

DRIFTING BACK FROM 2005

JANUARY

30 Years Ago (January 1975)

New year - new board: President Dan Boone, Vice President Lew Church, Secretary Chrissie Neukom, Treasurer Harvey Cain, Activities Chair Dave Neukom, Social Chair Eva Kay, Technical Chair Mike Peters, Publicity Chair Kaylaine Robinson, Newsletter Editor Lorie Church, Past President Paul Bates, Drifter Advertising Jim Crow.

Guests at the January 17 dinner meeting at El Macero Country Club included Hank Malter (Redwood Region, newly elected PCA Treasurer), Dwight Mitchell (Golden Gate Region, newly appointed Zone 7 representative), and Mrs. Bryant who represented the "Pre-School for the Retarded," recipient of our 1974 charity funds. Harvey Cain announced the SVR treasury had \$800 to \$900 - and promised greater preciseness in future reports.

President Dan Boone encouraged everyone to schedule their holiday plans around the July 27 - August 1, 1975 - the 20th Porsche Parade in Seattle. Tech Chair Michael Peters put a reminder in The Drifter that the club has, for loan, Porsche factory service manuals for the following models: Carrera 1500GS, 1600GS, 2000GS; 356 B/C; 912; 914-4 and 914-6; and 911 volumes one and two (where are they now?).

The SVR Rally School on January 25 chaired by Phillip Marks with a bevy of SVR workers (Les Yates, Rik and Lettie Larson, Rod Sorenson, Mike Willis, Kaylaine and Ted Robinson, Dave Neukom, Joe Stephans, Ron Boeck) gave an unforgettable experience to rally students - two hours of "ground school" at El Macero, a nice run through Yolo countryside with a lunch break in Winters, and then return to El Macero for a debriefing.

20 Years Ago (January 1985)

SVR's new board held their first meeting January 8. Officers included President Ray Clements, Vice president Larry Dunn, Secretary Dolores Weddle, Social Director Cyndee Nightingale, Treasurer Louise Sauseda, Competition Director J. Toney, Drifter Editor Karin Mangin, Membership Director Sue McGlumphy, and Past President Dwight Mitchell. Other committee chairs included Larry Wilson (Autocross information) Lee Coleman (Autocross rep to SVSCC), Mike Willis (Autocross rep to Zone 7), Barbara Rodrigues (Bed & Breakfast), Dwight & Linda Mitchell, Karen Mangin & C.C. Craig (Charity), Pam Harley (Dinner Meetings), Mary Jo Austin (D.Nota) Kirk Bradford (Dumbkopf), Louise Sauseda (Goodie Store), Ron Boeck, Mary Siles & Ted Strutz (Share the Wealth), Dwight Mitchell (Technical & Safety), Cyndee Nightingale (Tour & Social), and C.C. Craig (Yearbook).

The January 10 dinner meeting was held at the Coral Reef Lodge on Fulton Avenue, Pam Harley in charge. Larry and Gloria Dunn hosted the January 12 Activity Planning meetings with autocross scheduling at 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, rally scheduling at 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM,

and social activities and tour scheduling at 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Then the party began. Helping out with activity planning, among others, were Randy and Marcy Vidmar, Tom and Tandra Kroetz, Baxter Culver, Greg Peart, J. Toney, Bob Prinzo, Sara Clements, Karen Mangin, Kathy Chandler, C.C. Craig, and Gail Ervin. The resulting 1985 tear-out calendar was published in the February Drifter.

10 Years Ago (January 1995)

New SVR officers for 1995 included President Greg Peart, Vice President Rik Larson, Secretary Shelagh Mackay, Treasurer Lettie Larson, Social Director Daymon Nightingale, Membership Director Fred Siegner, Competition Director Masuo Robinson, Drifter Editor Mike Willis, and Past President Tandra Kroetz. Committee chairs included Allen & Dolores Weddle (Bed & Breakfast), Steve and Diane Harris (Charity), Jim Phillips (Concours), Linda and MaryAnn Blount and Jim McMahan (Share the Wealth), and Herb Hoover (Technical).

The SVR 1995 Activities Planning Meeting, January 5, at Round Table Pizza produced a year-long calendar of varied and interesting events for SVR members. Published in the January Drifter was the January 12, 1995 letter from Mary Lou Youngerman, President of the Board of Directors for "Family House, Inc.," thanking SVR for its \$1,808.33 charity contribution. Family House is a home-like facility for children with cancer and their families while the children are being treated at the University of California Medical Center.

FEBRUARY

30 Years Ago (February 1975)

The first Zone 7 Awards Banquet, held February 8 in Walnut Creek, honored 11 SVR members who received 1974 autocross awards: Arnold O' Shields (3rd, Class 1), Jim Karver (2nd, Class 2), Fred Myeron (4th, Class 2), Ted Colbert (2nd, Class 3), Dave Neukom (3rd, Class 4), Harvey Cain (3rd, Class 8), Trish O' Shields (2nd, Class 14), Nancy Myeron (1st, Class 15), Linda Laws (2nd, Class 16), Chrissie Neukom (4th, Class 17), and Stephanie Morgan (2nd, Class 20). Stephanie had to work, and couldn't attend - all others showed up. Joyce Karver also won an award, but more about that in March.

The February 16th *Son of Low Bucks Autocross and Drivers School* was offered as a tune up for CRAB IV and the Zone 7-Sacramento Valley Sports Car Council (SVSCC) autocross series. Greg Hauser was event chair and delivered the sunshine and thanked Ted Colbert and Dave and Chrissie Neukom for their extra help with the event. John Wong, in his 912, was the fastest beginner and "Most Improved Driver." Lorie Church took top time for women in her 1974 Carrera, followed very closely by Stephanie Morgan in her 914-6. Fastest 4-cylinder was Jim Bonney in his "prodified" 912. "Personalized and recycled" trophies went to all top finishers.

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20 Years Ago (February 1985)

Allen and Dolores Weddle hosted the February board meeting on the 7th, and the big news here was that seven applications for membership were approved and Cyndee Nightingale announced she had scheduled the Christmas Party at the Clarion Hotel. Pam Harley scheduled the February 15 dinner meeting at the Hungry Tiger, on Exposition Boulevard across from Cal Expo. The February 23-24 Carmel/Monterey Tour, with Wayne and Louise Sauseda as co-chairs, was a smashing success and included a visit to the Monterey Aquarium, then all enjoyed the ambiance of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

The February Drifter published the names of *Dial-A-Tour* members: Allen & Dolores Weddle, Cyndee Nightingale, Paul & Jeanie Bates, Sheila & Jim McDade. Marty Lausten, Ray & Sara Clements, Dwight & Linda Mitchell, Jim & Mary Jo Austin, Sally & Ron Boeck, Pat & Larry Wilson, Bob & Carol Prinzo, Barbara Rodrigues, Mike & Vicki Willis, Rod & Kathie Chandler, Randy & Marci Vidmar, and Jack & June Samples.

