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#### **Editor's Letter**

STEVE MITCHELL

Well there goes another year with LPR. It's time to enjoy our Annual Awards Banquet and to take the time to show appreciation to all those members who have volunteered their time to bring the "Good Times" to others. I want to thank all our members who have made contributions to the Prieta Post by writing articles and taking photos and to Jackie our Assistant Editor and VP for taking a great deal of time every month to carefully proofread the work to make sure our newsletter looks its best. All this work doesn't go unrecognized, as the Prieta Post won a category 1st place at this year's Porsche Parade.

So, some new things this month, I want to draw your attention to our new LPR logo... stylized by the Ryders and the Iles. The view is that the more modern logo is more in line with other regions and will look especially good on clothing; the simple and elegant look. We also have a new contributor, AutoCross Affairs, see Anne Roth's column, page 38.

I have started my annual edits to the Prieta Post, you will notice in this edition that I have cut down the font size and spacing of the Board minutes so we can get the minutes down to a couple of pages. It was beginning to look like the minutes were taking over the book.

Enjoy this month's edition and I hope to see you at the Awards Banquet.

Sincerely, Steve

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#### Cover Photo:

Sylvie & Steve Graham take a break on the 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach during the Tour de San Juan.

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Photo by Chris Schaut



John Reed









## Calendar

#### what's happening in the Region

#### <u>December 4, Saturday</u> - Annual Awards Banquet

Details and registeration at: www.motorsportreg.com

#### **December 5, Sunday - Christmas in the Vineyards**

Livermore winery tour and dinner, visit lpr.pca.org for details.

#### **December 7, Tuesday - Board Meeting**

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

## <u>December 11, Saturday</u> - Toys for Tots Progressive Dinner., Details page 13.

#### January 4, Tuesday - Board Meeting

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

#### January 22, Saturday - GTG @ the Iles 7:00 pm,

Details in the next Prieta Post.

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## **Notes from the President**

#### Les Schreiber

As this will be my last official note for the POST, as President, I want to thank everyone especially the LPR Board, and all the Committee Members for the support they have given me these past two years. Without them, we couldn't have had all the good events or had them so well organized.

We had a lot of events, tours, GTG's and especially our 40th Anniversary to help the good time region, remain the "Good Time Region". We did this by just having a great time, joining in the events whenever you wanted, (as we did have a pretty good schedule) and hope you all enjoyed them. Next year, I hope, will be more of the same, but maybe some different events.

Our new Board has been elected by you, and our loyal workers were also recognized by your vote. Come out to the awards dinner on December 4th and help welcome in the new Board, and Committee Members, and congratulate our special awardees for the great job they did this last year.

December will be a full month, with the Awards Dinner on Saturday December 4th, Christmas in the Vineyards Tour on Sunday December 5th, and the Toys for Tots Progressive Dinner on Saturday December 11th.

There were only a couple of events in November, one being a tech session on Saturday November 6th, at the new facility for Performance Art which is now Borelli Motor Sports, which is located in the Club AutoSport complex at 521 Charcot Ave # 211, San Jose. A beautiful facility for all kinds of events and Jon Lazares is more then willing to help the club with whatever is needed. Stop by and say hello to Jon, and let him know you are an LPR member. He does give us a discount.

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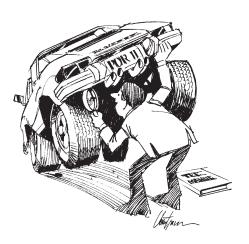
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524 E. BROKAW ROAD • SAN JOSE, CA 95112 TEL 408-436-1616 • FAX 408-436-1633 On Sunday November 7th was our annual yearly planning meeting, so I hope you were able to join us, and get your selection in for a sponsored event.

The last event in November will be at the Mitchell's "It's Time for Tacos" on Saturday November 13th and I hope you had a chance to attend.

Last month I had added a new item, with "How well do you know your Porsche". I hope you got them all correct, but if not, at least you did get the correct answers. I will again challenge you to another few from the Technical & Historical Quiz that I got at the St. Charles Parade. I hope, if nothing else, you learn a little more about different Porsche's, and that next year you will come out to one of the tech sessions, to see first hand, what or where these parts are located. -Les Schreiber



## How well do you know your Porsche:

- 1. Bosch mechanical fuel injection was introduced on the 911S and the 911E models for 1971.?
- 2. The Model 993 was derived from the year of its introduction?
- 3. Which model was the first Porsche designed completely from scratch?
- 4. The first Porsche Coupe was completed in what year?
- 5. The last true 924S models were built in model year 1988?



