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Editor's Letter

STEVE MITCHELL

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Sincerely, Steve

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Hye Notes

Ed Tefankjian, President



Summer is moving at a fast pace and some of the kids go back to school in late August. If you haven't had a chance to get out with your LPR friends there are some great events in August and September.....check the POST for details.

The Porsche Parade this year is in Savannah, Georgia July 29 – August 7. I'll have comments in the September POST on this Parade located in an area of our country with a unique blend of history, elegance, charm and during Parade lots of Porsche enthusiasts.

Escape 2011 is in Flagstaff, Arizona September 15 – 18. If you are not planning to attend this year you should consider going to a future Escape west of the "Rockies". We went to Canada last year and had a great time seeing old friends and meeting new ones. With Parade on one coast or the other Escape gives you another option. Escape, like the Parade, moves around each year and is typically held on the opposite side of the country from the Parade. Escape is non-competitive and is a socially oriented weekend..... typically Thursday through Sunday, Escapes usually consists of banquets, driving tours, drives to local area attractions. Other activities may include an "off road" event for our Cayenne enthusiasts. The goal is to provide a fun agenda for club members to meet, see the local highlights and fun driving roads.

If you haven't already checked out our Facebook page please do so.....lots of LPR information there. Check the LPR calendar and come out to some of the upcoming events.

Remember, "it's not just the cars, it's the people".

Bye for now, Ed

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report of the Membership Director

Membership Report

Tom Provasi



Welcome to our new member Lesa Stollenwerk from Scotts Valley. Another new member from outside the US is Pablo Ordorica from Mexico City. That makes a total of 4 new members from outside our borders this year. Pretty soon we might have to rename our region slogan to "The International Good Time Region". Transferring in from

the Golden Gate Region is Grant Keyser & Sheilah Siegel. I'd also like to welcome new dual members from Golden Gate, Sylvia & David Lichtenger from Palo Alto.

Check out the calendar to see what events might interest you and come out and enjoy what the club has to offer. Hope to see you soon.

New Members

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Lesa Stollenwerk | Scotts Valley | 2000 Boxster |
| Pablo Ordorica | Mexico City | 1973 911E |

Transferred In

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|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Grant Keyser & Sheilah Siegel | Santa Cruz | 1974 914 race |
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Anniversaries

30th

| | | |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| Larry Brisson | Sunnyvale | 1996 993 |
| Carrol Jung | San Carlos | |

20th

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Robert & Christine Penland | Sunnyvale | 1980 911SC |
| Diane Warner-Wang | Palo Ato | 1971 911T |

10th

| | | |
|---------------|-------|----------|
| Scott DeMuesy | Alamo | 2002 911 |
|---------------|-------|----------|

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

Memberships that expired last month (June 2011): 9

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Swap Meet & Concours

LPR and PartsHeaven host the June 5 event and Zone 7 Concours.

Photos by John Reed





>Concours results

| Position | Category | Class | Name | Region | # | Year | Model | Score |
|----------|-----------------|-------|----------------|--------|-----|------|---------|--------|
| 1st | Wash & Shine | WS-2 | Jon Dugan | Red | 105 | 1974 | 914 | 192.00 |
| 2nd | Wash & Shine | | Robert Sletten | | 103 | 1996 | 912 | 189.00 |
| 3rd | Wash & Shine | | Jim Davis | LPR | 101 | 1975 | 911 | 187.00 |
| 1st | Wash & Shine | WS-4 | Andy Chen | GGR | 102 | 1997 | Carrera | 191.00 |
| 1st | Wash & Shine | WS-6 | Trevor Ridgley | GGR | 104 | 1994 | 968 | 188.00 |
| 1st | Street | S-3 | Bob Schoenherr | Red | 201 | 1976 | 9112e | 244.00 |
| 1st | Comp/Sl | CSI-1 | Larry Sharp | LPR | 401 | 1993 | RSA | 225+10 |
| 1st | Preservation/UR | UR-4 | Steve Lefczik | GGR | 501 | 1985 | Carrera | 233.00 |
| 1st | Full | C-4 | Ed Gervasoni | GGR | 302 | 1989 | 930 | 289.00 |
| 1st | Full | C-9 | Andy Tzelepis | GGR | 301 | 1980 | 924 | 292.00 |



You Missed the Fun-Khana?

If you missed this year's Fun-Khana, you missed the club at it's best. Having Fun!

