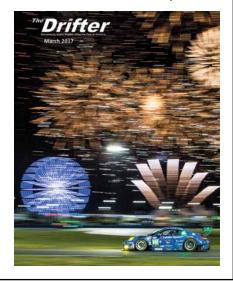




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SVR President's Column Eduardo Ortega, Jr. SVR President

Hello SVR Members. This is already my third monthly column and time is sure passing fast! I begin by reporting the outcome of the allegedly missing chairs at Fire Station 32. There were not missing at all! The firefighters had an end-of-the-year holiday celebration and borrowed some of them. Before the February board meeting I visited the place, and the complete number of chairs were available once more. But the maximum number of people allowed in that room has not changed, so I still ask you to please send me a RSVP (email/text/phone call) if you plan to attend any board meeting.

As I write this column, the last ninety-six hours have been full of Porsche excitement for me. On Saturday, February 11th I attended the 2017 Winter Board of Directors Meeting of PCA, held in Los Angeles. As Rik Larson had told me beforehand, the meeting was very professional and it had a packed agenda of three non-stop-hours of club business. I said hello to each of the members of the National Executive Council, and at the end of the meeting talked briefly with National President Caren Cooper. She has very charismatic personality, and was happy to talk with me and wish me the best of luck for our work at SVR.

Sometime after that, we all lined up to board two tours buses that took us to the brand-new Porsche Experience Center Los Angeles (PECLA). Porsche Cars North America was our very gracious host. When we arrived, they separated us into three groups. The first activity was a group test drive, driven by their professionals. I boarded a Cayenne Turbo S (the driver said it produces 570 HP). Accompanied by two other PCA members, the driver proceeded to give us a high performance ride driven with the precision of a fighter pilot. The ride was so intense, that my body trembled for a few minutes after I stepped out of the vehicle. The rest of the tour included trying the Porsche Driving Simulators (equipped with real GT3 seats!), tour of the shop facility of Porsche North America Motorsports, an opportunity to buy merchandise in the Porsche

Design Store, and the amazing evening was concluded with a dinner in the 917 Restaurant. Our Zone Representative, Sandy Provasi, her husband Tom Provasi and Diablo Region President Carlos Bocanegra were the Zone 7 people sitting in my table. We had the chance to talk and enjoy a great camaraderie. The beauty of this center is that it is there, for us in California, a mere 10 hours drive away from Sacramento (instead of having to travel to the one in Atlanta). Needless to say, the enjoyment we all had at PECLA was out-of-this world. I recommend you plan a vacation in Southern California that includes visiting PECLA. I hope to make a movie soon for our SVR Vimeo HD collection, so you can share a preview of the exciting thrills that await you at PECLA.

A short two days after I returned from L.A., my wife Margarita and I attended the Valentine's Day Din**ner** (held actually in the 14th) hosted by Gary and Alma Thompson at the Smokey Oaks Tavern in Fair Oaks. A total of 55 members attended, and during the social hour I distributed to all the attendees the National PCA seal stickers emblazoned with the celebratory addition of SVR 55th Anniversary statement. We will be distributing all the stickers to the membership at club events this year. I also brought and displayed the sophisticated self-standing 55th Anniversary Banner with its built in aluminum base that just arrived from National. Besides the seal as described above for the stickers, a gorgeous picture of the Monterey Werks Reunion is shown at the bottom. Quite a beautiful banner, I recommend you take the opportunity to take a selfie or pose for a picture with this six-and-a-half feet tall banner, it is quite striking and we will be bringing it to events. The dinner was a huge success, and George and Lisa Okamoto had a large number of door prizes for Share the Wealth. As usual, spirits are very lively when it is time to distribute them. Among the board members in attendance were Past President and AX Chair Collin Fat and wife Elaine, Social Director Mardi Quain and husband, Technical Chair Skip Quain, Tour Co-Chair Matt

Menning and wife Lisa and New Member Co-Chair Sue Sanders and husband Brian Sanders. This first club dinner of the year has started 2017 with a bang.

For upcoming club events, the deadline to RSVP for the dinner at Paul Martin's American Grill is March 18th. Please see announcement in the Drifter and Website and contact dinner host Liz Houser to double check if there is still room. The advertisement for the April 10th Club Dinner at Fat's Asian Bistro in Folsom hosted by Yvonne "Cookie" Anderson is included in this edition of the Drifter. Get your RSVPs early; this multi-course dinner has been at the top of popularity among club dinners every year that has been offered. And talking about popular events, National PCA announced officially that lodging registration for the 2017 Parade at Spokane, WA would open February 21st. If you wish to attend Parade, please register early. Due to the very long distance to Spokane from Sacramento, it is recommended that you plan to drive the first leg of the trip and sleep in a hotel along the way the first night. The day after you will then complete the second leg of the trip and arrive at the destination. I have heard interest among members that wish to drive together in groups in an unofficial manner (not an SVR driving tour). I invite any member(s) to step up and lead this effort. I plan to attend the Parade too and this will be my first one.

Finally, another big event that has a registration opend February 15th (via MotorsportReg) is the first ever Zone 7 Tri-Region Tour. This is a four-day event that will explore the territories of Redwood, Shasta and Sacramento Valley Regions. It is scheduled for June 1-4, 2017. It will cover 884 miles of different geographic profiles that include coastal, forest and canyon roads, covered in 4 tour legs. This superb driving tour is limited to 60 cars; so if you would like to get your kicks in Northern California roads, please register right away. Our Tour Chair Hector Chavez and Tour Co-Chair Matt Menning have been hard at work in the Tri-Region Tour Team since November 2016. I thank them for their efforts.

Have a great March, and safe travels!



Editor's Corner Steve McCrory, SVR Drifter Editor Photo By Collin Fat

There is a saying that time flies, and it must be true, as with this issue of the March Drifter, we are already three months into the 2017 schedule of SVR activities. That also means we are three months closer to spring driving weather. Here in the foothills something else has been flying and it's been rain, wind and snow and tree limbs just in the last few days, complete with worsening potholes and power outages.

Check out the expanded Calendar of Events; it's time to plan your year. With Tours, Autocrosses, Tech Sessions, Dinners and Concours events there is much to choose from. There is a reason the Sacramento Valley Region was selected as PCA Region Of The Year, and it's all about the variety of events and the depth of member enthusiasm for planning, organizing and attending our events. But wait, there's more. With the Parade lodging registration open, it's time to plan your journey to Spokane for a Porsche Experience that extends over 9 days of everything Porsche. If Parade 62 is your first time, you will enjoy your time and come away with a better understanding of why we are all involved with this club and this SVR Region.

The Drifter Team is looking for a few Parade participants to provide photos and short articles that can offer members a snapshot of their experience of the 62nd Porsche Parade. We are also looking for SVR members to write about their involvement in the Zone 7 Competition Series events that include Concours and Autocross. Special thanks go to Collin Fat for volunteering to share his perspective of the Autocross experience. His previous article "Look Ahead For Fast Lap Times" is a topic that also translates into enhanced safe street driving, where looking beyond the cars in front of you can save your life. I often will change lanes if my vision is blocked by a larger vehicle. Extending the range of your vision gives you the extra time needed to react to a potentially dangerous situation. The Drifter Team has expanded to eight members and the additional talent has made a positive

impact on how we bring you articles and information about our club. One of the article themes we would like to continue are "Porsche Roads" with members providing their favorite drives with a few photos thrown in for illustration. Technical article ideas are welcome as always.

Successful businesses and volunteer organizations, including car clubs, rely on planning ahead with a succession planning process. It's been a recent topic at our board meetings and it is worth noting that the transition to new board and chair positions starts early in the year. Easing the transition early prepares us to move forward with a minimum of disruption. If you have thought of volunteering for a board or chair position, you can contact Collin Fat, nominating committee chair or a board member for more information as 2018 approaches.

