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#### **2019 Autocross Year in Review**

By Larry Kirlin

December marks the end of our second season of autocross at the Madera airport. I'm finally starting to feel like I'm in a rhythm coordinating the events. Probably because I know how to use the timing system now. For several months I was petrified if Ed wasn't within arm's length of the laptop at all times.

Another improvement this year was the course designs. I did some internet research and found several excellent resources that

teach proper course design. This allowed us to add new features without creating a confusing sea of cones. A properly designed course is also safer and a lot more entertaining. I think everyone will agree that the courses are much more interesting and enjoyable now that we broke free from the old mold.

Writing about course layouts reminds me of all the effort that goes in to these events.

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#### 2019 Autocross Year in Review By Larry Kirlin

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We have a core group of members that come out to volunteer even on days they aren't behind the wheel. Thanks to everyone who has placed a cone, waived a flag or toted a trash can. I especially want to thank the people listed below for helping with almost every event:

Tom Daugherty
Babette Jaire-Daugherty
Leon Maulding
Bruno & Geneva Reinhardt
Ed Suarez
Russ Weber
Mike Wilmott

So what's in store for 2020? Mo betta! In February, PCA Zone 7 is hosting an autocross instructor class in Livermore. A month later, they are putting on an autocross school at Crows Landing. For those who don't know, Crows Landing is an old military airfield off I-5 near Patterson. It is an ideal location for autocross because there are countless acres of grippy tarmac, which allows for limitless course designs. Keep your eye on your email in January for more information about these events.

If you haven't been to one of our autocross events, it's time you do. Bring your car or bring a chair. Either way we'd love to have you join us.

See you on the track!

Larry Kirlin



#### Meet Our 2019 Charity Recipient: Central Valley Adaptive Sports

This year we chose **Central Valley Adaptive Sports** to receive a \$2,500 donation from our Club. We donated a smaller amount to them in 2017 and they turned it into a new Honda side-by-side to shuttle skiers from the parking lot to the lifts at China Peak.

This year we had Randy and Lisa from Central Valley Adaptive Sports join us for Christmas dinner and there we shared the check presentation with the entire Board and many members attending dinner. Randy shared with all of us what good works they can accomplish thanks to our donation.

Many PSD or injured emergency providers attend throughout the year for fishing, camping and snow skiing. When you head to Shaver Lake, CA - look for their sign as you enter town and stop by to see what they are doing. Or visit their website at: https://www.centralcaladaptive.org/

Dave Ogden

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DEAR DAVE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE SEQUOIA REGION. OF THE PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA -

YOU ARE ALL AWESOME. LISA AND I MET SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE THE NIGHT WE RECEIVED YOUR DONATION AT THE BELMONT COUNTRY CLUB.

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THROWHOUT THE CENTRAL VALLEY, PLEASE TAKE PRIDE
IN KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR SO
MANY.

BEST ALWAYS AND KEEP THOSE ENGINES ROARING!

RANDY & LISA COFFMAN

#### President's Letter | End of 2019 By Ed Suare:

It was a very good year for our club. We had many great events and saw our club grow membership at a good pace. Membership has grown to 375 members. We have also been fortunate to have members become very engaged with the club. I want to thank you all for participating in so many of our events. We saw participation grow in almost all of our events. Our monthly dinners average over 40 people. We are getting more than 50 cars at our cars and coffee events.

I have been President of the club since January of 2016. Though it's been very rewarding to have served for the past 4 years, I am stepping down. Dave Ogden was nominated and elected as our new president. Dave served as President prior to my becoming president. He has been very involved with the club over so many years, and is excited to take on the role again. Along with his role, we have a few

more changes occurring with the board this coming year. Leon Malding is also stepping down from the board, but will stay engaged with the club as a committee member. Leon Malding and Brent Looney will lead the Cars and Coffee events. Russ Weber will be taking the open slot left by Leon. Randy Ames will be taking on the role of tour director. Randy has lead several tours over the last few years. He is looking forward to leading some fun tours this coming year. John Paul is also appointed to the board. John will lead the wine tours and handle other new events as they are developed. Kevin Davis had to step down from the board due to a growing family. Darrick Duerksen, Brent Looney, Debi Schmidt, Cindy Suarez and Margie Back will remain in their current roles. I will remain on the board and take on the liaison of the Porsche dealership. Since I live minutes away from the dealership and have developed a good



relationship with them, I am looking forward to this new role.

We are looking forward to another fun filled year of events. Please congratulate the new board members. I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2020 at one of our many activities.

