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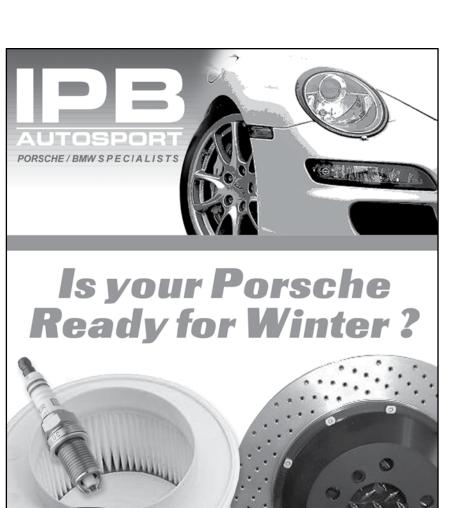
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SVR President's Column

Gregg Plourde, SVR President Photo Porsche.com

Last month was highlighted by the annual Event Planning Meeting, with over 70 members in attendance; the group was able to fill the calendar with autocross, dinners, tours, and a host of other Porsche events. Check out January's Drifter page 20 for a full page of events and be sure to re-read VP Steve Barkers article.

January was also the first Board of Directors meeting of the year (and my first as president). We had a full two-hour schedule of budgets to review and approve. Among them the CRAB 37 budget review; please mark your calendars for May 18-20 to attend SVR's premier event. I understand that the online registration will be up soon!

"It's not just the cars, it's the people"

When I first heard this many years ago I thought it was backwards, of course it's the cars!! I had just bought my first Porsche and was excited about owning the car of my dreams. I joined PCA and had not done anything with the club until we went to our first club

dinner. Afterwards Rebecca and I talked at length about our dinner experience. It was during this conversation that I realized we did not talk about engines or racing or anything Porsche related;



we were talking with the people we had met. We tried to put names with faces and who we sat with. We talked about how much fun we had talking to people and learning more about them and that was all it took to realize how accurate the phrase is.

The next logical step was to volunteer in assisting on an event and that morphed into putting on an event. We found our way around with members and directors assisting us. Now, SVR makes it easy! We have taken another step to assist you in making the decision in volunteering for a club event. On January 27, we are holding our first event seminar at Niello Porsche in Rocklin. The brainchild of your Social Director Mardi Quain, we will show you the ropes on how and where to find the information you need to host an event. I plan on being there and sharing my experiences putting on an event with the group.

Volunteering is easy and rewarding at the same time. Over the years it has created many lasting and valuable friendships. I hope to see you soon!



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Don't Forget to Share the Wealth



Editors' Corner Photo Porsche

As this second month of the year arrives we see the quantity of planned SVR events are strong. People are getting involved and that's impressive. There are social dinners, tours, concours, and new member events too. Huge thanks go out to all who have stepped up to chair an event this year.

We are still looking at the big calendar that was released in the January issue to see how many we can attend. We suggest keeping that issue handy, so you can reference page 5 and 20 whenever you need to.

Be sure to stay in touch with the SVR event email blasts too.

The event host seminar at Niello late last month was a great idea by SVR Social Director **Mardi Quain**. Hosting any event for the first time can be a daunting task and learning how is superb.

Not to be forgotten is the **PCA West Coast Series**. It will be at Thunderhill Raceway on **March 24-25**. Club racing is an excellent opportunity to see and hear Porsche's roar at one of our most

local road race venues. Some call it "ear candy". The racers are nothing like the big corporate sponsored teams. These are regular club members with tons of Porsche passion and of course, the time and money to burn. This event offers a much more intimate race experience compared to the larger, heavily commercialized race weekends that most of us are accustomed to. You can stroll the pits and look at all the fellow PCA member's cars without having to buy a pricey pit pass. The crowds won't be there either. This lets you get up close to the fence line and get the full effect.Oh, did we mention the ear

As we slide into the editor's role, we wish to thank the Drifter team for their support and guidance. This publication requires a huge number of hours. We are all volunteers. They are: Rik Larson, Mike Willis, Bill Fargo, Collin Fat, Mike Dunn and Kirk Bradford.

A new monthly column is on board as well. Be sure to read "What's in your Garage". This column was the brain

child of **Alma**. We give a big welcome to **Tom Perry-Smith**. His columns are so fun and easy to read. Send him an email if you would like to be featured in one of the future issues of The Drifter.





PDK (Pretty Darn Kwik)

Rik Larson, SVR Member

34 vs. 36 pages?

Did you get the 36 page issue of the January DRIFTER? We originally posted to the SVR website a 34 page issue. It did not take long to figure out that 34 is not an increment of 4. Back to the drawing board and 2 more pages were quickly added. We then reposted it to the website and were able to satisfy the printer that produces our hardcopy for subscribers.

11 Tours for SVR in 2018

What a big increase over last year. Three of the tours will be of the 3-day, 2-night format. The Pacific Grove tour is in April and is already into using rooms at other than the main motel. The Trinity/Weaverville event comes up in June after CRAB 37 and publicity for it will be coming out shortly. The Mendocino Tour is again in November (first weekend) and provides you with an extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning.

