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# PCA Cardella Winery Visit | Nov. 18, 2017

By Obie Silverwood

It was a crisp, clear, sunny day for our little visit to Tuscany, a taste of which Cardella Winery has created in Mendota. Thirty-five of our members in 17 Porsches set-off from downtown Fresno Saturday morning for a pleasant drive across the west side's cotton and vegetable farmlands, arriving at Cardella's tree-lined cobblestone entry and parking around the circular fountain fronting the winery's rustic, two-story, stone villa.

We were warmly greeted by cellar master, Peter Vasquez, who led us on a tour of the production area and then downstairs deep underground - where the walls were stacked with French oak aging barrels.

Having gained a better understanding of the process that makes Cardella's wines so good, we were escorted back upstairs where the tasting room staff had staged complimentary glasses for us and

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# Cardella Winery | Mendota, CA

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conducted a sampling of several white and red varietals.

With palates wetted and purchased bottles in hand, we seated ourselves at tables on the tree shaded patio and enjoyed the wines with our basket lunches, ending the day with happy conversation and lots of smiles.

Obie Silverwood
PCA Tour Coordinator















## President's Letter

By Ed Suarez

Club members!

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. It was a great year for our club. We had great participation from our members and realized strong growth within our club. This has led to many new friendships and great looking cars joining our club.

Looking back, our monthly meet and greets in Clovis at On The Edge were a great success. The group continually grew in participation and we filled the streets of Clovis with a large variety of Porsches. There were a lot of great conversations, and whether the free coffee contributed, or the great people and cars did; it resulted in new membership growing mainly from this monthly event.

Our dinners continue to grow in club participation as well. Cindy did a wonderful job in setting up the dinners all year long. The size of our dinners has resulted in needing to find new venues that can hold our ever-growing group. If anyone has contacts or ideas for new gathering places, please let us know. We will continue to try to change it up to keep it fun and new.

Our tours were designed to meet everyone's preferences. We had Obie's wine tours, a long tour to the coast run by Randy Ames, and Dave's tours were as fun as always. Having both the spirited and tour groups hopefully helped everyone enjoy the tours more.

Our board members are changing

slightly going into 2018. Richard Webb is passing the Vice President's torch on to Darrick Duerksen. Darrick is excited to take on the Vice Presidency. Darrick has been very active in the club for years and we look forward to his support this coming year. I want to thank Richard and his wife, Fran, for being so involved with the club and helping the club in so many ways. Richard has agreed to continue to help with his fantastic mapping capabilities for our tours.

Larry Kirlin will take on the lead in continuing our autocross for 2018. Our biggest issue is finding a good location for our autocross this year. Larry is actively trying to secure us a spot.

We will continue to ask for, and accept, our club members' helping lead different events.

Financially, we had a good year in maintaining our costs, while being able to fund many events, such as the free coffee on our Saturday Cars and Coffee meet ups. We also funded our yearly donations, which mainly come from our raffles. We also helped to fund the Octoberfest and our Christmas party.

Special thanks this year to CJ Wilson at Fresno Porsche and his staff for helping make our year one of the best ever.

They supported us for tours,
Octoberfest (which was a great event),
Saturday car shows at the dealership,
along with the tech days. We are
looking forward to a continued strong relationship with CJ and the dealership.



Lastly, I want to thank the members of our board for their unwavering support and enthusiasm in making our events fun and fulfilling to our membership. It takes a great deal of time and coordination to handle all the events that we hold throughout the year. Even though they are volunteers, they take it so seriously, that you would think they were getting paid, as hard as they work at it.

Without a question, I want to thank the membership for coming out to the events and making this a very fun club to be a part of. We can never forget it's more than just the cars, it's the people that keep us together.

Happy New Year and looking forward to a great 2018!!!

**Ed Suarez** 

President, Sequoia Region Porsche Club

# Sequoia **PCA** and Porsche Fresno

By Stephen Williams

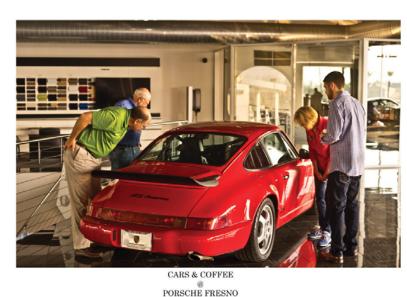
This has been a very rewarding year for Sequoia PCA working in partnership with Porsche Fresno. The dealership's new owner, C.J. Wilson, has committed his time and resources to Seguoia PCA and has sponsored many of our events including this year's Oktoberfest.

