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January

- 9 Board Meeting
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February

- 6 Board Meeting
- 25 Member Appreciation GTG (tentative)

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POST Positions

Kevin Bennett, Editor



New computer products currently in Silicon Valley's ever imaginative pipeline bode ill for the future of society's trust in media. One Adobe project of interest is a software application currently called "VoCo." Adobe refers to it as "Photoshop for audio." Apparently this new technology will be built around a voice recognition system that, after digitizing approximately forty minutes of a person's speech, will be able to effectively duplicate the voice and intonation to the point that it will be indecipherable from that vocalized by the original speaker. The purported purpose of the software is for use by the entertainment industry to lessen or eliminate the need for callbacks for actors on projects to clean up problems with the audio in film and other recorded media. There must be at least some other market that Adobe envisions, however, as the one specified seems pretty narrow and would, seemingly, hardly justify the investment that is being made in development of the technology.

Just as Photoshop was not limited to commercial photography and has been used to create a lot of photo chicanery, it is likely that VoCo will become a plaything of the internet with messy results. For instance, suppose someone takes a sound clip of Donald Trump saying, "My campaign didn't collude with the Russian government to influence the presidential election." and, using VoCo, alters it to say, "My campaign did collude with the Russian government to influence the presidential election." It is such a subtle alteration that the audio change could conceivably be used in a video clip.

Even more alarming is, fantastic as it seems, software is rapidly evolving that will allow the alteration of video such that, in conjunction with VoCo, the above described video clip could be altered to convincingly portray Trump as saying, "My campaign worked hand and glove with the Russian government to undermine Hillary Clinton in the presidential election."

One would hope that there will be some arcane method to determine whether a video or sound clip has been altered using any of these evolving technologies, but that will do little to undo the damage to the credibility of audio/video media that will be the result of the

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machinations that will be performed by internet trolls and political shysters when they get their hands on these tools. When presented with strong evidence that undermines a personal belief and weak evidence that reinforces that belief, there is, generally, a psychological imperative to give greater credence to the latter, no matter how outrageous. As an example, nearly 20 years ago, an attorney, while pursuing a speculative lawsuit, solicited a biased study indicating that immunizations were a factor in creating autism in children. The study was actually published in a British medical journal, The Lancet. Proving just how dangerous disseminating falsified data can be, despite the fact that the study was later shown to be totally fraudulent and retracted by the medical journal, to this day, there is a strong feeling among overly protective parents that they are putting their children at risk by giving them childhood immunizations.

One can only speculate on what forms of mischief will be created by these almost magical technologies that are being developed, but it is no leap of faith to predict they will be used, in many cases, for what most people would consider malign purposes. Civil discourse will become incredibly difficult as these altered media become ubiquitous on the internet. As these new tools become available and begin being wielded by the forces of chaos, it won't matter whether modified video and audio can be debunked at some later date, because, when you can't believe your own eyes and ears, it's going to pretty hard to form a valid opinion about anything.

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FEBRUARY POST**



Left: Tour Leader John D'Angelo takes charge and leads the drivers meeting.

Below: John thanks Sandy and Tom Provasi for joining him as members of the gray brigade.



Above: Tours are one of the key events for actually seeing folks driving their Porsches.

Right: This facility looks to have been around a good long time. This looks like 1950's vintage or older signage.



Touring for Toys 4 Tots



by John Reed

It was a dark and somewhat showery night before the morning clouds parted and the sun blazed brightly on the first ever Toys 4 Tots Tour on Sunday, December 3rd.

The tour faithful gathered in downtown Saratoga at two different parking lots until it was decided one would do for this event. Once everyone arrived in the same place at the same time there were the usual hugs, handshakes and more hugs. The Cast of Characters were....Janelle and Robert Mann; Bonnie and Jerry Lund; GGR friends George and Carol Grialou and Chuck Bloom; Janet Au Krug; Bernard and Gail Bove; Tom and Sandy Provasi; Angie and myself and of course our tour leaders John and Honore D'Angelo.

We gathered around John D. for any last minute instructions and words of wisdom: Zero your odos, drive with headlights on, follow the route instructions, drive safely and have fun! And don't step in that stuff in front of the Reed's car (you had to be there). As a first time tour leader John



Firemen and charity representatives were pleasantly surprised with all of the donations.



