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Thursday the 1st - Board meeting at the Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose.

Saturday the **3rd** - **Bowling for Enchiladas.** The third incarnation of this popular event. See the ad on page 9.

Sunday the 11th - Mother's Day Brunch and Tour. Check out the details on page 10.

Saturday the 17th -Tech Session at Porsche of Fremont. See the specs on page 39.

Sunday the 18th - Autocross #3. Same place, same cones. Come out and beat them up. Page 23.

Saturday the 24th - One Day Tour. Don't be a girly-man. The full scoop on page 12..

25th Indy 500 GTG. Les Schreiber is once again inviting you out to watch the race. All the details on page 8.

Sunday the **1St** - **LPR's Annual Swapmeet and Zone 7 Concours** at PartsHeaven. See the ad on page 41.

Thrusday the 5th - Board meeting at the Round Table Pizza at Camden & Union in San Jose.

Saturday the 7th - Brunch at the Beach. Don't miss out on this award winning event... it may be your last opportunity! See the ad in the June POST.

Saturday the 14th - Breakfast Tour with the Miceles. See the specs in the next issue.

Sunday the 29th - Autocross #4. Same place, same cones, same friendly timers. Come out and polish your tires!

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The Vanacores lead the Tail Tour into the "deep south" along scenic country backroads.

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Ed Tefankjian, President



Spring is here and there are already lots of LPR activities going on... check the POST to make sure you don't miss out on any function that you would like to participate in. On May 3rd Karen and I are facilitating the Third Annual Bowling Extravaganza and there will be some outrageous prizes! Be sure to be there.

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# POST POSITIONS



Kevin Bennett, Editor

Whenever I get together with my son, Chris, one of the big topics of conversation always raised by me is his work environment. I spent my initial eight years working as an employee, but the rest of my career was as a small business owner and despite the ups and down I encountered over those twenty-four years, at least that span was one of pretty absolute job security. My son, on the other hand has been working for his current company for a couple of years now and he is not yet an actual employee of the corporation. He is still in tight with the manager who actually recruited him and he tells me that this boss still wants the company to put him on as a full time employee, but the circumstances at his employer have just not gelled such that the hire can come to fruition.

This concept of rather tenuous career tracks seems to be common in the current job market. Apparently job hopping and little or no job security has become the norm and my son seems comfortable with it. In a recent conversation on this subject, however, Chris brought up an entirely new wrinkle regarding his employer's management of the staff; the company has a policy of being absolutely non-confrontational in its supervision of the employees. Chris tells me that his boss is dissatisfied with the progress that his department is making on many projects that have been undertaken and that the employees have so well embraced this laissez-faire company policy that they don't even bother to answer email requests for progress reports.

The labor movement really gained traction during the Great Depression and the absolute dictatorial power of employers has been eroding ever since. In the neverending tug-of-war between labor and management, the pendulum seems to have swung well over on to the side of labor when you have the executives of companies afraid to get in the face of non-performing employees for fear of harassment and/or discrimination complaints, and that, says my son, is the basis for his company's timid management philosophy.

I am certain that at some point the pendulum will begin to swing the other way. It just doesn't seem reasonable that companies can compete when the labor environment mandates such a milquetoast management style. I've heard that France's president, Nicolas Sarkozy, has begun to lobby against his nation's thirty-five hour work week. He, of course, has been excoriated by the unions at the very mention of scratching at this sacred cow, but it is an indicator that people in high places are realizing that there are real financial consequences to the entrenchment of these liberal laws governing the work place. The United States, on the other hand, has always thrived, domestically and internationally, in part because of its ability to turn on a dime based on the necessities of the marketplace. It's likely that this economic agility is going to wane in the face of current labor restrictions and it will be interesting to see how these changes will play out. I'm hoping that it won't be too painful.



We plan to view the Indianapolis 500 at Moffett Field Golf Course, Tee Minus One Restaurant (19th hole for you golfers.) No cost to watch, but any food and beverages must be purchased at the Tee Minus One Restaurant. No food or drink may be brought in.

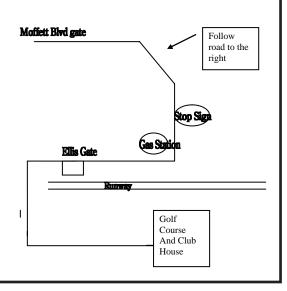
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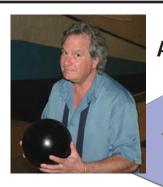
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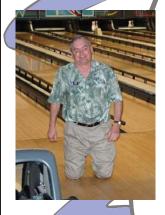
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# MEMBER NOTES

Les Schreiber, Membership Director



Reminder: Mother's day tour/brunch, at the Bargetto Winery, in Soquel-so keep that date open, May 11th for Brunch, Wine and ?. and at least a very enjoyable afternoon with your Porsche friends.

