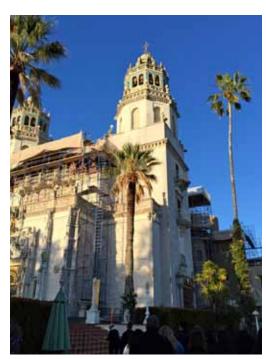


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Hearst Castle as seen during a recent SVR tour to San Simeon. Scaffolding is up for an ongoing renovation of the roof. See feature story for additional photos.





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SVR President's Notes

Collin Fat, SVR President

EVENT NEWS:

It's hard to believe that June is upon us and half the year has just seemed to fly by. I hope that you are all participating in the array of activities the club has planned. If you are new to the club make sure you give all of our different events a try before saying no. Whether it's attending our monthly breakfast, dinner meeting, or signing up for a Matt & Lisa Menning Tour get involved. Our new club directory will be mailed to you by the end of June and we have tried hard to make updates to its format as well as to provide you with a contact list of like-minded Porsche enthusiasts. Use this directory as a resource for everything from asking what the top rated tires are for your 2001 Boxster S or if anyone else in the club is having issues with their PDK. Sometimes the best source of information is our membership.

May was a busy month with several fun filled activities. **Tim Howard**, our club's dedicated autocross chair, held his second event of the year at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton and 45 drivers turnout for the event. Of this group, 26 drivers were considered novices. **Cookie Anderson's** Fat's dinner was another success and had nearly 60 persons in attendance. On the technical event side, Skip Quain had at least 30 members participate in



the Detail Maniac car clinic and we all hope that the entrants will sign up for our annual **SVR Zone 7 Concours on June 28**th headed up **by Kent Brandon** and his army of volunteers. You will have at least 3 weeks to prepare your car and remember there are several classes of competition other than full concours.

Don't miss events for June include our monthly breakfast on June 6th at Brookfields restaurant in Rancho Cordova. The restaurant is noted for its hearty breakfasts and generous portions. **Tim Howard's** team is hosting a Zone 7 autocross event on June 6th. Some of Zone 7's best drivers from the various regions will be there competing for year- end trophies. Don't let the competition scare you as novices are always welcome. Kent Brandon's concours team will be hosting their annual Zone 7 Concours at Niello Porsche on June 28th. There are several levels of competition from full concours to wash and shine in addition to a car corral for Porsche cars only. Kent tells me there will be a prize for the best looking car in the corral. The monthly dinner for June will be hosted by Susan and Howard Wolf at Los Pinos Restaurant in Cameron Park.

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS:

We have gotten several new sponsors to help support the activities of the club and I highly encourage you to support all of them. All of our sponsors have solid reputations for being at the top of their games and have been endorsed by some of our members. New sponsors joining recently are FDR Motorsports, Bertolucci's Body and Fender, and Rocky Mountain Window Tint.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our club depends on a dedicated group of volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to put on the events listed on our yearly calendar. Whether you are serving on our board of directors, as an appointed activity chair or are hosting a tour or dinner meeting I would like to extend my gratitude for volunteering to help keep this club one of the most active in Zone 7. Our club's primary membership hit 700 in May with an additional 476 affiliate members for a total membership of 1,179. This makes the Sacramento Valley Region the second largest region in the zone exceeding the membership of Loma Prieta and Redwood Regions. That is just as amazing as all of the great volunteers that make our club also one of the most active in the Zone. Thanks again to all the volunteers that make this club so great! Speaking of volunteers, it is never too late to consider chairing an event or serving on the board. If you have an interest, send me an email and I can let you know what opportunities are available.



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Editor's Corner Steve McCrory, SVR Drifter Editor

The Future Of Driving...

Changes in automotive technology are close on the horizon, being tested and developed and will impact the future of driving. Just search engine the topic of "self driving autonomous cars", and you'll see the evolving face of the brave new world of artificial intelligence applied to all modes of transportation. It will change the driving experience and the many ways we have of interacting with our vehicles.

Most Porsche Club members come to the Porsche experience with automotive passion, an enthusiasm for engineering excellence, but above all an appreciation for the unique driving experience that puts high value on the quality interface between driver and car. It's why we came to performance cars in general and Porsche in particular. That connection gives us the engaging feedback that creates driving pleasure. The Golden Age of Motoring included uncrowded roads with smooth pavement and vehicles we could work on. Times change. What technology can give us in one area, it can take from us in another. The positive experience of driving a Porsche may be at odds



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In this issue you will find an article on the biannual **San Simeon Tour** by **Gregg Plourde**. Front cover art is provided by **Dennis Wolfe**. And **Collin Fat** shares his experience of a trip to China, and reflects how economic changes there are remapping the world wide distribution of our favorite vehicles. See the plans for CRAB 36, and **Kent Brandon** tells us about the upcoming SVR Niello Concours. **Tim Cronin** adds another chapter on Porsche Racing.

As if you needed an extra reason to attend the SVR Zone 7 Concours at Niello, besides beautiful Porsches on display and socializing with old and new friends, there could be a great door prize in your future. Barbara and I recently cashed in the Spa Treatment we won at last year's event. The Spa Treatment is a service and full detail of your Porsche, in this case the 87 944 we've been showing with Zone 7 for the last two years. Throw in a loaner car, and what's not to like? David Welling, service advisor extraordinaire, led us out to a new Macan Turbo S, and after a pre-flight briefing on the controls and functions, we were on our way. The Macan is an interesting concept, 400 horsepower and all wheel drive in a refined mid-size platform with excellent handling and performance.



Our 944 after Niello's great "Spa Treatment" experience



The Porsche Macan Turbo S loaner

It's not too late to plan your calendar for upcoming events, Werks Reunion, Rennsport, and the **SVR Charity Auction** on October 18th at the **Nelson's garage**. It raises money for several deserving charities and gives you the opportunity to bid on Porsche related treasures donated by SVR club members and sponsors and enjoy a catered lunch.

Contact Alma Thompson for more details or to donate items or volunteer to help out. That's it for June; I'm out the door to search for smooth pavement.

PDK (Pretty Darn Kwik)

Rik Larson, SVR Rally Guy

- l attended a lunch at Karen's Bakery and Café in Folsom (owned by SVR member Karen Holmes) on May 2nd with about 14 people from ncPOG. What is ncPOG? It is a group of Porsche enthusiasts (many of which are members of our region) that was founded 10 years ago by Ken Suzuki. The ncPOG (Nevada County Porsche Owners Group) is 'A gathering of Porsche Owners from Nevada County and surrounding areas.' They are NOT affiliated with the national or local PCA group. They put on a number of events each year
- Werks Reunion signups are starting to pick up. More than 60 entries in the concours and over 170 in the corral.

(Coffee and Cars, tours, etc).

- The 2015 SVR Membership Directory should be in your mailbox by the middle of this month. If you need to update the information, then contact Richard Walker, SVR Membership Director.
- Parallel parking test is no longer part of the California Drivers License Test? Correct, and Maryland joined a host of other states that no longer require it either.



- What is a Tapa? Ask Janet Conner, SVR
 Treasurer. She is hosting the dinner in July.
 You can check out the menu on the SVR
 website.
- Park your Porsche at the PCA corral at the Monterey Historics in August. The Werks Reunion is being held on Friday and the PCA corral at Laguna Seca is on Saturday and Sunday. Only 150 tickets for the Historics are available at \$65 each. Plus you need a ticket to the track. They had sold more than half of the tickets in the first 48 hours.



- Saw Dan Rowland at Niello Porsche the other day. He was trying to find out why the horn on his 928 is not working. Obviously getting ready for the SVR and Zone 7 Concours at the end of June at Niello.
- 2016 version of the Pacific Grove tour will be April 8-10 announces Jim McMahen.
- My quest to purchase one of the 60th Anniversary Club Coupes is over. They are all sold. But I did order one of the scale models from PCA. You too can get one of the 1,955 models at the PCA website store.
 - Sources for LOOKING BACK? I find some of items by using Google. I also scan through the PCA national website, hardcopies of Panorama and our own DRIFTER. And even the electronic copies of The Nugget (the newsletter from Golden Gate Region). The biggest source is the use of the drifting back series of articles that was published monthly in the DRIFTER by Larry Wilson, SVR Historian. The series was published starting in 2001 and finished in 2010. Every month, Larry would provide tidbits about the region that covered that particular month but was specific to those items occurring 10, 20, and 30 years previously. The whole series is available on the SVR website by clicking on the "About" tab, and then "Our History".

