

DRIFTING BACK FROM 2008

JANUARY

30 Years Ago (January 1978)

The newly-elected 1978 board included: President Paul Bates, Vice President Rik Larson, Secretary Diane Colbert, Treasurer Delores McKinnon, Activities Chair Marv Smith, Tech Chair Peter Bogy, Social Co-chairs Linda Bogy and Vicki Moore, Publicity Chair Jim Boswell, DRIFTER editor Lettie Larson, and Past President Harvey Cain.

The January 22 Rally de Bus rally school was a terrific success with Stan Breyfogle and Rik Larson sharing professor duties for 76 participating students from SVR, Loma Prieta, Redwood, Yosemite, and Sierra Nevada regions. Stan and Rik acquired two school buses, courtesy of SVR members Eva and Dennis Kay, and traversed a rally course with each bus having 38 navigators. The students got an explanation of each instruction and situation as they actually saw it in front of them. No one got lost on this rally.

The January 28 Zone 7 autocross awards banquet was held at the Willow Park Golf & Country Club in Castro Valley. After jokes from Hank Malter, Dwight Mitchell and Tony Maslowski, the entertainment began with 1977 autocross awards to lots of SVR members: Linda & Dwight Mitchell, Vicki & Mike Willis, Diane & Ted Colbert, Chrissie & Dave Neukom, Sheila & Jim McDade, Pat & Larry Wilson, Kerry Creasy, Rich Farlinger, and Jerry Freitas.

20 Years Ago (January 1988)

The votes are in - all 53 of them - a land-slide victory, according to Nominations Chair, Stan Breyfogle, for members of the new 1988 SVR board: President Jim McDade, Vice President Randy Vidmar, Secretary Stan Breyfogle, Treasurer Herb Hoover, Social Director Karen Taggart, Competition Director Rik Larson, Membership Director Bob Jacobson, Newsletter Editor Larry Wilson, and Past President Kirk Bradford.

At the January 5th board meeting, CRAB 17 chair, Kern Breaux, reported he had 23 entries thus far, ahead of the 1987 count at this point. Membership Chair, Bob Jacobson, presented applications for seven new members and announced he would form a new committee to give greater attention to new members as they join the

club. Big news item -- Connie Farlinger and Harvey Cain got married January 1, 1988, during a secret ceremony in Baghdad-by-the-Bay (Caen-speak for San Francisco).

January 7th and 8th planning days were a smashing success with Randy Vidmar holding forth in the East Ranch Clubhouse with help from Rik Larson and Karen Taggart. The "MENOCINO" tour was back, as Kirk Bradford in his formative years pronounced the word after a few too-many glasses of wine. Two big activities for the month - Quality Time T&D rally on January 15 with J. Toney as rallymaster, and the Winchester House tour January 16 with refreshments later at Who's Song & Larry's. Winchester tour-leaders for 13 SVR cars were Ken and Marcella Mitchell and Steve and Karen Taggart.

10 Years Ago (January 1998)

SVR's 1998 board of directors included President Bob Peake, Vice President Barbara Borzymowski, Secretary Jose Uranga, Treasurer Shelagh Matthews, Social Chair Sue Ambrozewicz, Membership Chair Masuo Robinson, Competition Chair Dwight Mitchell, DRIFTER Editor Mike Willis, and Past President Rik Larson.

The 1998 SVR Activities Planning extravaganza on January 15th at the Metro Pizza & Grill, Highway 50 and Bradshaw, featured Barbara Borzymowski wielding the baton in front of 50 members who offered up a year's-worth of ideas for activities ranging from ice skating, bowling, salmon fishing, and wine drinking to hot-air ballooning. Wow! And, that's just the competitive events!

The 1998 version of the SVR White Elephant Gift Exchange on January 24 at Chuck's Grill in Folsom with Tandra Kroetz in charge, was a zany evening for 39 members in attendance. A photo, which made the cover of the March DRIFTER, showed Helen Ashuckian, Rich McGlumphy, and Susan Fleming cracking-up over a mystery person disguised with a toilet seat riser around his head. This was the exact moment when the evening's hilarity peaked, as it were.

FEBRUARY

30 Years Ago (February 1978)

Pat Wilson chaired the February 18-20 San Simeon tour and, clever person that she is, got Paul Bates to lead the tour and got TWO participants, Betty Rhea and C.C. Overstreet, to each write a DRIFTER article about the event. Jim and Sheila McDade ran sweep with new members Laura and Bob Verdina closely shadowing Paul and Gail Bates up front. In between were the Rhea, Overstreet, Reynolds,

Weatherwax, and Boswell cars, among others. That weekend Larry Wilson and Dave Neukom were in Portland entertaining the PCA executive council with SVR's proposal to host the 1980 Porsche Parade. Sacramento was considered too hot for that Parade, but 20 years later, being hot was okay for the 2000 Porsche Parade.

The February 25 Son of Low Bucks practice autocross at Cal Expo, chaired by Mike Willis, was held under cloudy skies (but, no rain) for 26 SVR drivers who got many runs over the counter-clockwise course using the Lot A parking lot PLUS the access roads. Kern Breaux got so excited that he honked his horn every lap and then ran over the sound system not once but TWICE at the end of the event.

The next day, February 26, was the Swap Meet at Darrel Overstreet Racing Enterprises with C.C. Overstreet in charge. The opportunities ranged from engine and suspension parts to accessories, wheels, tires, interiors, and restoration items. Dale Newhouse won the dumbkopf award during the day and group adjourned to a high-class pizza parlor to celebrate Kirk Bradford's birthday.

20 Years Ago (February 1988)

The February DRIFTER welcomed Elizabeth Carr as the newest contributing editor and Ken and Marcella Mitchell as DRIFTER photographers who were asked to improve on Kirk Bradford's technique of overexposing the left margin of every shot. This issue also recognized SVR dual-member Susan Hagaman, the nation's winningest woman Porsche driver after she won her third consecutive SCCA Solo II annual championship at Salina, Kansas, in her A-Stock Porsche 911.

Kern Breaux, CRAB 17 chair, gave a run-down in this month's DRIFTER of some who's doing what: Tom and Tandra Kroetz doing the welcome party at the Red Lion, April 29; Mike Willis will be in charge of the April 30 autocross at Cal-Expo; Brian Perry (Redwood Region) and Don Henkel (Yosemite Region) doing the funkhana; and Rik Larson will be the rallymaster on Sunday, May 1.

Tina and John Murphy were the subjects of Elizabeth Carr's SVR Profile column this month and, among other things, we learned that John was a Fighter Gator at Mather AFB where he met Tina, also in the USAF and also stationed at Mather.

10 Years Ago (February 1998)

The announcement for SVR's February 11 competition interest-group meeting, hosted by Dwight Mitchell, invited those interested in autocross, rally, concours, and tech sessions, to meet and discuss ways to supplement SVR's competitive event

schedule for 1998. "Light refreshments" were promised, but no word on the outcome.

Something new for 1998 - a "Begegnen" (German word for "meeting") on the second Friday of each month. The first "Begegnen" was held Friday, February 13th at the Metro Pizza & Grill. No reservations were required, people just ordered from the menu. Social Director, Sue Ambrozewicz, said over 50 people did show up, all undaunted by going out on Friday the 13th.

Mike Willis chaired the February 14-16 San Simeon Tour making it a Valentine's Day event and arranged for week-end lodging and the Friday evening pool-side welcoming party/catered dinner at the Green Tree Inn in San Simeon. The tour was limited to 20 cars, so 27 cars were accepted. Lots of stormy weather on the way down, but clear skies for the rest of the weekend. A few minor mishaps - the Ambrozewicz car lost a wheel bearing, another car (no word on its owner) lost a water pump, another unnamed owner's car suffered a holed radiator and, oh yes, another unnamed driver lost his/her car keys on the beach requiring a replacement key by FedEx to the motel.