Drive any Porsche you want!For \$3000 per month you can drive any of the 22 Porsche models. I first

mentioned this new offering in my November 2017 PDK column. The Porsche Passport program from Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) is doing quite well. It is a pilot program in Atlanta (which is where PCNA is located) and it is drawing new and younger buyers to the brand. Klaus Zellmer, CEO of PCNA, says "78 percent of members in Porsche Passport have not owned a Porsche before, currently do not own a Porsche. So the conquest rate is close to 80 percent^[1]." The company expects that 30 percent of all of its sales will be made online. And that could be as soon as 2025. I am not too sure if that statement refers to Porsche AG or just North American sales. BMW and Mercedes are already planning to pilot their own subscription scheme in the United States. Volvo already has the new Polestar 1 performance model exclusively on a subscription basis.

The last of the Analog Porsches?

This headline was listed on the *pca*. *org* website recently. I was not sure

what they meant by 'analog'. They were pretty much saying that all the electronic devices now are defining the digital vs. analog Porsches. Heck, I thought that having ABS was pretty much the end of the analog era. And the new (2019?) models will have an all digital display dash.....speedometer, tachometer, etc. I just wonder if they will finally offer the 'heads up display'.

AX School in March

Registration opens on Saturday, February 3rd. This event usually fills up fast. Register at http://svr-autocross.deter.com/register.

Treffen Tamaya, New Mexico

Details were posted for this Treffen on a Tuesday and registration opened the next morning. Check it out at *treffen.pca.org*. Registration is normally limited to 200 cars. Dates are April 25-29th.

[1]. CTV News, January 22, 2018.



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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 Steve Barker at vicepresident@svr-pca.org

2018 SVR Events svr-pca.org

Feb 20	SVR Dinner, Espanol, Mike & Emily Willis
March 13	SVR Dinner, Back Forty, 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 McMahen
April 29	River Cats Game, Skip & Mardi Quain
May 6	SVR Dinner, Bulhoes

2018 Zone 7 Competition Events zone7.pca.org

CONCOURS

Concours Judging & Car Care Clinic Apr 15

AUTOCROSS

Apr 21 Loma Prieta, Marina Apr 22 Golden Gate, Marina

June 30 Sacramento, Thunderhill Raceway

July 21 Sacramento, Stockton Loma Prieta, Marina Aug 4 Aug 5 Golden Gate, Marina

Sept Golden Gate, To Be Determined

WEST COAST SERIES

2018 Watch This Space

OTHER ZONE 7 EVENTS

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

April 28 Stockton

May 19 CRAB 37, Stockton June 30 Thunderhill Raceway

May 18-20 CRAB 37. Bob Lozito & Team

August 11 September 15 Stockton

July 21 Stockton

Stockton

October 6 Stockton

Upcoming PCA Events 2018

Treffen Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo New Mex. April 25-29 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,

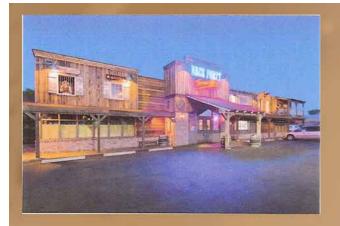
8890 Roediger Lane, Fair Oaks, (Hazel, north of

Sunset Avenue).

Upcoming Events of Interest

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

jehardie@aol.com



SVR March Dinner

Tuesday, March 13th Social 6:00PM - Dinner 7:00PM

Back Forty Texas BBQ

1201 Orlando Ave., Roseville, CA (916) 726 - 4040

Menu Choices (Please indicate for Payment)

- Half Slab Pork Ribs (with 2 side dishes)
- Sliced Lean Beef Brisket (with 2 side dishes)
- 1/2 BBQ Chicken (with 2 side dishes)
- · Pork Ribs+BBQ Chicken (w/2 side dishes)
- Wedge Salad with Prawns (with 1 side dish)

All Meals Include; Bread Plus your choice of side dish

Coffee, tea or soda

No Host Beverage Service Beer & Wine, Specialty & Frozen

Corkage \$ 10.00 per Bottle

RSVP by March 9th

\$32.00

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\$24.00 Payable to PCA-SVR attn:

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Roseville, CA 95747

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Don't forget to share the wealth



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 on sale now: http://www.mazdaraceway.com/ticket-information BUY TICKETS





Social TidbitsBy Mardi Quain, Social Director

Happy New Year! 2017 was a whirlwind of fun and exciting events and tours.

2018 is promising to be just as enticing. The Planning Party has taken place and the club calendar has been replenished with great events. There are still a couple of open months that need a dinner host: August, November. Let me know if you would like to be a host for either of these months.

To assist our Hosts in having successful events, the SVR-PCA website has the information you need. Click on the category called General Information.

Section 1 is devoted to the responsibilities of each Board Member.

