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February

Thursday the 7th - Board meeting at the Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Iose.

Saturday the 16th - Soup Night! Can you believe it? Incredible as it may seem, Bill & Lorraine Glathe are opening their home for an officially documented record of the umpteenth time! See all of the pertinent details on page 10.

Friday the 22nd - Newcomer's Social. All of you newcomers out there take notice. Come to an event just to welcome you and introduce you to the myriad of exciting activities to which you may succumb. Check out the ad on page 12.

March

Thursday the 6th - Board meeting at Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose.

Saturday the 15th - Electric Tech **Session.** See the ad on page 11.

Saturday the 15th - St. Patrick's Day ala Morgan. Karen's corned beef and cabbage. Need I say more? Details next month.

Saturday the 22nd - Easter Parade & Lunch. Plan on decorating your Porsche, driving in the parade through downtown Campbell then meeting for lunch. Deatils next month.

Saturday the 29th - Hit the Trail **Tour.** Join the Vanacores on a trip to the deep south. See the ad on page 24.

Sunday the 30th - LPR Autocross **#1**. Bring out Baby and challenge the cones as your Autocross Committee begins the 2008 AX season. Watch for the ad in the next issue.

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February is a special month for "sweethearts".....Valentine's Day is also special for Karen and I as it is our anniversary. Additionally, there are LPR activities planned for you; Soup Night at the Glathes and the Newcomer's Social. Hope to see you there.

Next month on March 30 is the first 2008 LPR Autocross at the Marina Airport and there are seven more. Yes, this year we have eight Autocrosses! What a fun way to drive your Porsche. For you first-time autocrossers and you veterans, I've got some tips before the first 2008 autocross;

- Find that helmet that you stored some where in the house or was it in the garage? If you can't find it or don't have one.....we have loaner helmets.
- Check your seat belts, make sure that they are tight and work properly
- Check your brake pads and make sure you have a firm peddle, also it is a good idea to flush and bleed your brake fluid every other year
- Check your wheel bearings, make sure that they are not too loose
- Make sure your battery is secure
- Check your oil level even if you have recently changed it
- Check your tires for excessive wear and the correct pressure
- Make sure you have enough gas, not too much, it's extra weight
- If you have a water cooled engine check the water level,
- Look under your Porsche for anything loose or any major oil leaks
- Check under your seats to make sure that there is nothing loose that may fly out and and under your feet.
- Remove the windshield wiper fuse just before the autocross, nothing worse than looking good hitting the apex of turn perfectly and coming out of it with your wipers on
- Bring a small tarp to wrap all the stuff that's in you car that must be removed.
- Bring lots of water, a hat, sunscreen, food to munch on, a folding chair to sit on, your camera and what other creature comforts you need to make your day enjoyable
- And lastly wash your Porsche, I've been told that a clean Porsche goes faster.

Now that the Holidays are over, take a look at the LPR activity calendar (a copy is in your January 2008 POST and on the LPR web site) to see what activities you would like to do with your club. LPR is the "Good Time Region" and there are lots of great members... get out and see your old friends as well as make some new ones.

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POST POSITIONS



Kevin Bennett, Editor

Observation #1

I was in the big box hardware store over the holidays, picking up some paint for my wife's never ending home remodeling project, when I noticed a display offering an eighty piece screwdriver set for the price of twenty bucks. Lord knows, I have more screwdrivers than I need, but being somewhat of a tool hound, I just couldn't help checking out this bargain package. It's pretty easy to spend twenty dollars on a good lunch nowadays, so I wondered about the quality of these tools and, frankly, they seemed surprisingly well made. There were 29 actual screwdrivers, plus 50 various bits to fit the bit driver and a roll up pouch to hold the whole enchilada. The set was made in China, of course, and, not surprisingly, the importer was listed as The Home Depot, Atlanta, GA.

