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# FROM THE PREZ

## The Presidents Message: by *Dave Ogden*



This year is going by fast and so far every event has turned out to be some of the best events in both attendance and enjoyment by all those that attended.

Social: Brent and Lora Looney have done a great job planning ahead. We have the balance of 2011 reserved and ready for us to dine at. You can check out the schedule either by the postcard or logging on to the website where Dave Crabtree and Gary Smalz have kept the info current from dinners to tours: <http://sqa.pca.org/default.htm>

Autocross: Dave Crabtree led the last event with only 10 cars and we are considering dropping AX from the menu. We have 3 more events planned in the fall but are looking for feedback. For the amount of time & effort needed to put on, we need a solid 15+ cars to come out just to break even. Please respond back to Dave C. or myself on your thoughts.

Tours: This month is Kings Canyon and blast will be going out shortly. Next month is the big 3 day Mammoth Tour where we team up with other regions and enjoy the drive over and the time in Mammoth where we are treated to reserve parking and our own car show in the center of the village. Flyers will sent this week. August; there are no tours planned unless you would like to lead a tour ? Advise me and I will help you get it done with insurance etc.

Accounting: So far this year we are running strong in the black at the tune of \$2000 as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is great and shows that many new members and renewals are on the upswing!

Oktoberfest: Date has been set for Friday Sept 30th at 5:30 -?? If you want to help plan and join in on the fun please contact anyone on the board. Also we are again shooting for over 100+ attendees so invite your friends and other car lovers. Location: Ogden's back lawn with traditional music and food.

Escape: For those of us on the west Coast that cannot attend Parade. This year at Flagstaff on September 15-18<sup>th</sup>. It's really a great time and fun to attend, but you need to book now for they sold out last year's event.

Rennsport: First time on the West Coast. This is fully backed by Porsche AG and PCNA. If you want to attend please contact me for we have rooms held for the event Oct 14-16th.

Programs: Wayne H. has the CHP for June's dinner mtg. We then have the President of PALS (Police Athletic League) to speak and tell us about their program at July's dinner meeting. Should be some great info shared to us at both of these events.

Please bring a raffle prize to dinner so we can increase our amount to charity Donation (TBD)

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## *Current Events Calendar*

