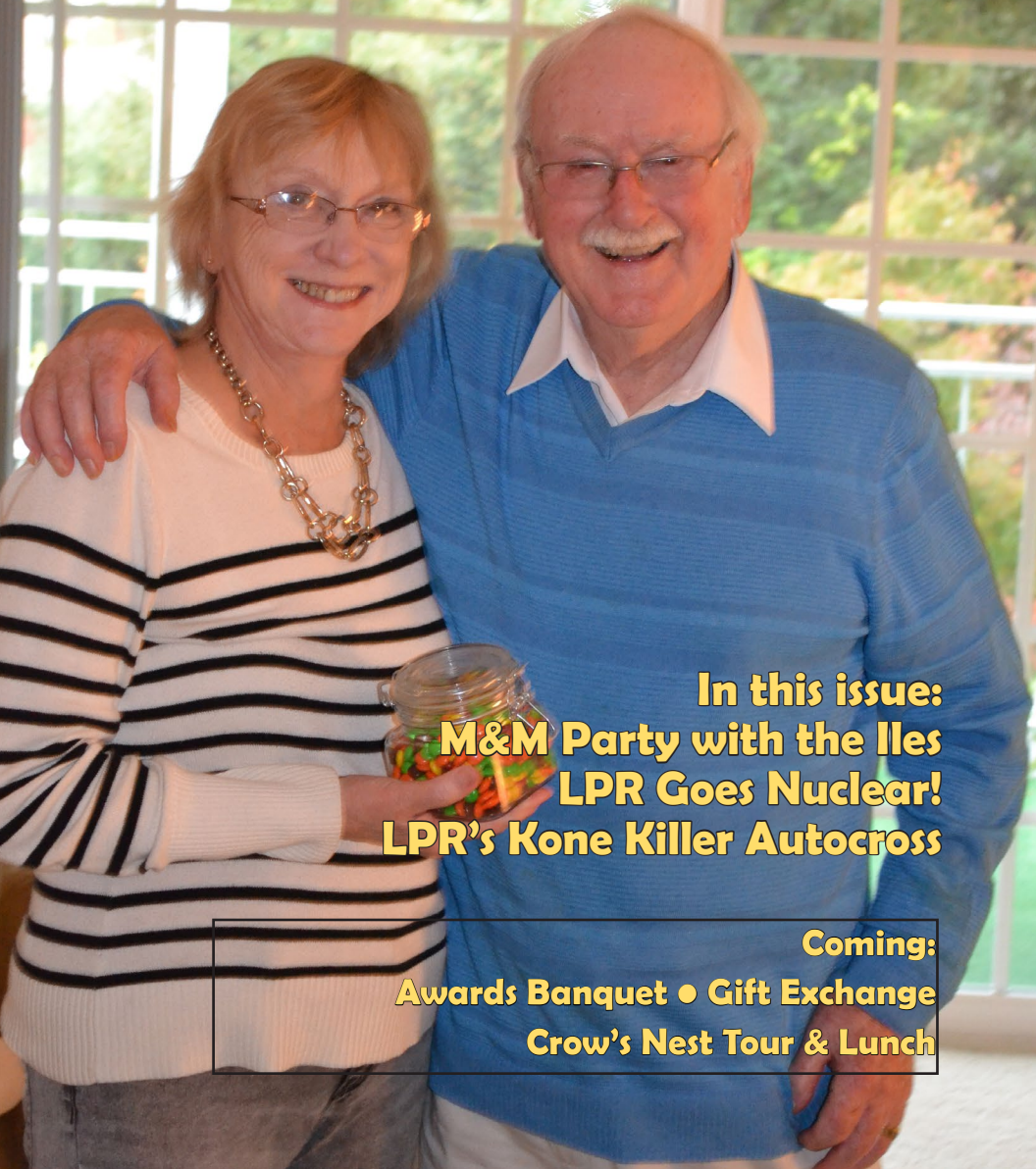


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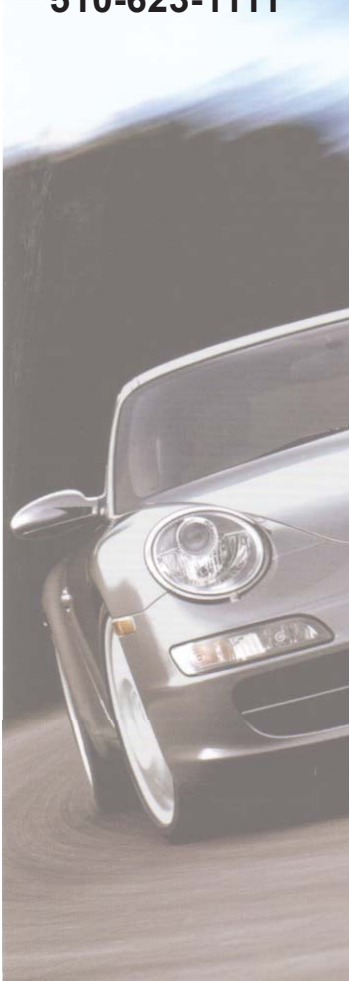
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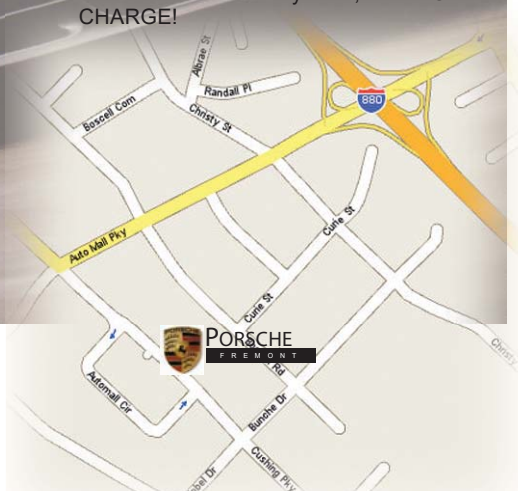
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Toys for Tots and Davenport Lunch Tour



**Sunday
December 3**

9:45 A.M.

Meet at the Saratoga Village Shopping Center's parking lot (behind The Bank - 14421 Big Basin Way - just west of the NW corner of Big Basin Way and Sunnyvale Saratoga Road). From the meeting spot, we'll drive to Boulder Creek to visit the Boulder Creek Fire Department on Route 9 and drop off our toys for tots. After a short break and donation to a great cause, we'll continue to the Davenport Roadhouse for lunch.

You'll need to bring a new and unwrapped toy*, desire to drive your Porsche on some great roads and an appetite for lunch. The Roadhouse has put together a menu for our group that includes multiple choices for appetizer and main course, and the price includes iced tea, coffee, soft drinks, tax and gratuity. A full-service no-host bar is also available.

Please RSVP to John and Honore D'Angelo at 60thclubcoupe@gmail.com by November 26th. There's a \$5/car LPR tour fee and lunch is \$40 per person. The group is limited to 60 people. Please either send a check in advance of the tour to the D'Angelo's (177 Barford Avenue, San Carlos, 94070) or bring payment with you. The Roadhouse can't accommodate separate checks, so the D'Angelo's will collect payment and deal with the master bill.

* Santa Cruz county Toys for Tots has a high need for gifts for older kids: soccer balls, board games, art sets, larger sized bike helmets, batteries and the like. Please note that toys need to be new and unwrapped, Toys for Tots cannot accept / distribute used toys. Kindly avoid guns, toys of aggression and unwrapped stuffed animals.



PREsIDENTIAL RANTS



Peter Ridgway

Well, I made it almost a whole year and I'm still not completely fried. In fact, I'm probably more motivated now than when I started this job. I've learned a lot by just doing, but I've also learned a lot by attending Zone 7's bi-annual President Meetings, where I listen to what other club presidents are working on and what concerns they have. I've also learned from the National Executive Council meeting and online webinars. Mostly what I've learned is that LPR is not alone. PCA is the largest car club in the world. It is an unbelievably complex machine and it's all run by volunteers. Well almost. We do have Vu Nguyen and a few dedicated staff members at National. But mostly, it's all volunteers. And we're all struggling with how to get new members to participate more. Especially how to get anyone to serve on a committee or as a Board member.

