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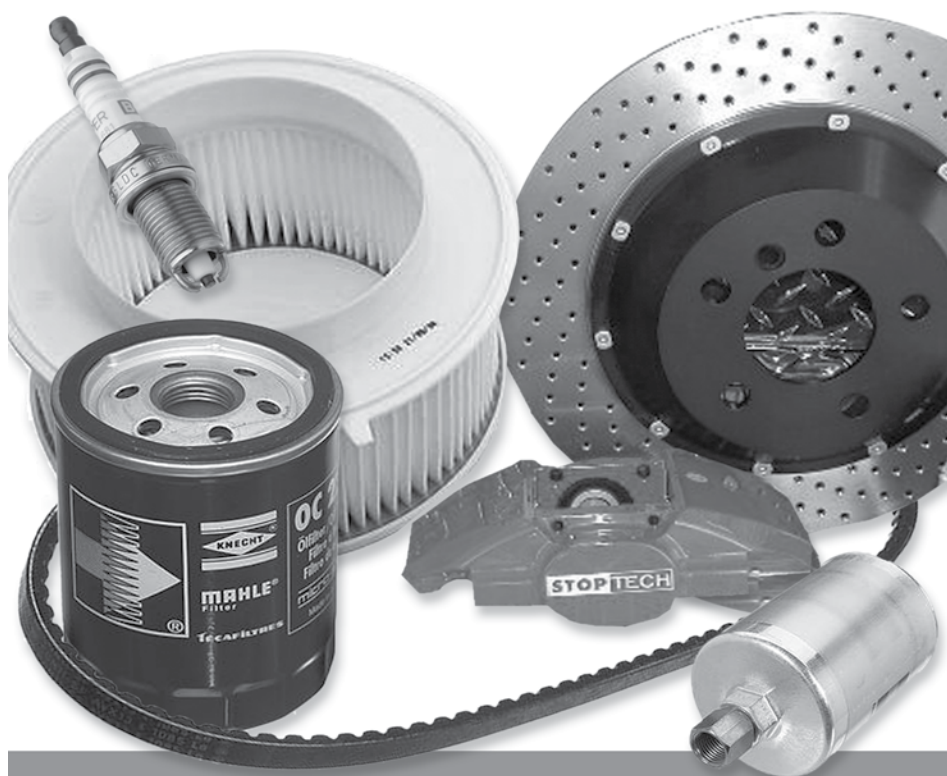
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SVR President's Notes

Collin Fat, SVR President

The first quarter of the year is passing so quickly that it seems I need to stop and catch a breath. March was a very busy start to the year with Eduardo Ortega filling in for me for the February board meeting, the Blackhawk Museum tour selling out with over 43 drivers attending, and The Monk's Cellar dinner in Roseville following up on its success last year and selling out for the second year in a row. Thanks to Mardi and Skip Quain for organizing the Blackhawk museum tour and to Tambra Kroentz for volunteering to host the March dinner. Mardi's tour to Blackhawk was also full. And Matt and Lisa Menning also reported that their tour to Canpea was also full. The Mennings have two more tours scheduled for 2016 so if you have not had a chance to participate, try to make one of their ever popular tours. The pace at which our tours and dinners are filling to capacity bodes well for all of our members with the club offering the type of events that they are interested in. The Niello Autocross School sold out and had 30 students participate in classroom instruction followed by another day of on course instruction at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton. Greg Zajic reported that all of the students appreciated the information provided at the ground school and were looking forward to some seat time in Stockton. So if you have not had a chance to participate, don't sit on the sideline while the event you have an interest in sells out.

Events in April include the bi-annual Pacific Grove Tour, the New Member Tour and the first autocross of the season on April 30th. I understand that though advanced hotel reservations for Pacific Grove tour are full you may still attend if you can find our own hotel accommodations. Contact Jim McMahan for details at jimmcmahan@hotmail.com for details. If you have joined the club recently or in the past two years and have never attended a club event, Janet Conner and Sue Sanders have a wonderful New Member tour and lunch scheduled

for April 23rd. This tour is already full but you can contact either Janet or Sue for further updates. The tour will explore some of the best back country roads in Northern California ending with a nice lunch at the Jack Russell Brewery.

The Zone 7 president's meeting was held on February 27th and was attended by vice president, Eduardo Ortega, Kim Nelson, CRAB 36 Chair, Kirk Bradford, CRAB 36 Media Chair, and myself. Eight of the zone's ten region presidents were in attendance to discuss several topics and to hear an update of PCA activities from PCA vice president, Tom Gorsuch. Leading the meeting was newly appointed Zone 7 representative Sandy Provasi who updated the region presidents on the new webmaster, Jody Rosner of SVR. Jody has been only a member for about a year and when I met him at the Pocket Area 4th of July Parade, he mentioned he was the IT director for the state of California legislature. Knowing that Zone 7 was badly in need of a new webmaster I approached Jody about the position and put him in contact with Sandy. If you have not had an opportunity to view the Zone 7 website, it provides a wealth of information on club activities throughout Zone 7 and specifically Zone 7 competitive events for club racing, autocross and concours events. The website has been sorely in need of a redesign for several years and I know that Jody has a plan to update the site and add more functionality to keep it current. Jody will be reaching out to the entire regions webmaster for input over the next several months.

Tom Gorsuch reported on the winter PCA board meeting and due to the phenomenal growth of PCA membership he reported that each region will continue to receive a national rebate. PCA experienced an increase of over 5% in membership in 2015. Good news for SVR as we received our first rebate installment in March of over \$2,000. Upcoming national events are Parade in June at Jay Peak Resort on the East Coast, and Treffen Lake Tahoe in September. More information

to come on these two events.

Our club is dependent on members stepping up to take ownership of the club and to continue with the great traditions the leadership of the club have instilled over the club's 50 plus years of existence. At the end of this year, the club's nominating committee will be searching for candidates to replace several important board positions including president, vice president, competition chair, secretary, and membership director. If you have ever considered serving on the board, I would be more than willing to meet with you to discuss the responsibilities involved.

Lastly, I would like to let you know that the board has not been successful in finding someone to chair our annual Charity Auction and as a result we will not be holding an event that will benefit our two favorite charities, Ride to Walk and Alpha K9.

Please support our Drifter advertisers who invest in promoting their businesses through the club. I'm taking one of my Porsches to Appearance Solutions for a detail and looking forward to having Michael Justis and his crew turn my beloved 996 turbo into a CRAB 36 Concours winner! Matt Deter took his car in to see Terri Parra at Bertolucci's Autobody for some body work following a small skirmish with the roadside at last year's Mendocino Tour. Matt's early 996 Carrera has been due for some cosmetic work for some time and the crew at Bertolucci's gave his beloved Porsche some long overdue and needed paint work. Matt tells me he is planning a visit to Rocky Mountain Window Tint to have his newly painted car protected with some state of the art paint protection film. Also supporting our advertisers recently were Rich Walker who had some major work done to his 993 and Frederick Rauch who had his 2001 C4s resprayed. Both Rich and Frederick chose Tomlinson's Auto Body in Auburn to do the work. Thanks to all who help support our Drifter advertisers.



Editor's Corner

Steve McCrory, SVR Drifter Editor

Photographs and Memories. With photos becoming an increasingly important part of our lives in the digital era, I have included some notes about photos for the upcoming CRAB 36 event. Barbara and I and the photo team will take photos that will be used for a presentation during the Saturday night CRAB Banquet. Also stepping up to take pics during CRAB are Richard Shelton, Richard Walker, and Rebecca Plourde. We will then assemble some of the best and pass them on to Eduardo Ortega, Jr., Sacramento Valley Region's very own VP to provide the slide show during the dinner.

Event Chairs are requested to forward any special photos they would like to see in a Drifter collage or on the SVR website, and that can also be used with the follow up articles that can run in the June and July Drifter. The Drifter Team will pick the best CRAB 36 image for a future cover. The advancement of cell phone technology often rivals prosumer cameras of just a few years ago, so don't hesitate to capture the moment with your phone or basic camera.

