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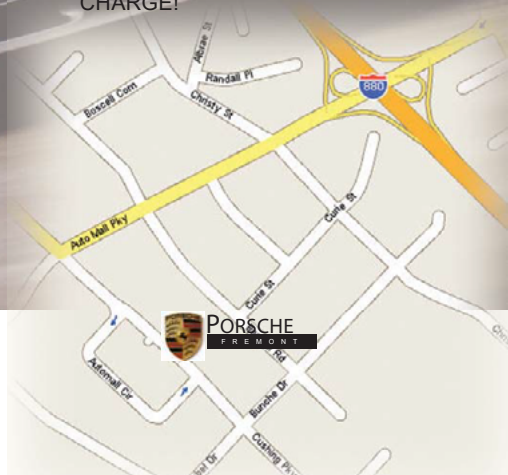
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It's Autumn, and this is one of the best times to get out and drive on those curvy back-country roads. The colors are turning and we can usually expect nice weather.

We have a brunch at Chaminade in Santa Cruz on the 13th. That's a lovely venue and it will be a pleasant drive... We also have the annual planning session on the 27th so if you have ideas for a tour, Good-Time-Gathering (GTG), or other event that you want to host or help with, be sure to come out to the planning session at 5:00 pm at the Round Table Pizza on Camden Ave in San Jose.



We also have our year-end banquet upcoming, which looks to be a great

time with dinner, dancing, door prizes and awards. RSVP quickly, so you don't miss out. You can register online if you go to [LPR ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET](#). You can also RSVP directly to Diana Hallock if you'd rather.

By the time you read this you will have elected our new board of directors. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President these past two years. I'm sure we are in good hands moving forward. If you have an itch to help out, there are always some open chairperson positions, or the chairs can always use a helping hand. So don't be shy, let us know if you want to help in some way.

Have a happy Thanksgiving, but don't eat too much!

Bob Morgan

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jjbryants@hotmail.com.**

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Calendar

Region Events

November

- 1** **Board Meeting: Everyone Welcome- Round Table Pizza**
At Camden and Union in San Jose, 7 PM
- 13** **Chaminade GTG & Brunch- Details page 13**
- 27** **Planning Meeting- Details page 31**

December

- 6** **Board Meeting: Everyone Welcome- Round Table Pizza**
At Camden and Union in San Jose, 7 PM
- 10** **LPR's Year End Gala- Details page 8**
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LPR's 2016 Year End Gala and Awards Banquet

December 10, 6 pm

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of friends, laughter, dinner, dancing, awards and prizes.

We will again be at the
Santa Clara Biltmore Hotel Hopps Grill and Bar
2151 Laurelwood Road
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Reserved parking will be available and overnight hotel rooms
will be \$99 (Tower Suite for \$119)

Dinner choices are:

Roast Pork Loin with garlic mashed potatoes
Seared Hoisin Salmon with winter wild rice
Spinach Ricotta Ravioli with champagne cream sauce

Tickets are \$60 per person before Thanksgiving and \$75 per
person after November 24th.

Indicate your dinner choice, make your check payable to "LPR"

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[LPR ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET](#)

POST Positions

Kevin Bennett, Editor

There were two interrelated stories in the paper recently relating to jobs. The first was a story about Measure E on the San Jose ballot; the “Opportunity to Work” law. It told the story of Blanca Rodriguez, a mother of three and part time employee at a local fast food chain who has watched her manager hire several part time employees while refusing to grant her more hours; Rodriguez claiming, in reference to her children, “I can use the extra money to buy them food, shoes or clothes.” The second story was about a startup business in Mountain View, Zume Pizza, that is a delivery-only operation that makes fresh pizzas using robot labor (a pizza made in 22 seconds!) and then bakes them on the road, in the delivery truck, in smart ovens.



I had some blood taken this week and in the phlebotomist’s work area was a labor law poster on the wall specifying a \$7.25/hr. federal minimum wage. In San Jose the minimum is \$10.30/hr. There is a strong progressive movement nationally to up the federal minimum wage to \$15.00/hr., as has been done on a local basis in some municipal areas around the country. Couple this trend with the cost of providing mandated health care benefits to employees who work over 30 hours a week and you can see a justification for a company to not want to give more hours to part time employees, or even, as in the case of Zume, not have employees at all.

