

## DRIFTING BACK FROM 2001

### MAY

#### *30 Years Ago (May 1971)*

The big deal of the month (maybe of the year) was SVR's joint dinner meeting with Golden Gate Region on May 6 at El Macero Country Club. Two-hundred-twenty PCAers (121 from SVR, 99 from GGR) enjoyed the all-you-can-eat crabfeed arranged by Phillip Marks. Popular demand brought the event back the next year with an expanded format to be known as CRAB 1.

President Ray Johansen and other regional presidents in Zone 7 met May 1 with Hobie Landreth, PCNA Public Relation, to discuss mutual interests concerning Porsche sales, service, parts, and technical information. Ray told the group that SVR and Sacramento Porsche owners enjoyed outstanding support from Niello Porsche.

#### *20 Years Ago (May 1981)*

Open events were the drill in the '80s with many SVR events sanctioned by the Sacramento Valley Sports Car Council (SVSCC). The May 15 rallye chaired by Stan Breyfogle attracted 50 cars and the May 31 autocross at Splinter City chaired by Jerry Frietas had 125 drivers.

Co-chairs Ray and Sara Clements reported the final tally for CRAB 10 was 136 cars from 12 west-coast PCA regions. Rik Larson won the Dumbkopf Award in May for making his CRAB 10 checkpoint signs with water-soluble paint. Yes, it rained!

#### *10 Years Ago (May 1991)*

Don Joe (Fabrication Specialties) was the speaker at the May 10 SVR dinner meeting and revealed many of his Porsche restoration secrets. Ron Boeck's *Bolack Returns IV Rallye*, May 17, brought out 18 Zone 7 rallye teams. Ron wrote the rallye during a break from restoring his 1961 Land Rover. Dwight Mitchell's May 5 SVR Driving School at Cal-Expo was a smashing success, figuratively speaking, of course, and included a "ground school" the preceding Friday evening.

Co-chairs Greg and Cyndee Peart reported that CRAB 20 was a success. The event showcased Harvey Cain who once again proved that old age and treachery will overcome youth and skill by winning the coveted Snidely Whiplash Back Asswards Award. He also distinguished himself in the rallye which later earned him the SVR Dumkopf Award.

### JUNE

#### *30 Years Ago (June 1971)*

SVR's first autocross school, called a "Skillcross," was held June 6th at the "Lowbucks" site off of I-80 between Northgate Boulevard and Norwood Avenue. Wyn Robertson, Oran Crumley, Larry Wilson, and Ed Seymour were instructors for 43 drivers. Jim Karver

was the starter and Merle Dodd handled timing. After instruction, each driver took a timed run for trophies. Fred Myeron took his silver 1958 Speedster to top time of day, and class winners included Nancy Myeron, Ray Johansen, Gene Delfin, Stuart Jann, and Steve Brown.

Over the June 12/13 weekend, eight SVR members, including Marv Smith, participated in the 14th annual Georgetown Hillclimb with its 19-turn course on Marshall Grade, one mile north of Coloma. Marv assaulted the hill and finished 5th in class. SVR members also staffed Turn 4 both days of the event.

On June 14, 101 SVR members watched Sacramento's premier showing of Steve McQueen's movie, *Le Mans*. The group watched Larry Wilson and his Gulf Porsche 917, with the help of teammate Michael Delaney, beat Eric Stahler's Ferrari at the finish. Larry also collected a huge supply of movie posters for charity auction items.

### *20 Years Ago (June 1981)*

Jim McDade named was the June Dumbkopf Award winner, this time for cheaping-out on his newly purchased paint job. In an effort to save money, ol' Jim elected to do the new paint rubout himself and, of course, took it right down to the metal.

SVR co-sponsored its first Annual Swap Meet on June 13th with Continental Auto Service, 1019 Del Paso Blvd., which featured rare and hard-to-find NOS/NLA 356 and 911 Porsche parts.

### *10 Years Ago (June 1991)*

Bob Peake chaired the last of the three-event 1991 SVR driving school series held June 9 at Cal Expo, Lot E, and his instructors ministered to the needs of 65 students, all looking for the right line. At the end of the month, SVR held its two-day Zone 7 series autocross weekend at the same location. Greg Peart chaired the Saturday event (64 drivers) and Dwight Mitchell was in charge on Sunday (70 drivers). Kern Breaux designed a 45-second average run-time course for both days.