LOOKING BACK...

10 years ago - June 2005

- It was reported that long-time Porsche member Phil Lawrence, was moving to West Virginia. Phil continues to keep in touch with his many friends in SVR. He even visits. I last saw Phil at the Porsche Parade in Monterey last year. And he will be attending the Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana, this month. He will be driving his new Cayman GTS.
- Bud and Mary Ann Behrens transferred into the region. Both had served terms as Zone 7 Representative.
- Drifter Editors, Elliot and Aleece Hoffmann, listed the "Top 21 Reasons To Be SVR's Next Newsletter Editor." Reason #16 -"SVR's most ... er ... opinionated member just moved to West 'by God' Virginia. On the other hand, Phil Lawrence did submit a lot of photos for 'People, Places & Porsches.' Hmm."

15 years ago - June 2000

 The Mines and Wines Tour by Russ Hildebrand was a great success.

20 years ago - June 1995

 Autocrossing was back in action at Mather Field after convincing Sacramento County officials that it was compatible with the 'good use' of the facility.

25 years ago - June 1990

The idea for Harry Potter pops into the head of Joanne Rowling while traveling on a train from Manchester to London.

30 years ago - June 1985

Route 66 is officially decommissioned.

35 years ago - June 1980

- Harvey Cain chaired an AX out at Cal Expo (Parking Lot A) that had 101 entries. This was an event that was part of the old SVSCC (Sacramento Valley Sports Car Council) series.
- A joint event with Shasta Region was held by traveling to a picnic in Chico. The event was chaired by Allen Weddle.
- The first 24-hour news channel, Cable News Network (CNN) is launched.

40 years ago - June 1975

- Rally de Bus was conducted by Rik Larson.
 This was a two-hour rally school conducted
 on a school bus (SVR members Dennis
 and Eva Kay). It was designed to provide
 some background for those that were
 going to compete in the TSD Rally at the
 20th Porsche Parade in Seattle.
- JAWS is released and becomes a popular summer hit.



Autocross News

Tim Howard, SVR Autocross Chair and Greg Zajic, SVR Autocross Co-Chair

The 2^{nd} autocross of the year held on May 16^{th} was a good one with 45 drivers participating. Of the 45 drivers, 8 attended their first AX event with SVR!

The course designed by Matt Deter and Steve Nieslony was a quick and smooth one with two slaloms, some nice turns and one sneaky tight kink in the course where drivers who figured out the proper line were rewarded by a much quicker application of the right pedal! Average times for the day improved steadily through driver's 5th run of the day, but interestingly enough the average times climbed in the afternoon. Despite the higher average times, 63% of the drivers got their best run in the afternoon including over a third of our drivers getting their best run of the day at the very end. More or less drivers either did really well or rather poorly in the afternoon but

Top Time of Day (TTOD). The top time was set by Steve Nieslony with a time of 35.673 seconds. Grady Carter came in 2nd with a time of 36.988, followed by a mere 100's of a second by Carl Winkler with a time of 36.998. Rounding out the top five times for the Porsche's, Collin Fat had a 37.306,

quite a few people were cheering as

they saw the time for their final run of

the day.

Kurt Schnier at 37.545 and Joe Lee at 37.594.

Ladies Top Time of Day. Top time of day was brought handily across the line by Joy Nieslony at a right pedal mashing time of 38.308. Rolinda Harper brought in our 2nd place for the ladies with a time of 43.078 followed closely by Melinda Lincoln with a time of 43.228.

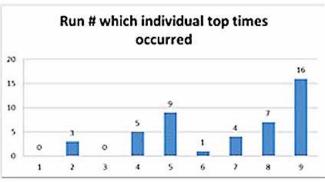
PAX (Performance Index Autocross Correction Factors). PAX is an autocross class that uses an adjusted top time based on assigned handicaps using vehicle make/model/year and level of modification. These handicaps are based on actual performance of cars from multi-year historical data in PCA Zone 7. The adjustment allows for comparison of times on a more even playing field. Top PAX time for our SVR members goes to Kurt Schnier with a PAX time of 34.541 with Steve Nieslony close on his heels with a time of 34.647 and Darrell Huckabay's time of 35.600.

Most Improved. Average times progressed well throughout the day as everyone got more familiar with the course. The most improved were brought by drivers at either their first

or second Autocross events. The average difference between the all novice drivers first reasonable run and best run was just nearly 10%. The biggest improvement came from Helen Roman who started out tentatively but progressed throughout the day and shaved off nearly 14 seconds off her times between her second run of the day and her best run of the afternoon. Bradley Chee managed to trim off just shy of 11 seconds between the first run and the best run of the day and Skip Quain chopped off just over 10 seconds in his time during the day. Keep up the good work!!!

Consistency. One of the fun measures is who's the most consistent. This takes your three best runs of the day and determines a standard deviation for those runs. Standard deviation is an indication of the variance from

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the mean value of your best three runs. The lower the value, the more consistent your runs were. Grady Carter's best three runs varied by a mere 0.066 seconds, who inched out Michael Fat with a variance only off by 1/1000th of a second at 0.067 seconds and rounding our top three is Patrick Nevis at 0.108 seconds.

Cone King and Queen. Before we get into the award winners for cone plowing, please note that we do not recognize the 13 drivers who did not hit any cones, so sorry you won't be mentioned if you were successful at avoiding cones. Ha Ha!!! We thank the award winners for keeping the course workers on their toes. Our

top cone plowing award goes to Mardi Quain who took out 6 cones during her 9 runs. She successfully avoided cones in the morning but managed to consistently take out 1 or 2 cones on each of her four afternoon runs. Lanny Bowden driving his Corvette C4 takes the second spot with 5, of which 3 were taken out simultaneously in a spectacular skid on his 9th run. Finally, we have Bryce Hansen and Steve Nieslony racking up 4 cones each.

Sad News. There were a total of 69 cones run down during the event. That's better than the 92 from the last event. Luckily all 69 cones are expected to make a full recovery and be out there for us on June 6th. Please come out and thank the cones for their service.

Odds and Ends. While at the event, we were approached by a representative of "CARE" and are required to put the following information in this event's summary. The group CARE (Cones Against Repeated Exposure) has filed a class action suit on behalf of the 93 cones viciously and intentionally run down during the first autocross event of the season. CARE

identifies each and every driver that put their members at risk and specifically identifies three individuals whose wanton and willful destruction represents over 25% of the devastation. CARE is seeking both temporary and permanent injunctions against the use of its members at Autocross Events worldwide. In addition, CARE is seeking the imposition of monetary damages as well as the imposition of punitive or exemplary damages. CARE wishes to remind everyone that the member cones all have families and little cones at home. They state that their members bleed just like everyone else and should be treated with CARE and respect. We're working with the cones to come to a reasonable solution to this important issue. We will forward more information as it becomes available.

That's about it for now. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered to make the autocross a success. Kudos goes to drivers who helped setup and those who helped us pack up the timing trailer. As always, the SVR autocross team is here

to help you continue improving your car handling skills so please reach out to members of the team for input, advice, or coaching as you continue honing your skills. Coaching is not for just the new drivers, it's for everyone. If you've hit "that plateau" let us know. We're happy to help and if requested ride along and provide additional coaching or suggestions for fine tuning of your driving as you skills progress. For more information and a full calendar of this season's SVR autocross events please go to http:// www.svr-pca.org/content/svr-autocross-0. We look forward to seeing you at future events and remember to register for autocross #3 which is a Zone 7 autocross hosted by SVR held at Stockton on June 6th.

Technical Notes

Skip Quain, SVR Technical Chair

he new Cayman GT4 is regarded as the cure for what ails of the Cayman. In that it finally puts a 911 engine (385-hp, 3.8-liter flat six) in the lithe, deft, underpowered Cayman. The GT4 represents the closest thing to a midengine 911 GT3. In

other words, the absolute zenith of

performance.

