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Editor's Letter

STEVE MITCHELL

The LPR Board is doing its biennial dust-up on the budget and they now want all our budget line items to carry enough revenue to cover the expenses, so you know what that means for the *Prieta Post...*got to cut back. The Club will continue to publish the *Prieta Post* monthly through the end of 2011 because the commitment to our advertisers has been fixed, but the future of a printed *Prieta Post* is again in question.

I was asked to limit the expense for the remainder of the year. With that I will be limiting the pages. The Board Minutes will now be available to the membership on our LPR website or from Peter Ridgway our Secretary.

The Board will also look at opportunities to increase revenue without raising dues or fees to our membership. Stay tuned. If you have any ideas, let your favorite Board member know, or you can send me a note.

Anyway, I have tried to pack this month's edition with everything about our activities. I hope you enjoy it.

Sincerely, Steve

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what's happening in the Region

July 5, Tuesday - Board Meeting

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

July 9 & 10, Saturday/Sunday - Ladies Tour

For details contact Karen Tefankjian at 408-266-6262

<u>July 16, Saturday</u> - Hops & Barley Poker Run Rallye Local saloons and poker...and a rallye, details page 11.

<u>July 23 & 24, Saturday/Sunday</u> - Autocross, Zone 7 event on Saturday and LPR AX#5 on Sunday

Marina Airport, www.motorsportreg.com, details page 22 & 31.

July 30, Saturday - Family Picnic

Blackberry Farm in Cupertino this year, festivities start at 10:00 am, details page 17.

August 2, Tuesday - Board Meeting

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

<u>August 6, Saturday</u> - Blackjack, Barbecue & Beer

Not necessarily in that order, at the Frostholm's, details page 30

<u>August 13, Saturday</u> - Wine Country Tour

Dunno..on the calendar, Livermore area, details I hope in the next Post.

August 14, Sunday - Autocross, #6

Marina Airport, www.motorsportreg.com, details page 22.



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Hye Notes

Ed Tefankjian, President



Believe it or not 2011 is half over and it looks like the weather finally caught up with the calendar....summer is here!

From the feedback Karen and I received, the Fifth LPR Bowling Extravaganza and Mexican Buffet was a lot of fun....read the article in this month's POST. If you could not attend this event check the LPR calendar next year, there might be a Sixth Bowling Extravaganza.

Drivers Education (DE) – great news for those that want to do a DE at Laguna Seca...Coastal Driving School (CDS is a Loma Prieta and Monterey Bay Regions joint venture) has three days at Cherries Jubilee, September 9-11. This will be large event over the three days and will need a lot of support, therefore, CDS has partnered with Golden Gate Region for this event. As in the past, all the profits from this CDS event go to charity. In prior years this event has filled up quickly....so if you are interested in driving Laguna Seca just before Rennsport this is your chance.

Hope to see you soon at one or more of the upcoming LPR activities... check the POST and the LPR calendar for details.

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 members Joseph & Dorothy Carroll from Watsonville. All the way from Milan, Italy is new member Paolo Ripamon. Transferring in from the California Central Coast is Brad Boardman & Florence Fuller. If you are wondering why we occasionally

have new members from overseas, it's because we are the Porsche Club of America and we only have chartered regions in the US and Puerto Rico. The overseas members have an option to name a region when they join, or they are randomly placed if they don't have a preference. So that is why we have had recent new members from Brazil and Italy. Glad to see PCA has interested members from all reaches of the globe.

A few months back, I mentioned that the Rennsport Reunion is coming to Laguna Seca, October 14-16. I have been recruited by PCA National to be part of the organizing team and will be putting together a 'History of the 911 Display'. I am looking for exceptional examples of the 911 model throughout its generational life. If you have a 911 that might work for this display, please contact me.

