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PCA-Sequoia Region



THE PREZ SAYS...

by John Lillian



A few weeks ago I received an e-mail from PCA National regarding a member survey that is being prepared. This survey will be sent to randomly selected members. If you receive or have received this survey, please take a few minutes to complete it and return it to PCA. Your participation will be helpful for our organization.

Well, Parade is over for another year and everyone made it home safely. What a great time; the weather was great; the people were fantastic; the food was good, and the cars were beautiful. Our Region had some winners at the Autocross event: Vince Nolletti--3rd place, Mike Van Hooser -5Th place, Dave Nance -5Th place, Barris Evulich-8Th place, and Kevin Molineaux 9Th place. Kevin also won 2nd place in category and 4th overall in the Technical & Historical Quiz. Next year Parade is in Charlotte,



Photo of the Month



"Porsche Parade Pooped"
September POTM Submission
Deadline 8/24/07

North Carolina during the last week of June. In 2009, Parade will be in Keystone, Colorado. If you get a chance to go, DO! It is worth it.

Looking at next month's calendar (August), we have a super dinner at JON'S BEAR CLUB in Reedley on the 14th of August. Make your reservations now. On the 19th of August we have a one day tour to Humphrey's Station for bunch. Hope you can all make it.

See you there...

John

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT..

by Margie Back



Once again, we had the pleasure of welcoming a new member and an "old" member to our dinner meeting.

New members **Brent & Cary Stolpestad** are the happy new owners of a 1987 marine blue sunroof coupe. Brent has been dreaming of a

Porsche since his high school days and finally found just the right car in the LA area in April. Brent is the CFO of Derco Foods, an exporter of nuts and dried fruit. Cary is a 4th grade teacher at Manchester Gate. They have two sons at Edison High. They also have another special old car, a 1967 Camaro. Welcome!





It was a happy surprise to have (not old) but "previous" members attend our dinner meeting. **Jerry & Gaila Peloian** were active in the Region for about twenty years – and it was great to have them back with us.

News of other new members.....Brad & Teresa Boulden are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first child. Dennis Durgarian had surgery the same week as our dinner meeting. Early reports were good. Jerone Edwards has a new assignment with Cal Trans so he is working in Sacramento during the week. Loren & Mary Bollinger are moving to the Central Coast...Bethany (Judy) Taylor has informed us that she will drop out of membership for a while until they get her dad's (Doug Judy) car up and running...Tom Amos is doing a great job of getting name tags for everyone. See Tom if you still need one – he can get them either with a magnet or a pin...A great group of our members attended the Parade in San Diego. Brand new members Dave & Tami Ogden were part of that group....

As of July 1st, our membership stands at 144. Every month we lose a few members – how about making a phone call to a member you haven't seen for a while. Invite them to make reservations for the dinner meeting at Jon's Bear Club.

Wear your name tags to every event – it really helps in this process.



RETROSPECTIVE...

by John Simpson, Club Historian





Since we're approaching our 50th anniversary...

I thought it would be fun and interesting to look back at the San Joaquin Region Porsche Club (now the Sequoia Region Porsche Club) through excerpts from past issues of the *Porsche Zeitung*. Thanks to the foresight of previous board members, we have an archive of *Zeitung's* that go back to August, 1964.

August, 1964

Dinner at Rep's House of Ribs for \$3.50

Porsche Parade, 1965, will be held in Santa Barbara in June. Santa Barbara was just ac cepted as the 9th chartered Region of Porsche Club of America in California.