Enthusiasts have been long waiting and they won't be disappointed. Only 2,500 GT3s will be available world-wide. For one thing, no PDK, or automated transmission. The GT4 comes only with a traditional six-speed manual transmission with a pedal-lever clutch, an increasing rarity in any performance car. It's a fantastic transmission, a manual shifter of innate, greased precision.

Traditionalists will enjoy the six-speed manual transmission. It has been quietly and thoroughly modernized. The GT4's transmission is isolated from the structure

with the astonishing active gearbox mounts to null out driveline rocking, torque and vibration. Flip the appropriate switch and the GT4 also provides discreet, computer-assisted revmatching—throttle blipping, if you like - to aid your heel-and-toe downshifting as you plunge in and out of tight, technical hairpins on SVR tours, AutoX events or track days at Laguna Seca or Sonoma Raceway (Sears Point).

Everyone understands the PDK gearbox would be better/faster/stronger, as it is in the 911 GT3 (no option of a manual transmission). The six-speed in the GT4 is just more fun.

The GT4's cockpit is all business, with optional fixed-shell seats from the 918 Spyder (thinly padded and upholstered with Alcantara faux suede), and a smallish suede-wrapped steering wheel. The minimal steering wheel holds the switchgear for the active suspension control and the Loud button, a switch to open up the car's exhaust pipes for a more emotional sound.

If you don't want an audio system or airconditioning, Porsche will be glad to delete those, at no cost. The nav - system is a \$2,965 option; and really, in the GT4 all you need to find is the nearest racetrack. The waiting list is long, but when your Cayman GT4 arrives, the wait will be well worth it.





Photos: Porsche Media

But Wait- There's More!

A New Porsche Cayman is waiting in the wings. The unannounced Cayman GT4, will forgo the naturally aspirated. 3.8-liter flat-six from the GT3 in favor of a twin-turbo, 3.8-liter boxer unit that produces 450 hp. That makes it the first turbocharged Cayman ever, and its high output places it firmly in 911 GT3 territory. The current 911 GT3 (Type 991) pumps out 475 hp

from its free-breathing 3.8-liter flat-six. It sprints from 0 to 60 mph in 3.5 seconds. We can only wait for the performance info on the 3.8-liter twin-turbo GT4.

No pricing or delivery information on the GT4 yet. But following the Cayman's trend, it should be much cheaper than its 911 brother while boasting similar performance figures. For reference, the current 911 GT3 costs \$130,400.



If you're an AutoX enthusistic your mouth just waters for a chance to be behind the wheel of the GT4 at The San Joaquin Fair Grounds.

Of course, there's a lot more to Porsche than simple horsepower figures. The 911 GT3 is naturally aspirated while the un-announced Cayman GT4 is not, and that alone guarantees a completely different driving character. Unfortunately for us, the 911 GT3 vs. un-announced Cayman GT4 dilemma won't be coming up anytime soon, as the hardcore Cayman GT4 won't be out until at least 2016.

Upcoming Events - Close Ups...

SVR Eureka Tour



June 19-21

Starting Friday morning at Granzella's in Williams the tour will offer two routes to get you to Eureka. One route will go on Hwy 20 around Clear Lake to Hwy 101 and then up Hwy 101 through the redwoods to Eureka. The other more adventurous route will go along the eastern edge of the coast range to Red Bluff, and then take Hwy 36 across to Eureka. This route is slightly longer but a real Porsche road (mountain curves). Friday evening there will be a cocktail party at Cookie's daughter's house.

Saturday there will be a choice of several local attractions to tour or a day on your own to explore the North Coast Redwoods. Saturday night we will dine at the Ingomar Club, which is the old Carson Mansion pictured. This is a private club for members and guests. There will be dinner, and a guided tour of the Mansion. On Sunday we suggest a grand breakfast at the Samoa Cook house, the originial cook house for the lumber camp in this area.

Lodging: The Best Western Humboldt Bay Inn, (5th & Broadway Phone 707-443-2234) Thecost per night is \$95.99 + tax, which includes, hot tub, heated pool and free breakfast. Please make your reservations early.....before the summer crowd. Mention Sacramento Valley Porsche Club to get the special rates.

www.humboldtbayinn.com

Dinner: RSVP by June 8, 2015: \$79 per person pre-paid. Send checks (made out to PCA-SVR) with your email address; please indicate if you will be attending the complimentary cocktail party on Friday night, Send to:

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SVR-PCA Driver Education Event July 10



SVR is hosting the 2nd of two driver education events for 2015 at Thunderhill Raceway on July 10th. For those members not familiar with what a DE event or Driver Education Event is all about a short explanation would be that it is an event with the goal of teaching, first hand, all of the capabilities of your Porsche in a safe, structured and controlled environment. SVR has not hosted a DE event since 2011 and has scheduled two events to provide our members with a chance to experience a fun day on the track and to meet requests for these types of club activities.

Driver Education events are not racing, and are designed to provide students a way to improve their driving abilities and acquire a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and driving safety. If you have attended any of the club's autocrosses or one of our annual autocross schools you have more than the basic skills and knowledge to take the leap to a track day and experience your Porsche's handling in a high speed and safe environment. Lastly, Driver Education is a fun experience and what better way to spend your weekend with like-minded, fun seeking Porsche enthusiasts.

The cost for this event is \$260 for SVR or PCA members, slightly more for non-members and includes, for novices, instruction, classroom discussion between runs, complimentary loaner helmet based on availability, and a \$15 lunch certificate for SVR members. Thunderhill raceway is located approximately 1 hour north of Sacramento in Willows, California and is one of the premiere race tracks in Northern California. It is also one of the best tracks for beginners and has generous run off areas rather than concrete K-walls or tire barriers seen at other race tracks.

Is there an element of danger and possible damage to your vehicle? In short, yes. Will my insurance cover me should I damage my vehicle? Probably not but you need to inquire. If I wanted track day insurance what is the cost? Depending on the year and model of your Porsche it can range from \$250 to \$500 per day and provide many first timers with some sense of security should they incur accidental damage to their vehicle. Does it happen, yes. The likely hood is small and our events stress safety and fun as top priorities. To register or ask questions, contact Frederick Rauch at competition@svr-pca.org.



The Porsche Club of America will hold it's second annual Werks Reunion Friday, August 14, 2015. It is the premier Porsche event and will take place during the world-famous "Monterey Car Week" on California's Monterey Peninsula. In years past, PCA co-hosted Legends of the Autobahn at the Rancho Canada Golf Club. Attendees will be treated to a stunning display of more than 500 Porsches and vendor booths, and the camaraderie of fellow car enthusiasts. The 2015 show will feature the latest Porsches, special vehicle presentations, celebrity guests, and a surprise or two.

Win a set of Michelin tires, attend the 2016 24 Hour of Le Mans - It's as easy as registering for the 2015 Werks Reunion. Yes you read that right. Michelin, the presenting sponsor of the 2015 Werks Reunion, is providing substantial prizes for Werks Reunion attendees. The first official raffle items will be a set of Michelin street tires (1st), Michelin jacket (2nd), and set of Michelin tire covers (3rd). To enter for a chance to win one of these three items, simply register your Porsche in the concours or corral by July 25.

In addition, all registered Werks Reunion concours and corral entrants will be automatically entered for a trip (airfare/lodging) for two adults to the 2016 24 Hour of Le Mans. All winners must be present August 14 with their Porsche on display in the concours or corral to claim their prize. Prize restrictions may apply.

Werks Reunion is open to all attendees and tagged as "A Porsche Gathering" for a reason: PCA is inviting all Porsche clubs, owners and enthusiasts to join in the fun! It is intended to be a new way for all Porsche owners to mingle during Monterey's annual auto extravaganza. As a result, the Porsche Owners Club, Porsche Racing Club, 356 Registry, 356 Club, Early 911S Registry, R Gruppe, 914 World, and all other Porsche clubs and registries are all welcome. Membership in PCA is not required.

