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Editor's Letter

STEVE MITCHELL

The *Prieta Post* this month reflects our club getting into full swing with activities as the climate gets better and the holiday season ends. I am impressed at the level of contribution to the *Prieta Post*. For this issue I know I have looked at over 1000 photographs from our contributing photographers. I also have a variety of members contributing articles, including first timers. I appreciate the level of commitment our members make in supporting the newsletter.

Autocrossing seems to have replaced golf for me now. Jackie and I wanted to support Anne and the series this season and I'm looking forward to AX#3 on May 7th after competing in the last two events. Matt our son is going to join us for AX#3 and like golf he will naturally eclipse his father. Anyway, like golf it seems to be more of a mental game, when I relax and back-off a bit I do better. If you try too hard in autocrossing it is like swinging too hard in golf...you end up in trouble.

I also have to think about a submission to the Virtual Car Show....see page 26.

Enjoy this month's edition of the *Prieta Post*.

Sincerely, Steve

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Hye Notes

Ed Tefankjian, President



May is here and it's finally starting to warm up. There are already lots of LPR activities going on....so far this year we have had GTG's, a Newcomer Social, Tours, Tech Sessions, Autocrosses at Marina, our first DE at Laguna Seca.....and it's only Spring. Check the POST to make sure you don't miss out on any activity that you would like to participate in. If you don't see any activities that you like please call me; you may have some great ideas that we have not thought of.

On May 14th Karen and I are having the Fifth LPR Bowling Extravaganza and Mexican Buffet. For the Bowling we'll have the alley "bumpers" up.... you can't throw a "gutter" ball! Check the POST for all the details.

Karen and I were recently in Indian Wells, CA for the BNP Paribas Tennis Tournament. While there we went to the Thermal Motorsports Track and Club offices in La Quinta. They are well into their project to build a private race track and club. Currently they are in the final stages with the local planning commission and are scheduled to break ground later this year. Memberships start at \$50k, with yearly dues at about \$10k. Off-Track lots start at \$200k and Trackside lots start at \$350k. The track will be 4.5 miles in length, three independent courses with 19 configurations and a Kart Track. We'll visit them next year in March to see what progress they have made. For more details www.thermal122.com.

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Bye for now, *Ed*

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report of the Membership Director

Membership Report

Tom Provasi



We had several new members sign up for LPR last month. I'd like to welcome Robert Davis from Watsonville, Stephen & Elvaeliza Harris from San Jose, Donald Hunter & Kimberly Camacho from Scotts Valley, Jordan & Pamela Ruderman from Santa Cruz and David Davies & Janet Bastovan from Felton.

It looks like open cars are most popular this month with four out of the five new members driving Boxsters. We hope to see all of you at an upcoming event. There are plenty to choose from this month; an autocross at Marina, a Mothers Day tour to Bargetto Winery, a bowling and dinner social, a tour to Occidental and an Indy 500 gathering at Moffett Field. Pick an event and come out and enjoy the good times with LPR.

New Members

Robert Davis	Watsonville	2003 Boxster
Stephen & Elvaeliza Harris	San Jose	1999 911
Donald Hunter & Kimberly Camacho	Scotts Valley	2004 Boxster
Jordan & Pamela Ruderman	Santa Cruz	1998 986

Transferred In

David Davies & Janet Bastovan	Felton	2006 Boxster S
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Anniversaries 15th

Dick & Cal Graham	San Jose	2001 Boxster
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10th

Larry Smith	Capitola	2002 C4 Cab
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5th

Tom & Donna Micele	Gilroy	1996 911
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New members from PCA: 5; Transfers in: 1; Transfers out: 2

Expired last month (March 2011): 6; Renewed last month (March 2011): 13
LPR Membership 4 -1-11: **Total = 526 (Primary = 291, Affiliates = 235)**

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Sunday, June 26th
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Price includes: tour fee, brunch buffet, selection of sparkling, red & white wines, live music, tax & gratuity.

