

## DRIFTING BACK FROM 2006

### JANUARY

#### *30 Years Ago (January 1976)*

SVR's new board included President Dave Neukom, Vice President Harvey Cain, Secretary Lettie Larson, Treasurer John Wong, Activities Chair Rik Larson, Social Co-Chairs Connie Farlinger and Trish O' Shields, Technical Chair Mike Willis, Publicity Chair Peter Bogy, Drifter Editor Mary Peters, Membership Chair Don Mahony, Competition Chair Ted Colbert, and Past President Dan Boone.

90 SVR members attended the Friday evening, January 9, dinner meeting, held at the Red Lion Motor Inn, which was a "preview" of the crab and spaghetti feed (with three different sauces) to be offered at CRAB V, April 24-25. During the meeting Peter Bogy reported on the Audi Club, Mike McCracken lost his bib, and John Wong gave a sterling Treasurer's report.

The January 10 Rally School by Phillip Marks attracted 27 cars for two hours of class-room training followed by a rally and then a critique/trophy presentation. SVR teams showing well included Harvey Cain and Al Henderson, Ted Colbert and Diane Brodie, Don and Helen Mahoney, Anne Mahoney and Christopher Taylor, Scott and Greg Fawcett, and John Wong and Dorothy Compton. Workers included Chilli Willi, The Neuk, Reverend Rod, Ma and Pa Weddle, and other alias-named notables.

SVR autocross competitors honored at the January 24 Zone 7 Awards Banquet included Rich Farlinger (356, 3rd Place, Class 1), Ted Colbert (912, 2nd Place, Class 3), Dave Neukom (914-4, 4th Place, Class 4), Hank Feenstra (Improved 4, 3rd Place, Class 5), Bob Guthrie (Modified 4, 3rd Place, Class 7), Connie Farlinger (356, 2nd Place, Class 14), Chrissie Neukom (914-4, 4th Place, Class 17), and Stephanie Morgan (914-6, 1st, Class 21).

#### *20 Years Ago (January 1986)*

SVR President, Kirk Bradford, described the new board as Enthusiastic! The rest of the 1986 board were Vice President Jim McDade, Secretary Dolores Weddle, Treasurer Larry Wilson, Social Director Louise Sauseda, Competition Director Lee Coleman, Membership Director Sue McGlumphy, Newsletter Editor Dale Newhouse, and Past President Ray Clements.

At the January board meeting, Randy Vidmar was appointed Share-the-Wealth chair with assistance from Steve Martinez and Ted Strutz, and Barbara Rodrigues would continue as Bed 'n' Breakfast chair. A letter from the Stanford Children's Home was read thanking SVR for its donation of toys at Christmas.

Head Buckaroo and Vice President, Jim McDade, organized the annual activity planning sessions at the East Ranch Clubhouse and scheduled deliberations over two evenings, January 16 and 17. Competition events and tech sessions were covered on January 16 with Lee Coleman (autocross), Stan Breyfogle (rally) and Dwight Mitchell (tech sessions) holding forth, and social events and tours the next evening with Louise Sauseda as song leader. There was plenty of beer, wine, soft drinks and trays of turkey, ham, beef, vegetables and chips both evenings. Twenty-two members attended the competitive event session, and 45 members attended the next evening to help layout the year's social calendar.

### *10 Years Ago (January 1996)*

The new board for 1996 consisted of President Rik Larson, Vice President Cyndee Peart, Secretary Shelagh Mackay, Treasurer Lettie Larson, Social Director Tambra Kroetz, Membership Director Helen Ashuckian, Competition & Safety Director Masuo Robinson, Drifter Editor Mike Willis, and Past President Greg Peart. Committee Chairs included Drifter Advertising Cyndee Peart, Bed & Breakfast Allen and Dolores Weddle, Autocross Masuo Robinson, Rallye Phillip Marks, Concours Phil Lawrence, Charity Jose Uranga, Goodie Store Lettie Larson, Share-the-Wealth Linda & Maryann Blount and Jim McMahan, Technical Jeff Kinder, and CRAB 24 chairs Susan & Tim Fleming.

The January 4 Activity Planning Meeting was held at the usual place, Round Table Pizza parlor at Madison and Greenback, with the pizza and salad bar going for \$3.00 per person. Beer was also available which helped smooth the planning process no end.

At the January 26 White Elephant Gift Exchange at Chuck's Grill in Folsom, Tambra Kroetz chair, promised a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30PM with a dinner thereafter, and that's probably the way it happened.

## **FEBRUARY**

### *30 Years Ago (February 1976)*

The February 14-16 St. Valentine's Day Tour to Hearst Castle, by Paul and Gail Bates, started at Eppies on Florin Road and featured fast touring on non-freeway roads with an arrival at San Simeon in time for the 3:00 P.M. tour of the castle followed by dinner at one of Cambria's finest restaurants. Jim McDade called it "the best PCA event, ever!" Of course, Jim was new to the club.

The February Drifter featured a complete Treasurer's Annual Report for 1975 by Harvey Cain. Annual income was \$2,806.33 with expenditures of \$2,481.08 bringing the club's 1975 year-end balance to a whopping \$845.45 (Share-the-wealth contributed a net \$344.24). Sacramento Council for Pre-School Retarded was the recipient of the club's charity donation of \$260.00.

In 1976, Technical Chair Mike Willis provided nifty tech tips each month to *The DRIFTER* that invariably ended with cheerful advice, as in the February issue: "For 911 and 914 Porsche - attention - if battery is disconnected with engine running, your alternator will be immediately destroyed." Why would anyone do that?

### *20 Years Ago (February 1986)*

At the February 11 board meeting, Kirk Bradford announced that Stan Michelman of Redwood Region, working with Bob Kline, BF Goodrich regional sales manager, had secured BFG as a sponsor for the 1986 seven-event Zone 7 autocross series. Kirk also announced Sears Point would offer a ticket discount for all PCA members and "Porsche Corral" parking at all 1986 race events. Bob and Beth Jacobson and Tom and Tandra Kroetz were appointed chairpersons for SVR's charity event. Competition Director, Lee Coleman, reminded everyone to occasionally check the Autosports Hotline (96-SVSCC) for up-to-date information about local rally and autocross events. Three applications were approved bringing the region up to 276 members.

The Capitol Athletic Club was the site of February 14 dinner meeting with Vice President Jim McDade presiding. It seems that President Kirk and Linda were unable to attend because he won a contest and the prize was a Nassau, Bahamas, vacation for two, all expenses paid. Kirk never did let all that president stuff get his priorities screwed up.

In the February *DRIFTER*, member Tom Goldthwaite and the boys down at the OK Tire corral on Auburn Blvd. offered a special "Close Out" deal for Yokohama A001R autocross tires that were replaced by the new A008R version of the sticky stuff. The issue also announced that Kirk Bradford was SVR's contact person for the annual Yosemite Tour scheduled March 8-9 by Golden Gate Region..

