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Calendar what's happening in the Region

September 3, Thursday - Board Meeting.

Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose. 7:00 pm.

September 6, Sunday - Autocross #7

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LPR members returning from Porsche Parade pause to enjoy the beauty of the Grand Tetons along Wyoming Hwy 89 leaving Jackson Hole..

Photo by Steve Mitchell



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LES'S RAMBLINGS

Les Schreiber



Once again, back in San Jose, and I think I'm staying for awhile. I've had a long vacation in Oregon, San Jose, Colorado, Oregon, and now finally back in San Jose. I've had a great time with my daughter in her recovery from shoulder surgery, yes she's doing fine,

and recovered faster than the doctors thought. Porsche Parade in Colorado was great followed by a do nothing vacation in Oregon, but I've really missed the activities of LPR, the family picnic (Thanks Jackie for a Great job), the Frostholms GTG (Thanks Debbie & Bob), the Orlando tour (Thanks Leslie & Don) and the autocross (Thanks Allyson and crew).

While I was gone we held a special meeting in reference to club cost and in particular, the publishing of the POST. The meeting was chaired by our Past President, Ed Tefankjian, and consisted of our current Editor, Steve Mitchell and

If you are interested in helping the club this next year, please contact me...

past POST Editors, John Reed, Barry Pangrle, Kevin Bennett, and our post office mailing guru Tony Vanacore. Their task

was to see what ideas they could come up with to reduce the cost to the club of publishing the POST. Naturally there were a lot of ideas suggested, and as a result, the following issues were discussed with the Board at our August meeting.

Number one, was to do nothing this year, but to look at next year. For next year continue printing the POST as we do now, and have soft copies on line, as we do now. Look for more advertisers, and make sure our present ones are getting the result they expect from their ads.

Number two was suggested to print every other month or quarterly, and send out post cards highlighting the upcoming events.

Number three, was to only have the POST available on line with monthly post cards of events. Steve was also going to contact the printer, to see if we printed fewer pages if the cost is reduced.

Since we have an insert in the October issue for voting for our new Board members it was also suggested that we also include a survey to all the members to see what they prefer. So, please watch for it, and let us know what you want. Remember, it's your club. We the Board, only do what you want us to do. So tell us.

❖ notes from the President

Speaking of voting and all, we are looking for some new members on the committees, as I have had two resignations, Joe & Cheryl Pruss who run the Goody Store, and Don Orlando who is our Tour Chairman. If you are interested in helping the club this next year, please contact me for more information.

We have a lot of activities coming up in September. An autocross on Sunday the 6th, Newcomers' Social on Friday the 11th, Bishop/Seidel tour on Saturday/Sunday the 19th/20th and the GTG at the Pruss's on Saturday the 26th. So still lots of activities to join in with the fun LPR members so come on out and enjoy the clubs activities and each other. **-Les Schreiber**

*Lisa Schreiber,
Autocross, second
place in class at
Porsche Parade.*



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Steve Mitchell

The great part about being Editor is that you get to write your opinion, it can be an opinion about the club, or Porsche, or PCA, or like some former Editors, and opinion about anything else. This month I want to add a little color around the matter of the *Prieta Post*.

The expense of publishing and mailing of the POST is offset by advertising revenue that has dropped off sharply because of the economic times and the Board is considering options suggested by Les. By the way, this is not unique, just read the editorial in this month's *Excellence*. So, let me give you the data points to help clarify what all the hubbub is about.

The club anticipated advertising revenue of \$8,183.33 for 2009, an amount that just about covers the approximate cost of publishing and mailing the current POST to all of the primary members. To date the club has only collected \$4,770.00 towards this amount with the loss of several key advertisers. With this breathtaking shortfall in revenue and I raised the question to the Board as my fiscal responsibility with regard to the expense. The Board is just exercising their diligence in this regard.

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It is not unusual for the expense of the POST publication to exceed the income received

from advertisers. Last year the POST cost the Region on a Cash Basis \$8,035.15 with an income of \$6,067.50, a shortfall of \$1,967.65 (see Annual Report 2008, page 28, February 2009 edition of the *Prieta Post*). Some of the 2009 expected revenue was reflected in 2008 because of the Cash Basis accounting. In this regard our Region's books to date reflect advertising revenue of \$2,213.33 with POST expense of \$5,523.08.

The Region receives funding from PCA to support the Region activities including but not limited to publishing the newsletter. Last year the club received \$5,366 and the expectation is that this year we will receive about the same amount. The key is that this year all of our club funding from PCA in addition to the advertising revenue will go towards publication of the POST for 2009. In all fairness, this has been the case for many years in the club's history and the POST is viewed by many as a unique benefit of LPR membership and a way to unify the Region.

With that, the Board's understanding that many folks have made the move to online viewing of publications along with some desiring to be more

❖ Street Legal

environmentally friendly, options are being sought and considered.

Several people have asked me to not mail a POST because they would rather see it online in full color and have the club save the expense of printing and mailing, others have told me that they love receiving the POST every month. My understanding is the Board will give you the opportunity to decide what you would like in the October ballot.

As for my opinion, I agree that the *Prieta Post* is the mechanism that makes our Region unique and that we should not give up a printed version. The Region can achieve a savings objective by doing a combination of things, first, cut down the size of the Prieta Post while maintaining the quality, and second, requiring that members opt-in for a printed version. So let the Board know by returning your Ballot.