Bill Fargo, SVR Webmaster, sends us this news. Sacramento Valley Region continues to be one of the highest visited sites in PCA. We generally average 15 to 25 thousand hits per month. We thank our members and other enthusiasts from around the world for their visits. Next month, we are transitioning

to a new website, with all of the links to the Drifter, club news and events, as well as Zone 7 and PCA National. Our new site lends itself to higher participation from our club members to provide photos and articles of interest. Bill is working on plans for a group photo of members and their cars. Details coming soon. Bill can be contacted by email listed in our Board of Directors section.

In this issue of the Drifter, find Tim Cronin's feature article on the 24 Hours of Daytona, and Collin Fat's article on preparing for the Parade Autocross, as well as news about the clubs contribution to The California Automobile Museum and the Fisher House. Visit the CAM when you have a chance as a new roofing project will be underway in a few months. The Cover photo is provided by The Racers Group, and we will have a report next issue on the recently completed tour of their facilities in Petaluma. See the introduction article of John D'Angelo, who has stepped up to be the new Zone 7 Concours Chair. It is not too early to think about coming Concours events. Oh wait, I think I see the sun coming out from behind the clouds.





PDK (Pretty Darn Kwik)

Rik Larson, SVR Member

Yes, Mistakes

My misspelling of "Porshe" in PDK last month was pointed out by Larry Wilson. (And I did not catch it either-Mike) And we should have indicated that the cover photo was taken at the Tech Tactics West event in November. The car (restoration of the first Le Mans Porsche race car) was covered in Dan Rowland's article but we should have put it in the credits as well.

55th Anniversary for SVR

The window decals from PCA have arrived. They will be available at various events. Just ask Eduardo, Janet, Mardi, Matt, or Collin for one.

Porsche Parade

The registration and lodging phase is open. It will cost you \$200.00 to register and receive a car number. Signup for the events, tours, banquets, etc. will open on Monday, April 3rd. All the information is at the website, which is 2017parade.pca.org

2017 Membership Directory

Yes, we still print and distribute one to all primary members. Janet Conner says she will accept your updates (e-mail, car, etc.) this month and then close it off so that it can be printed. Her contact information is on page 1 of this Drifter.

New SVR Website Coming

Bill Fargo is working on a new look for our website. He expects to have it available sometime this month.

Sign up Early for Events?

If you are thinking about attending an event, I suggest you sign up as soon as you read about it. The Zone 7 Tri-Region Tour had 42 signups in the first 5 days of registration (maximum is 60 cars, Tour is sold out). The San Simeon Tour has openings for 2 more cars as the time this is being written (February 22th). The Cambria Tour in September has room for 10 more cars. Things are good.

Please Pass the Salt and Pepper

Herb and Jan Hoover are stepping down as the hosts for the Saturday Breakfast held on the first Saturday of the month. They have been doing this event since at least 2010. Jerry Alter has stepped up to take over the traditional event.

FIVE years ago in the DRIFTER

Editor Kyle Gong selected "Playing in the Snow" for the color cover. It featured a black 911 followed by 4 white ones that were part of the Porsche Camp4 Canada Experience. Collin Fat (there is that name again) was putting the word out about the Autocross School coming up in May. The decals celebrating the 50th SVR Anniversary were going fast. And the Macan was announced as a new SUV model from Porsche (it has been 5 years?). And we just started to catch some glimpses of the new roofline of the 991 Cabriolet. SVR had 584 primary members and 466 affiliate members for a total of 1,050. There was a full page flyer announcing the 3-day Eureka Tour. And registration for the Porsche Parade in Salt Lake City was to open on March 13, 2012.



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2017 SVR Events svr-pca.org

| March 4 | Breakfast, Brookfields |
|-----------|--|
| March 20 | SVR Dinner, Paul Martin's Bistro, Houser's |
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| April 1 | Breakfast, Brookfields |
| April 7-9 | San Simeon Tour, Willis & Plourde |
| April 10 | Fat's Bistro, SVR Dinner, Folsom, Yvonne |
| | Anderson |
| April 29 | Rubicon Tour and BBQ, Murphy's |
| May 7 | Rally School #1 and Rally, Niello Porsche, Richard |
| | Wetzel |
| May 13 | Car Clinic, Detail Maniac, Skip Quain |
| May 20 | New Member Tour, Sue Sanders and Tara Jones |
| June 1-4 | Zone 7 Tour, Northern California |
| June 10 | SVR Concours Dinner, Niello Porsche |
| June 11 | SVR Concours, Niello Porsche, Kent Brandon |
| June 18 | River Cats, Porsche "Parade" & Parking, Quain's |
| | |

2017 Zone 7 Competition Events www.zone77.org

| April 23 | CONCOURS Concours Prep and Judging School |
|-------------|--|
| May 21 | Yosemite Region Lodi |
| June 4 | Loma Prieta Region, PartsHeaven |
| | AUTOCROSS |
| April 8 | Golden Gate Region, Marina |
| April 9 | Loma Prieta Region, Marina |
| May 20 | Redwood Region, Santa Rosa |
| May 21 | Zone 7, Santa Rosa |
| W | EST COAST RACING SERIES |
| March 18-19 | Golden Gate Region, Thunderhill Raceway |
| April 21-23 | Zone 8, Auto Club Speedway, Fontana |
| May 27-28 | Golden Gate Region, Buttonwillow Raceway |
| | ZONE 7 OTHER EVENTS |
| June 1-4 | Zone 7 Tour, Northern California (wait list) |
| | |

2017 SVR Autocross Events Contact Collin Fat 916.955.7966 / autocross@svr-pca.org

| March 4 | AX School, Stockton - Wait List |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| April 1 | AX Stockton |
| May 6 | AX Stockton |
| June 3 | Zone 7 AX, Stockton |
| July 1 | Zone 7 AX, Stockton |
| August 12 | AX Stockton |
| Sept. 2 | AX Stockton |
| October 21 | Ax Stockton |
| | |

Upcoming PCA Events 2017

| March 10 | Werks Reunion, Amelia Island, Florida |
|------------------|--|
| March 29-April 2 | Treffen Hill Country, Austin, Texas |
| July 9-15 | Porsche Parade, Spokane, Washington |
| August 18 | Werks Reunion, Corral de Tierra, Salinas |
| September 23 | IMSA and Porscheplatz, Laguna Seca |
| September 20-24 | Treffen Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina |

Recurring SVR Monthly Events

| 1st Saturday | SVR First Saturday Breakfast 8:15 AM |
|--------------|---|
| | Brookfields 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. |
| | Jerry Alter, 530.344.0475 |
| | |

Wed. SVR Board Meeting
 7-9 PM Sacramento Metro Fire Department Station
 32, 8890 Roediger Lane (Hazel, north of Sunset Avenue), Fair Oaks.

Upcoming Events of Interest

356CAR Breakfast, Marie Callender's
2nd Saturday Citrus Heights. Jim Hardie;
jehardie@aol.com

Upcoming Events - Close Ups...



Spokane Porsche Parade Update

The first phase of the registration process is open and by most reports was a breeze to get thru. This phase provided you with a car number (after paying \$200) and gave you access to the lodging selection (4 hotels) process. The next phase opens on Monday, April 3rd and will allow entrants to select competitive events, banquets, tours, and special options. The Spokane Parade Registration Guide will be available on the Parade Website (look under the Registration tab) in late March. Tour details (21 page PDF and schedule --- 1 page) are already up on the website (look under the Other Activities & Events tab). The website is 2017parade.pca.org



Tours ---- Lots of them
The San Simeon Tour has 2 spots
remaining as this is being written. The
Zone 7 Tour Tri-Region is full (60 cars)
and has a wait list. This event filled 7
days after registration opened.

The **Cambria Tour** still has room for about 10 more cars. This 3-day event is a repeat from last year. It is being held at the end of September. The Sanders and Plourdes are hosting this event again (not to be repeated next year). Everything I heard last year about this tour was great.

Planning for the **Mendocino Tour** in November has begun. We will have Frederick Rauch coordinating the use of the MacCallum House Suites for us this year (about 10 rooms). This place has always been a great location for the Friday night social get-togethers. Stay tuned for details.