In the fall, Porsche Fresno provided their facilities to us for the Adam's Polishes Detail Clinic along with the use of their showroom. The dealership has also been a starting point for many of our tours.

As an owner and as a club member, this strong relationship between our club and the dealership is very beneficial. Not only in the broad sense, but in the kind of service and care that we receive as an individual from Porsche Fresno.

As we move into the next year, we will continue working with the dealership. I encourage members to stop by the dealership to see a truly remarkable collection of Porsches on display.

Stephen Williams Club Liaison







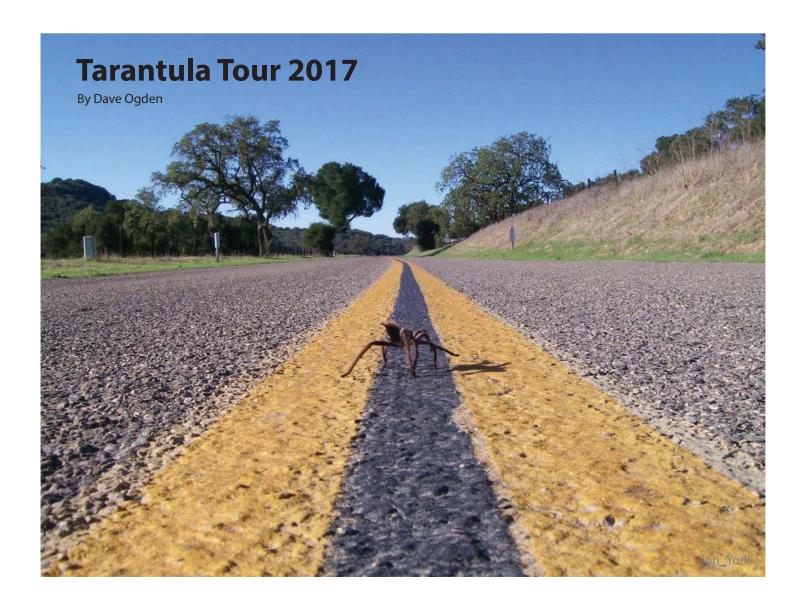


# **More Photos from 2017 by Stephen Williams**









Oct 28th - the last Saturday of the month - was our Tarantula Tour which we made some changes to this year: New route and new location for Lunch.

We had a strong turnout this tour with 17 cars meeting up early A.M. We departed close to on-time after having some Starbucks coffee and time for a quick meet and greet. This tour had an alternate route which kept the curves down and driving time shorter, which two cars took advantage of.

The rest of us headed out on 41
North to the 145 towards Madera.
There we headed towards Raymond.
Not sure what curse Randy Ames
has put on tours but we followed a
couple of trucks for most of this
drive about 10 mph below speed
limit. Our first stop was just outside
Raymond on BenHur. Here we
re-gathered and chatted it up a bit
before heading into Mariposa for
lunch at the 1860 Grill. We ran into a
storm-damaged pothole road that
had some great scenic value, but the
Tarantula count was way down... I

only counted 3 critters. We arrived 15 minutes early and the other two cars with the Looneys was already in the parking lot. With the great weather we enjoyed seating on the patio. The staff was all over us and the food was quick to arrive. Several cars took different routes home, a few even headed into Yosemite. Next year we will head the same direction but skip BenHur until paved from the new License fee and gas tax!

Regards, Dave Ogden

# A Proper Garage for my 1974 911

By Vern Simmons

I've lived in my house for almost 20 years. The house is 70 years old and the standards of the 40's with regards to closets and storage.....well, seems like it was not as important back then.

When I move in, my garage had one single lightbulb and one single outlet. There were no shelves or places to store anything. My plan was to build a set of shelves to store my junk. As the years progressed, I discovered that I simply did not have enough space to store everything and the floor got more & more crowded. I did keep a proper distance of about 1 foot from the prized 911.

Enough is Enough. I don't even like to show anyone my 911 in fear that they will comment on the disastrous garage; it was embarrassing. 2017 would be the year that I build those shelves and clean the place up.

I decided that I would start with sheet-rocking the walls. Next, I would build shelves and put everything in its proper place.

