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PCASDR Movie Night - Top Gun



Bill Behun talking to a movie poster



Nick and Adele's car goes to the movies. Nick is talking to Margie Smith-Haas in the background.

The *BUZZ*

by Anastasia Berta
PCASDR President



Driving in another country can be a (sur)real experience!

I was reminded of this during my recent trip to **Prague, Bratislava, Vienna, and Budapest**. During my years in the wine business, I drove extensively through France, Italy, Germany and Spain, but it had been 20 years since my last trip to France, so definitely far in my rearview mirror. Since the **Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, and Hungary** are only a few hours apart, it made sense to rent a car for our long weekend excursion, even with gas over \$9/gallon—talk about pain at the pump!!!

As someone who especially enjoys driving in Europe as I've found that Europeans in general are much better drivers than Americans, I have several observations.

As usual, European drivers generally excel at driving in the right lane, using the left lane only for passing. That's because speed limits are largely disregarded on European highways, composed of the French **Autoroute**, German **Autobahn**, Italian **Autostrada** and the rest, so it's common

to find luxury German sedans or Italian sportscars charging up your bum *well* in excess of 100mph/160kmh! Highway accidents are not very common in the EU, but when they do occur, they are nearly always fatal, so survival of the fittest means staying in the right lane until you can safely pass, and you best triple-check your mirrors before doing so!

When we encountered road work, eye-catching dashed orange lines next to the standard white lines alerted drivers to reduced speeds in construction zones, which **ARE** enforced. That seemed clever, and just last week I noticed a section on the 5 North where they did the same.

I thought this was cool: traffic lights went from green, to green and yellow, to red, then red, to red and yellow, to green, so you were always prepared for the light change. On the other hand, I was mystified when I occasionally saw stop lights with stop signs posted above them: clearly it was meant to get your attention, but talk about mixed messages!!

My favorite thing was an almost total absence of stop



signs. Instead, most minor intersections had Yield signs on the secondary road, so as long as no vehicle was coming, you didn't have to stop. This struck me as not only a great time saver, but also much kinder to your engine and passengers. It always strikes me as pointless to come to a complete stop when there's not another car anywhere in sight!

We enjoyed many outstanding meals over my 11-day vacation, but one of my favorite stops was **James Dean** restaurant in **Praha** (Prague) near **Old Town Square**.



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Not having traveled to Eastern Europe before, I was curious to see what the mix of cars would be. Besides the ubiquitous **Skodas** and many **Toyotas** and **Hyundais**, all of which are manufactured there, I saw an abundance of **Mercedes**, **Audis**, “**Beemers**” and **Range Rovers**, in addition to plenty of **Porsches**—mostly **911s**, with many **Taycans**, **Macans**, and a handful of **GT cars**. There were **Lamborghinis** and **Ferraris**, **Corvettes** and **Coopers**, even a few **Bentleys** and one purple **McLaren 765LT Spider**, a real head-turner. All in all, it was a magnificent trip, and I can't recommend Prague and Budapest highly enough. Now...back to the **REAL** world!

We are lucky to have **six outstanding candidates** for our **2023 PCASDR Board of Directors Election!** Four seats are available, so take the time to get to know the candidates by reading the candidate statements written by each of our worthy members in this edition, and don't forget to **VOTE!** Choose those whom **YOU** think would make the best contributions to the **PCASDR Board of Directors!** Volunteers make our Club what it is, and the Members of the Board are some of the most active members in our chapter of nearly 3,000, so show them you appreciate everything they do for all of us by casting your vote!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 8**—that's the date for our big **65th Anniversary Celebration**, details coming!

We also have a trip to the renowned **Petersen Automotive Museum** featuring the spectacular **James Bond exhibit** in the works—keep your eyes peeled for that announcement!

Porsche enthusiasts will gather for the eighth **Porsche Club of America Werks Reunion in Monterey** the weekend of **August 19**, showcasing a breathtaking array of Porsches from rare classics to current models and everything in between! Due to Covid, it's been five years since the last Reunion, so this year should really be spectacular. Display your own cherished Porsche in the model-specific Corral, or compete in the Porsche Judged Field to win a unique Werks Reunion Trophy. Details here:

<https://www.pca.org/events/werks-reunion-monterey-2022>

Our **Fall TT/DE Driving Season** kicks off at **Willow Springs International Raceway, September 24-25**. Registration opens Sunday 8/7 at 9am! Register here: <http://msreg.com/WSIR0922>

Social Chair and Vineyard Region President **Victoria Varon** led another sold out, memorable **Mystery Weekend** with stops at **Pit Stop Diner, West Coast Exotic Cars** in Murrieta, followed by a visit to **Porsche Experience Center Los Angeles (PECLA)** in **Carson** which included a tour of the facility, lunch, and the chance for drivers to try their skills driving



virtual **Porsches** on famous race-tracks in PECLA's popular Simulator Lab. **Old Town Pasadena** was the next stop, with a delicious dinner at **IlFornaio**. Thanks for another terrific event, Victoria!

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March Board Meeting

Location: Veloce Motors/The Vault, 9340 Dowdy Drive #102, San Diego, CA 92126

Attendees: Anastasia Berta, Rob Walker, Ann Archibald, Ian McIntyre (zoom), Eric Marc-Aurele, Steve Eisler, Lana Gill (zoom), Tom Brown (zoom)

Call to order at 7:03 P.M.

President's Message

The board will hold an Executive Session tonight after tonight's regular meeting.

Anastasia spoke about the National Meeting: Drones will be allowed at events with stringent rules, which are being defined. There will be rules such as strict controls over who gets to drive the drone, what sort of license will be required, etc.

National Membership is up over 6% last year. This is quite a jump. Anastasia noted we are on track to do better this year. She thanked Eric Shooks, who is giving a PCA card to everyone who buys a car at Porsche San Diego.

Board members are calling new members and forming good bonds. We had a German woman who met Loxie on Instagram. She offered to be host to anyone who is going to Germany to pick up their vehicle, providing support such as where best to stay, which restaurants to try.

Eric noted that biggest thing new owners are telling him is appreciation of the recommendation to join the club, and that they appreciate the board member call.

Anastasia reminded all of the upcoming Porsche Parade in Pocono Mountains. She is thinking about going, and was wondering if others who are going might want to form a contingent from San Diego for the trip.

Secretary

Approval of February Minutes

VOTE: To approve the February Minutes: M/S/P

Treasurer

Ian addressed income and expenses, noting they are shown in his report by class or event group. The total column shows a healthy net income so far, but it's largely attributable to pre-payments for Porsches and Parks, and the Wine Tour; expenses for the two major tours are yet to come.

Still, if those are taken out of the picture, we still have a decent profit. The Time Trial was just this past weekend, so hasn't figured into the report yet.

The club CPA has filled out the taxes for the 2021 year. A lot of expenses that were included before the books were closed were included into last year, so the fed and state taxes are down to a nominal amount. Ian requested approval to pay the taxes.

VOTE: To approve the Treasurer's report: M/S/P

VOTE: To approve paying the tax bill: M/S/P

Old Business

The board held one Executive Session vote between meetings

Loxie Shooks has joined the Social Committee and is our Social Media chair

Anastasia is sending out an email requesting someone step up to be our Last Tuesday Social-North Chair

New Business

Name badges here! Anastasia handed out badges for the board and chair persons who were in attendance. More are on the way. Discussion led to agreement that the previous badge style will continue to be used for new members that join the club.

VOTE: To approve using the old badge types for new members: M/S/P

Anastasia still has to send out the email listing the chair liaisons for the board.

Chair Reports

Social

Victoria wants approval for four events:

- a. 3/30 - Porsches and Pours 6PM TBD (working on a cidery)
- b. 4/17- Progressive Brunch (like the dinner but daytime on a Sunday, 12PM start 4PM end.
- c. 5/31 - Movie Night: Top Gun – Maverick
- d. 7/16-7/17 - Mystery Weekend (Joint event with Vineyard Region)

Discussion about conflicts ensued. The Progressive

Brunch would be on Easter, Movie night would be on Memorial day. Tiffanie called Victoria with this result. They proposed new dates for the first three; retained the Mystery Weekend date. See near the end of the minutes for the result.

Victoria also requested Board approval to advertise the Vineyard Region installation dinner on the PCA-SDR calendar.

VOTE: To approve putting the Vineyard Region installation dinner on the PCA-SDR calendar: M/S/P

VOTE: To approve July 16-17 date for the Mystery Weekend: M/S/P

Tom addressed the Wine and Food event, providing the budget to the attendees. He noted the need to move it to March 28.

