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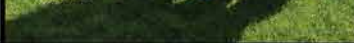
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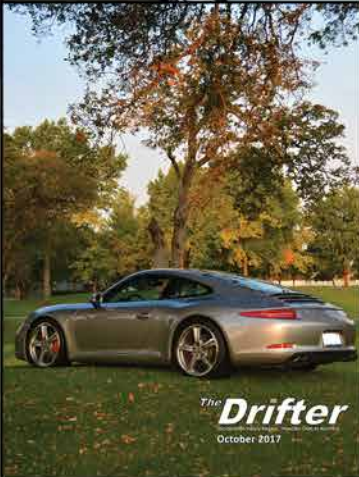
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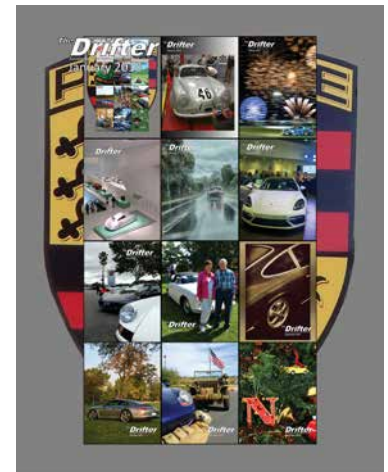
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SVR President's Column

Gregg Plourde, SVR President
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WOW! 2017 is behind us and it was eventful to say the least! It started with the Event Planning dinner meeting in January, and ended with a successful Christmas Party. The Christmas Party was wonderful and fun, and I want to thank the hosts **Liz and Ray Houser** and **Ernie and Wendy Bulhoes** for all the hard work and great planning; truly a memorable time. A big thank you to all who brought a toy to the party to support the CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive. To all the members who put on an event for the club in 2017, Thank You! To all the members who went on an event last year, Thank You!

I want to thank **Richard Wetzel** our Rally chair for bringing the Carrera de Sierra event back to SVR. I assisted at the Carrera de Sierra Rally and having never done a rally thoroughly enjoyed volunteering. We hope to continue the sport of rally at SVR as it's another great vehicle (pun intended) to get together with fellow Porsche enthusiasts.

Your club is one of the busiest in Northern California and the quality of the events are superb. From autocross, dinners, single and multi-day tours, technical tours, rallies, and our annual charity auction there is a lot to do throughout the year. This year also has something special; CRAB 37 happens May 18 – 20.

2018 is going to be a busy one, starting with our annual Event Planning dinner meeting held on the 9th of January. At the meeting, held every January, all members are encouraged to come with ideas for dinners, tours, wine tasting or anything fun to do. Members socialize and exchange ideas with fellow members to come up with an event that they can work on together. Putting on an event is a great way to meet new members and create new friendships. If you didn't make it this year, don't worry there is no deadline to put on an event, just contact our Social Director Mardi

Quain and she will assist you.

So how did I get involved with the Sacramento Valley Region? It all started in 2009 when I finally was able to own a Porsche. I had always wanted one, going back to the 1970's. I had a 1963 VW Beetle so was familiar with engines being in the back. But the 911 was out of my reach and I ended up with a 1970 Triumph GT-6. Not a real rocket at 90 bhp, but that car quickly morphed into a new 1974 Triumph TR-6 and at 106 bhp. Still it was not a 911 but marginally closer. Enjoyed going to Laguna Seca during that time and even enjoyed being quickly passed by 911's on their way down to the races. Watching the IMSA races and watching Porsche, BMW, Jaguar, Ford and Chevrolet duke it out on that little track was pure heaven. Seeing **Richard Petty**, **Paul Newman** and a host of other drivers in the paddock (remember in those days, no special passes, you just waited for the race to end and two course workers would let you walk across the track). Getting up close to those wonderful creations and seeing the engineering and horsepower was fascinating and educational. Fast forward to 2009 and a 2007 Carrera in Seal Grey found its way into my garage. That car became a 2008 Carrera S a year later and two years later that became a 2007 911 GT3. I called my brother-in-law in North Carolina, a fellow Porsche fan (1992 C2). He mentioned that he was a PCA member and started forwarding his local region newsletter called Tobacco Roads to read. Subsequent emails and phone calls he suggested I join PCA. In November 2009 we joined PCA and SVR.

That started it all for Rebecca and me. After we joined, we got a copy of PCA's magazine, Panorama, a welcome letter from SVR, and a copy of the Drifter. In 2010 we read the emails from SVR and copies of the Drifter started showing up in our mailbox (yes, mailed!). We attended a dinner at Orchid Thai restau-

rant hosted by **Bob and Beth Jacobson**. Everyone was so nice and offered to share a table with us "newbies". I attended the new member tour to Thunderhill that year and we got to drive our cars (at 35mph) on the track! Me, in a Porsche on a track (yeah, that 35 mph is still there) was fun. I was approached by the tour leader **Lee Deter** and he asked me to write an article for the Drifter about my experience at Thunderhill. I said yes right away giving details about the day at the track and how the SVR members were so helpful and friendly. That was followed by several dinners, and then came Mendocino, our first multi-day tour with SVR.

At the Saturday dinner on the Mendocino tour, we were sitting with **Mike and Emily Willis**, he mentioned that the next multi-day tour was San Simeon and was wondering if we would assist him. Well, I said yes! We worked as a team and the tour was a great success. Rebecca and I have volunteered at various events and hosted dinners. One of our favorite places to visit is Pacific Grove and we've enjoyed the Pacific Grove Tour many times. **Jim and Linda McMahan** do a great job on the tour (we are signed up for the tour April 13-15).

In 2016 we teamed up with **Brian and Sue Sanders** and created a new multi-day tour, the Cambria Tour. It was fun and well received; we repeated the tour in 2017.

I can't forget the new Weaverville multi-day tour June 1- 3 hosted by **Ray and Liz Houser**, it looks like another great tour.

With these examples of events are the beginnings of all the new friendships we have made through this club. I hope that as you read this you are also inspired to either join us or volunteer to host an event this year. 2018 is shaping up to be a busy year for SVR and I truly hope you will join us.





Editors' Corner

Photo Matt Menning

Alma Thompson, SVR Drifter Co Editor

Hello everyone, I'm Alma Thompson, the other new co-editor of the award winning newsletter The Drifter.

I am a hairstylist by trade and joined SVR in 1985. We were introduced by our good friends, **Ray and Sara Clements**, long time SVR members. We loved the people, cars and the activities. It is the best car club we have ever joined.

