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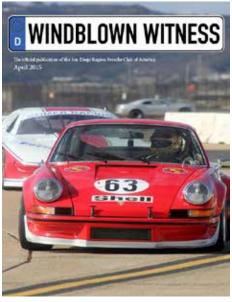




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This Month in the Witness

The theme this month seems to be "Social".

Everywhere we turn these days, we seem to be running into Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, ... and on it goes. Social Media certainly has changed the way we think about the Internet, and it's has had a profound effect on almost everyone's lives. It seems nothing can escape the reach of social media. It foments revolutions, elects Presidents, makes stars of more cats than you can count, and lets friends and family far apart stay in touch with each other in ways we never imagined just a few short years ago. Not even a club magazine devoted to a particular German automobile can escape.

We're introducing our new Social Media Chair, Dr. Marc Matanza in an interview. Not only did we get him to sit for an interview, but we even talked him into writing an article for this month's issue. Of course, he's writing about a social event, the Mardi Gras wine tour.

More than that, Martha McGowan writes about our upcoming clothing drive for the Monarch School. That's a different kind of "social". But it's one of the more important things we do as a club. Reaching out the homeless may not be the principal reason you joined PCASDR. But even the small act of pitching in a pair of socks to the drive is a good thing. I hope everyone reading this does at least that and more.

Of course, this is a magazine about Porsches. We have a tech session article from Jim Binford. He tells about about a group of club members who met (there's that "social" thing again) at a local company that specializes in keeping our Porsches pretty.

And Greg Phillips writes about a group of our club racers who traveled together (yup, "social" again) to make our Return to Spring Mountain.

Apparently we're a bunch of enthusiasts who not only like hanging out with each other, but like talking about it, too. Since Marc took on Social Media, activity on the PCASDR Facebook page has taken off like a rocket.

March was a busy month, and April looks to be more of the same. Keith reminds us about the upcoming California Festival of Speed in Fontana, and even gets in a few words about our social events.

So, yes. The theme this month is definitely "Social".

Letters to the Editor

Karen Garcia Raines (Zone 8 webmaster) writes:

Get to know your Zone and let your Zone get to know you. Share

your Porsche enthusiasm and PCA camaraderie throughout Zone 8 by posting on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/PCA-Zone8 and mention @PCAZone8. You can post photos from your events on our page, or submit photos to me, the Zone 8 Web Master (webmaster@zone8.org) for reposting.

This is a great way for everyone to know all the fun, competitive and charitable activities happening across our 13 southwestern regions. The Zone 8 regions are: Arizona, California Central Coast, California Inland, Golden Empire, Grand Prix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Orange Coast, Riverside, San Diego, San Gabriel Valley, Santa Barbara, and Southern Arizona

We live in one of the largest, busiest, and most active zones in PCA. Take advantage of it — there are many fantastic PCA events out there to keep you entertained. Be sure to visit http://www.Zone8.org for the calendar of major events in the zone, event rules and pointsevent results. You'll find links to all the Region web sites as well.

All submissions must meet Zone 8 Social Media policy and the PCA Code of Ethics and Conduct. Especially the part about "we treat neither fellow members nor nonmembers in a way that is demeaning, embarrassing, derogatory, or otherwise inappropriate."









Heads up From The Hot Seat!

By Keith Verlaque, SDR President

Camaraderie, Karma ... and my mate Bill.

This last weekend San Diego Region put on one of - if not - THE premier events we provide our members. I am referring to our Performance Driving School Sponsored by Black Forest which we run twice a year - once in the spring and then again in the fall. If you read this column last month, you will know this event is a chance to improve your knowledge, understanding and ability to safely and expertly drive any vehicle - although we specifically choose to teach you these skills in your Porsche. As usual, the school was sold out and many of our members learned a considerable amount about several aspects of car control in the safest environment possible. It was an intense weekend with our cadre of instructors being the backbone of the event and a slew of volunteers helping in any and every way they could, all to produce a truly remarkable event where many new members got to sample a taste of SDR hospitality.

Thanks are due to many for the timeless work put in to make this event the success it continues to be and it would be foolish of me to try and name them all, however there is one individual who has consistently totally committed himself and his whole team to make the PDS be the best it can be, and that is our sponsor John Rickard and the guys from Black Forest.

At the Friday chalk talk I saw several familiar faces among the school attendees including my friend Bill

whom I met probably more than ten years ago when he attended the PDS the first time. During the break he reminded me that when he did the school, he had a car problem on the Saturday evening which meant he was not able to use his Porsche for the Sunday Autocross. He decided to come down anyway and ... as soon as the story about his Porsche not being available was known, another student in the school offered to share his car with him. This was such a great example of the kind of people we have in our club that we invited him to relate his tale to the students as a surprise guest speaker. To me this clearly demonstrates the kind of people we have in our region and is a clear indication of why I'm not kidding when I say that I am proud to be counted as member of SDR.

I would like to ask a favor of the recent PDS graduates - and that is to please drop an e-mail to the Witness editor at editor@pcasdr.org or to feedback@pcasdr.org with your comments, opinions and feedback regarding the school, because ... as a wise man once said "practice - with feedback - makes perfect". If you go to the club forum on www.pcasdr.org you can see several hundred images taken at the school.

This month I want to take a little time to thank one particular volunteer who has taken on a mammoth task for our Region – I suspect he didn't realize exactly what he was getting into, but he is doing a truly great job - and that individual is John Noerenberg, the editor of the magazine that you are currently reading. If you appreciate his work and would like to let him know, or if you have a Porsche related story, an idea for content or perhaps a short article that you are happy to share with other members, please contact him on the editor e-mail address above. [your editor is humbly grateful for the kind words and for any contributions from club members — jwn2]

And so to the calendar, this month we have the largest Porsche Event in the Southwest presented by our friends at Porsche of San Diego at the incredible Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, CA on April 10th through 12th! It's the California Festival of Speed!

This major Southern California event is every Porsche enthusiasts dream weekend and it's happening only an hour away from San Diego. Even if you are only moderately interested in Porsches, you owe it to yourself to visit this event. There are so many Porsche related activities the list would almost fill this page – these include (but are not limited to) Porsche corrals, a Porsche swap meet, Vendor Village, Porsche concours, Lunch time parade laps/track tour, Club Race, Time Trial, Porsche For Sale Platz, Porsche Timeline Display and the Porsche Driving Experience which is a chance to try a new Porsche on an autocross course. Admission is FREE but parking is \$10.

If you're interested in being a part of the team, volunteers are needed so contact volunteer@calfestival.org

Our SDR social team has been at it again, working to put on more and more interesting social events of every shape and size. We received glowing reports from the ladies day at the spa event, and rave reviews from the Mardi-Gras weekend away in wine country, but the team is far from done - in fact they are just getting into their stride with events such as the progressive dinner in mid April. This evening will be Luau-themed so it will definitely offer something a little different on the menu plus more than one surprise venue. The premise of the progressive dinner is for us all to gather at one member's home for the starter, then head out to another member's home for the main course and then on to finish at a third member's home for dessert. These events are really fun and an ideal chance to

explore different parts of town, different homes and maybe even another member's' man-cave!!

So while life speeds by and we're all busy being busy, doing the same old - same old, it's probably going to take a firm decision on your behalf to select an event on the calendar and just go along to see what all the fuss is about with PCA-SDR. If you do, you may be so pleasantly surprised that you choose to get out and try some more new things — as they say — it is the spice of life. The welcome wagon awaits!

One last note on our March PDS and that is, due to one of our students having a problem with his Porsche, he got to spend all day Sunday driving an autocross in another student's new Boxster Spyder – a quite remarkable, lightweight, mid-engine Porsche with over 320 horsepower, which was very generously loaned to him by – yup, you guessed it my mate Bill!

You just can't make this stuff up!!

Keith V.

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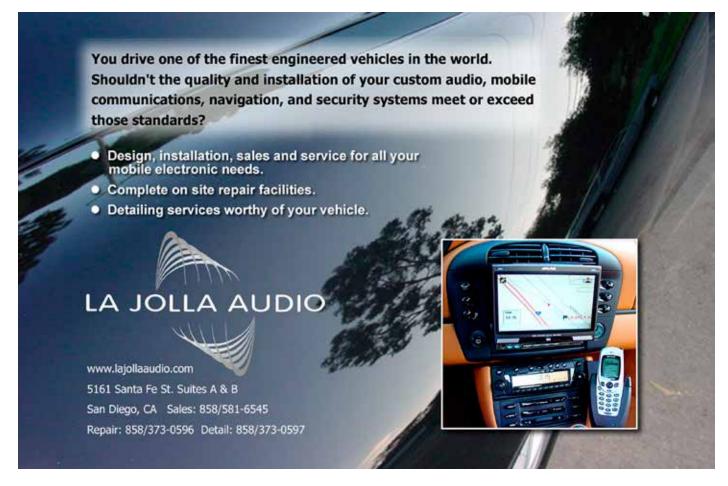
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March Board Meeting

Call to Order

The March meeting of the PCASDR was called to order at 7:11p.m.

