

## DRIFTING BACK FROM 2010

### JANUARY

#### *30 Years Ago (January 1980)*

A nice balance of new and old members formed the 1980 Board of Directors: President - Rik Larson; Vice President - Bess Feil; Secretary - Nona Morley; Treasurer - Kern Breaux; Activities Chair - Al King; Social Chair - Kathleen Peebles; Tech Chair - Dwight Mitchell; Publicity Chair - Stan Breyfogle; Charity Chair - Betty Fielding; Newsletter Editor - Trische Robertson; Speed Events Chair - Mike Willis; Carol Weber - Membership chair; and, Past President - Ted Colbert. Paul Bates was the Zone 7 Rep. for 1980.

The new board got the needle moving well before the first of the year. Ninety members attended the January 11th dinner meeting at Posey's Cottage to preview the crab dinner on tap for CRAB NINE. In the January DRIFTER, Rik Larson reported 20 entries had been received for the September 20-21 Carrera de Sierra two-day rally, and Pat and Larry Wilson, CRAB NINE chairs, reported 30 entries were on-hand for the April 11-13 weekend. And, this was before the entry forms had been printed for either event (sold lots of \$60 T-shirts with free CRAB entry)! The annual first-come-first-serve quest for CRAB autocross car number 77 was settled early with requests from Emmett Wilder (RR), Ted Atlee (GGR), and Bill Patton (GGR). Atlee had the earliest postmark. Although Atlee and Wilder each had #77 painted prominently on both sides of their much-modified 914-6 race cars, Patton did not. He apparently saw an opportunity for a modest financial gain, but no joy this time.

Rik Larson and Stan Breyfogle conducted the January 13 Rally School for more than 30 students with classroom training at the Travelodge near the Port of Sacramento with a short rally to demonstrate elements that are typically thrown at rally entrants. Rally checkpoint workers were Al and Kathy King, Dick Wetzels, Stan Breyfogle Sr., Jim and Joyce Karver, and Pat and Larry Wilson.

#### *20 Years Ago (January 1990)*

A new moment in SVR history (drum roll, please) with its first woman-president, Sally Boeck! Other worthies on the 1990 board included Bob Peake (vice president), Starla Hirst (secretary), Sara Clements (treasurer), Karen Mangin (social director), Kern Breaux (competition director), Kim McGinnis (membership director), Larry Wilson (newsletter editor), and Randy Vidmar (past president).

The January 1990 issue of THE DRIFTER had many rave reviews of the club's Christmas Party at the Clarion Hotel. Billed by the organizers (Elizabeth Carr and daughter Amelia, Sally Boeck, and Sara Clements) as an evening of fun, friendship, and dirty dancin', the tuxedo squad was in full force for this one: Marv Smith, Jim McDade, Randy Vidmar, Harvey Cain, Kirk Bradford, Gary Thompson, Bob Berriman, Bob Peake, Steve Taggart, and Ron Boeck. Past has-beens (past presidents) of the club in attendance included Harvey Cain (1977), Larry Wilson (1968-69, 1982), Kirk Bradford (1986), Jim McDade (1987-88), Randy Vidmar (1989), Ray Clements (1984-85), and John Meunier (1972). Also there were SVR members Oran and Grace Crumley from Paradise, California. Their PCA membership went back to October 1958 as charter-members of Sequoia Region (then Fresno Region, later San Joaquin Region).

### *10 Years Ago (January 2000)*

A new century and a new board of directors: Tim Fleming (president), Russ Hildebrand (vice president), Larry Clark (secretary), Phyllis True (treasurer), Shelagh Matthews (social director), Tom Sisson (membership director), Glen Brooksby (competition & safety director), Mike Willis (newsletter editor), and Bob Peake (past president). At the January 5th board meeting, treasurer Phyllis True announced the club exceeded its 1999 budget balance by \$4,000.00 through careful control of expenditures by the 1999 board. That sparked a stampede toward a nearby pile of freshly minted "request-a-check" forms.

Many SVR members attended the January 22 Zone 7 Awards Banquet to receive their 1999-season rally, concours, and/or autocross awards. Greg and Cindy Keith scored in the concours series, and Rik Larson, J. Toney, and Helen Ashuckian received awards for their top finishes in the rally series. SVR autocrossers made an especially strong showing in the autocross series including Russ Hildebrand, Glen Brooksby, Bill Winkler (also Tenacious Award winner), Bill Thorp (also Rookie of the Year), Kathy Smalley, and Tim and Susan Fleming.

## **FEBRUARY**

### *30 Years Ago (February 1980)*

Nona Morley and C.C. Craig won "Best Dressed in Western Duds" during the February 7 dinner meeting at Pinnacle Peak. Jack and June Samples won honorable mention. Clint deWitt had his tie cut off, right beneath his nose (no big loss -- it was a crummy-looking thing). Those attending witnessed the local premier of the cinema classic, "Cone Heads at the Races," courtesy of Dwight and Linda Mitchell.

Six cars of SVR members journeyed on February 10 to the Vacaville-Fairfield area to join Redwood Region members in a rally by Emmett Wilder. About 30 rally-cars ran the event. We had our big guns, all locked and loaded for this one (Jim and Denise Boswell, Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger, Rik and Lettie Larson, George and Nona Morley, and Richard Wetzell). It was a disaster -- too many questionable traps, the last of which collected the SVR folks at an on-ramp to I-80 with the next instruction reading, "R at Stop." On a freeway? Little did anyone think that instruction referred to a "Stop Ahead" sign on a parallel frontage road visible from the freeway. Everyone regained some sense of humor at the finish at Fairfield Landing.

CRAB NINE report: As of February 11th, 92 entries had been received for the April 11-13 event, of which only 14 had not attended a previous CRAB event. To help reach our goal of 150 entries, the team made a direct mailing to all out-of-town PCAers who had attended CRAB events in the two previous years, mailed advertising to all Zone 7 newsletter editors, and attended meetings of Golden Gate, Redwood, Shasta, and San Joaquin to plug the event.

*20 Years Ago (February 1990)*

The February 17-19 San Simeon tour (AKA Getting there is half the fun), chaired by Mike Willis, turned out ten couples in Porsches from the club that were moving at the 8:00 AM start time on a not-so-direct route to San Simeon. The location of stops along the way were calculated not to exceed the rest-stop range of Jim McMahan. The trip was uneventful from just below Tracy to Patterson, then to Crows Landing, on to Newman, and then Los Banos. Then a series of U-turns, the first necessary because of a sign reading in part, "Pavement ends. . . ." That began to light up the CB radios (all cars were so equipped). Jack Summerville: "Hey, I just cleaned my car!" Phil Keith: "Where's the Dummkopf chairman?" Bob Berriman: "Is McDade leading this tour?" Then a U-turn was necessary in Firebaugh to avoid a speed (or any other possible infraction)-trap. Gary Thompson: "Whew, thanks Jim." By then they were on the fringe of McMahan's maximum range which elicited the anguished CB transmission, "Are we there, yet?" Randy Vidmar then gave his now famous response, "It's only five more miles." Relief came with Arciero winery, then York Mountain winery. Then, another U-turn because of "a missing sign," (right), then yet another U-turn because half the group followed Jim and Sheila McDade -- in the wrong direction. Finally it was party-time with hosts John and Arlene Pluth followed by dinner around the enclosed pool at the Green Tree Inn. Next day was tours of Hearst Castle with return to Sacramento by any route that floated their boat. Oh, yes. It rained.

Karen Mangin and Sally Boeck and Harvey and Connie Cain were the only two SVR rally teams brave enough to enter the February 18 Zone 7 rally chaired by John Clever. It was the second event in the 1990 Zone 7 Series, and Sally and Karen finished 2nd. With a large margin, Harvey and Connie were first!

