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

As I write this column, I have just attended three SVR events over the weekend, and the excitement of taking part in them was phenomenal. The first event was the Tour to the Wooden Boat Show in Lake Tahoe, on Friday August 11th. The small group met at the Starbucks parking lot on Latrobe Road, in El Dorado Hills. After the driver's meeting, the seven cars began the driving tour. The small number of cars allowed for very clear radio communication and ease of keeping the group together. The drive was very nice, and the majestic alpine vistas of the Sierra Nevada Mountains made this drive gorgeous.

When we reached our destination in the marina at Homewood, CA, on the shores of Lake Tahoe, we found the staff from **Niello Porsche** (sponsors of the event) hard at work providing a shuttle from the main parking lot to the marina's entrance. The open trailer with seats was being towed by a Cayenne. After crossing the highway with the help of Highway Patrol officers, we entered the event. There were Porsches from Niello positioned all over the marina. They must have been at least 8 Porsches from the entire model range, such as 911, Panamera, Macan, etc. I stopped by the Niello booth to say hello to General Manager **Todd English**, Service Manager Rob Pane and Parts Manager **Gui Sabate**. It was nice to spend some time with them before my wife and I proceeded to see the wooden boats. Officially, this event is named "Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance" organized by the Tahoe Yatch Club Foundation. The event is held annually, and my experience last week was very enjoyable. They had a live band playing jazz, Sinatra songs and similar era music. There was a food and wine booth inside. The weather was slightly warm, in the mid-80s.

When it comes to the boats, most were made in the 1950s and 1960s. I have not researched the topic, but I imagine these beautifully crafted boats made out of wood represented the technology of those times, and eventually they were replaced by the introduction of fiberglass and other synthetic materials. But let me say, the stunning beauty of these wooden boats, with their wood varnish gleaming and the colors of the wood grains cannot be understated. The boats are gorgeous.

The tour was organized by SVR member **Dan Rowland**. Thank you Dan for such an enjoyable experience.

The day after, Saturday August 12th, I participated in **SVR AX #5.** The weather forecast for the afternoon called for temperatures in the 90s, so the AX team decided to skip lunch and run the event continuously to avoid the heat, which was accomplished. From the driver's meeting, Tour Co-Chair Hector Chavez was named "cone king" for hitting 7 cones in a single lap of an earlier event. The prize came with a nice "cone king" magnetic decal, which he promptly placed in the hood of his car. The AX course for this event was slightly fast, and participants enjoyed hitting the asphalt one more time. There are only two AX events left in the season if you want to join in the fun.

The third event I attended was on Monday, **August 14**th. It was the club dinner at Mint's, organized by SVR members **Mike and Emily Willis**. Due to car week in Monterey, the attendance was smaller than in other times, with 18 attendees. The food

arrived in many courses that provided a nice palette of flavors. The tofu in the green beans dish is the tastiest tofu I ever had. A dish that had diced mangoes in it had a very tropical flavor. Share the Wealth **Chairs George and** Lisa Okamoto were in attendance and gave the door prizes away after the dinner. Thanks to Mike and Emily for another lovely dinner at this restaurant.

Please take time to visit our website and click the new SVR Procedures menu. The Policy and Procedures Committee has completed their two-year-effort to make widely available to the membership these

guides in an easy, written form. As we become more familiar studying these materials, please read the guidelines for **Tours** and also **Dinner Events**, the most popular events in the club by their numbers. For **upcoming events**, we have the club dinner and election nominations at Casa Ramos on Thursday, October 5th, hosted by Tour Co-Chair Matt Menning and wife Lisa. Back-to-back in October 14th we have the XXXV Carrera de Sierra TSD Rally, followed by the Golden West Rally in October 15th. Both events are by SVR Rally Chair Richard Wetzel. Finally, the **Charity Auction** is on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by **Alma Thompson**. She is in need of donations for the auction. She also has indicated to please start sending your RSVP payments for the event, there is no need to wait.

Have a great September, and safe travels!

## SAVE THE DATE CRAB 37 May 18 - 20, 2018





### Editor's Corner Steve McCrory, SVR Drifter Editor Photo Joy Nieslony

#### **Diversity**

It's a wonderful thing, especially when it concerns our cars. I've had a lifelong love affair with almost everything that sported wheels and moved faster than a walking pace. Growing up it was skates, bicycles, skateboards, homemade scooters and go karts with questionable design features and obvious safety issues. Unsafe at any speed comes to mind. I will omit the story about the shopping cart. Then it was on to motorcycles, muscle cars, and sports cars, both British and German. And the great thing about our Porsches is diversity means we have many choices. For example, we can choose from rear engine, mid engine and front engine configurations with 4, 6, and 8 cylinders, naturally aspirated or turbocharged. Then there is air cooled, water cooled, gas and diesel powered, and even hybrid diversity. And then there is 2 wheel drive and 4 wheel drive. We won't get into paint color choices, but it ranges from the silver, grey, blue and reds popular today back to the traditional colors of the 356 era and the bright colors of the early 911 years. Whatever choice you make, it reflects on your personal enjoyment of driving, and pride of ownership. The choices continue today, and if you order a new Porsche, the option list stretches out before you. If you are buying a slightly used car, it makes sense to research the option codes before you are smitten by the look of a potential purchase.

#### The Millionth Porsche

This 911 was built this year, a special example to mark the historic occasion that will be placed in the Porsche Museum. There was a time Porsche considered ending production of the 911 when facing the challenges of tightening federal and worldwide emissions and safety standards. The count of 911 cars includes 912 variants as well as factory race cars and specials based on the 911 chassis. The largest number of 911s produced was in 2007 with 37 thousand units.

#### **CRAB 37**

Event Planning is well under way with **Bob Lozito**, and volunteers stepping up to head the various event committees necessary for another successful gathering of Porsche Club members. Watch for the coming roll out of specific information about the planned activi-

ties and schedule for May 18-20, 2018. CRAB events take many volunteers to help out, so contact Bob if you can join the team. Rumor has it that the Head-quarters for the event will be centered at the California Automobile Museum, while the likely autocross site may be the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton. Details about the repaving and enlargement of the site are still in motion. More details will be included in the Drifter and on the web site as plans for all events are firmed up in the coming months.

#### Road Trip Nostalgia

Reading Kirk Bradford's article about the journey to Spokane for the Porsche Parade made me smile and reminded me of other journeys taken by myself and friends over the years. If you have an interesting story about a Porsche road trip you would like to share with club members, send it to the Drifter Team. Road Trips have always been a part of the American automotive scene and are often experiences worth remembering. Growing up with my family, it consisted of packing a picnic lunch and aiming the hood ornament in the direction of somewhere we hadn't been before. As we and our friends came of age, it was, throw some food and sleeping bags in the trunk, and we'll be back in a week or two. Good memories.

It is official, Rennsport Reunion is coming back to Monterey for 2018. Put this one on your to do list; it's a celebration of everything Porsche. Attendance at the last one in Monterey was over 40 thousand, so plan your accommodations in advance. This event brings out many of the drivers and competition cars that made Porsche the predominant name in international sports car racing.

If you enjoy Thai food and seeing your SVR Porsche friends, sign up for the Jacobson's Orchid Thai Dinner on Tuesday, Sep-

tember 12th in Lincoln. The owner of Orchid Thai, Mr. Wa Tschang promises you won't leave hungry after the five choice buffet line up. Full bar is available. See details in the flyer in this month's Drifter. And don't forget to

Share The Wealth.

Tech Article. If you missed the Skip Quain article in last month's Drifter about Pebble Beach, take the time to check it out. Vintage Race Car Vintage Road Car, a great magazine, has accepted the article for publication and will be included in their next online edition.

In This Issue, ace reporters Kirk Bradford, Collin Fat, and Rik Larson, Jeff Kinder step up with the details of their Parade experience, and Mike Willis shares an article he wrote for the Drifter ten years ago that includes important tips for group touring.

SVR President **Eduardo Ortega Jr.** gives us details on the events he has been attending.

Cover this month, is a photo by **Steve Nieslony** that was presented at PCA Parade as part of the art show. The Nieslonys displayed five of their award winning photos, and when I saw this one, I had to have it for the Drifter cover.

That's it for September; the Drifter Team is down the road.



