3.0 motor in his '79 SC. Bob thought that I was just there to help him out, but I really wanted to learn just what made Porsches tick, especially when I could do so on *someone else's car!*

When working with Bob, I really started to see the Porsche camaraderie in action. Specialized tools were lent without question, specialized knowledge was provided at a moment's notice, and specialized labor/assistance was provided without delay. I really began to understand what a great bunch of folks I was dealing with in PCA, and especially LPR!

As work progressed on both Bob's Silver Fox and his Junkyard Dog, he began his sell job on me to attend the first Coastal Driving School driver's ed event. I wasn't so sure about doing this but Bob was trying to make sure that this inaugural MBY/LPR event would get off to a "sold out" start. Well, at the last minute Annie and I signed up for this April weekend at Thunderhill, not really knowing what we were getting into. Needless to say, my first taste of high speed track driving was addicting, and within 2 months we had purchased a 911 to dedicate to track use. Between that first event and the end of the year, I ended up running a total of 12 track days at all 4 of our "local" tracks (Thunderhill, Laguna Seca, Sears Point and Buttonwillow).

When the LPR Board of Directors approached me about running for President for 2005, I have to admit that I was quite hesitant. While PCA is significantly dependent on a spirit of volunteerism, I was quite happy with the volunteering being done by others. But the true spirit and enthusiasm of the LPR membership won me over, and I ultimately felt honored to run for President. And now you have continued the honor by electing me to that position. I still have a little anxiety about my new role

❖ Geschwätz in die Überholspur...

in the club, mostly due to the incredible quality of my predecessors. However, I am comforted by the quality of every member of my new Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, as well as the depth of knowledge and level of support which is available from so many other LPR members. I look forward to serving with all of these individuals, to supporting the continuing efforts to make LPR grow and flourish, and to a ton of fun. We have initiated the scheduling efforts for 2005's tours, GTG's, autocross, tech sessions, parties, DE's and more, all to be accomplished with that special LPR social flair, and potentially with some interesting new twists. The 35th anniversary celebration really looks to be an event which will be discussed and remembered for years to come. And I really look forward to working with and supporting all LPR members new and old. LPR is known as *The Good Time Region* for good reason, and 2005 will be a year to continue with our existing traditions, as well as to create some new ones. So I thank you for all of your support, past and future, and ***laissez les bons temps rouler!***

And for those of you who are reading this column but do not speak German, its name, or so I am told by a German speaking friend at work, means "***Idle chat in the fastlane.***" Boy, I hope that he wasn't playing some sort of cruel joke on me...

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POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



I saw a news report the other day about a new standard in the medical field that is going to be implemented in 2005. Apparently, the old requirement is that there must be a registered nurse on duty for every six patients in a hospital. This month, January, the requirement will change to one RN for every five patients. A “spokesnurse” was on hand to field questions about the upcoming change. The reporter did a credible job and didn’t just lob softballs in his questioning. He mentioned that the ratio was once twelve patients per RN and that there have been recent stories about financial distress among hospital patients as well as hospitals, and even hospital closings. He then asked about the ever increasing cost of medical care and if this new RN-to-patient ratio wasn’t going to add another financial burden onto hospitals, patients and taxpayers. Of course, the nurse’s responses were all about the safety of the patients and how this new nurse-to-patient ratio would save an untold number of lives. When pressed, she stated that the new ratio would have “negligible impact on the cost of medical care.”

As a card-carrying cynic, my natural reaction to the nurse’s downplay of the potential financial impact cannot be printed in a polite publication. My analysis was simple. Fewer patients per nurse means more nurses per hospital. Greater demand for nurses means higher pay in order to recruit them. Higher pay for RNs means envy and dissatisfaction among ancillary hospital workers and increased demands on their part.

Lo and behold, the very next day I see a story about a lockout at a local hospital over licensed vocational nurses demanding lower LVN-to-patient ratios...

