



## Oktoberfest 2014 Huge Crowd, Huge Success

By Margie Black

The worries about attendance manifesting themselves just days before the event gave way to the excitement of an amazingly large crowd when Saturday arrived. Dave jokingly kidded about the 120 who had seats, and suggesting that all others should make reservations next year. Luckily, it all worked out well. There was plenty of wonderful German food, the appetizers were still being enjoyed along with dinner, and we actually had German chocolate cake left over. Beer and wine .... seemed to be plenty.

It was a really festive evening, with a larger-than-ever number of attendees dressing in costume. The costumes really do add to the festivity. One dress came from Germany. A couple of first-time costumed men were thanking Marla for sewing colorful suspenders. A German-costumed man wandered the grounds playing happy music on the accordion. Obie Silverwood handled the arrangements and judging of our many German attired guest. This year's winners were Debi Schmidt and Louis Alvarado. Thanks to Schoolhouse Restaurant they both got dinner certificates.

The cars again were displayed around the expanse of the yard, and this year we sat close to the cars for the meal. It was quite thrilling (to some of us) to hear two women-owners receiving awards for their cars. Congratulations! The raffle this year was a bit different. We had the usual \$1 tickets and many fun gifts, but the addition of \$5 tickets for some larger items brought on more excitement (and high hopes). Vern will be telling us about the income generated through this fun part of the evening, at least in part due to the efforts of the ticket sellers. All proceeds from the raffle go into our charity fund, both at Oktoberfest and at all dinner meetings. The charity currently is high school auto mechanic programs. It is gratifying to see their appreciation when the checks are presented.

Oktoberfest was again a great success! Thanks to Dave & Tami for hosting this in their beautiful yard. If you missed it this year, pencil it in now for next year.

*See the event photos on Pages 11 - 15...*



# President's Letter

Members,

This year is starting to wind down and we are having our last AX and tour this month and only a couple more dinners are on the calendar. Please check the calendar in this issue so you don't miss out on the fun we still have left in 2014.

Last month we had Oktoberfest and if you missed out you can read about it in Margie's article in this issue as well. I would like to thank the many many volunteers that made this event the largest and smoothest running Oktoberfest to date with over 120 attendees and 50+ cars displayed.

Saturday Coffee still continues to be our best tool for gathering new members. Last month we had 3 new attendees that came to check out the club and what we are doing. The end result is for Oct we had 6 new members join the club and Debi has been in contact with them all and inviting them to dinner to get them plugged in to the membership and pick a event that interest them.

Autocross in Sept and Oct Ryan has informed me we are going strong with over 18 drivers at each event. Ryan and I attended a Zone 7 two day AX driving school where both of

us got to instruct new-to-AX drivers. This event was sold out with over 50 cars for the 2 days. Both Ryan and I got to drive several students cars and enjoyed the time teaching them how to enter into ABS braking and losing control in a G-force turn or do a slalom course at 50 mph. All these things can be applied into your daily driving skill set so Ryan will be planning a ½ day AX driving school next year to help you learn your car's ability better. Our last event is Nov 15 at the Visalia Airport, look for the email blast on more details or check out the website for details.

Equinox tour was lead by Julio in September which by all accounts was a great drive up to Courtwright Lake in the high Sierras. You can check out all the smiling faces from this event as well as other past events on the [www.sqa.pca.org](http://www.sqa.pca.org) website under Steve Williams smug-mug gallery posted on our website. Please take the time to drill into and find out who and what cars are joining in on the fun.

Need to make sure you have mailed back your ballots for we need them in so we can tally them up and at the Belmont Country Club Christmas dinner on Friday Dec. 5th we can

announce the newly elected Board Members.

If you have been checking the web and reading the blogs Porsche has several new models for 2015 coming out that will get your blood flowing. If the GTS Cayman with 3.8 liters does not do it for you then there is the 991 GT3 RS that will really get it to a boil. Also plans for a 991 release of the GTS model that hits a sweet spot with options that are standard for this car at a packaged price point. With that excitement a good way to harness your cars potential is a High Speed Driving school (DE) this month we jump in with Diablo Region for a track day at Laguna Seca in Monterey on Nov. 26th. We plan to drive over Tuesday night and track all day Wednesday before we gobble up some turkey. You can register online at [www.motorsportsreg.com](http://www.motorsportsreg.com) look for the driver's education and Laguna Seca and follow the steps. Not quite ready? Then come over and watch. If you come early we can get you in a car for a hotlap to check out the track...then you will be hooked!

Regards,

Dave Ogden

# October Autocross

Driving enthusiasts,

Our October autocross event was a huge success with perfect weather and eighteen drivers. The Visalia municipal airport has been a great location for us and one we look forward to continue using. The best time of the day went to Scott Fraser driving his REAL 1966 Shelby Cobra with his co-driver Bruce Cambern right behind him. The next top three spots went to Jim Clenney in his BMW M3, John Ogden in the venerable Miata, and Ryan Golom in his 997S.

Our next and last event of the year will be at the same location on Saturday, November 15th. If you haven't tried autocross before, please come out and say hi. You can ride with other drivers in cars similar to yours and get a feel for the actual capabilities of our Porsches. If you decide to drive, we have helmets for everyone to borrow and you'll be having a blast in no time!

We hope to see you in November. Drive safe!

Very respectfully,

Ryan Golom  
PCA Sequoia Region  
Autocross Director

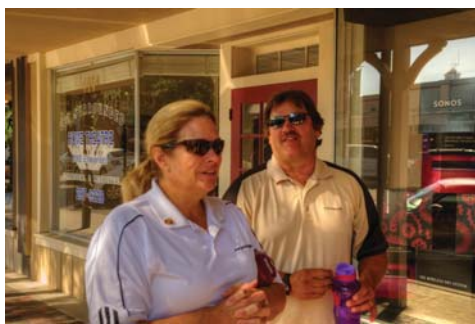


*This is Jeff Bohn in his 1975 911 and Joel Brownell in his 2012 911. The dashboard shot is my 2008 911.*

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