It didn't take long before I started volunteering. I have co-chaired multiple events like the very successful 2015 charity auction, graciously hosted by **Kim Nelson**, and the even more successful 2017 charity auction at Sun City Roseville, and I chaired the 2016 Christmas Party, also at Sun City, Roseville. In addition I was involved in the 2017 Zone 7 Concours Series this year and won Zone 7's 1st place in my class. The Concours school will be coming up soon, I strongly recommend signing up for it, it's invaluable knowledge!

Along with co-editing this newsletter, my goals for 2018 include getting involved in Autocross, Concours, and CRAB 37. And just a heads up: the SVR Autocross School registration opens February 3rd at: svr-autocross.deter.com/register

So all of you get involved; I promise it will be fun and you'll make new friends.

Looking forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Matt Menning, SVR Drifter Co-Editor

Happy New Year!

As this 2018 begins, I transition from being the SVR Driving Tour Co-Chair to the new Drifter Co-Editor. I had been privately considering it for at least 4 months. At the November SVR board meeting, a substantial part of the meeting was dedicated to the fate of our Drifter and finding an editor. Time was up! After all that consideration, I decided to step up to go for it when long time member Alma Thompson said "Hey, we can be a team!" I was compelled to volunteer, seeing the immense need to continue our award winning monthly newsletter. Personally, it's a big move since I am far from retirement. I anticipate that there will not be any substantial changes to our well-honed publication. Our previous two editors, Steve McCrory and Bob Jacobson have refined our award-winning Drifter to a level that necessitates little to no rework and leaves big shoes to fill. The assembled team is experienced and ready to go for 2018!

So, who am I? By trade, I am a construction inspector. I write lots of reports. I relocated to the Sacramento area in August of 2011. In September of that year, my soon-to-be wife and I attended the Rennport Reunion IV. We just had to get a Porsche. After a heated search, we settled on a '99 Carrera 996. By far the most exotic and complicated car I've ever owned. Also, a BIG bucket list item since my early youth. In only a few years, I have gone from being an unknown new member (and new to owning a Porsche) to now co-editor of a busy and large PCA region publication. My wife Lisa and I have met so many great people and have made many new friends in the Sacramento Valley Region (SVR). This all has occurred by attending several activities, events and leading approximately 15 SVR driving tours. We have also organized 3 successful dinners. Some of you know our Artic Silver 996 too. It's one of the louder street driven cars in the club and it's got that roll bar too. Our 996 has been a mechanical saga. Plenty of sweat and financial equity has gone into that Carrera to keep it alive and well. Many but not all 996 owners can relate.

I see 2018 being another busy year for the Sacramento Valley Region. Many members are already stepping up. The return of SVR's awesome 3-day event known as CRAB. Be sure to keep an eye out for the CRAB 37 registration announcements and save the date! -- May 18-20.

We also have driving tours, dinners and other fun social activities like SVR's First Saturday Breakfast.

If you would like to have an event and need a promotional flyer or write material for The Drifter, please refer to the "Guidelines for Submission" page within this issue.

You are welcome to reach out to us at editor@svr-pca.org



PDK (Pretty Darn Kwik)

Rik Larson, SVR Member

What's New This Month?

You will notice that we have new editors for the DRIFTER. Alma Thompson and Matt Menning have stepped up to be co-editors of this publication. And Bill Fargo has stepped up to do flyers for our events. This makes for a total of 9 volunteers. For the past couple of years all of the volunteers were retired (some folks think they have nothing else to do). Alma and Matt are still working so that leaves 7 of us taking it easy.

A Couple of Items Missing?

Yes, we don't have the board meeting minutes.....no meeting was held in December. The Drifting Back, 15 years ago column by Larry Wilson has finished up. The Classifieds page has been reduced to 1/2 page.

AX School in March

Registration opens on February 3rd. This usually fills up fast.

Register at <http://svr-autocross.deter.com/register>.

Going to Rennsport Reunion VI?

There are still rooms available and at reasonable prices in the Monterey

area. Check out the accommodations at Asilomar (state facility in Pacific Grove), and of course the Best Western and Motel 6 chains. Rennsport is the German word for "Racing". This is being held at Laguna Seca, September 27-30th.

Laguna Seca

Mazda has chosen to end its naming rights agreement with Laguna Seca after 17 seasons. The change becomes effective April 1, 2018. Isn't that April Fools Day? Maybe Porsche will pick up the naming rights? Can't you just see that name now on the polo shirts with the track layout as the emblem? I can't see it just being named Laguna Seca. Remember Sears Point?

2018 Porsche Parade Registration

The housing registration function opens on January 29th. The Parade is being held at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. The registration for events will begin April 2nd. All of this and more at parade2018.pca.org. The dates are July 8-14th.

Treffen

I expect that registration for the

next Treffen, to be held at Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, will open the middle of this month (January). Watch the e-Brake news or visit the Treffen website at treffen.pca.org. Registration is normally limited to 200 cars. Dates are April 25-29th. Treffens feature three days of non-competitive touring, outstanding dining events, and the opportunity to explore exciting destinations. There are two Treffens scheduled each year. The second one in 2018 will be held in September in Banff, Canada.

Niello Porsche --- Great Place to Work

It seems that every few months that we write about another award that the folks at Niello Porsche receive. This time it is for being in the top 100 automobile dealerships to work for. And this is out of approximately 16,000 dealerships in the United States. The award comes from the folks at Automotive News. This is a repeat performance for Niello Porsche that goes back to every year (except 2016) to 2012 (that is as far back as the data goes).



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Sacramento Valley Region Calendar



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For schedule changes, contact Steve Barker at vicepresident@svr-pca.org

2018 SVR Events svr-pca.org

- January 27 Host Seminar, Niello Porsche
- February 20 SVR Dinner, Mike & Emily Willis
- March 13 SVR Dinner, Kirk & Linda Bradford
- March 24 Napa Tour, Tara Jones
- April 8 TSD Rally, Richard Wetzel
- April 10 SVR Dinner, Cookie Anderson
- April 13-15 Pacific Grove Tour, Jim & Linda McMahan
- April 29 River Cats Game, Skip & Mardi Quain
- May 5 SVR Dinner, Bulhoses

2018 Zone 7 Competition Events zone7.pca.org

CONCOURS

- 2018 Watch This Space

AUTOCROSS

- Apr 21 Loma Prieta, Marina
- Apr 22 Golden Gate, Marina
- June 30 Sacramento, Thunderhill Raceway
- July 21 Sacramento, Stockton
- Aug 4 Loma Prieta, Marina
- Aug 5 Golden Gate, Marina

