

DRIFTING BACK FROM 2003

JANUARY

30 Years Ago (January 1973)

Members of the 1973 SVR board of directors included President Jim Karver, Vice President Marv Smith, Secretary Georgene Dodd, Treasurer Ed Sizemore, Social Chairperson Dodie King, Activities Chairperson Rich Farlinger, Technical Chairpersons Ron Hanshew and Ray Seamans, Publicity Chairperson Mike Doran, Drifter Editor Pat Wilson, and Past-president John Meunier.

The New Members column in the January Drifter welcomed Rik and Lettie Larson as "expert rallyists in their 1968 Tangerine 912." Rik went to work immediately by co-chairing, with Ray Seamans and Phillip Marks, the January SVR Rally School. Forty-six students attended. The 50-cent entry fee covered the school, a rally, coffee and donuts, and a prize for the first-place car. What a deal!

The CRAB II entry form was published in the Drifter announcing a 100-car limit and \$25 entry fee for the March 3-4 event. Newsletter editor, Pat Wilson announced the appointment of Clint deWitt as autocross editor and Phillip Marks as rally editor.

20 Years Ago (January 1983)

Members of the 1983 SVR board of directors included President Dwight Mitchell, Vice President Ray Clements, Secretary Pam Harley, Treasurer Sally Weddle, Social Director Bob Peake, Competition Director Bruce Westrup, Membership Director Helen Ashuckian, Technical Chairperson Jim Austin, Charity Chairpersons Kern Breaux & Mary Jo Austin, Drifter Editor Stan Breyfogle, and Past-president Larry Wilson.

Ninety-two members attended the four Activity Week planning sessions, headed-up by Ray Clements, Bruce Westrup, Bob Peake, and Jim and Mary Jo Austin, which filled-out 25 of the 52 weekends in 1983. Awards for the 1982 SVR-YR "For Real Autocross" (FRAX) series were given out during the dinner meeting at the Coral Reef restaurant on Fulton Avenue.

10 Years Ago (January 1993)

Members of the 1993 SVR board of directors included President Tambra Kroetz, Vice President Greg Peart, Secretary Barbara Schumacher, Treasurer Larry Wilson, Social Director Chris Summerville, Competition Director Gary Stratton, Membership Director Gayle Bitters, Technical Chairperson Herb Hoover, Charity Chairpersons Bill & Tori Keegan, Drifter Editors Chris & Shelagh Mackay, and Past-president Mike Willis.

Greg Peart was in charge of the January 9 Annual Planning meeting and pizza party which had a great turnout at the Greenback and Madison Round Table Pizza parlor. The Drifter reported Jim McMahan was named Zone Seven Enthusiast of the Year for 1992.

Greg Peart was also in charge of the January 31 Adopt-A-Highway pick-up day crew and the 16 trash-cadets successfully rid four miles of debris from the shoulders of Interstate 5. Pick-'em-uppers included Greg, Kern Breaux, Jan and Herb Hoover, Kim and Jeff Kinder, Rik Larson, Shelagh and Chris Mackay, Tandra and Tom Kroetz, Jim McMahan, Mike Willis, Barbara Schumacher, and Pat and Larry Wilson.

FEBRUARY

30 Years Ago (February 1973)

Zone 7 Rep, Hank Malter, arranged for Porsche/Audi West (northern California distributor) to donate Porsche parts to Zone 7 for the GREAT SALE held February 10 in a San Francisco warehouse. Over 200 frenzied PCA shoppers took advantage of prices that were discounted to between one-third and one-tenth of retail. Net proceeds were distributed to Zone 7 regions.

The Drifter reported that Silver Sage Region conducted a Drunk-O-Cross with assistance by the Idaho State Police, the purpose of which was to demonstrate the effect of drinking and driving. After making pre-drink runs during the regular autocross to establish individual benchmark lap times, eight volunteers took measured amounts of Jim Beam and breath-tests at regular intervals before each of the three "Special Runs." All did progressively worse except this woman who, on her third "Special Run," set second best time of day (including times for the regular autocross) while legally drunk.