Section 2 is devoted to Hosts of Tours, Dinners and Events as well as other categories. This section will be particularly informative to Hosts as it outlines how to be a Host. It describes how to evaluate a venue, getting the event on the club's calendar, what approvals are needed and timing of submissions, Budget form and

Guidelines, Drifter advertising and marketing, procedures for payment of deposits and final event payment and many other informative details. Plus your Social Director wants to assist you.

On a peripheral topic, your Board is very interested in how each member would like to participate with SVR. So on the Welcome section of the SVR-PCA website, scroll down to the Leadership Survey and participate in answering the quick four questions. This helps the Board offer our members timely information on using their interests for the betterment of our wonderful club.

As an additional welcome to our new members this column will share high lights of our new people.

Here are the first ones: David Betts: "My love for Porsche began when I was a boy. Our neighbor had a 914 in his collection of cars. It was the first sports car I fell in love with. There was something about that little car that just did it for me. Fast forward 35 years, this past September I purchased my

first ever Porsche, a 2018 911 Turbo S. Quite a jump from that little 914 I first laid eyes on. Once again I found what moved me, except this time I made it mine.

Throughout my life cars have been one of my greatest passions. I have always loved the drive. Joining SVR-PCA I hope to make new friends and share in the joy of motorsport.

Ernie Curto: "Joined SVR-PCA in October 2017. My Porsche is a 2014 Panamera S Ruby Red. Born and raised in Ely, Nevada. Moved to California in 1975. I worked in the mines for 10 years and at Caltrans for 23 years, retiring in 2011. Hobbies are cycling, kayaking, photography and golf. Looking forward to meeting club members and attending great tours."

To all our new people that joined in 2017, and forward, let me know if you want to share your Porsche story here. Just send an email to social@svr-pca. org. New member highlights will be a continuing feature of this new column.



Registering for CRAB 37

By Richard Walker CRAB 37 Registration



CRAB 37, the Premier Porsche weekend, will soon be here.

This fun filled weekend of partying, occasionally interrupted by competitive activities, starts at 5:30 pm on Friday, May 18 and wraps up at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 20. See the schedule of activities in this issue. CRAB 37 is being held at the California Automobile Museum, 2200 Front Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. **You must preregister for this event.** The registration process will be like CRAB 36. It will be done online and a link to start the process will be on the SVR web site. You will be able to pay with a credit card, pay pal or by check. These choices are all available at the end of the registration process.

Registration will open on February 15, 2018 and will close on May 11, 2018. The cost for this event is \$115 per person for PCA members if you register before April 27. Starting April 28th thru May 11th the cost is \$130 per person. Non PCA members will pay \$130 per person before April 27 and \$145 after. This includes all activities and meals. You can also pre-order a special CRAB 37 Tee shirt during the registration process for \$16-\$18 (depending on size) each. If you want to bring a guest to the Saturday night banquet, that is available for an additional \$60 per guest. You will also be able to bring a guest to the beer and brats on Sunday for an additional \$15 per guest.

You will be able to pick up your registration packets at the Friday evening welcome reception. You will also be able to check in with the other events that you signed up for like AX, Concours, Tour or Rallye. If you are not able to attend the Friday night event, you can go directly to your selected Saturday morning event (the AX in Stockton, or the Driving Tour in Davis). There, you will sign the legal waiver and get your welcome packet when you arrive at the check-in. There will be nobody at the California Automobile Museum on Saturday morning.

If you are Auto Xing, you will need to know the class you are running in before you start the registration process. We will be using the current Zone 7 PCA classes. If you do not know which class you qualify for, a link will be available in the introduction letter before you register, please look at it so you know and can make the right choice.

If now or during the registration process you have questions or need assistance, please contact me Richard Walker, richannewalker@gmail.com 916-988-7468

CRAB 37....GET READY!



Building off the success of CRAB 36, the CRAB team has been hard at work raising the bar even further! We hope you can join us at the Sacramento Valley Porsche Club's premier weekend event for CRAB 37 on May 18-20, 2018. This will be the club's 37th event since 1972, a truly remarkable run and the oldest such event in Zone 7. Enjoy all the things you love about PCA and feast at the all you can eat crab feed on Saturday night. The schedule of events is provided below. Registration will open mid-February.

Friday, May 18, 2018

- Registration and Welcome Party at California Automobile Museum (CAM)
- 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm Registration
- 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm Funkhana
- 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm Walking Tour, Self-guided
- 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm Welcome Party and Social
- Music provided by Dick MacFarlane

Saturday, May 19, 2018

- 7:30 am to 3:00 pm Autocross, San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton.
- 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Driving Tour.
- 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Walking Tour, Self-guided

CRAB 37 Dinner:

- 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm- Social
- 6:30 pm Dinner
- 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm Program (VIP intros, Funkhana awards, door prizes)
- 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm Dancing to the sounds of the Speedsters

Sunday, May 20, 2018

- 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Vendor Row
- 7:30 am to 11:00 am- Rally
- 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Concours De CRAB
- 8:00 am to 10:00 am check-in
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Beer 'N Brat
- 1:00 pm Award Program
- 3:00 pm Farewell till CRAB 38!