I had a discussion once with a friend whose father was a writer for early television. He told me about how his father just wrote for wages and the battles that the writers’ union fought to gain royalty rights to the product that they created. He also speculated about how much better off the writers are in the entertainment industry today because of the victories gained by his dad’s generation. I countered that while writers today might

be better off, the consumer has been shafted. Early TV series produced 39 episodes per season with a total of 6 minutes of commercials per hour. Today the public is lucky to get 20 original episodes in a season and has to sit through 16 minutes of commercials per hour. This means that the networks are only buying half of the writing that they bought in the 50's and 60's and charging for almost three times the commercial time. So, are the writers really better off? One would hope that with the advent of cable they would be, but I'll bet with all of the reality programming on TV there are far fewer writers making a living now than back when they were just earning wages on three networks.

The same thing has happened in the motion picture industry. Try watching a classic movie channel and notice the credits at the end of an old movie. It's usually just a list of the actors. Today, movie credits seem to run almost as long as the movie and all those people are extracting their little piece of the pie. Hollywood used to turn out a thousand pictures a year. Today, the total is surely less than 300 and may be close to 200.

The medical service industry does not have many ready means of controlling increasing costs, especially those of labor actions, as with other industries. They can't run more commercials like TV; they can't cut down on the product that they offer as with the motion picture studios and they can't move offshore like most of the manufacturing industry. The only option that they have is to charge more for their service.

I can certainly understand why the RN-to-patient ratio has come down from 12 to 1 as the complexity of patient care has become more and more sophisticated. I won't even argue that reducing the ratio to 5-to-1 will result in more lives saved. Solely from a financial viewpoint, however, there is an insidious side to using that justification as it continues to be valid at nurse-to-patient ratios of 4-to-1, 3-to-1, 2-to-1, etc. So, despite my skeptical nature, as just an ordinary consumer of health care, I have to leave it up to the professionals to fight it out over just where the ratios should be, but as a cynic, I would prefer to not have these labor reps blow smoke up my skirt by saying that their actions are not going to adversely affect our collective pocketbook when history, personal experience and common sense tells me otherwise.

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2005 Parade

Registration Notice

The November 2004 Panorama magazine includes an article describing the 50th Porsche Parade in Hershey, Pennsylvania. This promises to be a great Parade, and will include new activities (such as a swap meet and Porsche museum) as well as honoring the original PCA Porsche Parades, which were held nearby. We anticipate that registration demand for this Parade will be high, and it is important for members to register early, preferably on the first day. The opening date for registration is January 18, 2005, and if the event sells out the first day, subsequent registrations may not be accepted. For the first time, on-line registration will be used, and access through the Parade web page at www.pca.org/parade/2005. You will need an established PCA member account to access the registration page. For members that do not already have an account, it is an easy process, and can be done anytime at www.pca.org. Members are strongly advised to obtain their member account in advance (if they do not already have one), so that all will go well on January 18.

Hard copy registrations will be accepted as well (postmark on January 18), but the forms will need to be requested from the Parade registrar as described in Pano. If you have further questions, please contact Tim Fleming (TRFleming@comcast.net) or Larry Sharp (larrysharp@comcast.net).

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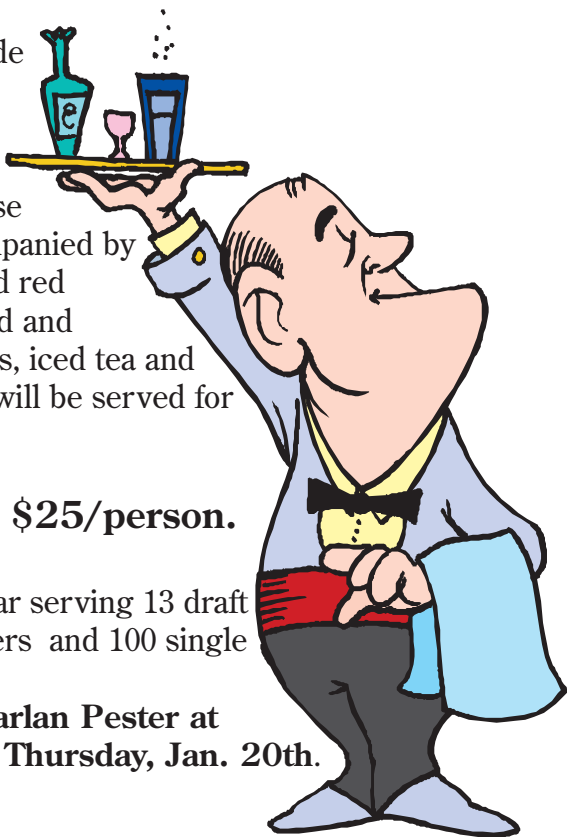
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6 P.M. to 9 P.M.