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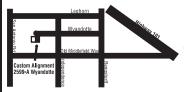
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#### **MEMBER NOTES**



Barry Pangrle

We'd like to welcome Mike Brandy and Steve Dilbeck to the Good Times Region. They are Boxster owners joining LPR through PCA. We are also celebrating Del Session's 20th anniversary with the Loma Prieta Region! Claudio and Fabio Rimediotti are celebrating their 15th anniversary with

PCA in Firenze, Italy. Norman and Virginia Damico are celebrating their 10th anniversary and Robert and Kris Spencer are celebrating their 5th.

We had a pretty good turnout of voters for our last election and it's good to see members participating. Congratulations to the new board members and I'm looking forward to working with Tom Provasi as he transitions to Membership Director. Tom has been a member of LPR for over 30 years as well as having served on the PCA National Board (plus many other accomplishments in PCA over the years).

Happy Motoring Everyone!

#### **New Members**

Mike Brandy	Scotts Valley	2002 Boxster
Steve Dilbeck	Santa Cruz	2011 Boxster

## Anniversaries 20th

Del Sessions San Jose	1975 911
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#### 15th

#### 10th

Norman & Virginia Damico Cupertino 2002 911	
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#### 5th

Robert & Kris Spencer	San Jose	1973 911T
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New members from PCA: 2; Transfers out: 2

Memberships that expired last month (10/31/10): 4

Total renewal's last month (October 2010): 16

**LPR Membership 11/4/2010:** 

Total = 532 (Primary = 295, Affiliates = 237)

## Cherry's Jubilee check presented



> A check in the sum of \$16,512.16 was presented to Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation on October 21, 2010, LPR receives credit for 1/2 of the contribution. Presenting the check to SVMH from left to right, Chris Murray, Chairman Coastal Driving School, Shirley Lavorato, President, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation, Steve Taty, PCA-MBR Competition Director, John Cole, PCA-LPR Drivers Education Director, John Meyer, Senior Director, SVMH. Photo courtesy SVMH



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#### Letters to the Prieta Post

To all the Good-timers in LPR,

Thank you for your collective and several personal expressions of comfort that you sent to me after my husband, Pete, passed on. They have lifted me up and reminded me of the many Good Times that Pete and I enjoyed with LPR members.

Many of you may recall the poems that Pete wrote about some of the events that we attended and there have been requests from some of you for him to produce another poem. He evidently had been thinking of you as I found on his desk the following beginning of a poem he was working on before he left us.

Oh, the weather outside's delightful, the sunset is so insightful in LA the sky is bright full The winter sky's all aglow, while the rest of them shovel the snow O I love California so, as oft to the beach we go

We enjoy our Christmas shopping wearing shorts and a v-neck topping on the drive called Ro Day O, And a million more places to go.

Though Pete and I left Silicon Valley in 1991, we kept returning to the Good Times with LPR, whether it was the Soup Night that he and I started with Tom and Cathy Mathieu, or the various tours where we met you mid-state to savor the pleasure of your company. My heart overflows with gratitude for the fun-filled moments that you provided us and the special Porsche camaraderie that encompassed all those moments.

With much affection,

Margot Novak

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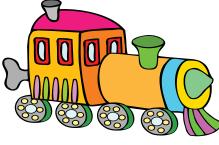
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followed by

**Dinner and Wine** (7:00-8:30) at the home of Bill & Emilie Highley, 1468 Lesher Court, San Jose *followed by* 

**Dessert and Coffee** (9:00 on) at the home of Ed & Karen Tefankjian, 2167 Glenkirk Dr., San Jose

Cost per person: \$15.00

What to bring: An unwrapped toy (one toy per couple) Suggested value \$10.00

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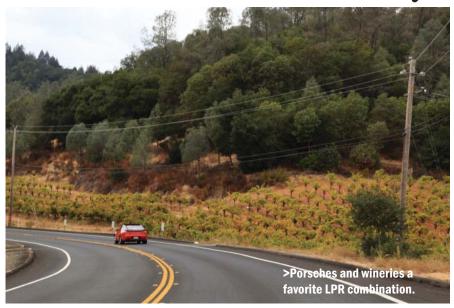
#### R.S.V.P. by December 5th to Tom & Sandy Provasi

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NOTE: Tom Provasi will take us all on a 'guided tour' of the Willow Glen lights and holiday magic as we travel from home to home!!!!!!



