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January

Thursday the **8th** - **Board meeting** at the Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose. 7:00 pm.

Saturday the **17th** - **Chili Night**. Yes it's true! This ever popular event makes a triumphal return to the home of Ken & June Iles. Break out the old stew pot, cook up a batch of chili and join the rest of the LPR faithful as they stay warm with a bowl of red. See page 12.

Saturday the **31st** - **Tech Session** at Custom Alignment. See page 16.

February

Thursday the **5th** - **Board meeting** at the Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose. 7:00 pm.

Saturday the **21st** - **Tech Session** at Bascom Trim & Upholstery. See page 20

Saturday the **28th** - **Soup Night** at the Glathe's. More details in the next Post.



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Karen Morgan displays her haul from the December Gift Exchange hosted by the Glathe's on Dec. 12. Story on Page 40

Photo by Steve Mitchell



LES'S RAMBLINGS

Notes from the President



Have you heard the word **change** enough lately in the news from our country's President elect?

We here at LPR are also in the **change** mode, especially in regards to our **Board** members. You have elected me to lead the Board and the rest of the LPR members in the coming year. Two other changes to the board will be found in the Vice President's role which will be filled by Jackie Mitchell and Barry Pangrle as the Membership Director.

The committee will also take a new look in the coming year. Steve Mitchell will join the committee as the Editor of the *Prieta Post* and Ed Tefankjian will take on the role of Safety Chairman. The rest of the positions will be rounded out by the current committee members. The biggest change to the committee comes in the form of two new positions. The first falls under the Vice President as a Hospitality Chair and the other is a Rallye Chairman. Emilie Highley has volunteered to fill the hospitality chair role. This position will be very involved with the meeting and greeting of new members. If you are interested in helping Emilie in this capacity please contact her. The Rallye Chairman role will be filled by Bob Frosthalm. Make sure to look at the calendar of upcoming events later in this issue to see what Bob has in store for us. If you have never been on a Rallye, now is the time to experience what you are missing. Come join us on one in the coming year to see how much fun we have exploring various areas in California.

As you prepare for the coming year make sure to leave space on your calendars for the exciting activities that were chosen by you club members in early December to fill out the year. Another thing to keep on your radar screen is the 54th Annual Porsche Parade which will be held in Keystone, Colorado from June 29th through July 4th. The three-day travel route to the parade will be planned in the coming months, so if you are planning on making this trek please let us know. Registration for the 2009 Porsche Parade opens on Tuesday, March 3rd 2009 and approximately 1,000 applicants will be accepted. All registrations entered on-line or postmarked before midnight Thursday March 5th will receive equal priority. There is no need to alter your schedule to register on the first day as all registrations received on-line or postmarked Tuesday through Thursday will be treated equally. - **Les Schreiber**



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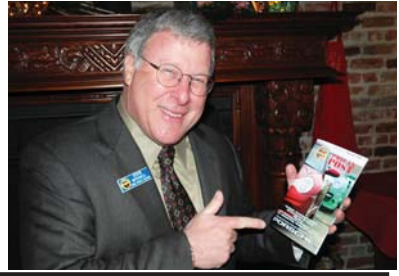
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Editor's Letter



WHEN ONLY A CARRERA WILL DO

I'm leaving the Annual Awards Banquet with the Newcomer of the Year plaque and the job as Editor of the Prieta Post beginning now. My thought is, how did this happen? Giving it some thought I suppose it's best to start from the beginning so you know how I got here.

The beginning needs to describe the desire for the car. It was really an impulse. I really went through phases of liking Porsches but never thinking I'd ever own one except for a couple of times previously, once overcome by the stronger desire for an American muscle-car in the 70's and once when the "for the price it's a better deal" was the logical thought for the purchase of a Corvette in the mid-80's. I was one of those people who grew up thinking most of the time that a Porsche was just a Volkswagen with lock-washers.

In early 2002 it was time to buy a real car... a middle-age crisis cool dad car, after owning and driving a wagon, a couple of SUV's and even a van. I drove the F-1 paddle shifting red Ferrari Modena 360 in the family and I thought I had to have something like this, but the Ferrari was a bit over the top. Not really something I would feel comfortable driving around daily. I wanted something that had the performance but not with the extravagance or the price. I had a BMW before and thought something German was more my style, more Teutonic as they say.

The first stop for the cool car was to look at the drop-top Benz, you know, the midsize ubiquitous model that most people buy. After looking at the car I was told by the salesperson that the model was at the end of its run and was being redesigned for the next year, that won't due, I didn't want a car that would look old in only one year. Off to the next and it was to the BMW dealer to see what they had, the M3 convertible in the showroom was black and looked good, but Jackie saw outside at the end of the used car row a 911. I remember she said, "That's what you should really get." We took a look at the used car briefly and then off to the Porsche dealer across the street. I really had no idea what models Porsche had or anything about the mechanicals.

