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October

Thursday the **6th** - Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos, 7 P.M.

> Satruday the **8th-9th** Mendocino Tour. **THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT.**

Saturday the **22th** - Canepa Design Droolfest. Explore the ad on

page 7.

Saturday the **29th** - Bob & Karen Morgan host their 3rd Annual LPR Halloween Party with a theme of Peace, Love & Porsches. Check out the "far out" ad on page 11.



November

Thursday the **3rd** - Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos, 7 P.M.

Sunday the **6th** - The 2006 Event Planning Session will be held at 2 P.M. at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos.

Satruday the 12th -

Chili cook-off at the home of Kevin & Debbie Bennett. Dust off your recipe and enter a chili and maybe **YOU** can gain everlasting gustatory stardom. Watch for the tasteful ad in next month's POST.

December

Satruday the **3rd** is the Annual LPR Awards Banquet. Mark your calendars and watch for the ad next month.



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Geschwätz in der Überholspur



Tom Holdych, President

I wish to start my column this month talking briefly about 2 of my absolute favorite things in this world: Porsches and pizza.

Now I am one of those folks who might be referred to as a "pizzaholic". I love the stuff, food of the Gods, never met one I didn't love, etc. People (who already didn't think so) really thought I was nuts when I would return from business trips I took to Italy, where I ate almost nothing but pizza.

And then there are Porsches. I've had a life-long addiction to them, which only grew stronger after I was able to purchase my first one a few years ago. But I really don't have to explain that to someone who is reading this column – I'm sure that you know what I mean.

Now for those of you who saw the recent video clip regarding penguins with cars and monkeys in a bar (you had to be there), you are probably wondering: Is this going somewhere? Yes, it actually is.

I am writing this column the day after our September board meeting, where we ate pizza and talked about Porsches (see, I told you it was going somewhere). Most of "the usual suspects" attended this meeting, although a few were away on holiday. But we also had in attendance a member who does not regularly attend the board meetings, and he had brought along a friend who had very recently purchased his first Porsche. After the official aspects of the meeting had adjourned, we were all just munching and chatting. This was when I was asked something which didn't really sink in deeply enough until the next day (maybe it was all of those endorphins being released by the pizza): "I hope that you don't mind that I brought Gerry Hatcher along to the board meeting." I let him know that we did not mind one bit and that we actually try to *encourage* attendance by the membership. But his question ultimately brought up a deeper issue to me.

For those of you who have not attended an LPR Board meeting, these are not magical, secretive events where we all wear our crowns and red robes, and discuss world domination plots (even though we *might* do that on weekends, but that is our business, so don't even go there...) No, LPR board meetings are just like every other LPR event: open, fun and social. Each and every LPR member is not just welcome to attend, but rather should be encouraged. Hey, we probably even have some non-LPR members attend from time to time – We don't check any ID's at the door.

LPR board meetings function to (hopefully) steer **YOUR** club in the direction **YOU** want it to go. They are a combination of planning for upcoming events and potential events, reviewing past events and expenditures to see what we did right (and what we might do better next time), general discussions of items/issues relating to LPR and PCA, and sometimes other discussions of anything "Porsche" and beyond. They are fun, informative, friendly and open. And they are held monthly by a bunch of volunteers who have made LPR the smashing success it has become over the last 35 years. And

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I know that many of you have heard this before, but it bears repeating (and this is my column, so I'll say what I want): The success of LPR (and any other club, for that matter) depends on the quality of its members, their desire to participate and, most importantly, the spirit of volunteerism. None of the leadership positions at LPR are paid in any monetary form. In fact, most of your leaders donate more than just their time to make *YOUR* PCA chapter such a success. It brings to mind the old adage that "job satisfaction is inversely proportional to salary." Now while this line was most likely coined by an individual who was either trying to get people to accept a low-wage job or volunteer, I think that you will agree that it contains a potentially large nugget of truth. Personally, I know that it does for me.

So without going on for too long on these matters, let me close with some bullet points:

1) **Participation is key**. Clubs will either thrive or die based upon the level of participation of their members. Come by and check out a Board meeting or two, and observe or participate in the processes of LPR!

2) **Volunteerism is critical**. LPR does not have the resources or budget to pay any "staff", so we live or die (so to speak) based on the volunteering spirit of others – And maybe of you? And you don't have to go whole-hog, all at once. You might volunteer to be on an event committee, or up one step to become a committee chair, or (what the heck – let it all hang out) become a board member.