WEST COAST RACING SERIES

- 2018 Watch This Space

OTHER ZONE 7 EVENTS

- 2018 Watch This Space

2018 SVR Autocross Events Contact Ed Busuttil autocross@svr-pca.org

- March 3 & 10 SVR Autocross School
- April 28 Stockton
- May 19 CRAB 37, Stockton
- June 30 Thunderhill Raceway
- July 21 Stockton
- August 11 Stockton
- September 15 Stockton
- October 6 Stockton

Upcoming PCA Events 2018

- April 25-29 Treffen Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo New Mex.
- July 8-14 Porsche Parade, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri
- Aug 24 Werks Reunion, Monterey
- Sept 27-30 Rennsport Reunion VI, Monterey

Recurring SVR Monthly Events

- 1st Saturday SVR First Saturday Breakfast 8:15 AM
[Brookfields Restaurant](#) 11135 Folsom Blvd.,
Rancho Cordova. Come by and enjoy a great
time with breakfast. Senior breakfast is also
available. You are welcome to just show up.
Jerry Alter, 530.344.0475
- 2nd 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

2017 Annual Christmas Party is a Smashing Success!

By Collin Fat, SVR Past President

Co- chairs **Liz Houser** and **Wendy Bulhoes** out did themselves at the annual club Christmas Party at the Timber's Lodge at Sun City Roseville. With over 130 members in attendance, it was one of the most successful holiday parties in the last few years. Thank you Liz and Wendy for your efforts.

Master of ceremonies, **Kim Nelson**, conducted the program and thanks to **Eduardo Ortega** and **Bob Cannon** for putting together all the photos of the events over the past year. I got so involved with talking with Porsche friends that I missed a lot of the video but hope that Eduardo will post it to the website in short order.



Chairs Liz Houser and Wendy Bulhoes



Barbara and Steve McCrory

One of the main goals of the Christmas party is not only to get together as a club but to also acknowledge all of the members who volunteered to serve as event chairs as well as to the board of directors who guided this effort. Outgoing board club treasurer, **Joy Nieslony**, was honored for her service for the past two years managing the finances of the club. Kim also acknowledged **Steve and Barbara McCrory**, who after serving 3 years as editors of the Drifter. Kim read a letter from Steve and Barbara who were unable to attend a heartfelt thank you for the privilege of serving as the newsletter editor and making a special thank you to the Drifter team for their contributions. Kim also acknowledged the 2017 board and those will be continuing for a second term for 2018.

There were several special Presidential awards given to several members whose effort went above and beyond. Honored for his leadership of the club's annual Concours for the past 20 years was **Kent Brandon**. That is an amazing legacy that new concours chair, **Al Price**, must live up to. Thank you so much, Kent, for your service! Also honored for her efforts with the annual charity auction was long time member **Alma Thompson** for her efforts in setting a new record for monies raised at our annual charity auction. Alma and her co-chair, **Mike Dunn**, raised \$13,000 to benefit the R&S Foundation.

Officers Tracie Pierce and Chad Hertzelt from the California Highway Patrol's CHiPs for Kids campaign were also in attendance. From what I recall, there appeared to be more than 100 toys on the table intended for worthy children in our community. Way to go SVR!



Eduardo and Margarita Ortega



Officers Pierce and Hertzelt

There were several other awards presented by the Eduardo which included honoring the Cambria Tour as the tour of the year, (**Sue and Brian Sanders, Gregg and Rebecca Plourde chairs**), and the club's autocross program as the competition event of the year (**Collin Fat, chair**). Also honored were the following events

Single Day Tour of the Year

The Racer's Group

Mike & Deb Dunn

Skip & Mardi Quain

Dinner Meeting of the Year

Paul Martin's Bistro

Liz Houser

Specialty Event of the Year

River Cat's Porsche Parade

Mardi Quain

Club president, **Eduardo Ortega** and his wife, **Margarita**, we honored for Eduardo's 6 years serving on the board of directors, 2 years as our social chair, 2 years as club vice president, and 1 year as our club president. Eduardo expressed his thank you to the members for the honor of serving and what a wonderful experience it was, and an opportunity to meet so many Porsche friends.

Eduardo also honored several SVR members with the President's Award, an honor bestowed upon members for their special contributions to the club. Awardees included:

Unsung Hero Award

Alma Thompson

2017 Charity Auction

Thank You Award

Herb and Jan Hoover

SVR Monthly Breakfast

Thank You Award

George and Lisa Okamoto

Share the Wealth

Thank You Award

Hector Chavez

Tour Chair



Kent Brandon and Kim Nelson



Skip and Mardi Quain



Mike and Deb Dunn

Christmas Tree Decorating Party at the California Automobile Museum

By Kim Nelson, SVR Member
Photos Kim Nelson

This year's Christmas Tree Decorating Party and Potluck at the California Automobile Museum was a wonderful event with over 350 car enthusiasts coming together to help decorate the Museum for the Holidays. As in past years, our two Porsche Clubs, SVR and 356CAR, came out in force with about 80 members helping decorate our three Christmas Trees – which, by the way, are beautiful and one is located in the entryway of the Museum and the other two are by the Car Club Cavalcade where we have five Porsches on display.

This year the Museum provided the main dish for the Pot Luck and it was a wonderfully prepared BBQ Chicken. In the end there was plenty of food left over and I think we all went home feeling pretty full. Several of our club members were lucky enough to win



some pretty nice gifts during the raffle. If you missed the event this year I hope you will join us next year – it is always the Sunday after Thanksgiving and a great way to start the Holiday season

with your friends.

If you haven't been to the California Automobile Museum lately they are always rotating exhibits and have many interesting displays to see.



News Flash - CRAB 37 Gets Fat

By Bob Lozito, CRAB 37 Chair

Its true fellow CRAB 37 attendees, our upcoming May 18-20, 2018 PCA-SVR CRAB 37 event officially just got "Fat"...Collin Fat that is. It is my distinct pleasure to welcome Collin aboard as my CRAB37 Co-Chair. He is no stranger to the club's CRAB events and certainly no stranger to what it takes to ensure a successful and crowd-pleasing PCA-SVR experience.

Along with Collin, I wish to introduce the cast of talented and dedicated SVR volunteers who will be moving the ball down the field to build what we promise will be an enjoyable and memorable CRAB event.