When the salesperson at Stevens Creek Porsche greeted us I just said, “I want a Turbo.” The response after looking at this family that just showed up in a mini-van was, “Man, that’s a lot of power, we don’t have any to show you because you have to order a Turbo or a 4S which is the wide-body model without the turbo motor.” Anyway, I had the learning experience. I had no idea what type of engine a 911 had but I understood the models and was asked if I wanted to bid on a GT2 that was on their showroom floor at the time with a \$250K price tag. I figured if I was going that direction, I would just go for the Ferrari. Anyway, I liked the all black Carrera with the Advanced Techtronic package and the Aluminum shifter and handbrake. It looked great with the black interior. What I liked about the GT2 was the color, Arctic Silver. We took the sales brochure and left with the knowledge that if we wanted the Turbo or 4S it would take six months or they would give us a bit of a deal on the cars in stock. The salesperson said, “you know, you’ll join the Porsche club and then you’ll see all the options you can get and you really should get it exactly the way you want it.” That was the first discussion of the Porsche club.

After carefully looking at the sales literature, I figured the Carrera 4S was the thinking-man’s Porsche. It had the wide-body looks of the Turbo at a \$35K discount. With regard to the performance, 0-60 was about one second slower, and I know that you can feel that in the seat of your pants, but it wasn’t practical to me to get to 60 one second faster. So the practical

side said, I want the 4S. That was the easy part. The salesperson said to go on the website and pick the options and just fax the list. Options are confusing and obviously this is big business for Porsche. You pay big money for all this stuff. I knew I had to have the Bose, the Advanced Techtronic Package, Navigation, and the most popular option Porsche sells; the white gauges that came in a package with my favorite Aluminum shifter and handbrake. I’m convinced that I’m like a Magpie, I’m attracted to shiny objects. The website allows you to see the options on the cars in stock



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at the dealership. This was a big help in deciding the configuration, I could key in on what was popular and how to build the car. Anyway I figured out what I wanted, Arctic Silver and black interior, I faxed the details and my selected options and then sent a check to place an order. I put the picture on the refrigerator and settled in for my six-month wait. It was actually only five months.

With delivery came the explanation of the owner's manual and then the statement, "here is the application to PCA, you will probably want to join." The next thing was signing the contract and realizing, I'm buying an expensive car that I've never even driven. My salesperson said, "that's how it is." So, I got my car with that odometer at 27 miles, the coveted number showing you got it with delivery miles.

Fast forward, I joined PCA and they threw me into GGR. I suppose because they didn't know where my Zip Code was and didn't know that Loma Prieta was closer to Gilroy than San Mateo. It was a couple of years before I did anything in the club, I think the first was the Zone 7 autocross instruction at Candlestick Park with my son who had just got his driver's license. It was the two-day class and autocross. With both of us in the C4S we had the tires to the cords after the two days.

Next was the Zone 7 concourse judge class. I decide to have a day to myself and go. For part of the class we were divided into teams and I met Liz Shaw, who was on my team. Liz asked "what region are you in," I said, "I dunno, GGR but I don't know why." "You should join Loma Prieta, that's the good-times region and they are a lot more fun." That stuck. Next the kids are out of the house and as empty-nester we started looking for things to do in mid-2007. I told Jackie, "Let's do some stuff with the Porsche Club, we can transfer to LPR and go to the Newcomer's Social, they are suppose to be a fun group." That was the start.

After a year, Jackie is now your VP and she told me that I needed a job too. Kevin has done a wonderful job with the Post for the past five years and was looking for a replacement. My hope is that I can put together a quality publication like he has each month over the past five years.

So Jackie put me up to all of this, from the selection of the car to accepting the position as Editor!

OK, as for the business of the POST, at the great suggestion of a few members, and with the inspiration of the GGR Nugget Editor, John Celona, I've elected to add a new feature to the Prieta Post: Letters to the Editor.

As most publications do, we'll follow a few simple rules:

- 1) Letters must be signed. No anonymous submissions.
- 2) No hate mail of any sort.
- 3) Any opinions offered are solely those of the author and not of LPR, its members, officers, or directors, or PCA.
- 4) Submissions may be edited for length and publication is not guaranteed.

Other than that, I'll try to publish as wide a variety as possible of what LPR members would like to say. To submit a letter...you know where to find me. – **Steve Mitchell**

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MEMBER NOTES

Report of the Membership Director



This is my first “LPR Membership Directors” notes as we play musical chairs on the LPR Board. I want to congratulate Les on his new role as region president and thank Ed Tefankjian for the splendid job that he did as president over the past two years. The new person on the Board for 2009 is Jackie Mitchell and she’ll be taking over the V.P. responsibilities.

I also want to thank everyone who helped out and attended the end of the year awards party at Picchetti Winery. It was nice to see new member Maria Prendes at the event and I hope to see many more new members jumping right in and joining the Good Time Region fun.

Special thanks goes out to Ken Iles for reconnecting with Trish Joselyn and encouraging her to re-join the Good Time Region.

