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November

Thursday the **1st** - Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos at 7 P.M. 2007 starts to wind down. Will 2008 activities be discussed? Come & find out.

Saturday the **3th** - Don't miss this opportunity to drive with Nanci & Paul on the Fall Tour. See the ad on page 12.

Sunday the **11th** - Tours! Tech Sessions! Autocross! Concours! Mud wrestling! This is your opportunity to help set the activites calendar for 2008. Check out the ad on page 14.



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December

Thursday the **6th** - Board Meeting.

Saturday the **8th** - Holiday Party & Awards Banquet. See the tease on page 10.

Sunday the **16th** - Gift Exchange with Ken & June Iles. Watch for the details in the December issue.



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Cover Photo:.....
The Bass Lake Tour rolls into Yosemite Valley for a quick view of Half Dome before heading south for the party.

Photo by Kris Vanacore

Hye Notes

Ed Tefankjian, President



It's still fall, Thanksgiving is weeks away and the stores have had Christmas decorations since September....I feel that some have really forgotten what Christmas is all about. Again, something very special has become commercialized.

LPR's 2007 activities are coming to an end, however, there are still a lot of fun things to do in November and December.....just look at the events calendar. I would like to bring to your attention the 2008 planning session scheduled for November 11th. This is your opportunity to recommend some events for 2008....we would especially like to hear from you new members as you may have some great new ideas for an LPR activity. If you can't make it to the planning session send your ideas to any board member. Also, on December 8th LPR is having the Holiday Awards Banquet... this is a great opportunity to meet the new board members and make new friends, plus have lots of fun! Hope to see you there.

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POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



A few weeks back I heard an interview of Robert Reich on KQED radio. Reich is a renowned liberal activist and politico whose credentials include serving as Secretary of Labor in the Clinton administration, professorships at numerous prestigious universities, including the University of California Berkeley at present, and in 2002 he was a candidate for governor for the state of Massachusetts. Reich, who coincidentally is 4' 10.5" tall, has spent a lifetime as a champion of the little guy. During the course of his interview, Reich lambasted the outrageously high pay of the CEOs of American corporations. He indicated that it is not unusual to see individual corporate executive compensation in the hundreds of millions of dollars for a single year. Interestingly, he indicated that, since 1980, executive compensation has increased tenfold and he granted that the stock market values of the corporations have increased at the same rate. On that basis, he conceded that perhaps the increases in executive pay were justified, but he also pointed out that many of these incredible paychecks are going to CEOs whose corporations are actually faring poorly. and that since the pay of the workers has languished in comparison, it behooves society to rein in the disposable income of these highly paid executives.

I have to give Reich credit. When asked how the exorbitant pay should be addressed, rather than proposing new laws and the inevitable associated bureaucracy, he advocated the straightforward route of raising taxes.

When you think about it, it would seem that convincing the average Joe to increase the tax rates for these massively compensated corporate VIPs would be a slam dunk. I consider myself to be pretty average and I have to admit to feeling that these CEOs are truly overpaid; in fact, I actually feel that these guys are ripping off their corporations and the associated stockholders. So, as is my nature, I got to wondering why there isn't some strong movement to increase the tax burden on these pillagers of corporate profits.

My conclusions:

1. The execs are smart. They use enough of their excessive pay to contribute to legislative campaigns such that they can sway the lawmakers in their favor. It's an American cliché.

2. We live in an economically vibrant nation. A lot of the average Joes imagine that one day they too will be dragging down the big bucks and they don't want to be soaked for taxes when they get there.

3. A lot of average Joes just don't trust the legislators to do the right thing.

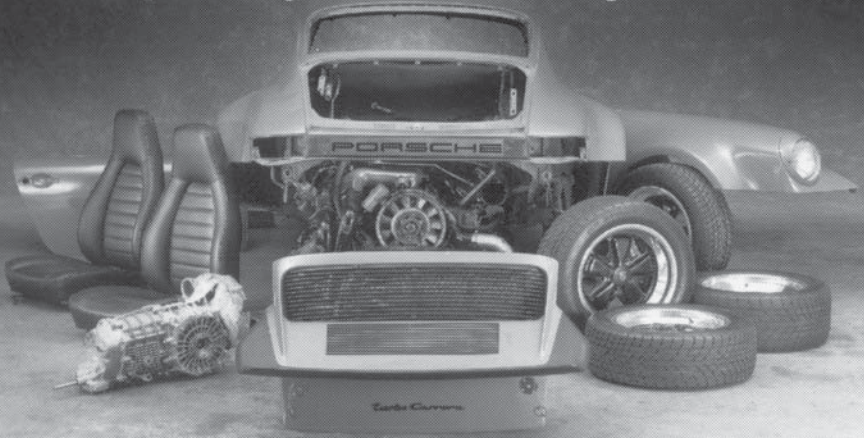
During my lifetime, home ownership has always been encouraged under tax law. A few years back, our Congress got the brilliant idea to eliminate the tax break that the "rich" were getting when they bought and sold their million dollar homes. They instead gave an exemption of \$250,000 (\$500,000 for a couple) on income from a sale. At the time, there were few objections because even relatively affluent "Joe's" owned homes worth, perhaps, \$200K. Now, thanks to inflation and the run up of housing prices in many areas, and especially in ours, the average house price can be in the ¾ million dollar range and when "Joe" sells his home he has to pony up a big check for Uncle Sam.

❖ POST Positions...

The same Congress came up with another tax to “soak the rich.” It is called the alternative minimum tax. It was promoted to force those financial high flyers who managed to protect all of their income with deductions to pay a “minimum tax” to the Feds. Once again, as is their wont, Congress made no provision for inflation and ever increasing numbers of “Joes” are finding themselves burdened with a tax that was really unintended for taxpayers of their economic status and financial acumen.