VOTE: To move the Wine and Food event to March 28: M/S/P

He addressed the budget for the event, noting it was close to break even, but unless something comes up, there should be a little net profit at the end. It would be held at the same location as the last Wine and Food event, Wendy's home.

VOTE: To approve the Wine and Food event budget: M/S/P

Victoria asked for board approval to advertise the Vineyard Region's April 9 installation party.

Tom initiated discussion, noted that he agreed, there is no threat to the San Diego region from the Vineyard region; his only concern is that our membership may be deluged with too many emails about Vineyard events, since they've already expressed some issues with San Diego region events. So, while we would agree with advertising Vineyard events, it should be limited to significant events and driving tours. Since driving tours are so incredibly popular and we can't hold enough of them, providing more to all members would be of value.

Tom suggested that since both the Vineyard driving tour and installation Dinner are in April, maybe we could combine them in a single notice, perhaps a President's message. Maybe do a combined set of announcements...

Tom said he would figure out how to support Vineyard announcements such as these, since Victoria asked him to help with this.

VOTE: To approve advertising the Vineyard Region's

installation party to SD Region, with some ad grouping as proposed by Tom: M/S/P

Tom provided a short update on the California wine tour; it has sold out and, as Ian stated, the money flowing in. Tom is working to wrap up the final details.

Richard Trang: Orange County Cars and Coffee Tour: Richard recapped the main points, proposing April 2 for the tour.

The board agreed that this should be subject to the same caveat as Vineyard advertising; put it into the combined advertisement. Rick Richardson has agreed to support the tour itself. It will start at the Starbucks in Carlsbad. He will get release forms to be signed before the start of the tour, and provide wrist bands to the participants. He also has to obtain insurance.

VOTE: to approve April 2 for Cars and Coffee OC Tour: M/S/P

Tiffanie addressed the 2022 Wounded Warriors golf tournament. Last year, 15 PCA-SDR people were involved in the golf tournament for wounded warrior homes. Tiffanie brought a copy of the flyer that Mia intends to have for the Porsche club to be more involved. The golf tournament will be held on Sept 18, 2022. They gave us 2 rows to park our cars. The flyer she brought was reviewed; and we noted that they should change "Region 8" to "PCA-SDR".

VOTE to approve advertising the Wounded Warriors Golf Tournament on 18 Sept 2022: M/S/P

Tom had looked into locations for a PCA-SDR concours, and found an unprecedented demand for locations that would be appropriate for a concours. He would normally go to rent it in March, but is finding the venues are already rented. We will need a new venue if we're going to have one. He hasn't done any research into that. Any ideas welcome.

John and Katie addressed the La Jolla Concours, noting that all 36 spots have been taken up by members. We have people on the waiting list if others drop out. In addition, they are now sending out emails to sign up for a visit to the hospitality tent.

Mark Curran: Short update on DE/TT. The DE/TT event we just had this past weekend was a success. The track was completely repaved and is now one of the favored tracks. It is as smooth as it could be; Mark got positive feedback from everyone who attended. The reconciliation report still pending. He will bring it to the board next month.

He noted we have not yet reached capacity for the upcoming Chuckwalla event, but there is still plenty of time for people to sign up.

Anastasia had a happy announcement to make about the great turnout and lots of students for the Willows event. During the weekend we just had, thanks to the CDIs' great work, we now have 6 new instructors. Well done, Rob and other CDIs. Other qualified drivers are now willing to go through the process of becoming instructors.

Lana: Membership update. She noted it was the usual standard report, but did notice our numbers went up significantly this month. Eric Shooks has been telling people who walk into the dealership to join the SDR. We got 36 new members this past month.

Steve and Lana discussed creating, by next month, little business cards that say "own a Porsche, join the club". We got a bunch of those from national, last month. Steve replied that the ones he and Lana were creating show more about the activities we have, where to sign up, etc. The ones Lana has prepared are worth doing in addition to the ones national sent us. They would also get them to Eric, to provide Porsche San Diego customers.

Anastasia discussed going to the EVOC with Bill and Mike. It will be a fabulous facility. They are ironing out the contract details with the attorneys. The month of May is a good possibility to start using that venue for AX.

Tours, Ian: Ian noted that he kept the February tour registrations at just over 100 drivers signing up. Requested anyone that expect not to make it would cancel, and those who did who did not make it mostly complied and canceled on motorsportreg.com to let him know. This allowed him to assign several spaces to waitlisted registrants. There were over 80 cars at the drivers' meeting. They used a new

route, going through Bonsall and Fallbrook, Temecula and Sage, which, by all reports, was well enjoyed. Ian noted he had an excellent group of tour leaders who worked it into manageable groups.

Question on a schwag request, to get hats or something for the tour leaders. Anastasia routed him to Rhonda's email/website for the goodie store. He ordered badges for the tour leaders for those who did not already have one for another reason. He intends to order hats for tour leaders, so they're noticeable in the tour crowds, and will submit a budget request for that next time.

Ian will submit a May tour plan next time as well.

Social revisit: Carmen had talked with Victoria about changing the requested dates, so the votes were held on new dates

VOTE: To approve Progressive Brunch, 22 May: M/S/P

VOTE: To approve Movie Night, June 2: M/S/P

VOTE: To approve Porsches and Pours, April 7: M/S/P

Tom also noted he had been having trouble setting up new events in Motorsportreg this week; he would be working with them to figure out a solution.

Adjourn: 7:54 P.M.

Thanks to The Vault!

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 5 @ The Vault



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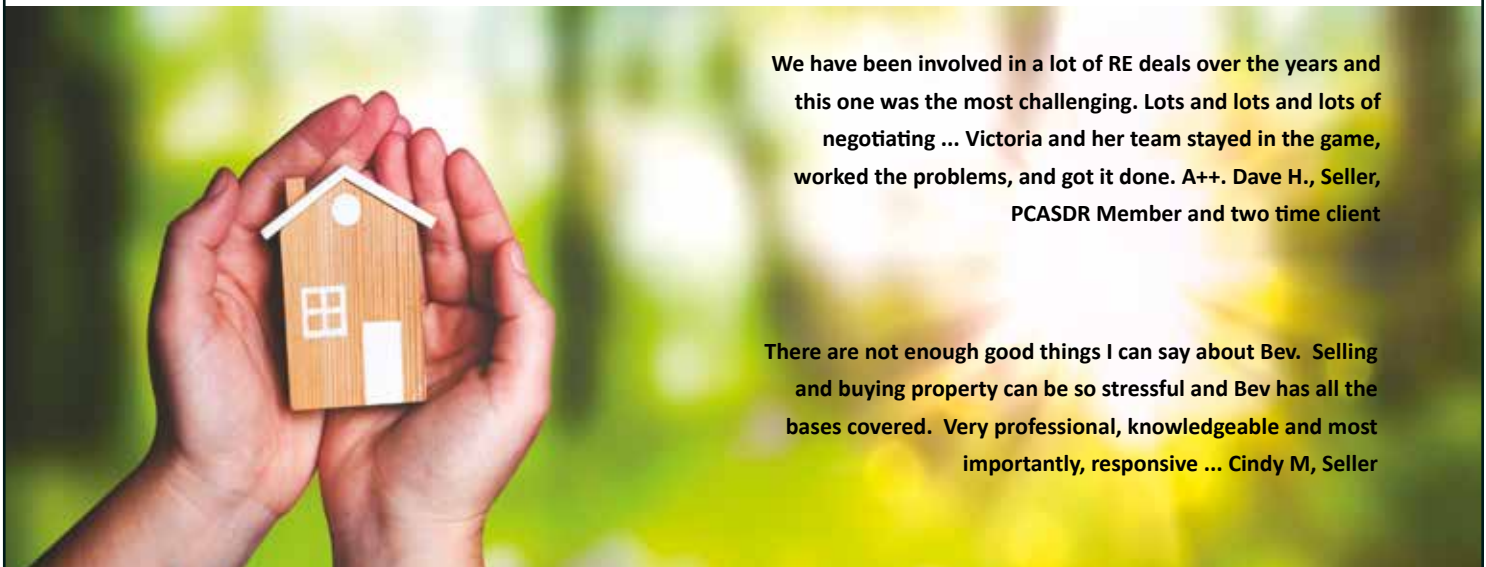
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April Board Meeting

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Attendees: Anastasia Berta, Ann Archibald, Ian McIntyre, Eric Marc-Aurele, Steve Eisler, Tom Brown

Call to Order at: 7:08 P.M.