## Sonoma Sippin' Wine Tour & Rallye



Story by Pamela Ryder, photos John Reed and Pamela Ryder

t's been a long time since I've visited the wine country, but as our rallye host Bob Frostholm handed out our winery list, I was surprised at the number that seemed so unfamiliar: Cold Toenail, Cranky Eyed Drivers and Airfare Rancor. Really? Yes, this trip would have an unusual rallye style twist. Instead of directions, this playful group of participants had a list of 25 wineries all written in anagrams that needed to be unscrambled as we explored the tasting rooms of the Dry Creek area.

After a brief rallye meeting in Los Altos, Dick & Mary Wallace, Steve & Jackie Mitchell, John & Angie Reed, Les Schreiber, Nanci Bishop, Paul Seidel-Smith and Doug and I, set out for our first stop and rallye starting point, in Sebastopol. Along the way, the "navigators" stayed busy trying to unscramble the winery names in preparation. I was determined to win

>Deb & Bob Frostholm, rallye leaders.



but quickly found dealing with a large map, clipboard and camera in a convertible was a greater challenge than I had expected. And, perhaps my anagram deciphering ability was, well, not the best.



Once over the foggy Golden Gate Bridge, the weather cleared and we headed for our first stop, the Dutton Goldfield Winery Tasting Room in Sebastopol (http://www. duttongoldfield.com/) where David Hewitt took us through a fabulous tasting of their wines in their beautifully appointed tasting room. While some of us leisurely sipped our Chardonnay, Pinot Noirs, Zins and Port with fine dark chocolate, the more competitive bunch (Team Schreiber/Seidel-Smith and Team Reed) turned a quiet corner of the tasting room into a war room. The object of the rallye was to unscramble as many winery names as possible (20 points per correct



answer), then using the provided winery map, stop at as many of the 25 as possible and retrieve a business card as proof (10 points per card). We were given approximately three hours and would meet up the road at Sbragia Family Vineyards for a picnic and tasting on the deck, and score tallying.

Each team had a slightly different game plan. As the Ryders clearly were not in the running for win, place or show, we opted for a more relaxing pace checking out three tasting rooms (Russian River Vineyards, Thomas George Estates and Mill Creek) and enjoying the beautiful roads and scenery. We even passed the Frostholm's wedding



night B & B, The Raford Inn in Healdsburg. The Mitchells picked up Jackie's "Aunt Charline" (who lives in Sebastopol and once owned a silver 356 coupe) and the three had their technique down: pull up to the vineyard, Jackie jumps out of the front seat while Steve and Aunt Charline stay in the car cheering her on. The Reeds, Wallaces, Les, Paul & Nanci were seen on the road here and there but were definitely out for the win. The day ended with a picnic and wine tasting on the beautiful deck of the Sbragia

Family Vineyards (http://www.sbragia.com/). The tasting here had something for everyone as they brought out a Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, a Zin and a Cab. Many of us left the wineries and tour with bonnets full of fabulous wines. And our winner? Team Schreiber/Seidel-Smith followed by the Reeds. Congrats to you both!



After our picnic, a few of us headed to one of the most beautiful wineries in the Dry Creek Valley, Ferrari-Carano and their five acres of incredible gardens. In front of the Italianate wine center, a small footpath leads you along a stream captured at both ends by waterfalls that flow into fish filled ponds.

Bronze statues from renowned artists grace the gardens and outlying areas. And their wine is a personal favorite! A definite must-see on any trip to the area.

Everyone enjoyed the rallye's camaraderie as well as the freedom to stop at their favorite wineries along the way. In fact, a few of us made this rallye the first part of an enjoyable weekend! The Mitchells went back to Sebastopol for an evening with Aunt Charline. The Wallaces had brought their bikes (but not their Porsche) and took off for an adventure in Windsor. Healdsburg and Occidental, biking, meeting up with old friends, eating great food and coming home through scenic Bodega Bay. The Ryders stayed at a B & B in Sebastopol before heading off to Napa for a quiet night at the Auberge du Soleil. Kudos to Bob Frostholm for setting up such a creative rallye and making it a fun filled day for us all!





>Les and Paul Sonoma Sippin' Wine Tour & Rallye winners with a perfect score.

## Sonoma Sippin'



>Eating and drinking always LPR favorites.



>John & Angie Reed, although many years since John grew up in the 'hood, he hasn't given up his gang roots, here flashing the Crips sign for East Coast.



