

DRIFTING BACK FROM 2002

JANUARY

30 Years Ago (January 1972)

At the January 6 Dinner Meeting at Stroh's Neptune Table on South Land Park Drive, President John Meunier announced a new event called CRAB was planned for 1972. The Drifter (Joyce Crow, editor) showed the club had a 1972 beginning balance of \$440.38.

Twenty-four Porsches showed up for the Rich Farlinger/Jim Karver January 16 Taste-N-Tour (a.k.a. Up Your Mother Lode Tour) featuring visits to D'Agostini winery and rustic towns of the Mother Lode including Fiddletown, Volcano, Drytown, and Latrobe. The event ended with dinner at the Bellotti Hotel in Sutter Creek.

The January 30 Time & Distance Rallye School at El Macero Country Club was staged by SVR's aliased rallye experts Loose Goose (Phillip Marks), Reverend Rod (Rod Sorenson), and Yosemite Sam (Ray Seamans). This trio exposed the tricks of variety and T&D rallye events. Rod Sorenson forgot to bring checkpoint signs for the practice rallye won by Dennis and Eva Kay. Guests Rik Larson and Eric Hauge finished second, and Dave and Vicky Justice third. Pat and Larry Wilson finished last. Exhausted, the group then retired for steak sandwiches at Club Pheasant.

20 Years Ago (January 1982)

New Drifter editor, Trische (Robertson) Meeker, kicked off the year with a cover featuring an original drawing of a 935 by member Dave Marek. Trische would have eight covers in 1982 with Marek originals. Social Chair, Bob Peake, announced plans for SVR's 20th Birthday Party in March. SVR became a PCA region in May of 1962, but March was selected for the 20th party so as not to compete with the Reno Parade. SVR membership count was 178 primary members.

Club officers for 1982 included President Larry Wilson, Vice President Rik Larson, Treasurer Gloria Dunn, Secretary Carla Cross, Activities Chair Dwight Mitchell, Social Chair Bob Peake, Tech/Publicity Chair Jerry Freitas, Drifter Editor Trische Meeker, and Past President Al King.

10 Years Ago (January 1992)

The January 4 Planning Meeting produced a balanced activity program for 1992 including three autocross/driving schools, two Zone 7 autocrosses, three regional rallyes, two Zone 7 rallyes, Carrera de Sierra, one concours, SVR's 30th Anniversary Party, CRAB 21, four tours, one potluck, and three tech sessions. Those pictured in The Drifter at the planning session were Bob and Gail Bitters, Phil Lawrence, Gary and Alma Thompson, Kirk and Linda Bradford, Mike and Vicki Willis, Jerry and Patti Thomas, Phil and Jean Keith, and Bob and Marian Berriman.

The January 17 Abby's Run Rallye featured one leg by each of three rallymasters: Abby

(the dog), Phillip Marks, and Richard Wetzel. Thirty-four cars entered the event and J. Toney and Helen Ashuckian were overall winners. Rallye workers included John Clever, Rik Larson, Allen and Dolores Weddle, Vicki Willis, Ron and Sally Boeck, Larry and Pat Wilson, Ray Miller, and Dolores McKinnon.

FEBRUARY

30 Years Ago (February 1972)

During the February 12 Tech Session on alarm systems, held at Ed Sizemore's home, Ed and Bill Lee discussed all the information needed to choose the best unit. Tech Chair Fred Myeron brought two cases of beer to help improve attentiveness.

SVR Activities Chair Jim Karver attended the February meeting of the Sacramento Valley Sports Car Club Council (SVSCC) where SVR was accepted as a member-club of the Council. This allowed SVR to conduct "open" SVSCC-championship rallye and autocross events with larger participation and fee revenues.

20 Years Ago (February 1982)

Sixty-four members attended the February 5 dinner meeting at the Hungry Tiger and were entertained with a film obtained by Jim and Sheila McDade of the 1973 Porsche Parade in Monterey. Cocktail hour conversations included comments by Jim Pashkevich that he and his wife, Mary, sent their two daughters to Jim Russell's Driving School at Willow springs instead of shipping them off to "finishing school."

