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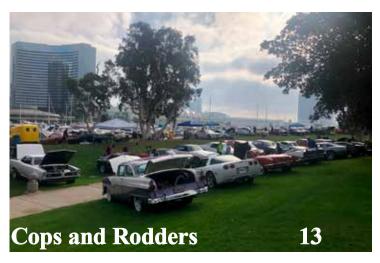




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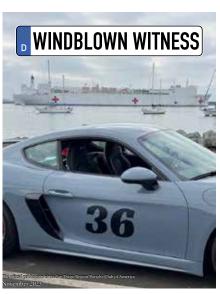




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# Through The Windshield

Tom Brown SDR President

As I write this, our 2023 region Concours is tomorrow. This will be the first Concours we've hosted since 2019. No denying it's been a little slow to develop, attendance is down, but we still have a respectable turnout. Call it a building year, nevertheless, I still expect it will be a great event. We always have a terrific turn out in the display corral, with a lot of people bringing their Porsches down to hang out for the day and enjoy the beautiful weather and scenic park on the bay. By the time you read this, I'm sure we will have memories of another excellent day with PCA-SDR.

Speaking of that, in September we held the first event in our newly revived autocross program, and it was definitely a success! Jason McClure and crew put a lot of time, effort, and enthusiasm into it, and it was not wasted. Our next installment will be on November 26. Don't miss it!

Also in September, Susan and I attended Treffen in St Louis. If you aren't familiar with Treffen, it is a club event managed by national that is sometimes referred to as a mini-Parade. That's not really accurate, as it doesn't have most of what makes a Parade, but what it does have is a lot of fun. It is a three day event, two days of which are filled with driving tours (there are usually 5-6 to choose from). Each tour introduces you to the area either by exploring neighboring towns or taking you to interesting local activities. The third day has bus tours available to additional tourist attractions, or can be a free day in which you can follow your own interests. Additionally, each evening is capped off with a banquet. We'd been to St Louis before, but the opportunity to explore the local area outside of the city was a treat. We even spent a couple of extra days in the city so we had plenty of time to compare and contrast several examples of the local specialty: BBQ Ribs. And I can't remember how many times we stopped by a local landmark, Ted Drewes Frozen Custard.

This is certainly the year for national events here on the west coast. It started with the Parade in June, then, in August, Werks Reunion was back during Monterey Car Week. It was another fantastic event. Werks has definitely taken a seat at the table during Car Week as one of the big, regular events on the calendar. This event is a "casual" Concours along with a big display corral. Once again we had ~600 Porsches between the judged cars and the corral in an amazing golf course setting in the heart of the Monterey area.

A month later came the event we'd all been waiting for: Rennsport Reunion 7. Held at Laguna Seca Raceway for the fourth time, with 91,000 tickets sold, this was the biggest one ever. (About 10,000 more than last time, if I recall correctly.) This event is a celebration of Porsche racing, show-casing Porsche history with the cars and drivers of yesterday and today. Our PCA tent was the scene for numerous autograph sessions with dozens of famous race car drivers,

several PCA podcasts, and live interview sessions with celebrity racers and instrumental individuals from the Porsche factory. I even had a brush with fame when Patrick Dempsey literally bumped my shoulder while walking by. As always, PCA sponsored a special display (this year's theme was paint-to-sample colors), parade laps so that club members could drive the track, and Porsche only parking corrals for club members. I know PCA's national executive council was very pleased with how this turned out, with many saying it was the best Rennsport ever. Five year's from now we'll see if this one can be topped!

Next on the national agenda is ÜnStock. This is a Cars-n-Coffee style event that features a display of cars that are not stock, as you might have guessed. To qualify for the display, your car needs at least 3 visible modifications. By the time you read this I'm sure the special display will be full, but be sure to plan on attending. Bring your Porsche and come see the excitement. In addition to all the cars there will be music, vendors, and food trucks. For the first time, it will be held in San Diego County, at HRE Wheels in Vista. They have a great venue, with an expansive shop and storage warehouse as well as a parking lot befitting such an event. There will be car displays inside and out (allowing you to explore their amazing factory) as well as all the spectator cars in the lot. Save the date: Sunday, November 12.

Also in November we will see the return of Tech Tactics West. Again, this will the be first time we've seen this event since 2019 (the COVID pause). This is National's tech session. Two full days of sessions (each day is identical) with the experts. Some sessions are hosted by knowledgable club members, such as those on our national Tech Advisory Team, and others will be hosted by factory experts. This is always a very popular event, selling out every year. It will be returning to the VW/Porsche training center in Eastvale (near Riverside) on November 18 and 19 (one week after ÜnStock).

One last heads up for you: Our annual formal banquet, the Installation Dinner, will be held on January 13, 2024. This year it will be held at the all new Lafayette Hotel in University Heights. The Lafayette has just undergone an extensive, multi-million dollar refurbishment and looks to be the perfect venue for a party such as ours. Come celebrate the successes of 2023 and kick-off the 2024 year for PCA-SDR!

I leave you with this photo I took of my 911SC at Cars-n-Sunset. Cars-n-Sunset was the latest brainchild from our Cars-n-Coffee expert, Richard Trang. Richard normally hosts Cars-n-Conversations, our take on the early morning get-together. He felt we needed to try a nighttime version and we are very glad for the idea. It was a worthy event, and I'm happy to say I was able to attend.

## SDR: Who We Were-Who We've Become

John Straub SDR Historian

Let's look back at the first ten or so years of SDR with some major events and names. Starting in 1956 the first Porsche Parade was put on by the Potomac Region on the East Coast. This is sort of a national convention put on by a different Region of PCA every year. Those of you that just attended the recent Parade in Palm Springs now understand. San Diego Region has held three Parades over the years, however not in the first ten years of PCA. Our first Parade was in 1977 chaired by Tom Hauseur, Sr., the second in 1992 chaired by Tom Hauseur, Jr. And our third Porsche Parade was in 2007 chaired by Paul Young. I have been lucky enough to attend about 30+ Parades now, and with no second thought San Diego's Parades have been the best!

In the first eight years of SDR our Presidents were; John Bowman—1958, Keith Ewton—1959, Rodger Tompson and Paul Madigan—1960, Roland Johnson—1961, Wally Cole—1962, Keith Ewton—1963, Jack Rober—1964, and Tom Hauseur, Sr—1965. If you think back, all these guys were driving 356 cars at that time, no 911s.

Not to be left out, our Windblown Witness Editors were; Roland Johnson, Jerry and Dawn Lehrer—1961, Wally Cole—1962 and 1963, Keith Ewton—1964, and George La Dam in 1965.

Some of our early events; Progressive Dinners, Tech Sessions, Tours, Rallies, Concours, Election Dinners,

Installation Dinners, Weekends, Autocrosses at Del Mar and Mission Valley (Before the Stadium was built) at shopping centers. Our high-speed events started in 1962 in Brawley. In 1965 we started to head up to Riverside Raceway for out-of-town speed events. We had not discovered Holtville yet, but it was coming. And again, remember everyone was driving 356s. The cars to beat at the time were the Porsche push rod Speedster or a Carrera Coupe or Speedster.

In those early years the club was small, kind of like a family. Everyone knew everyone else and the type of cars they drove. And as you look back at those early events you can see that traditions were starting that still carry on today. Also, as you read through all the names above, I'm sure most all of you don't recognize them, however they were the members that started to shape San Diego Region to what it has become today.

Remember, the new 911 was coming and most 356 owners were not very positive about it. Change is sometimes hard.

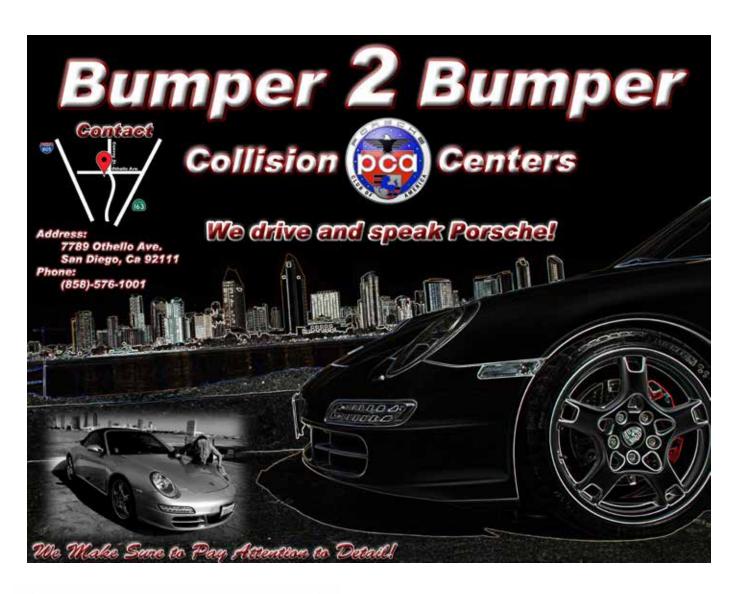
That's all for now until the next issue.