The Drifter Team has recently submitted the application for the PCA **Newsletter Contest** and has chosen the August and October issues as the very best of Drifter 2015. Looking back at these issues you will see the reason, one issue is about the cars, and one is about the people of SVR. Bill Fargo has submitted the application for the website contest, and Collin Fat is fine tuning the paperwork submitted to National for consideration for **Region of the Year** honors, with results to be revealed at the 2016 Parade Awards Banquet.

Collin mentions how fast the **SVR activities** year is progressing, and I have to concur. Barbara and I recently blazed through a weekend that included a CRAB 36 meeting at Lone, and a tour of the **Blackhawk Museum** in Danville, hosted by Skip and Mardi Quain. Several new members joined us for the docent led tour of the Museum, and a great lunch at the Blackhawk Grille that followed. If you didn't make this one, put in on your list for next time. Besides the car collection, a new part of the



Association California Car Clubs and you will see what this group is, and how they look after issues that are a concern to our car culture.

The New Members Tour organized by Janet Conner and Sue Sanders is scheduled for April 23rd and promises recent members a chance to get better acquainted with SVR, as well as enjoy a great driving Tour. And as tradition dictates, a free lunch. Whoever said there's no free lunch hasn't been on a SVR New Members Tour.

Latest news from Richard Walker is that 178 people are now registered for CRAB 36 with 6 weeks to go until showtime. Plan accordingly as lodgings are time critical as we close in on the date of the event, Friday May 13th through Sunday May 15th. Look for additional updated information in the May issue of the Drifter and

Photo - Barbara McCrory

Blackhawk Museum features a Spirit of the Old West display that highlights the history of the people and places of the 1800's settlement of the Western United States.

Years ago, we had a membership in the **Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC)**. It is a group that acts as a legislation watch dog, information clearing house, and lobbyists for individuals and car clubs involved in our automotive passions. Keeping an eye on pending California legislation that has an impact on our car hobby, is a worthwhile effort. The ACCC has an upcoming weekend event scheduled to be held at the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento the weekend of April 27-28th. Just do a search on

on our SVR website. And if you would like to learn more about keeping your Porsche beautiful and looking good for the next Zone 7 Concours Series, don't miss Jim McMahan's bi-annual **Car Care Clinic** to be held Sunday April 24th.

In this issue, an updated Calendar, more CRAB 36 news, a report on the Canepa Tour by Matt Menning. Also see the article on preparing for your first autocross by Collin Fat, another useful article by Richard Shelton on detailing, and the story of Porsche at Sebring brought to you by Tim Cronin.

Enjoy.



PDK (Pretty Darn Kwik)

Rik Larson, SVR Rally Guy

SVR Website

Have you had a chance to check out the latest stuff on our website? Webmaster Bill Fargo has added a "Poll" (CRAB 36, are you coming?), and the "SVR Porsche Club Recipes"; 2 dips, 1 vegetable, and 1 salad. I thought SVR had a cookbook many years ago. Maybe Herb Hoover can provide some info? Porsche Key Lost?

We put an item in a recent BLAST about the finding of Porsche key. Well, the owner contacted us, identified it and that is the end of the story. SVR Christmas Party Scheduled

It will be held on Saturday, December 17th in Roseville. Mark your calendar now.

New SVR Wine Tour announced

Friday, June 10th at the Castello di Amorosa Winery in Calistoga. This will be another one of those events that sells out quickly (even though it is on a

Friday). The tour is limited to 30 people. Cost is \$52 a person. Another optional tour and lunch after the first tour at V. Sattui Winery.

CAM (California Automobile Museum) happenings

"The Pickup Truck" exhibit starts April 23rd. Your PCA membership card gets you in for free (but just once a year).

The Car Cruise will be held on September 10th....this is about a month later than last year. And the format is changing (according to their website). The 'cruise' begins at 4 pm, ends at 6 pm and then the show begins? I am sure that Kim Nelson will keep us informed.

Formula 1

"Pretty crap." That was the quote from Bernie Ecclestone (who is 85 years old) regarding the change in the qualifying system after it debuted at the

Australian race. Looks like it is has been scrapped.

Haas F1 Team happenings at Australia: one of the cars (driven by Romain Grosjean) finished 6th. The other Haas car finished in 21st place due to a collision. The next race is at Bahrain on April 3rd at a decent viewing hour of 8 am.

Concours at Serrano in October

Registration has already opened and the featured marque is Lincoln. And they will feature Forty Five Years of De Tomaso Pantera. And that includes the Mangusta.

PCA Tech Tactics West in November

No date yet but it is usually just before Thanksgiving. And PCA now has several videos from the Tech Tactics East held in March.....some are about an hour in length.

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Sacramento Valley Region Calendar



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For schedule changes, contact Eduardo Ortega, Jr. at vicepresident@svr-pca.org*

2016 SVR Events svr-pca.org

- April 2 First Saturday Breakfast, Brookfields
- April 8-10 Pacific Grove Tour, McMahan
- April 23 New Member's Tour, Sanders & Conner
- April 24 Car Care Clinic, McMahan
- May 1 SVR Dinner, Dominick's, Granite Bay Bulhoes
- May 7 First Saturday Breakfast, Brookfields
- May 13-15 CRAB 36, svr-pca.org/content/Crab-36
- June 4 First Saturday Breakfast, Brookfields
- June 10 Castello di Amorosa Winery Tour, Calistoga
- June 12 SVR Concours, Niello
- June 13 SVR Dinner, Mints, Rancho Cordova
- July 2 First Saturday Breakfast, Brookfields
- July 4 4th of July Parade, Pocket, Okamoto's

2016 SVR Autocross Events Contact Greg Zajic: 916.961.6495 / autocross@svr-pca.org

- April 30 AX at Stockton Fairgrounds
- June 11 Zone 7 AX by SVR, Stockton Fairgrounds
- July 23 AX at Stockton Fairgrounds
- August 20 AX at Stockton Fairgrounds
- September 17 AX at Stockton Fairgrounds
- October 29 AX at Stockton Fairgrounds

Recurring SVR Monthly Events

- 1st SVR First Saturday Breakfast [Brookfields Restaurant](#) 11135 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova.
Saturday 8:30 - 10 AM 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
- 2nd 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.

2016 Zone 7 Competition Events www.zone77.org

CONCOURS

- June 5 Loma Prieta Region Hayward. and Swap Meet
- June 12 Sacramento Valley Region Rocklin. Niello Porsche
- July 17 Monterey Bay Region Carmel Valley Comm Park
- July 31 Sierra Nevada Reg.Reno. Rancho San Rafael Park
- August 7 GGR Redwood City. Carlsen Porsche
- September 18 Redwood Region Kenwood, Ledson Winery
- October 9 Yosemite Region, Porsche of Livermore

AUTOCROSS

- April 16-17 Zone 7 AX Marina. Loma Prieta & Golden Gate
- May 21-22 Zone 7 AX at Santa Rosa Airport, Redwood
- June 11 Zone 7 AX, Stockton Fairgrounds, SVR
- Sept. 24-25 Zone 7 AX, Marina, Loma Prieta & Golden Gate

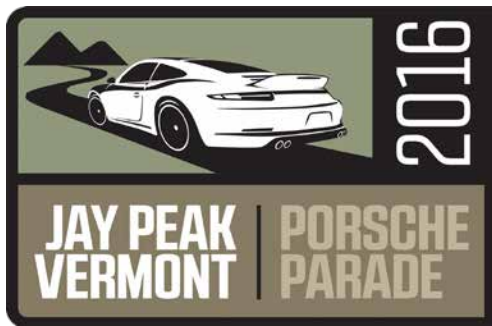
Upcoming PCA Events 2016 - 2017

- April 4 Parade see parade2016@pca.org
- April 29-May 1 IMSA Race, Laguna Seca
- April 30-May 1 Porscheplatz Laguna Seca.
- June 19-25 Porsche Parade Jay Peak Resort, Vermont.
- August 19 Werks Reunion Carmel Valley.
- Sept. 7-11 Treffen/Escape Lake Tahoe Olympic Valley
- July 9-15, 2017 Porsche Parade Spokane, Washington

Upcoming Events of Interest

- 2nd 356CAR Breakfast
Saturday 9-11 AM Marie Callendar's, 5525 Sunrise Blvd. Citrus Heights. Jim Hardie; jehardie@aol.com

Upcoming Events - Close Ups...



