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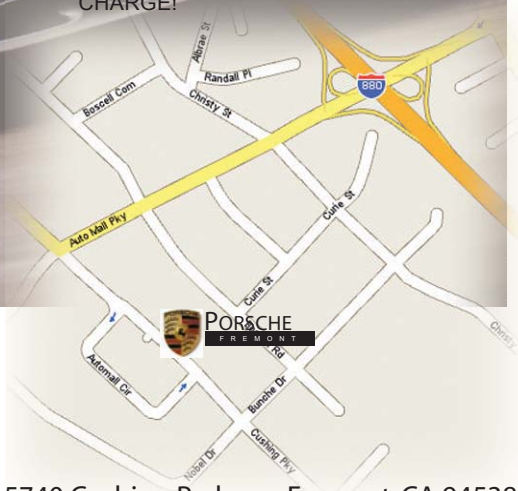
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## VISTAS

### "I want Porsche to win Le Mans."

A quote from Steve McQueen's 1971 movie Le Mans.

Porsche's 17th overall win at Le Mans this year reminded me of that movie.

It had been 17 years since Porsche's last overall win in 1998 with the GT1-98. They had a huge obstacle to overcome to beat Audi and Toyota all running Hybrid prototypes producing 900+ hp. Porsche took some time off racing for overall victory at Le Mans to develop the Cayenne, not a very popular move, but one that arguably saved the company. In the interim, the racing versions of the 911 GT3 have held the banner with many class wins at Le Mans and elsewhere. They also had class wins with the LMP2 Spyder but Audi has been the big winner in those intervening years. Audi has won Le Mans overall 13 times in the interim.

### JUNE

The Swap Meet and Concours at PartsHeaven on June 7 went quite well. Les Schreiber manned the entry gate and Peter Ridgway and Christina Vincent managed the Concours. I was joined by Kevin Bennett, John and Angie Reed and Dave Darling to handle the food booth, and Bill Jump was there

taking orders for the Goodie Store. It was nice to get the help.

The PCA Appreciation Day at Fremont Porsche on June 13th was well-attended by both LPR and Diablo Regions. Gunter at Fremont Porsche put out a fantastic

spread, complete with a live guitarist! We all got a chance to drool over the newest models (the cars), and learn more about the hybrid systems that look to have a bigger role in the future of Porsche. Thanks again to Gunter and his team at Fremont Porsche.

Lisa LaForge and Dave

Darling hosted us for Tiki night. It was their first time hosting a GTG and it went very well. We had a good turn-out and there was tons of great food—we all got to take some home. Thank you to Lisa and Dave.

Porsche Parade is happening in French Lick, Indiana. I got a report that LPR received awards for the POST and the website. Congratulations to Steve Mitchell and Kevin Bennett! We're all proud of you for your commitment to these very important aspects of the region.

I hope to see you at an upcoming event. Please check the calendar and RSVP early!





## *I Remember Ralph*

### Ralph Maines

May 17, 1926 - June 12, 2015

Story by Kevin Bennett

**This page, Ralph enjoys an LPR  
GTG, opposite page, Debbie  
Bennett with Ralph Maines**

It was about twenty-five years ago that I struck up a strong relationship with Ralph Maines. At the time I owned a dry cleaning operation on Washington Street, in Santa Clara, and there was a little coffee shop next door where Debbie had coffee, I had morning toast in the early morning and where we later ate lunch. There was a table of coffee buddies that also congregated there every morning, of which Ralph was a regular participant. He also took his lunch there every day and this engendered the casual camaraderie of diner regulars that allowed opinions and light banter to float, mingling with the aroma of fresh coffee and frying bacon. One morning, Ralph boomed out to no one in particular, "Is anyone interested in buying a nice sports car?" Now, I freely admit that I am not a car nut. But as a teenager, I had been a

mild fan of the Triumph TR4 (I like that flat convertible look and the sound of the TR engines) and the Sunbeam Alpine (90hp and 100 MPH!). So I asked, "What kind of sports car." Well, I don't remember a satisfied grin, but Ralph knew he had a fish on the line, and within minutes I found myself sitting in "M", the favorite of his two, white Porsche 356C coupes as he hustled me on the virtues of the 356. Ralph had a friend who was selling a 356B coupe to free up space and funds to restore a race car (Lotus, I think) and that was how I came to gain possession of the Little Red Embarrassment.