MARCH

30 Years Ago (March 1978)

After 147 people attended the February dinner meeting, the March 3 dinner meeting at Joe and Dodie's in Folsom was limited to the first 100 people to make reservations. Yes, it was a sell-out! Jon Milledge transferred from Golden Gate Region to SVR.

SVR autocrossers, AKA Upper Delta Turkeys, did well in their respective classes at the opening March 16 Zone 7 autocross at Monterey Bay Region, according to Speed Events chairman, Mike Willis: Larry Wilson, 1st; Stan Breyfogle, 1st; Kerry Creasy, 4th; Mike Willis, 2nd; Dwight Mitchell, 1st; Tim Clark, 1st; Rich Farlinger, 2nd; Jerry Freitas, 4th; Jack Samples, 8th; Jon Milledge, 1st; Darrel Overstreet, 2nd; Jim McDade, 3rd; Paul Bates, 4th; Pat Wilson, 1st; Vicki Willis, 1st; Linda Mitchell, 1st; and Sheila McDade, 1st.

Thirty-four students, mostly beginner and intermediate drivers including 14 from Yosemite Region, completed the March 25 SVR autocross school, Larry Wilson chair. Instructors included Diane Colbert, Ted Colbert, Rich Farlinger, Jerry Freitas, Jim McDade, Jon Milledge, Dwight Mitchell, Dale Newhouse, Darrel

Overstreet, and Mike Willis from SVR; and Scott Campbell and Linda Teranishi from Yosemite Region. School workers included: Paul Bates, Pat McLaughlin, Jack Samples, Mike Willis, and C.C. Overstreet who turned out at 7:30AM to setup the course. At the end of the day, all students went faster than their pre-school base-times, and Paul Teranishi made the greatest improvement which pleased his instructor, Jerry Freitas.

20 Years Ago (March 1988)

The March 11 dinner meeting at Posey's restaurant featured speaker Bob Bondurant, thanks to Beth and Bob Jacobson. Bondurant described his racing career with the Carroll Shelby team, and his Formula One career with Ferrari, BRM, and the Gurney Eagle team. He modestly omitted the 1966 Grand Prix of Belgium at Spa where three BRMs and other race cars all crashed at once in a sudden rain storm. Bondurant, with help from BRM teammate Graham Hill (both were out of their cars uninjured) worked 30-minutes to safely extricate the third BRM driver, Jackie Stewart, who had punched his way through two stone walls and was pinned in his upside-down car with 35 gallons of gas draining out of ruptured tanks into the cockpit and hot engine bay. Share-the-Wealth doorprize donors this dinner meeting included Barbara Rodrigues, Kern & Cindi Breau, Rik & Lettie Larson, Herb & Jan Hoover, Dwight & Linda Mitchell, Ron & Sally Boeck, Al Wilson, and Niello Porsche.

It was a grand sight on Sacramento River levee roads during the March 27 Grand Island Mansion Tour when the 46 participating cars split into two groups, one led by tour chairs Allen and Dolores Weddle on one side of the river and the other by Ron and Sally Boeck on the opposite side. Over 100 SVR members enjoyed the Mansion's champagne brunch feast and lots of nifty door prizes. New members Lee and Linda Adams won two free brunch tickets and bottles of a premium California champagne went to Jack and Chris Summerville and Fred and Fran Siegner. New members on the tour included Michael and Vicki Mott, Doug and Wendy Tyrone, Gary and Marie Koehler, John and Arlene Pluth, and Gary and Sandy Schultz.

10 Years Ago (March 1998)

Helen Ashuckian hosted the March 8 New Member Tour and several new members and most of the SVR directors visited three foothill wineries and had a very nice picnic lunch at Montevina Winery. After inaugurating the "Begegnen" (German word for meeting) in February (to be held the second Friday of each month), the second "Begegnen" was scheduled for March 13 at the Metro Pizza & Grill. No reservations were required - 35 attending members instead ordered from the menu. Thirty-two

members attended the March 20 regular dinner meeting at the Shepherd Inn in Rancho Cordova.

Dwight Mitchell chaired the Driver Education and SVR Autocross at Mather Field, March 21, and promised lots of track time to "rookie" and novice drivers and a pre-event chalk-talk session at his house. Entry was limited to 50 drivers. Steve Nieslony emerged as the headmaster after giving easy-to-understand, yet effective, instruction and a nifty handout to illustrate his good words. Mike and Sue Ambrozewicz took over the food service program and provided soft drinks and freshly cooked bratwurst for entrants and instructors. Event workers included Tim Fleming, Bob Peake, Mike Willis, John Miller, Phil Cloud, and first-timer Todd Bruns. Happy new students included Tim Howard, Jim and Kellie Finley, and Karen and John Kessler.

APRIL

30 Years Ago (April 1978)

THE DRIFTER covered CRAB 7, April 7-9, with a special, green paper 12-page insert. The 145-car entry field made the event chairs, Ted and Diane Colbert, and co-chairs, Mike and Vicki Willis, very, very, happy. They were ably assisted by Paul Bates (gymkhana), Rik Larson (rally), Mike Willis (autocross), and Dave Neukom and Peter Bogy (beer and brat). Also, Rik Larson and Larry Wilson co-chaired the autocross timing and tech functions, respectively. Tech workers included Leon Biren, Ken Fielding, Bob Matiazzi, Randy Blaesi, Rich Farlinger, Paul Baldarelli, Brian Lewis, Hugh Young, and Don Mahoney. The overall win in the 5-leg, 90-mile, rally went to John Clever (34 seconds error), with Keith McMahan in second (48 seconds error), and Don and Ruth Murray of Pacific Northwest Region in third place (66 seconds error). The Murrays also won the long-distance award traveling from Seattle to the event. In the autocross, Brian Lewis almost won the Snidley Whiplash Bassackward Award but, alas, was nipped by Golden Gate's Susie Atlee after she spun her new 911 five times in three laps.

A huge entry prolonged the April 23, Zone 7 Autocross #2, by Redwood Region at Solano Community College, Fairfield (last car finished in the dark at 6:45 PM). Mike Willis, SVR Speed Events Chair, reported class results by SVR members for THE DRIFTER: Pat Wilson, 1st; Vicki Wills, 3rd; Gwen Clark, 1st; Diane Colbert, 3rd; Linda Lyons, 5th; Linda Mitchell, 1st; Sheila McDade, 2nd; Larry Wilson, 1st; Brian Lewis, 6th; Stan Breyfogle, 1st; Rik Larson, 2nd, Kerry Creasy, 1st; Mike Willis, 4th; Dwight Mitchell, 1st; Tim Clark, 1st; Rich Farlinger, 3rd; Ted Colbert, 5th; Jerry

Freitas, 3rd; Geary Lyons, 7th; John Lewis, 10th; Jon Milledge, 1st; Darrel Overstreet, 2nd; Jim McDade, 3rd; and Paul Bates, 5th.

20 Years Ago (April 1988)

The April DRIFTER featured an interview of Rick Niello, a third generation car dealer and head of Niello Porsche, then at Madison Avenue, Sacramento. Rik said the business started in 1921 when his grandfather, Louis Niello, co-founded the Packard/Pierce-Arrow dealership in San Francisco. Later in the early 50s, his father, Richard Niello, and then-partner Wes Lasher closed their Cadillac business on Van Ness Avenue and "decided to take a run at the Volkswagen business in Sacramento." Rik said the VW was not only an unknown car, but the concept so strange that people really wondered whether they ought to check his father into a hospital. Eventually, with Rik at the helm of Niello Porsche, the company was designated a Premier Porsche Dealer by Porsche Cars of North America and became the longest continually operating Porsche dealership in America.