Ed Suarez





#### Join Us for Our Monthly "First Saturday Cars & Coffee"

By Leon Malding & Brent Looney | Photo by Ed Suarez

With the new year upon us, there are big things happening with Cars and Coffee in the works.

Leon and I have been selected to co-lead the Cars & Coffee into the new year, so we have some things that will hopefully keep the event moving in the positive direction that we have enjoyed in the past years.

We will be having a **membership information kiosk** at the Cars and Coffee events, with brochures on how to join the PCA, and club event information, so attendees can see what upcoming events are planned and get them on their calendar.

I have been approached many times by people that have either had a Porsche for many years, or just purchased their first Porsche last week, and want to know how to join the PCA. So hopefully having this info available will help to facilitate their joining the PCA.

I've also been asked by people walking up to me, "Hey, I have an old Austin Healey, or vintage Jag etc., can I bring that?" My response is ABSOLUTELY, even though this event is sponsored by the Sequoia Region of the PCA, it is not an exclusive Porsche event. So if you have an old classic, or maybe your neighbor does, invite them to join us, the more beautiful cars we get to look at, the better.

Cars & Coffee is held on the first Saturday of every month, starting time is 8:00 AM – rain or shine – in the parking lot next to Starbucks at Friant Road and Fort Washington in Fresno, CA (8am-10am).

Also, remember... if you wear your Porsche Club name tag to Cars & Coffee, the coffee is on the club!

Onward into the New Year,

Leon Malding & Brent Looney
Cars & Coffee Co-Chairs





**Solitary Cellars - Wine Tour** By John Paul | Photos by James Williams, Dave Ogden, John Paul & Solitary Winery

We had a 12-car turn out for our last wine tour of 2019. Our destination was Solitary Cellars, located at ApCal in Madera, CA. The weather was perfect for great wine and good company.

We'd like to give a big thanks to Porsche Fresno for hosting as our event launch site and always supporting our club outings.

Our drive took us through some twists and turns along the San Joaquin River and some backroads of west Fresno. Not knowing what to expect, we were greeted with a private patio for us to enjoy along with excellent service through the entire afternoon. For those who couldn't join us, Solitary Cellars is owned by two retired correctional officers whose goals were to eventually become winemakers after their careers in law enforcement. Their tasting room is filled with all types of prison paraphernalia from over the decades which tell numerous stories that give a unique and interesting perspective on their past career. I think I speak for everyone who was able to join us that day that we all had a phenomenal time. We will certainly be back some day. - John Paul (continued)









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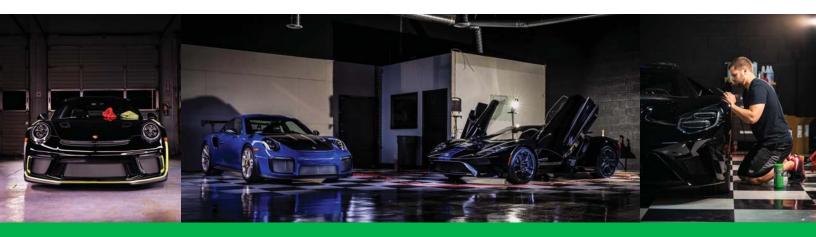
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#### It is always exciting to welcome new board members

By Margie Back

Russ Weber comes on the board this year, elected to replace Leon Malding.

John Paul has been appointed to serve as Wine Tour Director, replacing Obie Silverwood.

Both Obie and Leon are great role models to follow!

**Russ** was born in Fresno, in the old St. Agnes hospital. His parents on both sides were descendants of Germans from Russia (Volga Russians), who came through Ellis Island to San Francisco in 1902. They were a sponsored family and ended up in Fresno. They didn't speak the language, but came with a variety of trades. Both grandfathers were farmers; one was also a metal worker (he did the welding on the ironwork atop the Guarantee Bank building) and the other a painter. Russ still has the welding equipment.

Russ got interested in cars as a young boy. His dad first bought a model T Ford in 1971. It was a 1926 model pickup (a piece of junk). They didn't have money to buy a new one, so they restored and fixed this one. Russ was around 11, 12 years old, and helped. This was the first car he drove - driving it around and around in their back yard. He still has this car.

In 1971 he belonged to the horseless carriage club, and while attending one of their parties in the Sunnyside area he sat in a 1959 Mercedes 300SL. Later on when he joined the Porsche club he learned that the party was at the home of Debi Schmidt.