I'm not sure how long he had been a member of Loma Prieta Region at that time, but he was certainly dedicated, because the day after I took the keys Ralph presented me with a membership



application for LPR/PCA (which obviously stuck) as well as one for 356CAR (which I let lapse after the first year).

Ralph was a bit of a tech guru when it came to the 356. He did all of his own maintenance and rebuilt not only his own car's engines, but those of friends. He was quick to offer his garage, tools, knowledge and even his labor in regard to 356 maintenance. He was a popular figure on his Santa Clara residential street. His garage door was always up as he tirelessly tweaked his beloved cars and he was always receptive to neighbors dropping by to talk cars, sports or car clubs. After I purchased the 356, Ralph moved from his usual lunch table to join Debbie and me and I can't count how many times one of his neighbors drove across town to

join us for a meal. He initially got me to participate in LPR events by having me attend and write up tech sessions. He was the tech chairman for the club for the first dozen or so years of my LPR membership. He kept the calendar full of tech sessions, rode herd on the PartsHeaven Swap and Concours, and drove countless miles, year after year, doing the monthly update of the LPR publicity boards located at the various advertisers found in the Prieta POST. For many, many years, Ralph was as ubiquitous a figure at LPR events as John Reed.

Ralph took a great deal of pride in both his knowledge and enthusiasm for the 356 as well as his dedication to the people and the success of the two Porsche clubs of which he was a member. You had to be careful of asking maintenance advice of Ralph. I remember one instance wherein the front brakes had locked up on the Little Red Embarrassment and I, of course, consulted with Ralph on the problem. In no time, he was over at my house with a box of parts and tools. I was aware of a problem with thirty year-old hydraulic hoses swelling and blocking off fluid flow and thereby causing this problem, but Ralph would have none of it. He insisted that we remove the individual cylinders on each wheel, break them down and replace the rings as well as hone the inside of the cylinders. He casually produced all of the accoutrements necessary for this rejuvenation process and oversaw me completing every step to his satisfaction. Hours later, the hydraulic system reassembled and the lines bled, we tried the brakes to find that they still locked up. Ralph nonchalantly advised

that we replace the hoses and that now we knew that the cylinders were good for another thirty years... and that was Ralph. Any time spent on 356 maintenance was time well spent.

As knowledgeable and active as Ralph was, he was not a braggart. He could have a touch a smugness, however. After a few years of Debbie and I being quite active in the club, I remember him telling me privately that he had brought in the best new member to LPR. It seemed out of character for him at the time, but I took it as a compliment and expression of affection. During the last decade, as his emphysema caused severe limitations to his activities, Ralph became ever more emotional and I can recall many instances of his eyes becoming moist as he expressed joy and thanks to all of the LPR members who have continued to include him in their lives while dealing with his limitations. I saw him about 36 hours before he passed and his last interaction with me was a strong squeeze of my hand and a final emotional expression of gratitude for all he had received from LPR and his

friends.

Ralph was a big part of my life. I know that many LPR members, like me, will miss him. Just ask around the valley.







Opposite page top, Rudi Herz with Ralph; bottom, front has Esper Kershaw on Ralph Maines' back and Debbie Bennett. In back is Jim Kershaw, Marylin Schatz, Kevin Bennett, June & Ken Iles, Joanna Herz and Fred Schatz. Taken at the Gold Country Tour in May, 1995. This page, top Ralph with Sandy and Tom Provasi; bottom Ralph with one of his favorite 356's.



May Membership Report for the month of May June 2, 2015

New Members from PCA (3)

Eddie Star from Aptos, 2009 911 Carrera S  
Curtiss Nunes from Hollister, 1970 911T Targa  
Kris Nagel from Los Gatos, 2001 Boxster S

Transfers in (1)

Transfers out (1)

Non-Renewals for the month of April (6)

Member Renewals for the month of April (20)

Total Membership for the month of April:

Primary Members	340
Affiliate Members	228
Total Members	568

Kathy Musser – Membership Director  
[momcat1951@yahoo.com](mailto:momcat1951@yahoo.com)

## LPR ANNIVERSARIES.....

**5** years

Uwe Schaefer  
Glenn Ellington  
Damian Hajduk

**15** years

Barry Pangrle

**40** years

Ronald Reak  
Robert Ross  
Paul Smith

**Congrats!**

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

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### **Board Meeting**

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### **Apple Fest Good Time Gathering**

Hallock's host, details in the next Post.