3) Let your voice be heard. Are we leading *YOUR* club in the direction *YOU* want it to go? If not, there are many ways you can make your voice heard. Attend a board meeting and participate in the decision making process. And **VOTE**. We are just going into our annual election process, and it is sometimes discouraging to see the "low voter turnout" from these elections. Maybe we should be elated, believing that we must be doing everything right and that is the reason why the total vote count is so low. But we always have that nagging question: Just like in business, are our members "voting with their feet", choosing to either not participate (or even transferring to other PCA regions) instead of voting with their ballots? Help us get over our insecure feelings by returning your completed ballot in this election. It is even easier now, as you can vote by mailing in you ballot, or utilize the electronic voting option on our web site.

So thanks for listening, and I hope that my ramblings will contribute to an increased membership participation in all aspects of LPR (except, of course, for the Mendocino Tour, which sold out in record time).

And for those of you who just couldn't stop thinking about my earlier comments on monkeys in a bar, the joke goes something like this:

A penguin is having problems with his car, so he takes it to his mechanic. He's got an hour to kill while the mechanic checks things over, so he goes across the street to get some ice cream. You may not know this, but penguins love ice cream.

Well, since penguins have no hands, he ends up getting his ice cream all over his beak, which is a real mess when he returns to the car repair shop. The mechanic looks up, sees the penguin, and gives him the bad news: "It looks like you blew a seal." To which the penguin responds "No, that's just a little ice cream."

Until next time ...

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I read an editorial in the local newspaper recently about the child-obesity epidemic with a reported 28% of the state's fifth, seventh and ninth graders being overweight. The treatise did a good job of spreading the blame around; parents not providing nutritious diets, the kids not taking responsibility for their own health, schools making junk food available, state education policies and youth sports programs all took a hit in the piece.

In my analysis of the problem, there are at least two more major contributing factors to this epidemic that are integral components of a seminal change that has taken place over the last 30 years in the relationship between parents and their children.

The first of these factors is primarily an economic one, in that the vast majority of parents are working. Whether in single parent households, or the traditional "nuclear family," the after-school activities of the children of these working parents are often, "go home, lock the doors, stay inside and out of trouble." This is certainly the cheapest form of after-school child care. As the cheapest, it must be incredibly common, but by encouraging these "latch-key children" to lock themselves in, snacking and sedentary behavior is an almost guaranteed result.

The second overlooked factor is the increased urge to protect our children. When I was a child, from age six on, I walked, or rode a bike, a couple of miles every day, going to and from school. Almost every kid in the school did the same thing. Aside from those who rode the school bus, almost no one got a ride to school. Today, the traffic around schools is so bad at the beginning and end of the school day that it is worthwhile to plan your car trips to avoid either the area or the time of day. Parents are not making this commitment to drive their children to school and fight this traffic just to be nice. They are doing it because they fear to do otherwise would border on child endangerment. Stories in the news media and on crime show dramas have parents convinced that a sexual predator, pusher or gangster is waiting on every street corner to recruit, kidnap, molest, or murder their little ones, and so the desire to protect our children has deprived a great many of them of another major dose of daily exercise.

Parents are also reluctant to turn their kids out into the neighborhood to play and interact with other kids on the street for fear of them interacting with some monster. Kids don't knock on the door anymore, asking, "Can Emily come out and play?" Emily is kept at home, where we can protect her and she can get fat. We are, in point of fact, training our kids to be coach potatoes.

Clearly, American society has been changed through its fear of what the creeps of the world might do to its children. There was no organized effort by anyone to

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make the change happen and the deleterious result of our spontaneous societal response was clearly not contemplated.

If you consider carefully, you might see that we, as a society, are under similar pressure in world affairs. Terrorists are frightening us into changes. Some of them have already been made, and the decision to fight back is one of them. Clearly, an avalanche of other, smaller changes is affecting this country as I write this piece. How it will all play out is as impossible to predict as was the childhood obesity problem, but we should be aware that it is happening and that we are being coerced into the changes.

