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**2018 Awards Banquet**

# **Celebrate the Magic of the Holidays**

**Saturday, 8 December 2018... 6:00 p.m.  
David's Restaurant – Banquet Hall  
5151 Stars & Stripes Drive, Santa Clara**

**Join us for an evening of laughter, cocktails, dinner,  
awards, prizes and dancing...**

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# SECOND ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS AND DAVENPORT LUNCH TOUR

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Join us to get in the holiday spirit with Toys for Tots, enjoy some of our great mountain roads, and lunch with fellow LPR members at the Davenport Roadhouse. We'll again meet in Saratoga Village at 9:45 am for a driver's meeting and depart for the Boulder Creek Fire Department at 10 am, where we'll meet the fire chief and donate our Toys for Tots\*. After a short break, we'll continue to Davenport for lunch.

The Davenport Roadhouse has again put together a menu for the group that includes multiple appetizer and main course choices. The \$40 per person price includes appetizer, main course, a drink and gratuity. A full-service no-host bar is also available. In addition to the lunch fee, there's a \$5 per car LPR tour fee.



Please RSVP to John and Honore D'Angelo at [60thclubcoupe@gmail.com](mailto:60thclubcoupe@gmail.com) by November 25th and either send a check in advance (177 Barford Avenue, San Carlos, 94070) or bring payment with you. The group is limited to the first 50 people who RSVP.

\*Santa Cruz county Toys for Tots has a high need for gifts for older kids: soccer balls, board games, art sets, larger sized bike helmets, batteries and the like. Please note that toys need to be new and unwrapped. Toys for tots cannot accept / distribute used toys. Kindly avoid guns , toys of aggression and unwrapped stuffed animals.

# POST Positions

**Kevin Bennett, Editor**



I recently watched an interview with Dr. Patrick Michaels, a well-credentialed climatologist. He presented a strong case against the notion that greenhouse gases being generated by the world's population are the cause of the recent changes in climate. He began his argument by noting that there was a period of warming from 1910 through 1945 which saw a rise in world temperatures of .5 degrees Celsius. He noted that there was an uptick in greenhouse gases during that period, but if that small increase was responsible for the half degree change, the amount of increase since would have us "sweating bullets" based on the present levels of those gases.

Michaels then went on to talk about the fact that literally all climatology work is now done based solely on computer models created by various world agencies. There are 22 of them and all of them have predicted much higher temperature changes than what we have experienced with the sole exception of the Russian model. He explained his theory that the reason they don't work is that they have all been "parameterized", which means that they have been fudged, "to give an acceptable range of anticipated results" based on the the early 20th century warming trend.

So why is this important? The Environmental Protection Agency was told by the Supreme Court in 2007 that, if it found that carbon dioxide endangered human health and welfare, it had the power to regulate it under the Clean Air Act. When dealing with bureaucracies, this is like offering heroin to an addict, so in 2009 the EPA produced an 'endangerment finding' which was based 100% on these models which have been shown not to work. The endangerment finding was then the basis for an untold number of Obama administration regulations and the creation of the unknown number of jobs related thereto. To now acknowledge the failure of the computer models would be grounds to overturn all of the regulations enacted and therefore, the bureaucracy and the scientific community which they support are incentivized to produce confirmatory studies of climate change rather than completely neutral scientific study. Hence, for instance, in 2014 a study was released that demonstrated an increase in the strength of Atlantic storms between the years of 1980 and 2009. Michaels questioned the fact that an additional five years could have been



included in that report and determined that by including the succeeding years' data, the purported increase went away.

After the spectacular contributions made by the scientific community to the war effort in the 1930s and 1940s, the government caught on to the value of scientific research and began financing university studies and research on a grand scale. As a result, the computer model has become the major means of research in some branches of the academy, undoubtedly in some small part because they can be fudged in the direction of 'anticipated results' to please those who control the financial spigot.

As a result of listening to this interview regarding the concept of climate change, a subject on which I am rather neutral, I began to wonder if maybe there was some validity in the position of the deniers. Then, in the last week or so, I saw a story in the Mercury News about how scientists have discovered that oceans are 60% warmer than was to be expected. Logic would lead to the supposition that perhaps this unexpected elevation in ocean temperatures could explain why the overall ambient air temperature hasn't risen to expected levels because the heat was absorbed by the ocean. Back to square one.

