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Editor's Note

The USPS has thrown a new requirement at us with regard to the distribution of the *Prieta Post*. You will notice with this issue that three wafer seals are required to properly secure the *Prieta Post* for mailing. This was actually the requirement commencing last month but with the loose ballot requiring yet another seal the decision was to just put the *Prieta Post* in an envelope. Although it cost a bit more it made a much better presentation. I'm sorry that you have to tear through three seals but with the new automation at the USPS the additional sealing is required.

You probably noticed the delay in receiving last month's *Prieta Post*. It was a huge undertaking to get it properly published. Our printer had to run it three times, first to get a better reproduction of the black and white photos, and second to correct for errors that resulted when they converted my native file to their pre-production editing equipment. The incompatibility was noted and that shouldn't happen again. Jackie actually caught the error just before Tony and Kris were to begin applying the labels. I spent more time that I had wanted at the printer and I am learning more about the printing business than I thought would be necessary to do this job. Anyway, the key is to get the best quality to you at the lowest price.

I can't help but notice the exodus of our leadership and chair people from their positions. I'm sure people get burned-out but I look forward to working with the new leadership filling the ranks.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Prieta Post.

-Steve Mitchell, Editor

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Newsletter of the Loma Prieta Region

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IPR rolls out the red carpet for the new members. at the Round Table club house. Newcomers get to drink beer and eat pizza just like Board members whilst they hear all the benefits of membership.



LPR loves the Empire Mine and Grass Valley. Nanci Bishop and Paul Smith lead the tour this time

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Photos from September and October events. More photos and results at: lpr.pca.org

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Cover Photo:

LPR members enjoy perfect weather and sunset listening to the Singing Wood Band in Santa Cruz at Sizzlina Sausages and Sunset at the Bay, hosted by Joe and Cheryl Pruss.

Photo by Pam Ryder













Calendar what's happening in the Region

November 5, Thursday - Board Meeting. Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose. 7:00 pm.

<u>November 8, Sunday</u> - **2010 Calendar Planning Meeting.** Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose. 4:00 pm, Page 6, see below

<u>November 14, Saturday</u> - Pasta Night ala Debbie and Kev. Home of the Bennett's. Page 11.

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

<u>December 5, Saturday</u> - Annual Holiday Awards Banquet. Coyote Creek Golf Club, Morgan Hill. 6:30 pm, Page 19.

<u>December 13, Sunday</u> - **Gift Exchange GTG.** Home of the Highley's. Details next month.

2010 Planning Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m.

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Les Schreiber

By the time you read this, I hope you have exercised your club privileges and voted for our new Board members as well as letting us know your wants as far as getting this monthly newsletter by filling out the survey. If you haven't done so already, you do have until October 31st,

so either go on line at lpr.pca.org, or mail in your ballot and survey that came with your October issue. Since you have until the end of October, we will not be publishing the results until the December issue.

The last event of September was the Mother Lode Tour put on by Nanci Bishop and Paul Seidel-Smith which was a great tour. The month of October was a great event month as we had some really exciting activities, one of which was our Charity Event. We raised over \$4000 to be divided between the two charities (Sacred Heart and EMQ Families First). Thanks to all that came and participated, even those that bid on my car. (Jim Bryant had worked up a bidding sheet for my car, and people were bidding .25 increments). Jennifer had the highest bid and wanted to take it home from the Charity event and even offered to drive me home. Sorry Jennifer that you couldn't take it home, I had an autocross to run on Sunday, but I did take care of it for you. Sorry Jim and Jennifer, it was a nice thought, but \$40 was a little low. Naturally it was all in fun and I hope that the money was donated to the charity.

We had our last autocross of the season on Sunday October 4th, and the weather was pretty good to us. A little chilly in the morning, but as the day wore on, it warmed up, so we were able to get some good runs in. Speaking of Autocross, we are looking for someone with a truck to bring the trailer to the Autocross site. Right now, Bill & Jane Charron have been keeping it at their place, but Bill is concerned that his truck won't make it much longer, so he is bailing out on the transportation. So please, contact Allyson Pickard if you are willing to help. We also need workers to help set up and take down the course, so if you come out to run, pitch in and help, as it takes more than a couple of people to set up and take down the course, so help out, please.