President Arnie Hollabaugh Vice President Forest Young

Sec-Treasure Bud and Gerry Hogue

Editors Dick Arnold, Emmie Kilpatrick

September, 1964

Dinner at Estrada's in Visalia \$3.00

San Luis Obispo Tour

"Many of the tour members who were having breakfast prior to departure at the International Pancake House were very pleasantly surprised to see *Zeitung's* foreign correspondent, Hans Neinstedt, accompanied by Nancy Wilcox, enter for breakfast. Ten cars left promptly at 7:30a.m. A new device was tried out for convoy control, but it was a failure as the walkie-talkie did not function. A new all time record was set for San Joaquin Region tour. We made it all the way to San Luis Obispo without a pit stop!! Upon arrival at the San Luis Obispo airport, a special parking area was given our club. We met the 14 members who were spending the weekend at the track. Hans was once again met with tears and cheers. The weather was ideal for both the tour and the race. We all thoroughly enjoyed our picnic lunches in the parking lot between races. We formed a loud rooting section for our several members we had racing. We welcomed the companionship of some our new members to their first Porsche tour. These included the Golliday's, the Stone's, the Benov's and the Schmidt's."

Winning racers at San Luis Obispo:

F-Modified: Forest Young: Porsche Speedster with super 90 engine

4th in Class and 9th Overall Dick Smith: Porsche Carrera

1st in Class and 5th Overall

A-Production: Milt Minter: Porsche 904

1st in Class 1st Overall

E-Modified Dick Smith: Ferrari, Testa Rosa

3rd in Class

December, 1964

C-Production:

Newly elected board for 1965:
President: Bud Hogue
Vice President: Carl Kassabian

Sec-Treasure: Margaret and Mel Conway Board: Forest Young, Bill Henry

(Note: we now have separate secretary and treasure positions; back for many years it was a husband and wife team!)

My personal comments: I have heard it said by many members that over the years "things" have not changed, dinners are too expensive, and tours are too few and chaotic. But maybe that is the charm and comfort of a Club that has survived this many years, and with some of the same members still participating. I've always said that some of the finest people one could want to meet and have for friends are members of the Porsche Club. I still believe that, especially after reading through years of past *Zeitung's*.

Later,

John



WHAT'S DRIVING DAVID F



by David Crabtree, Zeitung Editor



I've been thinking about Porsches and rocks. Richard Henson sent me this picture of his new Porsche in front of El Capitan, and it got my attention. At first I noticed that the color of his car and the color of the rock were very similar. Of course, light and time of day have much to do with the color of any Porsche, and if you've spent any time around rocks, especially big ones, you'd know that they usually respond to light and time of day the same way. The Porsche is one ex-

ample of strength and beauty, El Cap, yet another.

I just got back from a week in the High Sierra backpacking with my daughter. I continue to be amazed by the impact light has on the rock, the grass, the flowers, and on everything. It's definitely gotten me thinking about reality again – yes I wonder about it more than most. (Maybe you've noticed that about me.) Reality often appears different to different people – even different to the same person at different times. But, whatever it is, reality is the strength that remains unchanged under the outward appearances.

As light moves, as the Sun moves across the sky, the appearance of objects often changes. The way the paint on a Porsche is affected by the movement of the Sun continues to capture my attention and my imagination. Have you ever wondered, "What color is that?" I wonder often. And, in spite of the way the color changes, the underlying strength remains. Porsche cars are the result of refinements worked out over years; thre strength of which is fully realized when sitting behind the wheel diving hard into a tight corner. And El Cap speaks for itself.

The changes we see, often subtle in nature, remind me that things are usually not what they seem. People are the same way. So many of us look one way at work, another at home, and yet another when out with friends or around strangers. Just like the paint on our Porsches, the boldness and the strength of El Capitan, people are all individual and unique. And, no mater how we look in different settings, the underlying strength which is unique to each of use, remains.

Each of us has a variety of gifts and talents to offer each other, the club, our larger communities and the world. Do you think about what you have to offer? Have you reflected on what you have offered already and the impact it has made on the people, places, and things around you? Every once in a while I remember to think about my contributions, the ones I've made and the ones I have yet to deliver. I hope you do to.

See you on the road!

David

The Porsche Pantry

By Shari Walker



For all dinner meetings, bring raffle prizes & canned food.