10 Years Ago (February 1995)

During their February 8 meeting, the SVR board of directors gave its approval for Mike Willis to create a web page for the region. That's when it started - you read it here.

The February 9 dinner meeting at A-Tavola Trattoria (behind William Glenn in Town & Country shopping center) was chaired by Linda Blount and Jim McMahan and had a definite Valentine Day theme, complete with a special box of chocolates at each place setting. The highlight of the evening was the Dumbkopf Award given to Chris Mackay for his tortured use of arithmetic while calculating the amount owed on his CRAB 23 entry form. Proof was published in the March issue of The Drifter. Ted and Kaylaine Robinson made one of their rare visits from the foothills, just for the chocolates, of course.

The February 11 Sutter Street Stomp, chaired by Tambra Kroetz, was a walking tour of Folsom's "old town" starting with Yagers Tap Room, and promised fun and beer tasting, pinball challenges, antique hunting, chocolate gathering, and socializing. And Tambra didn't disappoint, according to Allen and Dolores Weddle, Rik Larson, and Kent Brandon, because Yagers had 35 premium microbrews on tap.

Twenty of 21 cars finished *The February Frolic Rally* by John Clever and SVR award-winners included J. Toney & Helen Ashuckian, Kirk & Linda Bradford, Tina & John Murphy, and Rik Larson.

MARCH

30 Years Ago (March 1975)

President Dan Boone announced the 1975 Porsche Parade sold out on January 25. Mike Peters said he was organizing a tour to Seattle for all Parade-goers. Activities Chair Dave Neukom announced two annual, "activity point" contests: one for "Old members" who joined SVR before September 1974, and one for "New members" who joined after September 1974. Greg Hauser announced an 8-event SVR Autocross Championship Series to begin with the CRAB IV autocross in April. Championship points will be awarded for finishing positions in four "closed" SVR events and four Sacramento Valley Sports Car Club Council events.

The March 2, Zone 7 autocross by Loma Prieta Region at the Salinas airport was not his greatest performance said Dave Neukom after finishing 7th out of 12 in Class 4. His wife, Chrissie, took 3rd place in Class 17. Jim Karver finished second in Class 2, and Ted Colbert suffered his way to sixth in Class 3. Rich Farlinger took his stock 356 to first in Class 1. Kirk Bradford took 5th in Class 8.

Joyce Karver was awarded the SVR Dumbkopf award at the March 7 dinner meeting because she would not let famous race driver and the guest speaker, Bob Bondurant, into the February 8 Zone 7 Awards Banquet in Walnut Creek. Bondurant had to "break into the joint" to make his speech.

Twenty-five SVR members attended the March 15th Tech Session at Niello Porsche+Audi on preparation for a Concours d'Elegance event. Guest speakers included Gene Babow from Redwood Region who spoke about the importance of documenting the value of your Porsche. They let him in.

20 Years Ago (March 1985)

Wayne and Louise Sauseda hosted the March 9 "New Members Party" for 19 new and enthused attendees plus board members who put on their dog and pony show. Less than a week later, a great turnout of 80 people attended the March 14 dinner meeting at The Warehouse on Sunrise probably because the word got out that Sue McGlumphy arranged for a chocolate desert tasting and presented five different chocolate dishes donated by local houses of chocolate: Nelson's Patisserie of Chocolate, The Movable Feast, Le Grand Confectionery, Kaylah le Chocolatier, and the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. The next day on March 15, SVR presented its first Friday night rally of the year, "Confused," for 35 rally teams with Stan Breyfogle as rallymaster. Rally workers included George and Nona Morley, Mike and Vicki Willis, Ron and Sally Boeck, Bob Peake, Helen Ashuckian, Richard Wetzal, and J. Toney.

The March 16-17 two-day Zone 7 autocross school with Larry Wilson chair at Splinter City near McClellan AFB had 62 students (entries limited to insure adequate track-time for all students), 37 instructors, and 37 workers, and was designed for beginning and intermediate

drivers. Chief instructors were Bud Behrens, Ray Clements, Tom Green, and Glenn Hills. Mike Willis was in charge of course setup and layout and Jim Austin was chief of the workers. A total of 73 SVR members were involved (30 students, 9 instructors, and 34 workers). The school also offered a Saturday evening dinner and chalk-talk.

Plenty of photo-ops here - event chair, Allen Weddle, arranged for Porsche-only parking in front of the historic Grand Island Mansion during the March 31 *Champagne Brunch Tour*. The trip to the Mansion featured the mirror-tour format with one-half of the entrants on each side of the river. Following brunch for 114 people, the record turnout of 54 Porsches followed Allen and Sally and Ron Boeck to the Western Railway Museum near Rio Vista to view the largest collection of operating railway locomotives and streetcars in the West.

10 Years Ago (March 1995)

President Greg Peart reported in the March Drifter that the Franchise Tax Board continued to audit the other regions in Zone 7, and while our region was one of the first to be audited, we made it through and kept our tax-exempt status without any penalties or additional taxes thanks to the work of Mike Willis and Larry Wilson. Greg also mentioned that the next issue would include his much-anticipated comments on new changes to the California Vehicle Code. Wow!

Competition Director Masuo Robinson announced the cancellation of the March 11 SVR autocross which was to be the first of six 1995 events to be held at Mather Field. Negotiations with Mather officials were unsuccessful thus putting the season on hold until a new site is found.

The March 25 Railroad Museum Tour, a special tour not normally available to the public, was conducted by SVR member Phil Lawrence, who also is a volunteer docent at the Museum. Once that news got out, members of the Redwood Region also quickly signed up for Phil's tour.

APRIL

30 Years Ago (April 1975)

President Dan Boone announced the SVR members who attended the 20th Porsche Parade - July in Seattle: the Farlingers, Cains, Neukoms, Myerons, Churches, Peters, Fieldings, Weddles, Youngs, Kays, Blasesis, Wongs, Larsons, deWitts, Dorans, Hights, Mahoneys, Dodds, Wilsons, Robertsons, and the Boones. President Boone also announced that SVR is receiving about 30 to 40 information requests about membership each month, and to help with this workload he appointed Don Mahoney to the new position of Membership Chair.