I am amazed every time I hear an advocate of higher minimum wages say that it will not reduce jobs. Almost all fast food franchises now just give you a cup when you order a drink and you then fill it yourself. The company suits realized it was cheaper to give their patrons all-you-can-drink beverages rather than to pay someone to fill the cups. These same franchises are creating and pushing order-on-line apps, and why?... because it eliminates paying an employee to take the order. I’ve seen pictures of a McDonalds franchise with computerized order stations at the counters, seemingly to experiment with the same concept in the store. Grocery stores and the big hardware chains are using self-checkout to eliminate clerks from their payrolls. But the progressives ignore the obvious and just continue to pander to their constituency by pledging to increase their income through federal fiat with no risk of adverse consequences.

Rodriguez is in a tough place. Frankly, I am in full agreement with the goal of Measure E. Our nation, thanks to Obamacare, has decided to mandate that employers provide health care to their employees. Like it or not, it’s the law



Membership Matters

Membership Report for the month of August 2016 September 6, 2016

New Members from PCA (3)

Aaron Becker from Santa Cruz, 2002 911 Carrera

Vince Lindeman from Aptos, 1995 911 Carrera S

Bob Ogle from San Jose, 1982 911 SC

Transfers in (2)

Bob Ogle from Golden Gate, 1982 911 SC

Transfers out (0)

Non-Renewals for the month of August (4)

Member Renewals for the month of August (24)

Total Membership for the month of August:

Primary Members 334

Affiliate Members 229

Total Members 563

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LPR Anniversaries

5 Years

Greg Harrington

Michael Jacques

10 Years

Stephan Aguirre

25 Years

Dave Darling

Congratulations

❖ POST Positions..

and these large scale employers have figured out a way to circumvent that mandate by using part time help, hitting their work force with the double whammy of fewer hours and no benefits. This is the antithesis of what was intended by the legislation and a perfect example of unintended negative consequences precipitated by good intentions. It is patently unfair to the working poor and is a further demonstration of the excessive power that corporations hold over their labor force.

I wish that I could vote for Measure E... but I can't, for two reasons. The first is easy: Measure E exempts government workers. I just can't abide the hypocrisy of a bureaucracy enforcing employment protocols by which they, themselves, do not have to abide; if the measure is right and proper for private business, why isn't it good enough for public employees? The second reason is more complicated, but amounts to the fact that regulation of business is becoming so onerous it is increasingly difficult for these companies to cope with changes in the economy and business trends. In the 1980s, the U.S. was the envy of the world with our ability to pivot on a dime reacting to changes in the world economy. Regulatory bloat and worker's rights legislation/litigation have made adapting to change so sluggish that many businesses now hire reluctantly, preferring contracting for workers rather than putting them on their payroll. Bureaucratic meddling in hours allocated to employees would be just another brick added to this burden on private business.

Is there a more palatable solution to this dilemma? If the Progressive's goal of doubling the federal minimum wage is likely to occur, I would like to suggest that the change instituted also fix Rodriguez's problem at the same time. Eliminate the 30 hr. limit for benefits for workers earning less than, say, \$20/hr. and create a federal minimum wage of \$12/hr. if the job pays full benefits and \$15/hr. if it doesn't. Index it for inflation and you're good to go. This solution eliminates the financial incentive to maintain a part time workforce,

but of course has a few downsides, to wit: a worker in, say, Kingman, Arizona would probably feel like it was raining money, while a 40 hour per week employee in some Bay Area markets couldn't afford a 1 bedroom apartment. Also, doubling the minimum wage will surely spawn more automation, ala Zume Pizza, and a further erosion in the number of low skill jobs.



Seen at the entrance to a vendor stall in Ensenada, Mexico on October 20th.



Sandy Provasi, Zone 7 Rep.

Thanks to everyone who attended the last Concours of 2016 at Livermore Porsche on Sunday October 9th. It was a beautiful day. That wrapped up all the Zone series for the year. Dates for 2017 are in the works as you read this. We will have a tentative calendar out after the zone presidents meeting in November.