I couldn't help dwelling on the price of this item. 80 pieces at 20 bucks is an average price of 25 cents per piece. This for a product that is manufactured halfway around the world, shipped to the U.S. and trucked to individual stores where they are finally sold to the public. I can't help but think that even the Chinese factory that created the screwdrivers must be highly mechanized and that, what with the wage scales found in the United States, the greatest labor cost in bringing this product to market was probably when the local HD employee brought the carton out and put the product on display for sale. Needless to say, in this era of intense worldwide economic competition, the high cost of American labor has priced U.S. workers out of uncounted industries and that is why most manufacturing of products sold in the U.S. is done in factories abroad.

Observation #2

A few days later, I heard a report on the radio about a computer program that had been written and tested in an internet dating chat room. The program was written to simulate a guy who was interested in establishing a relationship with females searching for companionship in a chat room environment. The program was able to interact with these women for 45 minutes without the women detecting that they were dealing with an artificial intelligence.

Observation #3

The Screenwriters Guild is on strike against the studios and this conflict has ground a large segment of the TV networks' evening schedules to a halt. Fortunately for the networks, a lot of their programs are now "reality" shows (American Idol, Dancing with the Stars, Survivor, etc.) which are able to continue production in the face of the strike, but one of the issues over which the writers are striking is their desire to unionize the writers on the reality shows. The union also is demanding a cut of revenues from new media, such as DVD sales and money earned from internet venues such as You Tube.

With union members already making six figures and the quantity of shows being produced halved from television's heyday (I recently read that the TV series "Lost" planned on only 16 episodes this season, this in comparison to the 36 episodes for every

* POST Positions...

show forty years ago), you can imagine that the entertainment bigwigs would be more than happy to consider off-shoring the creative process in the effort to reign in the ever upward spiral of production costs, but of course, their contracts with the Screen Writers Guild provide an obstacle to that option.

I am told that there are just 55 stories that can be told, and that every production on Broadway, in movies and on TV is just a variation on one of them. The industry has already invested vast sums in the creation of computer generated sets, actors and special effects, all of which are only going to get better and, ergo, more undetectable. The fact that computer AIs are now capable of fooling people in conversations leads me to believe that computer generated scripts are not that far off.

It does seem sobering to think that the creative process could be automated, but a great deal of entertainment these days is easily classified as formulaic, and formulae are the meat and potatoes of computer processing. It is, therefore, not inconceivable that a computer, maybe with the aid of one cutting edge anthropologist to drop in cultural references, might be responsible for a network's entire creative output. I can't help but think that all the money men in Hollywood are just licking their chops watching the development of artificial intelligence in the computer industry and that they are more



* POST Positions...

than willing to pony up those big dollars to develop the software to write the Writers Guild out of the entertainment production cost equation.

Certainly, not every writer will be put out of work, because the quality scripts will still have to come from the artistic genius of men (generic term). The Hollywood machine, however, doesn't prosper on art, but rather on entertainment, and quite often the schlock stuff is the most profitable.

I wish good luck to all those writers on strike. Get everything that you can get now, there's no reason not to... but don't plan on maintaining your iron grip on the production process forever because I'm betting that your automated and, in the long term, incredibly cheaper competition/replacement is already in the works.

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The POST gets mail

If you want to see Arthur Laffer's own record and information about the Laffer curve then look at http://www.heritage.org/Research/Taxes/bg1765.cfm. The editorial in the January issue has little to do with understanding supply and demand or the elasticity of price and volume. The price of gas is adjusted to demand and because of that we don't have lines at the pumps of the type we had in 1979. It is not that the oil companies' don't want to build more refineries. Try to get permits in California for a refinery or for that matter a power plant or a major industrial facility. So, we are operating on the West Coast very close to peak refinery capacity. Any hiccups and we are below capacity and then the excess demand has to come through the Panama canal, which takes about three weeks. Furthermore, local ordinances call for special formulations so you can not sell the same gas all over the region. If local Governments did not have the crazy idea to specify gas mixtures that are unique to that region, it would be easier to adjust supply and send it to where it is needed. And what about alternative fuels? If it takes the equivalent of a gallon of oil to produce a gallon of ethanol, what have we gained? We could use diesel engines in our cars and improve the gas mileage dramatically like they do in at least Northern Europe. Maybe that would be too rational?

How about staying with Porsche issues in the editorial.

Stig Nilsson

Soup Night!



