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Saturday the **16th** - LPR's Annual Gift Exchange. Bring a gift and enjoy the good-natured competition See the ad on page 9.

January

Thursday the **4th** - Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos.

Editor's Note: LPR's 2007 planning meeting took place after press time for this issue. Check online for upcoming events in the month of January.



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The Solvang Tour unsuspectingly heads out across the wilds of California, led by Wrongway Ken Iles.

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Racing Boots

Bob Morgan, President



Happy Holidays to you all.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your President this past year. The region is in good hands going forward with Ed Tefankjian as President, Les Schreiber as Membership Director, and the rest of the board returning for a second year.

I'd like to thank you for voting and remind you to RSVP for the year-end banquet. We will be presenting the awards to those you selected on your ballots.

I will still be around, although not on the board next year. Having been on the board every year in this millennium, I thought I'd take a break...

I'd like to thank my wife, Karen Morgan, who has the hardest job in the club-reminding me what I should be doing, and staying positive when I'm not addressing the honey-do's. She has been very supportive and helpful these many years. Happy 21st Anniversary Sweetheart (that probably won't get me out of having to buy a gift, will it?).

I'd also like to thank the board and chairpersons. You all do so much to keep the club running, and you all have great attitudes. It's fun to work with you. That's a great thing about this region, we have a lot of people with positive attitudes that are willing to jump in and help when needed.

If you haven't been involved in one of our events recently, you should come out and see what's up. I think you'll have a good time. How could you not? We are the Good Time Region after all...

I'll be seeing you around. Feel free to ask me about my cars...

Thanks again,

Bob Morgan

LPR's Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 9th



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POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



I didn't fall for all of the oil company propaganda. I hate being manipulated and it seemed just too coincidental that gas prices the day before the election were down one third from the highs of just months earlier, so, amazingly enough, I voted for the oil tax. Did anyone notice that the price of gas jumped seven cents on Election Day?

Most of the active club members know that I am not big on drinking alcohol. Unfortunately, my son is just the opposite and has been known to overindulge enough that the subject has occasionally precipitated discussions within the family. The GKs have been around it enough that one day my granddaughter came home sucking on a piece of candy having just returned from a shopping excursion with her dad that included a stop at the liquor store. When her mom asked her where she got the candy, she replied, "Daddy bought it for me at the drunk store." Kids... you gotta love 'em.

Long time members of LPR will recollect that for the first dozen or so years of our membership Debbie and I participated in driving events in our red 356B coupe. We had, over the years, a few mechanical glitches that prompted my wife to start calling the car "The Little Red Embarrassment." Although none of these hiccups caused any real delays or cancellation of activities, I thought the appellation was cute and adopted the name as my standard reference to the vehicle.

The Embarrassment moved on to a new owner in '04 and in '05 we replaced the 914 with our current garage queen, an '89 911. When the seller advertised the car, he described it as "gun metal gray" and so, despite the fact that we later determined that the factory color is officially "Slate," Debbie, who has a strong proclivity toward these things, elected to christen the car "Gunner."

Gunner has exhibited a few foibles during its tenure with the Bennetts: air conditioning problems, fans not working, a radio/CD player that overheats and a gas gauge with a mind of its own. Now, recently, we had to bail out in the middle of a tour, for the first time ever, because Gunner was surging and bucking in fifth gear.

Under the circumstances, one would think that Debbie would start to refer to Gunner as something along the lines of "The Great Gray Folly," but it has not happened. I'm not sure if it is because Debbie had a great deal of say in the acquisition of the car, but she has been more accepting of Gunner's faults than she was of those from The Little Red Embarrassment.

Personally, I think that she felt it was easy to throw gibes at the 356 because it was so old. That attitude seems common around LPR and would certainly explain why Ken Iles is the butt of so many jokes.

❖ POST Positions...

Back in July of this year, I mentioned to Debbie that I was thinking about giving up the editorship of the POST. Her reaction was that I had to give the club twelve months of notice to enable the membership to find a replacement. I thought that figure to be excessive, but then later succumbed to the exhortations of the few who heard of my vacillation and insisted that I continue in this role.

So... I am on for another year. I strongly feel, however, that the well is running dry. Recruiting writers for events is becoming a chore that both the POST Pest and I dread. It is getting harder every month to work up the enthusiasm for both the column and the captioning. I want the POST to be as fresh and as entertaining as possible and my feeling is that it is getting stale and boring. I will do my best to uphold the standard that I have set for myself over the preceding three years, but my enthusiasm is definitely on the wane.

If there are aspiring editors out there who would like to take over this job, you can come forward now, plan for taking over next year or you could try to work into the job gradually. If you have the interest, my contact information is at the top of page 4.

