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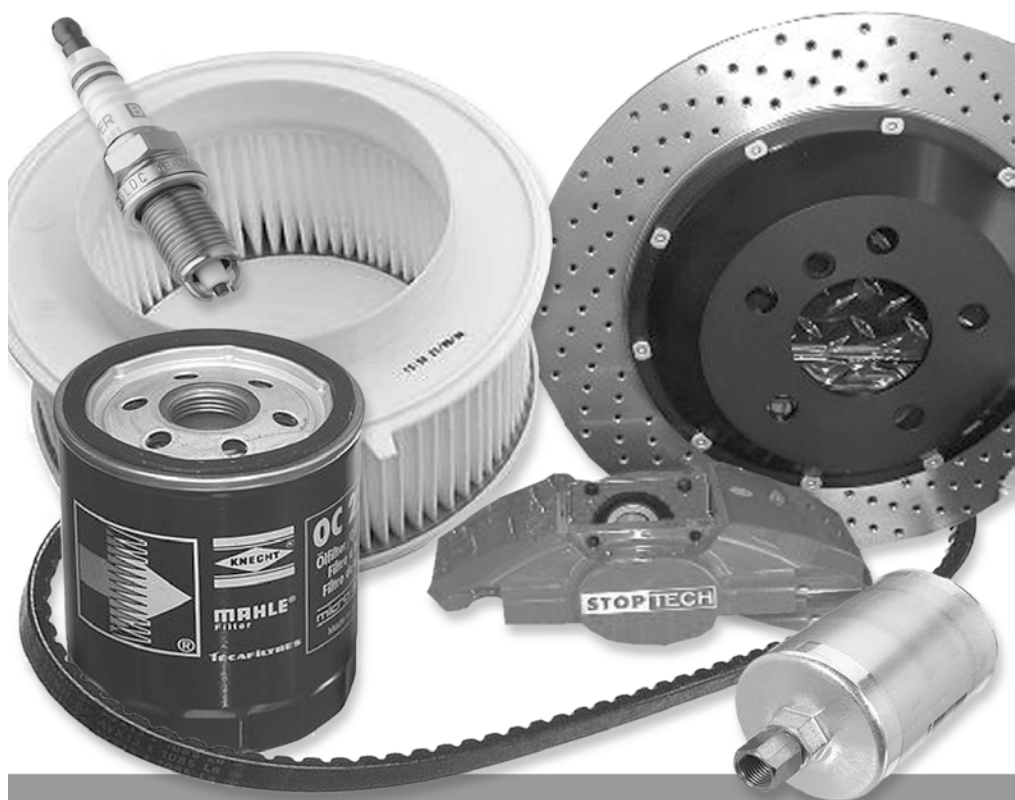
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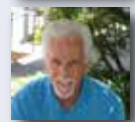
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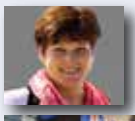
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# SVR President's Column

Gregg Plourde, President

## Last Call:

This is my last newsletter as your President, and I will take the time to thank all the people who have worked as volunteers for the club.

First, I would like to thank the board of directors for their volunteerism. Without them the club would not have a person to obtain insurance for events (and keep a calendar), a fiscal person to keep us in the black, a person to coordinate and arrange for fun social events, a person to help the membership, a person to keep track of the board meetings, a person to coordinate concours and autocross events (and keep us safe!), a person to keep the website up to date, a person to make the Drifter appear each and every month. These folks, like you, have busy lives and whether working or retired have given up time to make this club tick. Thank you to **Steve Barker, Tom Perry-Smith, Cookie Anderson, Rebecca Plourde, Mardi Quain, Greg Zajic, Bill Fargo, and Matt Menning** for your dedication to SVR!

I'd also like to thank the Drifter Team for their hard work in putting out an award winning, first-class publication. To **Matt Menning**, Editor, **Ken Shahoian**, Layout, **Michael Justis**

Cover & Photography, **Bill Fargo** Photography & Flyers, **Dick Murphy** Advertising, **Ed Parra** Reporter, and **Skip Quain** Contributor extraordinaire. Thank you all!

A big thank you to all the chairs who also perform important duties of the club. To **Dick Murphy** (advertising), **John Leet** (AX Chair), **Jerry Alter** (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Breakfast), **Al Price** (Concours), **Lois Roberts** (Charity), **Kim Nelson** (Niello Liaison), **Sue Sanders** (New Member), **Richard Wetzel** (Rally), and **Lisa Menning** (Tour), thank you for your dedicated support to the club!

A special thanks to the following members who do not have any titles or "official" positions in the club but dedicate time and effort to help make the club active and vibrant. To **Rik Larson** for his help in contributing to the Drifter (you know...PDK before it was a transmission!) and his institutional knowledge of the club, **Mike Willis** for stepping up and help in getting the Drifter converted to an online publication, to **Mike Dunn** for support with advertising and his behind the scene work on charity events. Thanks to **Liz Houser** and **Vicki Hubbs** for their help in putting on various events throughout the year. Liz will be our Tour Chair starting in 2020.

I want to also thank all the folks who took the time to put on put on all the events that you attended over the past year.

A big thank you to the new members who I have met over the past year at different events we are glad to have you on board! I have had the chance to get to know you and I am glad you have decided to join the club and participate in our events.

Finally, a big thank you goes to each and everyone of you who joined us at a club event this year! It was a busy year for sure!

Speaking of events, January 7 is our planning meeting/dinner. Come and have no cost pizza with us and bring ideas for dinners, tours, or other events that you would like to put on the calendar for next year. 2020 is shaping up to be another busy one. Vince's in Woodland, Smith Flat House, Pacific Grove, Capay Valley and Matchbook Winery, CRAB 38, Weaverville, Yosemite, Mendocino, Dominick's and a lot more are already scheduled.

I again, thank you all – Board, Chairs, Hosts, and Members for a wonderful year!

Gregg Plourde





## Editor's Corner

Matt Menning, Editor

### Porsche Taycan: It's getting ever closer to the Niello showroom

The new all-electric Taycan cars are beginning to show up to the North American automotive media. A few weeks ago, PCA had the opportunity to drive the Turbo version of the car for the first time in America.