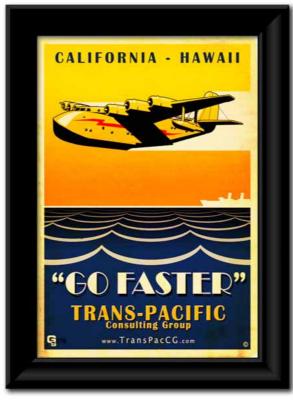


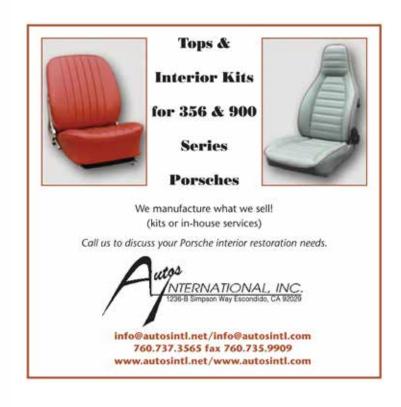
Tom Brown's SC at Cars and Sunset



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# Stuttgart Market Letter

Overall, the Porsche market rebounded from a poor August to the levels we saw in July with a 71% sell-through rate, producing \$31,018,453 off 595 vehicles offered for sale. However, some markets did better than others, as the 992 market continued to soften.

Of the five 992 GT3s to cross the block, three found homes, and not a single unit was bid over \$300,000, including a lone GT3 Touring 6-speed. Winged cars struggled as we saw the lowest bid on record of \$218,000 for a 2022 GT3 6-Speed finished in Paint to Sample Linden Green with a host of CXX options, and only 1,000 miles failed to sell. On the non-GT front, we saw a well-optioned 2022 91 Carrera S Coupe with a 7-speed and sticker of \$167,000 sell for \$151,000, showing that 911s are starting to trade below MSRP more regularly.

Another market that has continued to soften this month is the Boxster Spyder market, with the biggest surprise being a 900-mile 2022 718 Boxster Spyder that sold for \$115,000, making it the lowest sub-1,000-mile Spyder we've seen to date. Following that trend, we saw another sub-1k 718 Spyder fail to sell at a high bid of \$114,500.

964 Carrera RS also had a rough go of it, with a rare Rubystone N/GT example failing to sell at a high bid of \$282,000. Earlier this year, we saw a five-year high for a Rubystone N/GT at \$401,000, so to see this example fall so short was rather disappointing. Adding to the disappointment was another 964 Carrera RS that failed to sell at a high bid of only \$153,000. These no sales were more affected by the quality of the cars offered than an overall market decline, as one had paintwork and no records, and the other had an accident history and was located in Germany.

But it wasn't all doom and gloom as several cars reached twelve-month and five-year highs. At \$127,000, we had a Guards Red 1990 911 Carrera 2 Targa 5-speed achieve a twelve-month high due to its remarkable condition and only 16,963 miles. We also had another superb Targa reach a five-year high with a 1970 911E Targa with all original paint, original interior, matching numbers, and fully documented mileage hit \$153,000.

The two most surprising sales of the month came from models we don't typically see on these pages. The first was a 1979 928 5-speed refinished in Minerva Blue Metallic over Black leather with Pasha-style seat inserts. The stunning color combination and a recent refurbishment by a marque expert produced a \$100,000 sale, a far cry from the \$30,000 928s we see on our typical auction day. The other was a 1974 914 2.0 in Signal Orange over Brown equipped with the Appearance Group Package, 15" Fuchs alloy wheels, and a Stoddard muffler. This example finished in an interesting color combination and in original condition, brought a new twelve-month high of \$64,000.

While not a terrible month, many markets were still far from their Spring numbers. I believe we'll see the new cars continue to soften through the Fall and into next year while some of our classic models, like the 356 and 993, start to even out and most likely pop back up come Spring. Only time will tell. Happy bidding.

David K. Whitlock is a writer for The Stuttgart Market Letter, a daily market update for Porschephiles, by Porschephiles, delivered free to your inbox. To sign up, go to: www.stuttgartmarketletter.com





July's LTS was held at the Hacienda Casa Blanca in El Cajon and proved to be a little Yin and a little Yang. Several members who attended this event were regulars with one having patronized this restaurant for 40 years. All four regulars praised the food quality as did several first timers

However, with only one server, John, for 30 people, it meant that some waited to put their order in or get their order an inordinate amount of time. Nevertheless, given the constraints, he did a great job of eventually getting food and drinks to everyone. Unfortunately, in the hustle and bustle there was some confusion and several of the food orders did not arrive as advertised. One Queso Fundido came without the flour tortillas or the important sausage and a salad was missing the cheese and the sour cream.

The joint was jumpin' as the Hacienda is quite big with many large rooms most of which were close to full. They had a three piece band in the large room we were seated in and they played the entire time we were there.

The music was very good, mellow rock and roll mostly from the 60s and 70s including The Eagles, Cat Stevens and John Denver. Almost every song was easily recognizable by the mostly middle-aged attendees.

Between the crowd noise and the three piece band, having a conversation with your neighbors proved difficult but in the end, everyone had a great time and enjoyed the atmosphere and food, and I even received a few thank-yous for arranging this LTS. Next month is Italian!



November 2023

# San Diego Auto Museum Exhibit

The San Diego Automotive Museum (SDAM) is interested in hosting an exhibit that would highlight Porsches through the years in the spring or summer of 2024. At the July meeting, the PCA-SDR board approved a proposal to solicit member cars for exhibition at the museum with the idea of promoting our club and making the public aware its many activities. We already have a tentative promise of a couple of really special cars from an outstanding local collection.

This announcement is to solicit members who have cars that they would be willing to loan to the museum for a period of time to be specified, but probably between 1-4 months. The exhibit would not necessarily be static, but might involve the rotation of cars for variety or the convenience of our loaner-members.

The museum curator, Maria Romano de Leon, would like to

have an exhibit theme, but it will depend on the availability of cars. I can imagine the exhibit evolving in several different ways, so if you love your car, I am sure others will as well. Each of the exhibited cars will have an associated description that will include its characteristics, but also any interesting history and provenance. Both the owner and the PCA-SDR will be acknowledged. If for any reason, the owner would need to retrieve his or her car, that would be quickly arranged. The museum is fully insured and has a standard loan arrangement.

If you have any interest in loaning your beautiful, interesting, or unique Porsche for such an exhibit, please contact Steve Hedrick (PCASDR-2013, smhedrick@mac.com) with an expression of interest along with a brief description and pictures of your treasured Porsche.



# Cops and Rodders Show

Article and pictures by Frederick Adler



Sunday at Embarcadero park was the annual "Cops and Rodders" show. I certainly am no "rodder" but it is a fact that the earliest Targas in the late 1960's were used by both the German police (Polizei) and the Japanese police since they were great pursuit vehicles. Well, I crashed "Cops and Rodders" as a "COP" car partly because there is (or rather was) no better venue in San Diego and the day was gorgeous sitting below a shade tree with a sea breeze blowing. Here are few pictures of that show. Of course, I did not win anything (other that the 50/50 raffle: \$295 to me!) since there were no "classes" of awards for my car. I could not beat a 1965 Pontiac convertible in the "convertible class". Oh well, the money made up for it. And "no" the cop rotating light on the Targa was not permanently attached. It was just a battery powered police light.















# July Board Meeting

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

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

Call to order at 7:08 PM

President's Message

Welcome!

Votes between meetings:

August 6 Driving Tour – Approved August 13 Petersen Museum Tour – Approved June meeting minutes – Approved

Porsche Parade Report

Overall a good event, weather was cooler than expected. 98 entrants from SDR, roughly 10% of the total attendance, largest of any region. David & Monica Staser won Honorary Judge's Choice with their 1966 911 at the Concours. TSD Rally resulted in a 0-point tie score, a Parade history!. The winners are (Paul Young Sr, Paul Young Jr) and (Lisa Gould, Jessica Toney). 3 of them are SDR members!

