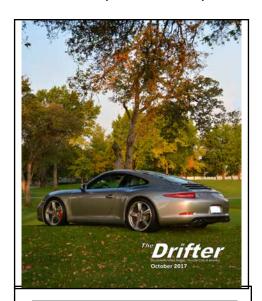




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Bill & Nancy Conner's
2012 991 Carrera S
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# SVR President's Column Eduardo Ortega, Jr. SVR President Photo Porsche

It is hard to believe this is October, the very last quarter of the year. Time has flown by, and now we are getting ready for end of the year activities for our club. The first one is the beginning of our elections cycle. In this October edition of the Drifter the candidate statements for board elected positions are featured. Please take time to read them and prepare for the SVR Board Elections in November. Voting will be electronic, and for members that do not have an email listed on file, they will receive a voting ballot by mail. Please take time to vote for your SVR board members that will guide our club in 2018. Another activity fast approaching in November is the Christmas Tree Decorating at the California Automobile Museum. Please look for the ad in this edition of the Drifter and the instructions to RSVP. Yet another upcoming activity is our **Charity Auction** that will be held on October 22, at the very spacious Sun City Ballroom in Roseville. The deadline to sign up is **October 11**<sup>th</sup>. The auction will have a catered lunch and will feature live music by SVR's own "The Speedsters".

Our planned club dinner for September at Orchid Thai in Lincoln had to be cancelled due to not having the minimum number of guaranteed guests by the RSVP deadline. We at the Board have been puzzled why this happened. A few years back the same dinner was held and was very successful. Dinners are by far the most popular club activity, and my memory fails me trying to remember the last time a dinner had to be cancelled. I kindly ask the membership to sign up earlier for events, to ensure the required attendance minimums are met. Unfortunately even after the event was cancelled, four members contacted the hosts to sign up. If we take into account these four attempted sign ups past the deadline, only seven people were missed to meet the minimum number of guaranteed guests. So please, for people that wait to the last minute, be mindful of RSVP deadlines and sign up early. Club dinners are extremely popular and it is sad that Orchid Thai in September had to be cancelled, not to mention all the work the hosts had already made for this event.

The **2017 Werks Reunion**, held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the "Corral de Tierra Country Club" in Monterey was just

phenomenal. For spectators, the admission was free. Between the Corral and the Judged cars, there were something like 1.000 cars present there. This does not include the Porsches parked in the regular parking lots! I spoke briefly with PCA Executive Director Vu Nguyen and asked him about this new place. He said Corral de Tierra is much bigger than the site they used before and PCA was very happy with this new venue. A special treat in this year's reunion was PCNA bringing examples of all seven generations of 911 cars from the Porsche Museum. The 991 they brought is the 1,000,000 car, in that gorgeous Irish Green color. Also, in the main stage, PCA Past President Manny Alban interviewed racing driver Patrick Long and racing legends Hurley Haywood and Vic **Elford**. With hundreds and hundreds of people there I still saw some SVR members. I saw and said hello to Dan Rowland, Charity Chair Alma Thompson and her husband, Dummkopf Chair Gary **Thompson**, and Share the Wealth Chairs George and Lisa Okamoto. And for the Porsches and love for the marque. the cars in display were beautiful. For the first time ever I saw the famous Fuhrman engine (the dual overhead cam four-cylinder air-cooled engine) in

a **1956 Carrera GS Speedster**. I finally have that crossed off my list. Another car that caught my eye was a beautiful 928 that the owner bought for about \$1,000 and restored to its present glory. I carpooled to the event with our Tour Co-Chair **Hector Chavez** in his **964**. We had a great time in sharing the legendary "road trip" adventure, since we did the round trip the same day. The event will return in 2018 to this roomy location. I highly recommend SVR members to check it out.

Finally, for upcoming events I have not mentioned already, we have the Carrera de Sierra and Golden West TSD Rallies on October 14 and 15. The very last Autocross of the season is October 21. The November Club Dinner is at Zinfandel Grill hosted by Bill and Cathy Keegan. The RSVP deadline is October 30th. The Mendocino Tour is November 3 to November 5.

Have a great October, RSVP for your events early, and safe travels!





# Editor's Corner Steve McCrory, SVR Drifter Editor Photos By Bill Conner and Alma Thompson

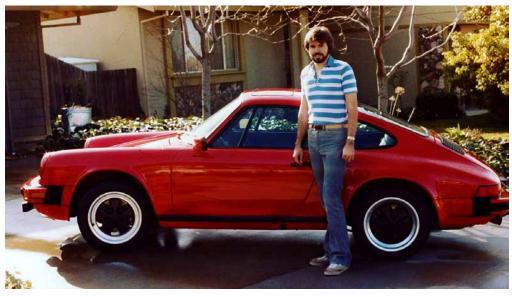
As we roll into the last few months of 2017, I reflect on what makes this another great year for the Sacramento Valley Region, even as we look forward to upcoming events.

Credit goes to all the volunteers who stepped forward to create, plan and follow through with club events that appeal to our membership. As I near the end of my three year term as Editor, I want to thank the Drifter Team for creating an outstanding newsletter that garnered awards and recognition at the PCA Parade in Spokane, and everyone who has contributed information, photographs, and articles about our events and Porsche related activities.

Our goal, as always, has been to provide useful information and entertainment, as well as recognizing the sponsors who support the club. In 2018 you will see changes to the Drifter Team, and the Board of Directors who provide the organizational structure and leadership for club activities.

The SVR Planning Meeting will be held in January, and gives members a chance to suggest and plan events for the 2018 calendar. Check out the flyer in this issue.

By now you have heard the news that **Rennsport** is returning to Laguna Seca Mazda Raceway. Truly an amazing



event that draws people from around the world to celebrate the history of the Porsche racing experience that changed the face of international sports car racing. Consider attending the **Tech Tactics West** event if you want an insider view of Porsche Technology. See eBrake news for details. Other events rounding out 2017 are many, with the **Charity Auction** and **Christmas Party** and the Zone 7 Awards Dinner being just a few.

On our October Cover is an outstanding photograph of Bill and Nancy Conner's 2012 991 Carrera S in GT Silver with PDK. Bill's first Porsche 911 was an 82 SC purchased new at Niello Porsche, then on Madison Avenue, and joining the PCA SVR Region followed in short order. The SC was a daily driver for ten years, and other 911s followed the SC experience. The Conners enjoy Tours and Social Events and are involved with the planning of CRAB 37 as Lodging Chair. The cover photo was taken by Collin Fat, intrepid Drifter Team member.

In this issue find nominations for the 2018 Board of Directors. Kirk Bradford's take on the Werks Reunion, and Collin Fat's autocross article on the importance of the course walk. Gregg Plourde provides a look at the Mammoth Tour in a way that encourages future participation, including my own. Find the John D'Angelo update on the Concours series, and his take on Werks. Deb Dunn and Kelley Murphy describe their post Parade road trip.

Photo on left shows 3 happy SVR Concour entrants at the Livermore Porsche Concours, the last Zone 7 Concours of the season. Alma Thompson says, "It was a great Concours, and a great lunch. We all won first place awards in our classes." L-R James Buckner, Alma Thompson. Al Price. Way to go.

That's it for October.





## PDK (Pretty Darn Kwik)

Rik Larson, SVR Member

#### 2018 Event?

**Gregg Plourde** is available to assist anyone that is ready to calendar an event for next year, especially if you want to do it in the first 4 months of the calendar year. He (and Mardi) are looking especially for dinner hosts in those first 4 months.

#### **Werks Reunion**

I just wanted to add to Kirk's article that **Kristina Cilia** was also involved with husband Dominic on the showing of their 914 (and taking a first in class). Turns out that Kristina was also a volunteer photographer at the Spokane Parade and was involved with taking many pictures at the TSD Rally.

