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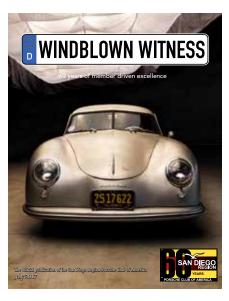




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Up FrontWhere the Engine Belongs

I hate deadlines.But at least for this issue the holiday falls at the start of the next month for Independence Day. I am finishing up this issue before getting ready to drive to the Spokane Parade in the 968. Some debate about which Porsche to bring, but the added cargo space and reclining seats won out for Pat rather than taking a Boxster. Steve at Black Forest is putting the finishing touches on the car in preparation for the trip. New tires and CV boot, steering rack bushings and alignment along routine service and having the paint refreshed at Malibu Collision where the clear coat had been peeling. Look for the Parade report for the August issue, along with a report from my second club race weekend at Buttonwillow with GGR.

Steve and I jinxed ourselves before the Streets of Willow event. On the drive up we were discussing safety concerns raised at the Fontana event and the difference in the time trial culture in SoCal vs. the DE culture in the rest of the PCA universe. We reviewed the rare car to car incidents we have had over the years with SDR and mentioned that one of the few had been at Streets. Unfortunately as you will read in my article on the Streets event, it happened again.

Another topic related to that incident is the use of window nets during the DE & TT track sessions. While they do provide some increased safety to prevent arms from coming out of the windows in case of an accident, they are a hindrance to communication when trying to point-by a car to pass safely. I feel that the risks outweigh the benefits and have submitted a rules proposal to the Zone 8 rules chair to that effect. Safety is an ongoing issue.

Now that Porsche has won another Le Mans event, I thought I would share some Porsche, SDR, Le Mans trivia. Who was the first American woman to drive at Le Mans? Put the hints together and you should come up with Margie Smith-Haas. And here are her thoughts:

Our "bench racing" input: We have lasting memories of the 24 Hrs. of Le Mans, especially since discovering my competing in 1984 brought the honor to our San Diego Region that a member was the first American female to compete at the 24 Hrs. of Le Mans (with Great Britain drivers Paul Smith and David Ovey in a Porsche 930 3.3L Turbo Flat 6 - GTO class)! What's really bizarre is that I wasn't even aware of that fact until 2013; 29 years later when we returned to Le Mans for the first time since 1995 (competed in C-2 class, BMW M-1 in 1985). A Danish journalist had written this information in a press release! I questioned him immediately and he said, check out Wikipedia. The first woman competed at Le Mans in 1930. (My racing career got started with my little 914 1.7 at slaloms - would have never guessed where it would take me!)

The 1984 race was eventful. Unfortunately our car was retired after 141 laps when it suffered a terminal oil leak. (The long race took its toll on the field as 30 of the 52 cars entered DNF.)

The works Rothman team had boycotted the race due to a disagreement between Porsche and the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) over the fuel regulations. But still, of the top ten spots, Porsche privateers finished 1,2,3,4,5,6 7 and 9 (all in 956s) with the Joest Porsche New Man-sponsored 959 driven by Henry Pescarolo and Klaus Ludwig taking the overall win!

Sadly, the race was marred by a serious racing accident at the 200+ mph kink (no chicane back then) that claimed the life of a corner worker and set the forest on fire. There were 4 pace cars parading the cars under yellow for an hour. Both drivers (in Aston Marin/Nimrods) were ok. I was behind the Canon 956 under that yellow pace car session.

There are several other exciting stories about the 1984 event, qualifying at night, etc. that we would love to share at another time.

I have attached a couple of photos from 1984 that I thought you might enjoy!





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June 60th Anniversary Winner!

Congratulations to WT Wong! WT was the 60th entrant to the June 3 autocross thereby winning a free entry!

As you may have read previously here in the Windblown Witness, we are celebrating 60 years of the San Diego Region of PCA this year. Part of that celebration is a free entry for the 60th entrant to certain events, during the 12 months from February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018. Another component is a random drawing for free prizes from the entire region membership every 60 days. (See the February issue for full details.)

This month WT won, next time it could be you! See you at the next event!

Concours News:

The 60th party continues at this year's region Concours on September 16th! We will be hosting a special display of Porsches spanning the 60 years of San Diego Region. If you would like your Porsche to be in this display, please register at http://pcasdr.motorsportreg.com No entry fee to display.

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Karen Garcia Raines, SDR President

We do many fun things in the San Diego Region: autocross, concours, tours. For me, the best thing is making friends. Our trip to Italy began with a visit with our SDR friends Kim and Peter Lefebvre (and Chester their dog). They not only welcomed Andrew and me, they welcomed my dad as well. This trip was significant for Andrew, Dad and me as it gave us something to look forward to during a difficult time. That Kim and Peter said: "Of course all three of you can stay with us" without hesitation shows how special they are.

They are two examples of the fantastic people I've befriended in PCA – friends who motivate me to work so hard for the club.

Some of you are about to be asked to join us in working for your friends.

The 2017 Nominating Committee is looking for the next group of members to guide our club. Many thanks to my friends Bob Hallett, Marc Matanza, Martha McGowan , and John Straub for taking on this task.

I won't sugarcoat this. Being on the board is more than 12 meetings a year all over San Diego. Board members are the face of the Region. To do the best at guiding, you need to listen to what our friends want and expect. Board members serve with other committees or help on other projects.

The board has officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The treasure is the custodian of the club's funds and oversee s the club's bookkeeper. He or she monitors the club's expenditures, accounts and the budgets for club events. The secretary is responsible for the meeting minutes, both recording during the meeting and publishing in the Witness. The President is always on duty, answers a lot of questions and says "thank you" every other sentence. The Vice President backfills for

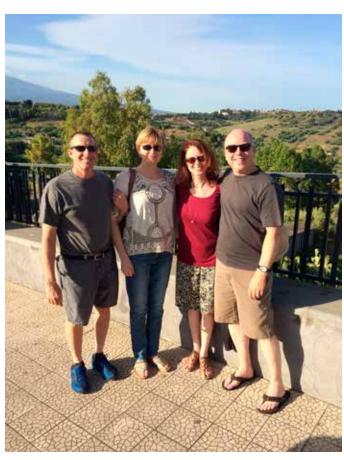
the president. The board members at large offer their guidance on issues.

If you would like to run for the board, or have a suggestion for the board to consider, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. There isn't a separate email for the committee at http://www.pcasdr.org/about/contacts/, but you can find an email address for each member there.

The reward for all this hard work is a fun club filled with good friends working and playing together. If you are asked to run for the 2018 SDR Board, I hope you appreciate the honor as I much as I did. And I hope you put yourself forward to keeping us a great club.

Thank you.





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	Sunday	7 am to 5 pm	Qualcomm Stadium	Non-Competitive autocross

To Register: http://www.pcasdr.org/events/2017-10

For More information: cdiq@pcasdr.org







Concours by the Bay Saturday, September 16, 2017

Located at Spanish Landing Park East in beautiful San Diego

Join us as our Club celebrates its 60th year at the San Diego Bay with a grand display of Porsche cars. Over 140 beautiful Porsches were on display last year. This year we will be including a special display of cars spanning a 60 period. This will be a unique experience not to be missed by car enthusiasts!

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DATE: Sunday October 22, 2017: 9am - 3pm

LOCATION: California State University, Bakersfield 9001 Stockdale Hwy., Bakersfield, CA

Come on out with your friends, family and your Porsche to our annual Concours - car show to benefit Kern County Charities. All cars will be shown on the beautiful grassy field at Alumni Park, while lunch will be held in the shady comfort of the Alumni Grove. In addition to the Zone 8 Judged categories, we will be awarding the "Charity Choice" award to the car most wanted in their garage by our Charity.

