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July

June 28th thru the **3rd** - **Porsche Parade.** The folks that are going know it; if you notice them gone, this is why.

Saturday the 6th - Summer Breakfast Club. The second chance to egg it up with the Miceles. See the scoop on page 28.

Thursday the 10th - Board meeting at the Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose.

Sunday the 13th - Autocross #5.
Same place, same cones. Come out and beat them up. Ad is on page 13.

Thursday the 24th - The Mallya Collection Tour. See the ad on page 10.

Saturday the 26th - Party with the Prez. The first couple of LPR, Ed & Karen Tefankjian, will be hosting this GTG. Check out the ad on page 11.

August

Saturday the 2nd - LPR's Annual Family Picnic. At Vasona Park once again, but this time in the Pavillion! See the ad on page 33.

Sunday the 3rd - Autocross #6. Another chance to race against the clock. More info next month.

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

Sunday the 10th - The last edition of the 2008 Summer Breakfast Club. Watch for details in the August POST.

Saturday the 28th - GTG with Bill & Em. The Highleys are hosting so you know it will be done right. All the skinny next month.

Sunday the 24th - Autocross #7. It's too good to be true. Two, count 'em, two AXs this month. Pracrice makes perfect, come out and nail that line.

More next month.

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Cover Photo:..... John Reed is really into it on the Mother's Day Tour.

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Ed Tefankjian, President

July starts the second half of 2008... time waits for no one, especially when you are having fun. Hopefully you have been able to participate in some of the many LPR activities, if you haven't, check the LPR events calendar.

The Porsche Parade is in Charlotte NC this year from June 28th through July 3rd. At Parade there are many awards given to individuals and to PCA Regions... LPR has applied for two of the awards this year. Each year a region is selected as "Region of the Year"... LPR won this in 1973, 1985 and 1995; LPR submitted three applications and won three times! Additionally, LPR submitted an application for the region that has done the best region charity program. The 2008 applications were sent to PCA National and the winners will be announced at Parade. A special thanks to those that spent many hours putting these applications together. And a special thanks to you, the LPR members for making our club the "good time region"... you gotta love us!

LPR is an all volunteer organization and we always need help... so if you have not gotten involved with any of the committees, come to one of the board meetings to see how your club is run and how you could possibly help. Also, in November LPR will be planning the 2009 calendar, if you would like to put on a tour, host a good-time-gathering or some other event start thinking about it now and let us know by the November planning meeting.

Bye for now, Ed





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Kevin Bennett, Editor

My son, Chris (Kevin to the rest of the world), was a sophomore in high school when I prodded him to run for president of the junior class. He was reluctant to make this leap into politics primarily because the president of the sophomore class would be running for the same office and this particular gentleman had been class president since the seventh grade. Despite his trepidations, I convinced him to run anyway, telling him that he may lose but that everyone would expect it, it therefore would not reflect that badly on him and that he might learn something in the process. In retrospect I recognize that I was attempting to relive my high school days vicariously through my son. Fortunately, he was a pretty outgoing kid who, at least I think, wasn't overly pressured into the project, nor was he really truly aghast at making the attempt. He lost the election of course but the lesson came a year later when I again approached him about running for Associated Student Body (A.S.B.) President.

When I proposed a second foray into politics, once again against the same political juggernaut, my son was even more vociferous in his protestations of the hopelessness of besting this rival. I countered to him that in the election of the A.S.B. offices, all four classes would be voting. His class, the juniors, would probably vote exactly as they had in the previous year and his rival would again win their votes handily. The key to the election was that the other three classes had no allegiance to the junior class president and that if a campaign was run targeting them he would have more than a good chance of winning the office. I used to be pretty clever back then and I assured him that with my assistance as campaign manager he would not be embarrassed in the results.

The campaign was undertaken. For two weeks, Chris went after the office as if he really wanted it. A good campaign slogan ("Will Kevin Bennett make a great president? You bet your A.S.B!"), and a clever campaign speech along with a lot of leg work by Chris (inserting little campaign ads into every locker, every day) for the election period made it plain to the student body that Chris was serious about wanting the job. I probably spent \$60 having the campaign slips printed and maybe another \$30 on miscellaneous other stuff, but what really went over the top was when my mother, who was a great joiner-inner, shelled out a hundred bucks to have a dozen t-shirts printed with the campaign slogan on them.

Chris won the election in a walk, but editorials were written in the student paper following the election about how he bought the office and in the following year, during his administration, new rules were debated and enacted to keep a darkhorse from blitzing their way into office in the same manner.

All this has come back to me as a result of what has happened this year during the primary season. Hillary Clinton, like my son's perennial class president, was as good as anointed as the Democratic Party's nominee. Barrak Obama's camp saw an opportunity, as I did in regard to my son, to steal away the nomination. The

* POST POSITIONS...

proportional distribution of delegates chosen through the primary coupled with the super-delegate system was put into place so that the party leaders would, in the event of a close contest, have the ability to choose whomever they thought was the strongest candidate. Obama clearly saw that Clinton was being lax organizing in the caucus states and realized he had a chance to outflank her and secure those delegates through grass roots politicking... not a Clinton specialty at the time. He, of course, succeeded spectacularly and as a result the party leaders found themselves hoist on their own petard of political correctness. Because the competing candidates, despite everyone's protestations to the contrary, represented race vs. gender, the party bigwigs were unable to realistically entertain the idea of overruling the voter results without creating the potential for a huge portion of their constituency to scream discrimination. Thanks to the cleverness of Obama, in a year when you would think that the Dems are all but a shoo-in to take the presidency from the Republican Party, they find themselves in the somewhat dubious position of having their standard bearer be the first black candidate for President of the United States from a major party; a man who's inexperience as a freshman senator with the most liberal voting record in the Senate are not the most heartening credentials for gaining this lofty office. Fortunately for his party, Obama is both charismatic and a disciplined camgaigner. His extreme liberalism however, coupled with his anti-war politics makes his candidacy eerily reminiscent of George McGovern's ill-fated run at the presidency in 1972, a comparison which, I am sure, has the Democratic leadership quaking in their boots.