2017 AutoMobility Los Angeles AKA Los Angeles Auto Show

By Dan Rowland, With Bill Keegan SVR Members Photos Dan Rowland

This year's annual pilgrimage to Los Angeles was long planned resulting in a very full schedule for the two days we allowed on site. Also, we discovered daily lives. Rules, regulations and the manufacturers meeting them are going to force the buying public to be part of the new scene. It is also of interest that



over the years, accommodations are \$100+ cheaper a few miles from the Convention Center, and UBER at \$8-10 each way saves the \$25/day fee at the Coliseum and up to \$40/day parking at the high end hotels downtown. (You also get a much wider choice in restaurants that are close). Wednesday was spent moving from location to location for the vehicle reveals by each of our selected manufacturers. Over the vears, we have narrowed our interest to some specific manufacturers rather than trying to "see it all" as we did the first few years. This does not mean, though, that we are open and ready to respond to things we didn't know were going to be there until we showed up at the gate. Even with the proliferation of media releases and notices by the event staff and the manufacturers, not all is exposed beforehand. This is clearly to sustain the "surprise reveals" the show is famous for and keep the level of excitement high. This is especially true for the exotics, limited production and techno surprises that show up every year. This day alone proved the development of the hybrid electric (or other alternative fuel) is a mandate being met with substantial investment in both time and money. Along with autonomous technology and sharing of the information highway through Auto-Mobility we are clearly only mid-stream in what is to come. Smart, fuel-efficient cars, along with smart highways and cities, are going to be much more in our

shortly after the event China announced the "end of life" builds prior to 2025 on about 500 plus car models that do not fit this world plan.

Highlights for Wednesday at the Coliseum included opportunities to see more than 1000 new and customized vehicles, all the latest smart mobility products/services, many tech develop-

If you don't take a picture now you will find that it is hard at the end of the day to remember everything you saw. Like scenery overload on a day's drive in Utah. Of special interest this year were the Mercedes displays of their new Supercar and the new E and S Class cabriolets. It is interesting to note every manufacturer had a display of hybrid and full electric models—some were even their feature reveal. Porsche, on the other hand, following their "best to market" philosophy, treated the hybrids as merely part of the ongoing strive for excellence, touting the huge performance and horsepower enhancements from combing technologies. Porsche's new ultimate, the most powerful Panamera version has 680 HP of hybrid performance called the Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid Sport Turismo also features about 30 miles of pure electric available for grocery getting. The car was in a back corner of the display with a line of other Panameras each featuring some distinct advantage over the others. Little mention was made of the new Mission E at the show which follows the normal Porsche plan of not showing other that working models. What we did get to look over closely were the two new versions of the "T" cars—the GT3 Touring



ers, engineers, designers, media and occasionally someone actually buying what they saw. New names such as SONDORS, URB-E, PROPELLA, shared the stage with all the regulars we know so well. We now specifically look at all of the Euro cars and the other leaders of their marque as an opportunity to see and touch cars that aren't usually in a local dealership—and all in one place!

and the new 911-T. The "T" nomenclature remembering the base model from 1969-1973. Other than name there is not much similarity. Again, consistent with the Porsche marketing plan—create the purist version by removing features and weight, combine the trickle down items from the enhanced lines above (think GT3 and 4, R and RS, Turbo S) to establish a price point, then add

back the features at an additional cost. Things like a radio and A/C can always be added back. You still get the cup holders though, since no weight reduction was available by removing them on the front side as they are a standard feature.

While standing in the crowd waiting for the show to start I was next to Patrick Long and watching to see other factory folks. I struck up a conversation with another fellow next to me who revealed he actually worked for Mercedes. His job for the last 17 years was to study his assigned portion of the competitions reveals and promises at



the car shows around the world. He was headed to Detroit then on back to Paris after LA. He noted that his assigned jobs included BMW, Porsche and Hyundai (KIA), noting the reasons for the Koreans was the electronics features side that trickled up to Genesis. Asked if was attending some of the special Porsche PCA stuff he told me he was known and restricted by those groups. He also stated assignments like his wear out and their effectiveness diminishes if they become well known. This is apparently a standard practice among the manufacturers. We got close to friendly enough when I also expressed interest in Mercedes and he invited me to drop by for a factory tour if in Germany. I told him I was writing the article for the "Drifter" and asked for a card and permission to use his name in the article and tell his story and it was as if someone flipped a switch. He informed me he had already talked too much and the card disappeared along with the invite. Seems I was the one caught talking too much. We have met over the years many interesting people with different functions but this one was truly a reveal for me. There are many, many folks at these events and they all have a reason,

whether personal or professional, for being there. I just know now, after talking with him, that turning something like this show in to work, would detract from my personal value of the event. Maybe he didn't think of it as work. Never thought of that either, wonder if Patrick Long thinks his job is work. I could go on and on about the features of cars we saw but as is always the case, there is a proliferation of media available literally item by item. Between Flat Sixes, e-Brake news and the other magazine articles nothing seems missed or even not duplicated.