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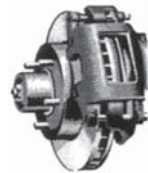
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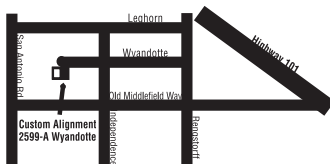


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MEMBER NOTES

*Ed Tefankjian,
Membership Director*



This year has gone by really fast for Karen and me. Looking back over the past twelve months there have been numerous LPR activities; Good-Time-Gatherings, Tours, Excursions, Autocross, etc. A lot of fun for those attending, just look at the happy faces in the POST. And the Planning Committee has a full calendar of events scheduled for 2007, so get rested up after the holidays because there will even be more fun opportunities for next year.

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

- George Dickman, Cupertino, Black 1998 993
- Colin Hessel, Redwood City, Lapis Blue 2001 986
- Douglas Moshy, San Jose, Red 2001 986S
- Jeff Trotter, Santa Cruz, Black 1980 911
- James Van Dam, Boise ID, Guards Red 1996 993

LPR Membership

- Total = 566 (Primary = 312, Affiliates = 254)

Ed's tips for December:

- The next dry day get the Porsche out of the garage, find some shade and give it a good wash and a good coat of wax. This will provide the paint with some added protection from the rain, dirt and grime.....especially if your Porsche is a daily or frequent driver in the winter.
- For the past year I've been asking you to let me know when you change your e-mail address, just send me the new one at (edjt@earthlink.net). Believe me you don't want to miss out on any fun activities in 2008.

Bye for now, Ed

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Left: Larry & Juanita Brisson and Norm & Senny Cheung in line at the Fishtrap. Below: It's hard to get used to these scenic vistas as they smack you in the face coming over a rise on Highway One.

Cruisin'



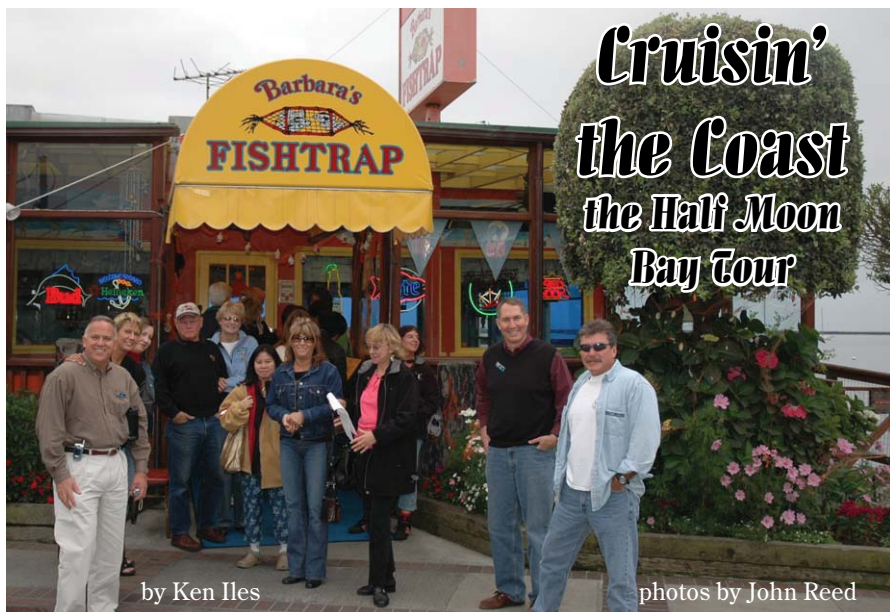
Left: Harlan conducts the drivers meeting just prior to takeoff. Below: Kim Patyk awaits her meal at the Fishtrap.



Above: Leslie Orlando checks out the menu as she waits in line at the Fishtrap. Right: Donna & Tom Micele do a little light reading as they contemplate the bill of fare at the Cliff House.



Cruisin' the Coast the Half Moon Bay Tour



by Ken Iles

photos by John Reed

So far this 2006 year has shown an abundance of ever popular LPR tours which show no signs of abating, even into the final months. On Saturday, October 14th, Harlan Pester put on his tour to Half Moon Bay and San Francisco, and a very successful and memorable tour it was. He had looked forward to it with great excitement, for he had never been on an LPR tour before. A very credible job he did with it too, along with Leila, to whom he gave most of the credit.

Ten cars assembled in the parking lot behind Los Altos Bar and Grill, and you just knew that a venue like that was going to be a good start for us Goodtimers. Among the people present were Don and Leslie Orlando, George and Sharon Breein, Jay and Kim Patyk, Larry and Juanita Brisson, Don Gladstone, John Reed and Angie Sharp, Norm and Senny Cheung, Tom and Donna Micele, a couple of attractive young ladies whose names I'm ashamed to say I forget, and of course our tour leaders Harlan and Leila. Oh yes, and yours truly and June.



Sharon & George Breein, in back, along with tour hosts Leila Estrada and Harlan Pester. Congratulations are in order as Harlan & Leila are now Mr. & Mrs.