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## STREET LEGAL

I'll have to apologize for the delay in getting you the Post this month.

It has been a challenge for me to put it together and I have to say that at least for now this will be my last Post. I am in transition handing over the design and production to Bill Jump who stepped up to help me and may want to take over the role permanently.

When you read about someone's battle with cancer this is what it looks like. I just came to a point in the last month that I didn't have the desire, creative ability, or ambition to put together the Post. This is all due to the combination of drugs. There is the research drug I'm taking that has triggered my immune system to attack the disease and the drugs I'm taking to suppress the side-effects of the research drug and the pain. All this also makes me very tired. Anyway, we are fortunate to have someone interested on taking on the editor role.

Fortunately Bill is a quick study and it seems he might want to take over the role. Bill will bring his creative skills to the Post over the next few issues as I



**Maggie joined our family at the beginning of June, she loves the car and her LPR family - both human and furry**

assist him as much as I can with the transition.

What surprises me is that our club again has another editor without graphic art experience background. I certainly

didn't have any experience with Adobe

or creative content coming from a profession that just recently permitted documents to be in something other than Courier type and still uses Latin.

Anyway, for the good news, Parade is over and the Prieta Post again won first place in category.

Look for new things in the Post over the next few months and I hope you support Bill in his new role as much as you all have supported me by bringing the best content and photos to your first class newsletter. Thank you for all your support over the past years and I still look forward to being engaged in club activities.

Sincerely, Steve

**Tech Session &**

**BARBEQUE  
ALERT**

**Thursday, August 6th**

**Tech Session #2**

**Mobile  
Works  
West**

**5:00 to 7:00 pm**

While Tom normally comes to you, this time you're invited to come to Mobile Works West's home port for a little air cooled Porsche tech talk along with some BBQ and Brews. Please note that since we're offering food and drinks, please RSVP by Tuesday, August 4th to 408-429-0545 so we can plan appropriately.

**Mobile Works West home port  
is at:  
545 Horning St.  
San Jose, CA 95112  
408-429- 0545**



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suggest using  
your GPS and/or  
looking it up first.**

# 8th Annual Mothers Day Tour

By Les Schreiber

Photos by John Reed



**Virginia Jansen, Karen Morgan and Angie Reed enjoying a mother's day tour**

What a great day to celebrate our mothers bringing us into the world. As I love to honor the mothers that came to our 8th celebration of this tour, I gave each a multicolored rose with a water vile. This will keep the rose alive at least for the day. This year we had Angie Reed, Virginia Jensen, Karen Morgan who received their rose at the start, but Kathy Musser and Teresa Menard joined us to receive theirs at Bargetto's Winery. Peter and Teresa Menard are new club members, and I believe they enjoyed the brunch.

Also on the tour were Bob Morgan,

George Jensen, Johnny and Johnny Musser Jr., Peter Menard, Jim Davis and I.

Our tour started out very uneventful traveling over some very familiar roads. Many of our tours have traveled over some of these roads, looking at the beautiful scenery on our 53 mile tour, through the redwoods near Mt Madonna, overlooking the valley as we headed to Corralitos, where one of our members took a corner a little closer then the rest of us, and ran through a pile of leaves. That wasn't too bad, except there was something in the leaves that turned it



**Top photo, many happy faces...  
Bottom photo, they just want more, pour it in...**



### A toast from hubby Peter... Here's to Teresa Menard...

into a hazard for one members new 2012 Carerra GTS (who will go nameless) and blew out the right rear tire, just before getting to the Corralitos Meat Market. It was decided that we would continue on, as there was no spare, and the repair kit could not inflate the tire, as it had blown out through the sidewall. It was a good thing as Jim Davis was driving his Mercedes so all 4 of us could continue on to the brunch, which was as usual, very good. Lots of wine, champagne, and food. On our return home we again went back to Corralitos, called AAA to load the car on a flat bed to be dropped off at the owners house (who shall still be unnamed). Jim was really gracious in offering his larger car for transport, even though it was a little cramped, but by the time he dropped me off at my house, and proceeded to drop the member (who will still be unnamed) the car had arrived and was dropped off in front of

his house. Naturally being Sunday no tire store was open, but the following day a tire was ordered and delivered the following day and installed and now the GTS has all four feet on the ground, and the member (who still remains unnamed) is proud of his wonderful new car. But he remarked that the price of the one tire, he could buy 4 different brands, and be happy, but he said, that he will also be more cautious about running into leaves.