Porsche Parade Registration Again

Parade registration opens April 4th at 9 am our time. This is actually the second phase of the revised registration process. The first phase was for the accommodations (i.e. hotel, condo). This phase is for signing up for events (tours, concours, rally, AX, tech quiz), banquets, and other special activities (golf, 5K run, RC cars). Let's see.....I charge my credit card for this stuff and then I have to figure out how to pay for my taxes just a couple of days later.



Zone 7 Happenings

Sandy Provasi, Zone 7 Representative, reports that she still needs volunteers to help out at the Porscheplatz on April 30th and May 1st at Laguna Seca. And the Sunday (April 24th) before that is a Zone 7 concours judges training school in Livermore (the same day that we are doing a Car Care Clinic up at Nelson's garage).

And speaking of Zone 7 Concours, there have been a couple of changes made for the 2016 series. They include: no longer need to provide a PCA membership card; no longer need to have a fire extinguisher.



New Tour (wine) added to SVR calendar

A special wine tour has been scheduled for Friday, June 10th by Ron Lingren. It will be a tour of a castle that is a winery. The destination is Castello di Amorosa in Calistoga. The tour is limited to 30 people. The tour and wine tasting will cost you \$52. Lunch (optional) after the wine tasting will be at V. Sattui Winery in St. Helena. Sounds like a great event. More information in the flyer elsewhere in this issue.



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| #1 April 30 | Stockton |
| #2 May 14 CRAB 36 | Eagle's Nest (CRAB Only) |
| #3 June 11 | Stockton (<i>Zone 7 Event</i>) |
| #4 July 23 | Stockton |
| #5 August 20 | Stockton |
| #6 September 17 | Stockton |
| #7 October 29 | Stockton |

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Drifting Back, 15 years Ago

by Larry Wilson, SVR Historian

April 2001

The April 1 Apple Hill Fools Run Tour by Kim Kinder and Tandra Kroetz included Cool and Coloma on its route with a stop at Venenzio Winery (the wine was very good). Some how, a scavenger hunt also found its way into the day's activities. The event was advertised as "just a simple day trip involving pine cones, road apples, dogs, and a drive up the hill." But wait. Did I put APRIL FOOLS DAY, Tandra Kroetz and Kim Kinder in the same sentence? Uh-oh, I did -- what juxtaposition. And that was exactly what Mike Willis said in his pre-event promo article in THE DRIFTER. Tom Kroetz and Jeff Kinder must have had a calming effect on the wild-ones, however, because at least 22 brave SVR members lined up for the obligatory DRIFTER centerfold group shot and all had great big smiles. They thought it was a great experience! Of course they were correct.

This was a Zone 7 weekend for SVR without hardly trying. On Saturday, April 7, SVR conducted Zone 7 Series Rally #2 with Rik Larson as rallymaster which, he said, covered some of the area that was used on the Porsche Parade 2000 rally. The rally was named, "Please Pass The Leftovers." I don't have a clue what that name means. According to long-standing rally tradition, the naming of a rally is a privilege granted only to the rallymaster, so don't bug me. Ask Larson what it means. With a change of pace on Sunday, SVR conducted the April 8 Zone 7 Series Concours #1 at Niello Porsche, Rocklin. Kent Brandon was in charge of this one.

After a year off in deference to Parade 2000, CRAB 28 (April 27-29, 2001) with Susan and Tim Fleming as co-chairs, was back with a stellar group of event staff. 78 cars were signed up for the weekend by Rik Larson and his registration crew Friday night at Lake

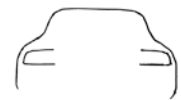
Natoma Inn, Folsom. A competitive field was ready for each venue. Bill Winkler managed the autocross at Mather Field and 57 cars ran the course with top time of day for women and men going to Tom Provasi and wife Sandy Provasi respectively, both from Loma Prieta Region. Cyndee and Greg Peart did the gymkhana Saturday, also at Mather with help from Kern and Cindi Breaux. Al Armellini and Tish Gleason (both Diablo Region) took top time at the gymkhana. Larry Wilson did the program and attended to other printing needs.

More CRAB: Saturday night, Kirk Bradford was the voice of CRAB during the banquet. Jim and Kellie Finley cooked up a nifty gold country wine tour as an alternative to the T & D rally (big turnout, too). Shelagh Matthews handled the Saturday night crabfeed at Lake Natoma Inn. Judy Stettner and Connie Miller arranged a walking tour of the historic Folsom downtown area. Sally Boeck was rallymistress on Sunday (Ron Boeck was assistant rallymistress) for the time and distance rally. 36 cars entered the rally and the driver/navigator team of Jessica and J. Toney from SVR won with the lowest, best overall score of 62 points. Jim Freeberg supervised the concours at Woodbridge Ranch Park. 14 cars were entered and Dennis and Judy Stettner of SVR had the top score. George and Nona Morley were head chefs for the event-ending beer and brat at Woodbridge Ranch Lake Park.

Still more CRAB: Cyndee Peart also gathered door prizes that helped support the weekend from these generous companies: BFGoodrich, Excellence magazine, Niello Porsche, RaceSetter Designs, Stoddard Imported Cars, OK Tires, IPB-Autosport, Rick's Hacienda, William Glen, The Great Frame-Up (Folsom and Roseville), Total Beauty Experience, Ivy House, Exide

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CRAB 36 Sponsorship Update for April, 2016

By Mike Dunn, Sponsorship Chair

CRAB 36 Sponsorship to Date

On behalf of the Sacramento Valley Region/ PCA Members, we would like to thank all those sponsors who have committed to support the CRAB 36 event at Eagles Nest, Lone, California on May 13, 14, 15, 2016. Without Sponsors' financial support and generous donations, the CRAB event would not be possible. Club members continue to support the businesses that support club programs throughout the year.

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5.5 miles north of St. Helena on the left

Our tour at the Castello will begin at 10:15 and will last approximately 2 hours, including the wine tasting.

After the tour of the Castello, there is an optional tour to V. Sattui Winery for lunch and/or wine tasting. Lunch and wine tasting at V. Sattui Winery will be at your expense.

V. Sattui Winery
1111 White Ln. St. Helena, CA 94574

Castello di Amorosa Tour and Wine Tasting, Friday, June 10, 2016

This tour is limited to 30 persons

Deadline for sign up and deposit is May 15

Join us for a visit to Castello di Amorosa in the Napa Valley. Tour an authentic 12th century Tuscan castle-winery where you will taste world-class wines made by a fourth generation winemaking family in a tradition for over 120 years.

Meeting Place: 7:45 at Cafe Italia, 1121 Richard Blvd, Davis, CA 95616

We will depart promptly from Cafe Italia at 8:00 for the Castello.

Total Cost \$52 per person -
Includes tour and wine tasting at
the Castello. Send a check for \$52
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→ Ron Lingren
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Please enjoy a virtual tour of the Castello with our friend and owner,
Dario Sattui, at: <http://bit.ly/1rkfgmK>

In The Zone

By Sandy Provasi, Zone 7 Representative

Spring is around the corner and there are many upcoming events to enjoy your Porsche. In addition to your local regional events, take a look at these zone events that might interest you.

April 16th and 17th. The Zone 7 Autocross season is about to begin! Join us at Marina Airport for a fun weekend. Hosted by Golden Gate on Saturday and Loma Prieta on Sunday. Register at motorsportreg.com.

April 24th. Please join Zone 7 at Porsche of Livermore on Sunday, April 24th for everything Concours. There will be a judging school and discussions related to car preparation and cleaning. Everyone welcome. You don't have to Concours to come out and learn. Sign ups are free. Email les at Les996@me.com

April 29th-May 1st. If you are attending the 2016 Continental

Monterey Grand Prix at Laguna Seca, stop by the Porscheplaz tent where you can relax, watch the races on TV, hear presentations by drivers and more. You can also purchase a corral pass when you buy your race ticket. Want to help out? We could use some volunteers throughout the weekend. Let me know.