**Story Peter Ridgway,
photos John Reed and
Rena Schaut**



For the few who participated, the Fun-Khana was more like a GTG in cars than a driving event. A quick explanation for those who missed it. The whole thing took place in the Borelli Motor Sports parking lot. Total driving distance - less than 1700 feet! The object was to negotiate a series of "hazards" twice. The winners were the ones who best matched both course times. Each car had to have both a driver and a navigator. There were 5 hazards: parallel parking, the Beer Can Ellipse, the Wheel of Fortune, the Horny Hazard and the Foot Fetish Chicane. Parallel parking should have been straight forward. Unless you heard Ed T. and Don Orlando vigorously arguing over how to interpret the sorta loose rules for better times.

The Beer Can hazard is a 50 foot cone ellipse the driver circles while the navigator holds a beer can suspended on a string from the center cone. Penalty points for driving over cones, dropping the beer can or pulling the can out of the cone. Not as easy as it sounds. The team of Ken Iles and Jennifer Bryant attempted to win by default by going so slowly everyone else would quit. Team Borelli's full race Mustang driven by Addison Lee with Emilie's German exchange student, Tammo, navigating put us back

on schedule by blasting around the cones in record time. Most of the navigators found that hanging out or sitting on the passenger door was a distinct advantage and it made for great spectating.

If there was a high light, it was the fantastic Wheel of Fortune constructed by Doug Ryder. Navigators had to spin the perfectly balanced 10 foot arm, complete with LPR car badge on the end to see what prizes or penalties the team incurred. You could "Start over". No one figured out whether that was a prize or a



penalty. You could drop penalty points, get 2 chances at the Horny hazard or be forced to back into it. Best prize was landing on "Divide 1st and 2nd run time." Only one navigator landed on "divide your time" ultimately giving Don and Leslie Orlando the winning time.

The Horny hazard was tweaked this year giving teams an actual chance to light it up without "honking". Maybe half of the teams managed it but there was still a lot of honking going on.

The last hazard was a short chicane. The rub was that both driver and navigator had to use a sneaker on a stick to knock over bottles placed on the cones while zipping through the chicane.

Spectators were the real winners. Watching the teams while cheering and jeering. Enhancing the fun this year was Rena's unintentional call for wearing pajama's. Long story - ask Rena, Anne, Ken or Bob Frosthalm. Bob kept score while looking resplendent in a classic bathrobe. Anne set up the timing and workers in some nifty blue PJ's. Look for a PJ brunch or something similar on next years calendar.

The Fun-Khana is best describe by those participating:

"Porsches are designed to be very agile at high rates of speed.... however, the Fun-Khana event showed us all that Porsches can be lots of fun at a very slow speeds". (Ed)

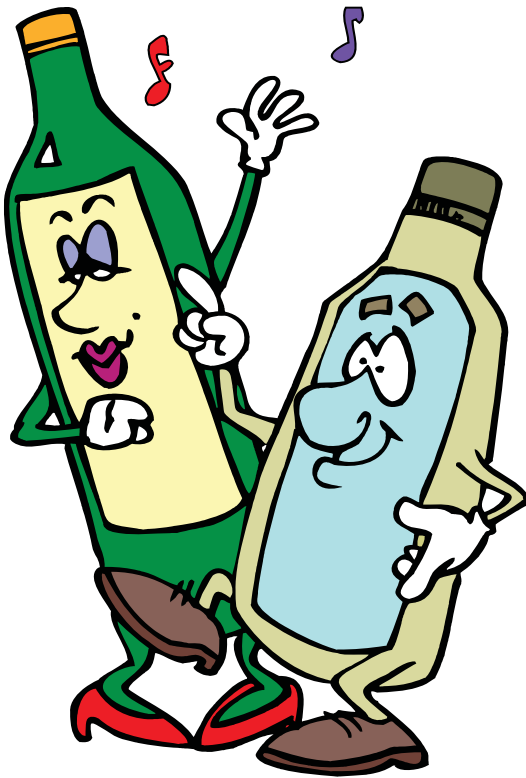
To those of you who were unable to attend, I can only say you need to start taking your party pills again. Peter described it best... a GTG with Cars. After all, this is the Good Times Region...and you missed a really good time. Food, friends, cars and lots of laughter. Not even Vana White and Pat Sajak could hold a candle to Doug Ryder's Wheel of "Mis"-fortune. (Bob)

A great event, even if we didn't get out of first gear! Really -- great fun. (Don)

Borelli Motor Sports thoroughly enjoyed having the LPR members at Club Auto Sport. All attendees had a contagiously great time and we hope to see everyone back very soon! (Addison)

Let me know if you want to do this again next year.