New subject: I did say "quality" didn't I....well I have to apologize for last month's edition. You may have noticed the printing problem we had with the July edition, the print and photos were very dark. With the August edition our printer tried to correct the problem with the digital printing process without a successful result. As a consequence our printer elected to print the POST on the press. With that I had to provide the native version of my Creative Suite file, not just the pdf. This gave the printer the ability to manipulate my creative work. It turned out that in doing so they elected to make page 1 my usual page 3. I always set the cover as 1, as a result all the page references were off in the August edition. I'm really sorry about this. I think we have the problem solved. I always look forward to hearing your opinion, our new email address: prietapost@gmail.com **-Steve Mitchell**

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Checkpoint

Robert Frostholm



Rallye #2, "An Ace Up Our Sleeve" is behind us. The official write up will make it into the October issue but since I had a chance to preview the rallye with Les Schreiber on the 12th of August, I was able to get a small write up into this column. Veteran Rallyemasters, John Reed and Paul Seidel-Smith lived up to their promise of a fun, low key event. But for those of you who are beyond novice, they slipped in a couple of nasties just to remind us old rallye farts who the bosses are. Yup, John and Paul are.

The two part event took us through some little travelled roads in Morgan Hill and Gilroy. One loop looked as if we have been transported to the Saratoga Hills with sprawling property and newly constructed homes that bespoke money, money, money.

It was good fun trying to follow instructions, fill-in the blanks and look for bonuses at the same time. My driver Les demonstrated excellent sign spotting skills while following my erratic instructions. Look for the complete write up next month.

I just received some unfortunate news from Rik Larson, Zone 7 Rallye Chairman. Due to a number of factors (but mostly very light attendance), the 2009 Zone 7 Rally Series for Porsche Club has been cancelled. Remaining events on the calendar that have been cancelled include Carrera de Sierra (Sacramento Valley Region) in September and Coyote Run (Golden Gate Region) in October.

I've not gone on any of their rallyes but my sense is that they were quite competitive. And like anything else, it can be intimidating for beginners and novices. On the bright side this presents a great opportunity for LPR. There are folks in the other Zone 7 regions who enjoy rallying and I am hopeful many of them will now join us on our events. But I believe the secret to our future success will be to not make our events too challenging. And since we know LPR is the "Good Times Group" we need to add some socializing into our formula. So

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Our October event (October 24th) will be a Photo Rallye venue. This should be more attractive to our constituency because it is more like a tour but done at your own pace. No leader to try to keep up with. And the finish will be an early afternoon Barbeque at my home in Mountain View (BYOB). (See ad in this months issue).-**Bob Frostholm**





TOUR + BBQ GET TOGETHER + PHOTO RALLYE

Come join us on
Saturday, October 24th

...for a fun day as we end our 2009 Rallye season with a combination Photo Rallye and Tour and Get Together. The fun begins with a self paced tour through the coastal mountains.

Along the way you will spot landmarks...



...and match them to photos provided at the start. Once you locate the spot where the photo was snapped, you note your odometer mileage on your score sheet. No tricky instructions, no getting lost or confused. Drive at your own pace or follow friends. At the end, enjoy a relaxing poolside BBQ

Awards will be given based on mileage most closely matching the Rallyemaster's... so try to stay on course.

START LOCATION: Hobee's Restaurant: 165 Los Gatos-Saratoga Rd. (Hwy 9). Be there at 8:30 AM - Drivers meeting at 8:45 AM - First car out at 9:00 AM

Finish location: The home of Deb & Bob Frosthalm for an early afternoon Barbeque. 2060 Tripano Ct. Mountain View

Fee: \$10/car photo tour rallye + \$7.00 per person for the BBQ (BYOB: bring your own beverage)

RSVP to Bob Frosthalm by Wednesday, October 21st (650)-903-0303 or bobfrosthalm@gmail.com

MEMBER NOTES

Barry Pangrle



This month we have our Newcomers' Social that will be held September 11th at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza, 14940 Camden Ave, San Jose, California. This is the same place where we hold our monthly board meetings. I hope to see all of our new members

(and all of our current members who'd like to welcome them to Loma Prieta) there.

This month Robert Mullis is celebrating his 25th anniversary and just coincidentally happens to own a 25 year old Porsche.

Happy Motoring Everyone!

Transferred In

Vance Landis	Watsonville	1985 911
Melanie Milrod	Aptos	1986 911

Anniversaries

25th

Robert Mullis	Soquel	1984 944
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5th

Seabea Ghoph	Santa Cruz	
Kit Soetaert	Santa Cruz	1979 911 SC
Thomas Tong	Santa Cruz	1986 911

New members from PCA: 0, Transfers in: 2, Transfers out: 1

Memberships that expired last month (7/31/09): 13

Total renewal's last month (July 2009): 21

LPR Membership, 8-1-09:

Total = 540

(Primary = 299, Affiliates = 241)



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September 11th
7 P.M.