Present were board members: Dan Carusillo, Bruce Wing, Karen Garcia Raines, Don Auten, Javier Veron and Jim Binford. Keith Verlaque was out of town. Dan chaired the meeting in his stead. The meeting was hosted by the Raines.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the February 2015 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Region's 2014 Taxes are finished. We are to pay \$800 for our corporation and no income taxes for 2014. The CPA expense was \$850. These fees were part of the 2014 budget therefore no vote was needed.

The Goodie Store sales tax will be calculated on total sales at year end, and the Region will pay any sales tax owed. The Goodie Store will not collect sales tax at time of sale.

The books show a credit from Chuckwalla Raceway. We are awaiting the accounting from Chuckwalla.

In the future, the Equipment team will need to replace the rental helmets. Information is pending from National DE to inform us if a few Hans devices will also be needed. We will have to make this budget adjustment later this year, Oct-Nov 2015.

The Witness Editor will need a one year subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud for \$600. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the

subscription.

The registrar chair added another \$200 to the January AX income after a correction was made to fee calculation.

President's Report

Vice President Dan Carusillo gave the report in Keith's absence. All members are asked to keep up communication of ideas and status of ideas. Chairs are asked to submit items for the board meeting after getting draft agenda.

At PCA events, if there is a serious incident, person, property, emotion or otherwise inappropriate, please report to event chair so the incident can be documented. As an organization we want to address issues and keep track of them. The Region Procedure Manual and Zone 8 have procedures for handling issues.

Members are asked to try and resolve member to member first, then if needed, talk to event chair. Chairs must document the incident. National has asked that serious confrontations at PCA events be documented as incident reports.

Jim Binford has created a Region Calendar, and emailed it to the board and chairs. Jim will not distribute printed copies in the future. Please use attachment in the email.

The Region has been asked to provide cars for exhibition at the San Diego County Fair. The Fair runs from June 5 to July 5, but the dates for the Car Exhibition are not posted yet. Participants would get free access to the Fair. Anyone interested in running the event should contact Keith Verlaque.

Dr. Marc Matanza was proposed as the Social Media Chair. A motion to accept the proposal was made, seconded and passed

Zone 8 Report

Tom Brown gave his Zone 8 report.

The California Festival of Speed planning is in the works. The dates are April 10-12. PCA National is providing a 60th Anniversary 911 GTS Club Coupe for display. A reminder, this car will be raffled off at the end of the year. Porsche San Diego plans to have a 918 for display.

The Driving Experience will include two 991s a Cayman and a Boxster, all 2015 models.

Volunteers are needed for many areas including: AX instructors, hospitality, traffic, and pedestrian control.

Unfinisned Business

No unfinished business.

Chair Reports

Archivist: No report.

Autocross: Mark Curran reported the aFeb. 8th AX was also a success. 112 drivers. An attempt to provide more laps per session (6) and other factors led to event getting behind schedule. Future AX's will most likely be run sessions of 5-5-4. If we find ourselves ahead of schedule enough to offer a 6th lap in a session, we will.

The safety vests were laundered specifically so the PDS students would have clean and fresh vests to wear any time they ventured past the trailer on to the track.

Autocross Tech: Keith Rampmeier reported our AX equipment has been updated, the equipment team replaced all radio antennas with stubby ones, new radio charger case and recharged 3 spent fire extinguishers. The funds for the radio antennas and charger case were reallocated from the Trailer Repairs Budget.

The Region has 25 rental helmets, 19 will age out this year.

Auto Museum: Michael Harris and John Straub reported. These are the last few weeks to visit the Museum and see 12 examples of early automotive history including a 1915 Pierce Arrow Roadster, Hubmobile, Plymouth Roadster, 1931 Cadillac Cabriolet V-12 and cars of every decade up to the 1970s. The new display will open March 27th featuring "Balboa Park-The War Years" with many military vehicles and exhibits marking the period 1941-1945 when the Park was turned over to the US Navy for military purposes.

The big gala fundraiser "Victory" put on with the USO is Saturday evening, April 25th at the Automotive Museum. Seating is limited. Phone 619-398-0307 for reservations. Drinks, dinner, entertainment and silent and live auctions will feature something for everyone.

CDIs: David Malmberg, Christopher Riordan, and Peter Carides reporting. PDS Instructor/volunteer party will be March 5. The team decided to make a change to the exercises to make PDS more relevant to modern cars. The slalom has been removed and a trail braking exercise added. The exercise will cover how to panic stop car. Also, a change to the chalk talk has been made.

All spots for PDS have been reserved and others have been assigned to a waitlist.

The team has ordered polo shirts for instructors and students, instead of T-shirts. The team ordered jackets for CDIs and John Rickard. The cost for shirts and jackets exceeded budget, and the change needs to be submitted to the treasurer.

Concours: Steve Lopez reporting. The concours is set for August 22 at Spanish Landing Park. The concours will need volunteers. Steve submitted a check request for \$1750 for the Port of San Diego. This covers a \$1,500 deposit and \$250 for the use of Spanish Landing. The insurance request will be made closer to the event date. Planning has begun for the logistics for the judges and parking.

Drivers' Awards Party: Tami Ibbetson reporting. The venue changed menu and tax structure at the last minute so the Region will not return there next year. Everything else went well.

Goodie Store: Bob Hallet and Betty Hallett reporting. The Store has received quotes for SDR apparel. We should have a selection of mens and women's jackets, vests and T-shirts. A few grill badges have been ordered, although these do not work with newer cars, they are nice for display.

The store also submitted a quote to restock SDR pins to the treasurer for perusal. Bob try to estimate restocking overhead. The president can approve costs of restocking between meetings if necessary. The store will need to increase inventory for Coronado Speed Fest.

Insurance: Cathy Young reporting. Cathy Young. We have insurance for all events through April 1.

Membership: Gisela Gonzalez and Genette McGowan reporting. Primary memberships are up. Currently

the Region has 2,510 members, including 18 new members and 78 renewals.

The team has created a new-member packet with letter and coupon. The board reviewed the packet and thought they were great.

Next they will focus on contacting members whose membership is expiring.

Porsche San Diego would like something from us for hand out to customers. There are such materials available from National.

Military Liaison: Rick Richardson reporting. Village Walk at Eastlake Village car show has been scheduled for June 21. MCRD show is scheduled for June 28.

Sponsor Liaison: Jim Binford reporting. Any sponsor issues or suggestion should go to Jim. Members are asked to send interesting single shot photos of members enjoying the variety of club events to Jim. These will be used to update the revolving picture display provided to the dealerships two years ago.

Social: Victoria Varon reporting. Ladies Spa Night had 10 attendees.

Upcoming Mardi Gras Tour has 20 couples registered. The tour will start at Hoehn Porsche before drive. The group will check into hotel, then ride coaches for winery tour. Snacks and water will be provided.

The Progressive Luau is scheduled for April 18. A member has volunteered to host the dinner. Host locations are needed for appetizer and dessert. Seven people are registered for the event. Still need appetizer and dessert locations.

Padres Game meet is scheduled for May 31. Already, 11 tickets have been sold. The reserved area is limited to

36 seats.

Tech Sessions: Jim Binford reporting. A tech session with 5 Point Detail is scheduled for March 11 at 6 p.m. The business is located at 5745 Kearny Villa Road.

Porsche of San Diego wants to feature Air Cooled Porsches service section and the remodeled dealership. The tour is scheduled for Saturday May 10. Jim is looking for a high attendance from the membership. Possibly have the Krispy Kreme meet at the dealership on this day. Porsche San Diego is working to have the 918 for display.

Jim is working with Classic Porsche Restoration in Fallbrook for a Fall tech session.

TT/DE: Jack Miller and Robert Baizer reporting. Spring Mt. event was a joint event with the Grand Prix Region. Things went well.