Please reach deep into your pantries and when you shop, grab a few extra things to donate at the dinner meeting. Our community liaison recommends rice, beans, canned vegetables, soups, cereal products, masa flour, etc. These items can be bought in

bulk. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Again, if you forget, bring money; we'll give one raffle ticket for each \$2.00 donated.

Thank you for wearing your name tag!

It makes it so much easier for getting acquainted. Have you lost yours? Or just don't have one yet?

Call Tom Amos, 222-9285 or
tamos@towerusa.com

And you will have one for just \$8. They will be delivered at an upcoming dinner meeting.

Contact Information

Porsche Parade 2007 in San Diego



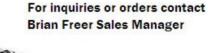






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Upcoming Sequoia Region Events



August

Mon 8/6 Board Meeting @ Scott's

Tues 8/14 Dinner meeting @ Jon's Bear Club, \$32.00 (tax & gratuity included)

Maximum seating 50, reservations by 5PM Aug 12th. Christine 645-0501

or richardcmr@hotmail.com

Sun 8/19 Coffee & brunch run – Meet @ Starbucks Ft. Washington & Friant Rd.

8:30 departure for a drive through the foothills including O'neals, North Fork, Kerkhoff Powerhouse, Auberry, and ending with brunch at Humphrey's Sta tion. The route will include some pleasant roads mingled with twisties. Drop me a note if you think you will attend. I'd like a rough (not firm) count for

brunch. Info: David Crabtree 960-1129 or doclcsw@yahoo.com

September

Mon 9/10 Board Meeting - Goerlich

Tues 9/11 Dinner meeting – Joy Luck Chinese Cuisine 7899 N. Blackstone (Blackstone

& Nees, Villagio Shopping Center) \$17.00 (tax & gratuity in cluded) Reservations by Sept. 9th. Christine 645-0501 or

richardcmr@hotmail.com

Fri 9/14-16 Santa Barbara Wine & Garden Tour – Info: Fred Scott (559) 733-3572

or fscott@fscottassoc.com

Sat 9/22 Porsche Equinox Picnic run. Meet @ Starbucks Temperance Ave & Highway

168 – 9 a.m. Pack your favorite potluck picnic faire for a beautiful end of sum mer run to, and picnic at, Courtwright Reservoir, high out of the heat of the

valley.

Info: David Crabtree 960-1129 or doclosw@yahoo.com



<u>Dinner Meeting Reminders</u>: Those who cancel their reservation after the deadline or fail to show up for the dinner will be billed for their meals.

Please bring raffle prizes and canned foods

Sequoia Region Calendar of events: http://www.pca.org/sqa/events.htm

Zone 7 Calendar: http://www.pca.org/zone7/index.php?page=calendar

PCA Region Focus Online (Monthly newsletter at the PCA website)

The current and past issues of PCA's Regionfocus can be downloaded here: https://www.pca.org/members/region_focus.html

Wanted: PCA History

By Ellen Beck, PCA National Historian

An important goal of an historian is to collect and archive significant items of our club's history, in addition to the typical paper records and documents. Our premier national event since our club's inception has been the national Porsche Parade, yet we have very few examples of Parade memorabilia in our collection.

I hope to acquire a selection of memorabilia from each of our 51 previous Parades which would include the following items: a Parade binder, a Schedule of Events, a Trophy, a logo patch, decal and grille badge, a wine glass and a Yearbook (from Parades that had these items), and any other unique items, video and photos from individual Parades. I appeal to our membership to consider donating any of these items (or other historical items) where you may have duplicates or find you no longer have the room or inclination to store your old Parade memories. They will find a welcoming home and attractive display space in our new National Offices.

Please contact Ellen Beck at historian@pca.org or (301) 788-0370, or Vu Nguyen at admin@pca.org or (703) 321-2111 if you have questions or are able to assist in our search. Items may be mailed to the PCA National Office at P.O. Box 1347, Springfield, VA 22151. A PCA Certificate of Appreciation will be sent as a thank you for your generosity.