Thursday was spent vising the

PECLA-- Porsche Experience Center's 53-acre playground in Carson (lunch at Restaurant 917) and then on to the Petersen Museum for the Bugatti display and a visit to the famed "VAULT" in the basement. This being my second visit to PECLA, the first was days after the grand opening last year. The place seems more settled and

organized with a steady flow of folks signed up for the track day. There are lines of new training cars staged for use including nearly every model and configuration within. The showroom and second floor restaurant are designed so all can watch the training areas—each having its own skill set and experience. Lunch or dinner at the 917 restaurant on the second floor is certainly worth considering when you visit. (The KOBE beef burger is outstanding).

From PECLA we proceeded to the Petersen Museum where the Bugatti

display is unrivaled worldwide. In addition, this year, there was a feature display of the "ART" cars LA is famous for; Low riders with gold chrome, etchings and phenomenal paint jobs. Many of



these cars are in the Automotive Hall of Fame. Keep in mind here that if you are a CAM member in Sacramento your membership card has reciprocity with the Petersen and the basic admittance is free. There is still a \$20 charge for a VAULT tour lasting about 75 minutes and touring underground storage (no touching and no cameras) and several hundred cars not ever seen by the normal everyday public. Cars ranging from one of the original Porsche 901 models to Saddam Hussein's limo are door to door. Petersen now claims to have one of the most valuable automotive displays in the world and it is worth not only the money but the time as well.

Also during this car week PCA and LA AutoMobility offers to about 300 lucky folks a chance for a private 2 hour walk through and technical presentation for the Porsche show cars each year prior to Fridays 10:00AM public opening. For \$20 you get early entrance, breakfast, a free gift and the tech walk through. Tough to get in though, we registered first day and still only got on the wait list. Saturday and Sunday also has the Tech Tactics West, which is a Porsche AG sponsored tech briefing on different new models each year. More information is available on this at the PCA website. Fee is around \$125 and gets you door prizes, a T shirt along with breakfast and lunch and a great day of Porsche information and camaraderie. Enrollment is very limited so watch the publications on dates and times. The new site for this is near Riverside and the Porsche/Audi joint tech center.

We are actually thinking about doing the Detroit show in January next year. But still needs additional research before that decision.

Sacramento Valley Region - Weaverville Tour

June 1 - 3

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Schedule-

June 1st 8:00 a.m. meet at Niello in Rocklin, cars depart at 8:30 a.m. Tour through Sutter Buttes with lunch at Granzella's. Olive oil tour and the to Hwy 36, known as Humm 36
June 2nd – Car tour of Weaverville Area, attend Lewiston Peddlers Faire and Weaverville Art Walk

June 3rd – Car tour of Weaverville Area, attend Lewiston Peddiers Faire and Weaverville /

Estimated Tour price of \$135.00 per person includes all meals, non-alcoholic beverages and activities

Rooms blocked for June 1st & 2nd under PCA/SVR at:

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Tour Organizers – Liz Houser 916-203-9170 (lizhouser3103@gmail.com) and Gregg & Rebecca Plourde 530-210-3341 (grplourde88@gmail.com)

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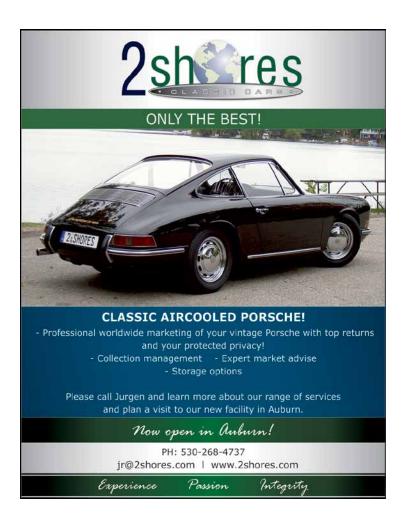
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update to the tour January 22, 2018: The Pacific Gardens Hotel is completely booked for this weekend event. Alternate accommodations can be found right next door at Rosedale Inn. Contact Aachal at (831) 655-1000. Mention Robert from the Pacific Gardens Inn. Hopefully you will receive a small discount on your room.

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What's In Your Garage

By Tom Perry-Smith, SVR Treasurer Photo Alma Thompson

If you have had the pleasure of getting to know Gary and Alma Thompson, their passion for all things automotive is clear and bright. PCA members since 1966, internal combustion has been an integral part of their entire lives together. After just a minute of conversation, you know that Gary and Alma are true "Car People". When asked about their first date, Gary smiles and his voice twinkles: "Alma helped my roommates and I tear down a Honda 150 and replace the piston. She got right in there and helped us out". Seems that Alma's father was a mechanic and Alma turns a wrench with the best of them. Clearly, a match made in heaven.

tires are in storage. Want proof of the astonishing advances Porsche has made in comfort and performance? Just drive the 914 back-to-back with the 2002 Boxster that Alma has been successful with in her concours entries.

The most recent acquisition is a 2010 Cayenne GTS. Black on Black, Alma's concours skills will be sorely tested in keeping this color combination sparkling.