Schools --- Lots of them
Details about the Zone 7 Concours
Judging and Preparation school have
been finalized. It will be held on Sunday,
April 23rd at San Francisco Sports Cars
in San Carlos. It will start at 10 am and
they are providing everything. You can't
beat that. Zone 7 Concours Chair John
D'Angelo is the contact (dangelo.jj@
gmail.com). Seating is limited.

Details for the two **SVR rally schools** and rallies are now finalized. Both schools are free but the rallies after each will have a fee (and awards). Both are a great way to prepare for the Porsche Parade. Sunday, May 7th is the **Gimmick Rally School** at Niello Porsche in Rocklin. RSVP required...limited seating. The **TSD Rally School** will be held on Sunday, June 25th at Porsche of Livermore. RSVP needed for that one also. Contact is Richard Wetzel at rally@svr-pca.org





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SVR Donates to CAM's "Raise the Roof" By: Kim Nelson, SVR Member

The idea of our club donating to the California Automobile Museum's (CAM) "Raise the Roof" campaign was hatched at last November's Christmas Tree Decorating Party and Potluck held at the Museum. The Museum Director, **Delta Pick Mello,** made a presentation about the Museum and its need for a new roof. CAM has been housed in the same building located at 2200 Front Street in old town Sacramento since its inception in 1986 – a building they lease at a very favorable rate from the city and a building the city almost sold to the Museum about a year and a half ago. But that's a story for another time. The fact is the roof leaked in 1986 and even though the Museum has made many attempts to fix the leaks they continue. With the last extension of the Museums' lease from the city the city put in the requirement that a new roof be put on by the fall of this year or risk losing the lease. Many of you have had to put new roofs on your homes and you know it's not cheap. Well, for the Museum it's about \$750,000 and as a nonprofit organization that's just about

Charity Auction - Fisher House by Deb and Mike Dunn, SVR Members

On February 1, 2017, Alma Thompson and Deb Dunn presented the 2016 SVR Charity check to Jane Hassanieh, Assistant Director of Fisher House at Travis Air Force Base. (Photo Below)

Admiral Fisher and his wife Elizabeth established temporary housing around the country for families supporting their loved ones during the veteran's treatment at VA hospitals. The quality of the facilities and the caring staff speaks well for the organization, and the SVR should take pride in supporting their effort.

Side Note: In Fisher House II, they have a small doll house for the kids to occupy their time. I sent a Porsche model from my husband's collection so the doll house now has a remembrance of the Club's commitment to this fine organization.

a deal breaker! So the "Raise the Roof" fundraising campaign was started last summer to raise the money.

At the Christmas Tree Decorating party last year our then President elect Eduardo Ortega, Jr. and I were walking out when he looked at me and said "I think SVR should contribute to the fundraising campaign". About the only thing I could say was "My thoughts exactly!" During December, Eduardo put together an excellent presentation for the January Board Meeting and after a bit of discussion the board voted unanimously to contribute \$2000 to the Museum's fundraising campaign and to invite Delta to our February board meeting to receive the check.

SVR has supported the Museum for over twenty years by being a Car Club Member. When I joined SVR in 2000 our club's New Member Orientations were being held at the Museum. We've had dinner meetings, Christmas Parties, social gatherings and even CRAB 32 at the Museum. Additionally, we have been participating in the annual Christmas Tree Decorating Party and Potluck for 12 years and have participated in all 7 CAM Car Cruises and 5 times we have received the award for the car club with the most cars! And as we have done



Photo, Eduardo and Kim present the check to Delta. Photo Barbara McCrory

many times in the past, this December we will have a display of Porsches in the Car Club Cavalcade section of the Museum.

As of this writing the Museum is at 90% of their \$750,000 goal and construction on the new roof is scheduled to start in May. The Museum will be able to stay open to the public during construction but the car collection and exhibits will be reduced by about 25% until late summer when construction is complete. The California Automobile Museum is a treasure for Sacramento and also for any car enthusiast. You can learn more about the museum by visiting their website at www.calautomuseum.org.





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Evening Includes (all selections can be made at the restaurant):

1 drink from the Happy Hour menu (Raspberry Martini highly recommended!)

COURSE ONE:

FIELD GREENS SALAD tomatoes, red onions, sunflower seeds, house vinaigrette or SEASONAL SOUP

COURSE TWO:

"BRICK" CHICKEN free-range chicken, mashed potatoes, za'atar croutons, fresh herb ius

MESQUITE GRILLED STEELHEAD SALMON (gluten free) fresh lemon vinaigrette, chilled quinoa salad

BRAISED SHORT RIBS (gluten free) mashed potatoes, horseradish cream, beef jus WARM QUINOA BOWL (vegan, gluten free) savoy spinach, blistered tomato relish, mushrooms, seasonal vegetables

COURSE THREE:

BANANA CREAM PIE layers of vanilla bean pastry cream, chocolate, bananas, and fresh whipped cream or SEASONAL DESSERT

Includes organic coffee, organic teas and soft drinks

March Dinner

Monday, March 20, 2017

Social Hour - 6:00 pm Dinner - 7:00 pm

RSVP by March 18 to Liz Houser at 916-203-9170 (text is fine) or email: Lizhouser3103@gmail.com

Send check payable to PCA-SVR to: Liz Houser 3103 Stardust Street Rocklin, CA 95677

\$50 per person tax and tip included

(Private dining room limited to 50 guests)

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PCA, Sacramento Valley Region Gimmick Rally School and Rally

Sunday, May 7, 2017

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School starts at 10:15 am; Cost is free; limited to 30 people

Rally, first car out at 1:00 pm; Cost is \$10 per car (two people required per car)

The finish will be in Auburn for awards.

RSVP to Richard Wetzel at rally@svr-pca.org or 530.304.6555 by April 30 for one or both events. After April 30, \$15 per car. Payment in advance for the Rally should be by check made out to PCA-SVR and mailed to:

Richard Wetzel 2606 Aspen Valley Lane Sacramento, CA 95835



Drifting Back, 15 years Ago By Larry Wilson, SVR Member

March 2002

The March 2002 DRIFTER contained a list of all **Zone 7 award recipients** at the end of the 2001 competition schedule.

Those award recipients listed were: 2001 Zone 7 Concours Series awards:

Bob Murray, Kim Nelson, Ed Dugan, Kevin Molineaux, Dennis/Judy Stettner, Patrick Kennedy, Phil Lawrence, Kent Brandon, and Tom/Jude Sisson; and,

2001 Zone 7 Rally Series awards: J. Toney, Jessica Toney, Rik Larson, Al Armellini, Jim Cooper, Hubert Lee, Jenny Lee, Phillip Marks, and Richard Wetzel.

2001 Zone 7 Autocross Series awards: Rocky Taylor, Dennis Stettner, Tom Sisson, Mike Ambrozewicz, Al Lise, Doug Coon, Mark Powell, Bill Thorp, Kathy Smalley, Kevin Molineaux, Debilyn Molineaux, Tracy Morris, Ron Lewis, Denise Lewis, Tim Fleming, Susan Fleming, Ken Jones, Greg Adams, David Leong, Glen Brooksby, Bill Winkler, Jim Hayes, Sue Hayes, Dean Thomas, Laura Mead, Jerry Pretti, Mary Beth Wilson, Al Armellini, Larry Adams, Toni Smith, Tish Gleason, Pat Leavitt, Wayne Begg, Bud Behrens, Mary Ann Behrens, Edward Shih, Tom Provasi, Sandy Provasi, and Tim Howard.