Register online at the following link: http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/ porsche-club-of-america-werks-reunion-monterey-rancho-canada-golf-course-pca-963997#. VRWXZJPF-Ip

Sacramento Valley Region Calendar of Events

Event dates and locations are subject to change. Always check www.svr-pca.org for the most up-to-date information For schedule changes, contact Eduardo Ortega, Jr. at vicepresident@svr-pca.org

Scheduled 2015 SVR Events

www.svr-pca.org

- June 6 First Saturday Breakfast. Brookfields. Details at Monthly Events below
- June 6 **SVR Zone 7 AX.** Stockton. Tim Howard.
- June 13 Lodi Wine Tour. Matt Menning. See flyer this issue.
- Eureka Tour. Anderson, Walker and Jacobson. See June 19-21 Upcoming events- close ups
 - June 28 SVR and Zone 7 Concours. Niello Porsche, Rocklin. Kent Brandon. See flyer this issue
 - July 4 First Saturday Breakfast. Brookfields. Details at Monthly Events below
 - July 4 **4th of July Parade.** Pocket area. Lisa Okamoto.
 - **Dinner at Source Global Tapas.** Granite Bay. Janet July 7 Conner. See flyer this issue
 - July 10 **Driver Education at Thunderhill.** Willows. Frederick Rauch. See flyer in this issue.
 - July 11 New Member Tour #2 to Jack Russell Brewery. Cookie Anderson. Start at Niello Porsche in Rocklin. See flyer this issue.
 - First Saturday Breakfast. Brookfields. Details at August 1 Monthly Events below
 - August 7 Wooden Boat Show Tour. Lake Tahoe. Dan Rowland.
- **Dinner at Mints.** Rancho Cordova. Mike and Emily August 10
- September 5 First Saturday Breakfast. Brookfields. Details at Monthly Events below
- September 19 Gold Rush Tour. Gary Griffiths.
- September 20 **BBO hosted by Cookie Anderson and Jerry** Cupler. Music by the Speedsters.
- September 21 **Dinner at Kanpai Sushi, Folsom.** Ruth & Marv Starks and Andy & Dlanna Leight.
 - October 3 First Saturday Breakfast. Brookfields. Details at Monthly Events below
 - Oktoberfest Tour and dinner. Matt Menning. October 3

Recurring SVR Monthly Events

SVR First Saturday Breakfast Brookfields

Saturday 8:30 - 10 AM

Restaurant 11135 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova. Come by and enjoy a great time with breakfast. Senior breakfast is also available. You are welcome to just show up. Herb and Jan Hoover at 916.424.5163

SVR Board Meeting

Wednesday 7 - 9 PM

Sacramento Metro Fire Department Station 32, 8890 Roediger Lane (just off Hazel, north of Sunset Avenue), Fair Oaks.

2nd 356CAR Breakfast

Marie Callender's, 5525 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights. Saturday 9 - 11 AM Jim Hardie: jehardie@aol.com or 916.972.7232

SVR Autocross Events

Contact Tim Howard: autocross@svr-pca.org / 530.626.7807

- Zone 7 AX by SVR. Stockton. June 6
- San Joaquin Fair Grounds. Stockton July 18
- August 15 San Joaquin Fair Grounds. Stockton
- September 19 San Joaquin Fair Grounds. Stockton
 - October 17 San Joaquin Fair Grounds. Stockton

Zone 7 Competition Events

www.zone77.org

CONCOURS

- June 7 Loma Prieta Region. PartsHeaven. Hayward.
- June 28 Sacramento Valley Region. Niello Porsche
- July 19 Monterey Bay Region. Carmel Valley Park
- August 2 Golden Gate Reg. Carlsen Porsche, Redwood City
- September 6 Sierra Nevada Region. Reno
- September 20 **Redwood Region.** Ledson Winery, Kenwood.
 - October 4 **Yosemite Region.** Porsche of Livermore.

AUTOCROSS

- June 6 Zone 7 Hosted by SVR at Stockton.
- Sept 12 LPR/ Loma Prieta and Golden Gate Regions. Marina Sept 13 GGR Airport, Marina.

Upcoming PCA Events 2015 - 2016

- June 21-27 Porsche Parade. French Lick, Indiana. Registration opens March 17, 2015. parade2015.pca.org
- Werks Reunion, Monterey. Registration now open August 14
- at: www.werksreunion.com
- Sept 25-27 Rennsport Reunion V. Monterey. Tickets on sale now. www.mazdaraceway.com
- Sept 30-Oct 4 **Escape to Rushmore.** South Dakota. escape2015.
 - June 19-25 Porsche Parade. Jay Peak Resort, Vermont.
 - 2016 pca.org
 - Sept. 7-11 Escape to Lake Tahoe. Nevada 2016

Upcoming Events of Interest

- August 1 Fulton Avenue Car Cruise. Sacramento. CAM
- Pebble Beach Concours. Pebble Beach August 16
- October 4 Concours at Serrano. El Dorado Hills.
- November 29 Christmas Tree Decorating and Pot Luck. Cali
 - fornia Automobile Museum. Kim and Rachel Nelson.

FLASH: THE SVR BREAKFAST GROUP NOW MEETS AT-

BROOKFIELDS RESTAURANT

11135 FOLSOM BLVD (HWY 50 AND SUNRISE) RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670 916.683.2046



THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

THE CLUB IS A CONVERSATIONAL GROUP DEDICATED TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ITS MEMBERS. IT IS A FRIENDLY GROUP IN WHICH THERE ARE NO STRANGERS. PLEASE JOIN US FOR CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR CARS, UPCOMING EVENTS, OR ANYTHING THAT INTERESTS YOU.

MEET IN THE BANQUET ROOM AT 8:30 A.M.

ORDER FROM THE MENU AND PAY FOR YOUR OWN MEAL ANY QUESTIONS? CALL HERB OR JAN HOOVER AT 916.424.5163



Sacramento Valley Region PCA 2015 Autocross Schedule





June 6th - Stockton (Zone 7 Event)

July 18th-StocktonAugust 15th-StocktonSeptember 19th-StocktonOctober 17th-Stockton

ON-LINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED-

http://svr-autocross.deter.com/register

BEGINNERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Instructors and loaner helmets available

FOR INFORMATION-

Contact Tim Howard: autocross@svr-pca.org

PCA-SVR ZONE 7 AUTOCROSS

June 6, 2015

San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton





To Register- www.svr-pca.org. (pre-registration is required)

Registration and Tech

Inspection starts: 8:00 am
First cars out: 9:30 am

PCA members \$40.00 Non-members \$50.00

For Information Contact: Tim Howard - autocross@svr-pca.org



We meet in Folsom at 9am- we'll be driving on some beautiful roads, followed by tasting at 3 award winning wineries in Lodi - wrapping up with a lingering "finish" ..

Tour size is very limited, don't delay!! RSVP by 6/10 Matt & Lisa Menning / 408-375-9089

MENNING.TOURS@GMAIL.COM



Niello Zone 7 Concours

presented by Sacramento Valley Region
Sunday, June 28th

Niello Porsche 4525 Granite Drive Rocklin, CA 95677

Registration: 7:00-9:00 AM Judging starts at 9:00 AM Entry Fee is \$30.00 per car

Lunch available \$5; (free lunch for entrants and Judges)
Door Prizes for entrants, trophies and special vendors!
Special Porsche Corral and Awards for non-concours entrants!

For additional information-

contact Kent Brandon, SVR Concours Chairman 916.663.1702 / concours@svr-pca.org



NIELLO PORSCHE

SVR DINNER MEETING TUESDAY JULY 7TH



Social Hour - 6 ish / Dinner - 7
Family Style Dinner with Outdoor Patio Dining
Large selection of Tapas
Happy Hour Prices for Wine and Beer
Seating limited -- 50 people
\$38 per person

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GLOBAL TAPAS RESTAURANT 5540 DOUGLAS BLVD., GRANITE BAY

RSVP by Monday, June 29th!
Mail check (payable to PCA-SVR) to:
Janet Conner
2663 Highland Hills Dr.
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
jlconneredh@hotmail.com
916-939-3882

Don't forget to "Share the Wealth"

SVR-PCA Driver Education Event

Friday - July 10th, 2015
Thunderhill Raceway, Willows, California



Registration is now open!

- **High-Speed Driving School**
- For Advanced, Intermediate, Beginners/Novices
- **Original Track configuration**
- In Car Instruction Available for Beginners
- Classroom/Download Sessions
- **Limited Supply of Loaner Helmets Available**
- Each run group limited to 25-30 participants

Event Fee: \$260.00

SVR-PCA Members-

Bring your SVR-PCA Membership card and receive food ticket worth up to \$15.00 towards lunch.

