# SequoiaZeitung JAN/FEB [MAR 2019]



## **Women's Track Day**

By Dave Ogden | Photos by Kevin R at registrar@la.pca.org

This March at Buttonwillow many people played a role in putting on the first-ever Women's Only DE (track day)

There were 44 women signed up and thanks to Porsche of Fresno and Arya Omidvar they got a great discount on pricing to attend.

LA Region was the lead PCA and with help from Diablo they put on an event that has was a huge success. Scott Mann from Las Vegas region was the head instructor and he brought several instructors with him.

Our Region was there helping with Leon Malding and Barry Lockton, along with Mike Willmott. We had two ladies from our region driving: Joy Plaugher and Tami Ogden. This was the first track experience for both of them. This did not work out well for me as now Tami wants her own GT3.

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My student, Rosie, has a disability in her legs but she was still able to drive. She drove a stunning GTR with hand controls. She was so good finding the driving line and feeling her car that she is now hooked on Track Days! She hopefully will be doing motivation tours soon to share her story. Her drive to enjoy life is awesome.

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Race car driver and Porsche lover Christina Nielson was our special guest and she was very involved in making and running this event possible.

There were too many photographers for us to count! You can find links on the web from Michelin Tires and the link above is from the LA region website.

You can count on this event happening again for the PCA and Porsche saw just how much this benefited all that attended. Make sure you keep your ears tuned for next event.

Regards, Dave Ogden















#### **President's Letter**

By Ed Suarez

With our warming weather and spring in the air, we will be planning many more activities in the coming months. We have had some fun events over the last three months. As I have commented before, the dinners continue to grow with attendance. It's getting harder to find reasonably priced venues that can hold our larger groups, but the Westwoods BBQ and Limon restaurant events went very well. It was nice having a restaurant all to ourselves at Limon, and Anna, the owner, and her staff did a wonderful job. Upcoming locations will be The Tamari Robatayaki & Whiskey bar located by Palm and Herndon avenues in April. Then in May it will be at our house. We had over 50 people last year and hope to make it bigger this year.

Coming up in April we will have our Cars and Coffee on the 6th. Then on April 13th we have autocross in Madera. The South California Coastal tour will be on April 26 and 27th, with more details coming soon. Hopefully we get many of our members that are

south of Fresno joining up with us as we head that direction.

Many of our members have stepped up and set up tours for places they believe would be fun for the club. We encourage members to take on events they think would be interesting for club members. Please look at our calendar and check out if there are open dates for activities you'd like to put together. Just email me or any of the board members and we will help advertise and promote your ideas.

I would like to thank all the members that have contributed to the events we have had so far this year. There were a lot of volunteers for the autocross and driver's control event last month, which resulted in a great time for all involved.

Looking forward to seeing you all at one of our many upcoming activities!

Ed Suarez Sequoia Region President



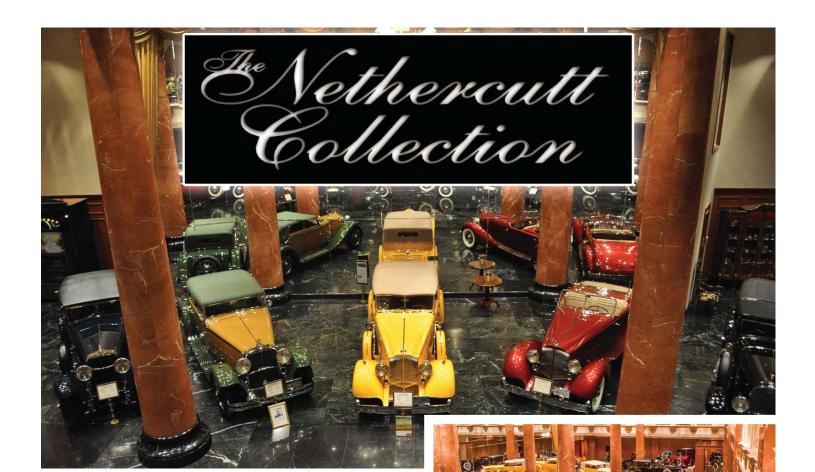
# Articles Wanted on These Topics:

Question: What has been one of your most memorable drives anywhere in your Porsche.

Question: Why did you buy your first Porsche and how has the experience been.

Question: What is the most enjoyable thing about owning a Porsche.





# **Save The Date:**Southern California Tour

#### Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28, 2019

Randy Ames and Darrick Duerksen are planning a tour to Southern California on Friday, April 26 to Sunday, April 28. We will visit the Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar on Friday and drive Angels Crest Highway on Saturday. More details to follow.