### *10 Years Ago (February 1996)*

Big social calendar this month. The club's February 8th dinner meeting at Andiamo! restaurant and bar at Alhambra and Folsom boulevards, chaired by Barbara and Joe Schumacher, featured a "sweetheart" Italian Cream Cake for two as the main drawing card for the evening. That was followed by the February 17-19 San Simeon Tour with Mike and Vicki Willis as tour leaders.

The February issue of *The DRIFTER* had a great two-page spread, "Hizzoner Tells Us How He Does It," by Herb Hoover who interviewed Phil Lawrence and presented, in Phil's own words, scads of little-known secrets about how to wash your car properly and clean-up on your competitors at Zone 7 concours events (Phil won first place in the Wash & Shine class three years in a row). Phil also disclosed an unknown personal facet (that he was a hi-stakes gambler) when revealing how he achieved the winning high-gloss finish during the final



wipedown: "I like to use the towels I have borrowed from the high-roller suites at Tahoe or Reno."

The February 18 Zone 7 rally, "February Frolic," by Diablo Region (John Clever, rallymaster), had its start at Kahler's Werkstatt in Dublin, CA, and marked the first 1996 win by the famous SVR rally-duo of J. Toney and Helen Ashuckian with a total score of one. Jay and Carla Cross placed second in Class 4 with a score of 338.

## **MARCH**

### *30 Years Ago (March 1976)*

Mike Willis and Peter Bogy chaired the March 7th "Son of Low Bucks" autocross at Northgate (entry fee was \$1.00 per run). Lots of runs were available with driver education on the fine art of getting safely through the corners. To view the famous Low Bucks course today, take I-80 west, exit north onto Northgate Blvd., bend right onto Main Avenue, and go right at Kelton Way. The course consisted of city streets: Bollenbaker Ave., Loveland Way, Grave Ave., and Kelton Way. At the time, an abandoned development with streets but not a house in sight, for several years, with no site rental fee...ah, the good old days.

Many SVR members, including Rich and Connie Farlinger, joined with Golden Gate Region members on their March 20-21, Saturday and Sunday, Yosemite Tour, which included overnight lodging at Yosemite Lodge and dinner Saturday night at the Camp Curry Pavilion. In *The DRIFTER*, President Dave Neukom reported his first Porsche was a 1961 356B 1600 Normal Coupe painted Aetna Blue (what a coincidence -- that's EXACTLY what Tim Wilson has). Harvey Cain reported on his plan to make Long Beach the tour destination on March 26-28 to see Jody Scheckter, Mario Andretti, Niki Lauda, Emerson Fittipaldi, and other Formula One drivers competing in the first F-1 Grand Prix of Long Beach.

### *20 Years Ago (March 1986)*

The March 15-16 Zone 7 autocross school in Stockton was nearly rained out, but event chairs Don and Linda Henkle kept it going to a successful conclusion. With the fair grounds course under water Saturday afternoon, Don found a lecture hall, and with the crowd safely indoors, Terry Zaccane (GGR) and Larry Wilson (SVR) spoke for nearly three hours on the theories and techniques of autocrossing. Sort of like Siskel and Ebert at speed.

The five-leg, March 21 SVR Friday Night Rally, with Stan Breyfogle as rallymaster, had a great turnout of 45 rally-cars, 11 of which carried SVR members who were also after finishing points toward the year-end trophies for the PCA-members-only, five-event rally series sponsored by Wyn Robertson's Continental Auto Service. Event workers included George and Nona Morley, Mike and Michelle Willis, Heidi Lausten, Stan and Jeff Breyfogle, Dale and Shirley Newhouse, Don and Mary Jo Koepke, Richard Bender, Lee and Carolyn Coleman, Allen and Dolores Weddle, Rik Larson and John Clever.

The first SVR autocross of the year, on March 29 with Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson as chairs, was close to becoming a disaster. Approval to use the site (Levitz Furniture store parking lot) wasn't obtained until Monday before the event (which made event advertising a bit awkward). At the site Kirk and Larry discovered they had no porta-potties - which was remedied after Pat Wilson secured use of the nearby Union 76 gas station rest rooms, free of charge. Then the State Police closely followed by the County Sheriff, both with red-lights blazing, appeared after the Levitz store-manager complained about an unknown group using his parking lot (the store was closed). That was remedied after the property owner, RJB Company, confirmed that SVR had the company's approval to use the parking lot. Then the Sheriff returned to investigate an anonymous call claiming unsafe activities at the site, but Kirk and Larry convinced the Deputies that autocrossing was a safe thing to do. So, finally, thirty-four drivers ran the event, each got to make eight runs, they had a great time, and the event was a smashing and safe success. Top time of day went to Darrell Terry, Golden Gate Region.

#### *10 Years Ago (March 1996)*

Thirty SVR members turned out for the March 2nd SVR tech session, and Herb Hoover gathered a knowledgeable panel of Porsche experts including Dwight Mitchell, Leo Droughton, Dawn Perry, Marsha Wilson, and Ted Blake. Marsha Wilson, of Diablo Region, also provided various door prizes.

The March 7th dinner meeting at Sacramento Brewing Company, chaired by Sally and Ron Boeck was limited to the first 48 people to make reservation. The real draw for this event was the restaurant's beer sampler (served with all dinner entrees) that included Hefe Weizen, Miner's Gold Ale, Scotch Ale, Red Horse Ale, Oatmeal Stout, and Irish Ale (the Brewer's special).

Jan and Andy Lundback chaired the March 16 "Daffodils & Wine Tour" which visited Daffodil Hill and the Deaver Winery. Tourees included Dave Piazzese, Jim McMahan and Linda and Maryann Blount, Helen Ashuckian, Rich Swenson and Judy Hanna, Marv and Marie Smith, and Allen and Dolores Weddle. Jan baked cookies for the group. While at the Deaver Winery, Dolores, Marie, Linda, and MaryAnn enjoyed an hour-long horse and wagon tour through the vineyards.

SVR's first autocross of the year, held March 23rd at Mather Field, attracted 29 drivers who each got seven runs during the day on a "fast" course (third gear through the esses) set up by event chair Masuo Robinson. The fastest five drivers were Jim Hayes (49.47), Dwight Mitchell (50.20), Masuo Robinson (52.18), Linda Mitchee (52.57), and Neil Yonk (52.70). As soon as everyone ran out of gas (figuratively), the group retired to the nearest Taco Bell for refreshments.

## APRIL

### *30 Years Ago (April 1976)*

In his *DRIFTER* article, President Dave Neukom thanked Barbara Boone for getting the club's roster typed and printed. During the April 2 dinner meeting at the Prime Rib Inn, Dave toasted State Assemblyman Alfred Almquist who said during recent budget hearings, "CHP radar will be deleted." Also at the meeting, Dave welcomed back SVR-members Jerry and Michael Mary Jurach, Ken and Betty Fielding, and Gene and Connie Speicher. Connie Farlinger won the Dumbkopf Award for not being home when the board arrived for their March meeting that she agreed to host.