The National DE instructor school will be conducted through Grand Prix Region and we need to support this school with instructors.

A date change not likely for Willow Springs Time Trial.

Safety: Mark Rondeau reporting. A safety report needs to be submitted from Spring Mt. event.

Tours: Keith Verlaque reporting (via Dan). The first 2015 tour was February 22 and had 44 cars on some great back roads through some of San Diego's lesser known wilderness. A great time was had by all.

Web Team: It was suggested that the Social Media team take over the Web team. A brief discussion pointed out there are few similarities in the skill sets for each focus. The two teams were not combined.

Web/Forum: Steve Grosekemper: All members are encourage to use the forum. Let's remember to encourage new members especially. As a reminder, full names are required to create user ID for the forum.

Member help is needed as the classifieds are updated. Please remember old ads do not time out. Use the

contact list at PCASDR.net to notify Jeff Grow of old classified ads.

Witness Editor: John Noerenberg reporting. The Region's Standing Rules say Witness needs to stay at 32 pages, even though the average issue is at 40. John proposed a rule change to a maximum of 64 pages. It was so moved, seconded and passed.

New Business

There was no new business items.

Concluding Rites

Announcements: The club thanks Martha McGowan for hosting the March meeting..

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Social Media at PCASDR: An Interview with Dr. Marc Matanza



Since social media is everywhere, PCASDR recently added a Social Media committee. A new Social Media Chair, Dr. Marc Matanza, was appointed at the March board meeting. Recently we had a chance to sit down with him and chat about social media and PCASDR. Below are excerpts from our interview.

WW: If there's anything that you want people in the club to know about social media, what would that one thing be?

MM:I believe it's an avenue. It's an avenue to get your message across. It's almost like the speed of light. Why not just pick up the phone and call each other directly? Well, what if you have to call board members,

chairpersons, instructors at the same time? Just from batch emails I communicated with people all over CA, with different PCA reps, just by putting addresses in To:, CC:, Bcc: and hitting "Send". Knowing this, that it's the speed of light, that's the reason why I believe we have to have a robust policy indicating it's a place that certain things are not appropriate content. A lot of people are still understanding social media.

WW: When you think of social media what do you think of?

MM: I feel Facebook is still very important. But there are others like Snapchat, Twitter — 140 characters and — Boom! — you're done! But I still believe that Facebook has a

strong anchor in shifting communication and technology. Mark Zuckerberg just said recently that within 2 years it went from desktops to now 80% on mobile.

Back in the 80's, back in high school, we had a 800-number that people would call and leave messages like, "Where's the party at?" and someone else would call in with an answer.

WW: That was kind of your first social media

MM: Yeah, it was like Twitter!

WW: How do you think Facebook is going to affect things like email blasts or the Witness.

MM: We always want to make sure we give pertinent, up-to-date information about events.

WW: What kinds of things to you want to see posted?

MM: What's crucial is using all avenues, meaning it's there to enhance the email we get, the Witness and the PCA publications like Panorama. This is going to be way to update members. Things like, "Did you see the new article in the Witness" or "Did you check out the new Panorama — the new GT4 is out".

In the last couple of weeks I was at Krispy Kremes and the Performance Driving School. I talked to a lot of members, and I was commenting and posting pictures during the events and then after. The response was so crazy!

WW: How are we going to communicate the Porsche experience with social media?

MM: We have to remember that content is king. Making that moment, that unique event, or that adventure that each member experiences displayed with social media.

WW: So you want to see members interacting with the pages?

MM: Yes. It enhances everything we've already established. It gives opportunity to those who are inquiring. And to members who are already in the club for many decades. It also gives them a change to reconnect by getting these updates. It works for both prospective members and new members coming in. But also for current members. It will tie everything together and keep up with current events and news. It makes perfect sense to collaborate with existing media forms.

Social media is really cool for the Porsche Club specifically. Because there's a generational nuance to it. We are a different car club. Younger members, in their 30's for example get it right away. At the PDS I gave them my card and told them if you've got some cool pictures send them to me. But the older members were really cautious!

WW: What did you do to convince some of our old school members what social media can do for them?

MM: That was the remarkable thing I found out after the weekend. Even though during the event they were really reluctant, after the event, guess who liked the page, guess who commented? The same old school people. Because everyone has the knowhow and are connected. They are already there. They just need to understand the technology. What I explained is that I'm going to put the pictures up on Facebook and Twitter with a little comment. We can make it readily available. If you get an account, you can check it out.

If people send me their pictures I can give them photo credit right in Facebook.

WW: How do people send them to vou?

MM: They can send it our new email address: socialmedia@ pcasdr.org. Then if we tag them, they'll get more involved. That's the snowflake effect. It's a snowball! If all the snowflakes combine together, that's the whole picture and visual of social media. And when it spreads in a positive manner it becomes a conversation. It's crazy how social media is nonexistent: you can't see it, you can't touch it, you can't eat it, you can't smell it, but because we captured

the right moment at the right time, someone started joining more events.

WW: Marc, thanks for a great conversation, I know I'm looking forward to seeing PCASDR's new presence on all kinds of social media!

Tech Session at 5 Point Detail

By Jim Binford and Adam Coate



On 11 March, 32 of our club members attended a Tech Session hosted by Adam Coate, owner of 5 Point Auto Detail at the facilities new location 5745 Kearny Villa Road in San Diego. 5 Point Auto Detail has evolved from continuing to providing a wide range of complete car care detailing packages to specializing in the application of Ceramic Pro paint protection which is applied to the entire paint surface, including wheels and windows, to protect our wonderful Porsches. After satisfying our appetites with food, cookies, and soft drinks, Adam ushered us into the car preparation shop where he and Peter Diebitsch gave us a presentation on a new paint protection technology product termed Ceramic Pro 9H. As explained by Adam and Peter, Ceramic Pro is a new nano technology liquid based protective coating that replaces the old waxes and sealants we have often labored to apply to make our Porsches shine.

If you're not already familiar with nano technology which I wasn't, Peter explained it's the manipulation of matter. As stated, it's man-made molecules. This manipulation allows scientists to determine a compound's characteristics like hardness and temperature. The technology is relatively new, and some of the companies that have been in the industry from inception, are now coming out with product paint protections for the general public autos, rather than just commercial applications.

Every surface has what's called an anchor pattern. The anchor pattern describes the roughness of a surface. A surface magnified 1,000X looks like a mountain range with peaks and valleys. Once applied, the Ceramic Pro coating fills the valleys, covers the peaks and creates a new anchor pattern with much smaller peaks and valleys. The new slicker surface offers exceptional water sheeting and water beading, as well as a new high-gloss finish.

With characteristics like permanent paint protection, temperature resistance, anti-graffiti capabilities, extreme hydrophobicity and UV protection, the solution provides a far greater protection and durability than a conventional car wax or paint sealant. It is decidedly hydrophobic, so water rolls off the surface taking large amounts of dirt and grime with it. Because Ceramic Pro cannot be washed off, it lasts for years rather than months, and the product actually repels dirt, including brake dust, so your vehicle doesn't have to be washed as often. It even offers sun protection with the benefit of Silkoxid a sun block layered into the product to reject UV damage to the paint, rubber, and hard plastics. It also has a sheeting effect to reduce the formation of water spots and streaks.

After explaining the benefits of Ceramic Pro, Adam and Peter provided demonstrations of the Ceramic Pro application on several cars. We were divided

into three groups to cycle to various stations where we could compare the application of Ceramic Pro to half of a certain red GT3 to observe the shine and feel the how smooth the product is when applied to a Porsche, as well as a demonstration on other car surfaces of the hardness of the product and ease of washing. I am certainly amazed at the improved appearance of the red GT3.

Many thanks to Adam for hosting this

informative Tech Session at his new facility and to both Adam and Peter for explaining and demonstrating the new Ceramic Pro 9H technology which has impressive and long lasting results. 5 point Auto Detailing is offering a limited time deal on Ceramic Pro application for PCASDR members so see their advertisement in the Windblown Witness and contact Adam if interested for further details.