This is the modus operandi of our legislators: make tax laws based on static benchmarks that over time, as the spiral of inflation works its magic, transforms these progressive new taxes into a regressive burden on the average taxpayer, and then extort campaign contributions from those who want to ease the affect on those to whom the burden was not, at least publicly, originally intended. So, as an average Joe, I'd rather see thousands of corporate execs wearing their Rolexes, flying around in private jets and cruising in their own luxury yachts because the CEOs make no bones about the fact that they are there for the money. The legislators, however, are a bunch of conniving, Machiavellian manipulators who pontificate about how much benefit they are rendering to our country while all the time serving their own self-interest and driving the knife ever deeper into their constituents' backs.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8



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6:30 p.m. No Host Cocktails and appetizers

7:30 p.m. Dinner

9:00 p.m. Awards, Presentation of Officers and Dancing

Dinner Entree choices:

Prime Top Sirloin Steak, with garlic mashed potatoes,
broccoli, red wine sauce

Flat Iron Chicken Breast, with lobster meat risotto,
mixed vegetables

Parmesan Crusted Halibut, with zucchini pomodoro,
roasted potatoes, lemon butter sauce

Wine will be provided with dinner

Business to Semi-Formal Attire

Cost for LPR members and guests: \$55.00 per person

Dinner choice and payment (checks made out to LPR) must be
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MEMBER NOTES

*Les Schreiber,
Membership Director*



As promised, our New Comers Social was a great success, as we had 16 new members in attendance, plus the board members and other club members. I think all together there were 50 people attending, and all had a very enjoyable evening. So if you missed this one, plan on attending the next one early next year. Watch the POST for the date

New members from PCA (5) ^

- Ron DeLucia (Ben Lomond) 1997 (911)
- Daniel Friedman & Michael (Brother) (Santa Cruz), 1999 (996)
- Ron Galonsky (Watsonville) 2000 Boxster
- Richard McCarthy (Freedom) 1974 (914)
- Sian T. Ooi & Sian H Ooi (Brother) Malaysia 1984 (930)

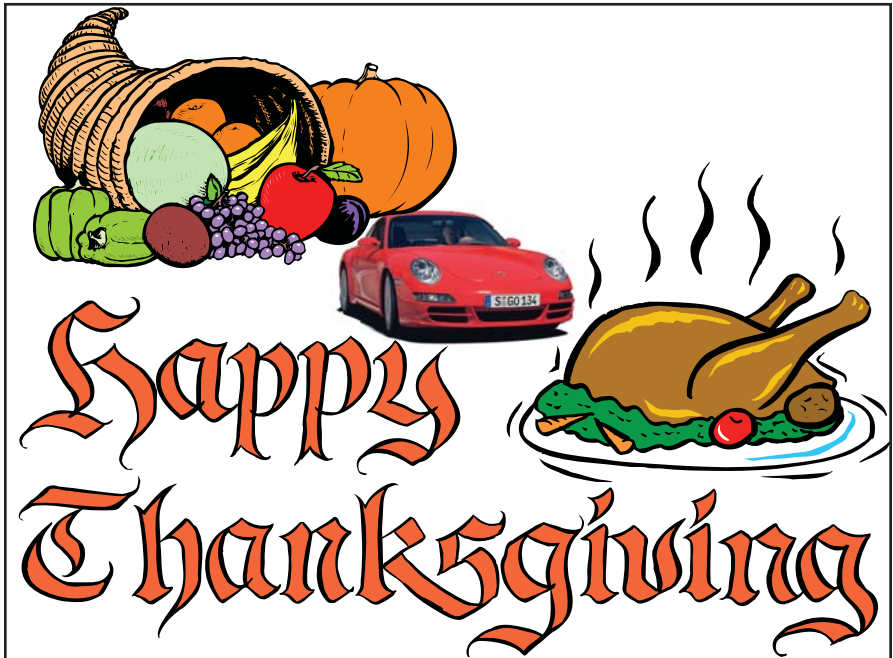
Transfers in (2)

- Kenneth Lee & Virginia Lescallett (Los Gatos) 2006 (997) from Chesapeake (CHS)
- Ross & Keli Martindale (San Jose) 1993 (964) from GGR

Total Renewal's this month (15)

LPR Membership

- 10-4-07 Total = 561 (Primary 310, Affiliates =251)



**SUNSHINE OR RAIN
DROPS FALL TOUR
Saturday, Nov. 3**

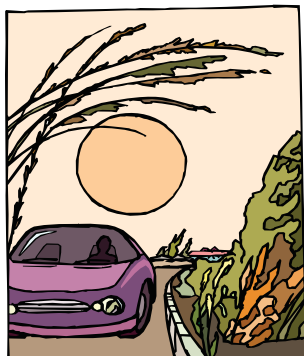


BOCCI

This tour is a full day of both challenging and scenic roads. We will complete the tour with dinner and LPR's first bocce ball event of the millenium. Sign up immediately as space is limited!

\$10 Tour fee.

Tour participants will meet at 8:45 at the Safeway in Livermore just off #580 and First St. Drivers meeting at 9 in the Safeway lounge to the right of the Starbuck's booth. (Directions given when participants sign up for the tour)



Lunch is at Nantucket, a New England style hideaway at the water's edge (clam chowder soup, salads, and a variety of sandwiches with home made potato chips. Prices from \$6 - \$11). After lunch we will venture deep into the woods and emerge for some of the most incredible views of the Bay Area.

The driving portion of the tour will end in Pleasanton around 4:30, but not the FUN! Enjoy specialty pizzas and drinks while we relax and prepare bocce ball stratgies for the evening's event. Bocce ball will end at 7pm. The cost of dinner, non-alcoholic drinks, bocce ball courts and instruction will be \$30 per person.

(Cost is based on a minimun of 16 participants). No host bar is available.



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2008 CALENDAR PLANNING SESSION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

You're invited to come and help plan the 2008 LPR calendar of events. What's your pleasure? What's our pleasure? We need your input, suggestions and ideas to complete another outstanding year of LPR events.

AUTOCROSS...Zooming around Marina Airport!

TOURS ... Zooming around the countryside!

TECH SESSIONS...Zooming around the garage!

GOOD TIME GATHERINGS....Zooming around the restaurant or dining in with friends at home.

SPECIALTY EVENTS, such as, a Day at Bay Meadows ; Bowling with the Armenians; Cruising on the Chardonnay; Swapmeet & Concours; Indy 500 Racing at Moffett. Use your imagination, we love it!