Event chair, Paul Bates, chose February 12-14, a three-day weekend, as the dates for the San Simeon Tour. With 27 Porsches in tow, Paul and Jeanie gathered up more late-comers as the group wound its way down the central Valley on non-freeway and non-patrolled roads hitting such towns as Gustine, Dos Palos, Coalinga, Avenal, and Paso Robles. The Brambles restaurant, with reservations for 56, awaited the group's arrival Saturday evening. Sunday was for sightseeing, Hearst Castle visits, and shopping. After a fog-enclosed trip on Monday to the Ventana Inn in Big Sur for fizzes and lunch, the group headed home. Among others on the tour were Larry and Pat Wilson, Allen and Dolores Weddle, Ted and Diane Colbert, Al and Kathy King, Jay and Carla Cross, Harvey and Connie Cain, Joe and Bev Riedhart, Chris and Elyce McIntyre, and Ralph and Carolyn Heath.

10 Years Ago (February 1992)

Many new members participated in the February 15-16 San Simeon Tour, chaired by 1992 SVR President Mike Willis and wife Vicki, including Michael Balch, Lori Collins, Glenn and Leslie Best, Dan and Barbara Link, and Craig and Alene White. Flooded roads along the route did not deter the group.

Sally Boeck booked the La Boheme restaurant for the semi-official SVR Past Presidents' Dinner, a somewhat traditional annual event with attendance limited to the "past has-beens" of the club and their spouse/friend. Past has-beens who attended included Sally

Boeck (1990), Harvey Cain (1977), Ray Clements (1984/85), Jim Karver (1973), Rik Larson (1988), Jim McDade (1987/88), John Meunier (1972), Dwight Mitchell (1983), and Larry Wilson (1968/69, 1982).

MARCH

30 Years Ago (March 1972)

The VERY FIRST CRAB event, chaired by Rich Farlinger, Ray Johansen, and Jim Karver, was held over the March 3/4 weekend with 105 cars completing Friday evening registration at the Voyager Inn near Davis. The crabfeed at El Macero Country Club featured Porsche-racer Alan Johnson as guest speaker and a photo-op for all participants with Clarence the Crab (created for the event by Delores Johnson). Rallymaster Phillip Marks did his trick on Sunday, but didn't fool John Clever, Monterey Bay Region, who won the equipped class, and Dale Burnham of Yosemite Region who took first in unequipped. Ten PCA regions were represented at the event.

CRAB-workers included Ron Hanshew, Bill Lee, Ray Seamans, Ben Myers, Wyn Robertson, Ken Fielding, Rod Sorenson, Larry Wilson, Bob Becker, Joe Stephans, Rich Farlinger, Joyce and Jim Karver, Ray Johansen, Ed and Joyce Seymour, Fred Myeron, Foster Maxwell, Dave Justice, Ed Sizemore, Phillip Marks, Glenn Beirer, Rich Benvenuti, Oran Crumley, Dennis Egan, Gerald Kiliany, Don Mahoney, Stephanie Morgan, Gail and Paul Bates, Marv Smith, Norv Travis, Bob and Marge Schleh, Hugh Young, Merle Dodd, Robin Miller, Jerry Rule, Pat Kincaid, and Dave and Delores Johnson.

20 Years Ago (March 1982)

The March 13, SVR 20th Birthday Party at Hotel El Rancho was a smashing success with 130 PCAers attending including out-of-towners Hank Malter (National PCA President), Terry Zacone (Zone 7 Rep), and presidents from six other regions. SVR charter-members present were honored including Ed and Esther Anzore, Ken and Betty Fielding, John Meunier, and Gene and Connie Speicher, as were attending SVR Past Presidents Gene Speicher (1965), Ken Fielding (1966), Larry Wilson (1968 and 1969), Ray Johansen (1971), John Meunier (1972), Jim Karver (1973), Paul Bates (1974 and 1978), Dan Boone (1975), Dave Neukom (1976), Harvey Cain (1977), Ted Colbert (1979), Rik Larson (1980), and Al King (1981). Kirk Bradford gave an unforgettable performance describing how Hank Malter earned SVR's most prestigious honor, the Dumbkopf Award.

Ray Clements' March 19, SVR "Irish Eyes" rallye attracted 55 entries making it the best-attended SVR single-day rallye ever. And, not to be outdone, Mike Willis cranked up his March 20/21 SVR Autocross School chalk talk (Saturday) and track session (Sunday) for 45 autocross school students.