*10 Years Ago (February 2000)*

White Elephants at Chuck's Grill in Folsom on February 5 were promised by Tambra Kroetz and she did not disappoint the SRO crowd (that's show-biz talk meaning a good turnout) which included neighbors and in-laws and maybe lucky street bystanders. Jim McMahan brought his sister Jill and her husband David just to show them what members of a real car-club do for entertainment (we never saw them again). Many of the choicest elephants went right through the hands of many players like Jim and Joyce Karver, Kim and Jeff Kinder, and Jan and Herb Hoover. But not Tom Sisson -- just ask Tom what he kept his hands wrapped around (a DRIFTER photo captured that Kodak Moment). Others left with empty hands, but all left with a smile.

A week or so later was the Casino Tour arranged by Larry and Mary Clark which was a gamble for many (a visit to two gambling casinos was on tap). But first, a nice drive up the Garden Highway through Dingville (don't park there) to Marysville and lunch at the local Red Robin. The group encountered a bicycle tour on the narrow road and Rich McGlumphly and Karen Goffin almost added a new hood ornament to their 944 Cab. This tour was made all the more unique by having THREE very nice looking examples of the Porsche 928 (Klaus Hennig and Jeannine Weekley, Jim and Kelly Finley, and Arnold Ramirez and Gloria Nelson). After lunch it was on to the Colusa Casino and the first games of chance. Each tour member received a "starter kit" (\$10.00) and nobody quit while they were ahead. Then, the Cash Creek Casino gave everyone a second chance. No big-time winners here. Most kept their shirts for the journey home.

## **MARCH**

*30 Years Ago (March 1980)*

SVR member Hank Feenstra put a For Sale ad in the March DRIFTER listing his E-Production race car, a 1958 356A Speedster, and two race engines, each 145hp, for sale. \$4,500 for the rolling chassis, and \$4,500 each for the two engines. What-a-buy!! Maybe he still has 'em -- call 916-484-6450.

At the March 13 board meeting Pat and Larry Wilson announced SVR had 131 entries, 33 from SVR, to CRAB NINE, April 11-13. More were expected. President Rik Larson reported

the club's net balance amounted to about \$2,300. Rik asked all board members to prepare information that could be used to develop duty statements for the various board positions and to update the club's policy guidelines. Dwight Mitchell was constructing a new Dummkopf award which would be ready soon. A usually reliable, inside informant, said it would be battery-powered.

On March 15, seven cars from SVR (including Al and Kathy King, Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger, Rik and Lettie Larson, and Pat and Larry Wilson), motored to Manteca to join 54 cars, led by Mike Lommatzsch, from Golden Gate Region on their annual two-day tour to Yosemite Park. Included in the GGR bunch was John Meunier, President of SVR in 1972. John reminded those from SVR that the red 356A Speedster he was driving that day was the same one pictured on the SVR logo. Its license plate read, "Old Shoe."

### *20 Years Ago (March 1990)*

SVR's March 15 dinner meeting at Vince's Trattoria restaurant on Folsom Blvd. was an extra special evening because our president, Sally Boeck, had this idea, "Let's do something special to recognize SVR members who receive their 20-year PCA membership certificate." And, special it was. Members who joined PCA in 1969 and thus in 1989 qualified for a 20-year certificate were given a special invitation to the festivities. Those able to attend were Leon and Sandy Biren, Jim and Joyce Karver, Ted and Kaylaine Robinson, and Michael Stevens. Zone 7 Representative Bud Behrens and Sally Boeck presided over the ceremonies. Those unable to attend, but recognized none the less were Leo and Nancie Droughton, Dave and Delores Johnson, Jim and Pat Thompson, and John and Barbara Smolich. To help commemorate the evening, a smiling Michael Stevens holding his certificate was the cover photo for the May DRIFTER.

In the March DRIFTER was Rik Larson's account of Yosemite Sam, The Rally. Held January 19, this Zone 7 series rally put on by SVR and written by Ray Seamans "Yosemite Sam" (another rallyist nick-name) spanned 65 miles and five check-points to the finish in a pizza parlor in Rancho Cordova where the scores were tallied and announced. The top PCA team of Harv and Connie Cain had the Expert Unequipped class-winning score of 180 points. The team with the biggest score of 1,648 points (in rallying, big is not good) was Jim McMahan and Suzanne Gallichio. Other SVR finishers included Don Rasmusson and Robert Vandenberg, Jan and Herb Hoover, Curtis Cleary and Nikki Duncan, and Bob Dennison and Elizabeth Carr.

### *10 Years Ago (March 2000)*

Eleven SVR members enjoyed the March 12 Railroad Museum Tour with SVR-member Phil Lawrence as our resident docent, first giving us the scoop on Theodore Judah and his search for a railroad pass through the Sierra, then an explanation of narrow and standard gauge tracks and equipment. Then, Phil treated the group to Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg's private railway car, "The Gold Coast." The coal-burning fireplace and crystal chandelier blew 'em away. After three hours of brain-bending education, the group adjourned to their favorite watering hole in Old Sacramento.

On March 18, Tom Sisson treated 27 new SVR members to a day at the Towe Auto Museum which included an indoor picnic lunch followed by a docent-led tour of the museum. The exhibits such as the Blacksmith Shop and Vic's Drive-In were especially interesting for the group.

On Wednesday night, March 29, twenty-four SVR members and prospectives arrived at Bob Peake's house to test 12 different wines from Schug, Carneros, Gundlach-Bunshu, Vigel, Castle, and Bella Vignia. Put that with a spectacular layout of fresh baked breads, pasta salad, grilled veggies, and appetizers by LaCucina Cirino from Grass Valley, and you've got a great evening ahead.

The March 25 Concours Tech Session at Don Joe's Fabrication Specialties featured Phil Lawrence and Mark Smedley sharing their perspectives and secrets on competing in Zone 7 and Parade concours events. Jeff Brown from Meguiar's was there to share his products and perspectives and also impressed those 25 concours nuts in attendance.

## **APRIL**

### *30 Years Ago (April 1980)*

According to Historian Stan Breyfogle's column in the April DRIFTER, the SVR Dummkopf award was first given in 1966 by Larry Wilson to past-president Dave Werner (1964 president) for the way he took the standing-start of his mirror-autocross run at Aero-Jet (two cars running simultaneously, each on a separate but mirror-image course). After both cars approached, and then stopped at the start-line, the green flag dropped, and Dave made a magnificent launch -- in REVERSE! Ahhh, the beauty of it all. The April 5, SVR Women's Tech Session (at Autosport Technology) and Luncheon (Monterey Bay Cannery restaurant) offered instruction on what to do when roadside first aid is necessary.

More than 250 PCAers in 140 Porsches (including 46 SVR cars) made it through Dolores Weddle's registration party for the April 11, 12 & 13, CRAB NINE (Larry and Pat Wilson

co-chairs) and, in the process, they consumed 14 quarts of booze, 24 liters of wine, and eight pounds of popcorn -- all the signs of a great weekend ahead. 80 competitors ran the autocross chaired by Mike Willis, and the funkhana chaired by the dipsy-duo of Paul Bates and Harvey Cain. That evening during the award ceremonies, the group continued its merry ways by consuming another 152 liters of wine. The top Funkhana team (of 52 entries) was Keith McMahon and Kathy Hopkins from Golden Gate Region. Twenty-nine SVR members won a trophy in the autocross. Eighty-six cars ran the Sunday rally visiting Pleasant Grove, Nicolas, Trowbridge, Rio Oso, and Elverta. John Clever, running solo, had the lowest overall score (10) in the rally chaired by Rik and Lettie Larson. SVR rally teams Jim and Joyce Karver and George and Nona Morley both won their rally class. At the Gibson Ranch Beer 'n' Brat soiree, Dave and Chrissie Neukom's team provided 402 buns, 100 pounds of bratwurst, 70 pounds of sauerkraut, and 24 cases of beer. That's CRAB by the numbers!

### *20 Years Ago (April 1990)*

Forty-five students got their diplomas at the SVR-organized April 8 Zone 7 rally school head-mastered by Ron Boeck with assistants Rik Larson and John Clever at the Grand Island Inn (formerly Ryde Hotel). The school's classroom segment covered topics like basic rally course following, main road rule, and Parade Competition Rules. The school's final exam was a short, 5-checkpoint rally ending with critique at Rick's Pizzeria in Lodi. 20 rally-cars took the final exam with George and Nona Morley coming out on top with a score of 122. Exam monitors (checkpoint workers) were Starla and Mark Hirst, Mike Willis and Sally Jean, and Pat and Larry Wilson.