SVR member Wyn Robertson hosted the April 10 tech session on burglar alarms at his Continental Auto Service in North Sacramento. In the April *DRIFTER*, Tech chairman Mike Willis reminded all that SVR's technical library included a complete set of Porsche factory service manuals for all models and were available for loan to members.

CRAB V, April 24-26, chaired by Dave Neukom, was a smashing success, aided in no small way by SUNSHINE, for the first time in years. Paul Bates did the gymkhana, Dan Boone and Ted Colbert co-chaired the autocross, the rally was done by Rik Larson, Peter Bogy handled the beer and brat, Trish O' Shields took care of the welcome party, and Bob Schleh was the Voice of CRAB. Race-driver Walt Maas, who just won back-to-back IMSA races at Laguna and Ontario with his GTU 914-6, was the guest speaker. Big-Shot CRAB entrants included PCA National Treasurer Hank Malter, Zone 7 Rep Dwight Mitchell, and regional presidents Ray Blow, Stu Betts, Jim Van Dam, Ellis Blevins, and Tony Maslowski.

### *20 Years Ago (April 1986)*

In the April *DRIFTER*, VP Jim McDade contritely explained how he won the Dumbkopf Award for the SIXTH TIME. His wife, Sheila, was to chair a wine tasting event at David Berkeley, February 22, and a few days BEFORE the event, the ol' Buckaroo mailed to editor Dale Newhouse his regular *DRIFTER* column for the March issue which included a flowery description of how 30 participants enjoyed the delicious David Berkeley food and wine. Jim even said a return was planned later in the year. Ah, the last minute problem -- Jim and Sheila had to cancel the event. And yes, you guessed it - Jim forgot to tell Newhouse to delete that part of his article, proving that you can't believe everything you read in *The DRIFTER*.

The weather necessitated an indoor brunch during the April 6th Third Annual Grand Island Tour by Allen Weddle, but did not lessen enjoyment of the event which included the renowned "mirror tour" down the Sacramento River to the Grand Island Mansion (formerly the Lido Club, and a bordello before that). Brunch entrees ranged from Italian Toast to



Scampi Martinique, all with champagne. On April 19, proving that no reason for a party is too trivial, Wayne and Louise Sauseda hosted a training session for tour-leaders.

April 25-27 CRAB 15, headquartered at the Red Lion Inn, was chaired by Dwight and Linda Mitchell with the welcome party by Mary and Bob Siles, autocross by Bob Peake, rally by Rik Larson, and beer 'n' brat picnic by C.C. Craig and Karin Mangin. Although a limit of 150 cars was announced early in the registration process, the CRAB folks were overwhelmed with requests to enter and the event was opened to a record-breaking field of 172 cars..

### *10 Years Ago (April 1996)*

CRAB 24, April 12-14, was chaired by Tim and Susan Fleming, and they were ably assisted by Mike and Vicki Willis (registration party), Pat and Larry Wilson (registration, program and scorecard preparation), Masuo Robinson (autocross), Bill Keegan (door prizes), Shelagh Matthews (hotel liaison), Tambra Kroetz (walking tour), Rik Larson (rally), Kent Brandon (concours), Bob Peake and Donna Falk (driving tour), Jim McDade and John Pluth (funkhana), Steve and Diane Harris (T-shirts), and Cyndee Peart (sponsorships). Distinguished guests included Ed Stimmel, Porsche Cars North America. 78 cars were registered including 38 cars from SVR. Larry Grove (Redwood Region) in his 1974 911RSR had TTOD in the autocross, and Bob and Marilyn Van Heuit (Yosemite Region) had the best score in the rally.

Sixteen SVR members attended the April 20 SVR Tech Session at Autosport Technology to hear Ray Knight talk about 914, 928, and 944 Porsches while Dwight Mitchell covered issues concerning 911 models. Attending were Andy Lundback, Marsha and Steve Bayne, Ronald Feinstein, Bruce Garrett, Rik Larson, Phil Lawrence, John Lee, Jim McMahan, Wally Minders, Susan Sauvedu, Jose Uranga, Allen Weddle, Mike Willis, Bill Winkler, and Jeff Kinder.

Tambra Kroetz chaired the April 21 "The Village Stroll," and promised an afternoon of car viewing and wine tasting in Folsom. The event included a Chicago-style people's choice Concours d'Elegance (vote early and vote often) benefiting the Diabetes Foundation) as well as a chance to test one's wine knowledge in a blind wine tasting contest. The wine tasting and socializing was fortuitously located in front of Frank Zannotto's gourmet supermarket and full-service deli where the outdoor seating was augmented with bring-your-own lawn chairs.

## **MAY**

### *30 Years Ago (May 1976)*

The May 7th dinner meeting at Joe and Dodie's Restaurant in Folsom was well attended. President Dave Neukom announced that it was Jim and Shelia McDade's first wedding anniversary which, Dave also said (just like Howard Cosell would say it), "and they said it couldn't be done!" The Dumbkopf Award went to Peter Boggy who loaded and locked his van

with beer and bratwurst for CRAB V, and then couldn't find the keys. It was revealed that Harvey Cain's CB handle was, "Silver Prune."

The Gourmet Tour on Sunday, May 23rd was every bit as much fun as expected by the occupants of the thirty-odd participating cars. Co-chairs Phillip Marks and Jim Andres chose some of the most devious roads to the Monte Verdi Inn and "The Hunt Breakfast," a yummy lunch. Jim said the fizzes flowed at the Monte Verdi, and then lunch, and then awards or ridicule, depending on how close your mileage was to the correct distance.

Newsletter editor Mary Peters needed extra help in May because she and Michael were packing to move from Citrus Heights to Carmichael...and help she got at *The DRIFTER* assembly and labeling table from Wyn and Linda Robertson, Rik Larson, Dave Neukom, and Eva Kay.

### *20 Years Ago (May 1986)*

At the May 1st Board meeting, President Kirk Bradford announced the German-American Chamber of Commerce would sponsor a June 18 luncheon at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco with Peter Schutz, Porsche AG CEO, as the featured speaker with the topic, "People - the Key to Quality." All PCA members were invited.

The May 10 Tech Session at Walt Stickel body and paint shop covered major and minor reconstructive surgery, according to event chair Bob Jacobson. Walt kept the group mesmerized through all of the intricacies of unibody repair, frame alignment, how to remedy small paint chips and scratches, and what is involved in custom body work (such as installing fender flares). And, during the "second feature" of this Saturday matinee, Walt's wife served munchies to the crowd while they watched a slide show on the Porsche factory.

The May 11 Mother's Day Tour by Bob Schisler and Brooke Terpening took entrants to Benicia, nestled in the golden hills on the north shore of the Carquinez Straits, for brunch at the quaint Union Hotel which was established 1882, and then for a stroll through over 20 antique shops located in turn-of-the-century store front along Benicia's historic First Street.