On March 24, Frederick and Susan **Rauch** put on a very nice tour entitled Shenandoah Valley Wine Tour to the foothill wineries. The tour included a lunch fit for a king, good roads, and super Porsche-people. What more could you ask for? The tour day was blessed with no rain with the sun peaking out from time to time. After a brief review of the event and all attendees signing the liability waiver we were ready to hit the road. We had fourteen Porsches and one VW Jetta with thirty attendees. The Porsche's were all 911 Coupes, Targa's and Cab's ranging from the 70s to a 2002 in a rainbow beautiful of colors. The tour group included: Mike West and Catherine Straight, Roger and Bonnie Turner, Val and Deborah Dawang, Jan and Herb Hoover, Sharon Hindmarsh and Phil Lawrence, Greg Pasiuk and Ann Houston, Ron and Sally Boeck, Mike and Carrie Linville, Troy and Christine Allison and friend Cynetra, Ron and Kathy Ives, Lyle and Margrit Ives, Dee and Mark Ford, Cristina Underwood and her mom, Kelly Rauch and Gabe Sandino and yours truly, Frederick and Susan Rauch. Would Frederick and Susan do it again? They say YES! Absolutely! All the planning paid off and what a wonderful day for Porsche enthusiasts to visit with new and old friends. Special thanks goes to all the attendees and to Mike Willis, Dennis Stettner and Tom Sisson for their guidance.

You missed a fun day with the kids if you didn't bring them out to Helen Ashuckian's March 16th rally. The rally lasted about 2 hours for 11 rally teams of kids and adults that ended in Rancho Cordova. Checkpoint treats and prizes were featured. And when you think about it, we are all just kids at heart. Never-the-less, it was so nice to see the smiles on the kid's faces as we wandered through the countryside. Helen said the events turned into a "Run For The Gold." Leprechauns and Shamrocks appeared everywhere; at registration, at checkpoint "pit-stops", and at the finish! The "Wearing of the Green" started with the navigator of each car receiving a shamrock baggie containing a lucky Green coin (imprinted with a 4-leaf clover) and some early energy treats. The driver received a green boutonniere and a green clipboard to hold all the instructions. The participants traveled to places "for learning", places "for having fun", and places famous "for historical events." The kids and their drivers received additional treats at "pit-stops" as they searched for answers to the questions they had to complete in order to reach The Pot of Gold at the finish. The Luck of the Irish delivered a trophy bear wearing a shamrock to each kid. Only one car missed a checkpoint! Great job, navigators! Thanks to the Leprechauns (workers) mentioned here: Mike Willis, Sue Fleming, Shelagh Matthews, Cameron and J. Toney, Nona and George Morley with granddaughter, Brittany, and J. and Shelagh. Special thanks to all the families who brought kids and helped to make this rally a great success!

Rich and Karen McGlumphy did it again when they selected the Memphis Bar-B-Q Company as the location for the March 14th dinner meeting. What a wonderful site. I wondered how they found these places, then I read the dia-

log in their quarter-page dinner meeting ad: (Rich McGlumphy), "This is really a great BBQ place. Don't miss it." (Rich McGlumphy again), "I've eaten in a lot of BBQ restaurants. This is one of my favorites. The food here is outstanding." Then, the clincher (Karen McGlumphy), "I usually don't agree with Rich, but on this one he is absolutely correct!"





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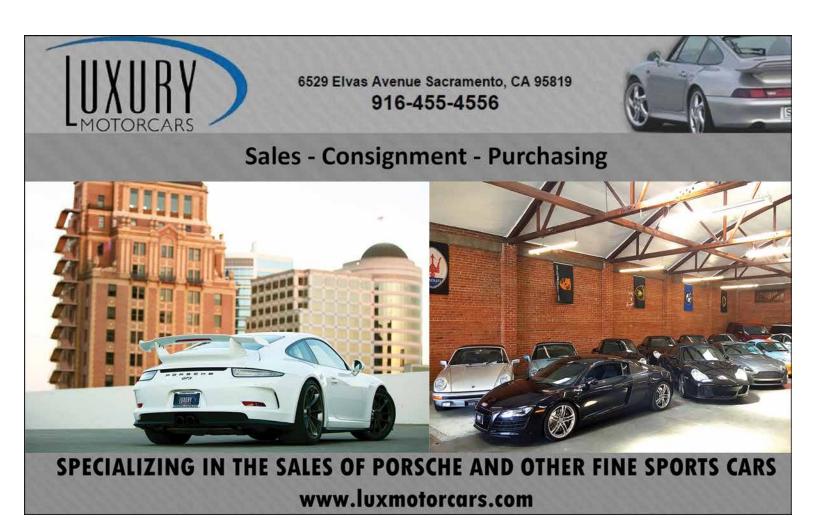
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Driver's Meeting Preparing for A Parade Autocross

By Collin Fat, SVR Autocross Chair Photos, Collin Fat

Facts to Consider:

You may already be contemplating whether you would like to attend Parade this year since it is going to be held on the west coast in Spokane Washington, a 12 hour drive northeast of the Sacramento Valley. The dates are July 9th through July 15th. With a week long list of activities not including the four day drive up to Spokane and then back, there is a lot to consider. Registration for Parade hotel accommodations at the Davenport Grand Hotel has opened with event registration following on April 3rd. There will probably be a few groups of SVR members working on caravans and multi-day tours up to the Pacific Northwest so stay tuned for your monthly e-blasts. Even if you don't think you will participate in the autocross, it is far better to register initially and then drop the event when you have made the decision. The autocross at Parade is conducted over a two day period with events on both Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday autocross usually has all the stock class cars as well as a portion of the production classes running while Thursday session will feature the remaining production classes as well as all the improved and modified class cars.



Mike Willis Hitting a Late Apex

This being said, what can you expect at a Parade autocross and do you need to be an expert driver to compete. The answer to this question is a resounding NO! All Parade competitive events are geared toward novices as well as those hoping to capture a class win or perhaps a coveted Top Time of Day. If you have never attempted an autocross, you can sign up for a 2 hour classroom seminar on what to expect or attend SVR's July 1st Zone 7 event as a tune-up. SVR's very talented team of instructors is always up to the task of

providing in car instruction at no cost other than your entrance fee.

Is there a Difference in Participating in a Parade Autocross versus a local Event?



Weyland Fat at Monterey Parade

Parade autocross is quite different from a typical regional or Zone 7 event in that you will only receive from 3-4 opportunities to achieve your best time versus 6-10 opportunities at a local event. There will be the required process of going through a tech inspection, doing a course walk, and classifying your car. No instruction is allowed at Parade not like at a local regional event.

Registration:

Registration for the Parade autocross is handled at the time of registration. To register you will first have to classify your Porsche according to the most recent PCR's (Parade Competition Rules). Car classifications range from totally stock, to production class which allows some modest modifications: to improved class where the like of Porsche GT3 and Cayman GT4's will be lurking to beat class competitors at all costs. The most competitive class and where the majority of top time of day awards comes from are in the modified or race classification. In this class, cars are so heavily modified that they are not street legal and commonly have their interiors removed, run on full race slicks, and have raced prepared engines, transmissions and suspensions. In addition, the car owners are generally very experienced and very serious competitors. Past Parades have seen more than 500 cars register for Parade autocrosses! Again, even if you are not sure if you want to participate in the autocross, sign up initially as you can always drop the activity.

Tech Inspection:

Tech inspection at a Parade is generally more diligent and perhaps thorough than at your local autocross. Liability

and safety are paramount! Things that the Parade tech volunteers will check range from checking tire tread depths, looking for fluid leaks, checking for brake pedal travel, checking throttle pedal return, inspecting your helmet to insure it complies with the most recent PCR's regarding Snell rating, and a dozen other safety checks to insure that your car is safe to compete. Tech volunteers at Parade are in no way responsible to verify your car classification as this is left to the Parade participant only. Tech inspections start as early as Sunday during registration and will done right up to Wednesday or Thursday. I highly recommend that if you want to give autocross a try that you complete your tech inspection well before the start of the autocross. Tech inspection only takes about 10 minutes and the volunteers will actually check your wheel bolt torque as a courtesy so long as you don't have center lock wheels! See exhibit A for sample tech checklist.