As a result of this primary season, I predict that, just as the high school students did following my son's stealing away the election from the favorite son, the Democratic Party will be revising its primary rules for the next presidential election. I'll go even further and say that one of the main changes that will be pushed is to make more of the states winner-take-all for the convention delegates.

And while I'm on the subject of national politics, I can't help printing this great quote from a previous democratic candidate for the vice presidency.

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Museum information can be found at: http://www.mallyacollection.com/mallya/bio/biography.asp?section=biography
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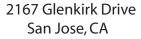
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SWAP MEET



One of the Concours techniques to to try and sniff out the dirt...

Tony Vanacore hasn't been this excited since he met his wife, Kris! Which is the greater treasure, Tony?

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Is there actually a class for tractors? If you can Concours them, can you autocross them too?

CONCOURS

Race car anyone?



Such a common sight in the Concours paddock it's surprising there wasn't a vendor booth from S.C. Johnson.



I think this spring is for sale, not for the Concours. Either way it's gotta be clean!



By Bob Morgan

photos by John Reed

Karen & I arrived at 6:30 a.m. with a freshly-brewed 65-cup pot of coffee. There must have been 20 spots already occupied with swappers. Jennifer Bryant was relieved to see us because she had the donuts all set out but the coffee she was brewing wouldn't be ready for another 15 minutes and people NEED coffee at that time of the morning! We've had times when people were asking us to start the BBQ at 7:00 am, but this year they were happy to have coffee. It was pretty chilly that morning, and throughout the morning we emptied 5 or 6 huge pots of coffee. It was very funny though, some of the donuts had pink frosting, and no one would eat them. "Real men don't eat pink donuts" they said. Thankfully some 6-10 year old girls arrived later to finish them off. I guess it's true about pink donuts. We'll have to remember that for next year.

Jennifer-more old-fashioned and less pink, please.

Al Uejo had the crew from PartsHeaven sweeping the parking lot (you can't properly display those beautiful cars unless the parking lot is clean too), and putting out the trash cans and port-a-potty, while the rest of the PartsHeaven staff stocked the area behind the counter with "Swap Meet Specials".

Gary Lieber was busy setting up for the Concours D'Elegance



The physical location has changed over time but the event is 19 years in the parking lot of PartsHeaven.

when Mark Gersh, Zone 7 Concours Chair, and his daughter arrived about 7 a.m. and set up the registration table. Mark and daughter then went to work on their car so they would be ready to compete. As we approached the opening of Concours registration at 8:30, the parking lot was nearly full. We began to worry that we would not have enough space in the PartsHeaven lot and we'd have to spread into the adjacent lots where the 912 Registry and R-Gruppe Registry were displaying their cars (maybe we can get them to compete next year...). As it turned out we had just enough room for the 29 competitors and the single display car. We even had a Porsche Tractor that was



PartsHeaven ...

beautifully prepared. That was the first time I've seen one of those tractors actually start and run! It was amazing. And loud. I was standing with Ralph Maines when the tractor started. He seemed concerned about some of the noises emanating from the tractor. It sure didn't sound like a 356 did it Ralph? Thanks to John Reed for taking lots of pictures. He's such a good photographer that Gary Leiber asked him to take pictures of every car in the Concours. I don't know if John saw that as a complement but I'm sure it was.

We had a nice group from which to solicit Concours judges (always one of the challenges), and Mark was able to assemble 3 teams of judges to handle the 29 cars. We started judging at 10:30, and finished the last car at 1:00. Mark was right on top

of the scoring so we were ready to present the awards at 1:30pm. Some of the winners were:

Wally McClymont won his class, "Wash & Shine-5" in his Boxster. Wally also helped judge (a different class. Of course; one is not allowed to judge one's own class!).

Tony Antonowicz won his "Street-9" class on his first try. Congratulations Tony! If you get a chance, you have to check out Tony's Gearshift, requisitioned from an F100 Fighter. The trigger



There was a lot of this going on just before the judging started.

operates his garage door. This is not standard equipment on a 928 GTS, but we don't judge originality in Street class.

Keven Homewood also from LPR, did well scoring 243.75 out of 250 in Street-4. Unfortunately for Keven, he was up against some very expert competition in that class.

That was it from LPR. I guess we're not as strong in Concours as we are in



Harlan Pester, Karen Morgan, Angie Reed and an unnamed cutie worked the food concession at this year's event.

the social arena. Maybe we can get more participation next year (both in Concours competitors and as judges). The next Zone 7 Concours is on June 29 hosted by the Sacramento Valley Region. Rich Wyatt from Sierra Nevada Region was a participant, and took a moment to promote their upcoming Zone Concours. They're going to roast a whole pig, and have steak... they're upping the ante for Concours cuisine. Typical Sierra Nevada gambler type. Just kidding Rich, it was great to have you and your wife Cindy attend our Concours, as you have every year for as long as I can remember.



We may have recruited a couple of new LPR members (new PCA members), out of the Concours ranks. We hope to see them at future events. If we get enough interest



Checking out the parts and dickering over deals... it's what swappin' is all about.

we could even do a "Wash & Shine Concours" at our Family picnic like GGR! Ken Iles may not agree-he's still smarting from last year's Concours. It was a very competitive class, Ken. Try again!

While we were judging, Jim Bryant was selling spaces to swap meet vendors. He sold 80 spaces at \$20 each. We have seen the swap meet attendance decline slightly over the past few years, perhaps because of

the availability of parts on E-bay, but I prefer to deal face-to-face so I know what I'm getting and there is no question about the year or model. Most of the sellers are very knowledgeable and happy to answer your questions. Of course there is some well-used stuff, but, as Jim Bryant says, "one man's junk is another man's treasure". If you're looking for good deals on used parts, this is a good opportunity. There are also new parts available from people like EBS and Elephant Racing who both had booths there, not to mention the new & used stock of our host, PartsHeaven.

There were a couple of Porsches looking for new owners, one early 911 in race trim, and a 944. I was tempted, but I already have 2 to work with.

All day long a devoted crew consisting of Ken & June Iles, Jim & Jennifer Bryant, Karen Morgan, Harlan Pester, Angie Reed and of course, Les Schreiber manned the LPR Food booth and dispensed hot dogs, chips and sodas. It may have seemed that Les was not his usual gregarious self, but he was in IRON CHEF mode working closely with Harlan. They had a system to get those dogs from package to bun most efficiently.