Joan Hunnicutt thoughtfully arranged the April 7 dinner meeting at Mediterranean Restaurant in West Sacramento with live Greek music and a real belly dancer. Everyone stayed later than usual. After dinner, the crowd was given a choice: more belly dancing or Jim McDade and the business meeting. Hah! That wasn't close. SVR Low-Bucks Autocross returned April 17 at Cal Expo, Lot E.

Closing out the month of April was CRAB 17, April 29-May 1, with Kern & Cindi Breaux as chairs and their helpers: Co-chair-Stan Breyfogle, Registration-Cyndee Nightingale, Hospitality-Tom & Tandra Kroetz, Goodie Store-Suzanne Plantz, Autocross-Mike Willis, Funkhana-Brian Perry (Redwood Region) and Don Henkel (Yosemite Region), Rally-Rik Larson, Beer & Brat-Fred and Fran Siegner, Photography-Greg Peart and Kirk Bradford, Voice of CRAB-Kirk Bradford, Dance Contest-Stan Michelman (Redwood Region), Door Prizes-Ken and Marcella Mitchell, and Red Lion Liaison- Randy Vidmar. Kirk & Carolyn Dobrenz (Golden Gate Region) won the crabbiest car award, and Carrie Drake won the Turtle Award during the autocross. The Snidley Whiplash Bassackwards award went to co-winners Ray Scruggs and Lois Wright of Redwood Region and, for the second consecutive year, Bill and Rebecca Newlin (Golden Gate Region) wrote THE DRIFTER coverage of CRAB.

10 Years Ago (April 1998)

The April 4 rally, "The Great Search II," chaired by Helen Ashuckian, required an SVR member as rally driver and a "child" as navigator with several classes for various age-groups of navigators. Eight-year-old navigator Ryan Fleming wrote the

event article for THE DRIFTER after he and his dad, Tim, won their class and received a bear named Rally, Jr., as their prize. The May Begeggen was switched to Friends Grill (Quaker?) with a more suitable (private) room. Twenty cars of PCAers enjoyed Jim and Kellie Finley's April 19 Amador Wine Tour that started with breakfast at Sloughhouse.

SVR had its April 5 Zone 7 Concours at Niello Porsche on Madison Avenue with Tim Fleming as chair. Judged entries included Phil Lawrence with "Fish Lips" (1st, 911/912 Wash & Shine class), Hugh Davey with his superb 356C Cabriolet (1st, 356 Street class), Larry Dunn with his very nice 356C Cabriolet (2nd, 356 Street class), concours newcomers Jim Finley and Patrick Hunter with their gorgeous 928 coupes (1st and 2nd respectively in Water Pumpers Wash & Shine class), Lowell Irwin's beautiful Carrera (2nd, 911/912 Wash & Shine class), Tim Fleming and Bob Peake (1st and 2nd, respectively, 911 Street classes), Ed Duggan's 914 (1st, 914 Wash & Shine class), Kent Brandon's 911 (3rd, 911 Street class), and Steve Borchard with his clean 912 (6th, 911/912 Wash & Shine class). Workers included Mike and Sue Ambrozewicz with their barbecue, and site crew Dwight Mitchell, Randy Hoffard, and Steve Nieslony.

CRAB 26, April 24-26, with Dan and Deb Catherwood as chairs, had Randy and Maureen Vidmar's funkhana to open the weekend, and Jeff and Kim Kinder blitzed the course with a van-load of 26 people (to celebrate the 26th anniversary of CRAB). They were, of course, disqualified. Top time at the Kern Breaux and Masuo Robinson CRAB autocross went to Tom Provasi after he nipped Jim Hayes. BIG news at Ron and Sally Boeck's CRAB rally - Rik and Lettie Larson competed together for the first time in 20 years (after a spat at the Aspen Parade rally?). They did reach checkpoints worked by Trische Robertson, George and Nona Morley, Jim and Joyce Karver, Dave and Dolores Johnson, and Larry and Gloria Dunn, but their finish remains a mystery - no rally results.

MAY

30 Years Ago (May 1978)

THE DRIFTER reported that 100 members and guests REALLY enjoyed the May 5 dinner meeting at Cal Expo's Turf Club, no doubt because the attitude adjustment "hour" lasted from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. In 1978, as in other years of this era, SVR organized a "Permanent Dinner Meeting Reservation Listing" of members who wanted their reservations made automatically unless they opted-out of a particular date beforehand (otherwise, no-shows would be billed). For May 1978, the

permanent list numbered 65 members, so SVR patronized only those restaurants that could accommodate that number plus those expected to make reservations in the regular fashion.

The 1978 SVR Activity points race was beginning to take shape under the watch of Activity Chair Marv Smith who digested reports from event chairs listing workers and participants in the various activities, and periodically belched forth a tabulation of SVR's most active members, divided into three groups; New Members (since August 1977), Members of Longer Standing ("old members"), and Board Members who were deemed, rightfully, ineligible for any year-end awards. Leading the New Member category were Stan Breyfogle (49 points), Pat Robertson and Duane Rueb (22 points), Laura and Bob Verdina (11 points), and Michael and Darlene Kime (9 points).

Speed Events chair, Mike Willis, reported the May 21 Zone 7 autocross by San Joaquin Region (later Sequoia Region) at Madera airport was a rerun of the "CRAB V spin-out parade." SVR class finishes included Pat Wilson 1st, Vicki Willis 1st, Gwen Clark 1st, Diane Colbert 2nd, Connie Farlinger 4th, Linda Mitchell 1st, Larry Wilson 1st, Stan Breyfogle 1st, Kerry Creasy 1st, Mike Willis 2nd, Dwight Mitchell 1st, Tim Clark 2nd, Ted Colbert 2nd, Harvey Cain 3rd, Rich Farlinger 4th, Jerry Freitas 2nd, and Jon Milledge 1st.

20 Years Ago (May 1988)

From his computer, Kirk Bradford presented the proposed 1988 Christmas party budget at the May 10th board meeting. It balanced after he redid it manually. Herb Hoover presented the monthly financial report. Done manually, it balanced. Herb also announced he filed the club's income tax forms for 1987.

The May 13 SVR dinner meeting at A Shot Of Class was arranged by Mary Siles and promised distinctive cuisine in a fabulous art-deco setting. Because of the room's limitations, Jim McDade announced he wasn't able to conduct a business meeting for the second straight month (a belly dancer beat him out the previous month) and Jim got another standing applause. Many enjoyed dancing after dinner to the live sounds of the Razzy Rhinestone big band.

Allen and Dolores Weddle (Novice Class), with only 40 penalty-points, won overall in the May 20 SVR rally, "Come What May," with Rik Larson as rallymaster. The event was the fifth in the 1998 monthly Third Friday Nighter rally competition sanctioned by the Sacramento Valley Sports Car Club Council. The Weddles were

on a roll after winning the CRAB 17 rally overall a few weeks before. The team of Phillip Marks and Spanky (Expert Unequipped Class) were close behind with a score of 48 penalty-points. A starting field of 26 cars took about two hours to complete the 70-mile rally course. J.S. Wilson, a 356 Registry member, proved that night-time rallies can be a lonely business by competing solo in his 1963 356C Cabriolet. Rally workers included Marcella Mitchell and Helen Ashuckian running checkpoint #1.