The menu will include any combination of beef tri-tip, honey roasted chicken and Italian sausage. These dishes will be accompanied by Caesar salad, roasted red potatoes, garlic bread and complimentary sodas, iced tea and coffee. Cheesecake will be served for dessert.

The cost will be \$25/person.

There is a no host bar serving 13 draft beers, 15 bottled beers and 100 single malt whiskeys.

**Please RSVP to Harlan Pester at
408.997.0871 by Thursday, Jan. 20th.**



To get there: From Highway 17 take Highway 9 into Los Gatos. Turn left onto North Santa Cruz (the second light). At the second right, turn right onto Bachman Ave. and C.B. Hannegan's is on your right. See you there.

MEMBER NOTES

*Ed Tefankjian,
Membership Director*



This is my first “Member Notes” and I want to thank you for the opportunity to be the LPR Membership Director. I’m looking forward to meeting many more of you. Also, I would like to thank Liz Shaw for the help she has given me (I’m sure I’ll need more) to understand all the things that need to be done. Since joining LPR in 2003 as “dual members”, Karen (my wife) and I have met so many wonderful people and have had lots of fun, this is why we transferred from GGR to LPR... this really is “TheGood TimeRegion!”

I’m pleased to let you know that we had two new members join LPR in December;

- Andy Ward and his family member, Debra Hale. They live in Capitola and have a 1987 Summer Yellow 911.
- Greg Senter and his affiliate member, Ronnette Megrey. They live in Campbell and have a 2004 Silver Cayenne S.

My advice to new members is to get involved with the club. There are good time gatherings, tours, auto cross starts in March (what a fun way to drive your Porsche), there is something for everyone! I’ve got a tour to the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville on February 12th, check the POSTad for details on this event and the other exciting LPR activities planned for this year.

Ed’s tip for January. Washing your Porsche is an “event” and one of my biggest problems was getting my Porsche dry. I have a triple black 1987 Targa and black cars show every little spot (we also have two other cars and yes, they are both black, you think we would learn!). Anyway, after you dry your car there are always those areas that keep dripping and leaving water spots. You can get rid of almost all of these “perpetual leaks” by getting out that old leaf blower that you rarely use any more and blow dry your Porsche, especially those areas that retain water. Yes, my neighbors think I’m crazy, however, they don’t understand the

“Porsche mentality”. Just be careful that you don’t hit your Porsche with that leaf blower, if you do, I guarantee that you will say more than one expletive.

That’s all for now, Ed.

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Blackhawk Auto Museum Tour February 12, 2005

This is the first tour of the year. We will meet in San Jose about 8:30 – 9:00 AM and travel

some back-roads (we’ll take the long way) to the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville.

They have about 90 historically significant and artistically inspired

automobiles dating from the early 1900’s to the

contemporary. There

will be an area to display about 15 of our cars while we are on a docent led tour of the museum. After the