RSVP no later than May 1st to Les Schreiber at 408-316-8654

A Welcome to the Newcomers

by **Emilie Highley**

On March 18th, LPR members came out in force to welcome the newcomers to our Club.



Membership Chair, Tom Provasi lead the festivities as everyone socialized enjoying the traditional Round Table pizza and beer. All LPR Board and members present took a brief moment to introduce themselves and tell a little about how long they have been in the club, the type of Porsche they drive and their ‘official club capacity’.

All eyes were on the new members, as they introduced themselves:

Brent and Bev Stewart of San Jose – 1998 Boxster

John Kornitsky – 1989 944 Turbo S

Steve Heidenreich – 1987 944

Doug Lynberg of Los Altos (Ken & June Iles’ neighbor)– 2002 Boxster

The interest level of each new member varied from GTG’s to Autocross. Without a doubt we will see a lot of these new folks!

WELCOME ALL!!!!

>June & Ken Iles with newcomer neighbor Doug Lynberg



**>Brent & Bev Stewart
of San Jose with Karen
Tefankjian.**



NEWCOMER SOCIAL



**>John Kornitsky
with Angie Reed
and Rena Schaut.**

John Reed

**>Steve Heidenreich
with Jacqueline
Mitchell and Pam
Ryder.**



As we signed the standard waivers, Kris handed out cool little packets that included a DVD of one of the greatest western TV shows ever – Bonanza! (dum da dum da dum da dum da dum daummm... remember?).

After greeting us all, Tony introduced a gang of cowboys and girls attending their first round up -- they included Al and Liz Kiedaisch, Uwe and Michelle Schaefer and Jeff and Mary Kay Wilkinson (a.k.a. Kris's brother). He then reviewed the standard trail ride info and advised us all to take extra care because of the wet trails and stormy weather. With 51 head (in 25 mostly German made high-performance wagons) on the trail and threatening weather, Tony assured all that the drive would be a modest pace – wisely so (even if it did bring tears to my eyes).

We hit the trail promptly at 9:30. However, no sooner had we made a turn at the first fork in the road - Hicks Road (no really - Hicks Road), we were dodging rocks, boulders and landslides. No problem -- with the trusty footing of our powerful steeds, we simply reined them in and steered them around.

Tony led 'the drive' down some great 'ol country roads... Uvas, Watsonville, Redwood Retreat... the names rolled off your tongue like it was the wild, wild west revisited. And even though we got a bit wet, it was a great route with some fine views of the countryside, rushing streams and all. We were even treated with an unfamiliar, if not unfortunate, sight. With all the recent wet weather, a mature tree had given up its hold on Mother Earth and had fallen across



the road. Fortunately for us, it was caught by another on the other side leaving enough room for us to herd under so we could reach our first outpost – the Martin Ranch Winery.

The group wasn't too dusty, but we were all mighty thirsty. And quench our thirst is just what we did. Our hosts laid out a beautiful spread of cheeses, crackers and grapes for us to enjoy while we sampled fine