In 1977 some of his friends had sports cars, and Russ bought a 1964 Triumph TR4. Also a "piece of junk," but he met lots of people knocking on doors to get a ride home! He drove it to Cars & Coffee a few months ago. In 1992 he and his dad (now 94) found a place to get parts, so they took the Triumph apart, piece by piece, put it on saw horses and painted it. If a bug dropped on it, they sanded it and painted it again. Some parts have multiple coats!

Another of his cars is a 1923 Model T touring car, purchased in 1990.

In 1986 he entered the 1926 Model T pickup in the Fresno Concours de elegance. One of the judges (our own Dave Goerlich) looked at the chrome shell over the radiator and declared it not correct for the year —that part didn't come out until 1928!

In 2013 Russ and Tammy found a 1964 356 for sale, but decided it was too much

#### New Board Members (continued)

money... however this started their serious quest for a Porsche (they go up in value you know — ). They found a 1967 912, polo red. Kevin Davis was also looking at this car: Kevin passed, Russ bought. The first time Russ stopped to get gas, an onlooker asked if he could take a picture of it.

<u>John Paul</u> – better known as "JP" – will become the new **Wine Tour Director**, taking on the responsibilities that Obie Silverwood carried for several years. In fact, JP already has led a couple of good tours this past year. JP was born and raised in Fresno. He is 25 years old and says he has had "Porsche fever" ever since he was 5 years old and was drooling over Steve McQueen's 917 in the movie *LeMans*!! His favorite scene was the opening part of the race where the clock struck 12:00 p.m. and everyone fired up their motors!

His first Porsche was a 2003 Carrera 4S, black on black. He says, "Back in 2002 there was a black C4S on the showroom floor, and I'll never forget -- it was the first Porsche I had ever sat in during the time that Michael's owned the dealership." He is now driving a navy blue 911Carrera 4S coupe.

When not working, his hobbies are hanging out with friends and family, spending time at the coast when possible, and enjoying music.

He joined the Porsche Club in 2018. His words: "I'm looking forward to serving and growing our club. I am honored to be part of such a great group of people." Well, JP, we are happy to have you with us!









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#### FROM THE DESK OF RIK LARSON

The Zone 7 Concours Judging event has been moved to Sunday, March 15th. It was previously shown as occurring on March 7th.

The corrected information is included below for your reference.

Details and registration info for the AX Instructor's School (March 7) and the Concours Judging event (March 15) will be provided soon.

Rik Larson 2019 Zone 7 Secretary Email: rik.larson@gmail.com



# Porsche Club of America **Zone 7**

#### **Autocross**

March 7 -- Instructor School

April 5 -- Thunderhill (SVR)

April 25 -- Marina (LPR)

April 26 -- Marina (GGR)

July 18 -- Alameda (GGR)

September 26 -- Marina (LPR)

September 27 -- Marina (GGR)

October 10 -- Thunderhill (SVR)

October 11 -- Thunderhill (RR) (tentative)

#### Concours

March 15 - Judges School and

Prep -- Livermore

April 26 -- Livermore (DR)

May 17 -- Fremont (LPR)

June 7 -- Rocklin (SVR)

July 19 -- Carmel Valley (MBR)

August 2 -- Reno (SNR)

August 23 -- Redwood City

(GGR)

September 20 -- Petaluma (RR)

For more information visit the Zone 7 website at zone7.pca.org





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#### In the Zone

By: Collin Fat, Zone 7 Representative Sacramento Valley Region 916.955.7955; cfat@fatsrestaurants.com



Wishing everyone a wonderful and prosperous New Year! I would hope you have plans to participate in the many club activities that your region and the Zone have planned. By now, each club will have elected a new board of directors and have either completed or are in the process of laying out their annual event calendars. I have sincerely enjoyed my first year serving as your Zone 7 Representative and look forward to attending a variety of regional events in 2020 and getting to meet the members of Zone 7.

I have met many new members over the past year and many have asked me for suggestions on how to get involved. I almost always recommend trying as many different types of events as you can, knowing that all of them revolve around owning and driving a Porsche. Tours are among the most popular events hosted by local regions and they come in the form of single and multiple day varieties. Participating in a driving tour requires no special preparation other than making sure your Porsche is in good working order. Several very popular multi-day tours coming up are 1) Shasta Regions Zone 7 tour, 2) Sierra Nevada Region's annual Mammoth Tour, and for as many years as I can remember 3) Sacramento Valley's Mendocino and Pacific Grove tours.

