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# FROM THE PREZ

The Presidents Message: by *Dave Ogden*



PCA Members,

The year is coming to a close and we had many great events in 2011. You can review some of the photos on our website gallery where Steve Williams has posted them. Thank you Steve!

Last month's dinner meeting at Cattleman's was a great turn out and our speaker from Caltrans was very informative. This month's dinner is not to be missed for it is our Christmas Dinner meeting at Belmont Country Club on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Looney's and get signed up as there is limited seating and I have heard we are already up to 50 people. Cost is just \$25 per person. We will be presenting the award's for the year along with a video showing this year's events.

Last month was our last Autocross for the year and the turnout was very good, considering the time of year and weather. David Crabtree is already planning next year's events. I just hope some of you are out practicing so at least there is some competition at the top...

We also had a couple fun tours. The last weekend of October we did the Tarantula Tour which had a big group of cars on a perfect day to drive through our mountains. Then we had the Chili Run to Coulterville in late Nov. which also had a beautiful day to drive up Highway 49 to a very small and old town that happens to make good chili. The weather took a break for both of the runs and that made it more fun for us. There will be no more tours till February so get your car dialed in and ready for a full 2012 of routes around California.

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Elections results have been posted and there were no changes in the Board Members for 2012. You need to expect a slight arm twisting during the year from me or others on the board looking for new leadership. If you have an interest please advise me and we will show what needs to be done throughout the year so you can be ready next year! Maybe you just want work behind the scenes and handle the newsletter or lead a tour (Obie). You just need to let us know and we can help get you going.

Christmas Tree lane we are going to walking on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> after our Board Mtg if you would like to join us please contact me and I will get timing and location details. We will be meeting in front of Vern Simmons home which is at the beginning of the lane.

Not all went well this year. We had 4 members pass away this year. When you talk to fellow members they do not remember a year that had as many pass away. Please take time to call or give a hug to the Spouse, they really appreciate hearing from other members.

Shari Walker  
David Dir  
Marianne Noletti  
John Simpson

Looking forward to another great year in 2012 and hope you plan on joining in on some of the fun!

***Super Dave!***  
*President & Tour Director*



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# PORSCHE

## Tech & Safety - *by Pedro Bonilla*

### Storing your Porsche

We are blessed here in California that we don't have to store our cars for winter and we get to drive them all year. But, for many of our members, winter is not the best time to enjoy your sports car and so you may choose to store it until sunnier days.

While proper vehicle storage may not be a priority for all car owners, our cars are special. We have cars in our Sequoia PCA that date all the way back to 1955 - that's 56 years old! Some with over 300,000 miles and still being driven today.

#### So, here is the procedure for storing:

1. Find a **suitable storage** facility. A garage is fine but you need to make sure that it will be dry, free from pests (mice) and preferably humidity-controlled, clean and secure.
2. Thoroughly **wash the exterior** and finish with a nice **coat of wax**. Do this the day before storage so that the car has a chance to dry completely.
3. **Clean the interior** by vacuuming carpets and seats and **clean & treat the leather**. Clean all glass inside and out.
4. Really **clean the wheels**. Brake dust is corrosive. The best way is to remove each one and clean the inside as well. Use a product such as P21-S. Waxing the wheels afterwards is a great idea.
5. **Condition all the rubber** including tires and all rubber gaskets. Use a good conditioner such as Gummi Phledge. Stay away from silicone-based "protectants".
6. **Change the Oil and Oil Filter**. Old oil can have corrosive characteristics (acid). Top off all other fluids as well (coolant/antifreeze, windshield washer, power steering fluid, etc.).
7. **Fill the tank** half way with gasoline. Add a good fuel stabilizer, such as StaBil and finish filling completely. By driving the car from the gas station to your storage facility the new stabilized gas will run through the system especially the injectors.
8. Fully extract and **lubricate the radio antenna** mast (if present) then retract.
9. **Close all openings** such windows, doors and A/C vents. You may want to put some cedar chips or moth balls in the cabin and around the outside to repel mice and other vermin. If storing in non-humidity controlled conditions, place a couple of desiccant bags in the cabin. Put plastic bags secured with rubber bands over the exhaust tips when they have cooled off.
10. **Over inflate the tires** to 45-50 psi and leave the car on the ground. Don't raise the car off the ground on stands. The suspension components are meant to bear the weight of the car, not hang from it.