Here's a quick take on what it was like:

Porsche did a thorough job of planning a route with a good mix of freeways, urban surface streets, and mountain twisties. Waiting out the morning rush hour, there was breakfast and a tech briefing. Heading east on I-10 towards the Inland Empire and towards the San Gabriel Mountains was a tall order in So Cal.

The driving position of the Taycan is described as far more like a 911 than a Panamera.

The relatively short front overhang makes the car easier to place in a corner. The impressive power and on-demand torque make the car genuinely entertaining in LA traffic. The ability to squirt in and out of holes among the sea of cars is impressive and quite fun. Anyone will realize pretty quickly that the new electric Porsche is one of the quickest cars on the road. The obnoxious driver of a Hemi Challenger found out this fact in short order. It's downright eerie how quietly and efficiently it slips through the air. Its 0.22 drag coefficient is the lowest of

any production Porsche. Range was as advertised. The loop they took was through the San Gabriel's, down the Angeles Crest Scenic byway and back to Marina del Rey on the always entertaining 405 was about 198 miles total. Easily within its projected range of 280 miles.



It's said that only thing disappointing about the car was the lack of public attention it garnered. Even in car-jaded Southern California, there was an expectation that there would be more way more looks and questions. Even Panamera drivers didn't give it a second look, seemingly mistaking the car for a 2019 Panamera. The Taycan was Gentian Blue Metallic. Maybe if the two cars had been Porsche's lizard green and Miami blue.....it would be different. No matter, whether they knew it or not, Californians were witnessing a game-changer on their roads that day.

### It's a wrap

This month we are featuring a unique/ special edition cover with many

SVR members and their beloved cars on this year's Cambria Tour led by **Brian and Sue Sanders**.

After 24 months, this is my last column as editor. When comparing my two years, 2019 has been the most difficult for me. My career workload ballooned and it became a massive feat to accommodate even the basic role of editor. I'll admit, some things slipped on my end. With the intense help and patience of layout editor **Ken Shahoian**, we got each month done. The whole team contributed in many ways. All played a vital role and I thank each one. When I have the time, it's a more relaxed assemblage. Nonetheless, the Editor's tasks add up quickly and span over the course of about 3 weeks of every month. I have learned a ton,

had the opportunity to bring out some of my tucked away skill sets and also work with so many people within SVR. I am honored to have been able to volunteer my service to SVR and PCA in yet another role and helped keep this publication going a few more years and provide a quality PCA region newsletter. Following a long line of previous editors going way back to 1964, it has been quite a ride.

As announced last month, The Drifter will no longer be printed. This is the last one. That's not at all easy to say. Rest assured, the "online Drifter" will be in good hands for 2020. No stranger to the Drifter, past editor **Mike Willis** is busy getting back into the Drifter groove for the January online issue.





## PDK (Pretty Darn Kwik)

Rik Larson, SVR Member  
Photo Porsche AG

### Passing of Bud Behrens

Bud was a 45 year member of PCA, with 22 of those years as a member of SVR. Bud and his wife Mary Ann were very active in PCA from the beginning. Both had served as Zone 7 Representatives and Zone 7 Autocross Driving Instructors. Both were also part of the original group of inductees in 2003 to the Zone 7 Wall of Fame. And both are recipients of the prestigious Zone 7 Lifetime Achievement Award. Bud was editor of the DRIFTER beginning with the November 2006 issue and finishing with the January 2009 issue. Bud was also the editor of the Yosemite Region newsletter from 1994 to 2005. Bud also designed event flyers for Zone 7 events and region events for many, many years.

### Another Sign of the Times

The Sacramento Bee is dropping their Saturday print edition starting in February. The monthly DRIFTER that is

printed and mailed to subscribers will cease after this edition. And the annual SVR Membership Directory was not printed this year. AUTOWEEK printed its last issue on November 4, 2019. The digital age is truly here.

### Formula E Kicks Off

The sixth Formula E season has kicked off with two street races in Saudi Arabia. Newcomers Mercedes and Porsche both kicked butt in the first race, not so much in the second race. The Tag Heuer Porsche team finished 2nd and 17th in the first race while the Mercedes-Benz team finished 3rd and 6th. The Mercedes-Benz team followed that up the next day at the second race with a 3rd place finish and 16th place (this is out of 24 cars -- 12 teams). The Porsche team finished 13th and 14th place in the second race. It will be almost 2 months before they race again; next time in Chile. It was hot in Saudi Arabia (no surprise) and the lack of spectators was obvious. Each race is 45 minutes long plus 1 lap. Some new

terms that I had to look up (Google and YouTube) were "Attack Mode" and "FanBoost."

### Electric Recharging on Tours?

With the increased presence of electric cars it seems that event organizers (tours, autocross, rallies) are going to have to begin considering how it will affect entrants with these vehicles. Considerations that come to mind: does the destination have access to charging stations (whether overnight or just a day trip); the time and distance involved with getting to the start of the event, participating in the event (autocross, tour, rally, concours) and then getting home--all on the battery? Remember that Porsche says that 50% of their vehicles will have a plug by 2025.

And So It Goes





# Sacramento Valley Region Calendar



*Event dates and locations are subject to change. Always check [www.svr-pca.org](http://www.svr-pca.org) for the most up-to-date information  
For schedule changes, contact Steve Barker at [vicepresident@svr-pca.org](mailto:vicepresident@svr-pca.org)*

## 2019 SVR Events [svr-pca.org](http://svr-pca.org)

- Dec 1 CAM Christmas Tree Decorating, Nelson
- Dec 14 SVR Christmas Party, Houser
- Jan 7 SVR 2020 Planning Meeting, Barker & Lee
- Jan 21 Vince's Mexican Restaurant, Barker & Schulze

## 2019 Zone 7 Competition Events [zone7.pca.org](http://zone7.pca.org)

**CONCOURS**

**AUTOCROSS**

**WEST COAST SERIES**

**OTHER ZONE 7 EVENTS**

<http://zone7.pca.org/>

## 2019 SVR Autocross Events Contact John Leet [autocross@svr-pca.org](mailto:autocross@svr-pca.org)

## Upcoming PCA Events 2019

### 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. SVR Board Meeting  
7-9 PM Sacramento Metro Fire Dept., 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  
Kim Nelson: [knelson356@gmail.com](mailto:knelson356@gmail.com)