Well, that's not exactly what happened!

In order to do the sheet-rock, I rented a POD to move everything out of the garage into storage and for a short while. Once I saw the garage empty, I decided that if I wanted to paint my garage floor, now is the time to do it. I started shopping for garage floor paint. During my research, I found that epoxy was much better than paint. However, the floors would need substantial preparation and repair work.

While doing the sheet-rock, I felt that this would probably be the time to improve the electrical and add some much needed outlets. I should also fix the lighting. Hmmm, maybe I should build a tool bench. If I build a tool bench I should have special lighting for that and it

should have its own switch. Speaking of electrical, it would be better to have the garage on its own circuit that could handle power tools. Should I build a tool room on the side of the garage on top of that slab of cement that's right next to the garage? I could even add a doorway so that I could access from the garage. What kind of shelves should I build? Maybe I should get cabinets with doors to keep the dust out and everything out of sight..... Honey, can you pass me a can of worms?

Well, I won't bore you with all the minute details but below is a summary list of my project with some photos. I started September 1st and I finished (almost) by the end of November.

- Rent a POD and clear out the garage
- Build a tool/storage room on the outside and add a doorway into the garage.
- Re-wire the garage onto its own dedicated circuit with sufficient capacity to handle large power tools.
- Tear down that dumb closet I built ten years ago that has become a junk pit.
- Sheet rock the walls and ceilings.
- Paint in a fancy color scheme that is suitable for a garage/man cave.
- Add LED lighting and 12 power outlets.
- Grind the concrete flat and prep for epoxy paint.
- Prime and epoxy the floor.
- Add Cabinets.
- Install a sink using the old laundry hookup.
- Wash, Wax cars and bikes before putting back in the new garage.
- Write article for Zeitung to show off my work.

Vern Simmons 11-30-2017









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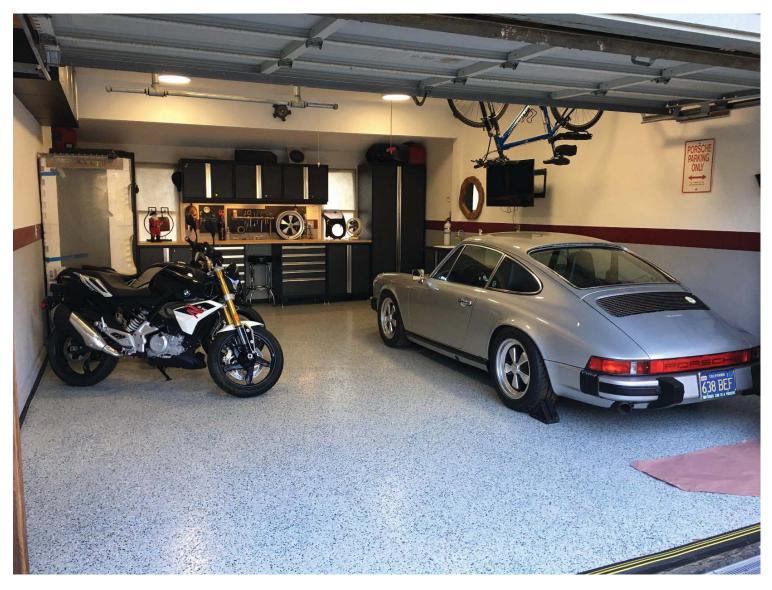


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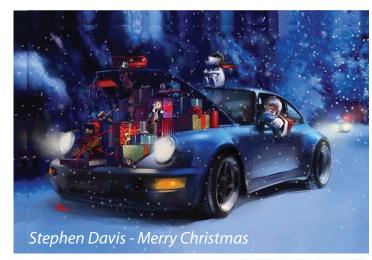
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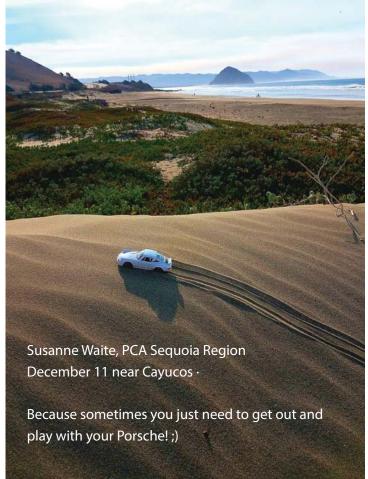
















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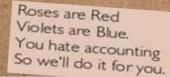


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From the Desk of Vern Simmons, Club Treasurer



### Income Statement

Sequoia Region - PCA Condensed Income Statement December 31, 2017

Annual 2017 2016

Notes:

NATIONAL PCA REVENUE SHARING

4,181.50 2,443.50

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS:**

 Revenues
 9,335.00
 11,216.00

 Expenses
 (12,110.82)
 (12,977.67)

 Net Contribution
 (2,775.82)
 (1,761.67)

Oktoberfest & Xmas Party subsidized by club.