Which brings me to LPR's recent elections. This really will be a quick rant and then we'll move on. The election was pathetic. We had fewer than 45 ballots casts. Everyone that stood for election won with absolutely no opposition. Now I know we're good but we're not that good. We heard a few valid complaints. One was why didn't the ballot accept my PCA # (it was the wrong #) and one about an event we missed (big mistake). Both complaints came in within a day of the voting deadline so we couldn't do anything about it. We went to electronic voting to see if more folks would participate that way. The good news is we saved a ton of money by not printing and mailing ballots to all 567 members. In the last 7 or 8 years we've never had more than 80 votes cast regardless of whether we vote electronically or by mail. So I'm going to focus on the positive and we'll continue to vote electronically in the future. We can spend the money we save buying the Board gifts or maybe bribing a few members to volunteer for a Board or a committee position.

Which brings me around to next year. We have a Board and gratefully, most appointed positions will continue to be filled by current chairs. We do have openings for a Tour Chair, a Concours Chair and maybe a few more. I'd like to have a new webmaster since Kevin has been doing double duty as POST editor and webmaster. It's too much to ask of one person. Next year we'll be

termed out so LPR will need a number of new Board members. If you're even remotely interested in helping LPR become more inclusive and keeping it active, let someone on the Board know. We have position guides and more importantly, we have past Board members willing to coach and support you. We can also be creative to accommodate our overly active lives. Things like Tuesday night Board meetings or meeting at Round Table pizza are not cast in stone. I asked to have a co-president last year to help me with my first year. In other regions, the position of Past President is formalized to provide this support. While we haven't formalized it, throughout the year, almost all our past presidents have provided coaching and support for which I am very grateful. So again, if you're willing to spend a few hours a month to help LPR, please talk to me. I'll even buy the Starbucks coffee.

Along similar lines of thought, I'd like to expand the role of our Social Media Chair. Diana has done a great job managing the club email and mid month blasts. Also, Dave and Anne have been updating the club Facebook page as they get inputs (bet most of you didn't even know we have one). Social media is something that, as a club, we must get more serious about. I'll be the first to tell you, I have no idea what the fuss is all about. But then, I'm an old fart who has trouble using my smart phone. Too many of us volunteers fall into this category. We need someone who gets it! Seriously! We NEED someone who gets it. Social media is so important, PCA National has established a Social Media Chair to help regions with this function. Her name is Maggie Garnett. Maggie has been running webinars to help us get up to speed as well as warn us of the pitfalls of certain aspects of managing our social media. The slides from these webinars will be available online at PCA.org and I will be downloading them for LPR use. In addition to the webinars, Maggie is making herself available for questions and even one on one coaching. The woman is truly dedicated to the cause. She manages to volunteer lots of time to help PCA and those of us in the regions, even though she has an active 2 year old. She's also proud of the fact that she can drive a stick shift in stiletto heels. I'm going to be talking to Maggie about what kind of qualifications we should be looking for in a social media coordinator. I think it requires working knowledge of Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as well as an appreciation of the value of these tools in communicating with our members, potential members, advertisers, sponsors and the public in general. I'll be talking about this more in the coming months.

Now on to a few random but possibly more interesting items I'd like to share:

1. I'm working with your VP's on a New Member Social event, hopefully in the Feb. or early March time frame. We haven't had one in awhile and it will be a great opportunity to meet some or hopefully all our new members. Oh yeah, we'll also have food and drinks. Information will be available as soon as we have things confirmed

2. I've also volunteered to help set up a "tour" to the Porsche Driving Experience in Southern CA. This will be a joint event with the Sierra Nevada region. Since it's such a long drive it will probably start mid week with maybe an overnight stop near LA and possibly an optional side trip or two. Anyone interested should definitely let me know because it will definitely be oversubscribed. Driving laps will probably need to be scheduled individually but Center tours, simulator time and possibly a few passenger laps are on the menu. Help with the planning would also be appreciated. I have a "menu" of the Experience Center costs if you're interested. It won't be cheap but it will be worth it.

3. There's also talk about another Zone Tour this summer. One idea was something called a Clover tour since it resembles a freeway clover leaf. It would be a 3 or 4 day tour out of a central location with different groups running one leg of the "clover" each day. Multiple regions will contribute with an initial proposal of running it out of Redding.

If anyone's interested, Sacramento Valley Region has some great Autocross movies on their website.