May 13th-15th. The premier Porsche weekend CRAB 36 is returning. This is a don't miss event with something for everyone. Driving tour, autocross, funkhana, walking tour, wash & shine concours, beer and brats and a crab feed rolled into one great weekend. For more information, <http://svr-pca.org/content/crab-36>

Stay tuned to hear more about the Zone 7 Website updates. It is currently being revamped. It will be user friendly with many new features. We'll have current event info, photo and video pages, and smart phone friendly!

Did you know Zone 7 has a car grill badge? Yes, we do! Please email Chuck Pierce at cpcycle@velociter.net to purchase one at \$30 each. Thanks for supporting the Zone.

Needed-Zone 7 Treasurer! Zone 7 is now incorporated. So, we need to have a treasurer. It will be a very easy job. Mainly we need someone to file the tax returns. Since we have little money, it will be easy! More questions? Call me.

Safe driving
Sandy Provasi
Zone 7 Representative
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Golden Gate Region & Loma Prieta Region host Zone 7 Autocross @ Marina Airport



For details contact:
Anne Roth
alroth@sbcglobal.net
408-710-0547

Information:

Registration: 7:30 - 8:30 am
Helmets required, limited loaners
Drivers must work for sessions run
Lunch will be available to purchase
Pre-registration on motorsportreg.com



Saturday/Sunday: April 16 & 17

Directions: Take Highway 1 south toward Monterey and Laguna Seca Raceway. Take the Reservation Road exit south towards Marina. After one short block, turn right in order to stay on Reservation Road. Follow the road through Marina approximately two miles south of town. Turn left at (Imjin road) signal into marina Airfield. Turn right after the first large building on the right and follow the cones to the autocross site.



12-Hours of Sebring: Porsche Relegated To Third Place GTLM Finish

by Tim Cronin, SVR Member

The 12-hour endurance race at Sebring once again proved to be a jarring experience, both figuratively and literally, for the Porsche factory team's two 911 RSRs.

Porsche is the most successful manufacturer in the history of the 12-hour endurance event. With 18 overall victories and 67 class wins since Sebring's first race in 1950, it is not hyperbole to assert that Sebring is sacred ground for Porsche. Perhaps Porsche factory driver Nick Tandy best summarized the Sebring mystique: "Sebring is the heart of American motor racing. It's fascinating to see which legendary drivers and marques have already won there. It is the oldest sports car race in the USA and one of the highlights of the IMSA SportsCar Championship, not the least because of the many spectators."

Recycled from a World War II vintage bomber base that is notorious for its grossly uneven, seam-ridden concrete slab pavement, Sebring incorporates 17 turns within its 3.75 mile (5.95 km) circuit of conjoined archaic runways and taxiways. Adding to the cache of the anachronistic facility is the roster of iconic racing legends who have competed there: Juan Manuel Fangio, Dan Gurney, Hans Hermann, Jacky Ickx, Carroll Shelby, and Mario Andretti. Hollywood celebrities Steve McQueen, who finished second overall in 1970 in a Porsche 908, Paul Newman and Patrick Dempsey have also fulfilled their racing dreams at Sebring.

History notwithstanding, the Porsche North America works team went home with a podium-worthy third place finish in the manufacturer-oriented GT Le Mans (GTLM) class despite an otherwise brilliant performance by the

two factory 911 RSRs. A collision with Jan Magnussen's Corvette "totaled" both the pack-leading number 911 Porsche and the 'Vette during lap 116 of the 235 lap race. The number 912 RSR managed to claw its way up from last position on the starting grid to a face-saving third place finish.

To say that qualifying proved to be disappointing for the "werks" team would be an understatement. After scoring pole positions at Sebring in both 2014 and 2015, the factory's two 911 RSRs found themselves far at the back of the starting grid. The number 911 RSR shared by Patrick Pilet, Le Mans winner Nick Tandy, and Kévin Estre, started this year's 12-hour event from the fourth row of the grid. Last year's polesitter, Frédéric Makowiecki, along with Le Mans winner Earl Bamber and Michael Christensen, started the number 912 Porsche RSR from tenth place. The qualifying process foreshadowed just how strong the competition would be the following day, as well as how evenly matched the GTLM field is this season.

On race day, running under what at times were horrendous conditions, Bamber, Makowiecki and Christensen performed something of a miracle by clinching a third place in the GTLM class.

Notwithstanding a difficult start aggravated by poor positioning on the starting grid, the number 911 RSR was nonetheless able to match the pace of the opposition, especially towards the end of Pilet's starting stint. The factory team swapped drivers and changed to rain tires at the right point in time, and Tandy drove his entire stint in the rain and was leading for most of it. The number 911 car's performance was literally flawless, with Tandy conducting

a veritable clinic on what is possible to accomplish on any track with the 911 RSR under the worst of conditions.

Severe weather with torrential rain, thunder and lightning broke out over the track three hours after the start, and the race had to be stopped for more than two hours. Before rain began to flood large stretches of the circuit, both factory 911 RSRs aggressively made the most of the situation, exploiting their handling and aero refinements to engage in some exciting argey-bargey encounters with both the two factory-sponsored Corvettes and a pair of BMWs. As conditions worsened, Tandy and Bamber demonstrated that they were in their element. Nick Tandy took over the wheel of the number 911 car from Pilet, and, as weather conditions deteriorated, moved into the lead after 56 laps.

Behind the number 911 RSR, Bamber battled his way through the GTLM pack to second place in the number 912 contender. After 66 laps, the race was red-flagged due to numerous lightning strikes that necessitated the event marshals to recall cornermen and other staff from the flooded racetrack, and the field of competing cars was directed back to the pits. At this time, the two Porsches held positions one and two.

Even as the track dried after the restart of the event, both 911 RSRs turned in consistently quick lap times amidst the strong GTLM frontrunners. Estre, teammate of Tandy and Pilet, held the lead in the number 911 car after seven hours, with Christensen running in third in the sister number 912 car. But after 116 laps, the leading number 911 RSR was out: While fighting for the lead, Kevin Estre's 911 RSR T-boned Magnussen's 'Vette in Turn 13, totaling both cars as they each buried themselves in

the tire barrier.

Estre candidly held himself accountable for the shunt: "I battled against the Corvette for the lead spot. We both overtook a GTD vehicle and I was determined to stay in the front. That proved to be the wrong decision at that moment. There was water in the corner on my racing line and I spotted it too late. I should have braked earlier and let the Corvette pass."

Michael Christensen's number 912 RSR inherited the lead spot but under dry conditions was unable to maintain the lead. Frédéric Makowiecki took the wheel of the number 912 RSR at the next pit stop while running fourth, and in a display of unbridled aggression quickly made up a position, leaving Bamber to finish the race. Until shortly before the flag Bamber was running in

a great strategy, which enabled Makowiecki, Bamber and Christensen to achieve a good result for Porsche.

Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser, Head of Porsche Motorsport, appeared to be uncharacteristically conciliatory in assessing the factory's third place GTLM finish: "We can be very pleased with third place today. The race was tumultuous with many caution phases and a break of more than two hours – it was difficult for everyone. Unfortunately we too were a victim of the rain. We lost our leading 911 RSR – that's a real shame. The race was tough to the finish. To finish five seconds down on the leader is not bad at all. The entire team did everything they could under the most difficult conditions. Our pit stops were good and so was our strategy. But sadly it still wasn't quite enough in the end."

day: the number 911 GT3 R campaigned by the Heart of Seattle/Alex Job Racing team finished fourth, and the number 22 WeatherTech/Alex Job GT3 R driven by Cooper McNeil and Leh Keen finished fifth. 'Nuff said.

By clinching a third place in GTLM at Sebring, Porsche consolidated a strong second place position in the run for the Constructor's Championship, and Earl Bamber, Frédéric Makowiecki, and Michael Christensen moved up the rankings to now sit in second position in the drivers' championship race.

In the final analysis, this year's Sebring event functioned as a de facto "stress test" that inherently prepared both the factory and customer teams to demonstrate some distinctly top tier racing in the next two USCC events: the street course in downtown Long



Photo - Porsche.com

second place, but ultimately took the checkered flag in third place, five seconds off the leader.