# SVR Christmas Party 2019

December 14th 2019

Where: Sierra View Country Club  
105 Alta Vista Ave., Roseville, CA 95678  
Time: 5:00PM - 11:00PM  
Cost: \$65 Per Person  
Payment: Send checks payable to SVR-PCA attn:  
Liz Houser 3103 Stardust St., Rocklin CA 95677  
or online at [svr-pca.org](http://svr-pca.org)

## Menu

- Full Buffet with Prime Rib Carving Station
- Chicken
- Salads, Pasta, Fresh Vegetables
- Dessert Bar
- Drinks, including Ice tea and Coffee

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## SVR 2020 Planning Meeting & Dinner

This year's planning meeting will be held in a New location.

**Round Table Pizza**  
8822 Madison Ave  
Fair Oaks, Ca 95628

**Date: January 7, 2020**  
**Time: 6:00PM - 9:00PM**

This is an important meeting to our club. It is here that we will schedule many of the events for the upcoming year. (Who can turn down all you can eat Pizza for a \$1

In order for the restaurant and us to plan appropriately, please preregister at <http://svr-planning2020.eventbrite.com> Registration is free. You can also email Steve Barker at [vicepresident@svr-pca.org](mailto:vicepresident@svr-pca.org).



## PALM SPRINGS



JUNE 21-27

# 2020

65TH PORSCHE PARADE

## 65th Porsche Parade

### Phase I Registration (Parade + Hotel)

- Opens January 28th at 9 AM PT

### Phase II Registration (Banquets, Tours and Events)

- Opens March 31st at 9 AM PT

**Registration Closes May 31st at 9 PM PT**

**Watch for the details in the December 2019  
issue of PANORAMA.**

# 2019 Mendocino Tour

By Rik Larson, Event Chair

Photos by Liz Houser, SVR Member



When given lemons make lemonade

The fires came, electricity was not available, and the major roads were closed. Yes, we cancelled the 2019 Mendocino Tour.

But several folks got together anyway, in their own way, and did their own thing.

The Kroetz's held an informal 'party' at their place on Saturday, November 2nd, that featured breakfast, games, kite flying (NOT), and dinner. Most

of the attendees were the folks that typically stay at the Hill House.

Bill Conner led a group of about 6 cars to the Mendocino Coast on Friday, November 1st. They knew about the conditions but knew that the Little River Inn had generators (and therefore electricity) for all of the rooms and the restaurant. As it turned out the electricity on the coast was restored on Friday and things returned to normal. Bill reports that there was no wind on Saturday so they abandoned any attempt at flying kites.

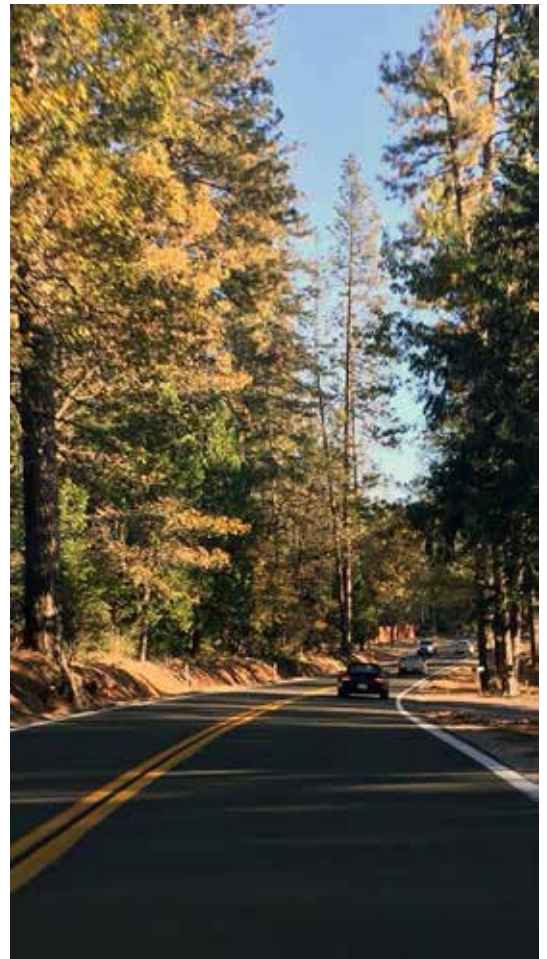
Another group led by Liz Houser decided to do a tour on Saturday, November 2nd that would take them on a 220 mile drive (via Downieville) to Truckee for lunch at Jax at the Tracks. They headed home via the Old Hwy 40 and then to Hwy 20 to Hwy 174 and ending up in Colfax for goodbyes.

Same Time Next Year

The dates for the 2020 Mendocino Tour are already on the SVR calendar.....mark your calendar and get your rooms reserved now for November 6th-8th, 2020.









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# CRAB is COMING

May 29 - 31, 2020

More Information to follow







# Porsche Club of America **Zone 7**

## **Autocross**

March 7 -- Instructor School  
April 5 -- Thunderhill (SVR)  
April 25 -- Marina (LPR)  
April 26 -- Marina (GGR)  
July 18 -- Alameda (GGR)  
September 26 -- Marina (LPR)  
September 27 -- Marina (GGR)  
October 10 -- Thunderhill (SVR)  
October 11 -- Thunderhill (RR)  
(tentative)

## **Concours**

March 15 - Judges School and  
Prep -- Livermore  
April 26 -- Livermore (DR)  
May 17 -- Fremont (LPR)  
June 7 -- Rocklin (SVR)  
July 19 -- Carmel Valley (MBR)  
August 2 -- Reno (SNR)  
August 23 -- Redwood City  
(GGR)  
September 20 -- Petaluma (RR)

For more information visit the Zone 7 website at [zone7.pca.org](http://zone7.pca.org)



## **2020 Spring Treffen**

**April 29 - May 3**

***Touring the Rocky Mountains  
Colorado Springs, CO***

**Registration Opens**

**--- Wednesday January 22nd at NOON PT**

**It will sell out quickly**

**-- sell out within 60 minutes is very likely**

**Check out the details at the Treffen website  
at [treffen.pca.org](http://treffen.pca.org)**

# Frank's Automotive

## 1969 Fiftieth Anniversary 2019

### Celebrating The American Dream

It is hard to believe that 50 years ago my parents, Frank and Angela Lettini, ventured out on their own to open Frank's Automotive. This is a brief story about the hard work and dedication of two people working together and making sacrifices, to fulfill their American Dream.