Also scheduled - Indy 500 at Moffett Field-MAY 25th Watch the 500 on large screen TV and enjoy breakfast or lunch as you watch, and maybe even win the pot, if you are lucky and pick the winner. Anyone attending must provide me their full name, and the names of anyone else that is joining them, so I can supply the names to the gate, so they will be able to get in. No name means, no entrance

New members from PCA (3)

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- Michael Pickles and Christine Barney (Wife) (San Jose) 2003 996 Turbo
- Kris and Bonnie Brekke (San Jose) 1988 911

Transfers in (0)

Transfers Out (1)

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John Chakel

Membership that Expired Last Month (3/31/08)

• Nine(9))

Reinstated Members (renewal > two months) (0)

Total Renewal's this month (13)

Cancelled Membership

• None

### LPR Membership

- 1-3-08 Total = 564 (Primary = 311, Affiliates = 253)
- 2-7-08 Total = 566 (Primary = 313, Affiliates = 253)
- 3-6-08 Total = 569 (Primary = 314, Affiliates = 255)
- 4-3-08 Total = 559 ( Primary= 310, Affiliates = 249)

## THE MEMORIAL DAY



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Above: Steve O'Mitchell gets a Guiness, and (below) Rosie O'Tavares gets a throw.



Debbie O'Bennett.







Above: Nanci O'Bishop ladles out some green egg nog under the watchful eye of Les O'Schreiber. Left: Julie O'Lieber beams as she goes for the corned beef. Below: Ed O'Tavares toasts the occasion.



# Morgan's St. Patty's Day Party

by Angie and John Reed\_

The Second Annual celebration of St. Paddy's Day at Bob and Karen O'Morgan's home began Saturday, March 15th with the early O'birds trickling in around 6 p.m. followed closely by the O'Masses within the half hour.

The mood of the evening began on a festive note with hosts Bob and Karen setting the tone with the wearing O'the green and many of the O'Masses doing the same. The talk was loud, as usual, the hugs plentiful, as usual, and once the O'Bowl of Irish egg nog and the tub of Irish ale (Guinness) was discovered the party began in earnest.

The O'Masses broke up into several groups: The O'Nibblers huddled around the table ladened with appetizers and began diving into the chips, dips, sausages with chocolate sauce, cheese with cranberry coating, crackers with green cream cheese and olives, assorted nuts (draw your own conclusions here) and a mystery cracker dish...but it was green! Gossip and crumbs swirled heavily around this group.

The O'Racing Guys gathered around the big screen TV drooling over the 12 Hours



Donna O'Micele

of Sebring race. This group grunted a lot and scratched certain body parts while partaking of tankards of Irish ale. Boys will be boys!

The Ladies of the O'Bowl: We counted at least eight LPR damsels who



Jim Bryant and Sue O'Sickal.

surrounded the egg nog bowl and regaled one another with stories of past and current shopping sprees. As the bowl emptied the louder became the stories, some of which could actually be understood. The race guys seated nearby didn't flinch, Porsche was in first place and the grunting was just as loud. Irish ale and Irish egg nog, what a combo!

And finally, the O'Political Discussion group. This bunch took up residence in the front room far away from the

madding crowd. The banter was lively, the issues of the day were at the forefront and from what we could tell no one took a swing at anyone. Although some discussions became rather heated, or humorous, depending on how one viewed the topics. The Irish ale added fuel to this fire and the sight

of Debbie O'Bennett trying to chew Don O'Orlando's ear into tiny pieces was a hoot. Canadian Jim Bryant watched from the landing and yelled out encouragement to which ever side seemed to be winning at the moment. Oh, Canada, eh?

Bob and Karen eventually rang the O'Dinner bell and the O'Masses responded to the call to come and get the corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and salads. The O'Morgans prepared over 22 pounds of the beef and two very large containers of potatoes; when all was said and done this amount barely

fed the O'masses. See what Irish ale and Irish egg nog does to the appetite? Toss in a car race, a shopping spree and a political knock-downdrag-out and the LPRites became a famished horde.

With dinner finished it was time for the Irish trivia test. Karen M, always the school teacher, passed around the St. Patrick's Day Quiz with 15 questions each with



The Ladies of the O'Bowl.

multiple answers. These included, what is the most popular sir name in Ireland? Reed? Murphy? Hennessey? Answer: Murphy. Reed, you're kidding and Hennessey is Karen's maden name. Next: Which has only 198 calories



Hosts Bob & Karen O'Morgan receive their thank you gift.

per pint? Skimmed milk? Guinness? Orange Juice? Answer: Guinness, who needs anything else! One more: A shamrock sandwich is popular in Ireland. It is a corned beef sandwich? Water cress sandwich? Guinness? Answer: Guinness, see a theme here?

The quiz winners were...Diane O'Cox, first place; Ed and Rosie O'Tavares, second place; Harlan and Leila O'Pester, third place and the O.R.B. group fourth. After that it was a free for all grab for the remaining loot from the pot at the end of the O'Rainbow. Questions regarding the O.R.B. group should be submitted in writing to LPR Prez Ed no later than March 1st, 2005.

The party wound down sometime after dessert and before the O'Cows came home. A BIG thanks to Bob & Karen O'Morgan for another outstanding LPR Annual event. Next year, round three celebrating an Irish saint who never met a corned beef sandwich he didn't enjoy. Pass the Guinness, Paddy!



Dick & Mary O'Wallace.





The O'Morgans... Karen and Bob.



Clap hands, here comes Rosie! Rosemary O'Tavares and Karen O'Morgan.



Left: Barry & Suzette O'Pangrle get a little o' the blarney from Ed O'Tefankjian.