## Charity Event LPR annual event hosted by the Sickals





>On Saturday, October 9th Greg & Sue Sickal hosted the annual LPR charity event raising \$4500 that will be equally distributed to Camp Harmon, On Lok and the Morgan Autism Center

>Baskets were again the theme this year with many LPR members and friends participating in the silent auction.

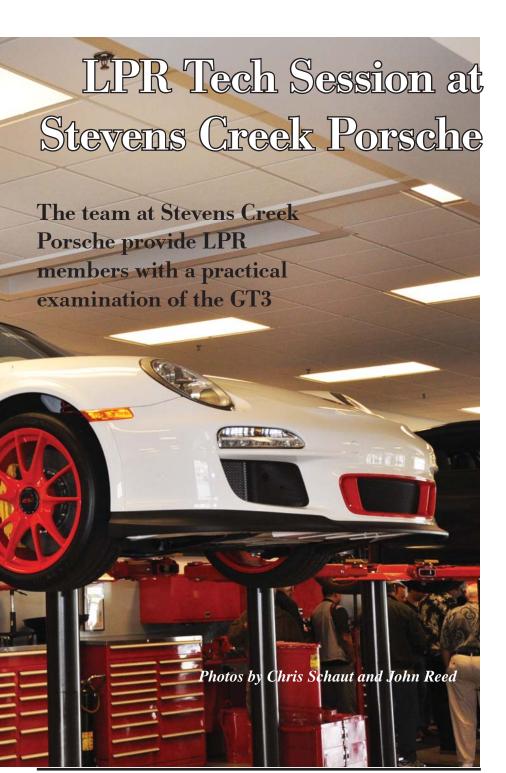








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## Halloween GTG



Story by Jennifer Bryant, photos Steve Mitchell and Rena Schaut

umby was leading Pokey (or was it Pokey leading Gumby?) as we stumbled to the door that was blaring haunting noises and lots of talk and laughter. We were stumbling because, in our rush to finalize our costumes for the annual LPR Halloween GTG, we didn't make Gumby's or Pokey's eye slits big enough to see out of properly. Talk about costume malfunctions -- we were determined to make our LPR friends guess who was behind the green and orange costumes, but our plans were a little too optimistic for the time that we allowed ourselves to make them. Good thing

we decided not to drive to the Morgans' house with our costume heads on, otherwise we would have had a lot more than costume malfunctions!

We could tell that the party was in full swing when we arrived because of all the talking, laughter, and spooky-Halloween noises emanating from the multitude of motion-sensitive ghosts, goblins, skeletons, spiders, bats, and witches decorating the Morgan's house. But I couldn't see what was happening or who was talking



to me, because of the miniscule eyeslits in my costume. So I quickly decided to take my head off! As soon as I got it off, I saw the Mad Hatter and Queen of Hearts, and said hello. Lucky for them, they did manage to keep their heads on all evening. That's right, Paul Seidel-Smith and Nanci Bishop were there, disguised as the Mad Hatter and Queen of Hearts. Nanci with vivid red hair and elaborate dress, and Paul with red hair, tall hat and multicolored scarf, their costumes were very authentic – a shoe-in for the Best Costume prizes. Fred & Wilma Flintstone were there although I don't think they drove to the party in their flint mobile. I'm quessing they drove their Porsche instead. Wilma (aka Jackie Mitchell) was performing the very un-Wilma-like function of collecting money from all the attendees, while Fred, aka Steve Mitchell was showing off his bare feet. We paid our dues and Fred



said yabba dabba doo.

Our hosts, Bob and Karen, were dressed up as Colonel Saunders and The Grinch. Bob even had a bucket of KFC ... but it was empty! Not to worry, there was a variety of delicious appetizers that we munched on while discussing each



others' costumes. Sue Sickal came as a SF Giants fan – very timely. But that night was the only game of the series that the Giants lost ... next time, Sue, maybe you should dress as a Texas Rangers fan?! Margie and Ken Jensen were dressed up as cute Ragedy Ann and Andy, both with red hair. Donna and Tom Micele came as I. Kande, RN, and Dr. Juicy, Boobologist. I don't recall seeing those cartoon characters when I was a kid... I guess my Mom didn't let me watch those kind of cartoons.