## **JULY**

### *30 Years Ago (July 1971)*

Social Chairman, John Meunier, announced the entree choice for the July 1 dinner meeting at the Elbow Room, 2000 K Street, was either a T-bone steak or beef brochette with all the trimmings for \$4.50.

SVR shined at the Sun Valley Porsche Parade, July 6 - 10. SVR was chosen as PCA Region of the Year, the Drifter won first in class in the annual PCA newsletter contest (Merlyne Isaak, 1970 editor), and event trophy winners included Jim Karver (hillclimb), Ray Johansen (autocross and concours), and Fred Myeron (tech quiz).

### *20 Years Ago (July 1981)*

Tech Chairman, Allen Weddle, presided over the July 11 tech session at Wyn Robertson's Continental Auto Service on Del Paso Blvd. After a brief introduction, Allen turned center-stage over to Wyn, Dwight Mitchell and Felix Fischer for their presentations on Porsche restoration and concours preparation. Both Wyn and Dwight had trophied at Porsche Parade concours.

Newsletter editor Harvey Cain gave Frank Lettini, owner of Frank's Automotive at 5220 Folsom Blvd., a full-page spread in the Drifter kicking off a new monthly column, "Advertiser Of The Month."

### *10 Years Ago (July 1991)*

Bob Peake gave SVR members the opportunity to solve a murder over dinner. Those attending the July 19 event at Suspects Dinner Theater witnessed the crime before salad was served and solved it before dessert was finished. Everyone got involved. SVR's regular July 12 dinner meeting was arranged by Linda Mitchell at the New Canton Restaurant. It's across from Autosport, where else?

On July 11, Porsche Cars North America introduced two new models for 1982 - the 968, available as a coupe and cabriolet; and, the 911 America Roadster, available only as a cabriolet. The press release said the 968 design reflected styling of the 911 and 959 and sported near zero-lift aerodynamics. The 911's name was taken from the 1952 America Roadster and commemorates the 40th anniversary of Porsche's first road racing victories in the United States.

## **AUGUST**

### *30 Years Ago (August 1971)*

SVR's Barbecue Picnic and Water Skiing Day, August 15, was a great success. Event chairman, Jack Samples, arranged for three boats for water skiing on the Sacramento River including Ed and Esther Anzore's beautiful Chris Craft. Chris McIntyre came to the rescue with a "gofer" trip after seven cases of beer were prematurely consumed.

### *20 Years Ago (August 1981)*

Scott and Kathleen Peebles chaired the August 2 charity auction at Fair Oaks Community Park. Auctioneers Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson helped the group raise funds for the Special Olympics. The annual volleyball match between 4-cylinder and 6-cylinder members, however, was the highlight of the day. The sixers went down to ignominious defeat for the seventh straight year.

June and Jack Samples' August 8-9 Mountain Tour featured fun and games at their cabin near Big Bend on the Yuba River. Once Chris McIntyre got the rope fixed to the tree overlooking the slow moving river, 36 people commenced their swinging and splashing Tarzan/Jane act.

### *10 Years Ago (August 1991)*

Gary Thompson's August 4 Porsche Beautification Seminar was great! Alma's designer-coffee and pastries started the day perfectly for 20 SVR members, students of paint and polish, who got the inside scoop from car painter Jim Revert and detailer Duke Piotrowski.

Pam Harley arranged the August 10 combination tour/dinner meeting at Kyburz Lodge.

The owner's dog, Mighty Mocha Moe, wore sun glasses and moved about the deck with the handle of a tin pail gripped firmly in his jaw. He'd growl if you didn't drop a coin or two in his pail. Phil Lawrence modeled a prototype T-shirt celebrating SVR's 30th anniversary, the back of which sported the wrong 30-year period. Phil got the Dumbkopf Award. The shirt was fixed.