Another note, we’ll be moving back again to the friendlier “dual” membership designation for multiple region members this year. □

Transfers in (3)

- Michael Lourdeaux from GGR
- Steven Sockolov from GGR
- Richard Wallace from GGR (Was a dual member)

Membership that Expired Last Month (10/31/08)

- Seven (7)

Reinstated Members (renewal > two months) (1)

- Steven Angus
- Trish Joselyn

Total Renewal’s this month (16)

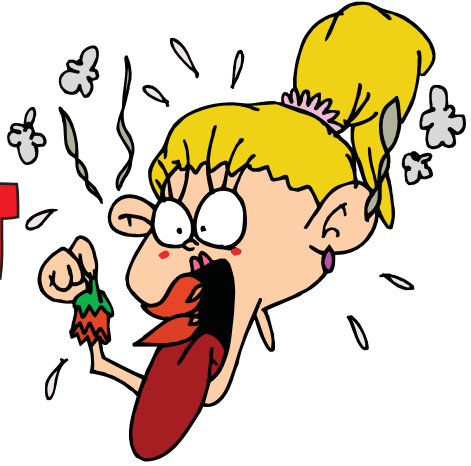
LPR Membership

- 12-4-08 Total = 579 (Primary = 321, Affiliates = 258)

-Barry Pangrle

CHILI NIGHT

SATURDAY
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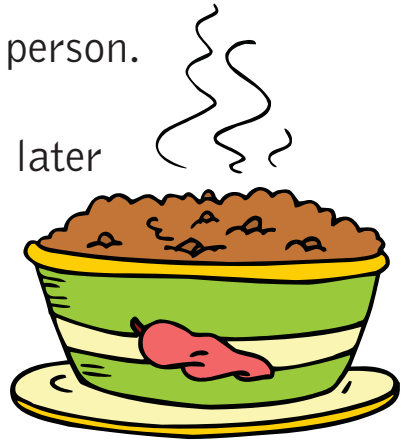


Ken & June Iles are hosting another delightful evening dedicated to food, friends and fun. Cook up a batch of chili to share, or bring an appetizer, salad or dessert.

The cost will be \$10 per person.

RSVP to Ken or June no later than Tuesday, January 13 at 650-941-9038.

Plan on arriving at the Iles' homestead at 6:30.



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CHECKPOINT

Rallye Chairman's Letter



Welcome to Checkpoint. This is a new series appearing in the LPR Post beginning this month, designed to enlighten our membership about car rallyes. As your new Rallye Chairman I will be coordinating a series of events for 2009 that will give you an opportunity to test your skills as well as your luck in these fun driving events.

Presently we have 3 rallye events planned for 2009. Time permitting we will endeavor to add a few more.

Saturday, June 6th A Navigational/Gimmick style rallye:
Rallyemaster: Bob Frostholm

Saturday, August 22nd A Navigational/Gimmick style rallye:
Rallyemasters: John Reed & Paul Smith

Saturday, October 24th Style TBD:
Rallyemaster: Bob Frostholm

The term "rallye", as a branch of motorsport, dates from the first Monte Carlo Rally of January 1907. Until the late 1920s, few if any other events used the term. Rallying itself can be traced back to the 1894 Paris-Rouen Horseless Carriage Competition (Concours des Voitures sans Chevaux), sponsored by a Paris newspaper, Le Petit Journal, which attracted considerable public interest and entries from leading manufacturers. This event led directly to a period of city-to-city road races in France and other European countries, which introduced many of the features found in later rallies: individual start times with cars running against the clock rather than head to head; time controls at the entry and exit points of towns along the way; road books and route notes; and driving over long distances on ordinary, mainly gravel, roads, facing hazards such as dust, traffic, pedestrians and farm animals. When you hear the term rallye, you probably think of scenes like this one;

...super modified Subaru, Audis, Lancias, Peugeots etc. ripping through uncharted lands, racing at breakneck speed from one point to another. That's not quite what we have in mind here at LPR. In fact, just the opposite.



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Road rallying can best be described as a board game on wheels. Just like in a board game, you get a set of rules, when you first register for the event. These rules govern the actual play of the event. So if you like Monopoly, Scrabble, Tripoly, Trivial Pursuit, Wheel of Fortune, or Jeopardy, or even poker you'll love rallying (yes, there are poker rallies).

It is NOT a race or speed event, but instead is a skill-based sport that bases your knowledge of the rules against your ability to apply those rules out on short rallye courses. These are fun events for singles, couples, and yes, even couples with children and - well, just about anyone that enjoys a fun time and true challenge. Most of our rallies will involve sign spotting so the more eyes to help you the better you may score. For a first hand view of the rallye experience checkout this website : <http://www.speakeasy.org/~swatt/babr-1.wmv>

Rallyes come in all shapes and sizes. During the next several months I will use this column to introduce you to the type of rallying we will do this year and some of their variations to give you a taste of what you can expect on our events. Who knows, there might even be a clue embedded in one of these articles so pay attention and keep your copies of The Post.

Here is a brief description of many of the varieties or rallyes available:

A Point-to-Point Rallye

You choose your own course, rather than following ours. Instead of Route Instructions, we will give you a list of questions and a map with spots marked on it. One question can be answered at each spot on the map. Of course to make it more interesting there will be too many to visit them all in the 3 hours you're given, so it's up to you to develop a strategy for visiting as many as you can, in whatever order you decide. Those farther away will likely have higher points assigned to the answers. Guessing at answers is dangerous, because wrong answers count more against you than blanks. Coming in late triggers heavy penalties. Since speed and driving skill do figure heavily into your success, this comes closer to being a "race" than any other rallye. But, like all our events, breaking the law will get you disqualified.