Marge Simpson showed up, with a huge protrusion of blue hair and a



red puffy necklace. For those of us who haven't watched much of the Simpsons on TV, Marge's (aka Rena Schaut) beehive hairdo reminded us of the B52s. Bart Simpson (aka Chris Schaut) explained, like us, he also experienced a costume malfunction. Apparently his hair didn't take the bright yellow hair coloring very well so he brought a Bart Simpson facemask instead.

No Halloween visit to the Morgan's is complete without a trip through their haunted tunnel. After we had taken off our huge Pokey and Gumby costume heads, we treaded fearfully through this year's version of the maze. For the past several years Bob and his goblins have constructed a tunnel with flashing lights; creepy things that drop down from above; squishy stuff underfoot; glow-in-the-dark underworld type things that jump out at you as you try to sneak by; a ghost that chases you; and lots of spooky noises. After skulking through this year's amazing

rendition we arrived in the civilized back yard of the Morgan's where wine and beer were waiting for us.

The Iles' cleverly interpreted the theme of cartoons as car tunes. and their costumes were based on the song Oh Lord Won't You Buy Me a Mercedes Benz. June was the Porsche and Ken was the Mercedes. When they had to sing their song to us before the prizes were announced, we learned that Ken and June aren't nearly as good at singing as Janice Joplin was. And Janis was not a good singer. A few other couples incorporated a car theme into their costumes. Pam and Doug Ryder came as a Racing Pit Crewperson (Pam) and Speed Racer (Doug). They both wore Porsche hats; had plenty of sponsorship crests and patches on their overalls; and wore sensible shoes. I think they were the most comfortably dressed folks that night! Juanita Brisson was dressed up as Sally Carerra from the movie Cars; and Larry was the Tow Meter Man.

Velma Dinkley and Norville "Shaggy" Rogers were there along with Scooby Doo. Velma, aka Laurie Delimon, did manage to keep her glasses on all night and was seen sleuthing in the Morgan's back yard with a flashlight; no doubt hot on the trail of a nasty ghoulie that stole 2 helpings of the yummy appetizers. Kurt Delimon, with his long blond wig, looked very much like a Shaggy character.

As I was enjoying my second glass of wine, there was a commotion at the entranceway and in walked



Snap, Crackle and Pop. The Vincents had arrived, dressed as the three cartoon mascots for Rice Krispies! Christine was Crackle, Beverley was Snap, and of course Vince was Pop. Christine explained that she had sewn the costumes herself a year earlier but had to wait until this year to wear them. They were another strong candidate for the Best Costume award. Cruella Deville, a neighbor of the Morgans (Charlene), was there. She looked like she was having a good time and fit right in. Bob and Karen's two sons, Carlos and Devon, and friend Camille, made a brief appearance dressed as Bob Marley; a PGE Gas Line Checker – very clever; and an Eskimo. They didn't stay very long no doubt they had other parties to attend. Ed and Rosie Tavares were

there ... cleverly disguised as Ed and Rosie Tayares!

After the delicious dinner was served, The Grinch displayed numerous prizes for costumes and carved pumpkins. I guess most of us were too busy putting together our costumes because I. Kande, RN, was the only one who brought a carved pumpkin. She had decorated the pumpkin as an elaborate princess and won first prize!

Next up, we were given ballots to fill out for the various costume awards. This might have been Karen's subtle way of reminding us all to vote in the looming November 2nd elections; I'm not sure – but it did give us all the opportunity to practice our democratic right to vote. While the counting committee was counting the votes, the rest of us feasted on desserts including brownies, red velvet cake; carrot cake; apple strudel; and of course pumpkin cookies, yum! As coffee was being served, the counting committee had finalized the tallies and the winners were announced. It was no surprise that the Best Costume went to The Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts. Then it was Snap, Crackle and Pop who won the Cutest Costume, and Most Creative Costume went to Pokey and Gumby. The Funniest Costume went to Ken & June for their Porsche and Mercedes car tune representation; I'm pretty sure it was their singing that earned them this award. The Morgan's won the Ugliest Costume prize – it must have been because of Karen's green Grinch gloves. The

Tavares', who went as themselves, won the Worst Costume prize. The surprise of the night was the winner of the Scariest costume – that prize went to the Flintstones. Some folks were overheard mumbling that it must have been Steve's scary bare feet that earned them that prize!

After everyone compared prizes, it was time for Wilma Flintstone, aka Jackie Mitchell (in president Les' absence) to give the customary speech about upcoming events, and

then present Karen and Bob with their host gift. Not long after that the crowd started thinning, it was just after 10pm and it was past most club members' bed time. As we shuffled out, Karen was still plying us with treats – we all got a goodie bag full of Halloween candy. Thanks, Karen and Bob, for another spooktacular evening!