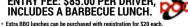
If you have friends with Porsches and are not yet members, please welcome them to come out and display or enter a judged class. We always have wonderful door prizes and lots of local visitors checking out the cars, so clean your car and come on out for a fun day with Porsches and Porsche

Car placement on the grassy field will begin at 9am, Judging will start at about 11am, pre-ordered lunches will arrive on site about about noon. Awards will be presented about 2:30, with door prizes raffled off all during the day. Picnics are welcomed if you did not pre-order on motorsportreg.com

REGISTRATION: motorsportreg.com QUESTIONS: Contact Betsy Wadman at betsywadman@gmail.com



ENTRY FEE: \$85.00 PER DRIVER,





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- · Questions? E-mail STEVE FERRARI at: SteveFerrari@outlook.com





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Please read Zone 8's Autocross rules http://tinyurl.com/Zone8Rules

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June Board Meeting

PCA-SDR June 7, 2017

Attending: Karen Garcia Raines, Tom Gould, Tom Brown, Keith Rampmeier, Matt Schiller, Bob Hallett, Dan Carusillo. Absent: Sara Gengler.

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Secretary (Keith Rampmeier): Approval of May minutes. M/S/P. There was an e-vote 5/12/17 to move Hohen tech session from 6/10 to either: 7/22, 8/5, 8/12 (exact date TBD with Hoehn due to their move & rebuild in progress). eM/S/P.

A note on HPDE (DE/TT) from Alex Bell, PCA National DE Chair, on vehicles with Automatic Emergency Braking Systems, Collision Avoidance Systems, and Lane Keeping Assistance Systems: "At this time it is not known how "Automatic Emergency Braking Systems" will react at speed in the HPDE environment. For the safety of all participants PCA has decided not to allow affected vehicles to run with our group at HPDE events unless the system can be and is turned off. We have no doubt that this equipment is very helpful in street driving; however, we cannot risk endangering drivers, instructors and their vehicles at our on-track driving schools."

Treasurer (Tom Brown): Monthly report submitted. M/S/P. New "Monthly Financial Position Report" created to better show actual financial position, rather than only bank balances. Budget reconciliation received from Streets of Willow DE/TT. Transponder rentals have paid back ¼ of their cost over the last year.

President (Karen Garcia Raines): 2018 Board Nominating Committee selected: Bob Hallett, John Straub, Marc Matanza, Martha McGowan.

60th Anniversary (Tom Brown): Robert Nunez of Vista won our Every-60-Days drawing in April, which was a free detail from Hoehn Porsche. A BIG thanks to our sponsor for their generous support of our 60th Anniversary!!! For being the 60th PCA-SDR member to sign up for the 6/3 AX, WT Wong won free entry.

Club Race (Greg Phillips): Submitted budget proposal for 9/30-10/1 Willow Springs Club Race.

Charity (Lori Chesley, Carmen Richardson): The Monarch School - Sock, Underwear, and 'Other Stuff' drive was a HUGE success, with a ton of items donated by the PCA-SDR family. In addition, over \$1000 was collected from members at various events and used to purchase more items for the kids. The items get delivered Friday 6/9 when PCA-SDR sponsors Family Dinner at the Monarch School.

Concours (Cara Lyn Greco, Bob Schweitzer): Update on September Concours: on track, looking for a few more vendors (possible beer & wine vendor), volunteers and a proper, small PA system for public announcement & musician. Budget submitted for approval. M/S/P.

AX (Mark Curran): Check request for needed AX helmet stickers. M/S/P. Report and reconciliation on the June 3 AX with 101 drivers. M/S/P. On a sad note, Taz Pachorek, the PCASDR Border Terrier track dog has passed on. He was 14 and had attended nearly 60 AXs over 10 years.

Approve new dates for Q events, with one AX to be designated a Zone-8 event and a couple of possible two event weekends. M/S/P

AX Saturday July 1, West Lot

AX Saturday July 29, West Lot

AX Sunday August 20, West Lot (Zone 8 AX)

AX Sunday Sept 10, West Lot

AX Saturday Sept 23 and/or Sunday 24, West Lot

PDS October 28, 29 West Lot

AX Sunday Nov5, West lot

AX Sunday Nov 26, West Lot

AX Dec Saturday 9 and/or Sunday 10, West Lot

AX Jan 6, West Lot

Update on the hunt for a new AX venue: Talking with Military liaisons regarding use of large paved areas at several local facilities. Its clear from the Mayor's office Qualcomm Stadium will close at the end of 2018, with only a minimal

chance of any continued use of parking lots before new construction begins.

CDIsQ (Keith Verlaque, Andrew Raines, Rick Richardson): PDS recap: rain, rain, more rain... and everyone had a LOT of fun!!! 48 students attended. It takes over 80 volunteers/instructors to run the school and the CDIs say THANK YOU to all of them!

Social (Victoria Varon): Reconciliations for Movie Night (45 people), Mystery Weekend, BBQ Dinner. Twenty cars attended the Mystery Weekend, where the destination was the Porsche Experience up in Carson along with dinner in Old Town Pasadena. The tour also included a Speakeasy visit and distillery tour. The BBQ dinner had 27 attendees at Jeni & Greg Bartley's garage shop.

Upcoming events: June 17 Porsches and Polo, October's Fall Wine Tour has only 3 spots left.

Proposed new events: M/S/P.

July 9th 5-9pm Tapas & Chocolate at Dallman's July 23 New Member picnic following Rally

Sept 30-Oct 1 Mystery Weekend

Nov 4 Progressive Dinner

Dec 2 Volunteer Dinner

Tours (Keith V): Report on Back Country Road Tour. Thanks to all those who brought items for the Monarch School Drive...Keith enjoyed his drive, except he couldn't see out the back window due to all the socks. Next tour dates: August 6, Nov 19, December 17. M/S/P

Rally (Eric Marc-Aurele, Tom Gould): Due to scheduling conflicts, the June 25th Rally needs to move to July 23. M/S/P. Budget submitted for approval. M/S/P.

Sponsor Liaison (Jim Binford): Thursday July 13th Porsche of San Diego: 5-7pm PCA-SDR member-only 60th Party, 7-9pm Public opening of their Porsche Classic facility. PoSD is requesting air-cooled cars come out, which will get priority parking in their lot. Please register on motorsportreg.

Membership (Genette McGowan, Gisele Gonzales): Membership report: Primary/Affiliate/Total 1670/984/2654, +23/+2/+25 yr/yr

Automotive Museum (Michael Harris): Asian Steel is the new exhibit at the San Diego Automotive Museum. Thanks to a number of local collectors and the Toyota Automotive Museum currently located in Hawthorne, California, a number of rare and unusual Japanese cars are on display. The star of the show is the #99 Toyota GTP (Grand Touring Prototype) IMSA racer built by Dan Gurney's All American Racer shop piloted by Juan Manuel Fangio's nephew, Juan Fangio. This car had the smallest engine but with turbochargers and its lightweight, it dominated the series with its sister car, #98 piloted by Parnelli (PJ) Jones Jr. Other rare cars include a Honda 600, Acura NSX, and a Toyota 2000 GT. Several limited edition performance coupes as well as mini cars are also in the collection, as well as one of the first Datsun 1000 mini trucks offered in the early 1960s. The exhibit runs through the end of September.

Other Committees: No report submitted for this month.

New business:

Nominating Committee (John Straub): Budget request. M/S/P.