Porsche Technician Challenge Dustin Aydt, shop foreman at Niello Porsche and also on the PCA Technical Committee, finished in 2nd place in the recent contest. According to the letter from Klaus Zellmer, President and CEO of PCNA (Porsche Cars North America), Dustin was one of 208 technicians to participate in the Challenge. There were 3 stages to the contest that started in April. Dustin scored at the top of class for the Stage One online assessment. He then moved on to Stage Two practical, hands-on test, which assessed procedural and diagnostic tasks. The final stage (now narrowed down to 10 finalists) finished up at the PCNA head-quarters in Atlanta at the end of August. "Dustin accomplished the ultimate goal ---- earning the highest combined score for all three stages." Congrats Dustin.

#### Rennsport Reunion VI (2018)

Tickets go on sale on Wednesday, October 18th. Some websites show the event as 4 days long. Ticketmaster (the ticket processor) shows it as 3 days. Not sure why the difference.

#### CRAB 37 logo?

The logo you saw in the September DRIFTER ad for "Save the Date" is not the official logo.

#### **Tech Tactics West**

Registration opens October 15th. Check out the event flyer on page 27. The location has changed from 2016...it will be in Eastvale (near Corona). You can select which day you want to attend as both days are identical presentations.

#### FIVE years ago in the DRIFTER

The September 2012 cover featured some of the attendees at the Porsche Parade in Salt Lake City. There were a total of 4 articles that covered the festivities of the weeklong event.

**Lisette Smith** wrote an article (with photos) about their first Parade. (*They attended the Parade in Spokane this year*).

Bruce Ungari wrote about his concours experience with Speedster 80013. He placed first in his class and also was awarded the Zuffenhausen award in recognition for being among the top cars that scored between 296 and 298 points (this is out of 300 points possible).



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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

# 2017/18 SVR Events svr-pca.org

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
Nov 26	CAM Christmas Tree Decorating & Potluck
Dec 16	SVR Christmas Party, Timbers at the Lodge, Liz Houser & Wendy Bulhoes
Jan 9	SVR Planning Meeting
April 13-15	Pacific Grove Tour, Jim & Linda McMahen
May 18-20	CRAB 37

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

#### **CONCOURS**

2018 Watch This Space

#### **AUTOCROSS**

Oct 29 Golden Gate Region, Alameda

#### **WEST COAST RACING SERIES**

Nov 11-12 Buttonwillow Raceway

#### OTHER ZONE 7 EVENTS

Nov 11 Year End Awards Banquet, Fairfield

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

June 1-3 Trinity/Weaverville Tour, Liz & Ray Houser

October 21 Ax Stockton

#### **Upcoming PCA Events 2017/18**

December 2-3 Tech Tactics West, Southern California

July 8-14 Porsche Parade, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

#### **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 7 CAM, Cruise Fest, Fulton Ave.

#### Sacramento Valley Region, Porsche Club of America (PCA) and San Francisco Region, Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) 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 rallys. 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.

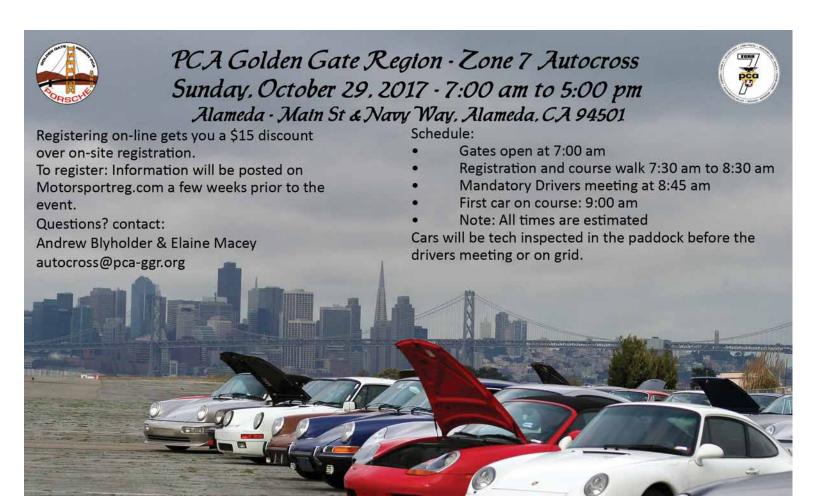
Find entry form and complete details at: www.ground-speed.com/rally/flyer.pdf

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# Christmas Tree Decorating and Potluck



Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>
California Automobile Museum
2200 Front Street
Sacramento CA 95818



Bring an ornament showing your car and/or yourselves for the tree!

Tree Trimming 2:00 PM

Potluck 4:00 PM

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

# Mendocino Tour 2017 endocino . \_\_\_\_ November 3 - November 5 MINAIL CALL

#### A very informal tour.

- kite flying
- socials

MacCallum House Suites ---- \$195/night + tax, includes breakfast Contact Frederick Rauch for room information at de@svr-pca.org or 916.595.3371

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





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Includes: Caesar Salad w/Garlic Croutons. Shaved Parmesan Cheese, coffee and tea.

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> Questions? Contact your Hosts Bill or Cathy Keegan billkeegan@comcast.net clkeegan@comcast.net (916) 242-0332 Home, (916) 316-3853 Cell

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

**Photo Web** 

#### October 2002

What a great DRIFTER cover, Here's what the editor had to say about it on the second-page cover caption: "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." So, how we did we come to possess this treasure-trove of **Steve McQueen** posters, you ask? First some background. Le Mans is a 1971 film depicting a fictional 24 Hours of Le Mans auto race starring Steve McQueen and directed by Lee H. **Katzin**. It features actual footage captured during the 1970 race held the previous June. Released in June 1971, and given a G-rating, the film was thought to be a flop at the box-office in the United States. You should not be surprised to find all major roles to be professional race-car drivers.

Main Cast: Steve McQueen as Michael Delaney (Porsche 917 factory driver). Siegfried Rauch as Erich Stahler

(Ferrari 512 factory driver).

Christopher Waite as Larry Wilson (Porsche 917 factory driver).

So, where was the debut for the film? Why, Sacramento, was one of the debut sites. In the Esquire Theatre. When the film was over, a huge box of **Steve McQueen** posters somehow found their way under my seat. I took my time leaving. Additional footage shot after the race used actual Porsche 917 and Ferrari 512s, in competition liveries. In the crash scenes comparatively expendable technologically obsolete Lola T70 chassis were fitted with replica Porsche and Ferrari bodywork.

Who would have thought the supply of **Steve McQueen** posters that found their way under my Esquire Theater seat that night would help fuel SVR charity auction efforts until we ran out of posters this year. Though depicted as the factory-backed Scuderia Ferrari team, the 512's used were borrowed from Belgian Ferrari distributor Jacques Swaters after Enzo Ferrari balked at supplying cars due to the script's Porsche team victory. By the way, care to guess who and what won this 24hour movie: Larry Wilson in his Porsche 917 at the wire.

A bit of rally news: Golden Gate

Region was scheduled to present the 8th and last 2002 Zone 7 Series Rally. It was named Covote Run #2.

In his October 2002 (page 4) column, SVR President Russ Hildebrand announced that the October 13th SVR Swap-meet hosted by Silver Star Recycling in Rancho Cordova would open for business between 7:00 and 7:30AM at the Silver Star parking lot and would spill over into the street. As they did last year, Silver Star is not only the American Cancer Society fundraiser, but is picking up the tab on the expenses and donating a number of gift certificates in \$250 and \$100 denominations. Also in his column, Russ offers a shopping tip for a budding swap meet buyer: The best action seems to happen between the opening time, about 7:30 or so, until 9:00 or 10:00. By that time all the sellers have shown up and the savvy buyers have made their first rounds.

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.





# **Driver's Meeting, Art of The Course Walk**

By Collin Fat, SVR Autocross Chair Photos Collin Fat

The Art of the The course walk is one of the fundamental tasks that all autocrossers usually complete several times prior to running their first runs on an autocross course. When you are walking the course, what are you really looking for and what is the perspective you want when you walk it? Are you just noting tight corners, decreasing radius turns that require threshold breaking or deciding on which way to take an optional 5 cone slalom? These are indeed things to look out for.