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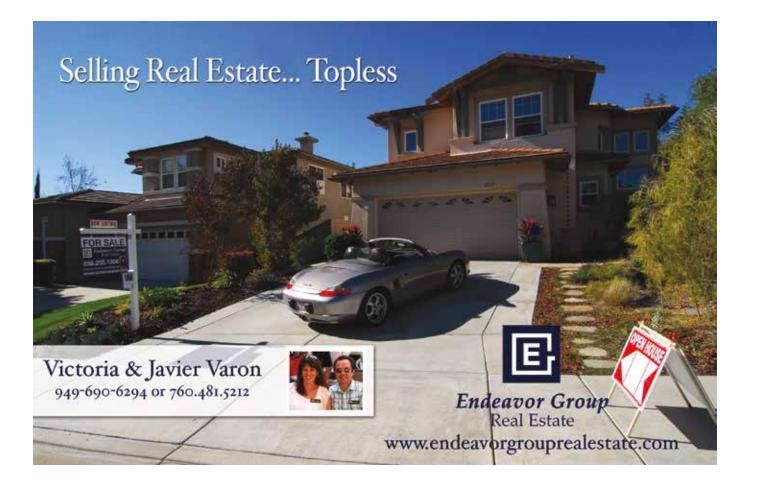
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Location :

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April 2015

01 Wednesday Monthly Members and Board Meeting

Time:

6:00 P.M. Social hour and food 7:00 P.M. Meeting

Place: Wing Home 4475 Del Mar Ave San Diego, CA 92167

Phone: 619-988-0772

Details:

The monthly meeting provides an opportunity to mingle with some of the club's most active leaders and to watch the Board of Directors in action. Food and beverages are provided before the meeting. Bring your own beer and wine. All members are welcome.

10-12 Fri-Sunday Club Racing West Coast Series

Place:

Auto Club Speedway 9300 Cherry Ave Fontana CA 92335 908-429-5000

Details:

PCA Club Racing is an organized race series for Porsche owners. The rules are similar to vintage racing. While it is amateur racing, it is true wheel-to-wheel racing and is therefore only for qualified drivers, just like the professionals.

The gateway to club racing is the DE and Time Trial program. The mission and purpose of these is to provide a safe, structured, and controlled teaching and learning environment on the big track. But when you are ready for club racing, club racing is ready for you!

For more information see: http://www.pca.org/Activities/ClubRacing.aspx

10-12 Fri-Saturday California Festival of Speed

Place:

Auto Club Speedway 9300 Cherry Ave Fontana CA 92335 908-429-5000

Details:

The California Festival of Speed is the Porsche enthusiasts dream weekend. Club Race, Time Trial, Swap meet, Porsche Corral, Porsche For Sale Platz, Porsche Timeline Display, Vendor Row, Concours, Taste of Autocross, Parade Laps, Friends, Fun and all things Porsche. Need we say more? This event has race cars, show cars, it can even have your car! See the cars, meet the drivers and experience the excitement!

For more information see: http://www.zone8.org/events/speedfestival.php

and Time Trial program. The mission and purpose of these is to provide a safe, structured, and controlled teach- Krispy Kreme and Cars

Time: 8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Place:

Outback Steakhouse Parking Lot Clairemont Square Shopping Center 4180 Clairemont Mesa Blvd San Diego CA

Details:

Join your Porsche friends for Krispy Kreme and Cars on the second Saturday of the month. Show up for food or coffee and be prepared to make Porsche friends and see their cars

18 Saturday HRE Experience Event for Porsches

Place:

HRE Headquarters: 2611 Commerce Way, Suite D, Vista, CA 92081

Time:

10am - 1pm

Details:

HRE Performance Wheels, a PCA National and Zone 8 sponsor, is hosting a "PCA Only" exclusive open house (FREE) on Saturday April 18 from 10am – 1pm. Bring your Porsche and your curiosity. Porsche-focused presentations from a respected automotive company.

Note: this is not a PCA-SDR sanctioned event.

18 Saturday Luau Progressive Dinner

Time: 5:00pm — ???

Place:

Shhh!!!!! It's a secret! (It will be announced in advance)

Details:

Join us for a Hawaiian themed Progressive LUAU Dinner April 18! Find your favorite Hawaiian print attire and be ready for a night of great food, beautiful entertainment, and fantastic company!

The cost of the event is \$50 per person, which includes a 4 course meal, entertainment and wine. Non alcoholic beverages will also be available upon request. Registration fee is non refundable due to catering and planning purposes. Should you need to cancel, you can transfer your tickets to someone else who is willing to take your place. We are requesting that all attendees register no later than April 1st, but act fast as these events do SELL OUT.

PLEASE NOTE: This dinner is in South San Diego, but all PCASDR members are welcome. We have limited space, so please register asap: http://msreg.com/progressiveluau

25 Saturday CBAD Cars (Carlsbad)

Time: 7:00am - 9:00am

Place:

5620 Paseo DINorte #124 Carlsbad CA 92008

Details:

Cbad Cars is a recurring event every Saturday of each month from 7am to 9am at the Carlsbad Premium Outlets off Palomar Airport Rd where all car enthusiasts, no matter what their background or interest is, can gather.

PCA-SDR Members and all Porsche enthusiasts are encouraged to join in this existing event on the last Saturday of each month.

25 Saturday AutoCross Qualcomm Stadium

Place: Qualcomm Stadium West Lot

Time: Tech Inspection opens at 6:30am and closes at 7:15am

Details:

Join us at the autocross event at Qualcomm Stadium in the West Lot. Please Note Important Changes for 2015 season:

PCASDR Autocross participation is limited to PCA Members Only. Autocross fee is \$60 pre-registered, Walk Up fee is \$80 (not available to student drivers (we must be able to verify your driving experience prior to the event).

No Show/Cancellation fee is \$30 if not cancelled online prior to the close of pre-registration.

Register at

http://tinyurl.com/mto92ma

25 Saturday Auto Museum Gala and Fundraiser

Place:

San Diego Auto Museum

Time:

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Details:

Join Us for our annual Fundraiser to help celebrate our museum and the Centennial Celebration of Balboa Park. Our Exhibit Floor will be transformed into the most glorious USO show ever!

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Prices (EARLY BIRD) before March 31, 2015 \$80 Per Person \$150 Per Couple \$560 for a group of 8 Tickets on sale NOW! call 619.398.0307 or register online at www.sdautomuseum.org

Note: this is not a PCA-SDR sanctioned event.

28 Tuesday Social

Place:

The Brigantine 9350 Fuerte Dr La Mesa, CA 91941 Phone: 619.465.1935

Time:

Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7pm.





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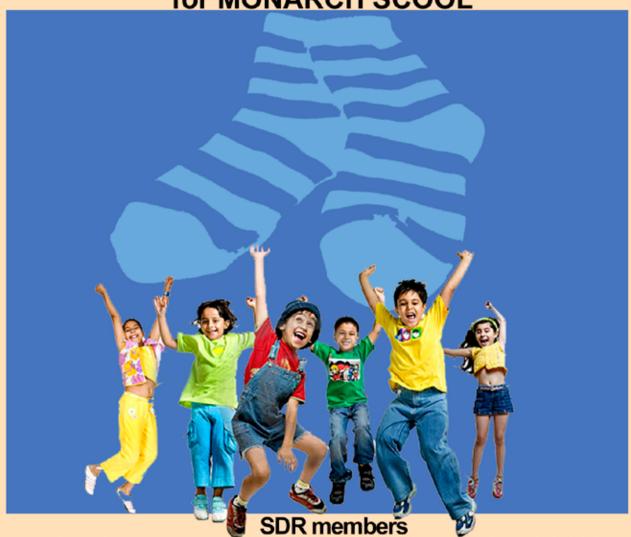
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For the months of May and June, please bring NEW socks, NEW underwear

and other stuff including body wash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and gently used shoes, to any SDR event.

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Donations will be presented at the PCA-SDR sponsored Family Dinner on June 26th.

CONTACT: charity@pcasdr.org

Lori Chesley 714 366 5098 / Martha McGowan 619 938 2697

Monarch School – Why PCASDR Chooses To Help

Article by Martha McGowan

For the past eight years, PCASDR has been helping Monarch School. We serve two family dinners per year and many of the people who serve at the dinners have been doing so for years: Bev and Tom Gould, Andrew and Karen Raines, Bruce and Cindy Wing, Lori Chesley, Martha McGowan and Keith Verlaque. In the past, we have collected socks and underwear. Last year the Charity team added other items that included body wash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and gently-used shoes.

But what exactly is Monarch School and what do they do? It is a school dedicated to helping San Diego's homeless and at-risk students break the cycle of poverty through education. It is a K-12 public school which provides more than 300 students, ranging in age from 4-19, with an accredited education, after-school programs, college and career preparation, and basic necessities including medical and dental care, vision care, food and clothing, hygiene kits, transportation, and family assistance. It is a public-private partnership between the San Diego County Office of Education and the non-profit Monarch School Project.