CRAB 38, Sacramento Valley Region hosts its 38th CRAB event May 29-31st and is a 3 day multi-event extravaganza featuring all things Porsche. Many past participants have described CRAB as a mini Parade with tours, TSD rally, autocross, concours, and a crabfeed and beer'n brat all included. The word CRAB stands for crabfeed, rally, autocross and Begegnan (a German word referring to a gathering).

The Zone organizes several competitive series including a concours and autocross in which competitors vie for year end awards and bragging rights. These schedules should already be posted on the Zone 7 website. In addition, PCA

National also schedules PCA Club Racing throughout the nation with a dedicated series called the West Coast Series held at tracks like Thunderhill Raceway, Sonoma Raceway, Laguna Seca and Buttonwillow. These events are for highly skilled drivers who have specially prepared cars and are duly licensed by PCA to race in these events. Also on the national calendar this year is the club's largest event, Porsche Parade, which will be held in Southern California this year at the La Quinta Resort near Palm Springs. In addition, two Treffens which are normally just 4 days in length and focus on touring and having a great time meeting with other Porsche enthusiasts, are planned. One is at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs in April followed by another Treffen at the Greenbrier in West Virginia in September. PCA national likes to hosts these events in areas where our membership can't easily attend a Parade but could attend a Treffen closer by. In addition to these national events, other events which PCA will host for 2020 include Werks Reunion Monterey and Amelia Island. I encourage all members to participate in as many of these national events as possible.

#### **National Awards and Club Recognition:**

It may still not be too late to nominate members in your region or your region itself for several national awards that are given out each year at Parade. These include 1) Region of the Year, 2) Family of the Year, and 3) Enthusiast of the Year. Applications opened in December but can still be submitted. If you think your region is deserving or have a family or enthusiast in your club that has stood out, take the next step and nominate them. Zone 7 regions have been recognized almost every year and your club cannot be considered if you do not make a submission or nomination. Take a few minutes to contemplate on members in your region who truly made a difference in your club and nominate them. The link to the National Awards...

#### **Sacramento Valley Region - By Collin Fat, Jan. 2020** (continued)

Submission Guidelines: https://www.pca.org/resource/national-awards-nomination-guidelines.

#### **Zone 7 AX Instructor and Concours Judges School:**

Zone 7 will host its autocross instructor's school on March 7th at the Livermore Community Center and the concours team will be hosting their annual Concours Judges and Prep school at Porsche of Livermore as well on March 7th. I am not sure that you can attend both events as the course material is quite extensive. Watch for more details on the Zone 7 website.

#### **Events and Dates of Interest:**

- Wednesday, January 22.....registration opens for Treffen at the BROaDMOOR (treffen.pca.org)
- Monday, January 27.....registration opens for Zone 7 Tour by Shasta Region (motorsportreg.com)
- Tuesday, January 28.....registration opens for Porsche Parade at Palm Springs (porscheparade.org)
- 1) Spring Treffen at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs; April 29-May 2
- 2) CRAB 38 hosted by Sacramento Valley Region; May 29-31
- 3) Zone 7 Tour by Shasta Region; June 11-15
- 4) Porsche Parade at the La Quinta Resort in La Quinta; June 21-27
- 5) Mammoth Tour by Sierra Nevada Region; July 25-26
- 6) Werks Reunion in Monterey; August 14
- 7) Fall Treffen at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia; September 16-19

Note that past Treffens have sold out in as little as one hour due to their growing popularity.

The Zone 7 Tour has also sold out in as little as one hour in the past.

The Porsche Parade has a two phase registration process. The first phase is for Parade registration and accommodations.

The second phase will be for registration for events and banquets. The second phase registration will occur in the February/March timeframe.

#### 2020 West Coast Race Series Calendar

#### **Tentative**

March 28-29<sup>th</sup> Buttonwillow Raceway

April 24-26<sup>th</sup> Thunderhill Raceway

May 22-24<sup>th</sup> WeatherTech Raceway, Laguna Seca

September 26-27<sup>th</sup> Thunderhill Raceway

October 24-25<sup>th</sup> Sonoma Raceway



PCA Club Race Schedule Link: <a href="https://pcaclubracing.org/schedule/">https://pcaclubracing.org/schedule/</a>



#### **65th Porsche Parade**

Phase I Registration (Parade + Hotel)

- Opens January 28th at 9 AM PT

Phase II Registration (Banquets, Tours and Events)

- Opens March 31st at 9 AM PT

Registration Closes May 31st at 9 PM PT

Watch for the details in the December 2019 issue of PANORAMA.

