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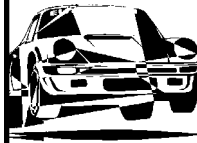
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From the Co-driver's Seat

Tom Gould
SDR President

August is one of those strange months. It's too hot. Gotta get those vacation days in. Everyone is on the road. Kids are going back to school soon. Maybe you make your yearly trip up to the Monterey Car week and Historics? Just seems like everyone has several things going on in August that are different from the other months. But that's no excuse – find some time to come out and enjoy some of our events.

As usual, we have a wide variety of events coming up. August 5 we have a special, private, behind the scenes tour of the historic carousel at Balboa Park. August 16 we have a space reserved for SDR members and their guests at Petco Park on August 16 to see the Padres play. Also, we have a reserved spot at the Encinitas Cruise night on Aug 16 courtesy of Charles Foreign. Join us for our Poker Run on Aug 18 – we are betting this will be a lot of fun! Another Autocross – August 19 at the Stadium – this will be a Zone 8 event, so our neighboring PCA members from around the Southwest be joining us this day - let's show them some San Diego hospitality! And of course, come out for a visit at our monthly last Sunday Cars and SDR in Carmel Mountain, and our Last Tuesday Social. Want to learn how to get the most out of your Porsche and your own driving abilities?? Please read Steve Eisler's excellent article (with input our region's tech guru, Steve Grosekemper), which talks about everything Performance Driving that our region is involved with. Come out and get involved and enjoy the fun of driving your Porsche the way it was designed to be driven.

Each one of our Autocrosses, Time-Trials, Performance schools, etc., takes a huge team of people working at or behind the scenes to create a smooth and safe running event. From pre-registration, to tech inspection, event day, event cleanup, and even tracking the income and expenses of these events. These tasks just don't happen on their own. We have dozens of dedicated volunteers that take up their own time to help make these events successful. Volunteer to be part of these teams.

Details of all these upcoming events are available on our website www.pcasdr.org

And don't forget to put Saturday September 8 on your calendar, as we host our annual Concours, again at Spanish Landing Park along the San Diego Bay. One of our largest events of the year, we expect dozens of fabulous Porsches from all over the southwest to be judged and over 100 Porsches to come out and be displayed at this lovely location – make sure one of those Porsches is yours.

Our club is here for you. Come out and enjoy. Have an idea for an event? Just drop us a note and we'll see about getting in going.

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Tom Gould
2018 President - PCA-SDR 



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Evolve Tech Session

Story and photos by Ulrich Matsunaga

Over 30 Porsche SDR members visited Evolve Custom Restoration in Santee on July 9th 2018.

Shop founder, and owner Joshua Cantor lead the comprehensive session that spanned rust prevention, restoration process, and selecting a restoration shop for your special car. Evolve Custom Restoration began in Josh's garage, and over the last several years quickly grew into the organization it is today. They have restored a variety of vehicles and the sky is the limit for the class and type of restoration you desire.

There were a variety of vehicles in different stages of restoration at the session. A 911 was on a Rod Emory style rack for thorough rust removal and repair. It was incredible to see the amount of rust that could build up in the various nooks and crannies of this Porsche's body! Make sure you're vacuuming corners and crevices on the inside. Also when you wash your car, don't let it sit, drive it! This will prevent water build up/stagnation in the many intricate parts of your Porsche.

A select number of club members won the raffle, three club members won top prize! A personalized photoshoot of their Porsches. Additionally at the end of the session, club members got the chance to have their cars inspected and consulted with Josh about their concerns.

It was a magnificent sight to see the cars in progress, and to hear first hand about the passion that fuels the amazing work Josh and his team do for their clients. Thanks for hosting the club Evolve Custom Restoration! 🦅




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July Board Meeting

PCA-SDR Board of Directors Meeting 7/11/2018
Stephen & Frieda Tierney's Home, Escondido, CA

Attending: Tom Gould, Victoria Varon, Keith Rampmeier, Mike Miller, Marc Matanza, Karen Garcia Raines; absent: Tom Brown, Jeni Noerenberg Bartley

Call to Order: 7:14pm

President (Tom Gould): Reminder August meeting is just 3 weeks away due to July meeting shift from July 4th. The 2019 Nominating Committee (Chair Sara Gengler, Javier & Victoria Varon, Mike & Carmen Brown) is hard at work in their search for candidates for next year's Board – nominees are due by August 1.

Secretary (Keith Rampmeier): Approval of June Meeting minutes. M/S/P.

Treasurer (Tom G. for Tom Brown): June financial report presented for approval. M/S/P.

Charity (Lori Chesley): Monarch School Dinner needs to change date from Aug 3 to Friday, Aug 10. M/S/P.

Tech Sessions (Jim Mullady):

Evolve Restoration session had 23 attendees. The next session is July 29 5-Point AutoSpa and please signup on line for this one!

Membership (Gisele Gonzales): Monthly report. PCA-SDR Primary/Secondary/Total: 1710/991/2701. Y-o-Y: 20/-6/14.

Tours (Tom G for Keith Verlaque): June 17 Father's Day Tour was well attended.