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Bob & Karen Morgan host their 3rd annual LPR Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29 7 P.M. til midnight

The theme this year, in recognition of LPR's 35th birthday, will harken back to the year of our founding, 1970. "Peace,

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Porsches"

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MEMBER NOTES

Ed Tefankjian, Membership Director



In late August Karen and I had our first "Good Time Gathering". Everyone enjoyed a lot of great food from various ethnic backgrounds, plus there was a lot of "potent potables" consumed. Both Karen and I would like to thank everyone that came and for all the help/good advice we were given on hosting a "GTG".

I'm pleased to introduce the following members that recently joined LPR:

New members from PCA

- Rick Grewohl, Soquel, Green 1971 911T
- Kai Hollensett, Munich, GT Silver 2004 986S
- Randol Mackley, Los Gatos, 2002 996
- Johnny Musser II, Santa Cruz, White 1985 911 Targa
- Ed Pettengill Sr., Scotts Valley, 1974 914

Transferred in

• Gregor Magnusson, Aptos, 1962 356B, from SBA

Ed's tips for October:

- Porsche Crest: I was wondering how the Porsche Crest was conceived and after a search on-line I found that in 1951 Porsche's only had the word "Porsche" on the body. In 1952 Professor Porsche developed the basic design of the crest. There are three components; the family name on top, the other two components reflect the rebirth of the Porsche Company in Stuttgart after the war. The red and black bars with the antlers are from the coat of arms for the State of Wurttemberg and the horse is from the coat of arms of Stuttgart the capital of Wurttemberg. The crest first appeared on a Porsche in 1953 on the horn button. It wasn't until 1957 that the crest was put on the front of a 356. Now you have a little trivia for that next tour you go on and have to complete a test of your ability to retain sometimes useless facts.
- The POST Calendar has the exciting upcoming LPR activities. There is something for everyone... get out and participate! See you at the next event.
- When you change your e-mail please send me (<u>edjt@earthlink.net</u>) your new address so I can update your file.

Bye for now, Ed







I finally received the phone call from Debbie Bennett that I was expecting. You see, Debbie had called once before, asking if I would be willing to do the POST write-up for the ever so talked about, "Brunch at the Beach," hosted by Larry and Linda Smith. We had every intention of attending this event but, alas, our Jeep Cherokee did not cooperate. It decided to have an engine fire while towing the LPR Autocross timing

trailer over Hwy 17 on our merry journey to the Smith's. So, I may have hesitated in response to Debbie's request; this time asking if I would do the write up for the "International Good Time Gathering" at the home of Ed and Karen Tefankjian. I quickly recovered though, and responded that I would be happy to, as long as no other disasters occurred while making our way to the event.

Doug, Ashley and I headed out to the Tefankjian's home on a sunny afternoon, Saturday, August 20th. I was balancing our hot side-dish offering, a sausage potato Hungarian concoction, on my lap. In my other hand, I was holding a Post-it note on which I had jotted down the directions to our destination. Doug was driving us in our 1987 911 and Ashley was



Pam Wise seems to be getting a stiff neck while talking to Rudi Herz. She obviously is accustomed to dealing with much shorter men...

singing merrily in the rear. On Hwy 85, I was adjusting the dish on my lap when the wind, coming from the windows, ripped the directions from my hand and out the window they went! Doug wryly commented that I was really trying to get out of doing this write up. Fortunately, I have a pretty good memory of the street names and we finally arrived, fashionably late, around 4:40pm. One thing you might notice about this group is that most of them are never fashionably late, but right on time so as to not miss out on any of the fun, food and booze to be had at Good Time Gatherings.

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Our lovely hostess, Karen Tefankjian, greeted us at the door. Karen directed us to the backyard where laughter and many familiar voices could be heard. There was a really nice turn out; 41 people in all. A few familiar faces were; John Reed and Angie Sharp, the Bennett's, Rudi and Joanna Herz, Larry and Linda Smith and of course Ken and the lovely June Iles. We placed our offering under the beautiful blue canopy on one of the tables and set about to mingle with the group.



Emilie Highley and Ken Iles look as if they are ready to tiptoe through the tulips. "Tony wants a magnetic one."

Shortly thereafter, we were all treated to some delicious Armenian appetizers. There were Armenian pizzas (called lahmajoun), bread (lavash) a wonderful string cheese made out of goats milk, just to name a few. Ed Tefankjian, our other host, stopped by our group to mention that the wine/beer location was where the crowd was gathered, so I moseved on over to the gazebo/bar area. There I found that Ken Iles and Rudi Herz had appointed themselves the bar keeps; what better way to get a hug and kiss from all the ladies! Rudi asked me what my desire was and with a bat of an eve I requested a glass of the merlot. A break in the conversation lead to my usual welcome greeting from Ken Iles...a big hug!

