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A really authentic-feeling Oktoberfest party

Story by Margie Back | Photos by Steve Williams

The weatherman kept us guessing all week – shall we move into the barn? Shall we make arrangements for a tent? Dare we set up the tables? But then Oct. 17th arrived, with a beautiful, balmy evening for our Sequoia Region Oktoberfest. Gathered under the trees in the Ogden yard, it was a perfect setting for a party.

So much takes place behind the scenes before such an event! Dave and Tami demonstrate every year their super leadership skills as they organize “the troops” ahead of time. Who will take care

of the publicity, the ticket selling, the beverages, the appetizers, the desserts, the paper goods, the music, the costume contest, the out-door toilet, the large-size gifts for the raffle, the group photo and pictures for the web site? Thanks to Vern – tickets, beverages, paperwork; Luke – publicity, Ed and Cindy – car contest, set-up, Susan – cakes, Steve – photography, set-up, Roy and Annie – set-up, Leon – set-up, Brent and Lora – set-up, Margie and Jack – set-up, cakes, Obie – costume contest, and music, Chris and Carol – serving the cakes,



Photos by Steve Williams



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Debi – reminder calls and e-mails, lots of raffle sales, Tami and Dave – preparing the beautiful yards, but also organizing details, the caterer, appetizers, and misc. supplies. If I missed someone, so sorry, please know your help was appreciated.

As I visited with various guests, asking what they liked about the evening, some amazingly similar comments were made. It was a beautiful evening. The food was excellent. Liked the music. It was a fun time. Great comradery. Enjoyed visiting with friends. Enjoyed getting acquainted with people they hadn't known well. And then Wayne topped it all, saying it was a really authentic-feeling Oktoberfest party!

There were dozens of raffle prizes on the \$1 ticket table, but also some special gifts on the \$5 table. We love all those gifts and the enjoyment involved with a raffle. (We really want to WIN!) Remember, one-half of all raffle income goes directly into our charitable outreach fund and will find a special recipient later in the year.

No doubt Obie will be writing about the costume contest. Each year we gain a few more people willing to "dress up," and this year the Lockton family costumes from Germany were pretty special.

It was great to have the Porsche Brand Ambassador/Sales Professional, Sean Cawthon, present. Wonder who the lucky winners of the Porsche desk clocks, the Porsche wine stopper, and the Porsche license plate frame were?

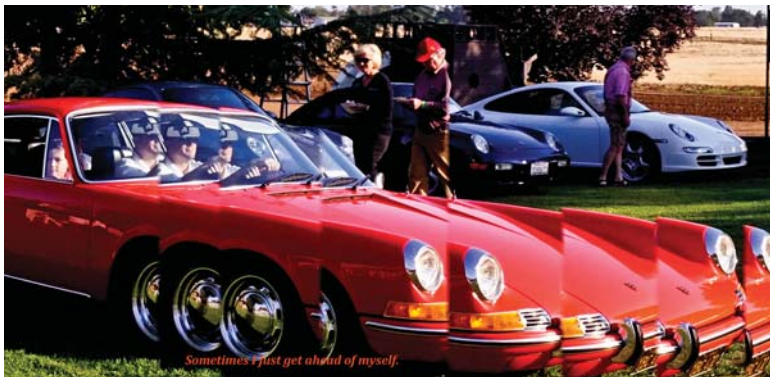
I am already looking forward to next year's Oktoberfest, and in the meantime, we can hope to see Steve's photos and the work of Ed's drone.





Oktoberfest 2015

Photos by Steve Williams



Sometimes I just get ahead of myself.





President's Letter

Members,

The last couple months have had some of the biggest Porsche events ever recorded.

In August was WERKS with over 800 Porsches attending that day. Porsche of North America brought out some exciting cars from GT4 to GT3 RS along with stunning colors for 918. Weather was a bit hot and humid but all seemed to survive while touring the golf greens to see all that arrived.

In September, Rennsport happened at Laguna Seca. This 3-day event brought in 57,000 people... all Porsche lovers. Either racing on the track or touring the vendor alley. There was too much to take in just 1-2 days. I saw many friends and members along with connections in PCA and Porsche North America to keep me busy sharing the excitement of the event. There are many articles to read in several publications on these events, although none are quite as good as being there!

Our club has had some fun just in our own backyard. A nice tour up in the

high Sierras, which you can see more details and pictures in this newsletter. We will be having a fun tour this month along the foothills to Coarsegold for the Tarantula Tour on Oct 31st. If you missed last month's Autocross in Visalia you can jump in with Ken and his crew in November on the 14th for the last AX of 2015. We had 16 cars last month that all improved after running 10+ laps around a fun designed course. If you're afraid of taking your car out, come do a ride-along and see what all the fun is about.

One of our best Tracks in California is going to be our playground in November. Monday the 23rd we join the Diablo Region for a HPDE (track day) drivers education at Laguna Seca. If you have been thinking about driving your car over the speed limit and see how she handles, this day is meant for you. Talk with myself, Leon, or Vince on how to sign-up on motorsportsreg.com and come enjoy the day with fellow speed junkies.