Advertising & Marketing Chair:
John Leet
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Beer & Brat Chair: Tara Jones
Competition & Safety Chair: Matt Deter
CRAB 37 Treasurer: Joy Nieslony
Decorations Chairs:
Mardi Quain and Deb Dunn
Food & Beverage Chairs:
Alma Thompson and Cookie Anderson

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Chair: John Leet
Rally Chair: Richard Wetzel
Registration Chair: Richard Walker
Sponsor & Vendor Display Chairs: Mike
Dunn and Ed Parra
Tour Chair: Lisa and Matt Menning
Volunteer Chair: Janet Conner
Welcome Party Chair:
George and Lisa Okamoto

By now you know the next CRAB event will be held at the California Automobile Museum (CAM) conveniently located in the downtown Sacramento area. The dates are locked so please write May 18-20, 2018 in your calendar and look for CRAB 37 registration to open in early 2018. The CRAB 37 committee is working extra hard to bring an exciting and value-packed event with something for everyone.

We are also seeking eager volunteers for all facets of the event so if you have any interest in any of the aforementioned committees, please feel free to reach out to Bob Lozito at boblozito@live.com or 916-505-2409 and we will make sure to pair you with the appropriate chairperson.

Each of the CRAB 37 Committee members brings their own passion and valuable experience to their respective area of responsibility and we can always use more like-minded people to share in the fun and esprit-di-corps. Look for more CRAB 37 articles in your DRIFTER in the months leading up to May 2018 where we will highlight specific events offered to all who attend this fun event.

Last and certainly not least, please thank the hard-working members of the CRAB 37 committee when you see them. For without their selfless efforts we would not be able to bring this event to life.

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SVR Dinner

February 20, 2018

Save the Date

Tentative Menu

Chicken Parmesan

Pork Chops

Fettuccini Alfredo

Dinners served with tureen of soup, salad, pasta (except pasta dinners), vegetables, coffee or ice tea, and ice cream.

Trust Your Mechanic Like You Trust Your Financial Advisor. Do You Take Your Mechanic's Advice Like You Take Your Doctor's Advice?

By Tony Merjano, Owner of Anthony's Classic Auto Werks

Have you been under the weather and had coworkers, a spouse, or a coffee shop barista give you advice? Did they tell you to take a hot bath, a hot tea with a shot, warm bandy or two Tylenol extras with a beer chaser? Everybody wants to give you advice. You then turn to the internet and have thousands of suggestions overloading your mind.

After you consider all the "advice" you have received, you finally go to the doctor. You sit there with all of the advice circling in your brain, waiting for the professional doctor to give you *his* advice and tell you what's wrong and how to deal with it.

After waiting an hour after your appointment time, your name is finally called. Now for another wait. You wait patiently in the exam room and again your mind is overloaded with all the advice you have received up until this moment.

The door suddenly opens, your blood pressure rises, then drops as the person entering is not the doctor but the PA. Nevertheless the PA is a professional, and proceeds to check all

your vitals. Questions are asked to assess your situation. The next steps may involve a blood test or urine sample or other tests such as x-rays or scans.

If you're lucky the PA or doctor may have diagnosed your situation and then dictates your treatment. You thank the doctor or PA and go get your prescriptions to assist in your treatment and then go home to get better.

Now let's take the "doctor" scenario and apply it to your favorite ride. You are having car or motorcycle issues.

Your coworkers, spouse, golfing buddy, friends at the range all give you advice on what the problem could be or how to fix it. You listen to the advice but take no action.

The issue persists so you get on the internet searching numerous Porsche forums. You find information, but there is so much you begin to print pages and pages of other car enthusiast's experiences or *suggestions*. You find you are spending hours reading these posts to the point your spouse becomes concerned with what you are doing spending so much time on the internet.

At last you finally visit your favorite mechanic. You remember your mechanic, right? He's the guy you have taken your baby to because he makes you feel

internet and tell him, "here, Joe said it's this!" Then your mechanic, with whom you have enjoyed so many interesting conversations before, looks your squarely in the eyes and tells you "OK". He then asks, "what do you want me to do?" And your simple answer is "fix it".

Your doctor may have spent many years learning how to treat patients to help them get better and how to advise them to take better care of themselves. Your mechanic is no different. Your mechanic, like your doctor, has spent many years learning the trade. Your doctor treats patients in a white lab coat or scrubs and your mechanic treats patients in a nice shirt with his name stitched on it. Both your doctor and your mechanic have invested thousands

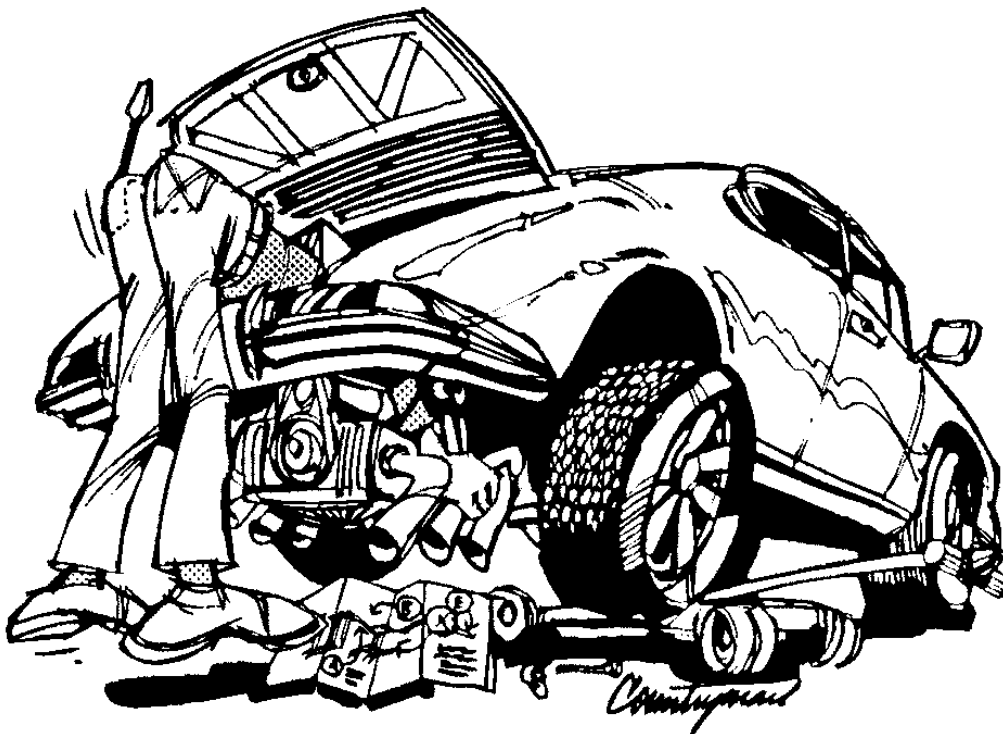
of dollars in tools of the trade to have the right instrument/tool for a given application.