John and Tony were deep in conversation. On passing by them John leaned over and told me,

Okay, I went ahead and took the bait, "A magnetic what?"

To make a long story short, and for those of you thinking naughty thoughts, it turns out that Tony wants a magnetic name tag!

Debbie Bennett was sporting a beautiful new hair do with a bit lighter blonde tone. Ken could be heard commenting that, "Blondes are more fun but, they do get dirty quicker!"

Sandy Provasi, Doug and myself were discussing autocrossing. When the Provasi's first started time trialing and autocrossing, they used a van and would take the kids, then they all would sleep overnight in the van at the sites. They would roll out fake green grass (a.k.a. astro turf) for a place to hang out with the kids. We were fortunate to have Tom and Sandy, along with their oldest daughter Christine, participate at the last LPR autocross event at Marina. I must say their daughter ran very respectable times. Look out Tom and Sandy, she will be out there beating your times before you know it!

Doug was busy working on Angie to get her to drive at an autocross event. Angie, you should take Doug



Ashley Ambrisko demonstrates her "international" adaptability by proving that she can eat with chopstick.

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up on his offer to be your instructor at an autocross. He is an excellent driver and teacher. You will learn alot from Doug's skill and technique, just make sure to take some dramamine first!



Jim Bryant was looking especially sanguine because, at this event, he found out that, as tech chairman, he only needed to put on three tech sessions a year, rather than the one a month he had been trying to produce.

Ashley had coaxed Bob Stewart into making play dough figures with her as well as talking Bob into taking some lovely pictures of her. Bob was kind enough to send them to Ashley at our home. Thank you, Bob! Later on, Ashley was heard giving fashion tips to Kevin Bennett using her Bratz dolls to demonstrate. Kevin got his ribbing for the evening about being to old to play with dolls. I don't know, Kevin has a pretty good looking doll at home that I am sure he still plays with, on occasion.

The Tefankjian's have a lovely landscaped yard perfect for entertaining. There was a nice deck with a beautiful Mexican chiminea, which was lit a little later in the evening to keep off the chill. As usual, there was no shortage of food! The International theme provided us with sushi, pastas, bean salad, cabbage salad, Swedish meatball stroganoff, several potato dishes, and fantastic chicken kabobs from our hosts.

sessions a year, rather than the Joanna had make her traditional cucumber salad, of one a month he had been trying to produce. Joanna had make her traditional cucumber salad, of which, I must admit, I had two helpings! Okay, 2 1/2! Delicious!

If that wasn't enough, then there was an array of desserts! Hello Dolly bars, made by Jen Bryant.Apple Betty, by guess who..., peanut butter cookies, a delicious oatmeal caramel cake that Karen Morgan made, and poppy seed cake. All yummy!

After digesting a bit, Kevin asked if he could ask me something. Fortunately, I was already sitting down so I said, "Sure." Kevin wanted to know, since Doug and I are into the autocrossing scene, what AXers are looking for picture wise in the POST? My response, without much hesitation, was pictures of themselves driving, of course. But, really, I think Kevin does a fabulous job placing the pictures and coming up with very creative captions to go with them. It really adds to the POST. So, Kevin, don't change a thing! You are doing a great job!

Emilie Highley held a short club membership meeting and advised everyone to make sure and check out



Hosts, Ed & Karen Tefankjian hold the Eiffel Tower decorated key box received as a thank you gift from LPR.

the September POST. It is loaded with information on the upcoming events including

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the Santa Cruz Mountain Wine Tour on Sept 17th, upcoming Tech Session, and the next LPR Autocross at Marina. Ed and Karen were then presented with the traditional host thank you. After Ed proceeded to, one by one, pluck the tissue from the beautiful decorator bag, inside of which was a lovely wooden box printed with an image of the Eiffel Tower. This was a very sentimental gift as Ed had proposed to Karen on the Eiffel Tower...how romantic.

A little bird told me that as the party wound down, Ed was holding up, I mean leaning up against the wall and fell. Ed calmly picked himself up and stated that he was okay. The blood running down from this mouth told a different story.

Two stitches later ... "Ed, are you okay to talk now? ... "

That gossipy little bird also told me about the panty underwear show that took place upstairs.