10 Years Ago (March 1992)

The March 1 Autocross & Driving School at Cal Expo, chaired by Dwight Mitchell, had 75

students on hand for instructors Kern Breaux, John Hawkins, Wayne Johnson, Greg and Cyndee Peart, Ken and Linda Mitchell, Dwight and Linda Mitchell, and Bud and Mary Ann Behrens. First-time autocrossers included Herb Hoover, Alma Thompson, and Bob Brewer.

The March 29 Grand Island Mansion Brunch Tour by Allen and Dolores Weddle attracted 26 cars and featured a mirror tour with half the group on one side of the river and half on the other side. Champagne flowed freely at the Grand Island Mansion. Each participant received a beautiful basket full of cookies, courtesy of Marie Smith. Ron and Bente Riley brought their 1961 356B Roadster because it was a top-down kind of day.

APRIL

30 Years Ago (April 1972)

The April 7 dinner meeting at Sam's Rancho Villa, 2380 Fair Oaks Blvd., featured an ugly tie contest that was presided over by Merle Dodd. President John Meunier appointed Joe Stephans as Club Historian.

Fifteen Porsches and a tan, 1966 Corvair left the Voyager Inn near Davis on the April 16 "Goose's Games" gourmet tour, chaired by Phillip Marks, which ended with dinner at the Louie Cairo restaurant in Williams. Phillip led the tour and Dave and Phyllis Hoffman conducted the "Games" which began in the Davis School parking lot as each blindfolded driver, with the help of their navigator, attempted to back through a maze of pylons into a parking space. A kite contest was the next game in a field near Capay where the driver and navigator were tied together at the wrist and then instructed to assemble and fly the little kite. Paul and Gail Bates won the parking contest and Allen and Dolores Weddle took the kite-flying contest. Lothar and Ginny Breimann finished next to last in the parking contest, last in the kite flying contest, forgot to bring a picnic lunch, and began the tour with only three gallons of gas in their car.

20 Years Ago (April 1982)

CRAB Eleven, April 16-18, was a blast for West Coast PCAers representing eleven PCA regions. With 122 cars registered, event chair Kirk Bradford offered the weekend as a tune-up for the Reno 27th Porsche Parade in June. Kirk's staff included Dolores Weddle (registration), Dwight Mitchell (autocross), Paul Bates (funkhana), Al and Kathy King ((Door Prizes), Stan Breyfogle (rallye), and Pat and Larry Wilson (Beer and Brat with Joe Snyder as Head Chef).

10 Years Ago (April 1992)

Forty SVR members were treated to hors d'oeuvres and wine, and then a presentation on the new Porsche 968 at the April 11 Niello Porsche Open House. Robert Walker, PCNA regional manager, assisted Niello staff with the 968 presentation. The next day, concours fans learned how to de-bug, clean and polish their car at the April 12th Car Care Clinic, presented by Gary Thompson and Jim McMahan at Gary's home. Various cleaning,

polishing, and wax products were demonstrated.

The April 24-26 CRAB 21, with Sally and Ron Boeck as Co-chairs, was a great success with PCAers attending from nine of the eleven Zone 7 regions. Individual event chairs included Dolores and Allen Weddle (welcome party), Pat and Larry Wilson (registration), Joe and Barbara Schumacher (goodie store), J. Toney (walking rallye), Cyndee and Greg Peart (door prizes), Jim McDade and Kirk Bradford (funkhana), Rik Larson (rallye), John and Karen Hawkins (autocross), Mike Willis (concours), Karen Mangin (banquet), Tambra Kroetz (trophies), Stan Michelman (dance contest), and Fran and Fred Siegner (beer and brat). It was fitting that J. Toney and his daughter, Jessica, won the rallye with a score of 21.

MAY

30 Years Ago (May 1972)

Those on the May 20 Lake Tahoe Weekend event braved rain and snow to trace old Highway 40 through the Sierra. Despite the weather, 15 Porsches turned out for the tour. After a buffet lunch at Rainbow Lodge, it was over Donner Pass to the Royal Valhalla Motor Lodge at North Shore. Event chairs, Ed and Sherry Sizemore, arranged for a beach barbecue, but that venue was changed to the motel parking lot where Ray Johansen and Betty Fielding started the coals, nearly burning up a nearby Cadillac. The group used bus transportation for an evening of casino games.