Classifying your Car:

If you are a novice and have a totally stock car then you will find your car class in the PCR's posted on the Parade website under the stock class by year and model of your car. Car classifications are totally the responsibility of the driver and may be subject to protest should a trophy be on the line. Information regarding a protest can be found in the PCR's and is not generally a common occurrence. Someone that might protest a driver generally would argue that the car in question was not classified correctly and usually should have been classed in a more competitive class. During tech inspection, the volunteers are not going to ask if you have had your Porsche chipped for an extra 15 horsepower or if you have stock versus a competition suspension which would push your car class up a notch or two into the production of improved classes. Generally speaking, if you are a novice you most definitely want to class your car in the stock category. If you have questions regarding to how to classify your car, please don't hesitate to send me an email or give me a call. See a copy of the most recent PCR's on the pca.org website.

Novice Autocross School:

There is generally a novice autocross ground school scheduled prior to Wednesday and Thursday's competition. I have never attended one of

these classroom sessions but know that the seminar speakers are immensely talented and experienced. They will usually tell you how to go about a tech inspection, what the schedule is depending on your car classification, on what time you need to show up for the event. In addition, I assume that the speakers will talk a little about some of the basics of driving an autocross school and some basics on how to approach the course as designed. The course map for Parade autocross courses is usually posted on the Parade website sometime in advance of Parade. This course is guite simplified and is in no way a replacement for attending a multi-day autocross school.

Course Walk:

The autocross course will generally be setup and ready for a course walk by Tuesday afternoon or morning and no later than Wednesday. It is highly recommended that you walk the course at least 4-6 times to become familiar with the site. I actually recommend walking the course on 2 separate occasions. Parade Autocross Chair, Leeds Gulick, will usually lead a driver's course walk several days in advance of the start of competition. Mark this on your calendar or give me or any of the autocross team a call to find out when we will be doing our course walks. The past Parade autocross sites have been held on an airport runway while some sites such as in Salt Lake City have been large parking lots. Airport courses tend to be long and narrow while those in a large parking lot offer more variety and turn shapes. Below are SVR members who competed at Parade in Monterey.



Matt Deter Pushing the Limit

Cone Penalty

At Parade, the penalty for knocking over a cone is a two second penalty. This is much different than the one cone penalty assessed for the same violation at an SVR event. In either case, if you are running for class points or top time of day, hitting a cone will almost always knock that run out of competition. The strategy I always recommend is to get a clean time on your first run and then push harder to improve that time once you have one clean run on the books. Pushing too hard on your first run and

possibly hitting a cone or getting a DNF (did not finish) puts a tremendous amount of stress on a driver looking to have fun and also be competitive. It is far better to get that one clean run on the books and avoid the stress of a possible second run hitting another cone or getting another DNF. I always recommend reaching out to fellow competitors or SVR members for advice on how to analyze your performance and perhaps give you a tip or two that will help you better your time cone free. It is important to also remember that in the strictly stock classes there will be many competitors who don't autocross on a regular basis in their home regions or may be autocrossing for the first time so the odds of getting a trophy are actually fairly good for novice and beginner autocrossers competing in the first autocross at Parade. Be smart and drive smart.



Collin Fat Entering the Last Sweeper

Day of the Event:

Depending on your car classification, you will either race on Wednesday or Thursday. I recommend that you do not sign up for any other events that would preclude you from showing up at your assigned time for your run group. You should be ok in signing up for a dinner banquet or making a reservation for dinner following the event. However, if you are thinking you could possibly do a tour and be back in time for your autocross, don't. You will usually be required to complete another tech inspection as well as attend a mandatory driver's meeting for your run group. Parade autocrosses generally have between 200-300 drivers participating in autocross over the two days of competition. Plan on arriving several hours prior to your estimated run time. You will be notified at the time of registration, Keep in mind this is an estimate. Don't be late! I highly recommend you arrive a few hours early so that you can watch other driver's run the course.

You will likely only receive 3 runs for the day, and unlike an SVR event where you receive 6-8 runs you need to get a clean time on your first run. I suggest as a strategy that you do your first run about 75% to make sure you don't DNF or hit a cone. With this strategy you get a clean run and a clean time to improve upon for your next two runs. Speaking of penalties, a DNF is defined as in "did not finish" and your time does not count. If you hit a cone the penalty at Parade is 2 seconds versus 1 second at a regional event. This being said, doing the course walk is ever more critical to your time. After you walk the course, try to visualize each and every turn on the course. This will definitely give you that little bit of competitive advantage that most novices will not have. It could make the difference in qualifying for a trophy or not. Study the course map and process it to your memory. You won't know the benefit of knowing where you are going until you see the time of your next run.

Once you have recorded your first clean run, no cones or a DNF, you final 2 runs can be taken with far more aggression. How much more aggression is of course dependent on your experience and skill level. Reminds me of my last run at Parade in Monterey. I ran a top time of day in class for my first run and was able to put one in the books, so to speak. I improved my time on my second run but was beaten by one other competitor. For my third and final run, I rationalized that I could make up some time at the tight left and right hand turn entering the final stretch and catch a class win. Unfortunately, I hit the turn too hot and went off course only to finish fourth in class and outside a win for a trophy.



Steve Nieslony Crossing the Finish Line

Final Thoughts:

Whether you think you have a chance for a class win or more importantly are just hoping to have some fun, autocross at a Parade is something to be experienced and I highly suggest you give it a try. Plan to attend the autocross ground school if you are a novice and make sure you walk the course as many times as possible. The event is one of the highlights of Parade and an opportunity to see some of the best autocrossers in PCA duking it out or just plain having fun, Get the most fun out of your Parade experience and sign-up.

SVR Members Celebrated Valentine's Day

By Collin Fat, SVR Past President Photos, Collin Fat

SVR members celebrated Valentine's Day at the Smokey Oaks Tavern in Fair Oaks and enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner and the comradery of a nice gathering of Porsche enthusiasts. Chaired by Alma and Gary Thompson, the event sold out with some 55 members attending. Six past presidents were in attendance including: Kirk Bradford (86), Mike Willis (91,92,07,08), Greg Peart (94,95), Rik Larson (80,96,97), Steve Barker (13,14), and Collin Fat (15,16). During the cocktail hour members had the opportunity to catch up with old and new friends alike. The Tavern's famous Smokey Tater Tots were a hit during the cocktail hour and were topped with the restaurant's pulled pork and melted cheese. Delicious!

The buffet featured a nice variety with fresh seasonal vegetables, a pasta dish, seasoned mashed potatoes, salmon and braised short ribs. Chocolate mousse and a delicious cheese cake were served for dessert. All said, a great deal for \$20 including tax and gratuity.

Club president, Eduardo Ortega made some brief comments on the event calendar and reported on his recent attendance at the PCA National board meeting in Long Beach.

Share the Wealth chairs, **Lisa and George Okamoto**, held a raffle after

nizes at social events to help raise funds to help offset the cost of printing our award winning newsletter, The Drifter. Dinner and tours are the most



dinner and gave out some nice prizes including several bottles of wine with almost all attendees walking away with a prize of some sort. Share the Wealth is one of the programs the club orga-

popular events attended by our members and it seems lately all of them sell out quickly. So if you think you might have an interest in attending it is often better to make a reservation so that you

can reserve a space. Upcoming events such as the Niello Autocross School on February 25th and March 4th has been sold out for some time as well as the February 18th Racer's Group tour in Petaluma. For a complete list of upcoming events, check-out our club calendar at www. svr-pca.org.





Zone 7 Concours SeriesBy John D' Angelo, Zone 7 Concours Chair

Participating in the Zone 7 Concours Series has been, for me and my wife, a fun and rewarding experience that I hope you'll consider if you've not previously participated. If you're a novice, participating in a PCA Concours event might seem daunting, but I think you'll find that it provides a great reason to improve the cleanliness and condition of your Porsche. It's also a fun way to interact with fellow Porsche enthusiasts while engaging in friendly competition.

A good way to get started is to attend your Region's Concours event this season and, if you you've enjoyed that experience, you'll find yourself welcomed at the other regions' events in the Zone. For those who participate in the majority (defined as one more than half) of the Concours events in the Zone, you'll be eligible for Zone Concours Series awards at the end of the season.