10 Years Ago (May 1998)

The May 7th dinner meeting was held at Rick's Hacienda Restaurant and Bar. According to editor, Mike Willis, the turnout was small, but the food and hospitality were huge! The Driver Education and SVR Autocross #2 with Ken Mitchell as chair at Mather Field, May 9, again emphasized training for rookie and novice drivers. With a 45-driver limit, participants received more than the usual amount of track time on a course that was fast and flowing. During the event, Doug DeVetter loaned his new Boxster to Dwight Mitchell for a test drive (according to Dwight's monthly column). May 16 SVR's Spring Flowers rally, with Phillip Marks as rallymaster, started at Mocha Joe's in Davis. Phillip promised a "straight forward" T&D event. No results published for this event.

With Allen and Dolores Weddle at the helm, the May 17 Champagne Brunch Tour to Zachary Jacques Country French Cuisine in the foothills sounded great, especially the part about Crepe Beef Bourguignonne and Crepe de Provencale. The tour was limited to 20 cars because Zachary Jacques is a small restaurant. There's no doubt, Allen and Dolores didn't disappoint.

JUNE

30 Years Ago (June 1978)

The June 10-11 Hellava Good Time IV by Sierra Nevada Region featured a carburetion tune-up session at Boreal Ridge, a Hare 'n' Hound rally to Magic Carpet at Carnelian Bay, and a rib feed with volleyball, horseshoes, and a miniature golf contest with a \$100-dollar first place prize, all on Saturday. Boreal Ridge (elevation 7,100 feet) was a great place to tune carbureted cars for the upcoming Parade autocross at Aspen, Colorado (7,908 ft. elevation). Sunday's SVR class-results at the Boreal Zone 7 autocross: Larry Wilson 1st, Brian Lewis 6th, Jim Karver 7th, Stan Breyfogle 1st, Rik Larson 3rd, Kerry Creasy 1st, Paul Baldarelli 3rd, Mike Willis 2nd, Dwight Mitchell 1st, Tim Clark 2nd, Rich Farlinger 2nd, Ted Colbert 3rd,

Jerry Freitas 2nd, John Lewis 8th, Jon Milledge 1st, Darrel Overstreet 3rd, Paul Bates 2nd, Pat Wilson 1st, Vicki Willis 1st, Gwen Clark 1st, Diane Colbert 2nd, Connie Farlinger 3rd, and Linda Mitchell 1st.

With 115 entrants, the June 18 "June Sprint" SVSCC Autocross by SVR (Al King, chair) had the largest attendance of any SVSCC event in 1978. SVR AX Producers: Mike Willis/Ted Colbert (course layout), Kathy King (registration), Rik Larson (timing), Jack Samples (pre-grid), and Darrel Overstreet (tech). The course set-up crew (donut dunkers) of Mike Willis, Paul Baldarelli, Larry Wilson, and Pat McLaughlin hung around to become beer quaffers after course tear-down. Jon Milledge took TTOD-overall and Mike Willis TTOD-production cars.

The June 24/25 joint SVR-Redwood Region Sears Point driver's school went off without a hitch. SVR chair, Darrel Overstreet, credited workers Rich Farlinger, Nancy McDade, Kerry Creasy, Dave Neukom, Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger, John and Kathy Peebles, Paul Bates, and Jon Milledge.

20 Years Ago (June 1988)

Which way do stalactites form, up or down? SVR members in 18 cars learned that and more on the June 5 Calaveras Cave tour (near Sutter Creek), chaired by Bob Dennison and Elizabeth Carr, with lots of tight spaces requiring squirming and squat-walking (which Randy Vidmar handled very nicely). About stalactites: they point downward, stalagmites point upward. Herb Hoover was worried that the stalactites might fall after noticing the scratched surfaces of the plastic hard-hats that were required for all. Karen Taggart was the only one to know the 80-minute cave guided tour lasted exactly 83 minutes. After the caverns, it was din-din at Black Bart's in San Andreas.

The June 18 SVR David Berkley evening (AKA 3rd Annual Gourmet Dinner & Wine Tasting) in Pavilions Shopping Center was put together for SVR by the proprietor, David Berkley, renown food and wine expert. The event was chaired by Linda Mitchell with a 34-person limit. It filled up, fast.

BIG autocross weekend in Sacramento on June 25/26 with Zone 7 Autocrosses #4 & #5 at Cal Expo, Lot A. Rik Larson was Saturday's chair for SVR, Kevin Gilpin on Sunday for San Joaquin Region (now Sequoia Region). Sixty-seven drivers competed on Saturday, 70 on Sunday. Saturday evening featured a dinner and pool party at the Mitchell's home. Kern Breaux kept a low profile both days until after Sunday's event. In an attempted strong-man feat while loading SVR's equipment trailer

during course tear-down, Kern grabbed a full, 50-pound bag of dolomite (a very fine, white powder used to mark the course) out of the trailer. At shoulder-height, the bag broke emptying its contents on Kern, the equipment, the trailer floor, and everyone near. Refusing to believe it happened, Kern slammed the door shut, and the trailer was towed off leaving a white trail to its between-events hiding place making a potential hair 'n' hound event with Kern doing his shtick as the Michelin Man. Dumbkopf chair Randy Vidmar was nearly overcome, but managed to take notes.

10 Years Ago (June 1998)

Saturday, June 13th (not Friday) featured the "Beat the Heat at our Spring PCA-SVR Garage Sale" at the home of Sue and Mike Ambrozewicz. Lots of interesting stuff changed hands at this event. About 100 people were there before 9:00 AM looking for bargains. SVR made a net profit of \$400. Many SVR members stayed for a chicken and rib barbecue with refreshment, of course.

Porsche was the featured marque at the June 28 Palo Alto Concours, and several SVR members entered the event to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of Porsche. Pat and Clint deWitt's 1955 356 Coupe took second in the Race Car Class after Clint scrambled to correct the results of an earlier-in-the-month wall-kissing episode. Ted Blake won the 356 Open Class with his 1960 356B Cabriolet and Bob Cannon finished 6th in this class with his 1965 356C Cabriolet. Phil Lawrence and his 1972 Green Machine 911 (nicknamed "Fish Lips") was second in the 911 Early Class with Jim Phillips' 1967 911 Coupe close behind in third. And, in the 911 Late Class, Margie and Lowell Irwin's black 1986 911 finished 6th with Joyce and Scott Leiby's red 1989 930 in 8th place. This event had very tough competition with full concours cars competing with wash and shine cars in the same class. Tim and Susan Fleming also attended and wisely chose to place their 911 in a display-only (non-judged) category for its obvious protected parking benefits.

JULY

30 Years Ago (July 1978)

At the Tennis Club Hotel in Davis, the July 1 SVR board meeting, tennis tournament, and dinner meeting with dancing to the Gene Lane Disco Show, was a big hit with 84 members attending. Neely Tom and Garth Mason took home the tennis trophies for women and men, respectively. The sterling flower pot trophies were courtesy of SVR-member and DRIFTER-advertiser Ted Strutz of Strutz

Jewelers at 2200 K Street, Sacramento. Vicki Mikesell got splinters in her feet from dancing barefoot on the Club's wooden dance floor.

Occupants of 11 SVR rally cars struggled the next day to reach the start of the July 2 "Firecracker 2" rally by Rik Larson and Stan Breyfogle. Jack and June Samples hosted the finish at their home in Newcastle and had a barbecued cross-rib roast ready for the feed by the pool. The top three finishers in the four-leg, two-hour rally were Jim and Joyce Karver, Mike Willis and Ted Colbert, and Paul Baldarelli and Laurie Adams.