New Members

Joseph & Dorothy Carroll	Watsonville	2002 Boxster S
Paolo Ripamonti	Milan, Italy	2009 911

Transferred In

Brad Boardman & Florence Fuller	Santa Clara	1968 912
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Anniversaries 30th

Brian Perry	Petaluma	1970 914

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Richard & Kelly Agnoletti	San Jose	NA
Diane Warner-Wang	Palo Ato	1971 911T

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10th

Thomas Wood	Sunnyvale	1991 911
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5th

Jim & Anne Sorden	Saratoga	1967 911S
Vaughn Andrako	Aptos	NA
Kevin & Dede Sewerd	Emerald Hills	1997 Boxster

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

Memberships that expired last month (May 2011): 7

Total renewal's last month (May 2011): 14

LPR Membership: 6/1/11 **Total = 520** (Primary = 288, Affiliates = 232)

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Letters to the Editor

Continental tires

I feel that this should be published in the *Prieta Post* magazine so fellow enthusiasts are aware of a tire shortage at Continental Tire, The Americas LLC. (704) 588-5895

While returning home from a tour with my Local Region, I had a rear tire blow out, a Continental 285/30ZR18. Monday I called Tire Rack only to find out the tire was on Back Order from Continental Tires. I researched and spent half the day trying to locate a tire only to receive the same answer.

On Tuesday May 31st I contacted Continental tires Customer Service and after talking with a person showing No compassion for my problem of needing 1 replacement tire, she informed me that the next Production run will be August 2011. Now that may be nice for people who do not drive their cars on a daily basis, but I do.

I'm now faced with purchasing 4 new tires rather than 1 tire which as you all know will be costly and a waste of 3 good tires!

For those of you that are driving on Continental tires and like them, I suggest that you stock up on them as to when they come available, as for me I am seeking a tire company that keeps their tires available to their Customer's and have caring attitude!

Ken Mason

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Visit the Goodie Store @ http://lpr.pca.org



"HOPS AND BARLEY POKER RUN"

Come join us Saturday, July 16th



...for a fun day as we head our posse out to explore the origins of the Old Wild West Saloons Nothing says LPR like the vision of

parched cowboys, dismounting their German steeds and heading into the local saloon for a tall cool one and a friendly game of chance. Checkpoints in a saloon? This must be a Ken Iles idea.



We'll all draw our cards at the local saloons...
And the winner will sing us a victory tune... as we raise up our glasses against evil forces...
Singing... beer for our men and gasohol for our horses.

We'll continue to explore some of the West's finest Microbreweries, enjoying a no host lunch in the old Mexican Land Grant of Yokayo. From there, our trusty steeds lead up to more great watering holes as we wind our way home.



START LOCATION:

8:45 AM In front of Andronico's Market, Rancho Shopping Center, Corner of Foothill Expressway and Magdalena Rd. in Los Altos.

Entry Fee: \$10 per car

RSVP to Bob Frostholm by Thursday, July14th. 650-903-0303 or bobfrostholm@gmail.com

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AutoCross AX Affairs

Anne Roth

LPR is proud to present...."The Autocross Driving Experience"

Modeled after PCA's Taste of the Track/Track Sampler program, PCA members are now able to experience autocross, by riding along with an Instructor for a hot lap around an autocross course at any one of our regularly scheduled autocrosses.

You must sign a waiver (under 18 years of age will need a parent to sign), and for a small, nominal charge of \$5.00, you will be able to be in the passenger seat with one of our fantastic instructors, as they take a 'run' for time.

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Giggles...

by Brad Boardman

Photos contributed by Anne Roth

One member's Porsche story

When I think about my earliest and



strongest memories, the ones that really stick, have substance, and are as real today as the day they were created, my sense of smell has been involved. Just two years ago, my dad and uncle gave me a car that is one of those memories for me. The night I brought it home, my wife Florence went out to check whether I had closed the garage. "What stinks?" she asked. Concerned that the old car had a fuel leak, I poked my head out into the garage and sniffed. It was dark out there but the smell carried me back in time. The "stink" of course, was that of an old Porsche...a strange and wonderful mix of oil, leather, vinyl, wool and fuel. I am not sure why it is, but the old air-cooled ones just have it.

