



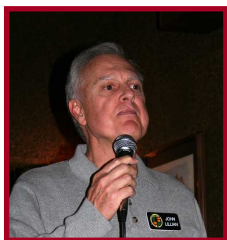
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PCA-SEQUOIA REGION



THE PREZ SAYS...

by John Lillian



Well 2008 is here and 2007 is history. We had a great year; lots of super tours and dinners. We also had many new members join us last year. What a wonderful Christmas party we had. I wish to thank Glenn Pierce and California Motors and all of the members who helped put this on. I would also like to thank Steve Spangler for cooking all of those great steaks. There were over 75 members in attendance. We gave out awards for last year.



Enthusiast of the year went to Margie Back. Tour of the year went to Chick Cherrington and David Crabtree for the Paso Robles Wine tour.

I wish to thank last year's board members for a great job, and I am looking forward to working with our new board. 2008 will be another great year with even more exciting events, with our 50th anniversary. We will be having some outstanding events starting on May 17th with a picnic and car show. We also have other events in the planning stages, so keep tuned for the happenings.

Our dinner meeting for January is at the Manhattan Restaurant. Be sure and get your reservations in early to Chris Richard or Evie Dias and be prepared for a great time and dinner.



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See you there...

John



AROUND THE ZONE

by Larry Sharp



I am starting my fourth year as Zone 7 Rep in January. It seems that the last Three years have passed faster than ever for me. I guess keeping busy makes time fly. The next big event is the annual Zone 7 Party on Jan 19th. The ads have been out for awhile so please see your local Region's newsletter or website for the details. We have a special guest attending; Kurt Gibson PCA National Vice President has agreed to attend our dinner and Presidents meeting. Now if snoozing with our National Leader isn't enough to get you to attend then please come help celebrate two special people. First we have Paul Christensen Sierra Nevada Region being put on the Zone 7 Wall of Fame. We also have Terry Zaccone receiving the Zone 7 Lifetime achievement award. If you know or have met these two fine members of Zone 7 you know how well deserved it is. Please come out and help them maybe shed a tear or two. The very next day on January 20th, Diablo Region is putting on a DE Instructor school run by the National DE Chairman Pete Tremper. The event ad is on their Regions Website.

Being Zone rep takes allot of time, and especially allot of help. I want to let you know that Larry Adams, Rik Larson, and Susan Angebrandt have all agreed to continue helping me as Zone 7 Autocross, Rally, and webmaster respectively. The New Person to step forward is Mark Gersh who will be our next Zone 7 Concours chairman. Thanks for helping out guys and girl... I can't do it with out you.

I hope everyone who has participated in our Zone events come out to receive their due rewards and trophies at the Zone dinner. It is the best feeling to receive such honors in front of your peers.



Larry & KC Sharp at the Christmas Party

See you on the road...

Larry Sharp
Zone 7 Rep



Ron Leppke Memorial

Ron Leppke, a long time PCA member, passed away Dec 27 2007 of an apparent heart attack. Ron was a member of PCA for over 40 years and was a Charter member of Diablo region. for the last three years Ron has served as the Zone 7 Photographer. He attended many events during those years taking pictures of all of us and our cars. He had a strong love for the Porsche cars and for PCA in general. His presence and his efforts for Zone 7 will be greatly missed.



WHAT'S DRIVING DAVID ?

by David Crabtree, Zeitung Editor



Happy New Year! This is sure to be a special time for the Sequoia Region of Porsche Club of America. This is the 50th anniversary year of our region. Special anniversary events are being planned – maybe you've got an idea for one. Contact one of the board members to find out how to get involved. And, there is a special 50th anniversary shirt being made: order yours today (see the enclosed advertisement).

Do you have a piece of Porsche trivia or news you'd like to share? Maybe you've been around the Region for a while and you'd like to celebrate a fond and funny Porsche Club memory. Get in touch with our Club's historian, or send me a note; we'll work out a way to bring your memory to all.

See you on the road!