As I write this up we are just finishing clean-up from Oktoberfest 2015. If you missed coming, there is a great

article Margie Back has for you on Pages 1-3, along with pictures from Steve and Ed. This event has grown every year and is our biggest event of the year for the club. Next year we will be looking for a new venue as Tami and I want to step away from hosting. It's been 5 years - in a row - and it takes lots of time in the background to put on, time that we want to spend elsewhere for a bit. With election ballots headed out in the mail this month and the year winding down I hope to enjoy more time as a member rather as a President. My goal is to lead tours still and step away from the Board so we can try other Regions events and expand our network of friends in the PCA.

Hope to see everyone at Saturday coffee events and stay plugged into what the club and its members are doing!

Regards,

Dave Ogden
Sequoia Region President

Jay's Garage features Sequoia Member's 356 C

By Stephen Williams

In July, Anand Rajani received a surprise call from John Willhoit, a well-known Porsche builder, telling him that Jay Leno is interested in his newly restored 356C coupe. Further, that a transport would be sent to gather up his car for shipping to Jay's shop. In August, Sequoia member Anand and his wife Kaysha visited Jay Leno's shop for a taping of "Jay's Garage" featuring Anand's beautifully restored 356 C Coupe. During the visit Jay gave the Rajanis a tour of his shop and his collection including his 300 SL Gullwing and a one-off custom hot rod powered by a military tank engine, proving that car guys do recycle.



Anand's coupe has a very extensive and complete history tracing the life of the little coupe from 1964 to today. In my preparation for this article I asked Anand to share the car's history with me:

"This car was originally bought and owned by a psychiatrist named Gerhard Cotts. He owned the car for about 2 years, and then traded it in. It was then purchased by a man named John Sullivan who was attending the Naval Academy. He bought the car from a dealer in Arlington VA. He really wanted a new 912, but couldn't afford



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Jay's Garage, continued

one, so he settled for a 356c. He then drove the car across the US to Lemoore, where he was based at the air station for a year or so before being transferred to Los Angeles, where he remained for his career. He drove the car daily until the mid-1980s, and then kept the car in the garage, driving it only once a week to keep it going. He took meticulous care of the car, recording every refueling, oil, lube and filter change in a small book. The car was repainted once in 1976, but still had its original interior when I acquired it in 2014 through a classic car dealer in Costa Mesa.



"The car also has an original toolkit and travel kit, which are very hard to find. It has original date matched wheels also, and all of its original body panels. The engine John Willhoit installed was a 2132 cc 356 engine. Many 356 enthusiasts yearn for more power, but the 356 case has clearance issues which limit the displacement to 2002 cc. In order to get a longer stroke, John built a new crank through SCAT with shorter, custom Carrillo connecting rods that would allow for clearance. He has utilized DURABAR



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Jay's Garage, continued

cylinders (a special iron alloy) and JE pistons; the car runs paradoxically cooler than the other engines he has made. No external oil cooler is required, and the car makes a very reliable 148 hp at 5500 rpm with a 6000 rpm redline. Overall, the engine has a beautiful torque curve and is a tremendously fun car to drive on the street. Best of all, the car utilizes all OEM parts, and looks exactly like a stock 356 SC engine.

"John is also well known for his suspension modifications; my car is equipped with Koni adjustable shocks, slotted and plated rotors with original calipers. There is a beefed up 17,5mm front sway bar, Willhoit's custom short shift kit which remains 100% stock-looking with very clean, tight, short throws.

"The friendship between Jay Leno and John Willhoit came about by pure chance when Jay purchased a 1963 356B Carrera 2 and he contacted John as a well-known Porsche builder for information on his early twin-cam

engine. As it turned out the car Jay had purchased had originally been owned and restored by John Willhoit in 1976. John sold the car for \$16,000 which was huge money at the time the prior sales record for a 356 Carrera was \$12,000. John Willhoit's engine design is unique and very well known throughout the vintage Porsche world."

An episode of "Jay's Garage" features his car with John Willhoit as his guest.

Whenever I'm asked about the popularity of the Porsche brand my answer is simply look at the history and the timeless quality of design from the very 1st Gmund Coupe to today's Carrera. Anand's beautiful coupe is the perfect representative of this timeless quality.



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It's All Relative...

By Margie Back, Historian

It's all relative. Tell yourself that when you pay \$30 for a dinner at the Bear Club, or \$40 for a dinner at the Manhattan.

In 1965, this Club feasted on lobster and steak at the Broken Bit in Oakhurst for \$4, prime rib and steak at Morro Rock Inn in Three Rivers for \$4, and steak and ribs at Ducey's Lodge in Bass Lake for \$3.50. A mimeographed, multi-page Zeitung carried a 4-cent postage stamp.

Bud Hogue (who was president in 1965) bought a brand-new 1964 SC Coupe in Germany for \$4,700, including shipping.

A used 1958 Normal Speedster with a NARDI wood-rim steering wheel and new top sold for \$1,600.



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Our First Food Drive was a Success!