Social Events includeMonthly Dinner Meetings, Oktoberfest, Xmas Party, Cars & Coffee

### **RAFFLE / AUCTION:**

Monthly Raffle Proceeds	2,697.00	2,859.00
Charity Fund - 50% Raffle	(1,348.50)	(1,429.50)
Net Contribution	1,348.50	1,429.50

### **AUTO-X:**

Autocross Revenues	2,900.00	2,880.00
Autocross Track Rental	(906.00)	(797.00)
Autocross Equipment Purchase	(2,012.77)	0.00
Trailer Depreciation	(721.20)	(721.20)
Net Contribution	(739 97)	1 361 80

Purchased Timing Equipment & Software

### **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE:**

(1,341.02) (1,526.63)

Inclueds Zeitung, Awards, Election & Ballots, Flowers/Condolences, Name Tags, Misc.

NET INCOME

673.19 1,946.50

14,533.63

### **Cash Flow Statement**

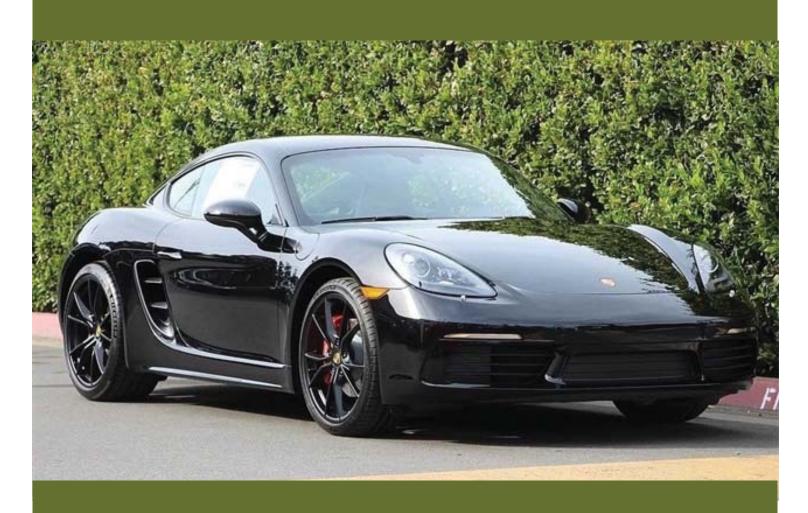
ENDING CASH BALANCE

Sequoia Region - PCA Statement of Cash Flow Annual December 31, 2017 2017 BEGINNING CASH BALANCE 14,390.74 Net Income 673.19 Adjust for Non-cash Items: Add Back Depreciation 721.20 Add Back Charity Fund Reserved 1,348.50 2,069.70 10-2017 Charity Donation (2,600.00)

Includes depreciation of Auto-x trailer.

50% Raffle Proceeds are reserved for next year's donation.

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# HPDE Track Day





Photos posted on Facebook by Joaquin Lewis

On Monday November 20, we had a huge turnout for the First Porsche of Fresno and Diablo Region HPDE track day.

We first drove over the Sunday before and met up for dinner at Tarpey's in Monterey. There the crowd swelled to 70+ people.

The room got loud as many of us met for the first time. The Fresno group had 10 drivers from Sequoia Region and 13 drivers (plus several staff) from Porsche of Fresno. Dinner was served and then afterwards Adam Cipriano from Diablo announced dinner was on them! What a great way to start an event.

All week we tracked the weather and it was showing 70% chance of rain, then 50%, then 10%... we had nothing but sunshine all day Monday.

So, the track was dry and by 7 a.m. the early birds had their cars lined up for inspection and check-out. The beginners had a drivers meeting around 9 a.m. at the same time instructors hit the track for the first session. All day Diablo kept the drivers and staff on schedule so lunch was on time and so was the final run group. This is because of the push for clean and safe driving, and not having to tow someone out of the gravel which can eat up 30 minutes.