#### **Course Map Design:**

Most autocross events provide the drivers with a course map. The map generally denotes the start and finish of the course, slaloms, straights, big sweepers, and sometimes more technical turns like a switchback or Chicago box. As you review the map, always take it with you on your course walk and note any difficult turns or areas of the course that you might want to spend some extra time looking at on your course walk. Also, use the map for reference after each run should you knock a few cones down on a run and a plan of attack to avoid them on future runs. Look for flow and areas that you can get on the gas and areas that you need to give it up on.

#### Walking the Course:

When you walk the course, it is advised that you walk the course from where you will be seated in your car. Although the view from the driver's seat is going to be a little different and because you will be seated lower once in your car, it is the best approximation of what you will be facing on your first run. In other words, if you want to run wide so that you can late apex a tight turn, walk wide and imagine yourself as you enter the turn. Is the late apex the best line or perhaps is an early apex the best approach? Note also where you may want to brake and where you might want to get on the gas after passing the apex. I also like to look back at the entry from the exit as this also gives you a different look. As you walk, look for the green cones. These are markers intended to help you look down the course and pick up changes of direction.

When walking a slalom, the most important aspect of getting through this section of the course is where you want to come out of at the last cone and into the next turn. If the turn at the end of the slalom is quite tight, you

usually want to exit to the left of the last cone to take a right hand sweeper. Vice a versa, if you are exiting the last cone and it sweeps left, you will want to exit the last cone to the right. However, if you enter the slalom as directed by a pointer cone, there is no option to enter left or right of the first cone. Also, pay attention to the spacing of the cones. Are they equal distance or are a few of the cones spaced tighter?

When you walk sweepers or tight turns, pay attention not only to the entry but also the exit of a turn. If the turn ends into a straight and the turn is tight, you will want to give up the turn and enter at a reduced speed so that you can get on the gas sooner and therefore makeup time on the straight. If the turn exits into a short section or entry to a slalom more caution needs to be taken on corner exit and entry speed. A lot of this depends on the traction you have available from your tires as well as braking power.

One course element that many course designers in Zone 7 have added is the use of bright green cones to signify changes in direction. It is important to note these cones during your course walk and how they relate to the flow of the course.

As you walk, also note areas of the course where the surface is degraded or there is an off camber situation with the turn. If the turn is cambered to the left for a right hand turn, you are going to

experience less grip entering as well as possibly exiting the turn. It's all due to physics and car dynamics.

Over-all Feel and Flow of the Course:

One thing to note in comparing course A and course B is the number and difficulty of the turns as well as the flow. Other than the obvious difference that Course A has no slalom, also note that there are large sweepers in the design versus Course B which has tighter turns. Note in **Course A** the width of the track is more than 30 feet wide and in some areas 40 feet in width versus the course width in Course B that is more the standard 25-30 feet width. The feel of Course A flows better allowing for greater speeds and lower times. Generally speaking, the better the flow of the course, the less braking that will be involved, the greater the speed and the more throttle you will be able to apply without risking running off the course or plowing the front end through the sweepers due to an understeering car.

The Course Surface and Camber: One important thing to note during the course walk is the type and condition of the course surface. Is it asphalt or concrete or a combination of both?

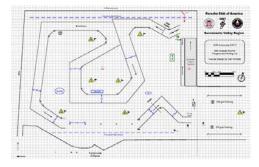
Generally speaking, concrete and asphalt have different levels of grip, with asphalt generally providing better grip and better resistance to skidding. However, depending on the finish of the concrete, this can be switched so that concrete may offer the grippier surface



#### **COURSE A**



#### **COURSE B**



such as on an airport runway where traction and resistance to skidding is a paramount safety concern with planes hitting the runway on landing at speeds in excess of 100 mph.

Another concern regarding the surface of the course is its overall condition. Are there areas in the course where the surface is smoother than in other areas or is the surface in some

areas under disrepair and crumbling? Are there any small potholes that might upset your car's balance and therefore would want to avoid? If this is the case, you might want to consider changing your line to avoid the bad pavement. Lots of time, a course designer is not aware of the surface conditions on every square foot of the course.

The course walk should also reveal whether the course has changes in elevation or camber. Approaching a section of the course that changes elevation by more than a foot can affect the suspension of the car and cause a lack of traction or a possible spinout. Therefore, approaching a section of the course that has a significant elevation change may require getting off the gas in this section. In addition, if the turn is off camber, meaning sloping opposite the direction of the turn it will mean the turn will have less grip available and put additional stress on the outside tires of your car resulting in less traction. Depending on the setup of your car's suspension, camber may or may not be a factor in attacking a corner.

#### How to Attack a technical turn:

Most technical turns like a decreasing or increasing radius turn or a Chicago box or chicane require precision driving in order to enter the turn in the optimum position in order to exit

properly. For example, on course A, the sweeper adjacent to corner station 5 has several ways to take it. Tight or wide. It really depends on your grip and whether your car is prone to understeer. If understeer is a problem, the better line might be a wider versus tighter turn radius. It is really difficult to tell during the course walk if the turn is going to actually be that difficult at all. It may be that you have plenty of traction available in your tires and that the understeer you might have suspected is not an issue. Braking late or early as you enter may be something you want to experiment with on your second or third run.

#### **Rookie Course Walk:**

The rookie course walk is usually conducted prior to the driver's meeting and is generally conducted by the club's chief driving instructor. He or she is likely one of the most experienced drivers attending the event and his or her comments could unlock some of the secrets to getting your best time on the course. Take the opportunity to participate or to at least tag along with one of the more experienced drivers. You can learn quite a bit about how they are planning on attacking the course and areas to watch out for.





# "Roadwise" By Mike Dunn, SVR Drifter Ad Manager Photos Author

It seems that the fall season has arrived all too soon. The trees are changing colors and it is a great time to take advantage of the SVR's touring activities still available for 2017. As I was out delivering Drifter copies to our advertisers and enjoying the weather, I pulled into Rocky Mountain Auto Works just as the work crew was completing the installation of their new sign. The sign really looks sharp and highlights their new building upgrades.

For those who are not familiar with Rocky Mountain, they have been in business close to 30 years and have been a supporter of the SVR and its charity efforts for many years. They offer Paint Correction (LLumar clear bra paint protection), Window Tinting, Water Smart Car Wash/Detailing, Car Alarms, GPS/Navigation installs, vinyl wraps and Mobile Audio Video sales and services. Various levels of paint protection are offered based on a customer's requirements and driving habits. We know our bad roads can cause costly paint repairs. Paint Correction offers the protection needed to save the paint. Rocky Mountain's client list contains not only retail customers but local auto dealers, body shops, as well as city, county, state, and federal agencies.

During my visit with owners David



and Amy Kurokawa, I shared some of the club's various upcoming activities and offered a review of the Porsche Parade in Spokane. I mentioned a convoy (unofficial) of ten Porsches that left Sacramento for Parade. A few Porsches in the convoy had radar detection units on board to ensure that speed limits were maintained along the trip.

David mentioned that Rocky Mountain does not sell radar detection units,

but does offer installation that hides the wiring so the windshield area remains clear. That way the equipment is subtle and stealthily installed.

I checked California Vehicle Code and radar detection units are legal. However, you cannot have a unit or wires blocking the line of sight of the windshield. That is a code violation. Rocky Mountain offers alternatives to have your radar unit comply with the codes, regardless of brand. Besides, you need to be on the lookout for those potholes so you do not crack a rim.

Rocky Mountain offers discounts of 10% to Veterans, First Responders and SVR members. Contact them to discuss your options, and take advantage of these special offerings.

Check out their website: www. RockyMountainAutoWorks.com for additional promotions and services. Happy motoring and enjoy the fall weather.





# CRAB 37 is Headed Your Way By Bob Lozito, CRAB 37 Chairperson

The Porsche Club of America-Sacramento Valley Region is pleased and excited to announce the return of our very popular CRAB event. The weekendlong event is scheduled for May 18-20, 2018 and will be held at the California Automobile Museum (CAM), located at 2200 Front Street, Sacramento, CA.