Announcements:

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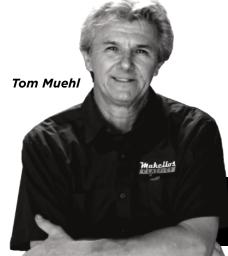




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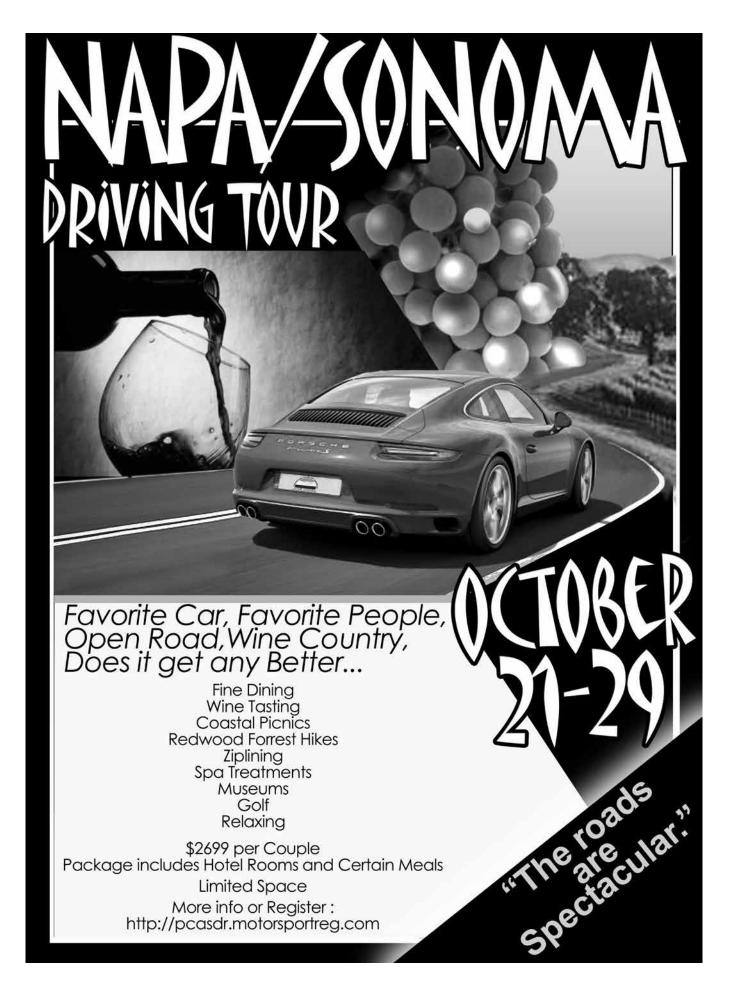
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The points races at this Club Race will earn points towards the West Coast PCA Championship Series as well as the PCA National Championship













July 2017 - August 2017

July 5 Wednesday Board & Member Meeting

Time: Dinner starts at 6:00pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. **Place**: Gould Home 1548 Roma Dr., Vista 92081 760-208-0870 Bev.

Details: Bring your own beer and wine. Meet the board and see how the club operates and decisions are made.

July 9-15 Week PCA Porsche Parade Spokane Washington

Parade participants will enjoy driving tours and a gimmick rally to explore eastern Washington's mountain vistas and high desert, the concours at Riverfront Park, an autocross, a time-speed-distance (TSD) rally, and a technical/historical quiz to test your competitive spirit.

For complete Parade details, registration, and competition rules go to:

https://www.pca.org/event/2017-02-14/porsche-parade-2017-spokane-Washington

July 13 Thursday Mid Year PCA SDR 60th Anniversary Party & PoSD Classic Opening

Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Place: Porsche of San Diego

Details: Come join us at another of Porsche of San Diego dealership great parties as we have a mid-year celebration of our PCASDR 60th Anniversary and introduce the dealership's new Porsche Classic facility. This event will begin at 5PM at Porsche of San Diego. Appetizers will be provided as we view dealership and member-owned Porsches and mingle in an open house / cars and coffee atmosphere. This portion of the event is intended to celebrate our local PCASDR and the San Diego Porsche experience. At about 7PM the dealership will open doors to the newly remodeled dealership Showroom, lounge area and introduce the new Porsche Classic Car Facility where the party will continue with food and drinks and a few surprises provided..

July 23 Sunday New Member Picnic & Grab Bag Rally

Rally (La Mesa Start)

New Member Picnic: Welcome to the club!

Our new member picnic is our way of welcoming you into the fold. Meet other members new and old, enjoy a picnic brunch and see some cool cars. (You bring the cool car). We are celebrating our new members July 23rd at Harry Griffen Park in La Mesa. The party starts at 11AM and runs to 1PM. We have reserved the shady picnic area and will have a food truck where you can buy Belgian waffles (sweet or savory) for brunch. There's no need to RSVP for the picnic. If you're not a new member please come out to welcome our newest faces.

Meet us here: https://goo.gl/maps/oybBnctspQt

Also, at the same location we will have a fun rally in the morning. Consider running the rally before the picnic. Grab Bag Rally

The rally begins at 8AM, driver's meeting at 8:30. The rally has a mix of gimmick elements and TSD legs.

Start and Finish are Harry Griffen Regional Park in La Mesa https://goo.gl/maps/oybBnctspQt

Register on MotorsportReg http://msreg.com/PCASDR-Grab-Bag-Rally Cost: \$5 per car.

July 25 Tuesday

Last Tuesday Social (LTS) -CapeTown Bar and Grill (Miramar)

Place: Capetown Bar and Grill 7580 Miramar Road San

Diego, CA 92126

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Meet up with your Porsche club social friends

Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7pm.

July 29 Saturday PCA-SDR Auto Cross SE Lot

Place: Qualcomm Stadium

You will be required to show your PCA member card and driver license in the tech line.

-Autocross fee is \$60 pre-registered, Walk Up fee is \$90 (not available to PCA members with "student" status).
-No Show/Cancellation fee is \$20 if not cancelled online the Wednesday prior to the event by 11:59 PM Tech Inspection opens at 6:30 am and closes at 7:30. If you are not in line by 7:15, you will be charged a \$20 late

Register on http://pcasdr.motorsportreg.com/

July 30 Sunday PCA-SDR Cars & SDR Jessie's Bake Shop in Carmel Mountain

Time: 8:00AM to 10:00AM.

Place: 12075 Carmel Mountain Rd, San Diego, CA 92128 Cross Streets: Near the intersection of Carmel Mountain

Rd and Conference Way

Details: This is a San Diego Region event where members meet informally to socialize, check out each other's cars, and discuss all things Porsche. Come out to socialize and hang out with other SDR members.

August 2 Wednesday Board & Member Meeting

Time: Dinner starts at 6:00PM. Meeting starts at 7:00PM. **Place**: Carusillo home, 4444 Bermuda Ave, San Diego 92107, 858-967-6266.

Details: Bring your own beer and wine. Meet the board and see how the club operates and decisions are made.

August 6 Sunday PCA-SDR Back Country Roads Tour

Time: 8:00AM to Noon

Place: Edwards 15 Movie Theater In Rancho San Diego,

2951 Jamacha Road, El Cajon CA

Details: TPCA San Diego Region offers you another opportunity to enjoy driving your Porsche on some great back roads ... PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED register at

Motorsportreg.com

August 17 Thursday Encinitas Cruise Night - Porsche Invite

Time: 4:00PM to 7 PM

Place: Charlie's Foreign Car Service, 751 2nd Street,

Encinitas, CA 92024, (760) 753-4969

Details: Encinitas Cruise Night. The streets of Downtown Encinitas will be rockin' and rollin' when Encinitas Classic Car Nights comes to Downtown Encinitas. Join PCA-SDR members when classic and vintage cars will line S. Coast Highway 101 from D Street to J Street. These beauties will be parked in dedicated lots along the Hwy 101 and on side streets. There is Porsche exclusive parking at Charlie's.

August 20 Saturday PCA-SDR Zone 8 Auto Cross West Lot

Place: Qualcomm Stadium

You will be required to show your PCA member card and driver license in the tech line.