April 5-6 CRAB IV chaired by Dave and Chrissie Neukom featured support from Niello Porsche, a speedy-registration by Ted and Kaylaine Robinson, tech by Wyn Roberson, a study-in-frustration technical quiz by Fred Myeron, a Rich Farlinger/Jim Karver-designed

autocross at Cal Expo, 700 pounds of crab to feed 261 people by Phillip Marks with white wine and spaghetti and a dance with two bands at El Macero Country Club (you shoulda' seen Marv Smith do "Proud Mary") complete with Bob Schleh as the "Voice of CRAB," a Mike and Michelle Doran/Paul Bates-inspired "Keep Your Body in the Car Momma" gymkhana, great trophies by Randy and Lynne Blaes, a money-making concession stand by Art and Mary Hight, and a Lew and Lorie Church-organized beer and bratwurst feed. The entry fee was \$35. Other SVR workers included Mike Willis, Dan and Barbara Boone, Ken Fielding, Harvey and Linda Cain, John and Candy Wong, Jerry and Michael Mary Jurach, Ted Colbert, Jack Samples, Larry Wilson, Stephanie Morgan, Wayne Chinn, Mike Peters, Joe Snyder, Greg Hauser, Lettie Larson, and Arnold and Trish O' Shields. At the autocross, Dennis Kay turned a lap of 2:36.00 in his 10-wheel school bus. We ditched the rally this year. Darn!

20 Years Ago (April 1985)

At the April 6 Tech Session, hosted by Autosport Technology, Dwight Mitchell provided instruction on the care and feeding of the 911SC clutch and transmission.

CRAB XIV, April 26-28, was headquartered at the Red Lion Inn and chaired by Mike and Vicki Willis with the gymkhana by Paul Bates, autocross by Ray and Sara Clements, historic tour by Stan Breyfogle, children's Trike-A-Cross by Marty Lausten, Saturday night dancing to the Music Man, rally by Ron and Sally Boeck, and Beer and Brat by Jim and Mary Jo Austin. Fred Siegner was the head bartender, with Fran Siegner in charge of appetizers Friday evening in the Kennedy Suite, while Dolores Weddle handled registration. 123 cars were registered including 53 from SVR. Pam and Don Harley managed the CRAB goodie store. Sheila McDade made stained glass picture frames given to all members of the CRAB XIV team with a photo of their car. Art Seeger thrilled all while winning the Snidley Backasswards Whiplash Award. Saturday evening doorprizes included a live parakeet. Cheryl Gilpin won the crabbiest car award and Kirk Bradford was the "Voice of CRAB." Some crabbers danced until 1:30 AM.

10 Years Ago (April 1995)

Members in 17 SVR Porsches, plus a stray picked up on Hwy 20, enjoyed the April 9 Renaissance Wine Tour to Yuba County, chaired by Sally Boeck, by visiting the 1,500-acre Renaissance winery and its hand-terraced vineyards. The winery building, built on Mt. Renaissance, has 60 percent of the structure below ground. The tour also included a viewing of a collection of Ming Dynasty furniture and lunch at La Cucina, Renaissance Winery's on-site restaurant.

It rained before and it rained after, but not during CRAB 23, April 21-23, chaired by Tim and Susan Fleming with headquarters at the Radisson Inn. It was such a great event that participants forced the Flemings to re-up for CRAB 24 in 1996. 75 cars entered including 41 from SVR. Shelagh Mathews was hotel liaison, Cyndee Peart rounded up sponsors and

awards, and Pat and Larry Wilson registered CRABers as they arrived Friday for the Bob Peake-managed welcome party. On Saturday, Masuo Robinson handled the autocross (85 drivers ran the event), Greg Peart held forth with the Copkhana, and Ron and Sally Boeck penned the walking tour. The next day featured the rally by Rik Larson, the concours by Mike and Vicki Willis, and the Beer 'n' Brat by Cora and Kent Brandon.

The April 30 Village Stroll of Folsom, under threatening skies, chaired by Tandra and Tom Kroetz, featured wine tasting, socializing, and a concours in front of Frank Zannotto's gourmet supermarket, the event host and sponsor. Twenty Porsches were there for the people's choice show, and Bill and Tori Keegan voted early-and-often to beat out Fred Siegner and June Samples for best of show. Keegan also won the raffle (a fix?). Foster Maxwell of the 356-era mused about early CRABs. Afterwards, of course, it rained, right on schedule at 5:03 PM.

MAY

30 Years Ago (May 1975)

At the May 2 dinner meeting, held at the Le Normandy restaurant on Fair Oaks Blvd., Lew Church (SVR vice-president and Niello sales manager) announced the 911 Turbo would be introduced on dealer showrooms in late 1975 or early 1976 and orders were being taken with an estimated price of \$24,000 to \$26,000. The May 4, Zone 7 autocross by San Joaquin (Sequoia Region) was held at the Madera airport.

Paul and Gail Bates took seventeen other Porsches (including the Willises, Weddles, Johnsons, Robertsons, Robinsons, McDades, O' Shields, Cains, Guthries, Farlingers, Dodds, and Neukoms) on the inaugural SVR Mendocino Tour, May 10 and 11, from the Voyager Inn in Davis via Route 128 with wine tasting and lunch at Chateau Souverain, more wine at the Pedrocelli Winery, and an overnight stay at Pine Beach Inn. Newly weds, Jim and Shelia McDade, took top time of day through the Mendocino forest and arrived at the motel 20 minutes before anyone else (what did they do to pass the time while waiting, you ask?). The beach party ended up in Room 55. The group met Clint Eastwood at the Little River Inn bar.

Twenty-six cars entered the May 17 SVR Championship rally, "Goosas Tew II," chaired by Phillip Marks. The M&M team of Doran & Doran was outstanding in this event. Did you know the Goose's seldom-seen 912 wore the black and yellow license plate, YIM 046? (What a great trivia question!)

20 Years Ago (May 1985)

It was announced at the May 9 board meeting, hosted by Larry and Gloria Dunn, that CRAB XIV cleared about \$1,200.00 and there were 263 people at the Saturday evening crab feed. The 1985 SVR budget was adopted and five new members were approved.

The Last, Last Splinter City Practice Autocross on May 11, a sequel to the Last Splinter City Practice Autocross held previously, was chaired by Lee Coleman who promised instructors, plenty of track time, and a 40-car limit. If that wasn't enough, after the parking lot was cleaned up, everyone adjourned to the Last, Last After Splinter City Practice Autocross Party at the Mitchell's.