museum tour we

will go out to

lunch. We

should

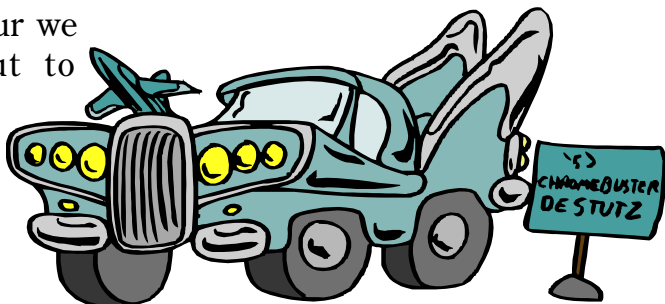
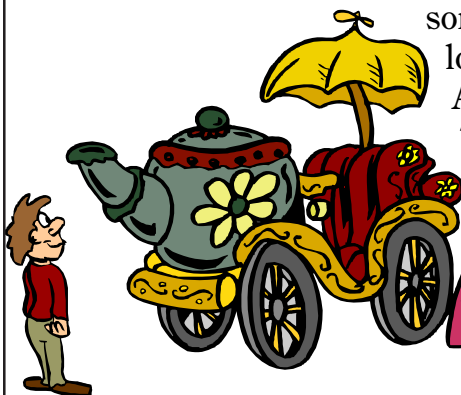
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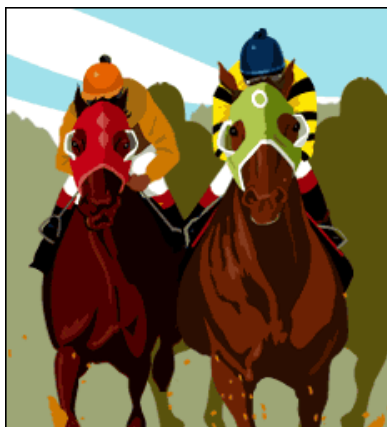
day at about

2-3 PM.

Mark your

calendars and watch for details in the February POST.





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

2005 LPR Event Calendar*

January

- 1/6 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 1/22 GTG/Dinner at CB Hannegan's in Los Gatos

February

- 2/3 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2/12 Tefankjian Tour to Blackhawk
- 2/26 GTG - Soup Night at the Glathe's 6:00 p.m

March

- 3/3 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 3/12 LPR Day at the Race's - Bay Meadows
- 3/18 New Comer's Social @ 7:00 p.m. Mt.Mike's
- 3/20 LPR Autocross @ Marina
- 3/26 LPR's 35th Anniversary Gala - Maggiano's Little Italy

April

- 4/7 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m
- 4/16 GTG at the Vanacore's
- 4/23 GymKanna - Ken Iles & Jim Bryant
- 4/23-24 CRAB
- 4/24 LPR Autocross @ Marina
- 4/29-5/1 Zone Event - Sports Car Invitational @ Laguna Seca
- 4/30 1-Day Tour TBD

May

- 5/7 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m
- 5/6-5/14 New Orleans Trip - Debbie Bennett
- 5/21 GTG - TBD
- 5/21-22 Autocross School
- 5/22 LPR Autocross @ Marina

June

- 6/2 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 6/5 Annual SWAP Meet
- 6/18 GTG - John Cole
- 6/24-7/1 PARADE in Hershey, PA
- 6/26 LPR Autocross @ Marina

July

- 7/7 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 7/9-7/10 - 2 Day Tour "March to the Tree"
- 7/16 OR 7/23 LPR Family BBQ
- 7/24 LPR Autocross @ Marina

August

- 8/4 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 8/13 ZONE Autocross @ Alameda LPR
- 8/14 ZONE Autocross @ Alameda GGR
- 8/20 GTG - Ed & Karen Tefankjian
- 8/27 - 1 Day Tour TBD - Ken Iles

September

- 9/1 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 9/10 BYOB Mini Tour & GTG - Herz & Gamble
- 9/16 New Comer's Social @ 7:00 p.m. Mt. Mike's
- 9/24 1-Day Tour TBD - Ken Iles
- 9/25 LPR Autocross @ Marina

October

- 10/6 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 10/8-10/9 - 2-Day Tour TBD - Reed & Iles
- 10/16 LPR Autocross @ Marina
- 10/29 3rd Annual Halloween Party at the Morgan's

November

- 11/3 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 11/6 LPR 2006 Planning Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. Mt. Mike's
- 11/12 GTG - Pasta Night at the Bennett's

December

- 12/1 LPR Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 12/3 OR 12/10 - LPR Holiday Party and Awards Banquet
- 12/18 LPR Gift Exchange at the Highley's

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Uncorked at the Sickal's

By Anne Holdych

It's Saturday, November 20th, Tom and I are the first to arrive at the Sickal's house. As Sue answers the door, Greg's at the top of the stairs shouting, "Who's here so early?" Keep in mind, it's 6:50 p.m., and the party starts at 7 o'clock. Greg is running late, as usual.