#### RSVP FOR THIS APRIL TOUR!

Please contact either Darrick (djduerksen@yahoo.com or 559-779-3936) or Randy (amestr@att.net or 559-417-3323) if you plan on attending. Friday departure location and time and Friday night hotel information will be finalized soon.

### Wine Tour to Idle Hour

By John Paul | Photos by

Could not have asked for better weather rolling into our first wine tour for 2019. Our destination was at the Idle Hour Winery up in Oakhurst, CA. With sunny skies and mid 70s weather, we launched from Porsche of Fresno on a 50 minute trek up the mountain. We arrived with everyone intact and together, we even picked up a club member at our rest stop making for a total count of 15 cars!

Wine maker Anna Remedio set up the covered patio for our group to enjoy a nice picnic lunch and also great company. We sampled six of their handcrafted wines and many of us took home a few bottles. Our next destination will be coming in July. Mark your calendars to join us for an event at the San Joaquin Winery.

John Paul













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## **AutoX Report: Round One 2019**

By Larry Kirlin | Photos by Ed Suarez

On Saturday, March 9th we held our first autocross event of the season at the Madera Airport. The field was mostly Porsche this time, which is a change from the norm. Probably the most interesting entry was a vintage VW Beetle driven by Zach Summers, which had everyone talking. I was personally astonished by the grip and speed coming from that little classic. With all of the body roll, any passenger in that car would definitely be sea sick. Thankfully, no one had the guts to try. :-)

The course design was a team effort by Mike Willmott, Leon Maulding, Bruno Reinhard, and Russ Weber. We utilized more of the runway and taxiway than normal, allowing for a long course with lots of challenging features. In the past, the surface grip was a common complaint but this course took advantage of the space without making the grip an issue.

Everyone got at least 13 runs, with times averaging about 55 seconds. Top time of the day was by Todd Winslow in a 2019 Turbo S Cab at 48.89 seconds, which required some pretty skillful driving (his brother was in a Subaru WRX). The most improved for the day was Alvaro Guitron in a Nissan 370Z, shaving almost 20 seconds off his slowest run. An honorable mention has to go to the fearless and determined Geneva Reinhard who was able to clock a 60.07 by the end of the day.

We had a handful of new and experienced drivers attending our event for the first time. We also gave the Driver Control Clinic students a chance to experience the course. Everyone agreed it was a great day.

If you are thinking about trying autocross yourself, please join us on Saturday, April 13th. The spring weather practically guarantees a beautiful day in the warming sun. If you aren't quite ready to drive, come out and jump in the passenger seat with one of our experienced drivers. You won't believe how well a Porsche can handle in the capable hands of a veteran.

Larry Kirlin
Autocross Coordinator





Autocross Round One 2019 Continued - Photos by Ed Suarez













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## In the Zone

By: Collin Fat, Zone 7 Representative Sacramento Valley Region 916.955.7966; cfat@fatsrestaurants.com



Redwood Region celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and what an accomplishment. I presented Redwood president, Chip Witt, an official citation presented on behalf of the Porsche Club of America at their annual Run for the Crab event which was held at the Marin Yacht Club in San Rafael and attended by a very friendly contingent of more than 100 Redwood Region members and some 60 Porsches. The event featured a 70 mile 2 hour tour of some of the best back roads in Marin County including the scenic Point Reyes National Seashore followed by a hearty crab feed. Thanks to event chair Sharon Castle and her volunteers for a great event.







Reviewing the history of the region, which was founded in 1969, I learned that the region was an off shoot of Golden Gate Region. A local Porsche Club at the time known as Tamalpais Porsche Club, based in San Rafael, approached PCA and the Golden Gate Region in September of 1968 to discuss their idea of forming a new region of PCA. After submitting bylaws and an official application to form a new region, Redwood was officially recognized in January of 1969. The region's first president was Dr. John T. Korn and so it was that the Region was started. Many of you may not know that in order to apply to create a new club, several things must happen, 1) you must have a group of at least 15 Porsche owners, 2) if the region you are interested in starting is currently part of a current region of PCA the new region must seek the permission of the current region and 3) submittal and approval of a new set of bylaws and application. The then president of PCA was Charles Kuell and the then president of Golden Gate Region was Dwight Mitchell. Dwight later moved to the Sacramento Valley Region where he opened Autosport Technology and served as SVR president in 1983 and 1994.