My dad purchased the slate gray 1968 912 in 1970. This car and I share our born-on date. Chuck, (my dad's name) was a mechanical engineer at General Electric, about six years in on a thirty-seven year career. He had the money to buy something fun. While he yearned for a 911, the 912 had the handling and weight distribution he was after. Plus (and I am guessing a little bit here), it seemed like the smart thing

to do from the perspective of a family man (he had to think about paying the mortgage on the family's 19,700 dollar house). Right or wrong, I am pretty sure he beat himself up over the years about not taking the plunge and buying a 911.

Dad started getting interested in Porsche Club events and participated in occasional autocrosses in Pleasanton. He once even organized an event for PCA in the parking lot

of General Electric. Once I reached the appropriate age to wear a helmet and stay upright in a car, he started dragging me along. In those days throwing a giant, borrowed helmet on your 6 year old and strapping him in on a kitchen booster chair seemed like a pretty good idea to just about everyone. The sensation of speed was incredible to me. My giggles would commence as soon as my dad hit the gas and continue through the entire run (I still giggle like a six year old when I get a ride from an instructor). The cars were beautiful (loved the 914s), the smells intoxicating (probably literally), the sounds...like nothing else in the world. Autocrosses were always about fun for my dad (if he felt the competitive passion he never said so to me). However, I do remember his big smile when he would beat the occasional 911.

We got away from autocross and PCA in the 80's. I am not sure why. It was probably a combination of things: soccer, skateboarding and

BMX for me and family responsibilities for my dad. In 1990 my dad was diagnosed with testicular cancer. I don't remember ever seeing him look scared before that time, but I definitely could see it and it scared me too. At that time my dad decided that he needed something more modern/ comfortable as his commuter car. Finances wouldn't allow for another Porsche but he found something that gave him the comfort he was after and a little bit of sport too. We built a small covered area on our side yard, rolled the 912 under it and left it... for 16 years. I never asked if I could have it (plus I knew well enough not to trust myself with it). But there was always an understanding. I honestly can't remember really talking about it much. My dad's testicular cancer was successfully treated and life moved on.

My dad took the Porsche plunge again when they decided to add a roof to the boxster. The Cayman S was just the right mix to meet the criteria on my dad's engineering



checklist: stiff, mid-engine, agile and about 3 times the horsepower of the 912! The days of longing for a 911 were over. A little after that, my dad's brother Rob showed an interest in getting the old 912 going again. While this would make most men in my shoes nervous, my uncle is extremely thoughtful and generous. I knew that when the time was right, the 912 would be mine and it would be running too! Anyway, my wife and I were consumed with the adoption of our daughter and then trying to figure out the whole parenting thing.

After my uncle spent time and money breathing life into the old 912, we did an autocross school at Candlestick. What a blast! My dad drove the Cayman S, my uncle, his 1972 911e (oh yeah I forgot to mention that one), and me in the borrowed 912. Shortly after that, my dad wrote my uncle a check for all the work he had done... finally, the old car was mine.

Just this year, we have done a few things to the 912's suspension set-up with the help of Rich Walton and Jerry Woods. Though the car can barely keep up on the highway, it is pretty damn fun on the autocross track. I have attended as many Loma Prieta events as I can, updating my dad and uncle on how things are going in the 912. My dad is now fighting a second battle against cancer (Multiple myeloma) and things are pretty serious. But his interest in spending car guy time together persists. Occasionally he will sit in an Adirondack chair in my driveway and read out passages from The Inner Circle or volunteer as my jack man to help me with various projects.

On May 7, I was able to finally get my dad and uncle to come check out the Loma Prieta autocross. They showed up just in time to sign up for the afternoon (getting up at 5:30 just isn't a possibility for my dad these days). Thankfully Anne took care of my dad, giving him a pair of gloves and a seat next to the timing trailer to shield him from the biting Marina wind. My dad even got to drive the Cayman S. He swears that in the old days there were more cones and chalk. I agree.

