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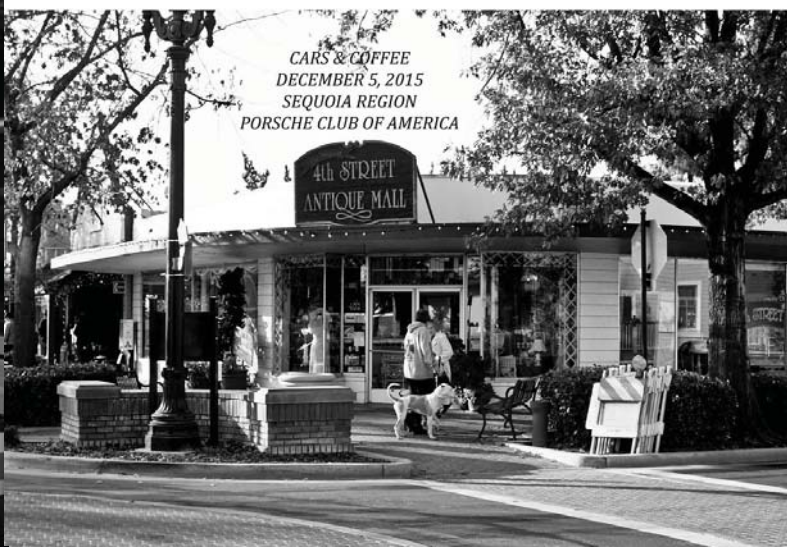
By Stephen Williams

The essence of any single marque car club is providing car guys the chance to gather and exchange notes of common interest with other car guys. The monthly "Cars & Coffee" is the perfect venue to provide owners the chance to gather and enjoy

the cars and meet fellow owners. Since its inception, "Cars & Coffee" has become one of our most successful events. I have put together a collection of images from the past year that showcases our monthly event.









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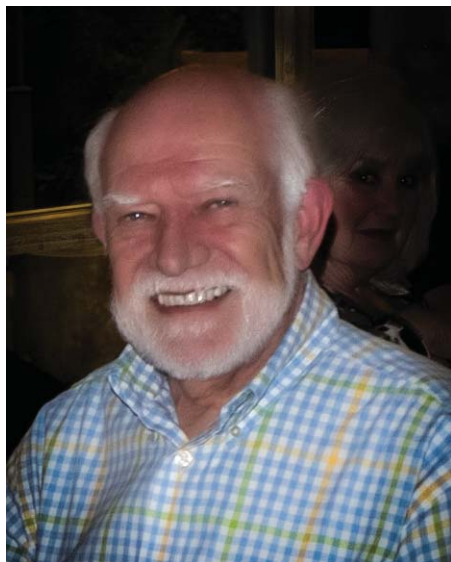
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President's Letter

Happy New Years!!!

As a recap to our Holiday party, we had a great time with over 70 people attending the party. Belmont did an excellent job in setting up the party for us as they have always done. Jenna and Janet handled all the arrangements and made the whole event run very smoothly. We had a very nice display of photo albums from the early days of the club provided by Glenn and had a great video produced by Steve Williams. The video had photos from all of our events throughout 2015.

We introduced our new board member, Richard Webb as our new Vice President. His wife Fran Webb



Richard Webb, VP

will also be very much involved in support of the club. We have had a change in our social chair position. Jenna and Janet will be vacating the role and Cindy Suarez and Nancy Mendez will take over the role. Jenna and Janet did a great job and we thank them for all the hard work over the year. In my new role as president, my goal is to continue the great work that Dave Ogden did as president for 5 years. Dave set us on a great path of growth with so many great memories of events over the years. Our club is continually growing and we will need to be flexible and adapt to the needs of our members. I look forward to everyone's suggestions and support as I take on this exciting position as president.

As we are entering 2016, there will be many more exciting and fun times awaiting us. One of our first events in January will be our first Saturday coffee on January 2nd at our regular spot at On the Edge in downtown Clovis. On January 12th we have our first monthly dinner at the Spaghetti Factory. Hope all of you have seen the email blast that Nancy sent out on the dinner. She did a great job with the flyer and it seems that Cindy and Nancy have jumped in with both feet into their new role. We look forward to seeing you there.

There will not be a tour in January, but we pick them back up in February. Dave's article in this newsletter describes what's coming up for this year. Due to the growth of our club, we have decided to have two groups on our tour days. One group will be the sport group, which will be a more spirited ride. The second group which will depart separately, will be the touring group which will have the opportunity to take in more of the scenery and drive at a more leisurely pace. As we have always done, Obie will continue leading us on wine tours throughout the central valley region.

I am looking forward to helping our club grow and working with the board members on making this year a fun engaging time for our members. Once again, thanks to Dave and Tami for giving us a great past 5 years and thanks to all the members in creating great memories. I hope all of you had a great Christmas Holiday and Happy New Years and look forward to many new fun times together this coming year.

Ed Suarez
President Sequoia Region
Porsche Club

PCA "Wine Runs"

By Obie Silverwood



In March and July of 2015 we enjoyed lunch visits to the Kings River Winery in Sanger and Ramos Winery in Kingsburg.