Christensen's post race assessment of the number 912 RSR's podium finish was that "[N]one of us made a mistake and the team supported us with a super strategy. Our vehicle had a great setup that worked perfectly on a wet and dry track." Given its start from the last position on the starting grid, the team of the number 912 RSR earned a deserved podium result; their RSR was superbly prepared and the team had developed

Dr. Walliser's optimistic spin notwithstanding, the customer-oriented GT Daytona (GTD) class results were a self-evident brutal disappointment for Porsche and the new 911 GT3 R racer.

During the GTD class qualification, the number 23 Porsche 911 GT3 R campaigned by the Heart of Seattle/Alex Job Racing team and driven by Mario Farnbacher, Alex Riberas, and Ian James was the best-placed Porsche with a fourth position on the qualifying grid. That disappointing performance only foreshadowed what would happen the following

Beach in April, and then the natural road course through the knolls of Laguna Seca in May. As the number 912 car's driver Michael Christensen noted: "Those were twelve exciting hours. None of us made a mistake and the team supported us with a super strategy. Our vehicle had a great setup that worked perfectly on a wet and dry track. In the end it wasn't quite enough, but we can live with that. The season has only just begun."

Photos Porsche.com

Heaven On Earth: Canepa

by Lisa & Matt Menning, SVR Tour Chairs

RAIN OR SHINE Anyone who knows the name "Canepa" knows the name is synonymous with Porsche, historics and excellence. Even though



Photo Matt Menning

the distance is rather long for a day tour, we decided to lead a tour to the world-class facility. It was a stormy morning as we met at the well known Porsche tuner, Elephant Racing in Santa Clara. Elephant couldn't be open for us since they were at the Porsche Lit Show in LA - but we are sure to come back to visit another time.

34 people in all braved the wind and rain to see the Canepa collection and the projects currently underway. At last count, we had 20 cars. Thankfully, everyone arrived on time at 8:45 and we huddled under an overhang of the Elephant building to distribute our maps and conduct the rainy drivers meeting. There were many new SVR members, a couple from the Sierra Nevada Region and one couple from the Diablo Valley Region. A majority of the entire group were first-timers to Canepa. Once we got underway, we traversed through San Jose, Los Gatos, and then climbed up into the Santa Cruz Mountains on the famous and curvy Highway 17. Using 2-way radios for communication, Herman Jacobs acted as the sweeper car for the group. SVR vice president Eduardo Ortega Jr. acted as the "relay" in the middle of our 20 cars. Many

thanks to them for stepping up to provide crucial info to us in the lead car. They helped greatly! Highway 17 is well known for being a hair-raising trip in a hard rain and on that day it didn't disappoint. Our brave drivers slogged on, navigating intense road spray, winding corners and water sheeting across the roadway. We tip-toed up and over, through the curves and stayed away from the K rail. After making it up over the summit and down the twisty west slope, we had finally arrived at our world-class destination in Scotts Valley.

Once parked, we took refuge under the front entry of Canepa and re-grouped. We then entered the main floor showroom. The Canepa experience is like none other. This room oozes jaw dropping cars. It showcases Bruce Canepa's immensely detailed, painstakingly restored, uncompromisingly correct, street and race cars ...and all are for sale. No cars are allowed on this floor until Bruce Canepa approves it. A quick bio about Bruce Canepa: A Santa Cruz native, he has spent his adult life around motorsports in some way. He has raced in Pikes Peak, IMSA, Trans -Am, GTP, Daytona 24 Hours and countless historic gatherings. Back then, his rides include a 934, 935 and 962 just to name a few. These days he can be

often seen in his Gulf 917K or the last factory built 935 -at his life-long home track, Laguna Seca. He started the trend of aero-transporter big-rigs and is still building them today. A hands-on CEO, Bruce is world known and trusted for his quality, attention to detail, accuracy and excellence in restoration.

Now back to the tour.... We were greeted by Canepa's marketing director and our host, John Ficarra. He provided an exceptional wealth of information throughout the day. The very first cars we strolled up to were a stunning D'leteren bodied, Heron Gray '61 356B roadster and a perfect Viper Green '73 911T. Both cars were flawless examples of the Porsche brand. The prices on the cars are by request only- but as an example, the green 911T is currently valued at approx 300k and values are always on the move. We spent at least 45 minutes in the showroom before being led up to the museum on the second floor. The Canepa Motorsport Museum is dedicated to the spirit of automobile and motorcycle competition, and the celebration of engineering excellence. It features



Photo Matt Menning

most of Bruce's collection of treasures that are not for sale. Cars ranging from ultra rare 1920's Indy cars, to vintage NASCAR, to road racing legends like the 934, 935 and 917s of yesteryear.

From there, we found our way to the "shop overlook", an elevated walkway where one can get a birds eye view of the famous (and very busy) workshop. The diversity of the vehicles

was overwhelming. This is where the magic happens. Once down stairs again, we saw no less than three Porsche 959s in various states of assembly. Each one being modified per the customers wishes. We also walked up to two McLaren P1's. Commonly known as hyper cars, these exotic McLaren's are valued at no less than 1.2 million USD each. A stunning 930 owned by comedian Jerry Seinfeld was in house as well. We could go on and on with what's here, but printing space is limited.

We were then led to the back shop where several more restoration bays are situated. This area also stores cars leaving or arriving to the facility and the photo booth that happened to have a Continental Orange 918 (Weissach edition) sitting in it. This area is home to the famous, life sized "Hot Wheels" rack on the wall. A recently sold, extensively modified '74 black 914 sporting a healthy 3.2L motor, 930 brakes, 915 transaxle and a 2" chopped roofline. Notable chassis in the work bays were a carbon fiber tubbed Kremer 962-CK6 and a UOP Can-Am Shadow DN4. Now this is where it gets more interesting. Last but not least, was the highly recognizable Sunoco

917/30.003. This is the iconic 1500 hp twin turbo, 12 cylinder Porsche that dominated Can-Am racing in the early 1970s. This wasn't one of the "spare" cars we typically see at the Historics, this was the actual car Mark Donohue and Brian Redman drove. If you went to Rennsport Reunion V, you saw it in the big tent over in the corner and briefly on the track. Coming out of the Jack Setton's collection, it is being completely torn

down for a major restoration and engine rebuild. Bruce Canepa was able to track down two of the only surviving Zuffenhausen 917 engine builders. Bringing them in from Germany, these wise old men are passing down their knowledge so that the legend can continue. We all peered through the large viewing window of their made-to-order work area to witness a bit of history taking place. They were in the process of disassembling the heads during our visit. They appeared a bit startled, so we must of looked like paparazzi at the Oscars or something.

We wrapped up our visit and all thanked John Ficarra for taking time on his day off to give us such a detailed tour. Since it was so stormy, our planned picnic lunch was reworked into a lunch at Malone's Grille just down the street from Canepa. A few of us decided to head home and forgo lunch with us. Malone's knew we were coming and

went our separate ways. Even though it was still raining, it was now time for the mountain driving excursion to Alice's Restaurant. Our drivers group had pared down yet again. We were now down to 4 cars. It was just us, Dan Rowland, Eduardo and his guest

Photo, Eduardo Orta4tega, Jr.



Ruperd and lastly Herman Jacobs and his copilot David. Even with the storm, these guys turned out to be die-hard tour attendees!! Leading the way, we ventured deep into the hills, explored the super narrow roads of Big Basin State Park, dodged fallen branches and wound up on Skyline Blvd. Heading northward, we made it to our last stop for some much needed hot coffee and a pit-stop. We all ended up sharing two

gigantic slices of mud pie and zany socializing. Before we departed Alice's, I convinced a few in the group to follow us across the SF Bay, into Niles and a final beautiful drive on Palomares Road. It was a long day, but we knew it would be good. And it was! Rain or shine...

Photo Matt Menning



they had a large table all ready to go when the 15 of us arrived. The food and service was superb and we had a great hour to socialize together. From there, some of us said "so long" and

We wish to thank everyone who participated on this unique tour day with us.