Thank you to Eric and Krishelle Marc-Aurele, Anastasia Berta, and David Cardone for hosting the SDR Region Party at the Parade – it was a great event!

Secretary- No report

Treasurer

Slightly lower in YTD income in July. Healthy bank balances overall. Vote to approve the Treasurer's Report  $-\,\mathrm{M/S/P}$ 

**Old Business** 

HRE Open House Report – Val and Wendy

The event was fantastic. Many people visited the SDR booth to learn about the club events. There were many Porsches at the event also

Highly recommended to participate again next year

Thank you, Wendy, Val, and Anastasia for representing the club.

Nom Comm Report - Eric

5 people are willing to run for the board next year. All of them are highly regarded candidates. Roger Bush, Jason McClure, Emily Dearborn, Val Hanke, Ashley Andreoli. A couple more candidates have been lined up for interest.

**New Business** 

Find The Gull Contest

The contest has received 15 to 46 entries per Windblown Witness issue over the past year. Advertisers are interested in signing up again. It was suggested to improve the contest. The idea is to add a special word in a Witness article or meeting minutes. Whoever finds the word may submit an entry to win a prize. This is to motivate members to read all the Witness articles.. The prize is suggested to be an award of \$100 that can be used toward any SDR event. Up to 3 winners are randomly selected per issue, with a maximum of \$1200 per year. There were various concerns from the board. The idea did not get unanimous approval

**Anniversary Awards** 

A small number of members applied the award toward SDR events like DE/TT at Big Willow. The club will email members to encourage them to use the award, also notify them that the award will expire after 1 year.

Emailer

It was suggested to put the member's name in the subject line for the weekly club emails. The goal is to encourage the members to read the email. A mail merge software is needed to customize the email subject line. It costs \$29. Steve may purchase the software and get reimbursed

Club Reserves

A question was raised on how to use the club's bank reserves, for example, for charitable contributions. The board will add this to next month's agenda to discuss San Diego Automotive Museum - exhibit proposal. Steve Hedrick, a 10yr SDR member, is a volunteer at the museum. He encouraged SDR members to lend their classic cars to the museum for display. Race cars welcome. He would like the club to advertise this opportunity in club emails, forum, and/or in the Witness. Steve to provide the museum's display schedule for the board to consider.

Chair Reports

Cars and Conversation

Update from Richard

PECLA tour had a good turnout of 25-30 cars in the caravan. A great event overall. It was one of the largest crowds in PECLA's monthly Morning Shift events.

Petersen Museum tour has 40 signup's, 20 cars, so far. More are expected. The tour date is 8/13.

Thank you, Anastasia, for running the C&C in June. The July event is on 7/30 at Balboa Park. The theme is midengine Porsches.

#### Cars and Sunset

Location is at the Silver Strand State Beach. The proposed date is Oct 7. There are fees involved like parking and permit fees. Richard to present the budget proposal at the next board meeting. Vote to approve the Oct 7 date for Cars and Sunset – M/S/P

Note: this is a separate event from the monthly Cars and Conversations events

#### Autocross

#### Update from Jason

A new trailer storage location has been secured. The monthly fee is \$193/month. Location is gated and secure, and the landlord is easy to work with. Vollig, the current storage facility, has not billed the club for trailer storage in 2023. The club will settle the fees from Vollig when Vollig bills us. Motion to move the trailer to the new storage venue with a fee of \$193/month – M/S/P

#### New autocross dates:

The venue is North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre in Chula Vista. The available dates for autocross are 9/10, 10/8, 11/11-12, 11/26, and 12/17. Nov 11-12 is for PDS. Vote to approve 9/10, 10/8, 11/11-12, 11/26, 12/17 for autocross and PDS dates - M/S/P. The dates need to be finalized with the Amphitheatre's management before adding them in the club's calendar. Big thanks to Jason for getting the trailer repaired and setting up the AX and PDS dates

Off-Road Tours - No update

Social

Report from Emily

Eastlake Village Walk Report. 20 cars and 30 members attended. It was a lot of fun.

Progressive Dinner Report

40 attendees. Budget reconciliation submitted. Great event. Everyone had a great time.

Mezcal Tasting. Proposed 8/11 for the event date. Vote to approve 8/11 date for Mezcal tasting – M/S/P

Last Tuesday Social Update

Janie

41 members attended at the Bluewater Grill

The weather was beautiful with patio seating. Good food and service. There was an issue with parking and unexpected fees. It was resolved with the restaurant's management. The August location is TBD

TT/DE - Mark, no update

**Driving Tours** 

Update from Ian

The next driving tour is on 8/6, registration opens on 7/12. There is a limit of 80 cars. Waitlist accepted. The navigation software used for the event is no longer free. It now costs \$80/car. Ian is looking for an alternative software that provides turn-by-turn guidance. Paper route is still an available option.

Oregon & Washington Driving Tour Reconciliation

\$4500 profit, \$5500 with sponsorship. Great income for the club.

Membership

Update from Rhonda

3068 total memberships, up 119 from last year

Tech Sessions

No update

Anything else?

Looking for Volunteer Party/Installation Dinner location suggestions appreciated. Contact Tom.

Adjourned 8:50 PM

Thank you, John Bell, for providing water and sodas. Thank you to The Vault for hosting us!

Next Meeting: August 1



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Call to order at 7:05 PM

President's Message

Welcome!

Tom - Only serving one year as Director, moving into Advisor role for 2024

4 open board positions in 2024, 4 candidates in the running

One of the incoming directors will only have one year, as they will be filling in for the second year of Tom's term, since he is leaving a year early.

Secretary

Review and approval of the July minutes. Vote to approve the July board meeting minutes - M/S/P

Treasurer

Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report - Ian

Break even month, slight decrease in cash due to the advanced deposits for the AX venue. Vote to approve the Treasurer's report -M/S/P

Old Business

Nom Comm Report – Eric

Advise next year's Nomination Committee to start the process early. Happy to see good candidates running for next year's board

**New Business** 

Z8 Classification Website - \$6 month

Some changes to the Zone rules. PCA National has decided that Zones should not be hosting events. Events will be hosted either by PCA National or by a region. Zone representatives are still needed. They are intended to be advisors to the regions. The intent is to return the Zone to be an advising role.

As a result, Zone8 expenses such as the Zone8 Classification website is to be taken over by the SDR region..Tom has been administering the Zone8 Classification site all these years, so it makes sense for the SDR region to maintain and fund it. The cost is \$6 a month..For Zone8 log books, the printing cost is to be assumed by the SDR region. It was suggested to move to electronic log book. The board is open to a proposal. The budget for next year's printing cost will be reviewed and approved next year. The owner of the Zone8 rules are TBD.

Vote to approve the Zone8 website's maintenance cost of \$6/month – M/S/P

UnStock on Nov 12. Car shows for modified Porsches. A PCA event.. The next show will be hosted in San Diego

Sunday Aug 13 - British Car Club car show. Council member, Keith Verlaque, who is also a PCA-SDR member, asked to borrow a dozen radios from the club. Radios and chargers are in the AX trailer.. The club needs the radios back by 9/10 for the AX event

Vote to approval for Keith to borrow a dozen of club radios – M/S/P

Chair Reports OffRoad Tours - Garret

Date Request – Saturday, Nov 18 (changed to Offroad Tour instead of SUVs 'n Donuts). Vote to approve the Nov 18 date for Offroad Tour – M/S/P

Autocross

Update from Jason

Budget for the next 4 AX's. Secure 4 events with deposit made, save the dates email went out. Trailer ready to go to storage this Friday 8/4.

The PDS dates for Nov 11-12 are no longer available.

The timing light issue is to be resolved before the 9/10 event.

Vote to approve the AX budget - M/S/P Cars and Conversation.

Report from Richard

Cars 'n Sunset

Requires permits from City Parks and Recs office to host

the event at Silver Strand. The club to get an exclusive access to one parking lot for the event. Fees include parks, security, permits, allow a mobile coffee truck to come in. Budget of \$1250 for the event, maximum 50 people admitted. Vote to charge \$20 per member for the event, the club to cover the rest of the cost, max attendance to be 50 members – M/S/P

Cars 'n Conversation

The July 31 event saw the largest turnout of 90 cars. Tying in with Werks Reunion, the August event will feature a mini judging of the cars by the participants. People's choice awards will be given. Proposed a \$100 budget for the prizes for 3 awards. Location is Mt Soledad lower parking lot. Sponsors may be arranged. Richard to work with Val

Vote to approve \$100 spend on the August C&C event -M/S/P

Social - Malcolm

Last Tuesday Update

The July event was at Hacienda Casa Blanca in El Cajon. The venue was loud. Only one waiter was serving 30 people. Some people waited long for their orders. But the live band and music were fantastic. Huge margaritas were served. Overall, everyone had a great time. The next event will be held in North Park – Italian restaurant

TT/DE - Mark

Registration opens on August 6 for the September 16-17 TT at Big Willow.

