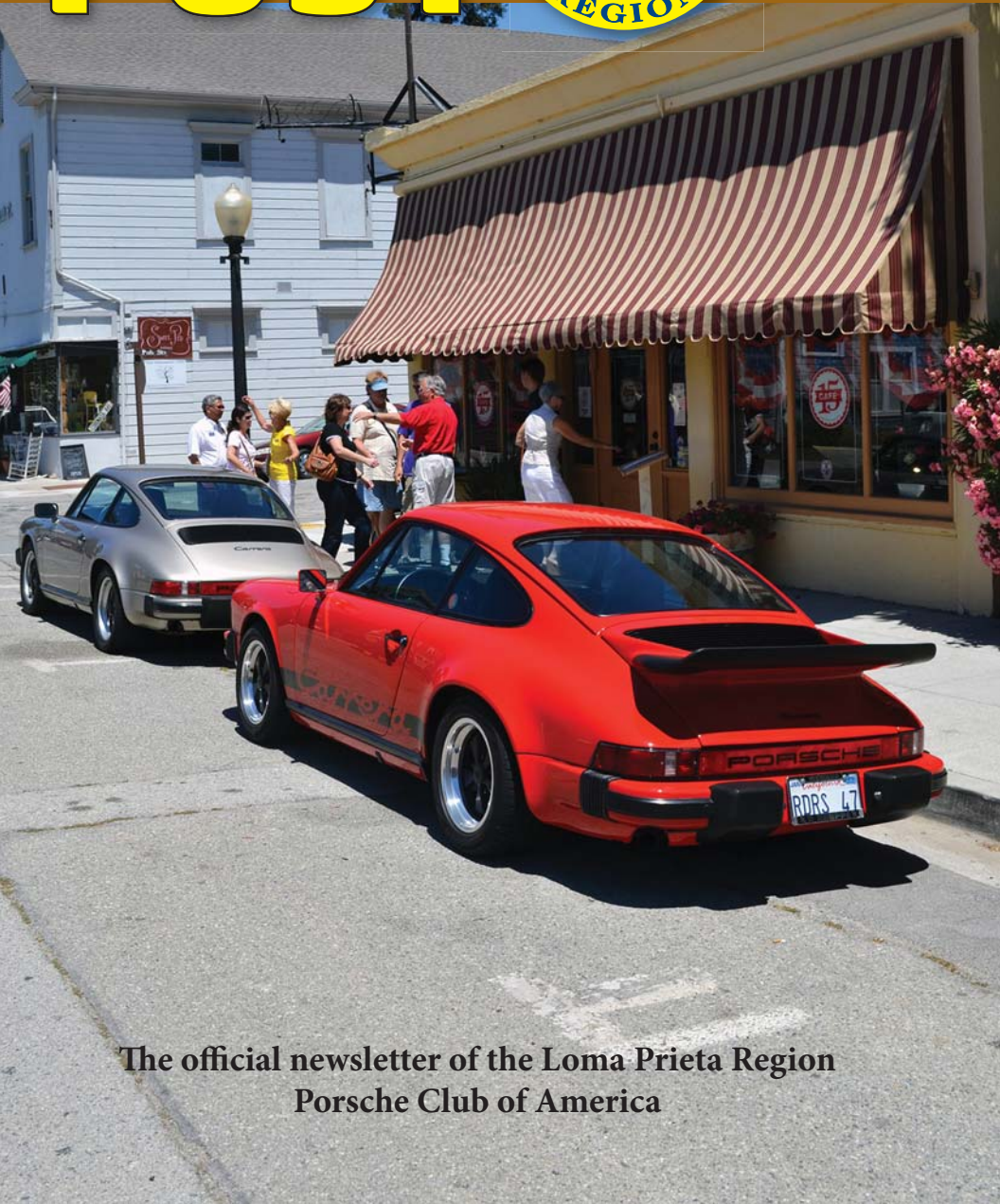


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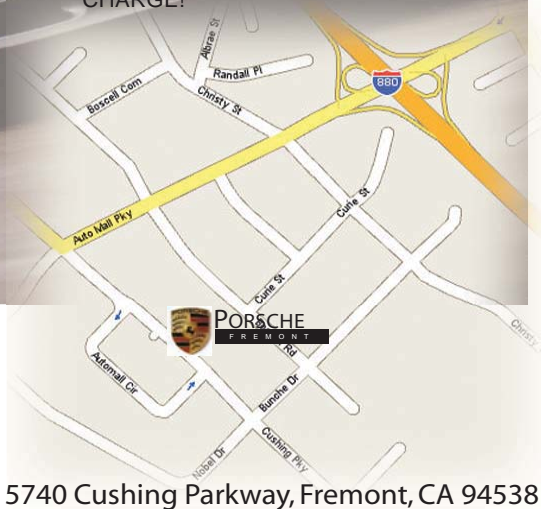
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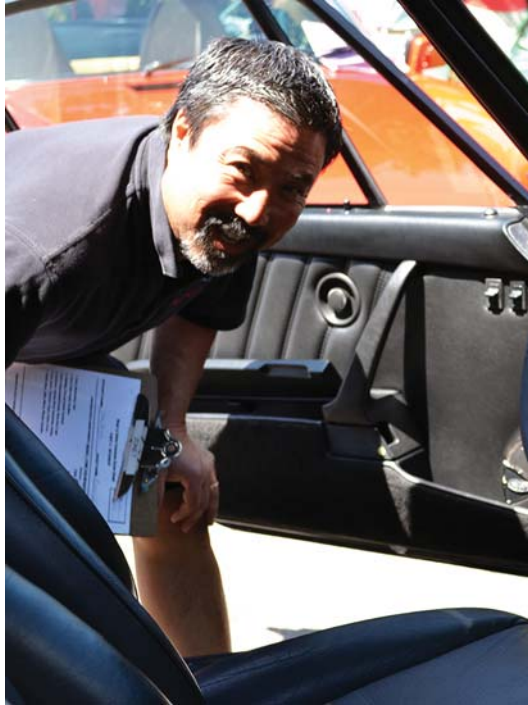
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The under 50 tour...miles that is, an over capacity crowd of LPR members find room at Cafe 15 in San Juan Bautista for lunch. Story and photos next month.