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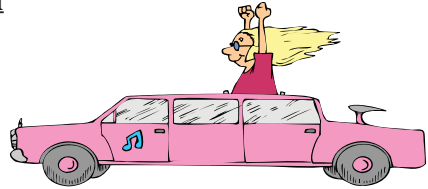
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Rena Schaut

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Is Nitrogen Better than Air in Car Tires?

By Mike Allen

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Q: Is there any advantage to using nitrogen instead of compressed air in tires? Will I notice improved fuel economy or a smoother ride? Will my tires last longer?

A: Sort of. From the top: Air is 78 percent nitrogen, just under 21 percent oxygen, and the rest is water vapor, CO₂ and small concentrations of noble gases such as neon and argon. We can ignore the other gases.

There are several compelling reasons to use pure nitrogen in tires.

First is that nitrogen is less likely to migrate through tire rubber than is oxygen, which means that your tire pressures will remain more stable over the long term. Racers figured out pretty quickly that tires filled with nitrogen rather than air also exhibit less pressure change with temperature swings. That means more consistent inflation pressures during a race as the tires heat up. And when you're tweaking a race car's handling with half-psi changes, that's important.

Passenger cars can also benefit from the more stable pressures. But there's more: Humidity (water) is a Bad Thing to have inside a tire. Water, present as a vapor or even as a liquid in a tire, causes more of a pressure change with temperature swings than dry air does. It also promotes corrosion of the steel or aluminum rim.

If I ever need to top off a tire when I'm out on the road, I'll always briefly depress the tire chuck's valve with my thumbnail and vent some air. If my thumb gets wet, there's water in the line. Some gas stations don't do a very good job of keeping the humidity out of their air system. I don't even like to use a water-based tire-mounting lubricant unless I can let the tire bake in the sun for a couple of hours before I air it up and seat the bead. I've dismantled tires (not mine) that had several quarts of water inside—probably from a compressed-air hose that collected water and was never purged properly.



>David Graff at Borelli Motorsports master of the pure nitrogen tire fill.

How is water relevant to a nitrogen discussion? Any system that delivers pure nitrogen is also going to deliver dry nitrogen. Filling tires with nitrogen involves filling and purging several times in succession, serially diluting the concentration of oxygen in the tire. This will also remove any water.

It's certainly simple, although time-consuming, for a tire technician to fill and bleed tires. But most shops use a machine that not only generates almost pure nitrogen by straining the oxygen out of shop-compressed air, but will also automatically go through several purge cycles unattended. Some shops have been charging as much as \$30 per tire for this service. I think that's too much. If you're buying a new tire, it should be far less. Still, the nitrogen generator, filling system and technician's time aren't free—the dealer is entitled to some return for that.

So, to answer your specific questions: With nitrogen, your tire pressures will remain more constant, saving you a small amount in fuel and tire-maintenance costs. There will be less moisture inside your tires, meaning less corrosion on your wheels. You will not be able to feel any difference in the ride or handling or braking, unless your tire pressures were seriously out of spec and changing to nitrogen brought them back to the proper numbers.

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Navigating the Road from Track to Autocross



Story by Doug Ryder, photo by Pam Ryder

One of the things you find as you get older is that you think you know more than you do – well at least for some of us. Like most American males, I think I’m a pretty good driver. I should be, after all I’ve owned 7 Porsches and think I handle them pretty well. I’ve also done a few track days at Laguna Seca in recent years with my ‘87 Cab. All in all, not too bad. I am, however, still looking to break the 2-minute barrier.

So, when Anne Roth, LPR’s Autocross Chair, first suggested I try Autocrossing, I begged off, thinking that I wouldn’t enjoy going to some parking lot and tearing up my car driving around cones, likely in first gear. After all, I’m a track guy.

Earlier in the year I had offered to be a backup for towing the AX trailer down to Marina. As the first AX of the season neared without anyone else to tow, my Denali and I were put into service! Since I was going to be there all day I asked my 28-year-old son, Greg, if he would follow me down in the ‘87 and we would give this Autocross thing a try.

