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First Saturday Coffee

By Dave Ogden | Photos by Steve Williams

Since we started the First Saturday Coffee program a year and half ago, it has continued to grow and bring new members into the Club!

I visited a friend's Saturday Coffee in Vegas. They have this event every Saturday. Over 100 cars of many brands attend this event. My friend Solomon Braun has made this into a business and makes over \$80k a year from sponsors. Now we haven't gotten that big, but last month's attendance exceeded 40 cars!

And Yes, we had some mixed brands like Viper and Lambo, but the flavor was still more about

Porsche and our people. The fun thing about this event there is no time schedule. You come when you want and leave when you want. This makes it easier for people to get connected and jabber about upcoming events and the latest news.

So when the First Saturday of the month comes up each month, make sure you jump in your car and come down to Old Town



First Saturday Coffee

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Clovis and join us for coffee at the Edge. Track us on Facebook for any schedule changes or updates.

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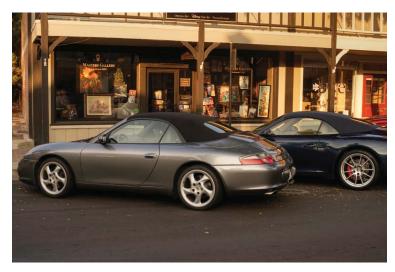




















First Saturday Coffee

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Tarantula Tour 2016

By Dave Ogden

On the last weekend of October we took an easy drive in the foothills looking for Tarantulas.

We met early at Fresno Porsche and gathered for a quick driver's meeting and departure for the 18 cars! We had 41 people show up for this tour, which was one of biggest turnouts for the year. Actually had a few guests from the Viper club join us.

The drive took us north of Fresno on Hwy. 41 to Hwy. 145. There we headed towards Millerton and Road 211 up towards O'Neal's. This road is a bit rough and tight but also full of horny male tarantulas! Not sure what happened but Tami and I counted seven on this stretch of road. When we stopped for all to gather at O'Neal's, I questioned all the drivers and the most they saw was ONE?

Either drivers are staring at the lights in front of them or too focused on the driving... some could be running over them...

After that stop we back-doored into Bass Lake and had a quick stop at Ducey's where all jumped out and chatted for 20-30 minutes before driving down to Coarsegold for lunch. Alfonso's Mexican hideaway has taken good care of us in the past, but not this time. I called to arrange service two weeks prior and called again to give them a headcount that morning as we left the dealership. They only had one waitress. Many of us walked out after 40 min of no service. The owner arrived just after that and apologized to me for not handling better with staffing.

I told him thanks but it was too late for the many who left and the others that walked in did so as well. Have to look for another stopping point for lunch. Coarsegold has a tarantula festival that day and really fun to walk through and explore the event. Next year we will consider alternate route and lunch stop.

Wow, what a year! 2016 has been a great year of growth for the club with about a 20% increase in membership adding a great deal of diversity, along with interesting people with great cars! The dinners organized by Cindy Suarez and supported by Nancy Mendez were well attended and provided a welcome change-up adding some new venues that turned out to be great choices. The tours led by Dave Ogden were fun as always and with the new format of having a touring and spirited group, increased the participation. I would say the Mammoth tour was the coup d'état! It was attended by over 6 regions and we had over 110 people attend. Not only was it a great driving event with all the added mini-runs, car show etc., but the social aspect was just awesome.

Obie Silverwood's winery tours continued to be well attended this past year. Obie treated us to some new places and everyone loved the gatherings hosted by great wine makers.

The driver education days at the various tracks around California provided our members a chance to experience driving on professional tracks and learn high speed driving, cornering and braking control. It's an opportunity for all level of drivers to learn more on the handling of their cars. I hope to see more members try out this invaluable experience. If the track is too much to take in the first time, then there's autocross. Ken Vaughn had some fun events this year. With the help of Roy Frye and Leon Malding, they had an increase in

participation and some great car driving experiences.

Our Cars and Coffee events this year continued to grow in popularity. We consistently had over 25 cars at our events, with new faces showing up monthly. It is a fun experience to get Porsche lovers together to talk shop and experiences.