Kevin and Debbie Bennett are the next to arrive. As Debbie sets up shop to collect the "Hi, How are you? Give me the money" funds, others begin to pour in with appetizers and bottles of wine. There was a wide variety of red's, white's, and some older exotic bottles along with plenty of appetizers. Kris Vanacore brought



Hostess Sue Sickal graciously set a genteel example for her guests.

her famous Peanut Butter Chocolate Truffles. Boy, were they good! In her family, they are affectionately known as “Santa’s Ball’s”.

Of course, every event has its jokers. On this night, John Reed’s wine contribution is an “elegant” bottle of Boone’s Farm Strawberry Wine. After John has gotten his giggles, he found it even funnier that someone has actually opened and partook of the Strawberry Wine! Come to find out it was Vince Vincent. Vince, who would have guessed!

Our next joker of the evening is my loving husband, Tom Holdych, whose idea of an appetizer is a bowl full of dog biscuits. You see, Greg was giving his dog, Gia, some dog biscuits, so Tom decided that if they’re good enough for Gia, then they must be good enough for the members of LPR, and so he put a bowl of the dog biscuits on the table with the other appetizers. Share and share alike!



Despite his injured shoulder, Tony Vanacore is determined not to let this ancient cork get the better of him.



Greg Sickal was pretty irresistible this night... oh, look... a bi-Sickal. Kevin Bennett sticks his nose into Sue's and Greg's business.

Finally, Greg Sickal himself took his turn to liven up the evening by bringing out and sharing the famous “pink blanket”. Those of you who were on the Hearst Castle tour might remember Greg and Sue regaling that audience with the tales and exploits of that famous textile. I’ll have to say, it was much smaller and rattier in person than Greg would have led us all to believe...



Above right: You'd think that Emilie Highley and Debbie Bennett hadn't seen each other in years. Above: John Reed and Vince Vincent get into the tasting with a little Boonesfarm Strawberry Wine... yum! Meanwhile, right: Joanna Herz can't drag herself away from Santa's Balls



The Tavares' were staying the night, so the Bennetts became the couple that wouldn't go home as Kevin gave poker lessons at 2:30 in the mornng.



Photos by Vince Vincent, Greg Sickal, Sue Sickal, Tom Holdych



Left: Joe Pruss and Debbie Bennett smile for the camera as Cheryl Pruss is distracted by the antics in the kitchen.

Uncorked at the Sickal's



John Reed takes the caveman approach in his social interaction this evening. Angie Sharp says he gets that way when his tights are too tight.



Left: Ed and Karen Tefankjian demonstrate a more normal social interaction for couples as both seem to be trying to be heard at the same time. June Iles has a great seat as she seems to be taking it all in as if she were watching a match at Wimbledon.

❖ Uncorked at the Sickal's...

Speaking of sharing, Kevin and Debbie Bennett brought a bottle of wine that had been in the depths of their hall closet for who knows how long. As it turned out, first, Ed Tefankjian tried his hand at removing the cork without destroying it. Unsuccessful, he turned it over to Tony Vanacore and Ed Tavares, who ended up pushing the cork into the wine bottle, thus corking it. Next thing you know, Kevin and Ed are straining the corked wine thru a napkin (see cover, Ed.). Those who were brave enough to taste it commented: "That's interesting", "That's different" and just plain "Yuck".

The Bennetts passed around a "Nostalgia Quiz" for those who wanted to participate. People were milling about, congregating in the kitchen and in the family room. Some people were watching TV as the San Francisco Auto Show was on. Sue was having a good time, as she did her imitation of a two-fisted drinker with a bottle of wine in each hand. Woo Hoo!!