>Clockwise from top left, Dr. Juicy Boobologist Tom Micele with his nurse Donna; the Ryder pit crew, Juanita & Larry from Cars.







>Hosts Col. Sanders and the Grinch Morgans receive the host gift from Wilma Flintstone.



>Below, Marge and Bart Simpson Schaut.



## Halloween CTC



>Karen Morgan above as the Grinch, Steve & Jackie Mitchell as Fred & Wilma























## Tour de San Juan



#### Story by Bob Frostholm, photos by Rena Schaut

hen Mother Nature decides to arrive early and deliver the first big storm of the season in the middle of our Indian Summer, there's only one thing to do....Head South! And so we did.

Following the tour route planned by the Bennett's and Reed's, we managed to dodge the raindrops for almost the entire 140 mile journey. We began, as always, with a gathering to the faithful at the Summit Steakhouse Restaurant/Silicon Valley Holiday Inn near 101 and Bernal. There, our tour leaders distributed prepared envelopes containing our route instructions with approximate odometer readings, a brochure describing the beautiful 17 Mile Drive, a participants list, raffle ticket (for the post dinner festivities) and our

lunch coupons. Big Juan (John "Juan" Reed) not to be confused with Big Juan Bautista, took center stage with the tour formalities (safety first, headlights on, etc.) and then gave us the "secret" password that would allow us to pass thru the heavily armed gates of the Monterey Peninsula with being subjected to body searches. The code,



originally "Dave, The Dead Squirrel", had to be shortened to allow the guards to be able to remember it... and thus saying "Bennett" was sufficient to gain entry.

This tour was extremely well attended, with 25 cars participating. I'm not sure if the high attendance was because many thought this might be the last tour of 2010, or, if some misunderstood the name of the tour and thought is was a Tour "sans" Juan...but whatever the reason, it was a spectacular event. With such a large turnout, we were divided into two groups to better manage coagulation.

After a brief traverse on 101, we exited at Bailey Rd. for more fulfilling roads that the Porsches love so well. We took the back country roads around Uvas Reservoir to connect with Hwy 152...then up the mountain and down the backside to Watsonville, turning south and following miles and miles of berry farms before entering Hwy 1 for Monterey.

Traffic was extremely light making our arrival a bit earlier than originally planned, but no one seemed to mind... After all, who could possibly complain about having to spend more time at Roy's



at the Inn at Spanish Bay. They weren't quite ready for us so we enjoyed the mild outdoors and spectacular ocean and coastal views from the patio. To accommodate 50 people for lunch, our selections had been limited to a Teriyaki Burger, Portobello Mushroom or Fish Filet Sandwich. All three were outstanding. Our server, Roy (we accused him of being an Undercover Boss, which he vehemently denied) didn't really look much like Roy Yamaguchi, but we continued to tease him anyway.



After lunch, several of us walked down to the rocky beach area, dodging errant golf balls along the way. I was quite amazed how many terrible golfers seem willing to drop a couple of hundred bucks to embarrass themselves... but who am I to judge, having played golf only four times in my life.

With our bellies full, we again hit the road, completing the 17-mile loop (seems group two's leader got a bit sidetracked and did the 18 mile drive... I think the wind blew Kevin's flowing locks into his eyes and he missed a sign... Safety marshals, take note, tour leaders need to be able to spot proper signs...hair nets for the wannabe hippies will be



required on future events.

We hopped onto Hwy 1 Southbound to Carmel Valley Rd and then headed East, past the old Quail Lodge Resort (R.I.P.), up Laureles Grade and down the mountain to the thriving metropolis of Spreckels... Spreckels???? Okay, I'm expecting something exciting... like the Spreckels Mansion in Pacific Heights (San Francisco), current occupied by writer Danielle Steel. Not quite... I'll quess more people live in the mansion than live in this town. Writer John Steinbeck, who lived and worked there for a time. used it as a setting in Tortilla Flat... cudda fooled me.

Onward we went, travelling uncluttered back roads as we wound our way to the place of Big Juan Bautista. Our fearless leader, Big Juan Reed, barked out orders on the CB alerting us to the perils of



merging briefly onto Hwy 1. It was actually a safe merge, but caution is a good thing.