So why does one accept the doctor's diagnosis and recommended treatment but not take the mechanics advice to heart? I will be the first to tell you I don't know everything, but mechanics will not give customers incorrect information either.

The internet is a major source of information, and sometimes a tech needs to access it for workable solutions. But the internet has limitations, and just like a doctor, your mechanic must first come up with the correct diagnosis, and then determine the best possible treatment (fix).

I may have drawn this out trying to make a point, but in all reality, this is no different than dealing with your financial advisor, life coach or any other professional with whom you may engage.

Have a Happy New Year!



comfortable. He takes time to explain things and doesn't talk down to you and treats you like a friend and not just another car enthusiast, right?

Your mechanic explains that it's difficult to diagnose your issues without checking the vehicle and possibly performing some tests or checks. You begin to tell him that you believe you know what's wrong and just need him to confirm it. He then asks you "so how did you come to that conclusion?"

You reach into your folder and pull out pages of advice you got from the

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.

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M_AX Fun

By Ed Busuttii, SVR Autocross Chair

I am excited to begin 2018 as the new autocross chair for the Sacramento Valley Region (SVR). Last year was a banner year for the autocross program. Participation was at capacity for virtually all of the events. The outgoing chair, **Collin Fat**, left me with a dedicated and energetic team, ensuring that the 2018 autocross season will be M_AX Fun! Before I forget, congratulations to Collin on becoming the Zone 7 autocross chair.

This year begins with the 7th annual two day autocross school, March 3rd and 10th, sponsored by Niello Porsche. The school will be chaired by veteran autocrosser and SVR Competition and Safety Director, **Matt Deter**. Day one is the "ground school" conducted at Niello Porsche in Rocklin. Topics covered will include: what to expect at your first event, terminology, car control basics such as hitting the apex, braking, how to determine the fastest line as well as safety rules. A continental breakfast

and lunch will be provided by Niello Porsche. Day two (a week later) will be held at our regular site at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton. This will be the opportunity for participants to put the information learned at the ground school into practice. Various in-car exercises such as braking, slalom and skid pad will be performed. Later in the day, full course runs will take place. Each student will be paired with a SVR autocross instructor. As always, loaner helmets will be available.

The 37th edition of CRAB returns this year May 18-20 at the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento. Tucked into the weekend-long activities (welcome party, driving tour, concours and the CRAB Banquet) will be the CRAB autocross on May 19th in Stockton.

Next up are back-to-back Zone 7 events. On June 30th, we will be autocrossing at the new facility at Thunderhill Raceway in Willows, CA. This will be

a first for the SVR autocross program and I look forward to experiencing new pavement along with tire-sticking temperatures! The final Zone 7 event hosted by SVR will be at our venue in Stockton.

The 2018 season will wrap up with three events at the fairgrounds in Stockton.

I sincerely hope you come out and autocross your Porsche with us in 2018. These amazing cars truly come alive while on course. You will become a better driver...I guarantee it. And the fun factor is off the charts!

See you at the starting line.



2018 NIELLO 2 DAY AUTOCROSS SCHOOL

March 3, 2018, Niello Porsche, 10 am to 3:00pm

March 10, 2018, San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, 8am to 3 pm



If you have an interest in learning how to drive your Porsche at its limits don't miss SVR's annual Autocross School. The school will feature two days of instruction with one day of classroom instruction and one day on course. \$80 per person if PCA member, \$95 non-member. Registration opens February 3rd and is limited to the first 30 students. Students must participate both days.

To register go to: <http://svr-autocross.deter.com/register>.

For more information contact Ed Busuttii at: autocross@svr-pca.org

Pacific Grove Tour

By Jim McMahan, Event Chair

Photo Pacific Gardens Inn

It's January and in just a short amount of time we will be leaving on the Pacific Grove Tour 2018. Have you marked your calendar? The dates are April 13, 14 and 15. There's always plenty of things to see and to do once we arrive, including the Pacific Grove "Good Old Days" street fair event. It's a tour of great Porsche roads, great food and great people.

All of the rooms at the Pacific Gardens Inn (831-646-9414) are available for tour participants. When you make your reservations, please ask to speak to Robert and tell him you are with the Sacramento Valley Porsche Club.

Note: If you wait too long to make your reservations and all of the rooms at the Inn are reserved, the following are the names of motels next to the Pacific Gardens Inn:

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Asilomar Conference Grounds 831-372-8016

Or please feel free to make your reservations anywhere you prefer.

In order to receive tour updates, once you have made your reservations, please email your name and phone number to me so that I can add you to the participant list.

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Using Your Porsche's Brakes

By Skip Quain, with contributions from Nick Lettini, Ron Kain & Collin Fat
Photo Porsche

On a Club tour this year I noticed a driver ahead of me was at times going into corners with NO brake lights showing. When we had a rest stop I queried him "Why No Brakes lights at several corners" His response was 'I'm saving my brakes by using engine compression to slow for the corners. In speaking with other members on this topic I found this belief very common.

However, my experience in racing over the past several decades, at the major tracks on the West Coast such as Laguna Seca, Sears Point, Thunderhill, Portland, and the famous Riverside Raceway, has proven saving your brakes is not a valid racing technique.

I decided to research the technique of using engine compression instead of using your brakes to slow our Porsche going into a corner. My first step was to contact several of the Drifter's advertisers and ask their opinion of using engine compression to slow your Porsche. I contacted Ron Kain at IPB and Nick at Frank's Automotive, both in Sacramen-

slow your Porsche's momentum going into a corner, you are using your engine as a compressor. The Porsche motor is not designed for this function and you are putting undue stress on the motor.

If using the motor's compression to slow your momentum and you miss a downshift your rev limiter will NOT keep you from over-revving.

The bottom line is: When you use your Porsche motor to slow for a corner rather than your braking system you are risking your \$20,000 Porsche motor vs your \$800 Porsche Brake system – a bad trade-off.

In addition, when entering a corner at too high a speed using only engine compression to slow your speed you may suddenly find your speed too excessive and you are required to fully apply the brakes to bring down the speed. This action could "unsettle" the car which could cause you problems maintaining your line.

The newer Porsche models have ABS/Traction Control. These features

Porsche's newer PDK transmissions are amazing and offer not only rev matching on a downshift but will automatically down shift for you when entering a turn. Yes, this is engine braking but is done automatically in conjunction with braking.

I invite the readers to voice their thoughts and experiences on this topic. Please include your background on the Porsche you drive and your driving experiences on this topic.

Contact me @ skipquain@aol.com or phone at 650-504-4846



to. I also contacted our own Collin Fat for his AutoX experience. The response from all was:

The Porsche's we drive have excellent brakes and the driving we do on tours will not stress the brakes to the point that would damage the pads or rotors.