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

10/11 Weekend **Clear Lake Tour**

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SEPTEMBER

3 Tuesday **Board Meeting**

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

7 Saturday **Sycamore Cellars Tour**

Carmel Valley with The Musser's.

14 Saturday **Tech Session**

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21 Saturday **GTG at the Hallock's**

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28/29 Weekend **Autocross**

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOURS AND TOUR PROTOCOL

If you have not been on a tour or just want to find out what is involved in participating in a tour, I will try to explain.

Tours are planned for the entire following year at the November Planning Meeting. The Prieta Post prints during the year each upcoming tour with tour name, tour dates and who to contact to sign up for the tour. These notices occur usually at least two months prior to the tour date. The tour coordinator will notify everyone who has signed up where and when to meet for the start of a tour prior to the tour date. On the day of the tour there will be a Drivers' Meeting where route instructions are handed out, any special information will be provided and to sign the PCA release form. Sometimes, these meeting locations are at restaurants where participants can meet for breakfast before the Drivers' Meeting.

It is recommended that the tour participants have a CB radio to keep in communications with other cars. The CB radio is also a great social media as much conversation and humorous comments occur during the tour. Without a CB radio, it is like going to a movie without any sound. The CB radio also allows warnings of any road hazards for following cars. If the group gets separated, and it always seems to happen, the radio makes it possible to inform the tour leader to slow down or even pull to the side of the road for the



remaining group to catch up. We are always thinking safety when on tours, and we do not want to put anyone in an awkward position. Most tours end at a specific destination. It is at this point everyone is then on their own to continue to visit the last destination, explore other points of interest or just head home.

Even though tours are wrapping up for this year, we have to remind those who participate in our tours some of the protocols required.

The first and most important is to contact the tour coordinator in advance to be placed on the list of participants. Most tours have a limited number of cars that can be on the tour due to restaurant limited seating or limited hotel accommodations. Also, pre-payment of fees are required for most tours to complete reservations. The coordinator of the tour has many things to

complete to have a successful tour, and any breakdown of communications will only cause stress and problems. If protocol is not followed, there can be major issues on the tour. No one can just show up and expect to be allowed to participate on the tour.

Secondly, if a tour participant wishes to bring an animal, the tour coordinator must give permission to do so. The tour coordinator will be responsible to verify if animals are allowed at the tour stops and accommodations for overnight tours. The tour coordinator will obtain written verification from the hotel of what the animal limitations are and what the deposit for the animal will be. If animals are not allowed at

the hotel selected for the tour, with permission from the tour coordinator, the tour participant may make separate hotel reservations at a different hotel that allows animals. Once such a reservation is made, the tour coordinator must be notified of the arrangements.

By following these simple courtesies, we can keep the tours fun for everyone.

Vince Vincent, President
vvincent@aaidesign.com

AUTOCROSS

Marina Airport

Saturday / Weekend
August 25/Sept. 28-29

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



- **Registration/details: motorsportreg.com**
- **Fee: \$45/discount \$10 PCA w/Porsche**
- **Drivers work for sessions run**
- **Helmet required (limited number of loaners)**

EDITOR'S LETTER

POST PRODUCTION

FORTINO WINERY

Your editors take time to enjoy the wine offerings on the Under 50 Tour. Tour coverage next month.

PHOTO: Johnny Musser



PCA took a bold move with *Panorama* this month moving to a full-size magazine layout. I am happy to see the publication moving to a more professional style with a great deal more content. I suppose it has been hard to compare with the BMWCCA's *Roundel* one of the best car club publications I've seen.

We won't be going to full-size format with the *Prieta Post*, that would take more of a staff of editors, not something we have in LPR. I am glad however that we have the Post up in a production service that will give our members the Post in whatever form they may want. We have many members and our advertisers receiving a printed edition, and I know several members have downloaded the iPad app for reading on their devices. Most members are reading online using the MagCloud interface and for those without a compatible browser a PDF is available either on MagCloud or the www.lprpca.org website.

We have the Post back to a normal cadence with activities for the prior month being covered in the second month edition following. Normally that would put coverage of our activities in your hands approximately one month following end



of the event month.

Also I am very pleased that Kevin Bennett is assisting by contributing captions and now the event flyers.

With our year only about half over we still have plenty of tours, socials, autocrosses, and other special events like charity and our annual awards banquet ahead.

Jackie and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event. Please enjoy this month's edition.

Steve Mitchell, Editor
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SWAP MEET and Concours





**PHOTOS: Barry Pangrle
John Reed**



*Above, Emilie Highley does the food hustling... anything for the club!
Below, Tony Vanacore does the cooking...anything for the club!*





*Above, Dave Darling looks ready to strap one on!
Below, This poor kid. His dad is setting him up for an expensive hobby.*





*Above, "Okay, which hand has the carburetor in it?"
Below, This guy picked a lousy place to drop a quarter.*





Clear Lake Tour August 10th & 11th

Do not wait to register - Limited space

Breathtaking photo locations, Porsche roads, sunset on the lake and your own caboose for the night (some with jet tubs).