Driving Tours - Ian

The Navigation Tool costs \$79 for an annual subscription. Need 13 of them.. There is a cheaper option of a 3-day subscription for \$5

It was suggested to try the 3-day subscription for this Sunday's event. Consider providing annual subscriptions for the planners and regular leaders in the long run. For occasional leaders, it may be better to go with the 3-day license.

For the upcoming driving event, the \$60 cost for the 3-day subscriptions may be submitted by Ian and reimbursed from the chair's budget

Membership - Rhonda

3059 members, up 112 YoY

Adjourned 8:05 PM

Thank you, John Bell, for providing water and sodas. Thank you to The Vault for hosting us!

Next Meeting: September 5



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November 2023

# September Board Meeting

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

Attendees: Tom Brown, Steve Eisler, Rhonda Hicks, Eric Marc-Aurele, Ian McIntyre, Rob Walker (zoom), Fred Yip

Not present: Anastasia Berta

Call to order at 7:04 PM

President's Message

Welcome!

Votes taken in-between board meetings, via email:

Software for Driving Tours – approved the budget of \$734 for 4 events per year.

Mystery Weekend Budget – approved

Volunteer Party – approved the date of 11/25 and budget of \$15K

AX corner worker flag purchase – approved budget of \$645

Concours Budget (10/14) - approved

August Meeting Minutes - approved

Secretary

No update

Treasurer

Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report

No significant event in August financially. The report includes the quarterly distribution from PCA National. Overall, expenses were higher than income for the month, due to fee paid for trailer storage at Vollig. With the new storage facility, the fee will now be paid monthly. Pre-paid track rental for Big Willow TT + AX expenses. YTD income of \$27k, lowered but still on the positive side.

Vote to approve the Treasurer's report – M/S/P

**Old Business** 

SDR Election – Votes due by September 15

UnStock – date and location announced

Car show celebrating modified Porsches, a PCA event. Date is November 12. Location will be in Vista at HRE Wheels

New PCA region – Palm Springs Region. It is the 16th Zone 8 Region. Formed by members of the Riverside Region

SD Auto Museum – Porsche display

Steve Hedrick presented the idea in a previous board meeting. He wants to move forward in 2024. Looking for volunteers to display their cars at the exhibit. The cars are expected to be on display for at least a month. Ask to advertise the event in the Witness. The board may consider displaying PCA promotional materials at the museum. Details will be worked out as we get closer to 2024

**New Business** 

Steve – Phone call brigade to welcome new PCA-SDR members. Need new volunteers to make the phone calls. Bruce Wing agreed to join the brigade – thank you Bruce!

Do we want to change this up? Should we include general directors from new board as part of their duties?. The next board may decide what to do next year.

Doug Shirachi, a local business owner in Sorrento Valley, called to advertise that he has vehicle storage space for rent. There is another space in Orange County. PCA-SDR was asked to spread the words for their storage facility and member's lounge. The club will respond to requests for promotion like we do with any other business, by offering to let them buy advertising.

Rennsport Reunion 7 Parties

John Bell RR Party on Thursday 9/28 -- \$1250 request for dinner for 50.. House address to be announced, 6:45-10 pm, after event closes. Drinks and desserts provided. Sign up a weekend before the event. Excess food and drinks to go to Bruce's party on Friday

Bruce Wing RR Party on Friday 9/29 -- \$1040 request for 40. At Laguna Seca's RV park near Turn 10, after 9 PM. Door prize included. Cold drinks and beer provided. John to donate some prizes as well

Vote to approve party budget for both parties – M/S/P

Porsches & Pups Charity Event

Del Mar Dog Rescue – a club member proposed to promote

the charity event through the club. Parking lot at a brewery with food trucks. Dogs, Porsches, and family are welcome. Photographer will be on site, dog rescue swag will be sold to raise money. PCA Membership booth may be set up to promote the club – Val volunteered to host the booth. No date picked yet

No objection from the club, as long as the date doesn't conflict with major club events. Vote to approve the promotion of the event, contingent on no conflict in date -M/S/P

Chair Reports Autocross - Jason

9/10 event is on schedule. Sign-ups at max capacity. Tech inspection arranged with help from Bill Behun. Equipment fixed, checked, and ready to go. An expense of \$225 to recharge fire extinguishers, and \$425 to repair timing display.

Vote to approve up to \$650 for AX equipment repair – M/S/P

10/8 event will not happen, because the amphitheater cannot clear the parking lot from the event the day before the AX. Suggest to notify members of the cancelled event. The cancellation will also be announced at the 9/10 AX.

National League of Young Men, La Jolla Chapter. They would like to visit and witness our AX event and request a docent from the club. The goal is to bring awareness to the young boys of car events and car maintenance. Mark Curran volunteered to be the docent – thank you, Mark!

The board suggested to host the group in a future event, but not the upcoming 9/10 event. The group will need to sign minor waivers. Parents need to be present at the event also

Cars and Conversation - Richard

Reconciliations for Petersen Museum Tour, People's Choice Awards provided to the board. Petersen Museum Tour - 71 signed up, 63 members and 35 cars showed up. A successful event that netted over \$1100 in profit. Many attendees are first timers for an SDR event and first timers for the museum.

Mt Soledad C&C last month – 2nd largest turnout, People's Choice awards handed out. Coffee truck saw good business. Weather was perfect!

The September event will be held at Shelter Island – the theme is Rennsport, with focus on race cars, track prepped cars.

Cars and Sunset – registration is open, 35 members signed up so far, maximum capacity is 50.

Social - Emily

Oktoberfest with Garage Collective – Oct 28. Beer garden, food truck, PCA-SDR invited along with BMW and Audi clubs – celebrate German car culture. Not PCA event. Unclear if it is a paid event. Location TBD

Vote to promote the event to club membership on Oct 28 – M/S/P

Attended a 944 event from Ohio – Emily plans to submit a report to the Editor, to be published to the Witness

Last Tuesday Social

Update from Malcolm

 $September-Italian\ restaurant$ 

November – Seafood restaurant

Janie

August event at Goli Restaurant in Rancho Santa Fe. 46 signed up but only 28 showed up. 7 waitlisted members could not attend because other members did not cancel before the event. Consider asking members to cancel officially to free up spots for waitlisted members

October - Mexican restaurant

Installation Dinner budget. Porsche prom in January. Estimated 100 members @ \$125/head. \$7000 subsidy expected, double of last year's subsidy

Vote to approve the Installation Dinner's budget – M/S/P

TT/DE - Mark

Next TT is at Big Willow on 9/16-17

Welcome a new DE CDI – Shawn Flanagan

Welcome a new TT CDI - Murray Wunderly (formerly DE CDI)

Vote to approve both CDIs – M/S/P

Driving Tours - Ian

Date of October 29 (Sunday) requested

Vote to approve the 10/29 event – M/S/P

Looking for a navigational tool, preferably a low cost one. Check with Tom Gould for rally software on mobile phone Thank you, John Bell, for providing water and sodas. Thank you to The Vault for hosting us!

Next Meeting: October 3



Membership - Rhonda

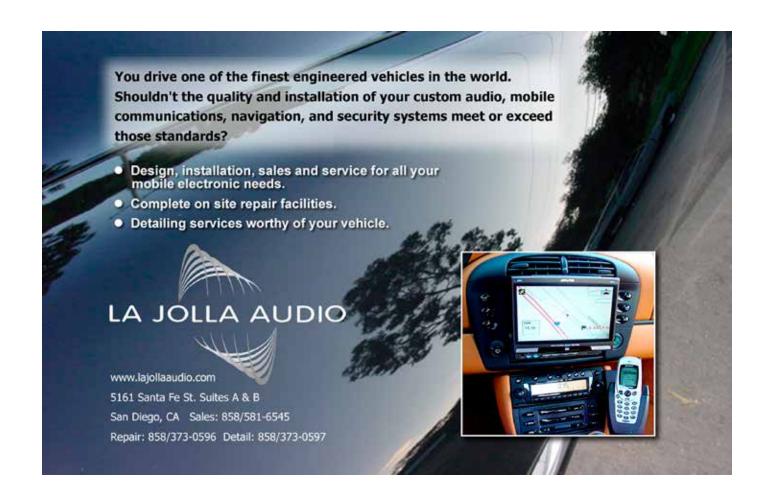
3067 total members, up 149 YoY

Werks Reunion in August

Attendance down 50, a negligible decrease. A big collection of Porsche street cars were on display

Adjourned 8:18 PM

See *pcasdr.org*, or our Facebook page @PCASanDiegoRegion for more infomation on all events. Next *Witness* — February 2024!