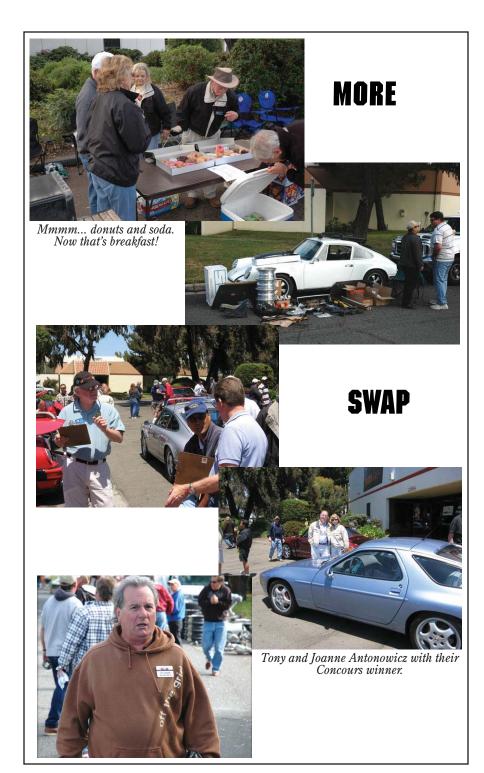
Congratulations to all who participated in this event, be it organizing, serving food, competing or judging Concours, and thanks to all at PartsHeaven for sponsoring this event for 19 years now!

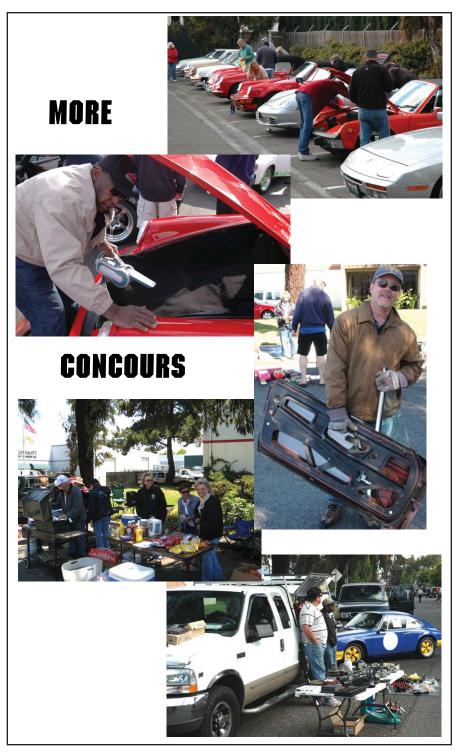


Zone 7 Rep Larry Sharp made an appearance at LPR's Swap/Concours in Hayward.

See you next year for the 20th Annual Swap Meet & Zone 7 Concours D'Elegance on Sunday, June 7th, 2009. We're already beginning the planning because we want to make it a memorable occasion!

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by Joanne Antonowicz

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Les Schreiber led us on a Mother's Day brunch and tour that celebrated motherhood with a tour through hidden roads of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties, a visit to the popular Corrallitos Market and Sausage Company in Corralitos, and a fabulous brunch at the Bargetto Winery in Soquel.

The sky was slightly overcast with the sun occasionally peeking through the clouds to welcome Mother's Day. Les Scheiber greeted us with lovely peach roses for all the mothers including water vials to keep the roses fresh all day for our driving pleasure. We also received goodie bags with lots of munchies for travel and miniature toy cars. Participants in the tour were Les Schreiber our leader, John and Angie Reed, Bob and Karen Morgan and their son Devon Morgan, Elizabeth and Jim Quinn, and Tony and Joanne Antonowicz.

As we drove through the beautiful fields and forests, we observed evidence of Motherhood everywhere in the wild. We saw cattle with little calves alongside, and passed wild turkeys with their offspring. At the side of the road above Uvas Reservoir, a magnificent white mother goose stood quietly at the side of the road observing our Porsches whizzing by.

We passed Mount Madonna Park at the crest, 1309 ft., but saw no scenic view of anything below as the thick fog was rolling in from the ocean at a good speed. The fog, however, was not thick enough to hamper our driving. As we descended down the mountain, the fog somewhat disappeared but it remained lightly overcast for some time before clearing. Before long we were enjoying some sunshine. As we approached Watsonville, we noted fields of raspberry bushes and then turned right on Casserly Road and observed acres and acres of glorious flowers in full bloom ready for harvest. We also saw fields of strawberries, rows of edible veggies, and goats with their kids.

The conversation on the CB was lively after seeing a sign with the word "bear" misspelled "bare". The comments went "bare left", "bare right", and "bare it all." We then meandered the backroads up the mountain and were soon in a completely different terrain with

redwoods and forest vegetation. The diversification of foliage and trees was amazing as we quickly changed elevation into the majestic redwoods. We drove through a very narrow two-lane canyon which made us feel as if we were enclosed in a forest wilderness with trees 100 plus feet high. There was an abundance of ferns of many different types everywhere.

In Corralitos, we stopped at the Corralitos Market and Sausage Company to purchase their delicious smoked and fresh sausages. Corralitos Market has been in operation for over forty years at the same location in the heart of the Pajaro Valley apple country where they use apple wood for smoke. The favorite sausages purchased were the "Cheezy Bavarian" which is he number-one seller (Beef and pork sausage with chunks of sharp cheddar cheese) and "Bavarian Sausage" (Mild, sweet combination of beef, pork, salt, sugar, and sage).

On Freedom Blvd. near Aptos, we drove by the Bamboo Giant Nursery with winding trails displaying twenty acres of bamboo groves with 60 varieties of live bamboo in full growth, some with 40-50 feet high canes in colors of green, yellow, black, and brown. Some varieties can be purchased. Bamboo is an interesting plant but very invasive in its habits. However, its ideal if you have a Panda Bear.

