



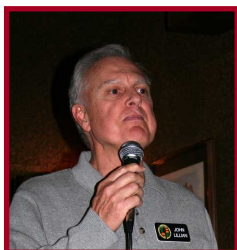
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PCA-SEQUOIA REGION



THE PREZ SAYS...

by John Lillian



Our dinner meeting on October 9th at the Veni Vidi Vici restaurant was great. We had a wonderful meal and had a great turnout. Thanks to Chris and Evie for putting another fabulous dinner meeting.

Last weekend Mel and Evie Dias put on a tour to Lake Tahoe. It rained on the trip up to Tahoe, but then the weather was great. We stopped along the way to tour and visit with Dutch and Sue Green's new home. It was beautiful, located in the town of Pioneer, Ca. From there we continued onto Lake Tahoe. In the evening we had wine and appetizers on the patio at the Dias' home in Zephyr Cove. On Saturday we cruised across the lake on the M.S. Dixie. We also had a great dinner at the restaurant on the top of Harvey's Casino. We had a great time and a safe trip home on Sunday.

As most of you know, next year is our 50th anniversary for our region. We are in the planning stages for events next year. We will need volunteers to help on committees and events. So if you would like to get involved in our 50th year we would love to have you.

Contact any of our board members to find out what committees and events you would like to work on.

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 15th. Sign up slips will be handed out. We have to know how many people will be attending so we can order the food.

Our dinner meeting on November 13th is at the Strings Italian Cafe. Please contact Chris Richard for your reservations and remember to bring raffle prize and canned food for the needy families. Thanks.

See you there... John

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"Plavin Family Racing"

Next month's submission deadline – 11/23/07





MEMBERSHIP REPORT...

by Margie Back



Welcome to Ardy and Colette (Kruck) Kheradpir, who are now new members of our Region. Don & Marilyn Pitman have introduced them to us. Ardy is an oral surgeon, known as Dr. Pir to his patients (easier to pronounce, I think). They have a son, age 4-1/2, and are expecting another child. They were both raised in North Africa, came to Tufts University in Boston, and now they've been in Fresno about five years.

Our many 2007 new members are becoming more and more integrated, attending events and even offering leadership. Thanks to **Dave Ogden** for leading a tour (already!). Thanks to **Gary Smalz** for stepping up to serve as webmaster next year. I urge everyone to wear your name tag to every event, and help us all become acquainted!



The Infamous Tahoe Tour



Well, Mel & Evie pulled this one off. We weathered the weather. We started off with 5 Porsches & one "rice burner." Mel's 911, Glenn's 911, John's 911, John's 986, Ron's 986, Lawrence's 986, and Don's Acura! Go ahead, you figure the last names!

As we gathered up at Starbucks the dark clouds came in. Rain vs. snow was the topic of conversation. We left Starbucks & headed north; at Merced it started to drizzle; at Snelling, our first potty stop, it was still wet. Continuing on up 59, Mel missed the left hand turn, flipped a "U", and then found J59. Alas, no rain for a while.

On up the road, ...well, Mel missed the turn to Sonora and made a left hand turn across a double yellow line while ignoring the "No Left Turn" sign! Oh well ... the rest of us continued up the road, crossed the double yellow and made a legal right hand turn. We had easy going through Sonora on to San Andreas for our 2nd potty stop.

We were on to Jackson and onto "88" to Pioneer for our lunch stop at Meadow's Golf Course. Dutch & Sue were waiting for us, in the rain. We had a great lunch. There was more rain as we left Meadow's with Dutch & Sue leading us to their "Estate". WOW! Did I say a 4 car garage, plus a large workshop attached to a house, with 1 foot thick walls, R59 insulation, tile work and painting by Sue? (We weren't sure what Dutch does.) After many "WOW'S" and "OH'S" and "that's neat" and "How cute," Sue served us brownie's with ice cream. Thank you Dutch and Sue for that great tour of your beautiful home.