20 Years Ago (February 1983)

Mary Jo Austin helped make the February 11 dinner meeting at Howie's Bar & Grille a little nicer for 94 members attending by making place cards in the shape of hearts for Valentine's Day. Ted and Annie Strutz handled Share-the-Wealth, and for entertainment, Ron Boeck brought some pro rally tapes and Mike Willis brought autocross and CRAB slides.

The San Simeon Tour February 19-21 by Paul and Jeanie Bates, which advertised "fast touring on non-freeway roads," left Eppies on Florin Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. All returned safely and well rested.

10 Years Ago (February 1993)

The Drifter reported that SVR charity programs, 1978 through 1992, had raised \$31,195.78 for various charities selected by the region (records were not available for earlier years). SVR charity chairpersons during this period included Betty Fielding, Scott and Kathleen Peebles, Kern Breaux, Mary Jo Austin, Dwight and Linda Mitchell, C.C. Craig and Karen Mangin, Bob and Beth Jacobson, Tom and Tandra Kroetz, Jack and June Samples, Herb Hoover, Gary and Alma Thompson, Randy and Marci Vidmar, Phil and Jean Keith, and Ron and Bente Riley.

MARCH

30 Years Ago (March 1973)

One-hundred-one cars representing all Zone 7 regions, including 43 from SVR, registered for CRAB II, March 2 - 4, chaired by Larry Wilson and Bob Becker. SVR members took home 15 of the 40 trophies and the Redwood Region contingent of 14 cars was next best taking home eight trophies. Rallymaster, Phillip Marks, put on a great rally and new members Rik and Lettie Larson finished first overall and Allen and Dolores Weddle won the unequipped class. Ninety drivers happily sloshed their way around the Cal Expo autocross during a driving rainstorm. Autocross chair, Dennis Kay, and his crew kept busy by digging drainage ditches in the infield section of the parking lot. Race driver and PCA member Milt Minter was guest speaker at the El Macero Country Club crabfeed.

20 Years Ago (March 1983)

The March 18th Irish Eyes 2 Rally by Sara Clements and Sally Weddle drew over 50 cars - just your average Friday night time and distance event. J. Toney with Martha Holden finished 2nd in Equipped Class, and George and Nona Morley were 1st in Unequipped Class.

The March 19-20 SVR Zone 7 Autocross School, chaired by Dwight Mitchell, offered two days of autocross instruction at Splinter City for just \$15 per driver. The event was limited to 60 students.

The March 27 Sunday Champagne Brunch Tour by Pat and Larry Wilson gave the group a one-hour tour of the foothills on the way to Huntington's Restaurant in Auburn for champagne and a strawberry sourcream omelet followed by a foot tour of L.A. (Lower Auburn).

10 Years Ago (March 1993)

The Irish members of SVR presented the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Meeting, March 14. Jim McDade organized a pre-dinner Gold Country tour to the KVIE Community Room where Ron

and Bente Riley served their corned beef and cabbage specialty with green beer and Irish coffee. A bagpiper and Irish jigs and reels were part of the program.

The Drifter featured a profile of members Oran and Grace Crumley. They joined PCA in 1958 and were charter members of the Fresno Region (now known as Sequoia Region). In the 60s, Orin was a SCCA racer in his 1954 4-cam 356 Carrera Speedster which was the 10th Speedster made by Porsche and had been used by the factory in the 1954 running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

APRIL

30 Years Ago (April 1973)

President Jim Karver welcomed 110 SVR members to the April dinner meeting at Ellis Restaurant. He said he hoped such enthusiasm would carry the club's membership to 150 by July. Larry Wilson reported that the first two SCCA races scheduled at Sears Point had "crapped out," so to speak, because the Sonoma County sanitation department declared the rest room facilities didn't meet county standards.

Two new advertisers were added to the Drifter; Frank's Automotive, and Walt Stickel Body and Frame shop.

20 Years Ago (April 1983)

CRAB 12, April 22 - 24, featured an all-woman team: Trische Robertson, chair; Lori Campbell, assistant chair; Dolores Weddle, registrar, Jeanie Bates, gymkhana; Mary Jane Claussen, trophies; Lori Campbell, door prizes; Linda Mitchell, autocross; Marty Lausten, rally; and Pat Wilson, beer and brat. Such blatant sexism offended Father Nature, so it poured rain all weekend. Still, it was a terrific event. Mike Willis took Top Time of Day at the autocross, being the only one to run on a dry track. Harvey Cain easily won the Snidely Whiplash Bass-ackwards Award for an exiting whoop-de-doo in the rain. Bob Peake ran his car into a muddy ditch during the rally, called AAA to get out, finished the rally and then asked for dead-time to cover his delay. Nope, he didn't get it.