Looking forward to next year!

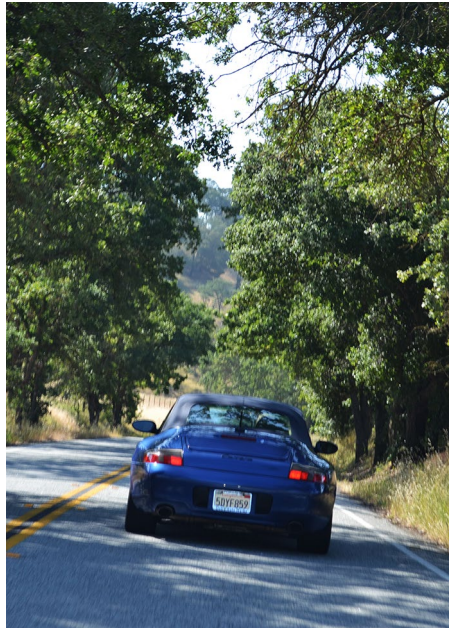






**A special thanks to Nancy at Bargetto's for hosting a great event!**

**Below, Karen offers the mothers a treat,  
Right, and later Bob is driving them home..**



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# A Day at the Autocross

Story by Brad Boardman

**T**hrough the little window of his full-face helmet, Adam Dolinko, who sat in the passenger's seat of my dad's Macan S, looked ashen, hollow. I had just taken him on his very first run at the autocross. At that moment, I realized I hadn't listened to myself- approach the course methodically and hardwire the line before adding speed. I was so excited to share the fun with Adam that I overdrove the first lap, overcooked each corner and abandoned any semblance of smoothness. Adam was paying the price for my sins. This guy doesn't look so good, I said to myself. In fact, he looks awful. Did I just usher in his final moments? He looks cooked and we were just getting started. This may not end well....

"I'm not sure this is for me," said Adam, climbing out of the car back at grid.

"Ok..." I said. I began mentally packing our gear and thinking about a very awkward ride home.

"How about if you just ride with me and instruct? It is difficult for me to be a

passenger."

"Sure," I said. A glimmer of hope! Maybe we could turn this around.

So...how did Adam end up at the autocross, anyway? Well, LPR does some pretty cool things. Over the past three years, the club has been an ardent supporter of Morgan Autism Center, a nonprofit school and adult day program serving individuals who are severely



**Brad**

impacted by their autism. There have been kill-a-cone events, holiday events and visits to the center. It is obvious that, for LPR members, community is about more than banding together and doing car stuff. It is about doing good for others. It is about understanding what is going on in the community.

Larry Sharp, Anne Roth, Dave Dunwoodie, my dad and I put together a "Day at the Autocross" package for Morgan Autism Center's yearly fundraiser. Being an auto enthusiast, and multiple Porsche owner as well as ardent supporter of the Morgan Autism Center, among others, Adam bid on the auction and won. In fact, he doubled

the nearest bid to ensure that he won. In exchange for his support, Adam would receive the chance to drive my dad's Macan S at the autocross with instruction from yours truly. Adam also received a private course walk with Larry Sharp...which I admit made me kind of jealous.

While the Macan is quick...considerable monkey motion occurs when hustling the car around an AX course. Plus, I drove the thing like a teenager who had snuck it out of his parents' garage while they were away for the weekend. I understood why Adam's face looked the color of a battleship. Adam climbed into the driver's seat. He started out slowly, but I could see that he was

focused on the course. Maybe too much precision. In fact, I honestly was not sure if he was having any fun at all for the first few runs. But bit by bit, Adam learned the

course, pushed the car, and brought his times down. In fact, after 11 or 12 course runs, Adam had not only successfully navigated perfectly each time, not one turn was missed, and no cones were harmed. Each run resulted in more time saved. I started to see what was going on...this guy likes to know what he's doing, very measured and deliberate. By the end of the day his times were quick--about 18 seconds faster than his first run!-- and only a handful of seconds off my best time. I

whooped and cheered my approval from the passenger's seat each time we crossed the line.