CDIsQ (Keith Verlaque, Andrew Raines): Looking for new CDI's for next year. Reconciliation for Spring PDS with 36 students was submitted. Budget for Fall PDS submitted to the Board for approval. M/S/P. Fall PDS is Nov 16-18.

AX (Jerry Bumpus and Eric Marc-Aurele, Scott Leslie): Recap of June 30 AX with 83 participants and reconciliation submitted. Next AX is July 21. Request to push out AX reg closing date to help with attendance (currently 44 registered, but we require 65 pre-reg to hold the event). AX team to simplify the registration page. The August 19 AX is

a Zone-8 event.

AX relocation committee (Jim Binford and Julieann Billings-Riordan): AX Alternate Site Update: Sunday August 26 will be a trial run by SCCA at CS-SM using 2 large parking lots on campus with setup the night before. There is no smoking or alcohol on campus, but luckily there are multiple breweries nearby for gathering afterwards. Other alternative sites continue to be pursued.

Sponsor Liaison (Karen Garcia Raines): A reminder to sign up for the Balboa Park Carousel event on August 5 from 7:30-9:30am!!! Children & adults both will enjoy this private, behind the scenes tour of San Diego's historic 1922 carousel. Afterwards grab breakfast in one of the Park restaurants or visit one of the 17 museums.

Recap of Porsche 70th Anniversary celebration at the dealerships on June 9th:

Hohen Porsche had a huge car display including a 918 and a plethora of food including German, Mexican & BBQ, a Harley with sidecar ice cream delivery, and a Porsche cake and cookies. A band and games for the kids (of all ages) kept people entertained when they weren't looking at cars.

Porsche of San Diego sponsored a driving tour from the Hotel Del that had a police escort through Coronado, a stop at Mt Soledad, up through Rancho Santa Fe, then ending at Porsche of SD. There was a German Band, bratwurst from Tip Top Meats, and a plethora of awesome cars.

Social (Victoria Varon, Genette McGowan): The June 9/10 Mystery Weekend had a stop at the Porsche of SD for the 70th Anniversary, then visited Lions, Tigers and Bears animal sanctuary in Julian, and on to Casa Del Zorro in Borrego. Reconciliation submitted. The June Last Tuesday Social in Carlsbad had strong attendance with 40 people. The next LTS is July 31 in La Mesa.

Tom G offered a recap of Cars and SDR last Sunday in June, which continues to have strong turnout.

Marc M updated us on the July 1 Eastlake Car Show, which had a wide variety of cars and was at

full capacity for SDR member cars, with a lot of new members.

The Winter Formal (aka Porsche Prom and Installation Dinner) will be on New Year's Eve at the Kona Kai on Shelter Island. Budget request submitted. M/S/P.

Events before next Board Meeting on August 1 (3 weeks):

Friday, July 20: Fallbrook Sports Car Night and SDR dinner

Saturday, July 21: Autocross at SDCCU Stadium West Lot

Sunday, July 29: Cars and SDR

Sunday, July 29: 5-Point Auto Detail Tech Session

Tuesday, July 31: LTS (Last Tuesday Social) in La Mesa

Auto Museum (Michael Harris): The current display at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park is "Retro Steam Punk." Or as Monty Python would say: "And now for something completely different." Steam Punk is science fiction and fantasy wherein early industrial technology of the 19th century was steam powered. Think of the fiction writing of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells.

Retro Steam Punk takes a lot of the trappings of the nineteenth century with top hats, goggles, Victorian and Edwardian clothes, balloons, submarines, etc., and adds mechanical things from more recent times. Imagine a combination of Rat Rods with Steam Punk in a display of wonderful metal work or a dragster powered by a 12 cylinder supercharged World War II aircraft engine with twelve individual headers and front headlights from a 1939 Ford. There is also a submarine, the "Metamorphosis" that looks part car and part boat with round porthole windows and lots of rivets. The artwork and descriptive materials alone are worth a visit and is a great exhibit for kids of all ages.

The Museum just named a new Executive Director/CEO, Herb Johnson. Herb has many years of experience running a large local non-profit as well as corporate experience outside San Diego. He will take over the reins at the end of July.

Other Committees: No report submitted for this month.

New business:

WW: Deadline this month is July 22.

DE/TT (Tom G for Robert Bazier & Jack Miller): Our TT/DE chairs have announced their retirement after 15 years at the helm. There is not a font large enough to say THANK YOU to Robert and Jack for their efforts. Needless to say, the search is on for **multiple** people to take on the many roles they filled so effortlessly. If you or some track junky you know is interested in helping out with DE/TT events, please contact the Board.

