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## Editor's Note

This edition marks the end of my first full year editing the *Prieta Post*. During this past year I learned much more about Creative Suite software, printing, postal regulations than I had thought was ever required, but I also learned about how key the *Prieta Post* is to the fabric of LPR. As a member of the Nominating Committee I took part in the tabulation of our voting and the survey results. Surprisingly, with some folks identifying their ballot with a return address, I noticed that people who had not even gone on certain tours or participated in specific events had voted for that particular event as the best. It is telling to me that we have members who could have only learned about the events through the words and photos in the *Prieta Post*.

Also I noticed the 80/20 rule was applicable. About 20% of the membership voted and the majority wanted a printed edition of the *Prieta Post*. I know that this 20% represents the members I see at the meetings, autocrosses, tours and GTG's; it's the core of our membership. Like me they like to see the tangible proof of their club and the camaraderie. They like to hold it and share it with their friends and family.

I have gone through a learning curve with the *Prieta Post* this year. I have tried different embellishments and techniques to make it something of my own. I also submitted the February and March editions to PCA national for the annual competition, for critique only because competitive submissions must have been from the prior year, and was surprised to have received high scores for the *Prieta Post* from the team of 5 national PCA judges. Next year we can submit for the competition and I hope to do so.

I've also learned during this past year that publishing this monthly newsletter requires the support and contributions from many members, too many to list here. During this time of year we give others thanks and I want to thank all those who have assisted me in making the *Prieta Post* one of the best PCA newsletters. See page 39. -**Steve Mitchell**

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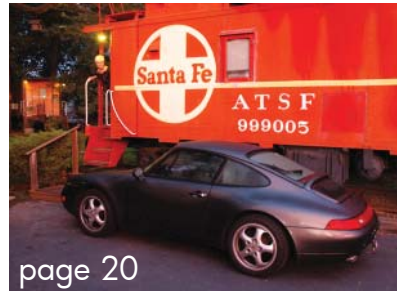
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LPR members enjoy perfect weather during the Featherbed Railroad Company Tour.

Photo by Johnny Musser



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# Calendar

## what's happening in the Region

**December 3, Thursday - Board Meeting.** Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose. 7:00 pm.

**December 5, Saturday - Annual Holiday Awards Banquet.** Coyote Creek Golf Club, Morgan Hill. 6:30 pm, Page 11.

**December 6, Sunday - Christmas in the Vineyards.** Tour of the Livermore Wineries. Details on Page 19.

**December 8, Tuesday - 40th Anniversary Committee Meeting.** Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose. 7:00 pm.

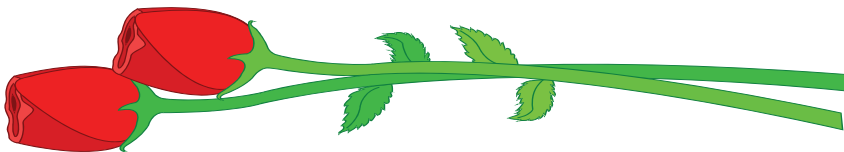
**December 13, Sunday - Gift Exchange GTG.** Home of the Highley's. Details on page 15.

**January 7, Thursday - Board Meeting.** Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose. 7:00 pm.

**January 16, Saturday - GTG-Need someone to host, Call Jackie.**

**January 24, Sunday - Wine & Roses Tour.** A tour of three new wineries in Lodi and dinner in Livermore. Depart 10:45 am Details in next month's Prieta Post.

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## LES'S RAMBLINGS

Les Schreiber



**In a time of personal hardship,** I have been in Richmond Virginia for the past two weeks, being beside my terminally ill brother who passed away on Sunday November 8th at 5:15 am. He was my oldest brother, and one that I shared two different tours of duty with, while I was in the Navy. My first tour

on board ship in 1952, working for him in the bake shop, and my last tour in 1972, while we were both stationed at the Naval Training Center in San Diego. He will be missed by me and my other brothers and sister. Keep him and us in your prayers.

I want to thank all that voted in the past election for our new board members, and to also let you know, that the majority that did vote on our survey, indicated that they still want us to publish the POST. Thank You. The new board members will be installed at our end of the year party, and take their respective post in January. The members that were voted for various awards, will receive them at our end of the year party also, so come out and congratulate them on their awards and enjoy the party.

On another note, I cannot let a note by our editor in the November POST go without a comment. His note was about "the exodus of our leadership and chair people from their positions". To explain this exodus is- the people that are leaving the board was because their two year term is up, and according to our by-laws or Policies & Procedures they can only serve two years at one position, so, yes we will have some new board members next year, and I am really looking forward to new blood, new ideas for our membership, and I really appreciate those that filled those positions for the past two years. For the committee members, yes, we did have some say "that they had served long enough", in most cases 5 years. My thanks to them also, as without them, we would not have had as successful a club without them. We do have new people willing to take on these positions.

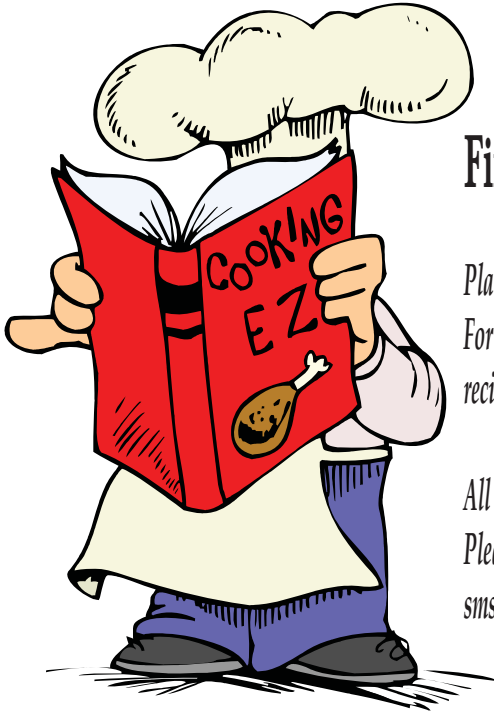
Before I left on this trip, I had accompanied the tour sponsors John & Angie Reed, & Kevin & Debbie Bennett as well as other LPR members on the Featherbed Railroad Tour- a wonder mid-week tour and I hope you will read about it in this issue. It was a great tour and a lot of fun.

Other events that I wasn't able to attend, but hear they were great was the Photo Rally that Bob Frostholm and I worked up, and the Halloween Party at the Morgans. I hope you had the opportunity to attend.

I look forward to the November Pasta Party at the Bennett's and the year end party at Coyote Creek Golf Course.