October 20th thru the 22nd is the Featherbed Railroad Tour, look somewhere in the next issue for the photos and the write-up. Also look at the results of our last of the year Rallye, the Photo Rallye, put on by our Rallye Master, Bob Frostholm and his side kick, me. We ran it twice, once in setting it up, and the second time verifying it was right. John and Angie Reed went out to see if they could verify that we did it right and could find their way. Our last activity for

notes from the President

October will be the Halloween Party at the Morgan's, and they always do a great job of decorating. I'm looking forward to that and seeing the write-up next month, and seeing how the guests dress up.

Sunday, November 8 is our planning meeting for next year's activities, so if you would like to put on a GTG, Rallye or Tour, please show up, and get your input in. We would like to go to places we haven't been before, so come on in with suggestions or plans, and see where we will go.

The only other event schedule for November is the Pasta Night at the Bennett's on November 14th. I'm looking forward to discover what our master chefs will cook up for this event. -Les Schreiber





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letters to the PRIETA POST

Stig on Fuel Pumps

Steve,

My wife Christ'l and I took off for Denver on August 1st to attend a wedding on the 8th. We went on many back roads to The Arches National Park, via Aspen, Leadville and ended up getting a lift for the past 65 miles. Saves on gas – fuel pump failure. We got a new pump sent overnight to the Stevenson Porsche service shop in Littleton, Colorado. There were three pumps available so there are still two left! The service advisor did a great job and we had just a day's delay on our travel plans. On the way back we went through the Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. That is, we went along many roads traveled by the LPR members that went to the Porsche event in Denver a few weeks ahead of us. We had a great tour even though for some short sections, we had to put the top up because of the heat and few shorter intervals, because of rain. It was a bit of a challenge to get enough luggage into the car for the wedding, plus two weeks on the road but it worked. Also, my wife found that the seats in the Porsche 911 are really supportive for the back because she hurt her back in Denver. It was close to having to go directly back to the bay area (possible via plane) but she chose to continue the trip. And, she made it even though the 12 miles of road under construction between Old Faithful and Grand Teton was tough on her back as well as on the car. We got a good alimpse of where the Federal Government is spending the stimulus money; they go to roads all over the place if needed or not.

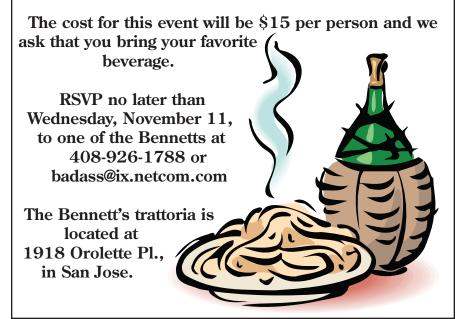
On the fuel pump issue, we were really happy that the pump did not fail when we went over the continental divide between Aspen and Leadville after dark. Also, I learnt that fuel pumps can stop and recover and do it all over again so it can be an intermittent problem. Really fortunate that the pump failed where we could get off the road and the freeway (the car stopped twice for us before it was permanent) to a safe spot.

Stig Nilsson





That's right, the Bennetts are once again going to whip up a spectacular menu of gourmet pasta dishes to tune up your taste buds for the forthcoming holiday season. In fact, Kevy & Deb are providing all of the food for this evening of Italian oriented gustatory delights.



NEWCOMERS' SOCIAL



President Les Schreiber points out the benefits of LPR.



Above, Peter Ridgway, enterprising new member comes to a couple of events and now a nominee for a Board position; Right, Lisa and Dave make an appearance.



Angie Reed explains to Christ'l Nilsson how thick the Prieta Post has become since the new editor started. Newcomers Stig Nilsson, Peter Ridgway & Jacqueline Shanafelt enjoy the social with pizza and beer at Round Table.



"We don't got to show you no stinkin' badges!" Doug & Pam Ryder finally get theirs and show them off with Karen"Righty" Morgan.

Jerry & Sarah Jett join the LPR crowd and consider transferring in. Jerry noticed your editor creates the Prieta Post in Creative Suite 4, a program he has mastered,.....hummmm maybe I can have a successor plan.



Checkpoint



Robert Frostholm



By the time this column goes to print, we will have just finished the third rallye of the season, Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins. The write up and results will appear in our December issue of the POST.