For the April 27-29 CRAB 19 event, co-chairs Kern and Cindi Breaux instituted BIG, BIG changes: they switched their headquarters from the Red Lion to the Radisson Inn; on Sunday, they launched a new event, Concours de CRAB; and, they moved the autocross to Sunday with the rally on Saturday. 106 entrants had signed up by April 5, so they were guaranteed a big crowd. The registration party, chaired by Greg and Cyndee Peart, provided the necessary attitude adjustment for the entire weekend. Saturday's rally saw the first car out at 9:01 A.M., then cars quickly lined up for J. Toney's second event of the day, a tour/rally designed for two-car teams. Jack and June Samples were honored during the Saturday evening banquet when Jack received his PCA 20-year membership certificate. The Peter Morgan band provided music for dancing. On Sunday, as a testament to the skill of all autocrossers, the Snidely Whiplash Bass Ackwards award was put back on the shelf -- no one qualified! Stacy Reitmier beat husband Jeff to take Top Time of Day (TTOD), the first time at CRAB for a woman to take top time, overall. Redwood Region's Brian Perry chaired the funkhana, and usual champions, Jim McDade and Kirk Bradford,

bombed-out in the event. Mike Willis with the CRAB concours was next up as the final competitive event for the weekend. Nearby, Tony and Jill Taylor and helpers served the traditional beer and brat while the more successful entrants lined up to collect their special CRAB trophies, beautifully hand-crafted by Tambra Kroetz.

### *10 Years Ago (April 2000)*

The April 8 SVR autocross at Mather Field, chaired by Bill Winkler, featured the premier introduction of the club's brand new autocross trailer. Forty-six drivers were on hand, including 14 from Golden Gate Region. Mike Ambrozicz and his magic grill was also on hand to provide delicious burgers for lunch. Early on, Bill Thorp and Kathy Smalley set fast times with Doug Ostler right behind. At the end of the day, though, it was Bill Winkler, Tim Howard, and Tania Brooksby who waxed the field. Steve Nieslony and Toni Smith led the stock classes. Friday setup crew included Bill Manich, Tim Howard, Russ Hildebrand, Tim Fleming, and Glen Brooksby. Saturday morning crew were De'Nai Miller, Don Zinke, Steve Nieslony, Russ Hildebrand, and Glen Brooksby.

The April 30 Grand Island Mansion tour by Allen and Dolores Weddle was a return to the 58-room, 20,000 sq. ft. mansion, built in 1917 and billed as the "former palace of illicit pleasure." The highlight of this event is always the famed, "Mirror Tour," a chance to see your friends in half the group on the opposite side of the river, as they see you and your half, driving your Porsches at a leisurely speed down the levee road, an idea from the fertile imagination of Phillip Marks. This time, PCAers in 30 cars, 15 in each group, also enjoyed the experience of crossing the Cortland Bridge at the same time, but in opposite directions. Ron and Sally Boeck were, of course, big-time helpers and leaders of the "B Group."

## **MAY**

### *30 Years Ago (May 1980)*

SVR member Randy Blaesi arranged the May 2 Potluck dinner meeting at the Nepenthe Clubhouse in Campus Commons, and Connie Farlinger wrote the follow-up piece about the event for THE DRIFTER. Dave and Dolores Johnson, the creators of SVR's stuffed "Clarence, the Crab," told Connie how Dolores used an Alaska king crab from a Japanese fish market as a model for Clarence. Fred and Nancy Myeron were there and Fred talked about his '58 Speedster he thought was somewhere in his backyard (big lot and the grass is really high). Someone brought a 5-foot loaf of French bread. But, the special feature of the evening was the unveiling of the new, and improved, industrial version of the SVR Dummkopf award -- you know, the one with the golden digit. Crafted by Dwight Mitchell



with spiritual advice from wife, Linda, this new piece of art caused Sally Weddle and other women with tender sensitivities to blush at the phallic suggestion of its composition. Never-the-less, Jim and Shirlee Chandler became the first recipients of the new version of SVR's most talked about award because of their antics during the April 27th Historic Sacramento Tour. Allen Weddle ran a close second for running his Porsche over the cash box at the autocross during CRAB NINE -- beyond straightening.

May 16, 1980 -- Remember that date! It's the date Harvey Cain did his first stint as a rallymaster. It was an open, Friday night event he named, "Beginner's Luck." As he said in his post-event piece for THE DRIFTER, "Well, it took more than luck to do well on this Friday night rally. 52 cars of assorted makes attempted to find my 4 checkpoints. . .only 26 car were good enough to find all four." Oh-ooh -- but, Harvey kept going, "75 percent of the participants were beginners or novices and probably did not even know what the general instructions were. So they went on a rally and got lost. To those people I apologize." With half the field hopelessly and perhaps forever lost in the dark and unfamiliar countryside near Courtland, Hood, Pt. Pleasant, or Freeport (even the sweep-car couldn't find 'em), other more experienced SVR rallyists and part of the remaining 25 percent, "I don't need no stinkin' generals," group (Mike and Vicki Willis, Ray and Sara Clements, and George and Nona Morley) made it to all four checkpoints and the finish to pick-up event trophies. As for the rallymaster job, Harvey opined in THE DRIFTER that he'd never do it again.

#### *20 Years Ago (May 1990)*

SVR's May 18 event in the Zone 7 rally series, "Snake in the grass, too," chaired by Rik Larson, was advertised as a "simple, yet warm and gentle time and distance rally." Right. Thirty-three rally teams participated and while they might have thought it was "warm and gentle," they sure didn't think it was "simple." The rally course was only 90 minutes long and with only three checkpoints. But, Rik Larson, the master of misdirection, had the first checkpoint a mere 5 minutes from the odometer check, and the second leg was less than nine minutes long. Soooo, the third leg was a huge confidence test finally ending with the third and last checkpoint. Ah-Hah, now get this: Larson's event occurred almost exactly on the 10th Anniversary (plus two days) of Harvey Cain's star-crossed 1980 "Beginner's Luck" rally described immediately above. In this (Larson's) rally, SVR's team of J. Toney and Helen Ashuckian, universally recognized as the world's best rally team, finished with a score of 196 penalty points and LAST in the six-car Expert Unequipped class. And, who finished fourth in the same class and was the best-finishing SVR team, you ask? Yes, none other than Harvey and Connie Cain with a score of 107 points. So, when it comes to masters of misdirection, it takes one to know one.

Allen and Dolores Weddle's May 20 Gold Country Tour took Porsches through the golden foothills to The Holbrooke in Grass Valley's Grand Hotel for an elegant champagne brunch. Instead of the expected hot temperatures, it was raining, but that didn't dampen enthusiasm, and they came from all corners -- the McIntyres from Twain Harte, the Cains from San Francisco, the Crosses from Pleasant Hill, the Leggetts from Concord, and Meuniers from Mokelumne Hill. Some of the locals were Marv and Marie Smith in his recently re-built 911T, the Bitters, Greens, Hesses, Lunbacks, Boecks, Pearts, Wilsons, and prospective member Peggy Bengs. Thirty-two cars, in all. Champagne door prizes (Korbel, Piper Sonoma, and Krug) went to the Clements, Kroetzs, and Hirsts.

### *10 Years Ago (May 2000)*

Fifty-six drivers (23 from SVR) competed in SVR's May 6 Zone 7 Autocross at Mather Field. SVR had 12 class-winning drivers plus several who were new, or infrequent, autocross competitors (Arnold Ramirez, Gloria Nelson, Don Wigglesworth, Howard Ross, Fred Haines, Dennis Stettner, and Phil Lawrence). Tania and Glen Brooksby each finished first in class with Bob Peake and Bill Winkler coming in second and third in the Street Improved (Men) class. De'Nai Miller earned a very impressive second-place award in Street Improved (women) class after experiencing only a handful of autocross events (but she had Bill Winkler as her instructor).