With full tummys, we took the road and headed up "88". We had still more rain, while it snowed on peaks. Absolutely beautiful ... to those of you who missed the trip. Heading down "88" to "89", past Kirkwood, past Meyers, and finally we arrived at Lake Tahoe.

The gang stopped at their Hotel, The Horizon, and checked in while the Pierce's went on to Zephyr Cove with Mel & Evie to prep for the hour of charm. Mel & Glenn jumped in Mel's Blazer & headed to the Horizon to gather everyone and to guide them back to Mel's. Right hand turn, then left hand, left hand, left hand and yet, another left hand. Evie & Marilyn had prepped the food for 25. Evie outdid her self on the food. Thank you Evie. We had lots of food and wine and we ate & ate & ate. Then Mel BBQ'ed his great flank steak & we ate more; needless to say we did not go out for dinner that night. Our road trip quiz winners were Pittman's - 1st, Walkers last for worst score, & Coelho's won for guessing the correct miles traveled. 254. The rest of the evening we just relaxed and conversed at Mel & Evie's for a great relaxing evening.

At 10:00 a.m. the next morning the shuttle picked us up at the Horizon for the ride to Zephyr Cove where we met the Paddle Wheeler for a ride across Lake Tahoe to Emerald Bay & back. The day was nice and sunny with a light breeze; there were lots of Porsche pushers & lots of B.S. too. Back on the shuttle, back to the Horizon and a short walk to Wolfgang Puck's for lunch. Then free time to see the sights or ????. We met at 5:45 p.m. at the Horizon for the walk to Harvey's to have dinner at 19 on the 19th floor. We had a wonderful dinner and the view was to-die-for. So was the Cotton Candy brought out when we paid the bill. I wonder who O.D.'ed on that???? Sunday A.M. we met at Horizon & headed back to Fresno. "89", "88", "99". Great trip! Thanks to Mel & Evie for the tour, for the use of their home and, by the way - a little known fact - The Dias' home overlooks Tiger Woods' Estate. He's a little closer to the lake though!!

Chow, Marilyn Pierce





WHAT'S DRIVING DAVID ?

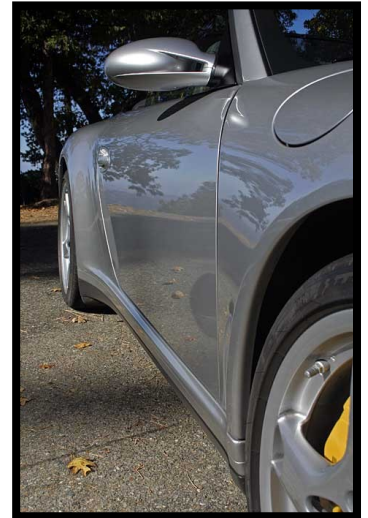
by David Crabtree, Zeitung Editor



It's been another busy Porsche month. Tours took us to Lake Tahoe and through the foothills. We shared dinner, lunch and social hours with our Porsche friends. As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, with the sun staying visible for fewer and fewer hours each day, it seems we are prone to spending more time indoors. However, there are still some great opportunities to drive our cars, share time with our friends, and enjoy the changing weather in the Central Valley Region. Maybe there is at least one good run left before you review Dave's Tech Tips, store your car for the winter "chill" and cozy up to a fire and a football game.

See you on the road!

David



October '07 Lunch Run



Winter Porsche Storage Tips

By Dave Goerlich, Technical/Safety Chairman



What is the best way to protect your Porsche during storage? What problems should be addressed for winter storage?

Pests – Weather – Sun – Moisture - Exterior damage

Pests: Mice seem to do the most damage. They chew through seat upholstery and headliners. They use seat foam, hood insulation, and carpet to make their nests. A good tip when you store the automobile is to put a small package of D-Con in easily seen places. That way, the next time you use the vehicle, you'll see the D-Con and throw it away.