10 Years Ago (April 1993)

April showers did not deter participants in the April 17 Gimmick Rally chaired by Sally Boeck. With no checkpoints, and with elapsed time being not as crucial in a gimmick rally, entrants could spend a bit more time to ensure an accurate answer sheet as did most SVR top finishers including Tom and Tandra Kroetz, Chris and Shelagh Mackay, and Allen and Dolores Weddle.

Greg Peart reported that the second 1993 Adopt-A-Highway roadside trash pickup on April 25 required less time and demonstrated increased efficiency (and fewer back aches) because of the pick-'em-up sticks manufactured by Marv Smith. The April Drifter also reported that Steve Harris received the Dumbkopf Award for spending four days troubleshooting and replacing parts on his 930 before he realized it was only out of gas.

MAY

30 Years Ago (May 1973)

The May dinner meeting featured the "elegant cuisine" of Alfred's Restaurant and 10-ounce steaks with all the trimmings for \$6.00 (tax included). It was the second consecutive meeting with more than 100 in attendance. The program included Golden Gate Region member and former PCA national president, Burt Propp, who narrated a film on previous Porsche Parades. Paul Bates took the opportunity to promote his "Fernley Hillclimb and Bucket O' Blood Tour" (that's one event) on May 13 which included dinner at the Sharon House in Virginia City.

The May Drifter profiled Joyce Karver and gave note to her navigator skills that won many trophies for herself and husband rally driver, Jim, whom she met on a blind date while attending El Camino High School. They were married May 1, 1960.

20 Years Ago (May 1983)

Another great SVR overnight tour, this time to Mount Shasta, May 21-22, was chaired by Cyndee and Daymon Nightingale. Cyndee took the group through Woodland and Knights Landing, and on through Sutter Buttes and Gridley to Mount Lassen and a beautiful photo-op for each driver/passenger with their car. Then, on to the Tree House in Mt. Shasta for the overnight stop. Larry and Pat Wilson ended up with the room having a swinging bed. The return trip included exploration of the Shasta Caverns. C.C. Craig and Karen Mangin won the trivia quiz about Mt. Shasta.

10 Years Ago (May 1993)

Patti and Jerry Thomas chaired the May 8 tour to Blackhawk and the Behring Auto Museum. John Bingaman was the tour-leading museum docent. Jeff Kinder reported that Bingaman had a story about each and every car displayed including such marques as Daimler, Benz, Auburn, Cord, Rolls, Delahaye, and Dusenberg. Porsche was represented by a 356 Speedster. After the museum tour, everyone repaired to Kirk and Linda Bradford's home for refreshments.

The May 21 Abby Runs Too rally featured rallymasters Phillip Marks, Richard Wetzel, and Abby, the internationally famous canine rallymaster. Each rallymaster wrote one leg of the three-leg rally, and the team of Helen Ashuckian and J. Toney won first in expert class and first overall.

The May 23 Gold Country Brunch Tour by Allen Weddle offered a champagne brunch at the Holbrooke Hotel in Grass Valley and additional refreshments at the Golden Gate Saloon. Among the huge crowd on the tour were Jim and Sheila McDade in Sheila's red, 1962 356B.

JUNE

30 Years Ago (June 1973)

The June dinner meeting featured a Basque-Italian bill of fare for \$4.50 (including wine) at the "Grand Ol' Hotel" in Auburn. The main speaker, Bob Flynn, told the group about the newly proposed Auburn Dam. The wet event of the month was Deliverance II, a special fun float down an exciting stretch of the Mokelumne River with Flotilla Commanders Tom Wesley and Dale Berger in charge of the group.

Phillip Marks chaired the May rally, "917," with the PCAer trophy won by Dave and Delores Johnson with Kirk and Linda Bradford in second. Editor Pat Wilson announced Fred Myeron won the May Drifter's crossword puzzle with John Meunier seven words behind in second place.