David

Check out the new PCA Pod casts! <http://sqa.pca.org/podcast.htm>



Upcoming Sequoia Region Events



January

Mon 1/7

Board Meeting

Tues 1/8

Dinner Meeting—The Manhattan - Park Avenue Room 1731 W. Bullard, 6:30 social hour, 7:15 dinner \$36.00 tax and gratuity included. Reservations by Jan 4, to Evie 446-0400 or emdias@comcast.net
Submission Deadline for Photo of the Month.

Wed 1/23

February

Mon 2/4

Board Meeting

Tues 2/12

Dinner Meeting—Spaghetti Factory on Shaw, Fresno

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>

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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.

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New Harness Standard...



... For Driver Education and Track time with your Porsche.

Harness Standard Amendment:

In addition to the standard SFI and/ or FIA approved five and/or six point system, the standard will allow a four point system that meets the following requirements:

1. Meet the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 209
2. Attaches to the factory seat belt mounting points
3. Each belt is designed to work in a specific vehicle and that vehicle tag must be attached to the belt system

An example of a system that meets the above criteria is the Schroth Quick Fit system.

FAQs

- **Does the standard require identical system for both the driver and passenger?**

No..The system must be similar. For example, the driver's seat manufacturer could be Recaro and the passenger seat a Sparco model.

- **If my seat has no routing holes for the shoulder and/or anti-submarine belts, mat I cut holes myself?**

No...The holes must be installed by the manufacturer.

- **Does the Standard require routing holes for the lap belts?**

No...Although routing holes are preferred, hinged seats are acceptable. Since most harness systems are not DOT approved. The OEM belts must be worn on the street, except for New Hampshire which has no seat belt law. Lap belt routing holes can raise the seat bolster so that the three point OEM belt may not function properly.

- **What is an acceptable way to attach the harness in my Porsche?**

The preferred method is to use a roll cage, roll hoop or a triangulated truss system that uses the "B" pillars; such as the Brey-Krause harness truss.

- **When does the standard go into effect?**

The Standard goes into effect January 1, 2008.

- **Can I use the three point OEM belt over or under my harness system with a seat without routing holes?**

It is the opinion of experts in the field that the two systems are not compatible and should not be worn together.

- **Are there standards for the type of seat and/or belt system required in the Standard?**

Yes...The seat and belt system must be either FIA or SFI approved and have a date tag depicting the date of manufacture.

- **Are four point harness systems allowed?**

No four point systems are allowed in Porsches because of the integrated headrest supplied by the factory. In addition to the standard SFI and/ or FIA approved five and/or six point system, the standard will allow a four point system that meets the following requirements:

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- **Can a region enforce more rigid requirements than stated in the Standard?**

Yes. These DE Standards are minimum in nature and any region can require more rigid standards in their local DE program.



Clean Your Car for Less



You don't need to spend a lot of money or time dealing with car-cleaning problems. Cheap and easy tricks that really work...

Caution: Always test any cleaning remedy on an inconspicuous area of your car to be sure that it won't harm the car's finish. Never use scouring pads, steel wool or abrasive household cleaners on your car's finish.

Foggy windshield. A thin coat of gel shaving cream applied to the interior of your windshield and other car windows can keep them from fogging up in the winter. *To apply:* Spread the gel on the window, let dry, then use a clean cloth to rub it off. The glass should remain fog-free for days, if not longer. (This also works on bathroom mirrors.) Keep a blackboard eraser in your glove compartment to quickly wipe the glass clear without leaving streaks when it does fog up again. If your windshield seems hazy even when it's not fogged up, pour white vinegar on a clean cloth and wipe down the glass inside and out. Then wash the windshield with water, and wipe it dry.

Grime-covered headlights. Combine one cup of white vinegar, one quart of water and one tablespoon of cornstarch. Use a sponge to apply the mixture to your headlights, or you can use an old pair of panty hose. Let the cleaning solution sit for about 10 minutes, then rub off with a soft cloth.