Navigational/Gimmick Rallye

The dictionary defines "gimmick" as a device employed to deceive or trick, to clutter with catchy details. A Navigational/Gimmick rallye is simply one put together by the Rallyemaster that is full of catchy details, deceptions, puzzles, and tricks. It is up to you to generally decode and figure out the various gimmicks in a particular rallye. These gimmicks will include tricky wordings, and definitions that are easily misinterpreted. In a typical rallye, entrants are given a packet of various types of instructions which contain some puzzles and clues (some obvious, some not) to solve. These puzzles are the "gimmicks" of the rallye. Materials given to you at the start are to be taken literally. As you follow the set of instructions appropriately named "Route Instructions", you will solve these

❖ Checkpoint.

clues and deviate from the route from time to time, since the correct solution of a puzzle may direct you momentarily away from the route. The “turkey route” is the route outlined in the Route Instructions, which, if followed religiously, would get you from Start to Finish. If you have correctly deduced the gimmick, you will be temporarily re-routed in a way that you can accumulate points on your score sheet.

A / B Rallye

The A/B Rallye is very similar to the Navigational/Gimmick Rallye. Each route instruction will have two parts, A and B. Following the rules of the game you will have to select which part is correct and follow that instruction. Of course these instructions will be laced with gimmicks designed to trick you. Scoring is based almost exclusively on which part of a route instruction you execute, part A or part B.

Hare and Hound (or Fox and Hound) Rallye

You are the hound and it is your task to follow your prey from the start to the finish. The only clues you will get to indicate that you are on the right course will be when you locate the preys “droppings”. To be environmentally friendly, the droppings will consist of markings on the road, generally mounds of flour or lime, within a quarter mile of each intersection. You are given a starting point and a destination. You follow the route by finding “droppings” at intersections. If a mound is found, then you are on the correct course. A working odometer is needed as the mileage clocked during the event that is closest to that of the rallyemaster wins.

Q–A (Question and Answer) Rallyes

Various Questions are interspersed among the Route Instructions. At the appropriate points in the rallye, you record your Answers on the score sheet. This is a very low key, sightseeing event, where you will enjoy the drive while keeping your eyes peeled for answers

T&D (Time and Distance, TSD, Time–Speed–Distance) Rallyes

You follow Route Instructions that direct you on a course at assigned speeds. You are timed when you arrive at checkpoints, which are usually at undisclosed locations. The correct time of arrival is based on the distance traveled and the speeds assigned. Upon arrival at a checkpoint, you are assigned an out time, the time at which you are to start the next leg.

If you have previous rallye experience and would be interested in writing and designing a course for the LPR, please let me know. My contact information is in the masthead of this publication. Meanwhile...Cheers for now, Bob

-Robert Frosthalm



TECH SESSION



Custom Alignment

Come out to Custom Alignment on January 31st to learn about 911 and 912 suspension and to see Custom's new, state of the art, tire changing machine. Hosted by Joe Silva, Joe will be talking about 912 tie rods, 911 spring plates among other things and demonstrating his new tire changing machine.

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What a perfect combination, these unique cars and the largest train layout of European Trains in the US. The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of ETE (European Train Enthusiasts) presents their modular layout from November 28 until January 11, Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm .



PCA—Monterey Bay Region will visit Blackhawk Museum and the Train Show on Saturday January 3rd, 2009. The Museum opens at 10am, special tours will be made for the Porsche fans. There are docents ready for you for both parts of the event, cars and trains. All other regions are very welcome to join MBR on this first Saturday in the new year 2009.

Additional information by Wolfgang Leitenberger, a member of the European Train Enthusiasts.



**Saturday,
January 3rd,
2009
11:00am
at the Museum**





Above: Sue Sickal presents an LPR check to Beth Williams of Hospice of the Valley, with (from Left) Bill Highley, Angie Reed, Ed Tefankjian, Ken Iles, June Iles and Emilie Highley

Hospice of the Valley - when it matters the most.

Since 1979 over 23,000 of our friends and neighbors have received compassionate end-of-life care and grief support from Hospice of the Valley, the oldest community-based non-profit hospice in Santa Clara County. Trusted by physicians, patients, and families, we are neighbors serving neighbors.

Hospice care is a philosophy of care as well as a comprehensive set of services as life becomes more limited. First, as a philosophy of care, hospice provides pain and symptom management when cure is no longer an option. The goals are to honor the wishes of the patients, to redefine hope and support quality of life whose hallmark is peace, to honor the dignity of each patient, and to support the patient and family through their grief process.

Second, as a set of services, hospice care, like a safety net, surrounds patients and their families with experts in the fields of pain and symptom management, in physical, emotional and psychological care, spiritual support, and grief support. The hospice care team collaborates closely with the patient's own physician to create a plan of care which is driven by the needs and wishes of the patient, family and loved ones.

Hospice of the Valley also offers grief support at no-charge for the family and loved ones of the patient for 13 months as part of our hospice services. The Community Grief Center also offers bereavement support to grieving community members on a sliding scale fee.

The Charity Good Time Gathering 2008 held on October 11 raised \$4200 that was split between two local Charities: the Hospice of the Valley and the Santa Clara County Children's Shelter. Members of the Loma Prieta Region presented the checks.