We were up at 4:30 a.m. for our very early morning run to Marina. When we arrived there was energy in the

air and a fair amount of hustle and bustle as the course was laid out. Meanwhile, the cars were staged for the mandatory safety check. Upon our return from walking the course, we were informed that our car had failed the inspection! Why? Well, two reasons actually, a loose battery hold-down and a broken throttle return spring. Fortunately the spring was a secondary (back-up) and after the battery was secured – we were cleared to race! (You can see our failed inspection on LPR’s YouTube station <http://www.youtube.com/user/LomaPrietaPCA>)

Greg was in the first run group and spent the first session with an instructor. Good thing – it wasn’t as easy as it looked! But every time he came back, he was more and more

excited! When my group was up, I approached the starting line with a bit of nervousness. This didn't seem to be like the parking-lot courses I had seen around town over the years. This was an expansive area with straightaways where fast cars could hit 70+ MPH, hairpin turns, slaloms and even a couple of double-apex turns thrown in for good measure. My first run was slow, as I was trying to make sense out of a sea of cones, but at each lap my speeds increased and my confidence grew. OK I think I'm getting this!

After the two groups had each run about 7 times we broke for lunch. We were jazzed and we were hooked! "So, Greg, what was your best time out there?" I asked, not so innocently. Who says men aren't competitive, especially when it's father and son. I shouldn't have been so smug. As it turned out, he was the holder of the lowest time between the two of us. And so, it was official. Let the competition begin! We were out there to have fun, be safe and enjoy a bit of spirited driving and some good-natured ribbing. Damn, that kid is quick!

That was four Autocrosses ago, and we haven't missed one since. The track guy in me has gone underground as I try to get better at this very challenging sport. The car's suspension is already set up for hard, fast paced driving with super heavy duty anti sway bars, turbo tie rods, 4-piston front calipers from a 944 Turbo, a high flow all stainless steel exhaust system and an engine that was rebuilt with different cams and then balanced and a new set of very

sticky tires.

But what I like most is the camaraderie of these fellow drivers. Everyone is ready to help us newbies. They are all there because they have one thing in common – their cars. Loma Prieta has a tag line that you will see from time to time. It says "It's not just the cars, it's the people", and when it comes to Autocrossers it couldn't be more true.

So, are you sitting on the sidelines, not sure you want to do this or a bit intimidated? Don't be! Get involved and become a driver. Learn your car like you've never done before. You can fly around the course, miss a turn, spin out and not worry about yourself or the car. I guarantee, you'll be back trying to better your times and improve your skills.

That reminds me, I need to start thinking about how I'm going to shave a few seconds off my time. That kid I mentioned earlier -- he keeps ending up within a few tenths of a second of my times, and more often than not, on the low side!

Well, that's how it began for me and we will be doing a lot of Autocrossing a result of our early experience. So, now it's my turn. Anne got me hooked and in return has agreed to join one of our tours. I hope she gets as much enjoyment out of touring as I do out of Autocrossing. She claims to be directionally challenged (hence her number, Car 54), but we'll make sure she has a great time, just like she does for everyone who shows up to race.



A Fantastic Pairing: Porsches & Police

**Story by Pam Ryder, photos John Reed,
Pam Ryder and Rena Schaut**

You can be sure that John and Angie Reed had no idea what was in store for them when, at a "Ferraris and Firefighters" event last summer, Angie turned to John and said, "Why not Porsches and Police?"

A year of planning culminated in a fantastic community festival on June 26 with 78 Porsches lining the quaint streets of History San Jose. The day of fun began early for our Porsche participants as Ed Tafankjian, John Reed and Anne Roth donned their bright AX vests and walkie-talkies and expertly guided our cars into their spots for the day. O'Brien's Ice Cream Parlor in the park's Pacific Hotel kept the coffee brewing while members chatted and put the final shine on their cars in preparation for the arrival of park visitors.

Joining us were a few familiar faces, our sponsors and advertisers that generously supported this event: Dings & Dents, Dell Exotic Autoworks, Don's AutoWerks and Precious Metal Motorsports. Porsche of Fremont brought in a beautiful Panamera and a new Carrera S Cabriolet that more than a handful of our members were lusting after, including my husband who kept extolling the virtues of a PDK transmission that I could drive!

The San Jose Police Department lived up to their reputation as our community's finest as they mingled with the crowd. First to arrive was the motorcycle unit that gave us

a demo of their drill team driving skills. While the sound of a Porsche engine is impressive, seeing and hearing 6 motorcycles driving in very tight patterns caused all to stop and check it out! Two K9 units spent the day lounging in the shade while kids and parents gathered to see these beautiful dogs and their dedicated officer/owners. The Mounted Units were the last to come through the park and looked right at home in the historical setting.