### *10 Years Ago (May 1996)*

Rik Larson and Mike Willis attended the May 18 Zone 7 concours seminar at Carlsen Porsche in Palo Alto which was intended to acquaint judges and potential judges with recent changes to rules and classes for annual PCA Porsche Parade concours events. SVR members Jerry Killiany and Ray Johansen, both experienced 356 concours entrants, were on hand to greet them when they arrived at Carlsen's.

Of course, the May 19 Champagne Brunch Tour visited the Grand Island Mansion once again under the experienced tutelage of Allen and Dolores Weddle and featured the Mirror Tour



along the Sacramento River in route to the palace of illicit pleasures during the years of prohibition. Allen thought this was the best of all Champagne Brunch Tours, partly because the weather overnight went from cold and blustery with a threat of continued rain to clear blue skies in the mid-seventies with a soft, springtime delta breeze. Thirty-three cars cruised along the levee roads. Twelve bottles of fine wine went to lucky door prize winners, but Fred Siegner made off with the best prize, a gift certificate for two champagne brunches donated by the Mansion management.

In her capacity as Membership Director, Helen Ashuckian's May Drifter column included the ol' folks listing (Anniversaries): Larry & Pat Wilson (35 years), Fred & Nancy Myeron (30 years), Gerald & Madelaine Kiliany (30 years), Ray & Mary Jane Johansen (30 years), Hugh Young (25 years), Al & Kathy King (20 years), Jarol & Toni Moore (20 years), and Ron & Ginny Cavallo (20 years).

## **JUNE**

### *30 Years Ago (June 1976)*

The June *DRIFTER*'s big news item was the announcement that SVR-member Clint deWitt would chair the June 5 SCCA "Le 60 Minutes de Sacramento" at Discovery Park, a one-hour enduro race for tricycles with classes for both production and modified three-wheelers.

On the June 12/13 weekend, the Sierra Nevada Region held their "Helluva Good Time II" weekend. On Saturday they had an all-the-beer-you-can-drink picnic at the Carnelian Bay Magic Carpet Golf Course at the Tahoe north shore. On Sunday they presented the 4th 1976 Zone 7 autocross at Stead Air Force Base, north of Reno. Unfortunately, the autocross was scheduled the same weekend as the Georgetown Hillclimb near Coloma. Actively participating in the 8-event Zone 7 series were the Neukoms, Willis, Cains, Wongs, O' Shields, Cottins, Eric Decetis, Larry Wilson, Pat McLaughlin, Jim Karver, Gary Guthrie, Steve Costa, Bob Guthrie, Jim Bonney, Dale Newhouse, Jerry Freitas, Dan Boone, Jack Samples, Jim McDade, Randy Blaesi, and Michael Jurach.

The June 27 SVR SVSCC Autocross at Cal Expo was chaired by Mike Willis and Jim McDade. The June *DRIFTER* thanked Ed Rincon, owner of a local body and paint establishment, for generously donating the time and material to give the SVR autocross trailer a much-needed fresh coat of paint.

### *20 Years Ago (June 1986)*

The June 1 Lighthouse Tour to Point Bonita, with Mark and Suzanne Plantz in charge, promised to teach about the historic lighthouse and its heroic keeper. Mark and Suzanne gathered the tour-goers at the Nut Tree restaurant in Vacaville. At the June 10 board meeting, Pat Wilson was appointed to finish Louise Sauseda's term as Social Director since

Wayne and Louise were leaving for a two-year tour in Washington D.C. The board also approved seven new applications bringing the region's membership to 285 members.

The June 7-8 weekend was set aside for the Zone 7 autocross at Cal Expo with SVR's event on Saturday and San Joaquin Region's (now Sequoia Region) on Sunday. Rich McGlumphy and Bruce Westrup handled the SVR end of the deal with Lee Coleman working very hard with Cal Expo to settle the site (first Lot C, then Lot D, and finally Lot E). The usual Saturday evening pool party at the Mitchell's was well-attended.

Thirty-five rally teams took to the foothills for the June 20 Friday night rally chaired by Ron and Sally Boeck. Allen and Dolores Weddle turned in a sterling second-place Novice finish to lead the SVR rally teams in the Continental Auto Service-sponsored rally series event.

Many SVR members attended the June 27-28 Sierra Nevada Region "Super-Tech" weekend, chaired by Dave Eckert, which featured a Friday night cocktail party at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, Nevada, technical presentations at the PCNA training facility all day Saturday, and Saturday evening dinner at the Nugget. Technical presenters included Dwight Mitchell - chassis setup and handling, Bill Newlin - time trial preparation, Harry Pellow - 356/912 engine preparation, Bruce Anderson - 911 engine modifications, Harvey and Linda Smith - restoration and concours preparation, and Tom Ciresa - PCNA presentation. Dave Eckert also showed his in-car video taken at speed around Laguna Seca.

#### *10 Years Ago (June 1996)*

Chairman Masuo Robinson enjoyed a large turnout for 22 drivers for the June 2nd SVR Autocross#2 at Mather Field. The top five times went to Greg Peart (39.343), Tim Fleming (39.371), Chris Kannan (39.673), Bob Peake (39.705), and Mike Willis (40.890). Nikki Duncan was 7th fastest with a time of 41.328.

Joan and Jose Uranga chaired the June 9 "Potluck Brunch Gimmick Tour & Wine Tasting" event which began with brunch at Joan and Jose's home and included a "highly-flawed" gimmick rally with missing instructions on the way to Lava Cap Winery outside of Placerville for the wine tasting part of the event. Phyllis True and Greg Pasiuk, victims of this event and rally winners, who wrote *The DRIFTER* follow-up article and coined the "highly-flawed" phrase, said it was an event which everyone truly enjoyed.

The June 23 Zone 7 Concours and SVR Swap Meet at Niello Porsche, chaired by Phil Lawrence, attracted 15 concours entrants and fewer swap meet vendors. Phil arranged to have Stephanie Gomes (whom he described as a beautiful young Niello employee) serve as "trophy girl" during the concours awards ceremonies. Bill Keegan took first in the Full Concours 911 class. Kent Brandon was first in Street 911 with Hank Woods second. Greg Peart took first in the Competition class, and Phil Lawrence first in the Wash and Shine

class. Phil Lawrence also made the "stupid move" of the day when he fell off the sidewalk injuring his knee which later required an Ace bandage (how do you fall off of a sidewalk?).

## **JULY**

### **30 Years Ago (July 1976)**

The annual SVR Picnic & Auction, July 11 at Cordova Park, also featured the grudge volleyball match between the Sixers and the Four Cylinder bunch. Of course, the four-cylinder team won, easily, because of superior skill and strategy. Plus, their wives were better looking! Social chairs Trish O'Shields and Connie Farlinger chaired the event. Proceeds of the auction (\$600.00) went to the Sacramento Council for the Pre-School Retarded.