The arcane nature of climate science certainly makes it difficult for the lay person to make a reasoned evaluation of the subject. I recognize the allure of green technology, but its susceptibility to the vagaries of weather calls for redundant power generation facilities that still burn fossil fuels, the maintenance of which increases the cost of that kind of power grid hugely. I am uncomfortable with fossil fuel power generation because it is possible that the climate change advocates are right and we are on a long term course toward a climate catastrophe.

What I would really like to see is for the scientific community to unite behind a program of nuclear power generation. All of the plants in operation around the world are based on 1950s technology. Protests and lawsuits have brought the industry to a standstill. It's akin to developing the automobile to the Model T and demanding no further development. There are new designs that generate almost no waste and are physically incapable of overheating. No greenhouse gases are generated and they are completely immune the effects of weather. But the academy is living large on all the government grants, feeding the regulators the information that they want to hear and probably sees no upside in alienating the hysterical and often ill informed anti-nuke component of the green energy community by advocating an efficient and streamlined solution to global warming.

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# **LPR's Holiday Gift Exchange**

**Saturday, December 15th  
2:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Appetizers and desserts will be provided  
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# THE CROW'S NEST

## SATURDAY TOUR JANUARY 26

We will once again be touring on mountain back roads to this picturesque Santa Cruz iconic landmark for a winter lunch by the sea. Menu items are: Charbroiled Chicken Breast; Sirloin Angus Steak; Seafood Thermidor; A Seafood Special; Butternut Squash Ravioli. Each entrée comes with a house salad. Choose from the LPR-themed menu when we arrive. Tax, tip, coffee, soda, iced or hot tea included. There is a no-host beverage selection. We have a private room with a beautiful view of the harbor.

The cost is \$30.00 per person plus the \$5.00 LPR tour fee per car. We have reservations for up to 50 people...mark your calendar and RSVP soon.

We will meet and greet at 9:45 a.m. and leave at 10:15 a.m. from the King's Court Shopping Center, 798 Blossom Hill Rd. in Los Gatos (corner of Los Gatos Blvd. & Blossom Hill Rd.) Weather? Whatever comes our way!

**RSVP deadline is Monday, January 21st firm!**

Phone (408) 371-1965. Email – [jpreed911@comcast.net](mailto:jpreed911@comcast.net). Please send your check payable to LPR/PCA to your hosts John & Angie Reed, 14837 Donner Dr. San Jose, Ca. 95124. We'll confirm your place when we receive your check. We're standing by!

# OKT OBER FEST 2018



*Above: Every year someone parks a spanking new Porsche on Peter's lawn. It's a wonder the neighbors don't complain.*

*Right: So, this is what Oktoberfest is like in California...*



*Left: You have to wonder how the Ambriskos have stayed together so long. Whenever Dana goes high, Doug goes low....*

*Right: So, Sandy, if you didn't have such a large selection of sausages, you wouldn't be getting frustrated over folks takin' so long to pick their wiener.*





*Right: This is a very sophisticated cooking station with a major emphasis on safety. One cook and one fireman with a squirt bottle, convenient, depending on circumstances, for cooling the fire or the chef.*



*Left: Dinner under the pretzels. How often can you say that?*

*Right: "What?... it's no big deal..." The Pangrles normally are vegetarian in their dining habits and it looks like Barry got caught with a sausage sneaking into his bun.*



*Left: Prez Peter poses with hosts Susan & Peter Smith. Peter swears that he didn't feel out of place in his attire because his underwear was German.*

# More Oktoberfest



*Left Emilie Highley operated the toll station at the front door greeting the arriving O'festers as a beer bug (those are beer mug antennae that she is sporting.)*

*Right: A demure Cindy Pitner poses with Prez Peter early in the evening.*



*Left Susan George works her way through the food line. Her plate is filling up and she's thinking. "Do I really want some salad or should I plan on a second sausage?"*

*Right: Ken & June Iles look as if they have won something... either that or they came prepared with rather large doggie bags for leftovers.*