Dirty windshield wipers. Wipe the blades with a cloth soaked in rubbing alcohol. Besides cleaning the blades, the alcohol also will reduce the amount of ice that builds up on them during storms. *Also:* Lightly run a folded piece of extra-fine sandpaper along the wiper-blade edges to remove stubborn gunk. This light sanding can help older wiper blades remain effective longer.

Bumper stickers. Soak a cloth in white vinegar, then position the cloth so that it completely covers the sticker for 30 to 60 minutes. If the sticker is on a vertical metal surface, use refrigerator magnets to hold the cloth in place. The vinegar should dissolve much of the sticker's glue, allowing you to peel it off or very carefully scrape it off using an old credit card. (Favor peeling over scraping if the sticker is on paint.) If some of the sticker's adhesive remains after the sticker has been removed, pour some vegetable oil on it and the adhesive should become much easier to rub away. If this doesn't do the trick, use a hair dryer to loosen the adhesive. Set the dryer on high, and check every few minutes to see if the sticker will peel free.

Nicks and scratches. If your car dealer doesn't have touch-up paint for your car, crayons are the cheapest way to hide ugly nicks and scratches. Find the crayon color that most closely matches that of your car, and carefully work it into the nick or scratch. Use a clean, soft cloth to wipe away any excess. This won't be a perfect fix, but it should make the flaw much less obvious. If you can't find an appropriate-colored crayon, at least apply clear nail polish to the damaged area to prevent it from rusting.

Dead bugs. Bugs and bird droppings (see below) contain acids that can damage a car's painted or chromed surface if they're not cleaned away quickly. To make bug removal easy, spray a light coat of vegetable cooking oil on your car's bumper, grille and hood before long drives. The slick oil should make it much easier to wipe away the bugs after the trip. When dead bugs do get stuck firmly to your car, dip a scrunched-up mesh onion bag, nylon net shower sponge or old pair of panty hose in warm soapy water and gently scrub off the bugs.

Bird droppings. Pour seltzer on the droppings as soon as possible. Once the seltzer stops bubbling, wipe the area with a microfiber or cotton cloth.

Helpful: Griot's Garage's Speed Wipes Travel Pack is a car-care product worth having. Keep these wipes in your glove compartment so you can clean off bird droppings when you don't have seltzer handy. Cost: \$9.99 for a pack of 20 wipes (800-345-5789, www.griotsgarage.com).

Tree sap. The easiest way to remove sap is to wipe it off before it has a chance to dry. If the sap already has dried, coat it with mayonnaise, wait a few minutes for the mayo to reduce the sap's stickiness, then gently rub with a cloth. If this fails, pour rubbing alcohol on a soft cloth, hold it against the sap for a minute, then use the cloth to gently rub away the sap. If the sap still won't budge, spray WD-40 on it. Wait a few minutes, then rub it off with a cloth. Wash the affected area after the sap has been removed. To make sure these remedies won't harm your car's finish, test an inconspicuous area.

Road tar. Put mayonnaise on the tar, wait two minutes, then wipe the area clean with a soft cloth. (Test on an inconspicuous area first.)

Grease. Grease is not as sticky as sap and tar, but it can be difficult to wash away. A simple solution is to use baby wipes. Baby wipes also can be used to clean grime off a car's vinyl or cloth upholstery. Cloth upholstery should be allowed to air-dry after a baby wipe is used, but vinyl can be wiped dry with a paper towel. Baby wipes should not be used to clean leather car interiors -- use saddle soap instead.

Bad smells. A pet has an accident in the car... a child gets sick. You clean up the mess, but the smell's still there. Put shallow bowls of white vinegar on the car's floor, in front and back. Then close the windows and leave the car overnight. In the morning, remove the bowls of vinegar and open the doors and windows for a few minutes so that any lingering vinegar smell disappears.

Bottom Line/Personal interviewed Joan Wilen and Lydia Wilen, home remedy experts in New York City. The sisters are coauthors of many books, including [*Bottom Line's Household Magic: 2,022 Money-Saving, Time-Saving, Make-It-Last Solutions and Surprising New Uses for Everyday Products!*](#), from which this article was adapted (Bottom Line Books, 800-678-5835).



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