Ron and Bente Riley chaired the August 18 charity auction at Tom and Brenda Solter's home and the event cleared \$4,556.00, a new record charity donation. Over 300 items were donated to the auction. Family House was the recipient and Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson were the auctioneers.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### *30 Years Ago (September 1971)*

SVR Skill Cross #2 (an instructional autocross) by Rich Farlinger and Wally Fowler on September 12 was followed by an awards picnic at Del Paso Park. Trophy winners included Ray Johansen, Dave Justice, Stu Jann, Steve Brown, Fred Myeron (also TTOD), and Nancy Myeron. Instructors were Oran Crumley, Ed Seymour, Wyn Robertson, Gus Skarakis, and Larry Wilson.

Niello Porsche provided two representatives to help Tech Chair, Merle Dodd, conduct the September 25 tech session for 15 SVR members in attendance.

### *20 Years Ago (September 1981)*

In his Drifter column, Vice President Kirk Bradford said the club had 175 members, the same as at the beginning of the year. The September issue also featured Strutz Jewelers, advertiser of the month. Jim McDade was named as the September Dumbkopf (yes, once again!) at the dinner meeting because of many reasons snitched by Paul Bates.

Ninety-one drivers turned out for SVR's September 13 SVSCC-series autocross, chaired by Bob Peake at Splinter City (near McClellan AFB).

Tech Chair, Allen Weddle, held the September 19 Tech Session at Frank's Automotive where Kirk Bradford and Gary Waldsmith lectured on anti-theft devices and installation of CB radios and antennas. Kirk provided Bloody Marys to improve the group's comprehension.

### *10 Years Ago (September 1991)*

Suzanne Gallicho chaired the September 21 Lighthouse Tour and treated participants with

a guided tour of Point Bonita Lighthouse. Daymon Nightingale received a bottle of wine after winning the route questionnaire. The day ended with a picnic at Battery Wallace, part of the area's WWII defenses overlooking San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate.

Forty-four rallye cars left the Beverly Garland September 28 on a two-day rallye, *Carrera de Sierra XIV*, to Yosemite National Park and return, with the event-ending barbecue in Jackson. Event Administrator Phillip Marks, rallymaster John Clever and checkpoint crews helped entrants negotiate the route. For trivia interest, Checkpoint #2 was located in Snelling, California.

## OCTOBER

### *30 Years Ago (October 1971)*

Before the October 8 dinner meeting at El Dorado Royal, eight members gathered for the 1971 SVR Golf Tournament. The golfing was memorable, but Jim Karver was the only one to get a birdie. During the meeting, President Ray Johansen announced that Treasurer Jim Crow would head the nominating committee for 1972 officers.

John Meunier chaired the October 10 Fall Wine Tour to the Napa Valley. The group picnicked during the day and then enjoyed a fine restaurant that evening.

In the October Drifter, Marv Smith announced he would conduct the first annual SVR Photographic Contest. Trophies to be awarded to the top three photos in two categories; black and white, and color.

The October Drifter also reminded SVR members that the club's factory shop manuals for the 356 B/C and 911 were available for loan. (Where are they now?)

### *20 Years Ago (October 1981)*

In the Drifter, event chair Kirk Bradford announced that the Mendocino Tour was nearly full with 19 of 20 available rooms filled.

*Carrera de Sierra VII* (October 4-5, rallymaster Rik Larson) attracted 75 cars for the two-day, time and distance rallye to Yosemite National Park and back. Although the rallye teams left Sacramento in pouring rain, it was beautiful and dry when they reached Yosemite Valley for the evening cocktail party and barbecue held outside near the cabins. Larson was a candidate for the Dumbkopf Award after his snafu on the start location.

### *10 Years Ago (October 1991)*

SVR President Mike Willis received a nice thank-you note from the President of Family House, recipient of SVR's charity auction proceeds. Larry Wilson found a nifty 951 to replace his EP winner, SHUBX, sold earlier in the year to Tom Kroetz.

Mark and Starla Hirst won the October 27 Mystery Rallye written by Sally Boeck and Karen Mangin. Seventeen rallye teams searched for clues to the mystery as they traversed a scenic route through Freeport, Hood, Courtland, Clarksburg, West

Sacramento, and historic Old Sacramento. It was no mystery to the Hirsts, however, as they won the event for the third consecutive year.