Free Paddock Camping on Thursday night-Contact Frederick D. Rauch

Registration is first-come, first-served!

For Registration information-

Contact Frederick D. Rauch- fdrmoto@gmail.com or 916-595-3371



All cars require a Pre-Event Tech Inspection by a qualified party.

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SATURDAY, JULY 11

SVR members who have joined after July 2013 and have not attended a New Member Tour are encouraged to join us!

- A Driving Tour of Central Sierra
- Free Lunch at Jack Russell Brewing Co.
- **Meet Other New Members**
- **Meet Board Members**

RSVP before July 4. Indicate the number of people traveling in your car. Cookie Anderson: 916-988-6534 / newmembergroup@svr-pca.org





SUNDAY, JUNE 7

ZONE 7 CONCOURS

CONCOURS 8-2 pm JUDGING STARTS AT 10:30 \$25 per Entry

Peter Ridgway: 727-804-9513 / peter_ridgway@sbcglobal.net

SWAP MEET

REGISTRATION 7 am SWAP 7:30 am to 2 pm \$30 per stall (10 x 20)

Les Schreiber: 408-446-0288 / les996@me.com

CARLSEN PORSCHE CONCOURS

Presented by Golden Gate Region, Porsche Club of America This event is a part of the 2015 Zone 7 Competition Series Sunday, August 2, 2015

This is a charity event, and the entire proceeds will be donated.

Carlsen Porsche Dealership

3636 Haven Avenue, Redwood City, CA Entry fee: \$30.00 per Car • Display only: free Car placement from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Judging begins at 10:00 A.M. • Awards will be presented at 2:00 P.M.

A catered buffet lunch for all participants and guests will be hosted by Carlsen Porsche.

In addition to the concours, Carlsen Porsche will also be hosting a plug in tech session for the 918.

Directions: From Highway 101, exit East onto Marsh Road and turn left onto Haven Avenue. For Information, call Larry Adams at (650) 345-2232 or e-mail OldCarNut@aol.com





Steve Barker and Kim Nelson, CRAB Co-hosts Kirk Bradford, CRAB Marketing Director

ou may have noticed that there has been some mention in *The Drifter* of planning for an event called "CRAB". Many have asked, "What is CRAB?", and over the next several months we will fill you in on the history of this event, as well as provide you with details of what to expect from CRAB 36.

As the number 36 indicates, SVR has held this event 35 times in the past, with a few breaks in the annual succession. The first CRAB was held way back in 1972, and pretty much was held every succeeding year through 1999. In 2000, CRAB was suspended in order for the region to devote more energy to putting on the 2000 Porsche Parade which was held in Sacramento that year. As the new decade progressed a few more years were skipped, with the most recent CRAB (35) having been held in 2011.

So what the heck is CRAB you may ask? As described in Larry Wilson's history of CRAB (found on the SVR website), CRAB is "Weekend Parties, Interrupted By Occasional Competitive Events". And what does "CRAB" stand for? Also found in Larry's history of CRAB is the explanation: C is for crab feed, R is for rallye, A is for autocross, and B is for begegnen (German, for "meeting").

Given the definition of CRAB and the decision to move ahead with the event, the club has formed a group of well-rounded SVR members that have begun planning the events that will make up the weekend activities, both competitive and non-competitive, or as some would say, "The Party!"

A lot of pre-work was done prior to making the decision whether to even put this event on. Many members of SVR were polled for their opinions and the response was an overwhelm-

ing, Yes! The question was brought up at last year's President's Meeting in Livermore, and the response was emphatically, Yes! I was particularly amazed at how many people outside of SVR knew about this little gem in SVR's history! The next step was to find the right leaders and that was difficult because there are so many people that fit the bill. Part of the thought was to pick two members, one that was experienced in CRAB and one that was new to CRAB. This way the idea of CRAB would be passed on to the club's newer members. And that same idea was how the teams were formed.

Co-hosting CRAB 36 are two members that have both served as SVR President as well as other positions and have demonstrated their leadership abilities, Kim Nelson and Steve Barker. Adding a third person to work closely with the co-hosts was a need to have someone that also has a deep understanding of CRAB but also the experience in marketing. To help the co-host's, Kirk Bradford will lead that responsibility. Over the coming months you'll be introduced to the other members of the CRAB team and their responsibilities as they provide articles about each event.

Our goals for CRAB 36 were simple, as in any Porsche event, that for those attending, they must have fun, because if it wasn't fun, why do it! Second it must offer thrills and adventure. Folks we have a 4000 foot autocross track that for both the novice and experienced autocrosser, this is going to be a thrill to participate in and the AX team that will be putting this together is one of the best in the country! For those looking for an adventure, there will be tours set up that will travel thru the Sierra's taking in spectacular views of our region led by a tour committee that finds places that would

even surprise the likes of John Muir and Ansel Adams!

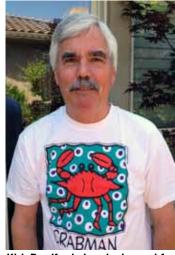
For those looking for a slower pace, there will be walking tours offered by a very experienced team that has put on many weekend adventures over the years as members of SVR. For those looking for a fun Rallye, we have a Rallye team that has been chosen by PCA to lead this year's Parade Rallye at French Lick. On a more competitive note, for those that love the challenge of detailing every aspect of your Porsche there will be a Concours. You will be truly surprised at what the judges will be looking for! All I can reveal is that the rules of a PCA Concours don't apply here!

Ok, so you have some fun, thrills and adventure as well as something competitive. It's party time! The party begins on Friday night with a Welcome Party to kick-off the weekend adventure and get acquainted to those you might not know or re-kindle old friendships. On Saturday night imagine a crab feed sitting amongst some of the most historic aircraft in our area followed by a concert! To wrap up the weekend, closing awards ceremonies will be held with a Beer and Brat's to the sounds of German music!

If any of you have questions, comments or just want to give us some feedback or ideas we have set up a special SVR email address that comes right to us. Give us a shout at crab36@ svr-pca.org

Stay tuned, next month we'll have an article about the CRAB Welcome Party and identify all the events and the CRAB 36 Team!

The CRAB'rs Steve, Kim and Kirk



Kirk Bradford already dressed for the event!

San Simeon Tour 2015

by Gregg Plourde, Co-Tour Chair

t hardly seems like two years have passed since we last got together with friends both old and new for the tour to San Simeon.

Mike and Emily Willis were our hosts with Rebecca and I co hosting. The morning was spent meeting fellow travelers, picking up last picnic items and finishing our coffee.

The morning meeting took place and we were off to Hollister, our lunch stop. Mike announced that I would be leading the "brisk" group after Hollister. More to follow on this one.

The weather cooperated, with enough cloud cover to keep the temperatures in the low 70's. No real threat of rain at all. We cruised down Interstate 5 to the Wesley rest stop for a brief meet and rest as well.

Getting off of Interstate 5 and going over Pacheco Pass was a bit of a different pace and we all got to Hollister for lunch safe and sound. One nice observation about this tour I discovered at lunch was that other region members had joined our little sojourn to San Simeon. This tour has quite a following and is very popular. I wonder if it has anything to do with Highway 25?

Lunch was a nice time to rest and chat with fellow travelers. After lunch, we had another drivers meeting, this time with a little more emphasis on safety. We split up into two groups, a brisk one and a less brisk one. I had the pleasure of leading (usually lead by Mike Willis) the first group and after getting clear of Hollister, we moved on through some very beautiful countryside. This part of the run is through a spot of California I previously never knew of (and I've lived here a long time!). Ranches, cattle and oaks dot the countryside as you head south. Ground squirrels dart



On the road to San Simeon

Photos by Gregg Plourde



SVR members lined up at the Denati Family Winery



It's 5 O'Clock somewhere.. SVR tour members tasting the fruit of the vines

across the road, not sure of the noise rapidly approaching them and unsure of what to do when they dart across the roadway, seeking safety. The miles ticked away at speed as the road continually changed from stretches of straight tarmac to multiple S curves linked together with the added fun of rises and dips as Highway 25 made its way to its end at Highway 198. As we stretched our cars abilities (and our passengers as well!) the hour or so seemed too short and before we knew it we pulled off to wait for the second group. There, the first group discussed the fun they just had with great enthusiasm while waiting for the second group to join us. More Porsche roads awaited as we headed down Peach Tree and Indian Valley roads, a very rural single lane that still is a challenge but at a much lower pace.