President's Message

National has a new emphasis on PCA Juniors and is addressing it with newsletter, social media, and event presence. PCA Juniors includes kids under 21, and can participate at 15.5 years old; kids younger than that can participate in non-driving events. Anastasia is interested in finding a chair for this

Anastasia noted that PCA members from other regions can now receive our Calendar emails

Drone use at events now allowed with very stringent rules, must be on insurance, licensed pilots only. If anyone interested in doing drone work for the events, she will be glad to give you the giant checklist.

Secretary

VOTE: To approve March minutes: M/S/P

Treasurer

The current status is, overall, very positive for YTD. Things to consider are revenues received vs. expenses not yet accounted for; this occurs in the latest DE/TT and in the Porsches and Parks tour.

VOTE: To approve March financial report: M/S/P

Old Business

Tom Brown gave Victoria Varon a gift for serving on the 2021 board. All other board members received their gifts at the Installation Dinner in January.

Zone 8 is planning their Zone 8 Grand Tour 2023, most likely to occur in October 2023. They will stop in every region for a day. We are looking to provide one or two (preferably two) PCA-SDR members as committee members. These representatives should be very familiar with the zone, and willing to be involved for an hour or more each month. These representatives would suggest restaurants, hotels, and activities (such as driving roads and other

group activities) for the committee when staying in our region, anticipating 50-60 people on each leg. The tour itself should take a total of 15 days for 15 regions.

New Business

Request date approval for 65th Anniversary party Saturday, July 23

VOTE: To approve 23 July 2022 for the PCA-SDR 65th Anniversary party: M/S/P

Chair Reports

LJ Concours

John & Katie: Update on Hospitality tent 4/24

They got a \$500 grant from national, accompanied with a request for a budget. John noted they had never done that before. He requested guidance and support on how to proceed.

John presented a map of the entire concours site. Parking spots for the entrants will be adjacent to the grassy field. Porsches will be left and right from the entrance. They may also put tents between the cars.

There will be 38 cars. 56 people have signed up for the hospitality event. Everyone who signed up, should have gotten a package in the mail, with ID tag, tickets, instructions (e.g., where to get your car located). Katie has a couple volunteers lined up, but will likely ask for volunteers on the day. Anastasia suggested requesting twice as many people as we think we need.

John noted they have most of what they need, including a parker and a pourer. Cars have to come through a check-in gate on Coast Blvd. going away from the cove from there. The other side of the street will have traffic.

Charity

Bev, Item #1: update on Virtual Food Drive: We have \$1,175 at this point. To get that much in donations in such a short amount of time is amazing.

Item #2: Ronald McDonald House: Bev talked to their coordinator about creating a wish list drive for the families who reside at the house, displaced from their home. The proposal was to have a wish list drive from May 20 to July 23. We would collect all the acquired items, tour to the

Ronald McDonald House on the morning of 23 July, give them the physical items, and do a photo op. The House coordinator thought it was a great idea. We would then tour to the 65th anniversary party after that.

Bev asked for support, rather than trying to do this all on her own. We could set up an Amazon wish-list for this drive. We would also need marketing, graphics, and an email contact and social media contact. Martha McGowan said she would be willing to help to collect items in various locations.

We would also need a tour leader (or leaders) to the house, then to the anniversary party.

Bev also addressed the national subsidy: she is looking into using their subsidy for both this and Wounded Warriors or, if we have other support, then leave the national subsidy for WW.

VOTE: To approve the wish list drive from May 20 to July 23, ending with a tour to Ronald McDonald House: M/S/P

Item #3.

Ronald McDonald's Director of Philanthropy is also planning a poker run. In the past, this was typically a motorcycle run. This year, they are asking the Porsche cars to join in. The run raised \$8000 last year. Our members could sign up for their event. They'll separate cars and motorcycles; probably cycles first, followed by the cars. This would fall under their insurance, not ours. Bev noted she was confident they're going to make it safe.

Tom noted that, since we are not allowed to co-host ax or track events, it would be reasonable to assume this also applies to driving tours. If so, then we could not insure it; not a joint event. He and Anastasia recommended we keep our name off it, but support its advertisement.

VOTE: To advertise the Poker Run event on our calendar members are invited but not as a PCA-SDR event: M/S/P

Item #4: Bev requested permission to have a holiday gift drive for Ronald McDonald as well.

VOTE: To approve gift drive for Ronald McDonald for XMAS; M/S/P

Social

Porsches & Parks March 29 to April 2: Victoria noted this was a great success. One car joined (already registered) the 4th day in. 6 Vineyard region members participated.

Preliminary reconciliation numbers suggest the tour will make about \$8000 profit, pending the actual audited outcome after Vineyard region pays for their expenses. The \$8000 would be San Diego profit, because they had bulk of attendees. Vineyard region would get \$1000, all pending final resolution.

Victoria is planning next year's tour to be the California trek, including Yosemite, Death Valley, Lake Tahoe and down the coast.

Porsches and Pours for Cider: 16 people signed up for \$30, to get tastings plus dinner. This is the first cider Porsches and Pours. We're doing that on Thursday.

Progressive Brunch, May 22: Kudos to Steve for suggesting brunch. She is still looking for an appetizers garage. Anywhere. The event is oversold right now.

Victoria: Updates on upcoming events including:

Top Gun: coming up. Tickets are \$20 and we buy out the front row so nobody else is in the theater.

Mystery weekend already oversold. Will make an effort to get into this if you're interested.

Progressive dinner in fall, other things after we have track dates for the fall

Victoria is "retiring" as Social Chair at end of year, so we need a new Chair. She is creating an opportunity for a new person to do this next year, after having done this for 9 years. A team of people might be a better solution going forward, given the number of events we are creating post pandemic. She is asking the board to please support me at this endeavor.

Tom Brown provided a review of the French Wine & Food event. He joked that the Porsches & Wine events seem to be curing the drought; in both Dec and this past one, they were both on the rainiest days of the month. The French Wine and Food event was another fabulous event, great food and great wine; the caterers were fantastic. There was a last-minute cancellation, resulting in a total 45 people. As a consequence, we lost \$5 overall. He noted that Anastasia did a great job with picking wine and helping pick the food.

Tom Brown: Wine Tour update: The tour starts Saturday, bright and early. It is sold out. Limited to 16 cars, and we have that, with hotels and the restaurants already engaged. This is a pricey and popular area to go to. For the first time, this year, we had people cancel. One had a family medical emergency. Another 2 canceled because the baseball

schedule changed due to the strike, and they had to work during the trip.

Bev Gould: Encinitas Cruise Night August 18: Nikko of Charlie's Foreign Auto is hosting this at his facility, on the third Thursday in August. We're trying to secure one street along the side, and we kind of inundate them. Last year, there were 108 cars. Dinner and drinks, T Shirts provided. Please advertise this early. 30 days before the event to get the T Shirts. He needs a basic number to get started on planning.

VOTE: To approve putting the cruise night on the calendar for Aug 18: M/S/P

Richard Trang: report on Cars & Coffee OC, date request: Margie Haas was very complimentary about the event. 48 cars signed up. The biggest concern was getting on the freeway. He was concerned participants might take off and dash down the freeway. 48 cars doing that would grab attention of CHP. So, they kept it going 60 on the freeway. A lot of people liked seeing another event with performance cars. Richard propose summer and fall dates to do it again: June 25, and Oct 15

VOTE: To approve the June 25 date for next Orange county convoy: M/S/P

Richard asked if this event can get sponsorship? Anastasia noted that we have declared no more sponsorship requests this year. We will start fresh in Sept. looking for sponsorships for 2023.

Werks reunion is planned for Aug 18, if the club is interested in doing a convoy for that.

DE/TT

Update from Mark Curran: Reconciliation from Feb 27 De/TT at SoW shows that Tom can now sleep at night over that \$5 loss from the French Wine event. The 62 drivers, cold in the morning, warmed up quickly, and there was no wind. This was a successful DE and TT, no incident reports. Streets of Willow stripped the track down and repaved it, so it was basically a brand new track. And it is safer, and wider down the waterfall.

Anastasia noted that they did raise their prices.

Mark's waiting for payments coming in for recent Chuckwalla event. There were no incident reports; everyone had a great time, and it was another successful DE school. The Southern Cal Drivers club had an event. Their goal is to look at our schedule for next year and grab the Fridays before to entice our drivers to come early to do their event on Friday.

There were 24 drivers with sub-2 minute times. There were so many GT3s on the track, the closing rates are dramatic.

Those traditionally in the red run group, and he noted that he would first have nobody behind me and the next thing five cars were right on my back.

Vinh noted the increase in new instructors. At end of the weekend at SoW, we had 6 new instructors, and added a 7th one this weekend, and 2 others who want to become instructors.

AX

EVOC update from Mark Curran: Mark called Michael yesterday, left a nice message about the board meeting, saying he would love to have an update for the board; no response yet. Mark noted they are looking forward to having us participate. When first spoke with him, they told us back then, the earliest would be the end of April.

