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THE PREZ SAYS...

by John Lillian



June was another great PORSCHE month. We had our first autocross in a couple of years and it was very exciting. This was my first time autocrossing and I am hooked. What a great time driving your Porsche and seeing what you can do. We had 14 cars on the first one, lets see if we can double that on the next one.

A special thanks to the social committee for arranging another super dinner at the Chapala Grill. Thanks Chris and Evie.

June 22ND was the Yosemite Tour and they had 39 members (19 Porsches) on the tour. I understand it was a super tour except for a little smoke. Be sure and check out the tour pictures on the web site.

On July 11Th there is another tour; this one is to the Monterey Coast. This should be another fabulous time. Fred Scott has a lot activities lined up for the weekend.

Also in July there is a Concours held by Monterey Bay Region on Sunday July 27Th. <http://mby.pca.org/> Our next dinner meeting is at the Sakanaya Japanese Restaurant on July 8Th. Make your reservations with Evie 446-0400 or Chris 645-0501. And as always don't forget those raffle prizes.

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Photo of the Month



**"Man and machine
ready for autocross!"**

By: Victor Nemechek

**May POTM Submission
Deadline 7/23/08**

See you there...

John

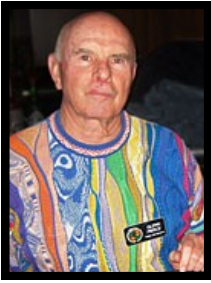


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PORSCHE PAST...

by Glenn Pierce



Here it is "THE PAST". Here is an editorial from a past president - way past! It's still true today, think about it!

I think it is time to straighten this out. I got a call from an irate reader complaining about no dinner price in the last ZEITUNG. Do you think I would screw up on purpose? Do you think I pick and choose which words to make typos on? As always in life, you get what you pay for; and since you're not paying me a thing, this is what you get!

It always amazes me how the people who offer no help and never pitch in are the ones who complain about everything - usually through the grapevine (and you all know who you are). Come to a board meeting and get yourself a job. It will certainly be an education!

How's that for an editorial?

Our Sports Car Fantasy in 1985 raised over \$7,000.00, WOW that was work.

Here's one ---- a Rally on Sat. 3/30/85, \$3.00 per car, call Ron Chun or Mel Dias. On 4/20/85 we had a tour to "The Flying Lady" in Morgan Hill \$9.00 per person for dinner. Gas @ est. \$1.25 per gal. Also Dave Goerlich had a tour to Pismo, on Beach with ATV's and dinner at McClintock's. Quite a tour and day.

Reprint from Jan. 1975 Zeitung - Pres. Tony Maslowski, Editors Jack and Margie Back, Blah, Blah Attendees: Glenn Pierce and friend Marilyn! We had dinner at the Spaghetti Factory; still doing it after all these years.

President for 1989 Glenn Pierce, V.P. Dave Goerlich, Etc, Etc. Nice letter from Keith Harrison, Infant of Prague, for our donation from Sports Car Fantasy in the amount of \$2,695.00.

March 12, 1989, another of Goerlich's famous Hobby Tours. Breakfast at Klein's (The Nap) no, on to Billy Doyles/ DBO Racing Facility, then to Romagnoli Gas Pumps and toys. Then to Milt Janzen's collection of Midget race cars, Indy cars, Toy Cars, what a collection; it's gone now. Then to dinner at the "Sherwood Inn" in Sanger. That was a great day, thanks again to Dave. Also noted Dave has an overnigher to "Pozo" Motel in Pismo under \$30.00. Wow! Dave do it again.

We had 52 members and guests at the June 1989 dinner at Jon's Bear Club, social was Marlene McGrath, that's Mike McGrath's other half!. If you do not know it, Mike McGrath has/had a low mile 1964 356 - low miles because he was shot down in Vietnam in 1966/67 or so and spent 6 to 7 years at the Hanoi Hilton. Yes, him and John McCain. If you ever get to see the Documentary on this, do so; it's something you will always remember.

Gone but not forgotten.
Until Next Time,
Glenn



For up-to-the-minute information, Check out our website: [PCA Sequoia Website](http://PCASequoiaWebsite.com)



PORSCHE TECH

by Dave Goerlich, Technical/Safety Chairman



What you should know about the new hands-free cell phone law--

Starting Tuesday July 1, 2008 all drivers 18 and older will be required to use a hands-free device to make a call. Drivers younger than 18 cannot use any electronic device while behind the wheel.

Here are some answers to questions concerning the new law.

Q. Can drivers still dial their phones to make a call?

A. Yes. But you cannot put the phone to your ear to have a conversation.

Q. Is it true that it is still legal for drivers to text message?

A. If they are 18 and older, they still can.

Q. Can a driver use a cell phone in an emergency?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you make a phone call without going hands-free while waiting at a red light?