5. In case anyone's interested in knowing, LPR is the 4th largest club in Zone 7 behind Golden Gate, Diablo and Sacramento Valley. That means we have a larger membership than the other 6 zones.

Lastly, I want to extend a warm welcome to our latest advertiser, Porsche of Stevens Creek. It's been awhile since they've been active with the club and we should all be glad to see them back with us. The new GM, Brook Margrave has been great to work with and I think you'll find a new perspective regarding PCA members at Porsche of Stevens Creek. We'll be planning a few events with Brook and his team so that we can all get to know them better. If you're in the neighborhood stop by and say hi. We need to support all of our advertisers.

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POST Positions

Kevin Bennett, Editor



Imagine that you are at the controls of a runaway trolley with no brakes. Ahead you see that there are five track workers, who just happen to be all facing away from you, with certain death bearing down on them. On a parallel track you see that there is only one worker, also facing away. With no way to signal the workers, your only option is a lever that will switch your trolley to the track with one worker. Would you use the lever? When this dilemma is presented in a survey, 90% of respondents said that they would use the lever to kill the one worker rather than the five on the other track.

Now, imagine that you are high on a footbridge with another fellow overlooking the same scenario of five workers with a clearly unoccupied trolley bearing down on them. The noise level is such that your only way of signaling the workers is to throw the fellow next to you over the railing. Would you do it? To this scenario, the almost unanimous consensus was to do nothing.

The result of this behavioral research makes for an interesting discussion in academe as the net effect in both scenarios is the choice of imposing one death to facilitate saving five lives. While the essence of the two scenarios is purported to be identical by the researchers, in my mind, the second option's unpopularity is partially because it is substantially more complicated, that is, it completely overlooks the possibility of a physical struggle as well as the likelihood of criminal prosecution and/or civil litigation in regard to using the fellow on the bridge to signal the workers. It also disregards the option to leap from the bridge in a suicidal signal to the workers below.

So, why is this rather esoteric behavioral science poser important? It is because it is about to become a real world issue that has to be addressed by society as a whole. Think self-driving cars (SDC) and the artificial intelligence (AI) that will be guiding them in their decision making in a real-world environment. It's not a stretch to imagine that an SDC will be put in a position where it has this very same decision to make: "Do I drive through this group of children who have suddenly appeared in the road or do I veer into the brick wall and risk killing my passenger?"

❖ POST Positions..

Early in the development of SDCs, an engineer working on the AI for a SDC project for Mercedes Benz was asked about this very problem and he responded that the choice was clear, you had to opt for saving the greatest number of lives, which, from an ethical perspective, is not an unreasonable response. The automaker's real dilemma appeared, however, when potential buyers of SDCs were asked how they felt about purchasing and/or riding in a SDC that was capable of choosing to put its passengers lives at risk in certain scenarios. Surveys indicated that buyers were completely turned off at the concept that an SDC could choose to risk passenger lives under **any** scenario. As a result, automakers now seem to be coalescing around the notion that the safety of the vehicle's occupants is that over which they have the greatest control and will therefore be their AI's priority, which conveniently, aligns them with the desires of their potential market and will eliminate what could have been a major impediment in their relationship with future SDC buyers.

The auto manufacturers' decision, however, is certainly not binding on all of society. While, logically, this debate should be addressed in a forum that would represent all potential sides of what will certainly be a major AI controversy, legislators will see no upside to addressing the issue, which means it will be left to the courts to resolve. So the real question is how much time will pass before we see the creation of an entirely new category of legal representation: the Artificial Intelligence Litigation Attorney?

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Left: Mary Wallace partakes of one of the Ms featured at this event.

Right: Emilie Highley is caught, in this particularly flattering shot, partaking of one of the other Ms.



Left: Ken Iles uses his best Vanna White impression to display the jar that was the subject of the competition.

Right: Kris Vanacore snuggles with one of the other guests at the party.





by Mary Wallace

M & M – Margaritas and Munchies - what a great way to spend a cloudy afternoon!!!! Emilie convinced the Iles of a great idea. We got there about 1:40 and as usual everyone had already arrived. Before I could put my munchies on the table, Ken had given me a margarita. I put my offering on a table laden with little sandwiches, meatballs, sausages, deviled eggs, and lots more.