The year also included a tech day with Adam's Polishes at Fresno Porsche that provided everyone with good instruction and demo on how to polish and take care of our cars. Steve Williams set it up and plans on continuing this event in 2017.

I want to thank our friends at Fresno Porsche that supported us throughout the year, contributing their time and gifts for our different events. They also provided us the dealership to meet up for our tours, which included fresh pastries. Not to mention being a venue for this year's Oktoberfest celebration! The dealership also provides excellent competitive service for those needing tune ups or repairs.

Going into 2017, we are excited about how the events are coming together for another great year. We now have a new webmaster and should be able to provide you much better up-to-date information on our events. Our webmaster is looking forward to adding new features to keep our membership informed and involved.

Our next upcoming event is on January 7th with our monthly Cars and Coffee in Old Town Clovis. The following week



on January 10th we will have our first monthly dinner at The Spaghetti Factory. Look for the information flyer coming to you soon!

Thank you all for a great 2016, and we look forward to having another fulfilling year driving together and enjoying each others' company at all of our events. We added some new things last year, including some events for our Porsche ladies, which we plan to continue into 2017. Between that and our charity efforts, we're always looking for new ways to expand our horizons. Let us know if you have ideas to share. A special thanks for our board of directors! Without your voluntary commitments and support, we wouldn't be able to serve our membership with so many wonderful events throughout the year.

A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of our members!!! See you this coming year!

Ed Suarez President Sequoia Region Porsche Club

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Octoberfest

By Ed Suarez | Photos by Steve Williams

This was the first time in many years that we jointly had our Octoberfest event with Porsche of Fresno. We had approximately 100 people at the event. The dealership was very cooperative and contributed to our event with a band, beer, appetizers, gifts for our raffle and a large event tent. During the event the dealership launched their new 718 Spider. Aside from this, there were a plethora of shiny Porsche cars as well as several other exotic cars on display.

We had our usual costume contest, and the winner this year was Bill Blaine.

Everyone had a great time spending time together sipping wine and beer and sharing stories. We managed to polish off all the wine and appetizers. In addition, a special Octoberfest beer was donated to us by Sequoia Brewing, and as always, the raffle was a big hit, with many gifts being doled out.

Since this was the first time that we had a joint Octoberfest with the team from the dealership, we found that we can definitely have an even better event next year if we do this together again. I want to thank Mike and his team from the dealership, for supporting this event, and look forward to having many more events together in the future!

Thanks, everyone, for joining in on a



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very enjoyable time and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Ed Suarez Sequoia Region President

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2016 Oktoberfest

















2016 Oktoberfest

















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By Obie Silverwood | November 19, 2016

Nothing but fun! Twenty-six club members in their thirteen sleek Porsches assembled Saturday morning at the Blossom Trail Cafe in Sanger. From there we motored up Belmont Avenue into the foothills and its winding roads to beautiful Wonder Valley, dodging some cattle along the way.

Then on up to Squaw Valley and Dunlap, reconvening at the Twin Valleys Restaurant, at which the owner, Greg Bardorf, had kindly reserved our seating in a private room. The food and service there were excellent - the chef/owner, Doug Bardorf, had prepared a special quiche for the occasion.

Right on schedule, we arrived at the Sierra Peaks Winery at 2:00 p.m. where we were greeted by owner/wine maker, Christine Flannigan, and her husband, Chuck. Sitting at 3,600 feet, their motto is, "Wine with a altitude." Chuck built a tasting area patio with a sweeping view that overlooks the vines, which Christine painstakingly terraced into the steep hillsides and handpicks. There, we spent the afternoon visiting and enjoying their tasty selection of wines and thoughtfully provided hors d'oeuvres.

A special thanks goes to The Blossom Trail Cafe for allowing us to assemble in their parking lot and use their restrooms; and to Greg and Doug Bardorf for accommodating our group; and to the Flannigans for providing our area with an entertaining venue - all of whom we should try to patronize. Also, a special thanks goes to Richard & Fran Webb for their replete tour maps and spectacular tour video, which may be viewed at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/sequoiapca/.

Obie Silverwood Tour Director









By Ed Suarez | Photos by Steve Williams

On October 3, 2016, we had our second annual food drive, which was held at the Wilson's Motorcycle dealership.