20 Years Ago (June 1983)

The June 11 Empire Mine Tour by Carla and Jay Cross drew 25 cars. Carla led the tour, but got lost several times between Colfax and Grass Valley earning her the group's unanimous and heart-felt endorsement for the Dumbkopf Award.

Forty-two cars entered SVR's June 17 Sacramento Valley Sports Car Council (SVSCC) rally which rallymaster J. Toney named, "The Shortest Friday Night Rally." While the rally duration might have been short, the final results weren't known until long after the event on July 8 when the SVSCC T&D Committee granted the appeal of one competitor and penalized the other 41 rally teams which changed the winners of three of the four classes. According to Toney, it was a "looney-tunes" appeal, and the logic in granting the appeal was "tortured" at best. Toney recommended that SVR run more club rallies and fewer SVSCC rallies.

10 Years Ago (June 1993)

The June 6 Empire Mine Tour chaired by Bob Peake featured a lunch served on the mine's Clubhouse Patio and then a docent-led tour of the mine that during its time produced 5.8 million ounces of gold from its 367 miles of tunnels.

The June 20 Feats of Clay tour by Tandra and Tom Kroetz included a docent-led tour of the Gladding, McBean and Company clay factory in Lincoln followed by lunch in Rocklin at AB Cafe. According to Joan and Jose Uranga, the "tour" to the clay factory included a drill at every STOP sign where each passenger would jump out and dash to the passenger seat of the car behind (no word about the passenger of the last car who may be still out there).

SVR members made a strong showing at the June 20 Zone 7 Concours by Loma Prieta Region. Jim McMahan took 3rd in the 900 Street Class, and Phil Lawrence won the 900 Wash 'n' Shine Class just edging out Joe Schumacher.

JULY

30 Years Ago (July 1973)

SVR hackers got their fill at the July 6th Second Annual SVR Golf Tournament and Dinner Meeting held at the Sunset Whitney Ranch Country Club in Rocklin. Bob Schleh won Low Net class with Harvey Cain and Doug Truman tied for second and Ted Robinson following in fourth. Paul Bates won the Calloway Division.

July's competitive events were the July 15 "Carrera RS" Sacramento Valley Sports Car Council championship event hosted by SVR at Cal Expo, and the July 22 "Yosemite Sam" Rally written by Ray Seamans, Jim Karver, Rik Larson and Phillip Marks. Mike Doran announced the start of SVR's monthly photo contest and Editor Pat Wilson announced Drifter advertisers for the year included Niello Porsche+Audi, Walt Stickel Body and Frame Shop, Stereo Showcase, Jack Samples' Ski House, Custom Interiors by Mack, Frank's Automotive, and Wyn Robertson's Continental Auto Service.

20 Years Ago (July 1983)

The M.S. Dixie Tour, July 16-17, chaired by Jim and Sheila McDade, attracted 84 cars that caravanned to Kirkwood Meadows Ski Resort for lunch and then to the Tahoe Sands Vagabond at South Shore where the staff greeted arrivals at the pool-side party with champagne and hors d'oeuvres. Participants representing almost every region in Zone 7 were bussed to Zephyr Cove in the evening and boarded the M.S. Dixie for a moonlight dinner cruise of Lake Tahoe.

In the Drifter, Tech Chair Jim Austin announced the July 30 tech session at Autosport Technology would cover various types of Porsche fuel injection.

10 Years Ago (July 1993)

The July 17/18 Zone 7 Autocrosses at Granite Bay were presented by SVR on Saturday and Yosemite Region on Sunday. Gary Stratton chaired SVR's Saturday autocross and Jim McMahan chaired the Saturday evening catered party at the autocross site. SVR class-winners during the weekend included Chris Mackay, Jim Dupree, Steve Nieslony, Jill Taylor, John Montmorency, Dwight and Linda Mitchell, Tim Fleming and Ray Dicius.