Weather: The best place to store your automobile is in a garage with some light during the day. Cover the vehicle with a good car cover and not material made of plastic. The car cover must breathe.

Sun: Sun is the worst enemy of your vehicle's soft parts and finish. The car cover will solve this problem and protect it from the sun. If you store in a garage, you'll want to protect from direct sun shining through the windows.

Moisture: Since the vehicle is stored indoors, we are concerned about moisture that can collect in the interior and exterior of the vehicle causing rust, mildew, and finish damage. Place charcoal and a box of Arm & Hammer baking soda in the interior and trunk to absorb moisture, preventing mildew and odors. Keep the windows open a little bit and the trunk lid "popped" open. This will allow fresh air to flow.

Exterior damage: Store the vehicle in a clean condition. Wash and wax the vehicle before storage.

A good product to put in your gasoline tank for storage is Sta-bil. This is a product to stabilize the gasoline during storage. The product can be purchased at any auto parts store. Be sure to follow the directions on the container.

If these simple steps are followed, your Porsche will be ready for the next outing.

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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

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

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And you will have one for just \$8.

They will be delivered at an upcoming dinner meeting.

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Upcoming Sequoia Region Events



November

Mon 11/5 Board Meeting - Pierce Home

Tues 11/13 Dinner Meeting at **Strings Italian Cafe**, 1568 E. Champlain Dr. (NE Corner, Champlain & Shepherd) \$20.00 (tax and gratuity included). Reservations by 11/10. Evie 446-0400 or emdias@comcast.net

Sat 11/17 Brunch Tour - Meet at Starbucks, Shaw & Highway 41 at 8:30 a.m. for a pleasant tour from the valley floor up to the edge of the High Sierra. For info call David: 960-1129 or email: 4aGdTym@renntech.org

December

Mon 12/3 Board Meeting—Lillian Home

Sat 12/8 Deadline for Christmas Dinner Party reservations – should have been mailed a week prior....

Mon 12/17 **Christmas Dinner party** – mark your calendars now! See included advertisement on [page 6](#).

Dinner Meeting Reminder: *Those who cancel their reservation after the deadline or fail to show up for the dinner will be billed for their meals.*

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

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



Letters to the Editor

By Concerned PCA Member



Open letter to the Club,

Our club is made up of members who gather together to do many events. The key thing about our club is that we all do things for the club for the pure pleasure of doing it; no one gets paid, they all just volunteer their time to join with their friends to have fun. Since I have said that, now I must remind people that our events are put on by volunteers who are just regular members of our club like anyone else. If after all their hard work and time spent, they might have done something you didn't like, please take a short time to pause and think of the consequences if you make someone feel unappreciated. When you criticize a volunteer you're almost guaranteed to lose a volunteer. Some volunteers can take a lot of abuse and some can't. But no one likes it.

The one thing that is sure to drive an active participating member away is to be told how bad they have done by someone who has no intention of helping do a better job or is a member that is only on the sidelines, not helping to make the club better in some way.

Please, if you feel that an event wasn't done correctly, or an article was written poorly, or the pictures were too fuzzy, don't complain about it, just step forward and help out. If you are noticing those types of things, then don't you think the club needs your skills to do those jobs better?

PCA Sequoia Region Christmas Dinner 2007

Join us for a Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 15, 2007

6:30 pm Social Hour
(bring your own drinks)

7:30 pm Dinner

at

California Motoring Company
1063 Brookhaven Dr. # 101
Clovis, CA 93612

No cost for PCA Members (bring a food item to share)
Guests are welcome at a cost of \$20.00 per guest.