Anastasia, asked if we have a consulting attorney that we work with. Tom noted that yes, there's one available, can we have their attorneys talk with ours to massage this along, anything to make it easier for you to move this along.

Tour Chair

Ian requested a May 1st Tour Date

VOTE: To approve the 1 May date, Tour to start in Rancho San Diego: M/S/P

Ian also had the budget request for tour leader hats: He had proposed distinctive caps for the tour leaders, so they would be noticeable when standing for the drivers' meeting. Tonight, he brought the budget request for them.

VOTE: To approve \$552.25 for the drivers' tour leader caps: M/S/P

Membership

Lana: update: Not here this evening

LTS

Loxie noted the May event venue is TBD. The proposed venue has not yet responded. Someone noted that Malcolm is doing May for a South-county venue; we needed a north county venue for April. Discussion was held about finding a new North County LTS chair, but no resolution has yet been found.

Malcolm provided a review of the March event. The LTS at Troy's Greek was well received.

Malcolm noted the venue for May will be the Casino Inn, Alpine. Anastasia noted that this location is delightful.

Tech Chair

Julie had a date request for May 21 @ Porsche SD, noting it was hard to pin people down on dates. She's working with Eric to confirm the date.

VOTE: To approve May 21 for a Tech Session at Porsche San Diego: M/S/P

Anything Else?

Dean Spooner addressed the recent approval of a grant from the county Board of Supervisors of \$78,000 to the SD Auto Museum. He's been a member of the PCA-SDR over 50 years. He showed us the poster approved to advertise the museum based on the grant; there isn't a picture of a car on it. He noted the Board of Supervisors aren't car people, but the board of the SD auto museum designed and printed a poster to advertise the Auto Museum that doesn't have a car on it.

Bev gave a thank-you to Tom and Ann for helping to get the website up and running. Every email she sent out yielded a wonderful response. She had 10 submissions already with multiple photos. The website looks great. All submissions are welcome. She and Tiffanie are planning to create a new database, and then Bev will pass it off to Tiffanie. As far as the competition goes, we're in good shape. The criteria is extremely specific, though.

Offroad tour: Participants had great things to say about this tour.

Adjournment 8:31 P.M.

Thanks to The Vault!

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 3 @ The Vault 

May Board Meeting

Location: Veloce Motors/The Vault, 9340 Dowdy Drive #102, San Diego, CA 92126

Attendees: Anastasia Berta, Rob Walker (zoom), Ian McIntyre, Eric Marc-Aurele, Steve Eisler, Tom Brown

President's Message

The Prom location has been selected, but it is still secret for now

National has changed the Test Drive program-- instead of 6 months for \$40, it is now 1 year for \$46

At the Zone 8 president's meeting the idea was discussed that affiliate members should pay dues and also be called "members". Lori (the Zone 8 Rep) will float this idea up the chain.

Secretary

VOTE: March Minutes Approval – M/S/P

Treasurer

VOTE: March Report approval M/S/P

Old Business:

Chairs needed for 2023: Social

Anastasia suggests a social event aimed at recruiting new social chairs from new members

New Business

The 65th Anniversary Party will be held at Kate Sessions Park, 7/23/22

Anastasia Requests approval for the park permit

VOTE: To approve \$345 (for 300-999 people) for the Kate Sessions Park permit – M/S/P

She will submit a budget for 500 people later.

She plans on requiring RSVPs and charging \$10 per person

Additionally, we will have dedicated parking spots and a band

Time of the event will be 2 PM to 8 PM, with prep from 12-2 and cleanup from 8-10

Anastasia also discussed holding a meeting about this topic: Organizers who spend a lot of time and have a reduced or impaired event experience due to their duties should have a reduced entry fee. She suggested a Zoom meeting to discuss with principals involved. Discussion ensued, with varying opinions presented.

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Another suggestion was to hold a sponsor night: A social to introduce members to our sponsors – the idea is tabled for now.

Chair reports

Social, Victoria –

Progressive Brunch: 39-of 50 cars attending, 11 more couples can still register

Movie Night: 69 of 76 sold, can get a larger theater if needed, if it does continue to sell

Mystery Weekend: 30 cars, it is sold out

Last Tuesday Social, Tom ---

April was very successful 41 attended (of 51 registered) at Del Luso Pizza in Carlsbad. They were very good to work with. Should remember them for the future.

Tom will talk to Sara Gengler about doing June, in Tom's absence (He will be at Parade). After that, Tom & Malcolm will handle North County, as necessary.

Malcom reports that the May LTS will be at the Casino Inn in Alpine

Tom reported that the Wine Tour made approximately \$600 profit and that a great time had by all, it was a very successful event. Financials are all done except for one more small check request to submit, which is included in this total.

La Jolla Concours: John Bell reported that this was a very, very successful event. Anastasia volunteered to work all day long, provided great food, the chairs are very appreciative. The Hospitality tent was extremely well attended; 250-300 members showed up (230 signed up). The high

quality food was very well received.

Time Trial: Mark Curran presented the Chuckwalla reconciliation, showing an approx. \$10K profit; however there was no massage therapist because not enough advance reservations were received. Attendance lower than January (perhaps because of Easter). The weather was great.

There are six new instructors. The next event coming up is Memorial Day Weekend

Mark will be hosting a team party at his home in June, his way of saying thanks.

He would like to incorporate another tour to the Oct 22-23 Chuckwalla event, like we did in 2021

Autocross – We have an appointment May 18, at 8 AM for a safety briefing at EVOC, another step in the process to contract with them for dates.


Tours – Ian reported 65 cars on the Borrego Springs tour; quite a few people stayed for lunch, they had great weather. Shiny happy people laughing.


Membership – Anastasia reporting – 26 new members

Tech Sessions – Anastasia reporting – Ceramic Pro event proposed for June 11, 18 or 25 at 9 A.M.

Vote: To hold the Ceramic Pro Tech Session event June 18: M/S/P

Witness -- Steve reported on Find the Gulls contest. The May issue will be the first one.

Meeting adjourned around 8:30 



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June Board Meeting

Location: Veloce Motors/The Vault, 9340 Dowdy Drive #102, San Diego, CA 92126

Attendees: Anastasia Berta (Zoom), Ann Archibald, Ian McIntyre, Eric Marc-Aurele, Steve Eisler, Tom Brown (Zoom)

Call to Order at: 7:11 P.M.

President's Message

65th Anniversary party will be Saturday, July 30 @ Kate Sessions Park

A cover band, Dazed and Confused, will play for us

Porsche Prom will be Saturday, January 14, 2023 @ Humphrey's Half Moon Bay

Secretary

Approval of Minutes

VOTE: To approve May Minutes: M/S/P

Treasurer

Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report

Ian will email copies of the Treasurer's Report to the board this evening. It will show a nice profit even after adjusting for events that have not yet occurred. Net income for current year is approximately \$53K.

He received an email from Victoria, noting some additional expenses would apply against Porsches and Parks tour, not reflected in his current report, but they won't materially affect overall the results.

VOTE: to accept Treasurer's report: M/S/P

Old Business

One vote between meetings was held to approve Ian's Tour date request for June 19

New Business

Anastasia requested a date change to Saturday, July 30, 2022 for the 65th Anniversary party at Kate Sessions Park. The band is not available on the 23rd.

VOTE: To move the 65th Anniversary party at Kate Sessions Park to Saturday, the 30th of July: M/S/P

Anastasia also requests up to \$10,000 of club funds to subsidize 65th Anniversary event. She is budgeting for up to 500 people. RSVPs will be required and we will charge members an entry fee of \$25/adult, \$10/child to help pay for fencing, porta pods, band, food, and alcohol.

VOTE: To approve a NTE \$10K for the event: M/S/P

Anastasia also requested permission to sign a contract with Humphrey's for a \$12,000 minimum (venue, food and beverage charges). She is working to stay within this budget, and doubts we will need to exceed this at all. This will provide us the entire restaurant, a room for the music and dancing setup, access to the outside views.

VOTE: To approve signing contract for \$12K for Humphrey's Prom night: M/S/P

Anastasia requested approval of Tuesday, August 9, for Spanish Wine & Food Tasting

VOTE: To approve the date of Tuesday, August 9, for a Spanish Wine & Food event: M/S/P

Anastasia also noted an addition to the agenda: We are coming up on board elections in September, and asked Steve to form the committee to recruit applicants and count the ballots. Michael Zurich has expressed a wish to run for the board. If you want to run for the board, talk with Steve about it. She also noted that he will recruit others if there isn't enough interest, but he noted there was plenty of interest already.