Dad and Mom both immigrated to Sacramento between 1958 and 1959. They left war-torn Italy to find better lives and greater opportunities. It was here in 1961 where they first met. During the summer of 1966, dad married his beautiful bride and together they set off on their journey. Over the next two years, they would see their family double with the birth of me and my brother Ray. Dad was working for a local dealer at the time, but he wanted to venture out on his own. With mom, they decided it was time to start their own business. By the fall of 1969, they opened Frank's Automotive at 4823 Folsom Blvd. The location was perfect, in the heart of East Sacramento, a great neighborhood with young families. The building was less than perfect. The floors were rutted, and no relief was given from the heat during the summer or cold in the winter. Nonetheless, they took great pride in calling it their own.

The business was growing and their first hires were family. My Uncles, Enzo Castellana, Elio Lettini, and Angelo Sardo came to work with them. So too would my Aunt Carmela Sardo, as an office manager. They too came to the states with the same hard work ethic and ideologies as my parents. Together they kept the German cars of East Sacramento in fine-tune. Soon, they outgrew their location. A larger one was needed, somewhere close, so they could continue to serve their clients.

During the fall of 1972, they purchased a plot of land at 5220 Folsom Blvd. There, they would begin building what today is our current location. Construction began in February of 1973 and in 5 months it would be completed. On July 4th, 1973 everything was moved over from the old location and the following day they opened their doors. During those early years, mom



would bring dad his lunch and dinner, with my brother and I in tow. During the evenings, while my father was working, she would bathe us in the wash-basin, put us in our pj's, and lay us down to sleep in the back of her station wagon. Watching my parents working together for the common good of the family was very inspiring and influential in who we would become.

The business continued to grow. In 1976 we hired Brian Russell. Brian may not have been related by blood but he was soon adopted into our family. At the same time, Ray and I began to take more active roles. During our summer breaks, dad would bring us to work. As 7 and 8-year-olds we

proved to be more comic relief than actual help. Our uncles, aunt, and Brian became our teachers and mentors. From them, we would learn the skills we carry with us to this day. Dad fueled our passion for customer service. At an early age, he told us the shop's motto, "If you like our work tell others. If not tell us." He explained, that criticism is not necessarily a negative, learn, grow, evolve, and use it to better yourself.

Through the years more would join our work family. Some may remember; Rick Myers and his nephew Shane Johnston. My sweet Aunt Mary Castellana, who replaced Aunt Carmela. A young tech that came to work for us, John Vitkauskas. John would become my right-hand man, a friend, and a brother. Andy Langley, a motivated high school/college student, came to work as an apprentice. Two automotive technical school graduates, Zeke Ramirez, and Devin Wallace joined our team. It was rewarding to watch them develop as technicians. We also hired an Italian who shares in my passion for F1 Racing, Giuseppe Nardoni. Sharon Henry, a new office manager joined our ranks. Unlike past managers, Sharon shares in our passion for cars. Our family continues to grow with the addition of three new apprentices Mike Staveris, Zach Paladini, and Eli Siemering.

As we grew older, Ray and I chose different paths. Ray would go on to take charge of another one of my parent's businesses, a parts distributorship. He also became a successful restaurateur. My role at the shop evolved, from apprentice to technician, to manager, and now the owner. At the same time, my father was idling back and allowing me to grow





good times, helping each other through the bad. My greatest moments in life were the birth of my children, Liliana and Luca, they are my pride and joy. Sharing with coworkers and clients was just as important to me as it was with my family. Through good and bad we continue moving forward, growing and evolving.

Throughout the years our philosophy has remained the same, treating clients and those who work for us the way we want to be treated. Doing what is right, and not necessarily what is profitable. We promise to continue providing the quality of care and work that we have offered in the last 50 years. Thank you, our clients, for your devotion and support. We promise to continue evolving with the industry, while not forgetting our most valuable assets, our clients.

With the Utmost Gratitude,  
Nick F. Lettini

into my new role. It was not easy, at times tenuous. Looking back at it, now I can understand. He had forty years invested in growing his business. It became part of who he is. Letting go would be difficult, but he realized that the time had come.

Occasionally my father still comes in, he will make his rounds and reminisces. Now he spends most of his time tending to his garden and pestering my mom. Mom spends her time taking care of the home, garden, and dad. They are always eager to spend time with their grandchildren, passing along stories, and their wisdom. Together they look back at what they have created and take pride in all they have accomplished.

Through the years we have been through a lot, from marriages to divorces, births, and deaths, from working together, to take on new opportunities. We shared these experiences as a family. Celebrating the



# The Drifter: Some History

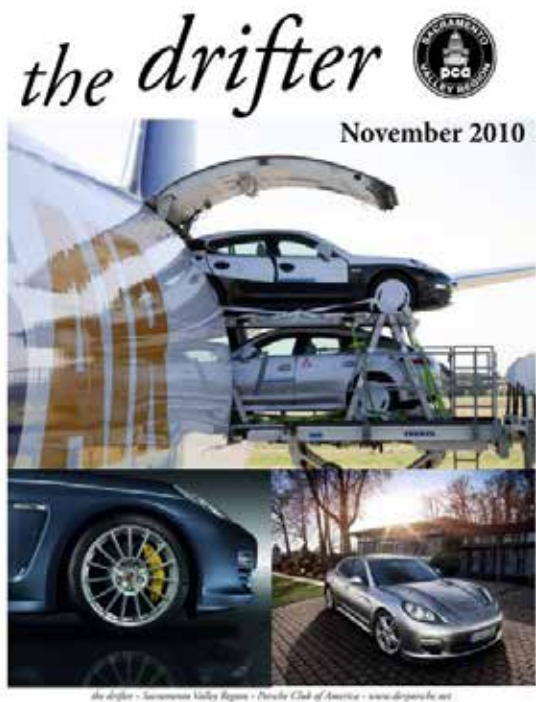
By Dennis Stettner, Past Editor and Matt Menning, Editor