When using engine compression to

allow the driver to go harder into a corner apply the brakes and steer into the corner all at the the same time.

Over the years the Porsche's braking system has improved to the point that only serious competition on a high-speed track such as running several laps at the Nordschleife at speeds of 210 kph+, could cause you braking issues.

Charity Auction Recipient

By Alma Thompson, Charity Co-Chair


Photo Gary Thompson

On December 9th, Gary and I met **Mike and Deb Dunn**, my co-chair for the auction, to present the proceeds of the SVR Charity Auction (held October 22nd) to Philip McGinty Philip is with the R&S Foundation. He was extremely appreciative of the donation of \$13,000.


Thank you all for contributing to a very successful Auction.

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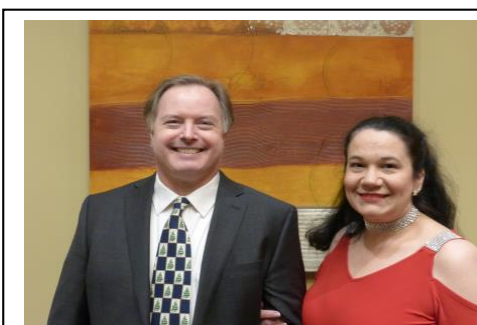
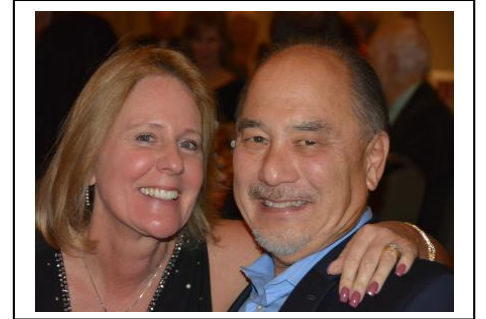
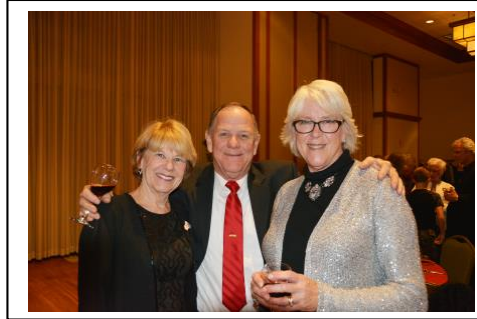
People, Places, and Porsches

By Collin Fat, Photos by Collin Fat and Ernie Bulhoes

Liz Houser and Wendy Bulhoes chaired the annual Christmas party at the **Timber Creek Lodge at Sun City Roseville**. It was another successful event and a wonderful way to close out the year. Over 130 members were in attendance. Many members were recognized for their contributions to the club whether it was chairing a dinner, multi-day tour, competition event or our annual charity auction. Out- going president **Eduardo Ortega** and wife, **Margarita**, received a rousing and standing ovation for his 6 years of service on the club's board of directors.



2017 SVR Christmas Party



What's In Your Garage

By Tom Perry-Smith, SVR Treasurer
Photo Porsche.com

Along Comes a Spyder

My friends at Niello Porsche called in March of 2015 and asked if I was interested in ordering a 2016 Spyder. Having read some of the buzz about the car, I hesitated long enough to mumble some form of confirmation and I was on my way. Ordering the car was a breeze, not unlike ordering a pizza when you haven't eaten after a day of skiing or hiking: "extra-large?" Of course. Deep dish with extra pepperoni and olives would be good and so on. And so, my Spyder ended up with PCCB brakes, sport seats, extended alcantara interior, leather steering wheel, body colored roll bars and a plethora of other Porsche options. Somehow, I missed the order boxes for a metal gas cap and leather wrapped sun visors. I know what you're thinking: how can you do without leather on the sun visors? Just foolish I guess.

Delivery day: wrapped in white plastic, I was at the Dealership when they unloaded my car. The drive home was memorable. Loud (no insulation in the top), seats that I have since learned how to roll out of (I generally only buy gas at night so as to avoid betraying my age) and handling and braking that Porsche media claims is "unfiltered".

Turbo S

Many of you own or aspire to own multiple Porsches. The Turbo S on the lot at Niello caught my eye when I ordered the Spyder. Months after taking delivery of the Spyder, the Turbo was still there and the rationalizing

Coming home from the Saturday night banquet on last year's Mendocino tour provided an unexpected opportunity to experience the brakes and prescience of PDK. A glib comment to my co-pilot about my concern for animals crossing the road was realized on the darkest stretch of road. An exceptionally well-fed racoon's poorly timed decision to cross resulted in a near miss. Stabbing the brakes, the transmission dropped from seventh to fourth instantly. My car was unblemished, the racoon lived and shortly, I was able to pull my eye lids back over my eyes.

"Eleanor"

Everyone under that age of 30 knows the 1967 Shelby GT 500 as an "Eleanor". Thank you, Nicholas Cage, and "Gone in Sixty Seconds".

I was 10 years old when my folks bought a small vacation home at South Lake Tahoe. Carroll Shelby owned a dealership at the "Y" at South Lake Tahoe. I frequented that dealership every time we went to the Lake. The passion burned for over 40 years quelled only when I bought a 1967 sky blue Shelby GT 500". This acquisition was unique and will likely never be repeated. I was the winner of an internet based auction. My bid was casually entered without a thought that I might actually be the high bidder. And thus began the multi-year saga of restoring the car.

The four-speed transmission and low rear-end ratio result in nearly three thousand rpm at sixty miles per hour.

with four-point seat belts complete the package.

Nose heavy with drum brakes on the back, enthusiastic braking will reward the unwary with a sudden maneuver reminiscent of lift throttle oversteer that early 911 owners are familiar with.

Plastic Fantastic

The 80's were dark days for us aficionados. Emission controls had succeeded where the insurance companies had not. Performance, with few exceptions, was a fond memory. As proof, I present the 1980 Corvette which was offered in California only with a 5-liter, 180 horsepower automatic. Fast forward 35 years to 2015 and the Corvette can be had with a 650-horsepower supercharged V8 and a seven-speed manual (or eight-speed automatic) called the "Z06".

The Vette is great fun and profoundly different from the Porsche experience. Black with a black interior and seven-speed, I've not gotten to know it well as it is a recent acquisition. Somehow, when ever I go out to drive the car, the dark vibe of Darth Vader's musical introduction starts playing in the back of my mind. The car provides an interesting contrast to the approach to performance that Porsche has taken with the 911. With the engine in front and transmission in the rear, the Corvette's weight distribution is exactly the opposite of the mid-engine Spyder.