Saturday: A picnic lunch at Langtry Winery under the grape arbor overlooking their private lake and a discount on wine purchases.

Settle into your authentic caboose converted to a unique theme room in a serene setting on Clear Lake and relax before dinner.

Dinner will be at a restaurant near our Bed and Breakfast.

After dinner enjoy the sunset with friends on our private pier, at the pool, from your cupola window with a glass of wine, or soaking in your jet tub.

Sunday: Begin with a full breakfast at our Bed and Breakfast.

A stop at a winery high above the lake for photos and local lamb available for purchase, followed by time on your own to explore a small town, visit one of the casinos, wine tasting, or an early start home.

**Registration closes July 27st
or when lodging is sold out.
(One day participation welcome
– overnight is not required)**

**Contact Paul Smith
for reservations: 925-784-5539
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HOW CLEAN IS A “CLEAN” CAR?

A First Time Concours Entrant’s Tale

by Christina Vincent

PHOTOS: John Reed
Vince Vincent



I have often admired those who concours their cars. The amount of hard work and attention to detail required to prepare their Porsche to go under the microscope. To allow a team of judges to scrutinize every last inch and, heaven forbid, any wayward specks of dust or dirt one may have missed. Everyone jokes about cleaning the nooks and crannies with Q-tips. In fact, bundles of Q-tips were the centerpieces at the Concours Banquet of the first Porsche Parade I attended. I took one look at those little bundles and thought, “I am NEVER going to enter a Concours!”



As it turned out “never” only lasted thirteen years. As some of you may know, I recently acquired a white 1988 944 with burgundy and black interior. For a 25 year old car, it was in remarkable condition. It needed a few repairs and replacements, but all in all it was almost like new. The main sentiment upon viewing the car from

most everyone who saw it was, “Wow, it’s so clean!” Somehow that simple four word statement repeated over and over, lead my dad to the bright idea for me to enter the LPR Zone 7 Concours at PartsHeaven. For some odd reason, and I still can’t pinpoint when or how it happened, I agreed to enter in the “Wash and Shine” class (in which the

exterior and interior are judged). Once, we got started however, we decided to be a little more ambitious and enter in Street class (where the engine is also judged). After the umpteenth trip to PartsHeaven, we decided to enter in Restoration class, as my car was old enough and we had done a lot to bring my car back to factory.

Now, you recall the mantra that lead to this decision...well, you have no idea how dirty a "clean" car is, until you prep it for a Concours. In the beginning, I was at a complete loss as to where to start. I knew the basics and we had a pretty extensive collection of car care products, but the task seemed insurmountable. Enter Les Schreiber with, what I dubbed, the "Concours Bible". Actually, the Zone 7 Concours Guide. I don't think I could have done it without this guide. It has lists of

products, tips on areas judges look for dirt and even an area-by-area, step-by-step cleaning guide. With the "Bible" in hand, a game plan started to form and it didn't seem so daunting.

After purchasing the proper products, applicators, and multiple Costco-sized containers of Q-Tips, cleaning began. At first, it seemed simple enough: use this product for this part, clean that with this cloth, use a little elbow grease to get a particularly difficult spot clean. Then, the areas got smaller, so out came the headlamps and the Q-Tips...and more Q-Tips...and then "oh, no the spot I'm cleaning now, just got the spot I finished cleaning dirty!" Still more Q-Tips, until that little crevice is too small for a Q-Tip and out come the microbrushes. Yes, I said microbrushes! Now that area is too far to reach, so let's tape this brush to a stick. A little more



elbow grease, some perseverance and finally, a coat of polish or protectant. I found myself spending 3 or 4 hours on just one little section or part. At times, I even asked, "Why are we doing this?" But, I began to get the hang of it and kind of started to enjoy it. With my dad by my side, little by little and inch by inch we cleaned, scrubbed, brushed and polished the whole car. Except for underneath, I had to draw the line somewhere.

When all was said and done, we drove to PartsHeaven for the Zone 7 Concours. We settled in, filled out the paperwork and put the finishing touches on the car. By finishing touches, I mean a full wipe down of the exterior (don't forget the brake dust on the rims) and vacuum of the interior. Then, the call for "light dusting" is made and soon after judging com-

mences. So, the last 15 weeks came down to less than 10 minutes. My car was the first to be judged. They asked if I had my PCA Membership card and a fire extinguisher. I had both, so free points for me! Then, the head judge did a walk around inspection of the exterior. I was then asked to open the doors, trunk, hood and interior compartments so the other judges could, well, judge. When judging was complete, they showed me each of the areas they deducted points and the reason why. They also gave a few pointers on what to do next time. So, how did I do? We were hoping for a score of at least 200 out of a possible 250. It wasn't that I didn't think we did a good job, just that it was my first concours and I had no clue what to expect. I have to say, I never expected to get 243 out of 250! Yes, that was my final score and I couldn't have been prouder. Suddenly,



all those hours spent bent over a single part, cleaning with a microbrush, seemed worth it.

So, my advice for any first timers who would like to concours: Go for it! Start with the Zone 7 Concours Guide, get the right tools and products for each part of the car (all listed in the “Concours Bible”) and above all, HAVE FUN! I look back on this experience as hard work but also a lot of fun. I got a

great story out of it, too. When asked if I would do it again? I can’t say for certain, but I do know I am glad I did it. I got to know my car inside and out. And, now, I do have a CLEAN car!

Christina Vincent’s hard work paid off as she took first place in her class from Zone Concours Chair and former LPR President Les Schreiber



The GREAT LPR Relay Race

Saturday, August 17



Appetizers and drinks at 5 P.M.

Two or three teams will be formed and
the GREAT Race will begin at 6!