Monarch School began in 1988 as a downtown drop-in center for homeless youth. In 2001, the school relocated to a small 10,000 square foot facility on Cedar Street and soon reached its enrollment capacity of 150 students. In 2013, construction of a new much larger school on Newton Avenue was completed. The school now consists of a two-story 51,000 square foot facility on 2.2 acres and includes a kitchen, a gymnasium (which doubles as a cafeteria), the Butterfly Boutique (where students can "shop" for clothes or other necessities), numerous classrooms, a playground, and many other facilities.

The students who attend Monarch School live in shelters, motels, parks, cars, doubled- or tripled-up with other families in small apartments, or are on the streets. Currently, there are more than 20,000 homeless students in San Diego County, according to the San Diego County Office of Education. Monarch School's role in the community is to serve students suffering from the most severe cases of chronic homelessness and to address the related academic disruption they have experienced. Students experiencing homelessness have often been absent from school for long periods of time and are achieving below grade level when they enroll. The typical student arrives at Monarch School three years behind grade level, yet they progress one full year academically for every six months spent at Monarch.

Monarch School removes barriers commonly encountered by homeless students and provides programs and services not offered at traditional public schools. The school's program is designed to help students catch up to their age-appropriate grade level and to achieve success in a welcoming, supportive environment. The four pillars of success that are targeted in the teachings include academic growth, social growth, emotional growth, and life skills.

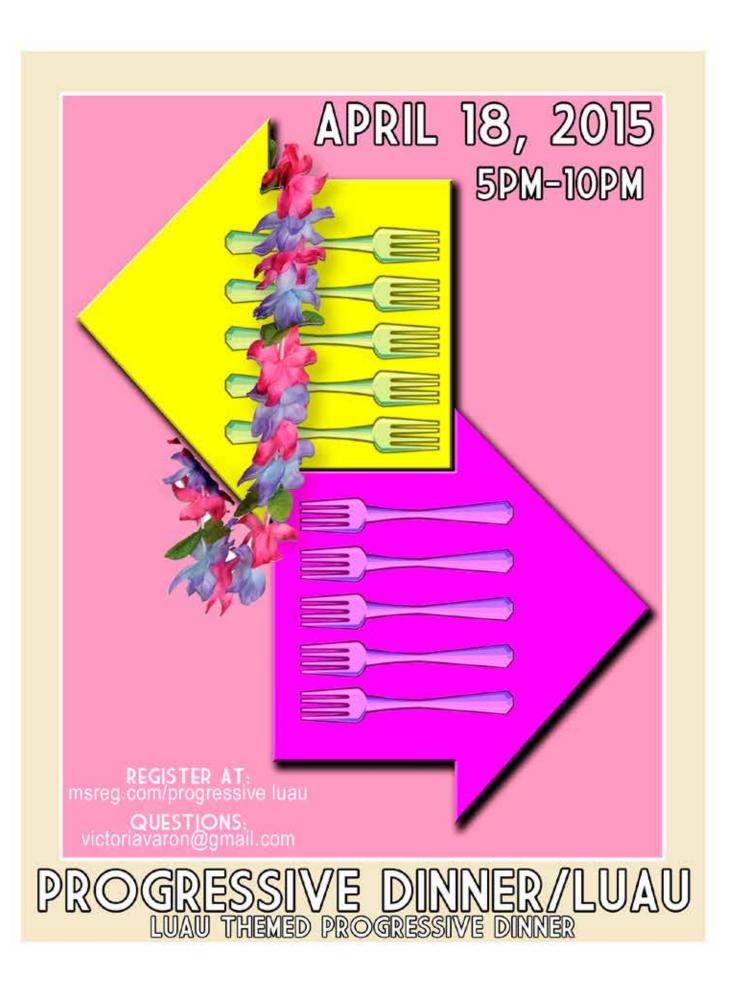
Without intervention, homeless youth run the risk of becoming chronically homeless adults and will likely repeat the cycle of homelessness for another generation of children. Education and support services can change the course of their lives and put them on the path to success. Monarch School is the largest and most comprehensive K-12 program of its kind for homeless students in the United States and is a model for how a community can successfully educate homeless children to become productive citizens.

Once again this year, the PCASDR Charity Team is organizing two family dinners for the school, one in June and the other in October. The Charity team is also coordinating another collection drive. Like last year, we are collecting not only socks and underwear, but also body wash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and gently used shoes. This drive will run throughout May and June. Please take your donations to any SDR event and give them to someone from the Charity Team or to a board member. The items will be delivered to Monarch School at the June family dinner. Once again, thank you all for your continued and generous support of Monarch School. PCASDR members have been awesome with your donations over the past eight years and it is very much appreciated.

Many thanks,

PCASDR Charity Team – Lori Chesley and Martha McGowan

Please contact charity@pcasdr.org if you have any questions.



Return To Spring Mountain

Story and photos by Greg Phillips



2010 was the last time San Diego Region had an event at Spring Mountain Motorsports Park. After several years of going twice yearly we were cut off. Although there was a Las Vegas region Club Race and TT in May of 2013, it was fun but not the same vibe as an SDR event. So a lot of drivers were looking forward to returning as well as many drivers who were coming to the Pahrump, Nevada track for the first time. But even though we would be back at Spring Mtn., we would be running a new track configuration, the Hunt Course. Although it incorporates part of the original track, most of it would be a brand new track to learn.

Since it is a good long drive, the caravan met early at Gopher Canyon off the I-15. It included Cathy Young with her tire trailer behind the 911 Targa, Jim & Jad Duncan's 996, Mark Rondeau's 911SC, Ralph & Annette Linares' Boxster, Steve towing my 911SC and a new crew with Chris

and Julianne Riordan towing their 996. The drive went well with little traffic and even with a lunch stop in Barstow we arrived in Pahrump early enough to check in at the Best Western. We had to wait until 5PM before heading to the track to get checked in and unload the trailers. With an early sunset we had to move quickly to get unpacked and get some of the tech inspections done and also check in for registration before it was too dark. The weather was cool but dry and although the weather forecasts were calling for rain during the weekend it kept changing when we might see rain.

Next we headed back to the motel and dinner at the newly named Draft Picks (ex-Wulfy's) pub. After beers and pizza and some bowling by a few drivers it was time to turn in for an early start to the weekend at the track. Since we still had tech and the drivers meeting, breakfast was early at 6AM and then off to the track. As

Steve helped with tech, I warmed up the 911 and set up the cameras. We were trying out a new RoadHawk HD camera for the event. It is a dash camera with HD output that we mounted behind the rear-view mirror and Steve had hardwired it in so that each time the car was turned on, the camera automatically started to record. In addition to the HD recording, it also included a 5Hz GPS and a G- meter which would allow us to monitor the speed and G-force along with the video. We still had Contour cameras mounted behind the driver on the roll cage and a rear facing camera on the deck lid which would need to be started manually. At the drivers meeting we found out about the light system used in place of flags. Jack Miller and Robert Baizer had reviewed the track options and felt we should use a different option that we had originally planned. So the video study was also out the window, we were all

starting fresh. I also found out that I would be instructing Julianne in the DE group. Another wrinkle to this event was that the Gran Prix Region was handling the DE group. The 3 TT



groups were through SDR but the DE group was organized by GPX so it was a different format than our usual DE groups which were for novice drivers only. GPX had several different levels of drivers in the DE group, and some were experienced and driving fast cars. Between the TT groups and the DE group we had over 90 drivers for the weekend, a great turnout!

The skies were clear but there were dark clouds on the horizon as we started. Thankfully, the rain held off for the entire day and the clouds and sun made a great photo background. Steve was out first in Red and they started with a follow the leader behind one of the club members who knew the track and after the yellow flag (light) laps they slowly picked up the pace. Most of the drivers were in the 2 minute and teens, with just a couple of X cars under 2:10. I was up next in Orange and they were using the same format, but by the time we had swapped into the 911SC, the lead pack was long gone and there were just Julianne and I trying to figure it out as we slowly circulated under yellow. The first 2 laps were quite slow but as

we went green we were able to pick up the pace as we slowly learned where the track was going and eventually ended up at 2:15for our best lap. Bret Strong was leading the group

at 2:05.08 in Phil's CC14 996 and Ed McRae was next at 2:08 in his SS07 991.