SVR's May 21 Zone 7 Concours, chaired by newly-wed Kent Brandon, was held at Niello Porsche in Rocklin. When judging began, 22 Porsches (including 16 from SVR) were awaiting critical inspection by Zone 7 judges: six 356s, one 914, one 944, one Boxster, and thirteen 911s. The 16 SVR folks took home 12 trophies, too: 6 firsts, 4 seconds, and two thirds. SVR competitors included Larry Dunn, Jerry Kiliany, Mia Marvell, Mark Smedley, Ray Johansen, Greg Keith, Phil Lawrence, Lowell Irwin, Tim Fleming, Arnold Zeiderman, Alan Nishimoto, Joe Pitta, Jason Daley, Dennis Stettner, Terry Rogers, and Pat Leavitt. Then, there was this new-member, Kim Nelson, who took first in the 911 full concours class. To top off a great day, Mike Ambrozewicz sold all his hamburgers thus adding to the SVR autocross trailer fund.

## **JUNE**

### *30 Years Ago (June 1980)*

Harvey Cain chaired the June 1 Sacramento Valley Sports Car Council (SVSCC) Autocross by SVR thus making a successful career-change from rallymaster. Pre-event publicity paid off with 101 entries including 25 Porsches. The day started cold and overcast, and the first car out, a Lotus Super 7, spun on the first corner of the practice lap at Parking Lot

A, Cal Expo. The Top Time of Day (TTOD) went to Emmett Wilder, Redwood Region, in his much-modified 914-6. In addition to Emmett, other class-winning PCAers were Shelia McDade, Kirk Bradford, Ted Atlee, Mike Willis, Vicki Willis, Larry Wilson, Pat Wilson, Ted Colbert, and Linda Mitchell. Also finishing in the top-ten overall were Dwight Mitchell and Jim McDade, both driving the modified 914-6 Bates-McDademobile. Al and Kathy King were among the 30 SVR workers who helped make the day a smashing (not literally) success.

On June 14, SVR held a tennis tournament before its regular dinner meeting at the Tennis Club Hotel in Davis. The competition was strong and continued through six rounds of tennis. In the Women's class, the top finishing order was Connie Speicher (44 points), Donna Williams (35 points), and Laura Adams (33 points). In the Men's class, the top finishing order was Jim Karver (40 points), Gene Speicher (31 points), and David Williams (30 points).

PCAers in 13 Porsches embarked June 21 on the Chico Tour and Picnic, chaired by Allen Weddle. This was a joint event with members of Shasta Region. There was a variety of SVR Porsches from Larry and Pat Wilson's 1961 356B to the 1978 911SC of Jim and Neva Everhart. At the picnic, seven or so Shasta cars joined the group including their president, Roy Parker, who exchanged diplomat immunities with SVR's president, Rik Larson. SVR members Brian and Lora Lewis had the picnic site ready with ice-downed beer and pop, and the BBQ fire ready to go. Mel and Betty Pasta placed LAST in the tour quiz winning a bottle of wine. Steve and Lori won the quiz earning themselves a set of Bosch driving lights donated by Superior Porsche-Audi of Redding.

### *20 Years Ago (June 1990)*

About a dozen die-hard potential 911 mechanics showed up at the June 3 SVR Tech Session to learn all there is to 911 valve adjustment at Dwight and Linda Mitchell's Autosport Technology. Three hours later, several members muttered, "I'll never try that, but at least I now appreciate why a tune-up costs so much." Suzanne Gallicho was the only woman student. Dwight made sure that everyone had a chance to adjust valves and get the correct "feel" of the drag of the feeler-gauge. SVR's tech chairman, Herb Hoover, and Autosport technician, Jim Vener helped with the presentation. Greg Peart, Steve Taggart, and Jim McMahan were also students.

June 16 was SVR Picnic Day with Herb Hoover in charge. The weather, unfortunately, was on the cool-side and prevented Herb and Jan from showing off their brand new Monaco Grand Prix T-shirts. It was not too cool to prevent former SVR-members David and Janice Witteried from South Ogden, Utah, from joining the group. Eight cars departed on a

leisurely tour through Auburn and Forest Hill to French Meadows where Mark Davis joined the tour and the lake-side picnic. Mark and Starla's 912 performed flawlessly with well over 100 grand on the odo. No undue excitement except for a bee flying under Allen Weddle's shirt. Not enough wind for Sally Boeck's kite. Herb said he followed SVR tour guidelines to the letter: "Have fun and make things simple." Everyone agreed, it was and Herb did.

SVR members shined at the June 23-29 Porsche Parade at Monterey. Mike Willis with his very nice Porsche was the only SVR-competitor in the concours and placed a very creditable 5th in a tough class. J. Toney and John Clever were in charge of the rally and did a great job (even if they did put the last checkpoint crew in poison oak). Rik Larson and Harvey Cain (equipped class) teamed-up to finish second overall in the rally with only a 32-second error (they would have won but for a tossed leg). Pat Wilson driving ShuBx, the orange 914-4 2.0, in the two-day Parade autocross at Laguna Seca, won her class and also received Top Time of Day (TTOD) #1 (Women) award after the first day. THE DRIFTER, Larry Wilson, editor, won its class in the PCA newsletter contest.

#### *10 Years Ago (June 2000)*

Glen Brooksby chaired the June 3 SVR Autocross at Lot A, Cal Expo, and gave the 42 competing drivers a look at some of the course elements to be used for the Porsche Parade 2000 driving event at the same location in July. E.J. Fontaine drove especially good. He was behind Susan Fontaine most of the day. Facing his last run behind by .8 of a second, E.J. pulled out the stops and improved his time by 1.2 seconds and secured Top Time of Day (TTOD) by turning a lap at 49.799 seconds. Susan still had TTOD (Women) with a final lap of 50.144 seconds. SVR events typically draw a disproportionate number of rookie drivers. And, with instruction available, they learn a lot and do well. A good example was Terry Lindsey who had a 12.5-second improvement in lap-time during the day.

The June 17 Mines and Wines Tour, chaired by Russ Hildebrand, struck gold according to the many pleased participants. Russ, and a dozen Porsches in tow, left the Nimbus Winery, with much directional advice from Mike Willis, Bob Peake, and Rik Larson, on their way for short blast up the hill to Gold Bug Mine and Park. In downtown Placerville, a Porsche driver simply got in line and joined the group, he said, because it looked like an interesting bunch. At Gold Bug Mine, they picked up two more SVR cars (as planned). The leisurely picnic lunch, after touring the 65-degree historic gold mine, gave all a great opportunity for a bit of socializing. Then it was off to Fairplay, Somerset, and other points in the Shenandoah Valley in route to Perry Creek Vineyards and Latcham Winery for cheese sampling and wine tasting. Thanks to Marja Strutz and Rich Burke for obtaining the great door prizes

handed out. Shelagh Matthews won a bottle of chocolate and port wine fudge syrup (all in the same bottle?). Last stop was Montevina Winery. More drawings, more eating, and more wine tasting followed then it was home again, home again. . . .

## JULY

### *30 Years Ago (July 1980)*

On July 5, a few SVR members (President Rik Larson and First Lady Lettie Larson, DRIFTER editor Trische Robertson, Speed Events Chair Mike Willis, and Past-President Ted Colbert) journeyed to Red Bluff for Shasta Region's first-ever Zone 7 Autocross at the local airport. Roy Parker, Shasta's President, chaired the event. The course was designed like a long rubber band, to keep within the confines of a runway, and was nearly one-mile long. Trische reported it was the first time she got her 912 into 4th gear at an autocross, but she must have done it well because she won her class. Trische had to leave early to get home in time to help celebrate the birthday of her husband, John, thus ending her DRIFTER report on the event. One thing she missed was seeing Ted Colbert in his "stock" 911 blow off the field, including the modified class, to take top time of day (TTOD).