Mth	Board Meeting	Dinner Meeting	Auto-X	Tours	Track Days
Feb	8th The Landmark Before Dinner Meeting 5:00 p.m.	8th The Landmark 644 E. Olive Fresno, CA Cost: \$27 per person	No Auto-x This Month	12th 198/25 to Hollister Meet: Starbucks at 41 & Divisadero 8:00 a.m. Lunch in Hollister Area'	
Mar	8th India Grill Before Dinner Meeting 5:00 p.m.	8th North India Bar & Grill 80 West Shaw Clovis CA Cost: \$25 per person	20th Sequoia Auto-X 12801 W. Shields Kerman, CA 8:00 am Cost: \$35 per car	12th Three Rivers Depart Shaw & Academy Chevron Station 8:30 am Lunch at Gateway Inn	16th Laguna Seca Driving School 9:00 am to 4:30 p.m
Apr	4th Home of : Vern Simmons 7:00 p.m.	12th Richard's Steak & Seafood 1609 E. Belmont Fresno, CA Cost: \$35 per person	2nd Zone 7 Auto-x & 12801 W. Shields 3rd Kerman, CA 8:00 am Cost: See flyer for deals	16th Cru Winery - Madera Meet: Starbucks Riverpk 9:00 a.m. - Cost: \$20 ea Inc Wine Tasting & Lunch	
May	2nd Home of : Margie & Jack Back 7:00 p.m.	10th Elbow Room 731 W. Shaw Fresno, CA - Fig Garden Cost: \$30 per person	7th Sequoia Auto-X or 12801 W. Shields 14th Kerman, CA 8:00 am tbd Cost: \$35 per car	7th Mile High Vista Tour Meet: Starbucks Riverpk 9:00 a.m.	20th Buttonwillow Bakersfield, Ca
Jun	6th Home of : Vern Simmons 7:00 p.m.	14th Chevy's 7634 N. Blackstone Fresno, CA - Riverpark Cost: \$25 per person	No Auto-x This Month	18th Boyden Caves in Kings Canyon Park Meet: Chevron - Shaw & Academy Ave - 8:00 a.m.	
Jul	12th at the Manhattan Just before dinner 5:30 pm	12th Manhattan 1731 W. Bullard Fresno, CA Cost: \$40 per person	No Auto-x This Month	15th Mammoth Lakes & Meet with Caynmen Club 17th of Nevada See flyer for details	
Aug	1st Home of : Steve & Sue Williams 7:00 p.m.	9th Jon's Bear Club 1695 E. Manning Reedley, CA Cost: \$32 per person	No Auto-x This Month	No Tour Scheduled  Got an Idea? Contact Dave Odgen	
Sep	19th Home of : Tami & Dave Odgen 7:00 p.m.	13th Andiamo's Italian 1275 W. Shaw Clovis, CA 93612 Cost: \$24 per person	10th Sequoia Auto-X 12801 W. Shields Kerman, CA 8:00 am Cost: \$35 per car	18th Equinox Tour Courtewrite Reservoir Potluch lunch	9th Laguna Seca Cherries Jubilee
Oct	3rd Home of : TBD 7:00 p.m.	Oktoberfest Party September 30th, 2011 Home of Dave & Tami Odgen	2nd Sequoia Auto-X 12801 W. Shields Kerman, CA 8:00 am Cost: \$35 per car	14th Rensport Reunion 15th at Laguna Seca 16th Monterey, CA <a href="http://www.mazdaraceway.com/">http://www.mazdaraceway.com/</a>	
Nov	7th Home of : TBD 7:00 p.m.	8th Cattlemen Restaurant 1880 Art Gonzales Pkwy Selma, CA 93662 Cost: \$28 per person	6th Sequoia Auto-X 12801 W. Shields Kerman, CA 8:00 am Cost: \$35 per car	TBD Chili Run - Mariposa	
Dec	5th Home of : TBD 7:00 p.m.	9th Christmas Party Belmont Country Club  Cost: TBD	No Auto-x This Month	No Tour This Month	

# *"Retrospective"*

## *by Margie & Jack Back, Historians*

*Did you ever play "I remember when..." with long-time friends or family? What fun it can be to recall former times and happenings. I have asked a few Sequoia Region members to play "I remember when..." Here are a couple of responses.*

### **From Jerry and Gaila Peloian:**

The type of attire we wear to meetings has changed over the years from more formal to casual. In the late 1960's all the men wore red sport coats to the dinner meetings. Every male club member had a red coat. Each coat had the San Joaquin Region patch. The women also "dressed up" for the dinner meetings. It was really a night out.

We remember those trips to Death Valley in the 1970's. On one of the return trips a rod bearing went out on our 1968 912. On the last hill over Walker Pass, there was that "oh, no" sound and the car lost power as it rolled to a stop on the side of the road. There were, of course, no cell phones. So one of the members drove to the next town and had a tow truck come and tow the 912 to town. We had to leave it parked at the tow truck driver's home until we could get a pickup and trailer. We came back to Fresno in Dick Arnold's 912 with Gaila sitting in the back seat. The next day with pickup and trailer in tow, the 912 made it safely back to Fresno.

### **From Carl Kassabian**

My most memorable autocross was held on a bright, sunny, warm day in October 1974 at Marchbanks Stadium, a 1.9 mile tri-oval also known as the Hanford Speedway.

I was Autocross Chairman that year and since the San Joaquin Region of PCA had held several memorable autocrosses there in previous years, everyone was looking forward to the opportunity of getting into 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> gear and speeds over 100 mph. A couple of years earlier USAC had held an Indy car race there so a good portion of the pavement was fairly new, but the surface was weathering from lack of use. Jon Koobation and I had laid out a course with some cones and decided to check it out before calling it good. Jon suggested we take his '58 Speedster for a trial run before sweeping the sand off the laid out course.