CRAB 36 Driving Tour

by Matt & Lisa Menning, CRAB Tour Chairs

As we get closer to the big weekend, we thought it would be good to bring up the subject of driving tours. We've only been members for 3 years and we have done no less than 11 tours already. You could say we've landed into SVR with a big "throttle blip" and a steady roll on the throttle out of a fun apex. We have met so many great people while conducting all those tours. Many of you have been on a tour or two (or three) with us.

As your CRAB 36 tour chairs, we expect to meet so many more plus all the others from the many Zone 7 regions coming to CRAB. There are two tours scheduled for CRAB 36. One is in the morning and the other is in the afternoon. We have a nice tour planned through Amador County Gold Country. Looking at the latest registration numbers, it's going to be a big group of cars!

Creating a tour can be challenging. The total time it takes to build a successful tour can range from 4 to 40 hours or more. Because of the potential heavy planning, many people recycle their same tour on an annual basis so there is relatively no homework to do. Others step up to try something new, different and interesting. There are so many variables in play. In no particular order: The time of year, the destination, include meal/no meal, the distance, the cost... and how many can attend. The SVR calendar gets filled up very quickly. Not a bad thing, but this means you have to navigate around other activities up to 10 months in advance.

It can be very complicated. Painfully so, at times. The sheer number of cars can be ominous and daunting to any tour leaders.

We must give due credit to longtime SVR member and past tour master, Doug Klein for all of his shared insight into doing a successful tour. We would not have gotten off to such a good start without him.

For starters, it helps to have a main focus or theme for a tour. It's not

sign-ups. MS Excel is a great tool for this. Due to all the insane email activity, we decided to create a stand-alone email address to contain all the back-n-forth leading up to any tour. It turned out to be a very wise move. If you are thinking of doing a driving tour, start your planning early.

If you are simply attending a tour, there are several helpful items that will ensure a great experience. Again, being prepared is key here. It's always a good

idea to bring a few water bottles, snacks, a cell phone, weather appropriate clothing, 2-way radio, and a pre-tripped car. A pre-tripped car means checking your tires, oil, coolant and arriving to the drivers meeting with a full tank of gas.

In the words of Magnus Walker, "Get out and drive".....



Photo Web

mandatory but it simplifies it. Adding on more activities to the day can truly enrich the day, but at a cost to doing way more homework. Another helpful aspect is being familiar with the surrounding area of your destination(s) and route(s). We use the internet a great deal to dig and explore many months in advance. When there's a last minute change that affects your tour, the internet can be a great tool then as well. Planning ahead is essential. Driving the route many weeks in advance will allow you to school up on road conditions, pit-stops, and landmarks. Often, we actually drive parts of the route on Google street view. Being organized is key, and with that it is important to keep good notes. It's a good idea to start a spreadsheet of your

Get out and drive".....

CRAB 36 Facilities

by Gregg & Rebecca Plourde, Facilities Chairs



Welcome to CRAB 36 from the folks that will be providing the facilities for your fun packed visit to Eagles Nest

Airport in Lone, CA. There will lots to do and see, tours, autocross, gymkhana, concours, dinner, music, dancing and much more! Oh forgot to mention it – CRAB!

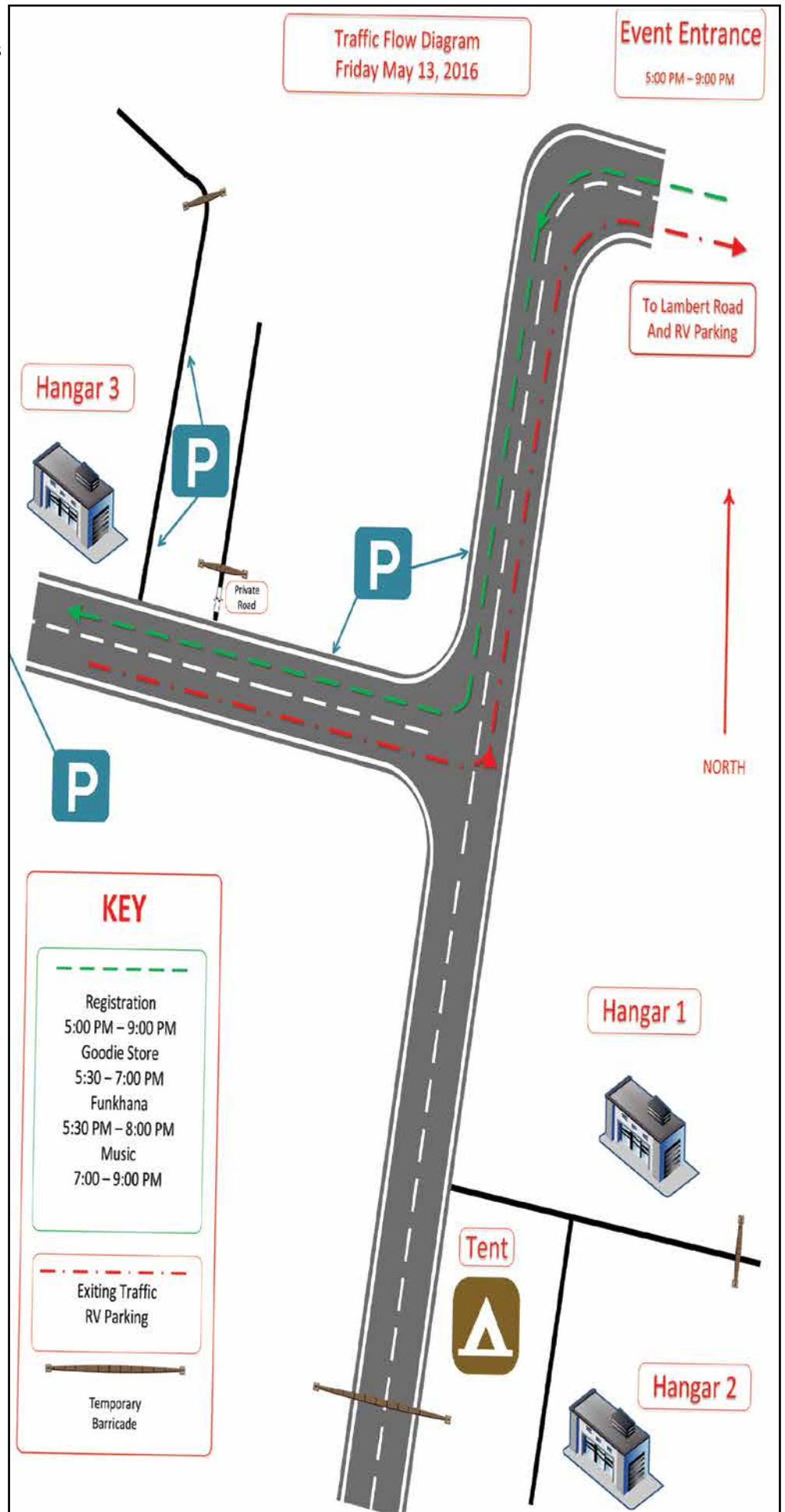
The airport is very well laid out and in excellent shape. The buildings being used are modern and spacious with a few nice surprises inside and out. There will be plenty of parking for all and well marked locations of events. RV parking will be available, and will be a “dry” type. No hookups or disposal services, so come prepared. For those of you bringing your Porsches on trailers, there is a place designated for you to park them. There will be trash and recycle bins behind the main event building if you need them.

The Main Event Building (Hangar 3), where most of the events are will have restrooms and wash stations. The Autocross area will also have a restroom, a tent, and during lunch break, a food truck. Drinking water will be provided throughout the event. Tents will also be available to keep you out of any weather. Please read the registration information notes at <http://svr-pca.org/content/crab-36>.

The event is well laid out and easy to get around, so look for signs directing you to the Main Event building for registration. Your registration packet will have further information as to where the events you signed up for will be held.

Cellular service is spotty at best, but phone service will be available if needed. We suggest that you bring your ‘walkie talkies’ as the area we are using is quite large. It will be a lot easier to communicate with your friends who are at the RV parking, AX, tour, etc.