Now that we have you thinking, grab a 2008 calendar, fire up the Porsche and head over to....

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Our annual planning meeting for the 2008 calendar year will be held November 11th. If you've thought about hosting/leading a tour, act now! This is your opportunity to get involved in a great organization while having some serious good times.

Please submit a general idea of the tour to Don Orlando, Tour Chair (contact info below), ideally, before November 7th, 2007. No need to get into specific details, but please provide the following information:

- Date(s) (please be specific)
- Location
- Duration (generally a one day or overnight tour)
- Your contact information

Note: This planning meeting will not only cover tours, but also all aspects of the club including autocross, social, D.E., etc.

The meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11th at 4:30 p.m. at Mountain Mike's Pizza located at 430 No. Santa Cruz Drive in Los Gatos.

All club members are welcome to attend.

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For the Children, Charity - 2007



*by Ken Iles
photos by John Reed*

Well, once again Emilie and Bill Highley raised the bar a notch for their organization of this year's Charity Event at their lovely home in Willow Glen. While last year's \$4,000 plus effort was directed to the Childrens' Skin Disease Foundation and Habitat for Humanity, the charities chosen this year were based on educational programs and special needs for Bowers Elementary School in Santa Clara, and Rosemary Elementary School in Campbell.

And, as last year, the ladies team of Linda Smith, June Iles, Karen Tefankjian, Sue Sickal, Angie Sharp, Karen Morgan, Jennifer Bryant, and Kris Vanacore had assisted in assembling and wrapping the baskets of all sorts of donated goodies for a silent auction. Of course, "not to mention support from our husbands" as Emilie herself put it in recognition of the male effort. For, if we are honest about it, we guys really are aware that we just don't have a clue how to go about these things that the ladies seem to do naturally and so well. But we sure know how to erect things, heave stuff around, and in particular we are quite adept at doing the job of manning the bar. Well, someone had to do it, and who better than Bob Morgan and Ken Iles, both sartorially elegant in their tuxedos as mandated by Emilie who declared that this was to be a classy event. As indeed it was, for Emilie even decreed that water and soft drinks were to be enjoyed from appropriate glassware and not from cans. Champagne flowed freely, red and white wines too, all generously donated by the Highleys, while ribs, snacks and cheeses added to the party-like atmosphere for which the Goodtime Region is justly famed.



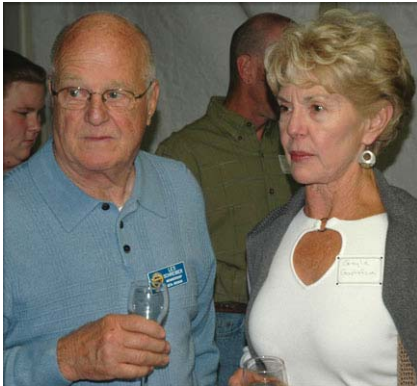
Kris Vanacore & Debbie Bennett greeted all of the arriving guests... and also collected that all important initial 20 bucks for the charity.



George Breein, Tony Vanacore and Prez Ed Tefankjian.



Kevin Bennett objects to his picture being taken with Jen Bryant.



Les Schreiber and Gail Gustafson.



Debbie Bennett's smoked ribs proved to be popular with this trio; Mike Lommatzsch, Jen Bryant and Karen Tefankjian.

Charity



Ken Iles was dispensing the wine and that earned him more than the usual attention from Cynthia Arella.



Even Mr. Toad was feeling charitable.

❖ For the Children...

Even the weather co-operated, for having rained all day it cleared up nicely in time for the start at 7.00 p.m. Just in case it didn't, the Highleys had three pop-up tents erected over tables and chairs on their driveway, and of course all the tables with auction goodies were safely esconced within their open triple-door garage, for the anticipated turn-out was far too big for the crowd to be accommodated inside the house. A fire-pit was provided, and Tiki lights too, but for some obscure reason nobody seemed to be able to get any of them lit. Not even Prez Ed who often prides himself on his yesteryear Boy-Scout activity. Didn't matter really, - everyone seemed pretty lit-up themselves anyway.

Along with the usual diehard core of LPR Goodtime party animals who can always be relied upon to be there at a social gathering, it was good to see several newcomers present who seemed anxious to join in our fun. And many friends, family, neighbors, members of the Campbell Rotary Club, representatives from both Bowers and Rosemary Elementary, as well as retired educators. in fact the total count was about 76 people, even more than last year's very successful turn-out.



LPR's Charity Chairwoman, event organizer, auction basket artiste & hostess (phew!) Emilie Highley poses with Blair & Mary Hankins.



Bob Morgan & Ken Iles nattily dispensed the libations.

They include: Cinelux Theatres, Our Secret of Willow Glen, Kevin and Debbie Bennett, Linda and Larry Smith, Willow Street-Miguel Romero, Joe and Cheryl Pruss, Tom and Sandy Provasi, Mountain Mike's of Los Gatos, Kris Vanacore, LaConcha Spa, Willow Glen Nail Salom, Sue McCall, Rudi and Joanna Herz, Bill and Emilie Highley, Soren and Shirley Hansen of SS Nurseries, Norm and Stephanie Petermeier, Kristine Petermeier, Karen Morgan, Sue Sickal, Don's AutoWerks, ICONGroup - Dennis Haubesen.

Thanks to all you wonderful giving people, the schools mentioned will be able to achieve numerous needs such as a field trip to Natural Bridges fulfilling a science curriculum project and creating a child's awareness of the environment and nature, as well as additional reading materials, a digital camera, and possibly a laptop computer. These children are our future!



Lori & Dave Watson appear to be hanging on every word from Larry Smith.



Emilie Highley and Jim Bryant. "Mmmm, I like it!"

Good Times



With everybody looking terribly charitable, Jackie & Steve Mitchell pose with Dave & Betty Pollack. Below: Kevin Bennett



Angie Sharp and Mike Lommatzsch. "Mmmm, I'm a nut!"



Donna Micele brags to Jen Byrant and Bev Vincent about the number of helpings she had of the shrimp and pasta.

More Charity,



Left: Singular of purpose, Emilie Highley doesn't just casually chat up James and Elizabeth Quinn, she tells them to get in there and raise up those auction bids.

