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## Sequoia Region PCA Tour to Ramos-Torres Winery in Kingsburg

By Obie Silverwood | Photos by Obie Silverwood, Steve Williams and Ed Suarez

March 18, 2017 - Well, it was another fun day of sleek cars, good wine, basket lunches and smiling faces. Thirty-six of us in eighteen Porsches assembled at the Blossom Trail Cafe, then headed out for a pleasant drive through the planted fields of Sanger, the bustling metropolis of Minkler, the farm community of Reedley, and finally arriving at our Kingsburg destination of Ramos-Torres Winery. Oscar Ramos, winemaker superb, had his staff coordinate a tasting for us in the barrel room, which included two white

varietals and three red blends.

Thoughtfully, they also provided seating for our basket lunches on their covered patio.

Those members present included the Suarezs, Webbs, Williams, Proutys, Backs, Plaughers, Sowards, Wayne Hotzakorian, Kulinas, Bob Warren, Leahys, three Davis couples, Deans, Locktons, Morrisises, Joy and me - and the Ogdens even made a cameo appearance.





# PCA Tour to Ramos-Torres Winery

(continued)

Beyond providing us the nectar of the gods, our local wineries are invaluable venues of entertainment for weddings, private and business events or just wine tasting. Plus some offer holiday parties and Friday evening socials with food and live music during the summers. So, be sure to visit and support all of them, including, Ramos-Torres, Fasi, Cardella, Cedar View, Sierra Peaks, CRÜ Winery and Ficklin.

And, again, a special thanks to Richard Webb for his magnificent tour maps.

Obie Silverwood  
PCA





SEQUOIA PCA  
RAMOS TORRES WINE TOUR



MARCH 18, 2017





# PCA Tour to Ramos-Torres Winery





# President's Letter

By Ed Suarez

Members:

We have had some real fun events so far this year. The Cars and Coffee events have been well attended, fostering great conversations and fabulous-looking cars showing up on the first Saturday of every month. This has also promoted many more memberships, which continues to grow with a diverse group of car enthusiasts. We are always looking for new people to add their great experiences to our group.

The recent acquisition of Fresno Porsche by CJ Wilson, has brought new energy and commitment to the relationship between the dealership and the club. There have been several members that have now purchased cars from Fresno Porsche since CJ took over the business. The dealership also has many more cars on display, including many personally owned by CJ. It's worth the visit to the dealership if you haven't been there in a while.

Tour season started off with a glitch this year called "rain," that seldom heard word in California over the past five years. We were forced to cancel the February tour due to very bad conditions, caused by the rain storms near Hollister. On the other hand, we had our first wine tour of the year lead by Obie Silverwood. It took place at Ramos winery. It was a great event and was well attended. Please read his article in this newsletter.

Our next upcoming tour to Three Rivers, will be led by Dave Ogden on

April 15th. Details will be forthcoming. If interested, please send a note to Dave Ogden, so that he can get a head count. The rest of the year will be full of both driving tours and Wine tours. Please check our website for a calendar of events.

We have some great venues for dinner coming up this season. In April, we will be at the Lime Lite. In May, we head to The Starving Artist for dinner, which is an outdoor venue. This should be a perfect time of year to enjoy a great dinner outdoors. Hope to see you at one of our dinner events soon!

We started the season with a very successful Autocross event. Autocross offers a great opportunity to learn how to handle your vehicle in a safe, fun environment. There are plenty of experienced track coordinators that can ride with you and help you learn how to handle your car. Generally, you get about 12 runs on the track, with 6 runs in the morning and then another 6 runs after the lunch break. Even if your schedule is tight, come out and try the event out for half the time. You won't regret the experience. The next event is on April 8th. We need more Porsche driver participation, so hope to see you there. In May, we will have a Driver Education day. This will be an event that you don't want to miss. Details to follow.

The website continues to improve. Antonio has done a great job in adding new features and information for our members. We can also help advertise



and put your cars that are for sale on the site. Please go to the website regularly for the latest updates on our activities.

In summary, there is a great deal of activity taking place within the club. We will be announcing other events such as food drives, tech-days and additional events with Fresno Porsche. Stay tuned and visit our website to find out our scheduled events and other events that other regions are putting on.

