

# SequoiaZeitung

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## Mammoth Tour

By Dave Ogden | Photos by Diablo Region PCA & Dave Ogden

On Father's Day Weekend, we gathered a small group of 6 cars from our Region and jetted over the 58 to 395 north to get to Mammoth Lakes. Tioga Pass was still closed and by the looks of the snowpack, would be for several more weeks!

We arrived by 2ish and checked into our hotel rooms, then gathered for a little get-together around the pool for a pre-"meet and greet" party where 30+ enjoyed some snacks and wine that Tami and I had

gathered.

Then, off to the Eatery where several other Regions all gathered. The room was full and loud from all the fun conversations on the drive over.

We had Diablo, Redwood, Golden Gate, Yosemite, Orange County and Sierra Nevada Region members all gathering to discuss routes over to Mammoth(58/88/108/89 highways).

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I handed out fliers with Saturday's events and told them about a raffle we would be doing Saturday for the Mammoth Middle School. Thanks to Arya O. at Porsche Fresno - with many shirts and a check for \$200 to help kick-off the raffle money - we gathered over \$870 for the Middle School.

Saturday started early with gathering over 80 cars at Basecamp Breakfast where I gave instructions for the drive and split into 4 groups so we did not have over 25 vehicles per group.

120 miles of scenic 120 with 5 miles of some serious whoops. Our run group made it back while passing another group mid-way going in the other direction, what a fun site to see all the other cars and faces waving and honking at each other.

Lunch was at Bleu where we had the place reserved to ourselves and the staff did not disappoint. All got fed quickly and we finished up doing the Porsche of Fresno goodies raffle.

Mark Coronado who coordinates all these events setup a car detail wash company for \$20 and the City closed a main road by the Village for a car display. With 55 cleaned Porsches parked at 4pm, we split up and attacked the many restaurants in the Village for Dinner.

Sunday was a departing breakfast at the Westin for those who were not already gone, then some did a drive to Bodie Ghost town. Tami and I packed golf clubs and went to play Silver Star, super fun!

Diablo members Ed Won and Kelly G. booked a fun dinner for those still in town at Convict Lake Lodge which was awesome.

Next year Mammoth will be in July since several roads were snowed in still in June, and also we have Parade in Palm Springs next June, so plan to come enjoy Mammoth with us next year!

Regards,  
Dave Ogden





# Mommoth Tour *(continued)*

By Dave Ogden





# President's Letter

By Ed Suarez

The last three months have been packed with a lot of club activities. Please take a moment and read some of the great stories about those events in this month's edition. Margie has added a wonderful article on our past presidents. It's amazing how much our club has meant to our members and the roles our past presidents played in creating a legacy of commitment and growth for our club. As several noted, it takes a willingness to adapt to changing times. Our club continues to have very healthy growth and its due to all our volunteers that make this club fun to be part of. We are always looking for ways to expand our member participation. All of you are the voice of the club and without your ideas, it would be difficult to continue our growth. We always welcome new ideas.

As we enter the hotter months, we are changing our events to get out of the heat and still enjoy getting together. This past weekend was our regular cars and coffee event. Always a great event. Be sure to come on by and get some cold or hot coffee at our next one and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow Porsche owners.

We are almost at capacity for our dinner at the Lime Lite on July 9th. This has been a very popular spot for dinner over the past years, and the restaurant continues to host a great dinner for us there.

Also, in July, we have two tour events. On the 20th, we will have a trip to Pismo, lead by Randy Ames. This is a

great chance to get out of the heat and enjoy a scenic drive, and picturesque view of the ocean.

For those that can't make that tour, we will have a wine tour on Sunday the 21st to a local winery called San Joaquin Winery. This will include a guitarist that will be performing at the winery, while we are there. They have an excellent selection of wines and it should be a great event. More details coming soon!

Due to the heat of August, we currently only have our usual first Saturday cars and coffee, but we hope to be adding another event that is still in the works.

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

**"Porsche....there is no substitute"  
– Ferdinand Porsche**

*Ed Suarez*

*President Sequoia Region PCA*



## 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.**



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# Hollister Run - February 2019

By Randy Ames | Photos by Ed Suarez

After a one-week delay and various other challenges to mention during the course of this article I took the reins from Dave Ogden to lead the Hollister Tour 2019. There were a few challenges before and during the tour, but all worked out in the end. Let's check them off. First, when I went to confirm The Grove as our lunch stop all I could find is that they were closed and would be open the Saturday we arrive! Finally decided to call again Friday night and their answering machine finally updated to a March 22nd opening. I found another place in Hollister that looked big enough for our small group so we decided on Paine's. Well, Cindy decided to call them during our run and found out they are not open for lunch on Saturday – on to plan C. So we decided to lunch at Casa de Fruita and I apologize to those who did not get the word when we stopped to meet the Bay Area Club at 198 and 25. I will say my food was better than expected and the best thing was most of us were in and out within an hour. That is one of my personal challenges with large groups getting us all fed and back on the road.

So, what else you ask? Larry texted me on Thursday telling me that there are road closure signs on the 41 Freeway through Fresno set for Saturday! A call to Caltrans confirmed they are diverting southbound traffic at the 180 so they could re-stripe the lanes. More e-mails ensue and we now are meeting at the Starbucks at 41 and Shields Avenue. What else could go wrong?