As you may have already guessed, at the first turn we hit a sandy spot and hit the outer concrete barrier wall at about 50 mph which demolished Jon's Speedster and sent me to the hospital with a fractured spine, two cracked ribs and a broken scapula (shoulder blade for all the non-medical folks). Dr. Gene Gilpin was on the scene and supervised emergency procedures and I was transported by make-shift ambulance (Dick Broemmel's station wagon) to Sacred Heart Hospital in Hanford. After transport by Jones ambulance to Sierra Hospital in Fresno, I got to call, my wife, Dianne, and tell her what had happened. After ten days in Sierra Hospital I was released to go home. That was and is my last and most memorable autocross.

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## *by Margie & Jack Back, Historians*

### **From Roger and Barbara Maraist**

I remember back when we bought our 2003 Porsche Boxster in 2007. We knew nothing about Porsches. Our decision was based primarily on the car being a convertible and having more luggage space than all the other sports cars we looked at during that time. We wanted a sports car so that we could pack up and take weekend trips together. I was very intimidated having a "prestigious" automobile and was nervous driving it, even though I had had a Sting Ray Corvette, MG and Volvos in the past.

I joined the Porsche Club to learn about my car and be with other people who shared the same interests. We weren't sure if we would fit in since I knew very little about the car, its history and was not really a Porsche buff. My wife and I were met with such graciousness when we attended our first dinner. We were welcomed with open arms and invited to join folks at their table for the dinner.

Our road trips have been such a gas. We have seen parts of our area that we never knew existed and visited great establishments that we go back to now. It is really fun having a number of our cars in a line on these trips. Trying to keep up with David Crabtree on a couple of trips actually took me out of my comfort zone and made me learn how to drive my car. The first trip we took to Yosemite Outlook, Barb was getting carpal tunnel hanging onto door with right hand and she raised her voice and asked if I had a death wish. She has since become familiar with how the car handles and is becoming a seasoned "shotgun" companion.

Our trip to Carmel was awesome, wine tasting trip to coast was first class and our trip to Morro with Shari and Ron was most memorable. I was asked to become the New Member Chairman by Fred Scott a couple of years ago. I accepted because I want to have other people know what a great club we have and let them know how much fun they can have at our events, such as the Oktoberfest, and also to let new Porsche owners know that they will be in a great support group to help them with questions about their cars.

### **From Brent & Lora Looney**

I remember when Lora & I attended our first PCA dinner. It was March 2008 at Richards.

As soon as we entered, we were greeted by Ron & Shari Walker. They made us feel at ease with meeting everyone & invited us to sit with them for dinner. That really made a great impression on us, and made us feel like part of the "family"



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## Tech & Safety - *by Pedro Bonilla*

### Tires at High Speed

Tire inflation specs are based on what the manufacturer considers "normal" driving conditions. But, because of the cars we drive and the Club we belong to, many of us have the opportunity to go beyond "normal" driving conditions at the track during the Driver Education events organized by our PCA and other auto clubs in the area.



Let's try to put it in perspective.

Even though we tend to think that properly inflated tires are perfectly round, they truly aren't. Because of the weight they carry (vehicle, fluids and passenger(s)), the bottom half of the tire's sidewalls bulge and the tread flattens where it contacts the road. But on the top half of the tire, the sidewalls straighten out and the tread curves back into its molded round shape. This difference in shape between the top and bottom halves of a tire is known as "deflection".

This deflection will occur with every revolution of the tire, so picture this: A 225/45/ZR17 tire could be considered a standard front tire in a Boxster, Cayman or Carrera. This particular tire has a 25 inch overall diameter and after doing the math we know that this tire will turn approximately 807 times every mile. At 25 miles per hour this tire will roll 5.6 times per second, at 70 mph (speed limit

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on the Interstate) it will roll 15.7 times per second and at 140 mph (speed right before braking for turn 17 at Sebring) the tire will roll a daunting 31.4 times every second. This means that the tire is changing its shape from its unloaded to its loaded state and back every 3/100th of a second.

This constant tire deflection plus the friction of the tire against the road (track) generates tremendous heat build-up in the tires. Since the tires are filled with air (or nitrogen) which is a gas, Boyles Law demonstrates that if the volume of gas is maintained constant, its pressure is directly proportional to its temperature, therefore your tire pressure will go up as the tire gets used, and the faster the tires spin, the faster the temperature and therefore the pressure will build up.