Jebruary 16, 6 P.M.

And yet again, Bill & Lorraine Glathe have graciously agreed to host this ever popular event for the LPR Faithful. That's right!

Bean soup, chicken soup, noodle soup, mushroom, beef, chili, chowder, cream of chayote... soups galore!

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Its Patrick's Day with Karen Hennessy Mergan



Watch for details in the March POST.

Tech Session

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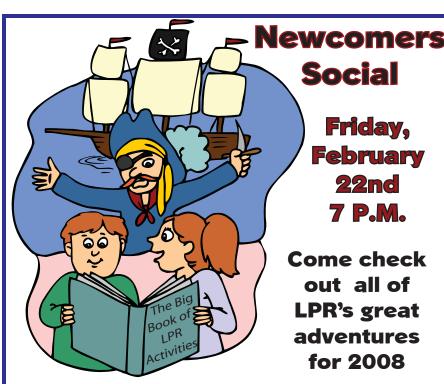


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Bill Highley & Ed Tavares. Below: Paul Smith.



Tom Micele.



SEX

Ken Iles says, "Oh, yes... I remember this."

Left: Sandy Provasi got a pair of HO³ sox... she didn't seem to take offense.

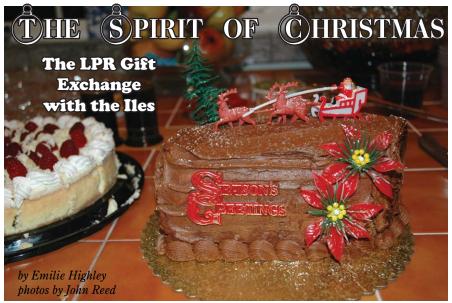
Gee! I sure hope somebody steals this...







Mike Lommatzsch.



Bill and I arrived early with Karen and Ed Tefankjian... to get a good parking place and to help Ken and June with set up! Actually very little to do, so we just started drinking... Ken was 'whipping up' a batch of Pomegranate Martini's... Karen and I got the 1st sample... OOPS, a little too much vodka... Ken quickly added more pomegranate syrup. . AH, much better and pretty tasty! After a few of those, we were certainly in

the spirit!

The 'masses' began to arrive with gifts and appetizers and desserts in tow... Tom and Donna Micele (and her famous meatballs... YUM YUM), John and Angie Reed, Russ and Doris Britschgi, Don and Leslie Orlando, Karen and Bob Morgan, Greg and Sue Sickal, Rosie and Ed Tavares, Tom and Sandy Provasi, Mike Lommatzsch, Nanci Bishop, Paul Siedel, Jim and Jennifer Bryant brought Jim's mom, Velma – direct from Canada! Les Schreiber and Gayle Gustafsen, Tony and Kris Vanacore, Barry and Suzette Pangrle and newcomers Dave and Betty Pollack.



Kris Vanacore, Barry and Suzette Pangrle and newcomers Dave and Betty Pollack.

The entire party came to an abrupt halt as the group waited anxiously for Don Orlando to unwrap his present.

It did not take long before the dining room table was covered with fabulous appetizers AND Ken had already made his, rather potent, rum punch for us all to enjoy! We were not at a loss for food and drink!

In true LPR fashion, there was much socializing and laughter; everyone sharing their plans for Christmas. While John Reed was sneaking exploiting the photo ops of LPR'ites eating and drinking, hugging and kissing, laughing and telling stories, the women were busy in the kitchen. Kris Vanacore was making her hot mulled wine... Karen Tefankjian was heating up her fabulous cheese and chicken dip... June and I

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Left: Emilie Highley daubs at the dip that ended up all over Karen Tefankjian. When Ken saw what was happening he rushed over and wanted to man a sponge, too. Below: Juney disappointed him by putting him on floor duty instead.



Hey, watch that foot!



Donna Micele lets Don Orlando off with a warning... this time.



Above: Ken Iles & Doris Britschgi. Russ Britschgi says, "Hi." Right: Karen & Bob Morgan were the apparent purveyors of this holiday confection.



Karen Tefankjian.



were cutting bread and arranging more platters for the table... Rosie and Nanci were supervising the activity!