-Autocross fee is \$60 pre-registered, Walk Up fee is \$90 (not available to PCA members with "student" status).
-No Show/Cancellation fee is \$20 if not cancelled online the Wednesday prior to the event by 11:59 PM Tech Inspection opens at 6:30 am and closes at 7:30. If you are not in line by 7:15, you will be charged a \$20 late for

Register on http://pcasdr.motorsportreg.com/

August 27 Sunday PCA-SDR Cars & SDR Jessie's Bake Shop in Carmel Mountain

Time: 8:00AM to 10:00AM.

Place: 12075 Carmel Mountain Rd, San Diego, CA 92128 Cross Streets: Near the intersection of Carmel Mountain Rd and Conference Way.

Rd and Conference Way

Details: This is a San Diego Region event where members meet informally to socialize, check out each other's cars, and discuss all things Porsche. Come out to socialize and hang out with other SDR members.



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(Luft-gek-cult) – a gathering of Porsche purists for vintage cars with air-cooled engines.

(By the time I learned how to say the word correctly; I finally could spell it accurately as well!)

When we attended a Cars and Coffee event in late March, we were introduced to PCASDR member, Adrian Silva and showed him a picture of our brilliant blue 1970 914-6. He complimented us on the car and said, "Your car should be in Luftgekühlt." We said, "in what te ku hut?" and tried to pronounce the word. Adrian said the word again and stated that the word is German for "air cooled", told us more about the event and how to contact the organizers. We checked out the previous events online and immediately knew we wanted to be there!

We contacted Shane Mahoney at Luftgekühlt and later spoke to Patrick Long on the phone. He explained how the entry procedure worked and to make sure that we got our registration in as the event usually fills up within the first 2-3 days of registration opening.

So, as soon as we were notified that registration was open, we immediately registered and were confirmed... we're in!

Luftgekühlt is the brainchild of co-founders, two-time Le Mans class winner Patrick Long (only US Porsche factory driver) and noted Southern California creative director, Howie Idelson.

The event started with just a few Los Angeles-area friends at an intimate morning get-together at Deus Ex Machina, a coffee shop and apparel store in Venice. Since then, there has been a successful Luftgekühlt 2, and 3 and the event has grown each year as the "word" gets out. Luftgekühlt covers everything from the pre-A series 356 to the 993, where production ended in 1998 and represents the last air-cooled car. Patrick himself is the proud owner of two air-cooled Porsches, a 1973 ivory Porsche 911 E and a 1966 Irish green 912.

This year's Luftgekühlt 4 event was held at the Warehouse No. 10 at the Port of Los Angeles on 112 E. 22^{nd} Street in San Pedro. The official event took place on Sunday, May 7 from 7 AM – 2 PM.

The organizers allowed for some cars to be staged the day prior and they notified us that we could come up on Saturday morning, which we were happy to do. As we drove the 914-6 carefully through the pouring rain, seeing a few fender benders along the way, we finally came over the arching Vincent Thomas Bridge from Long Beach towards the San Pedro warehouse. We were excited to see where this years event would take place and how it would be "transformed" into another spectacular Luftgekühlt display of air-cooled Porsches.

When we pulled up, we were greeted by Shane Mahoney. Then Patrick Long walked up and introduced himself and complimented our 1970 914-6. What a pleasure to meet this talented, creative man. They then



escorted our brilliant blue car into the large parking lot area around several warehouses. Transporters were unloading and sets of cars were being directed into different areas, some into the large main warehouse. Several people were coordinating the precision parking of the Porsches.

As we watched the choreography of the variety of different Porsche models moving into place, it was obvious that a lot of thought and planning went into their placement, the precision of the positioning and coordination of the spacing of the numerous styles and colors of cars on the loading docks, in the parking lots and inside the warehouse. We loved the sound of their throaty engines as they went by. Everywhere you looked, there was a continuous flow of colorful eye candy beaconing you to browse and explore. The wide array of beautiful colors was amazing... orange, green, yellow, raspberry, blue, red, brown and more. And many more cars would be coming very early Sunday!

We met Ken Vaugan from New York who brought his silver 914 that was parked behind us. This was his first time at Luftgekühlt. He had his car transported across the county for the event. We really hit it off and enjoyed chatting with him at lunch at the microbrewery located on site. He too was a Porsche collector and had about 10 Porsches... all silver!

It started to rain before we left so we both covered our cars. Many of the 356s were being completely wrapped in plastic. The forecast was for heavy showers and wind that evening.

We returned early Sunday morning just as the rain was easing up, took the cover off our car and wiped it

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down. We were delighted to talk to spectators to answer questions and tell stories about our authentic 914-6. The water puddles around the many cars made for some very interesting reflections for photographers.

Cars came from all over the country, some transported and many driven from New York, Florida, Arizona, North Carolina and more. Many enthusiasts fly in from all over the US, Asia, Russia, Australia and Europe. We also saw Wayne & Nancy Baker there with their Pre-A 356.

The lines were forming and the sea of spectators flowed into the colorful arena of vintage Porsches. The weather didn't have much affect on the turnout. We heard that



there were about 600 air-cooled Porsches in Luftgekühlt 4 and estimated over 2000 spectators. The air cooled outside parking lot alone had about 200-300 cars.

The thought and detail that went into the event was amazing. In one warehouse area, cars were positioned



with a backdrop of old historic Pirelli tire posters, the work of Riccardo Manzi (1960)...really cool stuff.

What a great relaxing place to just hang out, browse, chat about the cars and appreciate Porsche's past while listening to the groovy music of the vintage 70's and 80's eras being played by a popular DJ.

As we were viewing the cars by the Pirelli posters, I was surprised and received a big hug from Manny Alban, past National PCA President who had flown in from the east coast. That was a highlight for sure!



We were totally "gobsmacked" when we went into the main room of the huge warehouse to view the Porsches.

One of the beautifully orchestrated highlights of the show in this rustic industrial building was the five silver Porsche gems that shined under the three sparkling chandeliers draped across the wood-raftered high ceiling with tentacles of small lights radiating out across the warehouse. It was magical and so well planned.

A large grey box elevated the center-featured car up on its pedestal. This beauty was the 1949 Gmund 356SL that brought Porsche its first class victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1951 (restored by 356 guru Rod Emory). WOW!

Fanning out to each side were the 904 Carrera GTS, 550 Spyder, #44 1952 Porsche-Glockler 356 Weidenhausen Roadster, and a 1959 silver 356 RSK/1960 RS60?





Inside the other room of the warehouse, there was a very impressive perfectly spaced row of white cars: 1967 Porsche 911R, 2.7 RS, SC RS, 964 RS and 933 RS.

Beautiful floor to ceiling backdrops hung behind the Rothman's 959 Rally Car in one corner of the room which was just raced by Jeff Zwart at Mexico Rally and arrived complete with dirt still attached! The brilliant orange 1971 914-6 Monte Carlo Rally Race car was in another corner (also one of Jeff's cars).

Many well-known collectors brought their vintage gems to the event. Some of those included Bruce Canepa, Singer Vehicle Design, Jeff Zwart, Jerry Seinfeld, Patrick Dempsey, Magnus Walker, the R Gruppe and others.



Some of the other spectacular cars displayed included: Gulf's 917 flat-12 – won Le Mans in 1970 and 1971 Sunoco 917 30 – driven by Mark Donohue, Can-Am Series





959 (Canepa) deep metallic green "Generation III", 763hp

While seated in an open lounge setting enjoying a cup of coffee, we watched artist Mark Morgan working on a long wall of drawings displaying portraits of Ferry and Ferdinand Porsche, Steve McQueen, various Porsche aircooled models, and special events. We met and struck up a great conversation with David and Helmi Churcher. David is the editor of the North Country Region's newsletter, the "Northlander" in New Hampshire. We have emailed and spoken since. In fact, he helped me with a few facts as well as supplying some photos for this article. What a super guy!