By the time we reached the Bargetto Winery for brunch, the fog cleared and the weather was sunny and glorious. We were immediately seated in the creek side courtyard and were served Sparkling Brut at festive tables embellished with colorful flower arrangements

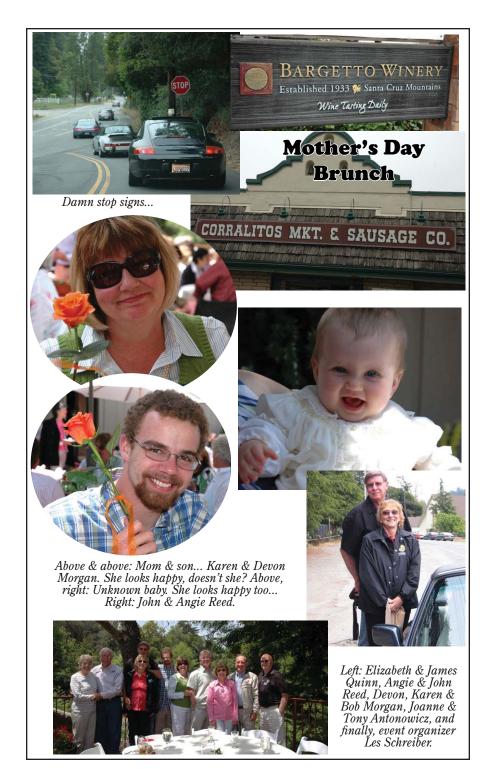


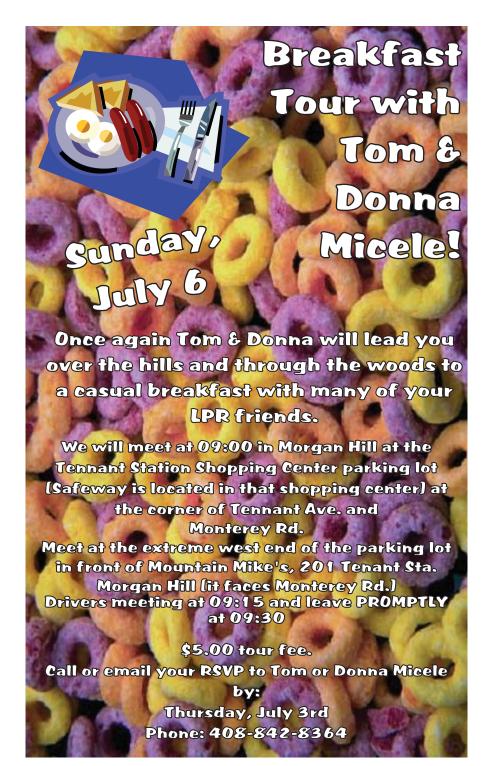
With all of the success enjoyed by the North Bay in encouraging tourism, it's clear that the Santa Cruz area has chosen to try and compete.

in the spirit of Mother's day. During lunch we enjoyed a spectacular view of the Soquel Creek directly below the courtyard. The Bargetto brothers, Phillip and John emigrated from Castelnuovo Don Bosco, a small town in the Piedmont region of northern Italy. They brought with them years of winegrowing experience and established the Bargetto Winery on the banks of the Soquel Creek in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The Bargetto winery represents the oldest continuous-operation winery in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Today they are operated by the third generation of Bargetto's to produce quality wines.

The brunch menu included both breakfast and lunch selections including fresh fruits, coffee cake, carved pork tenderloin, smoked turkey breast with cranberry apple compote, side dishes of creamy scalloped potatoes, grilled asparagus with lemon butter, baby carrots with fresh dill, spring greens with mango, cucumber, and shrimp salad, and tossed salad of baby greens with apple, candied walnuts, bleu cheese and balsamic vinaigrette. The wines paired with the brunch included Brut Sparkling Methode Champenoise, 2006 Sauvignon Blanc Monterey, 2006 Frescolino Dry Rose, and 2006 Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains. For dessert we were served a decadent chocolate cheesecake, vanilla cheesecake, chocolate cake and Tiramisu paired deliciously with a 2006 Orange Muscat. It was a great combination for a Mother's Day finale.

Our tour home followed Old San Jose Road up to Summit Road before merging onto 17. Thank you Les for the delightful Mother's Day tour. We went home with smiles on our faces that lasted for the rest of the day and onto the next day. It was a very special Porsche adventure.





Porsche Information Management System

a Porsche of Fremont tech session

by Jim Bryant_____photos by John Reed

Saturday May 17 was our second tech session at Porsche Fremont in as many years. This past Saturday's topic was the Porsche Information Management System.

This was, for me anyway, an outstanding session. It wasn't the typical "This is a car and I'm going to talk about it for about an hour". Nope, it was about how Porsche (the company) handles and organizes the massive amount of information it collects. Let me take a moment and explain to everyone what that means. The first thing to keep in mind is Porsche Inc. is a world wide company; they have thousands of dealers in nearly every country. [Not bad for a private company!!]. A very simple example of information



No cars on lifts or greasy parts... this session was about information.

handling is when your car's power window motor fails and you are in Arkansas. You simply pull into a Porsche dealer, they then enter your car's VIN. They will know immediately when and where you bought your car and if the failed item is under warranty. Now lets make it a bit more complicated...... The Arkansas dealer finds out the car is out of warranty but that same motor was replaced twice under warranty at Porsche of Fremont. This makes it a different story. Maybe it's a motor fault from one particular manufacturing run at the supplier? Porsche USA headquarters, in Atlanta, will be aware of the situation and can immediately record it and cross reference it against any other such observations. The dealer in Arkansas will know from the data base if it is an isolated incident, likely to do with this specific car, or maybe it's wide spread. The result would be two very different courses of action. The correct action would be known in a few seconds.

Lets make it a bit more complicated still. The dealer finds out from the data base in Atlanta that the problem is isolated to Boxsters made between 2000 and 2001 but not 911s. So now it appears that it might be a design problem with the Boxster motor if the motors are different between the cars. Again the resultant course of action would be "replace the motor" but now it seems Porsche has a major problem just ready to explode on their hands. To mitigate that problem Porsche can immediately send out a bulletin to every dealer that could warn them of the problem. Porsche can react, before they have an epidemic, to find the cause and fix it. Supposed it was a wiring fault. Porsche could then send out a second bulletin that every Boxster built in 2000 and 2001 have the wiring harness replaced. Maybe they would send out another bulletin saying this is how to fix the problem. Again the solution would get to every dealer in seconds. Just think of the money saved by tracking this kind of info! It was obvious that Porsche is very customer conscious and very forward looking.