It might have appeared that Half Moon Bay was a questionable place for a tour since their famous Pumpkin Festival was held on the same day, and its traffic snarls and hundreds of people were notorious at this time each year. Not to worry, our doubts were removed when Harlan said he had everything planned to avoid this, and assured us all that it would be a smooth tour with no problems. Our doubts however were somewhat revived in the first few seconds of the tour when Harlan, leading the pack, turned right on a red light, completely missing the sign that said "No Turn On Red".



Above: Don Gladstone looks like he feels a little trapped in the Fishtrap. Above right: One of the great things about California is the scenic drives. Right: The tour group filled a lot of tables in Barbara's Fishtrap. Below: A view of passing traffic from the Cliff House.



Cruisin' the Coast



As if the De Young Museum by itself could not provide enough ambiance, this group was on hand, adding a musical enhancement to this foray into the staid world of high culture.



This was a popular display at the De Young... no, wait! That's Emilie Highley and Kris Vanacore on the Solvang tour!

The CB radio communication that virtually always accompanies our tours was missing on this occasion. John Reed and myself were the only ones with CB's, and mine had problems, so John had no one to talk to. (An absolute disaster for John, but relief for the rest of us!) And for some obscure reason no one had FRS radios either. Thus we were able to concentrate without distraction on the lovely scenery and twists and turns of Portola Road at a very liesurely pace completely free of traffic. This beautiful forest/mountain road is ideal for Porsches. Occasionally we encountered a horse, but collectively our Porsches had hundreds of our own. We were empowered!



Angie Sharp, George and Sharon Breein look on as Don Orlando is clearly ecstatic about having finally paid off the mortgage on his wife, Leslie.

we all did. While waiting, John Reed muttered something about "getting the bag out of his car" which brought a mild rebuke from Angie until she realized that he was not referring to her, but a plastic bag that was caught under his car. The food was delicious, and since Larry Brisson never stopped talking, he never had chance to finish his lunch before our deadline departure. He had to bring it with him in a doggie bag, but insisted that his delay was to find a cork, the purpose for which he would not disclose. Due to a previous appointment Don Gladstone had to leave us here after lunch, and sadly, so did the two attractive young ladies.

Harlan's Mapquest instructions then had us all driving north while we admired the coastal scenery, finally arriving at the De Young Museum in San Francisco where plenty of underground parking was available. We all proceeded to the tower where magnificent 360 degree views of the city could be enjoyed. A little scary perhaps for the acrophobic, for the ceiling-to-floor glass windows had no guard rail, but were thick enough



Angie Sharp and Ken Iles contemplate a display at the De Young Museum. From their expressions you'd have to conclude that it was a nude...

to be quite safe. Splitting up to explore the museum's many different exhibits, we encountered all sorts of entertainment, in particular we enjoyed an all-girl group of blue-grass musicians that had the place jumping. We had about 3 hours to enjoy all that the museum offered. The Orlando's had to leave us here due to Don's continuing

painful back injury sustained during an imperfect parachute jump. The Patyks also left us here as they had not planned on dinner with us anyway.

Reassembling at the underground parking area, we fired up our Porsches ready to continue onto dinner. The natural resonant frequency of the cavernous structure there reverberated in sympathetic frequency to one of the Porsches whose exhaust system appeared to have been modified, and whose driver took delight in blipping his engine to revel in the cacophony and racket it produced. I will leave you to guess who the driver was.

A short, easy drive took us to the The Cliff House on Point Lobos for dinner. The 'every-man-for-himself-take-no-prisoners' approach to parking here on the



June Iles, Vince Vincent, Ken Iles, Christina and Bev Vincent seem to have somehow gotten the best table at the Cliff House.

opposite of the road was a little more tricky, for everyone and his brother seemed to want to find a place to park, - especially on-coming traffic. The expression 'the quick and the dead' came to mind, for if you were not quick you might end up dead running head-on into someone else trying to get into the same just-vacated spot. But the place was worth the risk. An extremely elegant restaurant, the Cliff House is located on an elevated clifftop right next to the site of the old Sutro Bath House, a well known indoor swimming pool of yesteryear where hundreds bathed together in regulation swim suits. This historic site is responsible for much of the parking problem encountered by sightseers, where considerable vestige of the original structure may still be seen.



Don Orlando and June Iles are really enjoying themselves at the De Young. What a view!

The Goodtimers gathered in one of the up-scale bars for an attitude adjustment while our window-side tables were being prepared. As it is customary at bars, we regaled in exaggerating our Porsche prowess and related war stories, and there were eye-brow raising tales of ghosts by Donna Micele. We were finally ushered downstairs to an almost private dining room where nearly all the window tables had been reserved especially for us. Here we met Vince and Beverly Vincent, along with Christina, all who joined us for dinner.