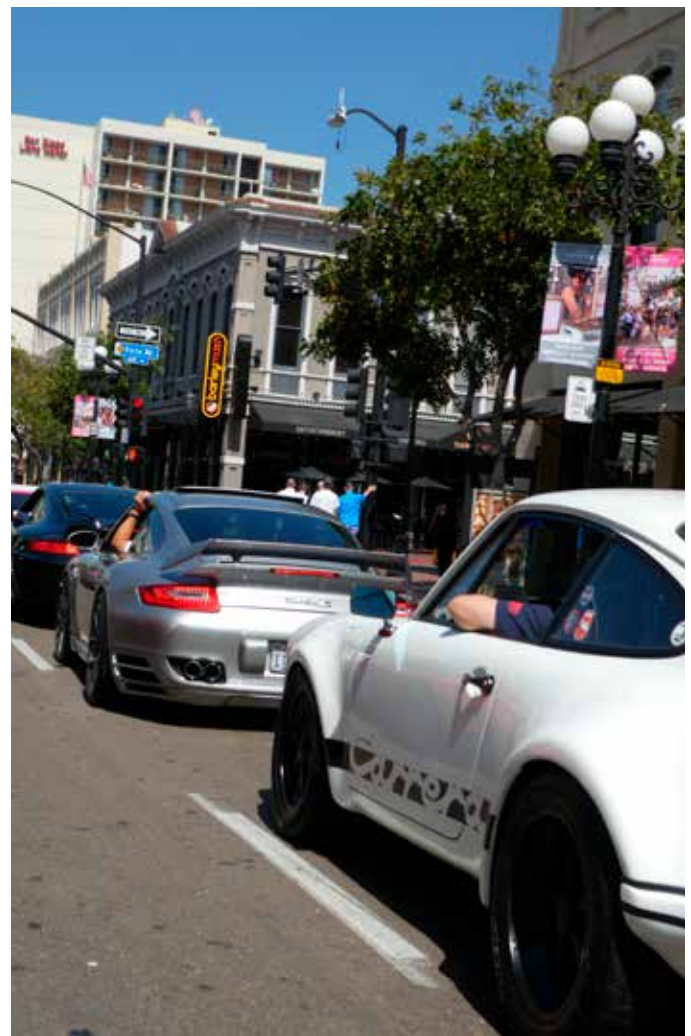
Announcements: Thank you Stephen and Frieda for hosting!

Next Board Meetings:

August 1 meeting: Wendy Gillespie in Point Loma

September 5: John Noerenberg in Rancho Santa Fe

Adjournment: 8:57pm



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August - September 2018

August 1 - Wednesday Board & Member Meeting

Time: Dinner starts at 6:00 PM. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Place: Wendy Gillespie 's home, 720 Golden Park Ave., San Diego, CA 92106

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

August 5 - Sunday Around San Diego

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 AM.

Place: Balboa Park Carousel, 2920 Zoo Dr., San Diego, CA 92101

Details: Join us in the first of a series as we explore San Diego. The first destination is the historic Balboa Park Carousel at the corner of Park Blvd. and Zoo Place. Parking is available on either side of the carousel, so it will be a great time to socialize with your PCA friends at this family-friendly event.

August 16 - Thursday Encinitas Cruise Night – Porsche Invitational

Time: 7 – 10 PM.

Place: Charlies Foreign Car, 751 2nd St., Encinitas, CA 92024

Details: Join us for a fun afternoon/evening with fellow PCA SDR members for Encinitas Cruise Nite. You must register on motorsport reg, so we know who's coming. Registration will open in early August.

August 16 - Thursday PCA-SDR Baseball Day at Petco Park

Time: 7 – 10 PM.

Place: Petco Park

Details: The ticket price, (\$73.50), includes a buffet of California seasonal chopped salad, buffalo chicken wings, hot dogs,

snacks and beverages, including Pacifico draft beer. And as a bonus, there will be a free Trevor Hoffman jersey that will be given away that night.

Register at : msreg.com/padres2018

August 18 - Saturday Poker Run

Time: 8 AM – 1:30 PM

Place: Start at Avitt Residence, El Cajon, CA, coffee and bagels sponsored by Black Forest Automotive, INC.

Details: Our Tour leaders will take you through a 2 hour tour of some great EAST County Roads while you play some poker. A portion of the proceeds will go to charity.

Cost: First poker player in the car is \$25 and up to 3 more players (same car) can play for \$15 each.

The game will be a 5 card draw with the opportunity to discard and buy new cards.

Anyone under the age of 18 is not allowed to play poker, but can ride along with a signed Minor's Waiver.

Our final tour destination is Barona Casino where your hands will be determined and prizes will be awarded. If you get hungry, Barona has a couple eateries to grab a bite after the awards presentation

Registration opens July 1st <http://msreg.com/SDRPokerRun>

August 26 - Sunday Cars and SDR

Time: 8 – 10 AM

Place: Jessie's Bake Shop in Carmel Mountain, 12075 Carmel Mountain Rd, San Diego, CA 92128

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.

September 5 - Wednesday Board & Member Meeting

Time: Dinner starts at 6:00 PM. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Place: John Noerenberg, 11025 Vivaracho Way San Diego, CA 92124

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

September 8 - Saturday PCA SDR Concours by the Bay

Time: 7:30 – 2:30 PM.

Place: Spanish Landing Park East, 3900 N. Harbor Drive San Diego, 92101

Details: Join us as our Club celebrates its annual Concours at the San Diego Bay with a grand display of Porsche cars. Over 140 beautiful Porsches were on display last year. This will be a unique experience not to be missed by car enthusiasts! We want to see your pride and joy at this event and invite you to enter the Concours or put your Porsche in our “Display” Porsche Corral.