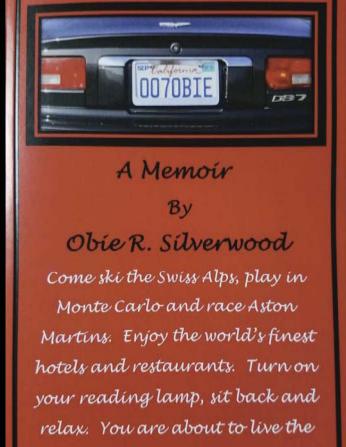
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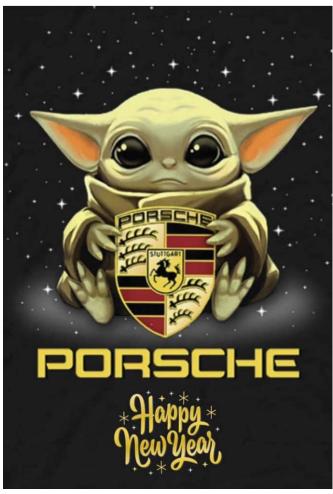


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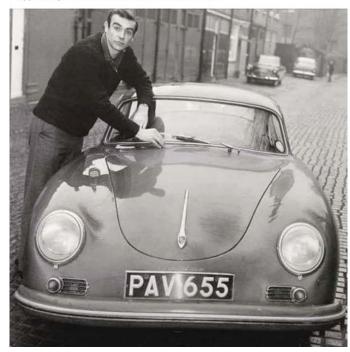
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Apparently the real James Bond drives a Porsche





# **RETROSPECTIVE**... we're making history Margie Back, Historian

Every year, as part of the president's remarks at our Christmas party, we hear about certain people who are given an award, including a special plaque. Last month, as our annual Christmas party, three such awards were presented.

Best Event of the Year: The board looks back – what event was really outstanding – better than any other this past year? Maybe a tour or maybe some other gathering of the club members. The award was <u>named</u> for a member who as tour director planned and led a number of weekend trips during his term. He was especially creative with wine tours. His name was **Roger Bailey;** he was an administrator at CSUF. (Our 2019 winners are listed below.)

**Enthusiast of the Year:** Though there are always numerous club members who lead and/or help with our events, sometimes there is special effort expended which gives us really good happenings. This award was named for **Mike Wickstrom**, an accountant who served for a number of years as our treasurer....always present and helpful.

**Pillar Award:** This is a relatively new award, initiated by our out-going president, Ed Suarez. Why is it called "pillar"? Webster says: "A pillar …holds up a structure …reliably and consistently providing essential support." These human "pillars" in any volunteer organization are in the background, often going unrecognized.

#### 2019 Awards

Best Event of the Year: Dave & Tami Ogden - The Oktoberfest

**Enthusiast of the Year – Randy Ames** 

<u> Pillar Award – Margie Back</u>

Our thanks and congratulations to each one!







# **Dates to Remember**

#### 2020 is already getting full!

- Board meetings have a standing date as the first Wed. of each month. Email Dave Ogden for questions/concerns
- First Sat. Coffees have a standing date of the First Saturday of each month, contact Brent Looney & Leon Malding.

  Bring a cool car and your car enthusiast friends! Meet in the parking lot next to Starbucks at Friant Road &

  Fort Washington in Fresno, first Saturday of every month, 8am 10am, rain or shine! Wear your name tag for a free coffee!
- Autocross is scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each month starting in March. Larry Kirlin is the contact.
- **Tours** have been scheduled for the third Saturday of each month. Randy Ames is the contact.
- Dinners are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month, unless there's a holiday conflict. Contact Cindy Suarez.
- PCA PARADE June 21-27 in Palm Springs, CA
- Porsche WERKS- August 14 in Monterey, CA
- OKTOBERFEST Sept. 26
- HPDE/Trackdays check emails and website for info.

Regards, Dave Ogden



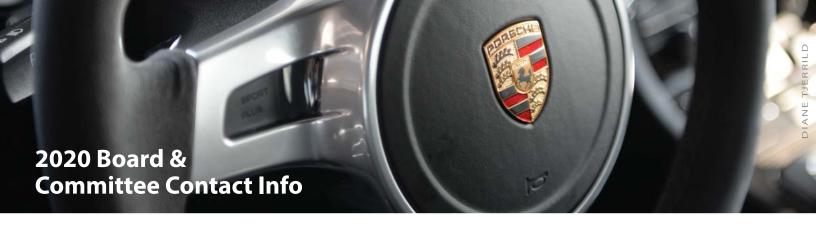
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