My co-rallye master for this event, Les Schreiber, was a great help and lots of fun to work with. And I'm not just saying this because he let me drive his Carerra on both the planning run and the mileage check run, or because we felt obligated to do wine tasting together at Beauregard Winery on both runs ... well, that may have played a small part. But, nonetheless, we had a great time planning it and hope those of you who ran it had fun. I also want to thank John and Angie Reed for working the checkpoint at the Beauregard Winery. It was tough duty, but they stood up to the challenge.

On November 8th we will have our 2010 planning meeting and I will be reserving dates for future rallye events. We did three this year. I wrote the A/B rallye in June, John and Paul did the beginner gimmick event in August, and Les and I wrote the photo rallye last month. For 2010 I'm thinking of 3-4 events, and I'd like to get others involved with me in the writing and planning stages as well as the day of the event. Here are some of the areas where your help would be appreciated:

- Concept Come up with an idea for an event. If it's a photo rallye, think of a fun route, through the country side with notable landmarks to spot for the photos. Or how about a scavenger hunt tied to a rallye event? Maybe a murder mystery rallye, where the clues and route lead you to solve the case? Or maybe you have some ideas of your own... if so, please share them with me. You know, one thing this group is good at doing is GTGs. The effort and energy to plan a rallye is not much more...okay, I lied, it is, but give it a try. I'd really like to work with you and mentor you... it truly is satisfying.
- Creation Beyond the idea is the 'how the heck are we going to do this' stage. It's always good to have several brains working the details. Do I hear any volunteers?

Checkpoint

 Implementation – The day of the event there are usually several people involved, some behind the scenes, to pull it off... start and finish personnel, checkpoints, deciding on and acquiring the awards, designing the participation decals, printing the materials, etc. Help with these is always appreciated. Now, not all checkpoints get to be at wineries, but they are always a lot of fun.

So if you think you'd like to be involved in our series next year, give me a call or drop me an email.

Cheers, Bob

-Bob Frostholm



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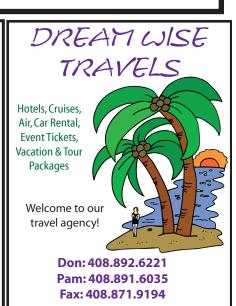
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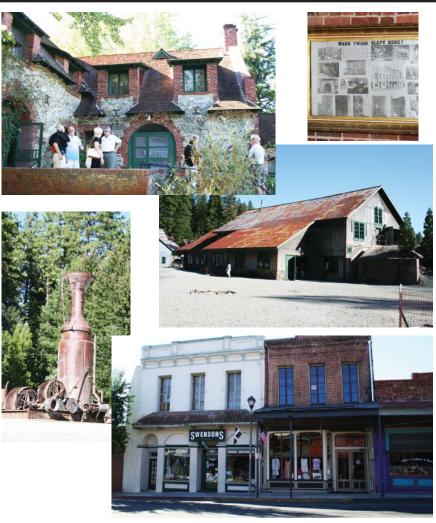


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MEMBER NOTES



Barry Pangrle

LPR Membership Report 10/01/09

New members from PCA (4):

Gregory Beccio	Aptos	1976 930
Diane Fleck	Santa Clara	1984 Carrera
Thomas B. Sander	Saratoga	2006 Boxster S
Elinor Velasquez	Santa Cruz	1983 (It's gold whatever it is)

Transfers in (1): Jerry Jett (From Ozark)

Transfers out (1): Michael Friedman (To Golden Gate) Memberships that Expired Month (8/31/09): Three (3) Total Renewal's for month of August: Thirteen (13)

Cancelled Membership: None

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Dinner Entree Choices:

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or

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Cost for LPR members and guests: \$60.00 per person

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Sizzling Sausage &

Sunset by the Bay:

A Newbie's First Social Event and the Things I Learned

By Pam Ryder

Photos by Pam Ryder and John Reed

hile Doug and I have been on a number of tours, we decided it was about time to hit the LPR social scene and joined the festivities at the Pruss's Sizzling Sausage & Sunset by the Bay. After a zippy ride over Highway 17, we were greeted by a sweeping ocean panorama, beautiful sunshine and a host of happy Porsche enthusiasts enjoying the view and camaraderie. Cheryl and Joe Pruss have a beautiful home overlooking the Pacific with an inviting lawn that rolls out to the cliffs. A spot perfect for partying or daydreaming; skim boarders, surfers, swimmers and dogs frolic in the sand below.