**Steve Nieslony With Winning Art** 



## PDK (Pretty Darn Kwik)

Rik Larson, SVR Member

#### Speaking of 2018

Next August and September is going to be an exciting 2 months. The Monterey Car week (with Werks and Pebble Beach) will be a week later in the month as compared to previous years. So if you are looking for room accommodations now, be sure and note that Werks Reunion is on August 24th and Pebble Beach concours is on August 26th.

And then Rennsport Reunion returns......this makes number 6 or VI. It will be held September 27th - 30th at Laguna Seca. Expect to see tickets go on sale by December (there is your Christmas or holiday present). And those of you with Premier and Reserved camping options at the track, be alert.

#### **Mendocino Tour Accommodations**

Even though this tour is 2 months away, room reservations are becoming scare. MacCallum House Suites (thru Frederick Rauch at 916.595.3371) now has 4 rooms left. Little River Inn is down to less than 10 rooms available and the room block expires September

5th (707.937.5942). The Hill House in Mendocino still has several rooms (mention "Porsche Club") and they can be reached at 707.937.0554.

#### **AX Competitors working a TSD Rally?**

Yes, a number of SVR AX competitors were seen working checkpoints at the Parade TSD Rally in Spokane and then again at the Gold Country TSD Rally in August. Thanks for helping.

#### **Zone 7 Year-End Awards**

This has been set for Saturday, November 11th in Fairfield (that makes it close for most of us). Expect more details next month.

#### California Automobile Museum (CAM)

These folks have a number of events over the next several months and SVR has a couple of events planned at their facility. You can check the CAM website at www.calautomuseum.org. SVR has its annual Christmas Tree Decorating and Pot Luck there on November 26th (along with a number of other

local car clubs). And Kim Nelson tells me that he will be coordinating a 'cavalcade' of Porsches display beginning in December. Details coming.

#### FIVE years ago in the DRIFTER

The September cover featured the Carson Mansion in Eureka in the background, with a group shot of all the attendees on the Eureka Tour. There were 3 articles about the tour in the newsletter.

Stephen Childs wrote an article on his preview of the 918 (in Germany no less). After all of the presentations, factory tour, laps on the Weissach track in various Porsches (as a passenger), Stephen tucked his wife Vicki and himself into bed back at the hotel, "without buying a 918!"

This was the third issue produced under the direction of new editor, Bob Jacobson.



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## Sacramento Valley Region Calendar

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

#### 2017 SVR Events svr-pca.org

Sept 12	SVR Dinner, Orchid Thai, Bob & Beth Jacobson
Sept 23	Gold Rush Tour, Gary Griffiths
Sept 29-Oct 1	Cambria Tour, Sanders & Plourde
Oct 5	SVR Dinner, Casa Ramos, Mennings
Oct 7	New Clairvaux Winery Tour, Jacobson
Oct 14	XXXV Carrera De Sierra TSD Rally, Richard Wetzel
Oct 15	Golden West TSD Rally, Richard Wetzel
Oct 22	Charity Auction, Timbers at the Lodge, Alma Thompson
Nov 3-5	Mendocino Tour, Rik Larson
Nov 7	SVR Dinner, Zinfandel Grille, Cathy & Bill Keegan
Dec 16	SVR Christmas Party. Timbers at the Lodge. Liz

## 2017 Zone 7 Competition Events zone7.pca.org

#### **CONCOURS**

Sept 17 Redwood Region, Ledson Winery
Oct 1 Diablo Region, Porsche Livermore

#### **AUTOCROSS**

Sept 16 Loma Prieta Region, Marina
Sept 17 Golden Gate Region, Marina
Oct 29 Golden Gate Region, Alameda
WEST COAST RACING SERIES

Sept 2-3 Thunderhill Raceway
Sept 16-17 Utah Motorsports Campus
Sept 30- Oct 1 Willow Springs Raceway
Nov 11-12 Buttonwillow Raceway

OTHER ZONE 7 EVENTS

Nov 11 Year End Award, Fairfield

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

Houser & Wendy Bulhoes

September 2 AX Stockton
October 21 Ax Stockton

#### **Upcoming PCA Events 2017**

September 23 IMSA and Porscheplatz, Laguna Seca
September 20-24 Treffen Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina
December 2-3 Tech Tactics West, Southern California

#### **Recurring SVR Monthly Events**

1st Saturday SVR First Saturday Breakfast 8:15 AM

<u>Brookfields Restaurant</u> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. SVR Board Meeting

7-9 PM Sacramento Metro Fire Depart. Station 32,

8890 Roediger Lane, Fair Oaks, (Hazel, north of

Sunset Avenue).

#### **Upcoming Events of Interest**

2nd Saturday 356CAR Breakfast, Marie Callender's

Citrus Heights. Jim Hardie;

jehardie@aol.com

October 1 Niello Concours @ Serrano, El Dorado Hills

October 7 CAM, Cruise Fest, Fulton Ave.



## **Driver's Meeting, Parade Autocross**

By Collin Fat, SVR Autocross Chair photos Collin Fat Left to Right Greg Zajic, Ray Johansen, Matt Deter

July was quite a busy month and with many of the Drifter team attending Porsche Parade in Spokane; I was unable to submit an article for my monthly column in August. That being said, I was assigned coverage of the autocross competition at Parade which was con-



ducted over two days. I don't have the official driver count but I would guess that there were at least 250 drivers competing for awards.

I think one of the most significant changes to the Parade autocross this year was the size and layout of the course. Looking at the course map (pictured below), the course seemed to me to be rather small and not at all technical from a driver's standpoint. I believe that the Parade autocross chair, Leeds Gulick, had decided to make the course friendlier for the many novices that compete in a Parade autocross where many drivers are first timers. For the past two Parades, the course

has been laid out on an airfield runway and was more of a gated up and back course. These types of courses can present problems with novices figuring out the course and last year. I have heard that there were many more DNF's than in prior competitions. I initially felt that the course was going to be very short and fast with average times under 40 seconds until I had the opportunity to walk the course before the event. What stood out to me was how narrow the lanes were, the off camber nature of most of the course, and the technical challenges designed into one of the 180 degree turns. With two slaloms and an undulating surface that rose up to 5 feet in areas and sank an equal distance, the course was in fact more technical that at first appearance. On the first day of competition, most times were well into the 40 second range with top time of



day running in the 37 second range for stock and production based Porsches. However, when the improved and modified cars hit the course on Thursday, the times quickly dropped from the 40 second average to 37 second average time



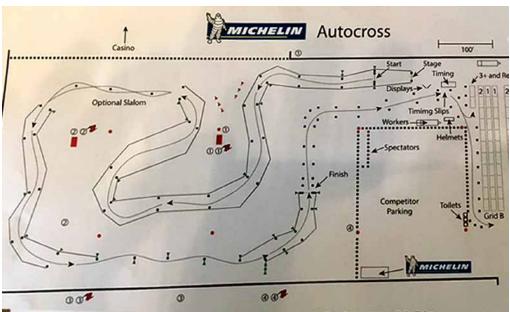
with the top time of day of 34.653.

SVR was well represented at the Parade autocross with 12 members competing including; Steve and Joy Nieslony, Weyland Fat, Matt Deter, Greg Zajic, Dave and Stephen Parker, Ray Johansen, Darin Smith, Bob Peake and Collin Fat all participating. Zone 7 in particular was very well represented and its drivers took 8 out of the top 20 best times of the day. Class wins went to Joy and Steve Nieslony in Modified 1, Greg Zajic in Production 1, Weyland Fat (4th) in Stock 11, Darin Smith in Stock 13, and Bob Peake in Stock 6. Congratulations to these award recipients as well as all of the SVR team that competed and represented the Sacramento Valley Region.

#### **Below Joy & Steve Nieslony**









SVR September Dinner - Orchid Thai Cuisine Buffet

Social 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

Orchid Thai MENU Four entrees of chicken, pork, beef, vegetarian and one 835 Twelve Bridges Dr #100 seafood entree. Rice included. Non alcoholic drinks included.

ce cream will be served upon request.

Cost = \$38.00 per person

Questions? Your hosts Bob and Beth Jacobson bethmjacobson@yahoo.com or 916.645.3555

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RSVP

By September 5, 2017 with a check payable to PCA-SVR

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Corkage = \$10.00 Don't Forget to Share the Wealth!



## **Drive your Porsche** on 150+ miles of twisty back roads in the Sierra Foothills

Saturday, September 23 Date:

Start: Niello Porsche in Rocklin

Meet: 8 AM 8:30 AM Depart:

Duration of tour is about 4 - 5 hours

**RSVP to: Gary Griffiths** 

gary.griffiths@comcast.net

831.247.4359

Tour is limited to 20 cars.