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cooking at
LPR



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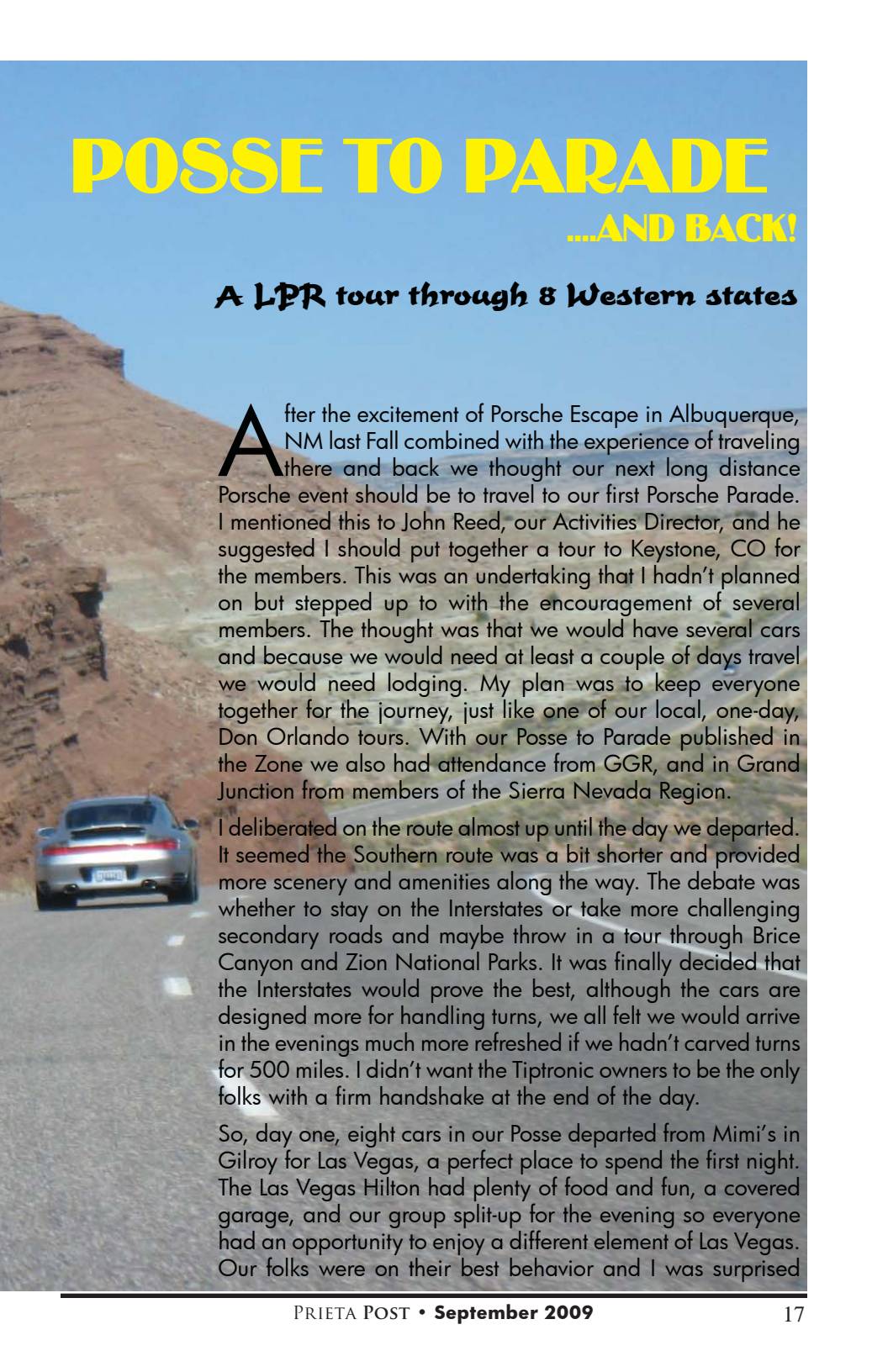
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POSSE TO PARADE

...AND BACK!

A LPR tour through 8 Western states

A silver Porsche is driving away from the viewer on a paved road that curves through a desert landscape. The road is flanked by reddish-brown, eroded hills under a clear blue sky. The car is in the lower-left quadrant of the image, moving towards the right side of the frame.

After the excitement of Porsche Escape in Albuquerque, NM last Fall combined with the experience of traveling there and back we thought our next long distance Porsche event should be to travel to our first Porsche Parade. I mentioned this to John Reed, our Activities Director, and he suggested I should put together a tour to Keystone, CO for the members. This was an undertaking that I hadn't planned on but stepped up to with the encouragement of several members. The thought was that we would have several cars and because we would need at least a couple of days travel we would need lodging. My plan was to keep everyone together for the journey, just like one of our local, one-day, Don Orlando tours. With our Posse to Parade published in the Zone we also had attendance from GGR, and in Grand Junction from members of the Sierra Nevada Region.

I deliberated on the route almost up until the day we departed. It seemed the Southern route was a bit shorter and provided more scenery and amenities along the way. The debate was whether to stay on the Interstates or take more challenging secondary roads and maybe throw in a tour through Brice Canyon and Zion National Parks. It was finally decided that the Interstates would prove the best, although the cars are designed more for handling turns, we all felt we would arrive in the evenings much more refreshed if we hadn't carved turns for 500 miles. I didn't want the Tiptronic owners to be the only folks with a firm handshake at the end of the day.

So, day one, eight cars in our Posse departed from Mimi's in Gilroy for Las Vegas, a perfect place to spend the first night. The Las Vegas Hilton had plenty of food and fun, a covered garage, and our group split-up for the evening so everyone had an opportunity to enjoy a different element of Las Vegas. Our folks were on their best behavior and I was surprised



The Posse pauses for a photo outside the Las Vegas Hilton after a night stay before pressing on to Grand Junction, CO.

when they all arrived promptly at 8:00 am for departure.

The drive on day two took us on very scenic Interstate 70 to Grand Junction, CO where we took over an Applebee's for dinner. The Manager had to be careful when he suggested that I ask my group to make a little less noise since we were eating and drinking about everything available on the menu.



Day three, taking a lunch break in Vail, CO.

Day three took us to Vail, CO for lunch and then on to Keystone. The drive actually took us on part of the tours from Keystone though the town of Leadville, CO, the highest elevation city in America at 10,152', but more impressive was the views we had enjoyed of the Rocky Mountains.