Charity Giving 2008

by Steve Mitchell
photos by John Reed



Santa Clara County Children's Shelter

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2009 Loma Prieta Region Calendar

January

- 8 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 17 GTG/Iles-Chili Night
- 31 Tech Session/Custom Alignment



February

- 5 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 21 Tech Session/Bascom Auto Trim
- 28 GTG/Glathe-Soup Night



March

- 5 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 14 GTG/Morgan-St. Patrick's Day
- 15 AX #1/Marina
- 20 Newcomer's Social/LPR-Round Table
- 28 Tour/Vanacore-Hit the Trail



April

- 2 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 4 GTG/Hallock-Golf & BBQ
- 11 Tour/Herz-Campbell Easter Parade & Tour
- 18 Tech Session/TBD
- 19 AX#2/Marina
- 25-26 Tour/Reed-Clear Lake



May

- 2 GTG/Tefankjian-Bowling & Enchiladas
- 7 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 10 Tour/Schreiber-Mother's Day Brunch & Tour
- 16 Tour/Orlando-Car Collection
- 24 Special Event/Schreiber-Indy 500
- 31 AX#3/Marina



June

- 4 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 6 Rallye/Frostholm-Gimmick
- 7 Special Event/Bryant-Swap Meet & Concourse
- 13 GTG/Crane & Tucker-TBD
- 20 Tour/Legan-Steam Train & Duarte's
- 21 AX#4/Marina
- 25 Tour/Mitchell & Vincent-Travel to Parade
- 28 Zone Event/Palo Alto Concours
- 29-7/4 Parade- Keystone, Colorado



July

- 9 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 11 Tech Session/Rennshop Santa Clara
- 18 GTG/Frostholm-BBQ
- 19 AX#5/Marina
- 25-26 Tour/Orlando-somewhere TBD



August

- 1 GTG/Family Picnic
- 2 Zone Event/Carlson-Concours
- 6 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 8-9 Zone Event/LPR & GGR-AX#6
- 15 GTG/Wallace-TBD
- 22 Rallye/Reed, Seidel-Smith-TBD



September

- 3 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 4 CDS Event/Cherries Jubilee Driver's Education
- 6 AX#7/Marina
- 11 Newcomer's Social/LPR-Round Table
- 19-20 Tour/Bishop & Seidel-Smith-TBD
- 26 GTG/Pruss-TBD



October

- 1 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 3 Zone Event/Coyote Run Rallye
- 3 Charity Event
- 4 AX#8/Marina
- 10-11 Tour/Orlando-somewhere TBD
- 17 Car Show/Campbell Oktoberfest
- 20-22 Tour/Reed-Featherbed Railroad
- 24 Rallye/Frostholm
- 31 GTG/Morgan-Halloween Party



November

- 5 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 8 Planning Meeting/LPR-Round Table

December

- 3 Board Meeting/LPR-Round Table
- 5 Awards Banquet/Mitchell-TBD
- 13 GTG/Highley-Gift Exchange

Please note that all of these date are subject to change should conflicts arise. Autocross dates are subject to confirmation. Watch for developments in subsequent issues of the POST





*Introduced at the Year-End Banquet & Awards was the 2009 Board of Directors:
From left: Barry Pangrle, Membership Director; Les Schreiber, President;
Jacqueline Mitchell, Vice President; Karen Morgan, Member-at-Large; George
Jansen, Treasurer; Bob Morgan, Secretary; John Reed, Activities, was behind
the camera*

Once again, LPR's Annual Holiday Party

was a frolicking good time and took place on Saturday, December 6th. The evening started around 6 p.m. with the 62 attendees arriving at the Picchetti Winery in Cupertino at the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains for the festivities. Barry and Suzette Pangrle did a great job organizing the event and choosing the location.

*by Tom Legan
photos by John Reed*

Since we live over the hill, we decided to stay at the Cypress Hotel in Cupertino. It was a very nice hotel, especially for the great rate of \$99 for which Barry had made special arrangements for LPR members. In fact, we wish more members from afar would have stayed there as well to join us so we could have had a bigger after-party!

We took a cab from the hotel to the winery. The cab driver was not from these parts and wore a cloth structure covering all of his hair. He had a GPS machine which, thankfully, spoke to him and directed him out to the winery. It was about a four mile ride. To our amazement, the trip down Stevens Creek Boulevard soon turned rural. It was really interesting to see the sudden transition from fully lit neighborhoods to the rural area which seemed to occur almost all at once.

Soon, we found ourselves out of the city lights and into the country at the Picchetti Winery on Montebello Road. The winery is an historic brick building. It made for a cozy and charming venue for the holiday party and was tastefully decorated for the special occasion.

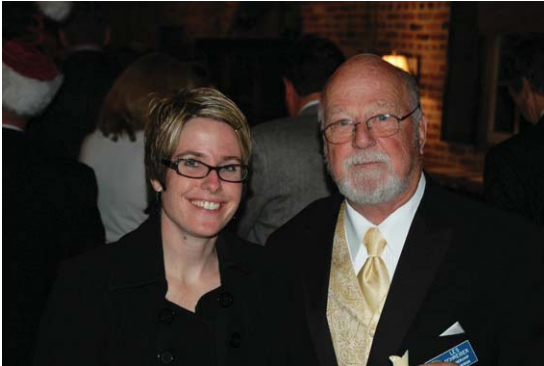


Finding a table are June Iles, Debbie Bennett, George & Virginia Jansen

Soon, the wonderful wines were flowing and some cheese and fruit platters were out for all of us to nibble on before the buffet dinner and the raffles and awards presentation occurred. We particularly liked the Chardonnay and Sangiovese wines.