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11. **Leave the car in gear** (or in Park for an automatic). **Do not set the parking brake.**
12. For **convertible tops leave them relaxed**, by opening the main latch. This won't keep the fabric stretched over an extended time. Same for Targa tops.
13. Prop up the **windshield wipers off the glass** with a small block of wood or similar.
14. Make sure you have any radio or alarm codes noted, then **disconnect and remove the battery**. On newer Porsches that have electrically operated trunks, make sure that the trunk cannot be closed completely by using a block of wood or similar to keep it propped open.
15. The removed **battery should be connected with a smart charger** such as the **TechnoCharger** from CTEK. Also top off battery fluid with distilled water. It should be kept in a cool, dry place and not on a cement floor.
16. **Cover the vehicle** with a good quality car cover.



Give her a **goodbye kiss**.

I'm of the school that thinks that not starting the car during storage is best. I say this because most engine wear happens during the first few seconds after startup, while the oil builds up pressure and starts lubricating the engine internals.



When you're ready to take her out again, there's very little that needs to be done, because most was done before:

- 1-Remove the cover
- 2-Remove the plastic bags over the exhaust tips
- 3-Remove desiccant bags and vermin repellent from cabin
- 4-Remove windshield wiper props
- 5-Secure the convertible or Targa top
- 6-Replace and connect the battery
- 7-Drop tire pressures to recommended psi
- 8-Start the engine and let it warm up a bit
- 9-Go for a drive!

If you're really concerned about that initial startup wear, the following is the procedure that the Porsche Museum uses for their cars on display:

- 1-Remove the spark plugs

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- 2-Spray WD-40 into each cylinder through the spark plug hole
- 3-Spray WD-40 into the air intakes
- 4-Turn over the engine by hand a couple of turns with a wrench on the main pulley
- 5-Every 3 months repeat above (leave spark plugs out of the engine)
- 6-Every 3 months move the car a bit to change the position of the wheel bearings
- 7-On a manual gearbox, shift into gear when doing above (No. 6) to move the transmission internals
- 8-Drive the car every 6 months

Happy Porsche'ing,

*Pedro*

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# *"Farewell to Friends - 2011"*

## *by Margie & Jack Back, Historians*

During this past year, four of our fellow Porsche folks have passed on. We will miss them, and we offer our condolences to their families.

**John Simpson.** In 1973 John saw an ad in the Fresno Bee for a 1973 911T with 500 miles on it and a price of \$6,000. There was a phone number so he called and learned that the car was in Visalia. He and his wife Geri (now deceased) drove down to take a look. It was a shiny aubergine with black interior. In his words: "It said, 'buy me.' Just like that. I rang the door bell, the owner suggested we take it for a drive and handed me the keys. When we came back, he asked if we wanted to take it home. He needed \$500 and we took over the payments." John and Geri joined the Porsche club early in 1974 and by 1975 he was serving as club treasurer! He served on the board again in 1977 and later as Historian in 2007 and 2009. John and Susan were married in 1999, and continued as active members. After 33 years, the 911T went to a new owner in Oceanside. Late in 2006, John and Susan ordered a 2007 Cayman, carmona red with a charcoal grey interior (very close match to the aubergine). The first tour in their new car was the Spring, 2007, wine tour led by Dave Crabtree and Chick Cherrington. John was a fun and caring man who fully enjoyed life.

**Marianne Noletti.** Marianne and Vince joined the club in August of 2005. Vince is the "car guy" and Marianne came along with him as her health permitted. She didn't like the fast turns, but she loved the destinations and the people. She attended some dinner meetings, and also some of the tours, such as the wooden boat tour and brunch at Bass Lake and the barbecue and train ride at the Sugar Pine Railroad. She had a sharp sense of humor and was a good conversationalist.

**Shari Walker.** Shari and Ron joined the club in September of 1984, with their first Porsche, a 1972 911S. They later bought a 1973 RS. Shari's philosophy was "if you want to enjoy a group, then you've got to get involved." And get involved she did. In 1985 she became the Social chair, went on to serve as Social again in 1991, as Tour Director in 1998 and 2006, and about 15 years as Secretary between 1986 and 2010. She and Ron planned and participated in numerous tours and other activities. As a tour progressed through the day, Shari would be on the CB radio, chatting away. Often they partnered with the Goerlichs or the Pierces in planning some spectacular event. For several years she offered the name of a needy family from her school and the club then provided a tree and food and made a special Christmas for that family. She won the Event of the Year award more than once. Shari drove all the cars, but her favorite was the 1999 Boxster with it's a/c and tiptronic transmission.

**David Dir** and his wife Teresa, farmers in the Woodlake area, joined the club four or five years ago. Busy with their life and raising two daughters, they were unable to attend very many functions. Teresa remembers attending the Oktoberfest and also a dinner meeting at the Japanese restaurant. David got his love for Porsches from his father. He and Teresa owned three Porsches - and she has kept all three of them: 1972 Targa, 2009 Cayman, and a 1986 Turbo. He was just 40 when he was diagnosed with cancer at the back of the tongue.