Porsche Information Management..

Another good example of info dissemination pertains to shop manuals. I know from working with cars, and from my career, that shop manuals are always wrong and always out of date. No matter how current the manual is, it's obsolete; it's obsolete the moment it comes off the press. Here in the 21st century we have what is known as "the web". In the era before the two software engineers had figured out how to

see when the coffee was ready by sending video images over their phone line, Porsche would send out X million CDs every 90days to their dealers (I can't even comprehend what was sent before CDs, books?? then bulletins to correct the books then notices to update the bulletin.... how much did that cost??). Imagine how old the info is by the time it was printed then shipped then received at the dealer!! Now the engineers in Germany write up the new manual, or bulletin, or correction notice or training course or whatever and send it by pressing a button. It shows up in every technician's email in-box within a few hours. Now the newly released info, although still probably not quite right, is just not so much



Gunter Feldmeister presents his information "digitally."

out of date. Oh and of course you simply select the language you want to read it in. As a side benefit Günter told us that at the end of each training course is an on line test, no more just saying "yep I read it!" It's also a very quick way to find out who has been trained on what and when. And which mechanic needs to be retrained!!

One of the more fun aspects of the tech session was when Günter explained the difference between the typical German Porsche owner and American Porsche owners. The info system was meant to be "worldly universal" but German Porsche owners are real enthusiasts and want every detail recorded. According to Gunter,



...while LPR's tech chairman Jim Bryant takes "analogue" notes.

if he gets 5 minutes of explanation of the car trouble out his American customer he is doing well. American owners will say "funny noise coming from somewhere near the front passenger tire, can you fix it?" and toss the keys over their shoulder as they run out to catch the waiting cab. Comparatively the German will sit for an hour or more describing in excruciating detail when he hears it and when he doesn't.

Speaking of "funny noises", Gunter gave another good example of info handling on a world wide basis. Lets take the example of the previously mentioned fellow who has a "funny noise coming from somewhere near

the front passenger tire". In an effort to get as much info out of us Americans as possible and as quickly as possible, Gunter showed us the computer screen with the outline of your car (presumably of your car you want fixed) and explained how

* Porsche Information Management..

he would go over the problem with the customer. He would ask "point to the place on the car image on the screen where you think the noise is coming from", in this example the customer would point to the area near the front passenger tire. The computer would zoom in on that area and then the question where did it come from asked again. Maybe they could pinpoint it but not likely. The next question asked would be "what kind of noise was it; squeak, rattle, grinding noise, hum, bang, thump, howl, hiss, flapping or chatter" would be asked. The next question asked might be "When do you hear the noise"? Possible answers could be "when you are accelerating, when decelerating, when stopped, when breaking, all the time, only when going over a bump, does it get louder with more speed...etc...?" With those questions answered the computer might respond "probably a faulty water pump". Narrowing the areas to look > definitely a big time saver! So lets say it wasn't the water pump, instead let's say the problem was found to be the wheel bearing. The tech would then enter into the data base "if the customer hears squeaks from the passenger side near the front wheel

and it gets louder with speed it could be the wheel bearing; check this after checking the water pump". This info could be distributed world wide then every Porsche tech would have this same info; what an amazing time saver, what an amazing tool! When entering the info into the data base the tech also has the ability to upload photos and sound recordings. Sound recordings could be very helpful in our example of the wheel bearing noise. Also



Gunter makes his presentation to the small but attentive crowd.

photos are worth a thousand words right, so a picture following the statement "if it looks like this, replace it" could also be invaluable. This is the kind of information that is available to dealers who are networked but not to the independent shops.

The power of such a system could also be used to protect a dealer with a warranty issue. Gunter gave the example of a customer who was having a recurring problem with his sunroof. Gunter went to the computer based info system and looked for help in identifying possible causes. He couldn't find anything. So he put out a general inquiry "I'm having this problem with a sun roof on this year this model car can anyone help?" This info is spread instantly world wide seeking someone who has encountered this problem and found the solution. It turns out that no one answered the inquiry so Porsche Fremont replaced the entire sunroof. Should Porsche's head office ask him to justify the expense incurred he could say "Well, I did a network search and posted the question on line in the forum and no one answered". With the data base history to back up his claim he would have the justification .

At the end of the session Gunter gave out gifts to everyone who came. We all came away with a Porsche shirt or Porsche hat. In closing I want to thank Porsche Fremont and in particular Gunter for hosting another great tech session. Thank you Gunter!



Diablo Region Presents

Zone 7 Gimmick Rally Saturday, July 26th, 2008



Start is at Marie Callender's Restaurant 1101 S. California Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596 • 925.943.7100 First car out at 9:00 A.M.

End by 5:00 P.M. at Porsche of Fremont 5740 Cushing Parkway, Fremont, CA 94538 • 510.623.1111

Fee: \$15.00 per person • Two persons required per car (driver & navigator)

Prizes for Winners • Bring Your Own Lunch

All entrants are invited to join Diablo Region members for breakfast beginning at 8:00 A.M. at the start location in Walnut Creek.

RSVP by July 19th. Make your check payable to Diablo Region PCA and send it to: Christie Bacchus (Event Organizer) 2633 Telegraph Avenue #216, Oakland, CA 94612

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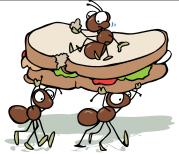
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LPR's Annual Family Picnic Saturday, August 2



This year's picnic will be held at Vasona Lake Park from 11 A.M. until 3 P.M. Your board of directors will be barbecuing hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers.

Members will be asked to bring salads and desserts to share with their friends. There is a \$5 parking fee but this event is otherwise free to the membership.

Park amenities include:

- Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad \$1.50 per person, under 2 years free with paying adult
- o Billy Mason Carousel, \$1.50 per person, under 2 years free with paying adult
- o Playground across parking lot from group area
- o Paddle boats and row boats are available for rental
- Green Machines and recumbent bikes are available for rental
- o We have the shaded Pavilion this year.