Funny you should ask. Not a bad problem in and of itself but when Cindy and I pulled up anticipated around eight cars the parking lot had 23!!! Those experienced tour leaders know this complicates things a bit trying to make sure we all stay close together. A good problem to have and I suspect it was due to a beautiful day after all the rain. Anyway, we set out around 8:30am with our first stop at Harris Ranch. This is easy driving and just trying to keep the group together. Dave Ogden was proud because there were more blue cars than yellow (yellow being the best!) after some teasing on the net this week but yellow car drivers are of course... mellow.

We pass through Coalinga no problem and now the fun begins. This is a great stretch of road up to the 25 turnoff and wonder if next year we reverse course to get a double dose. What was most impressive is how green everything is due to the recent rain. Makes you realize what a beautiful place we live in until things start drying out. I especially liked that the road is well maintained - not like the roads that we have east of Fresno in our foothills. Better roads make for a better driving experience. I think we kept a good pace for most of the tour and were able to meet up with some of the Bay Area club at the 198 and 25 intersections. We all were chatting when a CHP pulled in behind the Bay Area club and as we were kind of blocking the road decided it was time to head on. I mentioned to the officer that she should follow the blue car heading East (Dave, any ticket to report?). From there it is not a bad drive into Hollister with a road that follows the hills on the edge of a valley. Some beautiful homes in the area as well.

Finally, we arrive at Casa de Fruita and all went well. Most stayed and others left to find their own place to eat. After lunch it was an easy drive back to Fresno. I think maybe next year we reverse the route and see things from a different direction. Thanks to all who came and made this run a success!

Randy Ames

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# Hollister Run - February 2019

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# Angeles Crest Highway Tour

By Randy Ames



The Angeles Crest Highway tour checked off a bucket list item for me. After watching a variety of car shows on TV feature the twists and turns and scenic vistas, I knew I wanted to grab a chance to drive it myself. Upon mentioning this destination to Derrick last fall, he immediately offered to help with planning the tour.

Once we determined April to be a good month for the tour, due to optimal weather and how it fit between other club events, we began planning in earnest with determining the best route and securing a hotel.

I reached out to the LA Porsche club president for insights on the highway and he connected me with Dave Heenan who is a past tour director for their club. Dave and I frequently corresponded to make sure I understood the various route options and the logistics of driving that particular highway.

Through our conversation it was revealed that there was a rockslide on the highway and a portion toward the eastern terminus of the highway was inaccessible due to snow. Working with Dave I was able to give Richard Webb a few different routes so we could choose a run regardless if the snow melted. Richard came up with quite a few options for me to decide upon, making the route choice an easy one.

The big day came the last weekend in April. Six cars and ten people joined the trek down south. Nancy and Fred, Derrick, Brent and Laura, Larry, Gregg, Scott with Cindy and myself. After signatures and the safety instruction it was time to head out. Friday's drive started with a straight shot south on 99 stopping a little after eleven in the morning at the Outlets at Tejon Ranch. A great opportunity for lunch and shopping.

Shortly after crossing the Grapevine we reached Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, which is a fantastic place created by the founder of Merle Norman Cosmetics. The museum is housed in two large buildings with the larger building being closed due to seismic retrofitting of the structure. The smaller building's retrofit is easy to spot with support beams that have huge shock absorbers at the end.

The magnificence of the museum's collection is apparent upon walking in through the doors with a classic Ferrari greeting you in the lobby. As you press further into the museum row upon row of meticulously restored cars greet and astonish visitors. The majority of the cars are from 1910s – 1940s, showcasing the beauty of an exemplary designed automobile. Amazingly enough, not only is the admission to view this collection of classic cars free, the cars are taken out and driven on a regular basis to keep them in running order. I'm certainly looking forward to returning to the Nethercutt and visiting the larger museum and viewing its collections.

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# Angeles Crest Highway Tour

By Randy Ames

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Upon leaving the Nethercutt, the next stop was the hotel back in Santa Clarita. Brent suggested picking up the old highway about two blocks from the museum as it would take us directly behind the hotel. With that suggestion we made great time and had a more enjoyable drive than the congested Interstate 5.

After a few hours of R and R we headed for dinner at Wood Ranch BBQ and Grill in Santa Clarita. There we enjoyed patio dining while getting to know each other better.

Saturday, was the day to tackle Angeles Crest Highway. The morning started with the marine layer, keeping it comfortably cool.

Entering the highway, homes can be seen fairly regularly until they fade away to make room for some dramatic drop offs. So, how to describe the road and the tour? In my opinion, Angeles Crest Highway is the best public road I've experienced. The reason is simple. The road is well maintained, has a correct camber on most of it, provides long sight lines and has very dramatic scenery.

During the drive, we had Porsches, Corvettes, motorcyclists, and other exotic vehicles on the road, but fortunately, they were all going in the opposite direction! The detour road we took around the rock slide added great value to the experience with its twists and vistas. A quick stop allowed for the convertibles in the group to drop their tops and take some group photos.

We decided to drive to the snow barrier and then turn around and have lunch. However, upon finding debris in the road and an Audi hung up on some rocks on the road with front end and suspension damage, we decided to turn around before the snow barrier and make our way to Newcomb's Ranch for lunch. The restaurant is a popular stopping place for motorcyclists and car enthusiasts alike and serves terrific food.

Each run comes with the chance of coming up behind a slower moving vehicle and not having them move to the side. Fortunately, that was not the case during this tour. Every car driver was amiable and moved over to let us speed by, enjoying the twists and turns.

The last portion of the tour was backtracking a bit until we took Angeles Forest Highway that took us up to Highway 14. This road was a little straighter, with dramatic views and no traffic. We drove by Vasquez Rocks Park, with its alien topography, where many original Star Trek episodes were filmed.

