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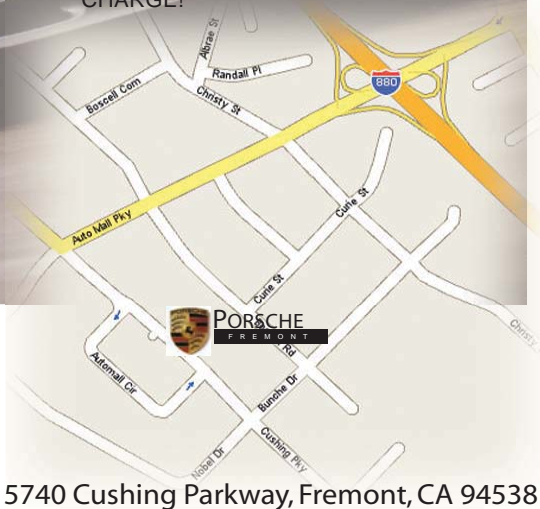
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GT3 on Hearst Castle Tour captured by Bill Jump.

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Greg Sickal dishes up the Halloween cupcakes for LPR charity event at the San Jose Family Shelter.. Story in next month's *Prieta Post*

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Calendar

what's happening in the Region

DECEMBER

1 Sunday
LPR 2014 Calendar of Events - Planning Session
Bring your calendars and help make 2014 another great LPR year of events. Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose. Pizza and beverages complements LPR! 5:00 pm, details on page 9

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

7 Saturday
Annual Awards Banquet
The social event of the year! Fiorillo's Resturant, in Santa Clara. Dust off your best duds and spend an evening with your LPR friends celebrating 2013, 6:00 pm, details page 7.

8 Sunday
Christmas in the Vineyards Tour
Join Paul and Nanci for a day of driving and sipping! info page 21.

14 Saturday
Holiday Gift Exchange
LPR Annual Gift Exchange at the home of Les Schreiber. Wrap it up and give it away! 3:00 pm, details page 27.

JANUARY

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

12 Sunday
Crow's Nest Tour and Brunch
Join Les Schreiber for a picturesque tour and brunch at the Crow's Nest in Santa Cruz, info page 29.



**CHECK
IT
OUT!**

Watch a slide show of images from recent events with the new LPR photo pages on our website:

<http://lprpca.org/>



**Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday, December 7, 2013
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**Fiorillo's Restaurant
638 El Camino Real,
Santa Clara**

Enjoy an evening of cocktails, dinner, 2013 award presentations, socializing and dancing.

Dinner Entrée Choices:

Chicken Paladino –
prosciutto wrapped
chicken breast stuffed with
smoked gouda

Baked Italian Salmon –
baked with Italian
seasoned bread crumbs
and imported reggiano
parmesan cheese

Aged New York Steak

Cost for LPR members and guests: \$40.00 per person. No Host Bar

Payment (checks made out to LPR) must be received no later than Wednesday, November 27th with entrée choice.

NOTE: LIMITED TO 70 GUESTS – so get your checks in early

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We have only four events left for this year. They are our Annual Awards Banquet, Holiday in the Vineyard Tour, the Holiday Gift Exchange, and most important the Calendar Planning session where we put together the calendar for 2014. If you cannot make any of these events, please review our 2014 calendar of upcoming events and mark your calendar for the dates of the events you wish to attend. We will have a great list of events to choose from.

The LPR Membership Directory Task Force has made great progress in setting up the format. The proposed Privacy Policy has been written and approved by the Board. With this approval, the next step will be to reach out to our members via our email blast asking if you wish to participate in having your contact information included. If you respond with a yes, you will then receive the form which allows you to select what information you wish to be included in the directory. This is an "Opt-in" format which you will have complete control.

The 2014 PCA Parade in Monterey will be in June, and I would recommend that you start planning your attendance and participation now. For LPR members, I am encouraging for you to sign up to volunteer as a worker at the Parade. I especially encourage you to specifically sign up for the Welcome Tent. LPR has done this before at the Sacramento Parade with huge success in creating a fun experience for the volunteers and those we greet. The primary function of the Welcome Tent



is to greet the participants to Parade, provide directions, information and offer bottled water. It is a great place to greet friends, have interesting conversations and be able to share experiences.