A news item in the July issue of *The DRIFTER* that fell under the Rare Sighting heading: "There were 37 Porsches on the recent gourmet tour: 35 of the 37 were 900-series cars (i.e., 911, 912, and 914) and only two were 356 series, Peter Bogy's 356B Coupe and Larry Wilson's 1955 Speedster." Also in that issue, President Dave Neukom thanked Ted Robinson and Ken Fielding for working tech inspection all day at the CRAB V autocross. The cover of the July *DRIFTER* featured patriotic art by Mark Peters, age 6, son of editor Mary Peters. John Skoien advertised a 356SC/912 crankshaft, polished to standard rod and main journals, for \$300 or best offer..

### **20 Years Ago (July 1986)**

Herb Hoover and Kern Breaux chaired the July 19 SVR autocross at Cal Expo which brought the 1986 Sacramento-area autocross season to a close because of a lack of autocross sites. Thirty-six SVR drivers turned out for the event (each had six runs), and drivers and workers capped off the day with a pool-party at the home of Dwight and Linda Mitchell.

July 26-27 SVR Tahoe Tour, chaired by Kathy Chandler, provided a great get-away weekend for 60 PCAers who said the view from atop Heavenly Valley at lunch was the highlight of the tour. The 914-4 of Jay and Carla Cross broke down on the tour in the middle of nowhere, but fortunately plenty of help was available including Kirk Bradford who was armed with scads of knowledge imparted by Dwight Mitchell at the July 12th SVR tech session entitled "Roadside Breakdowns and Repairs." Kirk also had with him nearly all of the tools and spare parts that were mentioned at the tech session as essential items for everyone's emergency roadside repair kit. But, even more fortunately for the Crosses, Mike Willis happened along before Kirk, and quickly diagnosed the problem as a bad fuel pump. Jay's support vehicle, a BMW 733 sedan, also came by with his neighbor behind the wheel and they all piled in to resume the tour to Carson Valley and the tour destination, the Carson Valley Inn.



### *10 Years Ago (July 1996)*

The July *DRIFTER* carried the story, "Ralph and Larry's Excellent Adventure," a highlight recap of Ralph Heath and Larry Wilson on the 6th Annual California Mille, a five-day, 1223.8-mile drive through Northern California and Lake Tahoe in Ralph's 1954 Jaguar XK120 convertible (instead of his 356 Speedster). The story detailed Ralph's sudden affliction of Red-Bottom disease which seemed most prevalent among those traversing the rain-soaked route in open cars fitted with crimson leather seats. Fortunately for Larry, Ralph had not found it necessary to re-dye the passenger seat before the event.

Competition Director, Masuo Robinson, used his July *DRIFTER* article to give credits to Rich McGlumphy, Mike Willis, Rik Larson, and Dwight Mitchell for helping to design and setup autocross courses during the year. Masuo also encouraged more members to participate and support the SVR autocross program.

SVR's Second Annual Hog Island Oyster Tour was held July 20 with Bob Brewer in the saddle as event chair. The plan was to meet in Davis, travel to the Hog Island Oyster Company, pick up some shelled oysters, then proceed over Porsche-type roads with all due haste to the beach for an oyster barbecue party with lots of white wine and French bread. And, that's precisely what they did!

### **AUGUST**

### *30 Years Ago (August 1976)*

SVR and Redwood Region combined to present a Driver's Education event August 14-15 at Sears Point Raceway. Emmitt Wilder was co-chair from Redwood Region and Harvey Cain co-chair from SVR. Saturday's schedule included chalk talks, driver's meetings, and tours of the course. Sunday was devoted to in-car and on-course instruction by SCCA-licensed instructors experienced with many races at Sears. The event was aimed especially at the inexperienced Porsche driver and no timing equipment was used. Drivers were placed in one of four run groups according to their skill: Novice (little or no autocross experience), Amateur (some autocross experience), Experienced (heavy autocross experience, or at least one time-trial type event), and Hot-Shoe (winner at autocrossing, race experience, etc.).

SVR-member Harvey Cain attended the August 23-28 Porsche Parade in Brainerd, Minnesota, and finished third in the autocross and sixth in the rally. The August 29 Wine Tour by Paul Bates and Jim McDade was super with great roads and superb tasting, according to President Dave Neukom. Of course, it should have been, what with all the "dry runs" (so to speak) put in by Jim and Paul over the preceding three months. The competitive part of this tour was won by Ed and Bev Bayless in their Porsche 924. Neukom wondered where all the 356s were, then wondered whether next year's event should be scheduled later in the year so his 911 oil temp would stay below 250 degrees.

### *20 Years Ago (August 1986)*

The August 17 Charity Auction at the home of Bob and Beth Jacobson was a huge success with a large turnout and a fantastic selection of collectables and baked goods. With Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson as auctioneers, rare items such as the "last-ever" Steve McQueen LeMans poster and the ever-present Globe radio brought on frenzied bidding. The volleyball competition saw the six-cylinder team prevail over the four-cylinder bunch. Tandra Kroetz, Charity co-chair, got raves for her work to help make the day a success. Auction proceeds of \$1,670.00 went to Sierra Mountain Special Olympics. In his October *DRIFTER* president's column, Kirk bemoaned having auctioned away the very last Steve McQueen poster.

The August 23-24 Monterey Tour to the Historic Auto Races and Concours d'elegance (with rooms in Monterey), chaired by Herb and Jan Hoover and Bob and Beth Jacobson, got off to a start Friday morning with a lunch stop at the Mexican Cantina near Hollister. Monterey Bay Region (MBR) hosted the "Zone 7" Friday night cocktail party, and at the Saturday evening banquet, all helped MBR celebrate their region's anniversary. Oh yes, the race cars from the past were at Laguna all day Saturday. Paul Bates helped to get everyone lost on "34-Mile Drive" to Sunday's brunch and then to the Pebble Beach Concours.

### *10 Years Ago (August 1996)*

The August *DRIFTER* hinted there might be organized activities for those SVR members attending the Monterey historic race and concours weekend, August 16-18. With Herb and Jan Hoover and Bob and Beth Jacobson as co-chairs, it was three days of fun from Moss Landing to Carmel to Laguna Seca to Pebble Beach. So, at the SVR Christmas party in December, it was selected SVR Event of the Year for 1986.

The August 24-25 Zone 7 Autocross weekend was held at Mather Field near Rancho Cordova. According to Masuo Robinson, SVR's Competition Director, the points earned by local SVR members at Saturday's Zone 7 event also counted toward the region's series.

In a match made by Cyndee Peart and Daymon Nightingale, the August 3 dinner meeting, a 12-noon pool party at the home of Doug and Claudia McEroy, was paired-up with SVR's monthly highway pick-up effort on I-5 scheduled earlier in the morning. Reservations were required.

Jeff Kinder wrote a nifty tech article for the August *DRIFTER* which clarified the issue of whether "stretch bolts" are reusable after disassembling a flywheel. Generally, they are NOT, unless they are the "special" stretch bolts made by Raceware or Carrillo. Jeff also explained that there is a pitch associated with a stretched bolt, and some Asian car manufacturers torque the stretch bolts by tone (using a tuning fork?). Tone-deaf mechanics need not apply.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### *30 Years Ago (September 1976)*

Seca Solo II, a time trial event by Loma Prieta Region September 4-5 at Laguna Seca attracted a large number of SVR members including Paul Bates, Jim McDade, Ted Colbert, John Skoien, Wyn Robertson (instructor), C.C. Overstreet, and Dave and Chrissie Neukom who flagged for two days. SVR members who trophied were Peter Bogy (first), Linda Walker (first), Clint deWitt (first), Mike Willis (first), Vicki Willis (first), Stephanie Morgan (first), Diane Brodie (second), and Darrell Overstreet (second).