Jackie and I had planned to see Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons and Craters of the Moon returning from Parade, little did we know that we would end up planning a tour back with other LPR members. With two nights in Jackson Hole, WY, one night in Idaho Falls, and a final night in Winnemucca arranged, our Posse back from Parade was on. What a pleasure to share the trip with our LPR friends. •



The Jansen's at one of the high points of our trip, the Climax Mine, 11,318' elevation.

POSSE TO PARADE...AND BACK!



Jackson Hole, WY: antler archways frame the town and the photo of LPR members Dee Alcorn, Phillip Fortier, Angie Reed, Jackie & Steve Mitchell.

The Million Dollar Cowboy Bar in Jackson Hole with saddle bar stools hosted the LPR Posse.



Left, Hwy 89 through the Grand Tetons; right, Jackie poses at the moment, below right, Craters of the Moon, below left, Bison....with an LPR badge???





Stopping by the Frosthholm's on a Summer Evening

(with apologies to Robert Frost ((-holm))

Whose house this is I think I know
As the GPS has told me so
LPR has been invited here
To join in summer fun and cheer

Coolers filled with wine and beer
Vintage Rock for all to hear
Bob and Deb have gone all out
To make this GTG stand out

We start with snacks and conversation
Mai-tais aid in inebriation
All await Bob's baby back ribs
With knives, forks and even bibs

Deb's been setting-up a table
Filled with sides so we'll be able
to stuff our plates to overflowing
and eat until we're full and groaning

So 34 joined in the fun
with food left over in the tons
we tried to eat it all you know
but what was left was taken to-go

We'd like to thank both Deb and Bob
For this was not an easy job
To open your home to a rowdy bunch
and plying them with strong rum punch.

Ribs

Rum

&

Rock

&

Roll

Story by Tony Vanacore

Photos by John Reed

Barbecue at the Frosthholm's

Dana Ambrisko chats with Paul Seidel-Smith, the Cat in the Hat.



Clock wise from above, Tony Vanacore entertains Ken & June Iles; Herb Radding convinced that Jerry Garcia wore a straw hat and beads with tie-dyed shirts; Ken & Margie Jensen; Bob Frosthholm with Jan Ahlman; Bob relaxes with a Mai-tai.





Ribs Rum & Rock & Roll



Clockwise from top, Nanci Bishop says, "I want you for my Mother Lode Tour"; Paul Seidel-Smith say, "Forget wasting any cups; Janet Au-Krug inspects the ribs; the group gathers around the pool; John Krug & Janet Au-Krug.





Top and Right, Bob Frosthalm expert chef at the barbecue; Bob & Deb Frosthalm show off the host gift, a gift card for Pampas Brazilian barbecue.



Left and Below, Tony Vanacore and Ken Iles enjoy the desert table; Jacqueline Shanafelt & Peter Ridgway enjoy ribs; Ken Iles and Julie Leiber enjoy darts.



Mother Lode Tour

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is Open**



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September 19 & 20

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Sunday the hotel provides an extended continental breakfast. We suggest a visit to the historic Holbrook Hotel, wine tasting or a walking tour of old town before heading home.

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Angie Reed, Julie & Gary Lieber with the Autocross crew.

Phillip Fortier ready for his run.



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It's clear that Don Orlando has a lot of time on his hands. Just 2 months after presenting us with the Filoli Tour, Don doubles down with a more aggressive and extensive journey into Gold Country. We gathered together at Flames on Calaveras near Hwy 680 to collect our route instructions (yes, it looked a little bit like a rallye) and receive the obligatory drivers instructions, you know... don't speed or break the law, tune your CB to channel 15, yada, yada, yada. Then the "Gentlemen start your engines" command was issued and we were on our way.

It was a brief trek on 680 North to 84 where the roads began to become interesting as we enjoyed brief periods of spirited driving. The fun picked up once we got onto Cross Road and then onto Patterson Pass Road. The roads were a bit narrow, but fortunately the lack of oncoming traffic made for a fun run to Byron. From there we continued to Brentwood and Oakley and then a brief pit stop in Antioch before catching Hwy 160 and crossing the Rio Vista Bridge. The next 50 miles or so afforded us great views of the Sacramento



GOLD COUNTRY TOUR

*Story by Bob Frosthalm, photos by
Don Orlando and John Reed*

*Doug Ryder and Richard Orlando
outside the Empire mine shaft.*



River Delta, well maintained roads and best of all, no bicyclists. We cruised the edge of Sherman Island, over the bridge to Brannan Island and thru the towns of Isleton, and Walnut Grove. There were great views of waterfront property, magnificent watercraft and families enjoying themselves on a beautiful Saturday morning. A quick traverse on Hwy 5 to The Garden Highway took us quickly to our lunch destination, Crawdad's River Cantina.

When entering Crawdad's River Cantina, one is immediately impressed by the 18 foot steel sculptured Cayman hanging from the ceiling. Now to the best of my knowledge, this creature was not indigenous to the Sacramento River, but

it makes one impressive impact on you when you walk in. By the way, Crawdads is the only restaurant "on" the Sacramento River that floats. (that's right – it floats!) We didn't notice it at first but after a couple of larger boats came by creating a bit of a wake, we could feel the gentle undulating of the restaurant. The food was great and those who ordered their signature dish, gumbo, were in for a real treat...ummmm good...just spicy enough.



Bellies full, it was back to the Porsches for more driving. The first 40 miles was boring highway 50 to Placerville but once there and then onto Hwy 49, we remembered what life was all about. Don led us on yet another beautiful route full of twisties and turnies that kept everyone alert. Heading North on Hwy 49 we spirited our way thru many small towns including Coloma (our pit stop for those with small bladders), Lotus and Pilot Hill. Don, who we learned is a famous historian as well as accomplished Porsche driver, explained to us that Coloma was made famous in 1848 when gold was discovered in its stream bed at Sutter's Mill.

