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# COWABUNGA! COME OUT AND SEE THE FASTEST GAME IN SPORTS! SATURDAY, MARCH 9 6 P.M.

The Ninja Turtles (AKA the San Jose Barracudas, AHL affiliates of the Sharks) are taking the ice in San Jose when they host Nickelodeon Night against the Bakersfield Condors (NHL affiliate of the Edmonton Oilers). Join us for an action packed night of fun (and pizza) beginning at 6:00 p.m. Hang out with Mikey and Leo or your LPR buds on the concourse and watch the team play in their custom Ninja Turtle jerseys and bid on one of your own throughout the game in our auction. The first 4,000 fans in the building will receive a Tomas Hertl/Radim Simek bobblehead.



Tickets will be \$10/person.

RSVP by Feb 22nd to Lisa Radding at 408-821-6901 or lisaradding@yahoo.com.



Inquiring Minds Want To Know: A hot, but not heated, topic of discussion at last month's LPR board meeting was about participation and what we can do to get more members out to events. The most important question is — what do you want and what will it take to get you to participate.

LPR Vice Presidents Lisa and Kris, along with Membership Directors Kathy and Janelle are brainstorming a survey that will be sent to all LPR members asking you to respond with answers that we, the board and committee chairs, can evaluate and go forward with your wishes in mind. So, when you receive this survey please take the time to answer the questions and most important, send your answers back to us. The results will be published either in the POST or via email, or both. We're taking your wants and needs seriously, help us in this important endeavor so we can provide more of what you expect from your LPR/PCA membership.

A big job needs to be filled soon! Kevin Bennett, long time Prieta POST Editor, is moving to the Central Valley land of Fresno come May or June. How about it? Interested in becoming the Editor of the POST? Kevin will train anyone who steps forward and is willing to do the job. Keep in mind that Kevin is an excellent teacher and with modest training you (yes, you) can begin the editorship with confidence. Think about it and if this LPR job appeals to you let Kevin or myself know soon so the transition can begin.

Outdoor Events Begin This Month: You've heard of 'March Madness?' Of course if you're a college basketball fan you have, but we have our own version of this annual 'madness' and it's called 'Time to Get Out and Drive Madness.'

The two driving events coming your way are the March 16th Autocross at the Marina Airport and the St. Paddy's Day Tour on March 17th. These back-to-back weekend events offer different flavors but both are a lot of fun. And when you hear someone yell, "Cowabunga," remember LPR night at the AHL Barracudas hockey match at SAP Arena in downtown San Jose on March 9th. This form of kinder—gentler (not) sport should get your juices flowing for

an autocross or tour the following weekend. "Cowabunga", indeed! Check out all of the details in this issue of the POST and pick your 'madness' of the month.

Finally: The LPR 2019 Membership Directory is completed and ready for pickup, which is the only way the directory will be distributed. The directory will be available at most LPR events, so ask and you shall receive.

That's about it. Keep an eye peeled (ouch!) for your LPR pals as they can be found on the road ahead.

# **Advisory**

Drones are an enjoyable way to photograph activities from a different perspective and are becoming more common. PCA/LPR members need to know, however, that for insurance reasons, drones are prohibited at all club events. The Region Procedure Manual, page 112, found on the PCA website, states under Events and Activities NOT allowed as part of PCA Insured Coverage, "Drones of any type at any time".

We're sure you understand the need to keep LPR event insurance coverage valid. Thank you for your cooperation in leaving drones at home during club events.



On the first Thursday of every month LPR members will be found at the East Cliff Brewing Company. The plan is to have a little beer, a little food, a little conversation and A LOT of fun!

# Come out and drop in!

The East Cliff Brewing Company is open to bringing in food to enjoy with your mug of brew so

feel free to bring any provisions you feel might enhance your evening chatting with your LPR buds.

East Cliff Brewing Company, 21517 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz.

The fun will begin at 5 pm until ???

# POST Positions

#### Kevin Bennett, Editor

The Mercury News recently published an article about a poll taken by the Public Policy Institute of California that asked the following question: Which one issue facing California today do you think is the most important for the governor and state legislature to work on in 2019? The top concern was immigration/illegal immigration with 15%, followed by education/schools/teachers at 11%, Jobs/economy at 10%, environment/pollution/global warming at 8% and homelessness at 6%. In the very same edition of this newspaper was a political cartoon by Tom Meyer that portrayed the Golden State as a passenger liner obliviously steaming ahead into an iceberg representing a four trillion dollar unfunded state and local pension obligation. \$4,000,000,000,000.00. That's a lot of money and a hell of an obligation for the California taxpayer. It works out to \$100,000.00 for every man, woman and child who is a resident of this state.