We hope you have a great time at CRAB 36! The Facilities Team, Gregg & Rebecca



Preparing For Your First Autocross Event

By Collin Fat



Photo Collin Fat

With a full season of autocross just a few weeks away, and the Niello 2 Day Autocross School sold out on March 12th and March 19th. SVR has 7 regular events scheduled for the 2016 season with the first event schedule on April 30th and running monthly through October. Novices are always welcome and the program has a cadre of experienced instructors always willing to work with beginners and novices. The program is one of the most active in Zone 7 and is an excellent event to learn good car control skills and the driving your Porsche at its limit. Here are a few tips in preparing for your first event.

1. Preparing your Porsche:

- Take a few moments to check all of your fluid levels; oil, brake, and coolant fluid prior to the event. Check your tire pressures to make sure they are at factory specs and make sure your tires have plenty of tread, no less than 2/32nd of an inch of tread. You may also want to check with your Porsche service provider to see if they can perform a basic safety inspection prior to the event. Many service providers will provide this at no charge as a courtesy.
- Remove all loose items in your glove box and trunk as these items can get loose on course and present a danger. Loose items would include garage door openers, water bottles, computers and iPads, cell phones, tennis racquets and

sporting equipment. Make sure your spare tire, if equipped, and battery are securely fastened.

- Bring some sun screen, a hat, and wear comfortable clothing. Shoes must be closed toe, no sandals. A portable chair is also a great idea as well as an emergency tool kit that could also include an extra quart of oil, coolant and brake fluid.
- Purchase a good tire gauge as your tires will heat up after your first run by 2-5 psi and you will want to adjust pressures following each run.
- If you do not own and approved Snell rated helmet, the club provides a limited number of loaner helmets that will be issued at the time of registration. Helmets are a required safety equipment for all drivers.
- Do some research on what to expect at your first autocross or contact someone on the club's Ax team for additional information and questions.
- Bring some snacks
- Water is always provided courtesy of the club.
- Print and complete any pre-registration materials such as waivers and a copy of your registration receipt.
- Get a good night rest.

2. Register for The Event:

- A. SVR encourages all participants to pre-register. If you register late you may be put on the waiting list. Though our events are open to all enthusiasts, priority is given to SVR and PCA members in good standing. Normally, registration opens 30 days prior to a scheduled event.

- B. Day of event registration is available at the trailer

3. Check-in and Registration:

- Check in and registration will be done at the SVR trailer
- If you have registered but not paid, our check in personnel will take your payment. Cash or check. No credit cards accepted.
- You will be required to sign up for a run group and course work assignment if not pre-assigned in which case you will be informed.
- If you are in one of the two early run groups, you will be asked to grid your car for tech inspection at either the A or B grid.
- You will complete a tech or score card which will include: name, address, phone number, email address, car number and class, type of car, and color. This completed card will then be placed on your car's windshield for tech inspection.
- If you do not own a helmet the club provides a limited number of approved safety helmets. You will be required to leave your driver's license as a security deposit which will be returned when you return the helmet at the end of the event.

4. Tech Inspection:

- Once on grid with your score card placed on your windshield, your car will be inspected by a volunteer tech inspector. Should you fail the inspection, you will not be allowed to participate in the event until the safety issues are corrected to the satisfaction of the tech inspector. If you pass, the tech inspector will keep your tech card, sign the back of your tech card and turn it into the scoring team. You are good to go

5 Course Walk:

- We encourage all novices and experienced drivers alike to do a course walk prior to the driver's meeting. The course walk allows drivers to preview the course and plan their approach to each turn, apex and slalom. Though a rookie course walk will also be conducted the more times you walk the course, the better your understanding of the challenges presented and the approach to each turn can be planned.

6. Driver's Meeting:

- A mandatory driver's meeting is conducted prior to the start of each event. At the driver's meeting the autocross chair will go over basic safety rules and the general itinerary of the day's competition

7 Rookie Course Walk:

- Prior to the start of the event, a rookie course walk will be conducted by the club's chief driving instructor. This is highly recommended for novices. A course map is usually provided and provides an invaluable tool for all drivers to study and to plan their approach to the course. With as many as 15 plus turns, it is a benefit to put to memory the flow of the course

8. Run Groups: The number of run groups is dependent on the number of cars participating in the event. Usually there are no more than 3 run groups of 20 cars and no less than two run groups per event.

9. Once the Competition Starts:

- If you are not running in the first group and are working or resting, watch other cars on course. Watch their lines and braking points and where they are exiting their turns and applying throttle.
- Watch other driver's line and

how they are approaching the entry and exit to each turn.

10 It's Now Your Turn:

- Your run group is on grid and ready for your first run.
- All windows are to be lowered prior to entering the course as per PCA regulations.
- If your car is equipped with PSM, it is recommended you turn it off each time you run.
- If your car is equipped with PASM, it is recommended you set it to "sport"
- If your AC is running, it is recommended it be turned off.
- The grid volunteer is the safety and control volunteer who will direct you on grid and onto the start line. Pay attention and follow his or her instructions. They are the traffic cops and control the flow of cars onto the course.
- Once instructed onto the start line you will be directed by the starter where to position your car for the start.
- You will sit at the start until it is safe to enter the course and will be flagged by the starter to proceed. You will not proceed onto the course unless flagged and authorized to do so by the starter. Prior to the start, the starter will want you to acknowledge you are ready to enter the course by pointing his finger or flag at you in which you will raise your hand to acknowledge.
- You are on course:
- If you are a novice or first timer, you are likely to have an instructor riding along. Listen carefully to his or her instructions. Take your time and don't try to get a fast time out of the gate on your first run. Use moderate throttle. Be smooth versus fast. It is more important to learn the line and the course.

Most autocross courses can be quite intimidating to the novice as all they see is a sea of cones. It is more important to get a feel for the course and not DNF as a result of missing a turn or getting lost! Be patient and listen to your instructor.

- Basic Driving Techniques:
- Hand position on steering wheel:
- You should grip the steering wheel at the 9 and 3 o'clock position for the best control.
- Your seating position should be close enough that when you stretch your arms over the steering wheel, your wrists are touching the wheel. In competitive driving, your seating position is generally closer to the steering wheel than street settings.
- Secure your seat belts snugly to prevent you from shifting in your seat during high speed turning.
- Look ahead and not at your bumper.
- Learn to feather your throttle as well as how to hit the pedal to the metal.
- Learn to modulate your braking as well as when to maximize your stoppers and initiate your ABS.
- Hit the apexes whether late or early.
- Hit your braking points and always attempt to brake in a straight line.
- Get on the throttle at exit, but not until your car is pointed straight ahead.
- Don't over grip the steering wheel with the "death grip" as your steering wheel is the conduit for feeling what your front tires are doing.

And finally be smooth in all of your actions -- This is FUN!

What the Clay?

by Richard Shelton, SVR Member

Why should we clay? Do you really need to clay? Are there any benefits to claying? How hard is it to do? These are all great questions and concerns.

After washing your car the next step is to clay it!! Yes, by the time I'm done with you, you will go over your car anywhere from 10 to 20 times, between (1) washing, (2) drying (3) claying and (4) to be determined, depending on your car's needs or what level you want to take it to (or what level you want to achieve).

For now let's get back to claying. There are two basic types of clay, pure clay and synthetic clay. In each one of these categories there are different types of each. If you use pure clay, it will remove wax and polish and everything else in between. Synthetic clay will not remove waxes, polishes, etc. but will remove the contaminants that are imbedded in the paint, glass or chrome surfaces. If your car has never been clayed and is older or rough feeling, use pure clay. If you already have clayed your car with pure clay you can go to the synthetic clay to maintain the process (treatment) for 6 to 12 months. Either way, the application process is the same. Whenever you use any, you should apply the product in the shade to a clean surface that is cool to the touch. The other products you will need are a clay lubricant and micro fiber towels. All of the major car care manufacturers have kits readily available to purchase and have their own names for their products. If you run out of clay lubricant, a quick detailer spray can also be used.