A. No. You must park your car to make a call.

Q. Are passengers covered by this law?

A. No. It applies only to drivers.

Q. What are my options for going hands-free?

A. You can use a wired or wireless headset. Or you can use a speakerphone that is built into the phone, built into the car or a separate unit.

Q. How do I know if my phone is equipped with Bluetooth?

A. If the phone was purchased within the last two years it probably is.

Q. Are Bluetooth headsets pricey?

A. You can purchase a Bluetooth headset for as little as \$10 on line or you can spend \$150 or more for some models. The more expensive headsets often include noise cancellation technology.

Q. Do you have to use a headset?

A. No. Many phones have built-in speakerphones that will satisfy the laws requirements.

Q. How much is the fine if you are caught?

A. About \$100 counting the base fine, assessments and fees for the first offence.

Q. Will it be counted as a violation point on my driving record?

A. No. But it will appear on your driving record.

Hope this will help with some common ask questions concerning the new hands free cell phone laws.

Dave





PORSCHE PARADE



Beginning on Sunday, June 29th, you will be able to visit the Charlotte Parade web site and download photos taken at Parade events for use in your newsletters, or just to view.

A team of photographers will be working on Sunday (Concours & Paddock day), as well as all other Parade events, and they will upload their photos to the site, almost in real time.

A link on the Parade web site that will take you to the photos page. www.paradecharlotte.org

Enjoy!

Catherine Bonfiglio

Charlotte Parade Press Relations



WHAT'S DRIVING DAVID ?

by David Crabtree, Zeitung Editor



The month of June was off to a thrilling start with the return of Sequoia Auto-cross. Thanks to Dave Goerlich for finding the venue and to Kevin Molineaux for designing the course layout and teaching some of us how to use a timer. The course was driven by some long-time autoXers and some brand spanking newbies! Look and listen for info on the next date!

Summer is here! And we celebrated the Solstice with a drive through Yosemite and lunch at the Ahwahnee. What a treat to see 19 Porsches along for the run. I'm sure each participant has their favorite part. I have a hard time choosing between the grandeur of the Ahwahnee and the buffet's crème brule and smoke trout, the view from above Olmstead Point or the "trot" a few of us took on the way home through the Merced River canyon to Mariposa. Any way you slice it, it was a glorious day for a drive in a Porsche cabriolet (or coupe).

And speaking of summer has anyone besides me thought about a trip to the beach? Ask Fred. I believe he's got one heck of a trip put together. Maybe, just maybe, it isn't too late to join in. If you haven't eaten at Phil's in Moss Landing, well, just ask one of the long-time members about Phil's.

Just as we enter the summer season, I'm reminded of what is just around the corner – fall. This fall will be the third annual Equinox Picnic Run to Courtwright Reservoir. The first one was sunny and warm – two Porsche Boxsters, a twisty run to the lake and a quiet picnic amongst the trees; the second included a mixed group of five Porsche cars along dry roads with red wine and snow flurries at lunch. Either way it was a treat for sure. I'm telling you, this run is becoming the tour where the future meets the past. With its route through McKinley Grove's giant redwoods ending at the picnic area along side the crystal clear water at 8000 feet, well beyond the edge of the High Sierra, with views of large granite domes, this is a pleasure to be shared. Ancient trees and granite domes meet modern driving machines. I'm still hoping we can get a peck of pickled Cayenne's to join us on this September 21st twisty ride.

Did anyone other than me notice that this group of Porscheophiles is including younger folks more often? Hmmm... go figure. While experience is what provides leadership and continuity for any membership organization, youth is its future. What are you doing about the future of your Porsche club?

See you on the road!

David



Upcoming Sequoia Region Events



July

Mon 7/7

Board Meeting - Scott's home.

Tues 7/8

Dinner Meeting - Sakanaya Japanese Restaurant, 9447 N. Fort Washington (Friant & Fort Washington), \$35.00 (tax & gratuity included). 6:30 social hour, 7:15 dinner. Reservations to Evie by 7/4, 446-0400 or emdias@comcast.net.

Fri 7/11-13

Monterey Coast Tour - Golf, Phil's, & More ... Fred Scott, 627-1851 or fscott@fscottassoc.com

August

Mon 8/4

Board Meeting - Walker's home.

Tues 8/12

Dinner Meeting - TBA

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://sqa.pca.org/events.htm>

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



The Porsche Pantry

By Marilyn Pierce



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

Coastal Weekend

Road Trip - July 11 Thru 13

Highway 1 & Monterey Peninsula

Friday 7-11-08: Travel 198 to 101 & continue over the hills to Hwy 1, then up the coast through Big Sur & on to Monterey Peninsula.