Classifieds

<u>1975 Porsche Targa</u>. Want a rust free California car, all original inside and out (except for the wheels, but they look great)? The engine had a major \$6000 rebuild in '94, driven to work for a couple years, and then essentially driven on an occasional basis just to keep the "juices flowing". Recently the clutch and linkage were rebuilt, head bolts, cylinder studs, engine bearing, case savers, etc repaired, another \$3800. We Porschephiles know that our older "Babies" can be expensive to maintain, but after all of these loving repairs, this particular "Baby" should be in as good of condition as 37 year old Porsche should be. It's your daily driver/autocross car! \$8950.00 Phone Vic @ 559-323-9888 For pictures log on to http://picasaweb.google.com/gmoneynd/PicturesOfPorscheForEbay.



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We will have 50 tickets for both the Saturday, August 25, 2007 for the Grand AM race and Sunday, August 26, 2007 for the IRL race to be held at Infineon Raceway.

The price for these tickets is both days... for the great price of \$50.00 with a portion of the ticket sales going to our Charity, CASA! Regular ticket prices for the weekend are \$90.00 in advance and \$90.00 at the gate, so a substantial savings is to be had.

We will have our Porsche car corral in the grass at the top of Turn 2 on both days!

Send your check made out to **PCA Redwood Region** and number of tickets needed to:

Kurt Fischer President - Redwood Region 3660 Kelsey Knolls, Apt 212 Santa Rosa, CA 95403 707-570-1858

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Presented by Sierra Nevada Region, Porsche Club of America

Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9, 2007

Meet & Greet/Tech Quiz - Saturday, 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. Historian Inn, Gardnerville, Nevada

Basque Dinner - Saturday, 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. JT's Basque Restaurant, Gardnerville, Nevada

Zone 7 Concours #6 - Sunday, 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, Nevada

For more information, contact Clindy Wyett at 775.856.2540 or wyett@charter.net. Visit our web site http://snv.pca.org/ for full details and registration form.





Open to all cars, not just Porsches. • Cost is \$20.00 per car.

Entry fees donated to Child Advocates.

Registration opens at 8:45 A.M. • Driver/Navigator meeting at 9:30 A.M.

First-Timer meeting at 9:45 A.M. • First car out at 10:01 A.M.

The Rally is specially designed for first timers and beginners.

This is a Time/Speed/Distance (TSD) rally. Beginners and First-Timers will be given mileage or street names at most turning points. Rally classes include Beginner, Novice, Expert Unequipped, and Expert Equipped. Classes will be based on experience and equipment. The most experienced occupant in the car will determine the class. The rally covers about 100 miles and will take approximately four hours to complete.

Directions: Registration and start are at Carlsen Porsche in Redwood City. From US 101, take the Marsh Road exit East and turn left at the signal onto Haven Avenue.

For information, contact Larry Adams at (650) 345-2232 or e-mail OldCarNut@aol.com

Porscheplatz Events at Road Atlanta and Laguna Seca ALMS Upcoming Races

There will be a PCA Membership station within the Porscheplatz for two great American Le Mans Series races in October. First up is the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta, Braselton, Georgia, on October 5-6. Next comes the final ALMS round at the Monterey Sports Car Championships at Laguna Seca, Monterey, California, on October 19-20. The Porscheplatz is hosted by Porsche Cars North America and Porsche Motorsport North America with the cooperation of the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) and the American Le Mans Series. There will be scheduled appearances by Porsche race drivers for informal talks and autographs. In addition, IMSA will offer supervised Parade laps of the track with a two lap maximum open to the first 100 registered Porsches on a first come, first serve basis. Registration for the Parade Laps and drawings will be at the Porscheplatz hospitality tent. Special features for the weekend will include a "Long Distance Award," raffle and a drawing for a "Hot Pit" escorted tour with a Porsche race team.