Remember, there are few things that bring a smile on your face like driving a Porsche. But it's not just the cars that bring us together, it's the people that bring us together! See you soon at our next event!

Ed Suarez  
Sequoia Region President

# PCA, Sacramento Valley Region Gimmick Rally School and Rally

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Niello Porsche  
4525 Granite Drive  
Rocklin, CA 95677

School starts at 10:15 am; Cost is free; limited to 30 people

Rally, first car out at 1:00 pm; Cost is \$10 per car  
(two people required per car)

The finish will be in Auburn for awards.

RSVP to Richard Wetzel at [rally@svr-pca.org](mailto:rally@svr-pca.org) or 530.304.6555 by  
April 30 for one or both events. After April 30, \$15 per car. Payment  
in advance for the Rally should be by check made out to  
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# You be the Judge...



## *Zone 7 Concours Judging School*

*Sunday, April 23rd*

*From 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.*

*San Francisco Sports Cars*

*191 Industrial Road, San Carlos, CA 94070*

All Zone 7 members are invited to attend the concours judging school. In order to ensure the continued strength of the series and have consistent judging from event to event, we need trained judges. If you're new to the series, have had limited or no judging experience, and are interested in understanding how judging works, please join us.

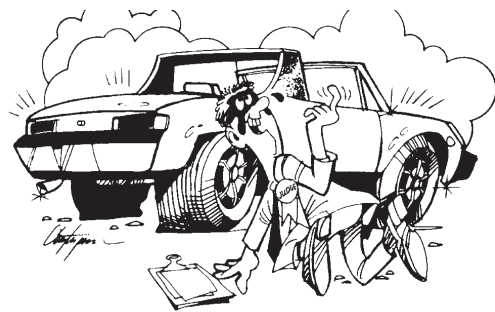
Remember that to be eligible for year-end Zone Concours Series awards, you need to volunteer to assist as a judge in series events. Plus: we need your help!

The school will provide instruction on what to look for as a judge (and, conversely, what judges look for as you prepare your Porsche for judging), the "do's" and "don'ts" of judging, and hands-on judge training. There will also be time for Q&A, both before and after the hands-on judging, so here's your chance to ask the things you've always wanted to know about judging in or preparing a Porsche for the Zone 7 Concours Series.

There is no fee for this event, and lunch will be provided; thanks to San Francisco Sports Cars for hosting. Please sign up no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

To sign up, please go to [Motorsportreg.com](http://Motorsportreg.com).

Attendance is limited to 60 participants.  
If you have questions or need additional information, please contact John D'Angelo at [60thclubcoupe@gmail.com](mailto:60thclubcoupe@gmail.com).







# SANTA FE MAY 25-28, 2017

Presented by Porsche of Albuquerque

Celebrate the **2017 Fiesta New Mexico** at the Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza Hotel in beautiful Santa Fe, NM! It's the **50th Year** of Roadrunner Region hospitality and fun!

- **Concours**
- **Autocross**
- **Landmarks Rally**
- **Beautiful New Mexico Drive Outs**

There will be a Welcome Reception, Continental breakfasts and Awards Banquet. You will definitely want the commemorative t-shirts and other goodie bag items, all included.

*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  
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<http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2017-rrr-pca-fiesta-new-mexico-hilton-santa-fe-historic-plaza-roadrunner-027901>

*30 cars have already registered- don't miss out on this fantastic Porsche Roadrunner adventure!*