The Porsche Club of America Board of Directors granted a charter to the Sacramento Valley Region on May 7, 1962. A few years later "The Porsche Drifter," first published in April 1964, became the first SVR newsletter. The purpose and goal keep the SVR membership informed about current and future events, communicate important Porsche technical or safety issues and act as the communication medium for SVR and Zone 7 events. "The Porsche Drifter," shortened to "The Drifter" in 1965, was originally a single sheet newsletter that was put together using a typewriter and a mimeograph machine.

In the late 1970's, The Drifter grew to a 6-page newsletter with "assembly" parties given by the editor to collate, staple, stuff envelopes, address, stamp and mail a copy to SVR members. By the early 1980's The Drifter had grown to a 20-page newsletter that utilized a Macintosh computer and a laser printer to generate each page (photos and other artwork were glued in place) and sent to a printer for page layout, scanning, printing and distribution.

In October 1999, the SVR Board of Directors allocated funds for the purchase of a Dell Laptop computer, printer and Adobe Page Maker software to enable The Drifter to enter the digital

age. The Drifter was converted to a digital masthead, front cover design, font and style selection, generation of logs and ad design was done "from scratch."



our number of advertisers climbed a little more.

Moving closer to today, our logo has gone thru a few more transitions in the past 10 years. We also went online. The Drifter also became much more complex and Adobe InDesign is

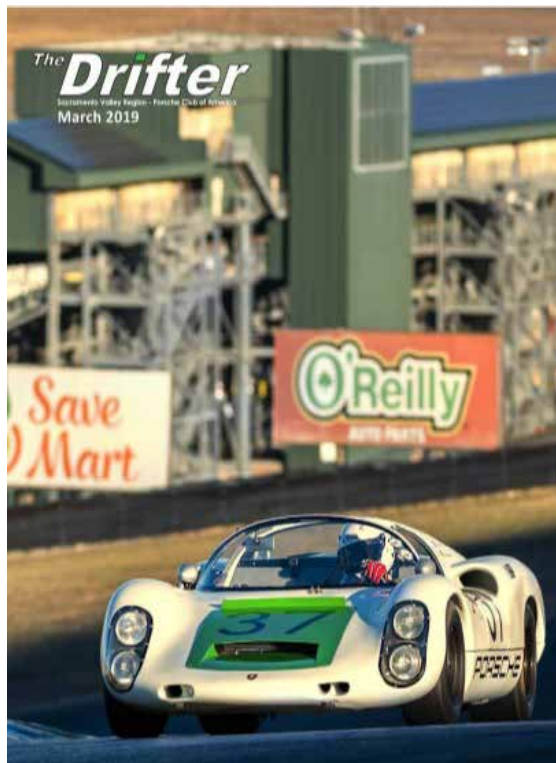
In 2000, The Drifter and Editor **Dennis Stettner** won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the PCA National Newsletter Competition. Then in 2001, The Drifter missed 1<sup>st</sup> Place by only .25 points (out of 200 possible). In 2006, Editor **Bud Behrens** won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the same contest. By this time we were averaging about 24 pages per issue and

now used for layout and page design. This high caliber software suite is what many well-known magazines currently use to build their publications. Typical issues now range anywhere from 32 to 40+ pages and have approximately 21 loyal advertisers. 2013 brought the addition of a Layout/ design editor to the effort. In 2014, The Drifter won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the PCA National Newsletter Competition with Editor **Bob Jacobson** at the helm. The Drifter won 2<sup>nd</sup> place during all three years of **Steve McCrory's** tenure. The most recent award was last for years 2018 Drifter where it placed 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally. In 2016, SVR crossed a higher threshold in membership so we were bumped into a more competitive PCA Newsletter category, Class V.

We have won many awards for our covers too! Our Region in PCA is highly recognized and deservedly so. Now, going into 2020 we are discontinuing the monthly printing, and going solely online. Besides an impressive national online presence, our webmaster **Bill Fargo** reports that people all over the

world read our newsletter via the web. Quality, dedication and hard work pays off.

For 55 years, The Drifter has been 100% produced by an extremely dedicated group of volunteers. Cumulatively, their talents and passion produced an exceptional newsletter. At the end of the day it has created a lasting legacy to our Region.





## Editors From the beginning to today

1964 Peter Polsluszny  
1965 Pat Wilson  
1966 Ed Jones/ Pat Wilson  
1967 John Bullinton/ Dave Ward  
1968 Dave Ward  
1969 Bill Rich/ Merlyne Isaak  
1970 Merlyne Isaak  
1971 Ed and Joyce Seymour  
1972 Joyce Crow  
1973 Pat Wilson  
1974 Eva Kay  
1975 Lorie Church/ Mary Peters  
1976 Mary Peters  
1977 Lettie Larson  
1978 Lettie Larson/ Vicki Willis  
1979-80 Trische Robertson  
1981 Harvey Cain  
1982 Trische Robertson  
1983-84 Stan Breyfogle  
1985 Karen Mangin  
1986 Dale Newhouse  
1987 Larry Wilson  
1988-91 Larry Wilson  
1992 Bob and Gayle Bitters  
1993-94 Chris and Shelagh Mackay  
1995-98 Mike Willis  
1999 Larry Clark  
2000 Mike Willis (10 issues) Dennis Stettner (2 issues)  
2001-02 Dennis Stettner  
2003 Peter Cross and Steve Goltz  
2004 Steve Goltz (1 issue) Elliot And Aleece Hoffman (11 issues)  
2005 Elliot And Aleece Hoffman (7 issues)  
Dennis Stettner (1 issue)  
Nick and Lindsey Harrigan (4 issues)  
2006 Nick and Lindsey Harrigan (2 issues)  
Terry Grillo (4 issues)  
Bud Behrens (2 issues)  
2007-08 Bud Behrens  
2009 JR Evinger  
2010 JR Evinger (4 issues) Kyle Gong (8 issues)  
2011 Kyle Gong  
2012 Kyle Gong (4 issues) Bob Jacobson (8 issues)  
2013-14 Bob Jacobson  
2015-17 Steve McCrory  
2018 Matt Menning w/Alma Thompson (6 issues) Matt Menning (6 issues)  
2019 Matt Menning  
2020 Mike Willis