The driving was fun. But count up the seconds on the course and the 20 minutes of track time does nothing to describe the experience. Throughout the day, I enthusiastically introduced Adam to fellow AXers, and we talked about kids, other interests, wives, health (yes I am apparently that age), food, special needs, growing up, growing old, cars and more cars. Driving was just a bonus to getting to know a new friend. I am thankful to LPR for providing the opportunity to introduce a new car person to the sport of autocross. And I am thankful to Adam



Adam

and LPR for supporting Morgan Autism Center and for creating a sense of community.

By day's end I knew we had achieved success.

Adam's

complexion changed from ashen to rosy. But it wasn't just the color of his face that stood out. Adam was wearing the permanent half-grin of a man who just learned a secret that most people will never know. That secret can be revealed to you too...at the autocross!



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# Join the battle against the evil cones!

#6 in  
the  
series



**Come out for a fun  
day of testing  
your car and  
yourself... and  
making a few  
friends along the  
way.**

## **Sunday, August 23**

- Registration: 7:30 - 8:30 am
- Limited loaner helmets available
- \$55.00 per driver
- Drivers must work for sessions run
- Lunch available for \$8.00
- Snell 2005 or newer helmet required

Early/Pre-Registration @ [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)  
(\$10.00 discount for PCA members and early registration)

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Take Highway 1 south toward Monterey and Laguna Seca Raceway. Take the Reservation Road exit south toward Marina. After one short block, turn right in order to stay on Reservation Road. Follow the road through Marina approximately two miles south of town. Turn left at (Imjin Road) signal into Marina Airfield. Turn right after the first large building on the right and follow the cones to the autocross site.

# The Pizza Project; The Sequel



**Saturday, August 29 - 5 p.m.**

**Join Kevin and Debbie Bennett as they attempt to recapture the mozzarella magic and cook up another batch of this favored food in their backyard, wood-fired pizza oven.**

**Wine and beer will be provided and, as usual, we are asking you to bring an amazing appetizer, savory salad, or delicious dessert to share with your pizza partaking pals.**

**RSVP to Debbie by Thursday, August 27 at  
408-926-1788 or  
[lajeandenet@yahoo.com](mailto:lajeandenet@yahoo.com).**



**The Pizza Project is  
located at:  
1918 Orolette Place,  
San Jose**

# 2015 Indianapolis 500

By Bob Morgan

 John Reed

A good time was had by all... We had a really good turn-out for this year's version of the Indy 500 party. We've gathered at Moffett Field Golf Course clubhouse for quite a few years now to celebrate the running of the race. The fun part is picking your favorite drivers (with \$5 per pick), and if one of your drivers wins, you get the payout, or split with all who picked that driver. Originally our payout was only on the winner. When my wife, Karen won 2 years in a row (she's a very savvy Indy driver picker), we decided last year to change the rules to add some interest. We now pay out 20% of the pot to the leader of the 50th, 100th and 150th lap, and 40% for the final winner of the race. It seems to have increased the enthusiasm to have periodic winners during the 3 hour race. We got a much

bigger turnout this year so we split up a \$245 total pot. As you can see from the group picture, just about everybody went home a winner. It was great to see Kirby Hollis, Dave Darling, Rick Jiloty, as well as Ken & June Iles, John and Angie Reed, Barry & Suzette Pangrle, Johnny & Kathy Musser, Jim Davis, Peter Ridgway, Ed Tefankjian and Les. Thanks to Les Schreiber for arranging the location and access.

By the way, Juan Pablo Montoya won the race, and although he started 15th, 5 people picked him and got \$20 each.

Everyone looks like they had a GOOD TIME!