So here is my first newbie lesson: The people of LPR are a prompt bunch. Do NOT arrive fashionably late if you want to enjoy the food. It may be gone when you get there. Now perhaps I should know better than this after going on four overnight tours. However, of the four tours, we only stayed with the group twice. The other two times we signed up LATE (do you see a trend here?) and had to stay elsewhere. In an effort to not appear "overly anxious", Doug decided we



should be fashionably late. However, our late arrival was compounded by the fact that we got a little bit lost. Our GPS should have brought us directly to Cheryl and Joe's, but it doesn't work quite as effectively when it is sitting in the trunk...sorry...bonnet. Needless to say, we pretty much missed cocktail hour. When I bemoaned our behavior to another member, she quietly warned me not to be late to the buffet line when dinner was served. Note to hubby, self and other newbies: Be On Time! Better yet...be early!

Before long, the grill was fired up and the aroma of five different sausages from the Corralitos Market & Sausage Co. mingled with the sea breeze. Cheesy Bavarian, Cheesy Bavarian with Jalapeno, Andouille, Hot Links, and Kielbasa sausages were soon ready for the hungry crowd. Part of the festivities included a tasting to pick the "best" mustard. After all, what is a fine sausage without the requisite gourmet mustard? The top rated was Tangerine Habanero brought by Vance Landis. Running a close second was a Gorgonzola Honey mustard provided by Joanne Antonowicz. Let the GTG Second Newbie Lesson: beain! Learn the lingo. GTG means ...Got to Go? Get to-Gether? Good Times Gathering? I think so. Must go along with GTR.... "Good Times Region". After a few events I can see why Loma Prieta has earned this designation! And by the way, I also learned from an article by Ken Iles, found on the LPR website, (www.lpr.pca.org) that the Loma Prieta Region has earned numerous awards in its almost 40



year history. The LPR website is tull of great information and photos, so you should check it out! The Prieta Post is there in beautiful living color and the member photo gallery is chock full of great photos for the Porsche obsessed as well as a fully updated calendar for those who love to plan ahead. Thanks to webmaster Steve Crane, it's a great and enjoyable source of information.

Before long, the group was enjoying dinner to the sounds of Singing Wood, an awesome Marimba band from Santa Cruz. Add a Conga line and a glowing orange sunset and you almost feel like you're on a ship leaving port for a tropical destination, umbrella drink in hand!



As the sun and temperature dropped, I overheard someone say that the cold made them venture into the goodie

store and buy a jacket. Goodie store? Shopping? Honestly, the lack of shopping is the one thing I find missing with these activities and I have threatened to plan an "Outlet to Outlet Tour"....Gilroy to Pismo with lots of Starbucks stops along the way. Just a thought. However, I didn't realize that LPR has its own goodie store stocked with great logo merchandise: shirts, jackets, mugs, hats, mouse pads and more! And to think my hubby had no Porsche baseball cap under the Christmas tree last year because, even with my exceptional internet shopping skills, I was unable to find a hat in stock. So....if you need a gift for your Porsche enthusiast, check out the goodie store on the website (www. lpr.pca.org). It's not too soon to think about holiday gift-giving!

Talking to John and Angie Reed, I learned that an "unofficial" Porsche group meets at Alice's Restaurant for breakfast on the first Saturday of every even numbered month. Doug has been making the run from our house up Highway 9 to Alice's for breakfast many, many Saturday mornings for years, but has missed the group as he goes a bit earlier than their 10:00 meeting time. If you're interested, a beautiful route is Highway 9 beginning in Los Gatos, through Saratoga's Big Basin Way and up Highway 9 until it intersects with Highway 35 (aka Skyline Blvd.), turn right and head North all the way to Alice's. The roads are winding and offer beautiful views but you do need to watch for the bicyclists, motorcyclists and slower "Sunday drivers". Actually the slower pace makes it possible for the passenger to arrive ready to eat breakfast and not lose breakfast!

One of my biggest newbie revelations is that the LPR is full of "doers". I had very few conversations with anyone who wasn't working on some activity for the club. And unlike other groups, where the women are merely called "The Auxiliary", the ladies of the LPR are really making things happen! This is a dedicated bunch!

As the sun finally set, the weather cooled and the lights of Santa Cruz twinkled in the distance, the party goers slowly headed out. But wait, isn't EVERY LPR event a potential tour? Much to Doug's delight (and admittedly not so much mine) the evening ended with a spirited cat and mouse chase over Highway 17 with two other club members.