## **NOVEMBER**

### *30 Years Ago (November 1971)*

Social Chair, John Meunier, went first class when he scheduled the November 4 SVR dinner meeting at Aldo's in Town & Country Village. The 10-ounce top sirloin went for \$6.00 including tax and tip.

Reverend Rod (Rod Sorenson) and Loose Goose (Phillip Marks) conducted the SVR Rallye School at El Macero Country Club on November 21 teaching students how to have fun on a rallye and still be successful. Dave and Vicky Justice won first place on the school rallye. Rod almost won the Dumbkopf Award because he forgot to bring checkpoint signs.

### *20 Years Ago (November 1981)*

SVR trophy winners in the 1981 Zone 7 Autocross Series were recognized during the November 7 Awards Banquet in Stockton: Brian Lewis, Stan Breyfogle, Bob Bilek, Bob Peake, Jack Samples, Rick Grenz, Michael Hogan, and Sally Weddle.

Kirk Bradford's November 13/15 Mendocino Tour, which began Friday the 13th in a hard rain that turned into a huge storm with winds of 60 mph, was one of the most interesting visits in years. A great turnout of SVR members (20 cars) got to see what Mendocino was like before they had electric lights and running water, courtesy of the storm. Those who attended will remember their stay at Hill House. Also, there was the "Big Bust" at the Shell Station.

### *10 Years Ago (November 1991)*


SVR trophy winners in the 1991 Zone 7 Autocross Series were Ernie Wassersleben, Jim Dupree, Greg Peart, Cyndee Peart, Richard Antoine, Peter Cook, David Tidball, Dwight Mitchell, Linda Mitchell, Dale Sorel, Carol Bauman, Nikki Duncan, and Jim McMahan.

Jim and Sheila McDade's November 9/11 Mendocino Tour attracted 30 cars. Jim's car was not equipped with a CB radio, and there was discussion about that once the group reached Sea Rock Inn in Mendocino. Seven past-presidents were in the group: Paul Bates, Sally Boeck, Kirk Bradford, Rik Larson, Jim McDade, Randy Vidmar, and Larry Wilson. Dolores Weddle won the kite contest and a bottle of wine.

## **DECEMBER**

### *30 Years Ago (December 1971)*

Ninety-four members attended the Christmas Party at the Sacramento Inn, and no one left without a door prize. Marv Smith announced the winners of the photo contest. In the Color Division, Don Mahoney was first, Jim Karver second, and John Meunier third. In the Black & White Division, Joe Stephens was first, Rich Farlinger second, and Jim Karver third.



President Ray Johansen thanked the other out-going officers: Fred Myeron (Vice President), Dale Berger (Secretary), Jim Crow (Treasurer), John Meunier (Social Chair), Jim Karver & Cas Symanowski (Activities Chairs), Merle Dodd (Tech Chair), Nancy Hitchcock (Publicity Chair), and Ed & Joyce Seymour (Drifter Editors).

*20 Years Ago (December 1981)*

The December 12 SVR Christmas Party was held at the Mansion Inn (a dress rehearsal for the 20th Anniversary Party, June 1982). Sara Clements chaired the event. President Al King thanked the other outgoing officers: Kirk Bradford (Vice President), Linda Mitchell (Secretary), Shirlee Chandler (Treasurer), Connie Farlinger (Activities Chair), Sara Clements, (Social Chair), Allen Weddle (Tech Chair), Bruce Westrup (Publicity Chair), Jack Samples (Competition Chair), Scott and Kathleen Peebles (Charity Chairs), and Harvey Cain (Drifter Editor).

*10 Years Ago (December 1991)*

The December 13 Christmas Lights Tour, chaired by Tambra Kroetz, took everyone through the brightest Christmas neighborhoods in the Sacramento area. Afterwards, it was party-time at the Kroetz house.

Sara Clements chaired the December 14 SVR Christmas Party at the Hyatt Regency. President Mike Willis thanked the other outgoing officers: Suzanne Gallichio (Vice President), Daymon Nightingale (Secretary), Ray Clements (Treasurer), Tambra Kroetz (Social Director), Dwight Mitchell (Competition Director), Dolores Weddle (Membership Director), Herb Hoover (Technical Chair), Ron & Bente Riley (Charity Chairs), and Larry Wilson (Drifter Editor).