Additional activites will include a pinata for the kids, a Smores making contest, and more.

RSVP to Barry Pangrle at bpangrle@comcast.net or 408-446-4624 with a count of how many will attend and the dish that you will bring.

The park entrance is on Blossom Hill Road between University Avenue and Highway 17 in Los Gatos. We will congregate in the Blossom Valley Group Area located just inside the park, at the pavilion. See you there.



By Bob Morgan

photos by Barry Pangrle

We arrived early at Moffett Field because I thought the race started at 9:00am local time. We were met at the gate by our host, Les Schreiber, who helped us get in despite a very protective guard. The guard didn't have the list of names for our party (he

shouldn't have needed it, but he was very interested in keeping us civilians out of the base), but Les convinced him that he should allow us entry. Les then personally escorted us past the second gate, who had the list, and we arrived at the golf course restaurant & pro shop at about 9:15.

The race really started at 10, so amazingly we had lots of time to make our picks.

Our Host, Les Schreiber does it all! He set up the TV in the restaurant. The next thing I saw, he was carrying



The setting was casual... no maitre de...

a CO2 tank into the bar. Les is just a can-do guy. Barry Pangrle had provided Les with a detailed list of participants, including their qualifying times, speed, team, starting

Les Schreiber and Bob Morgan are rapt...

position, pictures of their cars, plenty of information on which to make an educated selection.

We had about 20 LPR people and guests to watch the race, including Karen Morgan's school friend Barbara Appleby, Barry & Suzette Pangrle, Larry & Juanita Brisson, Herb & Bonnie Radding and Larry Para.

First timer Bob Frostholm certainly appeared to enjoy himself as did brand new PCA members Terry and Helena Pence (Les gave Terry & Helena a membership application at the event,

but I believe they will become members-at least I hope we left a good impression). As the race developed

Long-time LPR member Dave Darling even showed up to watch the last 50 laps. Turns out he works in the Information Technology group there and he had a real Moffett badge.

Dan Wheldon & Scott Dixon, both of Target Chip Ganassi Racing traded the lead for most of the early race.

Tony Kanaan took the lead on lap 94. Then crashed a few laps later after he was passed by Scott Dixon and teammate Marco Andretti who took



Herb & Bonnie Radding managed to suppress all visible signs of their excitement.

the lead on lap 121. Subsequent crashes & yellow flags put Dixon back in the lead until Vitor Meira took the lead with 41 laps to go. You remember Vitor, he finished 2nd last year when everyone talked about Danica finishing fourth.



Iuanita & Larry Brisson.

There were many solo crashes and many laps under yellow. So many cars crashed that Barry invented Indy Bingo, where you have cards with all the car numbers, and cross them off as they crash. If you get 5 in a row it's a bingo. Maybe we'll do that next year.

George Grialou from GGR took a little poll about where to get his Boxster serviced now that it's out of warranty. I think we might have recommended one of the POST advertisers to him.

The biggest disappointment to the crowd was when Ryan Briscoe took out Danica Patrick while exiting the pits. After they cleaned up that mess, Scott Dixon took the lead when the green flag was waved. He held on to the lead despite a late charge from Vitor Meira.

Alas the Andretti curse continues. The only Andretti to win the Indy 500 was Mario back in 1969, but they've been trying to win it again all these years. Marco was very close at the end.

Congratulations to Kirby & Mary Jane Hollis and Karen Morgan who picked Scott Dixon to win.

When the race finished only 21 cars were running out of the 33 that started. So many strange events made it a very entertaining race. Let's do it again next year.



Mary Jane and Kirby Holllis.

Remaining Activites Calendar for 2008

September

4th - Board Meeting

7th - Autocross at Marina

12th - Newcomer's Social

13th & 14th - Bass Lake Tour by the Orlandos

27th - Oktoberfest hosted by Tom & SandyProvasi

October

2nd - Board Meeting

4th & 5th - Two Day Tour with the team of Bishop/Seidel

11th - Charity GTG arranged by the Sickals

18th & 19th - Paso Robles/Harvest Tour led by Ed Smith

26th - Autocross at Marina LPR

31st - Halloween GTG at the creepy Morgan house

November

6th - Board Meeting

8th - GTG at the home of Gary & JulieLieber

9th - Planning Meeting for the 2009 activities calendar

December

4th - Board Meeting

6th - Holiday Banquet & Awards Party

13th - Gift Exchange at the home of Bill & lorraine lathe



Zone 7 Autocrosses #4 and #5



Saturday, August 2nd - hosted by Golden Gate Region Sunday, August 3rd - hosted by Loma Prieta Region Marina Airfield, Marina, CA

Morning registration starts at 7:30 A.M and closes at 8:30 A.M.

Afternoon registration starts at 11:30 A.M. and closes at 12:00 P.M.

Fee per driver is \$40.00 per day with a \$10.00 discount for PCA members.

There will be some loaner helmets available.

For directions go to: http://www.pca-ggr.org/node/110

For questions please contact:

GGR Autocross Chair: Carl Switzer at switzer.carl@gmail.com LPR Autocross Chair: Allyson Pickard at allysonpickard@hotmail.com

BASS LAKE TOUR II

September 13th & 14th, 2008

Back by popular demand! Please join us for an exciting drive to what Sunset magazine ranks as one of "The West's Best Lakes." We will tour some great backroads on our way southeast, past beautiful lakes and onto some fantastic roads. Our route is a bit different (found another great road) and our drive time a bit shorter so we can arrive at the lake a bit earlier than last year. We'll have more time to truly enjoy the beauty of Bass Lake and the luxurious lakeside accommodations of the Pines Resort. Bring your racket, swim trunks, tennis shoes or flip-flops, or just a good book; there are lots of things to do or you can simply relax at the panoramic lakeside pool. Just don't forget the camera! After we've have some time to relax, the serious partying gets started when we hop aboard party boats for a fun cruise around the lake. The party continues with a fabulous buffet dinner served in the Boathouse, our private dining room overlooking the lake and the Sierra National Forest.