Redwood Region currently has a membership of over 633 primary members and is one of the most active regions in Zone 7. The club has several events per month including tours, dinners, a monthly breakfast, an active autocross program, and participates in the Zone 7 concours series.



I would like to extend congratulations to club president Chip Witt, the board and the 633 members of the club for their 50 years of commitment to Porsche Club of America and for being a part of the largest single marque car club in the world! Happy Golden Anniversary and wishing the club 50 more years!

Diablo Region past president, Ed Won, wanted me to let all the regions in Zone 7 know about 3 events that his club has scheduled in conjunction with the West Coast Racing Series for those DE enthusiasts that can turn the race weekend from a 2 day event into a 3 day event. Diablo Region will hold DE's on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Thunderhill; May 20<sup>th</sup> at Buttonwillow; and on November 25<sup>th</sup> at Sonoma.

The Zone 7 Presidents meeting was held in Fairfield on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and with the addition of the Zone AX chairs, we had nearly 30 region leaders in attendance. The meeting was attended by specials guests Cindy Jacisin, PCA National Vice President, Sandy Provasi, Zone 11 Rep, Tom Provasi, Werks Reunion Chair, and Mike Holtzclaw, Alaska Region President who joined our meeting. The meeting topics covered a broad range of important topics such as the responsibilities of the Zone Rep, region membership updates, the responsibilities of the region presidents, adoption of an Emailer 3.0 guideline for the Zone and a special presentation on risk management, insurance and PCA's updated strategic plan.







Looking ahead to many of the events of interest in the Zone as well as PCA are the following; PCA Treffen Santa Barbara, April 3-6<sup>th</sup>, (Event sold out), Zone 7 AX series events #1 and #2, Marina, April 13-14<sup>th</sup>, Zone 7 Concours School, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Porsche of Livermore, Diablo Region Concours #1, Porsche Livermore, PCA Club Race, May 18-19<sup>th</sup>, Buttonwillow, Porsche Parade, Boca Raton, Florida, July 21-27<sup>th</sup>.



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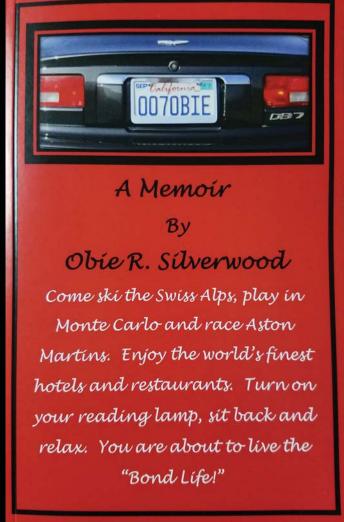
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# Accelerating Change at a Female-Friendly Track Day We strap on a helmet and hit the track with dozens of other female enthusiasts.

By: Eleonor Segura | Photography by: Eleonor Segura March 26, 2019 Link to story here: https://apple.news/AN2P0O7nfR7eO4iDcNlrtWQ

Article/Link Recommended by Arya Omidvar <arya.omidvar@porschefresno.com>



## More images from Eleonor Segura's article:









## **RETROSPECTIVE:**

"...literally – a looking back...." and a look at today! By Margie Back, Historian

**HISTORICAL TRIVIA......**A couple weeks ago we observed International Women's Day. .....The #MeToo movement is a painful reality.....For the first time, we see women declaring a run for President of the US. .... And – the Sequoia Region just held a special "track day" for women!

It all makes me think of our organization, and our membership list. Mostly, our "members" are men, with women listed as "family members." We currently have just 17 women listed as "members"..... seven of them having joined in 2018. Over the years, we have had only one woman president: **Kathy Benov**, who served for two years, 1984 and 1985. We have had just two women serve as treasurer: **Sue Green** in 2003 and 2004, and then **Marilyn Pierce**, beginning in 2005. Over the years since 1958, women have served as social chair, editor, secretary, membership, vice president, historian, or on the nominating committees. I myself have enjoyed serving as editor, membership, nominating committee – now, as historian. Also as numerous other women, I have participated as "wife of the president," not a role to be taken lightly....just ask **Cindy or Tami, or Nancy, Marilyn, Cheryl, Annie, Sue, Carol, Lisa, or Allyson.** Take a moment to thank the women who constantly help make this organization a fun place to be involved!

This month we hear from three of our women:

Laura Fenster (2018), Rebecca Prouty (2017) and Geneva Reinhard (2016).