Regardless of your automotive affections, the automotive world would be a lot less entertaining without the 911 or the Corvette.

Closing

A couple of Harley Davidsons reside in one corner of the garage, all that remains of my love of air-cooled motors. Like Porsche and the Corvette, Harleys have evolved and become more sophisticated and more compatible with the array of regulations facing any modern vehicle. Fortunately, they have lost little in the translation and I'm grateful that Darwin was right about survival of the fittest.

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commenced. Willing to sacrifice my children's inheritance, the Turbo found a new home. The car is GT Silver with yellow stitching highlighting the black leather interior.

By 1967 standards, the Shelby was a beast. Today, Eleanor would be characterized as an evil handling throw back. A seven-liter V8, two carburetors, skinny teak steering wheel and factory roll bar



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1/9/2018	5:30 - 9:00 p.m.	SVR Planning Mtg/Dinner	Round Table, Orangevale	Steve Barker
1/10/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
1/27/2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Host Seminar	Niello Rocklin	Mardi Quain
2/3/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
2/7/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
2/20/2018		Club Dinner	TBD	Mike/Emily Willis
3/3/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
3/3/2018		AX School	Niello Rocklin	Ed Busuttil
3/10/2018		AX School	Stockton	Ed Busuttil
3/13/2018		Back 40 BBQ	Roseville	Kirk & Linda Bradford
3/14/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
3/24/2018		Napa Tour	Driving Tour	Eric & Tara Jones
4/7/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
4/8/2018		TSD Road Rally	TBD	Huckabay/Wetzel
4/10/2018		April Club Dinner	TBD	Cookie Anderson
4/11/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
4/13-4/15/18		Pacific Grove Tour	3 Day Driving Tour	Jim McMahan
4/28/2018		New Member Tour	To be announced	Sue/Brian Sanders
4/28/2018		AX #1	Stockton	Ed Busuttil
4/29/2018	12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Rivercats Baseball Game	Raley Field	Skip/Mardi Quain
5/5/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
5/6/2018		May Club Dinner	Dominicks	Bulhoes
5/9/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
5/19/2018		AX #2	Stockton	Ed Busuttil
5/18-5/20/18		CRAB 37	Cal Auto Museum	Bob Lozito
6/1-6/3/18		Trinity/Weaverville Tour	Driving Tour	Houser
6/2/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
6/3/2018		Barn Party - Speedsters	Baden Barn	Christy Baden
6/7-6/8/18		Laguna Seca Parade Laps	Monterey	Houser
6/13/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
6/16/2018		No. Mines Tour	To be announced	Treiber
6/23/2018		New Member Dinner	Elk Grove	Sue/Brian Sanders
6/24/2018		SVR Concourse	Red Bus Brewery, Folsom	Al Price
6/30/2018		AX #3 (Zone 7)	Thunderhill Raceway	Ed Busuttil
7/7/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
7/11/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
7/13/2018		COBRA Museum Tour	Martinez	Bulhoes
7/16/2018		July Club Dinner	To be announced	Dick/Kelley Murphy
7/21/2018		AX #4 (Zone 7)	Stockton	Ed Busuttil
7/28/2018		Castle Aircraft Museum Tour	Atwater, Ca	Lee/Menning
8/4/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
8/8/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
8/10/2018		Neillo Wooden Boat Show & Tour	Tahoe	Dan Rowland
8/11/2018		AX #5	Stockton	Ed Busuttil
8/24/2018		WERKS Reunion	Monterey	
8/25/2018		Jelly Belly Tour		TBD
9/1/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
9/8/2018		Gold Rush Tour	Driving Tour	Gary Griffiths
9/12/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
9/15/2018		AX #6	Stockton	Ed Busuttil
9/18/2018		Sept Club Dinner	To be Announced	Ruth/Marvin Stark
9/27-9/30/18		Rennsport	Laguna Seca, Monterey	
9/22/2018		Feather River Tour	Driving Tour	Eric & Tara Jones
10/6/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
10/6/2018		AX #7	Stockton	Ed Busuttil
10/10/2018	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
10/15/2018	5:30 - 9:00 p.m.	October Nomination Dinner	Orchid Thai	Rita Barker
11/2-11/4/18		Mendocino Tour	Mendocino	Rik Larson
11/3/2018	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
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12/8/2018		SVR Christmas Party	Sun City, Roseville	Deb Gueri & Alma Thompson
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2/13/2019	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	TBD
2/19/2019		Dinner	To be Announced	The Willis'
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SVR Planning Meeting Jan. 9, 2018

By Steve Barker, SVR Vice President
Photos Steve Barker, Matt Menning

It's been a while since I ran my last Planning Meeting a few years ago, ok 6 years ago to what I thought was a packed audience but last night there was close to 75 members that came out in some of the worst rain yet this year



The club has a worldwide following on the SVR-PCAor.org website and this will help boost our events even more.

What followed next were introductions of the new Board of Directors, activity chairs and some general information regarding the request for members to send their info to Janet Connor to update the Membership Directory. So if you have a different Porsche or added one in the barn, changed address or have a change in status please let Janet know so when the directory gets printed it is up to date.

With business out of the way the focus turned to the planning session. Members were given about 30 minutes to get together to partner up with others for help or to develop their idea and post it on the calendars around the room.

Once the events were posted each month's events were reviewed and the event leaders were asked to describe their event to everyone.

As it worked out there were some ideas presented that needed leaders and this was a great opportunity to enlist a volunteer!

Thanks to **Lisa Menning** for sending me the Excel file, the list of all the events are now in the calendar. For those that like statistics here are the results:

Breakfast/Dinners	12/9
Major Event (CRAB)	1
Single Day Tours/Rally	11
Single-Day Event	2
Multi-day Tours	4
AX	7
Tech Sessions	3

Please review the Calendar of Events as there are dates still available for additional dinners, tours or your idea! Keep your eye on the road, Steve, VP2018

bringing with them no end to ideas to fill up the 2018 calendar!

Before I go thru the events let me back up just a bit. The Planning Meeting was held at the Round Table Pizza House in Orangevale, off Greenback Ave. With the help of **Mardi and Skip Quain** that arrived with all the calendars set up. They taped them to the walls where the events would be placed on Post-it notes over the date on the calendar. Yes, that's old tech and it still works! **Rita Barker** took the helm at the sign-in table to greet and collect the \$1 fee from everyone. The room quickly filled up and soon pizzas began arriving from the kitchen. I figured this would be a good time to begin the introductions.