AUGUST

30 Years Ago (August 1973)

The August 5th SVR Annual Picnic and Charity Auction at Rancho Cordova Park took center stage for the month. This picnic featured another round of the 900 versus 356 volleyball challenge. The outnumbered 356 squad was eminently more athletic and competitive, and with the astute strategy of 356 coach Jerry Jurach, the 356 bunch waxed the 911/912/914/928 owners once again. Even the 356 women were prettier, and the 356 cars were faster, too.

Forty-five SVR cars were entered in the 18th Porsche Parade, August 19-25, in Monterey. Award winners included Ken and Betty Fielding, Rik and Lettie Larson, Harvey Cain, Fred and Nancy Myeron, Jim and Joyce Karver, Bob Schleh, Hank Feenstra, Ralph Heath, Wyn Robertson, Leo Droughton, Gene Speicher, Clint deWitt, Lothar Briemann, and Ray Johansen.

In his Drifter column, President Jim Karver reported on his meeting with other Zone 7 regional presidents. They discussed the possibility of instituting a Zone 7 Autocross Series with events to be hosted by individual regions.

20 Years Ago (August 1983)

Only six SVR members (three cars) were entered in the 28th Porsche Parade at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, but all came home with a trophy. Stan Breyfogle, Marty Lausten, Jeanne Trivellini and Harvey and Connie Cain trophied in the autocross. Connie Cain took second in class in the Tech Quiz, and J. Toney was the first overall navigator in the rally with John Clever driving.

Eighty members attended the August 21 Charity Auction/Picnic chaired by Mary Jo Austin and Kern Breaux. Auctioneers Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson loosened \$1,670 from the group for Special Olympics of Amador County.

Twenty-three SVR participants and various support people braved a very hot August 13th for another "For Real Autocross" (FRAX) event. Jim Austin designed a fast course for the expansive Splinter City layout. Bob and Beth Jacobson brought out the kids, Diane and Paul, and all four of them had at it in the family 944. Bob placed 3rd in this family feud, saved from ignominy by wife, Beth.

10 Years Ago (August 1993)

SVR autocrossers headed east to the Reno Fairgrounds for the August 15th Zone 7 Autocross #4, hosted by the Sierra Nevada Region. Class winners included David Tidball, Nikki Duncan, Chris Mackay, Jim Dupree, Ray Dicius, Peter Cook, Dwight Mitchell and Linda Mitchell. Ernie Wassersleben took second in Class DP and Masuo Robinson fourth in Class W.

Greg Peart reported 15 environmentally-dedicated SVR members were on hand for the August 29 Adopt-A-Highway pick up effort: Garth and Vicki Mason, Jerry and Patti and Chris and Kevin Thomas, Jose Uranga, Bill Keegan, Greg Birtchet, Marv Smith, Herb and Jan Hoover, Jeff and Kim Kinder, and Elizabeth Carr. The after-pick-up party crew included Cyndee Peart, Allen and Dolores Weddle, and June Samples.

SEPTEMBER

30 Years Ago (September 1973)

Dave and Delores Johnson chaired the September 30 Wine Tour/Rally and entrants were instructed to get a date, have him/her make a picnic lunch to eat at Bannon Island State Park, and not bring refreshments because wine and soft drinks would be provided. To keep things manageable, a 50-car limit was placed (and reached!) on the tour which also went to Wente Bros. and Concannon wineries in Livermore. At Bannon Island, Ray Johansen's 356/914 team beat the 911 team in a Tug o' War. Ted Robinson was the rally winner, Mike Doran got lost and 20 cars followed him, and Lew Church spun-out in the dealership's 914. The day finished at El Macero Country club with a Phillip Marks-supervised salmon and roast beef dinner.

SVR members scored at the 1st Annual Sacramento Concours d'Elegance held September 9th at the Del Paso Country Club. Ken and Betty Fielding took first in class and Ray Johansen placed third in class. Onlookers remarked about the unquestioned superiority of SVR-entered Porsches.

20 Years Ago (September 1983)

The September 17 Wine Tour, chaired by Melissa Bourn and Shirley Newhouse, visited the wineries of Chateau St. Jean, Kenwood and Grand Cu, and then it was on to Momma Nina's in Yountville for dinner.

