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Sunday the **12th** - LPR's planning session for the year 2007. Bring your ideas and help LPR plan another banner year of great events. See the ad on page 14.

Saturday the **18th** - Come out and get the lowdown on the heating and AC in your favorite car. Check out the ad for this Tech Session on page 10.

Saturday the **18th** - Join the Highleys as they host this year's charity event. A silent auction, a giving tree plus food and friends. Don't miss this event. See the ad on page 9.

December

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

Saturday the **12th** - LPR's annual Holiday Party & Awards Banquet. Come out and celebrate another successful year. See the ad on page 12.

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Racing Boots

Bob Morgan, President



Hurrah!

I got the Junkyard Dog running (finally) and even got it smogged (on the second try). I've been driving it back and forth to work without any trouble (once I adjusted the mixture). At first it was popping and had no power. It was due to a badly installed pop-off valve (previous owner), that was installed with RTV, not epoxy as it should have been. Don gave me some epoxy to use and it worked like a charm. I dropped the JD off at Don's to have him look for any other vacuum leaks that I haven't found. There may not be any, but I wanted to be sure and Don has the right tool for the job. I also asked him to install the air conditioner, so I can be cool for a change. I know what you're thinking, that it will take more than AC to make me cool. Very funny.

I am on my way to the Philippines this week (the first week in October) on a business trip. It's a 10 hour flight to Japan, then a 4 hour flight to Manila. 5 hours into the first leg, my butt is sore, but my back is doing OK. I hope it stays that way. This was not a planned trip, but it was better to get it done early in the month so I have at least one weekend to set up the Haunted House for our Halloween Party. You are coming to the Halloween Party aren't you?

If by chance you read this article on-line or get your POST before the end of October, please remember to vote. We sent the ballot in the October POST, and ballots need to be received by the end of October.

Some of you may have received notice that Coastal Driving School is shutting down. This is unfortunate, but we had experienced declining enrollment the past year. It seemed that CDS had difficulty getting good dates at the local tracks, so they went farther out to find track time. The bad news was that those events weren't fully attended so they didn't make money. The people that went had a great time, I hear. Virtually unlimited track time. I had a great time in the two driver's education events that I attended.

Part of the problem is that we have Golden Gate, and Sacramento Valley Regions also running similar events. I think it would be a good idea to consolidate these efforts to maximize driver's ed opportunities for all of us, rather than competing for track dates. I don't know if we can do it or not. It takes a huge effort and lots of totally dedicated instructors and team members to run these events. All the more reason to work together in my way of thinking... we'll see what the future brings. Now that my car is drivable, I

❖ Racing Boots...

sure would like to get another drivers ed weekend under my belt. It's amazing how much you improve your driving skills at an event like this.

Another wonderful driving event is the 2-day Zone 7 autocross school. I don't know the dates, but it is a great way to learn to drive your car-even if you never intend to autocross! You'll become a much better driver, and that's always good.

You've got to plan on the charity event that the Highleys are organizing. All the proceeds will go to worthy causes and you'll get the chance to win some great stuff, including vacation trips and lots of other items.

Don't forget the planning meeting on November 12 at Mt. Mike's in Los Gatos. This is where we plan the events for the upcoming year. Come and be a part of choosing the events for 2007.

Be sure to come to the Year-End banquet at the Hilton. I'm sure there is an ad in the POST. Make your reservations early because this event always fills up. We have a great meal and a good time, presenting awards and door prizes.

Well my PC battery is running low, so I better go.

See you soon,

Bob Morgan

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POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



Last month Pope Benedict the 16th spent a good deal of his time backpedaling from comments that he made at the University of Regensburg regarding Islam and the Prophet Muhammad. For those of you who missed it, the pope quoted from comments made by a 14th century Byzantine Emperor, Manuel II Palaeologus, who had asserted that Muhammad's teachings were evil and inhuman, "such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached." Pope Benedict reiterated Manuel's assertion that proselytizing faith by violence was unreasonable and he commented that, "Violence is incompatible with the nature of God and the nature of the soul."

Response from the world of Islam was nearly instantaneous. Muslim spokesmen rushed to the media with comments like: "Islam is a religion of peace and reason" and the pope "aroused the anger of the whole Islamic world and strengthened the argument of those who say that the West is hostile to everything Islamic"

I am just incredulous that someone with influence finally got the nerve to point the finger at the Muslim world and tell them that they need to clean up their act, only to have the accuser retreat, cowering and apologetic, over shining a light on something that should be clearly obvious to any thinking person; Islam is being used as a tool to wreak havoc almost everywhere in the world. Think about it. When you hear the terms "*jihad*" and "holy war", what religion and what peoples immediately come to mind? It borders on the surreal to live in a world in which it is politically incorrect to implicate Islam in a world wide terrorist movement that recruits its henchmen and promises heavenly rewards, all in the name of Allah. Allow me to suggest that the world take off its rose colored glasses and start facing reality.