True dedication to these cars was obvious all over this event. Each car had its own story and interesting background. Some had competed in events and still wore their original livery. One enthusiastic entrant sadly experienced a crash that damaged the nose of his Black SC or Carrera 3.2 and STILL had his car towed and positioned in place in the outer parking lot...after all, the show must go on!



In addition to the unique indoor displays, there were also some unusual settings outside: a patinaed vintage 356 appeared to be abandoned, setting under a tree snuggled in some bush. This car is owned by Matt Hurrel and is his daily driver. The car had its own personalty and everyone loved it! It was one of the "Patina Porsches – the non-restored, non-shiny Porsche.

Just across from it on a shiny diamond plate platformed ramp was the powerful Le Mans winning 1979 Kremer Porsche 935 K3.



The display of both shiny and patinaed 356's was amazing and attracted many spectators. I read one journalist's statement that was very appropriate: Many of these Porsches wore their patina and dustcoats like a "badge of honor."

Another collection of models included 8-10 outstanding 914-6s and 914s (4 cylinder) lined up along the fence. There was also another long line of 912s. Periodically, we saw Magnus Walker with his cool dreadlocks strolling around checking out the cars.

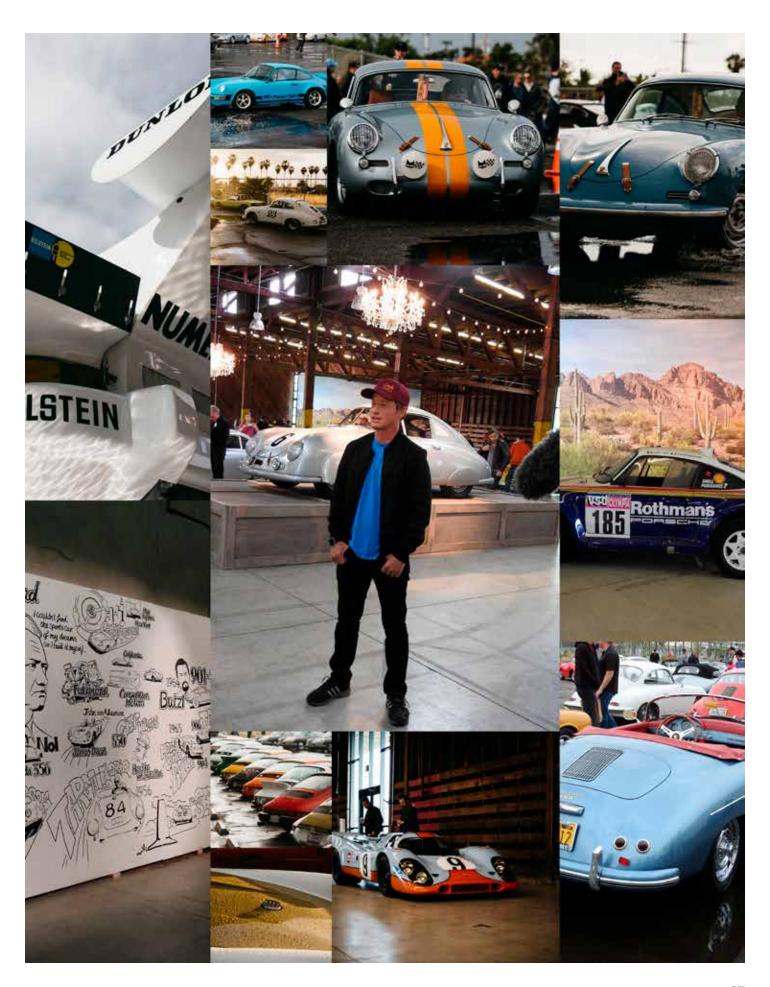
As the event was coming to a close, we personally congratulated and thanked Patrick. We hated to see all of the Porsche gems start to leave the lot. What a great time we had! Since then, we enjoy watching the many excellent videos and reading articles about Luftgekuhlt 4 to relive the experience.

Being long time Porsche collectors and Porsche Club members since 1973, this event was right up our alley. Paul and I identified and grew up appreciating these air-cooled gems, feasted on the visual stimulation and absorbed all of the fun and energy of the event. We own two air-cooled Porsches, a 1970 914-6 and a 1976 Porsche 930 Turbo.

Each car at Luftgekühlt had its own "story" and that added to the appeal of this event... viewing and appreciating some of the finest air-cooled cars of Porsche's past, meeting people, talking about their cars and sharing stories in a very casual, low-key setting.

Congratulations to Patrick Long, Howie Idelson and their entire staff and helpers for planning and putting on such unique, amazing events that allow enthusiasts to share this wonderful experience together...that's what it's all about!

We anxiously await and look forward to attending Luftgekühlt 5!



Japanese Steel



Thanks to a number of local collectors and the Toyota Automotive Museum currently located in Hawthorne, California, a number of rare and unusual Japanese cars are now on display at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park. The star of the show is the #99 1991Toyota GTP (Grand Touring Prototype) IMSA racer built by Dan Gurney's All American Eagle shop and piloted by Juan Manuel Fangio's nephew, Juan Fangio. The engine only displaced 2,100cc but with a turbocharger and its light weight, the Toyota Eagle dominated the IMSA series. Its sister car, #98



piloted by PJ Jones Jr., son of Parnelli Jones, was also a winner. Jaguar's GTP, powered by a Formual 1 based Cosworth quad cam V-8, was expected to dominate the IMSA series but Dan Gurney and Toyota had different ideas. A Porsche privateer 962 also campaigned during the 1991 racing season with Momo sponsorship and yellow but the car design was well past its prime. (The 962 was so dominant in American sports car racing it won the IMSA GT Championship 1985-1988, the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1986 and 1987 and again in 1994 under the Dauer 1962 badge. The 962 was equally successful in Europe in the Interserie and in the Japanese championship series.)

Other rare cars include a 1972 Honda N600 coupe, a1993 Acura NSX sports car, and a 1967 Toyota 2000 GT. The Toyota GT was featured in the 1967 James Bond film "You Only Live Twice." The Bond 2000 GT was a one off convertible. The GT was a very limited production car of which only 351 cars were built between 1967-1970. Toyota had a reputation in the United States in 1967 of only building small, inexpensive but reliable econo cars. The 2000 GT was proof that Japan was capable of building high performance



luxury sports cars as good as British or German makes. One of the board members was quoted as saying he bought one of the Toyota GTs in the late 1960s for \$9,000. He sold it several years later for \$11,000 and thought he had made a shrewd investment. Little did he, or anyone else for that matter, ever suspect that current examples sell for one million dollars.

Quoting from the exhibit's background material: "The history of Japanese car manufacturing is rich with practicality, innovation, and exuberance. Like all auto development, the initial goal was simple transportation.... " Japanese industry in the early 20th century was aimed primarily at heavy industry. Most cars then were imported into Japan. After World War II, the Japanese government concentrated on developing a local automobile industry and discouraged foreign involvement in automotive production. In part this was due to the fact that US auto producers built large cars and trucks totally unsuited for the narrow roads, tight spaces and high fuel cost prevalent in Japan. Early Japanese vehicles produced in the 1950s and 1960s were small cars with limited performance compared to American vehicles. In 1958 Nissan was struggling to survive in the Japanese market. Several Nissan executives suggested that America was a huge country with an appetite for cars. including the small German Volkswagen Beetle. Four Japanese engineers agreed to take two of their little vehicles to Southern California to see

how they would perform. Their English language skills were limited and they had little money. They brought two small vehicles, a sedan and a pickup. The two little vehicles struggled amongst the huge cars and fast traffic of LA freeways. One little triumph helped the Japanese believe their car could succeed in California. While pulling a long but gradual hill while testing, they came side by side with a VW bug. Pressing fully down on the gas pedal, the Nissan was able to pull ahead of the VW. From such small successes a Japanese car industry was born in California. Author David Halberstam wrote a fascinating book following little Datsun and giant Ford and their story into the 1970s. The book is "The Reckoning" first published in 1986.