Till then.-*Les Schreiber*





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## letters to the PRIETA POST

Jackie,

A Pleasant surprise for your reply and thanks for the invite [to the Annual Awards Banquet].

If we were able to attend, it wouldn't be the same without "RED ROCKET 4". She doesn't have any FF miles, just 27,000 Km ground time, not bad for being born in '05.

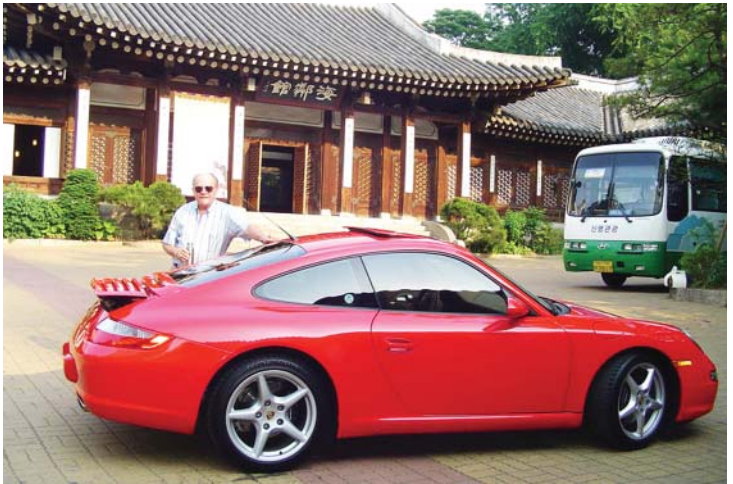
I'm a retired pilot, and tried to teach her how to fly, but she absolutely refused to leave the ground, something to do with aerodynamics I suppose.

The folks here in the Korea PCK are just as kind and down to earth as ALL PORSCHE owners are.

There are between 400-800 in country, depending who is talking.

356s,928s 914s, all kinds of 911s including: a GT! and an GT3 RSR, sadly, it's in the hospital.

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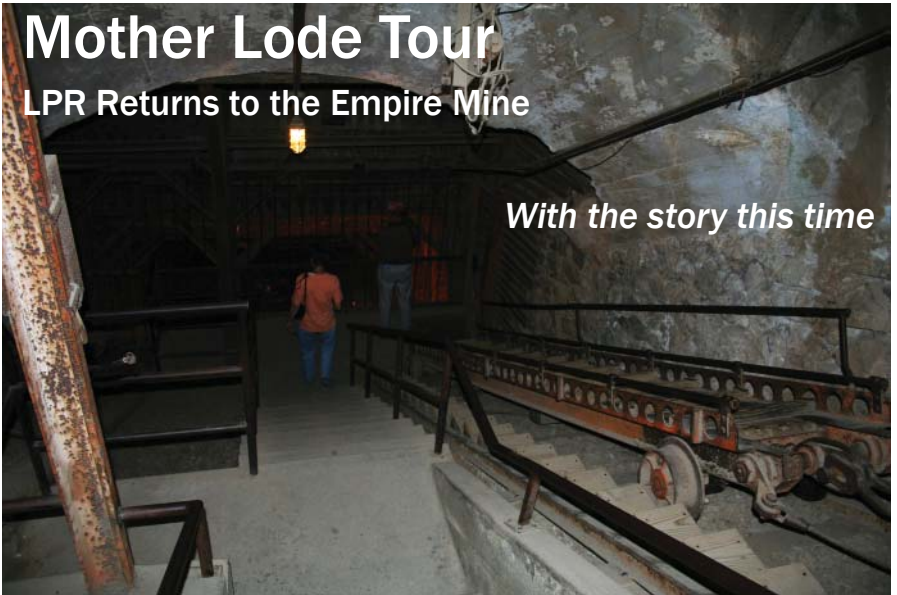
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*A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn in LPR's name, contact Jackie for details. The hotel will have shuttle service.*

# Mother Lode Tour

LPR Returns to the Empire Mine

*With the story this time*



*Story by Johnny and Kathy Musser, photos by Vince Vincent*

I have finally found a drawback to living in Santa Cruz. To make the drivers meeting in Livermore at 8:15 AM we had to get up at 5:00 AM. That is very early, now that I live in the “Land of no Mondays”, also known as retirement. Knowing I needed to save my strength for the arduous tour driving I was a generous husband and let Kathy drive the Porsche to the meeting point, while I rested my eyes.

After the Paul and Nanci’s drivers meeting, we drove through the Altamont Pass. The roads ran below the 580 Freeway and among the forest of power generating windmills. While I have seen them many times from the freeway, it is very impressive to drive through them at ground level as they slowly spin. Then we were out of the pass, through Tracy and heading north into the islands of the delta. For part of the drive we were up on the levee and you could see water on one side and farm land on the other. I did a double take because something looked strange; the water on the left was higher than the land on the right. If the levees ever fail there will be thousands of acres of farms under water. We were quickly out of farm country and into Stockton and our first pit stop where all those who had too much coffee at breakfast ran for the restrooms at McDonalds.

After the stop we made a short traverse through Stockton on the freeway and then onto highway 88 and out into the farm country on the east side of the valley. We went through the little valley towns (intersections) of Lockeford, Clay, and Sloughhouse. There was one reminder of the state of the economy, a housing development of large houses with several acres of land and horse corrals. It looked like a ghost town complete with tumbleweeds as 90% of the homes appeared to be empty. We left the country and entered the city of Folsom for



our lunch stop at the Sudwerks on the River. As you can guess from the name it is a micro brewery and it is on the bluffs overlooking the American River. The good food and enjoyable view made for a very nice lunch break.

When we left the restaurant the group had an occult experience, or perhaps it was a disturbance in the Force. Shortly after we left the restaurant it appears that the spirit of Ken Isles, or at least of his sense of direction, possessed Paul and Nanci. They made a left turn instead of a right at an intersection and we had to make a u-turn, this



resulted in the front half of the group being able to wave at the back as we passed in opposite directions. No sooner had they gotten us back on course when we missed a turn and had to execute another u-turn. After this Ken's spirit appeared to leave us and the remaining miles to Grass Valley passed uneventfully.