For information on the Road Atlanta Porscheplatz contact Zone 3 Rep Allan Cox, 865-577-7936 or allancox@aol.com

For information on the Laguna Seca Porscheplatz, contact Zone 7 Rep, Larry Sharp, 925-371-2258 or larrysharp@comcast.net

For all Porscheplatz events, visit the IMSA website, www.imsaracing.net for the latest event schedule. Parking in the Porscheplatz will be for Porsches only and requires purchase of a Porscheplatz parking ticket from the venue ticket office. "For Sale" signs on cars will not be permitted. For drawings and awards, participants must be present to win. For ticket information please visit the individual venues: www.roadatlanta.com or 800-849-7223 and www.laguna-seca.com or 800-327-7322.



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Zone 7 Concours d'Elegance #7 Heather Farms Park

Heather Farms Park 301 N. San Carlos Drive at Ygnacio Valley Road Walnut Creek, CA 94596

September 16, 2007

Registration opens at 8:00 A.M. Judging begins around 10:00 A.M.



Fees: Judged cars - \$20.00 per car If you help judge - \$10.00 per car Display only - \$5.00 per car



Zone 7 Concours d'Elegance rules are available at http://zone7.pca.org.rules/Concours.pdf

For information, contact Larry Sharp at larrysharp@comcast.net or call 925.371.2258

PORSCHE IN THE NEWS

AUSTRALIAN RYAN BRISCOE AND GERMAN SASCHA MAASSEN GIVE PENSKE PORSCHE RS SPYDER FOURTH STRAIGHT OVERALL ALMS WIN; BERNHARD/DUMAS GIVE PORSCHE ONE-TWO FINISH

--Johannes van Overbeek/Joerg Bergmeister give Flying Lizard Motorsports and Porsche its first win of the season in GT2--

LAKEVILLE, Conn. July 7, 2007

With more than 150 Porsche owners and their families looking on from Lime Rock Park's Porsche Platz, the Penske Motorsports Porsche RS Spyders scored a one-two overall victory as well as an LMP2 class win at the American Le Mans Series Northeast Grand Prix today.

The #6 team car, driven by Ryan Briscoe (Australia) and Sascha Maassen (Germany) took the lead from the #7 Penske Porsche of Romain Dumas (France) and Timo Bernhard (Germany) when Briscoe passed Bernhard with only 25 minutes left in an action-packed two-hour, 45-minute event. Dumas had put his Porsche on the pole with a fast practice time after qualifying had been rained out, and he led the race for the first hour before handing the car over to Bernhard during the first of many yellow flags. Bernhard continued to lead with Briscoe running second until the final pit stops, again under yellow, when Briscoe's car got fresh tires and Bernhard stopped for fuel only.

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"It was a good call by Roger Penske, as it gave Timo a quick pit stop to maintain the lead, but gave us fresh tires in case something happened and we had to battle the Acuras at the finish," said Briscoe, who has now won two races in a row overall: Salt Lake City and Lime Rock - with Maassen.

"There were no team orders other than we better avoid running in to each other so, with fresh tires and a good run on Timo down the straightaway, I was able to get by him cleanly," he said.

Bernhard and Dumas still lead the LMP2 points chase after six events with 107 points they won overall at Long Beach and Houston, while Maassen and Briscoe are second with 98 points. The Acura team of Brabham/Johansson is third with 68 points. Porsche leads the engine manufacturers' points over Acura, 119 to 86.

Fourth overall and fourth in class was the Chris Dyson (USA)/Guy Smith (England) Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyder. Smith put the car on the front row with a fast practice time, and Dyson was challenging for the lead early in the race when he was penalized for moving over in lane after the green flag dropped, a decision the team disputed, but to no avail. The Dyson Racing Porsche team car of Andy Wallace/Butch Leitzinger was fifth in class and sixth overall.