“Savory and Sweet” catered the event and the food was delicious. There was salad, potatoes, rice, and three entries: chicken piccata, a wonderful salmon dish, and freshly sliced roast beef. To our delight, a platter of miniature desserts was brought to each table as well.

During dinner, President Ed got busy with all of the fun raffle gifts to include caps, nice bottles of wine, tune-ups, and other assorted goodies.



Lisa and her father, President-elect Les Schreiber

Soon after being seated and having enjoyed some wine, President Ed got right down to business with the awards presentations for the banquet dinner while we were sequentially called on, table by table, to hit the buffet line. Mrs. Vice President Karen mistakenly believed that her table would be the first, or one of the first called upon, by her president hubby. Karen was hungry, and we were, too! Mary Ann and I were on her side because we were fortunate to accompany them at their table. After being skipped over a few tables



<Ed Tefankjian presents to Steve & Jackie Mitchell Newcomers of the Year.

*Jim Bryant
The Harry Reed Memorial
Worker of the Year>*



*<Kris & Tony Vanacore
Specialty Event of the Year
Year-End Banquet 2007*

*June & Ken Iles
John & Angie Reed
Jim Kershaw Memorial
Tour of the Year, Multi-Day>*



Awards 2008



*<John Reed
Male Enthusiast of the Year.*

*Allyson Pickard
The Kathy Reed Memorial
Female Enthusiast of the Year>*



*<Greg Sickal
President's Award*

*Ed Tefankjian & Kevin Bennett
Appreciation Awards>*



and Karen getting a bit antsy, Ed finally became enlightened and gave our table the green light to hit the foot. In my opinion, this was a good move; after all, he and Karen were leaving for Mexico the next day for a romantic one-week-long vacation. One wouldn't want to screw up that whole thing before even getting there. Good job, Ed!!

The ballot results and awards for 2008:

Male Enthusiast of the Year - ***John Reed***

Kathy Reed Memorial

Female Enthusiast of the Year - ***Allyson Pickard***

Harry Reed Memorial Worker of the Year - ***Jim Bryant***

Newcomers of the Year - ***Steve & Jacqueline Mitchell***

President's Award - ***Greg Sickal***

Jim Kershaw Memorial Tours:

Single-Day/Summer Breakfast Club Tours - ***Tom & Donna Micele***

Multi-Day/Clearlake Tour - ***John & Angie Reed/Ken & June Iles***

Event of the Year

Brunch at the Beach - ***Larry & Linda Smith***

Specialty Event of the Year

Year-End Banquet - ***Tony & Kris Vanacore***

Ken Iles Driving Award - ***Larry & Linda Smith***

Appreciation Awards:

Round Table Pizza

Ed Tefankjian

Kevin Bennett

All awards were graciously accepted and well-deserved according to all of whom they were given. No cat-fights or brawls developed among the losers, namely the remaining 46 of us. Let's all please remember that according to Nike, "Second place is the first loser." Just kidding, of course! Warm applause was



Diana & Lowell Hallock



Jim Bryant, Barry Pangrle, Maria Prendes, and Suzette Pangrle

given to all as they were graciously handed out by President Ed. The obligatory photographs were taken along the way.

When Allyson Pickard received the Kathy Reed Memorial Award for Female Enthusiast of the Year, she made it a point to explain how

nervous and uncomfortable she was with a microphone in her hand – could’ve fooled me! She then proceeded to give a flawless and charming five-minute acceptance speech like she does this stuff all the time! I guess that’s why she’s so cool behind the wheel of her Porsche. What Ed whispered to her, when he presented the award to her, can only be speculated upon and I will not say anything further on that one.

I learned that Greg Sickal is our genius webmaster for the LPR Club and was impressed he received the President’s Award. Question – Didn’t Barack Obama just get one of those back in November? Anyway, thanks for an expert job with all of that geeky computer stuff; every club needs a great webmaster!

I wish I could have been privy to all those little whispered comments Ed made to each recipient as he garnished them with that special piece of dark hardwood with that cool black plastic veneer and fancy lettering. For fun, let me imagine what he may have said to a few recipients and, of course, I made all of this up and Ed is in the clear.



Kathy and Gary Goelkel

To John Reed, who won the Male Enthusiast of the Year Award, Ed could have said something like, “Enjoy it mister, because I’m only president for a couple of more weeks. Then I’m just one of the guys and next year this puppy is mine, and don’t you forget it!”

Banquet 2008



Left: Esper Kershaw and June Iles

Right: Steve Crane & Jeff Tucker



Left: Emilie and Bill Highley



*Above: Karen Tefankjian with
Debbie Bennett.*



Left: Ken & June Iles



Left: Blair & Mary Hankins



Above: Yet again Tony Vanacore finds the wine.



Left: Leslie & Don Orlando with Peter Smith

Right: Virginia & George Jansen surprised by the reach of our region in obtaining prizes.



Left: Karen Morgan, Steve Mitchell and Tom Legan



*Left: Mike Lommatzsch
& Friend*

Benquet 2008



Debbie & Kevin Bennett



The joy of the Santa Claus hat never ends, from left: Emilie Highley dances with Kris Vanacore, Jim Bryant and Peter Smith with a different style.