I guess we left somewhat early!

Thank you Ed and Karen for opening up your lovely home and beautiful backyard to host such a great event!

I really must say if you have never attended a Good Time Gathering you really need to do so. You are missing out on a feast of delicious foods, hosted in a great environment, and a chance to get to know this wonderful group of people that make up what's known as the "Gathering of Good Timers."

Right: Vice President Emilie Highley makes the presentation of the club's thank you gift to hosts Ed & Karen Tefankjian. Below: Ed continues the international flavor of the event by performing the "Dance of the Seven Veils" as he slowly denuded the bag of its obsuring tissues to reveal the treasure hidden within.







It would appear that to all of these guys, size matters. Above, left: Tony Antonowicz seems disbelieving of Ed Tavares' dimensions, while below, left: he seems amused by Tony Vanacore's measurement. Above, right: Ken Iles seems pleased and proud to assert his claim while, below, right: Jim Bryant seems to be bemused and dismissive of Kevin Bennett's clearly reasonable representation.



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Meanwhile, above, left: Kris Vanacore and Jennifer Bryant both seem amused by the competition, as does, above, right: Terry Gregory. Only Terry's husband Paul seems to be caught up in the seriousness of it all.



Kevin Bennett and John Reed aren't really playing dolls with Ashley Ambrisko... those are just long-haired action figures.





Clockwise from above: 1. Pam Wise has been here before; she won't take a bite until the camera leaves. 2. Emilie Highley, best gal to have around for those wine emergencies. 3. Rosemary Tavares came to check out all the International cuisine. 4. Larry Smith holds court for Don Wise and George Breein.





LPR Autocross #6 hits the tarmac



LPR President Tom Holdych issues an executive directive, "You may begin your run."







Above: Paul Gregory and Larry Smith appear to be lining up for a drag race. Above, left: The banana, I'm told, makes it easier to slip around the cone...Left: Ole 144 looks like he's having a good time, but he's also losing time with that tire off the ground...

Left: Angie Sharp hasn't had much to do at these autocrosses, so she took up selling life insurance policies to the drivers. Below: Greg Sickal is celebrating his new insurance policy, and Cathy Carlson seems equally pleased... I guess he made her the beneficiary!



Above: Most of us know that Bob Morgan has been doing a lot of modeling for PartsHeaven ads. He's quite serious about it and has been practicing. Here Bob demonstrates his runway walk...





Photos by John Reed and Barry Pangrle

Above: John Reed took this photo and it seems that Paul Seidel just can't help acting cocquettish whenever the big guy is around. Left: I heard recently that, because of drag, you burn less gas running your AC rather than having the windows down in highway driving. I wonder if "800" here has run the numbers for "top-up" vs. 'top-down' autocrossing?



Above: The pit area looks so good, so colorful, so... racy, it almost makes you feel left out if you didn't participate. Right: Here's Bob Morgan, doing that modeling thing again.





Left: Cathy Carlson cuts it close... looks like that cone could use a banana.

Below: Swami Greg Sickal was giving psychic readings for the racers using his crystal ball... er... helmet.





Above: Tom Provasi looks serious as he contemplates the future changing of the guard. His daughter, Christine, had a pretty good run.



Right: It looks as if Nanci Bishop is still looking for that engine, this time apparently looking under the front seat... Below,left: Dana Ambrisko and Cathy Carlson seem to be happy with the day's progress. Below: Suzette Pangrle and Karen Morgan seem to be blown away by the excitement of this event.





Left: The Orange Crate got a real work out at this day, with three, count'em, three Provasis on hand to put it through its paces.

Right: Nanci Bishop apparently hired this midget to crawl around in her 914 in an attempt to finally locate that engine. The safety chariman noticed the activity and apparently insisted that the diminutive sleuth wear a helmet during the investigation.







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Board of Directors - Nominees

Bob Morgan - President

I have served as President in 2003-2004 and would like to serve again this year. I have a great love for LPR, it's people, traditions and reputation as the "Good Time Region". I enjoy working with the other board members and chairpersons to offer a schedule of events that can (hopefully) appeal to everyone in the Region. It is important that we continue our balanced budget policy. Over the past few years we've tried to price events so they pay for themselves, thereby avoiding a drain on our account. This will enable LPR to continue to offer a broad range of activities.