You are all invited to the Zone 7 Year End Awards Banquet. It will be held at the Clarion Hotel in concord on Saturday, November 5th at 6pm. Come cheer on the 2016 winners in Autocross, Concours and special Zone awards. Everyone is welcome. Dinner is \$55 per person. You can register at <http://tinyurl.com/h2wt7b9> or mail a check made out to Zone 7/PCA to me at 1339 Glen Dell Drive, San Jose, CA 95125. The Clarion has rooms for \$99 per night, plus tax. That will include breakfast at the Bistro Restaurant.

Tech Tactics is a PCA National event to be held at the PCNA Training facility in Ontario CA. There could still be time to register for Tech Tactics West. Check on line at Motorsportreg.com for the Sunday, November 20th event. They are expanding to two days. Saturday is sold out at this time.

For those of you whom are wondering about Parade registration for the Spokane Parade, here is what I know to date. There will again be two parts to the registration. The first part will be registering for Parade and housing. This will take place in January. The second part will be signing up for events. That will take place in early April. I have also heard there will be no limit on how many can attend. There are plenty of hotel rooms for all who'd like to attend this West Coast Parade.

The Werks Reunion 2017 is looking for a few more key people to help plan, organize and follow through with the numerous tasks it takes to put on the event. There will be more to come on the beautiful new site as soon as the final contract is signed. If you are interested in stepping up, please let me know.

Looking Forward-

Zone 7 Year End Awards Banquet- November 5th, 6pm, Clarion Hotel, Concord, CA

Tech Tactics West- Sunday, November 20th, Ontario, CA

Porsche Parade-Spokane, Washington- July 9th-15th, 2017

Werks Reunion- August 18th, 2017

**GTG and Brunch
at the**

Chaminade

in Santa Cruz

**Sunday,
Nov. 13th**

**10 a.m to
1:30 p.m.**



You're invited to join us for November's good time gathering at the Chaminade, renowned as one of the best brunches in the Santa Cruz-Monterey Bay area. The menu, with over 18 choices, also includes a carving station and omelets prepared your way. Mimosas, coffee, tea and juices are always in abundance. To add to your gourmet dining experience, the hilltop ocean views are spectacular.

We will dine in a private Porsche-themed room in which to enjoy the camaraderie that's always LPR!

**Your hosts: Jim Davis and John & Angie Reed,
The cost is \$42.00 per person, payable to LPR/PCA in advance.
RSVP not later than Sunday, October 30th.**

Phone (408) 371-1965 or email jpreed911@comcast.net.

Send your check to:

14837 Donner Dr., San Jose, CA 95124.

The Chaminade is located at:

One Chaminade Lane,
Santa Cruz, CA 95065.

**Complimentary valet parking is
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front of the Chaminade, This is a great way
to show who we are!**

**See you around the chocolate fountain
on the 13th!**



Chaminade
RESORT & SPA



Left: Sue and Greg Sickal appear relatively composed as hosts of this new event.

Below: Suzette Pangrle and Debbie Bennett at the mac & cheese dispensary.



Left; Margie and Ken Jensen joined the party for the Mac & Cheese Challenge.

Right; Les Schrieber sits on the outskirts of the conversation pit. "Hey, Les. You should join the pit. If there's no room I bet Christina would sit on your lap."



Mac & Cheese Mash-up

by *Kevin Bennett*

The weather was sunny and warm for this late summer gathering, which allowed the attending M&C aficionados to gather in the backyard of Greg and Sue Sickal and enjoy the overflowing bounty of appetizers and beverages. Sue played the perfect hostess as she bustled around the kitchen and backyard making sure that everyone was well nourished while, incongruously, Greg worked at the same function while looking quite maternal as he carried his little two-legged dog, Oliver, in a baby carrier on his belly.

I chatted with Les Schreiber about his upcoming co-presidency and my upcoming tenure as Editor of the POST. Deb Frostholm told me about a leisurely lunch she recently had with Jackie Mitchell that ran a mere 5 ½ hours (after what Jackie has been through I can see how the opportunity for catharsis would be enthusiastically embraced). I got to touch on the supremely disappointing choice we have in the presidential election when I bucked heads with Tom Provasi (Trump supporter) and Barry Pangre (Trump critic)... how I argued with both over his candidacy seems an enigma even to me but just serves to emphasize the depressing nature of the choices offered.