Past Porsches

The Thompson's first Porsche was a '53 1300 S. Gary fondly recollects "...an oil change was \$1.50 and a valve adjustment was similarly priced. The transmission had no synchro in first or second

ended in a victory for the former: the Porsche was sold for \$2,000 to come with up a down payment for a house.

A '79 924 followed. Gary was able to test the 924's ability to survive a roll-over encounter with a deer on a freeway on-ramp. Gary and a grateful deer walked away while the 924 headed for salvage.

American Graffiti

A self-described "hot rodder", Gary and Alma have owned some immortal American iron. Two '56 Chevy Bel Airs, a '29 Ford Model A with a 327 Corvette engine; a '37 Nash Lafayette; a '35 Five Window Ford Coupe (with "rumble" seat) and '41 Five Window Ford Sedan (completely disassembled in boxes when the Thompsons purchased it). Currently, a '32 Deuce Coupe resides in the garage. You know this car. "If She had a set of wings, I know She could fly"- The Beach Boys, "Little Deuce Coupe".

When I asked if there was one of the many cars they have owned and over the years they wished they had kept, the answer was immediate. "Our second '56 Bel Air was red and silver. Beautiful show car; the one that got away."

Closing

When asked about the flame he and Alma have carried these many years for Porsche, the response was heartfelt. "In a Porsche, you don't need a radio. You just listen to the engine. It was that way back with our '53: you just listened to the engine wind up and you knew when to shift. Our Porsches have "always just fit; like a suit that had been tailored for us".

After a recent visit to Niello Porsche, Gary and Alma walked passed a GT3 on the way back to their Cayenne. "We could sell the 911 and the 914 and get one of those..." remarked Alma with a smile

Thank you Gary and Alma Thompson for sharing your passion and what's in your garage with the *Drifter*.



Porsche Passion

The '75 911 in the garage was acquired in 1979. Having put about 180,000 miles on the car, Gary says the 911 is "just about broken in". After the case bolts gave up in the original flat six, Gary bought a wrecked '85 and transplanted the engine and transmission into the '75. According to Gary and Alma, the '75 hasn't been seen much by the rest of the Club lately, but that may change soon enough. Seems that the '75 is going to become Alma's autocross companion.

A '74 914 2 liter was acquired from a fellow club member with all the original documentation. Even the original

gear. The car even came with a bench seat!" A product of simpler times, the '53 had dual Solex carbs that cranked out 60 bhp and 65 ft-lbs to propel a listed curb weight of 1,874 pounds. Top speed was 100 miles per hour.

The '53 was followed by a '63 356B Super. An original test of the '63 Porsche 356B 1600 Super published by Car and Driver magazine listed a curb weight of 2,060 pounds with 88 bhp at 5,500 rpm and 86 lb-ft @ 3700 rpm. With this kind of power on tap, self-restraint was clearly the order of the day. Unfortunately, the eternal tug of war between fiscal responsibility and the pursuit of our automotive passions





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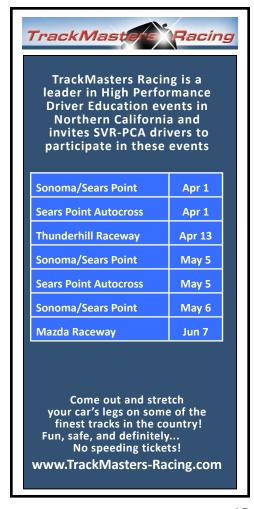
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SVR Board Minutes January 2018

By Rebecca Plourde, SVR Secretary Mintues Taken by Steve Barker

SVR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, January 10, 2018 Sac Metro Fire #32,

8890 Roediger Lane, Fair Oaks, CA

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., Jan. 10, 2018

Gregg opened the meeting

- 1. Kim Nelson Niello Budget
- 1. Concours location new location due to space availability at Niello.
- 2. Motion to approve budget no motion needed as Niello is sponsoring the event.
- Rik Larson Budget for Mendocino Tour
- 1. \$350 budget, no dollars for lunch, breakfast min golf or dinner.

Will include cost of social under meals.

- 2. Many donations by Niello are unique and not avail online
- 3. Motion to accept Rik's budget made by Collin, 2nd Bill Fargo
 - 4. All in favor
 - 5. Passed
 - 3. Bob Lozito CRAB 37 Budget
 - 1. Breakeven ~ 200 people
- 2. Recommend \$115 \$125 per person
- 3. Discussion on security and portapotties. Yes that's correct, portapotties!
- 4. Includes some differences between CRAB 36 and 37. Cost of using CAM vs Ion AP.
- 5. .Sliding costs on some items, fixed on others because they have to preprint before cutoff.
 - 6. Many new ideas from John Leet
- 1. Motion by Bill Fargo to accept Bob's budget as presented.