20 Years Ago (May 1982)

The May 8th Gold Rush Tour was advertised by Allen Weddle as a trip to the rugged foothill country with a picnic lunch on the shores of a scenic mountain lake, a visit to inspect one of the last remaining covered bridges in California, and an early dinner at a delightfully different restaurant in Nevada City. The event quickly reached its 26-car limit.

Ray and Sara Clements offered the May 15 Rallye School and Beginner Rallye to those with little or no rallye experience. Dale Newhouse chaired the May 22, Porsche-Corvette Challenge. Jim and Mary Jo Austin chaired SVR's May 23 SVSCC Championship Autocross at Splinter City which was a success for 84 entries despite almost record temperatures thanks to the help of Mike Willis, Dwight Mitchell, and other club members.

The May 29 Niello Porsche Tech Session, coordinated by SVR Tech Chair Jerry Freitas and conducted by Niello Sales Manager John Greenly and staff provided 82 SVR members with an exclusive introduction of the new Porsche 944. After the technical presentation and displays, 12 names were drawn for eagerly sought 10-minute test-drives.

10 Years Ago (May 1992)

SVR celebrated its 30th anniversary with a party, May 16, co-chaired by Larry and Pat Wilson at the Clarion Hotel, which featured a slide show of the 1970s and '80s and various displays and scrapbooks of early SVR activities. The oldest and newest members (by date

of membership) in attendance were recognized: Oran and Grace Crumley (October 1958) and Chris and Shelagh Mackay (November 1991). We also celebrated Fred Siegner's 70th birthday. Visiting dignitaries included PCA national president Burt Misevic and wife Marge, PCA past national president Hank Malter and wife Carolyn, and PCA past national president Burt Propp and wife Joan.

The May 31 School and Practice Autocross at Cal Expo, chaired by Jim McMahan and Kern Breaux, brought out 68 students and hot weather. The unluckiest-student-award went to Mark Drake who blew the air box on his 1973 911 while warming up on pre-grid before his first run.

JUNE

30 Years Ago (June 1972)

Saturday morning, June 17, Jack Cramer, General Manager of Niello Porsche on El Camino Blvd., hosted 40 SVR members to a tech session on tires by Semperit Tire reps. Bill Kobow from Porsche Audi West in Pleasanton (NorCal Porsche distributor) then fielded questions on the new Can-Am Porsche racecar and the impact of governmental regulations on street Porsches. Carolyn Cramer kept busy making fizzes.

Discussion at the June 29, 1972 SVR Board meeting was the final airing of the "typewriter saga." Earlier in the month, Drifter editor Joyce Crow used the June issue to illustrate why the club should purchase a decent typewriter for the newsletter editor. She typed her two-page editorial using a demo IBM Selectric (priced at \$490) and the rest of the issue with the usual borrowed manual typewriter. The debate gathered momentum and spilled out into lively discussion during and after the June 9 dinner meeting at the Sutter Club. But at their June 29 meeting, Board members did the right thing - the new Selectric arrived in time for the September issue.

20 Years Ago (June 1982)

At the June 4 dinner meeting, 96 rowdies turned out for Western Night at the Pinnacle Peak restaurant, always a popular venue for SVR cowpokes. The next day, "Sally's Rallye," chaired by Sally Weddle, provided a pre-Parade warm-up with Parade-type general instructions. J. Toney took first in the Novice Class with George and Nona Morley finishing second, Richard and Lois Soward in third, and Mose Thomas and Cyndee Nightingale in fourth.

The 27th Porsche Parade in Reno was a great success, and 29 cars from SVR were registered with many more SVR members there to work as needed by Parade chairman Dave Eckert. Rik Larson chaired the rallye assisted by Stan Breyfogle and Mike Willis. Dwight Mitchell served as assistant chair of the autocross along with Paul Bates at impound and Sally Weddle in charge of timing slip runners.

10 Years Ago (June 1992)

On June 6th and 7th, many SVR members traveled east to take in Sierra Nevada Region's "Hell of a Good Time" weekend which included a Zone 7 autocross at Boreal Ridge, a tour of the PCNA service facilities near the Reno airport, a Zone 7 rallye, and a barbecue rib feed at Carnelian Bay, Lake Tahoe.