September 16 - Sunday PCA-SDR Autocross

Time: 6:30 – 5PM.

Place: SDCCU Stadium West Lot, 9449 Friars Road San Diego, CA 92108

Details: PCA-SDR Autocross participation is limited to PCA Members Only. Up to 10 current members of either the BMW or SCCA club's will also be permitted under certain conditions. See BMW/SCCA section below.— There is an event limit of 25 PCA members driving a car other than their Porsche.—You will be required to show your PCA member card and driver license in the tech line.—Autocross fee is \$60 pre-registered, 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 fee.

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Place: Willow Springs, 3500 75th Street West Rosamond, CA 93560

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September 25 - Tuesday Last Tuesday Social

Time: 6 – 9 PM

Place: Riviera Supper Club La Mesa, 7777 University Ave La Mesa, CA 91942

Details: TMeet up with your Porsche club social friends at Riviera Supper Club in La Mesa . La Mesa's DIY Steakhouse and bar brings you outstanding Choice steaks, deluxe side dishes and desserts, and strong, classic cocktails. Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7pm.

September 30 - Sunday Cars and SDR

Time: 8 – 10 AM

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Porsche Parade 2018 Lake of the Ozarks



Text & photos by Greg Phillips

First the answer is yes; it was hot and humid in July on the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. But that did not stop us from having fun at the 63rd annual Porsche Parade. It was further than I wanted to drive to, so we flew into Kansas City and then rented a Hyundai Elantra and headed east. After a lunch stop for some BBQ we finally rolled into Osage Beach and the Tan-Tar-A Resort on the lakefront. This was the site of the 1983 Parade which was the first parade that Mark Shevitz served as the master of ceremonies!

We arrived early to help get set up and organize the Parade Photo Team for the week. On Saturday we looked at the Concours Prep area and then the Parade Chairs meeting and then the early registration in the afternoon. It was interesting to see the displays and historic cars as they were being set up and this year the Parade Store was now inside the hospitality area to allow for ease of shopping.

Sunday was the official start of Parade and registration was keeping the volunteers and attendees busy for much of the day; but the Concours prep was also very busy as the final cleaning was being applied to all of the Porsches. At the end of the day it was time for the Welcome Banquet, held on the golf course next to the resort. The high points of the evening were the presentations of the Guntherwerks 400R, a retro-custom based on the 993. The 400R uses a 4.0-liter naturally aspirated air-cooled flat-six engine that's been hand-built by Rothsport Racing and generates 400 hp and 330 lb-ft of torque as it approaches

a screaming 7,800-rpm redline that will assuredly send shivers down your spine. Additionally, it features a lightweight stainless-steel set of equal-length headers, a custom Getrag G50 six-speed gearbox with bespoke ratios, and a Carbon Clutch differential.

Suspension is handled by a set of KW Clubsport coilovers and a KW HLS (hydraulic lift system), as well as uprated bushings, drop-links, and new front and rear anti-roll bars. The 993's uprights have been upgraded to RS Spec EVO units from Porsche's competition program. Brakes are Brembo sourced R35 GTR 2-piece drilled rotors with six-piston front/4-piston rear billet monoblock calipers.



The other car unveiled was the Taycan (tie-con) which was previously the Mission E. The name can be roughly translated as "lively young horse", referencing the imagery at the heart of the Porsche crest, which has featured a leaping steed since 1952. The oriental name also signifies the launch of the first electric sports car with the soul of a Porsche. Porsche announced the name for its first purely elec-

tric series as part of the "70 years of sports cars" ceremony.

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After the dinner, there was a firework display over the Lake for the parade attendees. After the display there was general agreement that the parade was off to an auspicious start.

Monday was an early start to the Concours field. The Photo team was tasked with shooting all the competitors as well as the historic display cars. It was good to get out early as the weather would only get warmer as the day wore on. The Concours was held on the 2 fairways nearest the resort and made a great backdrop for all the beautiful Porsches. This

year the historic display was in honor of Peter Schutz, the American credited with saving the 911 in the 80's and was curated by his daughter Lori. Included was the 1985 Speedster prototype, along with many of the cars that she felt owed their existence to Peter's legacy.

Again, this year, awards were presented on the Concours field for most of the class and division winners and they made a great lineup as they were brought forward for their prize and a brief interview for the crowd. The winner of the restoration 356 class was George Alspaugh, who was helped by John Straub in preparing their beautiful blue 1953 356 and they also scored 299.8 points for Gmund classification.



Porsche Zone 8 Fall Oktoberfest Autocross
On the Runway at the historic Minter Field Army Airfield, Shafter, CA
Sunday October 7, 2018

Presented by Porsche Club of America, Golden Empire Region



6:30 Gates open
8:15 Tech Inspection closes
8:25 Mandatory Drivers meeting
8:45 Practice lap around the course behind a pace car
9:00 Course is Hot- first driver out!