An anxious crowd is ready to step on the gas, brew in hand

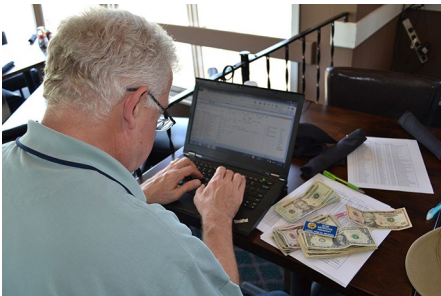




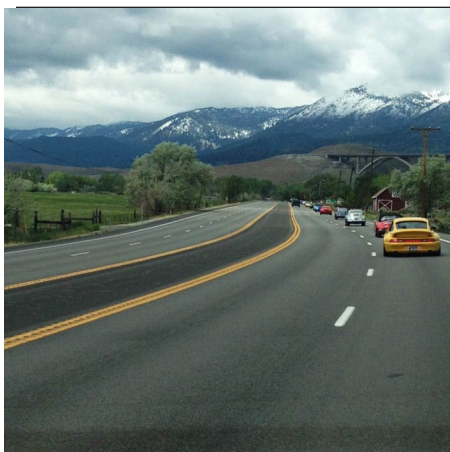
**Kibitzing before the event. Experts all! Awaiting the spoils.**



**Driving at 220 mph..**



**Counting the results of the day.**



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## SIERRA NEVADA REGION 50TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

By Sandy Provasi

*Tom and I heard about Sierra Nevada Region (SNR) having their 50th anniversary in May. Right away, I put it on the calendar because we knew it would be fun to see so many people we have met over the years from SNR.*

### Our Memories With SNR:

Looking back, my first PCA event was the 1982 Porsche Parade in Reno. I had just bought a 1969 912, white with red interior. Why did I buy that car? Because I knew Tom would help me take care of a Porsche. I could barely drive a stick at the time, but I learned.

At the Parade in Reno, I didn't even autocross because I thought I would kill the car and make a fool of myself. I did enter the tech quiz and came home with a gold pan as a trophy. At the Parade Tom and I met all the LPR people in Hospitality. Quite a group from the start! They even convinced us to have a region party at the condo we had rented in Incline Village.

As the years went by and we both started autocrossing, we came to Reno often. There was the "Hell of a Goodtime" weekends, which included autocrossing, dinners and of course Paul Christianson's "Red Light Tour". Venues for these multi event weekends moved all around Reno and Northern Nevada, so it gave us a good flavor of the area. We can also thank Paul for taking an old stripped 356, placing a keg inside and using the door handle for the beer tap. Now that was a hell of a goodtime.

While Tom was Zone 7 Representative, we had several opportunities over those 5 years to visit SNR and attend their zone events

and multi event weekends. Many friends and memories were made during our visits to Reno.

When Porsche Cars North America was headquartered in Reno on Center and Liberty, they would support the local community in various ways. One such event was the Reno Phil Harmonics charity event. They would sell raffle tickets for a new Porsche, and then do the drawing at the Hilton (now Grand Sierra). There would be music (of course), appetizers and the drawing. Many times the winner was present, which was quite exciting. One year we were invited to bring our race car up and put it on ballroom floor for the Porsche display.

We also enjoyed the "Kiss Me I'm Basque" weekends too. They were again centered around autocross and social activities. There would be a dinner on Saturday night, Basque, of course. Denise Lewis would make hundreds of lip shaped sugar cookies for the weekend. One weekend we were south of Reno at Minden airstrip. Tom and Mauso Robinson decided to stay out until the sun came up playing 21 at the local gambling hall. To give Tom a break from our young girls playing in the tow vehicle, Larry and KC Sharp said they would take the girls to breakfast. Of course, breakfast with Larry means Chocolate Pie! My girls still talk about that breakfast.





**Above, the Gianinis; right, Tom & Sandy Provasi with Jim and Sue Hayes.**



CRAB (SVR's concours, rallye, autocross and BBQ weekend) was another great place to catch up with the Sierra Nevada group. They would always have a nice showing, as long as it didn't snow over the pass so they could get their cars down the mountains and enjoy the crab dinner.

The Anniversary Weekend:

Well, to celebrate the 50th, SNR planned a great weekend, which we had no doubt from the start. Friday night was a "meet and greet" with 90 in attendance at the Sparks Nugget where their first meeting was held some 50 year prior. It was great catching up with old friends (including former LPR members Paul & Nancy Gianinni) and meeting some new faces too.

Saturday had a "wash and shine" event in the morning at the local Porsche dealer south on Virginia. Coffee and bagels for all who braved the threatening clouds. It actually turned out to be a beautiful dry day. Next, we headed off for a drive down to Carson Valley for lunch at Sarsaparilla, an eclectic restaurant. They did all kinds of sandwiches and BBQ. The special was a smoked meatloaf sandwich, which was my choice and wonderful!