After a short break for the Yellow group we waited for Chris to bring in the 996 and Julianne and then we quickly buckled and headed

out of the pits. We were able to go out with the main group and followed the group for the slow laps and then slowly picked up the pace. The session went well and Julianne enjoyed the continuous lapping compared to autocrossing. She pointed by a couple of the faster cars but held a good pace through the session until the checker came out and we came in.

And then the weekend got interesting. Red headed out and Bill Ibbetson, Mark Rondeau and Steve were in a pack as they continued to learn the new track. On the 3rd lap, Bill missed his approach for turn 3 and ran wide and was about to go off the track and felt it would be safer to try and keep it on the track and he tried to pinch the car and as he did the rear lost grip and slowly rotated into a half spin and stopped at the edge f the track, unfortunately Mark was close behind and his options were even more limited and so he also turned hard right and spun to a stop right next to Bill, just a bit too close as he just tapped Bill behind the door. Steve, with Tami Ibbetson in the passenger seat was far enough behind to miss

them but had a front row seat to the incident. As Tami worried about her car (and husband), Steve's attention was split watching behind him and he missed the braking zone for the next hairpin and spun out also!

Bill and Mark drove back into the pits to assess the damage and Steve finished his lap and then he came in. Thankfully, there was only minor damage to both cars and they would be able to continue the weekend. While they were stopped the rest of Red was picking up the pace and Dave Elsner's CC15 GT3was down to 2:01.54, with Jad Duncan's CC12 996 close behind at 2:01.84.

I was up next in Orange and started working on carefully learning the track. Although the front straight and turn 1 and the start of turn 2 were familiar, it quickly headed off into new territory. Instead of finishing turn 2 as a long sweeper, you turn into a short connecting road that takes you into a sharp right for turn 3 (where all of the excitement had been) and onto the original track's back straight and then into the all new track segment. A sharp left hairpin took you onto a long middle straight and then after a short braking zone, a fast right hander that then led onto a long sweeping right. As the weekend went on this became less a corner and more a straight that ended with an uphill braking zone before another faster hairpin, this time to the right and down the hill and into the bowl. A sweeping left and then you hit the bottom and start climbing back out onto a blind straight with right-left chicane at the top that you could keep mostly straight by using the low curbs and then a braking zone before a series of 90 degree turns, a right and a short chute, then a quick right, right and then a left before another short straight leading to another chicane of left and then a long sweeping right onto the front straight and back to

the bridge at start-finish. Bret Strong and Ed McRae continued to lead at 2:03.32 and 2:05.71 respectively and my best lap had improved to 2:11.02. Next up was Julianne's DE group and she continued to improve, although she needed a reminder to get rid of her death grip and to breathe occasionally. She handled traffic well and was also able to get her own point-by as the session wound down. In Red 3, Jad Duncan had started to figure out the track and dropped under 2 minutes at 1:59.91. Steve picked up the pace to 2:07.36 driving our practice Nitto NT01 tires in 235 front and 255 rear sizes. Bill had also improved to 2:09.62 but Mark was still at 2:11 for the session and was not sure if his engine was down on power or just that he was running with mufflers to fit into CC08 made it seem that way. Jack Milller's Lotus was running again and he turned a 2:06.27 behind Jack Fried's Lotus 211 at 2:03.44.

good rabbit as we worked through traffic and his best lap of 2:08.40 was just ahead of my 2:09.79. Ed McRae was improving to 2:03.18 and led the session with Bret Strong next at 2:03.61 and then Joe Thomason's CC11997S next at 2:05.67.

While we ate lunch in the Ibbetson's trailer, Tony Nufer was managing the track tours as many of the drivers and guests wanted to see more of the track. After the tours it was time for Red to start again.

Unfortunately for Mark, his afternoon was as bad as his morning, only this time it was his engine that started making a noise on the first lap and he was advised to shut it down for the weekend and get it checked out before more damage occurred. Drivers continued to learn and improve with Rob Phillips turning a 1:54.31 to lead the session ahead of Jad and Dave Elsner. Jerry Hoffman's CC13 911 improved to 2:02.85. Steve turned a 2:06.23 and Bill had a 2:10.84



The third Orange session was my first solo run, and although I started out on my own I was able to run down a few drivers and had a good chase with Bruce Wing's CC12 911. I would reel him in slowly and then with traffic he would pull away again and the process would start over. Never quite caught all the way up but he made a

in his few laps. Don Middleton was also quick in his CC10 911 at 2:05.64. My Orange session was slightly delayed so I had time to get in line behind Bruce near the end of the pack as we were flagged off. The long line took a little time to sort out and Bruce decided to swing in after a couple of laps to get out of the traffic, but my

traffic cleared shortly and I had fun chasing down some of the later cars including a 997 and a GT3. My best lap was 2:08.98 and Bret Strong moved ahead of Ed McRae 2:01.93 to 2:03.23. Todd Harris in his Cayman S also was fast at 2:06.73.

For Julianne's De session, I drove her car for a couple of laps to give her a better idea of its potential. After swapping seats she had a greater appreciation for its handling and power and continued to improve through the session. Her 996 is set up well with balanced handling and good grip from its Nitto tires.

The rest of the afternoon went uneventfully as both Steve and I improved our times and had our best laps in the final session of the day. Steve was down to 2:06.19 and I turned a 2:07.99. It came while chasing a pack of Boxsters, the last one being a Spec Boxster of Mike Skinner. I finally caught him on the front straight and gave me a point and in reviewing the video, he did lift, but not enough for me to make any progress on passing him and at the bridge he went back to the throttle and pulled away on the straight and the chase began again. I never got another point and we stayed nose to tail for the rest of the session. And as we pulled into the pits, it turned out he was parked just across the from the SG911 compound. I took the opportunity to introduce myself and remind him that was all the HP I had and with the point I would need a bigger lift to get by. We were fairly evenly matched as his best lap of the day had been 2:08.29 in the previous session.

After my session, I took advantage of the beautiful weather to take some photos and since Julianne was skipping her last session, I had more time and was also able to shoot the DE group before the last checkered. After the track was cold, some of the drivers went out on a track walk/

hayride with Zone 8 CDI Scott Mann from Las Vegas Region. After the cars were checked and closed up for the night, we headed back to the Best Western and cleaned up before dinner.

Dinner was a special treat. Steve's sister and her boyfriend live in Las Vegas and invited us to Ohjah Japanese Steakhouse in Pahrump. Contrary t what you might think about sushi on the desert, the food was very good and well prepared on the grill in front of our group. After the food, beers, and later Sake bombs, we were ready to turn in for the night. We did watch some video from the day but were sleeping early.

Sunday was not as early and we had more time for the breakfast, but since we had made a late decision to stay another night, we had to check out of our room and then check back in at the end of the track day. The weather was sunny but again there were clouds and this time they slowly rolled in and it was overcast for most of the day. Although the weather forecast still predicted rain, it stayed dry through the morning.

The run group order was reversed for Sunday so I was up first in the DE group. Julianne was well rested and continued to enjoy the event and her driving improved as she became more comfortable. Yellow was up next and was led by a Tami Ibbetson (CC08) at 2:10.03 with Chris Riordan (CC09) next at 2:13.35 and Mark Curran's CC06 911 at 2:17.08. Annette Linares in another shared car was at 2:17.79 and Cathy Young's CC06 911 Targa at 2:21.11.

Orange was next and I took advantage of the cool weather, starting at the front and chasing Todd Harris's Cayman S to improve down to 2:07.33. Todd had the fastest lap of 206.29 and Jim Duncan was right behind me at 2:07.63 with Ralph Linares next in his CC07 Boxster at 2:11.22. In Red they also took advantage of the track

conditions with Rob Phillips, Dave Elsner, Jack Fried and Jad Duncan all under 2:00 and Michael Brown at 2:00.41 and Ed McRae at 2:01.59 on street tires in his SS07 machine! Steve was down to 2:05.33 with Bill next at

into the tires but even after a few laps it was still very loose and I headed back to the pits with a best lap of 2:18! After chuckles from Steve, he decided to adjust the sway bar to try and improve the grip for his session.



2:05.46. Dan Carusillo had improved to 2:04.10 and Don Middleton close behind at 2:05.26.

Unfortunately, our Nittos did not survive the fast laps and we had corded the left front tire so it was time to swap tires. We had brought full tread RA1's as rain tires and we decided to leave them on the trailer and use up an older set of Hankook Z214 tires. So we pulled them down and mounted them for my next session.