Snow Mass (Aspen, CO) was the site of the July 9-15, 23rd Porsche Parade. Ralph Heath prepared for the trip by mounting a new CB on a convenient, flat surface under the dash of his 356B black coupe. His drill was greeted by a steady stream of Texaco's best. Yup, the ol' gas tank got drilled, and Ralph got the Dumbkopf. Ralph got the tank fixed in time to make the trip with Carolyn and fly under the radar with the Larry and Pat Wilson 356B white coupe in tow. The same could not be said (under the radar) for Paul and Gail Bates who, near Wells, received a well-earned official greeting from the State of Nevada. The only greeting received by the Heath/Wilson 356-duo on the way home was a free invitation to leave Utah by sundown with less speed.

20 Years Ago (July 1988)

The July 16 2nd Annual SVR Golf Tournament at Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course sponsored by Eurosport (George Valerio) and chaired by Sheila McDade, was followed by the July dinner meeting at the Golden Acorn Restaurant, both at Dry Creek off Highway 99 in Galt. First was a putting contest to raise money for our charity, and George Valerio, our tournament sponsor was the winner! In the big tournament, the top three gross score winners, men's category, were Bruce Mills (83), Bruce Westrup (86), and Marv Smith (89). The Longest Drive was Bruce Westrup, and the best Callaway score was Bob Peake (73). Closest to the pin, men and women, went to Si Daily. In the women's competition, the top three scores were Toni Sherburne (100), Sheila McDade (104), and Cheryl Bilstead (106). Toni Sherburne got the Longest Drive, and the best Callaway score went to Sheila McDade (72). Fifteen men and 13 women competed in the tournament.

Lots of SVR members attended the July 24-30 PCA 33rd Porsche Parade in Colorado Springs. Kirk and Linda Bradford, Jim and Sheila McDade, Jack and June Samples, Dwight and Linda Mitchell, and Allen and Dolores Weddle got there first and then greeted the slowpokes: Ron and Sally Boeck, Cindi and Kern Breaux, Harv

and Connie Cain, Greg Peart and Cyndee Nightingale, and Pat and Larry Wilson. Even John and Betty Meunier (1972 SVR President) rolled in from South Carolina. The rally team of J. Toney (SVR) and John Clever (Diablo Region) won first in class AND first overall in the Parade rally. Incredibly, the McDades placed second in the navigational class. SVR's top autocross finishers in class were Greg Peart (2nd), Cyndee Nightingale (2nd), Pat Wilson (3rd), Kern Breaux (2nd), Dwight Mitchell (2nd), and Linda Mitchell (1st). No SVR entrants in the concours. THE DRIFTER, Larry Wilson, editor, received a second place award in the PCA Newsletter Contest (in Class 4, regions with 176 to 350 members).

10 Years Ago (July 1998)

DRIFTER editor, Mike Willis, gave his readers an attentiveness test by using the same two photos on the cover in the July issue as he used in the June issue (one 911 and one 912). He did reverse the order and cropped the photos slightly different, however. If you noticed, raise your hand. Glen Brooksby reported on the July 18 SVR autocross at Mather Field (hot, but 23 drivers took part), and thanked workers Bill Winkler, Dwight Mitchell, Masuo Robinson, Phil Cloud, Pat Costin, Tim Fleming, and Mike and Sue Ambrozewicz. New drivers included Jerry Pretti, Mary Beth Wilson, Russ Hildebrand, Ken Suzuki, and Bill Bartok. On July 25, Mike Ambrozewicz chaired the SVR Salmon Fishing Trip, departing from Sausalito, and our more seaworthy members plied the Pacific in calm seas in search of salmon.

On the first day of the July 24-30 PCA 43rd Porsche Parade in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Bob Peake (as SVR President) and Larry Wilson (as 2000 Parade Treasurer) signed the contracts that would bring the 45th Porsche Parade to Sacramento in year 2000. Meanwhile, Phil Lawrence thought he was giving a press interview about his Green 911 (called "Fish Lips") at the Parade concours and spilled his guts about the car's deficiencies. Turns out the five gents were judges, and he finished third in class. One Dumkopf Award coming up! At the Monday night banquet, Phil received his third place award, Tom Sisson also received a concours award, and Larry Wilson received the Zone Representatives' Award for his work with PCA regional newsletter editors. Mark Smedley was there as a concours judge. Later in the week, Pat Wilson won her class in the Parade autocross (Larry got 4th). Rik Larson and John Clever took first in the equipped class and second overall in the Parade rally, and Tom and Jude Sisson with 457 points also took home a rally trophy.

AUGUST

30 Years Ago (August 1978)

The August 6 SVR practice autocross, with Rich Burke chair at Cal Expo, became known as "The Mystery Autocross" because the path to participation had as many traps as the best Phillip Marks rally. Event publicity had the wrong date, it erroneously appeared to be an "other-car" autocross event, and the event site was omitted. Not a problem - Rich had a great turnout of "other cars" requiring a quick format change with car-color as a means of determining car class for a tune-and-test session in preparation for THE FIRST Other Car Autocross in November. Car thrashers having a great time including Michael Peters, Larry and Pat Wilson, Mike and Michelle Willis, Geary and Linda Lyons, Paul Baldarelli, and Rich and Gail Burke plus many others.

The August 10 Picnic and Charity Auction at Bess Feil's home in Fair Oaks with Betty Fielding in charge raised \$1,180.03 for charity. Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson were auctioneers. Ted Strutz out-bid Ted Colbert for a nude painting. When combined with the \$250.00 proceeds from Betty Fielding's stained glass Porsche crest, a total of \$1,430.03 was contributed to Summer House, Inc., in Woodland, which provided services for people with developmental special needs. THE DRIFTER didn't print the results of the annual volleyball tournament between the 356ers and the 911/914/924/928 bunch, but the 356 team probably won - they always did.

Kirk Bradford, as chair of the August 27 Gold Rush Tour, gave Rich Burke stiff competition for the monthly Dumbkopf Award. He got his own phone number wrong in the event's DRIFTER publicity, and then he showed up for the tour without insurance release forms (Marv Smith had some and bailed him out). Finally, in Amador City, Kirk led the tour up a street named, "Pig Turd Alley." Tsk, tsk - how tacky.

20 Years Ago (August 1988)

The SVR Charity Auction and Concours d'Elegance, August 14, with Herb and Jan Hoover, and Bob and Beth Jacobson as co-chairs, started early as Tom and Tandra Kroetz registered concours arrivals at Bob and Beth Jacobson's home. A big turnout of 356s included Robert and Lauri Raucher all the way from Chico. Judges were Al Weidman of Oroville, Russ Currul of Palm Desert, and Mel Ewing of Lincoln. Larry Wilson won the 356 class with his 1961 356B coupe. Ken Mitchell's 944 took the water-cooled 900-series class, and Marcella Mitchell's 914 won the air-cooled

900-series class AND took Best of Show! Auctioneers Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson went to work at 1:00 PM. Dolores Weddle's sugar pickles and Marie Smith's sweets brought top-dollar. Nancy and Fred Myeron's veggies and fruits also did well. The Hoovers donated use of their "Ugly Truck" for the weekend, and after serious bidding it was won by Bob Dennison and Elizabeth Carr. Local businesses donating auction items included Niello Porsche, Lasher Porsche, Autosport Technology, OK Tires, Tidy Car, Walt Stickel Body and Paint, Iron Horse Body and Paint, Felix Hair Styles, Weidman Brothers, and Fabrication Specialties Body and Paint. The event raised \$1,500 for Amador County Special Olympics. Beth Jacobson wrote THE DRIFTER coverage.