RSVP for the 2007 Sequoia Region Christmas Party
please complete this form and mail with your check to:

Christine Richard
16211 La Canada
Madera, CA 93638

Questions: Call Christine 675-0501 or Evie 446-0400

Phone reservations not accepted

Reservations must be received by December 8th

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

☐ PCA Member Dinners

☐ Guest Dinners @ \$20

You can expect me to bring:

☐ Hors D'Ouvres

☐ Salad

☐ Dessert

Quantity Price

	No charge

Total: _____

☐ Check Enclosed

Please Note: No-show and late cancellations will be billed \$20 each member and/or guest.

Sacramento Valley Region-PCA

November Driver's Education Event

SVR Is Invited To Attend This Event

November 9th and 10th Thunderhill at Willows, California

We have openings in all Run Groups

Drivers Education

- High-Speed Driving School for Beginners and Novices
- In Car Instruction available
- Classroom/Download Sessions
- Novice Run Group run under PCA Rules

Balance of 2007 DE Event's

· **Thunderhill** - Friday/Saturday, November 9th & 10th

(TMR T-Hill Season Closer) - TMR Event - Registration Open

· **Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca**, Thurs Dec 6 - - TMR Event - Registration Open

· **Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca**, Fri, Dec 7 (SVR PCA Event) - Registration Open

*TMR events are operated by Doug Gale of TrackMasters Racing with SVR being invited to attend.
SVR is not a sponsor or have any operational responsibilities*

SVR sponsored events are operated strictly as a SVR/PCA event with Logistic Assistance by Doug Gale/TMR.

DE events are not intended as a timed or race event. Any timing is done for personal purposes only, and is not part of the operation of the event.

Each run group is limited to 20-28 participants to maximize track time and minimize congestion. Registration is first- come, first-served. For more information, please contact SVR Drivers Education Chair Frederick D. Rauch at deevents@svr.pca.org or 916-989-0580 or go register at: www.trackmasters-racing.com

Accommodations: Thunderhill, we blocked out 20 Rooms at Best Western Golden Pheasant Inn
\$64.95 - King, \$59.95 - 2 Doubles and \$69.95 - Two Queens
Call (530) 934 4603 for reservations.

Remember to mention the track event when you call to make your hotel reservation.

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PORSCHE IN THE NEWS!

DUMAS/BERNHARD CLINCH 2007 AMERICAN LE MANS SERIES LMP2 CHAMPIONSHIP WITH TENTH CLASSWIN IN ELEVEN TRIES; PENSKE PORSCHE RS SPYDER SECOND OVERALL

BRASELTON, Georgia – October 6, 2007 – Romain Dumas (France) and Timo Bernhard (Germany), with help from Patrick Long (USA), completed their season-long quest for the 2007 American Le Mans Series LMP2 drivers championship by winning their fifth class victory in a row and coming within one second of the overall win at the tenth running of the 1000-mile Petit Le Mans classic at Road Atlanta in their #7 Penske Porsche RS Spyder.

Despite a 200-horsepower deficit to the Audi prototypes, the Penske Porsche RS Spyders had won eight races in a row overall in addition to their 11 class wins, and Dumas/Bernhard/Long came within a second of making it nine this evening. With 30 minutes remaining in the race, Dumas was leading overall by 37 seconds when a late-race yellow flag closed up the field and gave the more powerful Audi a chance to catch and pass the Porsche. Dumas kept the LMP1 prototype in sight, but could not get by for the overall win.

“Timo and I are very pleased to win the LMP2 championship together – our first title as a driving pair. Penske racing prepared a perfect car, and they gave me the go-ahead to chase for the overall win once we determined the LMP2 title was secure. I tried my best, but we are very satisfied with the season we had – especially those six overall wins,” said Dumas, who earned his first ALMS drivers title. Bernhard has won two ALMS titles – one in a Porsche 911 GT3 RSRs in GT2.

Bernhard, who has an overall victory at the Daytona 24 Hours, an ALMS championship, and a class win at Le Mans to his credit, was happy to share this moment with his co-driver. “I knew from the first time we co-drove together in 2005 that we could win a championship, but this year was beyond my dreams. We had a great team effort today, and the whole Porsche and Penske organization deserves this championship,” said Bernhard.

