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Mile High Tour

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By Dave Ogden | Event photos by Steve Williams

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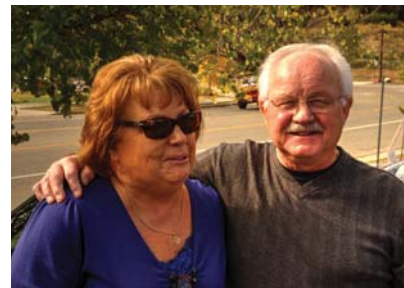
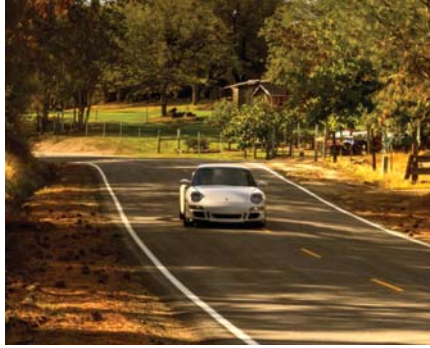
Our group was ready to roll early as we had breakfast at the Red Caboose. We took lower foothill routes to old Tollhouse and then dropped down into Auberry. From there we rested a bit before dropping into Kerkhoff and then up to North Fork where we took a pit stop.

We lost a couple cars at this point for they had to return to Fresno for other events but the rest of us buckled in and traveled

towards Mammoth Pools. About halfway to the mile high vista the forest was burnt badly from the summer's fire. This gave us a whole different view on the drive as you could see firsthand how the fire had hit some areas harder than others. As we rolled into our lunch spot the outside temp dropped below 50 degrees and the wind kicked up making for a very brisk and expedited lunch. But the views were well worth the journey. Great food and stories were shared by all before we loaded up and trekked down the mountain and back to Fresno.



Mile High Tour (continued)



Say hi everybody, see you all next year.

President's Letter

Members,

2014 for us was a Big year full of events and drives. We grew by 50 members during the year which is on track with other regions.

PCA grew to 177,000 members which makes us the largest car club in the World. We have been seeing at our Saturday coffees at least 2-4 new members a month coming to check us out. This has been a growing event that we have decided to pay for the coffee for this year! So come out and see what's new and check out who is driving something new.

2015 should be as busy as 2014 and with several new players on the Board you can expect more energy and enthusiasm for 2015. Ed Suarez will be covering the Vice President's role and has already jumped out ahead by attending the Pres. meeting for Zone and studying the rule changes for 2015 in PCA. With Brent Looney on the board we get plenty of experience from being the Social Committee member for over three years. Janet and Jenna Chilingirian are now taking over as the Social Committee members and will be sending you plenty of emails

for dinner meetings throughout the year. Please take time to welcome all of our new positions for they all get paid the same amount...smiles and pats on the back!

By the end of the month you can find the 2015 calendar posted on the website and at events we will be packing copies to handout. Please read ahead and mark the dates down on your day timers to make sure you can attend the ones that sound like a fit for you. Some big events for us this year will be the Mammoth tour in July and in October there is Rennsport V in Laguna. We will move and plan Oktoberfest around Rennsport so not to conflict with it. In April, Ryan will be having an AX driving school right after the day's AX event completes. For this event we are wanting to help you get familiar with your car under, hard brake, and quick steering inputs. This will build confidence in you and your car for both the street and the track.

Regards,

Dave Ogden

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New VP | Ed Suarez

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve the club in my new role as Vice President. My wife Cindy and I first joined the club in January of 2011. I drive a Yellow 2002 Carrera Cabriolet. My wife also became a Porsche owner this year when she purchased a 2012 Cayenne S. When I am not enjoying my time driving around in my car, I am working as a VP at Thiele Technologies, which manufactures custom designed industrial packaging machines. I am looking forward to working with Dave in providing club members with an exciting and fun experience being in the Sequoia Region Porsche Club. Please feel free to contact me with your questions and ideas to make this a fun year!

Ed Suarez, VP



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Rennsport Reunion IV Group Shot

Next Porsche Rennsport Reunion Scheduled for 2015

By Sports Car Digest

Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca announced Porsche Rennsport Reunion V will take place at the 2.2 mile, 11-turn Monterey, California racetrack the weekend of October 9-11, 2015. (Laguna Seca's website now shows it as Sept. 25-27, 2015)

Hosted by PCNA, Rennsport Reunion V will, once again, bring

together a gathering of significant Porsche vintage and current race cars, as well those who have designed, engineered, and driven them to victory in the world's most famous sports car races. The three-day program of on-track competition will be complemented by a Concours d'Elegance, which is open to invited race participants, and special activities celebrating

each of the six decades of legendary Porsche race cars.

This event has been held about every three years. After staging the first three rounds in the East, with the inaugural at Lime Rock Park in 2001, Rennsport Reunion IV moved West in 2011, tapping into a vast array of West Coast car aficionados and Porsche enthusiasts.

Calendar Jan - March 2015

	BOARD MEETINGS	DINNERS	TOURS	TECHDAY	AUTO-X	FIRST SAT COFFEE	TRACKDAYS
JAN	5th Ogdens	13th Campos	NONE	NONE	NONE	3rd	24th -Instructor training thunderhill
FEB	2nd Ed's	10th Richards	21st Hollister	NONE	NONE	7th	
MARCH	2nd Williams	10th Sequoia brew	21st Obie Tour	NONE	14th	7th	27th thunderhill/diablo 28th thunderhill/ggr

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First time on a Race Track

By Ed Suarez

I finally had an opportunity to take a drive on a track. When I first joined the PCA, I thought about how great it would be to drive my car on a professional course, but I was also fearful of possibly wrecking my car due to my lack of experience. The last thing I needed was to have to explain to my insurance company (or my wife) how I had damaged my car while driving on a race course. As I came to discover, my fear was unwarranted and the experience was more exhilarating than I could have ever imagined!

I am glad that, despite feeling I wasn't prepared to drive on a track, that I took the advice of some fellow



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club members to get out and get some real track experience. I was advised that Buttonwillow would be one of the best courses to learn on, since it was a very safe venue to lose control on, due to the lack of walls surrounding the track. Well, as it turned out, I ended up with my first experience at Laguna Seca which actually has high walls all around the course.

The day started with instructions on the course rules, along with two parade laps at slower speeds to get familiar with the track. That was

enough to settle my nerves. Prior to driving, there was also an inspection of the cars to insure that they met the requirements for safety. My instructor was with me for all my runs and was extremely helpful in providing me with the techniques for braking, acceleration, and learning the best course lines. I can now say that I would highly recommend everyone that has the opportunity, should sign up for a DE (drivers education) day at a track. Learning to drive on a track is invaluable to understanding your car's limitations and handling

characteristics, as well as learning what your own limitations are. This translates to better driving skills for everyday driving.

If you go onto our website, we have listed the different track days that are planned for this year. If you have any questions about what more to expect during a DE day, you can find the information from fellow club members and also from our website.

Fun Driving!



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