The Graeagle Tour, August 20/21, chaired by Randy and Marci Vidmar and Ken and Marcella Mitchell, took SVR members in 15 cars to a little ex-lumber town in the Sierras about 50 miles north of Truckee. Midway, the tour had a delay after vapor-lock afflicted the 914 of Jay and Carla Cross and the 911 of Toni and Jarol Moore. During the wait, Ron Boeck took a dip in the Feather River to recover from his vapor-lock. Sheila and Jim McDade held four queens to win the tour-game of poker. After arrival at the motel in Graeagle, all headed directly to the pool and refreshments. Sheila McDade and Phil Keith each won their class after several games with unprintable names. Dinner was a western-style barbecue served outside under the trees and stars. On Sunday, after a round of golf or visiting "quaint" shops, the group headed home. Dolores and Allen Weddle wrote THE DRIFTER piece about the tour.

10 Years Ago (August 1998)

Helen Ashuckian chaired the August 2 "SVR Tour, Brunch & Sail" event and took 32 SVR members to Sausalito and brunch at the Presidio Yacht Club, and then with the group splitting, one-half with Captain Joe, the other half with Skipper Annettee, for an adventurous sail under the Golden Gate and around the Bay. Bob Peake took photos for THE DRIFTER, one of which showed Allen and Dolores Weddle following Helen to one of the sailboats (a life-jacket definitely was a must).

Many SVR members couldn't resist the August 14-15 Monterey Historics with Porsche as the featured marque. The August 22 dinner meeting was located at Mission Rogelio in Gold River with 29 members having dinner on the patio. But, the BIG event in August was the Highway Pickup Party scheduled August 23rd by chairman, Herb Hoover. A good turnout appeared at Shari's Restaurant for breakfast before hitting SVR's section of Interstate 5 for cleanup and treasure

hunting. The crew included Rita Chamberlain, Mary and Larry Clark, Jan and Herb Hoover, Rik Larson, Dwight Mitchell, Arnold Ramirez, and Gerry Wade. Gerry found a one-mile length of plastic cord, Jan hit the jackpot with a watch and pair of pliers, Larry found a wrench (not metric), and Rita found a decoy duck. Wow!

SEPTEMBER

30 Years Ago (September 1978)

The September 8 Dinner Meeting at the Palomino Room on El Camino Avenue included two entrees; prime rib \$8.95 or seafood combo \$7.95 (prices include tax, tip, baked potato, salad, rolls, dessert, and beverage). Seventy-eight members attended including Bill and Lendine Nelson, Trische Robertson, Sheila McDade back from the hospital, Jack & June Samples, and two from Summer House in Woodland, recipients of SVR's 1978 charity contribution.

Rik and Lettie Larson and Stan Breyfogle co-chaired the September 23-24 Carrera de Sierra IV, SVR's two-day T&D rally to Yosemite Park and back with an over-night stay and barbecue steak dinner under the stars at Camp Curry. The event finished Sunday in Stockton at the Waterloo Gun & Bocci Ball Club. This Carrera had a record turn-out when 95 rally cars took the start including two cars from Los Angeles, one from Portland, one from Seattle, and cars from all but one region of Zone 7 (39 were PCA entries). In addition, there were 13 SVR cars of workers: Baldarelli/Adams, Wilsons, Engels, Burkes, Neukoms, Willis, Samples, Weddles/Sally, Bates, McDades, Boswells, Larsons, and Breyfogle. Top SVR finishers included Jim and Joyce Karver, 2nd in Expert Unequipped Class; Fred Roloff and Gwen Lee, 3rd in Expert Unequipped Class; and Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger, 2nd in Novice Unequipped Class. Scoring was handled with two computers provided by John Clever and David Frick. These were the halcyon days of time and distance rallying in California.

20 Years Ago (September 1988)

September 11 was a very windy day for the Grape Escape to Alexander Valley by Jim McDade and Kirk Bradford. Jim and Kirk took SVR members in 22 cars to five great wineries: Fieldstone, Piper Sonoma, William Wheeler, Mark West, and Iron Horse. Staff of each winery gave a complete and informative tour of their operation and provided sampling of their best product. The wind stopped when the group reached the Napa valley. Fieldstone Winery was the destination for lunch. They provided white linen tablecloths on the picnic tables and a special outside

tasting. Top honors in Jim and Kirk's Wine Tour Test went to Marie and Marv Smith. Despite all expectations, Connie and Harvey Cain did not finish last. The day was complete with a traditional Italian dinner at the old Union Hotel in Occidental.

Al Holbert was killed September 30 when his private Aerostar destined for Doylestown, PA, crashed shortly after takeoff from Columbus, OH. Holbert was returning home after his two-car Miller Hi-Life Porsche 962 team completed Friday practice for the Columbus IMSA Camel GTP race. The team withdrew both cars after the tragic crash. In an ESPN interview, Derek Bell remembered Holbert for his, "finest win at the 1983 24 Hours of LeMans. Al had a car that was absolutely dying under his hands with smoke pouring out, but he nursed that car to the finish as it literally crumpled into a heap as he got the checkered flag."

10 Years Ago (September 1998)

Mary and Larry Clark hosted the September 6 Labor Day Gimmick Rally and Barbecue Pool Party. With 35 people entered, the Rally finished at the Clark home in Granite Bay with hamburgers and hotdogs provided by SVR. Rik Larson won the rally running solo.

The SVR Charity Auction and Picnic, September 13, chaired by Alma Thompson and Sara Clements, was a success raising \$2,275 for SVR's charity, The Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. Mike and Sue Ambrozewicz lent their home, SVR provided hotdogs, bratwurst, sodas, beer, and the members turned out with a treasure-trove of auction items. The day began with a concours organized by Kent Brandon and won by Kelly Parks and her 928. Then lots of beer and food for potential bidders. A brief time was spent with a "silent auction" to which SVR auctioneers, Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson said in unison, "Whaaat?" Then to the real auction with terrific items from Paragary's, Fabrication Specialties, Fossil Watch, Niello Porsche, Enotria CafŽ, Dent Magic, ARD Hair Design, Trader Joe's, Rocklin Harley Davidson, DeVons, and Landmark Tours. The "killer" items were Marv Smith's applewood boxes and Marie Smith's delicious cookies. And, of course, the "last" Steve McQueen poster was once more available, as tradition would have it.

Nineteen rally cars entered Carrera de Sierra XXI, September 26-27, to Downieville (overnight stay) and return with six checkpoints each day and Rik Larson as rallymaster. Two cars (Allen and Dolores Weddle, and Rich Swenson and Judy Hanna) ran the course as a tour. Workers included Bud and Mary Ann

Behrens, Dave and Dolores Johnson, Phillip Marks, and Pat and Larry Wilson. Rally class winners included Helen Ashuckian, J. Toney, and Richard Wetzel.

OCTOBER

30 Years Ago (October 1978)

On October 6, SVR held its "Octoberfest" Dinner Meeting at the Hong King Lum restaurant, 419 J Street, with a menu of Chinese food. Is that a grand sense of humor, or what? The October 15 Wine Tour, Trische Robertson chair, saw the usual suspects including Stan Breyfogle, Rik and Lettie Larson, Paul and Gail Bates, Merle and Georgene Dodd, Marv and Marie Smith, and Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger. These and other SVR members wine at several establishments in the Napa Valley, and then dined at the Triple-S Ranch. Yahoo! THE DRIFTER announced the 1978 nominations committee: Harvey Cain, Sheila McDade, Linda Robertson, Stan Breyfogle, and Trische Robertson.