Chair Reports

Social

Updates on events from Victoria

Victoria: As Ian mentioned above, and she had noted last month, she was waiting for the Las Vegas hotel to give numbers. They cited an additional expense of \$2199 that was not yet included in the actuals for the trip.

Movie: We sold out 191 seats in 2 theaters. Nick and his wife Adele parked their car, featured in the movie, in front of the theater; lots of people took pictures in front of the car. She's received lots of emails thanking her for a great evening.

The Mystery weekend is coming up. She noted a request for a subsidy of \$5K to offset some of the costs that were unexpectedly large due to the inflation issues. Victoria agreed to submit a budget that included the increases for

a vote that would have to take place between this board meeting and the next to address the concerns prior to the trip in July. She also noted she would check with the possibility of sponsorship of the unexpected increases.

Victoria requested approval for a Halloween Progressive dinner on 29 Oct

VOTE: To approve 29 Oct for Halloween progressive dinner. M/S/P

Lastly, she requested everyone be actively looking and asking for someone to take over the social chair for next year. So far, she has not found someone to step up. Anastasia said she will ask for people to step forward. She also anticipates setting up something on the calendar for August to look for chairs for unfilled positions.

Malcolm Jarvis gave a report on LTS South. The May event was held in Alpine, and had over 25 people as the Casino Inn, despite the distance. He noted that it used to be a biker bar, and now is a nice family restaurant, with live musicians. They had good food, and the service was good. They did have karaoke last night, but nobody from Porsche club would get up. The evening was held outside, a pleasant evening all around.

The next South LTS will likely be around sushi

Sara Gengler was taking on LTS North County for June. She has set it up for the Windmill Food Hall in Carlsbad. It's on the calendar and Tiffanie has the info for the eblast.

DE/Time Trial

Report from Mark Curran

Mark reported on a successful weekend at Willow Springs; they held the DE/TT, and all the students had great time. He was there on Thursday, and helped with a carry-over from DK racing school on Thursday, and then prepped for our event on Friday. Temperatures were in the 80s, very pleasant since it had been over 100 two weeks before, but high winds affected times on the TT. They had a smaller turnout, probably because it was Memorial Day weekend, but they made a little over \$4k profit after all the expenses.

Mark noted that there are rumors that the track surface will be repaved during the summer (Big Willow, similar to what they did for Streets of Willow).

Mark requested approval to promote Grant Graber as a DE CDI

Mark noted that Bill Behun stepped down. Alex Filsinger was also not sufficiently available this year, as he was too busy with racing, coaching, and instructing. He will

continue to be involved with the club and will instruct if he comes to an event, but he's basically stepping down. This leaves Fred Yip and Murray Wunderly, and Mark is now asking to add Grant Graber to his team.

VOTE: To approve Grant Graber as DE/CDI: M/S/P

Autocross

Anastasia reported on the May 18 Visit to EVOC. About 14 people went to do the safety dance out there with them. They're just waiting for the attorneys to come forward with the contract. Anastasia noted that we also met with other clubs to divvy up the dates. She did a few laps with "Lt. Mike", but forgot she needed gas, and drove only 6 laps. They do have a gas tank on the property. We are looking at September, maybe early October to start AX at the EVOC.

Anastasia is planning a July 7 brainstorming dinner for the AX team. She requested up to \$300 budget for the dinner. She wants to look into doing things a little differently, and is requesting all CDIs, AX chairs, and others who are important in putting it on, like Steve, Vinh and Roger.

VOTE: To approve \$300 for the AX team dinner: M/S/P

Tours

Ian noted the next tour is planned for Sunday, July 19, Father's Day

Ian thanked the board for the short notice approval. As of lunch today, we have 67 signed up. More coming in every day. Eric: Do you have a plan for minor waivers, since it's for Father's Day? Ian said he'll emphasize that in reminder email. May have some onsite as well.

Ian was thinking about having Father's Day surprise gifts as well.

VOTE: To approve \$150 to hand out gifts for the fathers' day event. M/S/P

Richard Trang requested Saturday, August 6 for an OC Cars Convoy. Same concept, format, start/end, and timing as before. He had originally requested an earlier date, but date conflicts arose.

VOTE: To approve 6 August for OC Convoy: M/S/P

Membership

Anastasia reported that we had 19 new members in May, 3 transferred in, 3 transferred out. Current total 2,892, up 19 from last month

Let's go for 3000 by end of year.

Tech Chair

Julie wasn't there, but Eric from Porsche San Diego reported on the Tech Session @ Porsche SD

The Porsche SD tech session was a great event, with a lot of people noting they enjoyed it. They were able to examine the 2022 911 as well as the new GT3 and Turbo S up on lifts. That's a big attraction, allowing people to see from under the car. Eric noted Porsche SD would like to do another one at some point.

Anything Else?

A Short Executive Session will follow after 5-minute break

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

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Last Tuesday Social @ The Casino Inn

May's Last Tuesday social was held in Alpine. The venue was large and people arrived starting at 6:00. We sat outside in balmy weather but it turned a little cool after an hour or so. The chef won the first season of Hell's Kitchen and they had a nice variety of food choices all of which were enjoyed by attendees, which included the owner's (Kyle Clifton) mother, Connie. Karaoke was available but none of our members elected to display their singing talents. A missed opportunity...



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Thank you again for considering me for a position on the PCASDR Board of Directors. I have had the privilege of serving the last two years on the board as Treasurer and Director-at-Large and was honored to be encouraged to run again.

This club is run by volunteers, I get the most out of the club when I put effort into it. Over the last seven years as a volunteer I have helped organize rallies, been an autocross chair, picked up cones at the Performance Driving School, taken out the trash at concours, helped scrutineer racecars, and worked in registration for the Driver's Education and Time Trial team. I'm always happy to pitch in and help! I was honored that my wife and I were selected as PCASDR's 2017 Enthusiasts of the Year.

Serving on the board the last two years has been very rewarding. I have had the privilege of welcoming new members into our fold, assisting volunteers in presenting the club with new events, and working to direct the club in the interests of you, our members. I would be honored if you would continue to entrust your club to me as a Board of Directors member. I will work to welcome all our club members and encourage their participation. I will help the volunteers and chairs organize great events for our members. I will make sound decisions to leave the club in good standing. Thank you for your consideration,

Eric Marc-Aurele



Thank you for considering me for the 2022 San Diego Region Board of Directors.

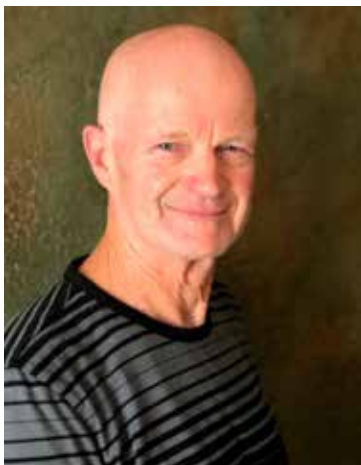
I know many of you recognize my name, but for those that don't, here is a brief background. I've been a club member since 1991; having joined with a friend and co-driving his 914 in autocross, DE and Time Trial. Since then my wife and I have owned a 914 of our own, a 1989 911, a 2010 Cayenne, a 2011 Cayenne and we currently continue to own a 1979 911SC, a 1996 911 Turbo and a 2017 Macan S.

I've been a steady club volunteer since 1995, having held a wide variety of regional positions over the years. I've been on the SDR Board of Directors four times so far, including holding the officer positions of Treasurer and President. Additionally I've held positions on the PCA Zone 8 staff (Webmaster, Rules Chair & Festival of Speed Chair) as well as positions on the national PCA staff (National Parade Chair and Zone 8 Representative). Along the way I was awarded San Diego Enthusiast of the Year, National Enthusiast of the Year and the Zone Representative's Award. Today I'm still very active in the region in a variety of ways that are both behind the scenes as well as public facing. Additionally, I remain active at national events, including being on the management teams for both Werks Reunion and the upcoming Rennsport Reunion.

As you certainly have surmised, I realized early on that the best way to enjoy this club is to pitch in and lend a hand. It is through volunteering that you really come to appreciate the club, its activities and its members. It really is an honor to be nominated for the SDR Board of Directors and I promise you that I will continue to work hard to make SDR the best region in PCA. Thank you for your support. PCA-Fueled by Volunteers!!!

Tom Brown

Ian McIntyre and Michael Zurich



Greetings, fellow Porsche Club members! It is my honor to submit my nomination for a position on the San Diego Region's 2023 Board of Directors. I joined the board in 2021 as a Director and for 2022 have held the position of Treasurer. I've been a member of the Porsche Club of America since 1995, when I joined the Arizona Border Region in Tucson. I spent four years in the Club there, including serving one year as Secretary on their Board, before moving to San Diego.