The 9th annual Carrera de Sierra rally on September 24-25 once again visited Yosemite National Park for an overnight stay and barbecue under the stars. Stan Breyfogle was the rallymaster and the route for 44 rally cars included the infamous Wards Ferry Road and Old Priests Grade. Top finishers in Expert Equipped were Phillip Marks and Sleeper in first, and Helen Ashuckian and J. Toney in second place. Twenty-four SVR members worked the event.

10 Years Ago (September 1993)

A huge crowd turned out for the September 12 Charity Auction, chaired by Bill and Tori Keegan at the home of Tom and Brenda Solter. Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson were auctioneers. Family House was the charity recipient. Free wine and beer prepared enthusiastic bidders for the auction.

Phil Lawrence was the lone SVR entrant in the September 12 Zone 7 concours hosted by Diablo Region. Phil won the 911 Wash 'n' Shine class with 193 points.

OCTOBER

30 Years Ago (October 1973)

The October 5 dinner meeting was held at Joe and Dodies restaurant in Folsom and the menu included either Barbecue Ribs or Fried Chicken for \$6.00. The October 27 Tech Session at Wyn Robertson's Continental Auto Service, scheduled by Ray Seamans, covered interior maintenance and simple repairs that members can do at home. Refreshments were served which helped memory retention of all participants.

20 Years Ago (October 1983)

Allen and Dolores Weddle chaired the October 22 Jack London Tour which took 16 cars along the Silverado Trail to the Oakville Grade and the Vichon Winery. The Jack London State Historic Park was the setting for a picnic lunch where Allen conducted a tops (the spinning kind) contest. George Morley was the best spinner and got overall top time of day.

The October 30 Other Car Autocross at Splinter City, chaired by Mike Willis and Larry Wilson, allowed 19 competitors to run any car EXCEPT a Porsche. Cars were classed by color for both men and women. Bruce Westrup brought a new Pontiac Fiero (from his dealership),

but then changed to a hot-setup Trans Am. Rod Chandler looked confident in his 1981 Corvette. Fred and Nancy Myeron were unnoticed during practice in their Rabbit GTI. Then it rained. One by one the competitors slid about in the wet with great elan. At the end of the day, Nancy turned a 38.45-second lap to take her class AND beat Larry Wilson's 38.56-second lap in his Dodge Colt to take top time of day among ALL drivers.

10 Years Ago (October 1993)

The day was bright and sunny for the October 3rd Second Annual SVR Swap Meet and Zone 7 Concours at Niello Porsche. Mike Willis chaired the swap meet and Jim McMahan the concours. Workers included Joe and Barbara Schumacher, Rik Larson, Larry Wilson, Phil Lawrence, and Dwight Mitchell. The Niello organization, especially parts manager Don Koepke, made the event possible.

The October 17 Napa Valley Wine Tour by Randy and Marcy Vidmar attracted 25 cars for a photo-op near Lake Berryessa and then a tour of Cuvison, Grgrich, and Sterling wineries. The day ended with dinner at Petries in Napa. Stuart, the guide at Sterling Winery, provided the group with valuable wine information - like, for example, Casanova used Pinot Noir to seduce women.

Carrera de Sierra, October 23-24, chaired by Phillip Marks and written by John Clever, took 25 rally cars to Tahoe West Inn at South Shore Lake Tahoe for the overnight stay, and then back to Jackson on Highway 88 for an event-ending barbecue. Top Team results included the Vangons in first place (Bill & Tori Keegan, Richard Wetzel & Delores McKinnon, and Erick Didier & Matthew Mettes), and the Shoppers in second (Harvey & Connie Cain, Chris & Shelagh Mackay, and Kirk & Linda Bradford).

NOVEMBER

30 Years Ago (November 1973)

The November 18 "Thanksgiving Climax" SVR autocross was held at the "Low Bucks" site in Northgate's Glenwood Park subdivision (no houses yet) using the streets of Bollenbaker, Loveland Way, and Grave Avenue. Allen Weddle and Dan Boone chaired the event and the entry fee was \$1.00 cash or \$1.00 worth of canned food. All entry receipts went to the club's Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy.

20 Years Ago (November 1983)

The Drifter ad for the November 11-13 Mendocino Tour, chaired by C.C. Craig and Karen Mangin, promised a "weekend filled with quiet peacefulness." Right! Hill House was headquarters and, as usual, the kite flying contest was on tap for Saturday. All participants

received a wine glass etched with, "Mendocino 83 PCA/SVR" courtesy of member and Drifter advertiser Ted Strutz.