*We can accommodate a maximum of 100 cars at our event.*

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**

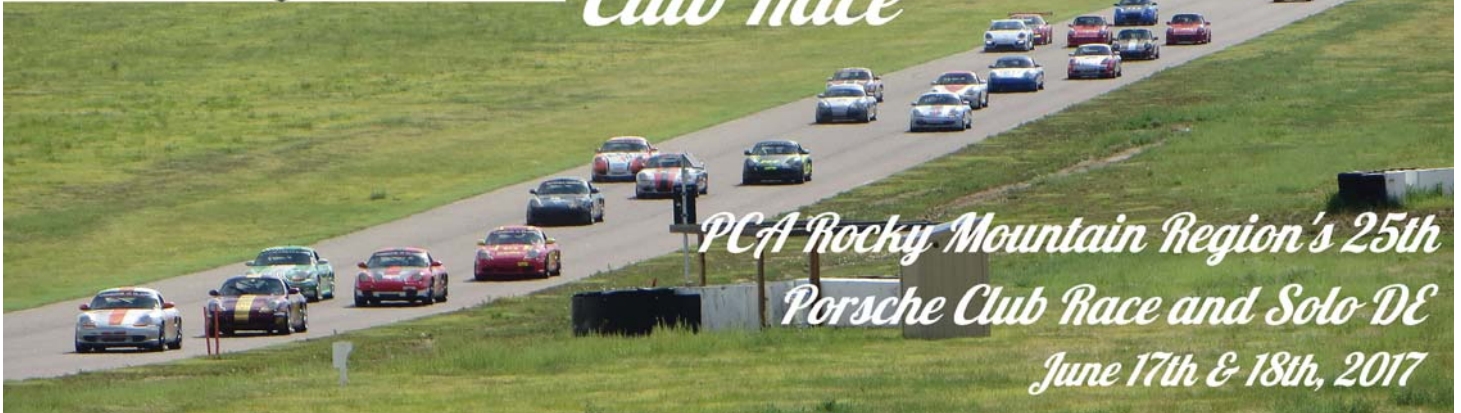
and be sure and visit his store to see his collection of t-shirts and, newly available, footwear.

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.





# Rocky Mountain Thunder Club Race



*PCA Rocky Mountain Region's 25th  
Porsche Club Race and Solo DE  
June 17th & 18th, 2017*

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- Hosted dinner Saturday evening
- Registration will open May 1, 2017 through ClubRegistration.net (<http://register.pca.org>)

Visit the race website and our facebook page to stay updated on the race details  
[www.rmclubrace.com](http://www.rmclubrace.com)




Live Links:

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The West Coast Series is a PCA club racing points competition comprised of all the PCA club races that occur on the west coast of the USA. Historically, club racing in the PCA has been most popular on the east coast, and this series was created (starting with the 2014 season) to encourage west coast club members to take up club racing by providing them with the increased competition and sense of camaraderie that comes with having one's own competitive series. All PCA club racers are eligible to participate and all entrants to the listed events are automatically entered into the series. You may review the rules on the Club Racing website <https://www.pca.org/rules-licensing-forms>. For more information: [wcs@pca.org](mailto:wcs@pca.org)

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# CONCOURS

## D'ELEGANCE

**JULY 29 & 30, 2017**

**Rancho San Rafael Park • Reno, Nevada**

**Registration, Meet & Greet,  
Tech Quiz and Dinner  
Saturday, July 29th.  
Concours Sunday,  
July 30, 2017 8AM to 3PM**







Photography by Diane Tjerrild

## Upcoming Tours & DE Track-Days

By Dave Ogden

Spring has sprung and we have many exciting upcoming events for you to come out and enjoy. Many of the roads in our Region are in a bad state of repair with the severe weather we have enjoyed.

We are trying to schedule tours on the 3rd Saturday of the month (1st Sat = Coffee; 2nd Sat = AX; 3rd Sat = Tours).

April 15th I plan to lead a tour up the 180 to 245 and over to Three Rivers for lunch next to the river. We did this several years ago and it was fun sitting next to the River having lunch.

May 20th we are planning to go up 180 to Kings Canyon Park and drop into Boyden Caverns for a picnic by the Kings River white water!!

June - We have had over 500" of snow this year in Mammoth. This may push out our planned tour into July. July is also Parade in Spokane, WA. We will keep you posted on any changes.

Right now Cindy is working with Ducey's on the Lake for a Lunch / Tour that will replace our normal Dinner for June. Date TBA.

July - We are headed to Big Creek and this loop will get us

back to Shaver for BBQ at our cabin.

So, as you can see we are filling each month with a one day drive for lunch and back. Mammoth is our normal 3-day event with other Regions. Last year we had over 120 cars! As with last year, we are going to provide alternate routes when possible. In this way, we will have a spirited route and a touring route to allow each group to get the most enjoyable experience on the tours.

### DE Track-Days

Drivers Education Track-Days is the best way to put a grin on your face! The fun starts with the people. We always meet new Region members and hang out with dinner and track time. The instructors' goal is to make sure your day goes smoothly and is exciting. As a driver, by days end, you will learn many things about your car that you did not realize until on the track. Many different tracks and dates are coming up. Please talk with one of Track Rats at a dinner or 1st Saturday coffee. You can also go to our website and see what tours and DE's are about in more detail.