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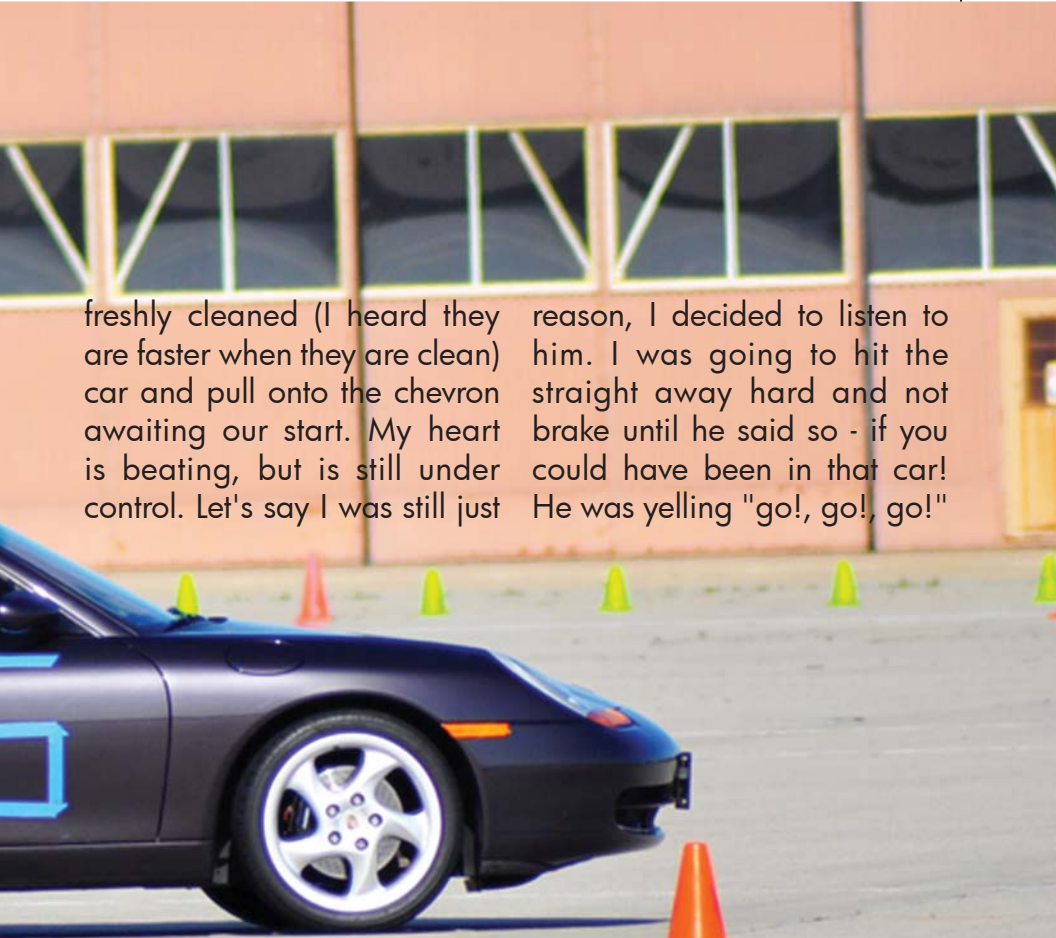


My first AutoX **by Steve Harris**

Last month, at the prodding of a friend, I finally joined the PCA. I have owned a Porsche for about 15 years but never found a reason to join. "The people are great!" she says, "they have events all the time" she says... "They have Auto X." SOLD !..I say.

I arrive at Anne's AutoX school. The people are nice. The training begins. The people are very nice! They have good food- this is quite an event! Two promises kept, great people and nice events. Now I eagerly await the first AutoX.

The Sunday morning of the event finally arrives. They assign a driving coach to me and my group is up first. We get into the



freshly cleaned (I heard they are faster when they are clean) car and pull onto the chevron awaiting our start. My heart is beating, but is still under control. Let's say I was still just

reason, I decided to listen to him. I was going to hit the straight away hard and not brake until he said so - if you could have been in that car! He was yelling "go!, go!, go!"

curious. I get the go and run the car through the paces. I am in total control. We (me and my car) are accelerating well, we are cornering well and we are breaking well. A good, fun run. What I didn't mention was my coach's comments.

The entire time I was taking my first run through the course he was yelling "faster! faster!.. brake harder, brake later.. faster! faster!" So, figuring they gave me a coach for a

And we were GOING! He said, "not yet, not yet, brake! Turn for the gate!" And I was yelling "you are insane!" My tires were squealing, but the car was surprisingly under control.

The end result...My hands were shaking from the adrenalin and I had a BLAST! Good people, good events and a great Auto X. Thank you LPR.