The PCA Parade committee is also looking for local "Tour" enthusiasts to organize and lead tours at Parade. If you are interested in doing so, please contact the Parade committee at augwp@hotmail.com

As always, I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. For new participants, please approach me and introduce yourself, if I don't introduce myself to you first.

Vince Vincent, President
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Speaking of calendars;

DECEMBER 1 at 5 p.m.

Mark yours for LPR's 2014 Calendar Planning session on **December first, not the seventh**, at 5 o'clock. We will strategize in meeting room #2 in the Round Table Pizza located at the corner of Camden and Union in South San Jose.

This will be your opportunity to lock in a date for that wet and wild activity that you have been thinking about putting on for your LPR friends. Or you might have a suggestion for an activity for someone else to put on. No matter what, you can enjoy, compliments of LPR, pizza, beer or soda and help shape the things to come for LPR in 2014!

For further guidance, contact John Reed at 408-371-1965 or email jpreed911@comcast.net.

See you there.



MEMBERSHIP



November Membership Report

New Members from PCA (3)

Richard Dykmans, Blue 1999 Carrera 4

Rhonda and John Schulke, 2013 Gray Boxster S

Transferred in(1)

Jeffrey P. Johnston, 2010 White GT3 from GGR

Non- Renewals (as of 10/30/13) (3)

Member renewals (14)

Total Membership as of 10/30/2013

Primary 307

Affiliate 231

Total 538

***If anyone has any small sundries (soap, shampoo's etc) from their travels, and would like to donate them to the VA Hospital, please let me know, or bring them to any meeting for me and I will make sure they get there.
Thank you, Les***

Les Schreiber, Membership Director
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ANNIVERSARIES.....congrats!

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Hearst Castle Tour

Story by Kathy and Johnny Musser

PHOTOS: John Reed



TOUR

My first thought Saturday morning when my alarm started ringing at 5:30 was once again, we know why the Mussers don't do early morning tours. Maybe we should just meet everyone in San Simeon....

As we drove through Watsonville on our way to Gilroy, the only other vehicles on the road were tractors creating clouds of dust which landed on our clean car. When arriving at Sandy's Café in Gilroy, we soon realized why it was worth getting up early. We were warmly greeted by fellow LPR tourites. The infamous LPR socializing had begun!



*Steve Graham and Steve Mitchell look like they've just finished a rap...
"The Stevie Boys?"*

Portland Pete frantically tried to corral everyone for a drivers meeting. Portland Pete aided by BiggJ finally succeeded and the drivers meeting was underway. Group 1 was to depart and be followed by group 2 fifteen minutes later. Somehow fifteen minutes was interpreted as ten minutes.... and both groups arrived at Tres Pinos at the same time. After a short stop and much socializing, group 1 was off again. Group 2 had a drivers meeting and voted for fifteen seconds instead of a fifteen minute wait.

Both Groups were off to the Southern Pacific Coaling Station A, otherwise known as Coalinga, driving through beautiful rolling hills on great roads. There was an absence of traffic and bicycles. It was as though we owned the road!

When we arrived in Coalinga, we split into separate groups for lunch. We ended up at the Pit Stop with Tony and Kris Vanacore and Ken and Margie Jensen. We were joined by Steve and Sylvie Graham, Iain and Maria McNeill and Robert and Yvonne Khamashta. The service was friendly, but not quick. Would not recommend the Pit Stop if you are in a hurry!

Following lunch, we were back on the road to San Simeon. Upon arriving in San Simeon, we received our room keys and the socializing continued. The San Simeon Bar and Grill has a great patio with a fabulous view of the ocean. The day was warm (actually hot) and perfect for enjoying the sunshine. We ran into a "Hudson Car Club" at the hotel next to ours. The "Hudson Club" was very friendly and invited all of

the “Porsche Club” to partake of wine, cheese, crackers and salami. Their cars were beautiful and they were eager to share the history of each car.