Tom Legan on air guitar, Mary Ann Legan enjoying the sound.

To Jim Bryant, who the Harry Reed Memorial Worker of the Year Award, Ed may have said, “You think you worked hard this past year? Karen and I deserve a six-week all expenses paid Sedona, Arizona, spa treatment. Also, a year’s free group therapy session at a prestigious mental health center, to

help us deal with all of what this membership has done to our psyches in the last two years!” Congratulations, Jim, we all know you deserved it – great job!

To Newcomers of the Year, Steve and Jackie Mitchell, Ed may have quipped, “You guys thought you were excited to stay in the same hotel as Barack Obama this past year? Karen and I got to stay in the same hotel as William Ayers was staying in. We were afraid he might bomb the freakin’ place!” Great job, Steve and Jackie, and congratulations on being Newcomers of the Year!

Sadly, Larry and Linda Smith were unable to attend the holiday party because they were doing what Larry referred to as



Picchetti Winery tasting room turned dance floor.

“Capitoley things”. I ran into Larry a few days before the holiday party in a dental office where he was getting his new grille polished. We all missed them this year at the party. Those two overachievers received not just one, but two awards, winning the Event of the Year and the Ken Iles Driving Award! Congratulations to both of them. If given the opportunity, I knew Ed was going to present those awards to them

upside down again for the photo op, just like he set them up last year. I'll never forget the caption under the photo of Larry receiving his award – something about him being well vaporized. That was a classic!

We all really need to keep a close eye on Ed, now more than ever, because he has come back to the membership at large and he's all fired up!

Continuing on with my twisted imaginary commentator, if Larry and Linda were there to receive their award, however, I'm certain Ed



Angie & John Reed

would have whispered to

Larry, "Okay, Lar, now that I've shaken off all this administrative baggage for the club, I'm going to spend more time modifying my boxter and next year kick your ass!" and ... to Linda, wisely and in his smooth suave way, Ed would probably have said, "Linda, you're beautiful and you can really race that car!" Way to go Ed – you're the master!

For all of those who didn't receive an award, I could just sense the masses' thoughts, "Yeah, awards are nice but those things are heavy to carry home" or "Now I've got to puncture me another hole in the wall somewhere" and "I'll just have to dust that thing regularly as it sits there on the wall" or "I really haven't the wall space anyway because all the other awards I've won in my life." Yeah – right! But seriously, an LPR award puts you in a very special and prestigious inner circle. The others were all jealous but motivated to do even more for the Good Times Club next year, right?

In closing, congratulations to all and to all a good night!



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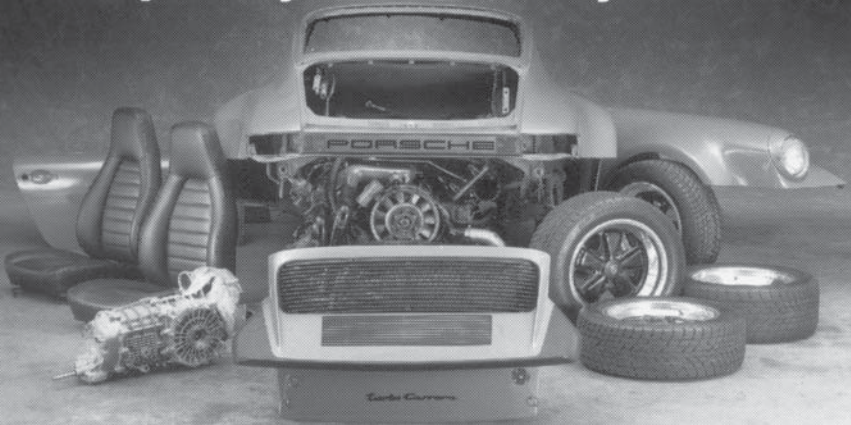
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Above, Donna Micele, Kevin Bennett and Bob Morgan enjoy the appetizer buffet.



Bill scores a haul.



Left, Sandy Provasi is elated over the pink pig. Above, Lorraine Glathe spells out the rules.

Holiday Gift Exchange

From Left, Debbie Bennett, June Iles, & Jackie Mitchell with the goods.





Clockwise from upper left: Nanci Bishop, Tom Micele bonding with Italian Muppett, Jackie Mitchell looking to steal, Donna Micele and Jen Bryant liking what they got.

Bill and Lorraine Glathe hosted this year's Gift Exchange at there home in Almaden. LPR members brought gifts and names were pulled from the red bucket. Members could then choose to go to the wrapped gifts or "steal" from gifts already opened. Gifts could only be exchanged twice. The key to this event is to try to keep the good stuff out of sight...out of mind...and to have your name drawn last..

President Elect Schreiber with the crystal stemware and presenting the host and hostess award to Bill and Lorraine Glathe with friend.



Loma Prieta Region of the PCA

Minutes of the December 2008 Board Meeting



The December Board Meeting was held on December 4, 2008 at Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave, San Jose and was called to order at 7:07 pm by President Ed Tefankjian. Board members and Chairpersons present at the meeting were: Ed Tefankjian, Les Schreiber, Barry Pangrle, Bob & Karen Morgan, George Jansen, John Reed, Kevin Bennett, Sue Sickal & Jim Bryant. Other members in attendance were Karen Tefankjian, Angie Reed, Jennifer Bryant, Steve & Jackie Mitchell, Kris & Tony Vanacore, Bill & Emilie Highley.