Please bring a 2-way radio if you have one.

Tour ends in Placerville at 'Independent Restaurant' for Lunch (www.independentplacerville.com)



# 2017 Porsche Parade Gimmick Rally, AKA, "A Doozy of a Floozy" Rally By Jeff Kinder, SVR Dual Member, primary member of Inland Northwest Region

photos Parade staff photographers

The format of this rally made for a fun event. Because the focus of scoring was only the checkpoints, the driving became more of an enjoyable tour than a competitive event, until, that is, reaching the checkpoint. Then the fun began. At each checkpoint you found a Floozy and a Card shark.

In the beginning each rally team was given a sheet for identifying the floozies with a list of names (1 through 5) in one column and a list of descriptions/detail in the second column (A through E). The goal being to correctly match the name to the description. In order to do this you had to ask questions of each floozy so you would know something of the timeline, employment, area lived, and their character. All in good fun and very well executed by the women portraying the floozies who stayed in

The card shark at each checkpoint recorded the card you selected from the face down spread for the poker hand and your dice roll. Then you were off driving again to look for the next floozy and card shark. As I understand it, the floozies and card sharks provided their own costumes, kudos to all of you. The final checkpoint, the Oasis Bordello Museum in Wallace, Idaho, seemed somehow appropriate for the theme. The town itself seemed steeped in the history of a silver mining town of the old west where, due to the remoteness, there seemed little for the miners to do but visit the bars and bordellos, apparently, visit

Each teams score was determined first by the poker hand with tiebreakers being the difference between the ideal distance traveled and your recorded mileage, the total of your dice rolls, and the correct matching up of the floozies name and descrip-

Incidentally, if you correctly identified each floozy, your list ended up:

1 A

2 B

3 C

4 D

5 E

Our first thought was "that can't be right", "no, they wouldn't, or would they?". OK, they did. To our delight, we brought home first place! (editors note.....they had a full house for their poker hand)

Photo below - Card Shark Ron Gordon (aka Parade Chairperson) and "Floozy" Linda Gordon





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

#### September 2002

Beginning with September, there were three events remaining in the 2002 Zone 7 Rally series, two of which were to be presented by SVR. With no events in July or August, the next event (Zone 7 Series Rally#7) was Saturday, September 7th named HILL and VALLEY Rally 2002. Rallymaster for this event was SVR member Jessica Toney. The start was in Mountain View. Awards in four classes: Expert Equipped, Expert unequipped, Novice, and Beginner. This was Jessica's first event as rallymaster and the experts said she did a great job despite CalTrain having an unannounced weekend track construction. Fifteen cars were entered for this one. Results were pending at press time.

With **Deb and Dan Catherwood** in charge, the September 8<sup>th</sup> Charity Auction fired up at 11:00AM in the Woodbridge Ranch Lakeside Park. With **Sally Boeck** keeping track of who purchased what, **Kirk Bradford** and **Larry Wilson** auctioned every last item and the bidders raised \$3,000 for the Sacramento County WEAVE organization. Along with **Marv Smith's** woodwork, a big-ticket item was an abalone dinner with an adventuresome outing in Mendocino offered by **Ron and Sally Boeck**.

## 25th Running of Carrera de Sierra (September 21-22, 2002)

The second rally event for SVR in September was the two-day Diamond Jubilee for Carrera de Sierra. This event was also the Zone 7 Rally Event#8. The event had a 40-car limit so early entry was encouraged. This year the overnight layover was at Bear Valley. SVR member **Phillip Marks** offered his walking rally that started at 4:00 pm in front of the Bear Valley Lodge. For 25 cents, you got a chance to take a 12-minute walk (approximately) that was timed and scored. You could enter this walk as many times as you liked. This event was presented as a two-day rally or, if preferred, as an un-scored tour using roughly the same route. As it turned out, SVR members Karen McGlumphy and Cathy Keegan decided that they would rather tour than rally, so off they went leaving Rich McGlumphy and Bill Keegan to run the rally together. And that they did in the Novice class with a winning score of 321 seconds. Placing just behind them in second place Novice class were SVR members Ira and Carol McKee. In 4th place Novice class were SVR members Dave and Eve Justice. Jessica and J Toney, SVR members, accumulated 56 seconds of error to take the Expert Unequipped class. Jim and Joyce Karver, SVR members, took second with a score of 566 points. A total of 13 cars ran the rally event and another 7 cars ran the tour event. SVR members Judy Hanna and Richard Swenson paired-up to lead the tour group. Awards were presented at the BBQ finish at Micke Grove Park in Lodi. Niello Porsche provided special awards to each class-winning driver and navigator. About 20 folks participated in the Saturday afternoon walking rally that was held as part of the weekend.

Note to readers: THE DRIFTER is the ONLY source of the information you see here. If the event was not covered by a DRIFTER scribe (e.g. event chair or worker, event participant, club officer), then you'll have no Drifting Back information either.

You have heard about it at virtually every SVR Charity Auction, at every SVR event where a Door Prize is being given away, at some Dinner Meetings and even at CRAB...But, here it is, the LAST Steve McQueen LeMans Poster ever made. Offered at the recent SVR Charity Auction by Auctioneer Larry Wilson.





## **SVR Autocrossing**

By Greg Zajic, SVR Autocross Team

Not a bad day for our 5<sup>th</sup> autocross of the season. The weather was a bit warm, expected to top 100 degrees so we threw everyone a curve ball and decided to run through lunch and get done early for the day before things got REAL warm. The shade trees and pop up tents made a good place to hang out between runs. We had 51 drivers for our fifth event of the season. Setup went smoothly and with the help of many volunteers the course was ready in in short order and we had the first cars rollin' around the course shortly after 9:00. Today ended up being the day for vehicular challenges. Lynn Sperry had a leak in her AC system causing an excessive amount of condensation but worked through it. Greg Zajic dropped out after the third run due to a suspicious increase in oil in the engine compartment of the 48-year-old 912; Kent Treiber had a low oil warning light go on... added a guart of oil and moved on, and Steve/Joy Nieslony called it a day earlier than expected due to some suspicious activity under the hood as well. Once again, a phrase I've heard many times about PCA rings true, "It's not the cars – it's the people." Thank you **Kent Treiber** for letting Greg use your car in the afternoon because his was out of service—that was greatly appreciated!

Saturday's course was yet another enjoyable course designed by **Kent Treiber** where the course used a very good portion of the available surface. This was another course with "no slalom"... there's a 3 cone one but it was more of a corner than a slalom... this course was all about maintaining the speed through the course. Quite a few people had fun early on at the back near turn 2 resulting in a couple

of tire smoking spins (thank you for the show), and a more than their fair share of people got a bit of rear end wiggle coming into the final turn towards the finish line. Smooth and steady was the rule of the day.

Average Times: Average run times progressed well for the morning set of four runs and then more slowly in the afternoon which had slightly warmer temperatures to keep the tires warmer and stickier.

Top Times of Day: TTOD and was pretty much done before the competition even finished their morning runs. **Steve Nieslony** set the bar with a first run of 30.071 which was nearly a second faster than the nearest competitor. Steve followed that up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> run dropping off over ½ a second with a time of 29.243 and then a 3<sup>rd</sup> and best run of 28.951 which was the best of the day. **Lanny Bowden** and **Dave Parker** did their best to catch Steve but their best runs were in their 9<sup>th</sup> run at 29.875 and 29.989 respectively.

Ladies Top Time: For the ladies, top time was a run away as well. Joy Nieslony started off with a 31.523. She graced us up with a flat spot creating spin at the back of the course on her fourth run (of course not her best run but WE enjoyed it). For the rest of the day she played in the mid 30's and finished up on her 9th run with a best time of day at 30.523.

Most Improved (new to SVR events): Average times for our new to SVR drivers showed a big drop between first and 2<sup>nd</sup> runs and then slow improvements all the way to the final run where the vast majority brought in their best time. The average difference between the all novice drivers

first reasonable run (run one or two) and best run was around 7% which equates to around 2.4 seconds. The biggest improvement came from Neil **Houston** who improved times by 12% or 5.1 seconds scoring a best run time of 36.710 on the 9th run of the day. **Rob** McConnell improved by 10% during the day and shaved off 3.8 seconds with a time of 34.192 on the 9th and final run of the day. Steven Felderstein 8% with an improvement of 3.5 seconds and a best time of 38.718. Rvan Messersmith 7.4% improvement and a best time of day of 31.491. Eric Nesvick 7.3% with a best time of 34.084, and finally Robin **Fong** with 7.0% time savings at 33.730. Wonderful job everyone.