Sue is holding the club's thank you gift. Greg seems to be very interested in Sue's goodies.

You see, there was a little something for everybody. Thanks to Sue and Greg for hosting such a great party.



Karen Tefankjian, Jennifer Bryant, Annie Holdych and Emilie Highley... a real murderer's row of wine afficianados.

More Uncorked



Right: LPR President-elect Tom Holdych practices his intimidation techniques, which appear to be working as Ed Tefankjian has that "deer caught in the headlights" look.

Below: By the time Kevin Bennett got to the dessert table, the cheesecake was down to almost crumbs... so Kevin let no crumb go to waste by eating off of the cake plate.



Above: Greg Sickal, Joe Pruss, Cheryl Pruss, Jim Bryant, Debbie Bennett and Annie Holdych are really getting a kick out of whatever has been uncorked behind the camera. Ken Iles is barely visible in the shot, so we know that it doesn't involve any sheep.



Right: Jennifer Bryant and Tony Antonowicz confer on the nostalgia quiz as Jim Bryant clearly prefers to work on the challenge solo.



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LPR Confidential

By Hedda Lettis

Kevin Bennett cut off all of his long hair and had it styled on the day before the awards banquet at the Hilton on the 4th of December. Karen Tefankjian was overheard on the dance floor telling Kevin, "I really like your hair!"

Kevin's response was, "Gee, I wish you had told me earlier, I could have brought you some."



Kris Vanacore has been all smiles lately. Apparently, next June, she and Tony will become grandparents and Kris says she can hardly wait. After seeing the ultrasound of the little one she has started calling him/her "the peanut."

Apparently a fine time was had by all at the banquet. There was quite a bit of dancing afterwards and, as usual at dances, the dancing ladies seemed to outnumber the dancing men so there seemed to be a constant stream of women on the prowl for a dance partner. Greg Sickal was coaxed, cajoled, and coerced numerous times by most of the females there, including his wife Sue, but he refused to dance with anyone except June Iles... what's up with that?

There was an eerie occurrence recently in LPR land. It seems that in November our treasurer, Sue Sickal, received an odd, rather ominous looking envelope which was addressed to our region. Coincidentally, the Sickal's dog, Gia, is a recent graduate of Canine Homeland Security School with a specialization in bomb sniffing. The dog's innate ability in this area is well documented, as John Reed can personally attest. So Sue ran the envelope by Gia and, reassured by the dog's approval, opened it to find, not the usual notice of legal action following a visit from LPR on an overnight tour, but rather a thank-you note from Robin's Restaurant in Cambira. This was the final stop on the Hearst Castle tour and... well... everyone must have been exhausted because their behavior was so inoffensive that the eatery's owner actually asked us back!

Origin of Porsche Fuchs Wheels

Paraphrased from Porsche 911: Forever Young, by Tobias Aichele:

Otto Fuchs Metallwerke had made forged wheels for armored military vehicles for Porsche during the war. So it made sense for Porsche to contact the same company when they came up with the idea of creating light alloy wheels for their 911 production car in the mid-60's. Fuchs representative Herr Kretsch offered Porsche something beyond their expectations, though: the possibility of mass-producing a high quality forged alloy wheel.

Nothing on this scale had ever been attempted in Germany.

Heinrich Klie of the Porsche model department (the early version of the styling studio) was given the task of styling the wheel. He became the 'father' of the Fuchs wheel. He is also responsible for a number of 911 design details, including the complete dashboard.