On May 26, Bob and Mary Siles hosted a SVR Unprogressive Dinner event. Originally scheduled as a progressive dinner, it became stationary when it was found that not enough members lived close enough to progress anywhere. Nonetheless, the evening was enjoyed by 40 SVR members.

10 Years Ago (May 1995)

The May 7 Zachary Jacques Brunch Tour by Allen and Dolores Weddle gave the 26-car group a leisurely tour of the foothills to ZJ's for champagne and an entre choice of Oeufs a la Mode de Carroll, Crepe Bourguignonne, or Eggs Benedict. Jim and Sheila McDade were topless in Sheila's 356B Cabriolet; others toured with their tops up. Allen struck a deal with hostess Jennifer Masse and we got a special opening of the restaurant that gave the place to an exclusive group - ourselves. Special door prizes were won by Dolores Johnson and Shelagh Matthews, and wine winners were Cyndee Peart, June Samples, Deborah Catherwood, Barbara Schumacher, and Mary Ann Blount (a minor, who got cash instead).

The May 13 SVR Concours by Kent and Cora Brandon in their front yard offered strawberry shortcake, old roses, champagne, a field of 18 fine Porsches waiting to be judged, and then a party. Wow! Rich McGlumphy did his concours master-of-ceremonies thing, Phil Lawrence and his 1972 911 took first place, Charles Rushing and his 1976 912E got second with Jim Phillips' like-new 1967 911 in third place. The group ate eight cases of strawberries and home-made shortcakes.

SVR members scored well at the May 21 Zone 7 Concours event hosted by Yosemite Region at the Wine and Roses Country Hotel and Restaurant in Lodi. Greg Peart earned 245.5 points with his 914-4 to win first in the competition class. In the 911 street class, Jim Phillips took first (247.5 points) and Kent Brandon finished second (243.25 points). Phil Lawrence with his 911 took the wash & shine class with 198.75 points (out of a possible 200).

Because of the persistent efforts of Masuo Robinson and Gary Stratton, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in May granted SVR permission to use Mather field for autocross events. The 1995 season resumes!

JUNE

30 Years Ago (June 1975)

Congratulations in the June issue of The Drifter went to Clint deWitt for winning the E Production race during the SCCA regional race weekend at Sears Point in April. Clint was driving his new "Super Pumpkin," a 356B Porsche Roadster that was recently purchased from Harald Kirberg (known as Crazy Harald).

Dennis Gallagher advertised his 1957 356A Speedster for sale in the June issue of The Drifter. The car was "near concours condition," all original, and had 17,000 miles on a rebuilt engine. He wanted \$7,500. Call 726-1334.

The June 1 Zone 7 autocross by Yosemite Region was held at Cal Expo, and the June 29 Zone 7 autocross by Sierra Nevada Region at Stead AFB. And, the annual Georgetown Hillclimb was held June 14-15 with headquarters at the Prospector Saloon near Coloma.

The June 21 *Rally de Bus* by Rik Larson, a two-hour rally school in a school bus, was especially designed for those going to the 20th Porsche Parade in Seattle. The event started at Carrows restaurant on Zinfandel at U.S. 50 and finished at Shakey's in Rancho Cordova. As it turned out, only Michael and Mary Peters benefited from this training as they took an 8th place finish in the Parade rally unequipped class.

20 Years Ago (June 1985)

Seventeen cars turned out for the June 18 Historic Tour of Amador and Calaveras, chaired by Barbara Rodriguez and Lin Hokana, for a visit of historic spots of interest in the Mother Lode country, some private and seldom seen by the general public. At Fiddletown, the group received a guided tour of the Chew Kee Oleta, an ancient Chinese pharmacy still intact and one of the best remaining examples in California of the 1850s style of "rammed earth" construction. The day ended with awards and late brunch at Hotel Leger, 8304 Main Street, Mokelumne Hill. Tour quiz awards (a bottle of Amador County's finest vin de blanc, were made in the Leger's historic bar, which had seen a lot since its last remodel in 1874, and were received by Garth Mason (best male), Judy Almquist (best female), and Allen and Dolores Weddle (best team).

In the June issue of The Drifter, George Morley announced the June 21 SVR T&D Rallye which counted toward the Sacramento Valley sports Car Council (SVSCC) 1985 Sweepstake Series. As always, the event started from the Food Circus in Arden Fair and finished at a pizza parlor in Woodland. 29 rally cars participated.

10 Years Ago (June 1995)

The June 8 dinner meeting, arranged by Jerry and Patti Thomas, was held on the shaded and cool patio of Carmelitas in Fair Oaks and featured hot Mexican food and cold Mexican beer - the perfect combination. The June 17-18 Kinder/Kroetz Tahoe Tour drew raves in the club officer columns of *The Drifter*.

Some SVR members took home trophies from the June 11 Zone 7 Concours event hosted by Loma Prieta Region at Partsheaven in Hayward. Jim Phillips, Kent Brandon, and Hank Woods finished first, second and fifth, respectively in the "Street Class," and Phil Lawrence and Charles and Helen Rushing finished first and second in the "Wash & Shine Class." Phil's score of 199.50 was only .5 away from a perfect score of 200.

After convincing County officials that autocross events were compatible with the good use of Mather Field, the SVR autocross season resumed June 24. That's the good news. The bad news was the temperature - it was 107 degrees! Nevertheless, 12 brave drivers turned out, including Greg Peart, Masuo Robinson, and Tim Fleming, and each was rewarded with six runs.

The 4th Annual Swap Meet and Concours at Niello Porsche on June 25 was a smashing success due to hard work by event chairs Jim and Pam Phillips and the many SVR workers: Kern and Tyler Breaux, Mary Ann Blount, Cora Brandon, Rik Larson, Dwight Mitchell, Helen Rushing, Mike and Vicki Willis, Tom and Tandra Kroetz, Greg Peart, Jim McMahan, Bill Keegan, Ryan Phillips, and Tim and Ryan Fleming.

JULY 2005

30 Years Ago (July 1975)

President Dan Boone complained that attendance at the monthly dinner meetings had dwindled from 125 at the January meeting to half that in June. He isolated the cause to increased dinner prices, as evidenced by the \$8.50 price tag for the June stuffed pork chop dinner at Stroh's Neptune Table on South Land Park Drive. If that wasn't bad enough, Charles Krug wine was going for an outrageous \$3.00 per bottle (three-buck Chuck?). The July 13 Zone 7 autocross by Monterey Bay Region was held at the Salinas airport.