We arrived at the Empire mine just in time to take a tour of the owner's summer residence, "The Cottage". The

mine was owned by the Bourn Family from 1869 until 1929. The Cottage was designed and built by Willis Polk a well known San Francisco architect in 1897. He also designed their home in San Francisco in 1896 and the FLOLLI mansion in Woodside, which LPR toured earlier this year. The home was built in an English Manor style using waste rock from the mine and brick from Sacramento. The interior was finished in heart redwood which even with no finish looks like it was just finished. The Cottage has a living room, dining room, writing room, pantry, kitchen, and storage rooms



on the first floor. The upper floor had four bedrooms and two baths for the owners and three rooms with a common bath for the housekeeper and servants. In total size it is 4600 square feet. I guess that you can call a 4600 square foot house a cottage if you also have a 47 room mansion with 36,000 square feet.

After the tour we drove over to the Grass Valley Courtyard Suites to move into our very comfortable rooms and unload our luggage. We barely got our things put away when it was time for a blind wine tasting organized by our tour leaders Paul and Nanci. They kept it simple, they had 4 wines and all we had to do was determine from which variety of grape they were made. Several people did quite well

but many of the group, including myself, couldn't get beyond red kind or white kind. After the tasting it was time to take our sophisticated palates out to dinner.

We took a short walk through historic downtown Grass Valley to Tofanelli's Gold Country Bistro. We were seated outside on their nicely decorated patio where we were entertained by the Ruff and Ready Fruit Jar Pickers. The nearly 20 member band played country, bluegrass, and parodies of old standards using a wide range of interesting instruments including banjo, guitar, violin, homemade bass and even the washboard. The music was a great accompaniment to the great food and good company.

Sunday morning found Kathy and I taking a short walk with 8 or 10 other LPR member for a tour of the historic Holbrooke Hotel. The current building was built in 1862 from stone and brick with heavy iron doors and a roof covers with a 12 inch layer of dirt and brick to protect it from fire. The rooms are decorated in civil war period style with many antiques and claw foot tubs in the baths. Over the years many famous people have stayed at the hotel including Presidents: Ulysses S Grant, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison

and James Garfield. Authors Mark Twain and Bret Harte were also guests. Laurie Delimon missed the hotel tour because, while trying to be efficient and get everything loaded for the trip home, she locked the only set of keys that she and her husband Kurt had brought along. So while he toured the hotel Laurie waited for AAA. Unfortunately they have one of those new-fangled Boxsters and the tools that AAA uses will cause the car to disable itself, so it can't be stolen. Nice guy of the tour award goes to Gary Goelkel who drove Kurt back to the Bay Area to get another set of keys. With the second set of keys Kurt and Laurie were able to start the car and were seen leaving for home in the late afternoon. Kathy and I were staying another day in Grass Valley so we were unable to attend the wine tasting in Lodi that was arranged for the return trip home, but the tour was fun with good roads, good food and most importantly good people to share it with. •



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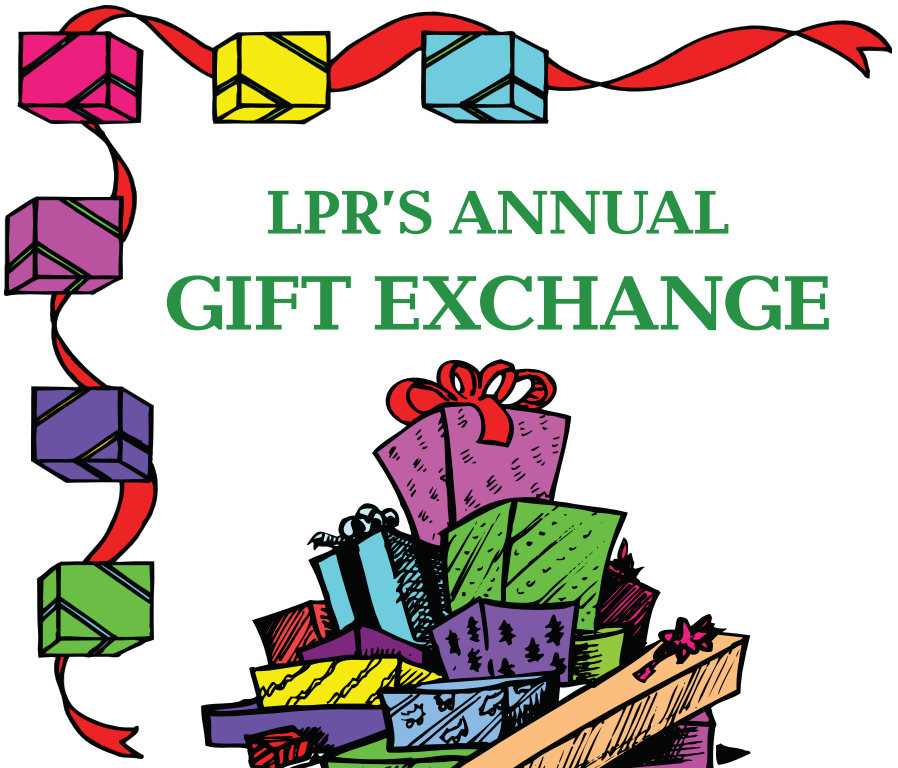
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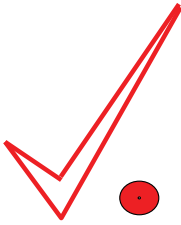
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## Checkpoint

Robert Frostholm



**Somewhere in this issue** you should be seeing a write up and the results for the Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins Photo Rallye run on Oct 24th. We had 18 cars sign up and 16 run the rallye (one no show and one poor soul went to the wrong Hobee's for the start. I guess we can imagine how he would have placed. ☐ ) My co-rallye master for this event, Les Schreiber, was not able to be with us due to a family emergency... but he

was there in spirit and we look forward to having him back in California soon.

I think with 16 cars for the event, people are starting to catch the rallye spirit. A good time was had by all and Ken & June Isles, you may remember Ken and June from that famous TV series, "LOST", managed to place second. Well done, Isles family (of course they did have some help from Debbie and Kevin Bennett). It seems taking second place was just the right amount of encouragement to get Ken to suggest we bring back the Gymkhana next year. Does he know what he's getting into????

A Gymkhana is sort of a cross between a rallye and an autocross. It has rallye type instructions, a smaller and tighter course than an autocross, and a bevy of silly things you have to do while completing the course. For example, here are a few gimmicks for a Gymkhana:

- o At a point on the course, the car must stop and navigator must throw 5 cards into a hat without leaving the car. Lots of fun on a windy day.
- o Or, the car must stop mid course and driver/navigator switch positions.
- o Or, on one part of the course there may be a series of S curves, that dead ends... then you have go in reverse and navigate back through them.... A bit like the Wallace's wheel chair ride if you attended their GTG in August.