April 7th- Two events - Laguna Seca or Buttonwillow

May 27th - Buttonwillow

ENJOY!

- Dave Ogden

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# In The Zone

It is finally here! The updated Zone 7 website is up! Please check it out and enjoy. We are still updating some of the info, however the links to the regions are good to go. <http://zone7.pca.org>. Don't use the 'www' as you will go to another place.

There is still time to sign up for Parade Spokane. Event registration begins on Monday, April 3rd at 9 am. Check out more Parade info on the Zone 7 website link.

With April comes the start of the Zone 7 Autocross Season. Please join us at Marina Airport with GGR (Golden Gate Region) and LPR (Loma Prieta Region) on April 8th-9th, 2017. Come out and have some fun this spring.

There will be a Concours Judges Training session on Sunday, April 23th, 2017 from 10am to 2pm. It will be held

at the San Francisco Sports Car in San Carlos. You can find out more info and sign up on [Motorsportreg.com](http://Motorsportreg.com) (you can search on 'zone 7').

Looking Forward:

SVR Gimmick Rally School (prep for the Parade), at Niello Porsche in Rocklin on Sunday, May 7th

Zone Autocross #3 and #4 Redwood Region May 20-21st

Zone Concours #1 Yosemite Region May 21st, Fields Family Winery, Acampo (near Lodi)

Zone 7 Tour-Tri Region June 1st-4th

Zone Autocross #5 Sacramento Valley Region, Stockton Fairgrounds, June 3rd



Zone Concours #2 Loma Prieta Region at Partsheaven in Hayward, June 4th

Zone Concours #3 Sacramento Valley Region at Niello Porsche, June 11th

TSD Rally School (prep for the Parade) at Porsche of Livermore, June 25th, 2017

Drive safe,

Sandy Provasi  
Zone 7 Representative

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# Porsche Track Review

## Dale Seal visited the new Porsche Experience Center & Track in Carson, CA

His review? "A very nice place."

Photos by Dale Seal 12/2016

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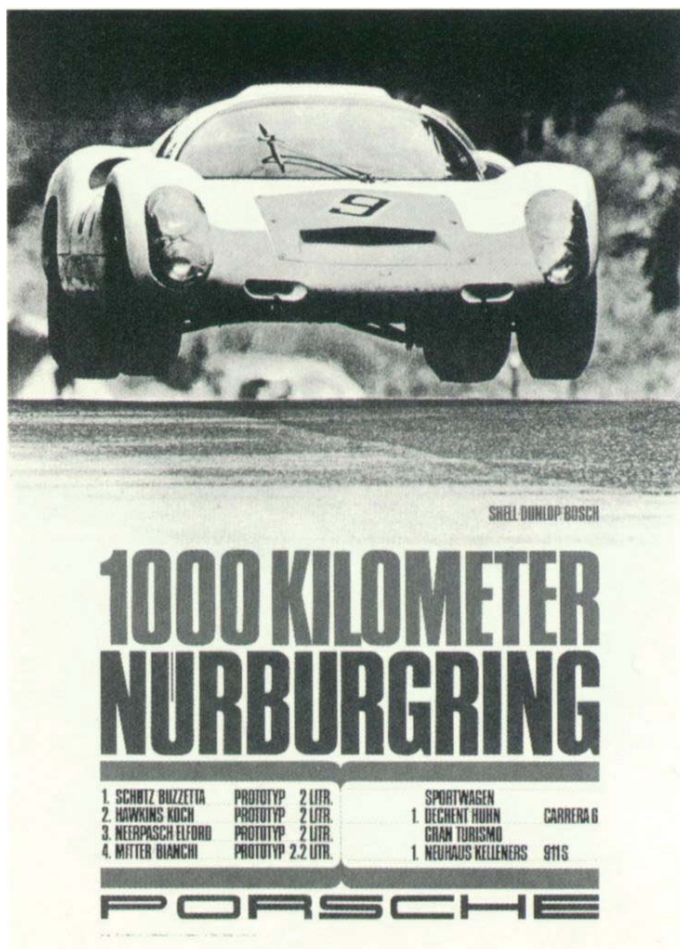


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# Cars & Coffee - March 2017

Story and Photos by: By: Steve Williams

The "Saturday Cars & Coffee" event presented by Sequoia PCA and hosted by Porsche Fresno was a very successful gathering of owners and their cars along with the joint attendance of the Piston Pushers Exotic Owners Club. It was a great chance to see some truly beautiful and exceptional cars surrounding the dealership's showroom.