I know that I am stepping into a minefield here; after all, the United States has a storied history of protections for religions and religious freedom. So understand that I am not accusing the Islamic religion of being responsible for the innumerable acts of terrorism that are being perpetrated by these fanatics. I am sure that Islam has attributes similar to all of the other great religions of the world. What I do intend to say, however, is that the Muslim world is clearly not doing enough to dissuade the extremists from committing their acts of violence against a civilized world.

Islam, unlike the Catholic Church, does not have a hierarchy administering to its practitioners. That does not mean, however, that there is no organization to the religion. Islamic scholars provide guidance to Muslims and, depending on the nation and the sect, there are clerics, muftis, Imams, ayatollahs and even Muslim brotherhoods who carry a great deal of weight with their Islamic brethren.

When the pope made his speech in Regensburg, there certainly was no dearth of Islamic leadership to run to the media and defend the nonviolent nature of Islam. If Islam really is a religion of "peace and reason", I have to ask; where are these scholars every time an Islamic extremist kills a multitude of innocents under the guise of *jihad*? Why aren't they rushing to the media to denounce the murderer and those who instigate his actions?

❖ POST Positions...

The answer to my question is almost certainly political expediency. It is conceivable that these leaders are in favor of trying to hold back the tides of modernism, and that certainly seems to be one of the goals of the Islamic terrorists. Further, I imagine that changing the mindset of their followers would be a tough battle to undertake, would risk alienating their constituency and these religious scholars may feel that it is in their best interest to just let the butchery continue. I do not believe that “the West is hostile to everything Islamic,” but by not actively striving to curtail the violence, these leaders and spokesmen of the Muslim world risk creating a schism with the West that may generate just such a hostility.

The situation is certainly much too complicated to predict how it will play out. It seems to me, however, that at some point, the peoples of the world are going to become fed up with living in fear of the next manifestation of *jihad* and begin insisting that the Muslims of the world back up their claim to “peace and reason” by applying real pressure, within the religion, to undermine and defeat the Islamic extremists and their unceasing campaign of carnage.

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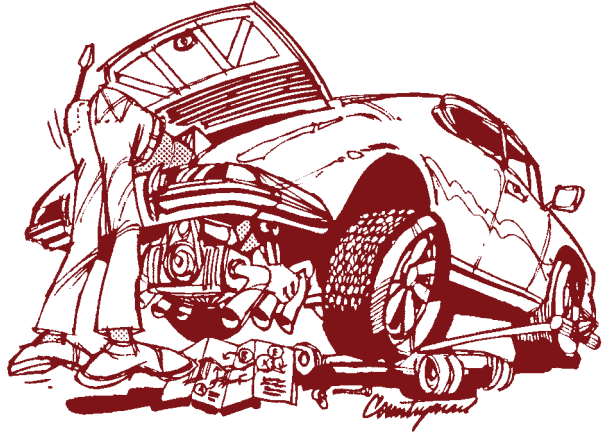
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MEMBER NOTES

*Ed Tefankjian,
Membership Director*



December of this year is my last month as Membership Director and I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve this region. I've had the pleasure of meeting many of the new members and being part of the LPR Board of Directors. The two years have gone by way too fast and that's because of you, the members that have made my job in LPR enjoyable. Both Karen and I have made many new friends during the past two years and this is what makes LPR so special, the people in the club. This really is the "GOOD TIME REGION"! If you have not had the time to get out and participate in the activities please do so, you don't know what you are missing. The members that do participate have way too much fun and you could be part of this! Thanks again for your support and the opportunity to be your Membership Director.

I've been nominated for President for 2007 and if I'm successful this will give me additional responsibilities and opportunities to get more involved with the day-to-day activities of LPR.

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

- Zaid Hanna, San Jose, 1999 Yellow 996
- Masato Ota, Tokyo, 2000 White 996
- Leo Pot, Santa Cruz, 2001 Silver 986S
- John Watson, Sunnyvale, 2002 Black 986
- Brian Way, Capitola, 2006 Silver 987S
- Stephen Aguirre, San Jose, 2002 Seal Grey 996

Transfers into LPR

- Antonio Dias, Sunnyvale, 2000 Artic Sliver 996 – from GG
- Barry Haylings, Pacific Grove, 2005 987 – from MBY
- Robert Khamashta from GG
- Bruce Klein from SAZ
- Gary Ransone from SAZ
- Jim Sorden from GG

LPR Membership

- Total = 566 (Primary = 313, Affiliates = 253)

Ed's tips for November:

- The reason you joined LPR was to enjoy your Porsche and the friendship of other Porsche owners.....so get out and participate!!!!
- When you change your e-mail address just send me the new one at (edjt@earthlink.net). I'll update your LPR file and you will not miss out on any fun activities.

Bye for now, Ed

LPR's Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 9th



*Hilton of Santa Clara
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6:30 PM

No host cocktails and appetizers

7:30 PM

Dinner

9:00 PM

Awards and Presentation of Officers

- *Wine will be provided with dinner* • *Business to Semi-Formal Attire* •

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Calander Planning Meeting Sunday, November 12



Your board of directors wants you to come out and help make LPR be all that it can be. Join the strategy session as we plan the event calendar for 2007.

Mountain Mike's (on Santa Cruz Blvd). in Los Gatos, 2 PM to 5 PM.