Tom Perry-Smith 2nd the motion

- 2. All Approved
- 3. Passed
- 7. John Leet CRAB Mktg
- 1. Use a multi-pronged approach
 - 2. Email, web, social media
 - 3. Instagram account, Twitter
 - 4. Use of videos, interviews
- 5. Sandy Provasi will be sending out blasts.
- 6. Need an article in the Drifter "What is CRAB?"
- 7. Matt Menning to send CRAB logo to Mike Dunn
 - 4. AX Budget Ed Busuttil

- 1. AX Oct 13th is actually on Oct 6th.
 - 2. Planning for 7 events
 - 3. Fee is the same \$1300/event
 - 4. Needs 2 EZ ups plus 40 cones.
- 5. Need to freshen up the AX trailer
- 6. Motion Matt Deter 2nd Alma8 Matt Menning
 - 7. All approved
- 5. CRAB 37 Flyer Insert in Directory-Collin
- 1. Wants to do a direct mailer to save some CRAB money.
 - 2. Send out in April
 - 3. Approved to go with a flyer
 - 6. Presidents Report
- 1. Budgets for dinners going out to board members to free up some board mtg time
- 2. Send out via email and reply. Fredrick will send Gregg his write up procedure.
- 7. Next Board Mtg Feb 14., Valentine's Day
 - 1. Move meeting to Feb 7th.
 - 8. Eventbrite Gregg
- 1. Has been piloted and well received
 - 2. Fee works out to 5.7%
- 3. If no charges then the use if free, great analytics
- 4. Vote to approve Eventbrite as method of running an event
- 5. Some concern with banking info, Joy Nieslony
- 6. Richard Wetzel brings up having a Registrar to handle all money and not have Event Chair involved.
- 7. Table discussion to review procedure. Move to Feb.
 - 9. Email Etiquette
- 1. What you say becomes permanent and can be forwarded
 - 2. Email storms are inappropri-

10.VP report

ate

- 1. Steve presented the idea of a club calendar and asked for members that would like to be on the Calendar Team. Contact Steve Barker if interested!
- 11. Treasures Report Joy Niesloney
 - 1. Tax refund rec'd
- 2. Earned points using credit cards and have been redeemed
 - 3. Balances reviewed

- 4. All banking reconciled
- 5. Motion Janet to approve, Matt Meaning 2nd the motion
 - 6. All approved
- 12. Editors Report Matt Menning and Alma Thompson
- 1. Drifter delay to allow time to receive info from Planning mtg.
- 13. Social Director Report Mardi Quain
- 1. Budget for March dinner Bradfords
- 2. Date is March 13th at Back 40 BBQ. Roseville
- 3. Add 5.7% to cover use of Eventbrite \$1.65
- 4. Collin makes motion with amendment, Bill Fargo 2nd's
- 5. Discussion on change of date for Planning meeting from Jan to Nov/
- 6. Won't have the Zone 7 AX dates at that time
- 7. Mardi is holding a Hosting Seminar on Jan 27
 - 14. AX Report Skipped
- 15. Name badges Janet will be ordering 16.Open Charity Chair
 - 17. Open Share the Wealth
 - 18. Open Tech chair
- 19. Directory Based on Mike Dunn getting all the advertising in.
 - 20. WebMaster Bill Fargo
 - 21. Concours Report Al Price
- 1. June 24th Red Bus Brewery Folsom

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm Acting Secretary Steve Barker, VP



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CRAB and SVR Marketing Update

By John Leet, CRAB 37 and Social Media Chair

SVR enjoys one of the most active, vibrant and enduring of all PCA regions. CRAB exemplifies this level of dedication, as one of the outstanding events within Zone 7 bringing together hundreds of enthusiasts for a weekend that offers a wide range of activities that truly provides something for everyone. Whether your interest is in autocross, touring, rally, concours, walking tours, or simply taking the opportunity to socialize with over 300 of your fellow members, CRAB is the place to be! This year, it will be held May 18-20 at the California Automobile Museum (CAM) in Sacramento. We hope to see you there!

I am honored to be part of the crack team who has pulled together to organize such a comprehensive event to help with the marketing and advertising. Under the leadership of co-chairs Bob Lozito and Collin Fat, we aspire to reach new heights in attendance for the event. In addition to regular articles (like this one) in The Drifter, we will be using various methods to get the word out. Many of you who have been in the club for a while know about CRAB, but if you are new to the club you may be unclear on what, exactly, is CRAB? We will be updating our web site to be an easy resource for information on the event, and reaching out to the membership via email. We are sensitive to the fact that everyone probably gets too much ploring other opportunities to get visibility for the event.

Video has rapidly become one of the most successful forms of engage-



email, but it is important to make sure everyone knows about the event. What a better introduction for new members than CRAB?

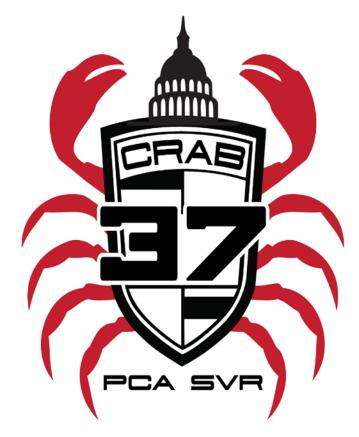
We will also be marketing to Porsche enthusiasts in the area that may not yet be members, as CRAB is a great opportunity to see what SVR is all about. For this outreach, we will be looking to partner with our advertisers to provide handouts to their Porsche customers, as well as ex-

ment, and we look to leverage that medium as well. With such a long history of 36 past events since 1972, we plan to produce a video promoting the event, and enlist the help of past attendees to do video testimonials. What better way to learn about CRAB than hearing it from past attendees? And for those in other PCA regions nearby, we will look for support from those organizations in helping to promote the event. CRAB is a very popular draw for enthusiasts who travel far and wide to attend, and we have had attendees from every corner of California and beyond!