My personal favorite black dot on the asphalt was the town of Cool...population, well really small...but the fact anyone would name a town Cool, where the typical summer temperature is 104 degrees, well that's like naming your child Chastity... it just makes no sense.



As we neared Auburn, Don, this historian, was quick to point out the famous Forest Hill Bridge, some 770 feet above the American River. Why is it famous you ask?

Besides being really freakin' tall, Don said some movie guy named Vin Diesel drove off of it in a movie called XXX. I guess Don likes those XXX movies... None of us knew what he was talking about...

Onward we drove, traveling roads named Dog Bar and Rattlesnake... I could swear I heard banjo music coming from the forest. Eventually we arrived at the Empire Mine. Now it was starting to make sense. If you remember the Filoli tour, (another Don Orlando Production) it seems the money to build that estate came from the Empire Gold Mine. George Roberts, the original discoverer of the gold sold his interest in 1869 to William Bourn Sr. The Bourn family maintained control of the mine until 1929 when it was sold to Newmont Mining. The Filoli





Mansion and Garden were built and developed by Mr. and Mrs. William Bourn.

The Empire Mine is the site of the oldest, largest, and richest gold mine in California. From 1850 to its closing in 1956, it produced 5.8 million ounces of gold. Sounds like a lot, but in reality this gold would fill

a box 7 feet on each side. It is estimated that this represented only 20% of the available gold...80% remains...so grab your picks and shovels and let's get rich!

We were able to walk about 50 feet down the entrance to the 367 miles (the equivalent of a round trip from Grass Valley to San Jose) of abandoned and flooded shafts and tunnels. From there we could see how the miners were lowered into the main tunnel on small flatbed rail cars by winches and cables. Too creepy for me...

Quick! Onto Nevada City to the National Hotel as cocktail time is quickly approaching. This is the oldest continuously operating hotel west of the Rocky Mountains. When we arrived it was as if we had stepped back into the Victorian era. The lobby and our suites were furnished with antiques from the Gold Rush Days. Across the front of the hotel's second floor was a veranda (reserved for us) to unwind and consume an adult beverage or two prior to dinner in their Victorian dining room where, courtesy of Don, we received a nice memento of our Gold Country Tour.

Sunday found us all on our own. I asked the innkeeper for a breakfast recommendation but all she could suggest was their Sunday brunch, starting in an hour and then making a dried apple doll sour face she offered the "greasy spoon" across the street. We meandered outside to find the "spoon" (The Nevada City Classic Café) filled with our Porsche comrades and decided to join them. Settling into a syrup coated corner table with the Mitchells, Dee, a somewhat crusty old broad, served us (and everyone else in the place) with an "I wish I was anywhere else but here" attitude. My wife, Deb, was excited to see trout on the menu, to which Dee informed us... "We don't have trout...we've never had trout...don't know why it's on the menu." It was a "you had to be there" moment... but after enjoying our breakfast with the Mitchells and ensuring that the flies took no more than half of it, we visited the small shops in town, then hit the road home, returning pretty much the same way to Placerville then following 49 South a bit further, stopping a Chaos Glass in Sutter Hill, driving thru Jackson to Mokelumne Hill where we caught Hwy 26 to Stockton and then home to Mountain View. As always it was a great weekend with the LPR folks and a big thanks to Don for arranging a wonderful and educational event. •



GOLD COUNTRY TOUR



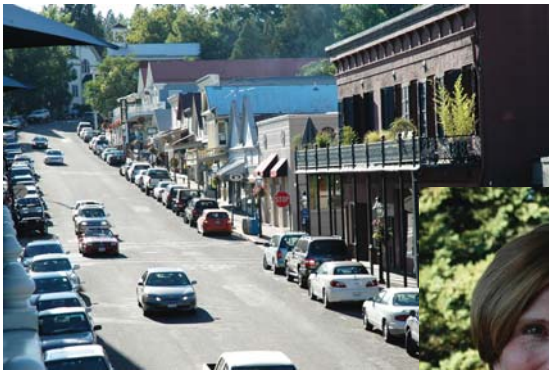


The LPR bunch poses for the important group photo with the Porsche banner, everybody knew who was taking over the town.

The usual suspects hoist their glasses to toast a beautiful afternoon of touring and camaraderie enjoyed while on the veranda of the National Hotel



Ken and Margie Jensen enjoying the snacks, refreshments and conversation before dinner.



Our view from the veranda, Main Street, Nevada City.

Portrait of Pam and Doug Ryder by John Reed, known for his candid work, obviously done to curry favors with the Ryders in hopes they will take an LPR position next year.





August 1st, Ed Taveres welcomes members to the annual event



The Blossom Valley Group area at Vasona Park provided the venue for this LPR event.

FAMILY PICNIC



Plenty of food and refreshments were available with guests bringing a dish to share.





Jackie with Steve Crane Tony Vanacore took full responsibility for the grill.

Right, Bill & Jane Charron, below Angie Reed with Jeff Tucker



Karen Morgan and Rosemary Taveres





Picnic

Sue Sickal shows us her reaction to resigning from POST distribution.



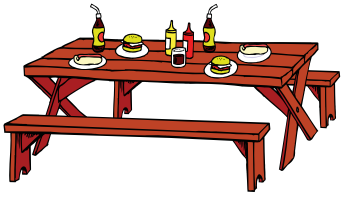
The kids square-off for the water balloon toss.



For the dry side activities, the kids had an opportunity to decorate visors.