Mary Ann Legan headed straight for the wine...



# Could 7" be more fun?

### LPR vacations with the Hallocks

by Diana Hallock

photos by Dede Seward & Co.

The April Good Time gathering and golf tournament at the Hallock's vacation home in Boulder Creek started with breakfast for the golfers who headed to the course armed with 7" golf goodie bags and white chocolate golf balls. Hal & Diana Hallock teed off with Diana's mom, Joanne Omo, in the first group.



Diana and Hal Hallock make no bones about their Porsche orientation as their golf cart clearly indicates.

Next came Ed & Karen Tefankjian with Bill Highley and Tom Legan. The final foursome was Tom & Sandy Provasi with Peter & Susan Smith. Diana gave each group a 7" walkie-talkie to keep in touch but the peals of laughter always told us where to find everyone. Winter course PGA guidelines allow for "lift, clean, and place" but this was quickly modified to the PCA "lift, clean, and place-where-you-meant-it-to-be." The quote of the day has to be Karen

Tefankjian asking "How many shots are you allowed to take?" Karen, was there some confusion between bowling and golf scores? Her 183 was the "outstanding" ladies score of the day and earned her the ladies prize along with accolades for being the last honest golfer in the PGA or PCA!. Susan and

Sandy's score cards were mysteriously lost but they earned the ladies closest-to-the-hole prize going to Sandy, and the longest ladies drive prize, by one yard, 7" better than Diana's mom, going to Susan. The gentlemen also lost a few scorecards but Tom Legan got the men's overall prize with a score of 74 (he tied with our host, Hal). Peter Smith won longest men's drive and Bill Highley won men's closest-to-the-hole by 7".

While the early group was out on the golf course, Diana's dad, Richard, was the official greeter along with schnauzer Yankee Doodle who gave a loud, barking



Les Schreiber demonstrates the Loma Prieta Region method of enjoying the great outdoors; no expensive equipment, no pulled muscles, just an LPR good time!

welcome to 2:30pm partiers who joined us. John and Angie Reed helped Les Schreiber get the charcoal started for pounds of tender tri-tip and luscious chicken. Enjoying fine wine and stale beer, non-golfers stood on the sunny

deck and cheered or jeered as each group arrived at the 17th green, just on the other side of Boulder Creek. Yes, there really is a Boulder Creek! Greg and Sue Sickal arrived, salad in hand, just in time to join the buffet line... apparently Diana's signs need to be larger than 7" next year. Salads and desserts came from Kevin & Dede Seward, Paul Smith, Nanci Bishop, MarvAnn Legan who was able to join golfer Jackie Mitchell. The outstanding lunch was only exceeded by the



Hal & Diana Hallock present Karen Tefankjian with the Outstanding Lady Golfer Award for her husband Tom, and Steve & score in the low 180s. Appreciation was expressed for her honesty, too.

groaning dessert table. It was really tough to choose between the amaretto cookies, the 7" flourless chocolate torte, decadent cherry crisp, triple chocolate cake or icy cold raspberry cheesecake.

The day ended with the awarding of golf prizes and a gorgeous basket of 7" firewood, red wine, and Mackenzie's handmade chocolates for hosts Hal and



Meat and fire...Hal Hallock does the manly thing.

Diana. It appears everyone had a great time because a unanimous vote was cast to make this an annual event. Angie Reed, Jackie Mitchell, and Dede Seward jumped at the chance to play golf next year "because you guys were just playing at golf, not being serious golfers." Well, with a few exceptions for a few really good players, we have to agree. To encourage more 2009 players, Hal promises a beginner's golf lesson including a trip in his Porsche-ized

30 mph golf cart for any 2009 rookie players. We're sure there's a Tiger out there somewhere. For 2008, it was a day of great food, great 7" fun, great wine in great quantities, and a great new LPR/PCA annual event. See YOU in 2009 when we might try to explain the 7" mystery.



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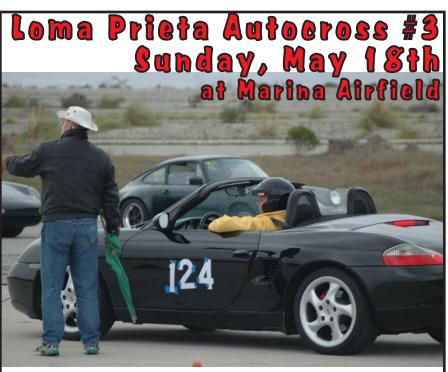
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by Julie Lieber

This year's annual Campbell Easter Parade included an egg carton of Easter egg-colored Porsches, decked out in their Sunday-go-to-meeting best. After some initial confusion about where to park and when to begin decorating the cars, we lined up in the usual spot to see who had gone "all out" this year. As the scene unfolded, one item stood out above all others, seemingly affecting adults, children, and even the dogs in attendance: the curious spring affliction of sprouting bunny ears. Winning the prize for the biggest bunny ears was Emilie Highley, who is also affected each year temporarily with all-over body hair and gigantic feet and hands. Emilie, is it true what they say about a woman with big hands and feet? LPR wants to know.