Write-up & Photos by Edwin Suarez | Group photo by Steve Williams

Our first annual Porsche Food Drive was a huge success!! It was held in downtown Clovis on a beautiful, warm, fall morning the first Saturday in October 3, 2015, along with the morning Farmers Market. Food Drive barrels had been placed at 8 different locations throughout Clovis and 1 at the Porsche dealership. Originally the Clovis businesses had asked that all the barrels be emptied and taken away on the Friday evening before (in preparation for an afternoon event for that same Saturday), but the businesses were so enthusiastic about the help it would provide for the community, that they ALL asked to keep the barrels to continue to collect food through December to assure our needy neighbors have enough for the

holidays! In addition, we had a record turnout of vehicles turn out for our Saturday Coffee, including a beautiful , that Sean brought from the Porsche dealer. Many of the businesses came out to comment on how fun it was to see all the cars and people who attended. Thank you to all the businesses and everyone who helped and contributed!!

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Hello Zone 7/Sequoia Region Members!

In case you haven't heard, the Sacramento Valley Region (SVR) is bringing CRAB back! The "Save the Date" card is shown below. More details to come. If you are wondering, the "Eagle's Nest" is a private 4,000' airstrip in the Sierra Foothills. And yes, the autocross will be held on the airstrip!

In years past (35 of them!), SVR has seen huge support for CRAB throughout Zone 7. And worth pointing out is the fact that there were several years where the region with the most attendee's was not SVR! Will it happen again???

We look forward to having a huge turnout for CRAB 36!

Let me know if you have any questions!

All the best,

Kirk Bradford
(CRAB Marketing Guy)
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CRAB RETURNS!

Save The Dates

Sacramento Valley Region Presents

CRAB 36

May 13th ~ 15th 2016

At Eagle's Nest in Ione, California

Our 3-day Multi-region event will include:

Friday Night: Welcome party, Walking Funkhana

Saturday: Autocross, Driving Tour, Walking Tours, Driving Funkhana,

CRAB Banquet & Dancing with Music by The Speedsters

Sunday: Concours, Rallye, Beer & Brat BBQ



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These cars
were all at
the "First
Saturday
Coffee" in
September
2015...

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gorgeous
they all are!

Congratulations
for driving
such
beautiful
works of art!

Photography
by
Diane Tjerrild





Courtright Run

By Edwin Suarez

On September 19th we had our tour up to Courtright reservoir. It was a very spirited run with about 10 cars joining up for the ride.

The weather was excellent and the drive up was full of twists and turns. As we approached a grove of giant Sequoias along Dinky Creek road, we ran into a large presence of firefighters staged in the area to fight all the wildfires that were going on at that time.

We made a short stop at the grove of Sequoias and had a chance to take a walk along the trails to see the magnificent trees.

After stretching our legs for a while, we were once again on the road to our destination to Courtright reservoir. We parked along the road and found a perfect spot in the park

to set up for relaxing time under the trees.

Everyone brought plenty of food; actually enough to feed double the amount of people that were there. The Webbs even included some red and white wine to satisfy our thirst.

It was a great time relaxing and having great conversation. A few of us walked a short distance over to the lake and as usual it was beautiful and serene. This was the first time for Cindy and I to go on this tour and we were so glad we got the chance to join our fellow club members.

It is a great ride up to the reservoir and a very peaceful, enjoyable time with our fellow friends. I hope that more members get a chance next year to join us.

Ed

(Photos continue next page)





Courtright Run, Continued





The 2015 Porsche Rennsport Reunion

The 2015 Porsche Rennsport Reunion was a spectacular site for any car enthusiast. It was my first trip to the Laguna Seca Speedway and it did not disappoint. As I approached the entrance there was exclusive parking for all Porsches at the "Porsche Corral." I am currently looking for a custom paint scheme for my 996. There were all types of models represented in the parking area and I was able to see what exterior and interior combinations work the best. I am leaning towards Dolphin Gray or British Racing Green.

On the track during warm ups I saw a few spin outs next to the vendors. It was great to see many different eras racing at the same time. You can appreciate the roar of the early air cooled engines running next to a late model 997's. Under the tent, Porsche race cars from all eras were displayed. This was the largest gathering of Porsche race cars in the world. There was so much to see in a short amount of time. I was told there were over 1,400 Porsches at this event. Hopefully in 3 years I will be on the track with my project.

Charles Rex (A co-worker of the Editor)



NOTE: Charles and his dad are starting a "3-Year Project" car: 1999 Porsche 911 (the "real" Porsche as he calls it!). They plan to add a wide-body kit, new paint, a B&M Short shifter, and a fly-wheel upgrade. Once the car is done, I'm hoping they will join this Club! - From Diane, Your Newsletter Editor





The Pohndorfs' Amazing Garage Gathering!





Calendar

Thru December 2015

	BOARD MTG	DINNERS	TOURS	TECHDAY	AUTO-X	FIRST SAT COFFEE	trackdays
NOV	2nd	10th	Pinehurst	NONE	14th	7th	
	Steve's	REV's	14th		visalia		
DEC	TBD	5th	NONE	NONE	NONE	5th	
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