I got to see my best-bud Christina Vincent and admire her shoes and summer attire; she's so upbeat and cute, it always brightens my day to see and chat with her.

Having put on innumerable GTGs, and encountered a great many unforeseen road bumps therein, when I heard that the Sickals had decided to host a macaroni and cheese cook-off, I asked Sue if she had given consideration to oven space, something that we both agreed might be at somewhat of a premium in the execution



Bill Highley gets comfortable with Christina Vincent.

❖ Mac & Cheese Mash-up.

of this new concept for a GTG. I had to delicately suggest and prod, but eventually convinced Debbie to bake her entry in our crockpot dish and keep it warm with that device, which, fortunately for our marriage, worked out well. As it turned out, the oven wasn't subjected to the demand we anticipated and the presentation of the five macaroni and cheese entries came off swimmingly.

As everyone arrived they were issued a glass bead that was to be used to vote for what folks preferred of the pasta dishes offered for consideration. After Bob Morgan held



Everyone was issued a glass bead to be used in voting for the winning mac & cheese recipe. To Deb Frostholt's dismay, and Emilie Highley's amusement, Bob Frostholt chooses to vote for... something else entirely.

forth with the obligatory review of upcoming events, Greg and Sue were called forth to the receive a thank you gift from the club. Sue then presented a prize of a potted orchid to the two winners, Deb-

bie Bennett and Karen Morgan.



Karen & Bob Morgan. Karen admires her husband's mac & cheese technique.

As is usual, after the official duties were completed, the group began their respective journeys homeward. As people were saying their good-byes to Sue I heard her express a desire to have someone stay for a little more shmoozing and I made the commitment to

her to do so. So, after everyone left, Debbie and I did a little two-on-two socializing with Greg & Sue, thereby making the evening that much more special. Thanks to the Sickals for this novel event and for making everyone feel so welcome. See you again next year!

More Mac

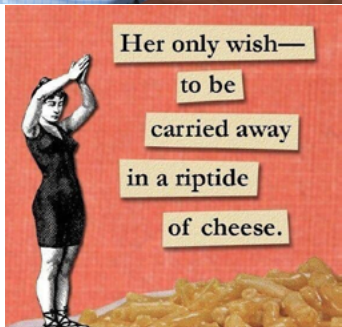
Sometimes I get so excited while eating mac n' cheese that I forget to breathe.



and Cheese



Above; Emilie Highley and Barry Pangrle share a smile. Right; Rudi and Joanna Herz enjoy the evening.



Above; The Macaroni and Cheese Challenge winners flank the event's hostess. Debbie Bennett, Sue Sickal and Karen Morgan. Right; Tom & Sandy Provasi and Karen Tefankjian came out to participate in the challenge.



Right: Tom and Sandy posing with their dirtiest car prize.



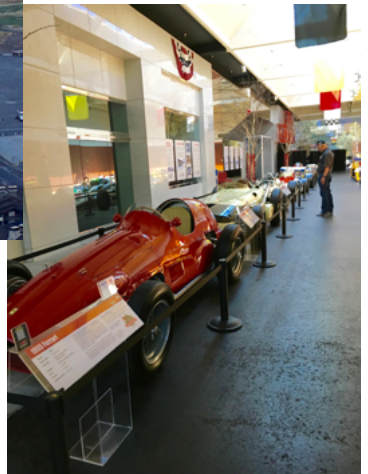
Below: Proof that the Britschgi's were not afraid to get their Cayenne dirty.



Above: The Treffen temporarily immortalized in the sands of Tahoe.



Above: On the Squaw Valley Tram leaving Olympic Village, heading for High Camp and dinner; Resort at Squaw Creek in upper right.



Right: My, how Ferraris have changed!

OUR TAHOE TREFFEN TREK

by Doris Britschgi

If PCA's Treffen North America's first event at Squaw Valley (billed as Treffen Lake Tahoe) was anything like future events, count me in! The four days Russ and I spent at The Resort at Squaw Creek were well planned and coordinated. The resort is in a world class setting, the tours we chose were well run, the gourmet food was plentiful and delicious, and everywhere we went there were guides to direct and inform us. We were even personally welcomed at check-in by David O'Neal, the overall Treffen Chairman, who walked us to the bar for our choice of a complementary drink.