#### **#1. Geneva and Bruno Reinhard -** became members in 2016

Hello, Porsche enthusiasts! My husband, Bruno, purchased his first Porsche, a Cayman S, in 2006. We enjoyed it by ourselves. He decided to do an upgrade to a 2016 Cayman GTS in October 2015. When it came



in from Germany, right off the boat to the dealership, he went right down to sneak a peek. The Porsche Club was there doing a tech day on his car.

This is when we found the Sequoia Region. Since then, we have been having fun with a lot of great people. The rides, the wine tours, the dinners – and now – my favorite: Auto Cross. As a passenger 99% of the time, I like to do stained glass and



sandblasting items for the club's raffle gift at our monthly dinners. I enjoy doing my art so others can enjoy the pieces I do. The largest was the Porsche Lamp I did for the Oktoberfest last fall at Dave & Tami's home. Some of the other Porsche items I have made: Coasters and water glasses.



I am now a fan of the club's Auto Cross and Skills Day. My husband Bruno talked me into doing the Auto Cross on March 9<sup>th</sup> and I had a great time! He might have created a Porsche-hog. I guess he just might have to get me my own Porsche. Haha. I am looking forward to more fun

with the club in years to come.

#### **#2 Warren and Rebecca Prouty** became members in 2017

#### "HOW 'BABY' CAME TO BE"

"Baby" came into my arms in 2016. I had wanted a 911 Targa since high school. My love affair with sports cars started when I was 17. My first car was a 1958 MGA. Not perfect, not original, parts from other MG's, but I thought it was the coolest thing on 4 wheels. My older brother was instrumental in keeping it alive and when he went off to college four years later I had to say "bye-bye" to my MGA. Dad refused to work on it. MG's or not, the Porsche shape has always had my eye. During college I dated a guy who drove a Targa. I told myself I was in love with him but had to admit that car had something to do with it. Years later I met my future husband and married into a family of devoted gear heads. The perfect fertilizer to cultivate my need for speed.



Fast forward a couple of years and my husband and I come across a basket case Jaguar E-type for sale. The E-type was always my husband's favorite car and with a few bucks to spend on toys we went about finding one. There came a point where enough was enough and it was my turn to park a toy in the garage. The 911 Targa was at the top of the list. We looked, hemmed, hawed, kicked tires and watched the price quickly climb above our comfort level. The final kick we needed was when our good friends Russ and Tami Weber bit the proverbial Porsche bullet with the addition of a 912 to their toy box. That was it! No more excuses... the hunt was on. Daily searches on E-bay, Craig's list, and Bring a Trailer produced a prime example in Hermosa Beach. We made arrangements to see the car and hit road. As the seller raised his garage door, I whispered in my husband's ear, "we're not leaving without it." And so it is. A beautiful 1982 911SC Targa is finally my "Baby."

—Rebecca Prouty

#### #3 - Laura Fenster became a member in 2018

I grew up in the Great White North of New England. This was American muscle car territory, but that sort of car didn't appeal to me. I was drawn to foreign makes for quality, craftsmanship, looks, and performance.

My first car purchase was when I was in the Navy and it was 1979 280ZX. It was powerful, a good looker, and felt like quality. I moved on to Mercedes and BMW. Only to still desire the ultimate goal of a 911 at some point in my life.



Much later, I was able to buy my first Porsche, a 911SC, an '82, which was my dream car. A good friend sold me the car in 1991. I learned to do much of the maintenance. I traded out the air filter for a K & N, exchanged the catalytic exhaust for a Flow Master (which also kept the engine cooler). I was in San Diego, so the A/C got ditched to lighten up the car. I could sand blast and gap the spark plugs and put high performance plug wires in, would bleed the brakes, and other such operations. Driving in in San Diego was incredible and fun.



In 2014 I bought a 2008 Carrera, and I am impressed with the 21st century technology. The vehicle is a beast, and I love it. Modern technology kicked in and power steering was my new best friend! This is my first time with PCA. I really enjoy the group of people and all the fun this club has to offer. I'm hoping after all my training and running marathons, to join more group activities and be more active!

—Laura Fenster (Picture includes daughter Alexis)





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## Porsche to Restart 911 GT2 RS Production After Cargo Ship Sinks With Cars On Board (UPDATE)

By KYLE CHEROMCHA | The Drive twitter.com/@cheromcha instagram.com/kylecheromcha



A nightmare scenario has unfolded for several owners of the ultra-exclusive Porsche 911 GT2 RS after a cargo ship carrying their cars from the factory in Germany caught fire and sank off the coast of France last weekend, dooming the performance masterpieces to a watery grave. Now CarScoops reports Porsche will be restarting production of the GT2 RS, part of the previous 911 generation, to make the affected owners whole.