Saturday 7-12-08: Golf @ Spyglass Hill (\$50 package) for the first 8 to sign up.
Tour the Monterey Bay Aquarium or shop in Carmel on your own.

Sunday 7-13-08: Lunch at Phil's in Moss Landing prior to heading home.

Please RSVP to Fred Scott by calling 627-1851
or email: fscott@fscottassoc.com

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

The current and past issues of PCA's "Region Focus" can be downloaded here:

https://www.pca.org/members/region_focus.html

Thank you for wearing your name tag!

It makes it so much easier for getting acquainted.
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Check out the new PCA Pod Casts!: <http://sqa.pca.org/podcast.htm>



Porsche RS Spyder One-Two in LMP2 at LeMans 24 Hr Debut



PORSCHE RS SPYDER LMP2 TEAMS FINISH ONE-TWO AT LE MANS 24 HOUR CLASSIC IN TWICE AROUND THE CLOCK DEBUT; TWO LEADING PORSCHE 911 GT3 RSRs FALL BACK IN ACCIDENT

LE MANS, France – June 15, 2008 - The 24 Hours of Le Mans premiere for the Porsche RS Spyder could not have gone better as, at the world's toughest long distance race, the sports prototype from Weissach celebrated a one-two finish in the LMP2 class.

After a trouble free run without a single technical problem, Jos Verstappen, Jeroen Bleekemolen and Peter van Merksteijn (all from The Netherlands) crossed the finish line first. The trio from the Van Merksteijn Motorsport team held an eight lap advantage at the finish over the second-placed RS Spyder of John Nielsen, Casper Elgaard (both Denmark) and Porsche works and Penske Racing driver Sascha Maassen (Germany). Starting the sports car marathon from first and second on the grid, the two teams controlled the race with their 476 hp RS Spyder right from the start.

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In contrast, the three teams with the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in the production-based GT2 category experienced bad luck. After qualifying on the pole and running first and second at the beginning of the race, an accident and technical trouble robbed all hopes of repeating last year's class victory.

"I'm thrilled that the expectations of our customer teams, Van Merksteijn Motorsport and Essex, have been fulfilled. The RS Spyder has proven that it's not just fast but also particularly reliable in its first 24 hour race. The professional work of the teams was also an important key to success," said Hartmut Kristen, Head of Porsche Motorsport. "The performance of the GT3 RSR was also excellent but unfortunately they lost their chance through an unlucky accident with two of the cars early on in the race."

"This success is something very special in my racing career," said an ecstatic ex-Formula 1 pilot Jos Verstappen. "Winning at Le Mans means you go down in racing history. For me it was also important as I'd never competed in a 24-hour race before. The car was unbelievably reliable and fantastic to drive. It was great fun right from the first to the last minute."

His team mate, Peter van Merksteijn, who also owns the Dutch team, was ecstatic. "This is crazy," said the 52-year-old Dutch businessman. "Every team member has worked untiringly. Above all, Jos drove like a young stud. My job was actually only to bring the RS Spyder back to the pits without injuries and not to lose too much time to Jos and Jeroen. This worked. Porsche's support was excellent and the co-operation couldn't have been better."

The team had just one unscheduled repair disturbing their run - the underbody had come loose through cutting over the raised curbs on the track and had to be reattached.

For the second-place Essex pilots, a touch of wistfulness was mixed with their joy over second place. In the first third of the race, the Danish team had led for some time – and hopes had justifiably grown for a Le Mans win. Two slow punctures and an additional pit stop due to electronic problems robbed them of this chance.

"It's incredibly moving to secure second at our very first 24 hour race as a team," said John Nielsen, who acts as driver and team boss and who claimed overall victory at the long distance classic in 1990.

Sascha Maassen, who competes in the American Le Mans Series in a similar RS Spyder, and has won Le Mans in GT3 class 911s, also had positive feedback about his Essex team. "Right from the start I felt great in my guest team and I was surprised at the level of engagement and determination at which they worked," said the Porsche works driver. "It was a highlight to drive the RS Spyder here in Le Mans. Thanks to the unusually good balance and road holding of the car you always had total trust in the vehicle even in the ultra fast passages."

The teams in the production-based GT2 class also started the race with their Porsche 911 GT3 RSRs showing great promise. In qualifying, the Porsche works driver Patrick Long (USA) had broken the magical four-minute mark with a lap time of 3:58.152 minutes in the sports car category for the first

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time and with his German works driver team mate Wolf Henzler, claimed the first two positions on the grid as a result. In the race, two Porsche 911 GT3 RSR held a clear lead over the rival Ferraris.

After two hours an unlucky collision between Long and his compatriot Seth Neiman (USA) robbed them of any chance to win. For the French IMSA Performance Matmut team with Long, works driver Richard Lietz (Austria) and Raymond Narac (France) this signaled the end of their race.