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# October Board Meeting

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

Call to order: 7:06 PM

President's Message

Welcome!

Votes taken:

F1 Viewing Party at the Garage Collective on September 23 - approved.

Grand Prix Region DE/DE Instructor School @ SOW on October 16 - approved.

Porsche San Diego Tech Session on October 1 - approved.

**Election Numbers** 

Total ballots of 97 received. Mail-in ballots from 32 primary members, 16 co-members. Online ballots from 32 primary members, 17 co-members. The number of votes is similar to that from previous years.

Election Results – 2024 Board members are:

Ashley Andreoli (new) Emily Dearborn (new) Valerie Hanke (new) Jason McClure (new) Eric Marc-Aurele Ian McIntyre Fred Yip

2024 Officers were selected on October 2:

President-elect – Eric Marc-Aurele Vice President-elect – Valerie Hanke Ian McIntyre and Fred Yip will continue to serve as Treasurer and Secretary respectively

Fall Treffen 2023. Tom attended the event in September. A PCA national event, held in St Louis this year. Great driving tours and social gatherings

Rennsport Reunion 7 – September 28 to October 1

A Porsche-only event that focuses on Porsche race cars and

its motorsport history. It is held every 3-5 years. A recordbreaking attendance of over 91,000 over the 4-day event. This year also coincides with the celebration of Porsche's 75th anniversary as a company. Many generations of Porsche race cars were on display and racing on track. Tom hosted at the PCA hospitality tent. He met many members, local and from out-of-state.

Reminders for upcoming events: Volunteer Party on November 25 – Harbor Cruise. Installation Dinner on January 13 2024 at the Lafayette Hotel. Details will be announced in the club emails

Secretary

Approval of the September meeting minutes.

Vote to approve the September minutes, pending updates to address the board's review comments – M/S/P

Treasurer

This month saw an increase in YTD net income to \$35k. Overall bank balance also saw a healthy increase. The increase came from mostly driving and social events

Vote to approve the Treasurer's report – M/S/P

Old Business

Autocross Fire Extinguishers. The cost has increased from the previous estimate, to the actual amount of \$776.

Vote to approve fire extinguisher service of \$776 - M/S/P

Rennsport Reunion 7 Party Report. Update from John Bell. An enjoyable party on Thursday evening. About 65-70 in attendance.. Good food and enough beer and drinks for everyone.

John was also interviewed in radio talk show, by host Boring Jeff, from the local KSCO station.

Porsches & Pups Charity Event, the proposed date is December 10. Given the date does not conflict with other PCA events, and the board has voted for approval based on this condition, no further voting is needed for this event.

Chair Reports Autocross

Update from Bill Behun on behalf of Jason. September AX went well, with 65 cars registered. AX CDI's gave check rides for 10 non-PCA drivers. Joseph Parsons was approved to be a new AX instructor. Welcome Joseph!. Also

welcome 2 new volunteers to the tech inspection team. The course was made from two parking lots connected together. It was a safe and fun track.

The next AX is on November 26 at NICU. The parking lot is expected to be re-paved by then.

Cars and Conversation - Richard

The September event had a good turnout of 60-70 cars. For October, the location and featured marque are to be decided. Looking for suggestions for a new venue

Cars & Sunset – October 7

Registration was full at 50 attendees, with a wait list of 10 people. The event may accept the waitlisted members, with the possibility of being charged additional fees by the city. The board is ok with incurring additional fees to accommodate more members for the event.

Social

Mystery Weekend is coming up on November 4-5

Last Tuesday Social Update

Malcolm (not present)

The feedback from the September event was great.

Janie (not present)

The October event is at a Mexican restaurant in San Marcos, on Halloween day.

Request to move the December event from Tuesday to Wednesday. The new date is December 27.

Vote to approve the new date of 12/27 for the December LTS – M/S/P

Concours

On October 14 at Spanish Landing. It is an all-day event. Need more volunteers for various duties such as guiding traffic, managing the crowd. Brian Ambrose, Jay and Melissa Guan, Anastasia signed up to be volunteers. Thank you!

TT/DE

Update from Steve E. and Mark

The club's timing equipment was stolen. Mark was able to enlist Dennis Chalfont to support timing for the September TT event. After much effort, the TT team managed to get the timing results posted to the SDR TT website. The team

is looking to purchase new timing equipment, hopefully by December. Dennis will be available to support timing for the October and December events. Thank you, Dennis!

Report from the September event at WSIR

It was a TT only event, with 56 drivers. The track has been repaved for half of it, with the remaining part slurry sealed. Track runoff areas have also been graded to blend smoothly with the track surface. This makes the track a lot safer to drive on.. Overall, it was a safe and successful event. Congratulations to Murray Wunderly for winning both TTOD and BRI

WSIR Budget Reconciliation from Eric. The event netted a profit of \$4200. The next event is on October 21-22. It is a DE/TT event.. 75 drivers signed up so far, 13 of which are students

The 2024 dates for CVR have been secured - January 6-7, April 20-21, October 26-27. The dates for the other tracks are to be finalized

Vote to approve the 3 TT/DE dates for 2024 – M/S/P

Driving Tours - Ian

The next Driving Tour is on October 29. It starts and ends at North County Fair in Escondido. The route is about 144mi roundtrip. Registration opens on October 4

Tech Sessions

Rightlook on October 28. Rightlook is private education school that offers training on auto detailing and reconditioning. It has been in business for 25 years. Ruben, a SDR member, works there. The tech session will train 10-15 club members on auto detailing, scratch removal. The shop has limited space that accommodates up to 15 cars. Looking for ways to allow more members to participate e.g., move the location to another member's warehouse (Jay Guan), or run multiple sessions for different groups of members. Details of the event will be finalized and announced later.

Vote to approve the tech session date of October 28 – M/S/P

Membership - Rhonda

Total membership is just shy of 3100, up 166 YOY, with a strong renewal of 83%. SDR is the largest region in Zone8, and ranked 12th nationally amongst 148 regions

Adjourned 8:17 PM

Thank you, John Bell, for providing water and sodas.

Thank you to the Vault for hosting us! Next Meeting: November 7.

## Find the Gull Contest

November's Find the Gull winners were new member Varun Arora, who won an SDR Award sponsored by Comeau Racing Enterprises, and Eric Marc-Aurele who won a gift from Black Forest Automotive. Varun's SDR Award can be applied to the entry fee for any PCA-SDR event that he wants to attend.

Any member who reads this month's magazine ads and finds a gull like this one can be a WINNER! Just follow the directions below to enter the contest and win a prize awarded by the advertiser. This could be merchandise, a discount on a service bill, a free tech inspection, an SDR Award, or whatever the advertiser decides to award. There will be one winner drawn randomly for each Gull found. If you find more than one Gull, you may make an entry for each Gull you find.

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# Willow Springs: Faster Track Faster Cars Article and photos by Greg Phillips

We started back at Willow Springs after our summer break. Our usual team was a little bit short as Dan Chambers and Mark Rondeau were not able to make it to this event and Vollig Motorsports was also missing in action. To try and help supplement the track support, Black Forest had Stephen Peterson helping out with track support and bringing out extra tires for some of the drivers.

After checking in at the track, we set up in one of the garages and got everything unloaded from the cars. Friday is a "test and tune" day at Big Willow and there were several Porsches along with other cars out on the track checking out the new surface that had been laid down recently. Marc Correl was testing out his 996 after major repairs from a previous off at Willow and he rolled up to the garage and said that the car was making a noise and the rear suspension seemed to have shifted. Steve took a look at the car and was able to see that there was a loose brace in the rear suspension and recommended that he take the car over to be checked out by Dwain Dement as he had a lift at Willow. Luckily it turned out to be a brace with a missing bolt along with some loose bolts in the suspension and he was able to get it put back together and finish out the weekend.