Schedule your event or air your ideas for future good times as you share pizza and beer with your fellow LPR members.

Contact any Board Member for questions, suggestions or directions re: this event.

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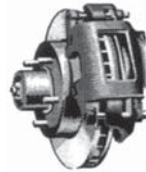
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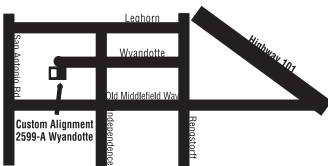


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Italian Night with Mike & Dino



by Karen Morgan

photos by John Reed

Italian Night was a crisp fall evening; perfect for red wine and pasta. Fifteen members of LPR headed over to DiCicco's in Campbell for an evening of song hosted by Mike Zampiceni and his Dino Baffetti accordion.

Bob and I arrived with the Sickals only a few minutes past the appointed time. We were warmly greeted by Mike, our host, along with John Reed and Angie Sharp. They were quick to show us the special menu that DiCicco's had printed for LPR. Seated already, with a glass of red wine in his hand, was Tony Vanacore. He was regaling new members, Tom and Donna Micele, with tales of past LPR adventures along with stories of gastronomical delights about the Google cafeteria. Food and wine were definitely a focus of the evening.



LPR President Bob Morgan poses with a bottle of the Rabbit Ridge LPR. Bob couldn't be more ecstatic if he ran across a bottle of Rabbit Ridge Bob Morgan.

Following Tony's lead, Bob ordered a bottle of LPR. Yes, folks, Rabbit Ridge has bottled a blend of red grapes and called it LPR! This was a very tasty accompaniment to the bruschetta and calamari which soon appeared.

About this time, Tony decided we ought to all sit together at one big table. Bob and Greg were quick to move the tables together and only one candle (which conveniently extinguished itself) was the casualty. Thanks, Sue, for saving the bottle of wine!

❖ Italian Night with Mike & Dino...

Oohs and aahs were heard from the Vincents (Bev, Christine, and Vince) as the Caesar salad was served. Even Ralph Maines had forgone his usual sushi dinner to partake in the Italian fare. Barry and Suzette Pangrle were smiling as they, too, dug in.

Throughout all this, Mike strolled through the restaurant with extra stops at our table. He later told me that one could always count on LPR members to enthusiastically join in on many songs (of course, he wasn't drinking and we were!) Even John was smiling as Mike played the Beatles tune, "When I'm 64", and we all joined in to sing "Happy Birthday" to John (a long-standing tradition whenever we all are at a restaurant).



New comers Tom & Donna Micele made their first appearance at an LPR event. They now may coordinate with the Membership Chairman to pick up their genuine LPR name badges at their next event.

Huge platters of the main course was served next. Although the table was rather quiet as everyone enjoyed their dinner, I was trying to carry on a conversation with the Vincents about our up and coming Halloween party. Boy, I can't wait to see their costumes!



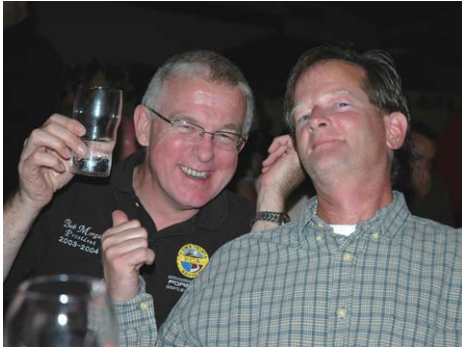
The romantic serenading from Mike & Dino proved too much to resist for Sue & Greg Sickal.

Bob held a brief meeting as desert and coffee were served. Mike returned for yet another round of song. This time he managed to play the theme from Gilligan's Island just so I could sing the ditty from Karen T's and my adventure at the Portland Porsche Parade (see last month's POST). A singer I'm not, but we all sure had fun.

Mike, you are one talented musician. Thank you for arranging such a delightful evening! FYI - Italian Night was the very first LPR event Bob & I attended in 1999. We met many kind people that evening (including Kathy Reed and the Iles). We quickly found out why the region was known as the Good Time Region - not only because of the good times but mostly because of the warm wonderful people.



A Toast! To big tables!



The romantic serenading from Mike & Dino proved too much to resist for Bob Morgan & Greg Sickal.

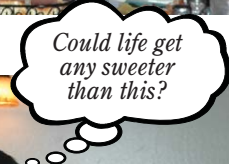
Italian Night with...



What could be more appropriate for a pasta filled evening than a demonstration from professional dance instructors Bev & Christina Vincent. And the dance? The Macaroni, of course.



"Braaap!"





Above: Tony Vanacore recognizes that it is going to be much more difficult for him to entertain everyone if they aren't all at his table, so he elects to rearrange the seating.



Above: Tony Vanacore shows his astonishment at hearing what he can get Karen Morgan to do for a dollar.



Barry Pangrle, Suzette Pangrle and Ralph Maines. I hope Barry was prepared... Is it just me or does it look like Suzette is planning something?



And the birthday cupcake goes to... John Reed!



Ralph Maines, Christina & Vince Vincent maintain their composure as their table moves around the room.