Your newest member, Steve



Rena Schaut

Back in the Saddle

an anniversary lap and encouragement for women to join the autocross fun

by June Iles

After all the rain we have had, Sunday morning was nice and sunny, so we got up at 6 a.m. to be at the Marina Airport for a Parade Lap for old honorees, arranged by our very able Auto-Chair Anne Roth.

It proved to be great fun to be on the course again, (though at a slower pace), after so many years, (last time in the 70's). Auto crossers and friend's were clapping and cheering us on, and it brought back many memories of the bond and camaraderie especially among us female drivers, trying to prove that we can do as well (and some did) as our male counterparts.

There seemed few lady participants today as it was also back then, but I would encourage our ladies to have a try at this. It's most rewarding,

and even if your pace is slower than the men, no one cares as long as you are having fun. And the challenge is definitely worth it. The instructors you get are just great, they will ride along with you, giving you confidence and helpful pointers. So try it ladies, and have fun, it's not as frightening as you might think, and I guarantee you'll come away from the autocross with a happy feeling of achievement, anxiously awaiting the date of the next autocross.



Rena Schaut

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Rena Schaut

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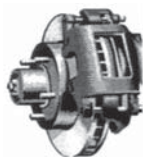
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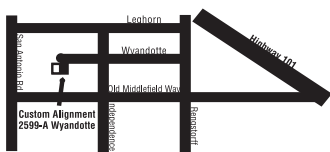
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Tech Note

By Les Schreiber

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The answer to that is, that there is a release cable, but its located behind the left front wheel (993 Series 911, this may differ for other models).

So what's involved with getting to it. First, hopefully you have a friend there with you, that has a jack, lug wrench, screwdriver, and a flashlight.

1. Loosen lug nuts, and then jack up the car
2. Remove the left front wheel
3. (Hopefully, you will have your wheel lock tool in the car, where you can access it, so you can loosen that special lug nuts)
4. Remove the wheel well liner (here is where you need the screwdriver and maybe the flashlight)
5. Way up in the corner, by the headlight, you will find the cable to pull, which will unlock your front hood.
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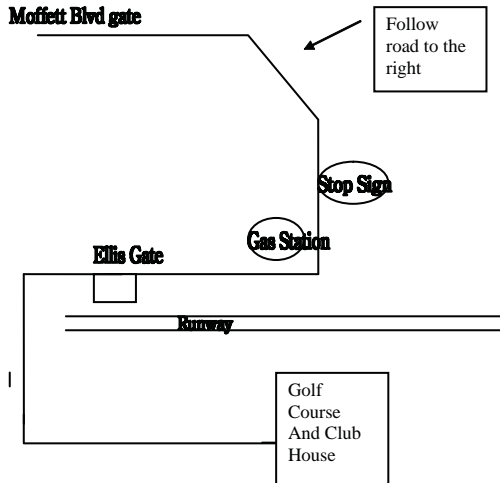


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Steve Mitchell

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At the end of the week, all participants will be entered into a random drawing for prizes! Special thanks to PCA and our local Virtual Car Show sponsor Don's Autowerks for donating some great prizes.

We're the first region in PCA to hold a virtual car show so join in and let's show the rest of them how it's done!

Watch LPRs Facebook page for our Virtual Car Show kick-off date. In the meantime, grab those cameras or photo albums and get ready.

Note: If you haven't joined Facebook yet, now is the time to jump on the bandwagon along with the 600 million worldwide members. You WILL need to have a Facebook account and "Like" LPR in order to participate. If you have any difficulty with the process, Pam (pamelamryder@gmail.com) or Laurie (laurie.delimon@gmail.com) can help you out. -Pam Ryder



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\$15.00 per Driver

Drivers meeting at 9:30 AM sharp. Only those making the Drivers meeting will be allowed to run.



Rena Schaut

Speed will NOT be an issue and Cars will NOT be damaged (pride?...maybe)

This event is meant to be FUN for driving teams as well as spectators so if you don't plan to drive, at least come out to cheer on your favorite drivers (or jeer at their perils!). This great location is conveniently close with plenty of parking and spectator space.