I think my dad really enjoyed seeing his old 912 get around the track. Now, if I can only find a way to get him in the passenger's seat with me... I would love to find out if he giggles like a six year old.







Come Join in the FUN! LPR's Good Old Fashion Family Picnic!

When: Saturday, July 30th

Where: Blackberry Farm in Cupertino

The "Sycamore Site" has been reserved

Time: 11:00 a.m. on (Park closes at 7:00 p.m.)

What to Bring: Just YOU ++ Swim suits and towels - the *Pool* &

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Come and enjoy an afternoon of games, prizes, sunshine & relaxation

Menu will include: Juicy BBQ'd hamburgers and sausages, salads, chips and dip, desserts, beer, wine, lemonade and MORE.

Price per person: \$15.00 Children under 12 are FREE!

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Parking Upon entering the driveway to Blackberry Farm, make a right into the newly paved parking lot and park in one of the marked spaces. Should the lot be full, overflow parking is available at Monta Vista High School



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Mother's Day Tour and Brunch

Story by Stuart and Caroline Marshall, photos by John Reed



>Greg Sickal, The Ryder clan (Doug, Greg, Kristen, Pam), Tony & Joanne Antonowicz, and Bob Morgan take a break to pose at the Bargetto Winery brunch.

It may have been cold and cloudy at 9am on Mother's Day but the LPR Brunch tour team greeted us with welcoming smiles as we arrived at the meeting location in Almaden. Although we have attended several PCA track events, this was our first social outing and we knew we were going to enjoy it - Les handed out red roses to the moms and there were bottle shaped party bags for everyone. We set off in convoy, headlights ablaze, and I was wondering if the Boxster was going to be able to keep up with Mr Reed in his EVERBLU Carrera - it turned out not to be a problem as we took the scenic route toward the coast.

We passed Calero and Uvas reservoirs and then headed west on Hecker Pass road. Somewhere we made a right turn and the road became a patchwork of blacktop covering the tree roots. Darkness fell as the giant redwoods blocked out the light (good thing we had our headlights on) as we wound our way toward Corralitos while the shocks got a workout and we were shaken but not stirred. A welcome break at the Correlitas Market and Sausage shop where some folks filled their coolers with flavors like Cheesy Bavarian, Jalapeno Cheese and Chicken Santa Fe bangers.

Back in the car, we soon returned to civilization and burst out on Highway 1 for a few miles before turning into the Bargetto winery. As it was only about 57 degrees, we were somewhat surprised that tables were set outside in the courtyard but no so surprised as the table host lady who did not appear to recognize the Porsche Club booking at all! Les put her straight and soon we were all seated albeit with 3 souls split off from the main group and sharing a table with a young family! Not to worry, we all toasted each other with champagne and even the weather seemed to warm up (or was that the space heater?). More wine, lively conversion and excellent food selection of chicken, snapper and roasted asparagus meant that the lunch time appeared to fly by. Just when we thought we were done, a wonderful dessert of cheesecake and chocolate strawberries appeared to tempt the taste buds yet again.

It had to end sometime and we headed back up Soquel road to Summit and then the familiar madness in Highway 17 brought us back to reality. We both thoroughly enjoyed our first PCA outing where the RPM never ventured towards the red and look forward to another event with our new friends.



>Below, Joanne Antonowicz and Sue Sickal with their Mother's Day roses presented by tour host Les.



>Below left, Christine Dunn & Ken Mason take a moment to toast the mothers; Right, Angie Reed with Stuart & Caroline Marshall.