Patrick Long, who has also won an ALMS title and has two Le Mans class wins to his credit, just wanted to help the effort. “It was a fantastic opportunity for me, but because Timo and Romain were so close to locking up the championship, my first goal was to bring the car home in one piece. I wasn’t about to screw up,” said Long. “It was a perfect day for Penske Racing as we achieved many of the goals we set out to accomplish for 2007. We had already won the LMP2 team championship, and helped Porsche clinch the engine and chassis titles, and now we have won the drivers championship. The eight overall wins we have scored have far exceeded our expectations,” said Tim Cindric, president of Penske Racing, Inc. “We also showed that our cars are both fast and reliable in this tough 1000-mile event,” said Cindric.

Making it a one-two LMP2 finish for the Porsche was the Chris Dyson (USA)/Guy Smith (England) Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyder, which finished third overall and second in class. Dyson/Smith, who ran in the top five in class all day, earned their high finish despite the fact they were fighting the setup on the car all race. “It feels great to be on the podium after a near-miss four weeks ago in Detroit. We were not the fastest car as we were a little to conservative in our set-up, but the Dyson racing team persevered,” said Smith.

The second Dyson Porsche and the second Penske Porsche also finished in the top ten overall and the top six in class, with Andy Wallace/Butch Leitzinger/Andy Lally fourth in class and sixth overall for the #16 Dyson Porsche RS Spyder, and Sascha Maassen/Ryan Briscoe/Emmanuel Collard seventh overall and fifth in class for the #6 Penske Porsche RS Spyder. The Penske car suffered a broken steering rack and suspension damage due to an accident – resulting in a long pit stop, while the Dyson car had ignition and electrical problems – slowing the car on several occasions.

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In the GT2 class, the #45 Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR scored a stunning victory over a strong field of Ferraris and other Porsches as regulars Johannes van Overbeek (USA) and Joerg Bergmeister (Germany) were joined by Marc Lieb (Germany) to finish first and stay in contention for the drivers championship.

The Lizards scored a two-lap win over the Tafel Racing Porsche of Wolf Henzler and Dominick Farnbacher (both Germany) as Farnbacher passed the Rahal Letterman Racing Porsche of Tom Milner, Jr. on the last lap of the race. Milner, with co-driver Ralf Kelleners, finished third.

PENSKE RACING PORSCHE RS SPYDER TEAM ENDS DREAM SEASON WITH ONE-TWO LMP2 FINISH AT LAGUNA SECA RACEWAY; 11 WINS IN 12 RACES

MONTEREY, Calif. – In an exciting race similar to the event two weeks ago at Road Atlanta, Timo Bernhard (Germany) and Romain Dumas (France) scored their eighth LMP2 win of the season in the Penske Racing Porsche RS Spyder at the American Le Mans Series finale at Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway.

Bernhard and Dumas, who clinched the drivers championship before they arrived for this race weekend, also finished second overall to the LMP1 Audi R-10. The Penske Racing Porsches also scored eight straight overall wins during the season, beating the more powerful 12-cylinder Audis on both street course and traditional road circuits. And for the last hour of the race, Dumas chased the leading Audi, passing it twice in tight corners, but not quite able to make his lead stick on the straights. “I put more than maximum pressure on him – I gave it all I had. With 200 horsepower less than the Audis, I think we gave everyone quite a show, and we are pleased with the outcome today as well as the whole season. We not only won our class championship, but we beat those guys overall eight times,” said Dumas, who celebrated his first ALMS drivers’ title.

“I could not have dreamed of a season like this – beating the overall Le Mans winners eight straight races. Penske Racing and Porsche Motorsport gave us the best of both worlds, and Romain and I are grateful for the opportunity,” said co-driver and co-champion Timo Bernhard, who is a two-time ALMS champion, having won a GT2 title with Alex Job Racing in 2004.