2016 will take us back to Cardella Winery in Mendota and Fasi Winery in Friant.

In previous years we have also toured the Sequoia View, Cru and Ficklin wineries.

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Trackdays & Tours | 2016

Trackdays-

We try to attend at least 3-4 Drivers ED (DE) trackdays each year as visiting Club members to another Regions event. We like to hit Buttonwillow in May which is a perfect track for beginners to the HPDE for there are no walls to tag - just dusty dirt to spinout into. This event is put on by Central Coast Region(CCR) has been a regular for us to attend for over 8 years. I prefer new track attendees try this event out for it is close and very strictly run by CCR so when you attend a bigger track like Laguna Seca you have experience and know what to expect and do at the event - then you only have to focus on the track and its driving lines.

June is Thunderhill and put on by Diablo Region which is a Region we like to hook up with for they have great people and are well organized and not "competitive" as Golden Gate Region (GGR).

The challenge with Thunderhill is the size and number of turns of the track.

This track is double the length of Laguna Seca and takes some serious practice prior to attending the event - on video games or track maps. Another event Diablo hosts in November is Laguna Seca. This is why we practice during the year to attend a day at Laguna! By far the best event of the year to attend. This year we had 8 drivers from Sequoia attend and everyone there was smiling though out the day. So plan on coming to a couple Autocross events and Buttonwillow so you can also join in on the fun of Laguna Seca or Thunderhill this year!

Tours-

This year we are changing things up some by having the tour split up into two groups so we can better control speed and "herding" of cars. I will need a second tour leader to make this happen so please look at the following events and dates so we can cover the second driving group. We will give a 20 minute split in depart times so we both are on same route and final destination arrival timing. This year we have a couple of special

tours with Death Valley 2-day that hooks up with the Las Vegas Region and sometime in June or July we are doing our 3-day tour with many Regions. Last year there were 77 cars from seven regions that enjoyed the roads and friendships made in Mammoth. We are waiting on a better snowpack report to determine timing of mountain passes opening up..!

Feb- Hollister Tour on the 27th. Fun tour that heads south on 41 to Harris Ranch then 180 over to Hwy 25 north into Hollister for lunch.

March- Obie is working on a tour for this month. TBA

April 2-3 is a 2-day Death Valley tour.

May 21st - TBD

June/July - date TBA for 3-day Mammoth Lakes tour

Regards,

Dave Ogden

The Emblem Through the Years



1954 – 1965



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1963 – 1973



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1973 – 1994



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1994 – 2008



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from 2008



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**Do Christmas parties
fall into "eras"?**

**Or, "A Romp Through
Porsche Club
Christmas-Parties-Past"**



A 1960's aluminum Christmas Tree

By Margie Back, Historian

We have just enjoyed another Porsche Club Christmas party. The last few have been surprisingly similar.....Belmont Country Club's lovely meeting room, beautiful tree with lots of gifts, side table offering pre-dinner snacks, brief recap of the year's highlights, introducing old and new officers, and giving out awards.

Even though the event was, as usual, very enjoyable, I began to think of Christmas parties in our past. The Porsche club has had an annual Christmas party since the very beginning, which have been alike and yet different, periodically.

From the beginning, the Fresno-then-San Joaquin Region loved a party. They loved dancing to a live band. But over the years, they often had a disc jockey. Tickets in the '60's were \$6 couple, with live bands upping the cost to \$15 per couple. Everyone loved dressing up in "formal" clothing. They loved an open bar. And "the ladies" were encouraged to "get out their cook books" and bring their best "Christmasy" finger food. Dancing went on 'til midnight, or even 1:00 a.m.

Fresno Swim and Racquet Club was the location all through the '60s. In 1970 and 1971 the location changed to the San Joaquin Country Club and the parties were described as "dinner dances."

In 1972, member Chuck Stephenson invited the club to use a

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PHOTOS: Racing toys you may have wanted as a kid!

Porsche Club Christmas-Parties Past

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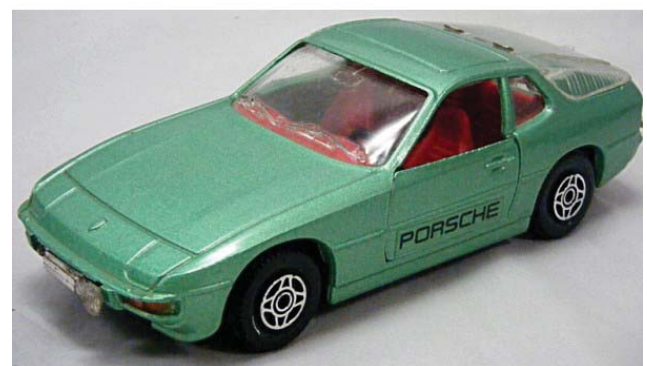
large room in his Stephenson-Bradford Music building. Dinner was catered at \$10 a couple and it was announced that the "more formal sit-down dinner will give way to the blast we have had in the past which proved more successful." Club provided \$150 worth of gifts, everyone brought a door prize, and the club offered a grand prize of air fare/accommodations/food money for a couple's choice of destination -- Lake Tahoe or Las Vegas. "The winner must be a club member and present at the dinner."