I have participated in many of the SDR activities and events over the years, especially those involving driving, including Autocross, Back Roads Driving Tours, HPDE and Time Trials. I assisted with route planning for Driving Tours in 2021 and for 2022 I have been the Driving Tours Chair. This is a challenging but very rewarding post as it has become such a popular event for so many of our members. Autocross competition has also been a passion of mine, and for the past several years I have served as Corner-Working Chair. Other Club events I have volunteered for were the 2007 Porsche Parade in San Diego, Festival of Speed at Auto Club Speedway, and as an instructor for our Performance Driving School.

In addition to PCA-SDR activities, I also graduated through the HPDE classes and racing school to a Competition license in NASA for track weekends, racing in the Porsche 944-Spec class.

My wife, Kathy, and I enjoy periodic Club social events, including movie nights, wine-tasting, and street nights. For the past several years, I have regularly attended the monthly board meeting evenings for socializing with fellow Porsche enthusiast members and to keep abreast of Club events, concerns, and plans. Having been a keen observer of proceedings for some time, and for all the benefit that I have derived from membership in San Diego Region of PCA, I feel that I can continue to contribute, as a member of the 2023 Board of Directors, my enthusiasm and experience towards furthering the growth, goals and objectives of our Club.



For me, driving my Porsche is not about the destination ... it is about the journey.

I don't use my Porsche as a daily driver, so when I decide to take it out- it's much more of an occasion. I love driving less travelled roads and sharing the experience with my wife and like-minded friends.

I joined PCA-SDR in 2018 after purchasing my first Porsche- a 2017 Boxster S. Within 2 years I was hooked on the "Porsche Experience" and upgraded to a 2016 Turbo S. My wife and I have definitely benefitted from all of the friendships we have formed and new experiences we have had with PCA-SDR. I've tried to "give back" to the club by volunteering to help in any way I can. I am currently serving as Chair of Sponsorships.

I am asking for your vote for the Board of Directors to contribute to PCA-SDR in a larger way. I look forward to helping organize some of the activities that make our club as enjoyable as it is, as well as working with the board to come up with new and exciting ways to engage our members. I hope to increase the camaraderie of our region and pride in PCA-SDR.

I am running for the board not only to help do my part, but to give a voice to all members. If elected, I would welcome any idea to make our club stronger. My question to all will be, "How can I help you enjoy our club?"

I am a retired Naval Officer and have recently retired from my career in ship maintenance. I have time to dedicate to this club and the board. Please vote for me so we can focus on increasing benefits to all of our members.

Thank you.

Michael Zurich, Lava O

Fred Yip



Hello fellow PCASDR members. I thank the nomination committee for encouraging me to run for the club's Board of Directors. With this nomination, I look forward to sharing my stories with you and the board, and challenging myself to help keep the club's engine at "full rev"!

My involvement with the club has been mostly on driving events. I started instructing autocrosses and DEs in 2010, got my national instructor training in 2011 (and 2014), then moved to serve as a DE/TT instructor at the big tracks. This year, I am honored to be serving as one of the Chief Driving Instructors for the DE program. I enjoyed meeting members who are new to track events. There are different personalities with different backgrounds, which make for interesting conversations and dynamics at times. To be honest, it is as much challenging for me to coach effectively as for the students to learn the track. And I strive for win-win for both of us at the end of the weekend.

When I'm not at the big track, I helped with autocross in pre-registration, on-site registration, logistics, and sometimes tech inspections. Like many other volunteers, I help where I can to make the events run smoothly. The camaraderie is strong in this club.

With this nomination, I hope to expand my involvement with PCASDR for other events like social, driving tours, concours. I am also passionate about introducing new members to the club and to Porsches. Thank you for supporting the club.

Fred Yip



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What Porsche did NOT tell you about the PCM

Article by Gerrit Osborne

My 2022 Cayman GTS 4.0 arrived without two expected features: sensors to open the luggage compartments and a PCM Wi-Fi internet signal. Everything else worked as expected, including the PCM “apps.”

Porsche deliberately excluded the sensors without informing buyers, and it appears that the “demo mode” of the eSIM card only provided a Wi-Fi internet signal for a couple of months. I set out to determine how to get PCM Wi-Fi.

Here are some things I learned on my journey that are not provided by the owner’s manual. (My ignorance will shine through here, and that embarrasses me.)

The PCM’s apps (including weather, parking, fuel prices, news, and Amazon music) rely on a telephone connection to the Internet. This telephone connection provides a “hotspot” for the PCM’s Wi-Fi Internet signal. (I must’ve thought that the PCM Wi-Fi signal came from the heavens above, as I was not “cognizant” of the fact that it came from the phone line until I realized it couldn’t come from anywhere else...)

After several months, literally, of back-and-forth between the Porsche dealers, AT&T, and the Porsche Car Connect operation (all of whom pointed their fingers at one another), AT&T sent me a hardware SIM card. It took over an hour on the phone with AT&T to get it activated properly, but finally I had a PCM Wi-Fi Internet signal.

My elation was short lived: fairly extensive testing showed that download speeds are 10 times faster on the “naked” smartphone (iPhone 12 in this case) than on the PCM Wi-Fi...about 80 Mbps vs. 8 Mbps download speeds. With no available evidence to the contrary, I will assume this is because the PCM’s telephone signal is shared with the PCM apps. In retrospect, since Porsche might reasonably expect its owners to have smartphones and that those users might easily use the phone’s Wi-Fi hotspot, it might make sense for Porsche to disable the PCM’s Wi-Fi capability after an introductory period. (If only they had told me!)

Thinking that I had finally resolved this issue (if only to wind up where I had begun) I began using my cell phone’s Wi-Fi hotspot to power apps like My Porsche. Yesterday I realized how stupid that was: the apps on my smart phone could simply use cellular data and avoid the Wi-Fi “hotspot” conversion.

In summary, here’s what I learned:

Background:

1. If you want your PCM to have Wi-Fi, you may need to add a hardware SIM card.
2. Cellular data download speeds are 10 times those of the PCM’s Wi-Fi,
3. App POIs displayed in the PCM depend on “Favorites” created on a smartphone in the My Porsche app, and PCM Wi-Fi is required to access them.
4. Apple CarPlay apps (and perhaps others) use Wi-Fi if it is available but may use cellular data if it is not.


Problem:

1. How do we enable Apple CarPlay, etc., to use the faster cellular data download function, while still having access to the App POI’s?

Solution:

1. Enable cellular data use for Apple CarPlay (and other) apps requiring Wi-Fi.
2. On the smartphone, require PCM Wi-Fi to “ask” to be enabled (rather than “auto-join”).
3. Only enable PCM Wi-Fi when access to My Porsche “Favorites” or other apps is required.

Note: If you do not do Solution item #2, you will likely be using the slower download speeds afforded by the PCM’s wi-fi.

I’m embarrassed to confess that it took me several months to figure this out. And, BTW, the PCM Wi-Fi had no internet signal “at all” until I added a hardware SIM card, which was another item that took several months to figure out. And my final note: for the PCM’s App POI’s to be available, you must disconnect Apple CarPlay. 

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PCASDR Mystery Weekend

Article by Belle DuCharme
Photos by Ted Witte

The coming together of fun people, exciting places, and stunning Porsches marked the PCA-SDR's Mystery Weekend event from Saturday, July 16, to Sunday, July 17.

Our "mystery tour" check-in began at The Pit Stop Diner in Oceanside, California. Known for its hearty portions of delicious food, those who wanted a great breakfast showed up early to break the fast. If you weren't hungry, the décor of the diner was a delight. The romance of cars, art, and gas stations of the 1950s-1960s was melded into a display of unique past pieces, evoking memories for those who lived in those times. A bench covered artfully with antique license plates and painted tire rims serving as table legs are just a couple examples of the "functional" art. An enormous, vintage Chrysler New Yorker graced the center of the large dining area. Keith V remarked that the New Yorker wouldn't fit in most of today's garages, "It's huge!"

First-time "mystery tour" travelers Walt, Jan, Larry, and Donna were excited to experience what lay ahead as long as "there was plenty of toilet paper" at the final destination.

Victoria V., our social chair, brought all of us together to share important information. Keith V.'s safety speech highlighted the need for "defensive space" between the cars. Matt handed out the maps to our first leg of the journey.

We were headed to West Coast Exotics in Murrieta, California. Our map took us along some roads, such as De Luz

Road, where we were reminded why we drive Porsches. Lots of twisty and tight turns along a beautiful stretch of road in the lovely countryside of Fallbrook.