*Right: Joanna Herz actually reads the evening's program.
Below: The ever chic Linda Smith and the ever cheeky Tony Vanacore.*



*Above: Emilie Highley gives a big hello to her Charity Chair replacement for next year, none other than Sue Sickal.
Left: Les Shreiber seems to be overly concerned with Kevin Bennett's nipple.*





Left: Tony Vanacore attempts to make some obviously testosterone influenced point about the screw shape of this topiary tree to Kevin Bennett and Steve Crane.



Left: Jim Bryant, Suzette & Barry Panglre. Above: Ken Illes agreed in advance that any tips for the wine stewards would go to the charity... but he didn't think that they would be so much!



Left: Steve Crane and Jeff Tucker dig into the food, one of the key ingredients of LPR's monthly events. Below: Jeff poses with Blair and Mary Hankins, who, unless Blair takes that sign with him everywhere he goes, were the apparent high bidders on one of the event's charity baskets.



**More
Good
Times**

Don & Leslie's Excellent Adventure

The Bass Lake Tour

by Tony Vanacore
photos by John Reed

This may be a bit premature, but in my mind the Bass Lake Tour wins hands down for tour of the year. Kris and I have been participating in LPR tours for the past 12 years. We've traveled the coast, north and south, on various tours. We've explored the Central California Valley, enjoyed LPR weekends in Mendocino and Paso Robles, and visited the biggest trees on the planet. All of these tours were planned and executed with care and precision and some have been voted Tour of the Year. This was one of the great ones.

Don announced plans for the tour early in the year. There was interest months in advance. Space was limited due to the number of rooms available at Ducey's Lodge on the shores of Bass Lake. By mid July the tour was sold out! The Lodge is all suites with large jacuzzi tubs and fireplaces. We were lucky to secure a second floor suite with a balcony and a lake view. Waking up on Sunday morning, with the sun rising over the lake, the view was breathtaking!

In late July, Don sent a questionnaire to all the tour participants. He asked for cell number, car make and model, color and body style (of the car, not me.. white/over weight and balding). Additional info was requested about your first car and the ugliest car you'd owned. From this, he created a listing that was included in a most comprehensive tour package. It was great having a list of everyone's names and their cars. Forget a name? Check the list!

So... how was the tour? Thought I'd never get to it!

We all met at the Park & Ride lot off 680 and Mission Blvd. There's a McDonald's across the street, so we had a place to catch a morning snack. At the drivers meeting Don and



Lauren, Leslie and Don Orlando make the drivers meeting a family affair.

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Leslie handed out blue canvas tote bags filled with our tour packages, water, candy, nuts and a map. Top shelf from the beginning. The usual bla-bla-bla and let's hit the road.

We traveled only one exit on highway 680 before hitting the back roads of Livermore Valley. Don's tour package included turn-by-turn instructions with mileage. No way to get lost unless Stevie Wonder was your driver! We wound our way through some of the best twisties in the area. Scenery was fantastic, as it was the back way around Altamont Pass with the Windmills on the hilltops. We took our "new to us" Boxster S and had a blast trying to keep up with lead foot Don. How we made it all the way to Tracy, without driving on a highway, is beyond me, but we did. The group of 19 cars made its way through

back roads and driveways until we made it to our first pit stop at Love's Gas and Grub. Some filled their tanks but most emptied them. Getting everyone back in their cars and on the road was like herding squirrels. We finally got going and in another hour we were at a surprise stop. Knights Ferry Park. Here we had the treat of walking over the longest wooden covered bridge this side of the Mississippi (love that word. Finally got to use it!) The bridge was built around 1864 and



It looks as if the tour has stopped to power up on the Patterson Pass Road on the way to Tracy.

there's also an abandoned gristmill on the site. We poked around for a while until Don mentioned LUNCH. Sure got everyone back in the cars in record time. Another hour of fantastic driving, including a little snake called Old Priest Grade and we arrived at Groveland for lunch. There was plenty of parking behind the Iron Door Saloon where Don and Leslie had made arrangements for feedbags for us horses. The staff was amazing. Most everything had been pre-ordered so the Saloon was able to get us watered and fed efficiently. We had the pleasure of dining with Cheryl and Joe Pruss and had an opportunity to talk about the January LPR trip to their home in Costa Rica. Don came around, during lunch, selling raffle tickets for prizes to be given out during dinner.

The Iron Door became a saloon in 1896 and was originally called Jake's Place. There are two Iron Doors that were manufactured in England and made their way around the Horn, that still serve as the front doors of the Saloon. Step inside and you return to the early days of California. In addition to stray bullet holes, there are historic pictures of the Yosemite Valley and Sierra Club founder, John Muir. The ceiling is peppered with paper currency that patrons have added over the years. The waitress told me that you stick a thumbtack through the bill, crumble it up around a quarter and throw it at the ceiling. I'd rather buy a beer. After this nice break we headed back to the cars to resume our adventure.

The only way into Yosemite is Highway 120, so our 20-mule team made its way into one of the most beautiful places on the planet. Yosemite Valley. We did have a bit of fun on the way there. Michael and Diane Hudson's car was in front of ours. They drive a stunning Arena Red 993 Turbo. I guess Michael was a bit bored with the pace, as we did have cars and RV's in front of us, dictating the speed. Michael would slow to about 20 MPH to get some distance between him and the car in front of him and then floor the Turbo. BAM.... He was gone! I did my best to keep up but the Turbo runs like a scalded



The sign says "No Stopping Any Time" and it made for plentiful parking near the bridge.



Jay Patyk checks out the cover on the covered bridge.



Above: The photographer posed some of the tourists for this otherwise candid shot in Knights Ferry Park. Right: Who's this? Why it's Big John Reed, setting the fashion for all who follow.



Excellent



Above: Kevin Bennett gives Larry & Linda Smith an earful. Left: The Honeymoon Suite sweeties, Joe & Cheryl Pruss are chauffeured around the lake by the fearsome Captain Tony.



Linda Smith, on the swifter of the two party boats as piloted by Capt. Ed, was not above taunting Capt. Tony about the speed (or lack thereof) of his craft.