Mike Willis and Stan Brefogle were the hares for the Sunday, July 13 Hare and Hound Rally run as a warm-up for the monthly dinner meeting (actually, a brunch this time). Mike and Stan managed to "mark" the course finishing just ahead of the first pursuing hound, and they didn't get arrested for defacing public property (streets) with spray paint. Event highlights: The Sally Weddle/Stacy Hill team was seen off-course soon after the start. Pat and Larry Wilson were observed running their 356 in reverse much of the time (Pat said it erased incorrect mileage from their odometer. Ray and Sarah Clements were observed making every turn in Arden Park correctly -- but they were three miles off course. At the finish, the Wilson/Wilson and Weddle/Hill teams tied for most correct mileage with Teton Corp a mere .5 mile behind in third. But, Teton easily won the most correct time measurement with only a 30-second error. George and Nona Morley had a 2-minute error, and Dolores and Allen Weddle followed with a 3-minute error. Trische Robertson and her son, Colin, were last, in both counts.

### *20 Years Ago (July 1990)*

Karen Mangin couldn't wait to run the July 22 His Idea gimmick rally by Ray Clements. She had run a total of three rallies, and was eager to go on her fourth. She was so jazzed up, she even committed to write the post-event article for THE DRIFTER. Karen ran the event with Sally Boeck, who she knew was experienced in these matters. It was, however,

Karen's first gimmick rally. She knew that Ray Clements, as rallymaster, would try his hardest to mislead her in every way possible. And, after running the event Karen was convinced that Ray Clements was a twisted person for having created all that madness. At the pizza parlor finish, the Gallichio/Schumacher entry did poorly on the end-of-rally exam which counted mightily in the final score. At the same time John Clever, looking at the exam questions, was heard muttering, "There must be a mistake, here." Mark and Starla Hirst were looking slightly dismayed, and Karin was totally wasted forgetting to note in her DRIFTER piece who won the event! But, as Ron Boeck cleverly noted with a quote from Bart Simpson, "Don't have a cow, man. It's only a game."

The July 25 Gourmet Night at Koya's, chaired by Mike Willis, was a grand night for eating and drinking for a group of 25 thirsty and hungry PCAers. Each course was "married" to the perfect wine, and as the group ate and drank, Eric, the group's personal wine connoisseur and cuisinier for the evening, complimented each course with history and information on each winery. Attendees included Mark and Starla Hirst, Ron and Sally Boeck, Marv and Marie Smith, Herb and Jan Hoover, Linda and Dwight Mitchell, Dave and Kathy Smith, Jim McMahan, Bob Peake and Terri, C.C. Craig and Karen Mangin, Steve and Karen Taggert (and their guests), Ray and Sara Clements, and Mike and Vicki Willis.

#### *10 Years Ago (July 2000)*

Running July 2 through 8, the BIG event for SVR this year was the annual PCA Porsche Parade with its half-million dollar budget, this time held in Sacramento with headquarters at the Double Tree Hotel AND the Red Lion Inn, and staffed with PCAers from most regions in Zone 7. General direction came from an eight-person "policy group" with five having specific committee assignments as well: Mike Lommatzsch, co-chair; Rik Larson, co-chair; Mary Ann Behrens, Zone 7 Rep; Tom Provasi, local sponsors; Susan Fleming, art show; Bob Peake, banquets; Pat Wilson, registrar; and Larry Wilson, treasurer. SVR members headed 11 of 36 additional committees to operate or support Parade activities: Ken Mitchell - communication, Jim Finley - computers, Pat deWitt - historic car show, Herb Hoover - transportation, Bill Winkler - Michelin Challenge, Greg Peart - parking & security, George Morley - signage, Tim Fleming - special events, J. Toney - walking rally & 5k run, Mike Willis - tech inspection, and Shelagh Matthews - hotel liaison.

The Parade's 7-day-long Porsche-fest combined traditional sports car activities (concoors, rally, autocross, tech quiz/presentations) with the non-traditional (art show, golf, tennis, RC cars, walk/run), and yet appealed to everyone's relaxation and epicurean needs. SVR had over 70 cars registered among the total 500-Porsche entry. By all accounts, near and far, the results were excellent -- the Parade was deemed to be a smashing success.

Participants enjoyed the events. PCA management and the Porsche family and factory representatives were pleased. And, all Parade staff joined together in cracking the nut to stay within budget parameters (PCA President Bob Miller was pleased). Parade staff was even given credit for control of Sacramento's July weather (seven straight days under 82 degrees) after word got out that the goodie store loaded up, but then sold out, their HUGE inventory of Parade sweatshirts. Parade staff pled guilty to exercising weather control and good management practices.

## **AUGUST**

### *30 Years Ago (August 1980)*

The annual SVR Charity Auction/Picnic on August 3 was a smash hit with a great turnout thanks to the co-chair quartet of Connie Farlinger, Kathleen Peebles, Carol Weber, and Trische Robertson who had the three main ingredients under control: a super auction to benefit Special Olympics (\$1,200.00), the annual 356 vs 911 volleyball game, and good fellowship. Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson started the auction in time to offer goodie to complement the picnic (two German cakes, Marie Smith's delicacies, plus brownies and assorted sweets. Then came the hard-core items. Two major items donated by SVR members -- Betty Fielding's stained glass rendition of Mickey Mouse, and Dave Marek's original painting of a Porsche 936 -- drew furious bidding until Kern Breaux took Mickey home and the Colbert's added the 936 to their growing collection of Marek originals. The volleyball game ended with an upset -- the 911 team won, and in a side-bet, Dwight and Linda Mitchell won the finely detailed chocolate 911. Special thanks were extended to the workers who helped make the event successful: John Meeker and Trische Robertson, George and Nona Morley, Colin Rueb, Carol Weber, Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger, Kathleen and Scott Peebles, and Dolores Weddle.

It was about a day's drive to the August 23 - 29 Porsche Parade in Portland according to DRIFTER editor Trische Robertson who also thought a three-hour head-start on the Harvey Cain (and Connie Farlinger) led SVR bunch would be a prudent thing to do. Hah! Harvey and bunch erased that margin at 9:30 AM when they caught Trische and John Meeker in Salem. Then it was peddle to the metal for Trische in her 912 as she hung on until they reached Portland. Later in the week, Trische would appreciate that learning experience as she won her class in the Parade autocross. And, so did Connie Farlinger (but not Harvey). Later, in the Tech Quiz, Mary Peters placed first in the 1972-1980 911 (Women) class. So, that is it -- only SVR-women scored wins in the Portland Parade. Oh yes. . .also in the Tech Quiz, Trische finished third (with a trophy) in the 1966-1971 911

(Women) class. Greg Peart took second in the rally's Novice class, but he doesn't count -- he was still a member of Shasta Region.

*20 Years Ago (August 1990)*

During the August 19 Sierra Nevada Beer/Ale Tour, chaired by C.C. Craig and Jim McMahan, SVR members in 15 Porsche went to Chico and presented themselves at the Sierra Nevada Brewery chanting, "feed me, feed me." First they had brunch, then they had beer and/or ale. Some of those attending were C.C. Craig and Karen Mangin, Garth & Vicki Mason, Pat & Larry Wilson, Mike and Vicki Willis, Ray & Sara Clements, Rik & Lettie Larson, Ron & Sally Boeck, Greg & Cyndee Peart, Allen & Dolores Weddle, the Greisses, Nancy Veach, Jim McMahan, and the Hersons. The group also had a lesson on how to make beer.

The August 28 Day at the Fair, chaired by Mike Willis, was SVR's appearance in the "Trans Expo" held during the California State Fair at Cal Expo. Billed as an "auto hobbyist showcase" where a different type of vehicle is displayed on each of the State Fair's 18 days, 14 SVR members jumped at the chance to display their beauties; Jim McMahan (1979 911), Suzanne Gallicho (1983 911SC), Cyndee and Greg Peart (1974 914-4 2.0), Jan and Herb Hoover (1968 912), Gordon Schotz (1976 930), Ken and Marcella Mitchell (1973 914-4 2.0), C.C. Craig (1974 911S), Mark Iriarte (1974 914-4 2.0), John and Judy Caffery (1983 944), Larry and Pat Wilson (1961 356B), Rich McGlumphy (1970 914-6), Phil Lawrence (1972 911), Bob Peake (1982 911SC), and Mike Willis (1974 911 Carrera). In return, each participant received two Fair passes and an event T-shirt. Chairman Willis set up a roster so each person would spend no more than one hour at the PCA/Porsche information table, then they were free to roam the Fair. Niello Porsche donated to the club an eye-catching banner with two Porsche crests for use at the display. Then they said, "keep it."