Some members we don't see that often were there. It was so nice to chat with Esper Kershaw. Jackie Mitchell and her sister, Cathy, joined us as well. Jackie looked great and is happy in her new home. Maybe LPR can figure out a tour to go up her way.



June & Ken Iles, hosts for this event, pose in front of their recently redesigned front yard.

Ken had a jar filled with M&M candies and we were to guess how many in the jar. Most of us had guesses that were way high. Angie Reed was the winner with a guess just 43 off the target of 517. Her prize of course was the jar of M&M's.



Left: Kevin Bennett hams it up, or should I say "Slim Jims it up," for the camera.

Right: Debbie Bennett, Emilie Highley and Kathy Musser hover over the table of munchies.



Left: Jackie Mitchell joined the group... all the way from Brentwood along with her sister Cathy.

Right: Bill Highley has carefully evaluated the jar and is writing down his estimate of the number of M&Ms.



❖ Margaritas & Munchies..

Peter Ridgeway had a secret recipe for the margaritas. Rumor was that he cut the sweetness of the mix with soda water. Tony and Kris Vanacore were there in spite of the fact that they were hosting six neighbors for a dinner party that evening. Now that is club loyalty. Kevin and Debbie Bennett brought Farley and he had a good time, much of which was spent in Kevin's lap.

Deb and Bob Frosthalm were talking with everyone. Jacqueline Shanafelt caught the eye of many of the women with her cute shoes and a pretty emerald necklace. Kathy and Johnny Musser back from the Diablo Canyon trip the week before were there as well as Emilie and Bill Highley. No photo of the VP presenting Iles with their hosting gift as they donated it to Jacob's Heart.

John Reed had to get photos of the newly landscaped front yard. Ken told Peter that the palms were frost tolerant, not mentioning that they had not survived a single winter. Oh well. Suddenly it was 5 PM and time for the party to end, but we were having such a good time. Thanks again Ken and June. Another fabulous GTG at a home that has hosted so many.



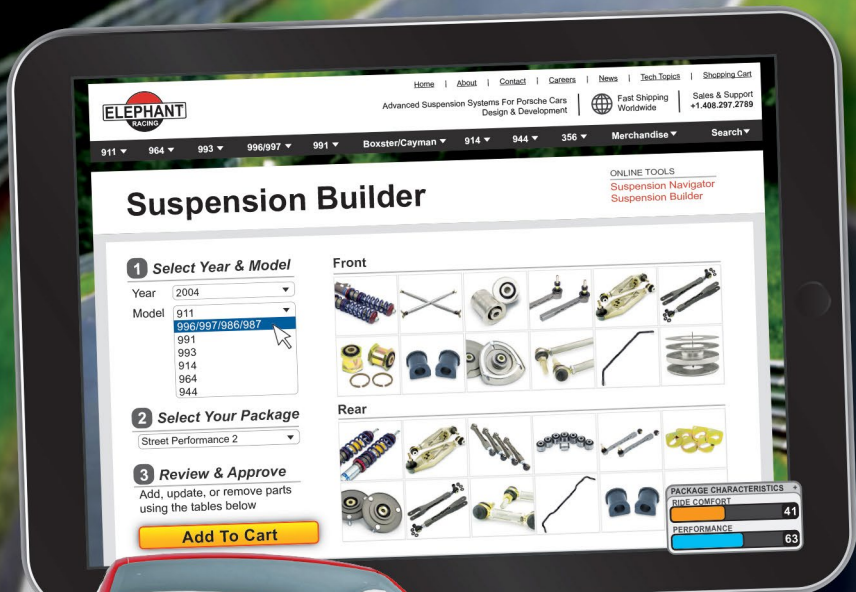
*Left: It's the Emilie Highley,
Ken Iles and Esper
Kershaw Show!*



*Right: If I didn't know better,
I'd think that Peter Ridgeway
is asking to kiss Kevin
Bennett's ring.*

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The cost is \$28.00 per person plus the \$5.00 LPR tour fee per car – same as last year! We have reservations for up to 50 people...mark your calendar and RSVP soon.

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Special thanks to Les Schreiber for hosting this event for the past eleven years. Enjoy your new home in Washington!



Left: Hal & Diana Hallock pose with companions Birdie and Bogey.