They were extremely generous to allow us to take up the front of the parking lot, as well as have our Cars and Coffee event at the same time. We had over 30 cars show up for the event.

As you can see from the photos, our members and others from the community opened up their hearts and contributed a great deal of food to help benefit less fortunate members of our community! Every year our goal will be to make this event bigger and better and hopefully get more media coverage to expand the opportunity to receive even more food.

Thanks to the many members that chipped in to help set up, contribute, and make it the successful event it was!

Ed Suarez Sequoia Region President





















1st Tour de Tulare

By Cindy Suarez

Recently eight of the Ladies of the Sequoia Region PCA decided to begin a tour of their own! On a beautiful weekend in October these eight ladies met at the Vintage Press in Visalia to enjoy a marvelous luncheon, including the restaurant's signature Fall Pumpkin dish.

After enjoying food and libation (we needed our strength), it was on to the Tulare Outlets to enjoy an afternoon of shopping, shopping, shopping.

Bargains were found by nearly all of us, and we certainly were a boon to the local economy!

All who attended agreed that we need to organize another outing of the ladies in the future.

Other Club members have asked if there are plans to do this again and I'm pleased to say there are... possibly in the spring. If you're interested in joining us in future, please contact Cindy Suarez at cindysuarez99@gmail.com with your interest, ideas (maybe a different Outlet?) or ability to carpool and we'll get you on the Tour mailing list!!





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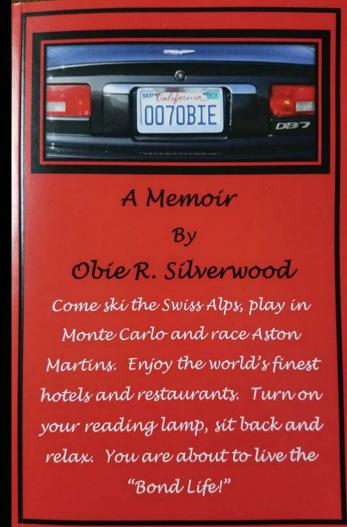
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In The Zone

Looking forward, the 2017 calendar is filling up in Zone 7. During the President's meeting we laid out the start of the calendar. There are a few dates we are still waiting to confirm and contracts need to be signed. At this time we have eight Zone 7 Concours spanning eight of our ten regions. We also have nine Zone 7 Autocrosses planned in four regions. Look for the new calendar on the Zone website.

Along with these events we are working on a Zone 7 Tour, which will cover three regions over four days in June. We hope to expand the tour in the future to cover most of the regions

in Northern California and Northern Nevada. This year's tour will begin in Redwood Region, travel over scenic back roads to Shasta Region then drop down into Sacramento Valley Region. Stay tuned for more details.

Also this year there will be a rally school to help everyone get ready for the Parade in Spokane put on by Keith McMahan of Sacramento Valley Region. More info soon.

Please welcome the new Zone 7 Concours chair, John D'Angelo. John will be working on getting more judges trained, updating the rules and promoting the sport!





I am still looking for a volunteer to do the QuickBooks for the Zone. If you have questions about this very simple job, please give me a call.

Happy New Year!

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Photography by Diane Tjerrild

Upcoming Porsche Events

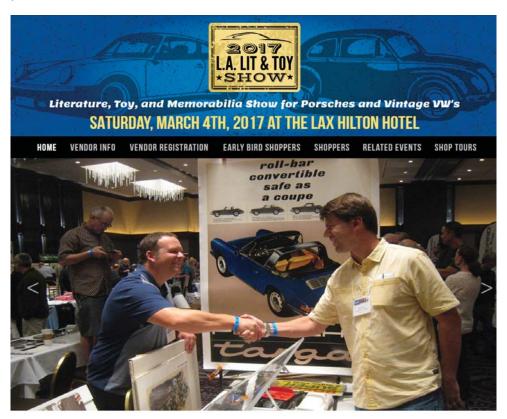
LA Lit and Toy Show, March 4, 2017

2017 will be the 34th year of the Lit Meet. In 2016, almost 2,000 people attended the annual Porsche and Vintage VW Literature, Toy/Model, & Memorabilia Swap Meet at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel. The meet had over 300 tables with tens of thousands of collectibles—posters, sales brochures, toys, models, factory gift items, press kits, technical literature, small trim items, and accessories for Porsches and vintage VW's.