The August 1990 issue of THE DRIFTER carried the best racer-quote of all time. Describing why his driving style in the Audi Quattro had changed to more effectively use all-wheel drive, Hans Stuck, Jr. said, "I learned that I had to be more smooth. Before, I was always sideways so much that I had more bugs on the doors than on the windshield."

*10 Years Ago (August 2000)*

The August 10th dinner meeting, held at the Art Garage next to the 33rd Street Bistro was located, naturally, at 33rd and Folsom Blvd., Sacramento. Susan Fleming chaired this one and got a great turn-out of exhausted Parade 2000 workers. She was assured by restaurant owner, Fred Haines (also a member of SVR), that the cuisine would be special -- and it was! At a reasonable price, it included Baked Alaskan Salmon, Grilled sage and



prosciutto chicken, Beef tri-tip with cabernet demi-glaze, Roasted vegetables, and topped off with Crème brulee. Did we get all of that? If so, let's do it again!

The August 2000 issue of the DRIFTER had a few interesting items. Tom Sisson's list of new members included Tim and Joann Wilson with a 1961 Porsche 356B. The DRIFTER classifieds had an amazing ad from Garth Mason for a package-deal entitled, "Mini Junk-Yard Sale." For \$10,000 you could have one 1963 356B Cabriolet, one 1965 356C Coupe ("very rusty"), one 1965 912 (garaged for 20 years), two 1966 911s (one with a sunroof), one 1967 911 Targa, AND one 1968 911 Targa. But wait, there's more! Also included is a bunch of spares and every automotive magazine Garth ever read. This incredible deal may still be available. Call today (677-4095) -- operators are standing by.

## SEPTEMBER

### *30 Years Ago (September 1980)*

At the September 11 Board meeting, President Rik Larson announced the PCA Executive Council had awarded to Zone 7 the 1982 Porsche Parade to be held at Reno, Nevada, with a preliminary budget of \$150,000. Treasurer Kern Breaux reported the SVR current balances were \$300 in the checking account, and \$500 in savings.

The Sixth Annual two-day rally, September 20-21 Carrera de Sierra VI, co-chaired by Rik and Lettie Larson, drew 95 rally-cars to the Saturday start at Cordova Lodge. Stan Breyfogle wrote Saturday's route through Ione, Jenny Lind, Angels Camp, and Jamestown to the lunch-stop in Sonora. Then, through Chinese Camp, Moccasin, Groveland, and Hardin Flat to Yosemite Valley with first car in at 3:30PM. At 5:00PM, all the beer and wine one could wish for was available with a barbecue steak dinner. At 10:00AM, Sunday's action resumed, now written by Rik Larson through Coulterville, Oakdale, and Farmington to the finish in Stockton. Thirty-one PCA rally-cars were among the finishers. Thirty more SVR members worked the starts and checkpoints making the event possible: Larsons, Breyfogle, Wilsons, Burkes, Neukoms, Weddles, Kings, Pastas, Robinsons, Peebles, Willis's, Samples's, David Simich and Kelley Byerley, Trische Robertson, Stacey Hill, Jennifer Morley, Stuart Cain, Lee Lyons, and Goose. And, how did SVR do, you ask? TWO FIRSTS in CLASS: Mose Thomas and Cyndee Nightingale (Beginner Class) and Ray and Sara Clements (Novice Class). Also in Novice Class making it a SWEEP were 2nd - Sanford Chance and Ellen Hollister, and 3rd - John and Barbara Smolich. Also, 7th - Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger, 8th - Mike Delgado and Alice McDonald, and 11th - George and Nona Morley. In the Expert Unequipped Class: 3rd - Jim and Joyce Karver, and 7th - Mike and Mary Peters.

*20 Years Ago (September 1990)*

At the September 6 board meeting, President Sally Boeck mentioned that Serge Dubuc, from Porsche AG at Weissach on loan to PCNA in Reno for three months, called asking for a copy of THE DRIFTER. SVR Social Director Karen Mangin perked-up asking, "What, someone from the factory -- here -- as close as Reno? Gimme his phone number." That was Thursday night. By Saturday morning, Karen had this nice gent lined-up to be the featured speaker with slides and stuff at the upcoming SVR meeting and Octoberfest in Davis. (Yup, he showed. Don'tcha just love it!)

On September 16, SVR's Charity Auction, Jean & Phil Keith and Marcy & Randy Vidmar co-chairs, raised \$2,802 for Make-A-Wish Foundation. Once again at the home of Tom and Brenda Solter with their shady glen, babbling brook setting, the event featured premier hotdog chefs, Alma Thompson and Ray Clements, feeding the folks with all revenue to charity. Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson auctioned away lots of good stuff, including three bras, two Porsche and one Lilly of France.

It was 2:00AM when Joyce Karver tippy-toed out of her cabin at Camp Curry, Yosemite Valley, heading for the bathroom in her pink, frilly nightie, the one that husband Jim brought for her at Victora's Secret. They had just finished the first day of the two-day T&D rally, Carrera de Sierra XIII, September 22-23. Phillip Marks was chair with John Clever as rallymaster. On her way back, and without a flashlight or glasses, Joyce gets lost and can't remember her cabin number or location. At 2:00AM, she's not about to go banging on doors, so when you next see her (not Jim), ask her if and how she made it back. Now, back to the rally. Forty-two rally cars (11 from SVR) ran the event and SVR workers were Lettie Larson's mom, Nona & George Morley, Pat & Larry Wilson, Chilli, Vicki & Michelle Willis, and Rod, Chris & Jason Sorenson. SVR top finishers after two days and 11 legs of rallying were Bob Dennison and Elizabeth Carr who were FIRST the 20-car Beginners Class. Sally and Ron Boeck finished SECOND in Expert Unequipped Class, and Dolores and Allen Weddle were SIXTH in the 11-car Novice Class.

*10 Years Ago (September 2000)*

The September 9 Autocross at Mather Field with Glen Brooksby and Bill Winkler in charge, brought out 35 drivers looking for instruction and/or competition. And, they got both on a mile-long course with two long slaloms and a mixture of slow, medium and higher speed corners designed by Bruce Shaw. The set-up crew of Russ Hildebrand, Tim Howard, and Bruce Shaw did their work, and Mike Ambrozicz brought his magic bratwurst barbeque to provide lunch for the autocrossers and cash for the SVR autocross trailer fund. At the end of the day, Steve Nieslony in his new 1972 914 nailed a four-second

margin over his nearest competitor, Russ Hildebrand, who in turn nipped Glen Brooksby. Ron Kain and Troy Allison showed marked improvement during the day, and Mike Ambrozicz the driver edged Bruce Shaw for Class Bm honors. John Kessler returned from his autocross vacation, and first-year driver Fred Haines moved near to the top of the stock-car class.

A new look for the September 23-24 Carrera de Sierra XXIII event: It's a combined rally-tour with Rik Larson/J. Toney in charge of the T&D rally, and Rich Swenson/Judy Hanna leading those who enjoy a nice mountain tour without the exasperations of a time-and-distance drill. Rich and Judy's group were Tom and Jude Sisson, Dennis and Judy Stettner, Roger and Dan Walker, Jeff and Kim Kinder, and Jim and Linda McMahan. They headed to Pioneer for a German breakfast, then through Kirkwood, Carson Pass, Silver Lake (for snacks), into the South Tahoe valley, over to Emerald Bay, and then into Truckee for shopping and the overnight stop. On Sunday, it was back to Roseville for the event wind-up barbeque. Connie Miller, who wrote a nifty DRIFTER piece about experiencing her first-ever rally on this Carrera event, unfortunately had to forgo the barbeque awards presentation and thus the T&D results for the DRIFTER were also forgone, forever.