Many thanks to Porsche of Fresno and CJ, along with his staff of Carmen M. and Sean L., for joining up with our great friends at Diablo of Ed Won and Adam Cipriano!

Diablo has already planned for several HPDE in 2018 and we are hoping to join up with them at many of the locations and dates. So if you're bummed that you missed out, please keep checking emails and websites for upcoming DE days.

Regards, Dave Ogden



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# In The Zone

By Sandy Provasi Zone 7 Representative

Happy New Year to all! All the regions are working on filling up their calendars for 2018. Which is good and bad. Good that we will all have lots of PCA events to have fun driving our Porsches. Bad that we will have to choose one event over the other as all the calendars fill up.

Please welcome Collin Fat as the new Zone 7 Autocross Chair. Collin has been gathering the regions autocross dates as the regions start to get confirmations on dates from the respective entities that control the sites. Some good news is in. Redwood Region will be able to continue to use the airport site for another year! Get the Porsche ready to autocross by March.

The Concours series, with the help of John D'Angelo Zone 7's Concours Chair, is also fine tuning its schedule for 2018. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

One update on Rennsport, for those who are wanting to participate in the Parade Laps at Laguna Seca; signups will happen in July 2018. At that time you will need to have a corral pass and be driving a Porsche. No Exceptions. More info to follow.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Shasta Region Tour- June 8-11, Registration opens Jan. 29 at Motorportreg

Zone 7 Autocross School, Marina, April 28th-29th

Zone 7 Sierra-Desert-Pacific Tour, Postponed

Treffen Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, April 25th-29th

CRAB 37-Sacramento Valley Region, May 18th-20th





Lake of the Ozarks Porsche Parade, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri, July 8th-14th

Werks Reunion, Corral de Tierra, August 24th

Rennsport Reunion VI, Laguna Seca, September 27th-30th

Safe Driving,

Sandy Provasi Zone 7 Representative

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# **From Pinto to Porsche**

By Randy Ames

My first car was a 1973 Ford Pinto. You may recall they had a nasty tendency to blow up when rear ended. Funny story there, I think. After three weeks of ownership I was driving down Dakota Avenue in Fresno toward First Street to watch my soon-to-be brother-in-law play softball at Einstein playground. It was just after ten at night and I had just finished my shift at McDonald's. I stopped to make a left turn into the parking lot and glanced up in my mirror to see a TANK barreling down on me! It rear ended me and pushed me across the oncoming travel lanes and knocked me out briefly.

Next thing I remember was someone yelling at me to get out of the car as gas was leaking everywhere! Crawled out through the passenger door and by then my sister and the softball teams were all converging and some were holding the driver of the other car. Turns out he was a sailor on leave from LNAS. Funny thing, he was driving a 1940 Chevy and his car, and I am not kidding, had a small dent in the bumper while my car was crushed making it about a foot shorter than it was previously!

The story gets stranger. Went to the dealer we bought the car from and got another one the exact color! I drove this car for another four years with no problems. A year after I sold it was when the news came out about exploding Pintos! It was my first



sports car – in my mind because I could fold down the rear seat and have a two seater. Overall, low on power, pretty decent handling, and fun to drive.

Next car was a 1970 Toyota Celica. Sounds like going backwards on the timeline but was a great car that I purchased after being out of the country for a few years. Certainly a step up in quality from the Pinto and small enough to think you had a mini muscle car. I had this car for about a year and was able to trade it in on a 1980 Toyota Corolla Coupe. I loved the Celica but it seemed to be a car magnet. Two rear enders in a year and after the second one the car just seemed to have bad Karma, or was it Carma? The Corolla was basic but fun transportation with about 78hp but in my mind it was my BMW 320i as it kind of looked like one if you squinted your eyes and cocked your head. Basic transportation.

My first foray into a true sports car happened because of a married friend of mine, Kerry. He had a 1967 Datsun 1600 Sports. Contemporary to the MGB but came standard with a lot more goodies. One night he let me borrow it to tool around town and I was hooked. Top down motoring at its best. It took me over a year to find one in good condition but I eventually bought in 1982 a Datsun 2000 Sports.