Throughout the day we enjoyed great food from Willow Street and Lou's Village, sweet kettle corn, and ice cream floats from O'Brien's.





The Hitmen, the Cadillac Jack Band and the soulful voices of the Jubilee Christian Choir provided fantastic live music. While the adults oohed and aahed over our beautiful Porsches, the kids were entertained by a face painter and balloon artist Binky the Clown. Another popular spot was the display by the Santa Clara Country Park Rangers who brought animal and snakeskins and spent time educating visitors about nature and the environment.

Funds raised at Porsches & Police will provide programs and service designed to enlighten, entertain, educate and inspire our community's children and their families. LPR and Tapestry Arts in a partnership with History San Jose, the Starbird Youth

Center of San Jose, the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department and the San Jose Police Foundation worked together to create this inaugural event.

Special thank to LPRs Porsches & Police Committee: Event Chairpersons John & Angie Reed, Ed Tefankjian, Emilie & Bill Highly, Les Schreiber, Anne Roth, Chris & Rena Schaut and Pam Ryder.





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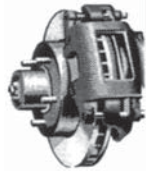
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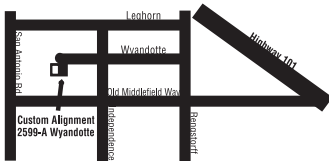


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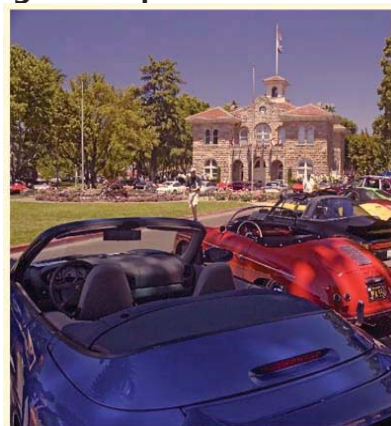
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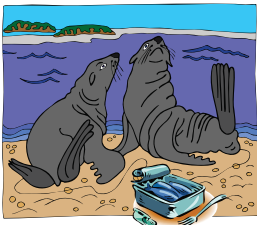


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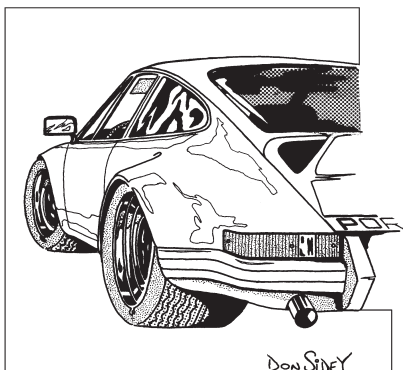
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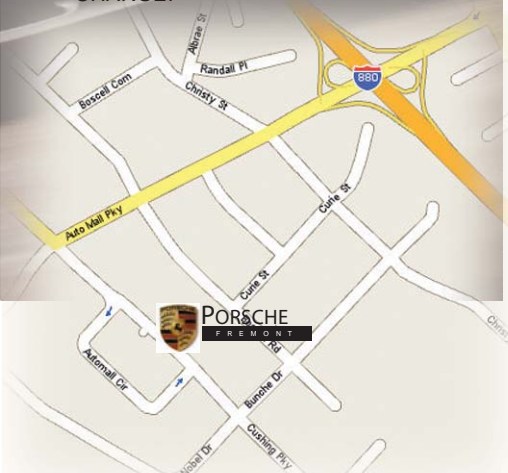
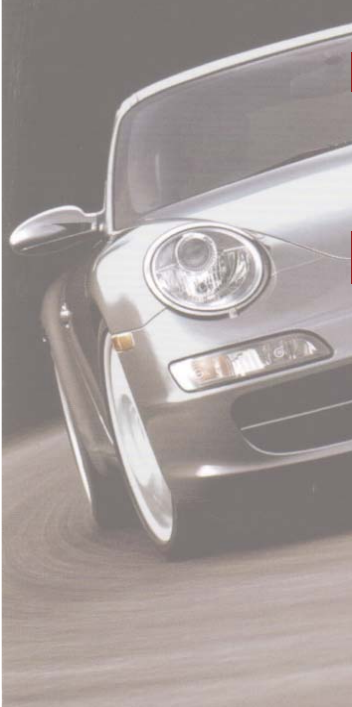
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