Lakefront Suite \$445.00/couple (OPTION LF)
- lakefront suites have lake views w/spa baths
Pool/Partial Lakeview \$395.00/couple (OPTION PP)

- pool/partial lakeview suites have obstructed (pine trees) lake views and overlook the pool/lake. These suites do not have spa baths.

Both types of suites are spacious and include fireplaces, wet bars, cable tv w/DVD players, refrigerators, etc. All include a single king size bed.

Cost includes (for two people) the lake cruise, buffet dinner, Saturday night lodging (two options for suites – see above), continental breakfast (served in your suite if you prefer) and tour fee. Individuals, deduct \$46.50 from the total cost. NOT included: Saturday lunch, any drinks/beverages.

The club will occupy 16 of the lodge's 20 suites (10 lakefront and 6 pool/lakeview suites). SPACE IS LIMITED TO 16 CARS. Space and suite choice will be FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED! However, so everyone has an equal opportunity to attend, please do not mail your checks before June 15th!

If you'd like to join us, please mail two checks (one for \$445.00 and another for \$395.00) along with a note identifying your preference in suites (option LF or PP). Your first preference check will be used if space is available, otherwise your alternate check will be used. The remaining check will be destroyed. Please make checks payable to PCA/LPR and mail them to:

Don & Leslie Orlando LPR Bass Lake Tour II 737 Bellerose Dr. San Jose, CA 95128 Questions? Call Don at 408.249.6112 or email: dorlando@sunsetmar-sol.com

PORSCHE, THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE!



by Don Orlando

photos by Don & Lauren Orlando

Success in most things starts with a good plan – then well executed. Simple enough, right?

Well, when George Jansen and I began planning the Memorial Day Tour, we knew a fun route was a key element to a good one-day tour. Highway 25 is certainly one of the best roads around so we planned the route with this road in mind. And, with a tour of the Canepa Design facility in Scotts Valley as a finishing point, our route was coming together. George mentioned that he and buddies in the Ferrari club had driven a similar route so we used it as a basis then made plans to drive and time it.

So, one Saturday in April, George commandeered Virginia's BMW sports sedan and we got together for the dress rehearsal / test run. And man, did George make that car go...

- driver's meeting check
- instructions/goodies check
- ask for an author check
- drive & time check
- check, check, check

Okay, its tour day and we've got 11 cars and their drivers assembled for the drivers meeting. A few LPR regulars were joined by Salvador and Patricia Araiza, who brought along their two beautiful daughters. The Araiza's are members of GGR who were considering joining LPR as dual members. Steve and Susan Group, friends of the Vanacore's are along to scope things out. And finally, Martin Morris, an acquaintance of Mike Zampiceni is along for the drive. Martin had hoped his new Cayman S would be delivered in time for the tour, but no such luck, so he was relegated to driving his beautiful Aston Martin DBS – I don't think anyone was feeling too bad for him.

Memorial Day Tour...

George presented the driver's meeting and in no time at all, we're ready to role. We're on plan and five minutes ahead of schedule! As we're hopping into our cars, Mike showed up (mistake on the meeting time), so now we're up to 12 cars.

George had suggested I lead and he would bring up the rear in his Turbo. With my daughter Lauren as my trusty navigator (she did a great job too), we were off and heading south towards the Gilroy.

We passed through Gilroy making our way to Cienaga Rd. near Hollister. Once on

Cienaga, traffic slowed our progress for the first few miles. Just as the road opened up and our pace picked up a bit, I heard someone on the CB ask, "Where's Randy?" George hadn't realized he was part of the tour (ooops!), so he passed Randy when he pulled over to the side of the road. Realizing our error, we all pulled over and held up until George could double back and check out Randy's situation.

Waiting on Ceinaga road we had an opportunity to visit, check out the cars and snap a few photos. To my pleasant surprise, Tom and Donna



Despite the careful planning, there were a few hitches in the tour's giddyup. Planners George Jansen and Don Orlando.

Micele had joined the tour in Gilroy, so now we're 13 cars.

Maybe 15 minutes passed when a park ranger came along and insisted we move up the road to a safer location; he suggested the Pietra Santa Winery. We couldn't reach George by cell or CB, so we asked the ranger to tell George and Randy that we'd meet them at the winery and he agreed to do so. The group motored up the road a mile or so then turned up the drive to the winery. What a pleasant surprise this little hidden gem turned out to be. I expect it may well be a stop on a future tour.

The winery would open soon, so we waited in the parking lot for George and Randy to arrive. Having that gnawing feeling that George and Randy might need help,



Entering the Pietra Santa Wiinery.

I suggested everyone use the facilities and maybe enjoy a quick glass of wine while Lauren and I went back to check on the guys...

When we caught up with Randy he was limping home in his Turbo Cabriolet with a tire that refused to stay inflated. When I asked Randy where George was, he told us he had headed back just before the ranger had gotten to him. He said he'd be fine, so we rushed back to the winery. No George and we can't reach him either.



Memorial Day Tour...

Although some were reluctant to leave this cool little winery, we finally managed to get everyone together and on the road again. Unfortunately, we're way behind schedule and we'd lost our caboose. The schedule is in serious trouble - time to

roll.

Once we were on Highway 25 - we began making some time and having some fun. This is a great road; if you haven't driven it drive it soon! Then bang - Murphy's Law rears its uglv head again. Just when we're moving along pretty well, we discover the road has



No, this is not Mike Zampiceni's latest ride, it was a decorative, and apparently interactive, display at the winery.

recently been resurfaced with sand and oil – ugh! The group spaced out a bit and slowed to save their cars from the grit. Much closer to King City, the road cleaned up and it wasn't long before we pulled into King City. (Note: We had finally managed to reach George on his cell only to discover he had thought he would catch us on the way to King City. He was already there enjoying his lunch.)

With an abbreviated lunch schedule, the group split-up to enjoy a quick lunch and in Martin's case, a refuel for his very thirsty (V12) Aston Martin. When we finally left King City for the second portion of our tour, we were still behind schedule but the group was together again.

