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## **TECH SESSION**

## Saturday MAY 4TH



Many of you know John Wardell from his time with Bascom Upholstery. Now that Bascom has closed, John has opened a new shop staffed with most of the highly skilled Bascom techs in a new location.

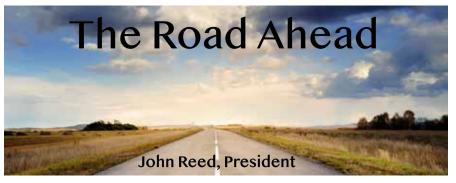
John will show off his new shop and introduce us to his services. There will of course be some interesting cars and we'll have coffee and donuts before the session starts.

I'm also planning a short trip to lunch somewhere afterwards.

Time: 9 - noon

Location: 3667 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Santa Clara, CA 95051
(this is behind the car wash on San Thomas
and Stevens Creek blvd.)

Contact: Peter Ridgway (727-804-9513 or fastpeedr@outlook.com)



## The New POST Editor...

All of us want to thank Kat Hsueh for stepping up to the plate and assuming the editorship of the Prieta POST. The April issue, her first, was very well done. Thanks, Kat, carry on! Oh, the photo next to her column proves once and for all that Kats and dogs do coexist in peace.

## Moving on...

Kevin and Debbie Bennett are moving soon and I'll miss them more than words can say. The Bennetts joined LPR in 1990 and shortly thereafter jumped into LPR life with both feet and a few other body parts, some are still intact. Along the way, for (almost) 30 years, Kevin and Debbie have become active mainstays chairing good time gatherings at their home, chairing one day and weekend tours, and volunteering for any event that needed volunteers. Both have been members of the LPR board and committee chairs as well. Their level of activity is legendary.

Another one of those strange things that happens with active club members is people who are also active clubbies became friends, this is the case with the Bennetts, myself, Kathy and eventually Angie. Somehow we talked about putting on a weekend tour to wherever soon after they joined LPR, that talk lead to finalizing the tour... and you really get to know someone while spending several days riding in a car while setting up a weekend tour. We had a blast! We became friends. The years have since pas quickly as we continued to plot tours as well as other LPR activities. One other item of note, Kevin and I love to put our head together and come up with the words and artwork for our tour events, while doing this Debbie would stroll down the hall of their home to Kevin's office and ask what's with all the giggling and laughter, it was just us little boys having a good time creating the publicity. If you haven't as yet thanked Kevin for his many years as the POST Editor, please do so while you have an opportunity.

Now the time has come for my pals to move on. Even though there will be time and distance between us I won't let them off the hook, they're

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stuck with me as a friend...and I will miss them more than words can say.

#### Events to Remember...

Taking a look back at two memorable events as March Madness lived up to its name! The first was the March 16th Autocross at the Marina Airport – 71 drivers hit the pavement to begin the 2019 autocross series...what a turnout! Anne Roth and her autocross committee deserve a round of applause. The next day, March 17th, was the St. Paddy's Day Tour hosted by Steve Douglas, this was another outstanding event and turnout – 29 Porsches ranging from in age from 1958 to 2018 – 60 years of German engineering enjoying a gorgeous Springtime Sunday drive through the Santa Cruz Mountains and along the coast, ending with lunch. Kudos to Steve and Lori for presenting us with another wonderful LPR tour.

## Finally...

There's always time to pitch a few upcoming LPR events, so I'll pitch straight down the middle with no curve balls: May 4th is the first Tech Session of 2019 at Wardell's Interiors and Tops; May 7th is the LPR board meeting, all are welcome; May 12th is the LPR Autocross #3 at the Marina Airport.; May 19th is the Week After Mom's Day Tour and lunch, OK to bring mom, she deserves another lunch. Check out your online or printed Prieta POST for all the details. There are many opportunities on the horizon to fire up the Porsche, settle behind the wheel and enjoy...the road ahead.



## **COME OUT AND SHAKE** YOUR TAIL FEATHERS...

#3 in the series



- Registration: 7:30 8:30 am Limited loaner helmets available
- \$55.00 per driver
- Drivers must work for sessions run
- Lunch available for \$8.00 Snell 2005 or newer helmet required

Early/Pre-Registration @ www.motorsportreg.com (\$10.00 discount for PCA members and early registration)

## **Contact:** Anne Roth, alroth@sbcglobal.net - 408.710.0547

Take Highway 1 south toward Monterey and Laguna Seca Raceway. Take the Reservation Road exit south toward Marina. After one short block, turn right in order to stay on Reservation Road. Follow the road through Marina approximately two miles south of town. Turn left at (Imjin Road) signal into Marina Airfield. Turn right after the first large building on the right and follow the cones to the autocross site.

## POST Script

Happy Mother's Day!

My mother is someone I truly admire. When I think about her, I get a little emotional. She has been selfless and made most of her decisions based

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on her family's needs. She and my father worked tirelessly to provide for my brother and I. Only after we left the nest, did she start doing some things for herself and then even more for the community.

My dad was recruited by a large company in Ohio in the late '60s. He and my mom were just out of college and engaged. They decided to move here with just a suitcase and their education. They had an engagement party in Taiwan but didn't have any friends or family at their small U.S. courthouse wedding. My mom pursued her M.A. in English and then soon after, they had me! They were only 26 at the time! I can't even imagine being that age in a foreign country, speaking a second language and then having a baby without a support system in place.