All of a sudden, there was a scream!

Karen Tefankjian was standing in the middle of the kitchen, the hot pyrex dish that she had just taken out of the microwave, broke in her hand and the fabulous, and very hot dip was now all over her pants and the Iles' floor! We all jumped to attention ... "Man the brooms, the dust pans, and the towels!"

Glass and dip was everywhere! That was the least of our worries; we just needed to know that Karen was not burned ... luckily her pants took the brunt of the mess! So, we just washed the dip off her pants and cleaned the floor up and put everything back in order... DARN, I didn't even have a chance to sample that dip that I like so much!

"Santa" Tony Vanacore bellowed out that it was time to begin the gift exchange. Santa and his helper, Kris handed out numbered tickets... all the shiny and beautifully wrapped gifts were under the



Kris Vanacore happily mulls things over in the kitchen.

tree... just waiting to be claimed and stolen! Tony explained the 'rules'... your number is called, you pick a gift or you can steal from someone else... once the gift has been stolen 3 times, it can no longer be stolen... Pretty simple rules! We all got into it... picking a gift, unwrapping, stealing. There was such a variety of gifts... Nutcrackers, wine, Christmas pillows and ornaments, glassware, handy tools... the list goes on! For the next 1.5 hours the gift exchange was in full swing. Some of us just could not hold on to the gifts that we had picked... they were so great that everyone wanted them! Of course, we continued to eat and drink! As luck would have it, nothing... may I repeat, nothing was spilled on the Iles' white carpet!

Before the evening ended, President Ed and Vice President Kris presented Ken and



LPR Prez Ed Tefankjian presents a little "thank you" gift to the party's hosts, Ken & June Iles.

June with a wonderful hostess gift – a basket full of goodies... English cookies, tasty creams and more... Kris, you are so creative!

The party was now winding down... the wine had been drunk, the appetizers and desserts eaten... only the 'mess' remained to be cleaned up.

The LPR gift exchange was a wonderful way to end our year of activities for 2007... thank you Ken and June for again opening your lovely home and hosting this rowdy group!

Happy Holidays one and all!



Merry Christmas with Ed Tefankjian, Bob Morgan and Les Schreiber. Is that a halo that Les is wearing?



Looks like John Reed is practicing to be a spokesmodel for Starbucks.



I guess that it's because of his New York heritage that Tony Vanacore is the perennial numbers man.

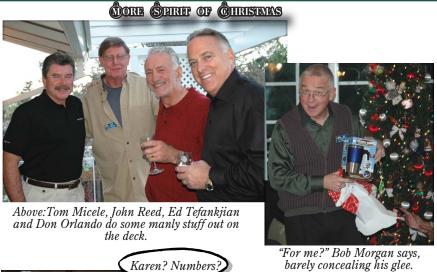


Kris Vanacore & Rosemary Tavares looking rightiously festive.





Above: Jackie Mitchell with some raspberry wine... she's color coordinated. How nice! Left: Tom Provasi unwraps some Christmas fluffery.



Karen? Numbers?

Karen Tefankjian seems ecstatic with her calculator gift. Jen Bryant is amused.



Sue & Greg Sickal.



Emilie Highley seems confident that she can conceal this gift among her... er... attributes.



Ed T. and Don Orlando try to appear friendly as they commit their Christmas larceny.



Karen Morgan tries on some of the latest fashions in neckwear.

OHRISHMAS



I don't know what the deal is with all of these guys hanging out together. Tom Provasi, Bob Morgan, John Reed and Mike Lommatzsch.



Right: Dave Pollack is ready to crack some nuts.





Angie Reed.



Ed & Rosemary Tavares.





Greg Sickal discovers that any guy with four bottles of wine is Karen Tefankjian's best friend.





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SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Come out and join Tony & Kris Vanacore as they lead LPR on another incarnation of their tour of the "deep south". The tour will wend its way southward from south San Jose to the Morgan Hill environs. We will visit the Clos la Chance Winery for a tasting before continuing on to another taste of the exquisite barbecue to be had at the Trail Dust Barbecue Restaurant in Morgan Hill.