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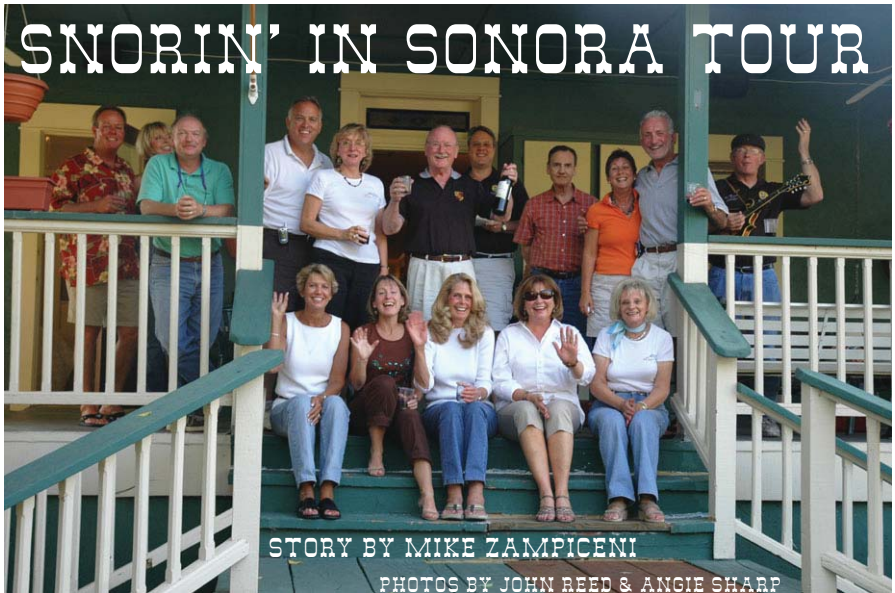
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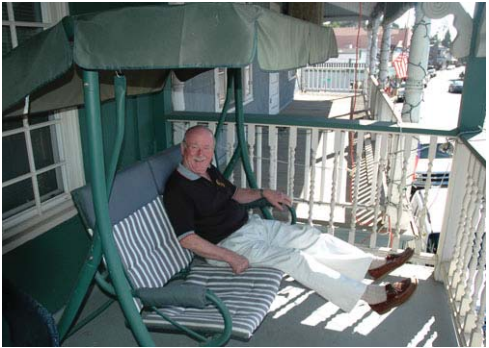
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I awoke the Saturday morning of the tour with anticipation and trepidation. I anticipated meeting others on the tour at the starting point and having an enjoyable experience as I always do with LPR events, but was also anxious about my sciatica that was acting up on my clutch leg, along with an ongoing problem with the arch of my left foot. Needless to say, the thought of driving a couple of hundred miles under such conditions was a bit unsettling.

When I arrived at the Denny’s parking lot, I saw that the group had already gathered for route instructions. I glanced at my watch and determined that I had arrived only about five minutes after the specified time. Then I remembered that this region’s tours have a reputation for punctuality. I was hoping to walk toward the group and not be noticed, but was greeted by Jen Bryant, and she handed me the waiver form. Others also acknowledged my presence. Suddenly, I flashed back to a time in junior high school when



Ken Iles hits the glider on the porch of the Royal Carriage Inn. He has obviously just arrived, as indicated by the lack of a drink in his hand..

I opened the door to the classroom, and the entire class bellowed in unison “Good morning, Michael!” Needless to say, I was never late to class after that day.

As we were heading toward our cars to assemble our convoy, John Reed approached me and said Kevin had asked whether I would be willing to provide a write-up of the tour. At first I thought about all the other stuff that always occupies my time, but then I said yes because I thought I’d like to contribute a little tidbit for the cause. Besides, I figured it would be a little different for a single guy to provide his perspective of managing to stay with the group without a passenger to provide route instructions. Just before getting into my car, Bob Morgan gave me an FRS radio, which I greatly

appreciated. When I'm in the car alone, I can never seem to find a suitable place for these danged things, and I certainly can't turn the wheel or shift while holding one. On every tour I've ever driven, the radio seems to invariably fly into some unknown crevice, causing me to only hear a muffled voice instead of something I'd like to hear clearly.



Mandolin Bob Morgan offers a toast to... whatever. Hey, it's a party!

As we ascended the foothills on Mt. Hamilton Road, we encountered the expected bicyclists. If I were one of them, I would not attempt such a climb on a road too narrow for cars. As a matter of fact, there was a close call when a Corvette behind our group was squeezed between an oncoming truck on his left and a cyclist on his right. Following that near mishap, the last few miles of the road to the top was rough and tight; perfect for our Porsches.

When we reached the parking lot adjacent to one of the Lick Observatory telescope buildings, a contingent of the MR2 club was already there with several cars in top-down attire. These were the final MR2s that had a modicum of power but were a blast to drive. If you have never been to the top of Mt. Hamilton, it is worth the drive, particularly on a clear day. This was not one of those days, but the view was still rewarding for first-timers. John took one of his usual group pictures, but then someone suggested he get into the picture himself. We found one of the cyclists who was willing to take the picture. Surprisingly, he seemed to know more about John's camera than John himself! Speaking of pictures, I discovered at this point that I forgot to bring my own camera.

