



ZEITUNG

PCA-SEQUOIA REGION



PORSCHE POTPOURRI

by Gene Gilpin



I attended the ALMS season finale at Laguna Seca. What a weekend! There's something going on the track morning to night. We had a great PorschePlatz again this year. I won a great door prize, namely being the VIP guest of the Flying Lizard Porsche team. I won this same thing last year. Talk about being lucky.

I met two young men you'll be hearing from in the future. Johannes van Overbeek drives for the Flying Lizard team, and is a former GGR member. The other is a GT Carrera Cup driver named Nathan Swartzbaugh, who won the overall Cup title for the year. Nathan drives car #17. All the Carrera Cup drivers are amateurs, and they drive factory sealed identical GT3 Carreras. If they break, factory reps fix them, and seal them back up.

There also were Super Karts racing. These little tiny cars were turning faster lap times than the GT3 Carreras. Overall top speeds were less, but the things corner like they are on a rail.

The progressive Halloween dinner party was a spectacular success. Early snacks at the Lilians, dinner ala Steve Spangler at the Backs, then desserts at BADCOW. Nice evening! See all y'all at the Christmas party.

Ciao,
Gene

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RETROSPECTIVE...

by Jack (and Margie) Back, Historians



History: “a record of significant events, often including an explanation of their causes.”

Dick Arnold, active in this Region for its first two-plus decades, shares this “record of significant

events”:

There it is was: sitting there on a used car lot, looking lonesome and in need of an appreciative owner. On a USED car lot no less, a beautiful little almost new 1955 Porsche Super Speedster, Signal Red, with a roller crankshaft, less than 13,000 miles on it. \$2500. I worked a quick deal. My '57 VW and a few hundred dollars for this gem, something I had always wanted from the first time I saw one. It was spring, 1959. I knew nothing about Porsches then, except that I wanted one.

I had only had it a few days when one night I was cruising by Mars Drive-In over on Belmont and Palm. Oh Gosh, two other Speedsters sitting there. I quickly pulled in and met the two other guys, Carl Martens in a '58 1600 red Speedster and Hans Neinstadt in his gemlike '57 1600 metallic gray Speedster. They told me that they had heard of a local Porsche club being formed. A second meeting was already planned in the home of Chuck Perry. Hans and I attended. There were a total of nine people at that second meeting. They had already decided to send in for a charter for this region. It was to become the Fresno Region. Activities got off to a rather slow start. There were dinner meetings and a few tours. A few more folks joined. After a few months, I decided totally on my own to do a club newsletter. It had no name then, I did the whole thing...I wrote it, printed it out on a multigraph machine, addressed and stuffed envelopes, mailed to our list of members.



Hans, Carl and I were driving idiots, constantly challenging each other in the mountain roads east of Fresno. Actually it was Carl and Hans challenging each other. Both were from Germany, and each not about to be outdone by the other. I always ran a very poor third (on purpose really). I didn't know how to drive my car that well yet. I just knew that one of the "drives" I was destined to probably die.

A few years went by, the club grew...a lot !! I can remember one evening at Villa Basque on north Blackstone, a very large dinner meeting...probably 60 or 70 in attendance. Ah, memories.



Upcoming Events



Upcoming Local Events

November

- Mon 11/6** Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Dias'
Sun 11/12 Badc♥w! Boxster Brunch – 8:30 a.m., Starbucks,
 Marks & Herndon, Tour to Hilmar Cheese Factory
Tues 11/14 Dinner Meeting – The Vintage Press in Visalia \$32

December

- Mon 12/4** Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Gilpin's
Sat 12/16 Christmas & Holiday Party, Copper River Country Club \$50
 (BRING A MAXIMUM OF 1 RAFFLE PRIZE PER PERSON...
 we have a new plan for the raffle!)

January 2007

- Mon 1/8** Board Meeting 7:00 p.m., location TBD
Tue 1/9 Dinner Meeting – 6:30 p.m. TBD

Sequoia Calendar of events: <http://www.pca.org/sqa/events.htm>
For all dinner meetings, please bring raffle prizes & canned food.

Upcoming Other PCA, Zone 7 & Regional Events

November

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| Nov 3-5 | Mendocino 2006 Tour | SVR | Mendocino | Rik Larson |
| Sat Nov 4 | Rallye #7 | GGR | Rector Porsche, Burlingame | Hubert Lee |
| Sun Nov 12 | Drivers' Ed/autocross | SVR | Infineon (Sears Point) | Frederick Rauch |

January 2007

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| Sat Jan 13 | Zone 7 Awards Banquet | Pleasanton, CA | Larry Sharp |
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Zone 7 Calendar: <http://www.pca.org/zone7/index.php?page=calendar>



Ron Walker & Beth Wilkins



The Guys, Hard at Work



The Ladies, Working Hard



Row of Porsches



Autocross Location Search

The civil servants who work at Millerton Lake have determined that autocross tears up the asphalt and costs the taxpayers more money than they are charging us. Please keep your eyes open for a BIG parking lot that is unencumbered by light poles, decorative trees and wheel stops. We just want wide open asphalt...is that too much to ask? Call Kevin at 559-499-1041 or email at arcaneauto@sbcglobal.net

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Halloween Progressive Dinner



Sequoia Region's Holiday Party

December 16th at Copper River Country Club

Menu

Hors D'oeuvre's

**Italian Bruschetta
Domestic Cheese Display
Crudités Basket
Mini Spring Rolls**

Dinner

**Caesar Salad
Filet Mignon
Garlic and Spinach Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almandine**

Dessert

Chocolate Ganache Tart with Oreo Crust

**\$50.00 per person RSVP by December 2nd, 2006
Merilee Amos, merilee@towerusa.com or 222-9285**



Zone 7 Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 13, 2007

Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel

(Formerly Wyndham Garden Hotel)

5990 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton CA

(925) 463-3330

Come celebrate Porsche Club of America Zone 7 2006 champions in
Autocross, Rally, and Concours

Guest Speaker: Prescott Kelley, Incoming PCA President

No host cocktails at 6:00 P.M. • Dinner at 7:00 P.M.
Dinner choices include London Broil or Chicken Piccata
\$50.00 per person (includes wine)

Indicate your dinner choice on your check, made payable to "Larry Sharp - Zone 7 PCA," and send to:
Larry and KC Sharp, 1119 Megan Road, Livermore CA 94550, Telephone 925-371-2258

The deadline for reservations is January 6, 2007.

Rooms have been set aside at a special rate.
Ask for Porsche Club when making room reservations.

If you wish to spend the day in San Francisco, there is a shuttle to BART from the hotel.
For a day of shopping, Stoneridge Mall is within walking distance.