The 911 of the Flying Lizard Motorsports team could rejoin the race, but sat more than 30 laps behind to secure sixth at the flag with drivers Joerg Bergmeister (Germany), Neiman and Johannes van Overbeek (USA). With this, Bergmeister turned the fastest race lap by far in the GT2 category in 3:59.887 minutes.

Fifth place in the GT2 class went to Porsche works driver Wolf Henzler (Germany), Alex Davison (Australia) and Horst Felbermayr (Austria). Until midnight, the trio delivered a spirited fight for the lead against a Ferrari, but fell far back due to a one-hour stop for repairs in the night.

“Apart from this technical defect our 911 ran like clockwork. But the competition in our class is so close that it’s very difficult to make up any lost time,” said Henzler.



Checkered flag at Le Mans for Van Merksteijn Motorsport Porsche RS Spyder
Courtesy of Porsche Cars North America



Porsche in the News



FARNBACHER LOLES GIVES PORSCHE FIRST GRAND-AM ROLEX GT WIN OF THE SEASON; BRUMOS RACING PORSCHE RILEY GRABS POLE, FINISHES SECOND IN DP

LEXINGTON, Ohio - June 22 – For the second straight event, the No. 58 Brumos Racing Porsche Riley Daytona Prototype of David Donohue and Darren Law made it to the podium, finishing second in the Rolex Grand-Am race at Mid-Ohio, while Eric Lux and Leh Keen drove their No. 86 Farnbacher Loles Porsche 911 GT3 Cup to victory in the GT class, giving Porsche its first triumph of the season in eight races.

Darren Law finished second in the No. 58 Brumos Racing Porsche Riley that David Donohue put on the pole. He took the position on the final lap of racing, before a two-car incident caused the race to end under caution. Paul Ritchie, president of Porsche Motorsport North America, said this trend has been building in Daytona Prototype, and the Porsche-powered Rileys are close to winning a race.

"When you capture the pole and finish second twice in a row, you have to feel you're knocking on the door for a DP win," said Ritchie, who took over the presidency of PMNA from Uwe Brettel in January. Porsche's last DP win was a Joerg Bergmeister/Patrick Long victory in the Ruby Tuesday Alex Job Racing Porsche Crawford last year at Laguna Seca.

A heavy rain began pouring only seven laps into the two hour, 45-minute event, leading to a multi-car spin that involved numerous contenders in both classes. The downpour early in the race resulted in a multi-car spin involving several contenders in both classes. The incident began when Tom Kimber-Smith spun the No. 16 Cheever Racing Crown Royal Pontiac Coyote after contact. John Pew spun the No. 6 Michael Shank Racing Ford Riley to avoid Kimber-Smith, but Brad Jaeger slid the No. 77 Doran Racing Ford Dallara into Pew. Meanwhile, several other Daytona Prototypes slid off course and needed tows, including Jim Matthews in the No. 91 Riley Matthews Motorsports Pontiac Riley and JC France in the No. 59 Brumos Porsche Riley.

Farnbacher Loles Racing earned its first victory of the 2008 season, topping the GT class in the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio, on Saturday. Leh Keen of Charleston, S.C., and Eric Lux of Jacksonville, Fla., kept the No. 86 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car on track through treacherous conditions to take the win.

Lux started fourth on the 22-car GT grid and gained one position in the first 10 minutes of the two-hour 45-minute race. Heavy rain then turned the 2.258-mile road course into an obstacle course as multiple cars slid off-track.

GT pole winner Lawson Aschenbach spun, triggering an incident that involved the No. 32 PR1 Motorsports Pontiac GXP.R of Mike Forest, the No. 67 TRG Porsche 911 GT3 Cup of Tim George Jr., the No. 06 Banner Racing Pontiac GXP.R of Marc Bunting and the No. 87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup of Bryce Miller.

Lux pitted for rain tires and returned to the track sixth. He took the class lead just before the halfway mark, then turned the car over to Keen. Back on track ninth, Keen took the lead from Robin Liddell in the No. 57 Stevenson Motorsports Pontiac GXP.R late in the race after a back and forth battle, held it to the checkered flag.

"Our team today achieved a long-overdue result. Any time you win is special, but today we witnessed something beyond just the first win for Porsche and our team this year. We saw two young promising drivers deliver the goods in the most spectacular fashion. Eric and Leh displayed composure seen in few drivers, while under the most extreme conditions imaginable. I am grateful our team had the opportunity to give them the tools for such a performance," said team owner Greg Loles.

The next Grand-Am Rolex Series race will be the July 3 Brumos Porsche 250 at Daytona International Speedway. Complete results and point standings for the Rolex Grand-Am series can be found at www.grand-am.com.