Sharing the road with us from SDR were members of other regions, including Los Angeles, and from as far away as Utah. Ted and I were happy to see our good friends Fidel and Victoria Gonzalez.

Many vehicles on display are for sale, adding to the crowd's buzz. West Coast Exotics, a warehouse of dream cars, sponsored an event for exotic car enthusiasts that included a live band and some of the most exquisite vehicles imaginable. A Ferrari F8 Tributo 2020, and a Lamborghini Huracan LP580S 2017 to name two. The founder, Eric Curran, showed his passion with the impressive display of exotic, luxury, and muscle cars sure to please the most discriminating car lover.

Our next leg of the journey was revealed to be lunch and exploring the Porsche Experience Center Los Angeles in Carson, California. A beautiful facility, all about Porsches, and renowned for its 53-acre track where instructors teach drivers to improve their driving skills behind the wheel. For our fun and learning, there were Porsche driving simulators in their simulator lab where your driving skills are tested without going onto a track. Their attentive technicians were generous with their time. Ted W. commented, "It was a lot of fun; braking and gas felt strange but racing the car through

Nick and
Lorraine



Harry and Maureen

the course shows you the best approach to each corner. It also shows you when to brake by going green to red in each corner.”

Lunch at the facility was at the Speedster Café Patio. All enjoyed delicious deli sandwiches, chips, cookies, and soft drinks.


At 3:00 PM on Saturday, we all returned to our cars for the last leg of the journey. Maps were passed out, revealing we were headed for Pasadena, California. We would all check-in and spend the night at the Residence Inn by Marriott in Old Town, Pasadena. We all met for dinner at



Charles and Christina

the Il Fornaio, a classy Italian restaurant with great food, on West Union Street at 7:00PM. It was a fitting finale for a wonderful day.

It's not just about the cars but always about the people. We all enjoyed the conversation, the laughter, the sharing of the journey, fine wine, and scrumptious food to complete our wonderful mystery tour.

Whether you want to see old friends or make new friends, along with experiencing new and exciting locations and events, the mystery tour is the way to get it all in one weekend. 

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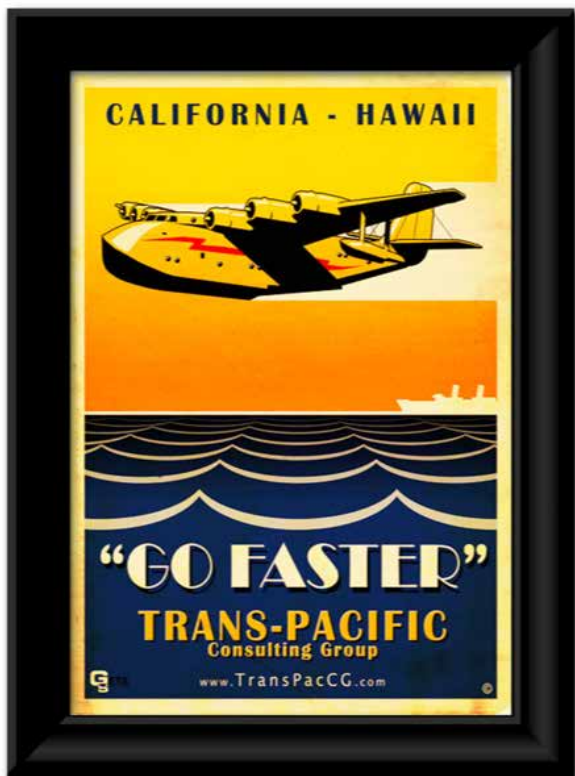


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View from the Back: August Edition

Article by Steve Eisler



Major League Baseball calls August ‘the dog days of summer.’ They’ve already played 120 games and have been at work for six months with only a few days off. And, it’s the hottest and most humid time of the season!

PCA-SDR track junkies are experiencing their own ‘dog days of summer.’ After 4 exciting TT/DE weekends, we are in limbo as the temperatures at our desert tracks soar. In the last few years several of us have braved the heat and signed up with independent groups that offer track days on those courses that are still opened. Mornings are usually tolerable but, in the afternoon, you need to watch your gauges and cut your sessions short if the engine temperatures get too high.

With only one event, Willow Springs on May 28-29, to report on this quarter, I have decided to interview one of our long-time members and veteran drivers to learn about the Club’s racing history, and get some tips on how to move up from the back of the pack.

Mike Avitt is a San Diego native, who went to school here and started drag racing a 1970 Ford Maverick in AHRA in 1972. He raced throughout the West Coast and traveled as far as St. Louis for the Gateway Nationals, setting several class records along the way. He eventually modified the car to compete in NHRA competition when the tracks in the West were converted to NHRA. After being competitive for a few years, a rule change would have required a \$10,000 engine rebuild to continue to be competitive. After drag racing for about 12 years, it was getting too expensive to continue

racing, the Maverick was sold to a racer in Texas, and Mike left the world of the straight ¼ mile drag strip.

Twelve years later, in 1994, he was driving an ’85 Carrera near the ‘Jack Murphy’ Stadium and noticed something going on in the parking lot—a PCA-SDR autocross. His wife Angela said, “That looks like fun. You ought to try that.” I am very proud of our wives and the support and encouragement that they provide when their husbands want to go racing. And I am especially proud of wives like Angela and my wife Kathy who go further in their support and join us at the autocrosses and at the tracks. They make racing feel like a family endeavor, not just a personal hobby.

Mike learned to AX from our excellent PCA-SDR instructors, as we all did, and soon was competitive in his class. After one year he felt that the stock 911 did not offer the opportunities to work on and improve the engine as he had done in his drag racing career, so he selected a 1986.5 Porsche 928 for its front engine configuration that matched his experience with the Maverick. “I knew it would not be much of an AX car, but I wanted to get into TT and Club racing. I added a race seat, a roll bar, headers and a chip and was ready for PCA Time Trials at Holtville and the stadium parking lot.”

In 1997 he went to a POC TT at Willow Springs in his stock 928 with automatic transmission and street tires and did a 1:39 lap. (Side note: 25 years later in my Boxster S track car, I am just starting to do 1:39 laps on that track.) He continued to improve his TT times, switched to better tires and, in

1999, enrolled in the POC Racers Clinic and qualified to drive in real, wheel to wheel racing. After several years of POC racing, he decided it was time to convert the 928 to a real race car. He worked in his own shop with a friend, and they stripped out all of the extra weight from the car, removed sheet metal where they could, fabricated their own pieces and parts as necessary, added Lexan windows and a roll cage. "If I was going to do this right, I needed to replace the automatic transmission with a 5-speed manual. I worked with Mark Anderson at 928 International, and he said that I was just the second person that he had heard of that completed that conversion."

His first PCA club race was at Fontana in 2002. "To slow us down going into NASCAR Turn 1, they added some movable barriers. The problem was that the barriers were too light, and the wind caused by the cars going past the barriers moved them so there was only room for one car at a time through the barriers! They soon decided that it was safer to remove the barriers and let us go through turn 1 at racing speed." In 2002 he raced in both the PCA club races on the West Coast Series and the POC races. It was, "the busiest year of my racing career."

I asked him to go back to his early years on the track and recall some of the experiences that helped him become a better driver. He commented that he had a group of friends that went to the track with him and were doing about the same times. They worked with each other and compared ideas to help each other improve their times. He said that learning correct braking technique and "gaining the confidence to not lift going into the turns" were challenges for him in the early years. I found this very interesting since I have had the same problems and am still working on improving in these 2 areas. Also, I started improving my lap times when Kevin Sechrest, Brian Fraser, Alisha Wray and other members of the Boxster Brigade started going to a variety of TT events together and ran in the same run groups. Mike was 20 years ahead of us, but it was good to hear that we were on the same path and experiencing some of the same challenges that he did.

I also asked what advice he had for new Porsche owners or current owners that had just purchased a different Porsche. "Go to school," was the reply. "Get to the best school that you can find and learn what the car is capable of. The cars are far more capable than we are. You need to have someone show you those capabilities, so that when you get on the highway and something happens, you know how to get yourself out of a bad situation." After that first PDS, autocross, DE, or Porsche Experience event, further training is up to the individual. Some people will choose to progress through AX and DE to Time Trials, and even to Club Racing. But, "A lot of people will not want to beat up their very expensive cars by going to the track. If they went to an AX or a DE event every year or two, they could refresh their

skills and be prepared to handle emergency situations, like a spare tire from the SUV in front of you dropping in the middle of your lane on the freeway as you are driving at 70 mph!"