As the song goes, "What goes up must come down," so we headed east and descended into the San Antonio valley. The eastern side of Mt. Hamilton is a stark contrast to the booming metropolis on the western side. Here, few vehicles traverse the rugged and unspoiled terrain, and only a few buildings, most of them farm houses, dot the landscape. As we approached the eastern side of the range, we could see the northern remnants of the charred hills that had been tinged by the Patterson fire. If we had gone on our tour about three weeks prior, the road would have been impassable. As it was, we had to dodge a few small rocks along the way that had been loosened from their grip by either the fire or firefighters.



Mix 'n match couples! Ed Tefankjian, Karen Morgan, Ken Iles and Virginia Jansen.

We arrived at Wellington's Restaurant in Turlock about fifteen minutes early. When we had given the Bryants our food selections prior to the tour, I assumed that our food would be prepared after we arrived. Amazingly, our orders were mostly pre-prepared, so in a matter of minutes after we arrived, our waitress began placing plates of food on our long table. Speaking of long table, the entire dining room was very long and narrow, just like a train car. Well, whataya know; the dining room actually is a couple of former

SNORIN' IN SONORA



Above: Heading into San Antonio Valley. Left: Jim Bryant, Ken Iles, Angie Sharp, June Iles, Mike Zampiceni and Jen Bryant test the structural integrity of the Inn's balcony. Below: Karen Tefankjian and June Iles struggle to hear over the reverberations emanating from Mandolin Bob. Bottom: Another mob shot of the tour participants, this time precariously perched on the cliff side parking lot at Lick Observatory.





Counter clockwise from above: Jennifer Bryant browses the large selection of marital aids available in Columbia. Historic Jamestown is definitely pre-neon. Ken Iles yuks it up on the main drag in Jamestown. Bob Morgan dreams of being the man-in-the-moon, even if it is in an outhouse. It seems that Ed Tefankjian is still wrapped up in the size of things, I hopes he's still not talking about guns. Jen Bryant & Jim Bryant look really happy; the tour must be going well. Ed Tefankjian, Angie Sharp and Karen Tefankjian "monkey" around on a bench in Columbia.



❖ Snorin' in Sonora Tour...

train cars linked together. As if to enhance the train yard ambiance, the ground started shaking and a train went right by the back of the restaurant at seemingly breakneck speed. After that little adrenalin raiser, I went outside to inspect the nearby track and found it to be only 20 feet or so from our dining room. I'm sure glad the train decided not to derail while we were dining!

After our meal, the restaurant owner took pictures of our cars as we departed and we began the relatively uneventful last leg of our drive to Jamestown. I have driven nearly all of the eastbound routes from the central valley, but had never driven the Bryant's route east of Turlock: mostly over county roads J17 and J59. I encountered odors and a lot of vibration along the way, however. We passed by a few cattle ranches and the methane gas was plentiful. Luckily, the effluence wasn't as bad as passing by Harris Ranch on I-5. Several stretches of road were in need of serious repair, but our Porsches are tough, just like us LPR members. I commend the Bryants, though, for coming up with a creative alternative to the usual route via highway 108.



John Reed, Angie Sharp, Leslie and Don Orlando are caught rubbing elbows in the hotel bar.

We arrived at the Royal Carriage Inn about fifteen minutes early, and after we managed to squeeze into the narrow, long parking lot, the Bryants handed us our room keys. After Ken Iles attempted to start partying early by using his key to open a cottage door marked with the same number as his key, the Bryants informed him that his key would fit the door in the main hotel where we were all staying. The modest, charming, and quaint hotel was built in the 1920's, and featured period antiques and lots of oak woodwork. Our hotel owner and hostess, another Jennifer, was very gracious and intent on providing us with a most comfortable and enjoyable stay.

We had approximately four hours before our dinner, so most of us went our separate ways to explore this tourist town that still resembled its wild west appearance during the gold rush days. Since I wasn't interested in depositing my money in any of the antique stores, I walked by the town and then fortuitously discovered a sign that said Train Museum 6 Blocks. Curiosity got the best of me, so I walked over and was rewarded with an unexpected delight that I never knew existed. Raintown 1897 State Historic Park is home to one of America's last authentic, operating railroad roundhouses. Known as "The Movie Railroad," Raintown's locomotives and cars have appeared in over 200 film and TV productions. As a bonus, that particular Saturday was devoted to a benefit event for raising money to restore some of the trains. A wonderful trio consisting of native American drums, wooden flutes, and a guitar were playing indigenous music from north and south America. This engaging music convinced me to pry \$15 out of my wallet for a CD.

When I returned to the hotel, a full-scale party hearty event was going on at the back porch of the hotel. I partook of "the grape" which seemed to be plentiful. I seldom refuse the grape, especially when the label says Cabernet Sauvignon. After I settled back in my room, I had a chance to dig into the Bryant's trip folder. Talk about complete!

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Besides the usual snacks and tour instructions, there was a list of contact numbers, room assignment names matched to room numbers, a September/October events calendar, a history of Jamestown, and a crossword puzzle based on song lyrics from the 60's and 70's.