After setting up at the track and getting everything unloaded we were able to head back to the event hotel where they were doing registration and were able to get checked in. Then it was time for dinner. After dinner we reviewed some video and got ready for the next day. It was an early morning start as we grabbed some breakfast food and headed to the track. First stop was to fill up with gas in my Boxster and then on to the track. I had a short instructor's meeting and then it was time for the driver's meeting. The first wrinkle for the weekend was that the timing equipment and computer were missing from the storage trailer and there was no time to buy replacements. Thankfully Mark Curran was able to find Dennis Chalfont who had the necessary equipment and worked with SCCA and POC for their timing and was available to do timing for our weekend.

The next wrinkle for the weekend was that there was not a DE group and we were running with just 3 run groups for the weekend. Our schedule had 30 minute sessions for most of the day. Unfortunately in the 90 degree weather they turned out to be long sessions.

The third wrinkle was the track surface. It had been repaved from the front straight to the Omega and the rest was resealed. Even in the warm weather, grip was improved and times were expected to be quicker. And they were. For many years, 1:30 was the Rubicon that separated the fast cars from the really fast cars. In the cool of the morning in the first session, the Red1 run group had six cars under 1:30, led by Murray Wunderly (CC16) at 1:25.3. In my Orangel run group, there were 3 drivers at 1:33, led by Mark Huxhold (CC10). I was further back at a 1:39.72 in my CC10 Boxster S. There was some traffic but with the long sessions, waiting and coming out later led to fewer traffic issues.







Next I was up with my student John Blenkle in his Spec Boxster. John had already been solo and run at Big Willow so we were mainly trying to improve his line around the track. We started out slowly and then his pace improved, and his best lap was his last one at 1:43.3.

The next session in Red2 was also fast with now 9 drivers under 1:30, again led by Murray Wunderly's Turbo at 1:24.6. In Orange2 there were now six drivers at 1:33 with Steve Grosekemper (CC10) leading at 1:33.1. I had improved slightly to 1:37.1 but only ran 9 laps before coming in. In Yellow2 John had a little more traffic and his best was again at 1:43.4, but he was getting more comfortable in turns 8 and 9.

In Red3 it was a quiet session with only 10 drivers out and just running from 3-9 laps each. Murray was consistent at 1:25.5 and Vinh Ly (CC10) turned a 1:32.9. In Orange3 Steve was down to 1:32.5 with Sagar Dhawan (CC10) close behind at 1:32.7. I stayed at 1:37.1, even with the warmer track. In Yellow3 John's SPB improved to 1:43.1.

During the lunch track tour, Stephen was able to take out the 911SC for parade laps and check out the track. After lunch, the times were slower, and in Red4 Bryant Nguyen (CC16) led at 1:27.1 with only 8 drivers out on track for the session. In Orange4 Steve's 1:33.0 was followed by Matt Cline's Miata (X) at 1:33.8, and I had slowed down to 1:38.7, just behind Mark Curran (CC06) at 1:38.5.

For the last session of the day in Red5 there were only 6 drivers out, led by Mike Avitt (CC17) at 1:26.9, followed by Terry Barnum (CC15), Grant Graber (CC16), and Bryant Nguyen under 1:30. In Orange5 Skip Motsenbacher had improved to 1:32.7, with Matt Cline at 1:32.9. I turned a 1:37.8 but felt less grip in turn 6. I came in and checked the tires, and found I had corded the inside of both front tires. In Yellow5 John went out solo and improved to 1:40.3. Chris Lerch (CC14) was the leader of Yellow at 1:37.2.

After the track was cold, Mark Curran did a track walk and Steve and Stephen worked on getting tires swapped. I had a used set to replace the corded fronts and we were ready for Sunday.

We headed back to the hotel where we were able to review some of the video after dinner before turning in for a slightly later start on Sunday. We were able to have breakfast and waffles at the hotel in the morning and then head to Rosamond for gas before returning to the track.

The first session of the day in Red6 was lightly attended with only 9 drivers led by Mike Avitt at 1:24.5, Rich GIldersleeve (CC17) at 1:26.3, and Greg Adelman's (CC14) Boxster at 1:28.6. Orange6 was busy as a few of the red drivers came out to play in Orange with Murray and Mark Manda's (CC18) Fabcar Cayman turning fast times under 1:30 along with Carl Vanderschuit (CC14) and Matt Cline

in the 1:31 range. Skip Motsenbacher, Sagar Dhawan, Angela Avitt (CC16L), Jake Stone (now in CC12 with his new 3.4 motor), and Steve Grosekemper all in the 1:32 range with the cooler temps. I stayed at 1:37.8, with slightly less grip from this set of tires.

Red7 once again had Murray leading a fast pack at 1:25.7 followed by Grant Graber, Terry Barnum, Carl Vanderschuit, Greg Adelman, Fred Yip, and Tom Arter, who were all under 1:30.

In Orange7 it was Mark Manda leading at 1:25.7 with Skip Motsenbacher improving to 1:30.9!

In Yellow7 Mike Jennings' McLaren M2C (X) led at 1:38.2, with Roger Bush (CC09) next at 1:38.3.

The next 2 sessions were lightly attended with only 6 in Red8 and Red9. I also skipped the last 2 sessions and saved my tires for timed runs. Orange8 had 15 and Orange9 had 12. Yellow8 was better attended, but there were only 8 in Yellow9 after lunch and the TT drivers meeting.

Then it was time for timed runs. The weather was still warm with not too much wind and the times were fast. TTOD went to Murray Wunderly (CC16) at 1:24.01, followed by Mark Manda (CC18) at 1:25.81, Mike Avitt (CC17) at 1:26.17, Bryant Nguyen (CC16) at 1:27.24, Terry Barnum (CC15) at 1:27.36, Rich Gildersleeve (CC17) at 1:28.22, Grant Graber (CC16) with a 1:28.46, Fred Yip (CC12) at 1:29.48, and then the CC10 pair of Sagar Dhawan at 1:30.79 and Vinh Ly at 1:32.28 to round out the Top Ten.

Boxster Spec went to Chris Keefer at 1:34.07 and CC04 had Ben Smith at 1:40.45 ahead of Shawn Flanagan at 1:41.33. CC05 was won by Blake Bastain at 1:39.76, and CC06 was Mark Curran at 1:36.53. In CC07 Diane Cafferata turned a 1:43.11 to beat Mark Bastain and Randy Blaesi. In CC08 Victor Burns turned a 1:40.12 to beat Glenn Crawford and Steve Eisler. In CC09 Andrew Correia turned a 1:37.88 to nip Roger Bush at 1:38.25. In CC10 the top 2 were Sagar and Vinh, followed by Steve Grosekemper at 1:32.43, and then Mark Huxhold, Mike Miller, and yours truly in 6th place. In CC12 Jake Stone was second at 1:33.85 behind Fred Yip.

In the L classes, for CC10L Michelle Huxhold had a 1:44.55, and in CC17L Tammy Gildersleeve had a 1:34.05. In the X classes Russell Shon's Lotus Exige S turned a 1:33.99, Ashley Andreoli's M3 turned a 1:39.86, and Sean Taheri's M240i turned a 1:47.41.

After timed runs it was time to load up the cars for the drive home and get ready for the next event at Chuckwalla Valley Raceway in October, and then finish up the season at Buttonwillow in December.



The August LTS was held at Goli Pizza Coterie, in Rancho Santa Fe. We had a group of 28 club members attend.

Some of the favorite menu offerings enjoyed while listening to live background music were Parmesan Brussels Sprouts, Mexican Salad, and Shrimp Pesto Pizza. Specialty cocktails offered were the "911 Carrera" a Classic Vodka Martini and the "718 Spyder" a Spicy Margarita.

Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the evening and look forward to seeing more SDR Porsche Club members at the next LTS.





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Kathy and I just returned from our third Rennsport Reunion. The word 'renn' in German means racing, so this was a reunion of significant Porsche race cars, racing legends who drove these cars, and thousands of Porsche owners and enthusiasts. The first Rennsport Reunion was held in 2001 at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut. Reunions II and III were held at Daytona International Speedway in 2004 and 2007.

In 2011 Rennsport Reunion IV moved west to Laguna Seca Raceway near Monterey, California, which has become the permanent RR home. We attended RR V in 2015 and RR VI in 2018 and were amazed by the number of rare and historic racing cars flown from the factory museum that were on display. In addition, private collectors brought their treasured racing cars to be seen and raced. That is right, there are 7 classes of legendary Porsche race cars spanning seven decades that practice and race on the famous Laguna Seca track during this 4-day Porsche extravaganza!