Coffee, donuts and Lunch will be available. More details next month.



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Dings & Dents Tech Session

photos by John Reed





On Saturday April 2nd, Joe Currin showed LPR members why Dings & Dents is known as The Great Dent Company. Joe has been servicing auto body needs of Bay Area drivers for over 25 years, offers free estimates of his environmentally friendly dent removal process. www.dinganddents.com



Loma Prieta Region of the PCA

Minutes of the April 2011 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on April 5, 2011 at the Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave. in San Jose. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Ed Tefankjian. Board members present were: Ed Tefankjian, Emilie Highley, Peter Ridgway, Doug Ryder, Suzette Pangrle and Jennifer Bryant. Other members in attendance were Anne Roth, Sue Sickal, Karen Tefankjian, Rena and Chris Schaut, John and Angie Reed, Barry Pangrle, Les Schreiber, John Cole, Steve and Jackie Mitchell.

Ed noted that the March Board Meeting Minutes were approved via e-mail and asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

Directors' Reports

President: Ed Tefankjian

Zone 7 President's meeting April 17th. Ed asked if anyone had any inputs? None were noted. Next Board Meeting May 3rd at Borelli Motor Sports.

Rennsport Reunion IV at Laguna Seca on October 14-16. A must see event for all enthusiasts, hundreds of PCA visitors from all over the country. Volunteers will be needed.

With current finances, LPR will be running a negative by the end of the year and that's something this Board does not want to do. By way of reducing expenses, Ed asked that people think about POST expenses for the next Board meeting. The POST is our largest monthly expense. We will discuss cost cutting options at the next Board meeting including options to cut printing every other month.

Vice-President: Emilie Highley

There were no formal GTG's in March.

The Newcomer's Social - 1st for 2011 was well attended with 4 newcomers.

Compliments to the Vanacores for a fantastic "Sippin' at the Ranch" tour.

April Highlights

The Campbell Easter Parade is scheduled for April 23rd. Sign up details on pg 28 of the POST.

CRAB weekend is April 29 - May 1 in Sacramento.

May Upcoming Events:

May 8th - Mothers Day Tour

May 14th - Bowling Extravaganza hosted by the Tefankjians

May 21st - 1 day Occidental Tourist Tour by the Bennetts and Reeds

May 29th - Indy 500 at Moffet Field

Secretary: Peter Ridgway

Peter had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Jennifer Bryant

Jennifer reported that for March the club was negative \$1,353 for the month. Income included \$200 from the Goodie Store and \$770 from AX. Largest expenses were \$1260 for AX#1 and \$835 for the Post. We will be receiving more monies from Motorsportreg early in April from AX1. If we were to use the accrual method of accounting, the AX numbers would be:

Anne talked about "A Taste of the Track". This is a plan that allows folks who aren't really sure they want to participate or drive their own cars, to "taste" an autocross by riding along with other drivers. There are a number of PCA requirements, such as over 18 and signed waivers but it still allows us to give friends, family and others a "Taste of AX". Anne proposed a \$5 fee per RUN. Suzette made a motion to allow riders with all the requirements (fee, waivers, etc.). The motion was seconded by Emilie with the Board unanimously approving the motion. Contact Anne if you're interested for more details.

Anne would like to use the money to contribute to a charity if AX shows a greater than \$200 profit for the year. The Board will consider this at a later meeting.

Charity: Sue Sickal

2011 Charities will be decided by next month. The committee is also working on making this year especially exciting. Please note Sue's LPR Call to Action in this month's POST.

Drivers Ed: John Cole

The March 16th DE at Laguna Seca was very successful with about 73 drivers. Estimated profit was about \$3500. No incidents were reported. John also provided a quarterly accounting which Jennifer will integrate into next months P & L.