The meet is held in two huge ballrooms on the main floor of the Airport Hilton, 5711 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles—very close by Los Angeles International Airport. The public is admitted at 9:00 a.m. for \$10 each at the door. "Earlybird" shoppers are admitted with the vendors at 7:00 a.m. for \$30 at the door. Special discounted room rates are available from the LA Airport Hilton directly at 310-410-4000. Please ask for the special room rates under Code PVV.

Vendor Registration is also open for the LA Lit and Toy Show. You can register by clicking HERE: www.lalitandtoyshow.com

The LA Lit Meet is the Centerpiece of the Grand Porsche Weekend in Los Angeles. The weekend also includes Driving and Shop Tours, Parties and the So Cal All-Porsche Swap and Car Display in Anaheim.





2017 Fiesta New Mexico May 25 – 28, 2017

The Roadrunner Region of the PCA is proud to announce the 2017 Fiesta New Mexico, a four day, multi-activity event to be held in Santa Fe, NM on May 25 – 28, 2017. I am respectfully requesting that you provide this information to your members so that they may consider visiting the Land of Enchantment next May for what promises to be a truly exceptional event.

The official Fiesta New Mexico website is: www.fiestanewmexico.com

See next page for flyer...



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COME CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROADRUNNER REGION AT THIS PREMIER EVENT!



There is a lot to do in Santa Fe, NM. You may want to come early and stay late to really enjoy the trip. Below are some helpful links to help you plan your trip.

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Registration will be through motorsportreg.com

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The Roadrunner Region is proud to announce that the artwork for this event, which will be on our commemorative t-shirts, will be produced by world-famous Porsche artist, Nicolas Hunziker.

You can see more of Nicolas' art at this site:

nicolashunziker.com and be sure and visit his store to see his collection of t-shirts and, newly available, footwear.

Nicolas has done the artwork for the first three Porsche Werks Reunions held in Monterey, CA during the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Car week, and we are immensely proud that he will be doing the artwork for our 2017 Fiesta New Mexico event. The 2017 Fiesta New Mexico t-shirts will certainly be a collector's item and will only be available to Fiesta New Mexico registrants (and co-registrants) by attending our event.



2017 PCA Calendar

20	17 PCA Calendar						
	BOARD MTG	DINNERS	TOURS	TECHDAY	AUTO-X	FIRST SAT COFFEE	track/events
January	2-Jan	10-Jan				7-Jan	
	Ed's						
February	6-Feb	21-Feb	18-Feb		none	4-Feb	17-Oct
							Thunderhill
March	6-Mar	14-Mar	18-Mar		11-Mar	4-Mar	
	Leon				Visalia airport		
April	4-Apr	11-Apr			8-Apr	Bighat day	7th
	Vern				Visalia Airport	no coffee	Laguna
May	2-May	9-May			13-May	6-May	
	Steve				Visalia airport		
June	6-Jun	13-Jun			NONE	3-Jun	
	Ed's						
July	11-Jul	11-Jul			NONE	1-Jul	
	Vern						
August	8-Aug	8-Aug			NONE	5-Aug	
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I joined PCA right after buying

my first new Porsche in October **1962.** It was a new 1963 Model 356 "Super," or 356 B "S." It was slate gray with a red vinyl interior and chrome wheels, no radio. I purchased it for \$4,400 on Oct.12, 1962, at Klein-Forman VW-Porsche in Van Nuys the weekend of the Los Angeles Times Grand Prix and immediately drove it to the races at Riverside Race Way.

At the time I was living in Santa Maria and working at the nearby Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) on the new Minute Man guided missile ICBM where I was lead engineer for the Guidance & Navigation (G&N) system on the first launch from VAFB.

October 1962, if you recall, was also the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. It was a very tense two weeks as we converted from the test range (due west) configuration to Strategic Alert, i.e. ready to launch towards Moscow due north. Fortunately the crisis was resolved.

Retrospective... a continuation of member stories...