Beer and wine will be served.

Plan on bringing an appetizer, salad or side dish to share.

The cost is \$10 per person.

There is a limit of 34 racers for this event so

RSVP quickly to Bill & Emilie Highley

408.267.6877

This competition will take place at 1468 Leshner Court, San Jose.

TECH SESSION - Don's AutoWerk's





Sometimes it seems these mechanics have some sort of magic wand to effect their repairs. This seems to prove it!



Above, Rolf Grumme assumes nothing and explains to the group what the wheels are supposed to do.

Below, Rolf Grumme says, "Now with this particular part, if you hold it to your ear you can hear the sound of the ocean."





*Above, Don Wise can't help bragging, "Not only do I have two of these, I have them in different colors!" One seems more excited than the other.
Below, Ken Iles asks Rolf, "Can I hear it with this one?"*



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Ruben Pardron, 2003 Gray 911 from GGR

James & Brian Schneider Turk, 2003 Green Boxster From California Central Coast (CCC)

Eileen Whitson from Monterey Bay (MBY)

Dwayne & Cecelia Williams, 2008 Brown 991 from Diablo (DIA)

Richard & Cynthia Wyett, 1985 Red 911 & 2000 Black 996 & 2011 Silver Boxster from Sierra Nevada (SNV)

Transfers out

Andrew Goldberg to Monterey Bay (MBY)

Membership that Expired Last Month (6/30/13) -9

Reinstated Members (renewal > two months) - 1
Total Renewal's this month - 13

LPR Membership

Total 7/1/2013 = 530 (Primary = 303 , Affiliates = 227)

Les Schreiber, Membership Director
les996@me.com

ANNIVERSARIES.....congrats!

40 years

William Glathe

20 years

**Susan Perry
Mike Zampiceni
Vince Vincent**

15 years

Susan Smith

10 years

**Rebecca Bishop
Sue Mugnusson
Alison Palic**

5 years

**Charles & Debby Dewey
Mallory Homewood
Joan Riley
Nicolle Hamilton
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"The LPR Event of the Year"

An original screenplay

(based mostly on an actual event)

FADE IN:

EXT. GILROY -- THE FAMOUS AND CHARMING MITCHELL
HACIENDA-- AFTERNOON

A sign in the driveway - NO PARKING - barks a warning. No one is intimidated. Guests comply, park on the street and trudge their booty, assorted foods and of course, birthday gifts for the miembro de familia superior.

Señora Jackie Mitchell, a glowing smile that outshines her stunning orange Folklorico dress, RUSHES to greet arriving guests.

The hem of her skirt, held high in one hand, displays the detailed embroidery that adorns her traditional outfit. Her other arm extends and hugs each arriving guest.

JACKIE

Deb, Bob, welcome...so glad to have you.

She escorts each arrival to the hacienda's courtyard where festive tables await us.

LPR members, never ones to miss being early, suddenly arrive in droves. The tables fill quickly - lines form - paper plates bend under the weight of luscious Mexican style appetizers.

Jackie flits from table to table. Two humming birds, mistaking her for a beautiful flower, chase her as she zigs and zags, chatting, laughing, being the perfect hostess.

JACKIE

There's beer, wine and Steve's special margaritas by the waterfall. Don't be shy.

The line is long. Six deep for a margarita. Well worth

Time for Tacos Numero Dos

Original Screenplay by Bob Frosthalm



PHOTOS: Matthew Mitchell



the wait. Steve has outdone himself again.

The garden is abuzz in excited chatter. We ask several people what makes this event the best LPR event of the year.

CLOSE ON: SUSAN GEORGE from the Diablo Region.

SUSAN

The people. I've been on some LPR tours... Paul and Nanci's. Now I want to have a dual membership with LPR.

BOB

Yes...Right Answer

Jackie steps center stage - silences the crowd.

JACKIE

Ladies and gentlemen - as a special treat and for your viewing pleasure, I introduce to you Los Diamantes, a local Ballet Folklorico group.

Steve takes command of the sound system. Steve needs more practice. Moments pass. Suddenly, Spanish music fills the afternoon and four lovely young ladies from Glenwood Elementary School, wearing traditional Jarochan dresses, dance to the stage to showcase cultural pride in their Mexican heritage.

A traditional dance, La Bruja (The Witch), a story of seduction and magic from Veracruz gets us all deeper into the festive mood.

An LPR member who wishes to remain anonymous after too many margaritas asks:

ANONYMOUS

Is this cinco de mayo?

BOB

Si.

A young man, ERIC HEISER, wearing the familiar Charro outfit, traditional of Mexican cowboys, joins the dancers. The girls have changed from their white

Jorochans into very elegant colorful dresses that were common place among the women of Jalisco. He performs with them several additional dances from the Jalisco region of Mexico, concluded by El Jarabe Tapatio, The Mexican Hat Dance.

Finale- the LPR group erupts in applause. The children smile and exit

CLOSE ON JOANNA AND RUDI HERZ

JOANNA

This is a great event. Jackie went out of her way to make this a special birthday for Steve. (points to Rudi) And where else can I get my husband to wear these crazy suspenders.

RUDI,

Wonderful dancers.... We should all learn more about the Mexican heritage. They're our neighbors.

BOB

But Rudi, what makes this the best LPR event of the year?

RUDI

(thinks for a moment)
I really like Jackie's dress...I've always been attracted to "safety orange."

BOB

I couldn't have said it better myself.

KEN JENSEN appears to be singing to himself.

BOB

Are you alright, Ken?

KEN

The Mexican Hat Dance...That tune is stuck in my head...you know, like an ear worm?

BOB

No, Ken I don't.