Before long, we were safely entering the parking area of the Posada De San Juan. The drizzle began as our cars pulled in. Nice job keeping the clouds at bay guys! While many gathered in the hotel lobby for treats and beverages, Deb and I decide to tour the town on foot, credit card in hand. There are a number of nice shops and friendly folks on the main drag. We especially enjoyed the San Juan Bakery & Grocery that had several dozen different breads available.



At 6PM sharp, with the Giants and Phillies tied at 2 all, we made our pilarimage to Matxain Etxea... no I don't know how to pronounce it either...someone said to try this: mat-CHINE et-CHAY. It is a wonderful Basque restaurant that offers a family-style feast worth the drive from almost anywhere. This is hearty, comfort food that warms the soul as much as the charm of head chef Luis Matchain warms the heart, Luis actually tried to warm Kevin's head with a traditional Basque style beret, worn by Basque shepherds in the Pyrenees, but alas, too much hair prevented a proper fit.

Our party occupied all but two small tables, where a few fearless locals attempted to converse amidst our boisterous laughter and ear shredding whistles from Debbie Bennett. Each of our tables came equipped with a bottle of red wine. Pre-opened and no label to declare a varietal or vintage ensured it was home made. I took a taste...ah, work-week 33, always a good choice (Thank God, Greg Sickal shared some of his BYOB Chardonnay.)

Big Juan (Reed, that is) warned us to go light at lunch...he wasn't kidding... Shortly upon arriving, we received two metal bowls, one containing thick, creamy white beans, the other filled with rice... then a soup – pasta, carrots, cabbage, potato and a bit of lamb, followed by our main course... a choice of salmon, lamb shank, ribeye beef steak or chicken... all were great. I later learned that traditional

way to eat the beans and soup is by combining them and then adding a splash of red wine... something learned for next time.

As our evening wound down and our belts were move to the next larger loop, the raffle began and Big Juan and Debbie bestowed many of us with lavish and not so lavish prizes. The night might have lasted longer were it not for the Giants playoff game. Juan Uribe hit a tiebreaking homer off Ryan Madson with two outs in the eighth inning and with the game heading into the 9th inning, several folks wanted to view the finale in their rooms.

Great job, Bennett's and Reed's...

And every story must have a happy ending... the Giants won the pennant and will go to the World Series.















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#### **AutoCross AX Affairs**

Anne Roth

#### AX'ers did it 4,372 times!!

Yes, that's how many laps were run during LPR's 2010 AX Season, and, what a season it was, this, my first season as LPR's AX Chair. Personally, I didn't think I was up to the task and I may never get comfortable doing the drivers meeting.

From weather Armageddon, the 2 day Zone 7 event (with our neighboring Region GGR) where new friendships were made and old friendships were renewed, the Martindale's bet, observing the 1st timers progress from newbie, to novice, and now seasoned veterans, the 1st place points battle in AX12 at the last AX are but just a few of the memorable moments.

I now look to the 2011 Season. Not only do dates have to be finalized, but the AX Team has to be built. You don't have to be an AX driver to participate or be part of the AX Team! Many of our regulars are 'crew' to their significant others, they not only support their loved ones, but contribute by taking photos, assisting in timing/scoring, instructing not just drivers, but course workers, as well.

I and LPR am faced with one very large challenge.

Bill and Jane Charron, after 4+ years, are 'retiring' from towing the trailer once a month to Marina. LPR is actively looking for someone to transport the trailer. We can't hold AX's if the timing trailer isn't transported to Marina. Anyone interested in helping us out in this capacity, or any other capacity, please contact me.

Congratulations go to all of you for a successful 2010 Season. I extend deep and heart felt thanks to all of you for your help and support—could not do it without you.

LPR is known as "The Good Time Region" and our AX's are no exception. The laughter, the good natured competition, the time spent with one another makes every LPR AX a special event. "It's not just the cars, it's the people" is truly embodied at our AX's.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2011 in Marina.

-Anne

#### Loma Prieta Region of the PCA

Minutes of the November 2010 Board Meeting

**The November Board Meeting was held on Nov. 4, 2010** at the Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave. in San Jose. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by President Les Schreiber. Board members present were; Les Schreiber, Suzette Pangrle, Peter Ridgway, Doug Ryder. Herb Radding came a little late so we would have a quorum (minimum 5 board members). Jacqueline Mitchell and Barry Pangrle were absent. Other members in attendance were Anne Roth, John and Angie Reed, Emilie and Bill Highley, Tony Vanacore, Ken and June Iles, Sue Sickal and John Cole.