## OCTOBER

### *30 Years Ago (October 1980)*

Harvey Cain chaired the October 11 Champagne Tour for 14 cars of SVR couples: Larson, Chandler, Peebles, Prinzo, Smith, King, Mason, Moore, Peters, Bruce Westrup and Lisa, Dave Simich and Kelley Byerley, Bob Peake and Jeannie, and Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger. On tap (if you will) was a visit to three of Napa Valley's best champagne wineries. The group learned about making and serving champagne at Domaine Chandon in Yountville. They explored tunnels, built by Chinese laborers in the late 1800s, that currently store 600,000 bottles of champagne at Schramsberg in Calistoga. They combined shopping with champagne tasting at Hans Kornell in St. Helena, had lunch at the nearby St. George restaurant, and then more shopping at Vintage 1870 back in Yountville. Finally, on to Sacramento and home.

Sally Weddle wrote her first rally when she produced the October 26 Big Apple rally. She also wrote the post-event story (see December issue of THE DRIFTER). As Sally tells it, the first of 25 rally-cars left the start at 9:01AM heading up the valley on a four-hour event around and past the Sacramento River and many orchards to lunch at Colusa where each person received a cold, crisp apple, thus the name of the rally. After lunch it was back down the river to Woodland and the finish. Sally said everyone easily got to the finish and were happy with their score. The workers were Jim and Joyce Karver, Mike and

Vicki Willis, Allen and Dolores Weddle, Jim and Shirley Chandler, Ray and Sara Clements, Rik and Lettie Larson, and Stan Breyfogle. Her dog ate the sheet with the names of entrants and finishing positions.

*20 Years Ago (October 1990)*

During the October 13 Wine Tour, Dennis at Hans Kornell said its tiny bubbles makes no headache. The 20-car sold-out tour made a smooth trip after Jim McMahan fixed tour leader Bob Peake's wipers from operating every time he keyed his CB radio to announce something important. After the Kornell visit, the group moved to Vintners Village for lunch, and then on to the Napa Mumm facility (everyone liked their "tasting salon"). Then, at S. Anderson Vineyards, each tour-goer took a flute of sparkling wine with them to visit the caves dug into the hillside. The final stop was Alambic Brandy stills at RMS Vineyards with more tasting. Tour members included Marv and Marie Smith, Chris and Elyce McIntyre, and Kirk and Linda Bradford, plus a whole bunch of others.

Eighty-five people turned out for the Octoberfest dinner meeting, October 18, at Sudwerk in Davis. What's with THAT (a recent-era attendance record)? A new German restaurant? Soliciting floor nominations for SVR elective offices in accordance with SVR bylaws? A guest speaker, Serge Dubuc, from Porsche AG complete with two video tapes and follow-up Q's and A's? The appearance of Ronie Saaki, Make-a-Wish Executive Director, to receive SVR's 1990 charity donation? Yes. All of the above.

The directions were simple, the course in Folsom was a breeze, but the puzzle was a killer and took a bit of an effort to solve. That would be the October 28 Miss Marple's Mystery Rally by Sally Boeck and Karen Mangin. It was a huge riddle with clues to help find the riddle's answers. When the smoke cleared, Mark Hirst did the best job of, "Riddle me this, Starla," and so they won the event. Their prize was three Miss Marple's mystery books. Wow! Placing second through ninth, winning no books, were Hans Engle and Cindy Sweeney, Mike and Vicki Willis plus Michelle, Gary and Kathleen Pitts, Suzanne Gallicho and Jim McMahan, Allen and Dolores Weddle, Bob and Gail Bitters, John and Thor Anderson plus Sharon Levinsky, and LAST, depressed, and sick of Miss Marple, Pat and Larry Wilson.

*10 Years Ago (October 2000)*

With Deb and Dan Catherwood at the helm, the October 1 Charity Auction was once again a great success raising over \$2,700 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. At the end, auctioneers Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson and all the generous SVR members in attendance continued fierce bidding on the few remaining items even though the supply of beer was EXHAUSTED. Thanks to Dennis Stettner for finding a location with plenty of

shade, to Kent Brandon for organizing the concours as a great companion event, and to Sally Boeck who recorded all purchases on her laptop. Dan Catherwood recognized Tom Sisson for creating "the best SOP binder (on charity auction arrangements) I've ever seen." And, Dan's seen plenty!

The October 7 autocross ended the SVR 2000 season with 30 drivers in full combat at Mather Field. Steve Nieslony easily won Top Time of Day with Tim Fleming and Glen Brooksby second and third fastest. Fourth through seventh were Bill Thorp, Russ Hildebrand, Ron Kain, and Tim Howard. Fastest woman was Kathy Smalley, and fastest stock driver was Edward Shih with Ross Butler and Nicholas Hromyak in hot pursuit.

Was the October 27 Costume Bowling event at Country Club Lanes a typical activity for a sports car club? Well, event-chair Phil Lawrence thought so, and combined it with Halloween costumes to make the evening a real Laugh-In. Bowling with Glo-Balls in machine-created fog under the glare of strobe and laser lights and in full costume (Susan Fleming was dressed as a tooth fairy, Lauren Fleming as a witch, Ryan Fleming as Harry Potter, Phil Lawrence as a train conductor, Shelagh Matthews as Merlin the Magician, and Sharon Fehr on crutches with an arm-sling as an accident-prone "Victim"), this motley group proceeded to have a bowling contest, ultimately won by Shelagh Matthews with a score of 123 over Susan Fleming, much to the chagrin of tooth fairies everywhere.

## NOVEMBER

*30 Years Ago (November 1980)*

Mendocino Madness was the name of the November 8-10 fourteen-car tour to the North Coast chaired by Kathleen and Scott Peebles with Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger handling sweep car duties and Rik and Lettie Larson packing their car full of beer, wine, and snacks. Other entrants present and receiving their tour packets at the Saturday-start were Jim and Shirley Chandler, C.C. and Launa Craig, Allen and Dolores Weddle, the Marcolini's in an Alfa, Hank and Kathy Feenstra, Marv and Marie Smith, Ralph and Carolyn Heath, Garth and Vicki Mason, Rob and Kerry Biddle, John Meeker and Trische Robertson, and Pat and Larry Wilson. Tour packets contained an observation photo-test of route scenes, an "old-timers" quiz of past Mendocino tours and indiscretions, two kite-flying buttons, eating/drinking/shopping suggestions, maps of the area, and a schedule of weekend activities. The Dave Simich-Kelly Byerley duo joined the group in Calistoga, and after lunch they all visited the Navarro and Edmeades Wineries before resuming their trip to the Hill House Inn, in Mendocino. After dinner it was party time in the Heath's room and Ralph gave his impression of a dead cow. Swell! The kite flying deal that's synonymous with the Mendocino tour started at high-noon, Sunday. By two o'clock, most ardent kite

competitors had retired to the Mendocino Hotel's Garden Bar for refreshments and the award ceremonies. Winners were the Smiths (Up the Longest), Wilsons tied the Simich-Byerley team (Most Tenacious Diehards), Masons (Most Beautiful Kite), and the Chandlers (Most Effort with the Least Results). Oh yes, winners of the Most Hated kite were Harvey and Connie with their "Killer Kite," which was indicted in the deaths of at least six kites lying at the bottom of Mendocino Harbor. The traditional wind-up dinner was held at the MacCallum House. The next day, on Monday, the group hit the road on the way home.

The November 15 Tech Session, "The Water Pumper," on Porsche models 924 and 928 was conducted by Dwight Mitchell at Autosport Technology. Dwight promised to discuss the basics of both cars and get into the specific areas of the 924 suitable for the Porsche do-it-yourself owner. Of course, coffee and Danish was served first at 9:30AM.

### *20 Years Ago (November 1990)*

The November 3 SVR Turkey Potluck dinner meeting was a chance for all members to service-test their favorite dish they planned to serve on the real Thanksgiving Day. It was limited, first come, first serve to the first 80 callers. Plus, the lucky accepted ones had to call Vicki Willis to receive their potluck dish assignment (the turkey was reserved to the organizers). Wow, a genuine potluck dinner. Don' cha get weak knees just thinkin' about it?