Same basic convertible body but with a larger two liter engine putting out about 125hp (gross) and a five speed transmission. I owned the car for over 25 years slowly restoring it and rebuilding the engine. I belonged to the local Datsun Roadster Owners Club and we did lots of events over the years. After 25 years and doing most everything I could to restore the car I got a bit restless. Parts at the time were getting sparse and expensive and I really wanted air conditioning and better handling! Only so much you can do with a live rear axle. So, I started looking at first generation Miatas as a logical step up.

Found a 1996 white Miata up in Manteca and a deal was struck. What it offered over the Datsun was a few key things in my mind. Air conditioning, much better handling, and a soft top that was easy to put up

## From Pinto to Porsche | Continued

and take down and, most important, did not leak when the rain gods appeared. I had a lot of fun doing some modifications to the car and again joined the local Miata Club. Went on tours up and down the state and loved the handling of the car. About the only complaint I had was lack of power – even the Datsun had a stronger engine! As it was a first generation Miata it also was lacking a few items – inner fender liners come to mind. No fun hearing gravel rattle around in the fenders when on twisty roads in the mountains! I had this car for about six years and got the itch to get a second generation Miata.

In 2010 I found a 2002 Miata LS in Laser Blue over at the coast. This was a special order color and only 53 were made that year. This came with a glass rear window, little stronger engine, six speed transmission, and inner fender liners! Once again lots of fun runs with the clubs in all parts of California but once again I was wishing for more power. It must be said that these two Miatas were bullet proof. Only did oil

changes and tires. The 2002 needed an O2 sensor and that was it. That was a part of the appeal of having a car that you were not able to drive all the time. I had a hardtop that fit on both cars so that was nice for the winter.

I know you are asking yourselves about now, "What about the Porsche?" At the beginning of 2016 I was looking at first generation Boxsters on the various internet sites and showing them to Cindy (understanding wife). After about a month of that she said if I sell the Miata and a VW GTI I had, then a Boxster could be purchased for the money we got from the sale of those two cars! After recovering from shock, my looking began in earnest as I tried to find the right one for us. I looked at cars in Sacramento, central coast, East Bay, Los Angeles and San Diego. Learned a lot about the cars and also the people selling them. In September of 2016 we were visiting our daughter's family in San Diego and I had arranged with Cindy to stop and look at a car on the way down. It was an unusual purple color but was in

good shape except the shift linkage needed adjustment. I was pretty committed to buying this one if a deal could be struck but we headed on to San Diego.

While there and searching the net a Speed Yellow 2000 Boxster S popped up three miles from our house! It looked to be in good shape and recently had the IMS and clutch replaced six months prior. I stopped one more time to look at the purple Porsche to calibrate what I wanted and headed home. The next day I drove over and saw the car in person. I loved the color and it drove like it should with no obvious problems. When Cindy came home the end of the week I took her to look at the car and drive it. We traded in the VW and the Miata and Got the Porsche! While I will admit I had always dreamed of owning a Porsche I never thought I would have one (Thanks Cindy)! We have now owned it just over a year and other than a few hiccups I love the car and the club!

So, what is there to like? To finally have a car that has some power! Also, unlike the Miata- which nobody ever sees in traffic - this is big enough you don't have to watch out for people cutting you off. I finally have enough leg room to be comfortable on long trips. The handling is great! I will say that a Miata handles pretty well but the availability of power makes a big difference. I also look forward to doing my own maintenance as much as possible with a few improvements along the way. Best of all, I love the club!! Lots of nice people who have



### From Pinto to Porsche | Continued

made Cindy and I feel welcome and a part of the group. I look forward to continual involvement and getting to know more of you at each meeting. I really love the lines of the first generation Boxster and hopefully will be content for more than a few vears with this car. While for a lot of you, 250hp may seem low, that is a giant leap for me! That is how I started with a Pinto and ended with a Porsche!



Randy Ames

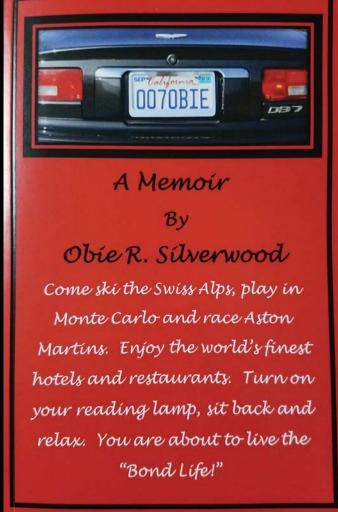
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# **My Porsche Story**

By Brent Looney

It all started long, long ago in a land far, far....well, it was Fresno, in the late '60's.