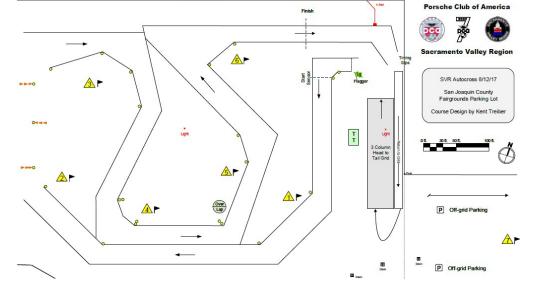
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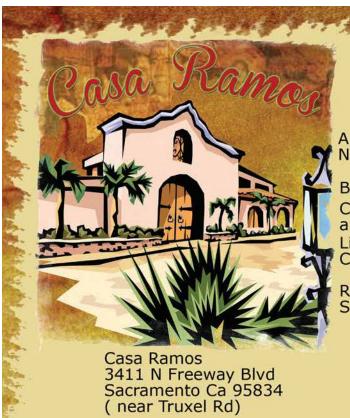
Consistency: One of fun measures is who's the most consistent. This takes your three best runs of the day and determines a standard deviation for those runs. Standard deviation is an indication of the variance from the mean value of your best three runs. The lower the value, the more consistent your runs were. Steven Felderstein varied by a 48/1000 of a second. Fraser Marshall a little less consistent but nothing to scoff at 50/1000 of a second difference. Rounding out the top five are John Leet 0.067, Jarrod Wyrick 0.077 and Klaus Wiesenhofer 0.082.

Don't forget that the SVR autocross team is here to help you continue improving your car handling skills so PLEASE reach out to members of the AX team for input, advice, or coaching as you continue honing your skills. Coaching is not for just the NEW drivers, it's for everyone. If you've hit "that plateau" let us know. We're happy to help and if requested ride along and provide additional coaching or suggestions for fine tuning of your driving as you skills progress. Our instructors frequently ride in each other's cars and provide pointers or ideas. Reach out to us.

We look forward to seeing you out at our events next season!

Your PCA Sacramento Valley Region Autocross team





## SVR October Dinner Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2017 Social 6:45 pm Dinner 7:30 pm

Announcement of Candidates for the 2018 Board Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

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## A Voice From The Past -- Chilli's Chatter August 2007

By Mike Willis, SVR Member, Past President

The article below is the entire 2007 version.

As I write this, we are planning our trip to Parade. This will be a double pleasure because Emily and I will be able to enjoy Parade with each other and with friends the Porsche community we have made over the years in. During the week we will be also be able to spend some time with Michelle, who lives in LaJolla and knows the neat places to go in and around the area. She is included in our registration so she can join us for the dinners and some of the other activities that don't conflict with her work schedule.

I would like to devote the rest of this month's article to the "Fine Art of Touring". Our tours are intended to enhance the enjoyment of our Porsches and to be with others who also enjoy the cars. But that is really not all touring is about. It is really about being with friends and making new friends. Touring with the club is the best way for our newer members to join in the fun and get involved in the club

The tour portion is just that: a tour, not a race to see who will lead the pack. Tour-ing is, by its very nature, a disciplined group of cars driving through the countryside and enjoying the scenery, the roads, and the stops along the way.

It is important to not draw undue attention to the group. In order not to draw attention, we do NOT pass over double yellow lines, cut in and out of traffic, causing the "locals" or other motorists aware of us unfavorably. Sometimes these folks will use their cell phones to let "others" know where we are and how we are behaving.

Use caution in passing. Passing just to get to the front of the tour group results in overall slowing of the group. (Besides, being in the back of the pack is really the fastest place to be, and you can see all the Porsches as we tour along.)

On all tours it is important that you keep the car in front of and behind you in sight.

This is especially important when turns at intersections are made. If you do not keep the car in front of you in sight, you will not know that the tour has made a turn, and off you go into never-never land. If everyone always keeps the car behind in sight and waits at turns, one will never get lost. (Well, this is partially true because tour leaders have been known to make a U-turn

or two on a tour. But at least everyone is still together.)

Tour leaders try hard to keep the tour group together lead it to interesting places.

The number of good Porsche roads we have been able to find over the years is amazing.

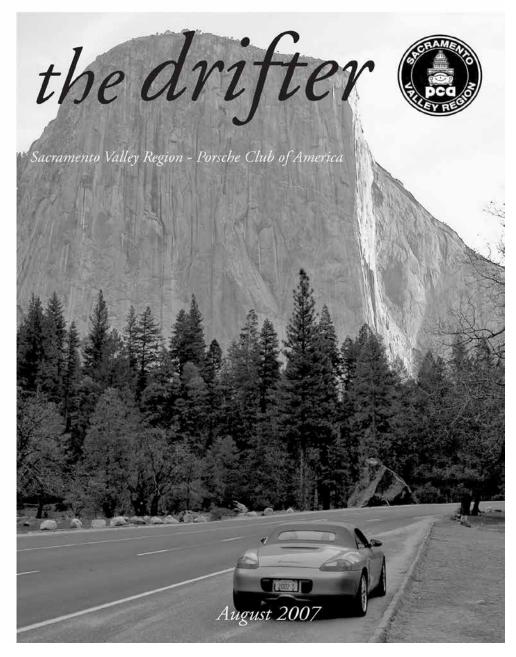
And each year some new ones are found. On the Murphys tour some good roads were found and the touring was excellent; it even felt like were experiencing "deliverance".

At the start of each tour there is a meeting of drivers and passengers to go over some of the essentials. Always attend the meetings and pay attention because sometimes things may have

changed from the printed instructions for the event, perhaps due to road construction, weather conditions, or a variety of other things.

The real bottom line is to have fun, enjoy your Porsche, and especially, enjoy each other. Make it a point to meet someone new and share your experiences with him or her. It should be fun, and if it isn't, why are we doing it?

So from 10 years ago a lot is the same. We can go out and enjoy our Porsche and friends. Really isn't this what it is all about is fun and new friends. Mike Willis





## New Clairvaux Winery and Monastery Tour SVR Day Tour to Vina, October 7, 2017

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Leave at 9 am from Niello Porsche for noon docent tour at the winery and historical buildings (111 miles north of Sacramento on Hwy 99). \$15 per car which includes two person wine tasting. Payment at registration on Saturday October 7.

There will be a late lunch at Sierra Nevada Brewery. For reservations RSVP to Bob Jacobson at 916.645.3555 or bobjacobson@yahoo.com

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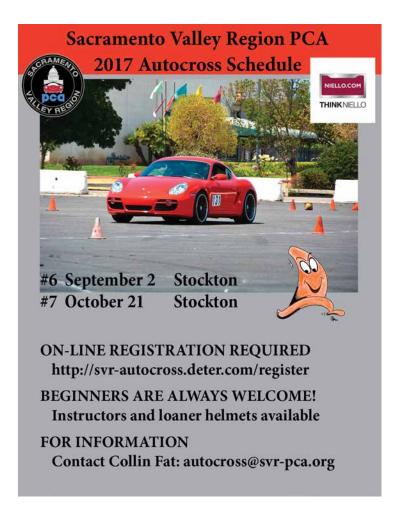
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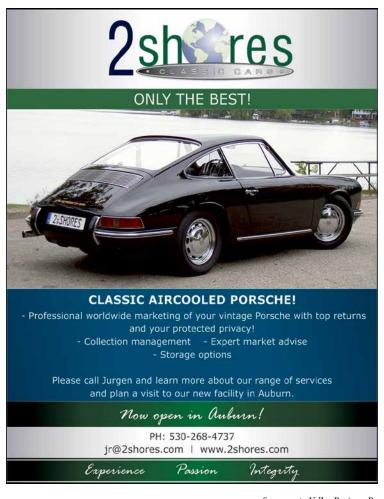
The Little River Inn ---- \$160 to \$325/night + tax Contact Rik Larson for room block information at rik.larson@gmail.com or 916,396,6966 Hill House in Mendocino - \$100 to \$180/night + tax Call Hill House at 707.937.0554 and ask for Porsche Club rate. Also contact Tom and Tambra Kroetz at 916.989.1954 to let them know you are staying at Hill House.