There are a thousand and one gimmicks that can be combined and of course the idea is to have fun and laugh at one another in the process. When executed properly, Gymkhana participants look a bit like the Keystone Cops.

I'll be encouraging Ken and June in this endeavor for our 2010 calendar planning session.

Cheers, Bob





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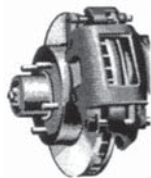
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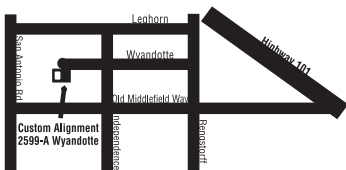
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# MEMBER NOTES



Barry Pangrle

This month's report includes the anniversaries that were omitted from last month's report as well as the anniversaries for this month. Ken and June Iles are celebrating their 40th anniversary in PCA. Congratulations Ken and June. (They must have joined the club before they were old enough to drive.) In addition,

Jerry Cvitanich, Linda Grigsby and Ed & Rosemary Tavares are all celebrating club anniversaries of at least 20 years.

It's also good to see that Bob Petersen has returned to California from the Great White Northern State of North Dakota. (Bob had never seen it snow sideways before!)

Happy Motoring Everyone!

## New Members

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## Anniversaries

### 40th

Ken & June Iles	Los Altos	1999 Carrera Cab
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### 25th

Jerry Cvitanich	San Jose	1958 Coupe
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### 20th

Linda Grigsby	Los Altos	
Ed & Rosemary Tavares	San Ramon	1987 911 Cab

### 15th

Linda Sessions	San Jose	
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### 10th

Laura Watts	Sunnyvale	
Jeff Yang	Santa Clara	1972 911
Hugh & Nancy Calvin	Scotts Valley	2000 Boxster
Johan-Frank Dirickx	Belgium	1993 964

## 5th

Roger & Ann Bundlie	Los Gatos	1995 911
Brian Cvianich	San Jose	
Andy Ward & Debra Hale	Capitola	2008 Cayman S
Mona Dyer	Sunnyvale	
Randy French	Aptos	1996 911 Targa
Jim Johnson	Sunnyvale	1964 356sc

New members from PCA: 1, Transfers in: 2, Transfers out: 1

Memberships that expired last month (10/31/09): 7, renewal's: 7

**LPR Membership 11/09: Total = 535** (Primary = 297, Affiliates = 238)

# Christmas in the Vineyards



**When: Sunday, December 6th**

**Time : 11:45am to 4pm**

**Where: Livermore Wineries**

If the weather is nice, bring a few snacks to share on our stops.

This is a very informal event. Some wineries may charge \$5.

The wineries will be decorated for the holidays and most will offer special food and wine pairings. This was so much fun last year it is being repeated this year.

We will meet at Casa Real/Ruby Hills Vineyards on Highway 84  
(Livermore/Pleasanton)

Take 680 N to Highway 84 (toward Livermore) Turn Left on Isabel and an  
immediate Left turn into the vineyards.

To join the fun email Nanci at [nbishop1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nbishop1@sbcglobal.net).  
Please include if you will be staying for and early casual dinner.

# Featherbed Railroad

## Company Tour



*Photos by Johnny Musser  
and John Reed*

*All Aboard. . .*

*Day 1 of the Featherbed Railroad Tour*

*LPR's midweek tour of the 3R's -*

*Members that are Reckless. . . Restless. . . Retired!!!!*

**A**LL ABOARD. . . Bellowed our conductor, John Reed. . . his engineer, Angie was nearby ensuring that all our cars were on track and ready to take off! The Herz's, Bennett's, Smith's, Wallace's, Musser's, Britschgi's, Highley's, Schreiber and our caboose, the Jansen's, were ready to roll! (NOTE - Virginia and George Jansen would only tour with us to Calistoga). Full steam ahead. . . and away we go! CB's were set for the usual Channel 15. . . the tour was nice and easy - 60-70 mile per hour pace - zipping along the country roads. The weather was perfect for our mid-week tour. We joked, we chatted, we sang - in the usual LPR manner. Before we knew it, we were

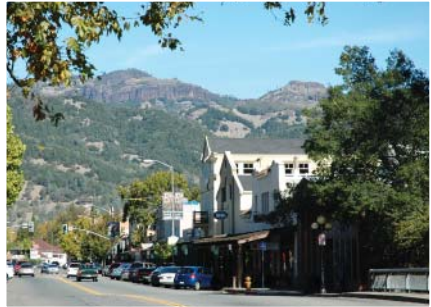
### **Tour Day One, story by Emilie Highley**

arriving at our Calistoga lunch stop . . . famished. . . lots of choices for eats - Mexican, the brewery, deli - we split up, but synchronized our watches for the time to regroup for the 2nd part of our journey.

Bill and I went off with the Jansen's, Wallace's, Herz's, Smith's, Britschgi's and Pres Les to catch a bite at the Hydro Bar & Grill. Seems like everyone

was talking at the same time and then someone mentioned Ohio – well, my ears perked up. Can you believe it – there were 5 of us from various parts of Ohio – small world! OOPS, seems like we are running a little late, so I called our conductor and said we were on our way. . .and not to leave without us! All present and accounted for – and away we went! Prez Les was now the ‘caboose’! We drove through some beautiful country side – trees with leaves that were turning their colors. Once we came upon the Clearlake area, the route took us along the lake and its incredible views!

OK, so what’s a tour without the ‘Spirit of Ken Iles’ being with us????? Engineer Angie instructed us to exit and turn right. . . Another OOPS, not to mention a wrong turn (it was obvious to us all that Ken and June don’t have to be on a tour and WE still will take a wrong turn!). . . A quick correction and moments later we were turning into the Featherbed Railroad B & B Park. We all pulled in – side-by-side. Our hosts Peggy and Tony were not quite ready for us, so we relaxed and had an afternoon coffee and cookies. Shortly, our hosts asked us to gather around – instructions were given



that once we filled out the necessary paperwork we were to pull one of the “Hobo” sticks (sticks with a red bandana tied to the end). . .each of the Hobo sticks contained the key to our Caboose and another goodie or two. Bill and I were among the first to finish our paperwork. . .Bill had been ‘eyeing’ one of the sticks, so we pulled it. . .the key to our Caboose was labeled “Easy Rider” (OK, so I had no clue on what to expect). . .