If you were a part of CRAB 36 at Eagle's Nest, you know firsthand how much fun these events are. CRAB 36 certainly set the bar high with everything it had to offer; especially our own SVR member Brian Sanders' air show. If you missed the last CRAB event then be sure to mark your calendar for another fun-filled outing.

Our CRAB 37 Chair is Bob Lozito. Bob is joined by several very dedicated SVR members who have volunteered to take the lead on each activity of CRAB. The CRAB Committee is busy fine-tuning the schedule of events to ensure we are offering enjoyable activities such as autocross, tours, meals, concours, music and more.

Our goal is to offer our SVR membership with a full menu of activities that will prove challenging and fun to the veteran and new Porsche owner alike. The California Automobile Museum is currently undergoing some significant improvements that will make our event even more enjoyable. Your CRAB 37 Team is also committed to ensuring all attendees receive great value for their registration fees.

Here is a listing of some of the Committee Chairs and their respective Roles:

Autocross Chair: Collin Fat Tour Chair: Matt and Lisa Menning Registration Chair: Rich Walker CRAB Treasurer: Joy Nieslony Food/Meals Chair: Alma Thompson Lodging Chair: Bill Conner Rally Chair: Richard Wetzel

Decorations Chair: Mardi Quain

Entertainment Chair: Vacant Advertising & Sponsorship Chair: Vacant

Please stay tuned for progress updates from your CRAB 37 Committee in the months to come. If you are interested in being part of the CRAB 37 team involved in putting on this fun event, please contact Bob Lozito at 916-505-2409 or <a href="mailto:crab37@svr-pca.org">crab37@svr-pca.org</a>. We welcome each SVR member to be part of the CRAB Committee and hope you will get involved. It is a great way to get to know new members and to share your talents and passion with the entire SVR membership.

SAVE THE DATE: CRAB 37 May 18-20, 2018 and spread the word!

Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca announced the next Porsche Rennsport Reunion will take place at the famed California racetrack in 2018. The upcoming Family Reunion has been expanded to four days September 27-30, 2018 on the Monterey Peninsula. PCA will take part in and help facilitate the festivities as it has in past Rennsport gatherings.

Tickets go on sale October 18, 2017 BUY TICKETS http://www.mazdaraceway.com/2018-major-event-schedule



## **Mammoth High Altitude Tour**

By Gregg Plourde, SVR Member Photo Web, Convict Lake

Before this tour was announced, I knew one thing – the mountains on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Range are what makes the Sierra's so wild and beautiful. I also have not explored this area in any detail. This is where the range of light begins; it's where John Muir spent a lot of his time exploring. Ansel Adams loved to photograph the eastern Sierra's that resulted in producing some of his most famous works of art.

When the Sierra Nevada region asked SVR to advertise this tour in The Drifter, I signed up Rebecca and I that day. We were not disappointed.

We met the first group south of Reno after Rebecca and I travelled over Mt. Rose. At 8,911 ft. it is the highest mountain pass in the State of Nevada. This was the first of many high altitude passes we would travel. There we met our tour leader Craig Kugler, current Past President of the Sierra Nevada Region. After a brief driver's meeting, it was down 395 to Jack's Valley Road to meet the rest of our group in scenic Genoa, Nevada's first settlement. Founded in 1851 it is worth a side trip to see the Victorian era buildings and stop for a nice lunch or dinner there. There we met fellow SVR members Ernie and Wendy Bulhoes and new members John and Sally Savona. After a full driver and safety meeting, it was back on the road. We traveled down Highway 88 and Highway 89 through Markleeville in Alpine County over Monitor Pass (8,314 ft.) towards Mammoth Lakes, our destination for the weekend. The high desert continued to gain in elevation as we continued south. We saw a lot of 7,000 ft. elevation signs on the way down as we followed the Walker River.

After leaving the Walker, the Sierra's presented us with their beauty as they loomed up from the desert floor. With 12,000-foot and higher elevations still holding on to some of the record snow pack in their steep slopes, its beauty continued to impress. We stopped at Bridgeport for a rest and chatted with our fellow travelers. The rest of the trip was punctuated by new vistas of the range as we continued south to our destination.

We checked into our hotel, the Westin Monache, all arranged by SNR region member and resident of Mammoth Lakes, **Mark Coronado**. We even had our own parking area in the underground parking garage. On the way into town we noticed a welcome Porsche

owner and enthusiast sign in the middle of town! After dinner at the hotel, we met for a social and enjoyed meeting PCA members from SVR, Loma Prieta, Las Vegas, Diablo and our host region, Sierra Nevada.

Saturday morning, we all met at the Base Camp Café, where the parking lot was reserved for our cars. Many visitors came by and checked out the Porsche's parked there. After a driver and safety meeting, we headed out for the first of three tours that day. First was our longest run, a 70-mile circuit through portions of the Long Valley Caldera, a volcanic depression created 700,000 years ago that covered most of the western U.S. with ash. Of note was the series of dips created when by the undulations of the sloping and eroded terrain. The series of "whoop-dee-doos" were fun and exciting as the car in front of you crested a hill and just disappears in front of you! We got a great view of the south shore of Mono Lake as we headed to the little town of Lee Vining for rest and gas. We then turned south on 395 and took the scenic June Lake loop, which butts up against the towering Sierras. We returned to Mammoth Lakes for lunch at Mammoth Brewing Company where again the parking lot was cordoned off for our exclusive use. Lunch was very good and we had our own reserved area to eat and enjoy conversations about the morning run.

That afternoon we headed up to Lake Mary and at 8,920 ft. we had views of Mammoth Lakes and the Long Valley Caldera; well worth the short trip from

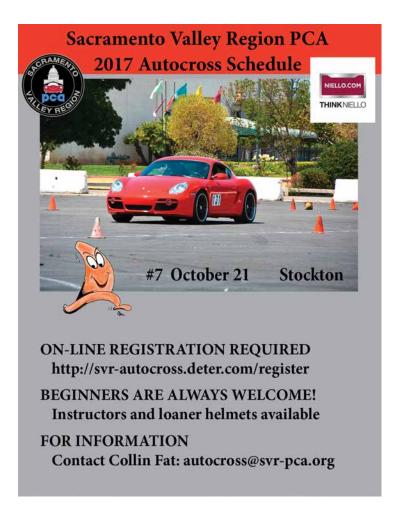
town. Then back down to 395 and a final jaunt to Convict Lake. One of the most dramatic vistas of the tour was with Laurel Mountain and Mount Morrison serving as the backdrop to the lake. Mount Morrison is named after Robert Morrison, a posse member from nearby Benton who was killed chasing escaped convicts from Carson City in 1871 and hence the name of the lake.

Tired and ready for a rest, we returned to the hotel and put our feet up before getting ready for dinner at Toomey's restaurant. We took the hotel shuttle down and settled in for a delicious meal. Owner **Matt Toomey** came out and welcomed us and his staff provided great service. We had a wonderful time, enjoying the company and conversation of many new friends.

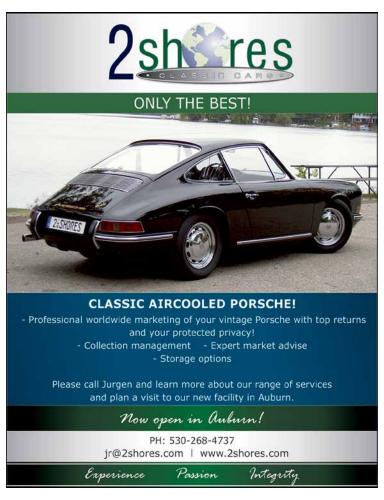
Sunday, we had joined the rest of the group for a farewell breakfast. The Bulhoes', Savona's and we headed west over Tioga Pass and Yosemite National Park. The pass at 9,943 ft., was the highest pass we had traveled on during the three-day tour. We enjoyed the cool temperatures at almost 10,000 feet. With sunroofs open and tops down we had great vistas of Tuolumne Meadows, Tenaya Lake and Olmstead Point. After a brief stop in Groveland (wow! Was is hot!!), we said our goodbyes and headed into the roasting valley heat for home.