Ed Tefankjian - Membership

Being part of the LPR Board as the Membership Director this year has been both challenging and rewarding. Becoming more involved with the club's Board and the day-to-day activities has given both Karen and I a greater appreciation of LPR and its members. I have enjoyed working with the new members and getting them involved in LPR's activities and I would like to continue for another year as your Membership Director. I would appreciate your consideration and vote.

Jennifer Bryant - Treasurer

In the 4 years since I became an associate member of PCA-LPR I have enjoyed numerous outings and good time gatherings sponsored by the LPR club. Now I'd like to give something back to the club. I feel I am qualified to be considered for the position of Treasurer because I am a CMA (Certified Management Accountant) with more than 15 years of experience. This experience includes positions in accounting; treasury; finance; systems (IT); financial planning; analysis; and management in small and medium sized organizations in a variety of service and manufacturing industries including the non-profit sector. I would be delighted to be given the opportunity to represent LPR as its Treasurer and would take the responsibility seriously if you elect me!

Awards Nominees Man of the Year:

Kevin Bennett

Kevin has been Editor of the PRIETA POST for the past two years. This is a difficult and time-consuming job that Kevin truly enjoys. He has done a great job as Editor and we hope he will continue. He has hosted two Tours along with his wife, Debbie.

Tom Holdych

Tom jumped right in as President last year, and really helped LPR work with Coastal Driving School to develop a win-win agreement upon which we can build a very positive future for Driver's Education. Tom is an excellent leader, and really knows how to run an efficient board meeting!

Ed Tefankjian

Ed is our Membership Director, and as such is a key contact for new members. He has spent many hours working with PCA behind the scenes to weather the database problems that challenged us, without missing a beat. He and his wife Karen have hosted several Good Time Gatherings and a day tour to Blackhawk.

Woman of the Year:

Debbie Bennett

Debbie loves to organize tours, particularly the big traveling kind, like the trip to New Orleans. These events take an enormous amount of preparation, and we're lucky that Debbie is so energetic. She and Kevin also hosted the March to the Tree Tour.

Cathy Carlson

Cathy has worked as Autocross Chair or Co-Chair for at least 5 years. During that time we've seen our autocross series go from 5 events with 25-30 attendees, to this years' schedule of 8 events averaging about 50 attendees. She does all this behind the scenes, working with other Regions and Marina Motorsports to offer a great series that's lots of fun to run!

Emilie Highley

Emilie has served as Vice President for three out of the past four years. This is a very demanding job every year, and this past year Emilie was the organizer of the 35th Anniversary Party, as well as the Family Picnic and Year-End parties. The VP also drives the creation of the annual schedule and provides beverages and supplies for the GTG's and tours as needed. Emilie has done a fantastic job all year.

Sue Sickal

Sue has been Treasurer the past two years, and Secretary before that. She has worked behind the scenes to keep our books in order, while hosting Good-Time Gatherings at her home and Hosting a Day at the Races with her husband Greg (our Webmaster). Sue is always willing to help in any way she can.

For Worker of the Year

Kevin Bennett

See paragraph above

Jim Bryant

Jim and his wife Jennifer have organized the LPR/PartsHeaven Swap-Meet for the past two years, which has turned out to be a great success. Jim has arranged all the Tech sessions for the year and continues to get ideas for more offerings. Jim and Jennifer also hosted the Scavenger Hunt.

Cathy CarlsonSee paragraph aboveEmilie HighleySee paragraph above

Newcomer of the Year:

Angie Sharp

Angie has attended nearly every event the past two years, and has helped co-host several day and overnight Tours with John Reed and Ken & June Iles. She is running for a Board position, Activities Director for 2006.

Paul & Terry Gregory

Paul & Terry have been to nearly every event since joining LPR in July 2004. They helped the Smith's host Good Time Gatherings in Capitola, and have really jumped in whenever needed.

Alan Gale

Alan has attended several events, board meetings, and most of all has helped Cathy run the Autocross Series.



This event, sponsored by the Redwood Region, was an inaugural PCA national event. Held in Santa Rosa August 25-28, the Escape to the Wine Country was intended to attract broad participation, and focus on the social rather than the competitive aspects of club culture. I'm told that we can look forward to similar events in the coming years, but for those of us on the west coast, this was our only chance to participate 'close to home' for the next couple of years, since these events will be held on the opposite coast from the PCA Parade. (The next two Parade events will be held on the west coast: Portland and San Diego are scheduled for 2006 and 2007 respectively.)