We motored up a couple of fun roads on our way to that twisty little gem known as Carmel Valley Road. Final destination - Canepa Design in Scotts Valley. And while we took advantage of this cool little road. I think this is a good opportunity to remind all that we need to respect the local residents, whether human or otherwise, and their space. In future tours, please join me in making a conscientious effort to respect the space, safety and environment of locals when motoring down their roads.

With a quick stop in Carmel Valley Village, we emptied or filled our tanks as necessary, inspected our cars and of course, talked about the drive and our rides. The group soon made its way over the hill to Highway 1 and north to Scotts Valley.

Even with the group arriving late, the staff at Canepa Design was great. They provided more than enough time for everyone to enjoy their great facility and fantastic cars.

Moral of the story – even good plans can go awry. Be flexible, have an alternate plan if possible, but above all – stay cool and have fun.

Our sincere thanks to all who participated in the tour and to Canepa Design for opening their facility to us. A special mention to the Araiza and Micele families for decorating their cars in a cool, patriotic theme. Your prizes will get to you soon.

Hope to see you on a tour soon.

The Harvest Tour October 18 & 19





Plan on joining your LPR buddies for a fun filled weekend with a visit to Paso Robles and San Simeon for the Harvest Festival. We will tour a few wineries and visit the Pasolvio Olive Oil production facility in West Paso Robles.

We have reservations for 20 rooms at San Simeon Pines, with heated pool, 9 hole golf and other amenities. Dinner will be at the Hamlet, overlooking San Simeon Bay.

On Sunday, after a continental breakfest we will make the drive north along Highway 1 and the beautiful California coast.

Mark your calendars.

More details and reservation information in next month's POST.

Loma Prieta Region PCA

Minutes of the June 2008 Board Meeting

The June Board Meeting was held on June 5, 2008 at The Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave, San Jose and was called to order at 7:27 pm by President Ed Tefankjian. Board members and Chairpersons present at the meeting were: Ed Tefankjian, Bob & Karen Morgan, Don Orlando, Joe & Cheryl Pruss, Jim Bryant, John Reed, Ken



Iles, Allyson Pickard, Kevin Bennett and Bill Highley. Other members in attendance were Karen Tefankjian, June Iles, Jennifer Bryant, Mike Lommatzsch, Angie Sharp.

John Reed moved to approve the May meeting minutes and Karen Morgan seconded the motion. May's minutes were approved.

Directors' Reports

President: Ed Tefankjian

Ed spoke about Parade 2008. Also about the GGR picnic. In reviewing the tour expenses, it was advised that Tours should charge enough to cover expenses and still leave \$5 per car for the club.

Vice-President: Barry Pangrle

Barry was not able to attend the meeting.

Secretary: Bob Morgan

Bob had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: George Jansen

George was not at the meeting but he sent a report showing our income for May exceeded our expenses by \$265 with YTD income netting nearly \$800.

Activities: John Reed

John said all the insurance waivers have been received for June. Observer reports have been filed for the May Tour and Autocross. No changes to the 2008 Calendar. July events will be filed next week.

Membership: Les Schreiber

Les could not attend but sent the following report:

New members from PCA (5)

- Kjetil Hustveit (Norway) 1987 911
- Betty Jean (Santa Cruz) 2006 997
- Jeff Lopez (San Jose) 1997 Boxster
- Arthur Milton (Santa Cruz) 2006 997
- Sean Morrissey (Los Gatos) 2002 Boxster S

Transfers in (4)

- Jeff & Victoria Abramson (Los Gatos) 1998 944 from Oregon (OR)
- Elvin & Bruce Ambler (Los Gatos) 1980 911 from GGR
- Alexander & Alex (Son) Eagle III (Los Gatos) 1984 911 from GGR
- Blair & Mary Hankins (San Jose) 1987 911 from GGR

Transfers out (2)

- Patrick & Kimberly Hughes to GGR
- Buzz & Julia Lynn to Sierra Nevada (SNV)

New Dual Membership (1)

- Minutes...
- Rodney and Roxanne Rapson

Dual Membership Awaiting Renewal (1)

John Chakel

Membership that Expired Last Month (5/31/08)

• Six (6)

Reinstated Members (renewal > two months) (0)

• Jeff & Victoria Abramson (Also a new transfer in member from (OR))

LPR Membership

• 6-1-08 Total = 571 (Primary = 318, Affiliates = 253)

Karen moved and John seconded the motion to accept the new members.

Member-At-Large: Karen Morgan

Karen reported that all have responded with articles for the Region of the Year Application. Kevin has submitted the Region of the Year application. Thanks to all who helped.

Committee Reports:

Editor: Kevin Bennett

Kevin is concerned that the website is not being updated as frequently as usual. Greg is involved in family issues and so is not readily available.

Advertising: Bill Highley

Bill Highley reported that there are two new advertisers.

Safety: John Reed

John expressed a reminder about holding down the speeds of tours. We need to obey the speed laws. Not all tourers are comfortable with exceeding the speed limit and we need to be mindful of that.

Tours: Don Orlando

Don reported that the Mother's Day Tour went fine. The Memorial Day tour had a few issues. The upcoming tours have been updated on-line.

Tech: Jim Bryant

The Swap Meet was wonderful. The tally was \$1610 for the stalls, \$600 for the concours, We netted about \$600 from the food booth. We should have a total tally next month. Two more tech sessions are in development.

Autocross: Allyson Pickard

Allyson reported a loss for the most recent autocross, but over the year we've still made money. Allyson will be working with the other regions and the 914 club to better publicize the autocrosses. Ed will help promote the autocross as well.

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Joe & Cheryl submitted \$95, monies received at the swap meet.

Charity: Sue Sickal

Sue was not at the meeting.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken reported that he's submitted a three event article to Panorama for the August issue.

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

Pete was not present at the meeting. There are some D/E events coming up from GGR.

Old Business:

Region of the Year Award was submitted.

New Business:

Next Year's Swap meet will be the 20th annual. We want to do something special. Nomination was made to make Jim Bryant & Bob Morgan co-chair the event. The 912 group, R-Gruppe & other groups have attended the event in the past. We want to involve them more next year. Perhaps we can involve them in the Concours.

Ed brought the new badge that Les has been investigating with a new supplier. We can revisit it at the next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.



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