We will return for the big tour next year and visit this wonder and beautiful part of the Sierra Nevada Mountains again.











## **2018 SVR Board Candidates Statements**

For President 2018 Gregg Plourde

After I bought my first Porsche (a 2007 Carrera), I joined the Porsche Club of America, at the suggestion of my brother-in-law in North Carolina, a long time Porsche Club of America member. He said the local regions of the Porsche Club of America did lots of activities and was really a people oriented club. I thought "how could he know what the Sacramento Valley Region would be like?"

Well, he was right and more! I went to the new member tour that year at Thunderhill race track, and the SVR members were friendly, knowledgeable and fun to be with. The leader of the tour asked me to write an article for our magazine, The Drifter. That was what has led me to participating in many club activities over the past eight years.

Since then I have been involved in many club activities, including organizing monthly dinners, assisting and leading multi-day tours, helping at charity events and much more. In 2016, I was the facilities manager for Crab 36.

My career in Information Technologies for over 30 years has involved being the Financial Assistant at a Bay Area financial institution, IT Director and Assistant Vice President for a foothill financial institution, and IT Supervisor and Assistant Director for a local county. Each has provided me with the opportunity to recognize and implement improvements in technologies, organize and lead projects to install and manage the new changes, hire and train the personnel needed to use the product.

Organizational skills and the ability to recognize the abilities of others has been one of my strong points.

With the background I have, I would welcome the opportunity to be a part of the team that continues the strong growth your Porsche club has achieved.



For Vice President 2018 Steve Barker Nothing submitted



For Secretary 2018 Rebecca Plourde

I have been a member since 2009 and have been pleasantly surprised at how fun and active our club is. I have been getting more involved by hosting dinners, co-hosting tours and was on the team that organized and ran Crab 36 earlier this year. Everything has been so much fun and an adventure.

With my background in banking, accuracy and attention to detail has been an important part of my career. Included in my duties was working with customers, focusing on opening new accounts and managing retirement accounts. My skills include both setting up and attending meetings, keeping accurate records, document retention and communication. My ability to summarize key points of a discussion or meeting are alsostrengths of mine. My artistic hobby, which also includes attention to complex instructions and details helps keep me focused on the job at hand.

With my interest in being accurate and detailed, I feel I could do a great job as Secretary of our club. Thank you for your consideration.



For Treasurer 2018 Tom Perry-Smith

In the last two years since joining the SVR, I've participated in a number of events and had a great time meeting many of you. Being able to converse with folks that appreciate the Porsche mark and take such pride of ownership is amazingly rewarding.

My passion for all things automobile runs deep. I've owned a variety of sports cars over the years, mostly older corvettes. I acquired a 1989 Turbo-look Cab located in Seattle back in 1992. I brought it home and immediately began restoring it. That's one I wish I'd never let go of. But, as many folks do, I succumbed to the calling of a newer 911. Wish I had a bigger garage! I grew up here in Sacramento and attended CSUS. I went into public accounting in 1979 and practiced as a CPA until we sold our practice to another firm in 2011. Along the way, I worked for an international accounting firm, one of the "Big 4". After ten years, I joined a large regional firm with offices in Sacramento and San Francisco. During those years, I audited a variety of manufacturing and technology companies and even had a couple of automobile dealerships as clients. I retired in 2016. I have a profound respect for the fiduciary responsibilities that are a part of being SVR Treasurer. The SVR is an exceptionally well run organization. I will ensure that accountability and transparency continue to define the role of Club Treasurer.



For Membership Director 2018 Janet Conner

My first year serving as Membership Director will be ending in a couple months. It has been an exciting year. This year I started something new hoping to retain our membership by emailing members whose membership had expired to remind them to renew. Also new this year, I've been emailing new members that did not include a co-member to encourage them to include someone.

I have enjoyed meeting so many new members and participating in different club events, while serving on the board as Treasurer in 2014-2015 and Co-Chair of the New Member Group in 2016 in addition to this year. I am ready to carry on the duties of the Membership Director for one more year. I hope you will all take the time to vote ... and while you are at it ... please vote for me.

For Competition & Safety Director 2018 Matt Deter

I joined PCA in 2003 after purchasing my first Porsche. It didn't take long before I slipped down the proverbial slope and found myself buying a helmet, gloves, and "sticky tires" for autocross and track events.

Next thing I knew I was the Autocross chair and at some point also the Competition and Safety Director during which many exciting competition events transpired, including even a rally and a concours! After a breather I served as Secretary, which proves I can stay awake for the entire board meeting.

So it is with these excellent qualifications and great enthusiasm that I ask for your support as Irespectfully submit my candidate statement for the 2018 board position of SVR Competition and Safety Director.

For Social Director 2018 Mardi Quain

I joined SVR with my husband Skip late in 2014. The hope in joining was to meet fun people and enjoy different activities around our Porsche. SVR has delivered on both counts.

We have hosted some activities, such as Valentines Dinner in February 2015, Blackhawk Museum Tour in March 2016 and a couple of Detail Maniac detailing seminars in 2015 and 2017, and the Rivercats Baseball game in 2017.

The club has given us so much in the way of friendships and fun. And as your 2017 Social Director I have met more of our great members in working with them as they set up dinners and events. I would welcome the opportunity to continue as your Social Director for another year. Thank you Mardi Quain



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





# Christmas Tree Decorating and Potluck



Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> California Automobile Museum 2200 Front Street Sacramento CA 95818



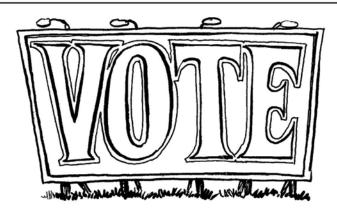
Bring an ornament showing your car and/or yourselves for the tree!

Tree Trimming 2:00 PM

Potluck 4:00 PM

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 19<sup>th</sup>



How to Vote by Bill Fargo, SVR Webmaster

Once again it is time to vote for your SVR Board members. If you voted last year, you know how easy it is. If not, plan on visiting our website between November 1 and November 20th of this year. If you have taken web surveys before, you will find this is just as easy. After reading the candidate's statements either here or on our site, there will be a link which will take you to the voting site. Remember, you will need your PCA member number to vote. It is one of the few fields that are required.

Our ballot is easy and should only take a few minutes to fill out. The positions that are open are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Social, Treasurer, Competition and Membership. Remember you can vote for the candidate listed in the drop down or if you can write someone in, including yourself. If you've thought about helping your club, volunteer! Luckily you don't have to worry about having to pay taxes on the high salary of board membership. You do get back what you give knowing that you have helped us to enrich the club' membership with your service. We do not have any other items to vote on this year but we have included a place at the bottom for you to share your thoughts.

Vote for President	
Please choose	•
Write in candidate for President	

# SVR 2018 Event Planning Meeting



### Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Round Table Pizza

9500-1 Greenback Lane, Folsom 95630

(Madison Avenue at Greenback Lane) 916-989-1133

Meeting begins at 6:00 P.M. / Pizza at 6:30 P.M. Meeting continues after Pizza!



- Dinners
- Tours
- Tech Events
- Rallies
- Social Gatherings
- Autocrosses
- New Events???

Cost is \$1.00 (yes still one dollar!) per person if you RSVP by December 26<sup>th</sup>, otherwise it is \$2.00/person. Beer, wine and salads available at extra cost. If you can't attend the meeting, but have an idea for an activity in 2018, contact Gregg for the event to be included on the 2018 Calendar.

RSVP to Gregg Plourde at vicepresident@svr-pca.org or 530.210.9686



### **Zone 7 Concours Series**

# By John D'Angelo, Zone 7 Concours Chairperson Photo Author

The Zone 7 2017 Concours Series is nearly complete as I write this and so far, so good. The penultimate show was hosted by the Redwood Region and held at Ledson Winery in Kenwood on Sunday, September 17th. If you haven't been and are remotely interested, think about attending next year as it's a beautiful setting and the weather this year was spectacular! The final event of the year will be held at Porsche of Livermore on October 1st. Through six events, ninety unique entrants have participated in the series, ten PCA members have participated in the four or more events required to qualify for end of year awards, and over 140 judging forms have been completed. Participation in the Zone Series is roughly the same as last year and several new participants have entered one or more event. If you're interested but this year passed you bye, please consider coming to the Zone Concours School in late Spring, 2018.