The day of this writing, it was announced that the National debt had just exceeded twenty-three trillion dollars. \$23,000,000,000,000.00. This is another spectacular sum. Based on the U.S. Census Bureau's February 2018 population estimate this some works out to \$70,302.00 owed by every resident in the U.S. in order to pay down this debt.

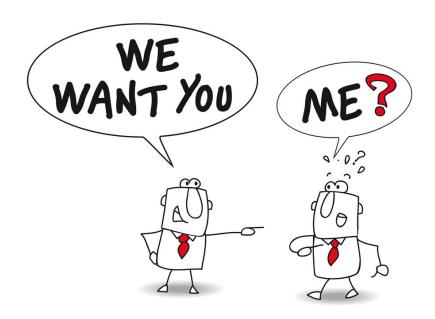
Now we have the Green New Deal coming out of the nation's capital. The proposal advocates eliminating fossil fuels, air travel, creating solar farms, high speed rail, guaranteed income, single payer health care for all, etc. One has to ask from whence the money will come? Governor Gavin Newsom, to his credit, just announced that he was scrubbing the high speed rail being built in California due to its extravagant cost and lengthy construction schedule. (My projected final figure for the bullet train was over \$2500 for every California resident, pushing their debt load for these three items to nearly \$173,000 per resident.)

In the past, there has existed a political dynamic that while not totally effective, at least slowed the rush to overwhelming debt; Liberals would gain power and enact costly programs and when forced out, conservatives would try to pay for them. That system has apparently been forsaken as the current administration in Washington D.C. has elected to push tax cuts and increased spending simultaneously, deficits be damned.

The real difficulty in resolving these issues is that politicians and bureaucrats are basically incapable of making the hard, businesslike decisions to solve these many problems out of fear of revolt from the electorate. Defined benefit programs for civil servants should have been eliminated long ago, just like they were in private industry. Today, the participants in these programs should be making much higher contributions to finance their forthcoming pension's largess, but the politicians can't take the heat of forcing the issue. Similarly, the greenhouse gases being created by fossil fuels are being addressed in the most inefficient way possible. A simple tax on the fuels, the higher the better, would not only have people falling all over themselves in the rush to lower their consumption but would provide money to the powers-that-be to actually PAY for mass transit projects. But the voter would clearly see the cost that he is bearing with, say a \$3-\$5 a gallon fuel tax and, lord knows, the politicians don't want that. So instead, they will enact expensive projects, obfuscate about the costs while waxing euphoric about poorly evidenced but glowingly rich projected benefits, float bonds and run up enormous deficits in their misguided attempts to ameliorate both climate change and the concerns of the voting public while, amidst all of the hubbub, planning to be long out of office and collecting their own enormous pensions before it all comes crashing down.

At 5% in the PPIC poll was the public's concern over state budget/deficit/taxes. If folks took the time and effort to evaluate financial conditions of state affairs rather than just following their Twitter feed about the Trump/Pelosi smackdown over the border wall, perhaps the state's budgetary ship headed straight for the iceberg might move up the scale in the public's concern and response to policy polls.





Yes, you!... We NEED you!

Kevin Bennett is six months shy of serving as editor of the Loma Prieta POST for 10 full years.

He has recently purchased a home in Fresno, will be moving there in a very few months and will no longer be filling this position for LPR.

The search is on for someone who is willing to take on this vital position to the club.

Prior to his move, Kevin will be available for training his replacement on the Adobe Creative Suites software that will be provided to you by the club.

This is a position of great importance to LPR and requires an individual who is organized and capable of conforming to a monthly deadline.

If you feel any inclination to come forward, feel free to contact Kevin or any member of the board to discuss your interest or concerns.

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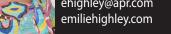
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Left: Michelle & Ron Castle pose with Dana & Thad Newton and little Nova...

Right: ... who, because of baby seating laws and Porsche cabin design, gets to ride in the front passenger seat and, therefore has to help navigate, so she can't get bored.





Left: Ron Castle inquires of Tony Vanacore the pluses and minuses of driving a neon green drving machine.