A thumb tack, a dollar bill, a quarter and a strong arm are all you need to create this decorative ceiling motif, seen in the Iron Door Saloon.

Adventure



Shirley Hanson & Ed Tefankjian either admire the beauty or covet the money in Groveland's Iron Door Saloon ceiling.



Michael Hudson, Shirley & Soren Hanson, Angie Sharp & John Reed, Tony & Kris Vanacore and Ed Tefankjian pose in front of Ducey's on Sunday morning.

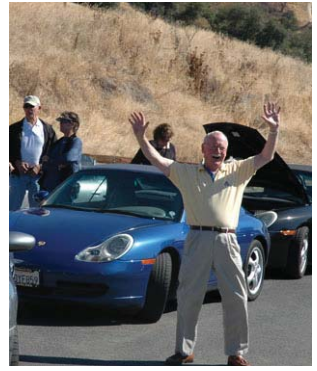


LPR's President Ed Tefankjian, at the moment, leader of the pack.

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cat. He must have seen my big grin in his rear view mirror and the next time he did a countdown, using his fingers..... 1...2...3 and he was off again with Kris and I in hot pursuit. We finally made it to the Park entrance and were happily surprised that it was a free admission day. Rangers were there collecting “donations” for park upgrades, so we gladly handed over the \$20 that would have been our entrance fee anyway.

No matter how many times we go to Yosemite, it’s still a breathtaking experience driving into the Valley. We took the Valley loop, passing Half Dome and the many pastures that make-up this special place. Don took the Highway 41 exit, south, out of the Valley and we started our climb up the mountain and to one of the overlooks that offer views of the spectacle below. It was a nice break and Diane Hudson took the opportunity to poke her head out of the Turbo’s sunroof to become the second most taken photo on the trip. We soon got back in line and headed for our final destination, Bass Lake. The trip took about another hour plus and being that there had been no chance for a health break, since lunch, my knees were knocking and my teeth floating! We finally arrived at the Pines Resort Village, where Don and Leslie went into the office to gather the card keys for the rooms. I continued on to the Ducey Lodge to find relief. The folks at Ducey’s were nice enough to reserve Porsche parking for us as well as hanging a huge Porsche banner over the main entrance of the Lodge. Don and Leslie passed out the card keys and related a story one of the tour participants had written in response to Don’s request for relevant stories. Joe Pruss and some friends had been to Bass Lake in 1969 looking for a place to camp. The campgrounds were full but he convinced the Ranger that they had friends that already had a campsite and were allowed to enter the park. They looked for a group of teens who would be amenable to letting them join their party. Joe wrote that he saw a beautiful blond and knew he had found the right group. One year later she became his wife. Don gave them the Honeymoon



“I’m alive! I’m alive!” Ken Iles rejoices having survived the tour’s initial legs while following immediately behind the tour leader, “Leadfoot” Don Orlando.



Tom LaFetra, Tony & Kris Vanacore and Shirley & Soren Hanson pose in Yosemite Park with Half Dome centered in the far background.

We had about an hour of lake view; deck side happy hour before we were to meet at the dock, to go for a lake cruise on three party boats that Don had reserved. We did get to watch Shirley and Soren take a dip in the chilly lake waters, while we sipped wine and munched on cheese. The time came for us to head for the dock and get settled in the boats. Don piloted one of the boats while Ed and I took over the others.

We were 38 people so we split-up between the boats. Mine had Ken and June, John and Angie, Rudi and Joanna, Ed and Donna, Joe and Cheryl, Doug and Pam and Kris and I. The other two boats were slowly meandering about in the lake and I decided to spice

things up a bit. I told everyone to hang on and I hit the gas. Ken fell backwards into a tub of dip and a bowl of ice. One for each cheek! Ed had a three-liter bottle of wine and had to hang on for dear life to avoid spilling any of the precious elixir. We ran circles around the other boats threatening to pull up along side and board them. Pirates we were and we were enjoying our life at sea.

We cruised the lake as fast as our pontoon party tub would go and finally had to make for port. Don was giving me the evil eye and I finally figured out why. Gas wasn't included in the rental and our boat consumed twice as much as the other two combined! It wasn't too bad.... \$5.00 per gallon. At least we didn't cause any damage to our boat. When Don secured his boat to the dock, Leslie just had to lift the lid on the on-board gas barbeque. The lid wasn't attached and promptly fell into the lake. I think Don added a BBQ lid to his list of expenses. Our merry band of pirates survived the perils of the Bass Lake Triangle and had a few moments to clean up before heading to the Lodge for dinner.

When we arrived in the dining room, Don had decorated the tables with miniature flashing autocross type cones. The room was awash in a red glow of blinking cones! We were able to bring our own wine so the mood was festive to say the least. Dinner was excellent. I had a piece of fresh halibut and I hear the steak was delicious. Not that Kris offered me a taste. While we were having desert, Don and Leslie started calling



Tony Vanacore burned twice the gas and really tore up the lake, but Captain Ed Tefankjian repeatedly proved that he was driving the faster boat.

out raffle ticket numbers. I think this was an opportunity for the Orlando's to clean out their home of Porsche related stuff. Oil filters, insulated coffee mugs, a travel poker set, tee shirts, Champagne. All good stuff. Kris would win something and promptly give it to someone else. My kind of gal. Take only pictures and bring back memories. The evening started to wind down and a few folks came back to our room to have a nightcap and talk. Soon the after party ended and we all retired to our own suites. The next morning, breakfast was delivered to the room and we had our coffee on our balcony overlooking the lake. It was a beautiful day and we were in no rush to get back to the reality of home. We wandered out to the parking lot to find folks packed and ready to head home. We took some pictures, got some hugs and kisses and took a walk around the area to look at the houses and cabins that surround the lake. Kris and I were the last ones to leave and made it home in about three hours. Don made sure to provide directions for the quick route home.

Not to take anything away from any of the many fine tours we've been on, this was by far one of the best. The roads, accommodations, meals, excursions and flawless execution made it an event to remember. Many thanks to Don and Leslie for going above and beyond in planning this memorable event. Last I heard, Don was about \$4K in the hole but frantically submitting receipts, to the treasurer, for reimbursement! Thanks to all the folks that made this tour as much fun as it was. It was a great mix of personalities and that's what it's all about.