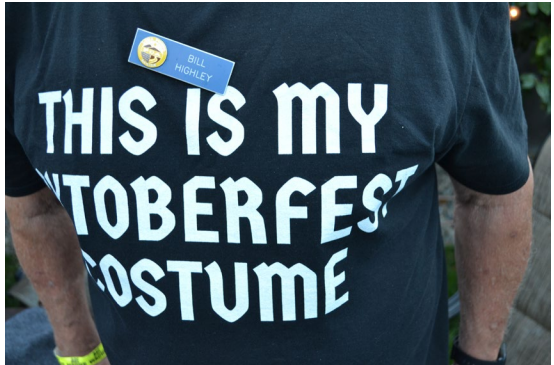


*Right Wild child Cindy Pitner steps into her secret identity and prepares for competition in the costume contest.*



*Left Sandy Provasi seems to be making some kind of offering of wine during the judging of the costumes.*

*Right: It doesn't seem that this costume faired well in the judging. Sorry, Bill.*



*Left: It looks as if someone else is getting a prize. Don't who's receiving, who's awarding or what it's for, but everyone looks happy and that's the point.*

## And a bit more Oktoberfest

*Left Mike Lommatzsch, suave sophisticate that he is, offers a bite of his pretzel to June Iles. What a guy!*



*Right: It appears that Ken Iles and Tony Vanacore are attempting to stare each other down during the judging of the costumes.*



*Left What happened to the big dogs?*



*Right: Can't knock the Smith's yard as a venue for this event.*





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# Autocross #8 - Season Finale





# Kill-a Kone







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## By Sandy Provasi, Zone 7 Representative



As the year winds down, many thanks go out to the region presidents in Zone 7 whom volunteered to help run their regions. Along with their boards, thanks for stepping up and pitching in for your region and your club.

A big thanks also goes to all the Zone 7 chairs that have volunteered all year. Rik Larson-Zone Secretary, Barbara McCroy-Zone Treasurer, John & Honore D'Angelo-Zone Concours, Collin Fat-Zone Autocross, Larry Sharp-Zone Safety, Richard Chew-Zone Website, David Bunch-Zone Facebook. I couldn't do what I do without all these volunteers.

The Zone 7 Banquet was held on November 10th in Concord, Ca. It was a time to give out thanks, many trophies and a bunch of door prizes.

There were 28 Zone Autocross trophy winners and Collin Fat presented the awards. A few highlights were Andrew Blyholder taking 1st Place in Men's PAX and Corrin Vanetti taking 1st Place in the Woman's PAX along with Rookie of the Year.

In the Zone Concours series, there were 12 winners presented by John and Honore D'Angelo. After the class winners, Simone & Thorseten Kopitzki took overall in the Touring Class and Jim McMahan took overall in the Street Class. Congratulation goes to Matthew & Natalie (age 6) Howard who received the Rookies of the Year in Concours. The Howard's are quite the Father/daughter team and help at each event.

Also given out was the Zone 7 Event of the Year Award for 2018. This year it went to Werks Reunion #5. Although this is not a Zone 7 event, it happens in our backyard and it takes so many volunteers from within Zone 7 to make it a success. Thanks to all the Zone 7 volunteers over the past 5 years helping to make Werks a continued success.

The last two awards given out were for the Zone 7 Wall of Fame. This award was started in January 2003 by Tim Fleming to recognize those members of Zone 7 who have made lasting contribution to PCA and the Porsche community at large beyond their region. For more info and past winners, please see the [Zone7.pca.org](http://Zone7.pca.org) page under Zone 7 Awards. This year, Paul Czopek, past Yosemite Region President and

Past Zone 7 Rep was honored along with Craig Kugler, past Sierra Nevada President, Liaison for Treffen, Audit Committee and Region Finance Chair. Thanks gentlemen! Keep up the great contributions. Thanks go to Griots Garage, Pelican Parts, Werks Reunion, PCNA and PCA HQ for sending lots of wonderful door prizes for the evening. And finally thanks to Zone 7 for letting me be a part of so many of your regions events over the past 3 years. I have had some of the best times with you. I have made so many new friends and see so many welcoming faces when attending your events. Thanks for the memories and more to come!