In the GT2 class, the Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR driven by Johannes van Overbeek and Joeg Bergmeister, after four second-place finishes, broke through for their first win of the season and the first win for Porsche's latest version of the 911 race car. The team was running fifth when the three Ferraris ahead of them crashed into each other in one of the most bizarre incidents ever witnessed in the American Le Mans Series. Then, they took the lead when the Rahal Letterman Porsche of Ralf Kelleners/Tom Milner had to pit for a flat tire. Kelleners/Milner settled for second place, their best finish of the season. Despite the finish being their first win, the consistent podium finishes for Bergmeister and van Overbeek have put them into the GT2 points lead as the Ferrari crash left the former leaders Melo/Salo with only two points.

PORSCHE CARS NORTH AMERICA ANNOUNCES TEAMS FOR 2007 TRANSSYBERIAN RALLY

Three-car North American team to tackle one of the world's most challenging rally routes in specially prepared 2008 Porsche Cayennes

ATLANTA, July 11, 2007 --- Three Cayennes from Porsche Cars North America will be among the 50 entries to the Steppes of Russia, the challenging foothills of the Urals and the fearsome Gobi Desert in this August's TransSyberian Rallye, a true contest of man and machine versus nature.

Beginning August 3rd in Moscow, the three Porsche Cayennes will set out on the 3,850-mile route traversing the Ural Mountains, winding through pristine sub-arctic forests up to the rugged peaks of the Altai Mountains, continuing across the sprawling, barren Mongolian plains and through the legendary Gobi Desert, the southernmost point of the rally, prior to reaching the finish line August 17th in Ulaanbaatar, the Mongolian capital.

"It will be a grueling 15 days," said Peter Schwarzenbauer, president of Porsche Cars North America. "I believe that this rally not only demands the most from the driver and co-driver, but from the vehicle as well. It will take power, toughness and absolute dependability to conquer the challenges this rally presents."

The three teams, two from the United States and one from Canada, are comprised of some well known names in North American Motorsports.

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* Team USA 1 - Rod Millen and Richard Kelsey

Millen has won rally championships on three continents. He has won a class victory at the 24 Hours of Daytona; dominated the Mickey Thompson Off-Road Racing series winning the truck title three years in a row; He is also a multi-time overall winner of the famed Pike's Peak Hill Climb. Kelsey has won both as a driver and co-driver At the Baja 1000, The Pike's Peak Hill Climb and the SCCA National Rally Championship

* Team USA 2 - Jeff Zwart and Paul Dallenbach

Between Jeff Zwart and Paul Dallenbach, the team has accumulated nine overall and class championships at the Pike's Peak Hill Climb, the 2nd oldest race in the U.S. In addition Zwart has been U.S. Open Class PRO Rally champion and a class-winner at the infamous Baja 1000. Dallenbach's credentials include being a three-time winner of the Alcan Rally and includes racing in almost every professional road-race series in SCCA and IMSA

* Team Canada - Kees Nierop and Laurance Yap

Nierop has won an overall victory in the legendary 12 Hours of Sebring in addition to numerous other endurance racing wins; Rothman's Porsche Cup champion; Co-drove the Porsche 961 (the racing version of the iconic Porsche 959) for the factory team. Laurance Yap is an award-winning journalist and photographer from Toronto, Canada who writes for such publications as Driven, the Toronto Star and CanadianDriver.Com

While the North American teams will compete against entries from Europe, South and Central America and Asia, all of the teams will have to compete against the same unrelenting elements on the plains, mountains and desert of Eurasia.

This is an extreme form of competition and with the toll this route could potentially take on the participants, the comfort of the Cayenne will be a tremendous plus as well, said Schwarzenbauer.

The Porsche Cars North America entered teams will be competing in all new 2008 Porsche Cayenne S TransSyberias which have been specially built and prepared by Porsche for long-distance rallies and will be making their debut in the TransSyberia Rallye. The modifications are primarily to meet required safety regulations (roll cages and padding; additional seat belts, etc) and to enhance off road durability (skid plates; auxiliary lighting, etc); the mechanical components of these specially prepared Cayennes remain unchanged including their new 4.8-liter, V8, 385 horsepower direct injection engines.