Steve reminded me the tires were cold and so I was taking it easy as we headed out onto the track. They felt loose going through turn 1 and I kept the speed down through the turns, but when I got to the hairpin, it all went wrong and the car spun like a top and I was facing traffic! Luckily everyone was able to stop and I was able to get moving and I pointed by everyone down the straight. I was on eggshells as I drove to get some heat

He had a little more speed but it was still slow and his best was 2:14.89 and after a couple of laps he came in also. We reviewed our options and decided to leave the Hankook fronts and put the Nitto rears back on for the last morning session. My last session on mixed tires was much better but I was still only able to get down to 2:09.18. Kyle Acee, Jamie Fingland and Russell Shon led the pack with laps of 2:06. Steve was able to run a 2:05.60 but we were both ready to put on better tires for the afternoon. We planned to put on the Hoosier R7's for the last practice and set pressures and check the grip before the timed runs.

After lunch again at the Ibbetson trailer we headed to the drivers meeting. The weather reports were still predicting rain and there was discussion about running the DE group and then doing the timed runs. A vote was taken but there was no consensus and it was decided to

continue with the planned schedule. We began to regret that as the DE group went out, the first drops started to fall. But it was just a short sprinkle and stopped. Julianne did well to top off her weekend and is looking forward to her next event. For my session it was still dry, but the cold weather did not help the grip of the Hoosiers and I was back at a 2:09.18. Steve took advantage of the better grip and drier track and dropped down to 2:05.60.

And then it was time for timed runs, and of course the rain came back as we were gridding the drivers. The fast drivers went off first and although there was some rain, the track stayed dry. Jad Duncan (CC12) turned a 1:55.27 in his 996 and TTOD was his. Dave Elsner (CC15) was next at 1:57.90 in his GT3RS and Ed McRae showed how good the new cars are with a 1:59.72 on street tires! Michael Brown (CC14) was next at 1:59.98 and Jack Fried's Lotus turned a 2:00.86 for 5th. Next was Jerry Hoffman (CC13)

at 2:02.00, then Jim Duncan (CC16) at 2:02.45, Daniel Carusillo (CC11) at 2:03.35, Robert Baizer's Lotus at 2:04.15 and rounding out the top ten was Dennis Power's CC10 Boxster at 2:04.31.

Robert was in the second timed group and when he came back he let the next drivers know it was getting wetter and he almost spun on the last corner coming on the front straight. Steve was in the next group and he had his best lap of the weekend at 2:04.46. As we switched seats and I was heading to the grid he reminded me that the painted curbs would be slippery when wet. I was first in my timed session and was waiting by the starter for the previous group to finish. It seemed to be improving as I was not having any new drops on my windshield, but when she flagged me off, it turned out I was just in the rain shadow of the bridge and the rain was falling still. On my warm-up lap I decide to change my usual line and avoid using the painted curbs. I came through the final corners before the straight and noted that widening my line to avoid the curbs might be safer but it would be slower. But I decided safe rather than sorry and continued my laps, the first lap was clean and was a 2:08.95and I did not improve on my second lap, but kept the car clean and on the track.

In 944 Spec it was Dave Diamond at 2:16.25 ahead of Skip Carter at 2:16.68. In CC05 it was Dan Hockett, the surviving Boxster brother at 2:09.72. In CC06 Mark Curran's 2:14.70 beat Cathy Young and Bill Ripka. In CC07 Ralph Linares turned a 2:07.45 to beat Jasmine Tripodi and wife Annette. In CC08 Bill's 2:05.95 was ahead of Tami at 2:10.37. In CC09 it was Steve, then me and finally Chris Riordan at 2:12.99. In CC10 it was Dennis Power, Don Middleton at 2:08.59 and Vince Knauf at 2:13.51. In CC11 it was Dan Carusillo ahead of Frank Powell's 2:04.68 and Joe Thomason at 2:08.93. In CC12 Jad led Neil Heimburge's 993TT. For full



results and lap details, don't forget to check out the website.

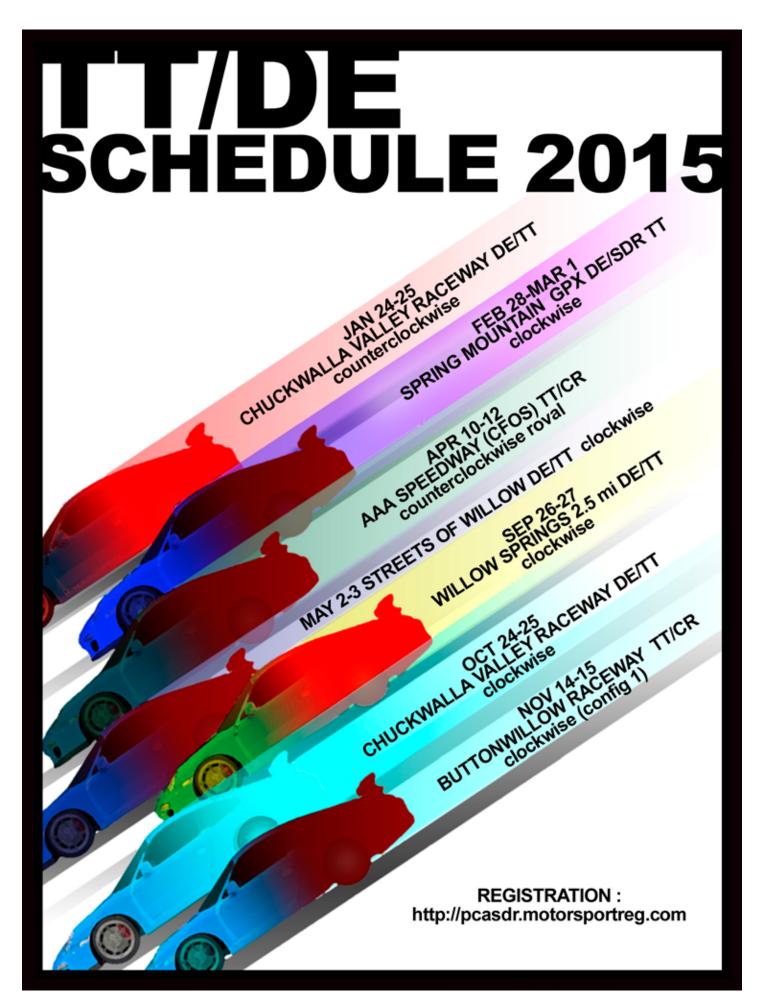
The rain continued through the evening and into the night and we were thankful we were not driving back in the rain. The next morning was dry in Pahrump and we led a caravan back home to San Diego. We did have some rain through the Riverside area but it cleared by Temecula and stayed dry until we got off at the Convoy exit and got ready to unload the cars off the trailers. Then the heavens opened up and he had rain and then hail. We waited and it did slow slightly and we unloaded and drove the cars to Black Forest and of course after arriving and unloading the trailers, the sun returned. Well, it could have been worse; we could have had rain the whole weekend.

Now is the time to start planning for the next event at Auto Club Speedway, the California Festival of Speed in mid-April. It is a great event for drivers, volunteers and spectators, so clear your calendar.











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Temecula Wine Tasting

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San Diego Region of Porsche Club of America is one of the most active regions in the country, holding a variety of events each month to draw each member closer and to find enjoyment as a Porsche owner. The events San Diego Region offers include Club Racing, Autocrosses, Driver's Education (DE), Time Trials (TT), Non-Competitive Back Country Driving Tours, Rallies, Banquets, and Concours, just to name a few. If you can define Porsche in one word, you might choose "Iconic" or "Stuttgart" or as my son, Ethan (6 years old) says, "Fast." What if you were asked to define a Porsche club member? Come travel with me, as we experience a memorable journey together. Who knows? We just might discover the characteristics of a member of the Porsche Club of America.

7th. March 2015 PCASDR members visited the Temecula Wine Country for a weekend getaway. Over 40 people attended. Most were married, some were courting, others were buddies and some were individuals. Whether you new to wine or a true wine aficionado, our Social Chairperson Victoria Varon, with the support of Matt Schiller and Director Javier Varon, created the proper atmosphere. Not only was it Temecula's annual World of Wine Event, or how the locals call it, "WoW time," but we celebrated it in Mardi Gras style! Upon arriving at the start of our tour, we were welcomed with Mardi Gras beads and necklaces and a continental breakfast.