The course at Cal Expo for the October 22 Zone 7 Autocross by SVR was designed by no fewer than six of SVR's most insane members, each independently doing a section. They were appointed to this task by co-chairs Stan Breyfogle and Mike Willis, proving it takes two to know six. This was the last chance for the 126 participating drivers to collect points in the 1978 Zone 7 championship series. Workers included Pat McLaughlin, Rik Larson, Pat and Larry Wilson, Paul Bates, Ted Colbert, and Kerry Creasy, who, along with Mike and Stan, did the usual 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM shift.

20 Years Ago (October 1988)

The Zone 7 Autocross Series two-day finale, October 15 and 16 at Pleasanton Fairgrounds, ended the 8-event championship and settled annual finishing positions for many SVR entrants. Dwight Mitchell already clinched a first in his class over Lloyd DeMartini (Golden Gate), but Linda Mitchell needed to win one of the weekend's two events to beat Patti DeMartini. She did that on Sunday. In the same class as Dwight and Lloyd, Kern Breaux and Rich McGlumphy were fighting for fourth. Kern nipped Rich by .399 seconds on Sunday to take the honors. Bruce Westrup merely had to be present at one of the events to win Class 19. He did that on Sunday. Competition in Class 10 (914-4 2.0) between Larry Wilson, Greg Peart, Ray Scruggs (Redwood) and Ken Mitchell was way close, but that's the way they finished for the year. In the women's 914-4 2.0 class, Lois Wright (Redwood) had clinched the championship, but second was up for grabs between Cyndee

Nightingale and Pat Wilson. Pat beat Cyndee on Saturday, Cyndee repaid the favor on Sunday creating a second-place tie for the championship. Marcella Mitchell, in her first year of competition, finished in fifth for the year.

The First Annual SVR Halloween Party was the big social for October. Fifty-six goblins, ghouls, clowns, and one grape showed up in costumed splendor for the October 29 Halloween Ball & Party at the Clarion Hotel. Bob Peake, event chair, said he expected a few to be in costume, "but these people went NUTS!" Ron and Sally Boeck were Donald and Daisy Duck. Fran and Fred Siegner were Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy. Fred kept getting his nose stuck in his wine glass. Mark and Starla Hirst were clowns. Larry Wilson was Captain Inok, with cape and tights. Pat Wilson was his faithful companion, Koni, dressed as a shock absorber. Tom Kroetz won the costume contest dressed as a 911 Targa and underneath was a road complete with a center-line. Various Halloween games were going on. Karen Mangin, impersonating a bunch of grapes with purple tights and body paint and strategically placed purple balloons, was in charge of the "Ghost Toss." In true carnival style, Karen announced, "and if you win, fella, you get to pluck a grape of your choice." A long line formed. Tambra Kroetz, Kern Breaux, and Bob and Mary Siles helped with the games.

10 Years Ago (October 1998)

On October 3, SVR held its next-to-last autocross with Tim Fleming as chair. Thirty-five drivers enjoyed perfect weather at Mather Field with plenty of track-time (7 runs). Intended mainly for "education," some could not resist the ideal course layout - Glen Brooksby took home TTOD honors with Tim Fleming, Dave McGuigan, Tom Pickett, and John Kessler close behind, all within four-tenths of a second of each other. Bill Winkler had "street" tires, thus was a bit off that pace. Students included Mary Beth Wilson, Jerry Pretti, Tom Howard, Russ Hildebrand, Dave Leong, Chet Masangcay, and Ron Davis. Others running were Doug DeVetter, Dough Ostler, and Bud and Mary Ann Behrens. Workers included Masuo Robinson, Kern Breaux, Ken Smith, Jim Finley, Phil Cloud, and Sue and Mike Ambrozewicz.

On October 9-10, Octoberfest In The Hills was celebrated at the home of Tom and Jude Sisson near Sutter Creek by 24 PCAers from Sacramento Valley, Diablo, San Gabriel Valley, and Golden Empire regions who consumed five pounds of brats, two gallons of sauerkraut, and two gallons of potato salad during the Friday night party. Two more arrived for Saturday's brunch before touring to Pine Grove, Daffodil Hill,

Volcano, Plymouth, and then Deaver Vineyards for food and refreshments. Dinner at the Buscaglia Restaurant in Jackson capped off the weekend.

Despite heavy rain and poor driving visibility, eight SVR members showed up for the October 24 Railroad Museum Tour organized by Phil Lawrence and conducted by Mike Willis, both qualified docents of the museum. Larry and Mary Clark wrote the post-event DRIFTER article and particularly enjoyed the dining car with place settings from various rail lines and eras.

NOVEMBER

30 Years Ago (November 1978)

The November 5 SVR double-header autocross at Cal Expo featured the first Other Car Autocross (no Porsche allowed) in the morning, and the Senator Ford Challenge Cup in the afternoon, both co-chaired by Rik Larson and Larry Wilson. Thirty-five drivers in a motley group of family sedans, pickups, vans, and vintage cars were classed by car-color with most spectator interest in the Red Class: Ken Moore (1946 Jaguar Saloon), Rich Farlinger (1959 VW pickup), Jim Bonney (1937 Packard 4-door), and Joe Riedhart (1959 MGA). In addition to class winners, the top three overall were Michael Peters 1st (Audi), Tim Clark 2nd (Mazda), and Larry Wilson 3rd (Colt). Then came the Ford Challenge Cup, a money event with all entry proceeds going to the fastest man and fastest woman. Made possible by SVR-member Bill Rhea (also VP and General Manager of Senator Ford on Florin Road), 10 women and 22 men each took one shot at the course driving a new Ford Mustang Cobra equipped with a 5-litre V-8 and Michelin TRX tires and special suspension. At the end of the day, Pat and Larry Wilson each ran last and fastest, and then put up their \$32.00 in winnings and treated all to beer and pizza. As the Mustang struggled into the sunset, still under its own power, Bill Rhea said, "Let's do it again next year." Yeah, way to go, Bill!

Co-chairs Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger and 26 eager SVR participants on the November 10-12 Mendocino Tour made an uneventful 200-mile trip to Hill House Inn and a weekend of eating, partying, and kite flying. While most were getting kite equipment on Saturday, Diane Colbert and Connie Farlinger were cleaning out Circa, a chic clothes shop. The hardier kite-flyers (Weddles, Smiths, McKees, O' Shields, Lewises, and Verdinas) stuck it out despite the chilling wind while others repaired to the cocktail salon. The tour awards were presented during the pre-dinner cocktail party, graciously sponsored again by Bill and Betty Rhea. Fill-in-the-blanks tour questionnaire contest was won by Rik and Lettie Larson. The "Get it up First"

kite winner was the duo of Marv and Marie Smith with the McKees getting the "Most Beautiful" kite award. Allen and Dolores Weddle got their kite "Out the Farthest" using 2,700 feet of string. It rained on Sunday.

20 Years Ago (November 1988)

Fourteen couples made the November 11/13 Mendocino Tour, with C.C. Craig, Karen Mangin, and Rik and Lettie Larson as co-chairs. C.C. and Karen opened the day with a strong bid for the Dumkopf Award by missing the turnoff to the lunch stop at Geyser Peak Winery. But, they got back on course and the group (the Ashoffs, Harry Barne, Gerald Tanzi and Linda Lockin, Gene Carley and Dorothy Riggins, and Tina and John Murphy) pressed on to reach Mendocino in time for cocktail hour at Hill House. Garth and Vicki Mason were in town, but they were invisible. Early Saturday, few saw Bill Woodson-Blake sneak out to purchase the biggest kite in town. It's name was U.S. 12. At 1:00 PM sharp, the kite contest began with a very light breeze. U.S. 12 went straight up, instantly, giving the Highest Kite Award to Woodson-Blake with no protest. The contest came to an early conclusion, which involved Dolores Weddle in some way. Ask Rik Larson - he wrote THE DRIFTER post-event coverage. Many spent late afternoon toasting the sunset with their favorite wine, then dinner at the Little River Inn or Mendocino Hotel. Most returned Sunday after breakfast at CafŽ Beaujolais, but with a strong wind forecast for Monday, the Larsons, Weddles, and Siegners hung around for more kite flying.