#### **Directors' Reports**

#### **President: Les Schreiber**

Les asked for a motion to approve the October 2010 Board minutes. Doug made the motion to approve and Peter seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the October 2010 minutes.

#### Secretary: Peter Ridgway

Peter reported the results of the Board of Directors election for 2011:

PRESİDENT, Ed Tefankjian TREASURER, Jennifer Bryant VICE PRESIDENT, Emilie Highley ACTIVITIES, Doug Ryder SECRETARY, Peter Ridgway MEMBERSHIP, Tom Provasi

MEMBER AT LARGE, Suzette Pangrle

Vice-President: Jackie Mitchell Jackie was not present but emailed her report.

October 30th – Halloween GTG – Bob and Karen Morgan, 27 people attended. LPR collected \$270.00. Jackie will give Herb the \$270 at next Board meeting.

Upcoming events:

November 13th – It's Time for Tacos - GTG – Jackie and Steve Mitchell, A prize for the best sombrero!

December 4th – LPR Annual Awards Banquet, (register to attend at: motorsportreg.com) December 11th – Progressive Dinner – Highley/Provasi/Tefankjian, (bring an

unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots)

#### Treasurer: Herb Radding

Herb reported Oct. income to date of \$7,129.34 with \$5,290.17 in expenses netting \$1,839.17.

Autocross brought in \$1,276 but we had 2 months of expenses. We also had extra POST expenses due the including the ballots.

**Membership: Barry Pangrle** Barry was not present but emailed his report. See page 10.

Peter motioned to approve all new members. Suzette seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the new members.

#### Activities: Doug Ryder

Reporting on Oct. events;

Oct. 10th Autocross AX #8

Oct 16th Tech Session at Stevens Creek Porsche

Oct. 23rd and 24th – Tour de San Juan Bautista

All required Insurance certificates for the following November events have been requested;

Nov. 6th: Tech Session at Performance Art's new location in San Jose

Nov. 7th: LPR Calendar Planning Meeting at Round Table Pizza on Camden

Dec 4th: Awards Dinner at the Silicon Valley Holiday Inn

Dec 5th: Christmas in the Vineyards Tour Dec. 11th: Progressive Dinner (Toys for Tots )

#### Member-At-Large: Suzette Pangrle

Suzette thanked everyone on the Nominations and Awards committee. It was noted that we had a substantial increase in votes, both mail in and on line, over last year. A positive development.

#### Committee Reports

Advertising Chair: Bill Highley Bill had nothing to report.

**Autocross: Anne Roth** 

The 2011 autocross calendar is about 90% set. Possibly with a couple Saturday dates. Jon at Performance Art will be storing the Trailer for the winter. We'll be trading ads and a banner on the trailer in exchange. A deal we all feel is good for the club.

#### **Charity: Sue Sickal**

The charity event on Oct. 9th was well attended and brought in \$5,200 for the charities. We'll be distributing \$4,500 equally among all 3 charities leaving about \$1,200 in seed money for next year. We did this last year and it worked out very well.

#### **Drivers Ed: John Cole**

A check for \$16,500.16 from the Cherries Jubilee driving event was presented to the Salinas Valley Health organization. There was some discussion about how we insure LPR gets credit for this charitable contribution since the check was not directly written by LPR. John Cole will work out the details with Herb to insure proper accounting.

Goodies Store: Dick & Mary Wallace Dick and Mary were not present.

Prieta Post Editor: Steve Mitchell Steve was not present

**Public Relations: Ken Iles** 

Ken reported submissions to Panorama for Octoberfest, Cherries Jubilee and the Charity event as well as the last Autocross event.

Rallye: Bob Frostholm Bob was not present

Safety: Ed Tefankjian

Ed reported for October: 10/10/10 Autocross

10/23 and 10/24 Tour to San Juan Bautista Tour

No safety issues/incidents at the above driving events and Observer Reports sent to PCA National.

Tech Chair: Blair Hankins Blair was not present

November 6th - Tech Session at Performance Arts new location in San Jose

Tours: Paul Seidel-Smith

Oct. 23rd and 24th – Tour de San Juan Bautista, Everyone had a great time and all went well.

Upcoming tours: Dec 5th, Christmas in the Vineyards

Webmaster: Steve Crane Steve was not present.

Zone 7 Rep: Sharon Neidel Sharon was not present

Old Business: None New Business: None

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 12/7/2010 at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza on Union

& Camden.

Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted, /s/Peter Ridgway

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