- Autocross on a one mile runway and this event is open to all vehicles types,
- Cost: \$50 Early Registration through 9/30. \$60 Registration Fee afterwards and sorry, no refunds within 48 hours of the event.
- Location: Minter Field Airport. Address is 201 Aviation Street, Shafter, CA 93263
- Online Registration link at www.Motorsportreg.com, or click here: [Autocross Registration](http://AutocrossRegistration)
- Helmets required and must have a Snell rating of 2010 or newer. Recommend long sleeve cotton shirt, long cotton pants, thin rubber or leather soled shoes.
- Instructors will be available. Beginners and young drivers over 18 welcomed.
- Lunch will be available for purchase at the event with no set lunch times.
- Two run groups. Note: Run / Work schedule which means you are required to work when not running.
- Port-a-Potty will be on site.
- All auto-cross events are Rain or Shine events. No Trophies, just lots of driving and fun!

No special car preparation is needed except to take out all loose items in the car and trunk. In fact, we recommend you bring the car you drive on a daily basis. Doing so will give you a greater appreciation for your car's capabilities and improve your driving skills in the process. Our events are very social and we welcome anyone and all makes of cars, not just Porsche.

Autocross Event Chair: Tammy Harris

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After the Concours and cooling off, Pat and I went to the Art Show awards party. I had entered a digitally altered photo called Crest, White & Blue for the Art Show this year after taking the last 2 parades off. It was a very nice venue this year for the Art Show with plenty of light and a great view of the lake from the top of the resort and a circular room.

Tuesday I was up early and drove to the local high school which was the meeting point for the tours and the rally start was from there. I was shooting the TSD rally cars as they were leaving and some of the tour cars as they arrived. Pirelli Tires had sponsored the cof-

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fee and snacks for participants and made a nice place to nosh before the photography started. There were several different tours leaving from the school each day and there was plenty of activity as cars and tours arrived for both the rally and the tours.

After the last TSD car was done I was able to head back to the resort and rest up and shoot some more activities before getting ready for the Concours Banquet. Although many of the awards had been presented, there was still several to be awarded for Concours as well as some of the National Awards to be presented. There was also a presentation about the new PCA watch form Porsche Design that was debuted at Parade.

To celebrate seventy years of Porsche, the world's greatest sports car, Porsche Design has created a timepiece exclusively for Porsche Club of America [PCA] members: the Chronograph 70Y Sportswagen PCA Edition. Strictly limited to only 70 timepieces worldwide, this masterpiece pays tribute to the passion, commitment and camaraderie of PCA members, as well as the legendary Chronograph I, the first-ever timepiece developed by Porsche Design. The exclusive chronograph caliber with Flyback function features Porsche Design's proprietary movement, the Werk 01.200, and for the very first time, a one-of-a-kind winding rotor in the shape of the iconic Fuchsfelge. In short: maximum performance.



Wednesday was the first of 2 autocross days and was being held at the local airport runway. I was shooting the autocross cars. Although it was another warm day, we were able to do most of the photography from under a corner working tent on the side of the runway and stay out of the sun for the most part. This year, the order of cars was reversed. Instead of starting with the stock cars and finishing with the modified classes, the modified classes were out first. This was done to try and allow for the more experienced autocrossers to run early and then be available as instructors for the newer autocross participants. Since you are not allowed to instruct before you run your timed laps, sending the more prepared cars out first

was an advantage. The asphalt was fairly and with the heat and the sticky tires, there was some asphalt breakdown as the day went on. The fastest time for the first day was a modified 914-4 and the fastest lady was Katherine Thorp (Smalley) from San Diego in her prepared Boxster in silver and orange.

Wednesday night was the rally Banquet night at the Performance Boat Shop. Along with the buffet it was interesting to check out the high-performance Cigarette type boats. Lots of turbocharged V8's on display.



Thursday was the second autocross day, but Pat and I were taking the Gimmick Rally along the Route 66. The gimmick was you were provided old pictures of landmarks and buildings along the route and you were to find them and place the photos in the order you found them. But after a short time, we decided to just turn it into a guided tour of the area and had a much more enjoyable event. The highlight was Bob's Gasoline Alley with lots of petroleum memorabilia and exhibits, along with some great home-cooked food. The rally ended at a local library that was also a Route 66 Museum.

Friday started with the Tech Quiz and was then followed by the Tech Academy. Pat was taking the Boxster quiz and I was taking the now combined 924-928-944-968 quiz. There were some interesting questions and I did find one question that was incorrectly marked. After lots of comparing notes it was time to take photos at the Tech Academy. There were speakers from PCNA, Michelin, Gunther Werks, Ceramic Pro, LN Engineering, Driven Racing Oil and COBB tuning. There were also speakers from the PCA tech committees on the early 911, 928, 356 SL race cars and 964-993.