And finally, as the Social Media Chair, we look to ramp up our activity on the various social media channels. While not everyone consumes information via social media, it can offer many advantages to keep people informed of current activities and events, without being as intrusive as email. As of mid-January, the SVR Facebook page has over 330 followers, which should grow significantly as we ramp up activity on the site. The structure of Facebook is very conducive to maintaining and collaborating with a community like SVR.

For gaining visibility beyond our Facebook followers, we will look to Twitter and Instagram. SVR has maintained an active Twitter account, thanks to Bill Fargo. These platforms reach other enthusiasts through the various hashtags that are used.

In the end, our goal is to provide valuable information to our membership, whether in print, email or online. Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts or comments at john.p.leet@gmail.com!









In the Zone By Sandy Provasi, Zone 7 Representative

Loma Prieta Region 408.947.0980 sandyprovasi@gmail.com

The Zone 7 Website has being updated and refreshed to make room for articles and photos. Thanks to Richard Chew for our ever expanding and changing website. Richard not only does the Zone 7 site, he also does the Sierra Nevada Region website.

Now is the time to start planning your next trip with your Porsche. Watch for updates on Parade Registration for Lake of the Ozarks, July 8-14th. Also registration for Treffen to New Mexico is the place to be this spring. In May we will see the return of CRAB by the Sacramento Valley Region. Look to the Zone website for more info on CRAB. And the Shasta Region tour will surely sell out so check the Zone 7 site (zone7. pca.org) for info.

Final calendar dates for the Zone 7 Autocross and Concours series will be on the website too. Now is the time to mark your calendar and plan on sharping your driving skills at one of the many autocrosses. You might want to work on cleaning and caring for your Porsche. Plan on coming out to one of the many Concours events and visiting with others who are hooked on preservation.

Up coming events:

Zone 7 Concours School at Porsche of Livermore April 15th

Zone 7 Autocross weekend at Marina, Loma Prieta and Golden Gate Regions, April 21st-22nd

Zone 7 Autocross School, Marina, April 28th-29th Zone 7 Sierra-Desert-Pacific Tour, Postponed

Treffen Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, April 25th-29th

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

Shasta Region Tour- June 8th-11th Lake of the Ozarks Porsche Parade, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Mo, July 8th-14th

Werks Reunion, Corral de Tierra, August 24th

Rennsport Reunion VI, Laguna Seca, September 27th-30th



2018 Zone 7 Autocross Calendar

Date	Event #	Sponsor Region	Location
April 21st	1	Loma Prieta	Marina
April 22nd	2	Golden Gate	Marina
April 30th	3	Sacramento	Thunderhill
July 21st	4	Sacramento	Stockton
August 4th	5	Loma Prieta	Marina
August 5th	6	Golden Gate	Marina
August 18th	7	Redwood	Santa Rosa
August 19th	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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January Membership Janet Conner, Membership Director

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	Jan 2018	Jan 2017			
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Total Members	1336	1302			
New Members	12	12			
Transfers In	1	4			
Transfers Out	2	0			

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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Basso, Tracy
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2017 911 Carrera 991

Bloom, Michael Roseville itt555@yahoo.com 1973 911T Coupe

Covington, Katharine Covington, Brett Pollock Pines katerosecovington@gmail. com 1983 911 SC Coupe Transfer from Suncoast Region

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Haywood, Frank Elk Grove carduga@frontier.com 2012 Boxster

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5 Years Huggard, John & Marita Nichols, Mike & Lori Water, Dale & Renee

15 YearsRitenour, Mike & Lori Carroll, David

20 Years Rose, David & Julie

30 Years Boyd, Lawerence & O'Neal, Alice

35 YearsNieslony, Stephan & Joy

45 Years O'Shields, Arnold & Patricia

2018 SVR Membership Directory

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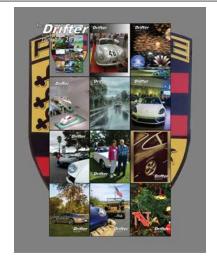
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The editors

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Porsche Club - Sacramento Valley Region



2018 Autocross Schedule



March 3rd & March 10th, Niello AX School - 2 Day
AX #1 April 28th, Stockton
AX #2 May 19th, Stockton, CRAB 37
AX #3 June 30th, Thunderhill Raceway, Zone 7 Event
AX #4 July 21st, Stockton, Zone 7 Event
AX #5 August 11th, Stockton
AX #6 September 15th, Stockton
AX #7 October 6th, Stockton

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