The July 20 Porsche People's Potluck Picnic & Auction at Gibson Ranch with proceeds to the *Sacramento Program for Preschool Retarded* also featured the legendary, if not epic, 356ers versus 911 owners volleyball battle. Pat Kincaid and Joe Wright were the co-chairs. The auction, with Bob Schleh as auctioneer, brought in \$258 for the Pre-School kids. As usual, the 356ers led by Jim Karver were more skilled at volleyball and won, their cars also went faster and their wives prettier.

Ken Fielding (911) and Wyn Robertson (356C) each won their class in the Concours d'Elegance during the 20th Porsche Parade in Seattle, July 27 - August 1, 1975. Other SVR members who trophied at Parade events included Arnold O'Shields, Harvey Cain, Trish O'Shields, Fred Myeron, Nancy Myeron, Larry Wilson, Michael Peters, Mary Peters, Clint deWitt, and Connie Farlinger. Arnold and Trish O'Shields took home-movies at the Parade - do they still have the film? The great salmon-bake at Blake Island was easily the highlight of this Parade. 38 SVR members at the final victory banquet consumed 25 bottles of wine. SVR was second to the host region with the most cars (21) in attendance.

20 Years Ago (July 1985)

There was BIG turnout of SVR members at the 30th Porsche Parade at Costa Mesa, June 30 - July 6. SVR just missed making a sweep of the rally when: J. Toney and John Clever won their third Parade rally in a row (243 total rally cars) by taking the Expert Class with an total error of 14-hundreds of a minute over a eight-leg event; Ray and Sara Clements won the Navigational Class with Kirk and Linda Bradford in 18th position; and Harvey Cain and Connie Farlinger placed second in the 180-car Unequipped Class with Larry and Pat Wilson coming in 25th (last trophy position). The Weddles and Siegners also ran the rally. Ann Lawrence and Dave Marek scored in the art contest, and Sara Clements won a second-place trophy in the text quiz. At the Westin Hotel pool, Art Seeger introduced Larry Wilson to Derek Bell as one Le Mans winner to another. Autocross trophies went to Sue McGlumphy, Pat Wilson, and Larry Wilson. Both Harvey Cain and Kirk Bradford won a set of tires.

According to Bob Jacobson, many SVR members attended the July 19 - 20 Porsche Super Tech Weekend, hosted by Sierra Nevada Region and chaired by Dave Eckert, which included a Friday evening registration party at the Nugget Hotel, Saturday PCNA tech session on the new 928S and 944 Turbo cars at the Porsche Cars North America preparation and delivery center in Reno, and finally an evening gourmet Italian dinner back at the Nugget with Tom Criesa, PCNA vice-president, as keynote speaker.

The 4th Annual Tahoe Tour & Cruise, July 27 - 28, co-chaired by Ron and Sally Boeck and Rod and Kathy Chandler, led 73 cars representing eight PCA regions through the beautiful foothills and breathtaking Sierra Nevada to a luncheon cruise on the Tahoe Queen, and then over Spooner Summit to Carson City for a full-dress western style dude ranch barbecue and dancing at the Nevada Governor's Mansion where, during dinner, many demonstrated their skill in hanging a spoon from their nose. Then it was on to the Mother Lode Inn for rest (or drinking the bottle of champagne donated by OK Tires to each car registered at the Inn). Some recovered the next day at Wally's Hot Springs Resort. Tour monitors (Allen & Dolores Weddle, Mike & Vicki Willis, Sara & Ray Clements) helped keep the group organized.

10 Years Ago (July 1995)

Abby Runs Again, this time on July 9, gave Zone 7 rally competitors another shot at the perennial SVR time & distance rally with *Abby the Wonder-Dog* as rallymaster. Abby, with help from her master Richard Wetzel, took 12 rally teams to visit her favorite towns of Zamora and Dunnigan. Workers included Dave and Dolores Johnson, Dolores McKinnon, Rik Larson, Phillip Marks, and Pat and Larry Wilson. SVR medalists included Jessica and J. Toney (3rd, Expert Equipped), Ron and Sally Boeck (3rd, Expert Unequipped), and Tina and John Murphy (1st, Novice).

Drifter editor Mike Willis reported on the July 15 Hog Island Oyster Tour chaired by Bob Brewer and said, "the tour was excellent, we all had a blast on the beach, and it was like being sixteen again," which no doubt piqued reader curiosity about what really happened on that beach to make Mike's memory go back THAT far?

Patti and Jerry Thomas hosted the July 21 Dinner Meeting at their home and turned it into a pool party with food catered by the BBQ Express. A billiards challenge was also a big hit of the evening. Those captured by a Phil Lawrence photo in the Drifter having a great time were Sherry and Rick Luttrell, Phillip Marks, Herb and Jan Hoover, Pat and Larry Wilson, and Jerry's pet pig.

AUGUST

30 Years Ago (August 1975)

According to President Dan Boone, the August 8 dinner meeting at Macchiavelli's, 712 J Street, organized by Dennis and Eva Kay, was one of the best in recent history. Maybe it was the \$7.00 price per plate. Paul and Gail Bates showed up one week early, and then came back a week later. Mary Peters took over editing The Drifter, replacing Lori Church who with the rest of the Church family moved to the Bay area with husband Lew who had taken the job of sales manager with Ely Porsche+Audi in Hayward.

The August 10 Sacramento Valley Sports Car Club Council autocross by SVR was co-chaired by Ted Colbert and Jim McDade. Mike Peters, Wayne Chinn, Harvey Cain, and Rich Farlinger all executed beautiful spins. Ken Fielding drove his black 356 Coupe without spinning. Jim Karver worked timing and Joyce Karver sold various goodies at the mobile store. Dave Neukom and Ted Colbert both won their class. The August 17 SVSCC Autocross was put on by the Corvette Club.

Fourteen SVR members attended the August 30-31 Seca Solo time trial and driver school event at Laguna Seca, conducted by Loma Prieta Region, which offered classroom instruction by Alan Johnson Friday evening, practice laps on Saturday with instructors, and then solo timed runs on Sunday. Saturday night featured a beer and sausage party at Wester Porsche+Audi. SVR members earning trophies included Harvey Cain, Dave Neukom, Vickie

Harrison, Peter Bogy, Stephanie Morgan, Arnold and Trish O'Shields, and Dick Lazansky. Wyn Robertson's Speedster was back on track at Laguna after a long absence, and Mike Willis observed Sunday action from the banks of Turn 8.

20 Years Ago (August 1985)

Bob Peake chaired the August 4th "Point-Counterpoint," a gourmet wine tasting whereby California wines were tasted and then compared to their European counterparts and judged. Bob also arranged for accompanying foods which was well received.