Several examples of these early mini pickups are on display including a 1959 Datsun with surf boards. Toyota is represented by a 1965 Land Cruiser and a 1966 1900 Stout truck.

Sporty cars include a 1991 Nissan Skyline GTR and a 1974 Nissan Bluebird in addition to the aforementioned 2000 GT and NSX.

Japanese motor sports have come a long way since the introduction of the overweight Honda F-1 car piloted by American Richie Ginther. Honda has gone on to win World Championships with both Williams and McLaren from 1986 through 1991, and a Honda powered car won the Indy 500 this past Memorial Day. The exhibit runs through the end of September.







There was no Autocross in May. The time, energy and efforts of the Auto Cross Team, the Tech Team, the Logistics Group, the CDI's (Chief Driving Instructors) and a host of driving instructors and volunteers were focused on the May 5-7 Performance Driving School.

The Performance Driving School has been a signature event of the San Diego Region for many years. It has been improved, reworked and refined over the years and is recognized as one of the best courses of its type in the country. If you drive your Porsche (or any other car) on local roads or on the freeway, you need to attend this event. The next PDS will be in the fall.



There were many first time PDS graduates participating in the June 3 AX and I was looking forward to seeing how they would fare in their first competition. Kathy and I got a copy of the track map on Thursday so we had two days to study the map and try to figure out how we can avoid coming in last! Unlike the "tunnel" track in April, this track had a series of 6 "gates" to navigate after the starting tunnel and several other sections of opened turns with the opportunity for the driver to choose the best way for his/her car to negotiate the turn. There were two slalom sections separated by a nice long straight. I thought it would be a fast track. The Auto Cross team began setup of the track at 4:00 am on Saturday morning and everything was ready by the time Tech Inspection started at 6:30. The track tour was only 3 laps so I just rode while Kathy drove all three. Those first 6 gates were like a slalom but getting around the apex cone and getting out of the gate without hitting the last gate cone was a problem for me on two of the gates. Kathy had a problem locating the 5th gate in the series and missed it several times. There was a nice semi-straight that paralleled Friar's Road and a high speed downhill run to the last turns at the finish. We both lowered our times in the practice runs. I

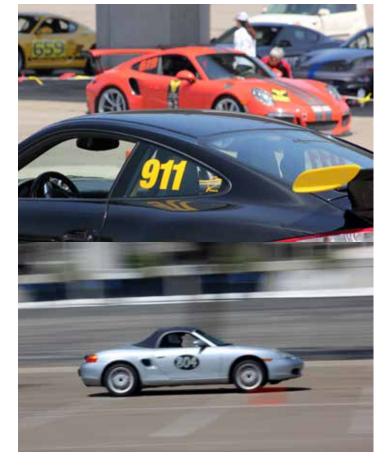
was fortunate to get Adam Gill to ride with me for 3 laps in the second practice session and got my best time, 1:33.86, on the third lap. We were working on driving more smoothly and avoiding sudden acceleration or braking that upset the dynamics of the car. That meant going slower, braking earlier, trail braking and getting closer to the apex cones. This is my fourth year and I am still working on the basics. Hopefully I will get it right someday! There were 105 sign ups before the event and several more entries on Saturday morning. Therefore, we only ran 5 laps in each practice session and 4 timed laps at the end. There were 11 new drivers that had just graduated from the PDS in May entered in the event. Jessica Burch placed 4th in CC10 with a time of 1:33.13 and Jake Dekovic was second in SS06 with a 1:27.81. Another newcomer, Tv

Gi, was 4^{th} in his 944 Spec with a 1:28.76 and Sergey Melnikov was a close second in SS05 in his 997. His time was 1:31.56. In just his second AX Mort Mirmontazeri was first in his SS03 911 with a time of 1:37.50.

My best time was 1:33.73 which was 71 out of the 81 Porsches that completed timed runs. The top time of the day was recorded by Tom Tweed in a 2015 GT3. His 1:20.86 was 13 seconds faster than



my time so I still have a great opportunity to improve which I will have to do since many of the newcomers are already faster than I am. Rob Walker in a 2004 Boxster S that he built himself won the BRI trophy for the event. By the time you read this we will have already completed the July 1 auto cross and Kathy and I will have returned from our vacation. (Ask us about our visit to the Strover Auto Museum in Denmark.) Once more I want to encourage everyone to give Auto Cross a try. Our instructors are excellent (just look at the results above) and will get you on the fast track before you know it. Check Motorsportreg.com or the calendar at PCASDR.com for the date of the next AX and for information on how to get started. See you at the Q (while it still is around).





With apologies to the Doobie Brothers, the San Diego Region was returning to the Streets of Willow to wrap up the first half of the time trial season. We had not been to Streets since 2014 and some people were happy to be back, others were wondering why we returned. I think it may be related to how stiffly sprung your car is. Those with stiffer suspensions were not looking forward to the bumps and those with more street suspensions wonder why we are complaining.

Although it was still spring on the calendar, with the crazy weather we have had over the past couple of years, we are never sure what to expect. But this year as we left Black Forest Porsche Service it was expected to be a warm weekend in the high desert with temperatures in the high 80's to low 90's. It was to be a small caravan leaving Gopher Canyon with Dan Chambers and his 911Sc, Cathy Young's Boxster and tire trailer, along with Ricardo Olimon and his son trailering their Cayman.

Traffic went smoothly and we arrived in Lancaster and stopped to check in at the Hampton Inn & Suites before heading on to the track. The Friday group were still finishing up and we waited for the parking to clear and then set up the trailer compound for the weekend using the billboards

for Carson trailer and BMW Superbikes as an additional wind break and mounting point for the EZ-ups we would be needing to stay out of the sun.

After unloading the trailer and setting up the compound it was soon time for tech inspection and the cars at the track were inspected before we headed back to Lancaster to clean up for dinner at the Black Angus. It was the usual Friday night where we not only ran into the usual Lancaster crowd, but it was also old racers night with Dan Andrews, Curt Anderson and Mick Rosen showing up for the weekend. Although Dan is getting old, his car is a new Cayman GT4. After dinner it was back to the Hampton and then an early turn-in to get ready for the weekend.

Saturday was an early start with continental breakfast and fresh waffles before heading to the





track. The morning was busy with tech, registration and then the drivers meeting. In that meeting Jack Miller and Robert Baizer reviewed the safety procedures and flags and reiterated that even with open passing in Red, a point-by was needed. They also reminded everyone that due to the rains over the winter, there were several deep ravines off the pavement and it would be best to try and stay on the track as much as possible.

Steve was up first in the orange Spec 944 in Red run group, but since the timing equipment was not quite ready I only had lap times for Steve from our Roadhawk HD DVR and Steve's best was a 1:27.58 near the end of his session. He adjusted the tire pressures and then it was my time to head out in Orange.

Steve had made a few adjustments to help with cooling and we also had a new steering wheel with a deeper dish which moved the wheel closer to me and now in front of my thighs rather than between them. I was not wearing my new Sparco suit due to the heat but continued to use the Necksgen Rev H&N device to help get used to the lack of head movement. It is a comfortable device, but like all it limits your head movement and you have to rely on your mirrors to keep track of traffic.



Robert had the timing working and Paul Tordella in his CC12 C4S was quickest at 1:26.96 with Ricardo Olimon close behind in his CC11 Cayman S at 1:27.35. My best lap was a 1:31.80 on our first green lap and was mid pack for the session.

After a short break I was up with my DE student TJ Sleboda in his 944. He has already had a few track experiences in his 944 but still learning the 944. Our first exercise was the follow the leader and off we went behind an instructor to learn the line and get used to track traffic and TJ did well.