The rule of thumb is that the tire's pressure will increase by 1 psi for every 10° Fahrenheit increase in temperature, or 1 psi for every 4 minutes of use during the first 20 minutes of operation.

All of the above to basically say that the faster you go, the higher your tire pressure will be.

So, when we're at the track or Auto-x we must keep in mind that we will have a tire pressure increase as soon as the tires start to heat up. This will alter our car's handling, so we need to carefully monitor the pressure throughout the different sessions during the day.

But how do we know what the ideal pressure is? We should generally start with the recommended pressures from the car's manufacturer. Then, the tires will tell us if they need more or less pressure.



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Most modern high-speed rated tires have special markers to show us the optimal tire patch.

This triangle tells us where the edge of the optimal tread wear should be. As you can see in the photo (previous page), the wear is a little short of the marker, meaning that we have too much pressure.

Dropping a couple of pounds of pressure and then hitting the track again gives us the optimal patch, as seen below where the edge of the wear is right to the tip of the marker.



Also, always keep in mind that you should never inflate beyond the tire's maximum pressure, stamped on its sidewall.

Keep an eye on your tire's pressures and ...

Happy Porsche'ing,  
Pedro

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## Three Rivers Tour - *by Obie Silverwood*

Yes, my wife, Joy, did allow me to pilot her Boxster on yet another club drive, this time a 75 mile sprint through the green foothills of the Sequoia National Forest.

Our eleven Porsches rendezvoused in rural Clovis at 8:30 AM, then headed out through the orchards of Sanger, dubbed the “Blossom Trail” this time of year when the pink and white blooms are everywhere. Lead by our fearless club president and his wife, Dave & Tami Ogden (996), our pack included David Crabtree (986), Roy & Anne Frye (987), Ron & Sharon Reese (Cayman), Jim & Lindsay Parnagian (987), Keith Harrison (987), Darrick & Carla Duerksen (996), Rob Tuttrup (996), Fred Childers (Cayman), Joel & Michele McNair (996), Corey McNair & Lisa Ellis (911), and Joy and I (987).



We motored east along the banks of the Kings River, a favorite of local trout fisherman. Crossing over we turned on to Elwood Road, which in the warming weather was lined with bright orange poppies. Cresting a rise we enjoyed a vista Pine Flat Dam framed against the backdrop of Kings Canyon’s snow-capped peaks. Elwood took us on through Wonder Valley (home of California’s oldest “dude ranch”),

where the free roaming cattle and horses caused us to brake a few times. From the valley the road we climbed up-hill through a series of tight switchbacks, making for some fun maneuvering. On reaching Highway 180 we headed east through Squaw Valley, then turned south onto Dunlap Road racing up through a series of dizzying “S” curves.

Next came Road 245, higher yet, where oak trees gave way to pines. Some stomachs now unsettled, we made a quick stop at the “Mountain House” to distribute Dramamine. Back in the saddle, our group snaked down the very narrow Dry Creek Drive, with Crabtree’s yellow Boxster chasing Ogden’s lead car, as usual. Then it was east onto Highway 198 skirting the deep blue waters of Lake Kaweah, and on up to the artist colony of Three Rivers, which was established in 1879 and so named for the north, south and middle forks of the Kaweah Rivers, which converge there.

Finally, at our lunch destination – The Gateway Lodge & Restaurant – we unclenched our hands from steering wheels and sat down at our reserved tables to enjoy some wine and a meal overlooking the white water rapids of the Kaweah River. On the way home, several of us further indulged at Reimer’s Chocolate factory in Three Rivers. All in all it was a fun day. No injuries, breakdowns or tickets. Thankfully, Joy was not one of those requiring Dramamine, but I’m wondering if she will allow me to drive her Boxster again.

*Obie*

# PCA SEQUOIA

## *Dinner Meetings, Raffle, etc..*

Each month, the club has a dinner meeting at a local restaurant. To spice things up and make our dinner meetings more fun, we always have a raffle.