I was able to connect with a few past editors who I asked for some reflections of their time as Editor and this is their take-

### Looking Back:

Past Editor 1965-66, 1973, Pat Wilson  
The Drifter – The Early Days:



OK, so you think that maybe editing “The Drifter” in the day was not much different than it is today - well, the technology really has changed! Now flashback to the early years of Sacramento Valley Region when submissions to “The Drifter” were on bits of paper, manually typed or scrawled on the back of envelopes. The submissions were usually short autocross or rally finishing sheets – and, sometimes if the editor was lucky, with a fuzzy black and white photo.

Gone are the days when the big controversy was if the club could afford to provide the editor with a typewriter to copy handwritten submissions of the latest event. Often, if the spouse of the editor had access to a typewriter at work, that spouse was called upon to help out!

Drifter text was manually typed on blue “mimeograph” sheets – (corrections were made with a tiny brush of blue goo and typed over). The copying of pictures was equally complicated, involving professional assistance (at a cost) for the service. Having finished (?) the final copy to be

submitted for printing, the editor was responsible for taking the project to the printer for printing. So far so good – the “Drifter” is printed.

The next step involved the Editor picking up the finished product from the printer in West Sacramento (unassembled, of course) and arranging to have a “party” (usually inviting fellow SVR members over to staple, fold, address, stamp the finished project and, of course, take completed project to the post office!) The editor also had the responsibility of maintaining the mail list to insure that newsletters were correctly sent to current PCA members.

Did we have fun? Some of our best parties were after the “Drifters” were finally ready for the mailbox!

Pat Wilson, 12/2019

Past Editor 2015-17, Steve McCrory



When Bob Jacobson called me in December 2014, and asked me to consider being the Drifter Editor, I was intrigued, and accepted the challenge as a way to give back to a club I had enjoyed over the years. Surely being elected to be editor of my sixth grade class journal, and having stacks of car magazines in the house left me well qualified for this new adventure?

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## The Drifter: Some History

(Continued from Pg. 15.)

Want to see what is happening in your club? Want to hear about the event you wanted to attend but couldn't fit into the schedule? Club newsletters are the most important connection that members have to their clubs, the link to future events and other important news about club activities and how the club functions. And the SVR Drifter is no exception. We look forward to each issue, whether in hard copy or the linked online version waiting in our email inbox. The accumulated newsletters are a history of the club and the people that created events and

those who attended. Newsletters also provide a map and a reference manual for members who want to be more involved in their club.

Looking back on being Drifter Editor for three years, 2015 thru 2017, I have to say I enjoyed the experience, and want to thank everyone who stepped up to join the Drifter Team, and all those who contributed articles and their insights on how we could make the Drifter even better. Team

members became good friends in the process of putting out the monthly Drifter. And then there's Barbara, who took over graphics and photography, event flyers and cover creation duties when I needed her to come on board. The Drifter enjoyed PCA National recognition at Parade. Having been a member of other car clubs over the years, I can say that SVR is a very special club, and it's been an honor to serve as Drifter Editor.

Steve McCrory 12/2019



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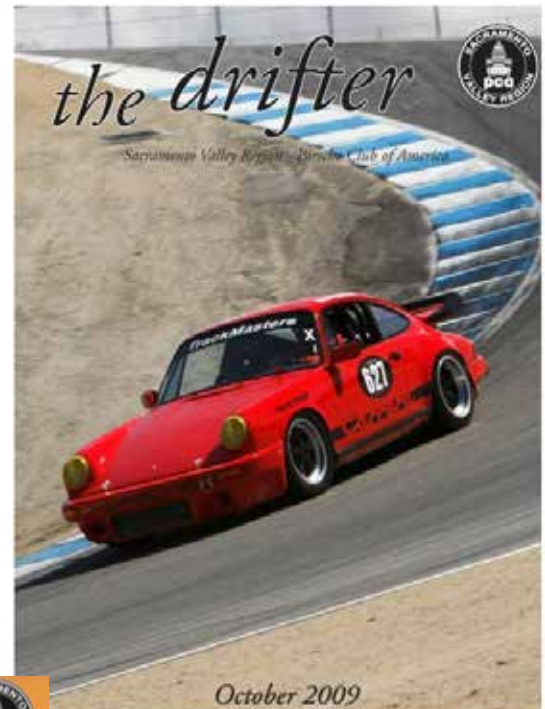
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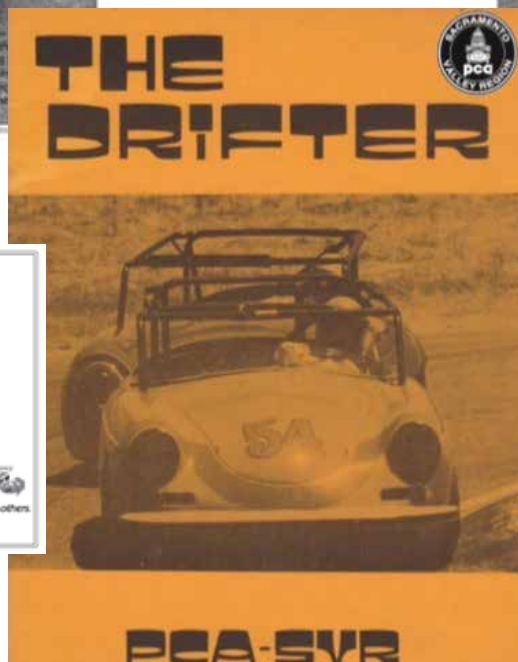
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# SVR Board Minutes November 2019