When I began participating in driving events in 2013, Mike was Time Trialing in a 2004 GT3. In 2015 he upgraded to a new GT3, and last year he moved up to a 2019 GT3RS and broke the track record for his class twice in his first two outings. With his history of starting in a stock 928 with no ABS or stability management systems, I wanted to know if he preferred driving 'no nannies' or drove with the latest stability controls engaged. Mike said he had no desire to return to the old days and always drove with the PASM engaged on his GT3RS, but that use of the nannies was dependent on the skill of the driver and the effectiveness of the system. "There is a big difference in the system on GT cars and what is available on the standard 911 model of the same year. When you begin driving, you should use the PASM to help you find the limits of the car and to 'save' it when you make mistakes. As you improve, the PASM will activate in a corner that you know that you can negotiate at a faster speed. When the system becomes intrusive, it is time to turn it off. The GT3 system is so efficient that only a professional driver would find it intrusive and turn it off for a better time. Once you learn to drive within the parameters of the system, it only makes you better. There have been several occasions where I have made a mistake (turn 8 at Willow Springs) and felt the rear end get loose, and the PASM made the corrections to keep me on track and saved me a lot of money. PASM is my insurance policy."

Finally, I asked for a single piece of advice that all of us could use to get better and improve our times. "Review the fundamentals," was the reply. "We all learn them, but just forget them from time to time. Sometimes it takes an instructor to sit with you and point those things out. I was driving at COTA with a pro-driver in the car, and he said, "You're not looking at the apex." We all know that we need to look at the apex, but sometimes we get so focused on looking further up the track that we forget the fundamental rules." When the dog days of summer are over, I am definitely going to spend a session or two concentrating on the fundamentals.

DRIVER EDUCATION AND TIME TRIAL AT BIG WILLOW

Our last racing event of the spring was held on May 28 and 29 at Willow Springs. The temperature was not a problem, but the winds were formidable. I helped Kathy walk across the paddock to the restrooms to keep her from being blown over by the 35+ mph gusts, and lap times were generally slower due to the winds. With only 48 drivers, the traffic was light in all 3 of the TT groups. The DE group only had 4 drivers, so they really had a great opportunity to work



Angela Avitt

on their car handling skills without being concerned about passing cars.

Several of us took advantage of DK Racing School's DK Precision Driving School held on Friday, May 27. Dwain Dement, who has driven over 100,000 laps at Big Willow, and his Co-Chief Driving Instructor, Martina Kwan run an excellent program of small group instruction geared to first-time drivers through experienced Time Trial drivers. The program included 3 hours of track time, an excellent track walk, detailed debriefings after each session, and lunch and dinner. For the past 2 years I have tried to find a group that was renting the track on Friday before each of our Time Trials. Getting an extra day of driving for each trip to the track has helped me improve my times and get used to sharing the track with cars that are much faster and, sometimes, even slower than mine. Getting an extra day at the same track, plus an excellent instruction program featuring professional drivers, was a double bonus! There will be another DK Precision Driving School before our September 17-18 DE/TT at Big Willow.

My Yellow Group (for the slower cars) had just 16 drivers. Newcomer, Jake Stone, coached by Mark Curran, had the fastest practice time in the group – 1:35.45. Another newcomer, Kirk Fertitta, with Terry Barnum's instruction,



Almost Twins

recorded a 1:37.37, and Alberto Abreau in a Spec Boxster had a best time of 1:36.24. Victor Burns did a 1:41.11 in practice and won class CC08. Rory Davis ran a 1:39.08 with instructor Grant Graber and won class CC14. For comparison, the TTOD was 1:26.52 by Murray Wunderly, and the tenth fastest time was recorded by Vinh Ly in Class CC10 – 1:33.58. I have included a picture of myself and my "almost twin brother," Harry Sullivan. Harry was born 3 days before I was and, when we are on the track, we raise the average of the Yellow group substantially! We may be older and slower but we are faster than the billions of drivers who have not attended a driving school since high school. Anyone can be a Porsche owner, but only attending a driving school, learning the limits of your car and how to control it in an emergency makes you a Porsche driver.

If you have made it all the way to the last page of this issue, I have a few requests: be sure to read Belle DuCharme's article on the Mystery Weekend, look for hidden Gulls in this issue and enter the contest, get registered for Big Willow in September, submit your votes for new board members, and watch your email for news of the return of PCA-SDR autocrosses! No matter what events you choose to participate in, you will always be a winner because, 'It's not just the cars, it's the people.' 🦅



Proof!! Angela and Mike have grown better looking together. With their 78 911SC and matching red shirts to Mike receiving his first place POC trophy in January of this year.



The Avitt's 928

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1988 944 Turbo

Tom Bordyczewski
Poway, California
2005 911 Turbo S Cabriolet

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Bonita, California
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Don Chadwick & Audra Chadwick
Vista, California
2007 Cayman

Cannon Christian
San Diego, California
2011 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

Steve Clute & Holly Turnbull
Carlsbad, California
2017 Macan Turbo

Kevin Cooper
Escondido, California
2019 718 Cayman S

Carlos Cordova
Vista, California
2007 911 Carrera S

Brian Danielson
La Mesa, California
1988 944S

Ade Fadey
San Diego, California
2013 911 Carrera

James Fait & America Fait
Chula Vista, California
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Encinitas, California
2018 911 Carrera S

Bernardo Lombrozo
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James Macdowell & Wei Wang
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2022 911 Turbo S Cabriolet

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Carlsbad, California
2014 Cayman

Jeff Marazoni
Carlsbad, California
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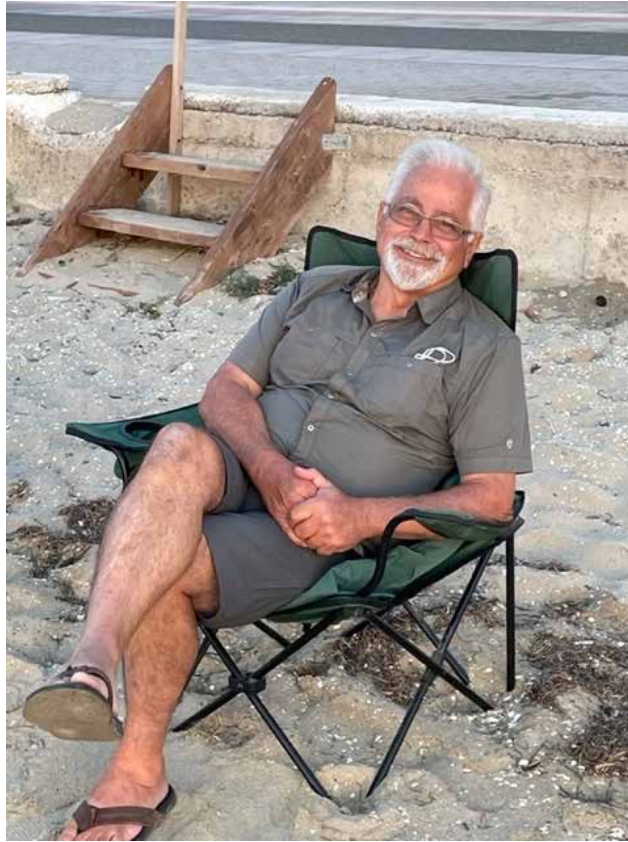
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Kyriakos Sougias
4/23/1957 - 7/2/2022

Kyriakos (Charlie) Sougias, 65, of Cardiff by the Sea, California passed away unexpectedly on July 2, 2022 from a cerebral hemorrhage and had an Ateriovenous Malformation (AVM) unbeknownst to him.

Born in Thessaloniki, Greece, to Maria and Nikolaos Sougias. At the age of 10 in 1967, his mother, Charlie, and sister in tow immigrated to Los Angeles, speaking no english. He quickly learned the tricks of the trade and scraped by as best he could. He moved to Leucadia, California in 1969 and there, planted his roots in the Encinitas Community. Charlie graduated from San Dieguito High School in 1975. Undoubtedly by fixing his teacher's cars.

His love of cars began at a young age. In 1978 he opened his first automotive repair shop, Charlie's Foreign Car in downtown Encinitas. Dreams of expanding his business along side his wife, Shelly Sougias became a reality in 1988 where the shop is located today. Charlie retired in 2016, but never far from the community, he could always be seen riding his bike along Highway 101, enjoying a cup of coffee at a local coffee shop, having a beer visiting with his friends, and always picking fruit from his garden. His love for travel, always on a quest to find the best dessert/gelato around. Words he lived by, "life's uncertain, eat dessert first." Dad, we hope you've finally found it.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Shelly of 43 years; his son Niko Sougias, his daughter Julia Solarez, his sister, and his three grandchildren that he adored even more than ice cream. 🕊

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