Steve was up next in Red and this was when it all went wrong. It started well and Steve had a best lap of 1:29.86 in lap 5. Jad Duncan's CC13 996 led the group at 1:24.40 with Dan Andrews' CC13 GT4 next at 1:25.18 and then Mike Avitt's CC15 GT3 at 1:25.36. But near the end of the session at turn 4, a sharp right leading into the esses before the bowl, he was caught by a GT3. When he moved left to set up the right turn, the GT3 driver made a couple of assumptions that turned out to be wrong. He thought Steve had a window net and would not be able to point him by and then thought Steve's move was intended to allow him to pass. There is a window net, but we leave it down except when I am racing, to allow for clear point-bys. And Steve was just setting up his entry and when he moved to the apex of the turn, the GT3 was already there and his R front wheel and fender contacted the L rear wheel and fender of the GT3 in an impromptu pit maneuver. Steve was able to continue but the GT3 pulled off the track and was not able to continue.



Most of the details and assumptions came out later, all I knew was that Steve was quite upset when

he brought the 944 into the pits and the damage to the R front was obvious with a bent front suspension and crumpled fender. After the adrenaline settled and he reported the incident to Jack & Robert we also downloaded the video for them to review. He then started to look in earnest at the car. Then he put on his MacGyver hat and worked on figuring out what his options were.



The fender was able to be bent back out and clear of the tire and then he started on the suspension. The strut was bent and he could not tell if there was any frame damage but he started making adjustments to the alignment to correct the bent strut and slowly the tire came into alignment for camber and caster. Next he put the car up on an open trailer and then was able to work on the toe and get a better look at the rest of the suspension up front and by lunch time he was ready to give it a try.

Meanwhile I was just working with TJ in his 944 in the passing exercise where ironically we worked on teaching students how to safely pass and make a clear point-by for each car we wanted to pass us. TJ did well and the incident with the 944 brought home the importance of clear communication on the track for all the students.

Lunch was spent in the Mark Curran trailer to keep cool and then after lunch it was time for TJ to go out for his first open track session. He continued to do well and had good car control and track awareness and enjoyed the confines of the Streets with his stock suspension and street tires.

Steve was up next and the car did well and did a full session and seemed to track well. The temperatures were up and his best time was slower at 1:31.72 and Jad was leading the session at 1:24.48.

I was up next in Orange and was a little tentative but was able to do a full session with a best of 1:34.07. We were still using the same practice set of Toyo RR's from Fontana and grip still seemed to be OK although the heat was and adverse influence.

The rest of the afternoon was anticlimactic. TJ did well in his DE sessions and I ran the next 2 Orange sessions with best laps staying at 1:34. Steve was kept busy with other mechanical issues and ended up skipping his last 2 sessions. Steve checked the 944 at the end of the day and we packed up the compound and then headed back to Lancaster for a shower and dinner.

Dinner was another flashback as we went to the Round Table Pizza we used to eat at in years past. It was good for some tasty pizzas and draft beers before we headed back to the Hampton Inn to rest for the final day. Although we both missed driving sessions, we were kept busy with instructing for me and wrenching for Steve and the comfortable beds with lots of pillows had us sleeping quickly.

Sunday was a little later, but we also had to check out after breakfast before heading to the track. We warmed up the battered 944 and got ready for another fun day at the track. TJ and I were up first in Green and he enjoyed the cool weather and continued to do well in his 944. Although he was passed regularly, he was able to keep up and make some of his own passes through the session.

Steve was up next in Red and had a full session and was at the back of the pack at 1:32.81 with Jad leading again at 1:23.08 and Mike Avitt next at 1:24.58 and then Dan Andrews at 1:24.90 with Jack Miller's Lotus next at 1:25.24. My session was



next in Orange and the cool air had me down to 1:33.69 with Paul Tordella leading at 1:27.05 with Ricardo close again at 1:27.66 and Alain Stad at 1:28.01 in his CC15 GT3RS.

Steve 's next session had him running very similar times at 1:32.78 but this time Chad Carnevale's CC14 GT3 was ahead of Jad 1:24.17 to 1:124.53. Dan Chambers was using up his old tires but turned a 1:27.09 in his CC10 911SC. My next session was again at 1:34 and now Alain Stad had moved to the top at 1:27.86. The Hockett Brothers were neck and neck with Dave's CC07 Cayman ahead of Dan's CC12 Cayman 1:29.59 to 1:301.01. Angela Avittt had also improved to 1:29.23 in her CC12 991S.

Steve skipped his last session before lunch but I went out in Orange and repeated my 1:34 laps. Mark Curran (CC06) and Cathy Young (CC08) were improving with 1:31.41 and 1:32.46 respectively. Alain continued on top at 1:28.18 and Ricardo was runner-up again at 1:28.67.

Over lunch we had our final drivers meeting to review the timing procedures and get ready for timed laps. And after lunch TJ went out for his final session that was unfortunately cut short due to his hatch popping open. He had a problem opening it and tried to adjust the latch but now it was too loose and we had 2 black flags for it coming loose and cut the session short.

My last session was just a trial run for timed runs and only 3 laps but at least I finally dropped down and turned a 1:32.85. Steve also just took a few laps to try and adjust pressures and then it was the call for timed runs.

The big dogs were out first and laid down some very fast laps, but once again it was Jad Duncan taking TTOD and BRI with a 1:22.99. Mike Avitt was next at 1:23.16, followed by Robert Forrester's CC14 Carrera GTS at 1:24.11, Ricardo Olimon at 1:25.07, Dan Hockett at 1:25.27, and Russell Shon's Lotuse Exige at 1:25.92. Rounding out the top ten were Don Middletonb's CC12 911 at 1:26.05, Dan Chambers at 1:26.79 on his R7 Hoosiers, Alain Stad at a1:27.59 and then Vinh Ly at 1:28.10 in his CC10 997S.

In 944Spec it was Dave Diamond just nipping

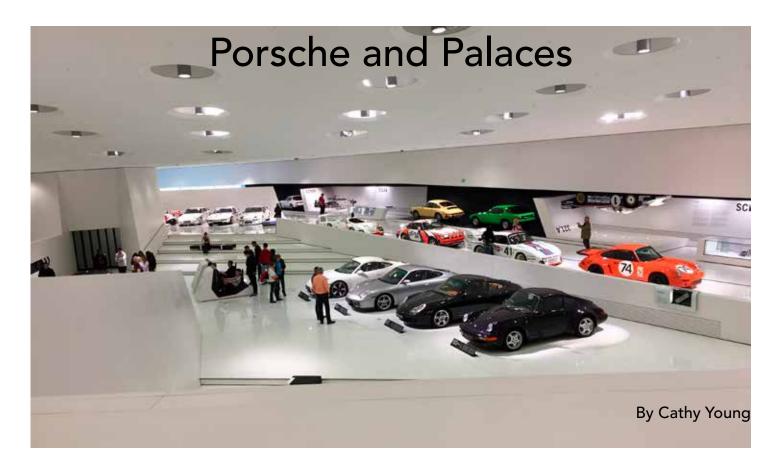


Steve 1:32.61 to 1:32.65 and I was 3rd at 1:34.04. I seemed to be stuck on that number. In CC04 it was Mike Miller's Boxster beating Bill Behun's 911SC 1:33.05 to 1:34.90. In CC06 Mark Curran turned a 1:32.00 to win and in CC07 Dave Hockett was ahead of the Gedanken clan with a 1:30.09 to beat Jay and Mason in their Boxster.