## SILENT AUCTION FOR CHARITY

Sacramento Valley Region's Charity Auction is on Sunday, October 22, 2017. The auction will be silent with only a few live items auctioned off by our auctioneers.

The beneficiary of our efforts will be the R & S Foundation. The Recon & Sniper Foundation's primary goal is to serve our veteran community in their time of need. Many times that includes financial assistance, welfare checks, directing people to mental health professionals, general life guidance for dealing with adverse situations, or just someone to talk to. The Recon & Sniper Foundation is dedicated to helping our struggling veterans get back on track to success.

Please visit the Silent Charity Auction tables at this event. Bring your generous spirit, credit cards and your checkbooks (cash always acceptable) and bid high and often.

Thank you SVR Members for your support.

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#### Sacramento Valley Region, Porsche Club of America (PCA) and San Francisco Region, Sports Car Club of America (SCĆA) jointly present a Time and Distance Road Rally Weekend

Carrera de Sierra (NCR) on Saturday and Golden West (NCR) on Sunday will be scenic road rallys through the Gold Country on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The rallys are designed for experienced rallyists as well as folks that are new to Time and Distance road rallvs. The courses use little known roads that are fun to drive. Speeds will be moderate, at or below the speed limit, with emphasis on following the course.

The events will start in Rocklin, California, and finish in the same general Rocklin area. There will be breaks for pit stops and lunch.

Headquarters Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites, 4420 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677, (916) 624-4500. A block of rooms will be held until September 22, 2017. Single King bed - \$70; Double Queen, \$80. Request "Carrera de Sierra rally" to get these rates. It is a 45 minute drive from Sacramento International Airport to the Headquarters motel.

Chairman and Rallymaster - Contact for questions Richard Wetzel 530.304.6555 or e-mail R.L.wetzel@comcast.net

Saturday/Sunday October 14 and 15, 2017 Registration and hospitality on Friday, October 13 from 6 to 9 PM at Comfort Inn

Entrants may enter either day or both. Entry fees are \$50 per day, or \$95 for both days if paid in advance.

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Please bring a dish to share with the other car clubs. Next month's Drifter will have the details on the assigned dishes.

The Museum will provide the desserts, beverages, utensils and paper products. RSVP to Kim Nelson - knelson356@gmail.com by Sunday, November 19th



# People, Places & Porsches- Parade 2017 Article by Collin Fat, Photos Kirk Bradford and Collin Fat

A contingent of 63 members from SVR attended Porsche Parade in Spokane this past July for a fun filled week of everything Porsche. For those of you have not visited the Pacific Northwest, it has amazing scenery, great restaurants, beautiful rivers and lakes and even friendlier people.

Activities during Parade included several banquets, tours, TSD rally, concours, tech sessions, autocross, and art show and a Parade of Porsches through the streets of Spokane. Following are photos of some of the people who attended.



























## PORSCHE PARADE 2017

















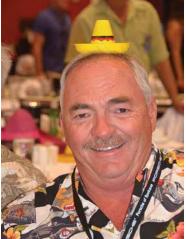


















## On the Road Again - To Another Porsche Parade

By Kirk Bradford, SVR Member Photo Parade Staff

Over the years, I have been to a few Parades. My first Parade was way back in 1973 when it was held in Monterey. Besides the usual events and activities related directly to Parade, the most vivid memories I have are of the road-trips to get to them.

For that first Parade in Monterey, I still remember the drive from Sacramento to Monterey. Many of these drives weren't necessarily "official" SVR tours. More often than not, they were casual groupings of friends who happened to be departing at the same time and wanting to arrive at roughly the same time.

The route to Monterey is pretty straight forward, but if extra care is taken to avoid using freeways, well, the roads travelled can be perfect for Porsches.I bring up the Monterey drive only because it was my first. Several trips to Parade afterward were also quite memorable; San Diego, Seattle, Colorado Springs are some that come to mind as being loads of fun.

The point of all of this is to remind you that the trip to the destination in many cases can be as much fun or even greater fun than the destination itself. For the Parade in Spokane, the drive up there was yet another memorable drive.

While "fun" may not be equated to getting up at 5:00 AM to arrive at the departure point by 7:00 AM, Linda and I nonetheless made it on time. Many of you are aware that Linda is not a "morning person", so if you saw her climb out of our car in her pajamas you wouldn't be the least bit surprised! And of course, the group got quite a kick out of her travel outfit!

Terri and Ed Parra were our un-official leaders, and provided all of us with detailed route instructions, identifying stops along the way. While they took us along a pretty straight-forward route, traveling with 8 other Porsches was lots of fun. And since we were driving in the Macan, we volunteered to run as "Back Door".

The first rest stop was less than an hour and a half from the start, but many of us needed to make use of this stop. And then continuing on, we reached the lunch stop a bit early. Must have been because of light traffic! Unfortunately, the restaurant didn't want to open (30 minutes!) early, so a "plan B" was quickly put into action.

Luckily, **Kelly Murphy** was quick to search for a suitable alternative. Shasta Brewing in the thriving metropolis of Weed ended up being the choice. Besides serving up great food and brew, they offered up a wide selection of "weed" oriented apparel for sale. Many in our group couldn't resist making purchases.

The drive from Weed (including a slight detour) was lots of fun and was especially spirited at the back door. There were many miles of fun roads, with every kind of opportunity to pass slower traffic. What a blast the passing lanes were! As best we could, we kept together, but even if the group got a bit stretched out, we were able to gather up again at the next passing lane. And of course, all speed limits were observed!

Arriving in Bend, Oregon, we headed to our hotel for the night, Three Sisters. While no one would describe

the accommodations as luxurious, the hotel fit the bill for what we needed.

That evening, we joined the local PCA region, High Desert Region, for a nice buffet dinner at their local Porsche dealer, Kendall Porsche, in Bend Oregon. The dealer has a special facility called Carrera Club, which served as an excellent location for the dinner. The facility houses a combination of customer cars and dealership cars, with ample room for tables for putting on a dinner event. What a great setting!

The next day dawned early, with the group convening again at around 7:00 AM, for the start of the trip to Spokane. As we found our way out of Bend, it was clear that we would have another day of viewing a line of Porsches through the windshield and trying to keep up!

After a couple of rest stops, Kelly again came to the rescue by selecting a restaurant location for lunch. She found a truly wonderful Mexican restaurant, featuring all fresh ingredients, including fresh made tortillas. Everyone was able to take their time with their lunches before we all got back into our cars to continue the trek north.

Somewhere along the way, we had an impromptu Boxster tech session when **Gary and Alma Thompson** felt that their coolant might be low. Many stepped in to help and offer technical assistance, while my judgement dictated that I stay away! Soon it was determined that it was a false alarm, and the State Trooper who was observing the goings on was greatly entertained; we encountered him further down the road and he waved as we all went rolling by.

On the road again and soon Spokane was looming on the horizon. It was time to move on to the next phase of our adventure. Pulling into our destination hotel, it was great to be finally arriving, but also a bit sad for the two days of driving to come to an end. Thanks to **Ed and Terri Parra** for organizing the drive, and also to Lisa and **George Okamoto** for running "front door" for most of the drive.







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## The 62nd Porsche Parade as I Saw It

By Rik Larson, SVR Member Photos Porsche Parade Staff

This was one of the largest Porsche Parades ever! There were over 1000 Porsches and participation from 108 regions (out of 144).

The primary headquarters was the Davenport Grand Hotel in downtown Spokane, Washington. The hotel is about 2 years old and is directly across the street from the Spokane Convention Center (where we had 3 of the banquets ---- welcome party, concours, and victory). "The Lilac City" hosted the Expo 74 in 1974 and was the first to have a theme that was linked to the environment. Much of the land for the Expo was taken from the Great Northern Railroad Depot (considered an eyesore by the residents and was relocated). A couple of the buildings built for the Expo remain (the theater,



the next 5 days. This resulted in the printing of the route instructions on Monday afternoon......just 12 hours before the event was to begin.

Sunday Parade "Check-In" began on Sunday at the Grand. We finished up around 5 pm and headed upstairs to the Zone 7 Social. A great turnout. The welcoming party was held outside across the

street at Riverfront Park. The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the 2018 911 GT3.

in the Full 356 Preservation class with their 65 356C. Jim and Joyce Karver were awarded 2nd place in a competitive street class in their 2009 911 Carrera. I hear that Gary and Alma Thompson were up at 5 am to help with the staging of the cars. Thanks for volunteering...... it is what makes the Parade a success.