Bernhard said the competition for both the overall and class lead was very close in the beginning, and he decided to play it safe and see how things played out. He ended up passing the pole-sitting Penske Porsche RS Spyder of Sascha Maassen (Germany), and then went after the overall Audi leader, but traffic forced him to concentrate on the LMP2 battle. Bernhard and Dumas finished on the class podium for all 12 ALMS races.

Maassen and his co-driver Ryan Briscoe (Australia) fell to fourth place in class late in the race, but Briscoe passed the two Acuras ahead of him to finish second in class and fourth overall. Maassen and Briscoe won the LMP2 class three times this year, including two overall wins. “It’s been a wonderful season, and this one-two class finish – the 11th win in 12 races – brings back the glory days of the Porsche 917/30 for both Porsche and Penske Racing. It’s been a huge honor to be a part of this program, and we believe this puts the exclamation point on a season which will put the Porsche RS Spyder right with the 917 in Porsche racing history,” said Tim Cindric, president of Penske Racing.

Porsche and Penske Racing swept all the championships in the LMP2 class, winning the chassis and engine manufacturer’s titles, the driver’s crowns, and the team championship for the second year and a row. It was the Penske Porsche RS Spyder’s third win at Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway – the first win at the car’s debut in October, 2005.

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In the GT2 contest, three Porsche 911 GT3 RSRs and a Ferrari swapped the class lead nine times during the four-hour event, but the Salo/Melo Ferrari won the race in the end, clinching the team, driver and manufacturer's title for Ferrari. The Flying Lizard Porsche of Johannes van Overbeek/Joerg Bergmeister had an outside chance to win the drivers title, but a flat tire after an off-track excursion caused an extra pit stop which resulted in a fourth-place finish. The Tafel Racing Porsche driven by Wolf Henzler/Dominik Farnbacher finished second for the second race in a row with a late-race pass of the Rahal Letterman Porsche of Ralf Kelleners/Tom Milner, which ended up third.

Here is a summary of Porsche's record in the American Le Mans Series since its inception in 1999:

PORSCHE AMERICAN LE MANS SERIES STATISTICS (1999 – 2007)

Porsche overall wins: 9 (Mid-Ohio, '06; Long Beach, '07; Houston, '07, Salt Lake City, '07, Lime Rock, '07, Mid-Ohio '07, Road America, '07, Mosport '07, Detroit '07)

Porsche Class Victories: 83

Audi - 69

Corvette – 55

Lola - 32

Ferrari - 21

Dodge - 16

BMW - 15

Porsche LMP2 Wins: 19

Porsche GTS Wins: 2

Porsche GT/GT2 Wins: 61

Porsche 911 GT3 R/RS/RSR wins: 57

Porsche Class Poles: 74

Audi – 51

Corvette – 49

Lola/MG/AER – 31



Longest Class Winning Streak:

21 Porsche GT class wins in a row: 2002 – 2004 (started with 2002 12 Hours of Sebring - ended by Ferrari at Lime Rock 2004)

Porsche factory driver Maassen leads ALMS drivers in all-time consecutive starts 40 (streak ended at Lime Rock in 2004) and ALMS GT/GT2 class wins (22). Maassen is the only driver in ALMS to win a race every year the series has been run, including victories in 2004 at Sebring and Petit Le Mans, a 2005 LMP2 win in the new Porsche RS Spyder prototype, and 2006 wins in the RS Spyder at Salt Lake City, Road America, Petit Le Mans and Laguna Seca. Maassen continued that streak in 2007 with his St. Petersburg victory. Porsche has 83 ALMS class wins, 14 more than any other manufacturer.

Porsche has won the GT/GT2 ALMS manufacturers title seven of the eight years of ALMS' existence (including 2006 title). 2006 was Porsche's first LMP2 title, and Porsche won the drivers, manufacturers, engine and chassis titles in LMP2 for 2007.