Right: Roy Cavalcant and Justin Gross make a little conversation prior to tour liftoff.





by Mary Wallace

John and Angie Reed ordered excellent weather for our annual Crows Nest Tour. We all gathered in Los Gatos before 10AM. The usual "Howdies" and "What's new on your car?" took place. There were almost 40 of us Porsche Pushers. After signing the release (at Angie's insistence) we were out of the gate in two groups. Reeds led the first group and Russ and Doris Britschgi headed up the second group. We drove a short time on Hwy 17 and then got onto the more pleasant back roads.

We were supposed to be sweep car for the first group, but we took a wrong turn getting off 17 and added an additional 4 miles to our tour as we circled back to "The Cats" and then again onto Old Santa Cruz Hwy. Many thought our error was caused by the Ken Iles jinx which causes cars to go off course. Ken and June were passengers in our car. I admit that it was my fault and this time Ken is not to blame. We put the pedal to the metal and drove like heck to make up those 4 miles we lost. Finally caught up on the outskirts of Soquel.

We had a diverse group of Diablo and GGR members as well as our LPR group. We had Raman and Nicole Maidu – new LPR members along with Dana and Thad Newton and definitely the youngest LPR member -9 months old Nova.

Some who lived close-by or didn't want to endure the drive, met us at the restaurant. These included George and Carol Grialou and Charlie and Inge Palmer. The Jensens who do live near the beach drove up to Los Gatos to the start, but they didn't have a long drive home.

All of our tables at the restaurant had a view of the bay; so the tables filled up strangely with everyone wanting to sit on the side facing the water not



Left: Kudos to the restaurant for the attempt, however mistaken, to make LPR feel welcome.

Right: Charlie and Inge Palmer rolled out for a little taste of the sea with the LPR clam... okay, clan.





Left: Angie Reed and Michelle Castle look like they are posing for a Doublemint Gum commercial. Look closely... the tops are not identical.

Right: Roy Cavalcant, like the Vanacores, is from the East Coast and is sharing New Yorker stories with Kris. The guy with the sunglasses on his ear overheard the entire conversation.



❖ Los Gatos Porsche Club....

with backs to the water. A special menu was provided for our "Los Gatos Porsche Club", and it was great. When the food is good, we can forgive an error.

After our lovely luncheon we headed home on our own routes. Traffic was light; so, it was quite pleasant even on 17. Not encountering bicyclists on the tour and available parking for all at the restaurant added to this great tour – a very successful first (and only) Los Gatos Porsche Club event

Thanks to John and Angie and Russ and Doris



Left: Tony Vanacore, who interacts with a lot of eateries setting up his own tours, is amused by the reference to the 'Los Gatos Porsche Club'.

Right: Carol Moe and John Ellis. John is seemingly approximating for Carol the size of his lobster.



#### This boating business is an expensive hobby!



This fella heads out to settle his bill with the harbormaster...



... and here he is on his return.

Right: There is always something to do with the arts going on somewhere in Santa Cruz. Today was no exception.





Left: Tony V. and Nikki & Selva Naidu. While Selva interacts with the Justin and Julia Gross, sitting across from them, Nikki is glacing at Tony and speculating that she may have seen that face on a wanted poster.

Right: Sung Chang beams for the camera while Warren Moore, at the end, is looking a little sly. John Ellis is oblivious to the camera, probably thinking about his lobster.





Left: A pretty classy luncheon setup for this group. White tablecloths and linen napkins put the group on their best behavior.



Left: Toward the end of the tour as the Porsche parade navigates the twists and turns of the Santa Cruz streets on their way to the bay.

Right: Julia & Justin Gross (and Julia's helper, Luigi). Selvi admires the service dog's demeanor, better even than Farley, which is why Farley is out in the parking lot.





Left: Kevin Bennett with the British Iles. Ken looks defiant (probably talking about the POST) and Junie just looks cold.

Right: Steve & Jill Harper and Margie Jensen. Steve gets social, Jill gets down to business and Margie wets her whistle.





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# ST. Paddy's day Warm up drive

Sunday, March 17th 9 a.m.

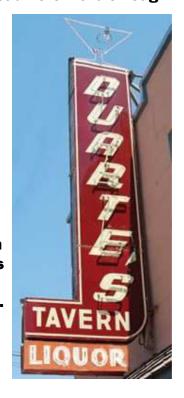
Join us for a not quite spring drive of the Santa Cruz Mountains and the nearby

coast. This trek will begin at 9 a.m. at the Java Junction
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Highway 1 and Highway 9 and will head northward through

the redwoods. Feel free to join the tour at our second starting point in the Saratoga Gap parking lot at the intersection of Highway 9 and Skyline Blvd. at 10 to 10:15 a.m.