My earliest Porsche memories are from when I was about three. I was with my parents when they went to buy a new 1968 Cadillac. But that's not what interested me, it was the shiny new, bright red 911 in the showroom – it was love at first sight.

My dad didn't buy the Porsche, even with my persistent begging, but it inspired my mom, who was a graphic designer, to repaint my pedal car the same color red and paint a Porsche emblem on the hood.



For a three year old, it was heaven. I had my very own Porsche. I drove the tires off of that pedal car, must have been thousands of miles.

Not until high school did I have my next Porsche experience. My dad had a friend that purchased a new 1981 924, and he was kind (or crazy) enough to let me take it for an



afternoon. I promptly picked up my best friend and our girlfriends and we went for a cruise.

Back in the early '80s the area that is now Figarden loop was just fig orchards, and Santa Fe Road went parallel along the tracks from Herndon to Bullard with no stops and no intersections - the perfect stretch of road to see what this new Porsche could do.

Well, this was the pre "S" model that had an Audi engine in it, and was also an automatic transmission, so with four people in it, I was barely able to get to 100 MPH. But it was a BLAST. My dad's friend later went on to purchase a 928S4, but he never let me drive that one.

My next Porsche experience came in 2007 when I was asked to help my neighbor's dad drop off his '86 944 at the park & sell that they used to hold on the weekends in the Bullard High School parking lot. I drove the 944 – BIG mistake – I got to the park & sell, and told him, this car is already sold – TO ME. It's a great thing I have a loving and understanding wife.

The 944 is a great driving car, corners like it's on rails, and I noticed that you don't need to slow down to take a corner, WOO HOO, but it is lacking on power.

I still own the 944, but was looking for the 911 I have always wanted. When I saw a 2003 996 come up for sale, that checked all of the boxes on my wish list, I had to make it work – again, great to have a loving and understanding wife (Did I make points yet?).

Turns out, the brother of my neighbor (the same neighbor whose dad I had purchased the 944 from) worked for the owner of this car in Irvine, and knew its history – it was destiny. So, I took the train down to LA, met with my neighbor's brother the following morning (who also went to high school with my son, and they played little league together), made the deal with his boss, and drove it home. Most nervous drive in my life!

It's now been a year, and I am loving every mile. Like they say – There is no substitute.

Looking forward to many PCA tours and years of joy. Hopefully there may be more chapters in my Porsche story in the future, we will see.

**Brent** 

# **Calendar of Activities**

2018 PCA Calendar

To check the Sequoia Region Club Calendar, click this link: http://seq.pca.org/calendar/

	BOARD MTG	DINNERS	TOURS	TECHDAY	AUTO-X	FIRST SAT COFFEE	track/events
January	8-Jan	9-Jan				6-Jan	
	Ed's	spaghetti Fact				dealership	
February	5-Feb	13-Feb	17-Feb		none	3-Feb	l l
33%	Debi's		Hollister				
March	5-Mar	13-Mar	17-Mar		10-Mar	3-Mar	
	Leon		Wine Tour?		tbd		
April .	2-Apr	10-Apr	14-Apr		14-Apr	7-Apr	
	Vern	The second second	Three Rivers		tbd		
May	7-May	8-May	19-May		12-May	5-May	
	Ed's		Boyden Caves		tbd		"
JUNE	4-Jun	16-Jun	16-Jun		NONE	2-Jun	
	Debi's		Ducey's				
JULY	2-Jul	10-Jul	21-Jul		NONE	7-Jul	
	Vern		Big Creek/				
AUG	6-Aug	14-Aug	18-Aug		NONE	4-Aug	
	Steve's		Coastal tour				
SEPT	1-Sep	11-Sep	15-Sep		8-Sep	1-Sep	
	Margies		Equinox		tbd		
ост	1-Oct	9-Oct	27-Oct		13-Oct	6-Oct	
	Ed's		tarantula		tbd		
NOV	5-Nov	13-Nov	Obie?		10-Nov	3-Nov	
	Steves		Wine Tour		tbd		
DEC	TBD	1-Dec	NONE	NONE	NONE	1-Dec	
	Verns	Belmont			10		-



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