#### **TSD Rally**

This is where SVR folks really shined. We had several SVR volunteers: Richard and Anne Walker, and Alma and Gary Thompson work the start, and Steve and Joy Nieslony working at a checkpoint (looking for something different to volunteer for).

118 cars started the event and 117 cars turned in scorecards (the missing car did complete the route but did not want to turn in their scorecard). Overall winners with a score of 40 points were Jessica Toney (Golden Gate Region) and J. Toney (Sacramento Valley). Kirk and Linda Bradford took first place in the Navigational class with a score of 222.



convention center, ice rink). The railroad depot clock tower became a symbol of the Expo. It survived the Expo when the area was converted to Riverfront Park. And the clock tower became the centerpiece for the awards for the Porsche Parade events.

This was a 'downtown' Parade as compared to a 'resort' Parade. There was a lot of road construction going on (the winters there are tough on the concrete and asphalt). Navigating the downtown streets as well as the highways proved to be quite a challenge.

I arrived in Spokane on Wednesday and spent the next couple of days checking out the roads and route being used for the TSD Rally. I discovered 3 roads closed. So it was time for a quick work-around and re-measuring. Several reviews of the route were made over

#### **Concours**

Monday is concours day. This was the first competitive event of the week and SVR was going to make a strong showing at almost all of them. Ray and Mary-Jane Johansen (as featured on the cover of the August DRIFTER) took home first



In the Unequipped Navigational class we had Dave and Steven Parker in 10th place. A score of 253 gave Jim and Joyce Karver a 4th place in the Unequipped Plus class. And then in 7th place in the Unequipped Class, we find Richard Wetzel and Weyland Fat. This was Weyland's first TSD Rally.

#### **RC Concours and RC Autocross**

This event for radio controlled Porsche models was held on Tuesday afternoon in the parking structure of the Davenport Grand Hotel. We did not have any winners in the concours event but we did have a winner in the RC Autocross group for ages 15-16. Justin Smith (son of Darin and Lisette Smith) took first place with a time of 7.66.

#### **Autocross**

This was a 2-day event on Wednesday and Thursday and you can read





about it in the article by Collin Fat. **Golf Tournament** 

The only participant that I could find from our region was Jim Karver (playing with his brother Jerry from Oregon Region). They almost took 3rd place but lost in a 'putt off'.

#### **Gimmick Rally**

Check out the article by Jeff Kinder. He and Kimberly were the overall winners. There were 8 SVR teams on this event.......9 when you count the Kinders as they are SVR Dual Members.

#### Tech Quiz

Some of SVR's best tech quiz folks did not make it to the Spokane Parade so we had no competitors from SVR for this event.

#### 5K Run/Walk

This event was held on Saturday and drew a number of SVR members.

Isaac Deter, 5k Run/Walk age group 6-12, male.3rd

Flora Deter, age group 40-49, female.3rd

Noah Bentley, age group 40-49, male 5th

Susan Bentley, age group 50-59, female 3rd

#### **Parade Kids**

There were a number of events for the kids during the week. I discovered this one in the results. It was the AnyCross where the kid gets to choose whatever wheeled toy they liked to compete in the Autocross event. Typical choices were scooter, skates, or bike.

First place in the 8-12 age group was Isaac Deter (son of Matt and Flora Deter) with a time of 14.05 seconds.

#### **Parade of Porsches**

This was held on Saturday afternoon and some 400 Porsches made the 16 mile 'parade' that finally finished downtown.

#### **Art Show**

The exhibit ran thru the entire week. Ray Johansen took first in jewelry class with his gold (as in real gold) 356 model. The Nieslony family submitted a number of photographs. Steve swept (as in first, second, and third) in the black and white photography category. The cover of this issue of the DRIFTER was the second place item and was taken at the Monterey Parade. Joy took a third place in the Conceptual Photography category. Needless to say, the Nieslony family has a collection of 'clock tower' awards at their house.

#### **Region Does Well**

SVR took second place in Class V of the newsletter contest. Because SVR had more than 800 primary members as of the end of 2016, we moved into the class with all of the very large regions. Steve McCrory was very pleased with our showing for the first time in this class.

And in the brand new newsletter cover contest, SVR won with the October 2016 Drifter cover which featured an autumn foliage shot with Collin Fat's GT3.



## **2017 Porsche Parade Experience**

By Kirk Bradford, SVR Member Photo Porsche.com

Arriving at the Parade headquarters hotel, the Davenport Grand, on Saturday afternoon, our excitement really started rising. Seeing so many Porsches concentrated in a small area of downtown Spokane gave us a clue of what we would see during the entire week LOTS OF PORSCHES! After a guick and efficient check-in process (not necessarily Parade norm) we made our way to our room. Wow - not only did the room have ample space for our stuff (the Macan holds quite a lot!) but it was luxuriously appointed. And the view was great, even though much of it was the Spokane Convention Center across the street.

The next afternoon, **Collin Fat** had all SVR members assemble for a group photo at the Zone 7 cocktail reception organized by our capable Zone 7 representative, **Sandy Provasi**. While group photos sometimes can be a sort of torture, Collin was able to get the group "compacted" quickly so that he could take his photos.

Despite **Larry Sharp's** repeated attempts to "photo bomb" our photo, Collin was able to get several good shots. As the cocktail reception wound down, we all made our way across the street to the location of the first official event of Parade, the Pirelli Welcome Party. The early and determined SVR contingent managed to homestead a group of tables close together for most of our group. The emcee was kind of far away, but he's been around for a few years, and the PA system was great.

Not realizing it at the time, the buffet dinner would end up being the most efficient of the week, with a total of SEVEN buffet lines! Great, but it still took at least thirty minutes for many of us to get our food. Part of the difficulty was that as some lines ran out of certain items (like desert!) and people would leave those lines and swoop down on the lines that still had those items. What fun, many people probably walked off their dessert just trying to locate it. Everything was re-supplied and re-stocked; it just took a while to locate where it was.

Anyway, the evening progressed with a few door prizes being given out (love those Pirelli hats.) A highlight of the evening was the brand new GT3 being driven in among us to take its place in a special display area. Nice sound and nice color – RED!

Monday morning came too soon, and taking advantage of the hotel and concours location proximity, just across the street. Not competing myself, I still ventured over while cars were being placed on the lawn. With the crowds not having arrived, it was a perfect opportunity to take photos of the cars free of "obstructions".

Watching several cars being judged, I was happy to be just a photographer at this Parade. Showing a car at a Parade can be very stressful, and not having that stress at this parade was great! One SVR couple chose the stress, (although they always make it look easy) Ray and MaryJane Johansen, and won first in their class with their beautiful 1965 356C Cabriolet. Ray and MaryJane have driven this car to many parades, and Ray has entered many Parade autocrosses too!

One of the options for the "free" evening Monday was to take a dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene, which Linda and I did. Several large tour busses picked the participants up across the street at the convention center. Soon, we arrived at the lake, and after a little confusion, it was determined that our tour boats had to dock at a different place. So the whole group took a short hike over to where the boats were located.

Soon on board, we could take a seat at our table with the **Kinders**, **Walkers**, **and Thompsons**. Soon, our boats departed the dock, to take us for a leisurely tour of the lake. The buffet dinner was surprisingly good, with something for every taste. I found the Prime Rib to especially tasty. And of course, the two bars on board kept everyone well refreshed.

Being a first for us, cruising on Lake Coeur d'Alene was very interesting. Many great looking mountain homes lined the shores of the lake. Interestingly, there were more than just a few that looked like the only access to them was from the lake itself. Some had several flights of stairs going from lake level up to the main house. All in all, we had a totally enjoyable on the lake.

The next morning dawned early, as Linda and I were entered in the TSD rally. We have been rallying for many years and end up doing fairly well, but not without a certain level of drama. As many married couples will attest to, rallying can be very stressful on the

marriage! And this year's Parade TSD rally proved to be just as stressful.

Linda and I attended a rally school conducted by J and Jessica Toney at the Parade in Monterey. Jessica pointed out that the dynamic of father and daughter rallying together can be just as difficult and stressful as that of spouses rallying together. A point that Jessica made that stuck with us both is that when the driver and navigator disagree on what to do on a particular instruction, just pull over and talk it through. In such a situation, you both can't be right! This advice proved to be valuable yet again, this time at the Spokane Parade.