Above: The Boulder Creek Firemen show off their Christmas spirit with a Christmas wreath... wouldn't that interfere with cooling?.

Right: The tour wends its way (love that word...)



Left: Sandy says, "Anybody want my brussels sprouts?"

Below: Another bit of signage that looks to rival Ken Iles in prolonged exposure.



handled the pre-drive meeting expertly. Then came the last announcement - Ladies & Gentlemen start your engines, get lined up and we're off...out onto Big Basin Way/Hwy. 9 for an impromptu parade up main street Saratoga.



Honore and John receive a certificate of appreciation from a representative of Toys 4 Tots.

After clearing downtown we sat back and enjoyed the twists and turns of Hwy. 9, our leaders providing a leisurely pace, a pace not boring, but safe. Once crossing Hwy. 9 at Skyline Blvd. it was almost all downhill into the town of Boulder Creek and our first destination, the Boulder Creek Fire Department.

Exiting the parking lot, unwrapped toys in hand, the tour group was met outside the firehouse by Toys 4 Tots representatives Nathan and Andrew who seemed pleasantly surprised to see all of the toys coming their way. The T4T reps explained that our donations would be delivered to the main warehouse in Watsonville for distribution around the Monterey Bay/Santa Cruz region. This toy distribution is a joint effort in conjunction with the Marine Corp Reserve.

The Toys 4 Tots reps then presented LPR

with a certificate of appreciation. A group photo was taken with toys in hand and fire engines as the background, several more photos were snapped with John, Honore, Andrew and Nathan displaying the certificate. After this presentation was complete we filled a large container with toys which overflowed into another container. This group of LPR folks was extremely generous in their giving.

With a little prompting a few ladies convinced Hunter, one of the firemen, to come out and say a few words. He spoke about the all-volunteer fire department and the role they played in the





Above: The sudden appearance of this angry horde of gift bearing car enthusiasts took the charity by surprise.

Right: On the way to lunch, the parade of Porsches turns north onto Highway 1.



Above: George and Carol Giralou sign the tour waiver under the careful supervision of Angie Reed.

Right: These firemen wanted to make it perfectly clear that they have the Christmas spirit.



latest Santa Cruz Mountains fire and how many hours they spend manning the firehouse. Hunter stated that the Toys 4 Tots yearly campaign has become very special to these firemen. This volunteer effort was appreciated and we told him so.

We said our goodbyes, promised to be back next year and headed to our steeds which were awaiting us for our next back roads drive to lunch. There was another impromptu Porsche parade down main street Boulder Creek before we turned onto Felton Empire Grade Road, a fun twisty Porsche experience before we turned on Empire Road,



With their renowned driving skills you would think it a rare occurrence to see Tom & Sandy Provasi in your rearview mirror.

a shortened version of the previous drive. Next it was Pine Flat/Bonny Doon Road (The driving fun continued)) until we reached our right turn onto Hwy. 1 North. A mile or so later we turned into the parking lot at our lunch stop and finish, The Davenport Roadhouse.

There was the usual quiet (not) but lively banter as we dined from a menu prepared by the restaurant, something for everyone and everyone was pleased with their meals. We/I promised not to mention what happened to Angie before she finally arrived with the rest of us inside the restaurant. Let's say she went for a walk-about with some new friends and leave it at that. But go ahead and ask her, she's a good sport. Note: I may be sleeping on the couch after this article appears!



They love their trees in the Santa Cruz mountains, even downtown.

Before departing for home we thanked John and Honore for a wonderful tour and fun time. These enthusiastic tour rookies did an outstanding job...kudos! This Toys 4 Tots Tour 2 is now on the LPR calendar for December 2nd, 2018. We'll be there, hope you'll join us. Happy New Year!

From Tripoli, Libya



Story and Photography* | **Jean-Francoise Bulycz**



To Idaho, USA



The 1958 edition of the Tripoli to Tobruk Rally, across the punishing desert sands of Libya, counted among its finishers a white Porsche 356 driven by an oil field engineer, sponsored by Mobil Oil...



Now fast forward to to the 2017 edition of the PCA Parade in Spokane Washington state: I am participating in an all day driving tour to Schweitzer Mountain in Idaho.

On our way to the mountain, while roaming the Porsche parking area at

a scheduled rest stop, with my Nikon, I spot a little white 356 which has just joined our tour group.