The Taco Cart arrives. Thundering hoofs. It's a





Stampede.

THE TACO CART PROPRIETOR
Chicken, Beef or Pork?

THE FIRST PERSON IN LINE
Yes...

And so it went... three tacos per plate...real, homemade, home cooked (okay, taco cart cooked)meats with spices from hot to hotter.

Seconds anyone? Most said yes... the line runs thru the garden and around the side yard. No stopping hungry LPR members on a mission.

Jackie once again summons our attention.

JACKIE
Señoras y señores. Please welcome
Mariachi Mi Tierra from Morgan Hill.

A seven piece mariachi band rushes to center stage, with three guitars, two trumpets and two violins. For the next 45 minutes we all enjoyed the beauty of Mexico through its traditional and uplifting music.

The sun has set. Deserts are brought to a table. A Birthday cake with a big 60 on it. "Happy Birthday Steve".

Another stampede. Who has room for desert? Apparently everyone in LPR.

FADE OUT:





Mariachi Mi Tierra from Morgan Hill with your hosts Jackie and Steve Mitchell.



Snorin' in Sonora

by Margie Jensen
PHOTOS: John Reed

TOUR

The Ballad of Sizzlin' Sonora

The Writer: MisSpelin' Margie Jensen

The Editor: Cuttin' It Ken Jensen

The Posse

"The Gent" Lord Kenneth and Lady June Iles

Cracklin' Kevin and Darin' Deb Bennett

Red-Eye John and Amazin' Angie Reed

Scorchin' Steve and Jaunty Jackie Mitchell

Master Trapper Johnny and Crack-Shot Kathy Musser

Backspin Barry and Lickity-Split Suzette Pangrle

Bulls eye Bob and Karen "Quick as a Cricket" Morgan

Les "Lucky Diggins" Schreiber

Kurt "the Trekker" and Ramblin' Laurie Delimon

Mike "Keys" Zampecini

Vaquero Tony and Vaquera Kris Vanacore

Voyagin' Vince and Charismatic Christina Vincent

Gold Panner Paul Sidel-Smith and Nomadic Nanci Bishop

Wagon master Jim and Jestin' Jennifer Bryant

Jumpin' Jan McFarlane

Eagle-Eye Efrin and Sure-shootin' Cindy Casamina

Dead-Eye Dick and Meanderin' Mary Wallace

Gentleman George and Valiant Virginia Jansen



Those sneaky Bryants let the participants choose a goody bag from the back of their car. Margie Jensen chose the bag booby trapped with a sticker making her responsible for the write-up of the event.

*Lucky Diggins Les Schreiber
assures The Gent Ken Iles that he
won't let him get lost.*

Now, this here's a tale of a
travelin' troop
Called the Loma Prietan's, a
rough ridin' group.

Wagon master Jim and his kind wife
Jenny,

Done rounded us up at a place called
Denny's.

We each snatched a bag with vittles
with drink.

So, "Cuttin' It" Ken grabs us one that
is pink.

I sure can't complain. He was bein' a
nice feller,

But, I turned it in for the one blue in
color.

Now, this bag of blue was one of a kind

And I soon wished that I had left it
behind

Y-see Ol' Jim salted it with pen and
paper

It became my job to record this mad
caper.

Red Eye Reed was snappin' pictures for
the "Post",

When the Mitchell's roar in like seein'
a ghost.

The posse now complete for its ride to
great glory,

We head down the road towards Lick
Observatory.

With spindly tall trees, the road windy



and hot,

"Cuttin' it" said they're like "Truffula
Tops".*

The pine-cones that dropped were like
miniature bombs.

The Bennett's grabbed a giant cone
with total aplomb.

Master Trapper Musser nabbed a
squirrel on the run.

I heard he caught that varmint without
usin'a-gun.

This trip was really sizzlin' as we
traveled along.

When we got to the Lick, it was a
hundred and one.

A short stop to view and take pictures
galore

Soon, it was time to proceed with our
tour.

We Crissed here and crossed there to
Turlok, so hot,

A hundred and five, right on the dot!
“Snorin’ in Sonora” laughed “The
Gent” Lord Iles
When he said “It’s sizzlin’”, it got Smiles
So, “Sizzlin’ in Sonora” a more fitting
name,
Is what we called this tour of legendary
fame.
We gathered at a spot called “Henry’s
place”,
While Farley the dog sat in a soft, shady
space.
Soon, we were worried, someone was
near,
Was she taking Farley, our sweet doggie
dear?
With that problem solved, we sat down
to munch.

Then, Les “Lucky Diggin’s” interrupted
our lunch,
He gave the big pinecone to John and
his girl.
Thank goodness, it wasn’t Dave the
dead squirrel!
The posse full-bellied, watered and fed,
Up I-49, our Wagon master lead,
This scorching trail was dusty and hot,
One hundred and eight like a
simmering pot
Galloping up the road, the mountains
‘afore us
We headed on up to the Sonora Forest.
Up Red Hill, our posse did wind,
The temperature gauge read one
hundred and nine.
The temperature maxed out at one-

Our route takes us up Mt. Hamilton to our first stop at Lick Observatory.





Webmaster Kevin Bennett asked the group to act goofy to benefit the website. It's on the social page.

hundred fifteen.

On past China Camp our Porches did
scream.

We stopped in Jamestown, a Mecca for
miners

With shops, antiques and several nice
“diners”.

The town was built before gold was
found,

The Red Carriage Hotel was where we
were bound.

But, there was “No room at the Inn” for
our Farley dear,

So, different directions we each chose
to steer,

At the National Hotel we gathered
again,

The temperature held steady at one
hundred and ten.