Speaking of PCA concours events, Honore and I attended our second WERKS Reunion this year at its new location, the Corral de Tierra Country Club. By all accounts the new venue and this year's edition of WERKS were both huge successes. Part of the fun at

WERKS is the concours, but the format of the concours at WERKS is very different to that of the Zone 7 Series and Parade, which emphasize condition and presentation. At WERKS, the judging is based on the story of the car, its overall presentation and its "wow" factor. It was fun to participate as a head judge in this format, as it gave me a chance to talk to each owner about their car and to work with the judging team to place the cars in finishing order according to the three factors. Fun, but not easy. There were a number of beautiful and unique Porsche cars on the concours field with great stories and presenta-

Besides participating as a judge, we entered our GTS Club Coupe and were excited and honored to win a sponsor award and have the opportunity to drive our car up to the stage. The number of interesting and historically significant Porsches that showed up was at least a little overwhelming. Among my personal favorites were the Jägermeister liveried 934, the car that I built as a plastic model when I was in high school, and a very well executed 2.7 RS Carrera tribute. The thing that struck me about both cars is that they're owned by PCA members in their early 30's and both

cars were a big deal before either member was born. I spoke with both owners and they were each knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their cars and about the marque. Attendance at WERKS and these interactions certainly gave me hope that passion for the marque, its history and its great cars is alive and well.

Rounding out our WERKS experience, and saving the best for last, we were surprised and excited to hear our name announced as the winners of a trip to Le Mans 2018 as guests of Michelin. All of those who registered in advance for WERKS were entered to win, one needed to be present to win, and I think there were seven names called before ours. Although we won't see the 919 run, we're very much looking forward to attending our first Le Mans and grateful to PCA and Michelin for the opportunity. No doubt we'll have plenty to share when we get back.

We hope to see you at the final Concours Series event at Porsche of Livermore or at a PCA event in the coming months.







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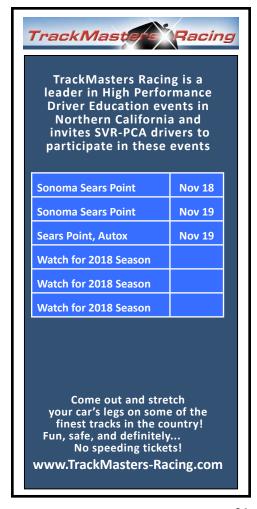
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### 2017 Werks Reunion

By Kirk Bradford, SVR Member Photos Kirk Bradford



Way back when, I had a boss that would tell me "change is good". When change is forced upon you, "good" can sometimes be the furthest thing from your mind. Right around the time that the finishing touches were being put on the 2016 Werks Reunion, it was revealed that 2016 would be the last time the event would be held at Rancho Canada. Rancho Canada was a terrific location, although traffic on Carmel Valley Road proved to be challenging.

After a search, a new location was chosen for the 2017 (and future) Werks Reunion, Corral de Tierra Country Club, just a few miles east of Laguna Seca Raceway. Upon arriving at the new location, my first impression was "where is everybody?" This is because the country club is located within a deep ravine, which isn't visible from the main road.

I knew I was at the right place because of the many volunteers directing traffic. But still, where were all the Porsches? As I drove around one of the maintenance buildings, a truly stellar sight came into view; Porsches for as far as the eye could see! While it took a little while to drive down to the event site below me, I was quickly directed to my corral parking location.

Because I had volunteered to be a concours judge, I arrived earlier than necessary. But being early enabled me to walk among the concours entrants as

they did the final detailing on their cars. It's always interesting to see the different approaches taken for "final" preparations done on the cars.

Soon the judges' meeting was announced over the PA, and I made my way over to the judges' tent. There was quite a crowd of judges, as we would be judging a total of 154 cars. This year, an innovative approach was taken for judging the cars. The first change was that the teams would look at the judged areas as a group, rather than each judge covering a different area. Then, after everyone on the team was satisfied that they had looked at everything, the group would get together and score each area of judging.

This team approach worked very well, as a consensus was reached on how to score each area of judging. Once each judged area was scored, an overall score was debated and again, consensus was reached among the members of the judging team.

Another critical ingredient to the judging was to interview each concours entrant to get some history on the car. Also, the entrant could point out any special aspects of the car. Since the concours was not a typical Zone 7 concours, there was no class differentiation among "Full", "Street", "Wash 'n Shine", etc. Every effort was made to give credit to well-prepared street-driven cars, even if they were competing with cars that were trailered or were "garage queens".

One story that was quite interesting was that of a 356 that seemed to have a rather awful paint job. There were some





about their cars. Great for the audience too.

Tom and Sandy Provasi need to be given kudos for another job well done. Each year, Werks gets better, and Tom, Sandy and the Werks team did a fantastic job of setting another high bar for Werks Reunion Monterey. What a memorable event!

Beyond the fantastic job the Werks team did, of all the Porsche events I have attended over the years, I have to say that the location was one of the best ever! Whether or not you attended Werks 2017, you need to plan on attending Werks 2018, as it will be a truly fantastic event.

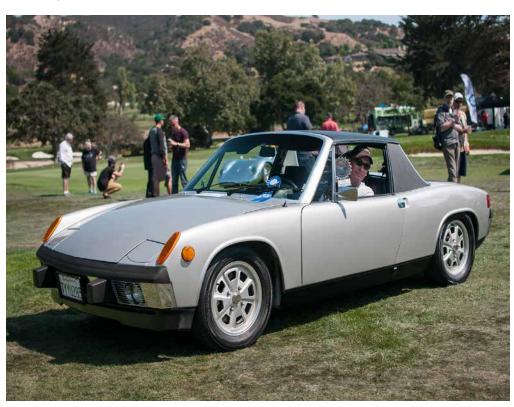
areas of the car where the paint simply looked "original". However, there were also areas of the paint that were a different color, and caused one to wonder "what the heck is going on with this paint?" Well, it turned out that the car had survived the Northridge earthquake while being stored in a garage that had cans of paint on shelves that were near the car. Luckily, none of the cans hit the car, but some of them literally exploded when they hit the garage floor, sending paint all over the car!

Besides being able to enjoy the cars in the concours, there were hundreds of cars parked in the corral. Just as was the case with the concours cars, there were many interesting cars in the corral. There were more "original and un-restored" cars parked in the corral than I think I have ever seen assembled in one place before. Also, I enjoyed looking at all the modified "R-Gruppe" cars in the field.

Another change this year was having a PA system that could be heard from almost anywhere at the site. Starting in the morning and continuing up until the concours winners were announced, interviews with famous Porsche People were conducted. Many interesting folks were interviewed, but I really enjoyed the interview with Vic Elford. His stories from his early days of racing Porsches were quite entertaining.

Manny Alban and team soon started the concours award ceremony, with the top three in each class being awarded trophies. A treat for the class winners was to drive their cars up to the reviewing stand to receive their beautiful Werks Reunion 1st place trophies. Also, each winner was given

the opportunity to talk about their car and answer questions from Manny. SVR member Dominic Cilia won his class with his beautiful Silver 1973 914, and was able to drive his car up to the reviewing stand, receive his trophy and answer questions about his car.



In addition, corporate sponsors were given the opportunity to pick their favorite car and present the owners with a special recognition award. This was a great surprise for many of the winners, and they too were given the opportunity to drive their cars up to the reviewing stand and speak a few words

# What I Did on My Summer Vacation

By Deb Dunn, SVR Member Photos Author

So a Porsche 911 (Deb and Mike Dunn) ad a Porsche Cayenne (Kelley and Dick Murphy) set off one day in July for Spokane Parade and beyond, traveling a total of 4,428 miles by day 19, on the Kelley dubbed "Wild Wild West Tour". We passed through nine states (California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Utah and Nevada) as well as two countries (USA and British Columbia, Canada). We crossed two time zones (Pacific and Mountain) and took boats (Lake Pend Oreille), ferries (Kootenay Lake), trolleys (a completely restored one in Nelson and a sightseeing one in Cody) and ski lifts up mountains (Mt. Schweitzer). We enjoyed countless rivers, lakes, bridges and mountain passes. We crossed the Continental Divide nine times. Many of those crossings were repeats in Yellowstone but they still count.