LPR's Fifth Bowling Extravaganza

Story by Kathy and Johnny Musser Photos by John Reed

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nce again the President and First Lady provided us with a bowling extravaganza extraordinaire. The event was filled with a sense competition, lots of laughs and even some education. Prior to the event the bowlers were divided into teams. A contest was held to find the most outrageous team name. There were six teams and they were as follows.... Bowling Crossers (BX'ers), Porsche Pin Heads, Prieta Pin Pals, Anonymous team #4, Alley Drivers and the Pin Pummeling Porsche Pushers. Of course, the tongue twister Porsche Pummeling Pin Pushers won the most outrageous team name contest. Can you say it three

times in a row?

The Highleys included their exchange student from Germany, Tamma. He claimed to have never bowled before. His first ball was a strike. Hmmm...A ringer? We learned new styles of bowling. One team maximized the use of bumpers. It was amazing to see the scores improve when the bumpers were used like the cushions on a pool table. They went from making field goals to making strikes. Anne Roth taught us the push the ball down the alley style. This style turned out to be a most effective way of bowling. Anne



>Tony gives exchange student and guest Tamma bowling tips.

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>Mary & Dick Wallace sign the top score for >Chris Schaut leads the way for his team man and woman bowler trophy, both pins were signed by all who attended.

had the highest score for the women bowlers (According to the Armenian algorithm). Steve Mitchell had the highest score for the men and the Alley Drivers had the highest team score. The Alley Drivers were Emilie, June, Leslie, Bill and Ken.

When the bowling was finished, the First Lady had "goodie" bags for all. A bit of confusion occurred when the box of bags disappeared. The box was retrieved and the bags were distributed. Inside the bag one found rubber pins, ducks and treats.

We were off to Alicia's Restaurant for dinner. The Mexican Dinner Buffet was





showing great form.

fabulous! As always, the food was great and more than enough for this hungry crowd. The bartender quickly provided beverages for the thirsty bowlers. The staff was very helpful and tried to make it an enjoyable dinner for all. Unfortunately, our President missed much of the laughter because he was busy dealing with the "Armenian algorithm". As always, the awards were greeted with many loud cheers. Everyone mingled, laughed and had a great time until it was time to leave. Isn't this why we all are part of the "Good Times Region"?



>Winning team, the Alley Drivers.



AX5/AX6 Marina Airport

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- · Drivers work for sessions run
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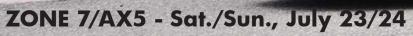
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Gates open at 7:00

Registration and course walk 7:30 to 8:30 Mandatory Drivers meeting at 8:40

First car on course: 9:00



AX6 - August 14

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The Occidental Tourist

By Bob Frostholm with contribution from Kevin Bennett

Photos by Pam Ryder



he Tour Team of Bennett-Reed have again shown us some of California's most beautify scenery with the Occidental Tourist tour on May 21st. The 40+ faithful tourists gathered early in the morning in Los Altos for the usual signing of liability releases and socializing prior to being brought to attention by Big John Reed as he offered verbal supplementary instructions to the handouts we had earlier received.

Loaded with coffee, our journey began as we rolled onto Highway 280 for the roughly one hour first leg to the Vista Point at the North end of the Golden Gate Bridge. Here, the teams would re-group, find relief at the restrooms and then continue North thru Mill Valley and out toward the coastal town of Stinson Beach. What might have been a spirited jaunt to the ocean, down the southern edge of Mt Tamalpais State Park, was interrupted by dozens of CalTrans Highway workmen demonstrating the various methods by which one can stand idle while giving the illusion of actually doing something. (did I say workmen... that surely must be an oxymoron). Brakes on. Full stop. Those of us who could, took

advantage of the fogless day to drop our tops and let the sun shine in. There is nothing so pleasurable as a topless ride along the California Coast.

The Shoreline Highway, as Highway 1 is known, is a beautiful, twisty, turny road with a wonderful mixture of small inclines interspersed with the general downhill grade of the road...a perfect Porsche road... except for those people who feel two wheels are better than four [the bicyclists]. Yes, they have a right to the road...but not OUR ROAD!

We continued North thru beautiful canopied sections that divide the Pt. Reyes National Seashore from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. A slowdown followed by a quick dogleg thru a small area of shops called Pt. Reyes Station and we were again on our way, cruising the Eastern shore of Tomales Bay.