On August 18, SVR held its annual Charity Picnic/Auction and \$1,332 was raised for the Amador Special Olympics. Co-auctioneers Larry Wilson and Paul Bates (subbing for the sick Kirk Bradford) handled the lively auction. Co-chairs Dwight and Linda Mitchell added a dunk tank so members could have a shot at their favorite target. Dunkees were Mary Jo Austin, C.C. Craig, Mike Willis, Bob Peake, Linda Mitchell, and Larry Wilson, and each received a highly treasured "I went down for charity" T-shirt. And of course, once again after an epic struggle, the Four Cylinder volley ball team trounced the Six Cylinder team (plus their cars were faster and their women better looking).

The August 25th "Solo Rally" was a first for SVR. Organized by Stan Breyfogle, navigators, special odometers and calculators were outlawed. It was a Seat of the Pants shootout for drivers only. Only pen and paper was allowed. And, which one of our fine Sacramento experts came in with the bragging rights of being the best solo rallyist in the area, you ask? Not J. Toney? Not Rik Larson? Not John Clever? Nope! The only woman entered in the event, Helen Ashuckian, and one of two beginner rallyists, came in with low score of the day (under two-minute error for a three-leg event). Can't you just see these guys asking to see their scorecards again?

10 Years Ago (August 1995)

Many SVR members placed well during the 40th Porsche Parade held at Portland, Oregon, August 6-13. Top finishers in the concours were Hank Woods (3rd, Class IS), Kent Brandon (4th, Class KS), Bill Keegan (1st, Class LS, for a while), and Greg & Cyndee Peart (1st, Class PS). Standouts in the rally were J. Toney (1st, Equipped Class with Willie Williams), Rik Larson (4th, Equipped Class with John Clever), Kirk and Linda Bradford (tied 3rd, Navigational Class), Ron and Sally Boeck, (tied 3rd, Navigational Class), Harvey and Connie Cain (1st, Unequipped Class), and Jessica Toney (3rd, Unequipped Class with Ken Provasi). Autocross trophies were awarded to Jessica Toney (3rd in class), Sally Boeck (4th in class), Masuo Robinson (1st in class), Greg Peart (3rd in class), and Cyndee Peart (3rd in class). Also at the Parade, The Drifter (Chris and Shelagh Mackay, editors) won second place in class in the annual PCA newsletter contest.

The SVR tour to the August 18-20 Historic Car Race weekend in Monterey, organized by Tom and Tandra Kroetz, featured the Italian Car Concours on Friday, the races at Laguna

Seca on Saturday, and the Pebble Beach Concours on Sunday. Those enjoying the three-day spectacle were Tom and Tandra, Jeff and Kim Kinder, Bob and Beth Jacobson, Herb and Jan Hoover, and Fred and Nancy Myeron. Jeff Kinder especially enjoyed watching Phil Hill and Stirling Moss on Saturday, and Tom Kroetz especially enjoyed watching the Maserati Girls on Friday.

SEPTEMBER

30 Years Ago (September 1975)

The September 7th Gold Rush Tour by Allen Weddle led Porsche drivers through the sparsely populated gold country to a sightseeing tour in historic Nevada City, and finished with a special Russian dinner prepared by master chef Serge Bartlome at Scheidel's Restaurant near Grass Valley. New members Gary and Delores Waldsmith won a bottle of wine in the bean-counting contest by estimating the number of red beans in a jar of mostly white beans (her guess outdid his scientific count). Also on September 7, Dave Neukom, Ted Colbert and Jim McDade competed in the SVSCC championship series autocross in Orland. Jim won his class and set second-best TTOD.

Forty-one cars entered the September 20-21 Carrera de Sierra rally to Yosemite National Park and return. The two-day event, organized by Phillip Marks and Rik Larson, included a Saturday-lunch in Greely Hill, an overnight stay and barbecue dinner at Camp Curry, and an awards dinner at Rosetti's restaurant in Wallace. Top-finishing SVR rally teams included Paul and Gail Bates, Terry and Dorothy Compton, Mark and Pam Pickering, John Smolich and Barbara Zupan, Jim and Claudia Andres, and Ed and Pam Hart.

The September 28 SVR Zone 7 autocross at Cal Expo, with Dave Neukom and Jim McDade as co-chairs with help from 40 SVR workers, was well attended and the weather cooperated by staying around 90 degrees. The hotdog stand did a booming business thanks to Gail Bates, Vicki Harrison, Maxine Guthrie, and Joyce Karver.

20 Years Ago (September 1985)

The SVR board of directors appointed J. Toney as chair of the nominating committee for 1986 offices. He, in turn, selected the following members to his committee: Helen Ashuckian, Sally Boeck, Jim Austin, and Larry Wilson. The committee succeeded in getting one well qualified candidate for each elective office.

The September 7-8 Zone 7 two-day autocross at Cal Expo's Lot A with a Saturday night party at the Mitchell's was co-hosted by SVR and Valley Oak Region. Jim Austin was chair for SVR, and Bob Burton was the VOR chair. The rain-front held off, for a while, and Saturday was dry — fortunately for the Saturday night swim party and spaghetti feed — but for the first two run groups on Sunday, it was slip 'n' slide in the rain. This was the last

Zone 7 event for the year, so it was make-or-break time for those in the hunt for year-end awards. And the wet track didn't calm frayed nerves.

The September 29 Cal Expo Lot E "Slow Spin" event, the last SVR autocross of the year, was also a SVSCC championship points event and was chaired by Stan Breyfogle. A new fence, erected since CRAB XIV, made the lot much more difficult to use.

10 Years Ago (September 1995)

The SVR Charity Auction with Kirk Bradford and Larry Wilson as auctioneers was held September 17 once again at Tom and Brenda Solter's home on Horseshoe Bar Road. Steve and Diane Harris chaired the event which cleared over \$2,100.00 for the Stanford Children's Home.

Several SVR concours folks journeyed September 17 to Fremont to show their beauties in the Zone 7 concours hosted by Diablo Region at Claridge's Ltd. The big news here is not that Kent Brandon took first place in Street Class, but that Phil Lawrence did NOT win the Wash & Shine Class losing out to Charles and Helen Rushing by .75 points. Congratulations Charles and Helen!

SVR's two-mile stretch of Hwy I-5 got its "Adopt-A-Highway" cleanup in September by a sterling crew consisting of Herb and Jan Hoover, Masuo Robinson, Rik Larson, Phil Lawrence, Jeff and Kim Kinder, Rick and Sherry Luttrell, Jerry and Patti Thomas, Chris and Shelagh Mackay, and Kristy Kallen. After bagging the trash, the group retired to the usual after-the-game party prepared by Greg and Cyndee Peart and Dwight and Linda Mitchell.