Along the way we will stop at the fabled, anything-wheeled destination of Alice's Restaurant where we will check out the rolling stock in the parking lot (and the bathrooms) before continuing down the road to Pescadero and our lunch destination, Duarte's Tavern, famous for their artichoke soup, berry pies as well as their sandwiches and fish.

Pescadero has some fun and interesting shops to visit before mounting up for your homeward journey.



Please RSVP to soquelglen@prodigy.net to receive updates as weather and road conditions may change the drive. A few mystery stops may happen along the way so don't miss out.





## Collin Fat Zone 7 Rep

Several regions in Zone 7 will be celebrating significant anniversaries this year. Yosemite Region will be celebrating a historic 60th; Redwood Region will be celebrating their golden 50th Anniversary, and the new kid on the block, Diablo Region will be celebrating their 35th anniversary. Heartfelt congratulations to the members and leadership of these regions.

The 2019 Zone 7 Concours Series calendar has been completed and will start off with a concours school on April 14th at Porsche of Livermore. Registration will be at Motorsportreg.com and is now open. The concours school is designed for members who are new to concours and will cover all the basics about preparing your car for competition as well as how cars are judged. Zone 7 Concours chair, John D'Angelo and his team will provide a comprehensive learning experience for all attendees whether you have a 356 or newer Panamera. Owners of all models of Porsche are encouraged to participate. The concours series will consist of 7 events with Sacramento, Diablo, Golden Gate, Redwood, Loma Prieta, Monterey Bay and Sierra Nevada Region each hosting an event.

The 2019 Zone 7 Autocross Series currently has 6 events scheduled for the season and will likely add an additional two day event when Redwood Region finalizes its negotiations for a new site. Golden Gate and Loma Prieta Regions will be doing two weekend events on April 13th and 14th at Marina and again on September 28th and 29th. Sacramento Valley Region will be hosting zone events on June 29th at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton and again on October 5th at Thunderhill Raceway.

The 2019 PCA Club Race West Coast Series schedule has been posted and will feature a total of 9 events. A detailed schedule of all events can be found by visiting www.pcaclubracing.org.

I recently returned from the Winter Board/National Staff Meeting in Seattle and learned a great deal about the club's goals for 2019. In addition, I attended PCA University for new Zone Reps and had an opportunity to meet the other 13 Zone Reps in PCA. Except for the historic snow fall over the weekend, it was a wonderful learning experience and a great opportunity to share thoughts with other Porsche enthusiasts who have volunteered their time to serving as a national staff member and volunteer.

The PCA Executive Council recently held its annual strategic planning meeting, also known as Vision 2020.2, and have set some goals to 1) improve its image to the public, 2) update its website to make it more user friendly for both members and administrators, 3) launched a membership growth initiative geared at continuing to grow the club's membership as

well as the PCA Juniors program launched a few years ago, 4) expand content and increase engagement in the Region Focus program, 4) improve communications between national staff, members, and volunteers, and to 5) strive to make the PCA website the primary source for tech information for all things Porsche.

Looking ahead to many of the events of interest in the Zone as well as PCA are the following; PCA Treffen Santa Barbara, Hilton Beachfront Resort, April 3-6, 2019 (event full); Zone 7 Tour with Shasta Region, June 6-10, 2019 (Event Full); Porsche Parade, Boca Raton, Florida, Waldorf Astoria, July 21-27, 2019 (registration open now); Werks Reunion Monterey, August 16, 2019; Porsche Parade, Greater Palm Springs, California, June 21-27, 2020; and Zone 7 presidents meeting, March 2, 2019.



West Coast Series						
Dates	Event	Registration	Enduro			
Mar 23 - 24	Thunderhill Raceway	02/04/19				
Mar 29 - 31	Auto Club Speedway	02/11/19	<b>&amp;</b>			
May 18 - 19	<b>Buttonwillow Raceway</b>	04/01/19				
Jul 19 -21	Laguna Seca	06/03/19	<b>@</b>			
Sep 07 - 08	Thunderhill Raceway	07/22/19				
Sep 21 - 22	High Plains Raceway	08/05/19	<b>&amp;</b>			
Oct 26 - 27	Sonoma Raceway	09/09/19				
Nov 02 - 03	<b>Buttonwillow Raceway</b>	09/16/19	<b>&amp;</b>			
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# LPR BOARD MEETING Feb. 5th, 2019 7:00 PM to 8:08 PM

Call to Order

Jan. 2019 Board Meeting Minutes Approval of BOD Mtg. minutes, Vince proposed, John Gould seconds

#### **Board Member Reports:**

**President** – John Reed; I'll be attending the Zone 7 President's meeting on Saturday, March 2nd. Input from LPR members is appreciated.