If you have not attended or participated in a PCA Concours, it's essentially a gathering of very (very!) clean Porsches that typically span a full spectrum of models and years. It's not un-

usual to see 30 or more cars that range from mid-50's 356s to late model 991s. There are three levels of competition (to keep it simple) and multiple classes (basically by model and year). The entry level is called "Wash and Shine" and it's meant to provide a competition level for beginners and one in which daily drivers can participate. In this level the exterior, interior and storage compartment(s) are judged. Participants looking for the next level of competition step up to "Street," which adds judging of the engine. The final level is known as "Full" and adds judging of chassis and underbody (basically, if it's part of your car, it's judged).

The goal of judging is to compare each area of your car to how it would have left the factory, with points deducted for flaws found by the judging



team, who have five minutes to check out your car. Flaws come in the form of dirt, scratches, rock chips, curb rash and the like. If you're interested in more information, you'll find it on the Zone 7 website under "Concours Stuff", which includes information about how to prepare your car, event dates and scoring sheets. Another good way to find out more is to come to the Zone Concours School, which will likely be held in late April and will give you a more in-depth understanding of how to prepare your car, what to expect from judging, and provide an opportunity to meet both Concours Series veterans and beginners from across the Zone. And if you're thinking, "I drive or autocross my car, so there's no way I can be competitive," know that last year's Zone Series overall winner also autocrossed his car!

Finally, if you're not sure you'd like to compete but are interested in checking out a concours event, you're always welcome to attend without participating in the judged categories.

My wife, **Honore**, and I are looking forward to seeing several friends in this year's series, and hoping to see many new faces. Hopefully we'll see you. Through PCA Concours, we've made fun memories, met great friends, experienced exhilaration and camaraderie, and have a very, very clean car.



Podium Finish For New Porsche 911 RSR at Daytona Debut

By Tim Cronin, SVR Member Photos Courtesy of The Racer's Group

The January 27-28 Daytona debut of Porsche's latest iteration of the 911 RSR resulted in a podium-worthy second place finish, just 2.988 seconds shy of first place, after 24 hours and 634 laps, for factory drivers Patrick Pilet, Dirk Werner and Frédéric Makowiecki in the manufacturer-oriented professional GT Le Mans (GTLM) class. In the pro-am GT Daytona (GTD) class, the customer team Alegra Motorsports' 911 GT3 R, co-driven by factory driver Michael Christensen, won the GTD class. This GTD victory at the 55th running of the 24-hours of Daytona marked Weissach's 77th class victory at the season opener of the IMSA SportsCar Championship.

Perhaps most importantly, Daytona validated Porsche's somewhat unheralded, yet remarkable, success in developing the latest variant of the 911 RSR, and has proven that Weissach is more than capable of delivering a vehicle that can best the strong competition in the GTLM class from BMW, Chevrolet, Ferrari, and Ford.

Make no mistake about it: Notwithstanding the carefully preserved iconic 911 styling cues dating back to 1963, 2017's RSR is a 100% newly developed car that marks a sea change in the evolution of the 911 nameplate. The suspension, body structure, aerodynamic concept, engine and transmission all have been designed from scratch. The engine is transversely mounted *forward* of the rear axle, i.e., a truly "mid-engined" car, permitting Weissach's engineers to install a significantly larger rear diffuser. These developments, coupled with a top-mounted rear wing adapted from the Le Mans-winning LMP1 class 919 hybrid race car, have appreciably improved the level of downforce and the aerodynamic efficiency of the 2017 911 RSR. The car's track adhesion equates to the manner in which peanut butter sticks to the roof of your dog's mouth!

A significantly lightened, newly developed normally-aspirated engine

provided Porsche's engineers immense latitude in developing the 2,740-pound vehicle. This 4.0-liter "flat six" liquid cooled boxer engine with direct fuel injection is claimed to be able to develop approximately 510 hp, depending on the size of the restrictor plate dictated by IMSA's "balance of performance" mandates, that is delivered to the wheels through a sequential six-speed gearbox with an ultra light weight magnesium housing. The new RSR's serviceability has also been significantly improved: Entire elements of the carbon-fiber body can be exchanged completely in a very short time thanks to aircraft style quick-release fasteners. Moreover, changes to the suspension setup can be performed much more quickly and easily than was possible in earlier 911 RSR variants.

Daytona shares the distinction with the 24-Hours of Le Mans of being the second of the two longest distance endurance races in international motorsport. The race is contested



on the 3.6-mile (5.729-km) Daytona International Speedway. One of the most famous racetracks in the world, Daytona is unique in that it incorporates a tight, circuitous infield course, that includes a pair of 180º hairpin corners, into its steeply banked tri-oval "super speedway" track that includes three high speed corners in a manner that is highly reminiscent of the pre-1969 Monza circuit's notorious quarter-pipe sopraelevata curves. The prestige of the race is enhanced by the presence of the highest caliber drivers from many different motor sport series from around the world who vie for the coveted gold Rolex Daytona chronograph that is awarded to each driver of the winning team.

As Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser, Head of Porsche Motorsport, noted prior to this year's event, "The 24 Hours of Daytona is the perfect race to debut our new 911 RSR. Porsche celebrated some of its greatest victories at this fascinating long distance classic Facing the first factory entry of the year against very strong opposition, the Porsche GT Team is hoping that the 911 RSR performs well and has a race without any major problems."

The first of 22 overall Porsche victories at Daytona went to "Quick Vic" Elford, Jochen Neerpasch, Rolf Stommelen, Jo Siffert and Hans Herrmann in 1968 in a Porsche 907 Lang Heck (long tail). Prior to January 28th, Porsche had notched up a record 76 wins in the traditionally very competitive GT classes. The most recent win in the GTLM class was in 2014 with Richard Lietz, Nick Tandy and Patrick Pilet at the wheel of a 911 RSR. Five overall victories in the years 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979 and 1991, as well as a class win in 1972 at the race in Florida, makes the American Hurley Haywood of Brumos Porsche the most successful Porsche driver at Daytona.

This year the running of the Daytona 24-hour race was extremely challenging for the drivers of Porsche's two 911 RSRs and their support team.

Weissach's RSR with the starting number 911 shared by Pilet, Werner and Makowiecki started the race on Saturday afternoon from the third grid row; the second 911 RSR of Kévin Estre, Laurens Vanthoor and Richard Lietz with the number 912 took up the race from the fourth grid row. In the first race hour, the two 911 RSRs lost time and positions due to six unscheduled tire changes. After the problem with the right front tires was solved by further optimizing the setup, both RSRs began to re-establish their rhythm.

However, Saturday night was plagued with steady rain and unusually



cool temperatures in the mid-forties, causing the race to be repeatedly interrupted by safety car phases after many drivers lost control of their vehicles on the rain-soaked Daytona International Speedway and ended up trackside. In the early hours of Sunday morning, IMSA's Race Director made the decision for safety reasons to initiate the longest of the 21 safety car phases behind the pace car that lasted over two hours due to the flooding on the racetrack. The severity of the foul weather situation was underscored when even the safety car ran out of fuel. When heavier rain made conditions even more difficult, both RSRs fought their way to the top of the GTLM class and led the field over many laps. Notwithstanding the cold rain, the fans witnessed breathtaking fights for positions over the entire race distance, with continuous changing of the cars in the lead.

The race showed that the level of competition in the GTLM class is enormous. None of the vehicles of the five automobile manufacturers contesting the GTLM category could build a convincing lead over the course of the race. When the sun came up on Sunday, the field was as close as it had been the night before. However, both 911 RSRs had turned consistently fast laps to secure a good starting position, only to have an unscheduled pit stop for repairs on the right front suspension throw the number 912 vehicle out of contention for a podium spot, ultimately finishing in sixth place.