More Excellence

Right: The bikers were out in force on this weekend and were disappointed that we had taken up all of the No Parking parking places.



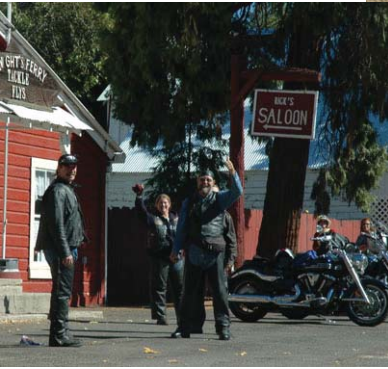
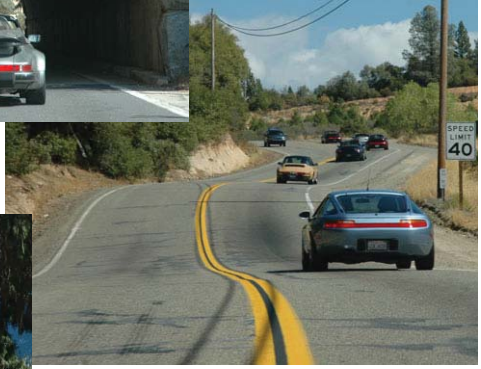
Left: Leslie Orlando and the video camera that kept track of where the tour had been. Below: Joe & Cheryl Pruss and Soren Hanson traverse the 150 year old covered bridge.



Above: Doug & Pam Ryder arrive in the parking lot at the Iron Door Saloon. Right: Ed Smith, along with Tom & Mary Ann Legan await their viddles at our Groveland saloon lunch stop.



More Adventure



Some of the bikers were impressed with the little LPR caravan and gave a wave as the cars rolled through.



Michael & Diane Hudson pose at the overlook in Yosemite Park.



Above: Johnny & Kathy Musser looking forward to a great tour. Right: The tour leaders head into the forest of windmills as the group turns onto Patterson Pass Road.



"Avast, there mateys. Clear the poop deck and man the avacodo dip!"

A Bass Lake Tour
Addendum

by John Reed

Many LPR weekend tours provide driving thrills and awesome scenery, but none surpass the thrill encountered during the early evening sunset cruise on the Bass Lake Tour.

After a brief party on the sun deck of the lodge it was time to venture out to the marina for the cruise. Thinking we would be on one big boat, it came as somewhat of a surprise to find us divided into teams of twelve aboard three separate pontoon patio boats; each gallant vessel skippered by one of our own. There was Captain Ed "The Prez", Captain Don "The Tour Leader" and then there was our captain. As we stepped and stumbled aboard we were greeted by, "Welcome aboard the Willow Glen, mateys, you're all mine!" Yes, we had become the captives of the dashing, daring, the swashing buckling, Captain Tony "The Former Used Car Salesman for Yugo in Milpitas" whose lifetime credo is, "I've never met a boat I couldn't sink."

Captain Tony, a man whose swash had buckled many moons ago and whose boat driving skills were still under investigation by maritime authorities, nonetheless eased our fears by introducing his (very limited) crew: First mate Kris, lovely, especially the eye patch, a nice touch, and cabin boy Ken, not so lovely with a crusty gold-capped tooth. We were now the deck hands and expected to perform assigned duties under the close watch of these three. Joe and Cheryl Pruss, Ed Smith and Donna Panico manned the front and did whatever front people do; Rudi and Joanna Herz along with Cabin Boy Ken and Anchor Wench June held down the rear and did whatever rear people do; That left the "unsinkable" Angie



Ed Smith helps keep the "high" in high seas, refueling Cap'n Tony as the pirate ship Willow Glen terrorizes Bass Lake.

❖ “Avast, there mates...

Sharp and the “unthinkable” John Reed to stay put in the middle and do what middle people do. All this and we hadn’t left the dock!

“Cast off the aft and poop deck lines” yelled the captain, terminology he obviously learned from old Errol Flynn movies. Thankfully one of the marina attendees came over and untied the lines from the dock. Captain Tony was unfazed. This high seas adventure was on.

We ambled around the lake until the captain discovered the lever that, when pushed all the way forward, accelerated the boat to breathtaking speeds. Flattened against all sides of the boat we nervously listened as first mate Kris and Mr. Swashbuckle devised a plan to ram and board the other two vessels. The captain and his mate were clearly taking the pirate motiff a tad far but we, after all, were just lowly deck hands and there to serve. F.M. Kris grabbed a flag, moved forward, and began waving at Captain Ed and yelled, “Avast there, we’re coming to get ya. Prepare to be boarded!” Captain Tony was demanding that we raise a jolly roger, which cabin boy Ken mistook to mean “stand up” at which time he was immediately tossed backwards onto the seat and into the avocado dip. Ken remained seated the rest of the cruise. The rear people consoled Ken with side-splitting laughter. The front and middle people did the same.

Fortunately, Captains Don and Ed gave our pirate boat wannabe a wide berth, which frustrated our captain’s *dashing and daring*. “We’ll circle them and drive them nuts,” Cap’n Tony said, “then we’ll all get sea sick just before dinner; that’ll fix their wagons.” Several of us discussed mutiny but decided our captain’s chest was short a few doubloons and we really didn’t want to risk getting that close; besides, First Mate Kris was still waving that flag and dancing to the ear-piercing music from the boat’s sound system; God knows what she would have done if we tried to seize the good ship Willow Glen.

Cabin Boy Ken, along with his rear people mates discovered that we were taking on water, no doubt the blame for which rested squarely on the shoulders of the questionable captain and his driving skills. “Prepare to bail, swabbies,” bellowed unflappable Tony, “use what’s left of the avocado dip cup.” Brilliant bit of leadership. The club’s lunatic fringe was in command.

Not to worry, time was just about up on this memorable one hour plus adventure in cruising on Bass Lake. Captain Tony guided the Willow Glen safely back to the dock, and as we swung along side and tied up, Cabin Boy Ken was still bailing and singing sea chanties he learned while serving as a cabin boy in the WWI British torpedo tender. New members Ed and Donna said that they never expected this sideshow but were grateful to be amongst the survivors. We couldn’t agree more. There’s a plan afoot to have large yellow buttons made with bold black type that say...“We survived Captain Tony.” If you see these at future LPR events you’ll know that we lived to drive another day!