The Cliff House, despite its elegance, had surprisingly reasonable prices, and the food and service were excellent. The view from the windows of ships at sea and numerous pelicans floating by in the air lent a romantic air to the evening. And it was at this time we heard that Harlan and Leila were to be married next month, with resulting congratulations and thanks given all round for a truly lovely tour.



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The Season Finale



SOUTH TO SOLVANG



by Emilie Highley!!

Well the Country Inn Café had no idea what hit them when 30 Porsche's rolled into their parking lot and hungry drivers sat down for a hearty breakfast before heading out for our 2-day tour. I felt sorry for the servers because by the time they brought breakfast out, most of us forgot what we had ordered... was this a sign??????

Dana Ambrisco managed to take this shot of the tour backed up and waiting for the tour leader, Ken Iles, to retrace his path to the proper turn.

Breakfast over – everyone gathered outside for a drivers meeting, held by none other than BIG John. Of course everyone wanted to get the latest progress report on Ralph Maines, who was still in the hospital... we missed you “Sushi Man” – gatherings like this are not the same without you... at least “that’s what she said”...



Wrongway Ken Iles, with Ed Tavares hot on his tail, comes back to the proper turn to retake the lead of the Porsche train.

Some new faces to the group – Jorge & Joyce Briones, Steve & Silvie Graham (the Graham's have a daughter who spells her name just like me – Emilie... Yeah!)... Tom Melville & Joan Riley... Welcome to you all!

Liz Gibbons, a friend to a number of us, came as a guest and fit right in with everyone – in fact, as the trip progressed, she really chatted it up a bit on the CB!

Jay Patyk came without Kim who was having back problems – don't worry Kim, we all kept an eye on Jay – he was a very good boy!

❖ South to Solvang...

Of course the Morgan's were there in their 'zippy' Lexus – seems that the 'junk yard dog' is still in pieces. Karen shared with me that it's in so many pieces – all over their garage, that she actually tripped over the transmission! A group of us offered to come over with glue guns to put it all together again – can't imagine why Bob didn't take us up on our offer!

The Antonowicz's came in a non descript car (actually, I just could not remember what kind of car it was) – Tony said he didn't have time to put the timing belt in their Porsche.

The manager from the restaurant came out and was soooooo excited - all his life he wanted to say “Ladies & Gentlemen, START YOUR ENGINES! (I think we made his day). It really was quite a sight to see all these fabulous cars pulling out of the parking lot.

We headed out in 2 groups – one led by Ken and June Iles and the other led by John Reed and Angie Sharp, taking off about 15 minutes or so apart from one another. The plan is that we would all meet up in Hollister.

Off we go – most everyone had CB's, so we shared all kinds of stories along the way. Those of us in the 1st group of course chatted about Big John's operation and how successful it was (John you will never live that one down)!

Ken and June were great leaders taking us along a very scenic route – trees, cows, more trees, mountains and more trees!

Seems that we arrived in Hollister pretty quickly – could it be that we were doing anywhere between 70-80 miles an hour all the way? Go figure – we are LPR, we do drive Porsche's – Porsche's are made for speed!

Group 2 caught up with us – PIT STOP... OOPS, there was only 1 PIT, so it was a longer stop than planned!

Off to Coalinga which would be our lunch stop. The Iles again led the way – the Morgan's were the 'tail' to the group holding up traffic until all 30 cars took off!

More CB talk – jokes – singing – story telling (some stories I can't write about because they were a little off color – in fact I do recall one about Speedo's and enema's... Tony Vanacore, Ken Iles, John Reed and Ed Tefankjian seemed to lead these discussions...).



A few members of the group could not resist stopping at the James Dean Memorial. Here, Bill Highley memorializes his memorial visit.



An official mob shot was taken before we even left San Jose.

❖ South to Solvang...

Talking about Ed Tefankjian someone mentioned that it he would soon celebrate his ?? birthday... next thing I knew the song "16 Candles" came across the CB! Happy 'early' Birthday Ed!

Roads got a little windy – especially on Highway 178. Bill and I were about 9 cars from our leader (the Iles) – we came around a bend and we noticed that cars were going every which way, some to the left up a hill, some to the right and some right in the middle: we took the middle until we could figure out what happened...

OK, folks, here's the scoop – our leader (did I mention that we were being led by Ken and June)... took a WRONG turn and some drivers followed (like the Tavares, Briones & Bryants)! It didn't take them long to figure out their mistake – probably because they ran out of road! (I looked back to see that Dana Ambrisko was getting pictures of this 'driving debacle'...).



Well, what else would you expect from a car club? Emilie Highley and Debbie Bennett test their bumpers.

Time to regroup – Wrongway Ken and June turned around and came down from their 'little hill' and again took the lead – realizing that they would NEVER, and I mean NEVER, live this one down! In the words of Karen Morgan, this was "The Spirit of Adventure along Highway 178"!

Let me preface at this point, that later in our tour, our leaders would again 'get lost'.