A baker's dozen Porsches attended, beginning the traditional "find the hidden Easter Porsches in the parade" by masquerading as a picnic basket, an Easter bonnet, an Easter egg, and a variety of other fresh harbingers of spring. As the cars were primped, throngs gathered on the street, prompted by the lovely weather. As the Porsches entered the parade, many adults pointed to the cars saying to their children, "One day Johnny, I will own a Porsche that you will never drive, so accustom yourself to the idea right now." Evidently the children were not paying any attention at all, as they could not hide the

delight on their faces at the balloons, bright colors, and the Easter Bunny riding in one of the Porsches. Who knew that the top Bunny had such great taste in cars?

As we slowly made our way past the last of the onlookers, and turned left onto an area of the street marked by pylons, the first Autocross of the season came to mind as Ken Iles knocked down 3 out of the 4 pylons available to run over with his car. Oh well, maybe you can get all 4 next year, Ken.



Emilie Highley personally arranged for this Easter Bunny to ride with Ken Iles.



Above left: Steve Crane and Jeff Tucker went with an Easter basket motif. Above right: Joanna Herz decorated with a girly motif.



Above: The kids were happy to pose with LPR's Easter Bunny. Right: Kevin Bennett got really excited when he found that he, too, could pose with a bunny.





Julie Lieber and Bill Highley look good together!

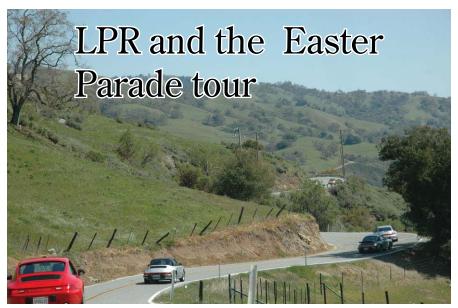


Left: A candid shot of Paul Seidel Smith and Nanci Bishop









by Donna Micele

Once the parade ended we drove to our meeting area where the decorations were quickly removed from the cars. That done, 10 cars, led by Rudi and Joanna Herz, continued the tour north to Bosco's Bones and Brew in beautiful downtown Sunol. This group included the Bennetts, the Mitchells, the Miceles, the Reeds, the Ambriskos and their daughter, Ashley, the Zorckers, Nanci Bishop, Paul Smith, Les Schreiber, Steve Crane and the surprise arrival of Ed & Rosemary Tavares. We drove north via the beautiful, lush green East San Jose foothills, on what turned out to be a very scenic drive on a 1 lane road to

the top of Sierra Rd. After making our way down the summit, at the intersection of Calaveras Road and Hwy 84 the group split up into 2 groups of 5 cars, one taking the high road and one the low road (due to talk of gravel being on the road on the high road). We all met up again at Boscos Restaurant where we sidled up to the bar to get a look at the famous former Mayor himself! We sat down

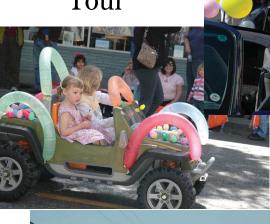


Rudi Herz leads the gang on an interesting route over the hills above Milpitas and Fremont.

to lunch and ordered up. John Reed was delighted when Angie noted that the crab sandwich was delicious, but she could only eat half of hers. John being the ever obliging husband volunteered to take it off her hands (and plate) and finished it off in seconds flat! There was also ravioli and French dip sandwiches







Above: It looks like the Easter
Bunny had to run and left
the suit with Emilie Highley.
Left: There was talk of
inviting this vehicle on the
tour but, presciently, Ken Iles
vetoed the idea out of fear of
being able to keep up.





and a "Nice Salad" served "Italian Style" (at the end of the meal like we used to do at Grandma's house) as noted by Steve Mitchell and Tom and Donna Micele. We were joined at lunch by Len Levitt from the Railroad Museum.



Our next to last destination of this outing was Bosco's in Sunol. After lunch the group splintered in several directions.

An elaborate awards ceremony took place after—lunch to announce the winners of the "Best Decorated Porsche in the 2008 Campbell Easter Parade". First Place was awarded to Dana, Doug and Ashley Ambrisko for their Easter Bonnett & Easter Egg entry. Second place went to Jeff Tucker and Steve Crane for their Easter Basket entry.

That done, the group then split up into 3 small groups to

complete the final leg of the day long tour. Some people chose to visit the Railroad Museum, some went to browse the Antique shops, and another group continued on to visit a local winery in Livermore. I was with the group which wound up at the Tenuta Vineyards Winery. Once there we were treated to a private tour of the winery with host and resident DJ, Rich. His girlfriend, Nancy, is the owner

of the winery and she helps out in the tasting room serving wine and also serving as hostess to the many visitors visiting the winery. We sat outside in the lovely courtyard enjoying the scenery and music which Rich was happy to let us pick ourselves. And by the way, Elvis lives! (Ask anyone at the winery that day.)

Soon it was time to depart and we all decided that we were getting hungry again, so Nanci suggested a great Italian Place called Bruno's in downtown Livermore. When we arrived there was a table reserved for us on the outside sidewalk patio. The food was delicious the weather wa beautiful, and the conversation was great!



Doug, little Ashley and Dana Ambrisko took home top honors in the car decorating judging. Steve Crane and Jeff Tucker came in a close second. Jeff got nailed by that work thing again, so Debbie Bennett (who was consulted in the judging) is standing in for the missing Mr. Tucker.