Even First Mate Kris has difficulty staying upright during the insane maneuvers by that nautical rapsCALLION, Capt. Tony.



Cabin Boy Ken and Anchor Wench June dance a jig.

The Season Finale - AX #6



photos by John Reed



Linda Smith apparently feels no remorse at having done this to a brand new, totally innocent cone. The horror!



An extended Vincent clan was here to watch. Bev & Vince in the car, and Michael's fiancé, Monica Brooke., Monica's dad also flew in to observe.



True love & an autocross, could life be any better?



Cassie & her mom, Shirley Sorenson.





Paul Gregory works the course.



Larry Smith has been known to come out to an AX or two.



This was apparently mascot day at the autocross.



Linda Smith probably didn't foresee this usage for her souvenir cones.



Yes, it's all about the competition... but is this going to be a pushing contest?

The Season Finale



"Who wants to take over and be POST Editor for next year?" Logan Murray, Allyson Pickard and Linda Smith all seem amenable.

AX #6



Right: Larry Smith has made a lot of modifications to the dashboard of his boxster on steroids.



Left: Michael Vincent's helmet looks like a customized match as he poses in his future father-in-law's experimental airplane.

Right: You get the impression that there are some cars & drivers waiting in the weeds to surprise the unwary racer.



Left: There wasn't really three cars on the course at the same time, was there?

Loma Prieta Region PCA

Minutes of the October 2007 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on October 4, 2007 at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Los Gatos, and was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Ed Tefankjian.

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



Other members in attendance were Emilie Highley, Sue Sickal, Don Orlando, Kevin Bennett, John Reed, George Jantzen, Karen Tefankjian, Tony Vanacore, Bill Highley, Karen Morgan, Cheryl Pruss, Joe Pruss and Gayle Gustafson.

Directors' Reports

President: Ed Tefankjian

Angie said that the September minutes should reflect that there is no GTG scheduled for November instead of October.

Les made a motion to approve last month's minutes with Angie's correction and Harlan seconded. The motion passed.

PCA National is looking into creating a bulletin board that would be acceptable by Porsche AG. This looks like it would still probably be at least 12 months out though. The club would work with local dealerships and other clubs to provide arrangements for displaying club newsletters and other info.

Stevens Creek Porsche is having a LeMans night on Wednesday, October 17th 5-8 pm. Bill Highley said that members of the Penske RS Spyder race team will be present. Bill will work with Greg to get something online.

Harlan mentioned that he would like to get the perpetual plaques back by no later than the next board meeting.

Vice-President: Kris Vanacore

Kris handed out the holiday awards proposal. The dinner will be held on Saturday December 8th. The cost is \$55.95 per person and the menu is set. Kris said that it's a better menu than the last couple of years. The ballroom at Bella Mia restaurant is going to be gorgeous.

Kris's proposal requires \$1718 to be budgeted for the party. Les made a motion to fund the party for \$1718. Angie seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Kris suggested having calendars made up again this year. Cheryl said that she would check into prices and contacting the printer.

Treasurer: Jennifer Bryant

Jen handed out the treasurer's report for September.

Angie asked about the Back to School Tour and Jen said that it was handled in August.

Les asked about the cost of the newcomer's social and Jen said it was \$230. Jen also said that Mt. Mikes graciously gave us a 20% discount on that evening too.

Emilie and Bill's charity event raised about \$5600. Emilie asked that instead of the club giving the Highley's a GTG gift that the money be added to the charity fund raising total.

Jen said that she has deposited \$2786 for the honeymoon tour and received another ~\$1500 tonight.

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The club netted \$265 on the Bass Lake tour.

Jen asked if we wanted to wait until the Dec board meeting for 2008 advertising billing. Kevin said that he suggested billing in November. If we bill in November then we can cancel January ads for those who don't re-up when the January POST is created in December. Ed will draft the letter to the advertisers.

Activities: Angie Sharp

Angie has secured insurance for Jay's tour on Saturday, the tech session and also for this week's autocross.

Angie reminded everyone that November 11th is the date for our planning meeting.

Membership: Les Schreiber

New members from PCA (5)

- Ron DeLucia (Ben Lomond) 1997 (911)
- Daniel Friedman & Michael (Santa Cruz), 1999 (996)
- Ron Galonsky (Watsonville) 2000 Boxster
- Richard McCarthy (Freedom) 1974 (914)
- Sian T. Ooi & Sian H. Ooi Malaysia 1984 (930)

Transfers in (2)

- Kenneth Lee & Virginia Lescallett (Los Gatos) 2006 (997) from Chesapeake (CHS)
- Ross & Keli Martindale (San Jose) 1993 (964) from GGR

Total Renewal's this month (15)

LPR Membership

- 10-4-07 Total = 561 (Primary 310, Affiliates = 251)

Jen moved to approve all of the new and reinstated members, Kris 2nd and the motion passed.

Member-At-Large: Harlan Pester

Harlan handed out new copies of the policies and procedures for the club.

Harlan will still make one spelling correction and remove the Watts Wong Worst Wevolutions award.

All votes for next year's board and awards need to be in by October 31st and the nominating committee will meet before the next board meeting.

Ed said that Linda is tabulating the AX award winners. John has a place that handles making the awards.

Committee Reports

Editor: Kevin Bennett

Kevin had breakfast with Ralph earlier this week. He said that Ralph seemed to be pretty chipper. Ralph still sees Del Sessions everyday. If we mail Ralph 3 POSTs, he will update the board at Del's.

Larry Sharp has access to the POST on the website so we won't need to send him a hardcopy POST.

Kevin says we've eliminated the need for 43 POSTs and will have the printer print 400 POSTs each month going forward.

Advertising: Bill Highley

Bill has two leads that he is waiting to hear back on. We have one new advertiser that will start in January.

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Stevens Creek Porsche has said that it will place PCA applications for new buyers to pick up at the dealership.