Somehow, Wrongway Ken, ... (June, I will be nice to you)... , led us to Coalinga for our lunch stop – it was nice to take a break – stretch our legs and chat with everyone.

Once again, it is so great when Don and Pam Wise join our tours – while we enjoy their company – Don just can't get away from being "Don's AutoWerks"... Tom Melville had battery problems (actually June Iles called it a 'flat battery') – Don performed his



Steve & Silvie Graham and Joyce & Jorge Briones were newcomers to LPR events. I heard that they survived the weekend just fine.

'magic', got the car running again, and off we went, again with Ken and June leading the way!

The scenic route we took to San Simeon took us past points of interest such as the Avenal State Prison (we considered stopping and taking a tour... then we realized, 'what were we thinking?...), a llama farm... all we saw was one llama!

Our Porsche's were flying right along – At one point a truck passed us going so fast, that our CB antenna was knocked off our car – this did not make

Bill very happy. We all pulled off so we could ensure that our car did not get scratched and put the CB back on again (of course it flew off again later down the road).

The plan was not to stop at the James Dean Memorial, but a few of us decided to – so the Morgan's Sickal's, Pangrle's and Highley's pulled off to pay our respects while others proceeded to the motel.

❖ South to Solvang...

By 3:30'ish, we were all at our San Simeon destination – The Courtesy Inn – where they had “Welcome LPR Porsche Club” on their marquee. Our tour leaders were so organized – rooms were assigned, keys quickly distributed so we could all settle in and then gather for our traditional “We’ve Arrived, BYOB Social Time”... The Courtesy Inn has a large gathering room with tables, an indoor pool – this is where we brought our snacks to share + wine, beer, sodas – and let us not forget the ‘Cadillac Margaritas’ provided by Kevin and Debbie Bennett. For the next 2 hours we socialized in the usual LPR Style!

Of course, Big John had hoped to lead the LPR ladies synchronized swim team, “Der Porsche Ker-Plunkers,” in a swimming performance, however, we all opted to avoid putting on swim suits and just drink!

Lots of great conversation going on – the Pruss’s gave us an update on the Costa Rican home that they are building, the Breen’s chatted about their summer with the family at Lake Tahoe and taking out their boat, Kirby and MJ described the remodel of their home that soon will be taking place... this is where I found out our leader... did I mention that it was Ken Iles?... again, got lost... Ken – twice in one day? PLEEEEEEZE, give me a break! Of course, now we all have more reason to tease Wrongway Ken about his ability to know North from South, East from West, Left from Right, Up from Down... do you think a nav system would help?!?



Jim Bryant won the grand prize in the evening’s drawing. It was a rather complicated drink blender arrangement and he put it to good use later that night.

The group moved from our ‘gathering room’ to the San Simeon Beach Bar and Grill for more drinking, socializing and dinner! We basically took over the restaurant! Dinner was great and enjoyed by all... OK, time for the drawing and fabulous prizes... We all received one raffle ticket. Big John and Wrongway Ken got up on stage to announce the winners which were drawn by Ashley Ambrisko. What fabulous prizes there were – banners, a couple of shirts, bottles of fine wine ... OK, it was 2 Buck Chuck... and a Grand Prize which was donated by Rudi and Joanna Herz. The Grand Prize was won by Jim Bryant – CONGRATS Jim! For those of us who won banners, Don Wise was more than happy to take them off our hands for his shop. Mike Zampecini won a red Porsche t-shirt which he gave to Rosie Tavares – how sweet!

Talking about Mike Zampecini, it didn’t take him long to whip out Dino, his accordion, and start the music! He played, took requests – we all sang... somewhat off key, because by that time we had had plenty to drink!

Dinner being over, LPR Goodtimes went in different directions – some off to bed, some to take walks, some to the Karaoke sing-along, some to the beach which was just across the road to sit around bonfires, chat and, you guessed it – drink some more! I heard that a few members led the way down to the beach so Wrongway Ken and June would not get lost! Bob Morgan had his mandolin in hand and led the group in music and song as they huddled around the cozy bonfires with sipping on Brandy, Bailey’s and other spirits! The night drew to a close and soon it was ‘lights out’ as LPR members hit the pillows!



All you need is a little bit of food, a little bit to drink and a big ol' place. Mix in LPR and you've got a party!



Emilie Highley, Karen Tefankjian and Liz Gibbons all have been working on "Wrongway" Ken Iles to do a "Wrongway Rap" when the karaoki gets started. Hey, Ken. How does Wrongway K sound? That sounds like a rappers name.



Ed and Rosemary Tavares were the only members of the Red Hat Society to attend the tour.



"Look, I already told you. 'Whole Lot of Love' is not in my current repertoire."



No one can say that Karen Morgan doesn't get wrapped up in these tour activities.

photos by John Reed, Dana Ambrisko, Barry Pangre and Jorge Briones



Left: How many Good Timers does it take to roll up a banner? Angie Sharp, June Iles, Jim Bryant and Kris Vanacore all seem seriously involved in one end of the labor.