Our first full day we joined a group driving to Reno to see two different displays of incredible automobiles. Ransom Webster has a private collection in an unmarked warehouse of over 50 vintage Porsches, all immaculately restored, including 911s from many years of production, a 356 four cam model for every year made, and several race cars. You may have seen him competing in vintage races at Sonoma or Laguna Seca with his Carrera Abarth, Porsche 935 K3 or ex-Rothmans werks Porsche 956. Mr. Webster's collection is so special that visitors are not allowed to take photos nor carry purses into the showroom! True car guys envied his personal office in the entry area of the pristine shop enabling him to work surrounded by his treasures. His desk was a glass topped Porsche flat 8 engine!



Doris & Russ Britschgi pose on the Tahoe Treffen.



PCA's Vu Nguyen along for the ride.

From there our group headed to the National Automobile Museum displaying over 200 historic vehicles of all kinds, mostly from the former collection of William Harrah. We enjoyed a tasty buffet luncheon surrounded by automotive treasures while meeting new friends. That evening many of the Porsches at the event were parked on the cobblestone streets of Squaw Valley's Olympic Village while we all enjoyed another gourmet repast catered by a local food truck. Our silver Cayenne GTS, wearing new "beefy" 18 inch all terrain tires, sported a tow strap attached to the trailer hitch for a bit of whimsy during the show.

❖ Treffen Trek....

The second day saw us joining a group that drove a lap around Lake Tahoe. Did you know it's best to drive counterclockwise in the morning at the lake to avoid unexpected encounters with cyclists? Because parking at our ultimate destination was extremely limited, Marco and Anna Alban from Maryland rode with us. (Marco is the brother of former PCA president Manny Alban who was also in attendance.) We all enjoyed a delicious preordered lunch at Sonny's before proceeding on to our appointed tour on the Nevada side of the lake at Thunderbird Lodge, the lovely vacation home of George Wittell, Jr., a somewhat eccentric millionaire who knew how to enjoy life in the 30s. The



Who'd of thunk it? A genuine Porsche off-road tour! Incredible!

stone house and outbuildings are artistically (architecturally?) arranged along the waterfront with majestic views of the lake. We especially enjoyed seeing the highly polished mahogany yacht in its own boathouse, accessed through a 600 foot tunnel hewn from the rock below the house. Check out Thunderbird Lodge online for more about its colorful history. The evening ended back at the resort with a three course gourmet Tapas and Wine dinner on the outdoor patio.

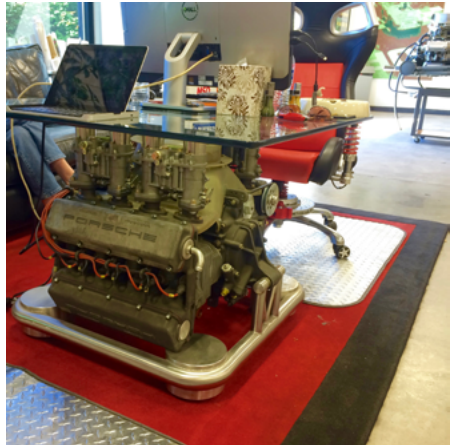


For those with a more traditional outlook, a tour of the local pavement.

Our favorite drive took place the last full day when we did an off road tour with other Cayennes and Macans on dirt and gravel roads north of Truckee. This was the only event we shared with LPR's Tom and Sandy Provasi. (We learned after returning home that John and Honore D'Angelo were also at Treffen from LPR, but we have yet to meet them.) The Provasis' cayenne colored Cayenne (my description, not official) won a bucket of cleaning supplies as the dirtiest car award at the end of our dust-bath! Russ and I had the privilege of having PCA's executive director Vu Nguyen and PCA's Digital Media Coordinator and e-Brake Editor Damon Lowney riding with us, jumping out occasionally to take some



*Below: Ransom Webster's desk
Left: Wittell's mahogany yacht in its
boat house.*



TAHOE TREFFEN TREK



*Left: Thunderbird Lodge
would make a nice weekend
cabin at Tahoe.*

*Below: 600 foot cave access
to Thunderbird yacht's boat
house.*

*Below left: The off road
group of Cayennes and Ma-
cans relish their freedom.*



MORE TREFFEN

Right: Proof positive that this event was not lightly attended. Porsches in the resort parking lot.