OCTOBER

30 Years Ago (October 1975)

120 PCA members attended the joint SVR/Yosemite Region dinner meeting October 3 at Croce's CafŽ in Lodi, which featured great Italian food. Joe Wickham, Yosemite Region president, presented SVR with a beautiful needlepoint depicting the CRAB logo, which took his wife, Barbara, eight months to complete. Effective October 1, PCA annual dues were \$24.00, a \$6.00 increase. This was the first dues increase since 1969. Members of the SVR nominations committee for the 1976 board of directors were chosen and included Harvey Cain as chair plus Arnold O'Shields, Art Hight, Connie Farlinger, and Pat Wilson.

Ye Olde Winery Toure by Paul Bates & Jim McDade on October 26 through the Napa Valley offered some verily fast back-roads seemingly begging to be abused on the way to faire rustic vineyards awaiting your pleasure. Those possibilities attracted 39 cars of SVR members who couldn't resist the temptation of wine tasting at the Nichelini Winery, the Pope Valley Winery, and finally up old Ink Grade and through the Napa Valley to the Korbel

Winery. The route passed by Litto Damonte's Hubcap Ranch, a sight to behold. Marv and Marie Smith with a score of 37 had the right answers to win the rally portion of the event over the second place team of Allen, Dolores, and Sally Weddle (with a score of 36), but each received a bottle of wine for their effort. Rounding out the top group of rally finishers were Gary and Delores Waldsmith (35), Rich and Marilyn Cottini (34), Dave and Chrissie Neukom (33), Bob Jurasek and Diane Deaves (32), Peter Bogy (31), Dan and Barbara Boone (30), and Michael and Mary Peters (29). The group returned via Occidental, Petaluma, Napa, and the Cattleman's restaurant in Dixon.

20 Years Ago (October 1985)

The October 12-13 Volcano Tour chaired by Randy Vidmar was limited to twenty cars due to the number of rooms at the historic St. George Hotel. After much wine tasting at the Shenandoah winery, this rowdy group thought the St. George Bar was the main hotel entrance, and some made it no farther. There was a mad scramble upstairs when they were told they could have any room in the hotel. After dinner the group indulged in a charade contest, men versus women. Marci Vidmar did "Deep Throat" and Sue Donahue guessed it in four seconds flat! Linda Mitchell offered an interesting rendition of "The Jerk," and Bob Peake acted out "Gone With The Wind." The women won the contest, but the most inventive performance was delivered by Greg Peart who, with a flashlight strapped to his head, revolved slowly while blowing into a beer bottle to impersonate a coastal lighthouse.

SVR's October 27 "Big Apple" rally, George Morley rallymaster, covered 125 miles of the best Porsche roads in the area. It was also a points event in the Sacramento Valley Sports Car Club Council rally championship. Only twelve rally cars entered the event, but J. Toney and Helen Ashuckian teamed up to win the event and thus win the SVSCC championship.

The October 26th Zone 7 Awards Banquet held in Stockton recognized many SVR members who did very well in the Zone 7 autocross series: Lin Hokana tied-1st Class 3, Gene Roeder-2nd Class 6, Lee Coleman-1st Class 8, Larry Wilson-1st Class 9, Greg Peart-2nd Class 9, Bob Peake-1st Class 10, Dwight Mitchell-1st Class 18, Bruce Westrup-2nd Class 18, Marv Besmer-1st Class 22, Rich McGlumphy-2nd Class 23, Mike Willis-1st Class 26, Carolyn Coleman-1st Class 34, Pat Wilson-1st Class 35, Jill Mitchell-2nd Class 35, Cyndee Nightingale-3rd Class 35, Sue McGlumphy-1st Class 36, Linda Mitchell-1st Class 44, and Vicki Willis-1st Class 52. Also, Linda Mitchell, Sue McGlumphy, and Pat Wilson trophied in the Autocross Team contest.

10 Years Ago (October 1995)

According to *The Drifter*, the previously scheduled October 8 Indian Summer Barbecue morphed into an Indian Summer Tour as described by Rik Larson and provided 30 people with a visit to Sutter Creek and a chance to solve a mystery prepared by Tambra Kroetz. Jeff

and Kim Kinder solved the mystery and won first place. A companion tour-quiz was also offered and won by Tom and Tambra Kroetz with Herb and Jan Hoover riding shotgun in last place.

The October 11 dinner meeting, like always, had a big turnout of members seeking nomination for next year's SVR elective offices. That prospect plus the sausage plate at the Davis Sudwerk establishment no doubt influenced the near-SRO attendance.

Carrera de Sierra was a one-day event this year, held Saturday, October 15 with Rik Larson rallymaster. Top-finishing SVR members included Helen Ashuckian and J. Toney (1st, Expert Equipped, 40 pts.), Ron and Sally Boeck (1st, Expert Unequipped, 141 pts.), Trische Robertson and Richard Wetzel (2nd, Expert Unequipped, 169 pts.), Jim and Joyce Karver (4th, Expert Unequipped, 196 pts.), George and Nona Morley (5th, Expert Unequipped, 456 pts.), and Rich McGlumphy and Karen Goffin (1st, Beginner, 268 pts.).

The final event in the 1995 SVR Autocross Series was held October 21 at Mather Field with Masuo Robinson in charge. As usual, instructors were on hand for all first timers and others wanting instruction. A fine day of fast driving and renewal of PCA friendships.

NOVEMBER

30 Years Ago (November 1975)

The November 7 dinner meeting, organized by Nancy Myeron, was a potluck at the Fair Oaks Clubhouse, and for only two bucks you got dinner, free draft beer, and two raffle tickets for chances to win a bottle of PCA's private stock.

Tech Chair Mike Peters organized the for-women-only November 8 tech session, "Grease and Glamour Clinic," at Wyn Robertson's Continental Auto Service. John Skoien and Wyn Robertson covered subjects like changing a tire, changing a fan belt, and how to handle other emergencies. Barbara Shaw attended and was so impressed that she wrote a thank-you note, published in the December Drifter, and said, "Loved it! Was informative, helpful, and well presented. Encore!"

Bob and Gary Guthrie were co-chairs for the November 23 Low Bucks Turkey Trot autocross at the usual North Sacramento site near Northgate and Main using the streets of Bollenbaker Avenue, Loveland Way, Grave Avenue, and Kelton Way. Ted Colbert "handicapped" Zone 7 classes to make sure every car had a chance at TTOD and the turkey. The cost was \$1.00 per run (but more if you hit a fire plug).

