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Todd Martin in his 992

Enjoying AutoX!

Photo taken by: Ed Suarez

## Letter from the Editor

Guten Tag!

This year has flown by... Well, of course it should, we drive Porsches! We love to fly in style!

I apologize, this edition is late! I've been so busy these past few months selling real estate, building custom homes and starting a new Non-Profit corporation named "InspireClub.org" to help underprivileged children and adults — giving out beds and bedding, firewood, visiting Seniors at the nursing home brightening their days, giving away used donated appliances to those in need, and more. Oh Yeah, top that all off with my family and I coming down with a round of COVID !



With all that going on, I haven't been able to come out and enjoy the club events and seeing all of you as I love to do! I hope to change that in 2022. I missed out on some incredible tours, AutoX and Cars & Coffees. Well, at least I did make it out to burn up the track at Laguna Seca (WeathertTech Raceway) with other Sequoia P-Car owners Ron, Bruno, David, Vince, Paul & Barry mid October! And enjoyed the Christmas Banquet at the Belmont Country Club!

We hope you are taking advantage of all our club has to offer also!

*Rev* it up! Prost! Susanne Waite, Editor





This will be the last letter from me as President . Tami and I have fully enjoyed being Members of Sequoia Region these past 15 years.

Most of it we have served on the board in some capacity. Today we leave with more Board Members and committee staff than how it started for us. This makes for an active growing Club!

We have been fortunate with several Board Members sticking around long enough to get the New ones trained and up to speed before rotating to another position or stepping away for a bit. Tami and I can remember our first club dinner when Margie Back grabbed us by the arm and got us involved, thank you Margie!

If I recall correctly she also snagged Brent Looney and Vern Simmons both have served on the Board with us since 2008.

This led us down the trail of gathering friends and going places we most likely would not have traveled. PCA motto is based on our club tradition, "It's not the Cars, It's the People!"

Thanks to Ed Suarez's high energy and desire to continue the current path our Region is going the club should grow another 30 members per year and create new adventures for all that want to participate.

Along with Ed the Board has 2 new members in Dan Morris as VP and Kevin Scritchfield as Sect. These guys will bring new fresh ideas and plans for the next few years as they get more and more involved.

We just had our Year End board meeting at Vern's house and covered the first 3 month's of events for 2022. One new thing is Danny Escobar leading wine tours this year. You can expect some weekends with both a driving tour headed in one direction and Danny leading another tour towards a local Winery. We have found that groups that attend Wine tours are not typically on the driving tours.

This will get more members on the road and connecting with other members. Randy Ames has the tentative 2022 driving tours laid out. I see there are 2 tours that are overnighter's!

Larry Kirlin already has the dates reserved for AX in 2022 so start checking tire pressures and be ready for some fun weekends.

If these are not for you Cindy Suarez is booking the best restaurants in town and some out of town. We have been tipping into the 50-60 members at dinners. New members remember you get your first dinner FREE from the Club just use your membership number at time of sign up.

If you travel into Idaho and want to hit some the curves in our new backyard please reach out!

#### Regards, Dave Ogden, President



## Zeitung

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February 19 - Hollister Tour/King City Tour

March 19 - Wine Tour

April 16 & 17 - Fred Scott Memorial Angeles Crest Highway

[Wine Tour possibility]

May 21 - Back Roads to Bass Lake Tour

June 18 - Tentative Poker Run Charity Event in afternoon with dinner

at the Suarez's

July 18 - Golden Chain Tour to Coulterville

August 20 - Porsches to Pismo Tour

Sept. 17 & 18 - Monterey to Cambria Tour

[Wine Tour possibility]

October 15 - Tarantula Tour

November 12 or 19 - Wine Tour

#### **Other Possibilities:**

**D** back roads to Bass Lake but eat at

Chukchansi casino?

Dinner tour in Bass Lake and drive up to Glacier Point.

**?** Kern River Canyon eat in Lake Isabella

Note; August and September tours may be flipped. Fore more information or suggestions for tours — Contact Randy Aames

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Auto Cross

### Save the Date! April 9, 2022

### Madera Airport

November 13, 2021 Story By: Larry Kirlin

# On the Edge Rush Your Car to the Limits... Safely!

On Saturday, November 13th, we held our fifth autocross event for 2021 at the Madera Airport. We had 14 competitors on course this weekend. All but two cars were Porsche. The weather was chilly, and the fog didn't lift all day. For a while there, we weren't sure if we were going to be able to run the event but fortunately the fog thinned just enough for us.

This month's course was a variation of previous designs with extra fun added. I've learned a couple of things about designing autocross courses. First, people don't have fun if they can't figure out the course. Second, drivers like to go fast. More gas, less brake. I had those two thoughts in mind when I penned November's course. I kept the course open, simple, and fast. I also made sure the drivers could cross the finish line with their foot on the throttle.

Final verdict: FUN!