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## S L O W TOUR- *by Obie Silverwood*

PCA August 27<sup>th</sup> "Slow Drive" Review

We assembled at the Silverwood's Wonder Valley country home at the relaxed morning hour of 11:00 AM. Present were Rob & Darla Tuttrup (996 TT), Tom & Elaine Callahan (Lotus Elise), Steve & Kelly Vucovich (911 Turbo), Steve & Susan Williams (987S), Vince Nolletti (Turbo Cab), Bob & Elaine Bender (911Targa), Evie & Mel Dias (911 Turbo), Jim & Linda Parnagian (987S), Donald Huene & Josephine Malecek (Carrera Cab), Cheryle & Gene Gilpin (Carrera 4S Cab), Steve Moe & Christina Gregg (Corvette L6), Ron Walker (986) and guest, Barbara, Fred & Nancy Scott ( Turbo Cab), Marilyn & Glenn Pierce (Carrera Cab), Barry & Annelie Locton (Carrera 4S) and Obie & Joy Silverwood (987S), fifteen beautiful cars in all.



After signing the liability release and reviewing the course we had a drawing for a gift certificate provided by Los Gatos Luxury Motors (Aston Martin, Bentley, Lamborghini and Lotus). Vince Nolletti was the winner and will enjoy a weekend test drive of a new Aston (watch out Bond).



Our course was approximately 26 miles, from Wonder Valley up to 180 to Dunlap Road to 245 to Todd Eyemann Road to Millwood Road and back to Dunlap Road. Lots of curves, no center line on most of it and rarely another car in either directions. Our speed must have been right, since no passengers got sick and no drivers fell asleep.

The Twin Valleys Restaurant provided the 31 of us a private dining room, delicious food, wine and desserts, and great service.

A fun time was had by all - let's do it again!

*Obie*





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### *Not So SLOW TOUR- Vern Simmons*

#### Tarantula Festival Run

It was another beautiful day in the San Joaquin Valley - a perfect day for a spirited drive along country roads in our neighboring Sierra Nevada foot hills. The group met at River Park Starbucks and we had over 15 cars attending. We started a little later than normal since the sun is rising a little later these days. Dave and Tami Ogden let the group on what was one of the most fun "tracks" I've been on.

We started out on Friant road and took a short trip to just below the Friant Dam where we cut left over to the Madera side of the lake, turning onto Road 211. This is a great road to test your tires on rolling hills and curves—mine worked pretty good.

I brought my friend Joan who was visiting from Pennsylvania (you know, Amish country). She claimed to have ridden in a Porsche before but by the end of the trip, she felt she fessed up and said she had *seen* a Porsche before. I was driving my new-to-me '74 911 which I just purchased; previously owned by Kevin Molineaux.

But I digress....Next we ended up on a gorgeous drive thru the pines that landed us at Bass Lake. We stopped at the Pines Resort for bathroom breaks and took a stroll thru the local street vendor's festival. Roy Frye showed off his new driving shoes....Roy, they're pink, *not* red.

Back into the cars and on to Oakhurst where we cut left onto Hwy 49. For those of you that have not driven 49 - do it! It's a beautiful curvy road that winds down to the Merced River and will get the adrenalin flowing. We ended up in Mariposa where we stopped for lunch at a great little Mexican Restaurant.

After lunch it was off to the Tarantula Festival, which was just across the street. We were on our own for the return trip, which was just a short trip down Hwy 41.

Come Join us this coming Spring

*Vern*

# 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!***

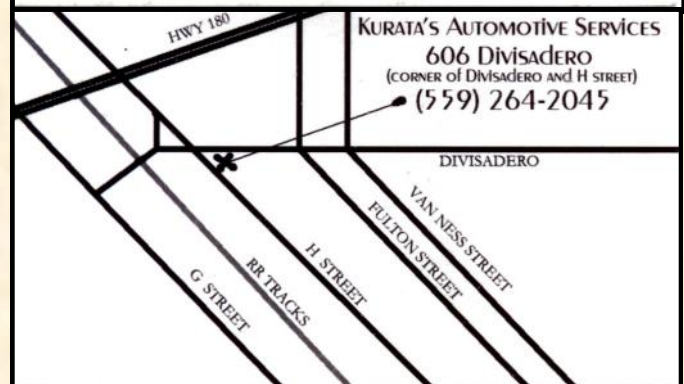
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