For further information on the 2008 Porsche Cayenne TransSyberia, go to: www.porsche.com/all/Transsyberia2007/international.aspx. For additional information on the 2007 edition of the TransSyberian Rallye, go to: www.Transsyberian-rallye.com

BERNHARD/DUMAS LEAD PORSCHE RS SPYDER OVERALL WIN AT ALMS MID-OHIO; BERG-MEISTER/VAN OVERBEEK GUIDE FLYING LIZARD PORSCHE 911 GT3 RSR TO GT2 WIN

LEXINGTON, Ohio – July 21 – Timo Bernhard (Germany) and Romain Dumas (France) combined a perfect drive with precise Penske Motorsports pit stops, a race car with a good set-up, good fuel strategy, and Porsche RS Spyder speed and reliability to repeat their 2006 overall win on Saturday at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, round seven of the American Le Mans Series.

Teammates Sascha Maassen (Germany) and Ryan Briscoe (Australia) took their Penske Porsche RS Spyder to a second-place finish, giving Penske and Porsche their fifth overall win in a row,

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and sixth win in a row in the LMP2 class. Bernhard and Dumas, with three overall and LMP2 wins, have earned

127 points, while Maassen and Briscoe have 114 points. The Acura drivers David Brabham and Stefan Johansson are third with 74 points. Porsche leads Acura in the LMP2 engine manufacturers' points, 139-99.

For Bernhard, this win was especially rewarding as he and Romain had the pole last year, but had to start at the back of the field because of a technical violation – the pair had never won a race after starting on the pole.

"I wasn't sure after the start that we could hold the lead going into the first corner, and Sascha and I were side-by-side, but I took the lead and we had a good day. This race was won in the pits, as we gained the final advantage by not filling up during our last pit stop. It meant less weight – which allowed us to go faster and save the tires – and less time than the Audi in the pits," said Bernhard, who won here with Dumas in 2004 in the Alex Job Racing Porsche 911 GT3 RSR as well.

"The Audi was really quick today, so we thought we would just aim for an LMP2 win," said Dumas.

"When it became clear we couldn't catch the Audi, we pitted, but then the Audi pitted at the same time. The Penske Motorsports team beat the Audis out of the pits all day, and they never caught us after that," Dumas said.

"Nothing was easy for us today, but the drivers were fast, but careful, following the strategy and guiding the Porsches to victory," said Tim Cindric, president of Penske Racing.

"We have won races in the pits all year, and we are really proud of our entire team for their efforts," said Cindric.

The Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyders were right behind the leading LMP2 Acura, finishing fourth and fifth in class and sixth and seventh overall. The Butch Leitzinger/Andy Wallace entry, after running as high as second overall early in the event, was fifth in class, and the Chris Dyson/Guy Smith car was sixth in LMP2.

In GT2, the leading Ferraris again took themselves out while leading the class, with the Enge/Mueller Ferrari crashing into the Melo/Salo Ferrari while the pair were first and second. Both cars incurred penalties, and the #45 Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR took advantage as it did two weeks ago at Lime Rock by scoring its second straight win. Jorg Bergmeister and Johannes van Overbeek stretched their GT2 class drivers points lead to eight points over Melo/Salo, and Flying Lizard Motorsports took over the points lead in the team championship.

"It takes teamwork, car preparation, good pit stops, and smart driving to win a race, and we had all that today," said van Overbeek, one of the team owners as well as a driver.

"If someone ahead of us wants to make a mistake, we will be right there to take advantage," he said.

The team Flying Lizard Porsche of Seth Neiman/Lonnie Pechnik was fourth in GT2, duplicating their best finish of the year (fourth at Lime Rock, while the Tim Pappas/Terry Borcheller Team Trans Sport Racing Porsche was fifth, also duplicating their fifth place at Lime Rock.

The American Le Mans Series was telecast on a tape-delayed basis on Sunday, July 22, at 2:00 EDT on CBS-TV. Complete results are available on www.americanlemans.com.