Here’s what everyone else pulled.  
. . Russ & Doris – Wild Wild West.  
. . Rudi & Joanna – Rose Bud. .  
.Kevin & Debbie – Orient Express.  
. .Dick & Mary – Lovers. . John & Kathy – Wine Country. . .Ed & Donna – La Loose Caboose. . .Pres Les – Tropical Caboose and John & Angie – Casablanca. WOW – can’t wait to see them all!!!! Before we went





off to our Caboose's, Peggy & Tony announced that they had arranged for a wine tasting with one of the local wineries. Wine tasting at 4:45! We all ventured off to our Caboose's – which were all on railroad tracks and surrounded a greenbelt area, complete with old fashioned street lights, trees, a swing and even an old fashion red phone booth (which Debbie and I proceeded to get into). Across the road was the lake and boat docks AND the sun would soon be setting over the calm water.

We arrived at our Caboose – Easy Rider – OMG!!! (that's slang for Oh My Gosh). . . I had a flashback of 'Easy Rider'. . .our caboose carried the Easy Rider theme – ¾ to scale Harley, black leather rocking chair with saddlebags, mini bar with black leather stools, LARGE black Jacuzzi tub with a Harley picture on the wall that lit up and complete with a little rubber yellow ducky, step up to a queen bed with a feather mattress, leopard spread, black pillows, What a HOOT!



Just had enough time to unpack and freshen up, grab out appetizers and head back to the 'club house' for wine tasting, appetizers and then a prepared dinner. The local Lake County winery was Shannon Ridge Vineyards (Kelseyville, CA) – Joey Luiz, their wine manager, described each wine that we would be tasting and then let us 'sample away'. I was partial to the 2008 Chardonnay and purchased a bottle. . .Wine tasting continued as appetizers were brought out in the usual LPR style – we feasted, drank more wine, as well as the famous Kevin & Debbie Margarita's and G & T's served by Rudi Herz. 6:00 rolled around and it was time to sit down to a dinner prepared by our hosts. It was great to be in one spot for all the eating and drinking and not have to worry about driving.

After dinner, Kevin Bennett introduced us all to the Poker Trivia Game that we would be playing over the next 2 days. We all had to partner up. . .Wait a minute here. . .someone mentioned that Angie was on loan to Prez Les AND money was being exchanged between Bigg John and Les. . .for WHAT? Angie – just what are YOU up to????? Are you worth only \$5.00????? Are we playing "Let's make a deal?????"

The first part of the poker game was to write down the name of the famous actor or actress that played in a series that used to be on TV. . . This was not easy – in fact, Bill & I, along with the Kathy & Johnny Musser got only 2 correct – each couple won a prize. More poker trivia tomorrow morning at breakfast and then again in the evening after dinner.



After a bit more wine and socializing, we all began to wander off to our rooms to settle in for the evening. Bill and I pulled back the comforter on our bed only to reveal that there were Harley motorcycle handlebars at the head of the bed. . . wonder what those are for???????? As we laid our weary bodies down on the soft and comfortable feather bed, I glanced up at the ceiling. . . OMG. . . mirrors on the ceiling. . . what a HOOT! Should make for an interesting night. . . Good night one and all. . . more tomorrow!

## Tour Day Two & Three by Mary Wallace

After a good night's sleep in our feather beds, the Reckless, Restless, and Retired group eagerly devoured the scrumptious fritata that our hosts Tony and Peggy prepared for our breakfast. Kevin's trivia contest continued with victims attempting to identify stars of old TV westerns.

The Herz and Smith cars decided to stay at camp caboose and partake of the local environment. The remaining seven drove around the top end of Clear Lake, stopped for gas, and onto the highway 175 which was a delightful but twisty road over the top of a pass with fantastic views of the valleys below. We passed by scenic

vineyards with each varietal turning a slightly different color and also saw distant fog and clouds. Pres Les had the "tail end Charlie" job and performed admirably. Lots of banter on the CB's about the road improvement construction, mud, gravelly crap, etc.

Our first destination was Kendall Jackson winery. We had a hard time getting there because our leader John Reed distracted by construction and



imbued with the spirit of Ken Iles, drove past the exit (although warned via CB). We finally arrived at Kendall Jackson. The tasting room was beautiful; and better yet after a two hour drive, nice restrooms. We tasted some wine in the tasting room and then our guide Bill took us outside for a tour of the gardens featuring herbs, fruit trees, and vegetables which were appropriate for describing various wines as well as vegetables good for food pairings. Very interesting and lovely as all the camera clicking verified.



With the tasting finished, we were onward to Healdsburg for lunch. We all ended up choosing the same restaurant. The inside folks, Reeds, Bennetts, and Les Schreiber decided they were responsible for their “children” the outside folks, Britschgis, Mussers, Highleys, and Wallaces. In spite of treating the outside folks as children, they refused to pay for our food. What poor parents!

More great Porsche roads as we twisted and turned our way back to the cabooses. CB talk about old TV and Radio shows brought on by Kevin’s morning quiz. What was the name of Tonto’s horse? And classic Porsche poetry from our erstwhile leader.

*“A time to live, a time to die.*

*A time to drive Porsches with  
someone’s hand on your thigh”*

Back at the train station we sampled more great hors d’oeuvres and wine before dinner. Kevin again challenged our memories by asking us to name the nine Supreme Court justices. Later he tried our brains with more movie trivia and a ranking of male movie stars by height. Good grief I forgot to bring my tape measure.



At dinner we feted some October anniversaries (Reeds, Highleys, Mussers) and birthdays (Debbie Bennett, Russ Britschgi, Mary Wallace). Kevin’s poker contest continued with contestants in the trivia contests getting to draw and throw away cards. The Reeds had several nice gifts to pass out determined by drawing names from an envelope. By the end of this second night almost everyone had a prize of some sort.

A few had to leave early Thursday morning but the rest of us enjoyed another great breakfast. After bidding hosts Tony and Peggy farewell, we all headed out in different directions to head home. The Reeds and Bennetts really put on a good tour for us - Many thanks. •





## Featherbed Tour



*LPR midweek tour participants take a moment to pose outside Kendall-Jackson Winery.*



*The Highleys, Herzs and Wallaces enjoy dinner back at the cabooses.*

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# Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins Photo Rallye/Tour & GTC



*Story by Don Orlando, photos John Reed*

Take one part Porsche, add a splash of visual challenge, insert a dash of speed, a downfall of sunshine, then top it all off with a huge scoop of fun and you've got one hell of a good time! Read on for the latest in yet another "Good Time Region" event.

It was 8:30 on a Saturday morning and we'd met at Hobee's in Los Gatos. It was a beautiful day – cabriolet weather. Packets were distributed, forms signed and fees collected. Though some members grouped up and drove their "other" cars, there was a variety of gleaming Porsches present, from old to new. As usual, we visited with old friends and met some new.