We sauntered over to the National Hotel for dinner in the back room. I had the pleasure of dining with the Bryants, Morgans, and Illes. I apparently chose the right table, because the Morgans seem to be wine buffs. They appeared to be well stocked with wine for sharing during the party phases, and chose a couple of good bottles for our table at dinner. Two bottles for the seven of us was rather sufficient. Some of our group was starting to feel sorry for the other diners as the volume of our presence became elevated. Elevated decibel levels in a good-time gathering? Is that possible?

It wasn't long after I returned to my room that I heard boisterous activity on the back porch. It appeared to be a reprise of the afternoon's happy fizzies party. Yes, again I partook of the grape while listening to Bob Morgan serenading us with his mandolin while Jim Bryant and I chimed in on some of the songs unearthed from the 60's and 70's. I was amused at Ken Illes' first-aid kit, consisting of some whisky, seltzer, and even a little metal widget that squeezes lime into your drink.

The following morning, we all had breakfast in the adjoining library room, courtesy of the proprietor. Some of the group decided to go to historic Columbia. I decided to drive east of Sonora about 30 miles to Pinecrest Lake, where I hiked the perimeter of the lake. The area from there to Sonora Pass provides many pleasant memories for me, because this is where my parents and I vacationed for many years starting when I was five years old.

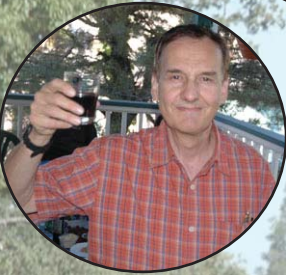
The Bryants were paragons of efficiency throughout the entire tour. During dinner I deduced why Jen certainly deserved this approbation. I had the pleasure of sitting beside her, and during the course of our conversation, I found out that she is an accountant, and we all know an accountant's reputation for scrupulous calculations and execution. Things went so smoothly and efficiently on the trip, I assume that the Bryants were old pros at this, but was surprised when I learned that this was their first tour. Kudos to the Bryants! I hope they will consider hosting another tour in the future.



The group poses with some of the local transportation in downtown Columbia.

I've been wanting to write about my heartfelt thoughts of this region for some time, so am using this tag paragraph to do so. I've owned many cars and been in many car clubs, but none have had quite the camaraderie and warmth of this group. Even though I don't attend many events and don't even always have a Porsche, people greet me like a long-lost relative. Members also don't let their egos predominate when it comes to the vehicles driven, either. Members driving "bottom-feeder" cars are treated with as much respect as those with late-model turbos. My thoughts of the region members seemed to be best expressed by Jackie Gleason, who said to Audrey Meadows in many episodes of the *Honeymooners* show, "Baby, you're the greatest!"

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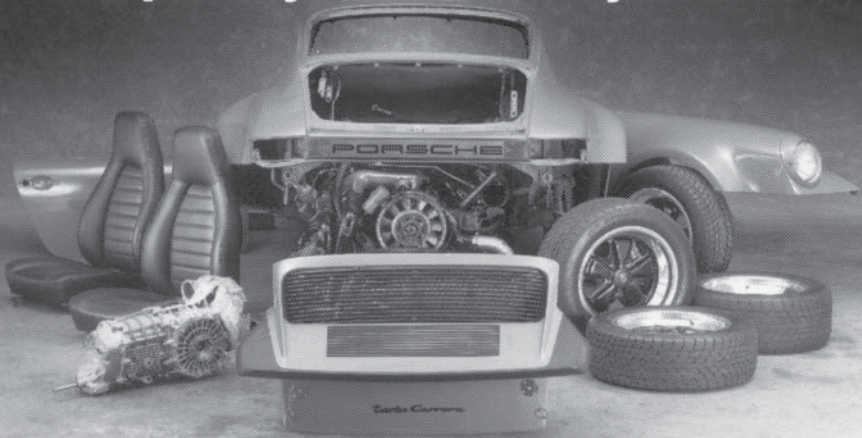
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Loma Prieta Region PCA

Minutes of the September 2006 Board Meeting

The board meeting was held on September 7, 2006, at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos, and was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Bob Morgan.

Board members present were: Bob Morgan, Barry Pangrle, Angie Sharp, Ed Tefankjian, Kris Vanacore, Jennifer Bryant and Harlan Pester.

Other members in attendance were: Sue Sickal, Suzette Pangrle, John Reed, Emilie Highley, Bill Highley, Tony Vanacore, Jim Bryant, Karen Tefankjian, Les Schreiber and Ralph Maines.



Directors' Reports

President: Bob Morgan

Minutes passed on e-mail vote.

CDS has dissolved. Bob talked with Gary from MBR. There were some financial and organizational concerns and so it was decided to shut it down. There is a possibility that Steve Tatey would like to set up something with MBR. LPR will get money back from CDS. Bob didn't have the exact figures from CDS yet.

We have a "baby" website set up from Two Dogs.

Greg Sickal is going to be in Europe and Bob can send out mass e-mailings if needed.

Vice-President: Kris Vanacore

The September GTG is on Saturday the 30th at DiCicco's in Campbell on Bascom Avenue with Mike Zampiceni.