Left: "Look, ma, top of the world!" View from top of the tram, Lake Tahoe in the distance.



*Right: Russ and Doris really enjoyed the off roading!
Below: Olympic Rings at High Camp, top of tram; ice rink below rings. Bottom right: Tom & Sandy Provasi strike a Treffen pose.*



❖ Treffen Trek.

photos, and interviewing us at the end of the day. Did anyone see the 3.5 minute Treffen video in the September 20 e-Brake email that included multiple shots of our Cayenne in the dirt and water plus our interview? The video, our momentary claim to fame, was a special memory for us!

The last evening of Treffen Lake Tahoe included a ride on the Squaw Valley Tram to High Camp where we were treated to another wonderful meal and conversation with new dinner partners. There were great views of Lake Tahoe and the surrounding area plus a swimming pool, ice rink, multiple ski lift embarkation points, and more Olympic rings commemorating the 1960 Olympics held at Squaw Valley. The views from the tram after dark on the way down were magical!

Many other touring options, including self-guided trips in the area, were offered. The Provasis and D'Angelos can undoubtedly share stories of some of these experiences. One group saw the launching of the Great Reno Balloon Race, but the 4:30 a.m. departure time was a



A Britschgi favorite at the National Auto Museum.



Car Show at Squaw Valley Olympic Village, tram lines in the background.

bit early for me! There were visits to Virginia City and Genoa, Nevada; a tour of a wooden boat factory on Tahoe; a drive to Nevada City; and a highly acclaimed visit to an artist near Quincy who creates huge paintings of Porsche engines followed by homemade pizza cooked in his outdoor pizza oven (competition for Kevin Bennett?).

The trip was extra special for us because the destination was relatively close to home, and we were able to extend our getaway to include visits with family and friends not far from there. Treffens are being planned for various parts of the country. Yes, they are a bit more pricy than the equally enjoyable Escape we attended last fall, but we highly recommend future Treffens to enable you to see new areas of the country, take part in well orchestrated events, and meet some fascinating new people.

Right: Debbie Bennett and Susan Smith rub elbows with the phantom menace. How do you drink beer through that thing?



Left: Julie Lieber inquires of Kevin Bennett as to how you replace the batteries.

Right: Looking very German-parochial, the hosts line up the contestants for the costume judging.



Below: Beer meets wine... Angie Reed and Dana Ambrisko say, "Prost!"



OKTOBERFEST 2016

by Kevin Bennett

Oktoberfest was hosted on the first of October at the spacious home of Peter and Susan Smith. When Deb and I arrived, the first thing I noticed was the expansive walkway leading up to the front porch. If the fashion ever becomes having guests arrive four abreast, the Smiths are ready! Bob Morgan was cleverly sitting at a little table beside the front door extracting the event fee from the arriving guests before they could even enter. Bob must have realized that he would be placing himself in a vulnerable position on the front porch, so he brought along Chico, his pet Havanese, to serve as guard dog to protect the cash.



O'fest hostess and host, Susan & Peter Smith, with LPR President Bob Morgan. It's late in the evening and Peter refuses to put his stein down. That's dedication!



Yes, Lisa Radding is a Dinkel kind of girl.

I was immediately struck by the atmosphere of hustle and activity as we entered the home and were greeted by Peter, who was wearing lederhosen and looking very krautish. Susan, also traditionally garbed, as well as others were bustling about, some whom we recognized and others we didn't. Tom and Sandy Provasi were there, up to their armpits in aiding in the execution of the myriad little chores that are entailed in a successful GTG. Both Tom and Sandy were wearing aprons screen-printed to give the impression that they were dressed in traditional Oktoberfest garb; Tom with exposed hairy chest and Sandy looking especially buxom. At the very moment of my making this observation, Bonnie Radding arrived wearing an apron identical to Sandy and looking identically buxom. My understanding is that wearing the same outfit as another at a social gathering is anathema to women, and so I elected to leave the kitchen... in the event of a cat fight I didn't want to get splattered with food.