We met at Denati Family Winery to taste some great wines and sample some cheese trays. They even provided special parking and closed the tasting room just for us. I believe everyone had an enjoyable time socializing. The service from the winery made us feel so welcome. It was nice to see a special tasting menu with Porsche Club of America adding a personal touch.

The evening at the social and dinner continued with more talking into the evening. Rebecca and I met some folks who were new to the club and also from the other regions which was fun.

After a brief spit of rain and a tire repair, we drove north to see the Sea Lions and they were in abundance, all females and pups. Once again Rebecca and I took the evening tour at Hearst Castle and that is always a wonderful experience, each visit I learn more about the history of the Castle. We passed several other members as they also were on the evening tour. Others went to San Luis Obispo with Bob and Beth Jacobson for a walking tour of downtown art exhibits. Others traveled to Morrow Bay or north to Napenthe restaurant for lunch (which we did on Sunday, highly recommend!).

Before we knew it, the weekend wound down to a close. We had great weather and made new friends. A hearty thanks to Mike and Emily Willis for hosting this wonderful tour.



Wine barrels stacked up at the Denati Family Winery



SVR members at dinner on Friday night







ficient, and relatively isolated from the global economy. Since opening up to foreign trade and investment and implementing free market reforms in 1979, China has been among the world's fastest-growing economies, with real annual gross domestic product (GDP) growth averaging nearly 10% through 2013. In recent years, China has emerged as a major global economic and trade power. It is currently the world's largest merchandise trading economy, second-largest destination of foreign direct investment (FDI), largest manufacturer, largest holder of foreign exchange reserves, and is projected to become the world's largest economy in 2014." Congressional Research Council, October,

9, 2014

With an estimated 7.2% growth in its **Gross Domestic** Product for 2015, China has outpaced the growth of all other world economies. In comparison, the US growth rate is expected to grow just 2%. There are some economists who even believe that China could over-take the US by the end of 2015 With this in mind how has this been possible? China's economy has been



supercharged over the past decade by foreign investment, increased trade and exports, and a booming manufacturing sector. From producing Apple iPhones to designer clothing, China has become an economic power house. US manufacturers from computer giants like Hewitt Packard, electronics manufacturers like Samsung and LG all have a presence in China. Kentucky Fried Chicken seemed to have one restaurant every 5 blocks, or so it seemed, in downtown Shanghai. McDonald's and Starbucks were present as well. The Apple store in Shanghai had lines out the door for what seemed an entire afternoon!



Collin Fat and Christ Zhong at Porsche Shanghai Puxi

"Prior to the initiation of economic reforms and trade liberalization 35 years ago. China maintained policies that kept the economy very poor, stagnant, centrally controlled, vastly inef-

Martini livery on the streets of Beijing, I decided

to write about the Porsche scene in China. I

first started my research on the web and after

expected to exceed those in the United States

seeing several articles not only in Panorama

referencing how Porsche sales in China are

in a few years if not sooner. Porsche sold

nearly 46,931 cars in China in 2014 coming

cars last year. It was surprising to learn that

in second to the US which sold around 47,007

the best seller is the Cayenne followed closely

by the Panamera. Sport car sales also parallel

sales in the US as well with the Boxster/Cay-

man combo selling more than 911s. Porsche

over the past decade have had year over year

sales growth is projected at over 20% for fiscal 2015 according to information viewed on the

years or have seen the press, Porsche sales in

China come as little surprise. The economy is

booming and has been for well over a decade.

With one of the world's fastest growing econo-

mies also comes a growing and more affluent

population. In a recent article in the Wall Street

Journal, "China has more millionaires than any

country in the world except the United States.

Global Wealth report 2013 there were a total

of 2,378 millionaire households in China. That

is only second to the United States with more

According to the Boston Consulting Group

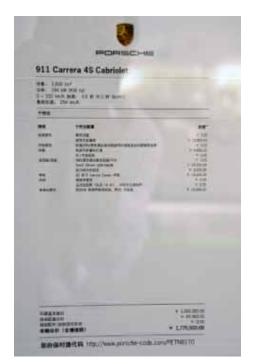
has only sold cars in China since 2000 and

sales increases of as much as 60%. Annual

Porsche China website. For those members

who have traveled to China in the past five

than 7 million."



Window sticker as seen on a Porsche 911 Cabriolet 4S in Shanghai. That's \$300,000 in US dollars!

As I traveled throughout China, it was not uncommon to see a Panamera or Porsche Cayenne on the streets of Beijing or Shanghai. I even spotted a Boxster during rush hour on a Chun King roadway, now China's most populated city with over 35 million residents. Seeing a Porsche in Shanghai or Beijing was as common a sight as seeing one in our area.

Is there a difference in how the Chinese see Porsche as a brand as compared to the US? Yes and no. To find out, I asked Christ Zhong, of Porsche Shanghai Puxi in Shanghai who graciously allowed me a 30 minute interview and tour of one of Porsche's newest dealerships in China. According to Porsche of China, there are currently 72 dealerships in China compared to 189 in the US. He confirmed the model preferences of the Chinese consumer for the brand and expressed that though China has only officially sold Porsches in the country for just over 10 years that Porsche's brand identity is well known and respected among the elite of China. The average age of a Porsche customer in China, according to Zhong, is between 25-35 years old and well below the age of a typical Porsche buyer in the states, average age 55 years old. The typical buyer in China is quite affluent when compared to that of a typical new car Porsche customer in the US. Most of the Porsche owners in China are successful entrepreneurs or business owners. When asked what the two most common responses from his customers have been for why they selected Porsche were; 1) performance and handling, 2) brand identity and reputation, and 3) value compared to other exotic brands like Ferrari,

Lamborghini, and Aston Martin. BMWs, Audis and Mercedes Benz are considered as luxury brands but not super car brands.

As I browsed the showroom, there were several cars on display including a Cayman S, Macan, Boxster S, Panamera, and a gorgeous ocean blue 991 Cabriolet 4S. The list price on the 991 was 1,775,000 Yuan, or roughly \$300,000 US! See the attached copy of the window sticker. When asked what was included in the pricing to make it so much more than a similarly equipped 997 in the US, Christ informed me there is a luxury tax in China of between 30 to 50% added to the vehicle price and that may account for the difference in price when compared to a similarly equipped vehicle in the US. I was also informed that the purchase of any new car in China is based on a lottery system and not everyone is entitled to own a car. In fact, there are only 3 million vehicles total in Shanghai out of a population of 18 million residents. The reason given for vehicle purchase restrictions in China seem to be aimed at controlling traffic which by US and European standards is not too bad. The morning work commute seemed no worse than that seen here in the Los Angeles or San Francisco. A lottery is held each year and a limited number of license plates are issued. The cost of a plate runs around \$10,000 US dollars, so even if you win, you must have a very good income in China to even afford the license let alone the luxury tax to purchase a new Porsche. Just for reference, the average Chinese worker earns about \$10,220 per household compared to the US figure of \$84,300 according to a recent article in Forbes, March 2010.

Christ's dealership seemed no different in looks and layout than that of its counterpart in the US with the exception that the dealership's service facility was not located in the same location as the showroom. I asked how Christ's customers get their service and maintenance done and he responded that almost all of the dealership's customers service their cars at the dealerships versus an independent service facility. Having only sold cars in China over the past decade. there is not an extensive independent service network and most Porsche owners service their cars at the local dealership. I did not have a chance to ask Christ if there was a significant used car market for Porsche but seeing to it that Porsche has only sold cars in China for such a short time my thinking suggests that the secondary is not much.

China has fallen in love with the Porsche brand and considers Porsche one of the premier luxury high performance car brands in China. Porsche ownership in China is a status symbol of success, wealth and prosperity. It is fortuitous for Porsche AG that sales in China are expected to surpass that in the United States and continue to add to the success of the brand for years to come.