20 Years Ago (November 1985)

The November 2 Halloween Tour with dinner at the Old Auburn Hotel required a costume. The event was co-chaired by Ron and Sally Boeck, but where were they? The party goes

arrived on time and decided to wait in the hotel lounge for Ron and Sally. It was time for dinner, but no Ron and Sally. A phone call, and still no Ron and Sally. After a great dinner, the group adjourned, as planned, to Bob and Beth Jacobson's home for dessert. Still no Ron and Sally. Hot apple cider, homemade cheesecake, and baked apples made a perfect ending to the evening. But, what happened to Ron and Sally?

The November 9-11 Mendocino Tour was co-chaired by Cyndee Nightingale and Greg Peart with headquarters at Hill House. Among those attending were Dwight and Linda Mitchell, Bill and Lendine Nelson, Karen Mangin and C.C. Craig, Wayne and Louise Saucedo, Ray and Sara Clements, Garth and Vicki Mason, and Ron and Sally Boeck. Rutherford Hill winery and Fetzer winery made great stops on the way, and the rain clouds cleared in Mendocino for Sunday kite flying. But there was no wind. Of course, there was plenty of wind on Monday.

November 15 Turkey Pot Luck at the Sacramento Horseman's Association club house, co-chaired by Karen Mangin and C.C. Craig, and it must have been hilarious to watch three frantic women (Karen Mangin, Pam Harley, and Sara Clements) blowing on the coals in the Webber barbecue as they tried to barbecue a 22-pound turkey in time for the pot luck. Bob Peake and Kerner Breaux were bartenders, and kept the beer and wine flowing until the turkey was cooked for the 85 attendees. It turned out great!

10 Years Ago (November 1995)

Despite a forecast of rain, the November 3-4 Mendocino tour, chaired by the Larsons, Weddles, and Willises, enjoyed almost perfect weather for thirty cars of participants. Allen and Dolores Weddle led the group to the lunch stop at Simi Winery in Healdsburg and then on to Mendocino where the weather was almost too perfect for kite flying on Saturday. But, at the announced contest start-time of 3:00PM, Kirk and Linda Bradford demonstrated the right technique, up went the kites, and everyone had a great time.

The November 12 Turkey Run completed the 1995 Zone 7 rally series and also offered an opportunity to win a turkey. Rallymaster Phillip Marks laid out a three-hour course with three checkpoints. SVR standouts included Helen Ashuckian and J. Toney (1st Expert Equipped), Jim Karver and Sean O'Hara (2nd Expert Unequipped), and Rich McGlumphy and Karen Goffin (1st Beginner). The Ashuckian/Toney turkey-winning margin was one second. Rally workers included Pat Wilson, Dave & Dolores Johnson, Rik Larson, and Mike and Michelle Willis.

SVR's Christmas Tree Cutting Tour, November 25, chaired by Jim McMahan and Linda Blount, headed into the mountains behind Chico. Participants used their other cars and Jim volunteered his pickup for those needing help hauling their tree.

DECEMBER

30 Years Ago (December 1975)

The December 6 Christmas Party, with Eva Kay in charge, was held at the Mansion Inn with dinner (choice of London Broil at \$12, or Filet of Sole at \$11; prices included dinner, tax, gratuity, and the band), live music dancing, door prizes, activity trophies, installation of new club officers, and a "funkiest Porsche tree ornament contest" with all entries displayed on a Christmas tree. This month's Drifter introduced new members Kerner and Cynthia Breau who transferred in from Germany Region. Kerner drove a new yellow 911S coupe and owned the Marco Polo tavern on Fruitridge Road.

SVR Treasurer, Harvey Cain, prepared an end-of-the-year report for 1975, enclosed in the December issue of *The Drifter*, which showed \$2,806.33 Income, \$2,481.08 Expenses, with a net increase of \$325.25 for the year. Share The Wealth net income was \$344.24. The club's cash balance on 31 December 1975 was \$845.45. President Dan Boone estimated the region had 160 members by the end of the year.


20 Years Ago (December 1985)

The December 8 Sara's Tree Cutting Tour visited Christmas tree farms near Apple Hill with a return stop at Garth and Vicki Mason's home for warm refreshments. In the December issue, outgoing Drifter editor, Karen Mangin, thanked her yearlong newsletter assembly crew: Sue McGlumphy, Mike Willis, Rik Larson, Julie Jack, Stan Breyfogle, Dolores and Allen Weddle, Lee Coleman, Jim and Mary Jo Austin, Linda Mitchell, Cyndee Nightingale, and Pat and Larry Wilson.

SVR's Christmas Party at the Clarion Hotel December 14 was chaired by Cyndee Nightingale with help from Karen Mangin who did a great job with decorations. C.C. Craig kept the program moving smoothly, and Mary Siles and Ron Boeck played Santa Claus with gifts donated by a very long list of local businesses and SVR members. Those attending also brought gifts for the kids at Stanford Home. Christmas tree ornament contest winners were Marci and Randy Vidmar, Dwight and Linda Mitchell, and Ron and Sally Boeck. Randy and Marci won the "Rookies of the Year" award, and Ron and Sally won the "Event of the Year" award for the Tahoe Tour.

10 Years Ago (December 1995)

A change of pace this year for the annual SVR Christmas Party, chaired by Cyndee Peart and Daymon Nightingale, held December 7 at the Towe Ford Museum with tables of hors d'oeuvres (Baron of Beef, Poached Salmon, Antipasta trays, heavenly desserts, etc.) provided by our caterer (A.B.'s CafŽ in Rocklin) instead of the usual sit-down dinner. After a tour of the museum and the sampling of all food and drink while listening to Wurlitzer



music bouncing off the beams, members of the new board of directors for 1996 were introduced and the program featured the annual awards for 1995. Rookie of the Year award went to Deborah and Dan Catherwood who became members after the 1995 planning meeting. Competitive Event of the Year went to Masuo Robinson for his "Parade Warm Up Autocross" which benefited many Zone 7 autocrossers in Portland. Social Event of the Year was awarded to Bob Brewer for the Hog Island Oyster Tour, to be repeated in 1996. Hidden Hero awards went to Bob Brewer's son, Justin, who at 4:00AM staked out the Oyster Tour picnic area, got the fires going, and made all the salads, and to Diane and Steve Harris for their company's (the Dirty Shirt Company) shirt-support of many past SVR events.

Also at the SVR Christmas Party, the President's Award was made to Allen and Dolores Weddle. This is a very special award, not always made every year, but this year President Greg Peart chose to recognize Allen and Dolores for their long-term support and dedication to SVR. A standing applause indicated agreement by all 76 people in attendance.