SVR member Ron Boeck, also Zone 7 Rally chairman, attended the November 10 Zone 7 Awards Banquet to preside over award ceremonies for the 11-event 1990 rally series. SVR contributed 6 of the 11 rallies: two Friday-nighters, two Sunday events, and the CRAB and Carrera de Sierra rallies. Both the driver and the navigator individually received end-of-the-year awards. SVR members among the top-ten drivers were Harvey Cain, Sally Boeck, Jim McMahan, and Allen Weddle. Among the top-ten navigators were Connie Cain, Suzanne Gallichio, and Dolores Weddle. When they opened the envelope, the Top Driver and Navigator were Harvey Cain and Connie Cain. John Clever, Diablo Region, who wrote five of the events and competed in three more, received the Zone 7 Rallyist of the Year award. Henry A. Watts, famous author from Loma Prieta Region, finished fifth in the driver category. He was said to be gathering data for his upcoming book, "Rally Beautiful: How To Look Good Getting Lost." Reliable sources said advance sales were lagging.

### *10 Years Ago (November 2000)*

Twenty-nine cars left for the November 3 Mendocino Tour in two groups, one led by Rich Swenson and Judy Hanna, the other by Tim and Susan Fleming. Rik Larson chaired the event. Both groups met for lunch at Guenoc Winery in Middletown, and then again at their final destination, the Little River Inn south of Mendocino, for the traditional toast-the-

sunset. The next day's kite flying contest looked like a non-starter until, at the last minute, the fog parted, the wind started, and up went 20 kites. Exactly 30 minutes later, that scenario was reversed and the contest was over. Period! But wait -- cocktails would have to start earlier than scheduled. Maybe, but an easily managed predicament. Dinner at various restaurants in the area proceeded as planned. Sunday was checkout for some while ten members of the group stayed an extra day and Monday played hooky from work.

Kern Breaux chaired the November 18 Go-Karts event which took place at The Inside Track, an indoor go-kart track in Stockton. Twenty-eight PCAers vied to see who would rule as track-king for the day. That title would be based partly on three heats -- each competitor would start one in the front, one in the middle, and one in the back of the field. The three-event total score would then determine who got to the final heat for overall honors. When the green flag dropped, there were spins, bumps, and passes. Some karts were more equal than others, but that's racin'. According to Kern Breaux, Glen Brooksby and Tim Fleming were in the running for spin king of the day, but then Kern's memory banks crashed (he finished the day 13th out of 28). Rich McGlumphy was positioned well as he started the last lap of the deciding final heat. But, with the checker in sight, Melinda Johnson got under Phil Cloud, who was passing Rich on the inside, and with them going three-abreast into the last turn, the predictable happened. Patrick Dickman, running fourth, worked his way through the mêlée to finish FIRST. Hey Rich, that's show-biz. THE DRIFTER article ended with a group-photo of all contestants. Mary Ann Behrens and Dennis Stettner were in the photo, and one looked somewhat like Kim Nelson.

## DECEMBER

### *30 Years Ago (December 1980)*

The December 20 Christmas Party at D.A. Stones, 10th & L Streets, was chaired by Kathleen Peebles who asked party-goers to bring an ornament for the tree. After social hour and a great dinner, the program moved along quickly with recognition of the outgoing board of directors, introduction of the newly elected board members, presentation of traditional gift to outgoing President, Rik Larson, presentation of awards to the Most Active Member, Most Active New Member, and for the most Outstanding Contribution to SVR. Then, the group proceeded to party and dance to the tunes of Terry Knight, SVR's disk-jockey for the evening.

The following information from the December 1980 DRIFTER: SVR ended the year with 225 primary members. Treasurer Kern Breaux reported the club's assets to be \$151.00 in the checking account and \$345.00 in savings. First year racer Arnold O'Shields raced his E-Production 356 to a third-place SCCA EP class-finish at Laguna Seca during the weekend

of the Monterey Grand Prix, October 18-19, 1980. December DRIFTER advertisers were Autosport Technology, Lombard's Radio Equipment, George McClarrinon Law Corp., Kerner Breaux at Cal West Life, Sportwagen Werke, Frank's Automotive, Kid-E-Korrall, Even-Temp AC & Heating, Reichel & Son Auto Body & Service, John Skoien/George Valerio Porschmen, Walt Stickel Body & Frame, Strutz Jewelers, Diamond Auto Body, Ed Rincon Body Shop, and Superior Porsche Sales & Service in Redding.

*20 Years Ago (December 1990)*

Ninety-two merrymakers thought the December 1 SVR Christmas Party and Awards Banquet at the Palomino Room was a smashing success. Chairperson Karen Mangin did a fabulous job with beautiful table decorations and charming souvenir champagne glasses at every place. Thanks to all of the sponsors, Fabrication Specialties, OK Tires, Joe Hill's Transmissions, and Kern Breaux, door prizes and other amenities were plentiful. Co-masters of ceremonies Sally Boeck and Randy Vidmar kept the program moving briskly. Event of the Year honors went to the San Simeon Tour chaired by Jean and Phil Keith and Vicki and Mike Willis. Rookies of the Year were Gail and Bob Bitters. Sally Boeck presented each outgoing board member with a beautiful engraved crystal beer mug, and in turn, Sally received a suitably engraved crystal plate. The President's Award, not automatically made each year, was awarded this year by Sally to Tom and Brenda Solter for opening their home and grounds the last two years for SVR's charity auction and concours. Herb Hoover received the DRIFTER Award of Excellence for creating outstanding tech tip contributions during the past years. So it was -- old friends, new friends, good times -- and dancing into the wee hours to the sounds of the Peter Morgan Band.

At the December 4 joint 1990-1991 board meeting, treasurer Ray Clements reported SVR had received \$1,700 as its share from the 1990 Parade in Monterey. Membership director Dolores Weddle reported that 20-year PCA membership certificates were received for Steven and Gwen Ito, Ralph and Carolyn Heath, Jerry Jurach, and Norv Travis. Dolores also said the 1991 roster would be ready to print by mid-December and that Bob and Beth Jacobson would sponsor the printing. President Sally Boeck reported 48 ballots were received from primary members in the election of 1991 officers.

*10 Years Ago (December 2000)*

The Front Ballroom of Sun City, Lincoln Hills, was the setting for SVR's December 17 afternoon Christmas Party with Bob and Beth Jacobson as co-chairs. Prime Rib was the fare du jour. The evening promised a gift and ornament exchange and the usual end-of-year awards and recognition as well as the presentation of the out-going and in-coming



boards of directors. No write-up for THE DRIFTER this year, but lots of photos showing these folks having great fun: Joan and Jose Uranga, Tom and Jude Sisson, Gloria Nelson, Glen and Tanya Brooksby, Tim and Susan Fleming, Barbara McCroy, Mike and Emily Willis, Russ Hildebrand, Shelagh Matthews, Kathy Smalley, Bob and Beth Jacobson, and Dennis and Judy Stettner.

In the December DRIFTER: Editor Dennis Stettner announced THE DRIFTER was now on the SVR website (Doug DeVetter, webmaster) in PDF format available as a download to all SVR members, thus beginning a new tradition for SVR. If there was an award for the best club officer report of the year, Glen Brooksby would surely have won it with his end-of-the-year summation of the club's competition program suggesting goals for 2001 to improve the experience of SVR members participating in autocross, driver's education, concours, rally and tech session events.

### **THE FINAL WORD:**

This marks the end of Drifting Back in the 30-, 20- and 10-year looking-back format because we've run out of months for that particular style. Starting 10 years ago (thanks to the persistence of Dennis Stettner) with the May 1991 issue of THE DRIFTER, we've covered 30 years, 1971 through 2000, of SVR history. Coincidentally, the column spanned exactly 356 months. It was a fun ride for me, getting to re-read all those great DRIFTERS and re-live SVR history.

Thank you.

*Larry Wilson*