I asked Christ if there was an equivalent to PCA in China, and he was not aware of any club related to Porsche ownership. Perhaps on my next trip, there will be a PCC, Porsche Club of China.



With all the cars comes traffic- this is a common sight in downtown Shanghai.

SVR 2015 Concours at Niello Porsche

by Kent Brandon SVR Concours Chair

o those of you that have come to the Niello Concours, you already know what a great event it is.

One of the best aspects of entering or attending a concours is the comradery and friendship you develop with other car enthusiasts. I still remember the first show I entered, it was at crab over 20 years ago and I entered a 912E. Placed next to me was another new member who also had a 912E, his name was Bill Keegan and over the years we have become best of friends, my wife Cindy and I have literally traveled with world with Bill and Cathy. Who knows, if I hadn't entered that first concourse I may have never become best of friends with Bill. The secret to having fun at a concours is to meet the people and make a point to team up with those that are interested in going to other concours events throughout the region. Several years back a group of us met prior to driving to the shows, at McDonalds

off highway 50 and Sunrise. We went to every concours event; we even did an overnight trip to Fresno, which actually turned out to be one of the most memorable Porsche weekends I have had. A few years back at a concours on the central coast. Rich Swenson noticed a twin 356 notchback to Judy's, and started talking to the owner, who turned out to be Kip Colvey from New Zealand. Because of our brief meeting with Kip 6 of us decided to travel to New Zealand and meet up with Kip. It was a great trip and we were able to visit with him and his wife Sue at their house in Picton. Ask Kim Nelson, Bob Cannon, Jim McMahen, Dennis Stettner or any of the other members who have participated in these events, they will all tell you the same thing, IT'S THE PEOPLE.

This year's event will be at Niello Porsche; they are the sponsor and put a great deal of time and money into making the event possible. The day starts out with the placement of cars and the pre judging preparations. We have several

different classes that range from beginning to expert, and we are there to help you decide where to enter your car. We solicit judges from those that enter, so if you haven't done that before we will teach you, it's actually a lot of fun and you really learn what these cars are intended look like. The method of succeeding at this car show is it to take your score sheet and use it as a tool to fix everything that may not be perfect. After a few events it's possible to have your car in a condition that will get you a first place trophy.

We are having lunch, door prizes, and awards. Neillo has donated a spa day for your car valued at \$500.00 and the tickets are given to anyone that brings a car, even those who don't formally enter and are just showing in the Corral area.

I really hope you will come to the event; it's a great way to meet people and get your car cleaned up, kind of like the spring cleaning of your house.

Photos: Porsche Media

Porsche 911 RSR and 919 Each Win Second Place Podium Spots in WEC 2015 Opener at Silverstone

by Tim Cronin, SVR Member

arch 12th's inaugural sixhour event of the World Endurance Championship (WEC) at the 3.7 mile (5.8 km) British Grand Prix circuit in Silverstone, England, resulted in podium finishes for both Porsche's factory 911 RSR in the GTE-Pro class, as well as the 919 hybrid prototype in the LMP-1 class.

The two Porsche 919 Hybrids locked-up the front of the starting grid the prior day, with the number 17 car winning the pole position and the number 18 sister 919 occupying the adjacent slot in the front row.

Sharing the number 18 LMP-1 prototype, the driver trio of Romain Dumas, Neel Jani and Marc Lieb secured the first trophy for the second generation Porsche 919 hybrid. Sharing the number 18 prototype, they covered 201 laps and finished second in the LMP-1 class driving what was a thrilling race.



Number 17 Porsche 919 Racing Hybrid at speed on the Silverstone circut

During the first one-and-a-half hours the two Porsche 919 Hybrids were virtually a conjoined one-two duo at the head of the pack. Mark Webber started from the pole position and had opened up a good lead when a gearbox problem forced him to retire the number 17 car. The number 18 sister 919 took over the lead from their teammates, but later in the race had to concede the win to Audi by 4.6 seconds after a breathtaking battle.

The dueling between Marcel Fässler, in the winning Audi R8, and Jani in the number 18 car was truly incredible, with Jani's 919 exhibiting an amazing ability to pass and run away from the R8, after the R8 hit its top end, while continuously accelerating the entire length of Silverstone's relatively short straightaways, right up to the breaking points for the 18 connecting corners. Former Indycar, SCCA, and IMSA GT competitor Calvin Fish of Fox Sports accurately termed the 919's 8-megajoule hybrid performance on the straights as "insanely fast in the tubes [straightaways]."

Unlike the two 919s qualifying results, the best the factory's 911 RSR team could manage was starting positions from the second and fourth grid rows of the GTE-Pro field.

During GTE-Pro qualifying, Porsche's works drivers Richard Lietz and Michael Christensen positioned their number 91 RSR in the fourth grid spot. However, to the dissatisfaction of Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser, Head of Porsche Motorsport, the sister 911 RSR, number 92, driven by the Porsche Manthey squad of Frédéric Makowiecki and Patrick Pilet was consigned to the third row of the grid in sixth position. Walliser, aka "Dr. Circuitry" for his successful development and production of the 918 supercar, pointedly noted: "I am okay with the [qualifying] result of the number 91 car. It's what we expected. But I'm not completely satisfied with the time of the number 92 911 RSR. We'll analyze why we weren't faster."

The following day, Christensen and Lietz's number 91 RSR clinched second in the GTE-Pro class, just ten seconds shy of the leader after 172 laps. In the number 92 sister 911 RSR, their "werks" driver colleagues Makowiecki and Pilet, who had been running in the lead at the halfway mark, ultimately finished in seventh.

Early in the race the number 92 Porsche 911 RSR jumped into the lead. After all the teams had completed their first pit stop, starting driver Patrick Pilet's number 92 RSR moved to the front of the strong GTE-Pro field for the first time. Teammate Makowiecki maintained the number 92 car's top position and after his stint handed the front running 911 RSR back to teammate Pilet. While still running in first, Pilet was forced into the pits halfway through the race with a defective shock absorber. Replacement of the suspension component put the number 92 RSR more than one lap down and cost them their chance of victory.

At that point, all hopes for the Porsche Manthey team rested on Christensen and Lietz in the number 91 RSR. The pair closed in on their rivals in front and put them under increasing pressure during the last two hours of the race. Initially Lietz slipped into third place, with Christensen snatching second in the final phase before going in pursuit of the GTE-Pro class leading Ferrari 458 Italia. Putting in a flawless drive and

consistently fast lap times, Christensen finally brought home a podium-worthy second place for the Porsche Manthey squad.

Commenting on the 911 RSRs' performance in six-hour event, Dr. Walliser noted: "[Silverstone] was a perfect race for our number 91 car. We're very pleased with second place. And with the number 92 Porsche, we can't fault the drivers' performance, the strategy or the pit stops. We'll now analyze the shock absorber problem and make sure it doesn't happen again. All in all, it was a positive start to the season for us."

In the GTE-Am class, the former Porsche junior Klaus Bachler, Christian Ried and Khaled Al Qubaisi scored fifth in the 911 RSR fielded by Porsche's customer team Abu Dhabi Proton Racing. In the 911 RSR campaigned by Dempsey Proton Racing, Patrick Dempsey, Porsche works driver Patrick Long and Marco Seefried secured sixth place.

The Silverstone opener portends an exceptional WEC season for Porsche in general, and the 919 LMP-1 Hybrid prototype in particular. As recognized by 911 RSR works driver Patrick Long, ".... we can build on this – first in Spa, then at Le Mans. That [Le Mans] is our main goal for this season."

One must keep in mind that the 3.7 mile long Silverstone track, with its relatively short straightaways, is the circuit that suits Porsche's 919 the least.

The next WEC event is the six-hour race to be held on May 2nd at the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, a 4.3 mile (6.9 km) course through Belgium's Ardenne Forest with 20 corners. Perhaps Spa's most significant factor is its 1.25 mile (2.015 km) Kemmel Straight where speeds exceeding 200 mph are routine and the "insanely fast" 919 may reveal its top speed.

Following Spa, the next WEC event will be the 24-hours of Le Mans on June 13th-14th, at the 8.46 mile [13.62 km] Circuit de la Sarthe.