A fine dinner we had with our many
good friends,

But, the tale of “Sizzlin’ in Sonora” now
ends.

The moral of this ballad gives me pause
to think....

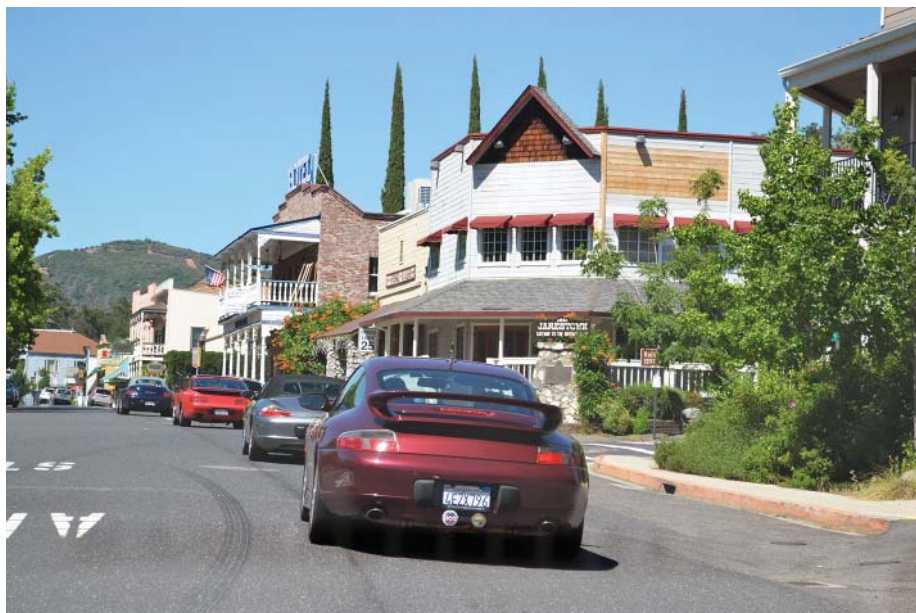
“Don’t take the blue bag, just keep the
pink!

* *“The Lorax” by Dr. Seuss*



*Above, Downtown Jamestown
Below, Jennifer & Jim Bryant a successful tour. .*





Snorin' in Sonora





*Above, Why is this man smiling? The driving is over and Bull's Eye Bob Morgan (AKA Beer Bottle Bob) is standing at the entrance to a bar! "Come on in!"
Below, No room at the inn for Farley the dog.*



After the Snore...

With an open agenda for day two of the Snorin' in Sonora tour, this unlikely group got together and explored Murphys, California.



Wallaces, Delimons, Jensens, and Mitchells at Val du Vino tasting room.

After a wonderful breakfast at the hotel, Dick & Mary Wallace, Kurt & Laurie Delimon, Ken & Margie Jensen, and Steve & Jackie Mitchell joined to take a short 30 mile tour to Murphys.

First stop on the list was Val du Vino where the group purchased and split-up a case of a selection of brilliant wines.

Next was Milliaire Vineyard Selections

for more tasting followed by lunch at Alchemy Cafe where Paul Smith and Nanci Bishop joined the crowd.

There was a final stop at Zucca Mountain Vineyards before the 2 1/2 plus hour drive back.

A big thank you to Jim & Jen Bryant for organizing the Snorin' in Sonora tour.



*Above, Val du Vino winery tour led by owner Jonathon Phillips.
Below, Milliaire Vineyard Selections.*



“I Get Around”

Column

Dick Badler

August 2013 High Gear

Words to Drive By

“Anticipate or perish.” I used these words with my daughters when they were learning to drive.

It worked. My daughters survived their teen years behind the wheel, intact. Although I can't quite say the same thing about the Civic they used, occasionally as a bumper car.

There was the incident where the older one, parking her car in front of the garage, said her foot accidentally slipped off the brake and onto the accelerator... the car then slammed into the garage door.

She called me in the office, and I had the presence of mind to ask if she was all right. I'm very proud of that.

Then I called my wife, and asked how the garage door was... and she said there was no garage door.

But the girls remember those words, to this day. Which is the point. And which got me thinking about sayings for driving. And, you know what? I couldn't actually think of many adages, at all.

Oh, there's the Stirling Moss comment about straightaways... the boring bits between the corners. And there's the 911 mantra, “Slow in fast out.” And there's the line attributed to A.J. Foyt about driving at Indy, “If you're not scaring yourself three times a lap, you're going too slow.”

And, of course, “Speed is a matter of money... how fast do you want to go?”

I got an e-mail from the online magazine Winding Road, offering slogan tee shirts, and all they had were “Keep calm and carry speed” and “It's surprising how many people, including Formula 1 drivers, think the brakes are for slowing the car down, “ which is attributed to Mario Andretti.

Not exactly inspiring, are they?

Which is very ironic, because if you're a runner you get inundated with all manner of profundities. One magazine, Runner's World, actually sends you a “Daily Kick in the Butt” by e-mail.

And it's even more ironic, because many of the lines I see relate to a lot more than running... like competing in general... and like life.

Take “A man can fall many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else,” attributed to Steve Prefontaine. And another one from Pre, “To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.”

And here's my favorite from Steve, “A lot of people run a race to see who's the fastest. I run to see who has the most guts....”

In point of fact, the running world picks up the quotes from all sorts of places, and makes them their own.

Take “Success is a peace of mind, which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming” -- John Wooden.

Or “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by things you didn't

do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, and catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover” -- Mark Twain.