Friday night was the Autocross Banquet and on display were the Andrew Blyholder 914-4 that had the TTOD for men at 28.760 and the Thorp Boxster that was the TTOD for Ladies at 30.517 and was the winner of the Improved 02 women's class and Bill Thorp who took the Improved 02 class for men at 31.122. Other medalists included Paul Young who took 2nd in the S100 class in his 997. Although SDR did not win

many awards, it was a fun event and Pat won a door prize from Coco Mats. The other fun was watching the grandparents doting over their first grandchild. With Paul and Ruth Young doting over baby Dominic and Tom and Susan Brown with baby Meredith. Another PCA generation is started. Although we had been lucky with the rain, we finally had a good thunderstorm that evening.

Saturday was the 5K run and while Pat was shooting the runners, I was attending the Parade debrief session and the start of planning for next year in Boca Raton, Florida. Yes, it will likely be hot but at least humid. But remember it's not the weather it's the people that make fun Parade.

After the run and meeting it was time to head for the Volunteer's Lunch for more door prizes. This time I was the winner of a large print of a 550 Spyder that had been hanging on the walls of the resort for the week. Unfortunately, it would not fit on my plane and I ended up passing it on to John Novotnak for his new garage/man cave. His Cayenne had enough room to get it home in one piece.



Next up was the Parade of Porsches. It was going to start at the Lake Regional Hospital and then drive along the lake and surrounding areas before returning to the resort. I drove to the hospital and started taking pictures and the rain decided to make another appearance. John was planning on shooting the event from a fire truck ladder, but when the lightning started the ladder came down quickly. I decided to move to another location to take shots along the route and set up on the road on top of the dam. Driving to that location was in a full downpour with water streaming across the highway. Thankfully the Hyundai tires were too narrow to hydroplane, and I made it there safely and the rain had stopped by the time I got to the bridge.

I was given a time when the parade would leave and calculated when they would arrive. I had time to put out a video camera along with another robo-cam to take shots on the bridge and was done early. So, as I and was waiting in the car with AC for the parade to arrive, the first Porsches arrived early! I had to hop out and start shooting on the fly and get across the road

and shoot down the bridge. It turned out they decided to start early due to the rain. After the last of the parade went through I loaded up my cameras and headed back to the resort. The roads were still damp but no further rain. Paul Young took a 3rd in the 356 category and I ended up 4th in the 928 et al category.

The final event of the weekend was the Victory Banquet and awarding of the Tech Quiz winners. Here would be a convenient time to mention that the Region won an Honorable Mention in the Public Service Award and that Zone 8 was 3rd in the National Website contest. They also announced the location for the 2020 Porsche Parade and it will be in the Coachella Valley and Palm Springs area. It will be hot, but it will be a dry heat in June.

Sunday was our travel day and we packed up the Hyundai and checked out of the Tan-Tar-A Resort (soon to be a Margaritaville) and headed back to the Kansas City airport. After a short detour into Kansas we made it to the airport. After checking our bags, we dropped off the rental and took the shuttle to the terminal and then back on a non-stop Southwest Airlines flight home. Start planning for next year, or at a minimum plan for Palm Springs in 2020.



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A collage of 15 photographs from the 2017 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. The images show various classic and modern cars, including a red Ferrari 488 GT3, a silver Porsche 911, a white Porsche 911, and a red Ferrari 250 GT. People are seen interacting with the cars, and a drone is flying over the event. A central image shows a black t-shirt with the text "WE ARE SDR" and a "70th Anniversary" logo.

View from the back: A Guide to Driver Training

Text by Steve Eisler with technical editing by Steve Grosekemper

The Spring Performance Driving School (PDS) has been concluded and planning is already underway for the fall PDS, which may be the last PDS that we can hold at the SDCCU parking lot. We had 35 students who decided it was time to learn how to handle their (in many cases) new examples of automotive precision and excellence. Kathy and I have done the school twice, and we highly recommend it for future competitors AND anyone who wants to learn to be a better driver and enjoy their Porsche more. BUT the PDS is not the only way to learn how to really enjoy the capabilities of your car.

PCA San Diego Region (PCA-SDR) offers three entry-level programs to teach you how to be a better driver. This month I will describe each of these avenues, highlighting the advantages and caveats of each one, in the hope of getting all 2786 of you to make a commitment to let PCA-SDR help you become the best driver that you can be. Remember, it has been a long time since you finished your high school driver training course!

Some people recommend doing the Performance Driving School first, others favor entering a few autocrosses as an introduction to driver training. My first event was a Driver Education weekend at Willow Springs. To eliminate any bias, I will feature these programs in alphabetical order!

AUTOCROSS (AX) is a timed event held in a large parking lot or on an unused airfield runway. The course is marked by traffic cones like the flags on a downhill ski run. Each car runs the course one lap at a time with adequate spacing between cars so that you never get near another car on the course. New AXer's are designated as Students and are assigned an experienced instructor that will work with them the entire day. The instructor will ride with you on all of your laps. They will teach you how to see the course in what, at first, looks like a sea of orange cones. He or she will help you learn which side of the track you need to be on, when to brake, and when to accelerate. They will let you ride with them in their car so you can see the correct line through the maze, and spend time with you after each session debriefing and explaining what you did well and what needs improvement. They also will go with you on your corner-working assignment to train you on this vital part of a successful AX. They will be your new best friend for the whole day (and usually much longer). You will retain your Student (or Novice) status and be required to drive with an instructor for at least 4 AX events, or a combination of at least 4 days of driver instruction in one of the

three programs. After you are signed off by the Chief Driving Instructor as qualified to drive solo, you can still get instructors to ride with you if they are available.