For the next couple of years the location was the Sunnyside Country Club, with a short-lived tradition of having a committee of women get together and make crafty centerpieces, which were sold at the dinner. Sherry Evert was the leader of that. It was suggested the members consider bringing another couple to the dinner, maybe someone who might want to become a member. I remember particularly liking the huge luxurious chairs in that dining room.

Then, mid-70's, we began holding a Christmas dinner at the Ft. Washington Country Club. Cheryl Gilpin was the party planner. Tickets were \$15 per couple in 1975 and the club's door prize was a \$295 ten-speed bicycle. Then for one year we went to the Edison Social Club (\$20 a couple for a "cocktail buffet"), another year to the Del Webb Townhouse, then the Fresno Hilton, and then back to several years at Ft. Washington. By 1981 we had reached \$32 a couple. Ft. Washington was a beautiful setting, and those were the days when the men were wearing their red sport coats and the women were "dressy" in lovely long gowns. 1983 was the last one at Ft. Washington and celebrated our 25th anniversary.

In 1984 we were at the Hacienda, again with dancing from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. We then used various venues: Piccadilly Inn, Downtown Club (where we were served "coq au vin aux champignons" - young tender chicken breasts with olive oil, simmered in burgundy wine sauce), then again the Picadilly at \$28 each, then the Sunnyside Country Club at \$25 each, the Fig Garden Swim & Racquet Club (\$32.50 each for a buffet plus late-night sandwiches and dancing 'til midnight). Then we tried Cedar Lanes, the Bucket at CSUF (\$21 each), then back to San Joaquin Country Club for a couple of years (\$30 each).

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PHOTOS: Your kids may have had similar racing toys!

Porsche Club Christmas-Parties Past

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In 1994 a new series of Christmas parties came about due to Glenn Pierce's invitation. We gathered at the Car Factory, with Steve Spangler grilling steaks, Dave Goerlich baking giant potatoes, and everyone bringing either a salad, appetizer or dessert. Cost was just \$10, until 1999 when it jumped to \$15 - but still the same format. Each year there was a "table decorating contest" managed by Marilyn Pierce and Sue Goerlich which made a beautiful setting for the dinner. The last year there, 2001, the club picked up the cost of the steaks. 2002 the same format, but downtown at Kevin Molineaux's Arcane Automotive. For that setting we were urged to "dress warmly," a wise suggestion, as I recall.

In 2003 and 2004 we enjoyed the beautiful Copper River Country Club, at \$25 each. 2005 we were at the Belmont Country Club, then in 2006 back to Copper River. In 2007 and 2008 we were invited by Glenn Pierce to California Motoring's large facility in Clovis, using the previous format of grilling steaks on-site and each attendee bringing a covered dish. Then in 2009 we enjoyed dinner at the festive Downtown Club (thanks to Jim Fitzpatrick). After so many years of decorating and bringing food, it was a really nice change to have everything provided, including their beautiful table decorations. Cost was \$35 each.

During many of the years, we used the Christmas party as a time to bring gifts of canned goods, which then were distributed to a needy family from the school where Shari Walker taught. Money from our "charity" fund provided other gifts for the family.

All of this brings us to our current several-year-long arrangement with Belmont Country Club, starting in 2010. Lora Looney did a great job of nurturing this relationship. Once again we have had a beautiful setting, good food, the traditional zillions of raffle gifts, opportunity of awarding much-deserved honor to those who have led our activities this past year, been introduced to new leaders for the upcoming year, and enjoyed a pleasant evening among friends.....all part of a Porsche Club Christmas!

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1983 Le Mans results

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- 2nd Porsche**
- 3rd Porsche**
- 4th Porsche**
- 5th Porsche**
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- 9th Sauber/BMW**
- 10th Porsche**

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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!

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February	8-Feb Ed's	9-Feb Westwoods	27-Feb Rock Tour			6-Feb	
March	7-Mar Leon	8-Mar	Cordella Winery		5-Mar Visalia airport	5-Mar	
April	4-Apr Vern	12-Apr	4/2-4/3 Death Valley		9-Apr Visalia Airport	Bighat day no coffee	
May	2-May Steve	10-May	21-May Boyden Cave		14-May Visalia airport	7-May	
JUNE	6-Jun Ed's	14-Jun			NONE	4-Jun	
JULY	11-Jul Vern	12-Jul	Mammoth Ramos winery		NONE	2-Jul	
AUG	1-Aug Margies	9-Aug			NONE	6-Aug	
SEPT	12-Sep Manhattan	13-Sep	Equinox		NONE	3-Sep	
OCT	3-Oct Ed's	Oktoberfest	tarantula		Visalia Airport	1-Oct	
NOV	7-Nov Steves	8-Nov	Pinehurst		Visalia Airport	5-Nov	
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