Below: Silvie Graham, a newcomer to the group's activities, handles the other end solo and wonders, "What have I gotten myself into?"

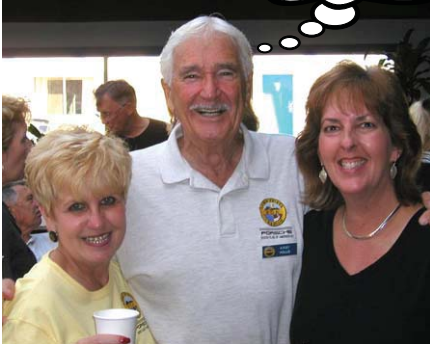


SOUTH TO S'OLVANG



Somebody said, "Hi." to Doris Britschgi, to which she responded, "About this high."

And people think I joined this club because of the cars....



Emilie Highley, Kirby Hollis and Sue Siskal.



Paul Seidel Smith hangs out in the mens room.



Bill Highley demonstrates the high art of touring with LPR.



SOUTH TO SOLVANG

Left: Potter, Doug, Dana and Ashley Ambrisko pose with Angie Sharp and Karen & Bob Morgan on the streets of Solvang. Above left: Paul Seidel Smith sees if he can hear the ocean. Above: Kris Vanacore, Angie Sharp and Sue Sickal.



Above: Angie Sharp, Sue & Greg Sickal pose with Greg's new buddy, Jakob. Greg says he enjoys just "waiting" around with him.

Above: Pete & Diane Siemens and... Right: Paul Seidel and Nanci Bishop... All looking like tourists on the streets of Solvang.



If I were an Ambrisko, I'd be contacting Jorge Briones about getting a nice 8 x10 matte print of this shot of Ashley and Potter.



Next morning, we all again met in the 'social room' for a continental breakfast – Debbie Bennett had a little headache which she assured us that would soon be fixed with the 3 aspirin she took, Rosie Tavares came down sporting the red Porsche shirt from Mike Zampecini, Nanci Bishop & Paul Seidel were showing Jim Bryant some stuff on the laptop, Karen Tefankjian could barely speak, but swore that she did not participate in the Karaoke sing-along!

Promptly at 8:15 a.m., Big John got everyone together for another drivers meeting – before he started, Margot and Pete Novak announced that Ralph Maines had been released from the hospital and was resting quietly at home... a round of applause echoed throughout for our Ralph!

A few members left us at this point – the Vanacore's, Wise's, Tavares, Hollis's, Antonowicz's, Jay Patyk, Mike Zampecini, the Pangrle's ... The Bennett's were experiencing some car problems and left us on the way.

Big John and Angie led the way to Solvang which was roughly a 2 hour drive (of course with John, his usual speed being somewhere around 80 miles per hour, we made it in less than 2 hours)... The weather was warm and beautiful.

As we approached Solvang and the sun was beating down on us, I gave Karen Tefankjian a hard time about taking her top off – OK, OK, don't get excited, I meant she put the top down on their car!!!!!!

Solvang is such a quaint town – lots of shops, hotels, restaurants... we had about 2 hours before lunch, so we all set out to explore! Some of us shopped a lot and had to take our purchases back to the car before lunch. We met up with Sue Sickal and Joanna Herz in this little shop (Greg and Rudi patiently waited outside)... June and I went in to join up with the girls, while Ken and Bill joined the boys – the shop had so much stuff! You would not believe the purchases made!

By now, it was HOT and we were HUNGRY and THIRSTY, so we set off for the restaurant, The New Danish Inn. An area had been set aside for our group – the food was smorgasbord style... salads, sausages, meatballs, mashed potatoes, veggies, red cabbage... YUM YUM! It was all great! Something to please everyone. Again, we feasted, again, we drank, again, we laughed and told stories and just enjoyed each other.

President Bob Morgan thanked Wrongway Ken, June, John and Angie for putting on such a great tour and encouraged them to 'do it again'...

By 2:00 p.m. we all began to part ways for the 4 hour drive home...

Without a doubt... We ALL enjoyed the weekend... We ALL enjoyed the ride and We ALL enjoyed one another! We ARE LPR – The GOODTIME Region... and We DO enjoy our time together!

See ya' all real soon!

Cheers, Emilie



Bob Morgan, Angie Sharp and Karen Morgan in Solvang. Someone needs to tell Bob that the needlework to which he is referring is found in Amsterdam, a city that is Dutch, not Danish.

AVAST THERE, YE LUBBERS.

HALLOWEEN AT THE MORGAN'S HAUNTED HOUSE.



Above: Pirate Ken Iles plays with wrench-wench June Iles' handcuffs... Above left: Kathy Musser's parrot outfit was certainly the most colorful of the evening. Left: Jim Bryant hams it up as Captain Mini Hook.