In closing, it was a great GTG, a beautiful home, vivid scenery with a spectacular sunset, live music and of course the fun-loving Good Time Gang! Can I say that? I guess I'm a newbie no more!



Article author and contributing photographer Pam Ryder with husband Doug.



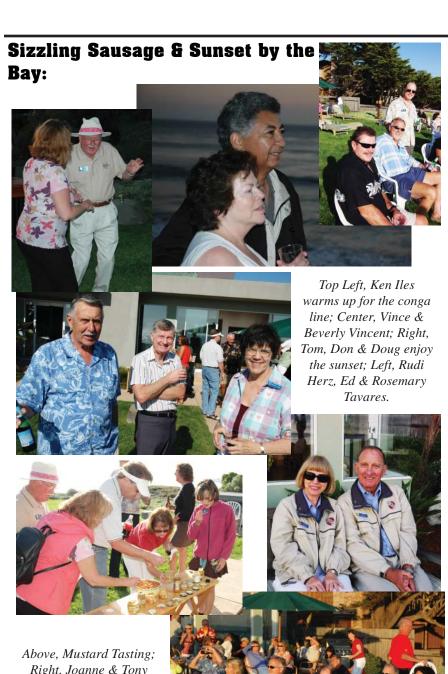
Deb Frostholm with her husband, Rallye Chairman and Checkpoint author Bob.

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Above, Mustara Tasting;
Right, Joanne & Tony
Antonowicz; Right, the
crowd enjoys the music of
Singing Wood.

Karen, Leslie, Julie and Allyson...Sizzling Sausage lovers.



The crowd enjoys pefect weather, entertainment, food and refreshments, a true GTG.

the Orlandos, Left, Ed Smith and Donna Panico



Cheryl & Joe Pruss receive the host gift from President Les Schreiber and VP Jackie Mitchell.

Annual Charity



LPR Charity Chair, Sue Sickal, third from left, with representatives from EMQ Families First and Sacred Heart, benefactors of the annual LPR charity event.



Wine Steward, Bob Morgan recommends a red to Peter Ridgway.

Debbie Bennett cooks up the pasta, more of this at the Nov. 14 Pasta Night. Blair Hankins, Angie Reed, Mary Hankins and Jeff Tucker.



Silent auction was the format. Beverly Vincent and Jacqueline Shanafelt examine some of the many baskets donated to LPR.

Nanci Bishop reviews a baskets contents before placing a bid.





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Charity Event



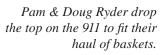




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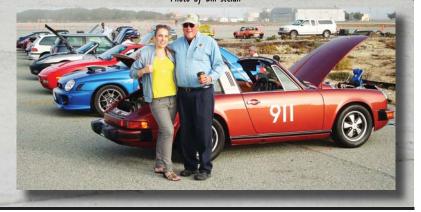


Autocross at Marina Airport on September 10

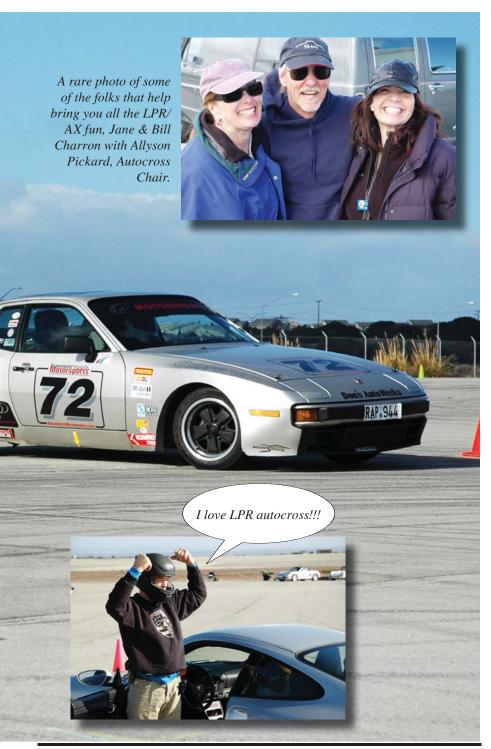


Chuck Dewey's daughter Deanna, gives the "thumbs-up" happy to have arrived early, scoring the most coveted registration number.

Photo by Bill StClair







Loma Prieta Region of the PCA

Minutes of the October 2009 Board Meeting

Secretary - Bob Morgan

The October Board Meeting was held on October 1, 2009 at the Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave, San Jose and was called to order at 7:12 pm by President Les Schreiber.