We met for an early dinner and then we departed for Hearst Castle and our night tour. The night tours are part of the living history program. The Docents dressed in period costumes and you felt as though you were a party guest at Hearst Castle. We were divided into four groups to tour Hearst Castle. Group 3 had a challenge – to keep Peter Ridgway out of the water. Peter was determined to enjoy one of the pools at the Castle. He was even willing to settle for one of the fountains. However, the promise of a \$ 750.00 fine, a new pair of handcuffs and a police escort kept Peter dry.

After the tour, our tour bus driver was

very considerate and dropped us off where our cars were parked. It was late and everyone was tired. Surprisingly, we didn’t even get together after the tour.

On Sunday, there were many ways to spend the day. Some chose to drive up the coast, a group left to visit Cambria and some of us went wine tasting in Paso Robles. Several decided to linger and enjoy the view and beach in San Simeon.

The Hearst Castle Tour was a wonderful mini-vacation. The weather was perfect and the night tour was fabulous. We would like to thank Kevin and Debbie Bennett, Portland Pete and John and Angie Reed for another outstanding tour. As always the Reed/Bennett Production was superb!

It looks like the tour did a little churching up; probably praying to avoid paint chips on the California back roads.





Nothing like a bathroom break to lighten your spirits. Christina Vincent, Joanna Herz, Peter Ridgeway, Kris Vanacore and Karen Morgan.

Big John's squirrel puppet mascot gets a sartorial lift from Kevin Bennett's visor.





Now this is what LPR is all about. October at the beach in sunny California!

The Hudson Club was in town and right next door.





Steve and Sylvie Graham check out one of the many posh bathrooms in the castle.

A shot of the vintage kitchen facilities at the castle.





This is not a shot of John Reed and Ken Iles working on an early edition of the POST... or is it?

There were many docents dressed in period clothing to add texture to the castle tour.





A few toured Cambria the next day, including Angie Reed and June Iles... not sure if that is John Reed in the middle.

...and this is not a shot of the tour members sunning themselves on the beach.



Christmas in the Vineyards Tour

December 8th at noon



The tour will begin at the Casa Real Winery - Ruby Hills Vineyards (Highway 84 toward Livermore, turn left on Isabel and then first left into the winery).

Driver's meeting will be at 12:15 in front of the tasting shop.

This will be a fun, relaxing tour. Bring a jacket and a snack to share. The vineyards will be decorated for the holidays; some will offer treats with the tastings and holiday gifts for sale.

We will end the day with an early casual dinner in Livermore. Wine tasting fees average \$5 and dinner will be moderately priced.



*Drinking, dining and even a little dancing
by Alice and Bob Skurko, LPR newcomers;
could life be any better?*

Oktoberfest

at Jan McFarlane's home

Story by Lisa and Bonnie Radding

PHOTOS: Johnny Musser

The Oktober Fest was hosted by our new member Jan McFarlane. Jan who recently joined LPR jumped right in and graciously offered her home for the GTG!

The night could not have been more perfect with the warm weather affording an outdoor gathering around the moonlit pool. There were beautiful panorama views of the valley.

We enjoyed an array of delicious appetizers including the traditional large soft Bavarian pretzels and of course, beer. During our social we were entertained by Mike Zampiceni as he played the accordion. With sounds of the "Beer Barrel Polka" Alice and Bob Skurko danced around the pool.

Getting into the spirit, June and Ken Iles were in the traditional German attire; dirndl and felted suit. Jennifer Bryant complimented her outfit with a traditional Tyrolian hat adorned with pins and feathers. The Ridgway's were back from Las Vegas to attend our annual party.

Our chef for the evening was Les Schreiber, who barbecued chicken and delicious sausages. Our buffet was filled with wonderful potato salads, red and green sauerkrauts, fresh rolls and salads. Yum!