Finally we pulled off in downtown Newhall, similar to Old Town Clovis to our final stop. Hart Park is the estate of silent film western actor William S. Hart who donated his property to the county of Los Angeles upon his death. The tour of the grounds and museum took everyone back in time to the silent movie era.

While the Angeles Crest Highway tour certainly crossed off an item on my bucket list, it will be a route I will revisit often in the future.

By Randy Ames





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# In the Zone

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## Zone 7 Tour Hosted by Shasta Region

The Shasta Region held its 4th annual Zone 7 tour in Redding hosting 50 cars and 100 club members to 4 days of touring on some of the best driving roads in Northern California. The weekend started off with a meet and greet social at the headquarter hotel in Gaia, about 15 miles south of Redding where members enjoyed a casual car show and refreshments. The next few days were filled with some great road tours, socials, dinners and getting to know some of the other 100 Zone 7 members in attendance.

The tour was divided into 3 groups with dedicated leads, and sweeps. Each tour was extremely well organized and planned. Each day, the tour would begin and end at the hotel. Each group would travel different routes ranging from a mere 80 mile sprint to a more involving 250 mile jaunt through some of Northern California's best driver roads. Local highlights of the area that were visited included Weaverville, Mount Shasta, Trinity Lake, Whiskey Town Lake, and Susanville. Shasta Region chair, Allen Krohn and his crack team did a stupendous job of mapping out some great roads and organizing the dinners and lunches while on tour. With a support cast that included Wayne Martin, Shasta Region president, and Art Smithson as the tour leads the routes were scenic, challenging and challenging. I commend the members of the Shasta region who volunteered their time over the weekend to make the event so wonderful. The Gaia Hotel and staff are to also be commended for their gracious hospitality and some memorable meals. If you have not had a chance to participate this is a tour I would definitely put on your bucket list. Beware that registration fills up very fast.

## Zone 7 Concours #2 Sacramento Valley Region:

On Sunday, June 9th, Sacramento Valley Region hosted Zone Concours #2 at Niello Porsche in Rocklin. The event was originally scheduled for May 19th but was rescheduled due to the weather. The

weather on the 9th was glorious with clear skies and moderate temperatures. According to SVR Autocross chair, Al Price, there were a total of 27 cars registered with members from throughout Zone 7 competing. Advanced registration was used for the first time in club history and so far the response seems positive for the continued use of Eventbrite. A big thank you goes out to Niello Porsche for their generous support and helping to make this year's event a huge success.

## Sequoia Region Re-Energizes its Autocross Program:

After losing their autocross site in Visalia, Sequoia Region went quiet for a few years before securing a site at the Madera Municipal Airport last year. Sequoia Region autocross chair, Larry Kirlin, held their second event of the season at the Madera County Municipal Airport where 19 drivers competed under clear skies and almost perfect temperatures. After tech inspection and a drivers meeting, the event started on time with all drivers getting 8 runs throughout the day. The course was challenging and grip was at a premium for most drivers. Zone 7 Ax Chair, Grady Carter and I had the pleasure of having dinner with Larry and Sequoia Region President, Ed Suarez on Friday night. It provided a great opportunity to hear about the great events that the region has been scheduling. Ed told us that the club's June dinner will be in his backyard and that he is expecting 74 members to be in attendance. Now that is certainly what makes this club about its members.

## Volunteers Needed:

Zone 7 is seeking volunteers to help out in the hospitality tent, membership booth and corral parking with the upcoming Rolex Monterey Motorsport Reunion August 15-18th and for the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship September 13 -15th at Laguna Seca. If you would like to help out or have questions email or call me.

New Concours Chairs to Succeed D'Angelo:

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## In the Zone - continued



Current Zone 7 Concours chair, John D'Angelo will be stepping down from his duties as our Zone Concours chair at the end of this year to spend more time with his other duties as national Registry Chair. I would like to thank John for leading the program over the last 2 years and for finding his successors. Simone Kopitzki of Redwood Region and Roy Schauben of Diablo Region will be working with John for the rest of the season learning the ins and outs of running the series in an apprentice capacity. This is great news for the program and will continue to strengthen the progress in increasing attendance and participation in the series that John has worked so hard to develop over the past year.

## Looking Ahead to Events of Interest:

June 23rd, Zone 7 Concours #3, hosted by Loma Prieta Region at Porsche of Fremont. Sacramento Valley Region hosts Zone 7 Autocross #4, June 29th at San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton. July 14th, Sierra Nevada Region hosts Zone 7 Concours #4 in Reno. Porsche Parade, July 21 -27th, Boca Raton, Florida. Golden Gate Region hosts Zone 7 Concours #5 on August 4th in Redwood City. Werks Reunion, August 16th. Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, August 15 – 18th, Monterey. IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, September 13- 15th.

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### Golden Gate Region & Loma Prieta Region

host Zone 7 **Autocross** @ Marina Airport



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# Autocross

By Ed Suarez



Our spring autocross was a big success. We had great participation. There was a lot of support from Larry Kirlin and other volunteers, such as Russ and Leon. We are having a good variety of cars attending and levels of expertise. This has been a very good opportunity for drivers of all levels to work on their driving skills, which translates to everyday driving and for the more adventurous, future track days.

We hope to see more members taking advantage of this low cost, no risk opportunity to get more familiar with their cars. Autocross will start back up in September at the Madera Airport.