Carrera de Sierra II, September 18-19, chaired by Phillip Marks and Rik and Lettie Larson, was the second running of this annual rally, and it was a big one attracting 75 rally-cars including 15 from SVR and 16 from other Zone 7 regions. Other SVR workers included Rod Sorenson and sons, Les and Nancy Yeates, Dave and Chrissie Neukom, Dave Dubelko, and Ted and Kaylaine Robinson. As was typical in those early years, the two-day event ran to Yosemite Park and back with an overnight stay and starlight barbecue dinner at Camp Curry. Three rally legs on Saturday, and four on Sunday. Ten cases of beer and 150 bottles of wine were consumed during the Saturday evening festivities.

### *20 Years Ago (September 1986)*

The September 20 dinner meeting was a pool-side catered affair at the home of Steve and Karen Taggert in Fair Oaks. The evening was especially great because of the able bar management skills of Mary and Bob Siles.

"So This is Elmira," the Sunday, September 21 SVR rally with Phillip Marks and Rik Larson as rallymasters, started 23 cars from The Nut Tree in Vacaville and went from Vacaville to Vacaville by way of Fairfield and Winters. To shorten the event by 30 minutes, Marks and Larson cut the leg that would have taken the group into Elmira. What a drag - in an obvious violation of the Truth-in-Advertising laws, the rally teams never had a chance to see those great scenes in the event title-town! One exciting moment: Harvey and Connie Cain did a U-turn in sight of checkpoint #1 and promptly entered checkpoint #2 a mere 12-minutes early. Workers included George and Nona Morley, Pat and Larry Wilson, Stan Breyfogle, Lettie Larson, and J. Toney.

### *10 Years Ago (September 1996)*

Tom and Brenda Solter's home on Horseshoe Bar Road was the site of the Annual SVR Charity Auction & Picnic on September 8 chaired by Joan and Jose Uranga. Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson auctioned contributed items with the Mustard Seed School as beneficiary. Mustard Seed received a check for \$2,500 which was used to provide psychological services for their homeless students. The Solter's home provided the perfect setting for the picnic



and auction. No *DRIFTER* article about the event, but a couple of nice photos by Tom Kroetz in the November *DRIFTER* plus a list of volunteers who helped work the event: Herb and Jan Hoover, Dolores and Allen Weddle, Craig and Donnelle Ledo, Masuo Robinson, Helen Ashuckian, Larry Wilson and Kirk Bradford.

The September 22 Brewery Tour by Phillip Marks offered a lovely tour around Lake Berryessa to Downtown Joes in Napa for a buffet breakfast by brewer and manager, Rik Graham. It was the scene of copious product testing and searching for the nuance of ales, bitters, and lagers.

Tim Fleming wrote a fine article for *The DRIFTER* about his and Susan's first success in a serious concours event after attending Yosemite Region's September 29 concours at Wine and Roses, a country inn near Lodi. Tim and Susan finished second in the very competitive Wash and Shine class. Phil Lawrence usually wins this class, and this day was no different. Still, second is a good finish. Phil also won the "host's choice" award from the staff of Wine and Roses. Even with that green paint job. No word about the Niello trophy girl.

## ***OCTOBER***

### *30 Years Ago (October 1976)*

The October 8 dinner meeting at Stroh's Neptune's Table, chaired by the SVR Social Chairs, Connie Farlinger and Trish O'Shields, was advertised as "SVR Slide Night" and featured slide-shows by Randy and Lynne Blaesi (their tour through the Porsche factory in August), by Mike Willis (Seca Solo II and the August 14 SVR/Redwood Region driver's school), and by Pat deWitt (of their 356 race car and 20 other cars at Laguna Seca hired to make background scenes for the Disney movie, "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo").

The Mendocino tour, October 9-11 by Rich and Connie Farlinger, promised three days and two nights of driving great Porsche roads, picnic lunches, beach bonfires, excellent accommodations, fine food from many superb eateries, and scenery galore. And, they did not disappoint! Little River Inn supplied the rooms. President Dave Neukom announced in *The DRIFTER* that Dan Boone would chair the 1977 nominating committee with members Vicki Willis, Betty Fielding, Rich Farlinger, and Arnold O'Shields.

Ted Colbert chaired the last Zone 7 autocross of the year at Cal Expo, October 24th. It was "The Longest Day" of SVR autocross history because the course was a wee-bit long for the large turnout of 165 entrants. With the help of Cal Expo lights and headlights of spectator cars along the course, the event finished at 7:00 PM -- the darkest ending of an autocross in anyone's memory. In his *DRIFTER* article, Ted thanked SVR workers Harv and Linda Cain, Larry and Pat Wilson, Jim and Denise Boswell, John Wong, Arnold and Trish O'Shields, Daryl and Cathy Overstreet, Ted and Betty Fukushima, Rich and Connie Farlinger, Stephanie Morgan, Dan Boone, Mike and Vicki Willis, Paul Bates, John Skoien, Jim Ducoing,

Rik and Lettie Larson, Ed Pegram, Kerry and Chris Creasy, Allen and Delores Weddle, Scott Campbell, Peter Bogy and Linda Walker, Jack Samples, Jim and Wendy Fisher, and Al and Kathy King

### *20 Years Ago (October 1986)*

Two new members were approved at the October 1 board meeting bringing the SVR total membership to 275. The nominating committee was formed with Dale Newhouse as chairperson and members Mike Willis, Kern Breau, Steve Campbell, and Stan Breyfogle.

The October 4-5 Volcano Tour, chaired by Randy and Marci Vidmar, gave everyone a taste or two at the Montevina Winery before arriving in Volcano (pop. 85) for dinner and rooms at the St. George Hotel. The weather was perfect. Saturday evening festivities began with a viewing of the famous photo, "Five Moons In Monterey," and closed with a fast-paced game of "Scrupples" near a crackling fireplace.

The October 26 Big Apple Rally/Tour was chaired by J. Toney, and was the fourth event in the 1986 SVR Rally Championship five-event series sponsored by SVR member Wyn Robertson and his Continental Auto Service in North Sacramento. Toney gave SVR members their first look at a New York-style rally, a mini-version of the 1986 Parade rally at Portland, Maine. And, just as in Maine, an unequipped car took first overall - Stan Breyfogle and Tracy James. Rally workers included John Clever, Don Rasmusson, John Turner, and Richard Bendel.