Another critical lesson previously learned and reinforced at this rally was to never give up. We thought we blew two legs, and actually went off course on one of the legs. But not giving up, we back-tracked, got back on course, and then were able to make up time by skipping several "pause" instructions. Even at the end of the rally, we thought we had totally ruined our chances for doing well. But as fate would have it, one of the official times was wrong, and the blown legs weren't as bad as we thought.

That evening, the first awards banquet was held in the convention center, and was quite a nice setting. A sit-down dinner, we were happy to be waited on by very capable staff. The concours awards were presented, and the program was kept moving, considering the number of awards presented. Overall, both the venue and food were great!

On Wednesday, we kicked back and relaxed, with Linda taking in some of the downtown "shopping opportunities". That evening, we attended the TSD Rallye awards banquet at the Northern Quest Resort, site of the autocross (the parking lot, that is). The ballroom was very nice and as soon as the buffet lines were opened, well there were buffet lines! Just two buffet lines for a large group such as ours just seemed a bit inadequate. However, the lines moved quickly and we were eating in only 20 minutes this time!

That evening, SVR was awarded Newsletter Cover of the Year, which was a new award just started this year. And oh yes, our newsletter, The Drifter was awarded a second place in the newsletter competition. While we would have liked to see SVR get a first place, it was notable that we were escalated to the

highest tier of competition because our region membership has grown so much! Second place was good!

On Thursday, we opted for another extra activity, the bus tour to Vintner's Village. Vintner's Village is a collection of tasting rooms located out in what seems to be the middle of nowhere! The area is a designated Washington State wine region, Horse Heaven Hills, which in turn is part of the Columbia Valley wine region. Famous wineries such as Columbia Crest and Chateau St. Michelle are located there.

On our way to Vintner's Village, we stopped at Chandler Reach winery, for a tasting and lunch. A beautiful facility, the grounds made you think you were in the Tuscan countryside. Many of us made purchases, and loaded back into the bus to continue on to Vintner's Village.

The first tasting room at Vintner's Village was Coyote Canyon, and the group was treated to a presentation covering the history of the region and of Coyote Canyon itself. The group tasted several varieties of wine, and by that time, many of us were thinking we were glad we were taking the bus!

Another tasting room that looked interesting was Airfield winery. Besides the name, the actual building and grounds took on a rather "aero" feel. To the casual observer, the name "Airfield" was not particularly wine-related sounding. But the history of the area reveals how the winery got its name. The area was rooted in WWII air history. In fact, some of the vineyards were formally bomb practice ranges for bomber training during WWII!

As some of us expressed more interest in the history of the winery, we were taken out of the "public" tasting room, into a private tasting room. Recently completed, the room took on an even more aviation-oriented theme, with models of various WWII aircraft decorating to room. Soon the group was ready for our return trip to Spokane, and so we boarded the bus with additional wine purchases wondering where we were going to fit so many bottles of wine in our cars after Parade is over!

By that night, Linda and I soon realized that we may have signed up for a few too many "extra" activities. On Friday, we were supposed to go on a driving tour (no busses!), but were so exhausted that we felt that sleep was more important so we skipped it! We heard later that the driving tour was excellent! But we used the rest of Friday for relaxation, and then getting ready for that night's Autocross Awards banquet.

Held at the hotel instead of at

the convention center, Friday night's banquet was another buffet affair. This night's buffet proved to be the most challenging, as the crowd was well over 1000, and there were just two buffet lines! I hate to complain, but by the time I ate, it had been an hour and a half since the first tables were called to get into the buffet lines. Not good.

Otherwise, the evening was enjoyable, with many SVR members receiving autocross trophies. In addition, the **Nieslony's** took home several Art Show awards. Fantastic showing. And I need to mention that Zone 7 again did very well in the autocross competition, taking home many trophies in addition to the big one, top time of day!

On Saturday, we again blew off another event we signed up for, the Parade of Porsches. However, in hindsight, I think it was far better to be an observer for this event. I spent well over an hour watching the lines of Porsches parade past the hotel. It was fun watching the diverse collection of Porsches Parade by. Wow how PCA has grown since I joined in 1973!!!

That evening, we were back at the convention center for the final victory banquet. And it wasn't a buffet!!! Just like the previous banquet at center, the room was decorated fantastically, the

food was great and the bar capacity was big enough to handle our large group easily. Awards were given, and SVR was again recognized for our charity work. Special thanks are owed to **Mike Dunn** who submitted our entry in the competition.

Reflecting on the week, the Parade overall was a good one. Except for the buffet dinners, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at this Parade. But I must question how big is too big? If Parades continue to have virtual unlimited entrants, then the capabilities of the food services need to be a major consideration. The hotel(s) can accommodate 1500 people; great. What about the banquet capacity??? In the case of the Spokane Parade, things fell a bit short in this area.

Despite the criticism of the buffet dinners, I think everyone had a fantastic time. The addition of extra (optional) events gave everyone lots of choices, and looking back, perhaps we signed up for just a few too many of them! It was great seeing friends from throughout Zone 7, as well as those from outside of the zone. And for the next Parade held in proximity to our region, plan on attending; it will be a truly memorable experience.





## **SVR Board Minutes July 2017**

By Rebecca Plourde, SVR Secretary

#### Wednesday, July 19, 2017 Round Table Pizza 9500 Greenback Ln. Folsom, CA Board Members and Event Chairs Attendees:

President, Eduardo Ortega Jr Gregg Plourde, Vice President Rebecca Plourde, Secretary Collin Fat, Past President & Auto Cross Chair

Janet Conner, Membership Director Steve McCrory, Drifter Editor Matt Deter, Competition & Safety Bill Fargo, Webmaster Matt Menning, Tour Chair Alma Thompson, Charity Chair Al Price, Concours Chair Kim Nelson, Event Liaison to Niello Porsche

Bob Lozito, Crab 37 Chair Gary Thompson, Dummkopf Chair Excused absence:

Skip & Mardi Quain Also in attendance:

Rik Larson, Bob Jacobson, Lisa Menning, Barbara McCrory

#### **EMAIL BUSINESS**

Minutes from the June meeting approved electronically, final approved minutes distributed 6/19/17.

#### **Call to Order**

Vice President Gregg Plourde called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### **New Business**

A preliminary budget for the Mendocino Tour was submitted, @ \$10.00 per car estimating 40 cars, with a total of \$400.00. Collin Fat made a motion to approve, Steve McCrory seconded, budget approved.

A preliminary budget for the October 7th Vina Monastery Wine tasting tour, hosted by Bob Jacobson & Katerine Cavell was submitted. Total estimated cost \$300.00. Collin Fat made a motion to approve, Steve McCrory seconded, budget approved.

Matt Menning submitted a preliminary budget for the October 5<sup>th</sup> nominating dinner @ Casa Ramos. It will be \$28.00 per person with a maximum of 60 guests & a total of \$1,680.00. Steve McCrory made a motion to approve, Janet Conner seconded, budget approved. Bob Lozito gave an update on Crab 37. Collin Fat will be Chair for Autocross, Matt & Lisa Menning will chair a tour, Alma Thompson volunteered to be in charge of catering, and Bill Fargo volunteered for registration. Two dates were

mentioned as possibilities. May 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> or June 29. Rebecca Plourde made a motion to approve the May 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> dates, Gregg Plourde seconded, dates approved. Bill Fargo made a motion to seed Crab 37 with \$3,000.00. Gregg Plourde seconded, motion approved.

## 3. President's Report: Eduardo Ortega Jr.

- a) Eduardo stated he submitted an article in the August Drifter introducing our new Concours Chair Al Price.
  b) Eduardo mentioned SVR Won a large number of awards at the Spokane Parade in all levels; team & region. SVR was well represented with 63 Members. c) Eduardo mentioned they are looking for volunteers for a new Auto Cross Chair.
- d) Eduardo is still working on the event awards to present at the Christmas Party.

#### Vice President's Report: Gregg Plourde

a) Gregg Plourde stated that the Event calendar has been updated. Insurance was requested for the Boat show tour, Autocross & Ralley.

Treasurer's Report: Joy Nieslony
a) Joy Nieslony submitted the June
financial report. Collin Fat made the
motion to approve, Gregg Plourde seconded. June financials approved.