# Porsche Club of America **Zone 7**

## Autocross

September 15 -- Sonoma Raceway

September 28 -- Marina

September 29 -- Marina

October 5 -- Thunderhill

## Concours

July 14 -- Reno

August 4 -- Redwood City

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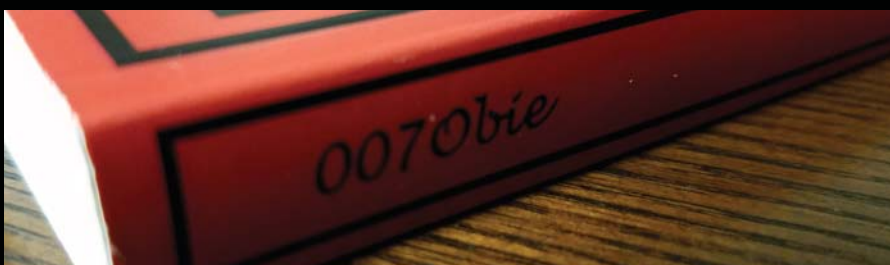


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# Three Rivers Tour

By Dave Ogden | Photo by Kennon Jarvis

May's tour was right between rain storms, which are rare for us. We made it a later start to assure drier road conditions and the route was made as a more direct path going to lunch at Gateway Lodge which sits right over the roaring white rapids.

Our car count was only 13 which was fine for this tour being low on parking spaces at the Lodge.

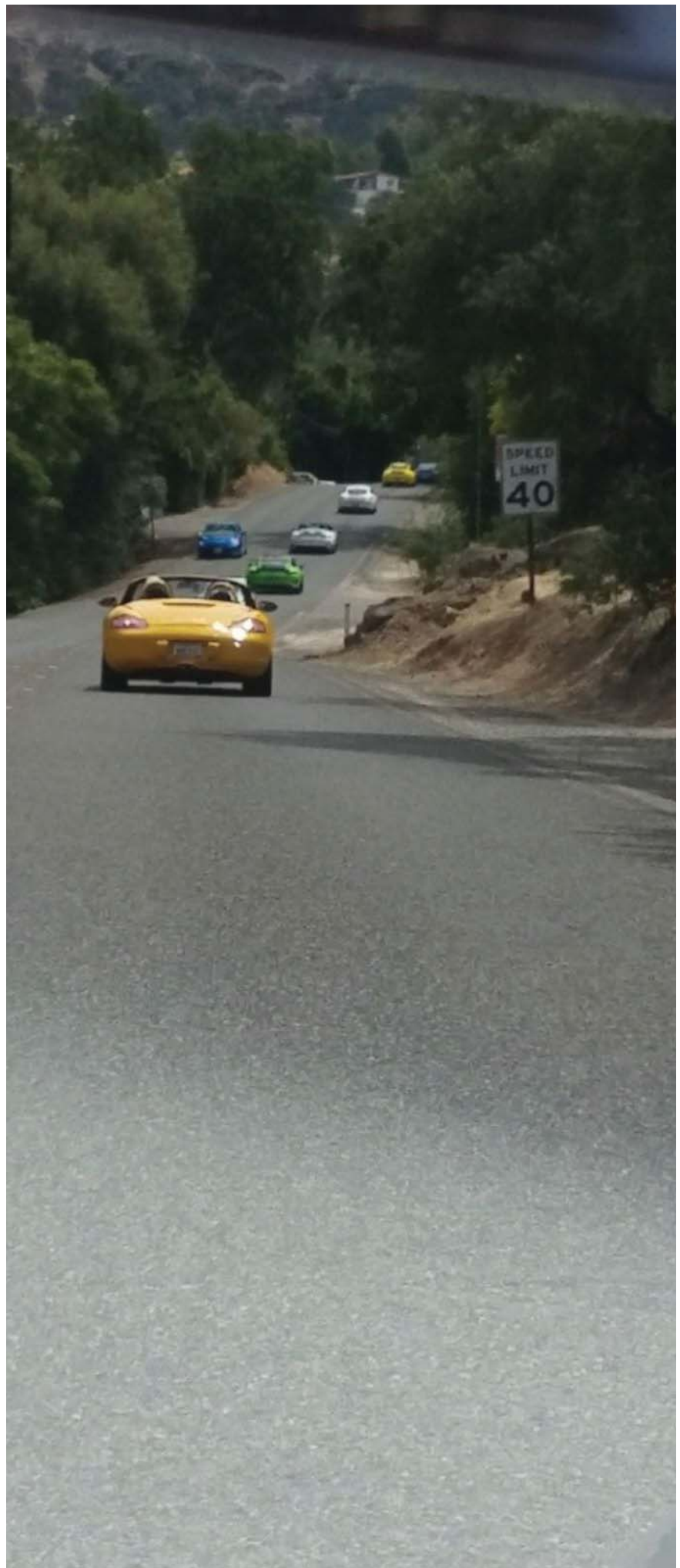
As we zigged and zagged through the orange orchards we got some stunning views of the Sierra's which were still covered in snow!!

Could not find a stop for us to pullover and get a good photo with Sierra Mountains in background. We took a quick break in Woodlake where a local Boxster was looking for us to say, "Hi!," and meet some Fresno members of PCA.

Woodlake is a simple and short scenic final drive into Three Rivers which was busy with traffic of tourists headed into Sequoia National Park. After all of us got a parking spot, the staff at Gateway was waiting for us and had the best tables reserved for us overlooking the whitewater. Lunch was super and fast to arrive for we had to start heading home to catch our Social Dinner at Ed's and Cindy's house by 5 pm.