UPDATE: Porsche has confirmed to The Drive that four 911 GT2 RS models were aboard the Grande America, destined for buyers in Brazil, along with 33 other unspecified Porsches. The automaker also confirmed its plans to revive production of the car to remake those cars to the original order specifications. The full statement is below.

"Porsche Brasil confirms that 37 of its new cars, in route from Hamburg, Germany, to Santos, Brazil, were aboard the vessel Grande America that suffered a maritime incident near the coast of Brest, France, on March 12, 2019. Among the fleet were four 911 GT2RS units. In a special decision and to uphold its commitment to its valued Brazilian customers, Porsche has ensured that those units will be reproduced in the order in which they were originally confirmed."

#### **ORIGINAL STORY CONTINUES:**

The already-rough year for car carriers on the high seas got even worse on March 12 when a fire broke out in a shipping container aboard the Italian-flagged Grande America, which was bringing around 2,000 brand-new Audis, a number of Porsche 911 GT2 RSs, and non-vehicular cargo to Brazil. Flames quickly overtook the ship, which began to list before capsizing and sinking a day later about 200 miles off the French Atlantic coast in 15,000 feet of water.

Fortunately, the BBC reports that all 27 mariners were rescued without incident. The same can't be said for those \$300,000 Porsches. It's almost painful to look at pictures of the doomed ship, knowing that somewhere on board, the GT2 RS's 700-horsepower twin-turbo flat-six engine is submitting to a silent death, never to scream down the Nurburgring en route to a lap record again. The GT2 RS stands as the ultimate expression of the 991 generation of 911, which wrapped up last year, and production of the GT2 RS itself finally wound down in February.

So does that mean these owners are straight out of luck? Typically, reviving an out-of-production car is next to impossible, given all the suppliers, factory lines, and product planning involved. But CarScoops obtained a letter from Porsche to one of the affected GT2 RS owners in Brazil that says the automaker will resume making the car next month to give them their rightful cars. It probably helps that these aren't mass-market models.

"As you may know, Porsche ended the 991 GT2 RS production on February 2019 and under normal circumstances, it wouldn't be possible to give you another car," the letter reads in Portuguese. "But, due to the nature of the situation, and considering that you're a loyal and highly valuable customer for our brand, Porsche has decided to resume the GT2 RS production in Germany, and your vehicle will be produced in April, with delivery scheduled for June."

Historically, would-be owners of Porsche's exclusive 911 GT cars have had to endure a minefield of long waitlists, exorbitant markups, and the occasional international criminal conspiracy to get their hands on Weissach's fastest and finest. It looked as though we'd be adding shipwrecks to that list—not this time.



# **Calendar of Activities**

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

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May	7-May	14-May	18-May		11-May	4-May	
	Joaquin	ed n cindy	Three Rivers		Madera		
JUNE	4-Jun	11-Jun	6/14- 6/16		NONE	1-Jun	
	Debi's	TBD	Mammoth 3 day				
JULY	2-Jul	9-Jul	20-Jul		NONE	6-Jul	
	Dave's	Sakura Chia	TBD				
AUG	6-Aug	13-Aug	17-Aug		NONE	3-Aug	9th-17th
	Kevin	TBD	TBD				Werks
SEPT	3-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep		14-Sep	7-Sep	
	Dave's	Oktoberfest Dave & Tami's	Equinox		tbd		Rennsport thunder
ост	1-Oct	8-Oct	26-Oct		12-Oct	5-Oct	
	Ed's	TBD	tarantula		tbd		
NOV	5-Nov	12-Nov	16-Nov		9-Nov	2-Nov	18-Nov
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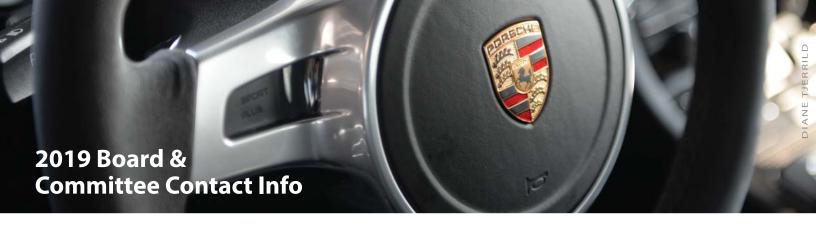
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