Idaho Porsches wear very clever and imaginative license plates, ie. spotted earlier that day at the drivers' meeting in Spokane, "FREITAG", or my favorite,

"OMG", but this 1600 Super, in addition to "K 356" also sports a large black plate with arabic letters—could be from one of the Middle Eastern countries or from North Africa.

With a wild guess in mind or my photo memory

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at work, I approach the owner and ask him: "Is this a Libyan plate?". He says, "Yes, it is". Wow, talk about our PCA being all about people: the current owner, now Idaho resident, was working in the oil fields of Libya during the late 50s and early 60s, me too... I was

based in Rome, Italy, and made several trips to Tripoli about that time as part of my mission as IT manager and employee of Mobil Oil.

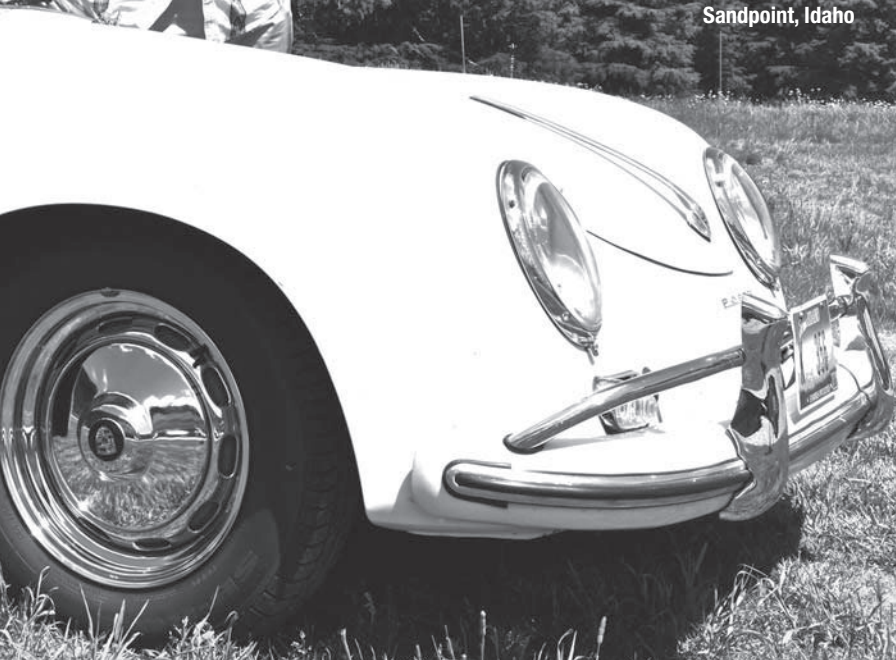
As Will told me the story of his 356, its original owner left Libya sans Porsche for lack of an export license and the little white car remained

forgotten in a Tripoli garage for several years, until Will acquired it and brought the 356 to Idaho to much greener pastures!

Both are happily retired in Idaho.



>>> Will Pitman with his Porsche 1600 356 Super at Schweitzer Mountain in Sandpoint, Idaho



By Sandy Provasi,

Zone 7 Representative

Happy New Year to all! All the regions are working on filling up their calendars for 2018. Which is good and bad. Good that we will all have lots of PCA events to have fun driving our Porsches. Bad that we will have to choose one event over the other as all the calendars fill up.



Please welcome Collin Fat as the new Zone 7 Autocross Chair. Collin has been gathering the regions autocross dates as the regions start to get confirmations on dates from the respective entities that control the sites. Some good news is in. Redwood Region will be able to continue to use the airport site for another year! Get the Porsche ready to autocross by March.

The Concours series with, the help of John D'Angelo Zone 7's Concours Chair, is also fine tuning its schedule for 2018. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

One update on Rennsport, for those who are wanting to participate in the Parade Laps at Laguna Seca; signups will happen in July 2018. At that time you will need to have a corral pass and be driving a Porsche. No Exceptions. More info to follow.