By Mardi Quain, Secretary

**November 16, 2019**

**Niello Porsche Conference Room  
Rocklin, CA**

## Attendees:

**Board members:** Gregg Plourde, Tom Perry-Smith, Rebecca Plourde, Greg Zajic, Mardi Quain, Steve Barker (via teleconference)

**Excused Absence:** Cookie Anderson, Bill Fargo, Matt Menning

**Chairs:** Dick Murphy, Al Price, Lois Roberts, Kim Nelson

**Guests:** Rik Larson, Collin Fat, Alma Thompson, Gary Thompson

**Call to Order:** 9:00am

## Old Business:

Minutes from the October meeting:  
Approved via email vote, final Minutes distributed October 12, 2019

## New Business - Actionable:

a) Treasurer's Report: Tom Perry-Smith distributed the Treasurer's Financial Reports for October 2019. Motion to approve: Greg Zajic, Second Gregg Plourde, Motion approved.

b) Niello budget: Kim Nelson presented draft of budget he will be giving at his annual meeting with Niello. BoD discussed details and agreed budget acceptable to give to Niello. Kim gave details of the Dec 1st CAM Christmas party, including that SVR is this year's Host club. Kim asked SVR to donate \$50 for party decorations. Motion by Greg Zajic: Second by Tom Perry-Smith. Motion approved

c) Secretary Mardi Quain presented request for Motion:

**Motion:** The following Bylaws Committee guidelines be added to SVR's Policy Statement: Bylaws Committee Guidelines - The Secretary may form the Bylaws Committee as soon as January of the new term year. The committee needs to have a minimum of three members plus the Secretary and

President. The committee will meet as often as needed through out the year to accomplish the work of verifying that the current Bylaws are up to date and in compliance with PCA National, California and Federal laws, and SVR requirements and best practices. During the revision process the committee will also verify that the Policy Statement and the Procedures documents conform to the current, revised Bylaws. When the committee has a finished draft of Bylaws revision, it will be sent to the membership, in electronic and print form, for a two week comment period. Upon receiving the membership comments the committee will evaluate responses and incorporate as appropriate. The commented draft will then be sent to PCA National for their comments. This draft will be adjusted, as needed by PCA requirements and SVR practices, by the committee. The membership/PCA commented draft will then be presented to the SVR Board of Directors for discussion and approval to distribute to membership. The draft will then be sent to the membership, in electronic and print form, for a vote. If membership votes to approve, the revised Bylaws become effective as of the date the membership approval vote is confirmed. Motion approved.

d) Rivercats Baseball Night Game: Mardi Quain presented budget for next year's 2020 Porsche Parade and Baseball game. Motion to approve - Mardi Quain, Second Gregg Plourde, budget approved.

e) Mendocino Tour: Rik Larsen presented budget for November 2020 budget. Motion to approved: Gregg Plourde, Second Tom Perry-Smith budget approved.

## New Business - Discussion:

a) Alma Thompson asked question concerning the discontinuance of the print version of the Drifter. Response and

explanation given by Advertising Chair Dick Murphy. Alma asked question concerning the revised Bylaws document out for member voting.

Response and explanation given by President Gregg Plourde.

b) Online Charity Auction Report: Lois Roberts gave financial report and details on the results of this year's inaugural online auction.

c) Concours date: Al Price gave details of up coming Concours

**President's Report:** Gregg Plourde provided details that the revised Bylaws document is out for membership vote, and that the vote deadline is November 20th

**Vice President Report:** Steve Barker advised that plans are in place for the SVR

Planning Meeting January 7th, and the Board Orientation Meeting January 8th 2020.

There will be a subsequent meeting for BoD and Chairs at a date to be determined.

**Social Director:** no report

**Competition & Safety Director:** no report

**Webmaster:** no report

**Drifter Editor:** no report

**Membership Director:**

Rebecca Plourde handed out to the BoD questionnaire asking for them to specify Awards winner for 2019. The membership numbers for November 1 2019 are: Primary members - 839, Affiliate members - 530 for total membership 1369. Totals include 5 new members and 1 transfer Out.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am

Next Board Meeting Wednesday  
December 11, 2019

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Respectfully submitted - Mardi Quain,  
Secretary





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## In the Zone

By Collin Fat, Zone 7 Representative

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Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday! By the time that you get this column we will be right in the middle of the busy holiday season. With Thanksgiving behind us and the hectic pace of the Christmas and New Year holidays around the corner, let us all be thankful for all that we have, our wonderful families and great Porsche Club friends.

### Yosemite Region 60th Anniversary:

Yosemite Region celebrated its 60th Anniversary on October 27<sup>th</sup> with more than 60 members in attendance. The original location of the event, Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, California was cancelled due to concerns of fire and yet another power shutdown by PG&E. Scrambling to find an alternate location, club president Chuck Pierce made an executive decision to keep the event on schedule and hosted the event at his home. My hats are off to Chuck for the quick recovery. The tour started as scheduled but with a modified route. High winds were the menu of the day as some 15 cars departed from the Starbucks Coffee parking lot in Manteca for some great backcountry driving roads.

### Zone 7 Presidents Meeting:

The fall president's meeting was held for the first time in many years in the Sacramento area, and was attended by all the presidents or their representatives in Zone 7. A special presentation by Ed Won, past president of Diablo Region,

on building your relationship with your local Porsche dealer was well received. Ed provided a lot of insight into the some of the common pitfalls in the relationship and tips on how best to develop a relationship that is mutually beneficial to both the club and the

to reciprocate adds to the value the dealership gains from this relationship. The president's meeting is one manner in which national communicates with region leadership. The next meeting will be scheduled sometime in March. Among the topics discussed included a

financial report submitted by Zone Treasurer, Howard Thomas, tips on succession and transition planning, membership retention, Parade 2020, and a report by each region on what went well and did not in their regions, and also what goals they were working on for 2020. In attendance were; **Brian Adkins** (Diablo), **Ed Hunter** (Golden Gate), **John Reed** (Loma Prieta), **Steve Taty** (Monterey Bay), **Craig Steele** (Redwood), **Gregg Plourde** and **Rob Lee** (Sacramento Valley), **Ed Suarez** and **Darrick Duerksen** (Sequoia), **Wayne Martin** and **Terry Topolski** (Shasta), **Millie Smith** (Sierra Nevada), **Chuck Pierce** and **David Boyd** (Yosemite).