First I had the pleasure to introduce **John Leet** as the Social Media Chair. This is a new position for the club and John did an excellent job explaining how he can develop the use of social media as another means of communication.



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In the Zone

By Sandy Provasi, Zone 7 Representative

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Happy New Year to all! All the regions are working on filling up their calendars for 2018. Which is good and bad. Good that we will all have lots of PCA events to have fun driving our Porsches. Bad that we will have to choose one event over the other as all the calendars fill up.

Please welcome Collin Fat as the new Zone 7 Autocross Chair. Collin has been gathering the regions autocross dates as the regions start to get confirmations on dates from the respective entities that control the sites. Some good news is in. Redwood Region will be able to continue to use the airport site for another year! Get the Porsche ready to autocross by March.

The Concours series with, the help of John D'Angelo Zone 7's Concours Chair, is also fine tuning its schedule for 2018. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

One update on Rennsport Reunion VI, for those who are wanting to participate in the Parade Laps at Laguna Seca; signups will happen in July 2018. At that time you will need to have a corral pass and be driving a Porsche. No Exceptions. More info to follow.

Up Coming events:

Shasta Region Tour- June 8th-11th,
Registration opens January 29th at Motorportreg

Zone 7 Autocross School, Marina,
April 28th-29th

Zone 7 Sierra-Desert-Pacific Tour,
Postponed (probably until later in the year) Treffen Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo,
New Mexico, April 25th-29th

CRAB 37-Sacramento Valley Region,
May 18th-20th

Lake of the Ozarks Porsche Parade,
Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri,
July 8th-14th

Werks Reunion, Corral de Tierra,
August 24th

Rennsport Reunion VI, Laguna Seca,
September 27th-30th, tickets at mazda-raceway.com

SVR Christmas Party

By Liz Houser, Christmas Party Co-Chair

The 2017 Christmas Party was a lot of fun!

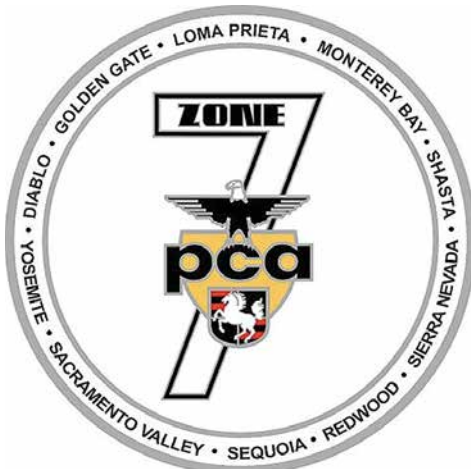
Over 120 guests ate, drank and made merriment at the Timber Creek Ballroom, Del Webb Roseville. The Houser's and Bulhoes' planned the entire event. Liz & Wendy baked 150 custom 911 Carrera Christmas cookies to compliment the "Santa's belt" table décor.

Ernie was pressed into service taking beautiful photos of our club members as they arrived in their finery. Ray chatted with arriving guests and kept our wonderful CHP officers entertained. The CHP officers hauled away 2 patrol cars, filled to the brim with gifts, thanks to the generosity of our club members.

Niello Porsche provided Porsche themed raffles prizes and brought a brand new red 2018 Porsche 991 Carrera to park in front of the venue.

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New Members	10	9
Transfers In	0	0
Transfers Out	2	3

Since we use e-mail for most of our communications, it is necessary to keep our e-mail address current with SVR and PCA. To update your information, go to www.pca.org and login. You can then make any updates (address, car, e-mail etc.). Also, even though we receive the information from PCA monthly, you can send the same updates to: membership@svr-pca.org New Member badges will now come with a removable colored sticker to encourage introductions at club events. They can be removed at any time. Welcome to the Sacramento Valley Region of Porsche Club of America.

SVR - PCA Member Services

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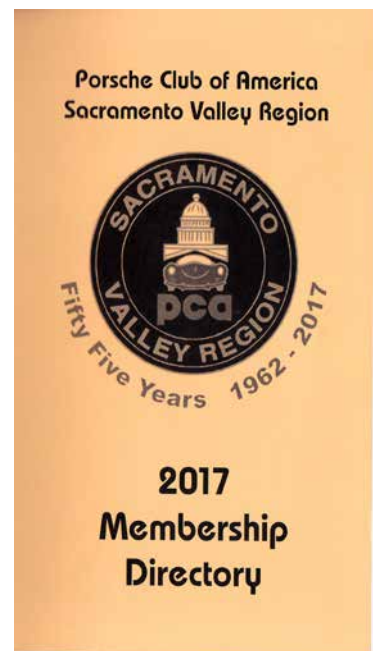
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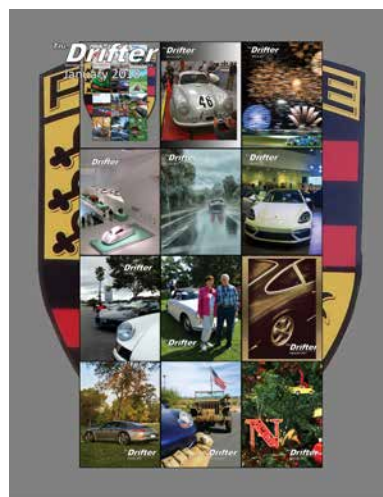
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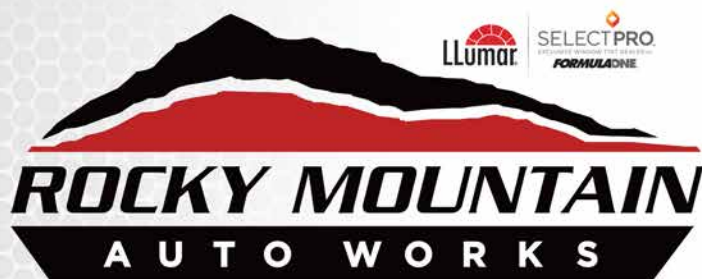
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August 4th	5	Loma Prieta	Marina
August 5 th	6	Golden Gate	Marina
August 18 th	7	Redwood	Santa Rosa
August 19 th	8	Redwood	Santa Rosa
September ?	9	Golden Gate	TBD

To register go to each region's website for information. Both Golden Gate and Loma Prieta regions use motorsport.reg while Sacramento Valley uses the following link for registration: <http://svr-autocross.deter.com/register>. Driver's fee varies by region.



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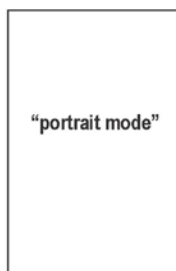
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The editors
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