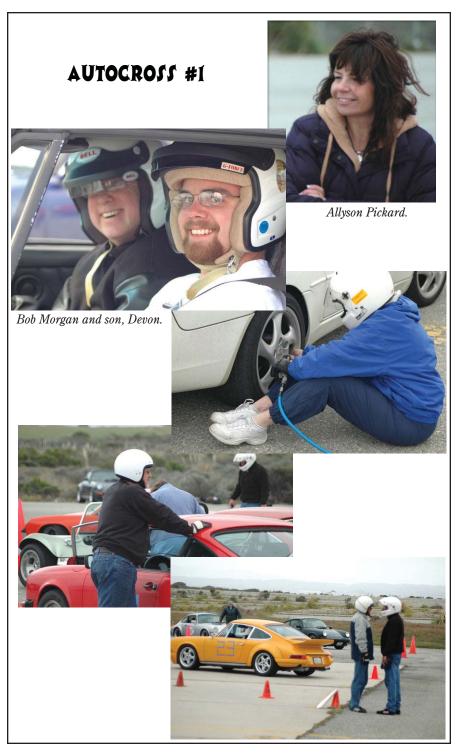
I would say a good time was had by all and it was a very successful LPR function, as usual.

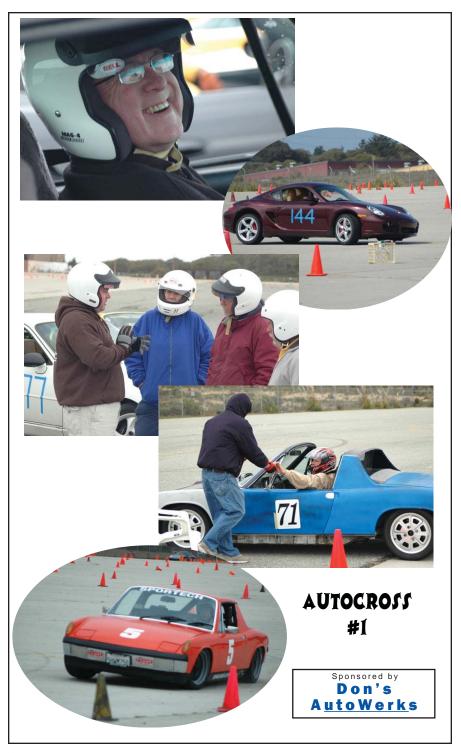
















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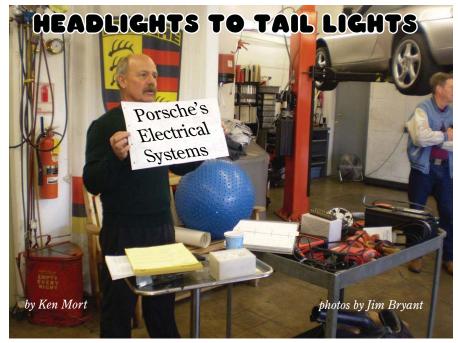
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- Winston Churchill
- "A modest little person, with much to be modest about."
- Winston Churchill
- "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."
- Clarence Darrow



March 15, 2008

Bob Grigsby of RMG gave us an over-view of Porsche electrical systems. To explain how things have changed Bob showed how the Porsche electrical systems have increased in complexity over the years. First he held up the one sheet 356 wiring diagram (in color) then he held up the wiring diagram book for the current cars which are on the order of 30 pages long (in black and white).

Bob said RMG is very proud of the fact they specialize in diagnosing electrical problems on Porsches. Batteries are the first order of business when diagnosing electrical problems. Batteries start to deteriorate after 3-4 years and if the battery is 4-5 years old it's definitely time to think about a new one. Ground connections to the battery are often a problem especially if an aftermarket ground cable has been used to ground the battery

to the chassis. All battery cables and their connections should be inspected regularly, kept clean and intact. The batteries should also be securely mounted. He gave the example of Optima batteries, they are good but mounting is often a problem because of their unusual shape. Bob also stated battery mats are worthwhile and so are the red and green felt discs that go onto the battery terminals. He warned that sometimes deep cycle batteries are kept in storage for a long time. In order to sell them the vender will put a second date on the battery so



When these service techs solve our mechanical problems we tend to think of them as heros... and Bob Grigsby can certainly stike a heroic pose!

some caution is required if buying deep cycle batteries. The voltage should be 12.5 to 13 volts at the battery. Slow cranking is not necessarily an indication of a bad battery. The voltage during cranking should be on the order of 9.5 volts. When changing batteries use a unit that "back charges" before disconnecting the battery so all of the memory information isn't lost. Trickle chargers are good, and sometimes Bob hard wires them in so all you have to do is plug them in when your car is in the garage.

Good charging systems are obviously important for long battery life. Some alternators last about 60,000 miles. Boxster alternators go longer and some go over 100,000 miles because they have better cooling. Rebuilt alternators are a bad choice for late model cars because the re-builders often cut corners and just clean and paint the old alternator. You are better off buying a new Porsche alternator. The idiot lights are not a good indicator of alternator condition; typically they are either on or off. Porsche makes very good belts, and in general they are far superior to aftermarket belts. Belt tension gages are available if you are uncomfortable setting belt tension. The newer cars tend to require

higher belt tensions.