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Our top three finishers for the day were Eric G, Lisa G and Bruno R. The difference between first and third places was only half a second. We had some rookies on the course this weekend too. It's nice to see new people coming to our events. Judging by the smiles, I think we have them hooked for more.

Since this is our last event for the year, I wanted to thank each of our volunteers by name. Thanks to each of you for your help this year. We really have come a long way as a team.

Babette-Scorekeeping Bruno-Course setup Geneva-Registration

Leon-Inspections Randy & Bruce-Timing Russ-Instructor Tom-Safety

Immediately following the autocross, we had a quick lunch break for everyone participating in the Car Control Clinic. This year's clinic was lead by national champion racer and CHP, Rob Krider. Rob gave a brief but informative summary of several aspects of car control. His energetic and humorous personality was both enjoyable and see new people coming to our events. Judging by the smiles, I think we have them hooked for more.













The Chicago Box is our emergency maneuver element. Imagine you are happily cruising down the interstate at 65 MPH with the music blasting. You don't notice that you have crept Anti-lock braking system. This up a little too close to the car in front of you. That car stops suddenly, by the time you see it, there isn't enough space to stop in time. However, an alternative cle. lane to the left or right is free. You need to execute an emergency lane change. This helpful technique teaches you to change lanes quickly and safely in the event of brake failure, a tire blowout, a sudden obstacle in the road, or other similar emergency.

Finally, we have our launch/ braking element. Emergency braking means coming to a stop...fast. We have all been in situations where bringing the vehicle to an immediate stop is necessary to avoid a collision. Any hesitation could mean the difference between a near miss and a nasty crash. Many drivers are typically not prepared for this type of braking. I cannot think of anything more important than learning how to brake out of dangerous situations. You need to know how your car will behave while emergency braking.

For this element, the student will accelerate, emergency brake and while the car is under full braking, they will experience a pulsation from the car's system allows you to brake faster and, because the wheels don't lock, it allows you to potentially steer around an obsta-

The students all had several opportunities to practice each element of the course. It took quite a bit of coaching to get some people to push their car over the limit. It's not easy to push through your fear and trust the instructor but I can say that each person went outside their comfort zone for this clinic. I'm very proud of our students for trusting us.

Thanks to all the participants and crew for a fabulous event. I look forward to seeing everyone again in March.











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### September 11, 2021 Results

Driver	Car Model	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Total
Craig B	Corvette	> 54.433	55.071	54.520+1	54.433
Matt B	Cayman S	55.569+1	>55.433	56.426+2	55.433
Gary M	BMW 330CI	55.806	56.314	> 55.639	55.639
Kevin J	Porsche 911 4S	55.929	54.508+1	>55.876	55.876
Dave W	BMW M2	> 56.026	56.246	56.052	56.026
Ric Q	Scion FRS	57.753+dnf	58.018	> 56.881	56.881
Todd M	Porsche 911 S	58.948	58.863	> 57.420	57.42
Bruno R	Porsche Cayman	> 58.557	59.657	59.782	58.557
Adam C	Cayman	63.426	62.792	> 61.786	61.786
Mike W	Porsche 911	63.61	> 63.034	63.181	63.034
Oniel Y	Miata	65.853	63.105	> 63.059	63.059
Larry C	Boxster S	79.611+dnf	68.443+1	>64.336	64.336
Nick C	Porsche 944 Turbo	67.724	> 65.407	66.939+1	65.407
Roger C	Boxster S	70.986	> 70.192	66.843+dnf	70.192

### November 13, 2021 Results

Driver	Car Model	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Total
Eric G	GT3	48.554	59.155+1	>47.676	47.676
Lisa G	GT3	48.535	> 48.055	48.486	48.055
Bruno R	Cayman GTS	48.755	48.976	> 48.162	48.162
Cliff P	Boxster	48.974	> 48.304	49.758+1	48.304
Todd M	911	> 49.988	51.964+1	50.334	49.988
Dexter J	Subaru WRX	57.113	> 50.653	51.699	50.653
Vince N	Cayman S	> 51.214	51.269	51.993	51.214
Larry C	Boxster S	53.075	> 51.995	52.209	51.995
Chris B	Cayman	56.681	54.853	> 53.559	53.559
Hank G	911	56.016	53.968	> 53.573	53.573
Constantine P	Ford Focus RS	57.585+1	57.62	>55.187	55.187
Roger C	Boxster S	> 55.806	56.174	56.056	55.806
Randy A	Boxster S	> 59.385	60.041	59.497	59.385





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(Tour) Tarantula (BULL???) Run HWC3Z1 October 16, 2020 E  $(\cdot)$ Mile 1 Route N/B SR41 TARANTULA TOUR SATURDAY B October 16, 2021 Mile 3 Regro 0 Mile 78.3 Destination Emphasis is placed on safety, scenery, and fun. Please relax, meet some new friends, and enjoy the experience to the fullest.