The "Feats of Clay" tour on June 14 chaired by Tandra and Tom Kroetz included a guided tour of the Gladding and McBean clay factory, in business in Lincoln since 1875.

Participants saw lots of beehive-shaped kilns used in the firing of clay pipe and molding rooms for various art pieces, pottery, decorative terra cotta tiles, and facades for buildings. The day concluded with a picnic in Folsom.

JULY

30 Years Ago (July 1972)

The first stop for most on the July 22 Floating Frolics, chaired by Dale Berger and Tom Wesley, was the Union 76 gas station above Jackson to inflate their rubber raft obtained from Noah's on Fair Oaks Blvd. Then, for 26 racy rafters, it was into the water on the Mokelumne River with shouts of glee and merriment. With life jackets on and paddles in hand, this unlikely group of sailors included Ben and Myra Myers, Jack and Billie Samples, Joyce and Jim Karver, the Hills, Dennis and Eva Kay, Norv and Richard Travis, Robert Owens and Lee Matson, Dennis and Karen Gallagher, Lothar and Ginny Breimann, and Chris McIntyre.

20 Years Ago (July 1982)

"Fun In The Sun," July 11th, was a joint SVR/Yosemite Region autocross/driving school at Splinter City (McClellan AFB). Event chair Mike Willis offered pre-registration. SVR's Friday-night rallye, "A Great Set Of Legs," chaired by Phillip Marks July 16th, was a two and one-half hour time and distance event. The Tech Session July 17 at Darrel Overstreet's High Performance Wheel & Tire, 5681 Franklin, covered everything one could know about tires.

Thirty-six cars of SVR members participated in the first annual "M. S. Dixie Tour," July 31/August 1, chaired by Jim and Sheila McDade. After a picnic lunch in Kirkwood Meadows, the group took a little-known route to Kingsbury Grade en route to the south shore of Lake Tahoe. Staff at the Condor Lodge had hors d'ovres and cocktails waiting at poolside for the welcome party. Jay Cross won the "broad" jumping contest. That evening, a tour bus took the group to the M. S. Dixie for a Tahoe Lake dinner-cruise.

10 Years Ago (July 1992)

Those attending the 37th Porsche Parade in San Diego, July 18-26, included Helen and David Ashuckian, Ron and Sally Boeck, Kirk and Linda Bradford, Harvey and Connie Cain, Peter Cook, Clint and Pat deWitt, Larry and Gloria Dunn, Dave and Kathi Eckert, Randy and

Robin Gray, Rik and Lettie Larson, Phil Lawrence, Dwight and Linda Mitchell, George and Nona Morley, Don and Dorine Sagner, Fred and Fran Siegner, John Skoien, Michael Stevens, Gary and Alma Thompson, J. Toney and Sandra Gillies, Allen and Dolores Weddle, and Pat and Larry Wilson.

At the Parade, SVR won second place in the 1992 Pirelli Public Service Award program for its 1991 charity auction, Ron and Bente Riley co-chairs. Auctioneers Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson accepted the \$1,000 award for SVR. Larry Wilson also accepted a first-in-class award in the PCA newsletter contest for his 1991 issues of *The Drifter*.

AUGUST

30 Years Ago (August 1972)

SVR's August 6 "Bathtub's Revenge" autocross, a Sacramento Valley Sportscar Club Council championship event at Cal Expo chaired by Joe Stephans, was the most successful Council-event in years with 162 competitors of which 43 were in Porsches.

The August 20 Charity Picnic at Rancho Cordova Park, chaired by Ray Johansen with Bob Schleh as auctioneer attracted 70 members ensuring a successful charity fund-raiser for the 7th Step Foundation. The bratwurst sandwich crew included Phyllis Hoffman, Nancy Myeron, Margot Meunier, Joyce Crow, Georgia Pappas, Margie Hanshew, Gerri Skarakis, Joyce Karver, and Myra Myers.

Yosemite Sam Rallye, August 27th, chaired by Phillip Marks with Ray Seamans doing the routes through the Sutter Basin, was SVR's first professional rallye. Thirty cars entered the seven-hour rallye, and Expert entrants competed for cash awards: \$60 for first and second place, and \$30 for third place. Joyce and Jim Karver won the Novice Class with Joe Stephans and an unknown navigator taking second.