The Smith's backyard was well appointed for this event. A huge canopy, complete with illumination by strings of lights mounted in the overhead, had been erected and long tables were set up to accommodate



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the 40+ guests expected for this event. After partaking of a hot pretzel taken from a pretzel-mädchen, I was happy to see Jim Davis arrive. I cleared a way for him to get to a table and then sat with him to catch up a bit. I offered to fetch him a beer and in the process got a lesson from Steve Graham (in lederhosen; nice legs, Steve) on how to use the pump on a beer keg. I know, a pump is a pump, how hard can it be?... but he was right and kept me from getting arrested for beer keg abuse.



Sheila Dunwoodie tells Debbie Bennett and Suzette Pangrle about her first date with husband Dave.

I was pleased to see Gary and Julie Lieber attending this event because, by my perception, these previously very active participants in LPR activities had fallen off of my radar. I got into a useless, but very animated conversation with Gary about the presidential election. I feel I don't have a dog in that fight because I find both of the major party candidates to be abhorrent. Gary, however, was forceful in support of his choice for the office and would hear no criticism. He is also an officer in WAJ, which is an association of automotive journalists. As such, he was vociferous in espousing electronic balloting for the current election in LPR. I gave him some board meeting perspective but I am, at least, convinced that this issue should be revisited for LPR's future elections.

The dinner bell was rung and folks lined up to partake of the three types of sausage (ably dispensed by Sandy Provasi, of course), sauerkraut, red cabbage, cucumber salad, and au gratin

potatoes, all prepared by our hostess. During the meal I was pleased to sit next to Julie with Jim Bryant and Bob Morgan sitting across from us. We made idle conversation which at one point settled on the huge pumpkin sitting in front of us as a table decoration. We went from uses of pumpkin to uses of the word pumpkin. Julie suggested, "Behind the Pumpkin Door." I picked up on the reference immediately and replied, "Ooh, good one! That could be a kiddie book or a porno." Jim, being a youngster and a foreign émigré from that country to the north got



It's too bad that there wasn't a couple's category for the costume contest.

Having won the individual judging, Sylvie and Steve Graham could have gone for the hat trick.

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a confused look on his face, which allowed a deviation in the discussion that enabled my expounding about how “Deep Throat” and “Behind the Green Door” had almost allowed watching porno movies to become socially acceptable.

After the meal, a dessert plate was delivered to each diner by a bevy of lovely ladies (Lisa Radding gave me mine) which consisted of a piece of strudel,



You can't do Oktoberfest without a keg, here skillfully operated by Mike and Juliet Vadvilavich.

a piece of German chocolate cake and a dollop of ice cream. Judging of costumes came next with Vince Vincent up against Steve Graham. The lederhosen gave Steve the edge and he took the beer glass prize. The ladies division had Sylvie Graham, Christina Vincent, and Juliet Vadvilavich up for recognition. After repeated attempts to select a winner based on accolade, the contest was deemed a tie and the beer glass awarded to Sylvie Graham based on guessing a number. Afterward, Steve graciously gave his prize to Vince because Sylvie doesn't drink beer (I guess that means he usurped Sylvie's prize).

The party began to break up and I moved over to chat with John & Angie Reed and Dave & Sheila Dunwoodie. Dave had brought a stein with one of those flip-up lids and was occasionally taking a sip as we chatted. I idly inquired as to the purpose of the lid, to which Dave responded, “To keep flies out.” Drunken flies didn't seem like a likely reason for the lid, but before I could try to start an argument, Sheila popped off with, “It's probably to keep the beer from sloshing out while you sway and sing beer songs.” Whether that answer was right or wrong didn't matter, because it was too entertaining and too good to argue with.



Peter Smith solicits applause from the crowd in a vain effort to determine the winner through accolade. Juliet Vadvilavich, Sylvie Graham, and Christina Vincent proved equally popular and Sylvie was finally granted the title by luck.

Thanks to Peter and Susan Smith, and to their cadre of helpers, for putting on this superb event. The venue was perfect, the weather nice, and the camaraderie divine.