Around 8:45, Bob got everyone to quiet down and called the Driver's Meeting to order. He reviewed the day's event, explaining it was a self-paced, photo rallye/tour of the Santa Cruz Mountains. He also explained the two important components of our packets: a.) road directions and b.) a dozen or so photos (in random order) of landmarks along the route.

Unlike some of the more involved/challenging rallyes where you must monitor your speed closely, this was a casual, self-paced event. And while the road directions were straight forward, the trick was to see/catch the various landmarks along the route then note your odometer reading next to the photo. Seemed simple enough. Do well and win great prizes at the end – cool.

*Opposite page, Bob and Ken provide each other with directional advice; Below, Rallye Master Bob reveals the photo clues, key to this Rallye.*



Odometers set to zero and the first car was released at 9:00.

The route started with a nice cruise over Hwy 17 to Scotts Valley. While it was clear some drivers would take a more leisure pace, others preferred a slightly more spirited approach (you know who you are).

After exiting 17 towards Scotts Valley, we happened upon the Ryder's in their 993 cab. Lillie Echevarria was behind, flying solo in her Cayman S. With speedy Doug leading the way, our eagle-eyed navigators had their hands full directing turns while trying to catch those elusive/sneaking landmarks. With my brother Dick following us in his new Carrera S, we enjoyed the drive through Felton and Boulder Creek all the while watching, watching... Even though we missed a couple landmarks in Felton, we successfully eyed the murals (ie. James Dean – Porsche aficionado) in and near Boulder Creek.



*The orderly, sort of, exit from Hobee's in Los Gatos.*

A quick u turn and we were headed back towards Felton. Thankfully, we weren't clipping along too quickly when we spotted the Alba Rd turn off. Someone in a Boxster set a fun pace as he led us up this great, twisty road. (If you're reading this – good job.). A great, new road for many of us, it eventually brought us to another set of fun roads – Empire Grade, Pine Flat and Bonny Doon. Soon we arrived at the first checkpoint – the Beauregard Winery.

Some members checked-in, visited with friends for a bit, and then continued down Boony Doon Rd. towards Hwy 1 and the coast. Others chose to enjoy a taste of the grape and browsed through the winery.



*Don, Angie, Kevin and Richard pose at the Beauregard Winery checkpoint.*

When we left the winery, Leslie jumped into Dick's car and they took the lead for the second half of the rallye. Onto Hwy 1 and we were headed north towards Pescadero. A bit of fog got things a little cool with the top down, but with the heater on and the wind-stop flipped up I was good-to-go. Besides, when Dick ripped past me once, I could hear that fantastic sound coming from his "S" with the sport exhaust option – sweet! Damn near as nice as the wonderful sounds originating from classic, air-cooled Porsches! ;-)



A couple more turns and we're onto Stage Rd. Now this is one bad-ass, twisty, bumpy road. Yeah, a ton of fun, but clearly a road where Porsche's new suspension technology puts the old to shame. With Dick leading at a "spirited" pace, I soon realized I was getting a bit beat-up in my 993 (w/Euro M030 suspension). It's fantastic on relatively smooth roads, but clearly out-classed by the PASM Sport suspension available in the new cars. While Dick could set his PDK and PASM to sport mode, he's also able to set the shocks to a softer mode. Hit a switch on the dash, and it was bye-bye, little brother!

The rallye/tour continued up the Santa Cruz Mountains past Alice's restaurant and down Woodside Rd to Hwy 280. Soon we arrived at the Frosthholm's

beautiful home for a pool-side bbq. We were greeted by Deb who had been hard at work preparing a fantastic assortment of salads, sausages and other treats. While the group enjoyed the great fare and shared the day's adventure, Bob and John Reed tallied the scores.

Once again, the Araiza family took top honors with a score of only 2.8 points (Yes, that is a very good score.). They were followed closely by the Iles and Bennett team with just 5.7 points. (Clearly, lots of eyes on the lookout is the way to go.) In third place with only 7.4 points, were Don Alderou & Susan McCarthy; one of three couples joining us from GGR.

The worst score was a tie. The brothers Orlando and their shared navigator, Leslie (my better half), scored (er, umm, ugh,...) 271.5 points - each! I demanded a recount, appeal and/or pardon, but was summarily shot down. I won the tie-breaker question, so Dick was the biggest loser (ha!). Dang if he didn't win a bottle of wine. Visit our website at [www.lpr.pca.org](http://www.lpr.pca.org) for complete rallye results and more pictures (in full color).

If you missed this event, you missed a great time. We hope to see you at the next.

Our sincere thanks to co-hosts, Les Schreiber and the Frostholms for all of their hard work – it really was a great day.

P.S. Unfortunately, Les missed the event to attend to his ailing brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. •

**See all Photo Rallye results at:  
[lpr.pca.org](http://lpr.pca.org)**



*GGR members Don Alderou & Susan McCarthy.*

*June Iles and Leslie Orlando at checkpoint Beaugard.*



## **Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins**



*Richard Orlando and Leslie Orlando share the questionable bottle of wine awarded to last place.*

*the Araiza Family once again takes the rallye honors.*



# Famous Pairs Halloween GTC @ the Morgan's



*Story by Julie Lieber, photos by John Reed*

The scary evening began when Bob Morgan (Raggedy Andy) received a phone call from work.... "There's FLOODING all over Sector 51!" Of course, when those words are spoken, Raggedy Andy magically disappears into the dark. Karen Morgan (Raggedy Ann) managed to greet trick-or-treaters, as well as LPR Good Timers, and smiled through her big red pigtails, hoping for his quick return from the dank and dangerously flooded Sci Sector 51 (isn't that a new Sci Fi series?). The rest of the motley Halloween crew waited nervously for news of his return or demise, whichever would come on this Day of the Dead...



Meanwhile, the King and Queen (Ken and June Iles) arrived in the candlelit home in Morganland, flanked by their entourage: Salt and Pepper (the Antonowicz'), Mark Antony and Cleopatra (Carlos and Camille), John Smith and Pocahontas (Devon and Rosie), an Egyptian couple (the Petits: won most Intriguing couple), Olive and Pimento (the Tavares), Charlie and Rose from the African Queen (the Radding's), Mickey and Minnie Mouse (the Bryants: won cutest couple), Griddlebone and Growltiger from Cats (the Fischers), Neighbor Medusa who came with the Cowboy Lone Ranger, Red and Blue M&Ms (the Panglr's: won Cleverest couple), Bacon and Eggs (the Bussen's), Debi Bennett and grandkids (Debi with the Skeleton and She-devil), and Altar boy-Priest-Cardinal (Jeff, Steve, and friend: won SCARIEST costumes), Hansel and Gretel (the Lieber's) and many others, including Medusa (the Morgan's neighbor).