20 Years Ago (August 1982)

The August 14 SVR "For Real" autocross at Splinter City, chaired by Bruce Westrup, gave everyone seven runs on a nearly exact reproduction of the Reno Parade autocross.

The next day, SVR members turned out for the August 15 Picnic and Charity Auction, chaired by Kern Breaux in Citrus Heights, and raised over \$1,000 for Special Olympics. Jim and Mary Jo Austin, and Larry and Gloria Dunn helped with early setup. High bidding was recorded for cream pies with which successful bidders could squish in the face of those who allowed their names to be auctioned off. The pie squishees were Carla Cross, Larry Wilson, Paul Bates, Jim Karver, Ted Colbert, Rik Larson, Mike Willis, Kirk Bradford, and Kern Breaux.

10 Years Ago (August 1992)

The August 8 tour to the Wooden Boat Concours d'Elegance at Lake Tahoe (Herb and Jan Hoover, co-chairs) gave many SVR members their first up-close view of 125 fully restored water woodies. Some members met Jay Leno at the Pebble Beach concours during the

August 21/22 tour to the Historic Car Races, Laguna Seca.

The August 30th Picnic and Concert at Royer Park, Roseville (Bob and Gail Bitters co-chairs), featured an outdoor performance by the Edlos singers with spectators in lawn chairs on the grass. Garth and Vicki Mason were among those attending, and Vicki especially liked their rendition of "Unchained Melody."

SEPTEMBER

30 Years Ago (September 1972)

Reverend Rod (Rod Sorenson) chaired the September 16 "Fogbound Goose," a variety rallye geared to novices and beginners which attracted 60 cars. Roger King took first and Gail and Paul Bates took third in the beginner class. The team of Ray Johansen and Marv Smith finished last. Not one car passed through Joyce and Jim Crow's checkpoint.

Joe Stephans reminded Drifter readers that Professor Ferdinand Porsche, father of Ferry Porsche, was born September 3, 1875. He was the third of five children born to Anton Porsche and his wife, Anna (Ehrlich), in the tiny Sudetenland village of Maffersdorf, Bohemia, then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire (now called Vratislavice Nad Nisou in the Czech Republic).

20 Years Ago (September 1982)

The September 11 Historic Tour and Gourmet Picnic, chaired by Don and Pam Harley, included a tour of the newly restored State Capitol and the railroad museum, and then a gourmet picnic at McKinley Park. Cyndee Nightingale and Eloise Diebel won the history tour quiz and the award for the most ostentatious picnic spread.

The two-day Zone 7 autocross weekend (SVR and Sierra Nevada Region) at Splinter City (McClellan AFB) on September 18 and 19 was nearly rained out on Saturday. Workers for event chair Bob Peake included the Austins, Stan Breyfogle, Sara Clements, Jerry Freitas, the Mitchells, the Willises, the Wilsons, the Crosses, and McDades.

More rain on the two-day rallye, "Carrera de Sierra VIII," chaired by Stan Breyfogle September 25 and 26 to Yosemite and return, moved outdoor feeding venues to shelter (Saturday luncheon in Sonora and evening barbecue at Camp Curry). Nevertheless, 75 rallye cars/teams enjoyed the event and not one rallye time was missed by 37 drenched SVR checkpoint workers.

10 Years Ago (September 1992)

The Charity Auction, September 13 with Ron and Bente Riley as co-chairs, raised \$3,209 for the benefit of Family House. Tom and Brenda Solter were our hosts and Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson were auctioneers. Jerry Thomas out-bid (\$350) everyone for a nine-liter bottle of wine signed by Leon Sobon, wine maker from Amador County.

For the Angel Island Tour, September 20, John and Karen Hawkins (co-chairs) and group

arrived in Tiburon in time to catch the early ferry to Angel Island. The event ended with dinner at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit in Vacaville.

Thirty-seven rally teams participated in Carrera de Sierra XV, September 26-27, Phillip Marks chair, John Clever rallymaster, to Yosemite Lodge overnight and return to Jackson for a barbecue. Helen Ashuckian and J. Toney won expert equipped class. Workers included Trische Robertson, Horace and Noreen Searcie, Allen and Dolores Weddle, Rik and Lettie Larson, Pat and Larry Wilson, Bud and Mary Ann Behrens, John and Betty Meunier, Ron and Sally Boeck, Kaylaine and Ted Robinson, Dave and Dolores Johnson, and Mike and Vicki Willis.