We learned that our hostess who at one time lived in Konigstein, Germany, is originally from Nova Scotia. This was exciting news to share with the Bryant's who are also from Canada.

Special thanks to Johnny Musser for being the official photographer for the evening!

Steve Mitchell says, "Okay, where's the beer?"





Whether you describe it as bucolic, Bavarian or just plain beautiful, the setting was spectacular. Kathy Musser, Vince and Christina Vincent.

Jackie Mitchell and Ken Iles. Herr Ken says, "Prost!"





Bob Frosthalm has detected a problem with Kathy Musser's attempt to pour the wine.

A spa overflowing with beer was a nice, decorative touch.





*Mike Zampiceni was here with his pal
Dino Baffetti.*



*Kathy Musser with Jennifer Bryant
enjoying the warm evening weather.*

Not the Kingdom of Bavaria, but with the smell of brats and beer in the air...close enough.



Christmas Gift Exchange

December 14 at 3 p.m.

Les Schreiber is hosting this chance to spend an afternoon with your club buddies, celebrate the holidays in LPR style and exchange moderately priced (\$20 range) and new gift-wrapped treasures. Plan on bringing an appetizer or dessert to share. Beer and wine will be served. Cost is \$10.



RSVP to Les at 408 316-8654 by December 11 and let him know what dish you will be bringing.

The good times will be found at:

1498 James Town Drive
Cupertino 95014





Margie and Ken Jensen along with a few others forgot to wear their lederhosen.

Hostess Jan MacFarlane accepts the club's thank you gift from Veep Jackie Mitchell.



Les Schreiber 's Crows Nest Tour and Brunch



*Sunday,
January 12th*

We will once again be touring to this picturesque location for a winter brunch by the sea. Menu options will include salad selections, Charbroiled Chicken Breast, Sirloin Angus Steak, Seafood Thermidor, a seafood special, Butternut Squash Ravioli and a Chef's Vegetarian Special. The brunch cost is \$26 per person. There will be a no-host beverage selection (drinks are on your dime). The brunch fee is paid directly to Les and he will be paying one bill at the Crow's Nest.



There is a \$5 per car tour fee.

Drivers meeting at 10 a.m. at a location yet to be determined in Los Gatos.

Les has reservations for up to 60 people and the reservation hostess will provide parking passes to the tour members.

RSVP to Les by January 4th at 408 316-8654 or les996@me.com.

Watch for more information in the January issue.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LPR BOARD MEETING Minutes— Nov 5, 2013

The Board Meeting was held at Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave. in San Jose. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by LPR President, Vince Vincent.

Board Members present: Vince Vincent, Jackie Mitchell, Christina Vincent, Johnny Musser, John Reed, Les Schreiber, Larry Sharp
Committee Chairpersons present: Anne Roth, Sue Sickal, Paul Seidel-Smith, Steve Mitchell, Ken Iles, Nancy Bishop, Kathy Musser, Kevin Bennett
Members present: Barry Pangrle, Jim Davis, Dave Dunwoodie, June Iles, Angie Reed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Les, seconded by John and approved (7-0) to approve the Oct. 1, 2013 minutes.

Board Member Reports

President: Vince Vincent

- Establishment of the 1/3 page Prieta Post ad size for the 2014 Prieta Post at \$450/yr.

Motion made by Les, seconded by Jackie and approved (7-0) to establish 1/3 page ad size for the 2014 Prieta Post at the rate of \$450/yr.

Vice President: Jackie Mitchell

- October 19 – Oktoberfest at Jan McFarlane’s – 26 LPR members attended - \$250 collected, Bonnie Radding volunteered to do the write up for the Post, so she “got in free”.
- December 7 – Annual Awards Banquet – Begins with No-Host Bar at 6:00 PM - \$40/person
- Payment (checks made out to LPR) and Entrée Choice must be mailed to Jackie Mitchell no later than November 27. NOTE: Limited to 70 guests

- Will be requesting payment for Fiorillo’s Restaurant and the DJ at the December Board meeting.
- Special thanks to Kevin Bennett for creating the Event Flyer.
- 3 items (2 women’s shirt, 1 men’s shirt) from Goodie Store Inventory will be given as door prizes at the Banquet. The item price will be charged against the Banquet budget and credited to the Goodie Store.