Or “We must all suffer from one of two pains; the pain of discipline or the pain of regret. The difference is that discipline weighs ounces and lasts a moment while regret weighs tons and lasts a lifetime” -- Jim Rohn

Now, understand, I don't see any of this anywhere in the automotive world... or motorsport world for that matter. I don't know why. Because when it's a hot and steamy day, and you're wearing a multi-layer Nomex driving suit and full-face helmet, and you're fastened hard into the roll-cage of your car, and you're pounding around a bullring for an hour and a half, and your pulse is soaring, and you're manic to get to the checkered flag, first, I don't care how good your cool suit and your drinking tube are.... it's the same challenge.

Here's how Patton described it, “Now if you are going to win any battle you have to do one thing. You have to make the mind run the body. Never let the body tell the mind what to do. The body will always give up. It is always tired morning, noon, and night. But the body is never tired if the mind is not tired.... You've always got to make the mind take over and keep going.”

Ahh, that little voice. When I ran my first half marathon, I got to mile 8 or 9 and started having a conversation with that voice. It was telling me to stop. And I answered with “what would I say to people?” And the voice kept coming up with scenarios, so to speak,

like “I tripped” or “it was too hot.” And my conscious kept rejecting them, saying, “no that won't work, nobody will believe me.” This went on and on, and on... until I reached mile 12 and realized the end was in sight.

Here's what you're up against, “It's very hard to understand in the beginning that the whole idea is not to beat the other runners. Eventually you learn that the competition is against the little voice inside you that wants to quit” -- Dr. George Sheehan.

So what's the problem, drivers?

Try this one on, “Keep the dream in front of you. Never let it go, regardless of how farfetched it might seem” -- Hal Higdon.

Or the gray haired mantra, “Once you're over the hill, you pick up speed.”

Will they work for you? Only time, your time, will tell.



Post Posited

by Ima Snitch
Contributing Editor

Overheard **Virginia Jansen** talking about her ‘business’ trips to England recently. It seems that the ‘royal’ places she visits are places with names like “The King’s Head”, “The Queen’s Arms,” “Duke of Edinburgh”, “Prince of Wales”, etc. As a world traveler and connoisseur of the art of brewing hops, she admitted while throwing a few darts in one of these establishments, “I’m really only here for the beer.” She added “And the U.K.pint is 20% bigger than the U.S. pint. Cheers, mate”!

After one of my recent shock therapy treatments I realized I spent time under a table at the Bargetto Winery on Mother’s Day where several LPR members were celebrating the day with brunch. What else could I do but lie in wait and wait for their arrival. I’m happy I did because I heard several tidbits worth repeating. I was, of course, fortified with a fifth of my favorite hooch so bare, oops, bear with me while I dish the dirt through a foggy morning of memories: It seems that **Jan Mc Farlane** knows a lot about the Scots, she was going on and on about a fellow named Haggis and his

pro prowess with a bagpipe, but, according to what I heard, **Jan** said the tilt in his kilt was the talk of the Loch. **Virginia Jansen** said that after her visit to England she was off to Scotland and would **Jan** be so kind as to give her Haggis’s phone number. I guess after all these years married to **George** she has first hand knowledge of a bagpipe. OK, a hour or so under that table being kicked and tickled with all size feet was enough, the sights and sounds under there was no picnic either! I slithered away and joined the cute guitar player in a round of spin the bottle. Happy Mother’s Day, Ken.

We all know how well the short and bubbly blonde hair style of **Emilie Highley** suits her, and the way that a diet program can create an entirely new woman these days. She looks gorgeous. Well dearies, I’ve tried dieting, but no luck. Maybe my daily vodka medication isn’t helping. But **Emilie** might have overdone things recently, for her pic on the back page of the May issue of the Post doesn’t look a bit like her. Maybe she’s wearing a long haired brunette wig, but I like her

better as a blonde. Besides, don't we blondes have more fun?

I found out that LPR has a Goodie Store. I contacted **Paul Seidel-Smith** and placed an order for a case of old Red Eye Vodka. Paul said it wasn't that kind of store and if I contacted him again he would call the SPCA and have me spayed, but not before he told me that LPR member **Jim Davis** was personally buying up as much merchandise as he could. **Jim** told **Paul** the end was near and his fallout shelter needed re-stocking. Now if I could only get my hands on the booze and find Jim's shelter.

Since the heat was 110 degrees F. outside on the Snorin' in Sonora tour, **Mike Zampecini** took what was supposed to be a short nap on arrival at the hotel. When he awoke he was all by himself since everyone else had left for dinner at another venue. When he finally found the group he asked "Was it something I said"?

I'm still doing my part on the social media sights. I've been poked a few times. I've been unfriended many times. I'm one step ahead of feds and the SPCA and enjoying the ride. So, sweet cheeks, send me a message on my TwitFace account and I'll send you an Ima Snitch secret decoder ring and a case of cheap toilet paper. Ohhh, and the next time, I'll debunk the rumors of me laying naked on El Camino Real, screaming at

people and waving my leg at cars. Gotta go, another round of Shock therapy awaits.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LPR BOARD MEETING Minutes— Jul 2, 2013

The Board Meeting was held at Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave. in San Jose. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by LPR President, Vince Vincent.