LPR was represented by Nanci Bishop, Paul and Terry Gregory, Gary and Julie Lieber, Wallace McClymont, Tom and Sandy Provosi, and Larry and Linda Smith. Kevin asked that I share a little taste of what went on at the event by writing this article for the Post. (Kevin asked me to be brief...a difficult task for me, but I'll try to include some pics that speak for themselves!)

The crowd was large and distinguished, with 40 PCA regions represented, and over 350 attendees. National PCA President Tom Bobbitt and his lovely wife Eleanor came out from the East Coast, along with participants from Ohio, New York, Upper Canada, Kansas City, and Arizona...just to name a few. Alois Ruf and his wife Estonia were on hand to help everyone appreciate the fine tuning of the several Ruf models that attended, including the original 'Yellow Bird' – a 911 derivative that achieved a "two-way speed of 211 mph at the .. test track in Germany." (One of the raffle wins was a ride – in the passenger seat – in this magnificent automobile!)

The event kicked off with a 'meet and greet' buffet poolside at the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa on Thursday evening. Friday was filled with our choice of a number of driving tours, or for those who traveled to the event by air, bus tours to the many wonderful wineries 'n such in the area. Larry and I chose the Napa Valley driving tour – we drove the 'Monster Boxster' on it's first non-Autocross event – and enjoyed a visit to the only

Escape to the Wine Country...

racecar shop that includes a winery – right there inside the building! (The Racers Group & Adobe Winery to be exact.) The tours ended late afternoon, and the evening was free to explore Santa Rosa and socialize.

Saturday was the car show. Those Porsches that had signed up early (more than 200 I'm told!) were organized into models and parked on the lawn at the Luther Burbank Arts Center. Many (I counted more than 30!) Porsches of all ages, types, and models, were left to park outside the lawn area because we flat ran out of room, and they had either neglected to register, or had registered and arrived too late to get in. The 912 Registry was well represented, along with the exotic and rare.

Alois Ruf entertained us with the history of his company, along with the latest designs, at the closing Banquet on Saturday evening. The food was great, and we supplemented the wine selection with the many bottles that were procured during the tours the day before.

But it wasn't over yet! Sunday we filled a Porsche Corral at Infineon Raceway, and watched as the IRL 'best of the best' returned the Indy Car excitement to this wonderful Northern California Raceway. It was a great time!

Many thanks and honors are due the members of the Redwood Region, who have set a high standard for executing an extremely organized event that was orchestrated to the final detail, making it an enjoyable and effortless weekend for everyone!

NOTE: Additional pics taken by Ron Leppke. You can see them by going to the LPR website, AX section, and click on the photo icon for the GGR/Zone AX on 8/14/05. Look for the Escape Reception, Escape Car Show, and Escape Banquet entries. There

are a lot of great pics – too many to include here!

Enjoying the Lanquet

Right: Gary & Julie Lieber, still able to find their food amongst the wine bottles. Below right:Tom & Sandy Provasi pose pretty for the camera. Below: Nanci Bishop and Paul Seidel pose with their first-in-class award.









The Racers Group and Adobe Winery



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the ear show.



Above: Ever notice how, as you get older, officials tend to look younger and younger? This Concours judge was especially adept at checking the undercarriage.







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Loma Prieta Region PCA

Minutes of the September 2005 Board Meeting The September Board Meeting was held on September 1, 2005, at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos, and was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present included Tom Holdych, Emilie Highley, Bob & Karen Morgan,



Sue Sickal, Harlan Pester, and Ed Tefankjian. Other members in attendance were: Kevin Bennett, Karen Tefankjian, Jim Bryant, Alan Gale, Joe & Cheryl Pruss, Barry & Suzette Pangrle, Gerry Hatcher, and Ralph Maines.

The August minutes had been approved via e-mail.

Directors' Reports

President: Tom Holdych

Tom read a letter from the *German World Magazine* congratulating PCA on its 50th Anniversary. A few complimentary copies of the publication were passed out to board members. Tom also gave the board members a copy of the CDS Joint Venture Agreement.