### *10 Years Ago (October 1996)*

October 12-13 Carrera de Sierra XIX featured a two-day, time and distance rally with Rik Larson as rallymaster and the Saturday night stay in Downieville and Sunday finish in Auburn. For those who enjoy scenery, Allen and Dolores Weddle led a tour to the same Saturday and Sunday destinations. According to J. Toney, in his nifty two-page *DRIFTER* article, rallymaster Rik Larson limited the rally field to the first 15 entries because of limited rooms available in Downieville for the overnight stop. The group's Saturday evening banquet at the Forks Restaurant was complicated when the "chef" quit his job earlier in the afternoon - they got a last-minute substitute from Nevada City. Toney also mentioned that Larson incorrectly calculated the perfect time for two of the Saturday legs and all of the Sunday legs (entrants helped to correct). Finally, in his article, Toney whined about the lack of clarity of certain parts of the General Instructions. But, at the end of his article it all became clear. John Clever won the event with an overall score four seconds better than J. Tony and his driver, Helen Ashuckian.

SVR was well-represented at the final Zone 7 concours event October 13 at the Rodney Strong Winery in Healdsburg with Jim and Pam Phillips, Kent Brandon and his father Gatlin Brandon, Gary and Sue Young, and Phil Lawrence. Thirty-six Porsches were entered in the

Redwood Region-hosted event. The Phillips' 911 was the only entrant in the full concours class for the car and thus got first place (he also won his class in a very competitive SCCA concours event the previous weekend in Folsom). The Brandon entry was judged fourth in a 12-car class, and Phil Lawrence barely won his class, a quarter-point ahead of the second-place 911C4S with only 1,000 miles on the odometer. Phil provided *The DRIFTER* with a couple of photos and a nice full-page article on the event.

## **NOVEMBER**

### *30 Years Ago (November 1976)*

The November 5 Pot Luck dinner meeting featured the report from the nominations committee (chaired by Dan Boone with Vicki Willis, Betty Fielding, Rich Farlinger and Arnold O' Shields as members), with floor nominations opened for the 1977 SVR board of directors. SVR-members were urged to nominate their friends and loved ones. "Haven't seen in ages" members attending included Dave and Delores Johnson and Mike and Mary Pashkevich. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Trish O' Shields. A special Dumbkopf award was presented by Gary Waldsmith, and with a landslide of applause it went to Fred Myeron who had the world's largest oil leak with his Speedster during the Mendocino Tour (many following cars were rust-proofed forever).

The November 14 Low Bucks Autocross was cheap (\$1.00 per run), but all proceeds were donated to help make Thanksgiving a little nicer for a needy family. Real turkeys were awarded to real class winners. Tech chair, Mike Willis, announced the recent C.B. installation tech session, hosted by Bob Young at Sportswagen Werke, was very successful. Everyone attending went away better informed of alternative ways to install a C.B. radio in a Porsche.

### *20 Years Ago (November 1986)*

The November 1 Napa Valley Crushed Grape Tour by Bob Peake promised to get all participants to Domaine Chandon by 10:00 AM for a private tour and tasting of Napa Valley Brute and some Panache. Then, it was off to the "Most Ostentatious" picnic contest followed by a tour of the hillside winery of Schramsberg Vineyards. Was it over? Nope. Then the group went to Vintage 1870 for more tasting and finally dinner in Napa before returning via the twisty backroads past Lake Berryessa.

The November 9 Turkey's Revenge rally, chaired by John Clever, was the last event in the 1986 SVR Rally Championship five-event series sponsored by SVR member Wyn Robertson and his Continental Auto Service in North Sacramento. The event started in Sacramento and finished near Stockton. Kirk Bradford got lost (he failed the confidence trap) and disputed Clever's claim of having written the "perfect" rally.



The November 22nd Zone 7 annual awards banquet in Stockton was payday for many SVR autocrossers. On hand to receive pictured wall plaques were Cindi Breaux (2nd Class 49), Kern Breaux (1st Class 23), Jack Murray (2nd Class 26), Steve Nieslony (1st Class 1), Cyndee Nightingale (3rd Class 35), Greg Peart (3rd Class 9), Pat Wilson (1st Class 35), and Larry Wilson (1st Class 9). Also winning a plaque, but not present, were Lee Coleman (3rd Class 8), Rich McGlumphy (1st Class 26), Sue McGlumphy (1st Class 38), Linda Mitchell (1st Class 44), Dwight Mitchell (1st Class 18), Bob Peake (2nd Class 9), and Bruce Westrup (2nd Class 18).

#### *10 Years Ago (November 1996)*

Forty cars registered for the Mendocino Tour, November 1 - 3, with Rik and Lettie Larson as chairs, and the Willis, Weddle, and Catherwood couples served as co-chairs. All entrants thought this edition of the annual trek to the north coast was one of the best, ever. Except, however, the kite flying contest, scheduled to commence precisely at 3:00 PM, suffered a big problem. The wind died, totally, precisely at 2:59 PM and stayed dead. Kirk Bradford won the newly-coined award for traveling the farthest without getting it up. Gary Thompson and Ray Clements sought assistance from Gary's pick-up truck and were promptly disqualified. Others with equally futile attempts, as documented by Tom and Tandra Kroetz photos in *The DRIFTER*, were Rik and Lettie Larson, Kim Kinder, Tom Kroetz, Maryann Blount, Ray and Sara Clements, and Tim Fleming.

The November 10 rally, Turkey Run, provided two separate rally courses, one for first timers and beginners with no traps, the other with traps on the same route for novices and experts. It was a Zone 7 rally. The start was Davis, the finish in West Sacramento, Phillip Marks the rallymaster. Fifteen rally cars registered at Mocha Joe's and traversed six rally legs during the four-hour event. Bob and Marianne Garner (GGR) in Novice Class won the event with the lowest score of 403 points. The SVR duo of J. Toney and Helen Ashuckian won the Expert Class but finished second overall with a score of 571. Other SVR finishers were Berle and Carol Crisp, first in First Timer Class (900 pts.); Enzo Napoli and Gina Haynes, first in Beginner Class (827 pts.); Mike and Sue Ambrozewicz, second in Beginner Class (1,293 pts.); and Jim and Joyce Karver, fourth in Expert Unequipped Class (1,199 pts.). Workers included Dave and Delores Johnson, Rik Larson, Pat and Larry Wilson, and Barbara Bybee.

### **DECEMBER**

#### *30 Years Ago (December 1976)*

Cocktails, dinner, music, dancing, decorate-the-tree contest, and door prizes were on the evening schedule during the December 17 Christmas Party in the Terrace Room, Mansion Inn at 16th and H Street. John and Candy Wong did a super job obtaining door prizes and Kern Breaux obtained a great band. Many old friends were there including the Ray and Frankie Engel, Lew and Lorie Church, Dennis and Eva Kay, and Ben and Myra Myers.

In *The DRIFTER*, tech chairman Mike Willis asked that all Porsche factory manuals be returned to him so he could add supplements, if issued, and turn them over to the new 1977 tech chair, Larry Wilson. Mike also added that winter weather was here and you should check your windshield washer reservoir for anti-freeze, otherwise it might freeze.