Goodies Store: Dick & Mary Wallace not present

Hospitality: Rena Schaut

We tested the "Newcomer Questionnaire" at the LPR Newcomer's Social on March 18th at Round Table Pizza. Of the 4 new members who were in attendance, Rena spoke with three of them personally, gave them the questionnaire to complete, and asked if they were interested in the "Buddy" Program. All 3 filled out the forms with 2 expressing interest in the "Buddy" Program. The 3rd was interested, however he expressed his interest to participate at a later date.

Rena contacted all 3 members via email to welcome them to LPR, provided them with a copy of the LPR At-A-Glance Calendar, and gave them contact information for any questions they may have. For the 2 who were interested in the "Buddy Program," Rena partnered them with a buddy and let them know who would be contacting them to show them the ropes.

Kris Vanacore and Chris & Rena Schaut have been assigned as the first official LPR Buddies.

Prieta Post Editor: Steve Mitchell

Steve wanted to know if anyone (or who) was writing up the Newcomers Social, AX#1 and the Tech session. Names were provided.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken submitted an AX ground school article that will be in the May Panorama. He also sent in an article on the "Sippin at the Ranch" tour.

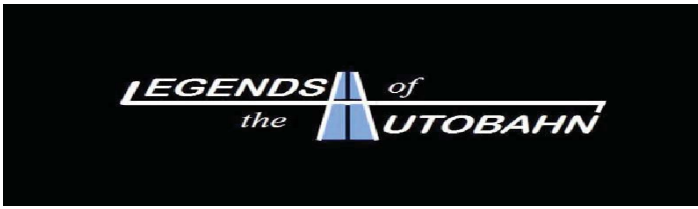
Rallye: Bob Frosthalm Bob was not present.

Safety: Chris Schaut

There were 3 events for the month of March 2011:

(1) Autocross Ground School - March 12

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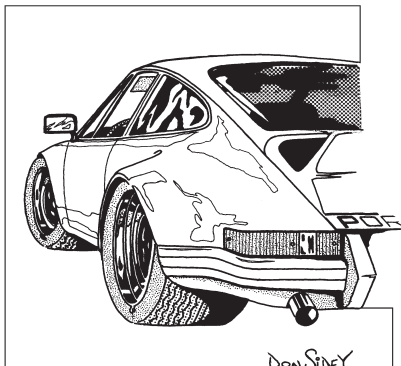
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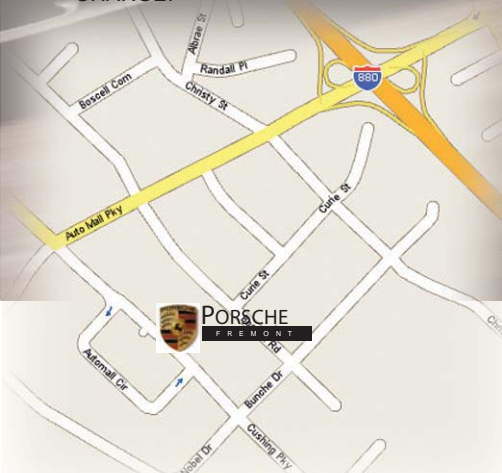
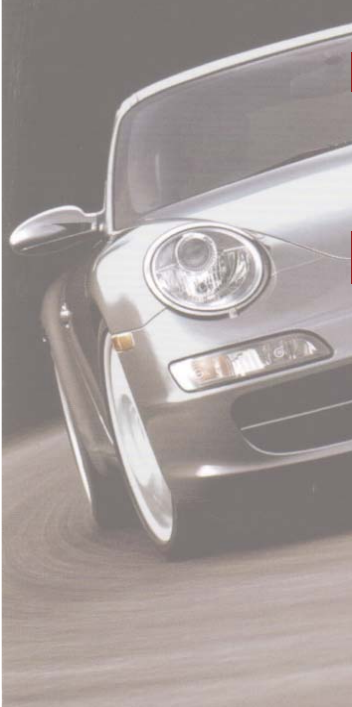
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