Up Coming events:

Shasta Region Tour- June 8-11, Registration opens Jan. 29 at Motorportreg

Zone 7 Autocross School, Marina, April 28th-29th

Zone 7 Sierra-Desert-Pacific Tour, Postponed

Treffen Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, April 25th-29th

CRAB 37-Sacramento Valley Region, May 18th-20th

Lake of the Ozarks Porsche Parade, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri, July 8th-14th

Werks Reunion, Corral de Tierra, August 24th

Rennsport Reunion VI, Laguna Seca, September 27th-30th



A rogue's gallery of the giving minded, from left: Johnny Musser, Tony Vanacore, Sheila and Dave Dunwoodie, Kris Vanacore, accepting the check for \$6776 (raised by the Kill-a-Kone autocrossers) on behalf of the Morgan Autism Center - Brad Boardman, Karen Morgan, Kathy Musser, Peter Ridgway (peeking from behind...), Emilie Highley and Angie Reed.

Below: Basking in a charitable glow, Kris Vanacore, Sheila Dunwoodie and Angie Reed.



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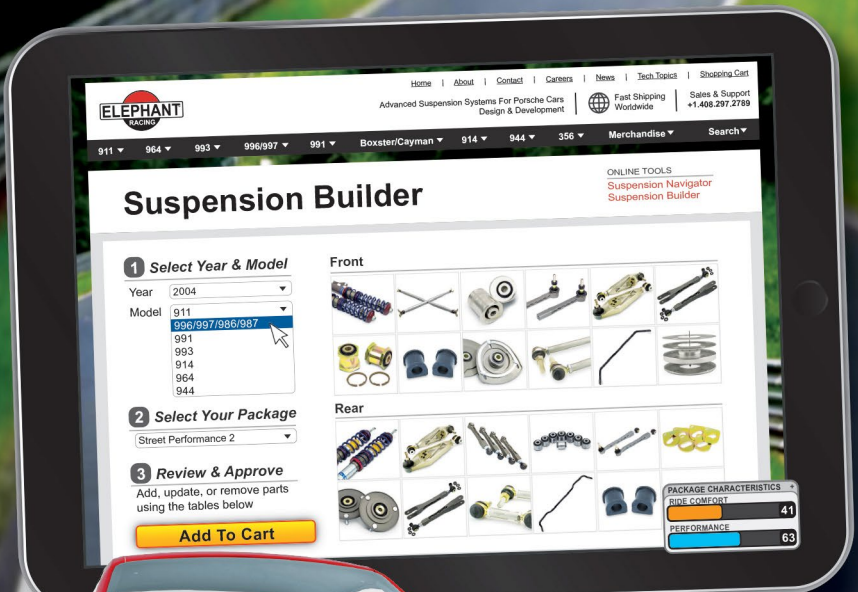
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Jan 9th – LPR Board Meeting

Jan 20th – Crow’s Nest Tour – Reed

Feb 6th – LPR Board Meeting

Mar 6th - LPR Board Meeting

Mar 17th – GTG St Patrick’s Day – Morgan

Mar 18th – LPR AX#1

Mar 31st – Easter Parade – Musser

Apr 3rd - LPR Board Meeting

Apr 21/22 LPR AX#2/GGR Zone 7

Apr 25-29 – Treffen Tamaya

Apr 26-30 Zone 7 Sierra/Desert/Pacific Tour

Apr 28/29 – Zone 7 AX School

May 1st - LPR Board Meeting

May 5th – GTG - Cinco de Mayo – Metz & Hallocks

May 18-20 – SVR CRAB

May 19th – LPR AX#3

May 27th – Indy 500 – Ridgway

Jun 3rd – LPR Concours –

Jun 5th LPR Board Meeting

Jun 9th – Cooking Tour – George

Jun 19th GTG – Father’s Day – Highley/Bennett

Jun 23rd – LPR AX#4

Jul 3rd or 10th - LPR Board Meeting

Jul 8-14 Porsche Parade

Jul 22nd – LPR AX#5

Jul 29th – LPR Family Picnic

Aug 4/5 – LPR AX#6 Zone 7/GGR

Aug 7th - LPR Board Meeting

Aug 18th – Tour – Vanacore

Aug 24th – Werks Reunion

Aug 25th – GTG – Radding

Sep 4th - LPR Board Meeting

Sep 9th – LPR AX#7

Sep 15th – Charity Tour – Musser/Vanacore

Sep 22nd – GTG Oktoberfest – Smith

Sep 27-30 – Rennsport Reunion VI

Oct 2nd - LPR Board Meeting

Oct 21 – GTG – Halloween – Metz/Hallock

Oct 28th – LPR AX#8

Nov 3-4 – Clear Lake Tour – Reed

Nov 6th - LPR Board Meeting

Nov 25th – Activities Planning Meeting – Pangrle

Dec 4th - LPR Board Meeting

Dec 8th – Awards Banquet

Dec – 15th – GTG – Gift Exchange - Hallock

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LPR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Dec. 5, 2017

Guests: Bruce Moe, Suzzette Pangrle, John Gould, Angie Reed

Call to Order: 7:01 pm. by VP Emilie Highley November 2017 Board Meeting Minutes (distributed via email).