Bob does a lot of diagnostic work with an oscilloscope. Often the onset of a problem can be detected before an actual failure occurs and leaves you stranded. Bob illustrated this by showing an engine with a cylinder with low compression, a charging system that is starting to deteriorate, and a fuel pump with an intermittent fault. A fuel pump fault which is an early indicator of a problem, but not bad enough to affect engine operation. A transducer can be used with the oscilloscope to do an additional check of the fuel pump pressure. Electric fuel pumps are submerged in the fuel tank for cooling so it's a good idea to not go below an 1/8 of a tank of gas.

Some electrical system parts should be replaced based on age and other parts based on mileage. Belts, batteries, and fuse panels should be replaced based on their age. Most



Bob recommends the use of wiring diagrams. Even with the diagram, it looks like you still need big balls.

other parts should be replaced based on mileage. Spark plugs should probably be replaced about every 30,000 miles or 3-4 years. Bob recommends hotter plugs for 356/912s.

Buy Porsche replacements when your dimmer switch fails, avoid aftermarket. It's good to park with the switch on high beam. Silver coated bulbs are better than copper coated because they often get wet in bad weather. Sometime a dialectic is effective when installing new bulbs. Boxster Ignition switches have a high failure rate. Replace the entire switch when it fails; they have been improved. Get key code, alarm code, etc. from the dealer when buying a new car. If the air bag light is on airbags won't work. Don't run into any trees until it is fixed. On Boxsters (pre-'99-2000) with the solenoid lock on the trunk as part of the security system it's a good idea to permanently disconnect it so you can open your trunk if you have an electrical system failure.

Many thanks to Bob Grigsby for an excellent and informative tech session.



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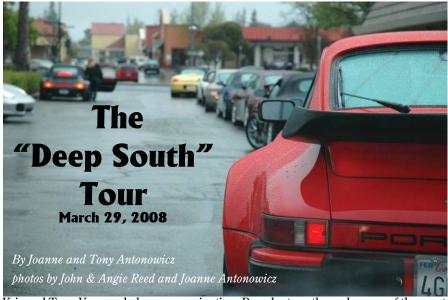


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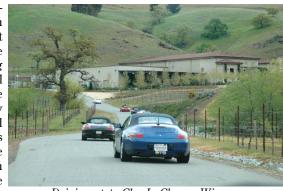




Kris and Tony Vancore led us on a springtime Porsche tour through some of the most beautiful country roads in California, a wine tasting at the Clos LaChance Winery in San Martin, and a barbecue lunch at the Trail Dust BBQ Joint in Morgan Hill. Kris said the tour would be "action packed" and action packed it certainly was.

It was lightly overcast when we arrived at the Country Inn in South San Jose. Kris greeted us with bright little bags of munchies for our trip and tickets for prize drawings after

lunch at the Trail Dust. Twenty-five Porsches participated in the tour. This tells you that it is a very popular tour. As we gathered for the driver's meeting it started to rain lightly and we all took cover under the eaves of the Bank of America building. Tony Vancore told us that we would encounter deer, wild turkeys and cows that sometimes escape and fill up the roads resulting in "steak for lunch." Cattle were not a problem on the road as evidenced by the fact that most



Driving up to Clos LaChance Winery.

of the tour participants had barbeque pig for lunch at the Trail Dust. Tony also warned us about a serious car problem occurring across the country. Apparently there have been mysterious occurrences of car vibrations on the road creating a rather hazardous situation. Remember to check your hand brake before driving.

As we began the tour with all hand brakes released, fog hovered over the brilliant green fields and hills highlighting trees in many shades of green, bright yellow mustard seed flowers, blue lupine, golden poppies and wild flowers in many bright colors. Calero Lake was calm with only a few avid fishermen. We passed many dripping wet, water soaked

bicyclists who looked very unhappy as it was not scheduled to rain according to the media weather forecasters. As we passed the Cinnabar Hills Golf Club, no golfers were to

be seen. Cows were out grazing happily as well as one wild boar foraging for truffles. We do have truffles in this area.

Winding roads in the hills revealed magnificent vineyards, picturesque pastures, and cattle ranches. Some areas were obscure and primitive with old California cattle ranches surrounded by very old redwood cattle fencing. We had the impression that we were traveling a century back in time. The sun desperately attempted



Ralph Maines showed up in "M", one of his three treasured 356s.

to burn through clouds that remained fluffy and ominously grey, while continuing to hover dramatically over the hills. While winding through the mountains we passed a sheriff relaxing in his parked car while watching the Porsches meander by. Shortly afterwards we encountered two beautiful, large wild turkeys. One approached the Porsches, running very fast along the road attempting to join us, but finally decided the Porsche Group was too fast for him and decided to fly back over the fence to his mate. We next passed a group of soggy bird watchers emerging from the forest with all their spotting gear. We continued to drive through the hills paralleling a winding creek with abundant wildlife at every turn, evidenced by all the hawks flying overhead looking for their next tasty four-legged morsel. The country was so wild and beautiful it was hard to realize that civilization was so close by. We had no sun but who needs sun with all the vibrant vegetation and wildlife.