Vice-President: Emilie Highley

Emilie reviewed the upcoming schedule for September & October:

- 9/9 Blood Drive with Campbell Rotary
- 9/10-9/11 Zone 7 Autocross hosted by SVR and Yosemite Region
- 9/16 Newcomer's Social at Mtn. Mike's
- 9/17 Santa Cruz Mtn. Wine Tour
- · 9/23 PCA Drivers' Ed At Thunderhill Raceway with SVR
- 9/24 Tech Session at Don's Autowerks
- 9/25 LPR Autocross
- · 10/6 LPR Board Meeting
- · 10/8 & 10/9 Mendocino Tour (which is sold out)
- 10/22 Tech Session at Canepa Design
- 10/29 3rd Annual Halloween Party at the Morgans

Secretary: Karen Morgan

Karen noted that there was an error in the minutes. They needed correction to reflect the correct locations of the September & October Tech sessions.

Treasurer: Sue Sickal

Sue reviewed the financial report for August. Income was \$7,006.60 and expenses were \$6,459.38. Year-to-date income is \$34,129.60 and year-to-

Minutes...

date expenses are \$30,884.07. The certificates of deposit renew on September 20th. Sue will be putting \$10,000 into a 6-month certificate of deposit and the remaining money currently in the certificate will be placed into savings to cover year-end expenses as per the motion passed last month.

Activities: Harlan Pester

Harlan announced that he had the insurance certificate for the 9/25 autocross and has requested insurance for the September Santa Cruz Tour. Tom has Observer Reports for the 7/24 & 8/13 autocrosses.

Membership: Ed Tefankjian

Ed presented the following new members (all from PCA): Rick Grewohl of Soquel, Kai Hollensett of Munich, Randol Mackley of Los Gatos, Johnny Musser of Santa Cruz, and Ed Pettingill Sr. of Scotts Valley. Gregor Magnusson of Aptos transferred in. Ed motioned to accept the new members and Sue seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Ed reminded the club of the upcoming New Members' Social and said that he and Karen will be contacting new members to invite them to attend.

Member-At-Large: Bob Morgan

Bob presented a sample ballot and asked members for their input, particularly for Treasurer and Newcomer of the Year.

Committee Reports

Editor: Kevin Bennett

Kevin announced that the October deadline would be 10/01/05. Bob moved, and Sue seconded, that the number of POST copies be raised to 400 from the current 385 in order to provide extra copies for new members and the announcement boards at various vendors. The motion passed unanimously.

Webmaster: Greg Sickal

Greg was not present at the meeting.

Autocross: Cathy Carlson

Cathy was not present at this meeting. Alan Gale presented her report. There were 88 participants at the Zone 7 Autocross on the Saturday that LPR sponsored. New timing equipment has been purchased. Kevin moved, and Emilie seconded, that a discussion about the size of a timing display be tabled until next month. Motion passed.

Safety: John Reed

John was not present at this meeting. Kevin presented his report. John said that the 8/13 autocross was very well run and attended. John filed the

PCA Autocross Observer's Report within the 10-day request time. He will submit the PCA Tour Observer's after the 9/17 tour.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Jim announced the following events:

 \cdot 9/24 – Tech Session at Don's Autowerks where Don will also be discussing buying a used Porsche.

10/22 – Tech session at Bruce Canepa's.

Ralph announced that the 356/912 Clubs would be sponsoring a Concours/ Swap Meet at the new site of Stevens Creek Porsche (NE corner of Keily & Stevens Creek) at a date TBD, probably in mid-October.

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Joe and Cheryl reported selling \$264 of merchandise this month. They submitted a check for \$140 and requested a check for \$157.50 payable to Racesetter. Emilie moved and Sue seconded the payment. Motion passed.

Charity: Bill Highley

Bill was not present at this meeting. Emilie presented his report. The Blood Drive (to be held jointly with the Rotary Club) is on Friday, Sept. 9th.

A motion was made by Harlan and seconded by Emilie to begin a fund for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. All funds collected will be donated to the Red Cross. Money is to be sent to Sue (checks payable to LPR but noted that they are for the Katrina victims) by 10/7/05. The motion passed unanimously. Greg will be asked to send a mass e-mail to LPR members.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken was not present at his meeting. Tom presented his report. Ken said he submitted to Panorama one short article covering several events (autocrosses, the Coles' GTG, Jim's Mega Tech session, the Bennetts' Tree Tour, and the Family Picnic).

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

Pete was not present at this meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Unclassified Ads

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