We left Escondido on Wednesday morning and passed several Porsches on I-5. We stopped for lunch at the Black Bear Diner, at the Arvin exit, as we always do on our way to Buttonwillow. There was a GT-3 and a very nice yellow Cayenne in the parking lot. We heard the people at the next table talking about RR 7 so we struck up a conversation about Porsche experiences. One of the ladies looked familiar. She said she was a PCA certified driving instructor trainer, and that she had raced Porsches, Ferraris, and many other makes all over the world. She introduced herself as Lisa Taylor,

owner of Flying Lizard Racing Team and the largest collection of 'paint to sample' Porsches in the world. Her 2020 Cayenne in the parking lot was the only Speed Yellow example of that model in existence. We were only 4 hours into our 5-day trip and had already met one of the most noted Porsche owners in the world.

As we drove up the 101, we fell in behind a Cayenne and an olive green 964. We soon were joined by 3 more Porsches, including a GT-4 RS. Two more cars joined our informal convoy. When we pulled over for a pit stop, the group had grown to ten! We arrived at our motel in Carmel in time for Happy Hour, and met 3 couples who had flown in from Wisconsin for the party. Two of them had been region PCA Board Presidents, so we shared some ideas on how to get more members to participate in club activities. This was just a taste of the size and scope of this epic event.

We arrived at the track early Thursday morning to get to the gift shops before the crowds. It appears that everyone else had the same idea. The line for the track souvenir shop was 30 minutes long. They had two RR t-shirts, one polo shirt and everything else was Laguna Seca/WeatherTech merchandise. The line to the Porsche store was three times the length of the souvenir shops, and people said it was like the shops at the local dealerships, so we abandoned the queue. There were many more vendors than at RR VI, but the crowds were spread out, and it was easy to get information on how to spend money on the latest must have innovations.

The day ended with a fantastic party hosted by longtime PCA-SDR member and enthusiast, John Bell. Be sure to read Sandy Asquini's article for a full party report.

Friday morning we arrived at the track at about 8:30, but had no problems getting to our assigned Porsche corral. Corral 6 was, mainly, for Boxsters. We parked in a special row for Spyders and were the only red Spyder in the Corral! We were near the Hagerty Marketplace which had a nice bar/food service area with couches and large screen TV's showing the live feed for the event. We were close to the display of privately owned, unique Porsches that were selected by the PCA to participate. The perimeter of the marketplace was lined with hundreds of vendors selling clothing, jewelry, posters, toys, internet apps, and every type of automotive accessory, performance enhancement, and car care product imaginable.

In the middle of the vendor row was a large footbridge to cross the track into the Paddock area. All the cars in the 8 race groups were pitted here for everyone to view. I found Frank Powell's 1986 911 in the pits, as he prepared for his practice session. Frank is a long time PCA-SDR time trial driver and autocrosser who has been competing in the PCA Club Racing division for 6 years and was a POC class champion in 2017. As he transitioned from Time Trial to Club Racing, he asked if I would be interested in taking his position as Time Trial Equipment Chairman. I took his offer and have been following his racing exploits ever since. Frank qualified 3rd for his first race on Thursday but missed a shift on the 4th lap, which caused a belt failure and a DNF. On Friday the belt came off again during qualifying, so he started the race at the back of the pack. He moved up from 20th to 4th with just four laps remaining when the belt failed again. Although the results were disappointing, Frank said he "had a ball passing all of the Boxsters to get to the front."

On Friday, I also had the pleasure of meeting Don Anderson, who has been a PCA-SDR member for over 50 years. He and John Straub are the longest tenured region members. He has been campaigning a beautiful Bobsy 'Wide Engine Bay' SR-3 in vintage races for many years. It's a very light (1296 pounds with driver), aluminum tubeframed car that has a 1965 Porsche 901 engine with ~230 horsepower. This year he was moved up to a race group including 917's, 908's, 906's and a 910. Despite his smaller engine he managed to place 8th in his group and improved his best Laguan Seca time by 1.5 seconds. Don and his wife, Karen, keep the Bobsy in immaculate condition and are very welcoming to anyone stopping by their compound to ask questions or take pictures. One of the pictures shows Don's windscreen with all the tech stickers on it. Several people commented on the number of events he participated in, and he replied that this is his THIRD windscreen, the other two are covered with stickers and have room for no more. (Pictures of the Bobsy on the track contributed by Stephen Miller.)

I also noticed a gentleman with a very high-end video camera filming Don's compound. After a few moments, I recognized Shaun Styles, Channel 8 newscaster and weatherman. Shaun was doing a documentary on Don and told me that he had a 356 and that his wife wanted to learn to drive her 912 the way it was built to be driven. We had a nice conversation about the different driving school options, and I gave him one of our PCA-SDR cards and encouraged them to join the club. I spent the rest of the day looking at the many cars from the Porsche factory museum that had been shipped over for the 75th Anniversary event, and all the other displays of new and historic Porsches.

The main stage in the factory display area had two huge screens that showed the races and close-ups of the many famous Porsche drivers that were there for interviews and autograph sessions. Our own Margie Smith-Haas was at the autograph table signing programs and her famous Porsche pillows. She also had two pillows autographed by all the drivers. One was presented to Vu Nguyen, and the other will be auctioned at the Petitte Le Mans event. This was also the area where Porsche displayed the new models just released for this event, and where the Porsche store was located.

Friday evening, we traversed around the outside of the track to a motorhome parking lot high above turn 10. Bruce Wing and his wife Cindy hosted a wonderful barbecue and party, with a raffle, at their motorhome. The party was partially financed by PCA-SDR. About 50 people made their way to this prime viewing location with the help of Angela Avitt. Bruce cooked burgers, brats, and hot dogs, and there were a variety of libations. The tables were set so that you could watch the late afternoon track session as you enjoyed your dinner.

As the sun was setting, a group of Porsche exhibition cars, featuring the Cayman GT4 e-Performance car, took the track. As the electric car came down the corkscrew with the other cars, you could hear its high-pitched whine that sounded like a spaceship. The rear had wraparound neonblue lights, and as it accelerated out of Turn 12, it made the other cars look like they were standing still! Seeing this car in action was one of the highlights of the weekend. In the raffle that followed, most of the prizes came from Bruce, but Evelyn Ascough and Margie Smith-Haas won SDR Awards that can be used to pay for any of our PCA-SDR events.

Saturday dawned cool and grey. Kathy was not feeling well and decided to stay at the hotel. I loaded the Spyder, which was parked in the best parking place in the lot and left early, since I was volunteering to work at the PCA hospitality area. I was assigned (with a university professor from Washington) to monitor the entrance road to the Barbecue Island, where all hospitality events were held. By 8:30 it had begun to sprinkle, and by nine it was raining steadily. Soon my water-resistant jacket was soaked. I returned to

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Frank Powell's PCA Club Racing 911





Trailers packing up and leaving Rennsport

my car, changed into the rain gear that I had in the trunk, and returned to my post. We stood across from the exit of turn 2, which now had a puddle at the apex point. In addition, the track entry road from the pits was also flooded, as you can see from the picture. The rain eventually stopped, but it remained cool and cloudy the rest of the day.

After texting each other since Friday, on Saturday afternoon, I finally caught up with Mike Rozenblatt and Mark Woolridge, time trial drivers and participants in several of the Porsches and Parks tours. We contacted our friend, Connie Sommers, whose Speed Yellow 911 was in the Porsche display area and had a nice visit. Connie owns the 906 that was built for the Ford vs. Ferrari movie as a part of her collection. I watched a few more race sessions and called it a day.

The sun was out on Sunday morning, as I took my post at the Porsche Owners Club information desk. My job was to hand out brochures and explain the POC program to southern Californian drivers. I was next to the 356 Registry Club with PCA club sign-ups at the other end of the table. We met a nice mix of Porsche enthusiasts from all over the world. I met a young couple who had flown from London for this event. When the NFL released its schedule, they found that their favorite team, the 49ers, would be playing Monday night. They got tickets for that game and made their trip even more awesome.

I returned to the hotel Sunday afternoon and took Kathy to an Urgent Care facility where she tested negative for Covid and got some cough medicine that helped her sleep Sunday night. We had an uneventful drive home on Monday.

Rennsport attendance was announced at over 91,000—a new record. WeatherTech Raceway was sold out on

Saturday and Sunday. The first time it has ever been sold out. If you are a Porsche owner, race car driver or a vintage sports car racing fan you need to put Rennsport on your bucket list. The event is held every 3 to 5 years and gets more popular every time. When you see the dates announced, make hotel reservations one year in advance to ensure that you get a room. When tickets go on sale make your order right away. Corrals, Parade laps, and other activities sell out soon. And don't forget to volunteer and help make this event even more successful than it has been!