In CC08 Cathy Young had her best laps at 1:32.02 to beat Mike Thibodeaux's Cayman S at 1:34.46. In CC10 it was Dan C and Vinh ahead of Bob Rychlik's 997S. And in CC11 it was Ricardo beating Matthew Evert's 1:31.96. In CC12 it was Dan H and Don ahead of Angela Avitt's 1:30.74 and in CC13 Jim Duncan was behind Jad at 1:29.43. In SS04 it was Anastasia Berta at 1:34.55 in her Boxster S and in X it was Russell leading David Smith's Miata at 1:38.01 and Paul Norris' Talon at 1:40.02.

After the timed session we loaded up the wounded 944 on the trailer and headed back to San Diego. Our next event was scheduled to be the GGR Club Race and DE at Buttonwillow the following weekend and we were concerned to see how much damage there was and if we would be OK for the event. Steve was able to replace the bent strut and set the alignment and there was no frame damage noted and we made the Buttonwillow event. Look for the report in the August Witness.





Mother's Day is the day a mother gets to do whatever she wants. In this case, this mother chose to stay in Germany after a work trip and go to Stuttgart, Heidelberg and Ludwigsberg. Actually I only planned to go to Stuttgart. I was going to be in Dresden Germany for work so why not hop over to Stuttgart and go to the porsche museum for the weekend. Since I would normally fly home on Friday, I could even tour the factory (its only open m-f) and may be do a drive. Sent in the email request for a factory tour, made flight and hotel reservations and I was set. Until I got the response that there were no factory tours available. Next





time. After landing in Stuttgart I figured out the train/subway system, checked in at the Hilton Garden Inn Nekar park (great location near the Mercedes museum and next to the Porsche Arena where Kiss would play on Saturday night – passed up the opportunity to scalp tickets.) Then it was off to the Porsche museum. They have their own S-Bahn stop (Porscheplatz). The building is an architectural marvel. I loved it. The sculpture of the three 911s racing up the columns in the center is pretty cool too. Paid my 8 euro, inquired about a standby list for the factory tour (was number 3 so they said not to bother) and off I went.

The museum is structured in a chronological way

with both sports cars and race cars displayed.



They have several one of a kinds including the first 911 turbo and a 8 cylinder 914, both of which were birthday presents for family members. They also have a real "Sally Carerra" from the movie Cars. One of the most interesting parts for me were the early years including that the first prototype was built in Austria not Germany! And the early race cars, those guys (and I will assume they were all guys back in the 40s – 50s) were nuts! But what really got me was seeing my cars and those of my PCASDR friends. I took pictures to bring back to all. Interestingly there are very few new cars and no SUVs – This is a sports car museum even if the Company makes more money on SUVs. At the top there is a vey nice white linen restaurant. I thought about stopping for lunch but the 7.50 euro coke stopped me in my tracks. Back down to the ground floor for a curry wurst, beer and fries for 7 euro! Much better deal and very good.

Off to the gift shop. As I had read, it really isn't much but I managed to find a polo shirt. They had lots of car models but neither of mine so I passed. They have a car refurbishment shop which you can see from the lobby of the museum. It is much nicer, cleaner and roomier than any of the great local shops I have visited. I'm sure, Steve, Mark and Jae Lee would love to work there.

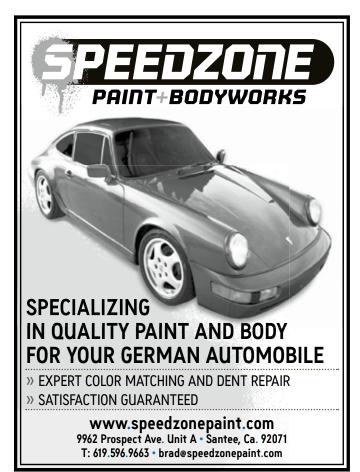
The museum sits on a square with the 911 sculpture in the middle. It is surrounded by the factory, the museum and a MASSIVE Porsche dealership. After checking out the dealership gift shop I was off to Heidelberg.

Why Heidelberg you ask? Because my daughter, Katie, was there during her semester abroad in Germany. I could not resist having dinner with her for a mear 40 minute train ride. Heidelberg has the oldest university in Germany and a wonderful old town section. I toured the old university and saw the famous old bridge before dinner while she was in a lecture.

Saturday arrived and I had a decision to make, Mercedes Museum or Ludwigsberg palace. As you guessed from the title of this story, I chose the palace. I am a girl after all! It was built over time from the 1700s to the early 1800s in the Baroque, Rococo and Empire styles. It is one of the only palaces not bombed by the allies during the second world war. When you go to the Porsche museum, I would recommend a day at the palace. It was a great weekend of doing things I love, Porsche, Museums and Palaces all capped off by dinner with Mike and Michelle when I landed Sunday night.











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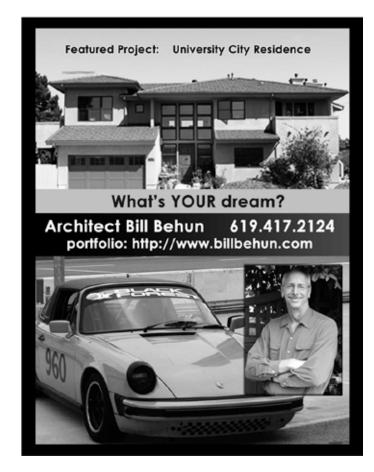
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The school has a large storage room set aside for donated items called the "Butterfly Boutique." Once a month, each student is given the opportunity to go to the boutique and select new articles of clothing and toiletries. The most requested items are new socks and underwear.



During the Spring sock and underwear drive, club members generously donated bags and bags and more bags of socks and underwear. In addition, club members generously donated more than \$1,000. Lori contacted the school and asked what other items they needed to augment the socks and underwear.

Charity Co-Chairs, Lori Chesley and Carmen Richardson, with the school's wish-lists in hand, filled shopping carts full of much needed athletic shoes, athletic wear, and toiletries for the students. We may have to contact Porsche and see if they will design a large cargo van for our next delivery!

The day of the dinner club volunteers showed up in their spiffy Porsche's ready to work and unload all the goods. The students like to "oooh and ahh" the cool cars in the parking lot, but we quickly realized the "oohs and ahhs" were for the Kentucky Fried Chicken catering delivery!

Club volunteers, Johnny Blankenship, his sister Cynthia Blankenship-Johnson, Mary Ann and Bruce Blumer, Katie Kinninger, Ann Archibald, Malcom Jarvis, Mike and Angela Avitt, served over 300 servings of chicken, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, drinks and cookies to the students and their families.

There were many happy smiles among the students, staff and volunteers. The students and their families were truly appreciative of the meal and special treatment from our volunteers. We were all honored to represent our club and its members.

On behalf of the Charity Committee, thank you so much for a very successful event.







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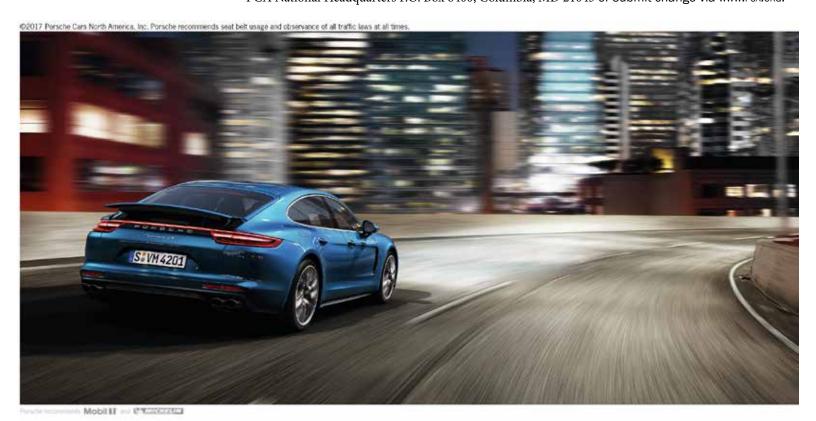


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