Julie Lieber was seen living "La dolce vita" with, yes, it's true... a root beer float.

We followed Steve and Jackie Mitchell driving their Silver Carrera with their clever License Plate, IXXIIVS. It took a few minutes for us to decode their Roman Numeral plate numbers which translate to 911 4S, (IX is 9, XI is 11, IVS is 4S). Steve and Jackie live near Morgan Hill and we passed very close to their home.

Our first stop was the beautiful Clos LaChance Winery in San Martin. As we entered the grounds there were two columns flanking the road featuring their hummingbird logo. The hummingbird was chosen as the winery's logo because of its beauty and ability to keep other birds away from the grapes. Hummingbirds are one of the few birds that do not eat grapes.

We all know that hummingbirds, although very small, can be very aggressive and fearless in protecting their food supplies, namely flowers. They are attracted to the beautiful flower gardens at the winery and fearlessly chase away all other birds in the area. The hummingbird is an artistic highlight on their wine labels. A sound machine that transmits predator sounds to scare the birds away is also used instead of netting.

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Kevin & Debbie Bennett's dessert, about which Jackie Mitchell gasped, "It's so big!" Guys just love to hear that...

# The "Deep South" Tour



Above: Lovely Lauren Orlando with her beautiful fahter, Don, seem amused that (left) Tom Micele seems to be really enjoying the wine.



Above: Jim & Elizabeth Quinn seem amused at (left) Kevin Bennett blowing in Tony Vanacore's ear. Tony, however, does not seem amused.



The rustic wine tasting room featured a beautiful tapestry, very large fireplace and amazing

views of the vineyards below. Chris and Tony supplied the perfect accompaniments to the wines, featuring an assortment of cheese and crackers along with green and red grapes and chocolates. The wines were some of the very best we have tasted. One of our favorites was the Rose as was not too sweet but the Emerald Chardonnay (unoaked) and Santa Cruz Mountains Chardonnay (oaked) were also very nice. The girls all admired June Iles' foxy jeweled sandals at the wine tasting. We chatted with

Mike Zampiceni who drives a red 924 and is looking forward to participating in future LPR tours and fun events now that his Saturdays are free.

Our appetites for lunch were rapidly increasing and we were all now ready to tour to the Trail Dust BBQ Joint in Morgan Hill. It is a western style café with eclectic photos, pictures, memorabilia, and clever words of wisdom on the walls. Between bites of piggy and conversation we read some of the following sayings:

up is optional"



Is Debbie Bennett really draining this glass or "Growing old is mandatory. Growing just emoting for the camera? You never can be sure... she's such a ham!

"Real women do not have hot flashes, they have power surges."

"My wife says I never listen to her. (At least I think that's what she says.")

"I'd like to live in the fast lane but I'm married to a speed bump".

We observed a movie poster of Tom Mix located near the table we shared with Nancy and Wallace McClymont. Wallace mentioned that as a little boy he actually met Tom Mix at the circus. At that time Tom Mix did the circus circuit with his famous second horse, "Tony". His first horse was named "Big Blue" and is now buried under a shopping center in Los Angeles. We were served sandwiches of barbecued pork, chicken, and tri-tip. There was no turkey on the menu as they all escaped in the field. The grand finale was a berry and apple cobbler topped with ice cream. Although interesting, it certainly did not measure up to Debbie Bennett's famous home-grown Jonathan Apple

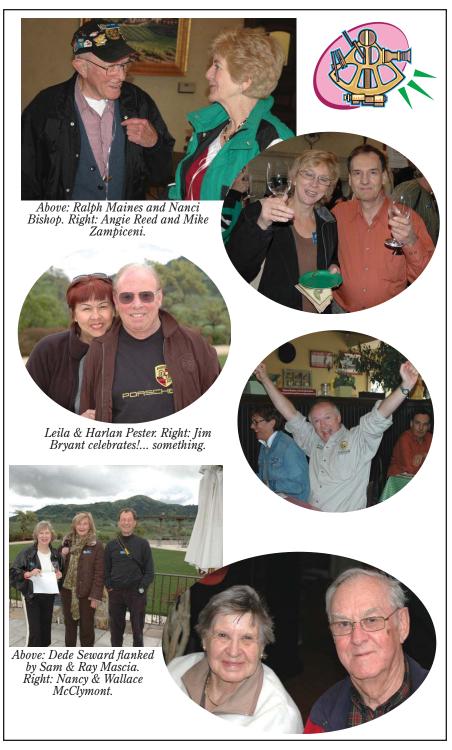


Les Schreiber and Dede Seward helb themselves to the plethora of nibbles provided by the Vanacores

Cobbler, the gold standard. To top off the tour, Clos LaChance wine was given away as prizes to the lucky number ticket holders. We are looking forward to enjoying our bottle of 2005 Crimson Topaz Meritage red wine (sounds like the name of a hummingbird as do other wines in their "Hummingbird Series").

Thank you Kris and Tony for the great "action-packed" tour which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.