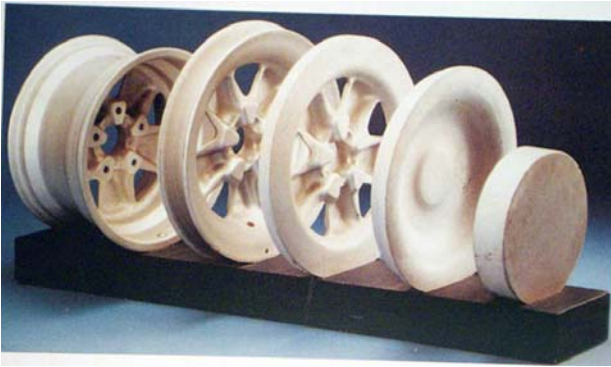


Klie and his team were given no precise instructions for the wheel, so he simply went to work with Plasticine modeling clay and came up with a design. Where styling assignments would typically involve weeks of trial and error, changes, and new revisions, this wasn't the case with the Fuchs wheel. The first model was shown to Ferry Porsche, who approved it "with a wave of a hand," according to Klie.

It then went to the suspension design department, where engineer Rudolf Hoffmann was responsible for the wheel's physical properties. Minor modifications were made.

From there, Fuchs chief engineer Karl-Heinz Ochel had to oversee a whole new process for manufacturing the wheel. 58 steps were required to make a single Fuchs wheel.

Quote: *From Porsche 911: Forever Young*, by Tobias Aichele



"To be precise, the Fuchs wheel was formed by the following steps. A pressed piece of stock was forged to make a forging blank. Next, drop forging the blank produced the ventilation holes and

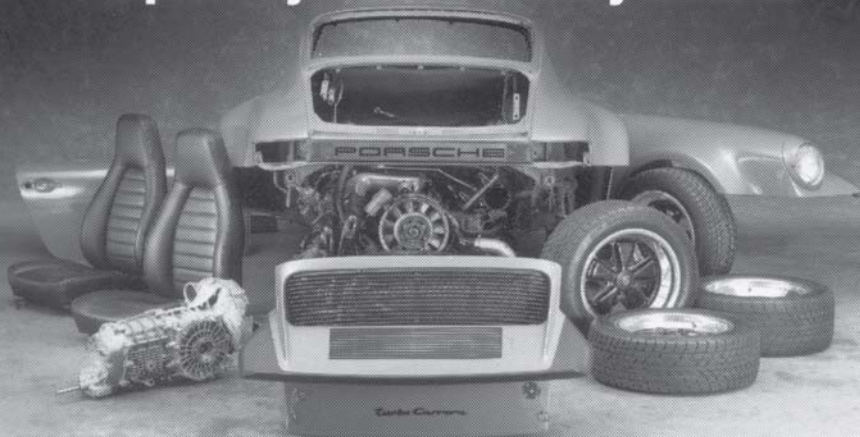
deburred the flange. A further drop forging step resulted in a split flange, before the workpiece was widened by rolling. And here is the secret advantage of this complex manufacturing process: the Fuchs wheel stayed in production for so many years because it could be rolled to any width desired. The forming process resulted in a wheel with a completely finished inner side. The outer, visible side of the wheel was turned on special lathes, which resulted in the smallest possible wheel imbalance. A carefully developed surface finish — polishing, anodizing, and painting — permitted different design variations over the years and assured high corrosion resistance."

After being tested directly on numerous cars, some very minor changes were made, and the wheels were offered on the 1967 models. There was some internal controversy in the company over the design itself, but the marketing people prevailed in support of the wheel, and history proved them correct. The wheel became a runaway success and remained a design fixture on the 911 for 20 years.

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The December Board Meeting was held on December 2, 2004 at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos. Board members in attendance were: Liz Shaw, Emilie Highley, Bob and Karen Morgan, Sue Sickal, Kevin Bennett, Vince Vincent, and Harlan Pester. Other members present were: Ralph Maines, Angie Sharp, John Reed, Tom & Annie Holdych, Cathy Carlson, Joe & Cheryl Pruss, Greg Sickal, Ed & Karen Tefankjian, and Ken & June Iles. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Emilie to accept them pending any issues. Sue seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Directors' Reports

President: Bob Morgan

Bob passed around the PCA Region Report Form for new officer information. He gave the PCA online access form to Ed and Tom. After some discussion, a motion was made by Vince to request the Coastal Driving School to return the seed money of \$1750 to LPR with the understanding that LPR will consider extending additional funds next year if so requested. The motion was seconded by Harlan and passed with 5 in favor and 1 opposed.