Safety: John Reed

John sent in the observers report to PCA on the Bass Lake Tour. It was very well run. He also gave one to the Activity Director. John also did an observers report for the last autocross.

Tours: Don Orlando

Everyone had a good time on the Bass Lake Tour. Everyone is also going to get a refund on part of the cost of the rooms.

October 13th is the Steinbeck Tour. Honeymoon Tour is on 10/23-25. (October 20th is the date for the wedding.)

Saturday November 3rd is the Sunshine or Raindrops tour to an Italian restaurant and Bocce.

Don reminded everyone that November 11th is the next year's planning meeting.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Jen reported for Jim. Jim is trying to set up a session with Stevens Creek for next year and also one with custom alignment for next year. October 20th is the next tech session at Performance Arts.

Ed sent a "thank you" note to Gunter at Fremont Porsche for the excellent tech session on the Cayenne.

Autocross: Linda Smith

Linda wasn't present. Ed said that Alan won't be the chair next year.

Allison Picard will be next year's autocross chair.

Kevin's son is buying new windows from 5 Star Windows Shirley's daughter also bought a used Boxster from Fremont Porsche. Both are advertisers in the Prieta POST.

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Joe and Cheryl gave Jennifer \$53 tonight for last month's sales. They are working with some new members from the newcomer's social on getting some items.

The club now has 100 real cloisonné pins. Les should have enough for a while.

Costa Rica update: Cheryl checked into the tickets with the airline and 22 out of 24 have already purchased tickets. Cheryl has also sent out info on alternate activities.

Charity: Emilie Highley

Emilie gave an update on the tremendously successful charity event held at their home.

74 people attended with 66 paid and 8 comp'ed.

Emilie proposed making \$2500 grants each to Bowers and Rosemary schools. Les motioned and Jen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Emilie said that she also received another pledge for \$500. That would be above the ~\$5600 already donated.

Emilie said that the next step would be to work on the write-up for the 2008 PCA Public Service Award.

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

Not present. Ed said the driver's ed event went very well. There will be money donated

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to the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. This in part can also be included for the PCA Service Award.

Old Business:

A motion was made to cut a check to cover the postage for the POST. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business:

The club made a toast to John and Angie for a happy marriage.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 PM



Goodie Store

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(Navy, Red, Oat, Black, Royal, White, Wine, Forest, Khaki)
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Order from Joe Pruss with checks made out to LPR PCA. The Goodie Store will be at most Good Time Gatherings with Joe and Cheryl or you may contact Joe at joepruss@hotmail.com
Visit the Goodie Store @ <http://lpr.pca.org>

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FOR SALE: 2000 996 Carrera 4. Excellent condition, with 47k problem-free miles. Arctic Silver/Gray. Full leather, Bi-Xenon, Premium sound, Alcantara headliner. SF Bay Area car always serviced at the same dealer. Original everything. Full records. Asking \$40k. A, Dias - 408-857-7191, dias@yahoo.com. (11)

FOR SALE 1997 BOXSTER. Local and 2007 Parade concours winner. Five speed, glacier white with black interior, 6 cd player. 50,035 miles. Needs nothing, truly excellent in everyway. Third owner, have all know records. Asking \$19,300.00. Phone Paul Czopek at (209) 531-1942 or email p.czopek@clearwire.net (9)

FOR SALE: 1979 928 Coupe Original owner with all dealer service records. 137,500 miles. Original black metallic exterior with full saddle leather interior. Good condition, strong engine, 5-speed, new tires, always garaged CA car. Just serviced and smogged. \$4,900. Tom Stearns, Scotts Valley, CA, 831/438-1188, rhamgr@comcast.net. (8)

FOR SALE: Junior Suite: Two one-week stays at Sol Mar Beach Club Resort in CABO SAN LUCAS, week of 10/26/07 through 11/2/07. Individual weeks or 2 together. 7 nights in an ocean front suite, king or 2 double beds for \$1,000.00 per room per week. Rent on the WWW.SOLMAR.COM website for \$199.00 & tax per night, private beach.with ocean and sunset views! All amenities. Luxury resort. Three swimming pools and spa with swim up palapa bars, fine dining, within easy walking distance to the center of Cabo San Lucas. Contact Donna at (408)842-8364 or at damicele@yahoo.com. (7)

FOR SALE: 1972 Porsche 914 - \$3,500, Black/Black, Condition: good, some rust, 2.0 Liter conversion - records available, Webber carburetors, aftermarket oil cooler system w/front radiator & oil lines, side-shifter transmission, 916 Flares, slant nose kit, Recent tune up, newly re-mounted battery tray, five spoke conversion to Fuch aluminum wheels, Nitto tires, two tops, brakes all recently done, stainless steel brake lines., Momo steering wheel, great AX potential. Engine runs very strong, and transmission/clutch are all solid., Bert Aramburu 831-479-5582, or cell# 831-818-0117 (7)

FOR SALE: 96 993, \$24,900. Baltic blue with linen (white) interior. 6 speed manual, sunroof, alarm, power leather seats, power locks, cruise. 132K miles, valve job at 108K. Very solid, very dependable. Interior in very good condition (entry scratches on drivers seat), exterior in good condition (peeling clear coat and scratch on front bumper, covered by bra). This is my second porsche and is a great car. Pics can be viewed on cars.com, or pls email me at srcarlson2001@excite.com. (7)



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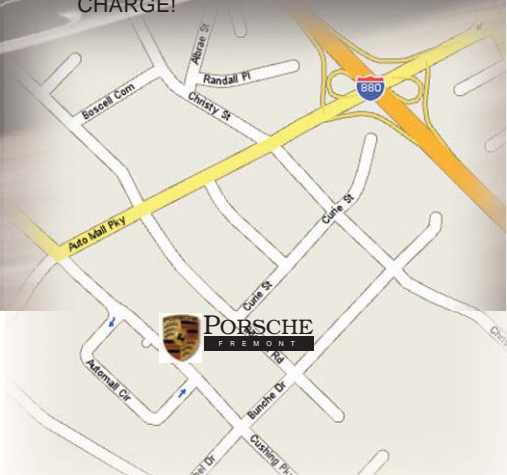
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