10 Years Ago (November 1998)

This month, in THE DRIFTER, membership chairman Masuo Robinson recognized Oran and Grace Crumley for their 40th anniversary of PCA membership. For the November dinner meeting, SVR members were invited to The Back Forty Texas BBQ in Roseville, November 19th, chaired by the club's chief cowpoke, Rich McGlumphy. With Rich as chair, you just knew something wacky was going to happen.

For the first time in many years, the Zone 7 Awards Banquet, November 21, was held in Sacramento, at the Doubletree Hotel, and SVR had many members on the podium. Phil Lawrence and "Fish Lips" (his 911) got first in class in the concours series, and Glen Brooksby, Rita Chamberlain, Tim Fleming, Tim Howard, Bob Peake, Masuo Robinson, and Bill Winkler all took home first-in-class autocross awards. Two other awards went to SVR members: Rita Chamberlain received the Zone 7 Rookie

Of The Year, and Rik Larson received the coveted award for Zone 7 Enthusiast Of The Year.

PCAers in 29 cars enjoyed the annual trek to Mendocino with Rik and Lettie Larson as event chairs. Some of the group journeyed on Thursday, most on Friday with a lunch stop at Steele Wines in Kelseyville. On Friday, Dan and Deb Catherwood led one group, Rich Swenson and Judy Hanna the other. The kite flying contest was threatened with rain until 9:00 AM on Saturday, but then it cleared and, with a good wind, the kites were up and scrutinized by judges Fred Seigner and June Samples. The kite awards: Longest Tail went to Linda McMahan; Most Unique went to Horace Searcie (home-made with THE EXAMINER); Got Up The Farthest won by Denny McEntire; Killer Kite went to Mike Lommatzsch (tried to eat other kites); Up And Down Most Often won by Helen Ashuckian, and Most Persistent kite flyer was a tie between Kirk Bradford and Tom Sisson. And, Jeff Kinder was the murderer in the annual Murder Mystery. The rain resumed on Sunday.

DECEMBER

30 Years Ago (December 1978)

The December issue of THE DRIFTER profiled, complete with photo and vote-for-me statement, candidates for all 1979 elective offices: Ted Colbert, Randy Blaesi, Kern Breaux, C.C. Craig, Trische Robertson, Gwen Clark, Lendine Nelson, Paul Baldarelli, Nick Schultz, Leon Biren, Stan Breyfogle, and Geary Lyons. (Read next month's column for names of the winners.)

After conclusion of the 1978 San Francisco Region, SCCA, racing season, THE DRIFTER gave special recognition to SVR members Clint deWitt and Hank Feenstra and to Frank Lettini of Frank's Automotive (a long-time DRIFTER advertiser). It was a championship year for both Porsche 356 drivers and for Frank Lettini. Clint won his third San Francisco Region E-Production championship, and Hank won the inaugural Pacific Coast SCCA E-Production Championship. Frank's Automotive supported and maintained both race cars.

The SVR Christmas Party chaired by Connie Farlinger, Friday, December 22, was held in the Golden Eagle Room at The Firehouse, 1112 Two Street, Old Sacramento. The evening started with Social Hour at 7:30 PM, then dinner at 8:30 PM with live-music dancing starting at 9:30 PM. The program, annual awards and new board introductions, was sort of squeezed in the gaps as they happened. Outgoing President, Paul Bates, introduced incoming President Ted Colbert who, in turn,

introduced other incoming board members. 1978 Most Active Member awards were given to Stan Breyfogle (new member category) and Pat and Larry Wilson (old member category).


20 Years Ago (December 1988)

The December 3 Christmas Party was at the El Rancho Hotel in West Sacramento with Kirk and Linda Bradford as co-chairs. Out-of-towners Oran and Grace Crumley were down from Oroville for their annual visit. Connie and Harvey Cain came up from San Francisco (Harvey wore his tux), and Jay and Carla Cross were there from Pleasant Hill. The vote was really close for the Event of the Year award. It got down to the Halloween Party organized by Bob Peake, and the Graeagle Tour by Ken Mitchell and Randy Vidmar (Randy wore his tux). Graeagle won by only three votes. Rookie of the Year was easy to decide - the duo of Elizabeth Carr and Bob Denison. Votes on the top three Christmas ornament designers went to Tom and Tambra Kroetz, Ron and Sally Boeck, and Fred and Fran Seigner. Outgoing President Jim McDade turned the gavel over to new prez, Randy Vidmar, and the group got into serious partying and dancing to the hired DJ.

A new holiday season touch - Tambra's Christmas Lights Tour and Party, Saturday night, December 17 with Tom and Tambra Kroetz in charge. This was not a passive deal - you had to sing. When Tambra gave the order, a chorus of, "You expected US to sing?" rang out. At that point, Linda Calvert, Bob's new bride, stepped forward and saved the day by becoming SVR's new and very assertive choir director. The group hit the road, Christmas caroling on the way, with Randy Vidmar and Phil Lawrence particularly responsive and enthusiastic, if not tone-deaf. The group followed the route tested days before by Dolores and Allen Weddle, and Sally and Ron Boeck. Karen Taggart especially liked Walton Way, and the chocolate chip cookies folks on that street. Then down Folsom-Auburn Blvd., it was police lights, lots of them ... the Folsom Police were escorting Santa Claus around town. The piece de resistance was Dovewood Court in Orangevale with every house decorated to the hilt. Everyone's favorite was Snoopy on the Aerodrome revving the engine before takeoff. The group caroled the Starks and were treated to hot cider and chocolate. Bob and Mary Siles were really lit that evening. Bob's cap blinked "Ho-Ho," and Mary's sweater blinked "Happy Holidays."

10 Years Ago (December 1998)

Judy Hanna, new associate editor of THE DRIFTER, reported that Talley and Gerry Wade did a super job of arranging the December 5 SVR Christmas Party at



Andiamo's on Folsom Boulevard. SVR members were asked to bring unwrapped toys for needy children, and enough toys to fill a small sleigh were collected. Bob Peake introduced both the 1998 and 1999 board members, and then highlighted the Zone 7 banquet results congratulating Rita Chamberlain (Rookie of the Year), Rik Larson (Enthusiast of the Year), and Dwight Mitchell (whose number 30 was retired from Zone 7 autocross competition). Bob also presented the President's Award to Mike Willis for his 20 years of service to the region, Social Event of the Year award to Jude and Tom Sisson for their Octoberfest weekend, and Competitive Event of the Year to Mary and Larry Clark for their gimmick rally and pool party. Helen Ashuckian received honorable mention for her sailboat tour in San Francisco Bay, and Oran and Grace Crumley were recognized for their long PCA membership.

In the December issue of THE DRIFTER, editor Mike Willis announced that Larry Clark would be editor in 1999, ending a year-long search for a replacement. Larry Clark also wrote an article in the December issue outlining his plans for the newsletter and introduced Judy Hanna as associate editor and Jim Finley as DRIFTER photographer along with Phil Lawrence.