Below: Sandy Provasi spent the first hour holding this parrot... I think it's a Norwegian Blue; it looks like it's pining for the fjords. Below right: Software Pirate Tony Vanacore waxes euphoric to Kevin Bennett about the exquisite cuisine at every Google café.



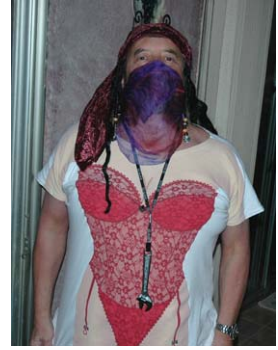


Above: Vince Vincent, the pirate we all aspire to be. Above left: Buccaneer Bob Morgan & Cardinal Sue Sickal. Left: Ken Iles admires Sandy Provasi's Norwegian Blue as he also tries to warm his hands.



Left: Kris Vanacore, the practically perfect pirate's wench. Bottom left: This Jason stand-in threatened all who ventured through the haunted house. Greg Sickal was later seen wearing a similar outfit. Below: Buccaneer Bob with Kathy & Larry Musser.





Above, left: Harlan and Leila didn't want to miss a good party, so they came without costumes. Above: Ditto for Larry Brisson. Left: You can always count on the Vincents to aim for the top when it comes time for costumes... Vincent and Christina. Below: Beverly Vincent and the host, Buccaneer Bob Morgan.



**HALLOWEEN
AT THE
MORGAN'S**



Left: The pirates pose for a group shot. Notice that pirate Johnny Musser (in the back) has his parrot (wife Kathy) perched on his shoulder. That didn't happen very often over the course of the evening.

AVAST THERE, YE LUBBERS.

Karen Morgan makes the presentation to Vince Vincent and Jennifer Bryant of top prize for Best Pirate and Best Wrencher, respectively. It doesn't seem fair... I'm told that, aside from the mustache and beard, this is an outfit Vince often wears to work.



Above: The wrenchers pose for a group shot with the aid of a couple of pirate interlopers. Above right: Sharon Breein made a cute pirate. Right: Kris Vanacore presents Karen & Bob Morgan with a thank you gift for hosting the event. Bottom right: I don't know what precipitated this picture, but Buccaneer Bob ought to forget about the haunted house and just hire Ken Iles to take off his shirt... talk about scary! Below: Juanita Brisson played the buccaneer and Larry Brisson the wench, and a fetching couple they made.



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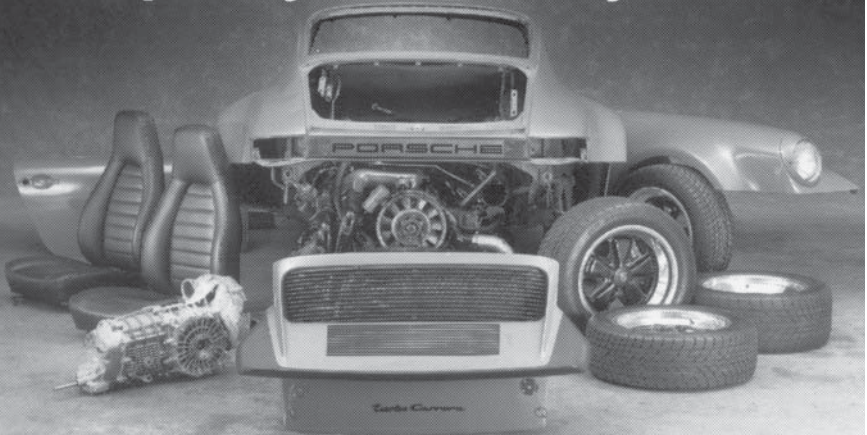
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Loma Prieta Region PCA

Minutes of the November 2006 Board Meeting



The Board Meeting was held on November 2, 2006, at Mountain Mike's Pizza in LosGatos, and was called to order at 7:11 pm by President Bob Morgan. Board members present were: Bob Morgan, Angie Sharp, Ed Tefankjian, Kris Vanacore, Jennifer Bryant, Barry Pangrle and Harlan Pester. Other members in attendance were: Karen Tefankjian, Karen Morgan, Les Schreiber, Tony Vanacore, Kevin Bennett, Bill Highley, Emilie Highley, John Reed, Jim Bryant, Jay Patyk, Pete Siemens, Joe Pruss, Cheryl Pruss, Sue Sickal, Cathy Carlson,

Directors' Reports

President: Bob Morgan

There is a correction to last month's minutes: Kris opened last month and not Bob..

Barry moved to pass the minutes as corrected, Ed 2nd and the motioned passed.

Bob mentioned that the board will need to prepare binders for next incoming board members.

Ralph Maines is in the hospital. Ed gave an update on Ralph's condition and said that he is doing well. John and Angie have also visited Ralph. There was a chance that he might be released tomorrow. The club has sent flowers and a get well wish to Ralph and we all hope that he'll be well soon.