Undaunted by the adversity of Saturday night, an aggressive charge through the field in the last hours of the race by Pilet, Werner and Makowiecki that bordered on reckless secured a place on the podium in the GTLM class for their Porsche 911 RSR factory team. Patrick Pilet crowned his amazing final

stint, a continuous four-way dogfight with Ford, Ferrari and Corvette, with a well-deserved second place finish. During the final 37 minutes of the race, Pilet's RSR demonstrated truly amazing track adhesion as it consistently outmaneuvered the Ford GT, Ferrari 488, and 'Vette. In an argey-bargey encounter with the Ferrari, Pilet's RSR maintained the racing line through an infield hairpin when the Ferrari unsuccessfully attempted to force the issue by passing on the outside of the corner and literally bounced off the super stable Porsche 911 RSR that apparently did not budge in the slightest. Thanks to this result, Pilet secured an excellent position for Porsche in the North American Endurance Cup points chase, for which, in addition to Daytona, the long distance races at Sebring, Watkins Glen and Petit Le Mans count.

Post-race, Pilet concisely described his strategy: "I knew that not a lot would happen in the first 20 hours and [T]hat's why I didn't take too many risks, and didn't fight for every position come what may. I possibly made some team member nervous by taking this approach, but I knew exactly how things work here. Then during the last two hours I pulled out all stops and squeezed every last ounce out of the 911 RSR. Now I'm pleased. Now I'm looking forward to Sebring.

Moreover, the Porsche customer team of Alegra Motorsports, competing in a Porsche 911 GT3 R and supported by Porsche factory driver Michael Christensen, took the top step of the GTD class podium with a win that was Porsche's 77th class victory at Daytona.

The GTD class race started well for Porsche with CORE Autosports' number 54 GT3 R, driven by works driver Patrick Long, starting in second position. Unfortunately, by the mid-point of the

race the number 54 GT3 R, as well as the number 59 car of Manthey Racing, had retired with technical problems, as did Park Place Motorsports' number 73 GT3 R, which had at times held the lead and looked good for a podium result, only to be shunted out of contention by a prototype. Despite these setbacks and 21 weather-related safety car phases Porsche was not to be denied. Porsche works driver Michael Christensen swept into the lead, directing a spectacular charge by Alegra Motorsports' number 28 GT3 R through the field in the last hour of racing, and held onto that lead until the checkered flag dropped.

A very pleased Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser, Head of Porsche Motorsport noted, "Alegra Motorsports' victory with the 911 GT3 R in the GTD class was the icing on the cake. We're particularly thrilled by the fact that the youngest and most inexperienced crew has won, with excellent support from our factory driver Michael Christensen. This Daytona result is a fine achievement.

The GT3 R is based on the current 911 GT3 RS - the highest performance street-legal 911 variant available to the general public - that emanates from Porsche's production facility in Zuffenhausen. The GT3 R's "tub" is a stock 911 GT3 RS body shell that is appropriated from the Zuffenhausen assembly line by

Porsche's Weissach Development Center, where a roll cage is mounted and comprehensive finishing work, including a new powertrain, is completed.

Unlike the new 911 RSR, the GT3 R's 500 hp, four-liter boxer engine, in orthodox Porsche 911 fashion, remains mounted astern of the rear axle. At Weissach the hand-built and "blueprinted" flat six 9A1 boxer engine is constructed with beefed-up bearings for a specially forged crankshaft, as well as an intake camshaft with a new, aggressive grind and an engine control unit designed specifically for racing to increase torque and permit engine speed that does not "red line" until 9500 rpm. The sequential six-speed gearbox, developed by Porsche and made by Ricardo, the English specialist in racing transmissions, is operated by paddle switches mounted behind the steering wheel. To negate any loss of time while engaging and disengaging the clutch during gear changes, the clutch also differs significantly from that in the street-legal RS: it is made of carbon fiber and is only used at the starting line or after a pit stop. Shifting of gears is accomplished faster and more efficiently electrically - in microseconds - with the hefty advantage of literally lightning quick electronic double-clutching when down-shifting.

The 911 GT3 R debuted a year ago

at the 2016 24-Hours of Daytona, and was again utilized in the GTD class at Daytona this year by five legendary customer teams that include Park Place Motorsports, Alegra Motorsports, TRG, and CORE Autosport, as well as Weissach-based Manthey Racing. Priced at \$462,483.83 FOB Weissach, in comparison to the Porsche 918 and recent offerings by McLaren and Ferrari, one might say that it is merely a matter of perspective as to whether the 911 GT3 R is an extremely expensive sports car or a bargain priced super car.

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THE AUTOCROSS NEWS



The Autocross Team is looking for someone to help transport the autocross trailer to 6 events during the 2017 autocross season from the storage location near Folsom Lake to the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton. The club has a budget of \$200 per event to compensate for the gas and wear and tear on the vehicle. The trailer weighs 6,000 lbs. so your vehicle must have a towing capacity of at least 6500 lbs. or more. A pickup truck is preferred but not required. In addition, the person will also be responsible for helping distribute cones on course in the morning as well as assist with reloading the cones into the trailer at the end of each event. The trailer needs to be at the fairgrounds by 6:50 AM and be picked up by 3:30 PM at the end of the event. For more information please contact Collin Fat at 916-955-7966 or email him at autocross@svr-pca.org.

The dates we are looking for are the following:

| May 6th | July 1st | September 2nd |
|----------|-------------|---------------|
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Questions? Contact
Mardi at plumrunr@aol.com or
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The seats face North, however, the sun will swing around from South to West during the afternoon. There is standing area behind seats that is covered and shaded and some additional seats. We are sitting in the Tito Solon Club section that is exclusive. Brings hats and sunscreen.

You will pay for and order individually from available on site food trucks and vendors or bring your own food. Parking is \$10 per car unless there are four or more people per car (see RiverCats website for car pool instructions)



In the Zone By Sandy Provasi, Zone 7 Representative

Mark your calendar for the Zone 7 Tour-Tri Region. Registration is open and there are just a few spots left. **The Zone 7 Tour** will start in Redwood Region, travel up north to Shasta Region, then over and down towards Sacramento Region over 4 days. We are hoping to expand the tour in the future to visit all the regions in Zone 7.

March is here along with the **Spokane Parade Registration**. If you have thought about attending a Porsche Parade, here is your chance. There will be something for everyone, young and not so young. There will be plenty of caravans heading up to Washington from all over California. I will keep you informed. Some of the things to sign up for at Parade will be driving tours, bike tours, walking tours, cooking classes along with the regular items: Concours, Rally, Autocross and Tech Quiz.

There are still openings for **Treffen Hill Country** at the Hyatt Regency Lost

Pines Resort outside of Austin, Texas on March 29-April 2, 2017. Ready to get the Porsche out and go for an adventure? This would be the place to go.

April will be the start of the **Zone 7 Autocross Series**. Please join Golden
Gate Region and Loma Prieta Region
at Marina Airport in Marina on April
8th and 9th for #1 and #2 of the 2017
series. Also in April there will be a **Concours Judges Training** session on
Sunday, April 23rd, location TBA.

SVR is going to do a couple of **rally schools** (prep for the Parade). The first is on May 7th and will be oriented toward Gimmick Rallies. It will be taught by **Keith McMahan and Rik Larson**. Location is Niello Porsche in Rocklin and will require a RSVP for the school (limited seating).

The second will be a repeat of the TSD Rally School that was done for the 2012 and 2014 Parades. It will be held at Porsche of Livermore on June 25th. Instructors are **Richard Wetzel and Rik Larson.**

Are you receiving emails from the Zone? If not, please check your email setting at the pca.org. It is easy to do. First log on to the pca.org site with you name and password. Then click "Edit" tab, 2nd in from the left in the row of tabs on your page. Scroll to "Email Settings" way, way down, and make sure none of the opt-out options are checked.