Right: Maybe it's just me, but I can't understand why someone would give a name to their vineyard that sounds like some sort of medical descriptor for a wart or a tumor.



Left: The tour group bellies up to the bar.

Right: Peter Ridgway can't beleive what Hal Hallock has under his hood.



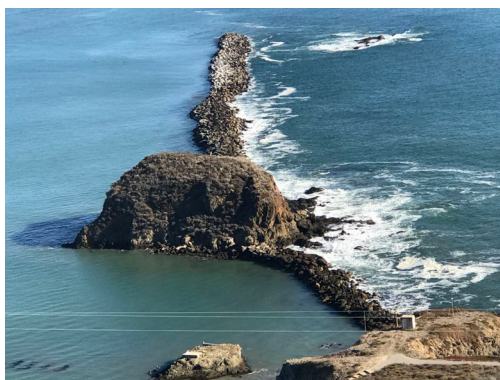
LPR Goes Nuclear!



by Diana Hallock

Four Carreras, a Boxster, a Cayman, a Macan, a Cayenne and a Mercedes took to the road on Wednesday, October 25th for a three day tour along the California coast. Organized by Johnny & Kathy Musser and John & Angie Reed, we were blessed with bright sunshine and clear roads. LPR members Diana & Hal Hallock, Johnny Musser III, Vince Vincent, Jim & Linda Metz, Peter Ridgway & Jacqueline Shanafelt, Dick & Mary Wallace, with Susan George & Tom Geary, and Rita Hannum & Bill Youngblood from Diablo Region, each received a luscious goodie bag of treats (no tricks!) and color coded directions. Completing the group were Birdie and Bogey, the Hallocks' canine crew. Starting in Aptos, we enjoyed the backroads through Corralitos, past San Juan Bautista and into King City for a delicious lunch at The Cork and Plough (try the oxtail French dip... yummm!).

Off we went again, continuing south, as the temperature rose to past 100°. Up, down, twist, turn. The challenging roads meant the CB radios only worked part of the time but Vince Vincent was a great

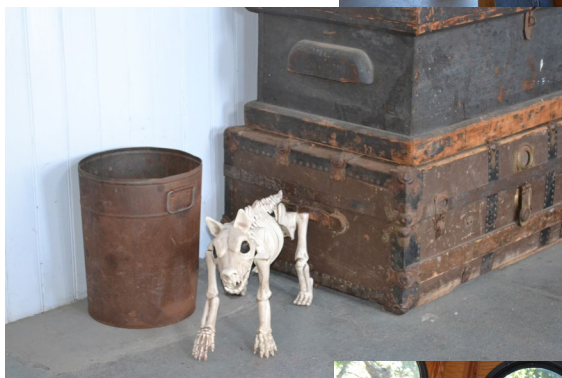


There's nothing like a visit to the seashore to get interesting shots of attempts to tame the ocean.



*Left: This view of the Point San Luis Lighthouse has a Hitchcockian feel about it... think **The Birds** or **Psycho**.*

*Right: Vince Vincent is thinking that this chair is rather throne like.
“Hmmm..
Emperor of LPR....”*



Left: Here's hoping that this wasn't the mascot at the nuclear power plant.

Right: One has to wonder why this shot is canted... on a hill?... Earthquake?... Too much wine? No matter what, Jim, Lin, Johnny II, Johnny III and Kathy seem to have it under control.



relay communicator. At the top of a long road was a winery and a view that made the whole trip worthwhile. Big reds like “Moose” and “Lloyd” made for fabulous tastings at Calcareous Winery. Then just one more hour to Happy Hour at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo.

The next morning found us in heavy shoes, ready for our tour of The Diablo Canyon Power Plant, an electricity-generating nuclear power plant operated by Pacific Gas & Electric near Avila Beach,. It was a “John” day. Johnny and John Reed from LPR introduced to John Lindsey, marine meteorologist, who drove the bus, took many

of these photos and taught the class at the educational center. He then introduced John Becerra who explained the inner workings of the plant and who drives a 1983 911, a gift from his son. Wow! The plant, the only remaining nuclear plant operational in CA, has twin 4-loop pressurized-water nuclear reactors which produce about



Remember the scene in “The Naked Gun” where Leslie Nielsen said everything he sees reminds him of his wife?