The Newcomer's event is on Friday, September 15th.

Kris is working on putting together awards and the end of year party.

The leftovers from the family picnic went to Second Harvest and the sodas were kept for the October Halloween event.

Treasurer: Jennifer Bryant

Autocross is still a little in the red but there are two events to go and that's including the new timing signs. AX should run close to break even including the new signs by the end of the season.

Jennifer didn't get a Goodie Store update. Joe and Cheryl are still in Costa Rica.

The Parade Tour made a little money for the club.

Activities: Angie Sharp

Angie has taken care of the insurance for the next AX on September 17th and the other September events (Snoring in Sonora) and October's events (AX, and Harlan's Half Moon Bay Tour). Angie has received observer reports from the last AX

Membership: Ed Tefankjian

Ed reminded everyone about the Newcomer's Social on September 15th at 7:00PM.

New members from PCA

- Zaid Hanna, San Jose, 1999 Yellow 996
- Masato Ota, Tokyo, 2000 White 996

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- Leo Pot, Santa Cruz, 2001 Silver 986S
- John Watson, Sunnyvale, 2002 Black 986
- Brian Way, Capitola, 2006 Silver 987S

Transfers in

- Antonio Dias, Sunnyvale, 2000 Artic Sliver 996 – from GG
- Barry Haylings, Pacific Grove, 2005 987 – from MBY

LPR Membership

- Total = 567 (Primary = 314, Affiliates = 253)

Ed moved that we accept all of the new candidates. Jen 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Member-At-Large: Harlan Pester

Ballots are out. They should be in the next POST.

Los Altos Grill on San Antonio Road will be the start of the tour of the Half Moon Bay Tour. It will start at 09:30. The tour will go to La Honda then HMB and on to Princeton by the Sea. The tour will stop at Barbara's Fish Trap and then go on to Golden Gate Park to the De Young Museum and then to the Cliff House.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Bob Morgan (for Greg Sickal)

Not present. The Board passes its condolences on to Greg whose sister passed away last week. Greg and Sue are then going off to Europe

Safety: John Reed

AX 6 was a very well run event and John turned in a report to PCA.

Tours: Jay Patyk

Jay was not present but sent an e-mail to Bob.

The Snoring in Sonora tour currently had 8 of 14 spots spoken for.

October will feature Harlan's Half Moon Bay tour.

November's tour is South to Solvang.

John Reed needs a \$175 deposit check for the restaurant in Solvang.

Jen moved for the Board to approve the deposit check, Ed 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Last tech session at Fastlane was great and we were able to have cars weighed with and without drivers in the car. Nothing scheduled for the near future; no tech events in September but maybe something in October. Jim will update next month.

Autocross: Alan Gale

Not present. The last two events this year will be on September 17th and October 22nd.

Charity: Bill and Emilie Highley

Two charities have been contacted: CSDF (Children's Skin Disease Foundation) and Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity hasn't responded yet.

Information regarding our November event has been sent to CSDF – they are publishing it in their newsletter. As the time of the event comes closer, we will have a child that our funds will sponsor. A poster board will be displayed the night of the event with this information.

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The begging of donation letters has been sent out for restaurant certificates, hotel overnight stays, etc. Kris, Sue and Emilie will continue to solicit donations.

Emilie needs to know what the Goodie Store will donate and wanted to know if it would be possible to have the goods at the next Board Meeting?

Will the LPR Board sign up for a Board Dinner to be auctioned off? The dinner would be for 8. The Board will provide all the fixings + wine. Dinner will be prepared and served by the Board in the home of the individual/couple whose bid was the highest. Suggestions for a dinner menu could be Italian, Continental or a BBQ.

Kris moved for board to participate, Jen 2nd, passed unanimously.

The goal is to have enough for 10-12 auction baskets.

Attendees will be charged \$15.00 per person. Attendees won't be asked to bring anything but encouraged to bid on the auction items, or make a donation to the Giving Tree. Attendees are not limited to just LPR members, but friends and family are also welcome.

The financial goal is \$1200 which will sponsor 1 child to Camp Wonder at \$750 and also give a family of 4-5 from Habitat for Humanity a nice Christmas of gifts and dinner.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Jen: need to find someone that can pick up printed POSTs and sort, staple and label and then drop them off at the Post Office.

Electronic Post consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Loma Prieta Region PCA
Minutes of the October 2006 Board Meeting

The board meeting was held on October 5, 2006, at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos, and was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Bob Morgan.

Board members present were: Ed Tefankjian, Kris Vanacore, Jennifer Bryant, Barry Pangrle and Harlan Pester.

Other members in attendance were: June Iles, Ken Iles, Jay Patyk, Suzette Pangrle, John Reed, Emilie Highley, Tony Vanacore, Karen Tefankjian, Les Schreiber and Kevin Bennett.

Directors' Reports

President: Kris for Bob Morgan

Barry motioned to approve last month's Board Meeting minutes and Ed 2nd. The motion passed.

Vice-President: Kris Vanacore

Kris is working on the final arrangements for the end of the year party. The hotel charges a \$15 per bottle corkage fee and \$29 per bottle is the least expensive wine at the hotel. Approximately 60 attendees are expected for the event.