### Zone 7 Awards Banquet:

The annual awards banquet was held in conjunction with the presidents meeting and was attended by nearly

60 competitors who participated in the Zone autocross and concours series. The concours series hosted 7 events over the year while the autocross series hosted 8 events.



dealership. The most important point to remember is that the dealer is in the business of selling cars and service and that anything our clubs can do



The concours series overall winners by class were: **Bill Sardella**, Full Concours, **Ken Lewis**, Touring I, **Thorsten And Simone Kopitzki**, Touring II, and **Jim McMahan**, Street. The prestigious Rookie of the Year award went to **Juan Fernandez**.

In the autocross series, there were award winners in almost all of the classes with multiple drivers who competed. The highly coveted PAX awards for men and women both had 3 award recipients. In the men's PAX, **Grady Carter** garnered top honors with **Monty Pack** finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Andrew Blyholder**, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the ladies PAX competition, **Stacy O'Connell** garnered top honors followed by **Corrin Vanetti**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and **Kelsey Leet**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Kelsey was also honored as the Rookie of the Year for autocross.

Lastly, **Himanshu Patel** was honored as the Zone 7 Enthusiast of the Year and joins a very special group of past Zone



members who have been so honored to have their name on the perpetual trophy. Pictured previous page L/R are **Bill Sardella**, and **Himanshu Patel** with **Grady Carter**.

## Events of Interest:


CRAB 38 will be hosted by Sacramento Valley Region, May 29-31. And Shasta Region will host the Zone 7 Tour again on June 11 -15. Porsche Parade 2020 will be held from June 21 – 27<sup>th</sup> at the La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, CA. with phase one registration opening in January. Sierra Nevada Region will host the Mammoth Tour July 25-26. PCA's Treffen 2020 to be held at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs in the spring, and the fall Treffen at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia. The dates will be April 29-May 2, 2020 for the Colorado Springs event and September 16-19, 2020 for the West Virginia event. For more information on registration, go to <https://treffen.pca.org/>. Remember that past Treffens have sold out in as little as one hour due to their growing popularity!



It's Official!

*A Board has been Elected*

President - Steve Barker  
 Vice President - Robert Lee  
 Secretary - Julie Lee  
 Treasurer - Tom Perry-Smith  
 Drifter Editor - Mike Willis  
 Webmaster - Bill Fargo  
 Competition & Safety - Greg Zajic  
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# November Membership

Rebecca Plourde, Membership Director

## Membership Report

	Nov 2019	Nov 2018
Primary Members	839	823
Affiliate Members	530	549
Total Members	1369	1372
New Members	5	9
Transfers In	0	1
Transfers Out	1	2

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](http://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](mailto: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 the Porsche Club of America.

## New Members

**Canaan, Jon**  
West Sacramento  
2016 911 Carrera GTS

**Anselmi, Franklin & Shelly**  
Sacramento  
2019 911 Carrera GTS

**Pastre, Daniel**  
Nevada City  
2019 911 Carrera GTS

## New Members

**Preisig, Frank**  
West Sacramento  
2002 911 Carrera

**Laukat, David**  
Lincoln  
2011 911 Turbo S

## Anniversaries

### 1 Year

Byron Axt  
Peter & Lisa Bonino  
Bruce Brincka  
John Caputo  
Satpreet Sekhon  
Kayo Shiveley & Donna Kennison  
James Van Buren

### 5 Years

Tom & Heidi Chandler  
James & Tina Lauer  
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Date	Event	Location	Chair
12/1/2019	CAM Xmas Tree Decorating	CAM, Sacramento	Kim Nelson
12/7/2019	356 Xmas Party	The Garage	Kim Nelson
12/7/2019	SVR 1st Saturday Breakfast	Brookfields, Rancho Cordova	Jerry Alter
12/11/2019	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	Gregg Plourde
12/14/2019	SVR Xmas Party	Sierra View Country Club, Roseville	Liz Houser & Mardi Quain
SVR EVENTS 2020		**Coming Attractions**	
Date	Event	Location	Chair
1/7/2020	SVR Planning Meeting 6-9pm	Round Table Madison Ave Fair Oaks	Steve Barker/Robert Lee
1/8/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
1/21/2020	Vince's Mexican Restaurant	W. Main Street, Woodland	Steve & Rita Barker/Reed Schulze
2/12/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
3/11/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
3/24/2020	Smith Flat House, Placerville	Placerville	Steve & Rita Barker/Jerry Alter
4/3-5/2020	Pacific Grove Tour	Pacific Grove	Jim & Linda McMahan
4/8/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
4/18/2020	Capay Valley & Matchbook Winery Tour	Cache Creek destination	Reed Schulze & Woodland Team
4/25/2020	Detailing Your Porsche	Detail Maniac, Sacramento	Skip Quain
5/3/2020	Dominick's Granite Bay	Granite Bay	Ernie and Wendy Bulhoes
5/13/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
5/29-31/2020	CRAB 38	CAM, Sacramento	John Hawk & John Lanting
6/7/2020	SVR Concours	TBD	Al Price
6/10/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
7/3-5/2020	Weaverville Old Fashioned July 4th Tour	Weaverville	Liz Houser
7/4/2010	Pocket 4th of July Parade	Sacramento	Robert Hrabak
7/8/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
8/12/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
9/5/2020	River Cats Night Game	Raley Stadium	Skip and Mardi Quain
9/9/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
9/12/2020	Roamin Angels Car Show	Nevada County Fairgrounds	Steve Barker & Richard Shelton
9/18-20/2020	Yosemite Tour 2020	Yosemite National Park	Liz Houser & Vicki Hubbs
10/14/2020	SVR Monthly Board Meeting	Sac Fire Dept, Fair Oaks	
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