Motion made by John, seconded by Les and approved (7-0) to have 3 items from Goodie Store Inventory to be given as door prizes at the Banquet.

- December 14 – LPR Gift Exchange at Les Schreiber’s – more details to come

Secretary: Christina Vincent

- All ballots received on time. 65 ballots with 111 votes were counted by Kathy Musser, Angie Reed, and John Reed. The 2014 Board of Directors will be: President-Vince Vincent; Vice President-Jackie Mitchell; Secretary-Christina Vincent; Treasurer-

er-Johnny Musser; Activities-Dave Dunwoodie; Membership-Les Schreiber; Member at Large-Anne Roth. Thank you to everyone who ran for the 2014 Board.

- As per Bank of the West requirement, note of authorized signers must be in the minutes. Treasurer, Johnny Musser, and President, Dencio "Vince" Vincent are authorized to be signers on the LPR accounts for 2014.
- Both proposed By-Law Amendments (Article VI; Sections 1 & 9) passed.

Treasurer: Johnny Musser

- October Financials:
Income: \$3,980
Expenses: \$7,319
- Expenses from Tours, Autocross, Administrative and Prieta Post
- 2013 Year-to-Date Financials:
Income: \$52,212
Expenses: \$34,868
Net: \$17,344
- Invoices were sent to advertisers for 2014. Subscription form for printed Post will be sent to current subscribers, as well as, posted to the website.
- Request for Reimbursement to Kevin Bennett in the amount of \$136.87 for the one year of website hosting by Fat Cow.

Motion made by Les, seconded by Jackie and approved (7-0) to reimburse Kevin Bennett in the amount of \$136.87 for the one year of website hosting by Fat Cow.

- Request for Reimbursement to Jan McFarlane in the amount of

\$182.85 for expenses of October-fest GTG.

Motion made by Les, seconded by Jackie and approved (7-0) to reimburse Jan McFarlane in the amount of \$182.85 for expenses of Octoberfest GTG. Jan requested that the reimbursement monies be redirected to LPR charity.

Membership: Les Schreiber

- Presented two (2) new members and one (1) transfer in to LPR.

Motion made by Jackie, seconded by Johnny and approved (7-0) to accept 3 new members.

Activities: John Reed

- Requested and received the PCA insurance for the December 8th tour and upon receipt will send a copy to the event chairpersons. Has received all September and October event release forms and the Observer's Reports for the September 14th Tech Session and the October 23rd Tour to Escape Weekend. Past due Observer's Reports: September 7th Tour, September 28th Autocross, October 5-6th Tour and October 13th Autocross. Has made several requests of the Safety Chair regarding these reports but received no response.
- Will be requesting a room at Round Table Pizza for the December 1st LPR 2014 Activities Calendar Planning Meeting.
- 2014 Planning Meeting will be held December 1 at 5:00 PM at the Round Table (Camden and Union Ave, San Jose). Requested

budget of up to \$150.00 for pizza, beer and soda.

Motion made by Jackie, seconded by Les and approved (7-0) to approve budget of up \$150.00 for the purchase of pizza, beer and soda at the Planning Meeting.

- All calendar changes must be approved by the Activities Director.

Member at Large: Larry Sharp

- Chosen style of awards to be given at the Annual Banquet. Cost will be on par with last year. Approx. 30 awards this year.
- First draft of changes to Policies and Procedures was sent to the Board. Multiple amendments received after first draft went out. Anyone can submit changes/additions to Member at Large. All submissions must be received no later than November 26. Final draft will then be presented, discussed, and voted on at the December Board Meeting.

Committee Chairperson(s)— Executive Appointees Reports

Autocross: Anne Roth

- AX #8 held on October 18 was well attended with 37 drivers. All results for the year and class winners have been finalized. Names have been submitted to Member at Large for awards.
- Bidding for the 2014 season began at midnight on November 1. Dates have been submitted but are not final. At this time deposits for the 2014 are not being collected by Marina Motorsports. There will be a new usage contract for

2014.