*Rose & Charlie from the African Queen, Bonnie & Herb Radding.*

Morgan's Haunted Transport takes you to some of the best chili in the world (and DEFINITELY the best eggnog), but it was very hard for trick-or-treaters to balance the little bowls of trick-or-treat chili in their little Halloween sacks. No-no little witch! None of this eggnog for you!

In one corner, a Porsche zombie-looking geekfest gathered, discussing dual clutches with the transactor at the back, so easy to change out! Other scary and strange phrases such as "... transmission decoupling can occur if you're not careful..." was overheard. The geekfest folks patiently avoided looking at Medusa, and Medusa, the geeks, because as everyone knows, each turns the other to stone.

Meantime, Minnie Mouse skipped around the rooms, doting on Mickey, tee-heeing, and leaving little "deposits" of her cottonball polka dots from her dress where-ever she went. This only saved Hansel and Gretel the trouble of dropping pebbles to find their way back to the car.

The King (Ken Iles) took advantage of his royalty to canvas his subjects about local customs in this part of his kingdom. First on his list was a question about "...this Rock, Paper, Scissors thing I've heard about. Can



*June & Ken Iles with friend.*

All of the Royal assemblage arrived in Morganland via the Haunted Transport, and it was woe to the unwary trick-or-treaters who ventured through the groping skeletal hands and glowing-eyed-statues, only to come out to a backwards world of grown-ups dressed up in costume! Only the



*Cutest couple, Mickey & Minnie  
Mouse, the Bryants*

it be true? How does it work?" Gretel was happy to explain the intricacies of this long-held custom in Morganland to help make difficult decisions. For example, that very evening Raggedy Ann could not decide whether to put the spicy chili in the white pot or the black pot....thus, she and Mark Antony (Carlos) played Rock, Paper, Scissors until a decision was reached.

By the time the appetizers vanished, the chili pots were low, and the salads munched, the wine and the eggnog consumed, the generous awards began, and kept coming, and kept coming! Everyone, including a witch

flying overhead, earned a reward of some kind. Karen Morgan (Raggedy Ann) accepted a lovely gift for hosting this year's Halloween party and promptly fell asleep on her feet. The folks of Morganland gently gathered her up, carried her to her middle-sized bed, propped up her broken elbow, sent a call out to the Glinda the Good Witch to fix her broken computer and to magically make the lives of her 30 third-graders happy and safe, and placed a big kiss on her forehead. And as the night ended, Raggedy Andy (Bob Morgan) straggled in, having saved the community in Sector 51. He sang the Hello-Goodbye song to the folks of Morganland (who were walking out with their little sacks of Halloween favors), walked upstairs, and joined Raggedy Ann in a well deserved rest.

It was often said that this was the scariest Halloween ever, but the folks of Morganland paid no mind to that thinking and quietly lived happily ever after. •





# Famous Pairs Halloween



*Above, Salt & Pepper Antonowicz; Right, Cats cast members, the Fischers.*



*Left, in classic golf attire, the Wallaces, new Goodie Store proprietors. Golf attire is always scary!*

*Opposite page, M&M's the Pangrles the cleverest couple; Right, Gary & Julie "Hansel and Gretel" Lieber with Alterboy Steve Crane.*



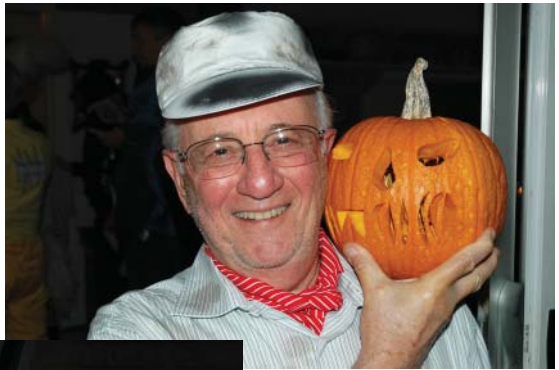
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# Famous Pairs Halloween



*Our Egyptian couple the Petits win the most Intriguing couple prize.*

*Herb "Charlie" Radding.*



*Emily and Alex make the scene as devil and skeleton.*

*Jennifer "Minnie Mouse" Bryant.*





*The Cardinal with Steve "Alterboy" Crane, Priest Jeff Tucker and our Queen June Iles.*



*Mark Antony and Cleopatra (Carlos and Camille) above; Above right, Suzette "Red M&M" Pangrle.*



*Above, hosts the Morgan's; Left, Mickey Mouse Jim Bryant.*



# Loma Prieta Region of the PCA

## Minutes of the November 2009 Board Meeting

### Secretary - Bob Morgan

The November Board Meeting was held on November 5, 2009 at the Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave, San Jose and was called to order at 7:10 pm by Vice President Jackie Mitchell.



Board members present were: Jackie Mitchell, George Jansen, John Reed, Barry Pangrle, Bob and Karen Morgan. Other members in attendance were Bob Frostholm, Ed Tefankjian, Steve Mitchell, Tony Vanacore, Sue Sickal, Steve Crane, Virginia Jansen, Angie Reed, Don Orlando, Ken & June Iles, Pete Siemens, John Cole. Also in attendance was Sharon Neidel, Zone 7 Representative.

The October minutes had been previously approved by email.

### Directors' Reports

#### President: Les Schreiber

Les was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Vice President Jackie Mitchell chaired the meeting.

#### Vice-President: Jackie Mitchell

Jackie asked if anyone had found a different location for the meeting. No one had any alternatives.

Sharon Neidel noted that the PCA Board meeting will be in San Jose, CA. We need to provide and coordinate a dinner for 2/20/10. Bill Highley volunteered to be the LPR contact. Karen Morgan and Paul Seidel-Smith offered to help as well.

Calendar planning meeting will be on 11/8/09. The new and old board members need to attend the next board meeting on 12/3/09 to exchange information.

Upcoming events: Pasta Night on 11/14, the Annual Awards Banquet at Coyote Creek. RSVPs due 11/25. 12/13 will be the gift exchange at the Highley's. John will get door prizes from Don's Autowerks and Dell Auto Body, Bob to get prizes from PartsHeaven, Tony will get prizes from Custom Alignment. Jackie suggested we pay for a shuttle from the party to the hotel. The cost was \$35. Jackie will reserve the van in advance.