Sidebar: It has become standard procedure for tours that approach twenty cars and up to have the participants divided into two groups, the reasoning being that it is easier to shepherd two smaller groups through the back road byways than it is to maneuver the entire complement as one unit. An accidental occurrence during this weekend's outing to Occidental proved revealing as to the flaw in this logic; that being that not everyone is exposed to the same sights. And what, you may ask, precipitated this epiphany? It was a titillating encounter with a topless hiker on Highway 1 just outside of Tomales. There she was, well endowed and just a walkin' down the street; shorts, shoes, a knapsack on



her back and nothing else, not even a tan. As leader of the second group Keven Bennett felt it his responsibility to notify the rest of his flight of this notable attraction on the left and advised his trusted navigator/soul mate/ best friend/ wife, Debbie, to make an announcement of such on the CB. But, alas, his ever-so-proper, shy and modest wife was unable to reconcile the appropriateness of





broadcasting this information, so, while most saw the young lady in question, no one was prepared and there were no photos taken. Worse yet, none of us in group one were notified of the need to make a U-turn. Needless to say, the airwaves were filled with jokes and comments about this singular event and later at both the winery and the lunch there was a certain amount of jealously expressed by those of the first group who missed participating in this life experience.

But team "Occidental Tourist" never missed a beat, because as the true Porschephiles that we are, the road is number 1 and what walks beside the road is only secondary.

Peddle to the metal, we diverted from Highway 1, sensing that there be within a short distance our next stop, the wonderful Dutton-Goldfield Winery. Just shy of our destination however, one of our members pulled abruptly to the roadside. Those in front, spotted the errant

maneuver and tried to radio him "What's the problem?" No answer. As I was the next car to pass him, I radioed, "Taking a leak", which was interrupted by Ken Iles ahead as "He has a leak", which of course caused Ken to make a quick U-turn to rescue our not so stranded driver. I'm sure Ken helped him get things sorted out.

Onward to Dutton Goldfield. We had made good friends with proprietor, Dave Hewitt, last year when we used Dutton-Goldfield as the starting point for the Anagram Wine Rallye. Dave and his team treated us especially well again, with special tastings and discounts and we rewarded him with purchases of some mighty fine wine.

With our thirsts quenched, we departed for our final destination, the Union Hotel in the town of Occidental. Built in 1879 as a residence, the building was converted later to the Union Saloon and operated it as such for nearly 35 years. In 1925, the Union Saloon was sold to Carlo

Panizzera and he turned it into the Union Hotel, which is still owned and run by his descendants today.

Our lunch was more like a last super, appropriate since the world (according to crackpot evangelist Harold Camping, leader of Family Radio Worldwide) was to end shortly after our tour ended...well, there was a volcanic eruption in Iceland...does that count?

Our meal was enormous. Antipasti to start, with lots of homemade breads, salad, minestrone soup, chicken cacciatore, freshly steamed vegetables and to top it all off, spumoni ice cream. Leftovers were few and far between, but the lovely Janet Au-Krug, self proclaimed author of "My Mother Taught Me to be Frugal and Besides, I hate to Cook" known more commonly as the "Bible of Not Leaving Leftovers", managed

to retrieve enough for three lunches and seven dinners. Way to go Janet.

As our meal was ending, John relayed an announcement from the kitchen staff that an auto alarm was sounding in the upper parking lot. The reporter, not 100% sure of the car color (like Porsches have a big variety?) had convinced John that it must be Ken lles car and insisted that he needed to get out there and resolve the situation. Ken returned with his typical quirkish smile only to inform John that it was in fact his own car screaming in the hot afternoon sun. Bye-bye, John.

Kevin, Angie, Debbie, John... we all had a great time, a fun ride and full stomachs. Can't wait for the next one.