Vice-President: Kris Vanacore

Kris is already making plans for the 2007 LPR Holiday Party. The date is December 8th and it will once again be held at the Santa Clara Hilton.

Kris will also book Vasona Park for the summer family picnic. She is aiming for the last Saturday in July.

The cost for this year's holiday party will be \$55 for the party and hotel rooms will be available for the night for \$69.

Treasurer: Jennifer Bryant

Jennifer said that we've received a check from CDS for \$6,599.

Activities: John for Angie Sharp

Angie has taken care of the insurance for the weekend's South to Solvang Tour and the tech session has insurance for Nov 18th. Angie reminded everyone that the planning meeting had moved to Nov 19th and that Nov 18th is the club's charity event.

Membership: Ed Tefankjian

New members from PCA

- George Dickman, Cupertino, Black 1998 993
- Colin Hessel, Redwood City, Lapis Blue 2001 986
- Douglas Moshy, San Jose, Red 2001 986S
- Jeff Trotter, Santa Cruz, Black 1980 911
- James Van Dam, Bosie ID, Guards Red 1996 993

LPR Membership

- Total = 566 (Primary = 312, Affiliates = 254)

Ed moved that we accept the 5 new and 1 reinstated members. Angie 2nd and the motion passed.

❖ Minutes...

Bob had talked with Larry Sharp our Zone 7 representative and Larry said that other region officers will be able to get softcopies of the membership roster next year.

Member-At-Large: Harlan Pester

Harlan said that the election ballots were counted tonight.

Harlan mentioned that he still needed to get 3 award plaques from Cathy Carlson and on cue, Cathy entered the room. (How does she do that?) Harlan now has all the awards to get prepped for the banquet.

Committee Reports

Editor: Kevin Bennett

John has worked out with Sue the mailing of the POST. John dropped off the Post and had to fork out about \$100 for the mailing. John would like to get a check for \$600 to add to our account with the Post Office. John found out that the account already exists and has \$5 in it and we can use it for future mailings.

Angie moved that the club make out a \$600 check for the US Postmaster for John to use for mailing the Post. Barry 2nd and the motion passed.

Safety: John Reed

John said that Harlan's tour was safe and that a report had been filed.

Tours: Jay Patyk

Jay said thanks again to Harlan. The season is winding down now with the last tour coming up this weekend which is the South to Solvang Tour. It is a John and Ken production.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Jim said that the next tech session will be held at RMG on Saturday November 18th. The session will be on heating and air conditioning.

Autocross: Alan Gale

Alan wasn't present and Cathy reported. Cathy said that the club needs cones for next year. The autocross series is now done for the year. Alan has posted results on-line and the money has been turned in to Jennifer. Alan, Cathy, Linda and Logan have proposed the following arrangement for next season: Alan will handle the insurance requests, the info to the website and be the main contact person. Linda will handle registration and times into the computer. Logan will draw up autocross courses or get someone else to design them. Cathy will be the on-site coursemeister and handle the mass e-mailing.

Cathy will get the autocross awards info to John. Alan has sent a list of who has qualified. He said that there were 10 people.

Cathy said that she conducted a poll at the last event on whether people preferred Sunday or Saturday. Overwhelming, the majority was for Sunday. Cathy also proposed a swap-meet autocross for a weekend and received a favorable response. Cathy said that the AX coordinators will meet during the 1st week of December to go over AX dates for the 2007 season.

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Joe and Cheryl reported that 2 Club members were still waiting for orders to arrive. There were no new sales this past month.

The Pruss' will not be at the Holiday Party and Tony Vanacore charitably volunteered to handle the Goodie Store items and calendars at the Holiday Party. Thanks Tony!

❖ Minutes...

Charity: Bill and Emilie Highley

Bill and Emilie reported that \$1700 of donated items to auction off have already been pledged. Bob hasn't checked with Gary Lieber. The LPR Webmaster will send out an e-mail blast. Friends have donated for the Giving Tree and CSDF staff will be attending.

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

Website still up and the checks have been sent out to LPR and MBR. The hope is to reactivate CDS and to present to the board the plans for next year. Pete is working with other CDS members on creating a document with roles and responsibilities explicitly defined. The plan is to have the boards ratify the CDI (Chief Driving Instructor) and the Chair. The boards need to be involved with the selection of both of those positions. Pete said that he probably would have a copy for Bob at the South to Solvang Tour this weekend.

Moving forward the plan is to go over criteria for next year as opposed to what was done in the past. In the past, Laguna Seca (Mazda) and Sears Point (Infineon) have been very successful events. Buttonwillow and Reno-Fernley will be left out. Thunderhill could be done as a joint event with possibly either GGR or Trackmasters.

Old Business:

POST printing was postponed again.

New Business:

John said that an e-mail blast about the planning meeting moving from the 12th to the 19th will be going out. Bob will send out the mass e-mail.

Adjourned 8:21 PM.

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