Advantages: The cost is just \$60 per event and it is only one day out of your weekend. The area is huge, so if you go off course or even spin, usually the worst thing you can hit is an orange traffic cone. When the occasional incident does occur, it is usually from an advanced driver who forgot to listen to the rules he or she learned as a student. Since the AX is held in an enclosed, limited area, speeds are much lower than on a track, but the many quick turns will really improve your car control. Since they are generally held once a month, you can gradually build your skills and then decide if you want to continue competing or just apply your new skills on your daily driving.

Caveats: The main caveat for all 3 of these events is tire wear! If you just bought a new Porsche or have a late model car with the original factory recommended tires, you need to understand that these are not the best tires for performance driving. While they are Z rated for a maximum speed of 168 mph, they also have been selected by Porsche for a quiet and smooth ride. They will not hold up well under the extreme cornering of an AX and usually show signs of excessive wear on the outer edge of the tire after one or two AX events. This is really not all bad. Check with other people driving the same type of Porsche that you are driving. They will help you decide what is the best tire for your model. Sometimes they are even cheaper than the factory recommendation, and they will stand up to the rigors of an AX or a day on a real track while also giving you better handling on the freeway.

The second caveat which also affects all three events is brake pad wear. In any type of performance driving the brakes are working much harder than during normal driving. You will be amazed at how much brake dust you will find on your wheels after a weekend of driver training. Fortunately, each of these events requires a tech inspection at the event or prior to arriving at the track. Tech inspectors always check brake pad thickness and will warn you if they are wearing thin. If you are going to your first event and have an older car, you should have your mechanic check the brake pads to avoid failing the inspection at the event and not being able to drive.

PCA-SDR is famous for giving our AX entrants more laps per

day than other regions, but even on our best days, we may only get 18 laps in total. I always leave the track wishing I had a few more laps to practice driving the course, because next month the layout will be different. The final caveat is that the surface of the SDCCU parking lot is not being maintained as well as it was in the past. Course designers try to use the most stable parts of the surface for the track layout, but there are frequent breakups, and many people use tape or plastic film to protect the paint around the wheel wells and on the rocker panels from flying gravel and chunks of asphalt.

DRIVER EDUCATION (DE) is held on a permanent track designed for motorsports racing. DE students are assigned an instructor for the weekend and are placed in their own (GREEN) run group. Other students and less experienced drivers are in the YELLOW group, and more advanced (faster) drivers are in the ORANGE and RED groups. Each group has six 20-minute sessions on Saturday and four on Sunday. As a DE student, your first session will be in the classroom, where you will go over the track layout, basic handling techniques, and track rules and etiquette. In the second session you will learn the best line around the track by following an instructor at a moderate speed. In the third session you will practice passing and being passed. In the following seven sessions you and your instructor will have over two hours to work on your driving skills. No timing devices are allowed so that you can just concentrate on learning how to handle your Porsche.

Advantages: The biggest advantage is that you will get much more time to work on your skills with your instructor. You get about a full AX's worth of driving in each DE session! The cost is less than the total of 9 AXs, but all of your lessons are compressed into one weekend as opposed to being spread over several months. You also keep the same instructor for the whole weekend. Since your engine will be running at high revs for a full 20 minutes instead of being stressed for 1.5 minutes and then idling for 2 or more minutes, the DE is probably easier on the engine than the equivalent 9 AXs. Note that the DE event on October 13 and 14 is the last DE for this year. Sign-up opens at 9:00AM on September 2, and you must sign up at 9:00AM to have a chance to get an instructor.

Caveats: Speeds on a race track are much higher than in a stadium parking lot. The tracks we use do not have many walls or obstacles near the race surface, so if you go off course, hopefully, you will just have to contend with rocks and dirt. The DE group is always smaller than the other groups, but you do have 10 or more cars on the track at

the same time, so they will not be spaced out like an AX. Some will be faster and there will be passing in the designated passing zones. Learning how to pass and be passed is taught in the third session of the DE and then practiced the rest of the weekend. You will need to be alert and focused because there will be cars in close proximity to each other at high speeds.

Tire wear is again a problem, but not nearly as severe as three or four AX events, since the turning is not as aggressive. If you have factory original tires you should have at least half of the original tread depth left (typically 5/32"). Brake pads are critical on a high-speed race track. Be sure to have your pads checked before you make the 200-mile trip to the track! Tell your mechanic that you will be on the track for two full days. Finally, you need to take care of yourself. At my first DE I was exhausted after just 3 sessions. Riding with my instructor had my stomach in knots, my arms and shoulders were aching from gripping the wheel so hard, and I was exhausted from not sleeping well the night before. At the end of the third session I thought my track days might be over. During the lunch break I wrapped up in a heavy coat and managed to take a nap and was able to continue. Try to get plenty of sleep the night before any driving event. Drink water regularly even when it is not hot and take a session off if you do not feel ready to drive.

PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL (PDS) is a combination of an AX and the experiences of a DE taken at a slower speed. The event kicks off on Friday evening with a classroom session including films. After Tech inspection and breakfast, the rest of Saturday morning is spent on water-soaked skid pads. Saturday afternoon features 4 excellent car control exercises and plenty of time for dramatic improvement. On Sunday, an autocross track is set that incorporates all of the elements you learned in Saturday's exercises. You and your instructor will spend the day applying your new skills in an untimed AX setting. There were articles in the March, April, and May Windblown Witness describing the PDS in greater detail. You will be amazed at how much you learn, and also by how much more there is to master!

Advantages: Each Saturday control exercise focuses on one skill at a time and gives you plenty of time to master that skill. Even though Kathy and I were sharing our car, we still had enough repetitions to really improve our skills. Since participation is limited to 40, you will get many more laps on Sunday's AX instruction day than you would get as a student (or driver) at a regular AX. You also will have

the same instructor all day so that you can continue to improve from one session to the next. During this action-packed weekend, you will probably get more time behind the wheel than you would on a DE weekend.

Caveats: Exhaustion, tire wear, and brake pad wear are, again, the main bugaboos. Do not plan on going out to dinner and celebrating on Saturday night! You will be way too tired, and Sunday is a full day of driving, so plan on getting a good night's rest. The PDS is the hardest event on tires. Although the skid pad exercises are done on wet pavement, they do cause extra wear on the outer edge of the tires. Other exercises are done at higher speeds (not as fast as a DE) and teach hard braking to activate the ABS systems of the newer cars. This again increases tire and brake pad wear. Chief Technical Inspector Steve Grosekemper (who has graciously agreed to edit and review the technical/mechanical aspects of the article) says that at every PDS there are several drivers who have to skip the Sunday instruction because they do not have enough tread left on their tires. Tell your mechanic that you are driving the PDS and have him check your tires and listen to his recommendations. Finally, remember that there will be up to four different activities going on at the same time on Saturday afternoon. Although these exercises are carefully spaced throughout the huge stadium parking lot, there still are light posts and other obstacles on the lot surface! It is vital that you be alert and listen carefully to your instructor and do exactly what he or she asks you to do. PCA's national board has directed the regions to recheck their safety procedures for ALL events in order to have safe, incident-free learning experiences for everyone.

In conclusion, here are the Learn to Drive ABC's for PCA members:

- A. You have a fantastic car capable of much better performance than you can imagine.
- B. Your high school driving course taught you the rules of the road but nothing about car control.
- C. PCA-SDR offers you three avenues to learn how to drive more effectively and more safely, whether it be in your Porsche or your 2001 Nissan Xterra.
- D. You will spend more on tires, but that investment will be less than the repairs from not knowing how to avoid a spare tire that has been dropped from the vehicle in front of you on the freeway.
- E. You might find out that this whole AX, DE, TT alphabet jumble is a lot more fun than you thought. Now you have a new hobby, a new set of dates on the calendar to look forward to, and a whole new set of friends, outside of your workplace friends, with whom you can share your experiences.

Important dates: August 12: last day to sign up for the August 19 AX

September 2, 9:00 AM: Registration for the October 13-14 DE at Chuckwalla opens

November 16-18: Possibly the last PDS at SDCCU stadium parking lot



Mystery Weekend June 9, 2018



Imagine a weekend getaway where you show up and all the required reservation and activities are already planned and taken care of. If you've ever participated in a mystery weekend then you know how effortless that feels, right? Our recent mystery weekend held June 9-10 was no exception.

June 9th was also the 70th anniversary of Porsche, and clubs around the world were encouraged to host driving tours and events to celebrate this important milestone. In San Diego Porsche fashion, the Hotel Del was the gathering place from which to begin the driving tour and mystery weekend - Thanks Shawn for saving spots for us! Between the two events there were a lot of cars to walk around and admire before our 8:45 departure to the first stop and tour of Lions, Tigers and Bears, ("oh my"!), in Alpine. According to the website, Lions, Tigers and Bears is "dedicated to providing a safe haven for unwanted and abused exotic animals and to educate the public about the abuses of the exotic animal trade; it is also a no kill, no breed sanctuary where the animals live with dignity in a caring safe environment. Some of us purchased raffle tickets for two opportunities to feed a animal, and no joke, I won them both! Michael and I fed a couple of young tigers for a thrilling experience! If you've never been, go.

From there, our caravan headed to Porsche of San Diego for lunch and to join in the anniversary celebration - the dealership was packed! We enjoyed a delicious meal of brats, beer and typical German food and music before heading to our final destination along some twisty back roads. The drive east was pretty cool while the outside temperature was pretty hot. Nevertheless, the destination was an oasis in the desert, La Casa Del Zorro in Borrego Springs. After checking in and a quick nap, the group met for dinner at the hotel. While some guests lingered beyond closing of the restaurant and bar, (they know who they are), others walked to their room under a star-filled magical sky. Text & Phtos by Genette McGowan





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