Les Schreiber moved to approve the November meeting minutes and John seconded the motion. The November minutes were approved.

Directors' Reports

President: Ed Tefankjian

Ed reported on the President's meeting. The Region report is due 1/16/09. LPR/GGR will team up again for a Zone AX. Maybe we can get a task force at the next Presidents' meeting to try to secure Moffett Field. SVR is voting on-line, Ed suggested we talk to them mid-year to see what they learned.

Vice-President: Barry Pangrle

Year End Party at 13100 Monte Bello Road follow the lined road. Parking will be in the lower lot. Barry turned in deposits for 60 people. Wine is included, Les moved, John 2nd the proposal to cover the charges for beer and water. Door prizes will be fewer than in previous years. Get Karen to bring a list of award winners. Glathe's will host the gift exchange, the Iles will host the chili night.

Secretary: Bob Morgan

Bob had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: George Jansen

YTD we are positive by almost \$7k, but for Nov. we were under by \$2760 because we made our charity contributions. We are seeing some POST advertisers decline to renew. No new status for Quick Books.

Activities: John Reed

Insurance coverage for this weekend's tour, and they need a photographer. There were no observer's report. 2009 calendar to Steve Mitchell by 12/10/08. Add "tentative" to all autocross dates.

Membership: Les Schreiber

LPR Membership Report 12/4/08

Transfers in (3): Michael Lourdeaux from GGR, Steven Sockolov from GGR,

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and Richard Wallace from GGR (Was a dual member)

Transfers out (0)

New Dual Membership (0)

Dual Membership Awaiting Renewal (7): Salvador Araiza, Randall Barrick, Rodney Rapson, Sean Reed, Ken Mason (May change his membership to LPR), Linda Vogh, and James Warriner

Membership that Expired Last Month (10/31/08): Seven (7)

Reinstated Members (renewal > two months): Steven Angus, Trish Joselyn (Was a member of LPR but let her membership expire a couple years ago, but was re-recruited by Ken Isles at a garage sale)

Total Renewal's this month: Sixteen (16)

LPR Membership: 2-4-08 Total = 579 (Primary = 321, Affiliates = 258)

George moved and Barry 2nd the motion to approve the new & transferred members.

Respectfully Submitted Les Schreiber, Membership Director

John moved and George seconded the motion to accept the new members and transfers.

Les suggested we change our Policies & Procedures that requires the Membership Director to publish a list of members. This should be changed because PCA doesn't want any regions to publish a list of members.

Member-At-Large: Karen Morgan

Karen has nothing to report. Ed suggested we add historical information and memorabilia maintenance to the by-laws. We should take on a task next year to collect and retain the information. Kris pointed out that our 40 year anniversary is coming up in 2010.

Committee Reports

Charity: Sue Sickal

Sue presented the checks to our charities. The Children's Shelter needs help gift-wrapping on 12/10/08. Sue will write up something for the POST. We still have some monies from PCA expected.

Editor: Kevin Bennett

The Post Editor responsibilities are being passed from Kevin Bennett to Steve Mitchell.

Advertising: Bill Highley

Advertising is expected to decline this year. All members need to help promote Post Advertising. Notify advertisers that we're LPR members when we use their services.

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Safety: John Reed

No driving events were scheduled, nothing to report.

Tours: Don Orlando

Don was absent; John reported that Don received a check for \$200 from Ed Smith to cover the tour reimbursements. Les has some feedback on his Tour Guidelines.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Jim had nothing to report. John noted that there is a tech session in February at Bascom Auto Trim. Tony said that Custom Alignment would like to host a Tech session in January.

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Joe and Cheryl were absent.

Autocross: Allyson Pickard

Allyson was absent.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken were absent.

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

Pete was absent. Ed reported that CDS has Cherries Jubilee scheduled for next year.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Ed noted that Sue Sickal has been mailing POST each month. We need a replacement. Contact Sue if interested. We may want to consider entering the Region of the Year award. Certainly we want to enter for 2010. Ed thanks us all for participating and he's really enjoyed being President. The board thanked him for his service. Suzette asked how to get the centerpieces done.



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The next meeting will be on January 8, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted. -**Bob Morgan**



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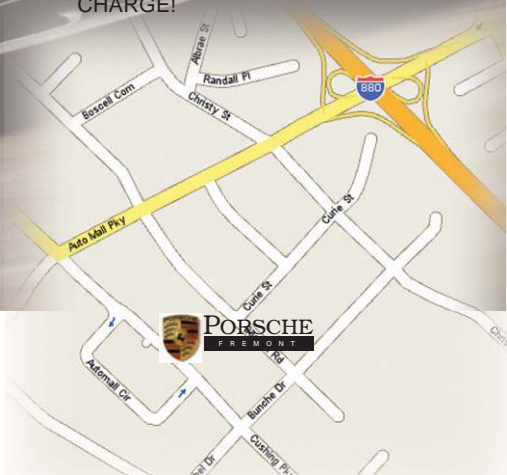
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