The November 18 "Turkey Luck" potluck dinner meeting, chaired by Pam Harley at the Sacramento Horseman's Association clubhouse, featured a turkey dinner and wine especially bottled and labeled for the event. SVR members who attended the November 19 Zone 7 Awards Banquet in Castro Valley to receive a trophy included Ray and Sara Clements, Lin Hokana, Stan Breyfogle, Don and Pam Harley, Dwight and Linda Mitchell, Larry and Pat Wilson, Dale and Shirley Newhouse, Ted Colbert, and Mike and Vicki Willis.

10 Years Ago (November 1993)

The ad for Turkey Run Rally, November 7, by Phillip Marks, promised ABSOLUTELY no off-course excursions. Twenty-five cars entered and all legs, except one, were protested by one or more competitors. After all protests were denied, the results included Rik Larson and John Clever first in Expert Equipped with Helen Ashuckian and J. Toney in third place. Other top SVR finishers included Delores McKinnon and Trische Robertson who took first in Novice class, Phil Lawrence and Emily Barbee who took second in the First Timers class, and Chris and Shelagh Mackay who finished second in Beginners class.

The Mendocino Tour, November 12-14, chaired by Pat and Larry Wilson, included a picnic lunch stop at Weibel Winery and photo rally on the way to the Little River Inn where all 23 available rooms were booked. The return trip included lunch at the Calistoga Hotel Brewery. All entrants received a nifty T-shirt, courtesy of Don Joe's Fabrication Specialties and the Dirty Shirt Company of Steve Harris, which featured two gents in a red 356 Speedster zipping along trying to get their kite up in the air.

DECEMBER

30 Years Ago (December 1973)

The December 7 SVR Christmas Party, held at the Mansion Inn, provided dinner and live music for dancing by the *Jerry Murphy Trio*. The evening's award highlights included recognition for the most active new and old members, and the winners were - Phillip Marks, "Old Member"; and Rik and Lettie Larson, "New Members."

In the Drifter, Rich Farlinger announced the December 15 tech session at Frank's Automotive would offer fizzes, and Tech Chairman Ray Seamans said that Ken Fielding would also be present to discuss cleaning and preserving the Porsche interior and exterior. Jim Karver also announced that a new Zone 7 autocross series would be held in 1974, and that a rally series was in the talking stage.

20 Years Ago (December 1983)

Autosport Technology held an open house December 2 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM with pre-holiday cheer to celebrate the SCCA racing championship won by Jim McDade in the Autosport-prepared racing Porsche 914-6.

The December 10 Christmas Party at Hotel El Rancho, chaired by Sara Clements, was a smashing success. Kirk Bradford and Paul Bates were masters of ceremonies. John Wozniak, Phillip Marks, and Wyn Robertson received their 20-year PCA membership certificates. Fred and Fran Siegner received the Rookie of the Year Award (which was a Dave Marek rendition of their 914). The Best SVR Event of the Year award went to Pam and Don Harley for the Turkey Potluck. Zone 7 Rep Gene Gilpin was present to award Jim and Sheila McDade the Zone 7 Event of the Year for the M.S. Dixie Tour. Dancing continued until 1:45 AM.

10 Years Ago (December 1993)

Many SVR members helped Ron Riley decorate his 356B Roadster for the December 4 Auburn Festival of Lights Parade. The parade was limited to 80 entries. Jan Hoover's Christmas at Dunsmuir House Tour, December 5, offered a fanciful trip back in time with turn-of-the-century carolers and musicians filling the air with sounds of Christmas. The 37-room Dunsmuir Mansion and its 40-acre estate is located in Oakland.

The club's December 11 Christmas Party, chaired by Damon Nightingale and Cyndee Peart at the Cherry Island Golf Clubhouse, offered an evening of dining and dancing with SVR annual awards in between. The season's festivities ended with the Christmas Toy Tour, December 19, chaired by Jan Hoover and Damon Nightingale, with tour entrants providing gifts to about 35 children staying at Sacramento Children's Home.