Board members present were: Les Schreiber, Jackie Mitchell, George Jansen, John Reed,



Barry Pangrle, Bob and Karen Morgan. Other members in attendance were Joe and Cheryl Pruss, Herb Radding, Peter Ridgway, Tony Vanacore, Sue Sickal, Suzette Pangrle, Steve Crane, Virginia Jansen, Angie Reed, Don Orlando, Ken & June Iles.

Bob Morgan moved and John Reed seconded the motion to approve the September minutes. The board approved the motion, and the September minutes were approved.

Directors' Reports

President: Les Schreiber

The Ballot is online, Survey is online, and also in the printed Post.

Vice-President: Jackie Mitchell

Cheryl & Joe hosted a wonderful GTG. Upcoming events are the Morgan's Halloween Party, The Bennett's GTG in November, the Year End Banquet at Coyote Creek.

Tony will talk to Custom Alignment, John will talk to Don's Autowerks, Bob will talk to PartsHeaven about door prizes for the year-end banquet. Was Emilie able to set up a contract with the DJ for the banquet? Jackie moved to secure the room at the Holiday Inn with a \$500 deposit for 2010. Jackie moved and Bob seconded the motion to approve the deposit, the motion passed.

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Bob had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: George Jansen

We are in the red for September. The newcomers' meeting is one expense we had. There is a \$2,778.60 shortfall for the year to date. The GTG's seem to be losing the most. Jackie wants to draft some guidelines for GTG hosts. George provided a list of paid advertisers. Les sent out a thank you letter and advised that they would be getting an invoice for next year's advertising.

Activities: John Reed

We have received the insurance form for the October Autocross and the other events have been submitted for insurance.

Membership: Barry Pangrle

LPR Membeship Report 10/1/2009, see page 18. John moved and Karen seconded the motion to approve the new members. The motion was approved.

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Member-At-Large: Karen Morgan

Karen asked for all those who received perpetual trophies to return them. She'll need some help contacting them. We need the plaques by the end of October.

Committee Reports:

Advertising Chair: Bill Highley

Tom Amon will be taking out an ad on the outside cover.

Editor: Steve Mitchell

Steve was not at the meeting.

Safety: Ed Tefankjian

Ed was not at the meeting but reported that the recent events (Autocross & Tour), have all been safe, no incidents. All documents have been submitted.

Tours: Don Orlando

Don reminded us that the Caboose Bed & Breakfast for the Featherbed Railroad Tour is fully subscribed. He asked if there was interest in a Christmas Lights Tour. He also wondered if we needed to advertise the annual planning meeting.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Jim was not at the meeting but Les reported that there are no new tech sessions scheduled.

Autocross: Allyson Pickard

Allyson was not at the meeting, but Les noted that there is an autocross coming up this weekend.

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

The Prusses sold some items from the Goodie Store at their GTG. The Wallaces have agreed to take on the Goodie Store for the upcoming year. Thanks to the Prusses for doing a great job for the past six years.

Charity: Sue Sickal

Sue reminded us that the Charity event is this Saturday.

Webmaster: Steve Crane

Steve noted that we've received 8 surveys and 14 ballots since they were put up on the website. Steve noted that we can add links to other sites for club-interest related businesses. It could be considered a marketing tool or a service to our members. The board chose to table the discussion till next month.

Rallye: Bob Frostholm

The last rallye is coming up. Rik Larson and Sharon Neidel are publicizing the Rallye at the other regions in the Zone. Our rallyes have been well attended.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken submitted an article with a photo to the Panorama.

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Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

Les and Barry expressed concern that we haven't received a report from CDS. John suggested we ask for our seed money back. Les will ask them again to provide a report for recent activities.

Old Business:

The printers reprinted the POSTs due to poor quality. We are disappointed in the printer's performance. They left out a section of the ballot. Les and John suggested we adopt a limited number of pages to minimize printing costs. The board needs to provide specific guidelines for number of pages and priority.

New Business:

Steve Crane is able to track visits and page views to our website. 20% is from search engines, 40% is from referrals. Going forward we will be able to get some more detailed and valuable information. This also makes us higher-up on Google lists. Some feedback from Parade on our Website is that we don't have facility to register for events on-line. It is something for the board to consider.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, /s/Bob Morgan



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