The new owner, C J Wilson, and his staff very graciously opened their lot providing parking for the 75+ cars and owners in attendance. The morning was topped off by a backroad tour to the Chukchansi Casino for lunch.

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# More Cars & Coffee March 2017



Photos by: By: Steve Williams





# Update on Autocross

By Ken Vaughn

The first Autocross of the 2017 season was a success. We had 20 vehicles in attendance at the March 11th event and perfect weather. Several attendees reported having a wonderful time and the smiles we saw as everyone interacted with their vehicles and each other were the defining proof.

Competitors in attendance included Leon S./2003 911, Larry K./2008 Boxster S, Mark D./2015 Cayman GTS, & Bruce W./1974 914. As you can see, we have several different types of Porsches that attend these events. It's almost like a car show, you never know what model Porsche will turn up or who you might meet.

If you're a Porsche owner or you are looking into Porsche ownership, we would like to encourage you to attend a PCA Sequoia Region Autocross event. These events will allow you to learn more about your vehicles in a safe and stress-free environment. We have several Autocross events planned for the remaining 2017 season. These events are usually held on the second Saturday of each month, excluding the hotter months here in the Central Valley. For more information, please visit our website calendar: <http://seq.pca.org/>

Ken Vaughn  
PCA Sequoia Region  
Autocross Director



# Where's Vince?



Vince Nolletti took this image the last time he raced... Can you figure out which track he visited?

Hint: Look closely at the word that appears backwards in his mirror.

Answer: It is the infamous "Corkscrew" at Laguna Seca.

Thank you, Vince, for submitting this fun and creative photo!



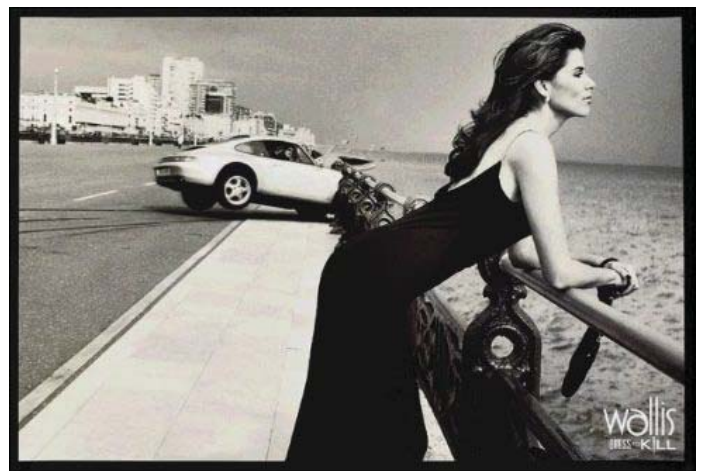
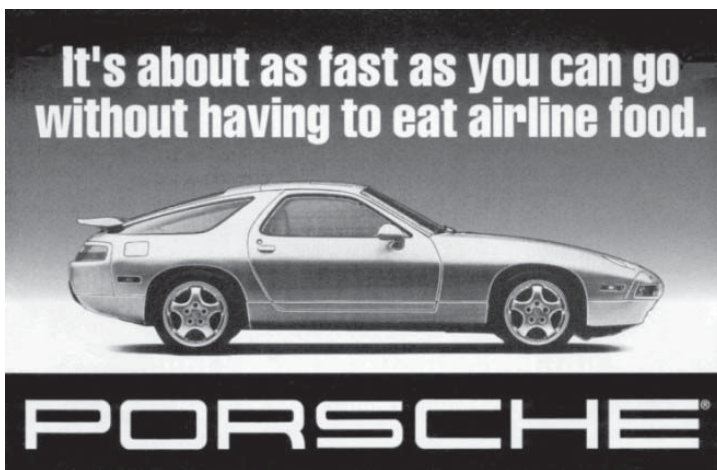


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