Vice-President: Emilie Highley

Emilie reviewed the December events:

4th- Holiday party/Awards Banquet. 57 attendees will meet in the Coastal Ballroom of the Santa Clara Hilton at 6 p.m. Donations are provided by: Tom & Annie Holdych (bartender fee), Bill & Emilie Highley (wines being served tableside), Mike Lommatzsch, TJP Painting (Tom Provasi), Bob Stewart of Stevens Creek Porsche, CT Automotive, Fastlane, Racesetter Designs, T & D Performance, John Reed, RMJ Enterprises, Custom Alignment, Parts Heaven, Action Trailer, and the LPR Autocross Committee.

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19th – Gift Exchange at the Iles.

January events include:

6th – Board Meeting at Mtn. Mike's

22nd – GTG at CB Hannegans (Harlan)

Emilie also reported that the Glathe's have agreed to host Soup Nite on Feb. 26th and Greg Sickal will conduct a Day at the Races (Bay Meadows) on March 12th. Ed and Karen Tefankjian will hold a tour on February 12th and Joe & Cheryl Pruss offered to host a GTG.

She asked if there were any major corrections to the 2005 calendar and announced the next Committee Meeting for the 35th Anniversary Gala will be at the Bennett's' home on December 7th.

Secretary: Karen Morgan

Karen had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Sue Sickal

Sue presented the November Treasurer's Report. Income for the month was \$381 and expenses were \$2,728.77. She reported that the 3rd quarter National payment has yet to be received. Bob will provide Sue with a National PCA contact.

Activities: Harlan Pester

National received the Observer's Report from the Hearst Castle Tour. Harlan also passed out special \$250 credits from Stevens Creek Porsche for our members to use on a new/used Porsche purchase.

Membership: Liz Shaw

Liz announced 18 PCA members from the closed Germany Region had transferred to LPR. She welcomed them. As the LPR POST is available online, a motion was made by Vince that if a request is made for a printed POST to be mailed outside the U.S., we notify the requestor that any postage cost above bulk mailing will be charged back to the member. Emilie seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

Liz is still waiting for notification from National of any other new members and she asked that LPR present Tim Benson with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the new members he has sent to our region.

Ed Tefankjian requested a list of anyone who needed a new badge.

Member At Large: Vince Vincent

Vince reported that the awards expenses came in at \$562.48.

Editor: Kevin Bennett

Kevin requested pictures of the new board members to be placed in the POST. He discussed some advertising issues.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Greg Sickal

Greg presented a contract from Bay Meadows for the Day at the Races. He requested a \$212.50 deposit. A motion to make the deposit was made by Vince and seconded by Emilie. The motion passed unanimously.

Autocross: Cathy Carlson

Cathy announced that GGR would give her the radios at the banquet. She will purchase cones at a later date. There will be 8 autocrosses next year.

Safety: John Reed

John had nothing new to report.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Jim was not present at this meeting.

Goodie Store: Joe and Cheryl Pruss

Joe & Cheryl presented a Goodie Store report indicating a \$365 submittal tonight for items delivered. They requested a check for \$220.60 for payment to Racesetter Designs.

They will be at the Holiday Party with items for sale. Racesetter Designs has donated 3 items for the event.

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Charity: Open Position

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken has sent to Panorama an article about the Year-End party and information about the 35th Anniversary Party.

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

Pete was not present at the meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

The next board meeting will be held on January 6, 2005, at Mtn. Mike's in Los Gatos.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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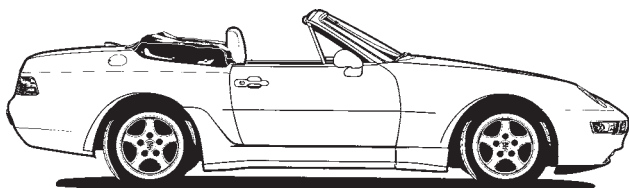
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