#### THE RETURN OF AUTOCROSS (AX)

Three years after we lost the Qualcomm Stadium Parking lot, AX has returned! After the AX Team did a practice event at the North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre parking lot in August, our first official AX hosted 70 drivers on September 10. We had a nice track laid out by Marcus Kramer that included some coned sections, slaloms, and opened sections. Joseph Parsons in a highly modified Tesla had the TTOD of 48.14 seconds. The top Porsche class car was Darren Loher in class CC09 who recorded a 50.67. The team was very happy to welcome 13 students to our program and provide them with a trained instructor to help them learn proper car control on a low-speed closed course. Our next AX will be on November 26 at the same location. If you are eager to learn more about performance driving, how your car reacts in quick cornering, or you are interested in driving on a real track, this is the place to get started. Sign-ups can be done on *MotorsportReg.com*.

#### TIME TRIAL SUMMER BREAK IS OVER

This is the first time in 5 years that I have not raced in July or August so, like everyone else, I was eager to get back on the track September 16 and 17. Over the summer

Don Anderson and his Bobsy



they repaved the 2.5-mile Big Willow track from the start through turn 6. The surface was much smoother, and some drivers felt it had a little more grip. The rest of the track was covered with a slurry that gave it a dark black color like the repaved section but did not remove any of the bumps through turn 8 or other rough patches. They also graded the run-off areas around the track to make them smoother and to add dirt at the edge of the track so there is not a big drop from the edge of the pavement to the run-off surface next to it.

As I have done in the past, I took advantage of the DK Racing School's Precision Driving course on Friday. If you are new to Willow Springs, a Yellow group, or second half of the Orange group driver, I highly recommend this course. The track walk is outstanding, and the slower morning laps let you focus on positioning your car correctly for the full speed afternoon session. The lunch, dinner, camaraderie, and one on one coaching produce excellent results.

There were 56 drivers registered for this event. Since there was no DE group, all driving sessions were expanded to 30 minutes in length. I skipped a few sessions and my odometer showed 322 miles for the weekend. That is a lot of bang for your entry fee buck! Thirty five drivers, representing 20 different classes, registered for Timed Laps to score points for the class championships. Ten drivers took advantage of the missing DE group and requested instructors to help

them continue to improve. The fastest driver in the practice runs was Mike Avitt in Class CC17 with a time of 1:24.52, followed closely by Murray Wunderly, CC16, 1:24.62. The fastest drivers in the Yellow Group were Keith Willis, 2002 996, 1:35.54; Mike Jennings, 2021 M2C, 1:36.75; Chris Lerch, 2018 GT3, 1:36.81; Victor Burns, 2014 981 Cayman, 1:39.81; and Blake Bastain, 1999 Boxster, 1:40.06.

After the timed runs on Sunday, two of the Yellow group drivers were in the top 15 based upon BRI (Bench Racers Index) rankings. BRI is a mathematical index for each class that is multiplied by the driver's actual time to produce an adjusted time that represents what each driver would have done had they been driving identical cars. Ben Smith's final time of 1:40.45 in class CC04 placed him 12th on the BRI list, and Blake Bastain's 1:39.76 in class CC05 ranked him 13th.

We will be racing next at Chuckwalla on October 21 and 22, and you will still be able to register for our last event of the year at Buttonwillow on December 2 and 3. Buttonwillow is a little further away than Chuckwalla, but it is a great track with great facilities. All drivers and one guest will get Saturday night dinner as a part of your registration fee. I hope to see many new faces at the track where you can learn to be a Porsche driver and enjoy the company of some wonderful people.



Coca-Cola car from the Factory Museum

# Car driven by Jacky Ickx





The Bobsy coming down the Corkscrew

Paul Newman car





Rennsport Reunion 7 was absolutely a blast. There was so much to do and see! After a perfect day of Porsche racing, shopping, eating, visiting with friends, meeting new friends, viewing the cars and talking to the drivers...let's have a party! In fact, let's have two parties! "It's not just the cars, it's the people."

After a warm, gorgeous day on Thursday, we headed over to a private residence supplied by John Bell and Steven Patton. Looking out over the canyon, we were treated to appetizers, pizza, lasagna, a salad with heirloom cherry tomatoes and lots of toppings, sautéed Brussel sprouts, and a fantastic Banana's Foster to top it all off. Oh, and did I mention wine? Many glasses were enjoyed and lots of cheers were heard. Monique Straub played hostess extraordinaire by keeping glasses full and plates picked up. Later in the evening, many of us climbed up the outside spiral staircase to the platform on the roof to view the lights and the (almost) full moon. Although the moon was waxing, the conversation never waned.

Steve and Adam Reece won the Grand

prize! Angela Avitt is ready for a

nightcap

Friday was a little cooler but that did not detract at all from the excitement of the racing enthusiasts. What we couldn't see on Thursday, we took the time to look at on Friday. Then about 3:30, we headed over to Bruce and Cindy Wing's RV that was just a little way up a terraced hill, right next to the track. The Porsches continued to roar right by and we had a great view of the famous corkscrew turns. Beer started to flow and appetizers were gobbled. Pretty soon there were burgers, hot dogs, and bratwurst with all the fixin's. The patio lights provided plenty of atmosphere. To top off the evening, our hosts provided a raffle filled with interesting and fun prizes, some valuable and some not quite so valuable. For the highlight of the raffle, Margie Smith-Haas donated one of her famous pillows and entertained us all with a fascinating story about how her pillow business began. Look her up on Google for an interesting read. Adam and Steve Preece won the Grand Prize, a huge bottle of Maker's Mark. As the evening got a little cooler and the mist a little heavier, we all headed back to our beds to prepare for another incredible day! PCA-SDR people make a great event even better!







Margie Yeates helps herself to some fun foods

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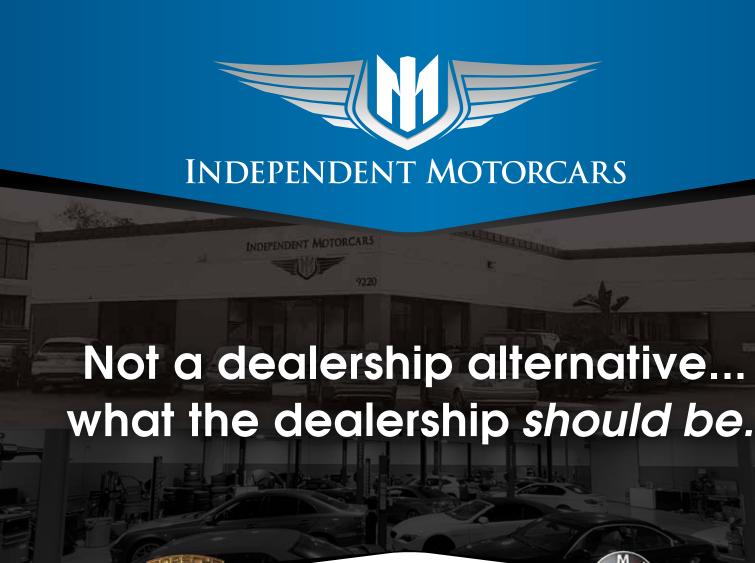
















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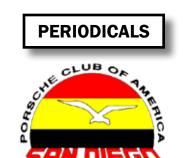








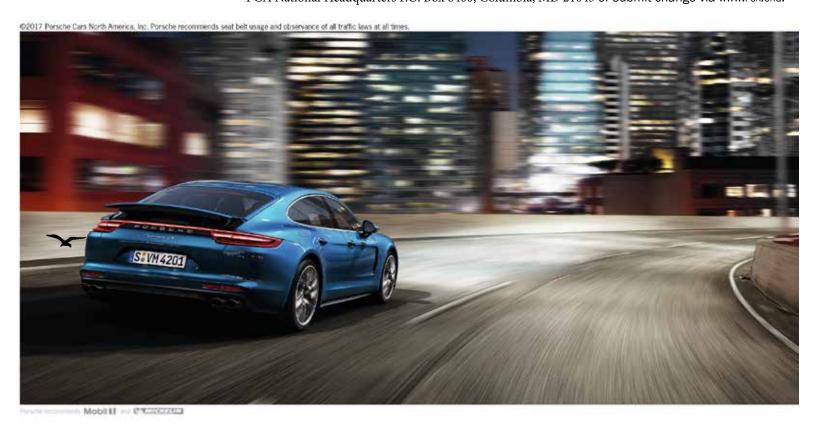
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