Back on the road we wound up the backside into Virginia City, using the road that the Ferrari Club uses for their annual hillclimb. We paraded down the main street of this charming Gold Rush town and headed back

to the Truckee Meadows and Reno. I just loved following the yellow 993 Twin Turbo. That car has a great rear end!

In the evening we all met at the National Auto Museum for dinner. If you haven't been to the museum for a time, make a trip to check it out again. They do a wonderful job with cars and history. The dinner buffet was wonderful with salmon, beef, and a great mediteranian salad.

The MC kept the evening moving along with introductions, short tributes intermixed with raffle drawings. John Strom had put together a 50th anniversary CD with photos over the years. Was I really that young, ever!? It was great looking back at all the fun. They had some wonderful raffle prizes from wine to a very cool chest board made with Porsche parts as the pieces. As the evening came to an end, we were more than pleased to remember and be reminded of the long history SNR has had and continues to have. Thanks to all in SNR for a great weekend with old and new friends.



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# Dummkopf Award

*The LPR Dummkopf Award has once again arisen from faded memories and is now back into the forefront of literary creativity for one and all to enjoy. This award was established in the early 1970s as a way to have fun at someone's dumb stunt expense. In those days there were many recipients, notably Reed, Kershaw & Iles. Presented with good-nature and no malice, the recipient would graciously accept the prize then look for a LPR member who exhibited extreme Dummkopfness and deserved the award, hence passing the shame onto someone else! Ken Iles takes it from here:*

Ken Iles happily hands over the Dummkopf to John Reed



It's about time the "Dummkopf Award" was re-introduced having been absent for so many years now. Of course, the purpose is all in good fun, and ideally suited to a PCA region that is renowned for its pursuit of socially good times, and one in which good natured

leg-pulling is rife, with nobody taking offence.

You may have read Les Schreiber's report on the Mothers Day Tour, in which much reference was made to "a person who will remain unnamed". It is,

however, hard for this person to remain unseen. His 7ft -6in (sic) height literally makes him outstanding in a crowd. This individual is no shrinking violet when an opportunity comes for him to roast someone who might have done some dumb thing at some time, and thus it is particularly pleasing to find this situation serendipitously reversed.

He has received many of these awards in times long past, and in fact, this award is indeed long overdue. For example, at the Campbell Parade last year when everyone in the Porsche line-up started their engines to go, this guy's battery was dead. Very embarrassing ! But no Dummkopf Award was forthcoming. Then again at this year's Campbell Parade, a similar thing happened to prevent his car entering because the engine blew up. This despite over-the-top perhaps even over zealous maintenance. Once more no Dummkopf Award, possibly due to membership sympathy since engine replacement cost was high. However, fortune smiled on our hapless subject when a replacement Porsche of his dreams became available along with its 400 horsepower. That's a lot of horses in the stable, and requires an experienced cowboy to tame 'em. Well, it is reported that this cowboy, being unused to such a new car or its hefty torque, met his demise on a sharp turn, gunning it through a pile of leaves that suddenly appeared in the turn. Unfortunately, some hidden obstruction within the pile of leaves resulted in bursting the sidewall of the right rear tire. At least, that's the story being told, and although we may once more sympathize with such bad luck, there is no doubt that driving through a pie of leaves on a public roadway is not exactly a smart thing to do. Definitely

Dummkopfworthy ! But how else do we learn? We've all done dumb things at some time I guess, but it's best to learn our car's G Force capability and limits of adhesion on an autocross track rather than a public road. At least at an autocross there is no pile of leaves to drive through. However, at the risk of the pot calling the kettle black, I will admit to having had more than my share of Dummkopf Awards over the years.

The award itself shown here is the result of some fine quality workmanship by our in-house Master Carpenter, Kevin Bennett. It may be worn around the neck at presentation time, or wall mounted if preferred. And the motif speaks for itself, the horsepower aspect being most appropriate in this case. And as is customary, it is incumbent on the unlucky recipient to be responsible in finding some other hapless person deserving this prestigious award.

And so, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to present this Dummkopf Award to none other than John Reed, who is now no longer "a person who will remain unnamed". I can't think of a better recipient.....



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