Porsche Number 92 911 RSR

In this race the 919 will have the benefit of running flat-out on the [in]famous 3.7 mile (6 km) Mulsanne Straight, where speeds of 250 mph (400 km/h) have been achieved in past 24-hour races by both the Porsche 917 and the Porsche 956. Although Porsche coyly admits a top end exceeding 215 mph (340 km/h) for the 919, the categorization of the 900-plus horsepower 919's speed potential as "insanely fast" may be an understatement. Doing the math reveals more than half of the circuit is on straightaways and that, if there are no reliability issues such as sour gearboxes, the 919s racing at Le Mans in 2015 may spend the majority of the 24 hours at speeds exceeding 200 mph!

Given the 919-friendly aspects of both the Spa and the Le Mans circuits, it is understandable that Porsche will be entering a third 919, number 19, in the LMP-1 class in both of those races. Porsche signed Formula 1 driver Nico Hulkenberg as its first stint driver for the number 19 LMP-1 Hybrid at both Spa and Le Mans. Impressive performances during January's Abu Dhabi testing of the 919 earned two "werks" GT Program drivers seats in Porsche's third LMP-1 squad: Nick Tandy and Earl Bamber will join Hulkenberg in tackling Spa-Francorchamps as well as the 24 Hours of Le Mans at the wheel of the third 919 prototype.

Running a trio of 919s at Spa, as well as the 24 Hours of Le Mans, may prove to be the "force multiplier" that allows Porsche to score an out-right win at one or both races. Indeed, the potential is there for a one-two-three sweep of the podium positions, repeating for the first time Porsche's 1982 triple victory at Le Mans with a trio of 956s.

We may be witnesses to motorsport history.

(The information contained in this article was derived from documents and press releases by Porsche Club of America, Fox Sports, Porsche AG [http://www.porsche.com/usa/eventsandracing/motorsport], and FIA World Endurance Championship [http://www.fiawec.com]. Any opinions, conclusions, or analyses stated herein are exclusively those of the author and are not attributable to any manufacturer, sanctioning body, or organization.)

From The Editor's Bookshelf

By Steve McCrory, SVR Drifter Editor

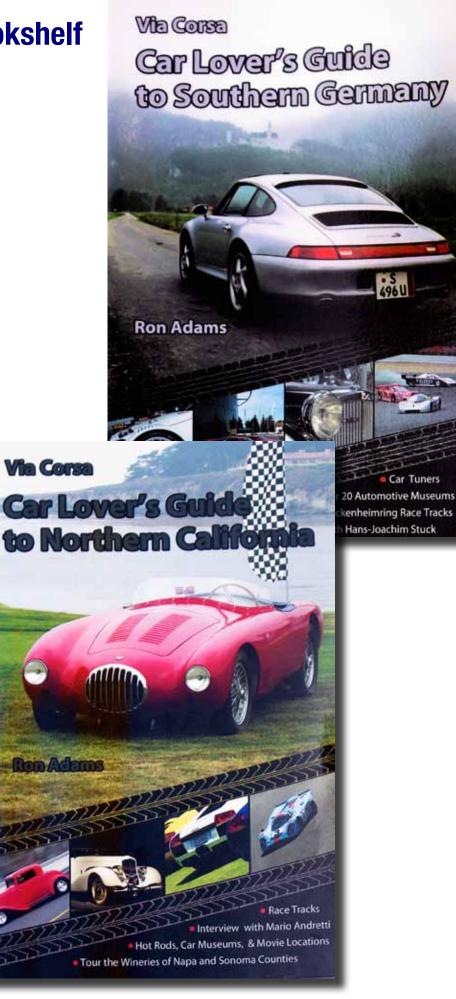
So you haven't made the pilgrimage to Germany yet, but it's on your short list of things to plan. You've been a Porsche enthusiast for years now, and it's time to schedule the journey. No canned tour for you, you will want to pick and choose the route and map out all of the auto museums, race tracks, the best road trips, drive the autobahn, and yes, maybe even take a lap or two on the Nurburgring.

There are so many details, and so little time to get it right. You'll need an insider's viewpoint on hotel accommodations, seasonal events and a basic knowledge of German road signs, and driving protocols in this wonderful country that has produced, arguably, the finest sports, racing and touring cars in the world.

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May SVR Board Minutes

By Rita Barker, 2015 SVR Secretary

EMAIL BUSINESS

April Minutes: The meeting minutes were reviewed by the board and approved electronically by Steve McCrory, Bill Fargo, Steve Barker, Rich Walker, Collin Fat and Eduardo Ortega Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by President Collin Fat, Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Sacramento Fire Station #32.

Attending: Collin Fat, Eduardo Ortega Jr., Frederick Rauch, Bill Fargo, Rita Barker, Steve Barker, Steve McCrory, Mike Dunn, Rik Larson, Cookie Anderson, Matt Menning, Lisa Menning, Barbara McCrory, Jerry Cupler, Janet Conner.

Matt and Lisa Menning presented the budget for their June 13 wine tour. Motion to approve was made by Eduardo and seconded by Janet, all approved. Matt also brought up the idea of Club business cards to leave on windshields of Porsches to advertise the club. Mike Dunn had such cards and distributed some to the board.

Kent Brandon will present his budget for the Concours via email for approval by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

Business Cards: The Board thanked Frederick for taking the action of getting business cards made for board members. Collin suggested the artwork from the business cards should be kept by the secretary for safekeeping.

Membership Directory: Rik reported the Member Directory is at the printers and delivery would be the end of May.

Archival of Club Documents: Collin led a discussion on Club policy and the best way to archive important Club documents and financials. Bill will look into ways to use the web site for this purpose.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Report: Janet went over the

treasures report for April.

Bi-Laws and Policies: Collin discussed forming committees to review and update the Bi-Laws and Policies and Procedures.

Board Member and Event Chair Reports

Drifter Need more photos submit-Steve McCrory ted from SVR events as

well as more cover shots...

Frederick Rauch

Competion Next DE event will be July 10 at Thunderhill Raceway 10 drivers registered so far. Frederick discussed ways to advertise the

events such as putting articles in the Drifter.

Autocross Tim Howard

No report.

Concours Kent Brandon

No report.

Driver Ed No report.

Frederick Rauch

Rallve No report.

Rik Larson

Alma and Gary

Charity No report.

Thompson

Advertising Mike Dunn

Mike reported on the newest advertisers he has

gotten.

New Member Group

Cookie reported she will be leading 3 New Member Cookie Anderson events this year.

Treasurer

No report.

Janet Conner

Goodie Store No report

Linda Bradford

Membership

Primary 703 - 10.9% Richard Walker increase from 2014 Affiliates: 476 - -0.8%

from 2014

Total members: 1179 – 5.8% increase from 2014

1 Transfer in 14 New Members increase by 13% from

2014 1 Transfer Out

Dummkopf No report.

Social No report.

Suzanne Sanders

Technical No report.

Skip Quain

Webmaster Discussion about new

Bill Fargo layout for photos.

President No report. Collin Fat

Eduardo Ortega,

Vice President Changes to Club Calendar

for April has been

completed.

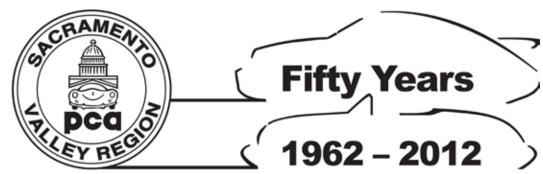
Past President Steve reported the next Steve Barker CRAB meeting will be June

14 at Eagles Nest.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:31 PM (PT)*

NEXT MEETING: 7:00 PM PT, Wednesday, June 10th, 2015 at Fire Station 32

*SVR has the tradition to end the meeting with a time that matches a Porsche model. Thus, sometimes another time zone is used to accomplish this, e.g. using MDT.



May Membership

By Richard Walker, SVR Membership

Membership Report

	May 2015	May 2014
Primary Members	703	634
Affiliate Members	476	480
Total Members	1179	1114
New Members	14	11
Transfers In	0	
Transfers Out	1	

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Jeffrey Davis

El Dorado Hills jbdjbd@att.net 2005 911 Carrera

Bob and Kathy Fornera

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