OCTOBER

30 Years Ago (October 1972)

The October 1 tech session proved how great it can be just to gather and talk Porsche over a couple of beers. Held in Larry and Pat Wilson's backyard, with Larry's championship Formula Vee and Ken Fielding's concours-winning 1965 911 on display, Fred Myeron topped off the day's activities with a brain-tickling tech quiz.

The annual SVR Wine Tour was held October 8 and chaired by Dave and Delores Johnson whose 912 Targa is nicknamed Konrad after her favorite ski instructor. The tour with 44 cars left the Voyager Inn near Davis and headed for a rest stop at Vintage 1890 in Yountville. Then a picnic lunch at Jack London State Park followed by a tour of historic Sonoma, and finally a two-hour VIP tour of Sebastiani Winery. Sebastiani also provided wine for the group at the Franciscan Restaurant with white wine before dinner and a rich Zinfandel with the roast beef entre.

20 Years Ago (October 1982)

Octoberfest, October 8, was celebrated at McClellan AFB with Bob Peake chair. Bob arranged for German food, German music and free beer, your basic formula for a successful party.

SVR's October 10, SVSCC Championship Autocross, chaired by Mike Willis, had a large turnout for a successful event. Mike credited the following workers: Jim and Mary Jo Austin, Larry and Pat Wilson, Stan Breyfogle, Marty Lausten and Heidi, Sally Weddle, Bob Peake, Rich McGlumphy, Sue McGlumphy, Jim Ducoing, Dale Newhouse, Kern Breaux, Paul and Jeanie Bates, Larry and Gloria Dunn, Ted and Annie Strutz, Jack Samples, Ted Colbert, Ray and Sara Clements, Kathi Koepsel, and Mike Pashkevich.

10 Years Ago (October 1992)

Co-chairs Steve and Diane Harris and Greg and Cyndee Peart easily reached their 20-car limit for the Feather River Tour, October 10/11, and took the group through the Feather River Canyon to Belden Town and Resort for a river-side picnic, and then to an overnight

stop in Susanville. On Sunday, the group headed for Mt. Lassen and a photo-shoot at Lake Helen, and then to Red Bluff for a Mexican dinner. On the tour were Jim McMahren and Linda Blount, Jerry and Patti Thomas, Dwight and Linda Mitchell, Jim and Sheila McDade, Jack and Chris Summerville, Randy and Marcy Vidmar, Allen and Dolores Weddle, Larry and Pat Wilson, Ron and Sally Boeck, John and Arlene Pluth, Tom and Tambra Kroetz, Herb and Jan Hoover, Jeff and Kim Kinder, Phil and Jean Keith, and Kirk and Linda Bradford.

Co-chairs Jim and Sheila McDade had a turnout of 25 cars for the October 18 Sonoma/Napa Wine Tour, and provided the group with a surprise Sake stop. Hacienda and Chateau Potelle wineries were visited. The day ended with dinner at Mamma Ninas in Napa.

NOVEMBER

30 Years Ago (November 1972)

The Mendocino Tour, November 12-14, with Ralph and Carolyn Heath and Pat and Larry Wilson as co-chairs, featured a photo-rally en route to Little River Inn.

Several SVR members competed in SCCA races during the 1972 season, but it was Gus Skarakis in his Formula Vee who got everyone's attention at the November 4th Laguna Seca SCCA regional races. Coming from a mid-pack qualifying position, Gus put on his famous Greek charge making it up to fifth place by the second lap. About to complete lap three, Gus roared into the last turn with his throttle stuck wide open. He entered the escape road at top speed, vaulted the armco barrier guarding the exit, and came to rest teetering right-side-up on top of oil drums. After Gus carefully dismounted and inspected damage to the car, turn-workers reported he said over and over that racing was fun.

20 Years Ago (November 1982)

SVR had a double-header speed event November 21 at Splinter City: The Other Car Autocross III (a.k.a. Chilli's Revenge), and the Reliable Pontiac Challenge Cup, with Larry Wilson and Mike Willis event chairs. Any car, except a Porsche, was eligible for the Other Car Autocross III. Cars were classed by color and all drivers were required to wear an eye-patch. Winners got re-cycled trophies. The Reliable Pontiac Challenge Cup was open only to OCA III competitors, and all drove the same 1982 Pontiac Trans Am demo from member Bruce Westrup's dealership. It was a run for cash as TTOD winners for men and women split all proceeds from Challenge Cup entry fees.