We wandered museums. The Buffalo Bill Center of the West is five museums in one location. It consists of the Buffalo Bill Museum, the Cody Firearms

Museum (the extensive gun display was a Mike and Dick favorite), the Draper Natural History Museum, the Whitney Western Art Museum and the Plains Indian Museum. We started the morning with coffee from the campfire at the chuck wagon out front. Trust me it was no Starbucks! Cooky was out there all day recreating a bit of American history.

We browsed art galleries (carved stone buffalo) and souvenir shops (loom weaving and broom-making demonstrations); wine tasted in South Dakota ("Red Ass" rhubarb wine); bellied up to a few bars (one with saddles for bar stools and a biker bar called One Eved Jack's in Sturgis); enjoyed many pub grub meals (Canadian poutine, yummy French fries with gravy and cheese curds) as well as some special fine farm to fork choices; visited Deadwood's cemetery (graves of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane); tried "glamping" in a cattle pasture (not Mike's favorite experience as he prefers his comforts and no mosquitoes); visited National Parks

> and Monuments and listened and learned from docents, tour guides and rangers.

We also managed to spend some money on Irish Claddagh rings in Coeur d'Alene (because they were on sale); Black Hills gold (to replace Kelley's mom's stolen earrings); and stacking rings in Jackson Hole (to remember that iconic Grand Teton Mountain skyline).

Then there were the "critters". We saw all kinds of elk, bison aka American Buffalo, bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorns, mule deer, eagles and so many cattle. I believe bighorn sheep can read because just as we entered Montana from Canada the road sign said "Watch for bighorn sheep next 200 yard". Sure enough right on cue, the sheep were in the



road around that first bend. And our eagle watching boat tour on Lake Pend Oreille was the first trip that season to score four sightings out of four nests. In Yellowstone there was a buffalo traffic jam as a huge herd crossed the road right in front of us. Time for the car top to come down for pictures. We saw no bears or moose except for the taxidermy ones at the natural history museum. Glad that I didn't spend the \$50 for that bear repellent at Bass Pro Shop. Although, the Yellowstone bear safety video did make me a little nervous.

We did learn first-hand what "Montana Big Sky Country" means. You really have to see it to truly understand it. I'd say it has to do with being at a consistently high elevation plateau with no mountains tops blocking your sky view. And we learned that Interstate 80 is one long long road!

We wanted to thank our friends, Stephanie and Mark Fleishman, for their hospitality and great tour of the Coeur d'Alene area. That floating island golf hole and all the beautiful lakeside homes were something to see. The Fleishman's used to live in Lincoln and were SVR members but have happily relocated to Idaho. Dick is all ready to move up there. They also joined us for the Selkirk Loop tour in Canada. Mike wants to say an extra thank you to Mark



for standing guard over his car for "door banging protection" on the ferry boat. We were trapped inside the car. Our new expression to explain anything is, "That's just how they do things in Idaho". What a lovely time, thank you.

So what do you need for a trip like this? I would say the most important thing is to have great traveling companions. In Kelley and Dick Murphy, we struck gold. What a great time for the four of us.

The Porsches performed beautifully. It's a good thing we didn't require servicing because we soon learned we weren't in Porsche land anymore. We rarely saw another Porsche on the road and had no idea where to find a dealership. We did see one Porsche Boxster parked outside a restaurant in Cody, Wyoming. We made it a game to identify the owner in the busy restaurant. We picked them out correctly and surprised them with our inquiry. They were concerned that we were asking because something had happened to their car. The scarcity of Porsches was confirmed by a friendly cowboy at a gas station who couldn't keep his admiring eyes off the 911 and said, "I heard tell somebody has one in town, but I haven't ever seen it".

We were very grateful for our clear bra protection. Through hail, gravel construction zones outside Idaho Falls, the challenging Moose Wilson Road of the Tetons and all the buffalo and cow poop, our Porsches were protected and cleaned up beautifully.

We learned how to use the cruise control after a Wyoming State Trooper pulled us over and gave us a souvenir warning ticket for speeding. We practiced downshifting with the paddles over the mountain passes to save the brakes. We made great use of our senior passes for free entry into the national parks. And Mike's rule about "Chevron only" had to be relaxed since they weren't plentiful.

We truly enjoyed
Kelley's disabled placard
for great parking spots
to accommodate her hip
and my sore leg from a
fall in Spokane. Unlike
here, there were actually
empty spots available
in the parks' crowded
lots and the busy tourist
destinations. We took
frequent breaks, about
every two hours, to stretch and change
drivers.

And finally, a few thoughts about Mt. Rushmore. Every summer night

during their illumination ceremony, Mt. Rushmore recognizes and honors veterans. Both Dick and Mike are Vietnam Veterans. Besides a desire to see Mt. Rushmore, we wanted to take advantage of this ceremony. Lowering the flag beneath the illuminated Mt. Rushmore presidential four, with veterans gathered on stage, was a real "Kodak Moment". We are all so happy that we experienced this special ceremony.

So to really enjoy a trip like this, our advice is to have an open mind to the adventure of the day and take advantage of the opportunities it presents. As for us, up next is the "Wild Wild Southwest Tour"!





## **SVR Board Minutes September 2017**

By Rebecca Plourde, SVR Secretary

#### Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 Sac Metro Fire #32

# 8890 Roediger Lane, Fair Oaks, CA Board Members and Event Chairs Attendees:

Eduardo Ortega Jr., Gregg Plourde, Rebecca Plourde, Joy Nieslony, Collin Fat, Mardi Quain, Matt Deter, Bill Fargo, Janet Conner, Al Price

Excused absence: Skip Quain, Steve McCrory, Richard Wetzel

Also in Attendance: Rik Larson, Tom Perry-Smith

#### **EMAIL BUSINESS**

Minutes from the August meeting approved electronically, final approved minutes distributed 8/19/2017.

#### Call to Order

President Eduardo Ortega Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:03PM on September 13th, 2017.

#### **New Business**

- a) Eduardo Ortega Jr. mentioned Bob Lozito our Crab 37 Chair, has chosen the head quarters for Crab 37 to be at CAM. Stockton will possibly be where autocross will be held. Bob asked for budgets from the Chairs. Also there are still spots open that needs volunteers.
- b) Eduardo Ortega Jr. submitted a budget for Carrera De Sierra/Golden West Rally on behalf of Richard Wetzel There is no cost to SVR, because SCCA will handle the costs. They need helpers for the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Collin Fat made a motion to approve the zero cost budget, Gregg Plourde seconded, budget approved.

c) Tom Perry-Smith Was introduced as a candidate for Treasurer.

### President's Report: Eduardo Ortega

Eduardo Ortega Jr. stated he attended both Social Media & PCA Webinars. Eduardo Ortega Jr. mentioned Christmas Party award candidates list will be provided at the October board meeting, & voting will be at the November Meeting

Eduardo stated PCA Charity subsidy request of \$450.00 was sent on 9/5/2017

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

- a)Gregg Plourde stated changes to the calendar have been made.
- b) Insurance has been requested for the Cambria Tour, Clairvaux vineyard wine tour, October 21 Autocross. Also Gold Rush Tour and Carrera De Sierra.

#### Treasurer's Report: Joy Nieslony

a) Joy Nieslony submitted the August financials. Janet Conner made a motion to approve as submitted. Bill Fargo seconded, financials approved.