Board Members present: Vince Vincent, Jackie Mitchell, Christina Vincent, Johnny Musser, John Reed, Les Schreiber

Committee Chairpersons present: Anne Roth, Laurie Delimon, Paul Seidel-Smith, Steve Mitchell, Nancy Bishop, Tom Provasi, Kathy Musser, Kevin Bennett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Les, seconded by John and approved (6-0) to approve the Jun 4, 2013 minutes.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President: Vince Vincent
Nothing to Report

Vice President: Jackie Mitchell

- June 22 - Time For Tacos Numero Dos at the Mitchell's – 40 guests attended - \$390 collected. Bob Frosthalm volunteered to do the write-up for the Post so he "got in free". The Mitchell's will not be turning any receipts for this event.
- July 13 – Bangers & Mash at the Iles – Full at this time
- July 21 – Family Picnic at Blackberry Farm in Cupertino – Begins at 11:00 AM – no charge
- Aug 17 – GTG at the Highleys – more details to come

Secretary: Christina Vincent
Nothing to Report

Treasurer: Johnny Musser

- June Financials - Income: \$2,824; Expenses: \$11,210
- Expenses from Tours, Autocross, Prieta Post, and Swap Meet/ Concours
- 2013 Year-to-Date Financials
 - Income: \$ 34,240
 - Expenses: \$ 13,312
 - Net: \$20,928
- Received payment from 13 advertisers totaling \$7,048
- Three additional people have signed up for the printed Post for a total of 21
- Request for Payment to State Farm Insurance in the amount of \$303.00 for insurance on the Autocross Trailer and equipment.

Motion made by Les, seconded by Jackie and approved (6-0) to pay \$303.00 to State Farm Insurance.

Will be out of town for the August Board Meeting. Will send report prior to departure.

Activities: John Reed

- Received the LPR event release forms and Observer's Reports for the month of June, with the

exception of the June 29/30 Tour to Sonora.

- Requested and received the PCA insurance for the July 7 Tour and July 27 Autocross. The chairpersons have been sent their copy.
- Will request the PCA insurance for the August 10/11 Clear Lake Tour and August 25 Autocross.
- All event changes must be approved by the Activities Director prior to appearing on the LPR calendar.

Membership: Les Schreiber

- Presented nine (9) new members and eight (8) transfers in to LPR.

Motion made by Les, seconded by Jackie and approved (6-0) to accept 17 new members.

There were two (2) transfers out.

Member at Large: Larry Sharp

Not Present – Report read by Vince Vincent

- All current Board members need to send email confirmation if they wish to run for a Board position next year.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
EXECUTIVE APPOINTEES REPORTS**

Autocross: Anne Roth

- AX #4 held on June 16 was well attended with 57 drivers
- Registration for AX #5 will open July 10

Charity: Sue Sickal

Not Present – No Report

Driver's Ed: John Cole

Not present - No Report

Social Media: Laurie Delimon

- Facebook: AX results have been posted; continuing to promote our advertisers
- Activities Director will pass on deadline dates with contact info on upcoming events for midmonth email blast.
- Close to email limit of 500 recipients for Constant Contact. May need to go up to next level in the coming month(s) to accommodate new members

Goodie Store: Paul Seidel-Smith

- All items have been received, all but one delivered.
- Request for payment to vendor in the amount of \$627.47 for current order.

Motion made by Les, seconded by Johnny and approved (6-0) to pay \$627.47 directly to the vendor for garments purchased.

Hospitality: Emilie Highley

Not Present – No Report

Prieta Post: Steve Mitchell

- Finishing July Post, to be out by the end of the week.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Not Present – Report read by Vince Vincent

- June submission to Panorama included: Russian River Tour, Mothers' Day Tour, Soquel Winery Tour, Autocross #3, and Indy 500 event at Moffett Field, with the main thrust of the article directed at the Swap Meet/Concours.
- Also wrote a more extensive

article for the Prieta Post about Autocross #4

Safety Report: Nancy Bishop

- Commended autocross chair, organizers and volunteers on addressing the previous safety concerns very well at the last autocross

Tech: Tom Provasi

- Thanked Les for being the go-to at the last tech session held at Don's Autowerks. Les reported that Don and his crew put on a great tech session with 20 attendees.
- No one is currently lined-up for the September tech. Body Style was suggested.

Tours: Kathy Musser

- June 29-30 – Snorin' in Sonora 18 cars participated. Great roads and food. Problems with the management at the Royal Carriage Hotel resulted in refund of deposit made to the hotel for the entire group. Everyone who paid for the hotel as part of their tour fee will be receiving a refund in the near future.
- July 7 – "The Under 50 Tour" – Reed-Bennett Productions – this tour is sold out
- September 7 – "The Mussers Don't Lead Early Morning Tours- Part 2" – Johnny and Kathy Musser. Complete details in the July Post – limit of 20 cars – RSVP by August 15
- Will be out of town for the August Board Meeting. Will send report

prior to departure.

Web Master: Kevin Bennett

- Everything is going well with the website.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Suggested that Tour Guidelines have a section added to address bringing of pets on tours. Those wishing to bring pets on the tour need to contact the tour leader, as well as, personally contact the hotel at the destination. If pets are not allowed at the group's hotel, the individual will be responsible for their own accommodations.
- President will be contacting Parade chair to see how LPR can volunteer/assist with 2014 Parade in Monterey. Tour leaders/organizers are needed for Parade Tours.
- An invitation was extended to members of LPR to display their cars at the Dine in DiVine event at Chateau Julien on August 14 & 15. Though this is not an official LPR event anyone who wishes to display their car is welcome to contact the winery. Those displaying their car are invited to stay for the reception hour and if they wish to attend the dinner, they can purchase tickets at the member price.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 7 pm at Round Table Pizza, Union and Camden Avenue, San Jose.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Vincent, Secretary
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For those who wish to participate, there will be an informal excursion to Cambria on Sunday for shopping, lunch and the usual nefarious activities.

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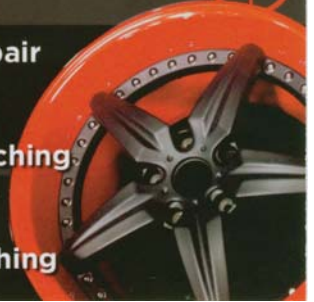
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