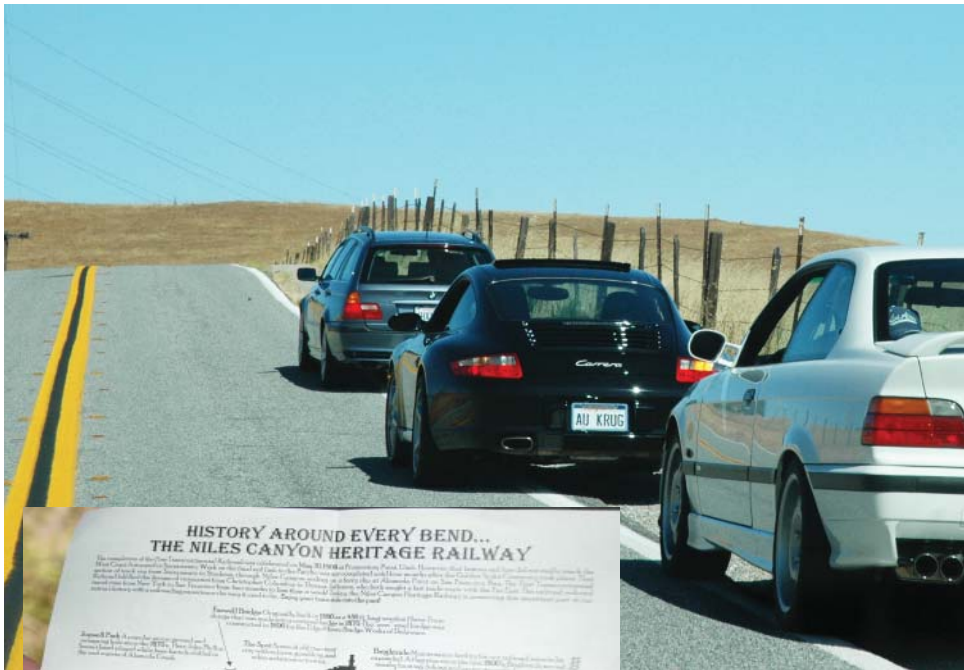
Phillip Fortier, Bob Morgan and Steve Mitchell enjoy conversation and refreshments.



Water balloons were a big part of the kids (and adult) activities.



Hal & Diana Hallock.



Right, Mike Zampiceni reviews the route instructions with Tony Vanacore

Being a member of PCA-LPR and social events director for BMWCCA, I thought it would be a splendid idea to combine our region with the BMW Golden Gate chapter for a synergistic experience for both clubs. Belonging to several car clubs as I do has its advantages when planning events. In this case, I had attended an event earlier in the summer with another car club that included a historic train ride practically in my back yard. The Pacific Locomotive Association's Niles Canyon Railway provides historic train ride experiences to the public year round from the 1880's depot in Sunol and from Niles Station in Fremont. Plentiful twisty, driver-oriented roads abound in all directions from Sunol, so I enthusiastically plotted a route that would feature some of our best California scenery along with an unusual steam ride along a winding, scenic canyon.

Almost immediately after the event was described in the Post and our online calendar, as well as the corresponding media for the BMW club, I began receiving phone calls and emails. I never anticipated the response I received. I initially thought I'd be receiving reservations for 20 people and about a dozen cars, but the final total was more than twice as many people, a few children, and 26 cars from both clubs.

Getting Steamed with the BMW Car Club of America

Joint event with BMWCCA Golden Gate Region.

Story by Mike Zampiceni, photos by John Reed and Mike Zampiceni



A couple of days prior to the event, I was pleased that the weather forecast called for atypically mild weather inland, because the Sunol area can reach 90+ degrees during the summer months. Sure enough, our Sunday afternoon only topped out at about 80 degrees. Apparently, the promise of mild weather and a unique ride was enough to encourage potential no-shows, because nearly everyone who had reserved actually appeared at our rendezvous point in northeast San Jose. With so many arrivals, I had nary a chance to shmooze,

and had to concentrate on getting them checked in and having them sign waivers before time ran out. During the driver's meeting, I quickly determined that it would be prudent to split the assemblage into two tour groups; I led about a dozen cars followed by Tony Vanacore, who volunteered to lead the remainder.

Remarkably, I was actually able to lead my group out of the parking lot two minutes early, which was a punctual way to start our adventure that was nearly free of glitches. Shortly after climbing Sierra Road for the beginning of the fun-run portion of the tour, a highway worker appeared holding a "Slow" sign, and I immediately envisioned a delay that would adversely affect our schedule. However, the obstacle was only a roadside crew clearing out dry grass from the side of the highway to mitigate a potential fire hazard. Our real fun began when we made a hard right turn onto Calaveras Road, which eventually runs along and above Calaveras Reservoir. Several miles of tight switchbacks, which limited our speed to about 35 mph, enabled us to fully exercise our steering and suspension systems. Fortunately, we spent more time dodging squirrels on the roadway than bicyclists.

At the terminus of the first leg of the tour, the tour group I was leading pulled off the side of the road for a short rest stop and photo opportunity. Shortly after we pulled over, the second group pulled up behind. When I instructed Tony to drive into the parking area alongside us, I was surprised when he said the group didn't need a rest stop and that they'd continue on. I found out later at the train station that someone in his tour group had an impending need for a nature break.

After driving a few short miles north on Highway 680 as a necessary concession to connect to the second leg of our tour, we then traversed west on a frontage road that paralleled Highway 580. We eventually turned on Palomares Road and drove southward for its entire length to Niles Canyon Road. Located just east of Castro Valley, Palomares Road is one of the most scenic roads I've experienced in the bay area, and represents some of the best of what we can partake of in our own backyard. This portion of the tour was more moderately paced, and enabled us to clearly see two wineries nestled in a mountainous setting that participants might want to visit in the future.