Submitted by Historian Margie Back

"An abbreviated history of my involvement with Porsches" By Stephen Dean

There were a number of different makes of sport cars owned and driven to work daily by various VAFB contractors and a few Air Force personnel that had brought them back from Europe. I don't recall any Ferraris but there could have been one or so. There was one older Maserati roadster owned by a guy that worked for me. There was also an extremely rare Spanish Pegaso (just over 100 made-see WIKIPEDIA) and everything else in multiples from Aston Martins on down to MG-TDs covering the 1950's to early 1960s.

There were five very active sports car clubs in the area based in Santa Maria. Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Louis Obispo and VAFB. Something was always going on whether a rally or the most popular was an autocross. Each club put on an autocross once every five weeks so there was an autocross nearby every weekend, followed by pizza and beer. I did a lot of auto crossing and took 2nd overall behind a Corvette in the only Lompoc Hill Climb ever held.

I worked 18 months at VAFB in the period 1962-63 where I recall seeing only 3 Porsches. Two were 1959 356 "A"s-both 60 HP "normals," one faded red and one faded green with a sun roof. (Porsche paint was notoriously prone to fading within 2 or 3 years. Especially red which faded to near orange.) The red "A" was owned by a

guy named Ray Bruner, a tech with the company I worked for. I got to know him fairly well at work. One Thursday he said he was driving up to San Francisco on Friday after work and would I like to go along. I'd never been to SF so I said yes. I was still driving my '60 Chev Impala with 283 horse power and I was a bit concerned how his '59 "A" with only 60 horsepower could ever handled the famed hills of SF. That little "A" blasted up the steepest hills faster than any of the cars around us. That is when I learned the difference between "DIN HP" and/or "advertised: SAE-HP." I also got a firsthand lesson in gearing and proper rpms on the torque curve. This was the "ah ha moment" and I've never looked back. Two weeks later I bought my first Porsche and I've never been without at least one ever since.

In the early 1960's I was in Boston working at M.I.T. on the Apollo spacecraft G&N, still driving my '63 Super. One day in the Fall of '64 I drove out to the Boston-area Porsche dealer and saw my very first 4-cam 356 2000 GS/GT 'Carrera 2'. The car was a '63 cabriolet, silver, blue interior and a tan top. It had not sold in N.Y. and the Distributor sent it to Boston with its high concentration of technical guys that might better appreciate it. I was smitten after my

An abbreviated history (continued)

first drive in it. However it was too expensive for me at \$8,400 which was almost twice the price of my Super of the same year Even with my '63 Super as a trade in, I just could not make it work. Several times over the next few months the salesman would call me with a different "boot" amount but it was still out of reach. I made an offer and it was rejected and I forgot about it. Several months after I made my offer I got a call that my offer was accepted and I bought it. I was the walking on air.

This became my daily driver until it was stolen 3 years later in southern California after 5 attempts. With the insurance check I bought a 1966 911 but I longed for the Carrera 2. It took the 4-cam specialist and dealer Vasek Polak 18

months to find me another Carrera 2 cabriolet and I traded the 911 plus \$1,800 'boot' in on it in Sept. 1967.
This car became my daily driver until I "retired" it from daily use in about 1980. I've always done my own maintenance on all of my cars. I bought this car in 1967 and still own it. It is NOT for sale.

In 1971 I formed the PORSCHE 4-CAM
REGISTER and published it for 10
years. I located 4-cam Porsches all
over the world of all variants, i.e. 550
and 718 Spyders, 904 GTS, and
Carreras (1500, 1600, and 2000 cc). I
reproduced all of the 4-cam
documents with Factory
authorization in an effort to keep the
cars running. This served as a clearing

house for all available information including parts.

Over the years I've owned six 4-cam
Carreras, 5 were 356B's and C's Carrera 2's
(3 cabriolets and 2 coupes) and one 1500
Carrera Speedster. At one time I had three
4-cam cars at the same time. Believe it or
not, I did not care for the 1500 Speedster.
It made all of the right Carrera noises but
did not have the "grunt" of the 2 liters.

Cars, cars, cars. There is not enough space here to talk about my interest in and collecting of Antique and Classic cars. This discussion is limited to a page and a half of my involvement with Porsches and I've tried to list some of the highlights.

Stephen Dean

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