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Indy 500 at Moffett Field Golf Course

By Bob Morgan
Photos by John Reed



It's a beautiful Sunday morning. A great day to get together with friends and hit the links or maybe watch a race on TV! This particular occasion was the 100th anniversary of the Indianapolis 500. I can't believe I'm this old! I've been watching this race off and on for 50 years. I'm not the type of fan that can remember who wins from year to year, but that's why other people keep statistics (I have the same trouble with baseball-who won the World Series last year? Oh yeah, the GIANTS! At least I can remember that one...). But I digress.

This year more than 20 LPR members gathered to wager \$5 on their favorite driver to win. Many of us like to improve our odds by selecting more than one driver. Karen Morgan had a good idea; she plunked down \$15 and picked everyone on the front row. The pot ended up at \$115.









Most of us pick our favorite drivers based on name recognition or some more experience-based technique. This led to a quandary this year. When Indy rookie and Sausalito native JR Hildebrand led the final few laps, we were trying to decide who would get the pot since no one had selected him (we decided whoever picked the highest-finishing driver would take the pot). When was the last time a rookie has won the Indy? I certainly have no idea!

JR nearly won it-had it not been for his crash in the final turn. This enabled Dan Wheldon to win. Clever new LPR member Maria Lee had selected Dan Wheldon and took home all the winnings! We all congratulated Maria and Michael Lee on their good fortune. There's always next year...

Thanks to Les Schreiber who has always arranged this annual event. Maybe someday he'll win the pot!













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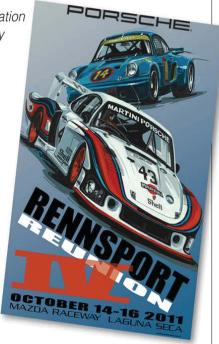
- 1. History of the Porsche 911 Display
- 2. Porsche Model-Specific Parking Corrals with Parade laps of the track
- 3. PCA Hospitality and Membership Center
- Two race groups: Rennsport Reunion Cup for Porsche Cup Cars and PCA Club Racing for PCA race cars
- PCA Volunteer Pool—workers to assist with the club's involvement

Sponsored by Porsche Cars North America and with the cooperation of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV is open to the public and brings together an unprecedented gathering of significant Porsche vintage and current race cars and those drivers who have taken them to victory in the world's most famous sports car races. It features a three-day program of on-track competition plus a concours d'elegance, which is open to the event's participants by invitation.

In addition, special activities are planned to honor the series of historical Porsche 911 race cars including a display of various models. New to Rennsport IV, there will be a social center with many features and enhancements for the Porsche owner, including video coverage of Rennsport activities, racing videos, memorabilia, car related games, etc. Also expected are a vendor village, driving event and other diversions designed exclusively for the Porsche enthusiast.

We are looking for exceptional examples of Porsche 911 production models for the History of the Porsche 911 Display at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca during the event. It will be a display representing the 911 model throughout its generational life. Please contact Tom Provasi for information and registration at tprovasi@netgate.net or 408/947-0980.

PCA members will be invited to use a terrific



PCA Hospitality and Membership Center that will be open for all days of the event, October 14-16, to park safely in one of the Porsche Model-Specific Parking Corrals (a corral parking ticket will be required—please visit www.mazdarace way.com for ticket information), and to enjoy Parade laps of the track with their Porsches.

We will need PCA volunteer workers to assist with our activities at the Rennsport Reunion IV. If you are interested in supporting this memorable event, please contact Sharon Neidel with the PCA Volunteer Pool at sharonneidel@yahoo.com or 650/508-1308. We will have a very special event memento for the volunteer workers.

Additional details of the Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV are published on the following Porsche web site: www.porsche.com/usa/renn sport-reunion-iv/. For additional information and event tickets please visit the Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca web site at www.mazdaraceway.com or 800/327-7322.

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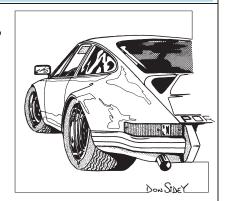
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