When we reached the end of Palomares Road, we needed to make a sharp left turn onto Niles Canyon Road, and this was the only part of the tour where I was concerned that participants make it through safely. When you're looking left at this point, a cement tressle structure appears only about 200 feet ahead
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Sizzling Sausages and Sunset by the Bay

Saturday September 26, 2009
4-8 pm

Joe and Cheryl Pruss' Home
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Cheryl and Joe Pruss would love to share their sunset view from their beautiful Monterey Bay location. The beach is accessible from the property - or from a short walk to steps. Be prepared to enjoy the beach too! Bring appropriate shoes for a beach walk, a towel or whatever you need to enjoy the adjoining beach if you wish.

We will serve BBQ sausages from the famous Corralitos Meat Market with all of the trimmings. Call for sign up for side dishes (starters, salads, condiments, desserts). Bring a jar of your favorite mustard (there will be prizes!). Beer, wine, sodas and water will be provided. The "Singing Wood" Marimba group will entertain us at sunset.



The cost is \$25 per couple
*Parking will be provided - on site
or adjacent properties.*

(This was a popular event, when held in 2006. We need to limit attendance to approximately 60 people, due to parking constraints)

Please RSVP, from September 7 to September 21; by phone or email cpruss@pacbell.net at anytime.

on the left bank of a hill, and there's a sharp left corner beyond that, so visibility beyond this short distance is non-existent. Luckily, we all made it safely past this point and drove a couple of miles to the village of Sunol, where we mostly had to park in the back-forty due to the large turnout of the general public for the steam ride.

When we arrived, we only had a half hour to take a nature break and purchase tickets. However, everyone performed efficiently in this regard, and we were ready to board the train. The question, however, was where was the train? Our question was answered a few minutes later when we heard the characteristic four-syllable CHUG-a-chug-a bellow of the steam engine pulling up the hill about a mile down the canyon. When the train turned the last corner towards us, we were ecstatic to see a beautifully restored steam locomotive pulling equally nice open and closed passenger cars. The 1926 steam engine was named "The Robert Dollar Co." I joked to some of our group about how this can't be a claimed non-profit operation when even the engine suggests otherwise with a "Dollar" affixed to its side.



The train left for Niles on time, and since the weather was so mild, I decided to view the forthcoming action from one of the open cars. As we slowly moved forward, I was very disappointed when I saw that the steam engine had been left behind and we were now being towed by a "modern" 1950's vintage diesel engine. I figured that

something went awry with the steam engine and it was consequently disabled at the station. What luck, I thought, that the steam engine would be operating perfectly until we were ready to board. Despite this setback, the ride was as enjoyable as I had remembered it only a couple of months earlier. About a mile down the tracks we passed the train yard where several engines and cars were stored in various states of repair. There was higher quality hardware to see this time around, with a really nice 1950's-era streamliner parked on a track alongside ours.

A little over a half hour after we departed, we left the mountainous canyon behind and headed for the flatlands at the Niles station. A couple of the buildings there were authentically restored, and another was in the process of undergoing its facelift. At some point before we arrived, I had moved up towards the front of the train and sat with some members to converse in one of the closed cars. Shortly after the train started on its return trip, I had mentioned my disappointment about the inoperative steam engine. They said that it was now pulling the train. Apparently, the steam engine follows behind the diesel engine, whereupon

personnel disconnect the diesel engine and attach the steam engine for the ascent back to Sunol. This explains why the caboose is in its typical position on the trip to Niles, but is attached to the steam engine on the way back. With this bit of cheery news, I quickly preempted the conversation and headed back to the front open car. Only the caboose was a buffer between us and the steam engine. It was fun watching the steam engine exhibiting its thermal antics both visually and audibly. I didn't realize how piercing the steam whistle would be. If you couldn't hear that at least a mile away, you would definitely be a candidate for a hearing aid!

When we arrived at the train station, we disembarked and headed across the street to our lunch stop at Bosco's. I mentioned earlier that our adventure was nearly free of glitches. This was when all of the glitches decided to descend upon us. I've heard service described as glacial before, but this service would have to be described as somewhere beyond that in pre-glacial geologic time. The kitchen decided to unwisely prepare the food according to the entree, rather than the table. Consequently, it was the "order of the day" to have the last dish arrive at a table an hour later than the first dish to arrive. Needless to say, we suggested that others at our table go ahead and eat and not wait for the rest of us. Although we arrived at 1:30, some people didn't receive food until 3:00. At one point I was stalling for time by having everyone introduce themselves and just generally engaging in trivial chit chat. The irony is that the restaurant owner called me a few days in advance to say that it would be better to limit the choices to five items to ensure efficient service, rather than have us select from the menu. Additionally, I understand that most of the food was poor to mediocre.

Despite this setback, participants thanked me graciously, and John Reed was enthusiastic about having a joint event again next year. I do intend on repeating this well received event in the future, except next time we'll take the reverse train route and have lunch at Niles instead! •





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Loma Prieta Region of the PCA

Minutes of the August 2009 Board Meeting

Secretary - Bob Morgan

The August Board Meeting was held on August 6, 2009 at the Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave, San Jose and was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Les Schreiber.

Board members present were: Les Schreiber, George Jansen, John Reed, Barry Pangrle and Karen Morgan. Other members in attendance were Steve Mitchell, Angie Reed, Peter Ridgway, Ken & June Iles, Ed Tefankjian, Sue Sickal, Bob Frosthalm, and Don Orlando. Bob Morgan was absent, Karen Morgan acted as Secretary.