Here are the simple steps to get started:

- First, cut a piece of the bar of clay about a ½ inch wide, making it about the size of a 50 cent piece or bigger to fit into your hand.
- Make sure you shake the bottle

of clay lube or quick detailer spray really well every time before you spray it on to the car. Yes, this is one of the rare times you actually spray a product on to the car and not away from it.

- Spray about a 2' X 2' area at a time, starting at the top of the car and working your way down. Do the glass and bumpers last.



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- Apply the lube and take the clay in your hand and rub in a 4" to 6" circular motion. Initially, it will feel like its grabbing but then it will get smoother. What you are feeling is the contaminants being removed. As you are doing the process you will notice that the clay will turn black, brown or other colors. Take the clay and turn it into its self so you can see new clay without any contaminants showing. Knead it like dough when doing this. Depending on the condition of your car, you may need 2 or 3 pieces of the clay to do your car. Don't be afraid to use fresh pieces of clay, you don't want to let the clay get too dirty looking.
- Fold your towel into quarter sections. Wipe off the lube, turning your towel over often. Refold your towel in the same manner and use the other side of it as well. You may need more than one towel for the

job. I use two towels, one for the wettest part and the second one to finish the drying. If you want to check your work, take a plastic sandwich bag and see how it glides over the surface. Repeat if necessary in the same area before moving on. The baggie should glide without any resistance. Later on you will use this baggie to store the remaining clay in.

✓ **Very Important Tip!!!** This is the most important point of this whole process. Read this not once but twice and remember it!! Should you ever drop the clay on the ground while using it, **THROW IT AWAY!!!** It's not an option, the clay will pick up dirt and rocks and if you use it you will scratch your paint. Now read this again. There's no 5 second rule like a hotdog falling off the grill, just throw it away. As your clay gets dirty, even as you turn it inside out, it will need to be thrown out; use a new piece as needed.

- Once you finish working with the clay, take the remaining portion of the clay bar and put it in a plastic baggie and before sealing it, spray some lube in the bag to keep it moist. This preserves the rest of the clay bar for future use.
- Now that you have finished it, you can see and feel the difference. It's time well spent!

Now you are ready for the next step of the process, which is...wait for it - well we will just have to see. **Hint:** body lotion, swirl removal, polish or wax.

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SVR Board Minutes

By Joy Nieslony, Recording SVR Secretary

1. Minutes from February meeting.

Approved electronically.

2. Excused absences: Rita Barker, Steve Barker, Frederick Rauch, Eduardo Ortega, Jr.

a. Frederick Rauch phoned in to attend the meeting.

3. Introduction of guests or event chairs: Kim Nelson via phone and Matt and Lisa Menning, Kirk and Linda Bradford.

4. CRAB 36 Report.....Kim Nelson - As of April 16th, there are 161 members signed up for CRAB. Gymkhana course submitted. Next CRAB meeting is Sunday, March 20, 2016 at Eagles Nest.

5. Old Business:

a. Budget submittals for March events approved.

b. Board has decided to keep the planning meeting scheduled in January with an extended calendar of events to include January and February and perhaps March. This helps with budget approvals and gives event organizers more time to plan for first quarter events.

The Board discussed revisiting the calendar in July in regards to planning for January, February and March 2017.

c. Annual Christmas party will be December 17th. Location TBD: The SVR Christmas Party is to be held at Sun City Roseville: Timber Creek Ballroom. Budget to be determined and a \$500.00 deposit was requested. The Deposit was Moved by Steve McCrory, Seconded by Bob Lozito, Approved.

d. Club's annual 2016 budget was approved.

e. No charity volunteers! I regret that this means we will not have a charity event this year unless we get someone in the next 2 weeks. Everyone seems busy and also occupied by CRAB. Collin emailed the charities we support to inform them that we will not have a charity auction this year. Alma Thompson stepped up and said she may Chair the Charity Auction in 2017.

6. President's Report:

a. Report on Zone 7 president's meeting: Attending from SVR were Collin, Rik Larson, Kim Nelson, Kirk Bradford and Eduardo.

1. Region Subsidies will be continued for 2016 with PCA having a huge surplus. Estimated rebate will be \$5 per member.

2. Zone 7 now incorporated, need to find a volunteer treasurer for light duty. Jody Rosner from SVR is our new Zone

webmaster.

3. Presentation by PCA VP, Tom Gorsuch

4. Videos and photos gaining popularity on PCA websites.

5. Volunteers needed for Porscheplatz at Laguna on 4/30/16

6. Meeting to review SVR's procedures manual delayed due to schedule conflicts until May.

7. National Awards deadline extended to April 1st. Collin will be submitting an application for region of the year and Alma Thompson will be submitting the Charity event honors.

8. Annual Zone 7 awards banquet will be moved to November of this year.

9. Kirk and Kim presented CRAB 36 to all region presidents.

b. Committee reviewing SVR procedures documents and policies will convene in March. Committee members are Barbara Mc Crory, Bill Fargo and Collin Fat. Committee will use RPM 2016 template to organize our procedures.

7 Competition and Safety.....Frederick

a. Autocross team will be looking to replace its 11 year old timing system in 2017. Farmtek timing system. More details to come.

b. AX kickoff meeting was held on March 27th.

8. Treasurer's report.....Joy

a. February financials: All accounts reconciled and balanced. Moved. by Steve M. Seconded by Bob L, Approved.

b. 2015 Tax filings due May to be completed by Janet Conner? Janet is in the process of preparing the 2015 tax return.

c. Update on checking account signatures. Bank accounts have been updated with current Board Member signatures: Collin Fat, Steve Barker and Joy Nieslony. Joy has received her credit and has met with the banker to have the limits increased to \$4,000.00 for each card; with a total limit of \$16,000.00 between the four credit cards.

d. Approval of any event budgets.

1 Ron and Franca Lingren to chair the Castello di Amorosa Tour and Winetasting on June 10, 2016. Moved by Rich Walker, Seconded by Bill Fargo, Approved.

2. Sausalito Tour on March 26, 2016.

Matt Menning requesting reimbursement for mileage. Moved by Bob Lozito, Seconded by Rich Walker, Approved.

3. Bob Lozito to chair the SVR October 2016 Monthly Dinner.

4. Mike Dunn reported that we have a new advertiser: Elite. The budget of \$6,500.00 has been met and there will be an additional \$1,000.00 from the new advertiser.

9. Past President's Report:

a. CRAB 36 Update

b. Online registration issues: Issues resolved.

c. Insurance coverage for all moving car events? Insurance to be looked into.

d. Region subsidy request?

10. Webmaster Report: Looking for old photos and articles of past CRAB events to post on the website.

a. CRAB 36 Website link

b. Report on Webinar sponsored by PCA

11. Social Director's Report:

a. Transitioning

b. Discussion of Christmas party subsidy. Last year we subsidized \$50 per person and spent approximately \$6000.

c. Developing more specific guidelines for our dinner events relative to price point ranges that would attract the most attendees. No specific guidelines exist now so should the board propose? Price guidelines, not to exceed \$50 plus tax and gratuity, except for Christmas Party Time: most persons seem to be happy with 6-7 for social hour and 7 pm dinner Day of Week; no issues with weekday versus weekend. The board decided to not restrict the price guidelines and be flexible on the monthly dinner amount.

d. Event chair training?

12. Drifter Report:

a. New submittal date deadline for all articles is now the 15th of each month.

13. Vice President

a. Updates to calendar

14. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2016. 7PM at Fire Staton 32.



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By Richard Walker, SVR Membership

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| New Members | 11 | 6 |
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| Transfers Out | 3 | |

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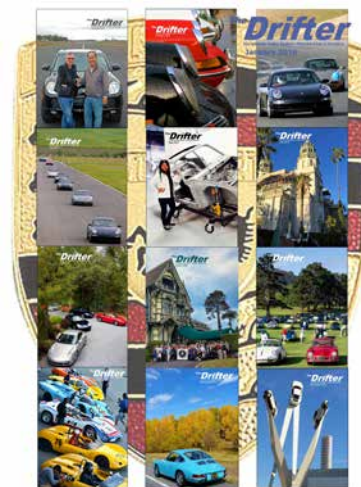
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