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# Loma Prieta Region PCA Minutes of the March 2008 Board Meeting

The April Board Meeting was held on 3 April 2008 at the Round Table Pizza on Camden Avenue, San Jose and was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Ed Tefankjian. Board members and Chairpersons present were: Ed Tefankjian, Les Schreiber, George Jensen, Barry Pangrle, Kevin Bennett, Don Orlando,



Allyson Pickard, Ken Iles, Bill Highley, John Reed and Sue Sickal. Other members in attendance were: Rick Cannon, a new PCA member, June Iles, Mike Lommatzsch, Ed & Donna Smith, Harlan Pester and Emilie Highley.

Les Schreiber moved to approve the March minutes and George Jensen seconded the motion. March minutes were approved.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

#### Vice President: Barry Pangrle

Upcoming events were announced: GTG in Boulder Creek 4/5, Autocross 4/15, Pinnacles Tour 4/12, Tech Session 4/19, Clear Lake Tour 4/26-27, and Crab. \$165.00 for the St. Patrick's GTG at the Morgan's was turned in. Barry indicated that he still needs to turn in receipts for the Baskets given as Hostess gifts.

#### Secretary: Bob Morgan

Bob was not present due to Karen's mother passing away. Emilie Highley took the minutes.

#### Treasurer: George Jansen

George reported that all events, to date, are making money. Treasurer's report accompanies these minutes. It was brought up that 2 advertisers still have not paid – Fast Lane and Premier. Bill Highley will visit these advertisers for purposes of collecting money owed. RMG still owes us for the advertising, however they dropped out and it was agreed up by the Board that we probably will not be able to collect the money RMG owes us. \$4,080 in checks were received for the Clear Lake Tour.

#### Activities: John Reed

All insurance requests have been made: 1 Tech Session, 2 Tours and Autocross. John to follow up ensuring all requests have been received.

No 2008 calendar changes were noted.

#### Membership: Les Schreiber

New Members from PCA: 3

Transfers Out: 1

New Dual Memberships: 1

Dual Membership awaiting Renewal: 1

Membership that Expired Last Month (3/31/08): 9

Reinstated Members: '0'

Total Renewal's this Month: 13

John Reed moved to approve the new members, Barry Pangrle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

#### Member-at-Large: Karen Morgan

Karen was not present due to her mother passing away

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Advertising: Bill Highley**

Jeff Tucker, LPR Member and a landscaper is interested in advertising – Bill to follow up with Jeff. DENT PRO – it was agreed that Bill would approach them as being a potential advertiser.

It was indicated that it would be a good idea to have a 'vehicle' where our advertisers can give the Board feedback for club support.

#### Safety: John Reed

John reported that the Easter Parade, Autocross and the Vanacore Tour were all very well done and a success.

#### Tours: Don Orlando

Don recommended that the Pinnacles Tour be 'broadcasted'. The Clear Lake Tour is sold out. Upcoming tours on 5/13 and 5/24.

Ed and Donna Smith joined us to discuss their October Tour – 20 rooms have been reserved (San Simeon Pines Hotel)...dinner and other plans have been arranged. A request for \$700.00 was made as an initial deposit. John Reed made a motion to approve the \$700.00, Les Schreiber seconded the motion – motion was approved.

#### **Tech: Jim Bryant**

Jim was not present, President Ed reported for him...Don Wise is all set for the Tech Session on the 19th of April at 9:00 a.m. The Tech Session at RMG was well attended, approximately 16 attendees. It was another good info exchange. Jim is writing this up and will submit to Kevin.

#### Autocross: Allyson Pickard

The Autocross held on 3/15 at Marina – 59 drivers, 57 paid, 2 comp. \$1995 taken in and deposited. Registration was 'smooth' based on class of cars. 4/13 is the next Autocross – President Ed to send out e-mail blast. Allyson indicated that the sponsor need to be billed - \$250.00 per year. Invoices will go out to Fast Lane, 5-Star Windows and Don Wise.

#### **Charity: Sue Sickal**

Sue plans on having a short 'Kick Off' meeting this month to discuss Charities and general plans for the Charity Event. Sue will e-mail several dates.

#### Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken indicated that he submitted to Pano articles on Costa Rica. He will submit a combined article on the Easter Parade, Vanacore Tour and the Pinnacles Tour.

#### **Drivers Education: Pete Siemens**

Pete was not present. NOTE: President Ed to follow up with Pete on the accident that occurred at the Laguna Seca DE.

#### **Old Business:**

Submission for the "Region of the Year" is on hold temporarily until Karen Morgan returns.

#### **New Business:**

George Jansen indicated that he filed the club taxes for 2007.

Ken Iles to send out sympathy cards to both Karen Morgan and Karen Tefankjian for the loss of their mothers.

#### Minutes...

A discussion was held regarding tour sign ups – providing some consistency on making it fair . . .Don Orlando is to further investigate and provide a summary at next months meeting.

Mike Lommatzsch gave an overview on the upcoming Parade: 929 entries to date, the hotel has been filled – National is securing other hotels for lodging. A brief run down was also given on entry costs, banquet costs, etc.

Sue Sickal indicated that the stapler used for the POSTS has broken – we will need to purchase another one. Sue to investigate costs.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



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Sunday, May 18, 2008

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Registration opens at 7:30 A.M. and closes at 9:00 A.M. • Judging begins at 9:30 A.M. Entry fee is \$20.00 if received by May 1st, \$25.00 thereafter • The fee for display-only is \$10.00. All proceeds go to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) • Lunch will be available.

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