Right: Sandy & Tom Provasi, recognized as itinerant labor for GTGs, were found once again hard at work.

Below, Steve Graham, impeccably turned out in German attire, builds an impeccable plate of German food.



Above: You'd think these guys knew each other... shows what beer can do! Dave Dunwoodie, Scott Winders, Peter Smith and Larry Sharp.



Left: Early in the evening Kevin Bennett & Hal Hallock do a little catching up with Jim Davis.

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Above Callie Austin and Mike Lommatzsch saw the sign and finally figured out what was going on.

Right: Bill and Kathy Meleyco seemed integral to the flawless execution of this event. Bill has a certain flair with wieners; just ask Kathy.



Left: O'festers Diana & Hal Hallock, would-be St. Pauli girl Christina Vincent, her dad, Vince, and contest winner Sylvie Graham.

Below: The Beer Brothers! Tom Provasi, Bob Morgan and Barry Pangrle.





Right: Debbie Bennett, Buxom Bonnie Radding, Vince & Christina Vincent.

Below: The other buxom one, Sandy Provasi.



Above: Hal Hallock and Scott Winders explore their options at Der Deutche Buffet.



Right: Part of the gathered throng, shielded from the pool by inflatable beer mugs/coolers.





SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 5 P.M.

Do you have an idea for an event next year? Something that you want to put on, or even something you'd like someone else to execute? Now is the time! We are open to suggestions! Come join as we set up the calendar of events for LPR in 2017.

We will meet at Round Table Pizza, 14940 Camden Ave, San Jose





LPR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2016

Guests: Debbie Bennett, Ed Tefankjian, David Bryer, Angie Reed, Russ Britschgi, Doris Britschgi, JimDavis

Call to Order 7:04

Suspend reading of September 2016 BOD Meeting minutes (distributed via email) No corrections.

Approval of BOD Mtg. minutes Moved and passed.

Board Member Reports:

President – Bob Morgan- Bob moved that Bill Jump be partially compensated for purchase of computer and software. Died for lack of second.

Vice President – Diana Hallock & Karen Morgan

End of year party-Diana Hallock - Save the date for Year-end bash will be mid-month blast plus guerilla email distribution by some members.

GTC's-Karen Morgan - 25 attended Mac & Cheese, 41 at Oktoberfest.

Secretary – Kevin Bennett: ballots rolling in.

Treasurer – Hal Hallock: September Income \$3739.20. September Expense \$8447.86. YTD net (\$2841.00).

Membership – Kathy Musser: New members; Aaron Becker of Santa Cruz, Vince Lindeman of Aptos, Bob Ogle of San Jose. Transfer in: Bob Ogle of Golden Gate. Moved to accept and passed.

Activities – Dave Dunwoodie: Planning session moved to 27 of November.

Member-at-Large – Bonnie Radding- Ballot Status - ballots mailed by Mussers on Sept. 30th.

Chairperson Reports:

Autocross – Anne Roth: 78 at last Autocross. Next is charity run for Morgan Autism Center.

Charity – Kathy Musser: urged support for AX charity.

Concours – Les Schreiber: one left in season.

Social Media – Dave Dunwoodie, Laurie Delimon (data -absent) no report.

Goodie Store – Bill Jump: Two PCA car badges ordered.

Hospitality – Emilie Highley (absent by Bob) report on several ailing member's recovery.

Prieta Post Editor – Kevin Bennett: The October 2016 Post was released to MagCloud on 9/26 by Bill Jump. Working on transition.

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Public Relations – Ken Iles: no report.

Safety – John Reed: all safe and reports filed.

Tech – Peter Ridgway: Still working on smart phone photo tech session, and possible new advertisers.

Tours – Johnny Musser: (absent) no report.

Webmaster – Kevin Bennett - requested compensation of \$169.39 for Fatcow fees for website. Moved by Diana Hallock and passed.

Old Business: LPR outreach: Fremont Porsche. (by Ridgway) no options available on premises.

Diana Hallock moved that we create a benevolence fund to be funded by charitable donations from members, Policies & Procedure modifications to follow. Passed.

New Business: Web hosting with “FatCow”: The annual fee for the website was discussed.

Adjourn Meeting at 8:09 p.m.

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