June's tour is Mammoth 3-days then for July, we have a Wine tour and for August, Randy is looking at the Coastal range for a trip so keep checking emails and website for the dates and meeting place for departing.

Regards,  
Dave Ogden





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**Sunday, August 4th**

**Zone Concours #5 (of 7)**

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**Sunday, July 14th**

**Zone Concours #4**

Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Reno, NV

Registration Opens: 8:00am

Registration Closes: 9:00am

*Online registration is recommended*

*Online registration closes July 12th*

*Concours Judged Car Entry Fee: \$40 per car. Includes lunch for 1 person*

*Car Show Exhibit only (Not Judged): \$25 per car. Includes lunch for 1 person*

**Meet and Greet Wine Social with Tech Quiz on Saturday, 4pm - 6pm.....no host bar**

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Retrospective ...."literally .... a looking back..."

*Submitted by Margie Back, Historian*

## **OUR PAST PRESIDENTS (who remain active in the club) REMEMBER PAST 60 YEARS**

### **Jack Back, president, 1977**

When I first received this request to think back about my presidency, good memories quickly popped up. 1977 is a long time ago. Some of what comes to mind is red coats, 356 Porsches, Death Valley, and SCCA club racing. My campaign manager was Adele Benov. I didn't know if I wanted to be the president, but she thought it was a good idea and I went along with her. I had been in the club about fifteen years so I did know how it operated. Following Tony Maslowski as president gave me lots of support. I enjoyed the year. Club members



did most of their own repair work, so we spent a lot of time fixing one another's cars - swapping transmissions, swapping engines, tinkering. Gary Solley's Porsche repair shop provided guidance for everyone. That year we celebrated 20 years of the club's life, so we honored past presidents. We were not the only Region in the Zone that had coats of a special color; Sacramento and Golden Gate also did, perhaps others. The Death Valley tour was an annual event that ran for about twenty-five years under leadership of primarily of Dick Arnold. This was usually toward the end of November, and was a three-day trip. We stayed at Stove Pipe Wells, visited Scotty's Castle, collected T-shirts at the Mustang Corral, brought finger food and wine for our Friday evening gathering, strung lights around the motel, had a rock-judging contest, and dinner at Furnace Creek on Saturday night. Moving from auto-crossing to SCCA racing were

Milt Minter, Jim Kilpatrick, Bud Hogue, Forrest Young and maybe others. That year Margie and I attended the Parade in San Diego, and I played poker with Dr. Ferry Porsche together with other presidents. Attending Parade as a president definitely brings special perks. We learned that attending Parade was much more fun if we served as volunteers that week. If you attend a Parade, be sure to volunteer somewhere. A fun tradition was that as a president left office, he would provide a special thank-you gift to each board member. We had eleven appointed board members in addition to the usual elected ones. As my gift, Larry Duncan of Duncan Ceramics helped me to design and make beer mugs commemorating that year. (Special note: my Historian-wife has helped me write this article since I suffer from CRS!)



### **Dutch Green, president, 1982-83, 2002**

I joined the San Joaquin Region in late 1979 and my first installation as president came in January '82. Ron Honda was elected VP, with Kathy Benov as Secretary, Mike Wickstrom as Treasurer, and Clint Cummins was Tech Editor. Gene Gilpin traded in his '81 president's gavel and took over as the Zeitung editor-in-chief. Our official starting membership that year was 144. Practically from the day I joined, one of my fondest memories was partaking in the infamous "Zeitung assembly parties." Gene would collect and assemble all the articles, ads, minutes, financial reports, etc., and have them printed for collation. Then a gaggle of members would gather at Gene and Cheryl's with the pages in separate stacks, and we'd walk around the tables, in page-order sequence, and manually build each newsletter until one of the stacks ran out of pages. We would then staple them together and put address labels on each one and then deliver them to the post office.

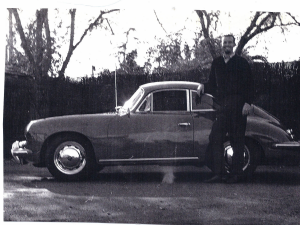
I must have been a slow learner, along with the other elected officers, because come 1983, we found ourselves still tied to the same positions on the board as 1982. But the big bash of 1983 was our 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary celebration on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Washington Country Club. The San Joaquin Region is the oldest region in Zone 7 and was originally chartered by PCA as the Fresno Region in 1958. It encompassed all of Northern California, including what is now known as the Golden Gate Region, and we were the 8<sup>th</sup> oldest region in PCA! We also lost Earl Hazelton in 1983, a region member and a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He thoroughly enjoyed driving his 914 with over 200,000 miles on it, and he was 87 years young when he drove off into the sunset. 1983 was also when we started our annual Fashion Fair car show.

In 2002 it happened again, why I'm not sure, but I was up for the challenge. The events that bring back such great memories for 2002 were the spectacular tours and the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual PCA Parade in Boise. In April, Dave and Sue Goerlich put together a memorable Mendocino tour along the northern California coastline. There was a total of 12 cars, all Porsches. Back then we used ancient technology known as CB's to keep in contact with each other. We stayed at Stevenswood Inn, which was impressive, to say the least. Friday morning's breakfast introduced us to Stevenswood's magical scones - they were the highlight of the morning. When we asked if they would share their recipe, they did not hesitate to give us a printed copy. Sue and I have them to this day on a regular basis. We enjoyed a walking tour of Mendocino for shopping and then drove through Ft. Bragg on our way to the Pacific Star Winery, which was located on the cliffs of the North Coast... what a view!!