John Reed moved and George Jansen seconded the motion to approve the June minutes. The Board approved the motion, and the June minutes were approved. No Board meeting was held in July.



Directors' Reports

President: Les Schreiber

Karen Morgan moved and John Reed seconded the motion to approve the Policies and Procedures as revised. Les reported that a special committee met to make recommendations to the Board regarding the Prieta Post (it costs more to print and mail than we get in advertising). The committee made the following recommendations: continue the POST for this year- look at what to do for next year, options are to print every other month or quarterly, or online only. A full discussion ensued. This will be the subject of the survey to be included in the Balloting for election of new board members in October. Barry moved and George seconded the motion to include the survey with the Ballot to be included in the October POST. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President: Jackie Mitchell

Jackie was not at the meeting but sent the following report via email:

Almost Summer Hat Party, hosts Steve Crane and Jeff Tucker, June 13, 2009
29 people attended/collected \$290.00

Ribs, Rum, and Rock & Roll, hosts Bob and Deb Frosthalm, July 18, 2009
33 people attended/collected \$328.00

Family Picnic, Vasona Park Blossom Valley Site, August 1, 2009

Many thanks to: Tony and Kris Vanacore – for cooking all the burgers and dogs and bringing a pop-up!; Steve Crane and Jeff Tucker – for bringing three pop-ups!; Doug, Dana, and Ashley Ambrisko – for bringing a pop-up and helping fill water balloons!; Allyson Pickard – for bringing the LPR Banner to the park that morning even though she couldn't attend!; Bob and Karen Morgan – for bringing a pop-up!; AND everyone who helped with the clean up! **MANY THANKS!!!**

Jackie reported on the upcoming GTG events: The "Way We Were" and "Sizzling Sausages and Sunset at the Bay", for details see the Calendar, page 4.

Secretary: Bob Morgan Bob was not at the meeting.

Treasurer: George Jansen

We had \$226.82 net income for July but net income remains negative for the year by \$1,506.82.

Activities: John Reed

The PCA Insurance for the activities for the month of August has been received and forwarded to the event chairman. Insurance for the September events, autocross and weekend tour, has been requested and when received will be forwarded to the event chairmen. Ed Tefankjian volunteered to seek information from CDS regarding Cherries Jubilee. The car show at the Campbell Oktoberfest has been cancelled. The tour scheduled for 10/10-11 is tentative at this point. The Coyote Run Rallye on 10/3 (zone event) has been cancelled. The newcomers' social will be on Friday, 9/11/09 at 7:00 pm at Round Table Pizza.

Membership: Barry Pangrle

LPR Membership Report 8/06/09, see page 16.

George moved and Barry seconded the motion to approve the new members. The motion was approved.

Member-At-Large: Karen Morgan

The nominating committee will meet at Alicia's Restaurant on Friday 8/7/09 at 6:30 pm. Committee members are: Angie Reed, Bill & Emilie Highley Steve Mitchell and Karen Morgan. Offices expiring due to term limits are: Treasurer, Secretary, Member at Large, and Activities Director. Karen advised Les that the Pruss's would resign from the Goodie Store.

Committee Reports:

Editor: Steve Mitchell

Steve wants to work with the printer to improve the quality of the printing. Steve had submitted the Feb. & March Prieta Posts to the Judges at parade for comments and he reviewed the comments he'd received. They were favorable so he's planning to submit for judging at next year's Parade. Congratulations to Steve on his efforts so far.

Safety: Ed Tefankjian

All the recent events (Autocross, Tours to Parade and the Gold Country), have all been safe, no incidents.

Tours: Don Orlando

There will be an article for next month's Prieta Post covering the tours to Parade and the Gold Country. The tour with the BMW club went very well. We'd like to do it again next year. Thanks to Mike Zampiceni for arranging it. A motion was made by Karen Morgan, seconded by Barry Pangrle and the board approved a \$500 deposit to the Caboose Bed & Breakfast for the Featherbed Railroad Tour on 10/20-22.

❖ Minutes

Tech: Jim Bryant

Jim was not at the meeting but there is a Tech Session at Dell Autobody on 8/15. Steve Mitchell with host and Peter Ridgway will write an article for the Prieta Post.

Autocross: Allyson Pickard Allyson was not at the meeting,

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss The Prusses were not at the meeting.

Charity: Sue Sickal

Sue reported that the Charity event is coming up in two months. Charities for this year are Sacred Heart and EMQ (FamiliesFirst). There will be more information in next month's Prieta Post. She is considering publishing a LPR cookbook and will send out an e-mail to judge interest.

Webmaster: Steve Crane

Steve will investigate the number of hits our LPR website gets.

Rallye: Bob Frosthalm

The June rallye had 15 cars. Bob will preview the upcoming 8/22 rallye. The 10/24 rallye is a photo rallye and will end at Bob's house with a BBQ.

Advertising Chair: Bill Highley Bill was not at the meeting

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken continues to submit articles to Panorama. He would like to submit more pictures in the future, Steve Mitchell will assist with the submissions.

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens Pete was not at the meeting.

Old Business: no old business

New Business:

John moved and Barry seconded a motion to spend up to \$150 on safety vests for the autocross track workers. It was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, /s/Bob Morgan

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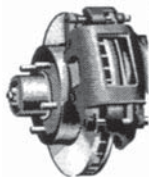
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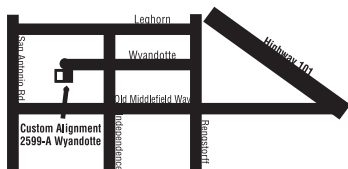


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