Plan on arriving at 9 A.M. Drivers meeting will start at 9:10 and the tour will leave promptly at 9:30.

The tour will leave from the Country Inn at 6484 Camden Avenue, at Camden Avenue & Almaden. Those who wish to breakfast or buy gas should arrive early enough to complete those tasks before the start.

There will be a \$10 per car tour fee and a \$5 tasting fee

(collected at the winery.)

RSVP to Tony or Kris by Friday, March 23, at 408-978-1101 or email tonyvan@mac.com



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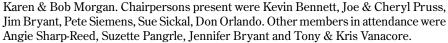
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Loma Prieta Region PCA Minutes of the January 2008 Board Meeting

The January Board Meeting was held on January 3, 2008 at The Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave, San Jose and was called to order at 7:07 pm by President Ed Tefankjian.

Board members present were: Ed Tefankjian, Barry Pangrle, Les Schreiber, George Jansen,



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Les Schreiber moved and Barry Pangrle seconded to accept the December minutes. The motion passed.

Directors' Reports:

President: Ed Tefankjian

Ed wished us Happy New Year & welcome to all the outgoing and incoming board members. Ed expressed our sympathies to the family of Ron Leppke who passed away suddenly. Ron was a 40-year member of PCA and a founding member of Diablo Region. John noted that Diablo Region would meet for Breakfast on Saturday & drive to the top of Mt. Diablo to honor Ron's memory.

The President's meeting will be held in Santa Rosa on 1/19/08. Ed won't be able to attend and Les volunteered to attend in his place. We have finished the forms for PCA. Ed passed out the PCA subsidy forms and explained the categories. Ed sent out thank you notes to all our advertisers who contributed gifts to our awards banquet. Gunter of Fremont Porsche is actively supporting Diablo and LPR.

Vice-President: Barry Pangrle

Barry will work with Kris to try to return to Bella Mia for the 2008 year-end banquet. The Family Picnic is planned for August 2 at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. The Pavilion is the preferred site. There is a GTG on 1/26 at the Micele's. There is an omission in the calendar on the website. Barry will get with Greg to add the February events. Barry will be in Colorado for the next meeting, but will send a report to Ed.

Secretary: Bob Morgan Nothing new to report.

Treasurer: George Jansen

George noted there was a loss for the year due to the Awards Banquet. George will meet with Jen to get the files. Jen had prepared the draft resolution to update the bank signature card. The board signed the resolution. We have some payments from the POST advertisers, but still need quite a few. Kevin recommended that we call the advertisers & remind them. George will work with Bill Highley to contact the advertisers. We have some of the Dual memberships payments, but not for all. Les will check his records to make sure we keep current on those who've paid.

Activities: John Reed

If we have a tech session in February, we'll need to get insurance.

Minutes...

Membership: Les Schreiber

New members from PCA (3)

- John D. Chaparro (Los Gatos) 2007-997
- Bonnie & Herb Radding (Saratoga) 1972-911
- Anette & Jurgen Rott (Germany) 1974-911

Transfers in (2)

- Dave & Betty Pollack (Wife) from Golden Gate (GGR)
- Lisa Radding & Scott Harris (Affiliate) from Golden Gate (GGR)

Transfers Out (1)

Bernardus Ottenhof (Australia) to Oregon (OR)

Membership that Expired Last Month (12/30/07)

• Six (6)

Total Renewal's this month (15)

LPR Membership

• 1-3-08 Total = 564 (Primary =311, Affiliates = 253)

Ed noted that we advised PCA on the form, LPR has a \$21 charge for Dual members, and we have an additional requirement that the board accept the new members. John moved & George seconded the motion to accept the new and transferring members. The motion was passed.

Member-At-Large: Karen Morgan

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Editor: Kevin Bennett

Kevin wants the minutes by this weekend so he can get it to the printer before he goes to Costa Rica.