### **Looking Ahead:**

PCA Treffen Santa Barbara, Hilton Beachfront Resort, April 3-6, 2019

Zone 7 Tour with Shasta Region, June 6-10, 2019

Porsche Parade, Boca Raton, Florida, Waldorf Astoria, July 21-27, 2019

Werks Reunion Monterey, August 16, 2019

PCA Treffen Woodstock, Woodstock Resort, Vermont, Sept. 4-7, 2019

Porsche Parade, Greater Palm Springs, California, June 21-27, 2020



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## LPR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Nov. 6, 2018

Call to Order: 7 pm. Suspend reading of BOD Meeting minutes. No corrections. Email approval of the Oct. Minutes. Moved by Suzette. 2nd by VP's.

### **Board Member Reports:**

**President** – Peter Ridgway

**Vice President** – Debbie Bennett & Emilie Highley. VP's requested \$300.00 for raffle prizes. This was approved via an email vote. Suzette moved and VP's second this motion.

**Secretary** – Margie Jensen : (absent) Ballots were cast for 2019. The President verified them and election results. John Gould read the results for the Secretary.

The 2019 board of directors is as follows:

President	John Reed
Vice President	Lisa Radding and Kris Vanacore
Secretary	Iain McNeil
Treasurer	Marge Jensen
Membership	Kathy Musser and Janelle Mann
Activities	Vince Vincent
Member-at-Large	John Gould

2019 election results approved via an email vote. Suzette moved and VP's seconded this motion.

**Treasurer** – Johnny Musser Oct. Exp: \$1,068  
Income: \$ 5,110 YTD YTD Net:\$14,863

**Membership** – Karen Morgan - absent : Peter reported for Membership.

New Members: Gary Aqilina of Campbell (GGR transfer in) Green 996 911 Nathan Vogel of San Jose ( GGR transfer in) White 2012 911 GTS New members were approved via an email vote. Suzette moved and VP's seconded this motion.

**Activities** – Suzette Pangrle (by Peter) reported on insurance status of upcoming events

**Member-at-Large** – John Gould - Report on Elections

### **Committee Reports**

**Autocross** – Anne Roth: AX will have to buy

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❖ Minutes..

loaner helmets for the 2019 Season. Final AX of the year: 85 drivers, \$4034.00: raised for Morgan Autism Center. \$65 raised for the restricted charity funds.

**Charity** – Kathy Musser, Kris Vanacore, Emilie Highley \$3950 to Jacobs Heart from the MBARI tour

**Concours** – open The 2019 Concours is scheduled for Sunday June 23rd at Porsche of Fremont

**Goodie Store** – Bob Morgan no report

**Hospitality** – Sue Sickal: Emilie Highley reported - Condolence card sent to Diana Hallock upon the loss of her father, -Get well card sent to Mary Wallace who had heart valve surgery

**Prieta Post Editor** – Kevin Bennett nothing to report

**Public Relations** – Ken Iles. Submission sent to Panorama

**Rallyes** - open

**Safety** – John Reed: Events were safe and reports filed.

**Social Media** – Diana Hallock no report

**Tech** – Peter Ridgway no report

**Tours** – John Reed: The October Train Museum Tour was well attended and fun. The November Blue Lakes Tour saw 17 cars and 31 people enjoy a pleasant weekend drive.

**Webmaster** – Jim Turk. Jim reported that he did “stuff” with the website (updated pages, fixed broken links etc.) in addition to setting up and managing the electronic voting using Survey Monkey.

### **Old Business:**

Janell noted Thirsty Thursday’s are not on the calendar. Activities to update.

Kevin Bennett asked for an update on the membership list? Peter reported transferring from Excel but lots of bugs. Cleaning up addresses known wrong, minimizing screwups. To be completed by December – Peter & Kevin to work on.

### **New Business:** none

Johnny did report on the 912 rendezvous in Solvang. A very good event and those without a 912 are still welcomed. 912 people are very nice and welcoming.

Adjourn Meeting

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 7:00pm, Dec. 5, 2018  
at Round Table Pizza, 14940 Camden Ave, San Jose



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