Looking Forward:

SVR Rally School (prep for the Parade), at Niello Porsche, May 7th

Zone Autocross #3 and #4 Redwood Region May 20-21st

Zone Concours #1 Yosemite Region May 21st

Zone 7 Tour-Tri Region June 1st-4th Zone Autocross #5 Sacramento Valley Region, Stockton, June 3rd

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Zone Concours #3 Sacramento Valley Region at Niello Porsche, June 11th

TSD Rally School at Porsche of Livermore, June 25th

> Safe Driving Sandy Provasi Zone 7 Representative









SVR Board MinutesBy Rebecca Plourde, SVR Secretary

Board Members and Event Chairs Attendees:

President, Eduardo Ortega Jr Gregg Plourde, Vice President Rebecca Plourde, Secretary Collin Fat, Past President, Autocross Chair

Steve McCrory, The Drifter Editor
Joy Nieslony, Treasurer
Mardi Quain Social Director
Matt Deter Competition and Safety
Bill Fargo Webmaster
Hector Chavez Tour Co Chair
Richard Wetzel Rally Chair
Mike Dunn Advertising Manager
Janet Conner Membership Director
Linda Bradford Goodie Store
Noah Bentley Historian
Kim Nelson Liaison to Niello
Also in attendance: Rik Larson, Barbara
McCrory, Kirk Bradford, Dick Murphy

ELECTRONIC BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the January meeting approved electronically.
2. Bill Fargo made the motion to approve the deposit to Thunder Valley Casino for the Zone 7 tour in the amount of \$1,340.00 with the noted changes in the contract. Collin Fat seconded. All board members voted via email, motion passed 10-0. Approved.

Call To Order

President Eduardo Ortega, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM on February 8th 2017.

New Business

- 1. **Delta Pick Mello** was in attendance from CAM to give some highlights about the organization. They have raised \$644,000.00 so far to fix the roof on the building. They are adding new things to the museum such as having a children area for education. A new event with the River Cats is happening called "Classic Cats Car Show". She mentioned an opportunity to take your car around the field. Kim Nelson presented the check donated from SVR for \$2,000.00 for "Raise the Roof" to Delta.
- a. Mike Dunn stated he took the \$9,000.00 check raised from the Charity auction to Fisher House.
- b. Mike Dunn said the TRG tour is sold out & there is now a waiting list.
- c. Linda Bradford gave out copies of the order form & pictures of the products for the Goodie Store. The goal is to get as many products in the store as possible, so she asked each in attendance to fill out the order forms with different choices.
 - 2. President's Report: Eduardo Ortega Jr.
- a. Eduardo Mentioned Herbert Hoover the Host for the monthly breakfasts had stepped down. Jerry Alter has stepped up to be the new Host. It was suggested we should do something special for Mr. Hoover as a parting gift to recognize his service to

the Club.

- b. Eduardo mentioned the Board Orientation meeting went well. There were 9 in attendance. Eduardo gave a reminder of the Chair orientation meeting on March 11th at Kim Nelson's garage from 9:00am to 12:00pm.
- c. Eduardo reminded us he will be attending the Winter Board meeting & dinner February 11th, 2017.
- d. Hector Chavez was to give the preliminary budget for a deposit for the Thunder Valley Zone 7 Tour, however the Board had more questions, so final approval will be at a later date. Addition: see approval under Electronic Business.
- e. Eduardo stated Crab 37 will become a standing item in the agenda, Chair Bob Lozito will be updating the Board on the progress of this very important event. Gregg Plourde stated due to his workload at work & his duties as Vice President, he will be stepping down as Co-Chair of Crab 2018.
 - 3. Vice President's Report: Gregg Plourde
- a. Gregg Plourde stated that the Event calendar has been submitted for February.
- b. PCA insurance was requested for Autocross. Insurance for the TRG tour should be sent to Mike Dunn by Friday.

4. Treasurer's Report: Joy Nieslony

- a. Changes were made to show the subsidy amount for the Christmas Party. See attached report. Collin Fat made the motion to approve the financials for 2016. Bill Fargo seconded. Approved.
- b. Joy mentioned the new Credit Cards will be issued in March.

5. Social Director report: Mardi Quain

- a. Mardi Quain submitted a budget request for the April 10th dinner, hosted by Cookie Anderson @ Fat's Restaurant. It will be \$53.00 per person. The estimated event amount will be \$4,588.50. Gregg Plourde made the motion to approve, Steve McCrory seconded. Motion approved.
- b. Mardi Quain submitted a budget for the Rubicon Brewery Tour on April 29th, hosted by Dick & Kelley Murphy. It will be \$20.00 per person. If more than 25 people sign up, a \$800.00 deposit is requested. Steve McCrory made a motion to approve, Gregg Plourde seconded. Motion approved.
- c. Mardi Quain mentioned she and the Drifter editor will be developing an occasional short piece for the Drifter, informing the membership of basic steps in setting up a dinner or event. Also how the Social Director may assist them. The goal is to involve more members and give them the tools to start.

6. Autocross and Past President report: Collin Fat

- a. Collin Fat mentioned they purchased the new line chalker & springs for the trailer.
- b. It was mentioned autocross school is full & there is a waiting list.
- c. Collin Fat told us he volunteered our region to host the Zone 7 instructor school

- at Niello Porsche following the SVR AX School on February 25th.
- d. It was mentioned Policy & Procedures updating is almost finished.
- e. It was mentioned the importance of looking early for potential appointees to fill the Board positions.

7. Secretary's Report: Rebecca Plourde

a. Rebecca Plourde mentioned the company Vistaprint charges \$9.99 for 500 cards. She is working on the list for 2017 to order for. More will be settled at the March Board meeting.

8. Competition & Safety: Matt Deter

a. Matt Deter said June 17 & 18 will be at Laguna for Track Master's and for FDR Motorsports. It is a lottery system for those wanting to sponsor an event at the track.

9. Web Master: Bill Fargo

- a. The 2017 PCA website contest officially began on 1/13/2017. The entry process is now open.
- b. Bill Fargo showed us the new redesigned Web page. Bill Fargo mentioned he would like to do a drone photo shoot at the Sander's air field of Members cars.

10. Drifter Report: Steve McCrory

- a. Steve McCrory mentioned he was looking for writers who will be attending Parade.
- b. Steve McCrory said he will be calling on Board members and Chairs to have them write a brief article about their duties for Members to get an idea of what the job entails, and a little bit about themselves.

11. Membership report: Janet Conner

a. Highlights of the report, Primary Members 820, Affiliate Members 486. With a total of 1,306 members. New members six. Two are from Niello.

12. Technical Chair Skip Quain

- a. Skip Quain is working with Mike Dunn to have Frank's Automotive in downtown Sacramento put on a tech seminar in June.
 The date has not yet been confirmed.
- b. Skip Quain's goal is to have 2-3 tech seminars a year at different Drifter advertiser's shops. This year Detail Maniac will have their second annual detailing seminar May 13th at their shop.
- c. Members are always invited to suggest article topics or questions for the Tech Chair column
- d. Rik Larson mentioned they now have a site for autocross at Parade.

Meeting adjourned: 9:08 PM Next meeting: 7:00 PM, March 8th 2017

Respectfully Submitted, Rebecca Plourde 2017 Secretary

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February Membership Janet Conner, Membership

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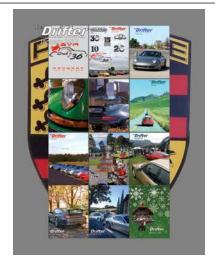
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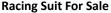
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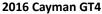
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SVR Goodie Store Update Linda Bradford, SVR Goodie Store Manager

We are almost ready to choose our initial group of clothing products for the new on-line Goodie Store, and products should be available late March. Here's how you will get there: Once you are on the SVR-PCA.org website, click on the "Goodies & Stuff" tab. There are now two options, the first being the "PCA Webstore" and the 2nd being the "SVR Goodie Store" (which will disappear at some point.) To navigate to the new SVR Goodie store, you will click on the "PCA Webstore" tab, and when that screen comes up, you will click on the "Regional Stores" tab and scroll down until you see "Sacramento Valley Region."

An e-mail blast will be sent out when the store is available. A limited amount of product selections will be available at the start with more to be added later.

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