Jackie gave us guidelines on "How to host a GTG", because some GTGs don't break even. Ed suggested that we have the participants bring their chosen item and their own beverages to share. The idea is to have a budget and charge accordingly to cover the costs and break even. Pete suggested the event include in the budget a charge to cover the POST publicity. Jackie will revise the guidelines and revisit at a later meeting.

Jackie met with the 40th Anniversary Committee at the Hayes Mansion. We got upgraded to a better room because the conference area was booked. The committee was very happy.

#### Secretary: Bob Morgan

Bob had nothing new to report.

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**Treasurer: George Jansen**

We made money in October. We are breaking even YTD. We had some questions about the charity event and moneys from PCA. Sharon said she would help look into it. We have some new advertisers and George presented the advertising budget.

**Activities: John Reed**

October events were insured, November events have been submitted for insurance. Observers report for October's rallye will be submitted. The Planning meeting will be this Sunday, 11/8/09.

**Membership: Barry Pangrle**

LPR Membership Report for 11/05/09, see page 18

John moved and Jackie seconded the motion to approve the new members. The motion was approved.

Ken asked if new members received copies of the P&P's and By-Laws. These documents are available on the LPR website.

**Member-At-Large: Karen Morgan**

Karen asked for all those who received perpetual trophies to return them. Angie suggested that the Member at Large keep the perpetual awards for the winner. We will discuss it. We still need one perpetual award for multi-day tours. We have one perpetual for both Tour events. Tony suggested we make them "virtual", and list all the award winners on the website. Bob moved that we adopt Angie's suggestion that the perpetual plaques be continued this year but kept by the Member-at-Large. Barry seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Karen suggested that we give the committee members an award of appreciation. Don Orlando supported Barry's suggestion that we put an appreciation page in the POST and give a gift certificate for \$10 to a GTG. Karen moved that we make a paper certificate of appreciation, and a \$10 gift certificate for a future event. Karen proposed that we allocate \$300 for gifts for the board members. Bob seconded the motion. The motion failed. Bill Highley suggested that we recognize our advertisers. Tony suggested we acknowledge advertisers with a plaque on a five or ten year anniversary. We tabled that for future consideration.

**Committee Reports:**

**Advertising Chair: Bill Highley**

Bill had nothing new to report.

**Editor: Steve Mitchell**

Steve presented financials for the POST, and specifically October, which included the ballots. Steve calculated the cost per month based on the year to date expenses. The board had approved \$50 to use wafer seals, but with a loose ballot, we needed to use envelopes at \$100 cost. That was for the one month only. The board had approved the postage for the return of the ballots. Steve contacted PCA and determined that most newsletters have about 50/50 content/advertising. PCA suggests having a budgeted amount. The POST costs about \$9,600 per year. Ballots submitted were 46 mailed and 21 on line. There are still issues with the sealing of the post being Post office acceptable. John presented POST publication guidelines. These guidelines if adopted would amend the Policies and Procedures. John suggested we consider these guidelines and revisit it at next month's meeting.

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**Safety: Ed Tefankjian**

We had an autocross, a tour and a photo rallye in October. All had observers reports submitted.

**Tours: Don Orlando**

Don had one tour.

**Tech: Jim Bryant**

Jim was not at the meeting but would meet with the chair for next year, and has a potential event.

**Autocross: Allyson Pickard**

The autocross schedule has been completed, and we need to plan for next year.

**Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss**

Joe & Cheryl were not at the meeting. Dick & Mary Wallace will be taking over the Goodie Store.

**Charity: Sue Sickal**

Sue reported that we raised \$4800, and proposed \$2200 for each charity, and \$400 for seed money. Sue will present the checks on Tuesday 11/10. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. Jackie moved that we approve that amount. Barry seconded. The motion was approved.

**Webmaster: Steve Crane**

Online were 21 ballots and 13 surveys submitted online. 46 ballots were mailed.

**Rallye: Bob Frosthalm**

The October Rallye had 16 cars and broke even for the year. Bob is planning 3 events for next year plus a Gymkhana. Bob would like a page on the website.

**Public Relations: Ken Iles**

Ken sent off an article to the Pano about the GTG at the Prusses', along with 4 photos, as well as the charity event.

**Drivers Education: Pete Siemens**

Pete had submitted an accounting of CDS. Pete introduced John Cole who is open to being the DE rep for LPR. CDS is expected to participate in Cherries next year. The Monterey Historics were eventually managed by CDS. They acknowledge that it was a mistake, and it really wasn't a CDS event, it was a Monterey Bay event, but CDS consented to organize it. John took an action item to address some questions regarding expenses. Ed reminded us that the board needs to be more involved in the activities of CDS. We are concerned that there is a liability and a lack of reporting. John is willing to be CDS chair. It is up to the President to appoint chairpersons. John explained the CDS challenges in securing track dates.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Tony needs permission to edit the membership list to make the list current. Barry suggested Tony give him the list of changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted, /s/Bob Morgan**

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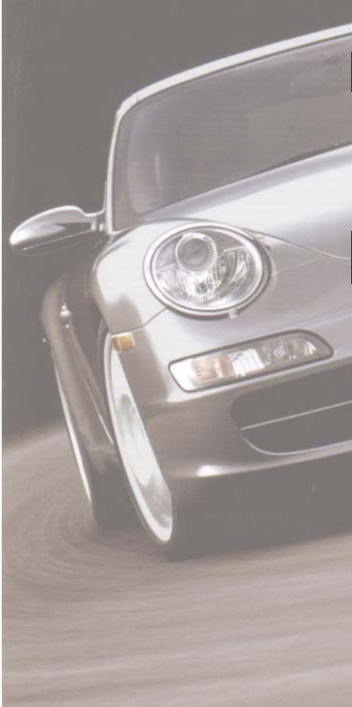
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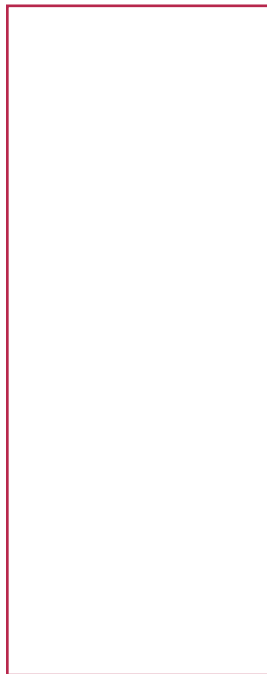


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