It all started on Saturday morning at 8:00 am sharp at Hoehn Porsche in Carlsbad, California 92011 (http://

hoehn.porschedealer.com/) for breakfast, registration, coffee and Drivers Meeting. Before departing, we were able to enjoy the view of a wide array of new Porsche's in the showroom and one unique Porsche Bike RX, powered by the love of adventure, tucked away in the corner. Our Drivers Meeting began by exciting us wit the directions through the back roads to the hidden yet breathtaking Temecula Creek Inn and Golf Resort. Then, Victoria surprised us with trivia questions and gave prizes to the PCASDR members who answered correctly.

There were many Porsche gems on the road. It was an amazing spectacle to see! If you attend a PCASDR social or driving

event, it's normal to see the wideeyed gazes and amusement from onlookers. But it is extraordinary when law enforcement stands on the side line with their jaws dropped staring in appreciation of the well-organized, pristine caravan of Porsches. We started are drive on interstate 5 going north to California 76. Then we headed east onto Mission Road through the spiral course of Fallbrook, CA. We followed Avenida Del Oro's back valley roads ending our driving adventure as we passed through the gateway of Temecula Creek Inn, in Temecula, California (http://www. temeculacreekinn.com/). This is where our chariots awaited! Well. two chauffeured private coaches awaited. We traveled in comfort and style and safely enjoyed the scenic ride to and from each winery. Our destinations were Leoness Cellars



Winery, Robert Renzoni Vineyards & Winery and Monte De Oro Winery & Vineyards.

On the drive to our first winery, the atmosphere was tranquil in anticipation of viewing, tasting, and possibly purchasing the range of wines we would soon sample. Dawn Harrison, Host Department Manager of Leoness Cellars Winery, greeted us with enthusiasm as she introduced us to several wines: a 2013 Viognier, a 2011 Mélange De Rêves, a 2012 Zinfandel, a 2013 White Merlot and a 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon. The word Leoness means "Village of Dreams," and is the inspiration behind the lifelong quest to create world class wines from the finest vinevards in the Temecula Valley. Leoness Cellars was founded in 2002 and inhabits 20 acres overlooking the stunning Rolling Hills Vineyard Estate on De Portola. Among these wines, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, stood out. The wine has subtle notes of vanilla, black licorice & sweet oak accompanied by rich berry tones. Aged for 21 months in small French and American oak barrels, this is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon. 21% Merlot, and 4% Cabernet

Franc. It's elegant and refined, with a soft supple finish. The other wines had a burst of lively and floral aromas that ranged from honeysuckle, black plum, boysenberries and timeless strawberries. For more information: (http://www.leonesscellars.com/). Dawn Harrison continued the trivia with mind-boggling questions whose answers some PCASDR members knew right away. But other questions had PCASDR members stumped. Here is one of the questions: How many bottles of wine in a barrel? Answer: Well, let's break it down, One barrel is equal to 60 gallons and one bottle has 750 ml of wine. Therefore 25 cases of wine or 300 750 ml bottles. For the very difficult questions, our Vice-President Dan Carusillo bailed us out in the nick of time by distracting Dawn with his own word problems on travel and distance: "If a train is traveling 70 miles west and another train traveling 70 miles east and if the speed during the journey was...," Before he could finish we all burst into laughter. Classic.

Our next stop was Robert Renzoni Temecula Winery & Estate (http://www.robertrenzonivineyards.com/).

As we approached the new Tuscanstyle villa, we were impressed with the quality and craftsmanship of the reclaimed wood structure. Twelve acres of perfect growing climate in Temecula Valley creates a scenic and truly illustrious wine estate. The place is home for a wide variety of grapes and other wine making fruits. The diversity of elevation, sun exposure, type of soil, and microclimate allows them to produce diverse types of quality wine. I prefer spacious, rustic tasting rooms in which you can see the barrels in the background, and Renzoni delivered. There are many ways wine is served. Chilled in a bucket and DIY (Do it yourself) selfserve, sitting on a picnic table, vertical tasting, horizontal tasting and blind tasting. Robert Renzoni's surprised us with five pokerchips per person to trade in for the wine we each wanted to taste and let us loose. Everything served was authentic, and the staff was knowledgeable, unpretentious, enthusiastic, and genuine. Of course there were wide variety of wines to choose from. The Reds were gentle with just the right accents. Whites were clean and crisp. From Prosecco, Moscato, Pinot Grigio, Tempranillo, Sonata, Concerto and Zinfandel, but what stood out the most, was the 2012 Big Fred's Red with aromas of ripe blueberry and black cherry, hints of caramel, with notes of dark fruit and cherry on a soft finish. Aged 18 months in 100% American Oak (50% Zinfandel and 50% Sangiovese).

This is where I met a modest gentleman named John that also came for wine tasting with his dear friend, Jean. He has owned a local Volvo auto repair shop for over 20 years and chatted up a storm about cars and the love for racing and up-keeping of cars. I had mentioned to him that I was running my fronts with 235/35/ZR19 Hankook Ventus V12 evo (K110) tires and my rears with 315/25/ZR19 Toyo Proxes T1R tires on my 2004 Porsche 996 40th Anniversary Limited Edition. He chuckled and responded, "I do offroad racing and I use Toyo's On-/

Off-Road All-Terrain, to enhance offroad capabilities." It was great to run into someone in two different racing worlds, meeting in one place for a superb conversation worth sharing. We chatted and enjoyed each other so much that my wife, Jane and I were the last to board and gave John and Jean the rest of our chips as we dashed off to our final destination. Don't forget to pick up some of Mama Rosa's Pasta Marinara sauce!

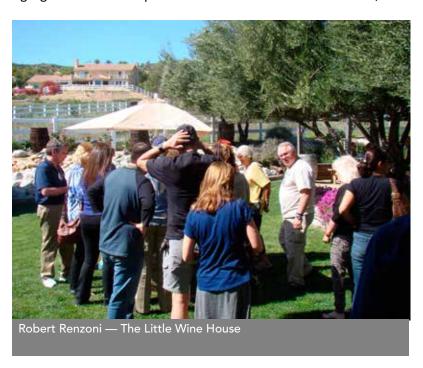
Our thirsts were quenched, but tummies required refueling as we were only half way through our weekend getaway agenda and barely approaching 2:00 pm in the afternoon. PCASDR reserved a cozy outdoor venue called The Little Wine House, within walking distance on the upper garden of Robert Renzoni Estate. There, sandwiches, drinks and snacks were ready for us and let's just say, potato chips never tasted so delightful on our inundated taste buds.

Monte de Oro Winery defines wine excellence in terms of environment and natural sophistication. Monte de Oro Winery is inviting with its 31, 000 square foot facility with the one and only glass floor tasting room. We were awed by the beautiful interior design and gorgeous outdoor patio with

lovely live music. My wife and I had the pleasure conversing with Dawn Ortega, the Wine Club Manager, with her unbeatable smile and friendly demeanor told us everything we wanted to know about their wines. Monte de Oro Winery had a complete wine list including a conventional Sauvignon Blanc (Medium 2013 bodied with flavors of fruit such as green mango, green apricot, green apples, crushed granite minerality and dried herbs) and 2013 Riesling (Releasing aromas of peach, lychee, Rainier cherries, grapefruit, jasmine, and gardenia). For more information: http://montedeoro.com/). What was special about their wine list was that they offered multiple new released wines, indicating this chateau is thriving. 2011 Merlot, 2011 Cabernet Franc and 2011 Congruity were the new releases and yes, I came back for more. As I observed and conversed with fellow PCASDR members, I must have given off some sort of magnetic attraction. For a not just one, but several gave me their stamp card allowing me to sample more wines. I was a happy camper! As we were leaving, I could hear the chatter that Monte De Oro is a dream place to get married.

Afterwards, we stayed at the Temecula Creek Inn and Golf Resort, to catch our

breaths after the wine tasting. Everything went smoothly. regained our energy and enjoyed dinner at Baily's Old Town Temecula (http://www.oldtowndining.com/). My wife and I were seated next to Benjamin Fruehauf, new owner of his 1999 Porsche Carrera 4. We shared wild stories of how we purchased our Porsche and became a PCASDR member. What was phenomenal about our interaction was that throughout our entire wine tasting tour, he attended not for the wine, but to experience the tour with people from the club. This should remind us all of our club motto of, "It's not just the cars, it's the people!" The weekend was a stress-free adventure, perhaps because wine calms transiently our central nervous system. But I am betting on the hardworking organization of our Social Chair, Victoria and Javier Varon and Matt Schiller. Truly it was an amazing experience for everyone!















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