In June, 10 Porsches, including Gene Poole's classic, toured together to the beautiful Glacier Point in Yosemite... in a word, WOW!!! In August, five members of the Region attended the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual PCA Parade in Boise. Special guest included Hans Peter Porsche, son of Peter Porsche. Sue has a photo with Peter acknowledging her outstanding efforts taking second in her class in the Auto Cross event. In September, Debilyn Molineaux arranged a local tour to the Underground Gardens in Fresno, which we'd wanted to experience for years, but just didn't do it on our own. From there, we had a very informative tour of the Kearney Mansion.



#### **Glenn Pierce, president, 1989-90, 93-94**



Not much of a writer, but here goes. Back in the day there were fewer members, but we were a close group, hanging out at Solley's and Gardner Porsche +Audi. We had slow tours because we had slow cars and narrow roads. Dinner meetings were cheaper too, but not for the era. Had Concours shows, gatherings at the Gilpin's, Halloween parties at Solley's and the Car Factory, some Xmas parties there too. Participated at the Giffen Ranch-Pebble Beach-Mystery Tours-Mendocino - just to name a few. Oh, who could forget Tony Maslowski's smoked salmon, unfortunately for us, he never gave me the recipe for it. I've been lucky to have seen the club grow in size and participation. The good old days are gone but the memories are still there. Forgot to mention how everyone had a CB to communicate with while on tours. Kinda miss the chatter — especially Shari Walker with her ability to see things that no one else saw. Tours were slower so we observed more.



**Pete Suddjian, 1996-97** *(written by Margie Back, Pete is recovering from heart surgery)*

The theme for 1996 was “member involvement,” with an emphasis on car activities - setting up an autocross school, tours, time trials at Thunder Hill, vintage races, and the Parade in Oklahoma. The tours included a snow trip to Reno, one day to Sequoia, a visit to Lemoore Naval Air Station, an overnight mystery trip, a “moon tour,” a dinner meeting at Ducey’s Lodge, and a progressive dinner. A full-year calendar was printed and presented in March. Thanks to Dave Goerlich and his involvement in the E. Fresno Rotary, our club participated in and had special parking in the Rotary-sponsored Concours and their Gala Preview Party. The 35th anniversary of our Region was declared and recognized by PCA National presenting us with a special banner. Tony Maslowski investigated and discovered that it was actually our 38th year, so it was decided we would wait and celebrate at our 40th. During this time we became the “Sequoia Region,” following difficulties connected with the hosting of Parade. One of our long-time members, Jim Kilpatrick, passed away during 1996. In 1997 we were still publishing a full membership directory for everyone. We enjoyed a “Return to Pozo” tour — always a fun event. Dinner attendances were great this year, indicating increased interest in the club. We hosted a “Porsche Corral” for the Concours d’ Elegance held at Fresno State in May. Seventeen Porsches turned out. We were the most organized and visible club present. Lissa and Pete picked the spot, had a tent installed, arranged for tables and chairs, linen cloths, and a buffet line. A class act. Gary & Sue Rosa organized a “women’s tour,” stopping at Red Rock Winery in Modesto, the small town of Coulterville, and the last stop was the Mountain House in Oakhurst. Before leaving the Car Factory meeting place, each man was instructed to reach into his wallet and give his wife a \$5 bill. Then the women were instructed to window-shop at each stop and purchase something for less than \$5. Women came out of shops carrying bags “left and right.” At the close of 1997, we presented the club members with a “Feedback Survey” seeking information on what kinds of functions, restaurants, or tours they especially enjoyed. We continued the practice of presenting a scholarship each year to a community college student majoring in automotive maintaining a 3.3 GPS.

**Rocky Taylor, 2003-04**

My two years as President of the Sequoia Region, PCA, were filled with kind memories and warm faces of members willing and wanting to make all Porsche owners feel special, welcome and engaged. See One, Do One, Be One, might be the mantra for the position of Club President. I know I will forget someone, but without these folks, any relative success we had as a Club during my time is attributed solely to these folks: Tony and June, Dave and Sue, John and Chris, Jack and Margie, John and Carol, Dutch and Sue, Ron and Shari, Pete and Lissa, Glenn and Marilyn, Bob and Laila, Kevin and Debbie, Allyson, Dr. Wayne, Snap on Tool Guy—really good guy, Gene and Cheryl, Orange 944 Guy, Bill and Trina, both Coon families, Scott and many others unmentioned in this article. The most pleasurable group with common interests I have ever been associated with. A special and continuing memory is for Tony Sportelli. He has more Stuttgart dust under his nails than anyone I know—a Legend! Go by his house this summer and squeeze his Tomatoes,. He would enjoy it!

Within this group and the remainder of the Club enjoyed some wonderful Porsche examples, and a Ferrari thrown in for Italian seasoning. The most common phrase I can remember is “...I should have never sold it!” The most desperate phrase I can remember is “....I bought that for \$3500.00 (fill in the blanks) and now it’s worth \$35,000.00! What was I thinking...?” The most lecherous phrase was (is) “....I wonder if Member in Heaven’s wife will be willing to sell me Member in Heaven’s (fill in the blank)? (Does she know HE wanted ME to have it)?” The most transparent, redundant and overused phrase might be “....if you ever decide to sell your (??) (unspoken inference—Cheap), let me know!” (Publishing clearing house luck, call back)!

Contrary to common belief, the office of President IS for everyone. (Perhaps not in DC!) PCA Club President is fun, engaging and interesting. I had the best VP I could ever have had...so I married her. She also had a nicer than 911 SC than mine! Think Fast and enjoy the Ride!