Advertising: Bill Highlev

Bill was not present at the meeting

Safety: John Reed

Nothing to report

Tours: Don Orlando

The March Tour, hosted by the Vanacores is upcoming. The April Tour, Ken needs to get information to Don. The May Tour to is being planned by Don & George. The Mother's Day Brunch at Bargetto's winery may include a tour. Les will work with John to get insurance if needed. The Bass Lake Tour is in process.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Working on the February Tech Session. If it happens, he'll get an ad into the POST and work with John on the insurance.

Autocross: Allyson Pickard

We have 8 dates at Marina this year. The Deli is all set to support these dates with lunches. The AX team will meet in February. The points classification system has changed for next year. Ed will send out an e-mail update.

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

December had \$110 sales at the year end banquet. They are depositing \$125 tonight. There are invoices out to collect \$82. No open orders or open issues.

Charity: Sue Sickal

Rosemary School sent a thank you note. Sue is going to set a meeting in February to get ideas for the October Event.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Not present

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

We have a mid-week date set at Laguna Seca on the 19th of March, Pete will get an advertisement in the February Post. GGR has TT & DE events at Infineon in February, as well as at ThunderHill and Buttonwillow. Check GGR's website for more information. They have new requirements for cars that use 5-point harnesses. Stock seats and belts are ok for DE events. Trackmasters has a 2/28 date at Laguna Seca, and a full schedule www.trackmastersracing.com

Old Business:

none

New Business:

We talked last May about submitting for the Region of the Year Award. We said we'd revisit it in 2008. If we want to do this, we need someone to head up a committee. We will discuss it at the next meeting.

Next meeting is 2/7/08 at the same Round Table. Thanks to Les for arranging the location.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Goodie Store

(Shown Here) LPR Car Badges \$30.00 each PCA Car Badges \$20.00 each LPR Shirts (XXL, XL,L, M,S) \$30.00 each

(Navy, Red, Oat, Black, Royal, White, Wine, Forest, Khaki)

Cloisonne Pins \$5.00 each

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

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INCOME CATEGORIES YTD		EXPENSE YTD
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$25.20	\$369.47
AUTOCROSS	7,399.00	8,380.93
BOARD MEETINGS	873.00	875.49
TECH SESSION	-	78.77
CHARITY EVENT	5,626.75	8,137.68
GATHERINGS	3,129.90	2,943.15
GOODIE STORE	1,328.00	728.79
MEMBERSHIP	357.00	1,456.27
NATIONAL	4,228.00	-
POST	11,510.00	9,879.10
COASTAL DRIVING S	CHOOL	3,000.00
SWAP MEET	2,840.00	557.25
TOURS	16,321.00	15,047.78
PREVIOUS YR EVEN	ΓS -	336.38
AWARDS BANQUET	5,340.00	10,300.12
TOTAL	\$58,977.85	\$62,091.18

	TOTAL YTD
INCOME	\$58,977.85
EXPENSES	62,091.18
NET	\$(3,113.33)
CASH and CDs	\$27,934.47
Restricted Funds: CHARITY	1,394.07
Petty Cash	20.00
TOTAL	\$29,348.54

Unclassified Ads

FOR SALE 1997 BOXSTER. 1997 Pastel yellow, Black interior, Tiptronic, has 53,000 miles on it and is still in beautiful condition, well maintained with all records. Asking \$14,950 Paul Aarens, 831-239-5350. (1)

FOR SALE: This is a genuine Porsche silver finished hood emblem 996.559.211.01. A perfect fit with the original rubber gasket. A great addition for your Porsche to help make it more unique and classy versus the gold colored emblem. Contact Mike at mike@detailingdynamics.com or call 408-249-1017. (1)



FOR SALE: 1976 Porsche 911S, , 2.7 Eng. 73E Cams, 40MM Webers, New Clutch, \$10,500.00, Rodley Moser (775)741-1199, E-mail Darn2tin@aol.com.

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Unclassified ads are available at no charge to PCA members. All ad copy must arrive by the 8th of the preceding month. Ads will run for 3 months on a space available basis. Please notify the editor when you sell your item, or if you want to re-run your ad after 3 months. Non-members fee is \$10 / month per ad. Checks should be made payable to LPR / PCA. Send ads to: Kevin Bennett, email:badass@ix.netcom.com.



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