SVR members Paul Bates and Jim McDade drove their Porsche 914-6 to second place in production category during the November 7th SCCA 4-Hour Enduro at Sears Point Raceway. After leading for three and one-half hours, the Bates/McDadmobile lost three gears and the lead late in the race finishing second by 15 seconds. In the SVR pits it was Dwight Mitchell (chief wrench and tactician), Howard Durst, Dale Newhouse, Mike Maslak, Jay Cross, Shirley Lynch, and Tim Wilson. The SVR scoring and lap charting team in the

paddock included Jeanie Bates, Sheila McDade, Carla Cross, Joann Lindelof, Nancy McDade, and Pat and Larry Wilson.

10 Years Ago (November 1992)

At the November 15 Zone 7 awards brunch, Jim McMahan was named the 1992 Zone 7 Enthusiast of the Year.

On November 21st, event chair Mike Willis presented SVR's 1st Annual Swap Meet and Concours at Niello Porsche. Jim McMahan assisted and Niello parts manager, Don Keopke, helped SVR stage the event at the dealership. Over 20 cars were entered in the top-only concours, and vendors of Porsche parts rented 40 swap meet stalls.

At the November 22nd California Railroad Museum Tour, over a dozen members got to follow Phil Lawrence (SVR member and museum docent) around and hear him describe old trains. Phil was dressed in an authentic Union Pacific conductor's uniform from the 1950s.

DECEMBER

30 Years Ago (December 1972)

The December Drifter had photos and campaign statements for the 1973 candidates for elective office. The ballot included TWO candidates for President (Paul Bates and Jim Karver), Vice President (Jim Crow and Marv Smith), and Treasurer (Don Mahony and Ed/Sherri Sizemore), and THREE candidates for Secretary (Georgene Dodd, Eva Kay, and Dodie King) and Activities Chairperson (Bob Becker, Rich Farlinger, and Ron Hanshew).

Each couple attending the December 1 Christmas Party at the Sacramento Inn brought a wrapped gift to be given to a patient at the Mt. Olivette Convalescent Hospital. Spearheaded by Paul and Gail Bates, the effort provided holiday cheer for patients with an average age of 85.

20 Years Ago (December 1982)

The December 10, SVR Christmas Party was held at the Mansion Inn, Bob Peake chair. A special room rate of \$25 was available for those not willing to brave going home without rest. The next day, Art and Hortense Thornton co-chaired the Christmas Tree Cutting and Hot Toddy Tour. Destination was the Harris Tree Farm, Pollock Pines. A Toddy Party (toddy, cider, donuts and coffee) followed at Sportsman's Hall.

The 1982 Zone 7 Autocross Series final standings showed the following SVR trophy winners: Larry Wilson (1st Class 1), Stan Breyfogle (1st Class 6), Dwight Mitchell (1st Class 7), Bob Peake (2nd Class 12), Jack Samples (2nd Class 13), Mike Willis (1st Class 15), Pat Wilson (1st Class 20), Sara Clements (3rd, Class 23), Linda Mitchell (1st Class 26), and Vicki Willis (1st Class 34).

10 Years Ago (December 1992)

The December 12 Christmas Party at the Hyatt Regency was chaired by Sara Clements and the annual SVR awards went to Diane and Steve Harris and Cyndee and Greg Peart (best tour of the year), Chris and Shelagh Mackay (rookies of the year), and to Gayle and Bob Bitters (president's award). Incoming president, Tandra Kroetz, made ceramic mementos for outgoing board members.

The December Drifter had a nice spread covering the October 24 SVR Special Tech Session for Women at Linda Mitchell's Autosport Technology. According to Jan Hoover, Marsha Wilson of Kahler's Werkstatt in Dublin (also a member of Diablo Region of PCA) was a great teacher and helped the group examine four different Porsches in great detail covering fuses, batteries, changing tires, proper tools, and towing and jacking problems. Among others attending were Sheila McDade, Sally Boeck, Pat Wilson, and Kim Kinder.