### **John Lillian, 2007-08**

The SEQUOIA REGION celebrated our fabulous 50th anniversary at McNeilly Park in Clovis Ca.

This was a catered event with lots of prizes and a huge raffle.

We also sold 50th anniversary polo shirts.

Among our distinguished guests were Kurt Gibson (Vice President PCA National) and his wife Angie.

Also present was Larry Sharp (Zone 7 representative) with his wife KC.

We had approximately 45 beautiful PORSCHEs parked around the beautiful lawns at McNeilly Park.

We had a professional photographer taking pictures of all the PORSCHEs.

It was a great time for everyone.

### **Fred Scott, 2010-11**

#### **1. Two tours that Nan and I led:**

Three-day tour to Santa Barbara. I bought a 2008 Turbo Cabriolet on Thursday, the night before this tour. We met up with the group from Fresno in Lemoore and passed everyone to take the lead. Most people didn't think it was us. We made a pit-stop in Kettleman city and showed off the new car. Then we announced a route change due to new gravel on Highway 33 at Reef City. We connected with Highway 33, south of Highway 46, and proceeded through Maricopa - over the hills to Ojai. Then short of the 101, we took the high road into the upper village in Montecito, and down under the 101 to East Beach, then up State Street to our hotel. That night we went to my son's house at State and Los Olivas for a party. Saturday morning we went to Lotus Land, a major garden in Montecito. Saturday evening we met at a restaurant just three blocks from the hotel. Thirteen of us, plus three others from Visalia, sat at one great round table. The next day, we went to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club for Sunday brunch right on the harbor at the end of West Beach.



Three-day tour to Carmel. This tour was riddled with changes at every turn! The original plan was to go west on Highway 198 to 101, cross the valley to join Jolon Road, up to Hunter Liggett, then west on the Nacimiento/Fergusson Road and Highway 1, then north to Carmel through Big Sur. However — the hills were on fire! Instead at Highway 101, we went north to the Hahn Winery for a two-hour lunch break in the Santa Lucia Highlands west of Soledad. We headed out south toward Greenfield to the Carmel Valley Road but were stopped by plywood signs the said "Road Closed to Thru Traffic Due to Fire." We went north on River Road to Highway 68 and into Monterey Peninsula. We stayed three blocks from Ocean Ave. in Carmel. Friday night we went to the Sand Bar & Grille on Fisherman's Wharf #2 next to the Yacht Club. Saturday everyone was on



their own. I took two golfers from the group, plus one other from Visalia, on Spyglass Hill Golf Course. Saturday night dinner we went to the Rio Grille after appetizers at the home of the Visalia couple.

2. Gene Gilpin received a special Zone Award at the Zone 7 meeting in Walnut Creek. Nan and I went to that meeting in support of Gene. Cheryl brought the plaque/trophy to a monthly meeting and Gene was recognized by SR-PCA. (He was too modest to bring it himself; I had to call Cheryl to make it happen.)

3. In 2010 the SR-PCA hosted a Zone 7 autocross in conjunction with our Oktoberfest. David Crabtree (SR-PCA autocross organizer), Nan and I went to a Zone 7 autocross at Sonoma Speedway to see how they run a major Zone 7 event. David put together a great event followed by a great Oktoberfest at Dave and Tami's home with all the Porsches on their back lawn. Since Nan and I live in Visalia and needed to travel back and forth to Fresno and out west, Jack and Margie offered us to stay with them for the weekend. It saved us a two-hour commute each day. This is part of the SR-PCA spirit - thanks! I believe Margie won Best Ladies Oktoberfest Costume.

4. Greatest: It is all about the cars and the people in the club. As a president, I was a figurehead. The people that came out to the dinner meetings, the tours, autocross and other events, especially my wife Nan, are what makes it so special. The holiday dinners in 2009 and 2010 were held at the Downtown Club.

#### **Dave Ogden, 2010, 11, 12**

When Tami and I joined back in 2007, at our first dinner meeting, Margie Back saw us and attacked us for new positions in Club. We started with tours, then VP for Fred Scott..then boom! President for (too long). 2007 and 2008 were tough as so many members struggled and either quit or moved away. So the club was shrinking or maintaining at best in numbers.

Thanks to having a great Team of Board members (Steve Williams, Leon Malding, Ed Suarez, Brent and Lora Looney, Debi Schmidt and Vern Simmons) along with other positions filled to cover AX and Social, we started Cars & Coffee which still continues to explode each month!

We also started a Mammoth three-day tour which last year had over 120 people with 80 cars attending. It, too, has grown from the 10 cars we started back in 2009.

Autocross still struggles to get more cars like the other Regions, but with help from Roy Frye getting us a new Trailer and Ed Suarez buying timing equipment, we are set.....just need cars!

Oktoberfest is our biggest gig of the year and Tami cringes when I say one more time, but now that we've found a great caterer and have turn-key plans, she actually gets out of the kitchen to enjoy the event.

I liked being President, but it does burn you out covering three weekends a month with Club. Now as Tour director I can relax and watch Ed lose his hair.

#### **Roy Frye, 2013**

My Presidency did not start off well. David Crabtree did not run for VP resulting in Julio Alvarez being elected as my VP. Not long into my presidency, my employment became an issue. Retiring Division employees were not being replaced, causing my workload to quadruple and stressed me to beyond my breaking point. I made the decision to reduce commitments, including with regret, my Sequoia Region Presidency. There were other issues and members that were problems, although in this musing, I would rather reflect on the positive.