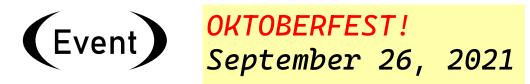
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### *Tours in Review From Randy Ames, Tour Director*

As our tour season comes to a close I wanted to thank all those who participated in our tours in 2021 as we rebounded back from Covid Restrictions. I would especially like to thank those who volunteered to either lead or sweep the tours we had. Looking forward to more tours and some new tours for our club in 2022. Regarding this I have a few thoughts.



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- The pre-registration for tours was a big success! It helps me in determining how many groups we need in advance.
- I will continue as long as we have hats the policy of being a Sweep you get a hat!
- If you would like to lead a tour or be a Sweep please reach out to me. My email is <u>amestr@att.net</u>
- If you are on a tour please take the time to write an article. Not looking for Pulitzer quality but some photos and an article.
- Ed has put forth that we may add more wine tours than on the calendar by doing some on Sunday.

• If after looking at the list of tentative and possible alternate tours there is something you have done or would like to do just email me the idea. I like the idea of a couple of tours where we leave in the afternoon for dinner at the end of the tour as an example. It has also been suggested to have a tour to the Blackhawk museum in northern California. That would be more of a direct route tour. We can do those if there is interest. The Fred Scott Tour includes a tour of the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar where we went last time. This time we will tour the building that was closed to us due to earthquake retrofitting last time we went down there.

• I try and do a balance of short vs long tours. This past year has been a challenge due to the fires in the mountains. This made me choose more long tours where we headed west out of Fresno to avoid possible fires or interference with fighting fires.

Lastly I would like to after 2022 take a step back so I hope one or more people are willing to step up and assist me by leading tours next year and beyond. If you are interested then let me know and I will let you lead a tour or two this year. I would still like to be involved but it would be nice not to have to plan everything or lead everything. A big shout out to Richard Webb who creates the maps and instructions for all our tours. Richard puts in a lot of time and is very patient with me as we go back and forth on possible tour routes. I could not do this if not for him! Thanks Richard!

One more thing. I joined the club just over five years ago. I have belonged to two other car clubs. The first was for my Datsun 2000 roadster and the second was for my Miatas. My bit of advice to anyone joining a club is volunteer and offer the talents you have to make the club better and be involved. I let Dave know I had run tours in past clubs and the rest, as they say, is history. I enjoy the friendships I have made and being a naturally shy person that would not have happened if I sat on the sidelines. When we all try to help out in big and small ways it spreads the responsibility from just those who serve on our board. Wishing all a wonderful 2022!

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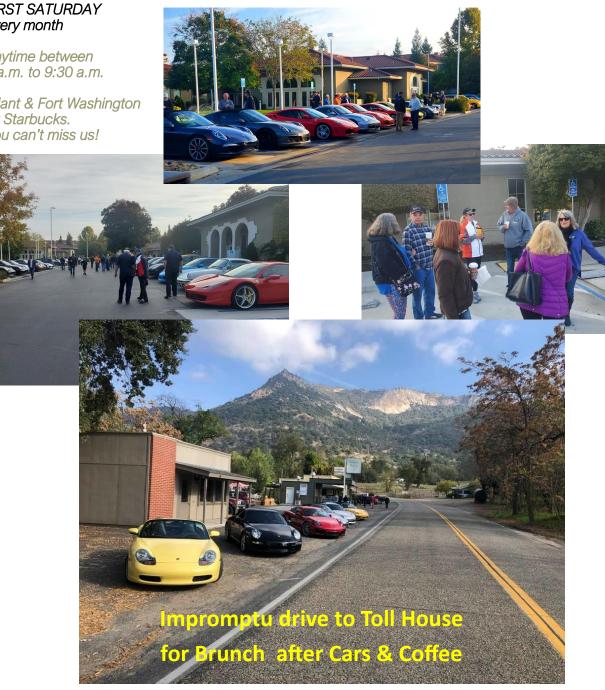
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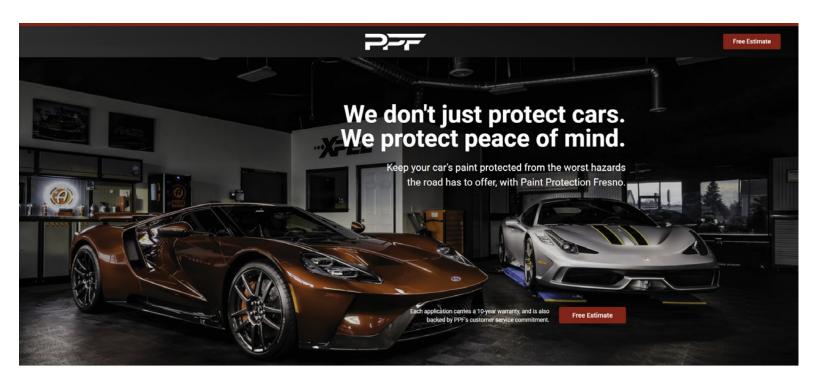
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