Charity: Sue Sickal

- October 31 Dinner at the Shelter – Thank you to everyone who helped with the making and serving of the dinner.
- November 2 Charity Event at the Sickals – Decadence & Donations –
- At time of report, the monetary total collected is \$2,345 plus item donations from the charity wish lists.
- At the September Board meeting, \$378 was added to the collection total from the Kill-a-Cone for Charity Event. Clarification and approval for this money to come from the restricted charity fund not the general fund.

Motion made by Jackie, seconded by Les and approved (7-0) to approve the transfer of \$378 from the restricted charity fund to the general fund for the repayment of \$378 added to the donation to Morgan Autism Center.

- Will work on amendment to the Policies & Procedures to address use of and policy for the restricted charity fund.

Driver's Ed: John Cole – Not present – No Report

Social Media: Laurie Delimon

Thank you to Dave Dunwoodie and Anne Roth for help administering LPR Facebook page last month. Posts were mainly AX related, as well as, links to the Post.

- There was about a 50% open rate

on email blasts for the months of September and October.

- Secretary to be backup person for Constant Contact email blasts should Social Media chair be unavailable. Currently, Dave Dunwoodie is the backup administrator for the Facebook page.

Goodie Store: Paul Seidel-Smith

- Presented car badge sample and estimate for consideration. Minimum order of 50 car badges, comparable to current LPR car badges, is estimated at \$1453 (includes setup, shipping and tax).
- No action taken until all estimates and samples have been presented.
- Request for Payment to John McNamee (Goodie Store Vendor) for the current order in the amount of \$348.82. All payments for items ordered, totaling \$382.21, have been received.

Motion made by Les, seconded by John and approved (7-0) to pay \$348.82 to John McNamee for the current order.

Hospitality: Emilie Highley – Not Present – No Report

Prieta Post: Steve Mitchell

- Has all articles for December Post. Kevin Bennett will act as backup Editor for the coming year. Would like to submit hard-copies of the Post for the national Newsletter Awards. Needs 5 copies of 2 issues to send in for judging.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

- Up to date. Many events to write about for last month. Majority were included in the last Panorama submission, remaining will be included in current submission.

Safety Report: Nancy Bishop

- No issues to report for last month's events. Gave all outstanding Observer's Reports to Activities Director at meeting.

Tech: Tom Provasi – Not Present – No Report

Tours: Kathy Musser

- October 5-6 – Hearst Castle Tour – Reed/Bennett Productions. The weather, the roads and the night tour at Hearst Castle were fabulous.
- Last tour of the year – December 8th – Christmas in the Vineyards – Paul Seidel-Smith and Nancy Bishop

Web Master: Kevin Bennett

- Had ballot on homepage of website for the month of October. Will be replacing ballot with Post Subscription Form.

Old Business

- Membership Directory – Privacy Policy presented. One change made: the word "reasonable" added to sentence under Specific Request section. Needs vote to adopt Privacy Policy with proposed changed.
- Motion made by Les, seconded by Jackie and approved (7-0) to adopt the Privacy Policy with the one proposed addition.
- Anne Roth present list of steps

to be taken and specific matters that to be addressed in order to move forward with the creation of Membership Directory. The Committee will address and specify further int regards to the matters discussed and present a more finalized plan.

New Business

Discussed if action by the board was needed to redirect reimbursements back to the club at the request of the host. It was deemed that no action was necessary.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7 pm at Round Table Pizza, Union and Camden Avenue, San Jose.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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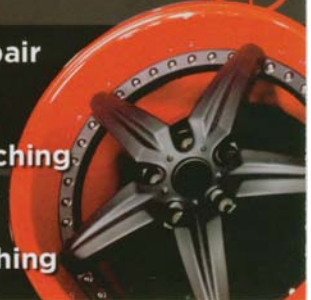
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