Being President and a member of the region, I will always hold the best memories of associating with and representing special people. Ann and I joined Sequoia Region in 2009, after purchasing the "Schwarz

997." Even though I have owned several Porsches through the years I was never been a "club guy," but this time we decided to join PCA. I think the first function we attended was a social dinner, and followed by a "spirited tour" spirited by Dave Ogden. I remember that tour very well because I met David Crabtree, driving a yellow 986 that I could not keep up with, even though the Schwarz had more than a 100 HP than the yellow 986. I inquired as to what modifications he had made to the yellow 986. David responded his car was stock, and the reason I could not catch him was that I did not know how to drive.

He was not aware I was a founding member of the South Bay Racing Association, former NHRA B stock F1 record holder, built and ran cars at LA Street Races and built VWs capable of high 14 second quarter mile. David was brutally right, my skill set was honed for straight lines, gear changes, torque curves and power bans, not for entering and exiting curves, correct lines, trail breaking or maintaining car balance....all the things Porsche are engineered to do.



At that point in time I did not realize how special the people of Sequoia Region are or what a special time it was to be part of the region. We share a kindred spirit for the Porsche marque, and nothing is more true than the PCA's motto, "It's not the cars, it's the people." in reference to our members nothing is more true. I have never observed a definite prejudice in our region, whether you shoe a 914, or a GT2 RS. Members of our region, the Ogdens, David Crabtree, the Backs, the Williams, Vern Simmons, Turbo Fred, Vince Nolleti, John Parnigian, Leon Malding and other members (way too many to recognize), are all very "special people." Based on these relationships, I decided to become more involved in the region. I volunteered where help was needed, and I was humbled by receiving the Mike Wickstrom Award, and Behind the Scenes Supporter. Receiving the Wickström Award was a complete surprise, I was just a worker bee.

It will always be a special memory, being awarded by special people. I have also been recognized for my Parallel Parking skills. I didn't realize you could be recognized for having fun. In a small region like ours there is never an overabundance of volunteers (worker bees).

I became a Board member to contribute to the operation of our region. As a board member I had some input on the charitable activities of the region. Prior to my Presidency, fundraising juggernauts, Margie Back, Susan Simpson, Lora Looney, Sue Williams, and others made an all-out effort for our region, and raised enough money to make substantial donations. Vince even donated a drive in his Ferrari, I can still remember Vince's remark, "It's just a car," and I am still sorry I didn't win the bid. I would have liked to have a conversation with a Ferrari. Vince was not aware that I hold cars as sentient beings. As President I steered the region's donations to three auto shop programs; Kerman High, Porterville High and Duncan Polytechnic in Fresno. I believe that present day educators are ignoring the need and importance for trades education.

Another priority during my Presidency was to increase our presence in the zone by hosting a zone autocross event. This was a monumental task to find, secure, and ready the site on Central Ave for the event. Again, members rallied to the challenge, mostly by those who participate in autocross, although others pitched in — even some that were not Sequoia members and didn't own a Porsche. After consulting with other region presidents, I changed our new member orientation and retention policy to a breakfast meeting and assigned a sponsoring member. I still feel informing new members of what the region has to offer and participate in is more productive than dinners.

I have attempted to reflect on the history, but what about the future. To be president you must have the ability to steer the region through change. Porsche AG/USA has separated from the philosophy of Ferdinand Porsche's sports cars and the region has changed. Porsches of today are complicated, expensive and equipped with technology that precludes the custodian to perform repairs and maintenance. The work is even such that dealerships are not equipped to repair a \$15,000 PDK. Find a previous 356 owner who didn't perform their own maintenance and repairs. I was at a stop light not too long ago and was face-to-face with a Cayenne. I flashed my head light, several times, with no response. Evidently, they were driving a SUV, not a Porsche. I have had several occurrences of this scenario with Boxster drivers. Without change and innovation things stagnate and become boring. This would be tragic for the region to follow in the way the flash has disappeared. Here is question, Why is the ignition switch in a Porsche on the right of the steering wheel?



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## IN THE NEWS:

### German authorities ordered a blinged-out golden Porsche off the road for being too shiny



Hamburg's Morgenpost reported Friday the 31-year-old driver was stopped in the northern city last week and told his Porsche Panamera, sporting a reflective gold foil finish, might blind other drivers and was a danger. He was told to remove the foil and re-register the car, but police say he continued to drive it.

The driver was stopped again Wednesday and police took his keys, papers and license plate, before the vehicle was towed to a garage. He was fined an unspecified amount and will have to remove the foil to make the car street legal again.

Morgenpost reports a Lamborghini owner nabbed at the same time with similar gold foil complied and removed it.

<https://www.foxnews.com/auto/all-that-glitters-cops-pull-over-golden-porsche-for-being-too-shiny>

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2019 PCA Calendar								
	BOARD MTG	DINNERS	TOURS	TECHDAY	AUTO-X	FIRST SAT COFFEE	track/events	
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	21-Jul	NONE	6-Jul		
	Margie	Lime Lite	Pismo Tour	Wine tour SJ				
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		
	Ed's	TBD	Equinox Tour		Madera		Rennsport	thunder
OCT	1-Oct	12-Oct	26-Oct		12-Oct	5-Oct		
	Dave's	Octoberfest	tarantula		Madera			
NOV	5-Nov	12-Nov	16-Nov		9-Nov	2-Nov	18-Nov	
	John Paul	TBD			Madera		laguna	
DEC	10-Dec	14-Dec	NONE	NONE	NONE	7-Dec		
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