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Last year the cost was \$45/member. This year, the event will be held at the same venue with relatively the same type of menu, DJ and audio equipment.

The seating will be 6 tables with 10 people per table. We're planning on 4 bottles per table which is approximately equivalent to two 5oz glasses per person.

Need particulars for advertising in the POST. The event will be on the evening of December 9th and should be in the November Post. Kris proposed options of \$50 or \$55 per person. We have already a \$375 deposit in to the hotel.

Ed moved for the price to be \$55 per person and Jen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary: Barry Pangre

Barry is beginning to receive ballots in the mail. Karen Morgan, John Reed and Harlan Pester will meet 30 minutes before the next board meeting to tally votes for the current election.

Treasurer: Jennifer Bryant

Jennifer had nothing unusual to report this month. One of the bi-annual cash payments from National was received. We still have an outstanding \$1000 check payable to Marina Motorsports for AX and we are still waiting to get info from CDS on their final financial accounting.

We're running negative cash flow again at the board meetings. We'll address the issue again during the planning meeting.

The South to Solvang Tour will bring in \$4500 and \$4000 will be going out so the tour will make money for the club.

Activities: John for Angie Sharp

PCA Event Insurance has been received for the October 14th tour and the October 22nd autocross. A copy has been forwarded to the Tour Chairman and the Autocross Chairman.

A copy has also been forwarded to Harlan for his Half Moon Bay tour.

PCA Event Insurance has been requested for the S. to Solvang tour and will be forwarded to the event's leaders when received.

Membership: Ed Tefankjian

Ed presented the latest data on membership.

New members from PCA

- Stephen Aguirre, San Jose, 2002 Seal Grey 996

Reinstated Members (renewal > two months)

- Philip Sheridan

Transfers in

- Robert Khamashta from GG
- Bruce Klein from SAZ
- Gary Ransone from SAZ
- Jim Sorden from GG

LPR Membership

- Total = 566 (Primary = 313, Affiliates = 253)

Ed moved to approve the new members and Kris 2nd. The motion was approved.

Newcomer's Social last month had 8 new members in attendance. On September 23rd. Tom and Donna Micele attended the Italian Dinner night and we need to order them name badges. Ed will send an order in at the end of the month.

Member-At-Large: Harlan Pester

Harlan asked Joe and Cheryl about possible awards from the Goodie Store. The Board voted on the board receiving year end gifts. The vote was a unanimous "No" for board gifts. Harlan moved to approve a \$200 budget for committee awards and Barry seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Harlan will contact Alan Gale to get information on the autocross awards, in particular how many classes and participants will be eligible for awards this year..

Committee Reports

Safety: John Reed

AX 7 was very safe as was the Snorin' in Sonora Tour. PCA observer's reports have been sent into National. Jim, Jen and Alan should be receiving copies back from National. Angie archives the reports.

Tours: Jay Patyk

Jay thanked the Bryant's for the Snorin' in Sonora Tour (Jay was in Italy). Jen said, "It was fun."

October 14th is Harlan's Half Moon Bay tour and in November we will have the Iles and Reed extravaganza South to Solvang.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Jennifer reported for Jim. Jim is working on a tech session at RMG in November on heating and air conditioning. We will need insurance for the event. The planned date is November 18 at 9:30 AM.

There is also a non-LPR sponsored event at Dent Pro on the 11th of November.

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Current Deliveries: We have 2 club members awaiting orders currently. Our supplier has the order. We are awaiting a ship date commitment. We'll notify members by e-mail of the ship date.

Sales This Month: Sales since August have been \$127. One order we took in August was not placed due to an error on our part (sorry Ed!). The order is now into our supplier. We have an order delivered to a club member & are awaiting payment (\$45).

Joe and Cheryl are submitting a check for \$127 tonight.

Issues: We are currently out of one type of badge holder and Ken has been alerted. We are trying to connect with a club member (Matt Schulz) on a badge holder (that we do have in stock).

We have an opportunity to create an LPR calendar. The cost to the club is \$13 each, with a minimum order of 25 calendars. Kris moved to approve the purchase of 30 calendars @ \$13 each and that they would be used as gifts for committee members with the club selling the remaining. Ed seconded the motion and the motion passed on a 4-1 vote.

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Charity: Bill and Emilie Highley

Progress is being made on soliciting auction items for the event. We probably will have 12-15 baskets to auction plus the Giving Tree.

Children's Skin Disease Foundation will name a child this month that will benefit from the monies that we will raise at our event to send the child to Camp Wonder. We have adopted the Sawyer Family through Habitat for Humanity for the holidays and have received a Christmas Wish List from the children: Duncan 11, Isabel 8, Calvin 5 and Phoebe 4.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken sent in stories to National on Jay's tour and the tour to parade.

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

John Reed mentioned that CDS has been disbanded and that we need to pursue this and get an accounting of the final financial situation. The club has invested \$1800.

Harlan's motion: Bob (LPR President) will draft a letter to CDS demanding LPR's \$1800 back and 30 days to respond or legal action will be taken. Ed seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

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