#### Autocross & Past President report: Collin Fat

a) Collin Fat stated the season & attendance at Autocross are going well. There were 59 drivers in July. They are looking for a new Auto Cross Chair.

b) Collin Fat mentioned the Nominating Committee will meet to hammer out nominees.

Membership report: Janet Conner a) Janet submitted the Membership report. Primary Members 801, Affiliate Members 491, New Members 8 two who are from Niello, Transfer out 1. Meeting adjourned: 9:14 PM

Next meeting: August 9th<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Rebecca Plourde 2017 Secretary





## **SVR Board Minutes August 2017**

By Rebecca Plourde, SVR Secretary

Wednesday, August 9th, 2017 Sac Metro Fire #32 8890 Roediger Lane, Fair Oaks, CA Board Members and Event Chairs Attendees:

President, Eduardo Ortega Jr Gregg Plourde, Vice President Rebecca Plourde, Secretary Joy Nieslony, Treasurer Collin Fat, Past President & Auto Cross hair

Steve McCrory, Drifter editor
Mardi Quain, Social Director
Matt Deter, Competition & Safety
Bill Fargo, Webmaster
Janet Conner, Membership Director
Richard Wetzel, Rally Chair
Alma Thompson, Charity Chair
Mike Dunn, Advertising Director
Al Price, Concours Chair
Gary Thompson, Dummkopf Chair
Sue Sanders, New Member Chair
Excused absence: Skip Quain, Linda
Bradford

Also in attendance: Rik Larson, Barbara McCrory

#### EMAIL BUSINESS

Minutes from the July meeting approved electronically, final approved minutes distributed 8/2/2017.

#### Call to Order

President Eduardo Ortega Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM on August 9<sup>th</sup>,2017.

#### **New Business**

- a) Eduardo Ortega Jr. mentioned Bob Lozito our Crab 37 Chair, put a down payment to save the location. There will be a meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM @ Kim Nelson's garage for the Chairs & volunteers to discuss the Crab event.
- b) Richard Wetzel submitted a preliminary budget for the Gold Country TSD Rally. The fee is \$20.00 per car with an estimate of 10 cars, for a total of \$200.00. Collin Fat made a motion to approve the budget, Janet Conner seconded, budget approved. President's Report: Eduardo Ortega Jr. Eduardo Ortega Jr. stated he will be submitting a request for Charity subsidy from National this month.

Eduardo Ortega Jr. mentioned there will be a meeting to review new SVR published Tour guidelines. He will make an announcement in his Drifter article.

## 3. Vice President's Report: Gregg Plourde

a) Gregg Plourde stated there were no

changes to the calendar.

- b) Insurance for the Gold Country TDS Rally has been submitted.
- c) Gregg Plourde submitted the budget for the Cambria Tour. The cost is \$95.00 per person estimating 45 cars. Steve McCrory made a motion to approve the budget, Joy Nieslony seconded, budget approved.
- **4.Treasurer's Report: Joy Nieslony** a) Joy Nieslony submitted the July financials. Janet Conner made a motion to approve as submitted, Bill Fargo seconded, Financials approved.
- 5. Social Director report: Mardi Quain a) Mardi Quain submitted her report. The dinner @ Mint's Restaurant on August 14th hosted my Mike & Emily Willis, still has 10 seats available. b) Christmas party update: Liz & Wendy will be meeting the catering manager in September to confirm meal details. They are working with Niello on arrangements to have a new Porsche displayed at the Timber Lodge entrance. They are looking for a winery willing to proved the wine at the function. Referrals will be welcomed.
- **6. Drifter Report: Steve McCrory** a) Steve McCrory mentioned they have 2 people interested in joining the Drifter team.
- b) The Drifter needs photos and articles written from people who attended the

#### 7 .Autocross & Past President report: Collin Fat

a) Collin Fat stated the season & at-

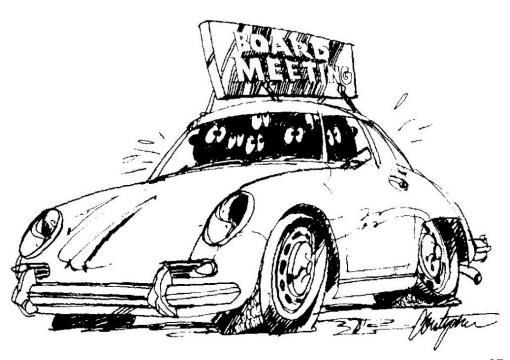
tendance at Autocross are going well. They have 52 drivers registered for the August event.

- b) Collin Fat asked Board Members running a second term to submit their statements by September.
- **8. Webmaster: Bill Fargo**a) Bill Fargo stated the Web site activity is running the same as last report.
- 9. Membership report: Janet Conner a) Janet Conner submitted her report. There are 803 Primary Members, 490 Affiliate Members, with a total of 1293 Members. There are 12 new Members 2 of those came from Niello.
- **10. Tech Chair report: Skip Quain** a) Skip Quain submitted his report via email. He continues to work on the Drifter articles for the remaining months of 2017.
- **11.** Al Price: Concours Chair a) Al Price talked about the Reno Concours; it was small but nice.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 PM

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Rebecca Plourde 2017 Secretary





# Zone 7 Concours d'Elegance and Car Show

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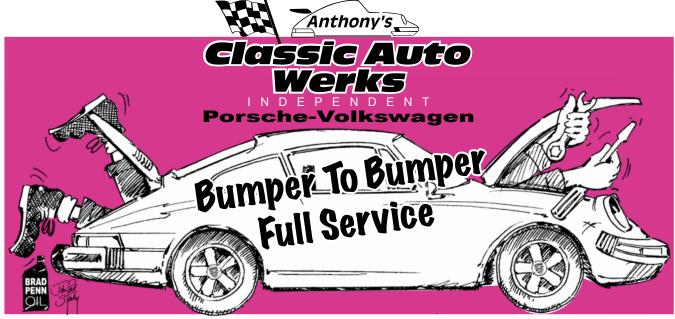
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## In the Zone By Sandy Provasi, Zone 7 Representative

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There are two more Zone 7 Autocrosses this month. Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> will be Loma Prieta Region's Zone Autocross, which is number #7 in the series. Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> will be Golden Gate Region's Zone Autocross #8. Both will be held at Marina Airport, Marina. Not running the Zone series? Come out and have fun anyway!

That same weekend there will be another Zone 7 Concours. This time it will be up in Redwood Region for their Zone 7 event. Ledson Winery will be the location at 7335 Sonoma Hwy (Hwy 12) in Kenwood. If you are out and about, stop by to check out the Porsches and sip some wine.

Are you heading down to the IMSA race at Mazda Raceway, Laguna Seca on Saturday, September 23rd or Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>? If so, Porsche Cars North American (PCNA) will be sponsoring the Porscheplatz tent at turn 5. They will have speakers and other cool "in the pits" experiences throughout the weekend. Everyone with a Porsche or Porsche key is welcome in tent. I will need some volunteers to help direct Porsches and check in at the tent. Let me know if you will be there and can volunteer at sandyprovasi@gmail.com.

The last Concours of the Zone 7 Series 2017 will be held at Porsche of Livermore. Please join Diablo Region for a beautiful day in the valley showing off your Porsche. Check https://diablo-pca. org for registration. Along with your entry to show your Porsche, there are two lunches included in the cost. Thank Kevin at Porsche of Livermore for hosting the event. Looking Forward (info at the zone website, zone7.pca.org)

Golden Gate Region Zone Autocross #9. Alameda. October 29<sup>th</sup>

Zone 7 President's Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield, 9am-4pm, November 11<sup>th</sup>

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## **August Membership** Janet Conner, Membership

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#### Fernandes, Anthony

Sacramento anthony@fcsporting.com 1983 911 SC Coupe

#### Fuchs, Rita

Cool coolfoxir@gmail.com 1985 911 Carrera Targa

#### Garrison, Rick

Sacramento bkv@comcast.net 2011 911 Carrera 4S Coupe

#### Guerin, Wayne

Lincoln wagzhp@aim.com 2014 Cayman S

#### Hand, David

Volcano Pompey@volcano.net 2000 Boxster

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#### Mitchell, Gary

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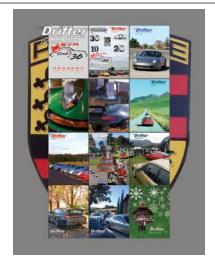
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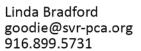
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