**Vice President** – Lisa Radding and Kris Vanacore; Proposed to coordinate with Membership VP's to create a survey of membership regarding their interest in the club's social events. Margie proposed motion to pay deposit for S.J Giants baseball event, John Gould seconded, passed. Discussion of using credit cards for all LPR events. We have MSR in place with 5.3% rake and no alternative.

**Secretary** – Iain McNeill; Received thankyou note from Jacobs Heart for our donation of \$450.

**Treasurer** – Margie Jensen; January Exp. \$ 2,991.68, Inc. \$ 1,659.00. YTD \$ (1,332.68)

Membership – Kathy Musser & Janell Mann Transfers in : James Colombotos from Diablo. Total Members 559, Anniversaries 5 Years Kenneth Rensfield, Bryan Hughes; 15 Years Scott Seaman

**Activities** – Vince Vincent; Calendar details added for upcoming events. Insurance for 2019 AX received and delivered to Anne & Dave.

Proposed that LPR subsidizes all events by \$5.00. Vince will collate finance data, we will vote when we have the data.

Member-at-Large – John Gould -no report.

#### **Chairperson Reports:**

**Advertising** - Peter Ridgway BTM Motorwerks has taken out a full page ad in addition to their autocross graphics support.

**Autocross** – Anne Roth and Dave Dunwoodie

New Generator for \$1050, from Amazon. Motion proposed: John Gould, Janelle seconded, passed unanimously. Trailer inventory will happen during the AX team Trailer Day in Marina on March 3rd. Ed will be autocross safety this year.

**Charity** – Kathy Musser, Kris Vanacore, Emilie Highley, Janell Mann; No report.

# **Prieta Post Advertising Rates**

Full Page Covers: \$1,875/ yr (inside cover, inside back or back)

Full Page: \$1250/yr, 1/2 Page: \$625/yr, 1/3 Page: \$450/yr, 1/4 Page: \$325/yr.

Optional Add-ons: Advertiser provided and installed logo on LPR AX trailer: \$250/yr.Advertiser owned banner displayed at LPR AX events: \$100/yr. Minutes...

**Hospitality** – Emilie Highley;Jennifer Bryants mother had a stroke recently. Jim Davis is in the Fremont health care facility after losing ability to walk. Emilie would like \$100 for plants (not flowers as they wilt) Ed recalls a benevolent fund, Marge will research.

**Prieta Post Editor** – Kevin Bennett; St Paddys day GTG is not in the printed post, but it is in on-line version. Kevin will be moving to Fresno in May, Directories are in and ready for pick up.

**Public Relations** – Ken Iles; I will mention the Crow's Nest Tour in my next submission.

Rallye - Bob Frostholm; No report

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

**Social Media** – Robert Mann; Post reach = 1147, up 77%, Post engagements = 476, up 81%, New page likes = 4, down 43%

**Tech** – Peter Ridgway Wardell Auto Interiors tech session is scheduled for Sat. May 4th. Elephant Racing has ask to delay their tech session until Nov. 16th. At that time Elephant Racing/Vonnen will tell us all about their 911 electric Hybrid retrofit. They say they'll probably have an air cooled hybrid demo car by then. I'm pushing for door prizes to be demo drives in one of the Hybrids. We're still working on 2 or 3 other sessions for 2019.

**Tours** – Russ and Doris Britschgi; The January 26th Crow's Nest Tour was well attended with a pleasant drive to Santa Cruz and a delicious lunch. Future tour leaders have been requested to share details about their plans with Activities Director Vince for the LPR calendar.

No cost for St. Paddys day tour? Standard cost is \$5. Robert to add to social media

Webmaster – Jim Turk; Did a bunch of web maintenance.

#### **Old Business:**

Membership Directory update – K. Bennett Directories are here, 97 copies.

LPR 50th Anniversary update –K. Vanacore, L. Radding, E. Highley No specifics at this time. Targeting March 20/21 2020.

LPR BOD/committee Business cards – D. Dunwoodie: Dave recreated cards from 5 years ago. \$9.99 + tax less than \$250 for 20 people 500 cards each all in. John to send email to see who wants cards. Motion by Lisa, John seconded, passed unanimously.

Adjourn Meeting

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 7:00pm, March. 5, 2019

at Round Table Pizza, 14940 Camden Ave, San Jose



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