Suspend reading of BOD Meeting minutes. Approval of BkOD Mtg. minutes: Moved by Johnny Musser. Motion Passed

Board Member Reports:

President – Peter Ridgway : not present

Vice President – Debbie Bennett & Emilie Highley : 1) Nov. recap-no GTG's. 2) Dec. Plans being finalized for the 2017 Annual Awards Banquet, Sat. Dec. 9, 2017 at David's Banquet Hall, Santa Clara. 3) Sat. Dec. 16th LPR gift exchange at the home of Bill and Emilie Highley. See POST for more info.

Secretary – Margie Jensen: Many thanks to Bonnie Radding and Dave Dunwoodie, for successfully completing their service to the LPR board.

Treasurer – Johnny Musser: RECAP Expenses \$3,534.00 Income \$1,600.00 YTD net \$12,771.00.

Debbie moved \$2356.09 in receipts to reimburse Bonnie for Awards Banquet. . Motion passed

Bonnie moved to accept Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Membership – Karen Morgan: Congratulations to Bonnie and Dave upon completing your terms on the fabulous LPR Board of Directors. You will be missed. 1) 2 - New Members from PCA. Pietro Intemicola of Pozzuoli-2012 Boxster, and Chris Stanger of Capitala-1999 911 Carrera Cabriolet. Debbie moved to accept new members. Motion passed

Activities – Dave Dunwoodie: nothing to report

Member-at-Large – Bonnie Radding: Picked up the awards today for the Awards Banquet.

Chairperson Reports:

Autocross – Anne Roth: no rept.

Charity – Kathy Musser: SC chapter Toys for Tots drive sent thank you certificate for our toy donations as part of the Dec. 3rd tour.

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❖ Minutes..

Concours – Les Schreiber: living in Washington -no report.

Goodie Store – Bob Morgan: no rept.

Hospitality – Sue Sickal and Emilie Highley: nothing to report.

Prieta Post Editor – Kevin Bennett: Post was printed.

Public Relations – Ken Iles: Not present. No report.

Safety – John Reed: The PCA Observer’s report for Dec. 3rd. tour was sent in a timely manner. The release forms were given to the LPR Activities Director. This was a fun and safe event.

Social Media – Diana Hallock: Continues to update the files for email distribution. Unfortunately some members have their computers set to automatically trash bulk email distributions and don’t get the POST or the Mid-Month Blast. If someone mentions that they have NOT received the POST or Mid-Month Blast, please have them check their junk folder and change LPR to “not junk.”

Tech – Peter Ridgway : not present. nothing to report.

Tours – Kathy Musser: The first tour of 2018 is the Crow’s Nest tour on Jan. 20th. See John Reed for details.

Webmaster – Kevin Bennett

Old Business: none

New Business: July 29th is date of picnic. Ken & Margie Jensen will do a tour on July 14th.

Adjourn Meeting 7:22 pm

NOTE JANUARY Meeting Date

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 7:00pm, Jan. 9, 2018 at

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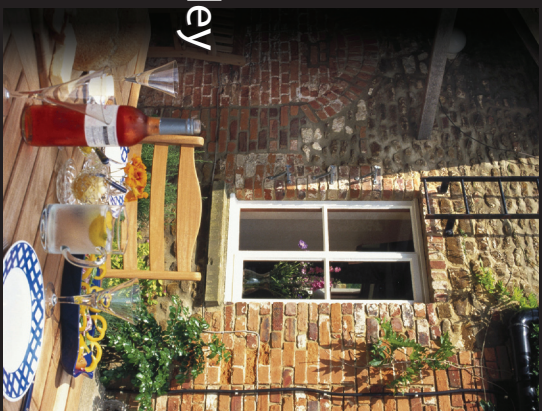


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