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We could have stayed all day but we were late for lunch and our time at the Point San Luis Lighthouse, the only surviving Victorian lighthouse made purely of California redwood on the West Coast. The volunteer Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers are refurbishing the lighthouse and grounds, cooked our delicious chili baked potato lunch and were our historic docents! Lighthouse photos by another John, Johnny III!

Happy Hour 2 was followed by a walk across the parking lot for dinner at Tahoe Joe’s. The next morning the need for the Wallace’s Mercedes was made clear....they continued south for a biking tour of the Channel Islands. The Hallocks and puppies headed for San Diego. Hopefully the rest of the Porsche’s made it safely north.... more likely if they chose the right tour leader! Great tour! Great trip! Great job, John, Angie, Johnny and Kathy.



Left: Three emotions seem to be conveyed here... Hal Hallock looks puzzled, Lin Metz looks pleased and Jim Metz looks dismayed. Somebody must be talking politics.

Right: Nice to see Johnny Musser out and about after being down for the count.



Left: Bill Youngblood has a water bottle and a rag; guess he's going to wash the car.

Right: This shot of Jim Metz and Johnny Musser indicates that the photographer may have been drunk under the table.





Left: Susan George and Tom Geary. Tom is distracted but Susan is thinking, "What's with the empty glass?"

Right: Dick and Mary Wallace savor their tasting as Bill Youngblood and Rita Hannum look ready for the next pour.



Left: This looks like a docent at the lighthouse... maybe talking about the house's home stereo system.

Right: Another docent who looks to be talking about Fresnel lenses, this one in particular.







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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Nov. 7, 2017

Guests: Cat Hsueh, John Gould, Angie Reed, Tony Vanacore, Kris Vanacore

Call to Order at 7:02

October 2017 Board Meeting Minutes (distributed via email) Approval of BOD Mtg. minutes Emilie moved to approve. Approved

Board Member Reports:

President – Peter Ridgway nothing to report

Vice President – Debbie Bennett & Emilie Highley : 11/4 M&M GTG at the Iles. 19 attended.

New Business: Raffle prizes for new business.

Secretary – Margie Jensen (absent): Voting Results report

2018 Board of Directors

President: Peter Ridgway

Co-Vice Presidents: Debbie Bennett and Emilie Highley

Secretary: Margie Jensen

Treasurer: Johnny Musser

Member at Large: John Gould

Membership: Karen Morgan

Activities: Suzette Pangrle

Treasurer – Johnny Musser: Oct. Exp. \$5007.
Inc. \$7442. YTD Net. \$14,705

Membership – Karen Morgan:

New Members: Alexander Estuesta of Sequel,
1985 944 - Moritz Kranz of Linz am Rhein
(Germany) - Robert Orcutt of Scotts Valley,
1955 356 - Marty Vukasovich of Watsonville,
2009 911 Carrera S. Transfers In (1) Bruce
Berg of San Jose, 2008 Cayman Moved
by Debbie. Approved

Activities – Dave Dunwoodie: come to planning session

Member-at-Large – Bonnie Radding:

Committee Reports:

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❖ Minutes..

Autocross – Anne Roth: LFR AX8; 67 MSR, 8 Gate total: 75 (likely a record). Inc: Total: \$3581.05

Exp: \$1620.00. Approx. \$4567.00 in cash and checks for Kill-a-Kone Charity income. Debbie moved to appropriate \$2400 for deposits for 2018 AX dates.

Charity – Kathy Musser: \$343 raised by selling Hotdogs at AX#8

Concours – Les Schreiber: not present

Goodie Store – Bob Morgan: not present

Hospitality – Sue Sickal, Report submitted by Emilie Highley: Cards sent to the George & Sharon Breein, George & Virginia Jansen, Margie Jensen

Prieta Post Editor – Kevin Bennett: Addressed issues with new printer. Board discussed subscription costs.

Public Relations – Ken Iles: Submission was made and Ken assured of publication.

Safety – John Reed: Events were safe and reports filed.

Social Media – Diana Hallock: not present

Tech – Peter Ridgway: nothing to report

Tours – Kathy Musser: reported on upcoming tour.

Webmaster – Kevin Bennett: no report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourn Meeting 7:55.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 7:00pm, Dec. 5, 2017 at
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