#### Social Director report: Mardi Quain

- a) Mardi Quain submitted her report. The next dinner event is October 5<sup>th</sup> Board Nominations dinner at Casa Ramos in Natomas. On October 7<sup>th</sup> the New Clairvaux Vineyard Monastery tour will be taking place.
- b) Christmas Party preparations are under way. The Speedsters have been secured for \$1,000.00. Kim Nelson is working with Niello for a display car & to be a sponsor for raffle prizes. Toys for kids will be collected by the CHP. Al

Price is working on a wine sponsor. A price per person will be determined after Liz & Wendy meet with the event planner in September.

c) November 7<sup>th</sup> is a dinner at Zinfandel Grille.

#### **Drifter Report: Steve McCrory**

a) Rik Larson submitted Steve's report in his absence. They are still looking for a Drifter Editor.

# Autocross & Past President report: Collin Fat

- a) Collin Fat stated the Auto Cross was canceled due to the heat.
- b) Collin Fat stated the nominating committee has finished their work.

#### **Membership Report: Janet Conner**

a) Janet Conner submitted her report. There are 808 Primary Members, 512 Affiliate Members, with a total of 1320 Members. There are 11 new Members 2 of those came from Niello.

#### **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.
- b) Man Leung from Detail Manic, had 13 cars on the grass at this year's Pebble Beach Concours. Twelve cars were judged winning seven awards.

## Competition and Safety Report: Matt Deter

a) Matt stated it was a small Rally with 5 cars. The Carrera De Sierra/Golden West Rally is coming up. October 14-15.

Meeting adjourned: 9:08 PM Next meeting: Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Rebecca Plourde 2017 Secretary













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## **Christmas Tree Decorating & Potluck Party**

By Rachel & Kim Nelson, SVR Members

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

At the California Automobile Museum Sunday, November 26th, at 2:00 pm This event at the California Automobile Museum has become a SVR Tradition as well as a tradition for many other car clubs throughout the Sacramento and surrounding areas. It takes place every year on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Hundreds of car club members converge on the Museum with Christmas Trees and decorations in hand and after a couple of hours the Museum is transformed into a Winter Wonderland for the 1000's of visitors that come through the Museum during the Holiday season. Our club has several trees to decorate and we will begin trimming the trees at 2:00 pm followed by a large Potluck at 4:00 pm. Please watch for next months Drifter and we will have all the details for registering for the event.

## Happenings at the California Automobile Museum

SVR and 356CAR will have a display of 6 cars in the Museum during the month of December. The collection of Porsches will run from a 1956 356 to a 2017 911 GT3 RS. Also included will be 1957 and 1989 Speedsters as well as a 2007 GT2. The exhibit runs from December 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup>.

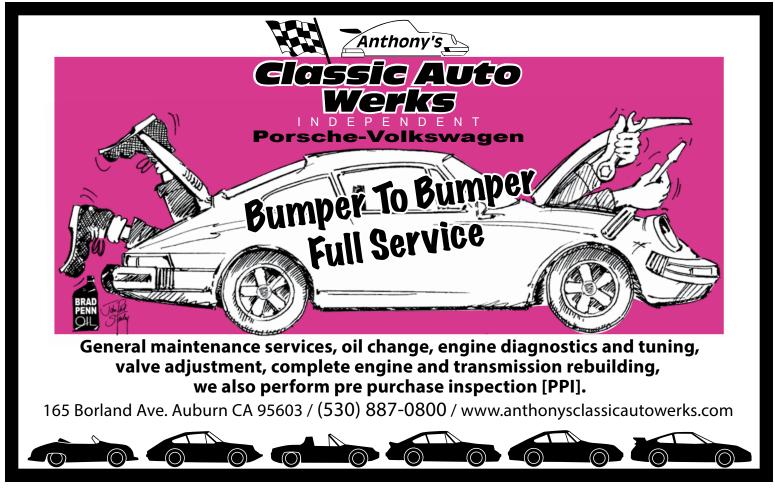
December will also see the start of a special 3 month called "NorCal's Fastest". The exhibit will focus on the people that have made Northern California one of the most successful and interesting parts of the automotive racing world. From dragsters to oval dirt tracks to road courses, the rich local characters from Northern California will get the spotlight in this display as well as the cars they drove.

Roof repair at the Museum is in the final stages of completion and by the time we have the Christmas Tree Decorating Party in late November the work is scheduled to be completed! The museum has gone through a lot of changes this summer and repairing the roof is just the beginning of their transformation.

One final note is that I hope all of you will Save The Date for **CRAB 37** which will take place at the California Automobile Museum next year, May 18th through 20<sup>th</sup>.

CRAB has been held at the Museum several times in the past and it is an ideal location for a 3 day Porsche Fest.

Mark your calendars now...you're not going to want to miss this one!









# In the Zone By Sandy Provasi, Zone 7 Representative

Tom and I want to thank everyone who volunteered this year at Werks Reunion, Corral de Tierra. From the volunteers who showed up on Thursday to get the bags stuffed to the guys laying out the judged field and corral, we thank you. To the volunteers who were at the site before the sun rose on Friday and went to work directing traffic, to those placing cars on the field, we applaud you. To the volunteers who did any number of tasks to make the event happen, we thank you.

There will be one more chance to get some more points in the Zone 7 Autocross series. Golden Gate Region will be holding the last autocross for the Zone on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in Alameda. For more info please check out the Zone website at zone7.pca.org.

Please join us for the year end awards banquet on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield, at 6pm. We will be presenting the class awards for the Zone 7 Autocross and Concours Series along with some

special Zone awards. Come one and all. This will be the same day as the Zone 7 President's meeting.

There are some dates to get on your calendar for 2018. First will be Rennsport Reunion VI, to be held at Laguna Seca September 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. This needs to be added first because tickets for the event will go on sale this October. I don't have the sale dates yet, but it will sell out. Please watch e-Brake News (Tuesdays) for the ticket info. If you need a hotel for the event, you better book now. You can find more info on Rennsport Reunion VI at *pca.org*.

Next will be registration for Lake of the Ozarks Porsche Parade, which should happen in December/January. The Parade will be held at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri, July 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

And for those of you who want to go on a road trip, Treffen Tamaya, will be heading to Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico on April 25-29, 2018. Join Porsche friends from around the country for tours, rest and relaxing.

If New Mexico is a bit far for a long weekend, stay tuned for a Mountain, Desert and Coastal Tour being planned for Northern California on April 27-29, 2018

CRAB is set for 2018. Mark your calendar May 18-20, 2018. Let's get crabby!

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>

Zone 7 Awards banquet, Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield, 6pm-9pm, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Safe Driving,

Sandy Provasi Zone 7 Representative

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# September Membership Janet Conner, Membership Director

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#### Chimni, Sarab

El Dorado Hills sarabchimni@gmail.com 2015 Boxster

#### Co, Johnston

El Dorado Hills johncomd@aol.com 2008 911 Turbo Coupe

#### Courtney, Alan Courtney, Judy

Placerville alancourtney@mac.com 2001 911 Carrera Coupe

#### Ehret, Kurt

Citrus Heights keehola@yahoo.com 2006 Cayman S

#### Green, Russell

Roseville greens@surewest.net 2006 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

#### **New Members**

#### Hawk, John Hawk, Gail

Rocklin jhawksac@pacbell.net 2010 911 Turbo Cabriolet

#### Hawkins, Karen Hawkins, Christopher

Roseville karenhawkins356@yahoo.com

#### Lindberg, Robert Lindberg, Beth

Brentwood Robert@darcoid.com 1985 911 Carrera 911 SC Transfer from Diablo Region

#### Petrali, Matt Casaleggio, Tarn

Sacramento greyhound600@yahoo.com 2013 Panamera GTS

#### Rangchi, Gus Rangchi, Kathy

Gold River grangchi@att.net 2016 Cayenne

#### Stefan, Tom

Sacramento tstefan@stefangeorge.com 2011 911 Turbo S Coupe

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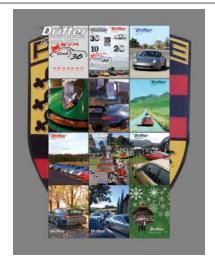
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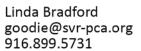
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