Many of our members, old & new, may be wondering - where do the prizes come from & what do we do with the money? The prizes are donated from our members (you and me). Tickets are sold at each meeting and the prize money goes into the PCA Sequoia Bank Account. We use this money for charity and to help supplement special events like the annual Christmas Party, awards, etc..

50% of all raffle proceeds go into a special account and will be donated to a charity at the end of the year. The National PCA also contributes by giving us matching funds.


So if you can, bring a prize to the dinner meeting, or just buy raffle tickets, or do both. It's for a good cause and adds a little spice to our dinner meetings. Prizes should be wrapped or in a gift bag or some type of packaging.

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*Please bring raffle prizes to the Oktoberfest Party too!*

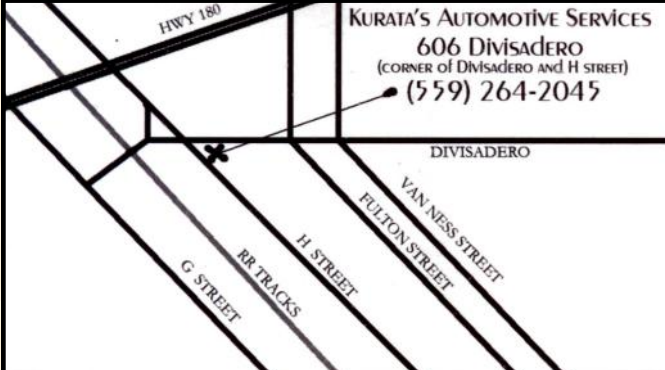
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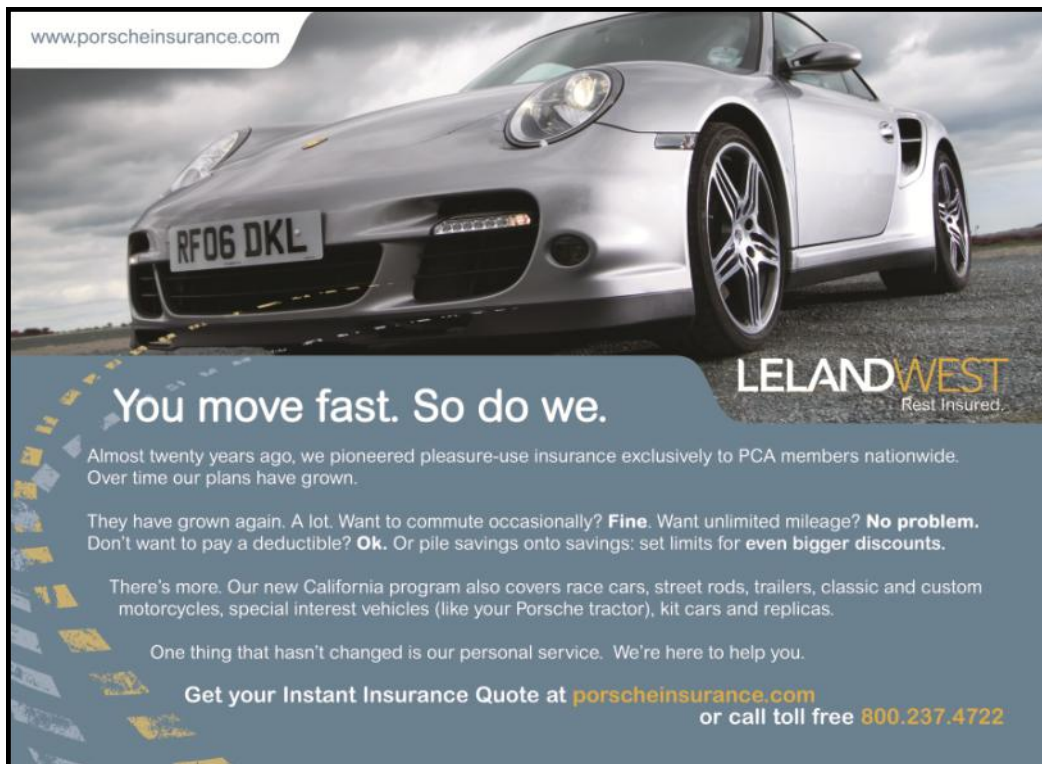
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