Advertisers in the December *DRIFTER*, from front to back, were Niello Porsche-Audi (two ads), Continental Auto Service, Victory Auto, Strutz Jewelers, C & A (Battery) Distributors, Walt Stickel Body & Frame Shop, Sportwagen Werke, Auto Air & Radio, Frank's Automotive, Dan Proctor Insurance, Kid-E-Korral, and Wes Lasher Porsche.

### *20 Years Ago (December 1986)*

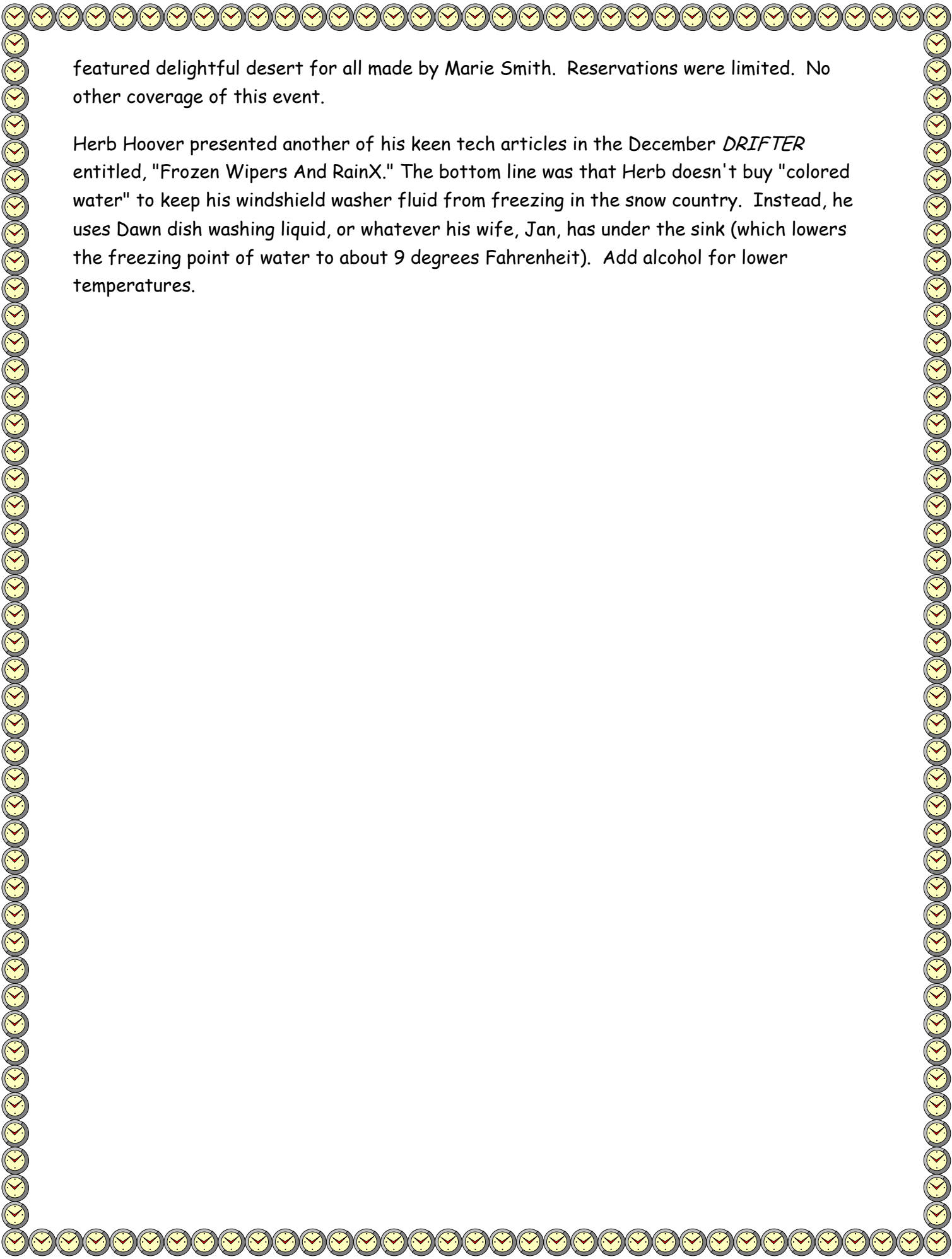
Don and Pam Harley chaired a magnificent annual SVR Christmas Party, December 20, at the Cal Expo Turf Club with a schedule of cocktails, socializing, dinner, annual awards, and dancing. The annual awards were the highlight of the evening. Those who trophied in the Continental Auto Service Rally Series were: NOVICE CLASS - Allen and Dolores Weddle and Sharon Williamson (tied for first); BEGINNER CLASS - Ron and Marty Beckemeyer (first), Kirk and Linda Bradford (second), and Don Rasmusson (third). The 1986 SVR Rookies of the Year award went to Ken and Marcella Mitchell. The 1986 SVR Event of the Year went to the Historic Car Race Tour with Herb and Jan Hoover and Bob and Beth Jacobson, Co-chairs. Then (drum roll), Kirk Bradford presented the BIG award, the President's Trophy, to Cindi Breaux for taking quick action to save the life of fellow SVR member, Bette Wiley, who lost consciousness during the charity auction showing no breathing nor pulse. Cindi, a trained nurse, quickly administered CPR and Betty resumed breathing. Cindi helped keep her stable until the ambulance arrived for a trip to the hospital. Betty made a full recovery.

End of an Era: The December 1986 issue was the last *DRIFTER* produced with a typewriter and reproduced with a copier on legal-sized, plain paper in landscape format. Beginning with the January 1987 issue, *The DRIFTER* was created by computer with desktop publishing tools and reproduced by offset press on slick, coated paper.

### *10 Years Ago (December 1996)*

End of the year Zone 7 awards were presented at the Zone 7 Awards Banquet in Pleasanton. A photo in the January 1997 issue of *The DRIFTER* revealed that some award winners from SVR were J. Toney and Helen Ashuckian, 1st place Rally series; Bill Winkler, Zone 7 Rookie of the Year and 1st place, class K, Autocross series; Phil Lawrence, 1st place Wash & Shine class, Concours series; and Masuo Robinson, 2nd place LI class, Autocross series and winner of the "Zone 7 Instructor Shoot-Out."

The December 19 SVR Christmas Party was an open house from 7:00 to 10:00PM at the home of Damon Nightingale chaired by Damon, Cyndee Peart, and Linda Mitchell. The event



featured delightful desert for all made by Marie Smith. Reservations were limited. No other coverage of this event.

Herb Hoover presented another of his keen tech articles in the December *DRIFTER* entitled, "Frozen Wipers And RainX." The bottom line was that Herb doesn't buy "colored water" to keep his windshield washer fluid from freezing in the snow country. Instead, he uses Dawn dish washing liquid, or whatever his wife, Jan, has under the sink (which lowers the freezing point of water to about 9 degrees Fahrenheit). Add alcohol for lower temperatures.