My mother earned her teaching credential and went back to work when I was in preschool, teaching Special Ed. I remember when she would take me to the classroom with her sometimes. Here, I was exposed to children and adults who needed more help. This is just one example of where she has influenced me throughout my life - to volunteer and help others through mentoring or pet therapy. I don't thank her enough for this experience or other things she has taught me or shared with me. I love you and thank you, MOM!

What is your favorite memory of your mother? I hope you will take some time on May 12th, or more frequently, to remember and connect with her.

Kat Hsueh Editor

## LPR Anniversaries

10 Years: Rav Dhiraj, Paul Griep 15 Years: Kenneth Jensen, Jon Mulberg 20 Years: Emilie Highley, James Metz Stephen Rossi



Join us for a short drive in the Santa Cruz
Mountains that will culminate in a visit to the
Hindquarter Restaurant in Santa Cruz where
we will eat, drink, and merrily celebrate
moms everywhere.

Participants in this tour/lunch will order off
Hindquarter's menu. Please bring cash.
The restaurant will do separate checks if
we pay with cash. There is of course, the LPR
toll of \$5.00 per car.

This tour is hosted by Janell Mann and Kathy Musser.

RSVP by May 10th to: Janellmann@att.net / 831-251-6500 or momcat1951@yahoo.com / 831 234-6371

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The Shark Tank
Barracudas GTG

by Lisa Radding
Photos by Kevin Bennett

COWABUNGA! The Barracudas were in the house. It was an amazing day at the Shark Tank. We had a wonderful turn out to the Nickelodeon sponsored San Jose Barracudas vs. the Bakersfield Condors.

Standing in front of the entrance to the Shark Tank was a sea of blue.



Hundreds of fans were dressed in their Sharks Jerseys and team colors. This seemed a bit odd to me but then it dawned on me that the players for the Barracuda are aspiring to be on the SHARKS.

The first to arrive were, Vince Vincent, Christina and her friend Daniel. They were all dressed in full sharks gear as well. So impressive! They were like many of the fans pulling a double header for the day after already watching the Sharks play at noon.

Left: Vince Vincent, Daniel and Christina Vincent ready for their second match of the day!

Kevin Bennett along with his son and grandson were ready to watch the match.

Kris and Tony Vanacore joined us all as we stood in line to get into the Tank. Upon entering, the first 4000 people would receive collectable Radim Simek and Tomáš Hertl Bobbleheads.

New to our club are Gary and Pam Aquilina, also huge Sharks fans, joined our GTG and they too, were on the road to a double header day.

It was a great time watching the excitement of the teams as well as the fans' enthusiasm for their respective teams. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were also in attendance wandering the audience with the team mascots. The players of course were wearing Mutant Ninja Turtle hockey attire. AWESOME!



Above: 2 of 3 Bennett generations-Alex Bennett and his father Kevin Chris Bennett (aka LPR Kevin Bennett's son)

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Although the Barracudas did not prevail, it was a fun time!

Right No hockey game is complete without a fight!





Tony and Kris Vandacore "What's up?"



Pam and Gary Aquilina enjoying the double header



Lisa Radding is happy with her garlic fries



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in the stands with the fans

## Bennett Bye-Bye BBQ Bash

Saturday, June 8, 2019 5:30pm - ??



## A Night to Honor & Roast Debbie and Kevin

Hosted by the Hallocks and the Highleys who will be BBQ-ing chicken and ribs

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## St. Paddy's Day Drive

by Steve Douglas Photos by John Reed

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day:

The day began with 24 Porsches gathering in Santa Cruz, ready for the days drive. Highway #9 is a wonderful road for Porsche cars on an early Sunday morning; it's not fast and it's fairly twisty, passing through redwood forests, small mountain towns, and with hardly any traffic. Forty-five minutes of touring and we were at Skyline Blvd. - the summit between the "Valley" and "Coast." There, we met another 11 cars,

and lost 3 who needed to return. Skyline, aka Highway 35, has been closed since the big storm in January. CalTrans had hoped to have it open, but it wasn't.

Plan B went into effect with a detour into Saratoga, then Highways 85 and 280 to Woodside. Destination Alice's Restaurant in Skylonda and meeting a third group of cars. Arriving at 11am, we had beaten the crowd and had plenty of parking. Spending about an hour was enough time to enjoy the cars and bikes assembled there. A brand new orange GT-3 RS showed up - the ultimate "ticket getter?"

By then we had about 32 cars gathered, representing 61 years of Porsche; Steve Raucher's '58 Speedster, three early 930 turbos, two 968's, and one fresh off the showroom Cayman S. Our group did draw a lot of attention. Alice's is the place to take your car or motorcycle to be "seen," as there is an ever changing collection of rare and special vehicles coming and going.

Leaving Alice's, the group of 32 cars headed for the coast, La Honda Rd., and Pescadero Creek Rd. Finally, we took Cloverdale Rd., which is one of those moderate speed mountain roads, 70+ with no traffic and no police.

A 1/4 mile of Porsches pulled into Highway 1 Brewery for lunch where we had a couple long tables in the backyard along with a couple more inside reserved. Great beer, lots of food, plus a time for everybody to swap tales and get to know one another.

What made this drive special? As planned, a drive to bring together many of the Porsche enthusiasts from the South Bay and Santa Cruz. I have an email contact list from the 356 groups, along with many friends who may or may not belong to a Porsche club. The LPR newsletter brought in a few at first, and my email list brought in a few more. By Friday afternoon I had 23 cars. Saturday I started getting emails

about every two hours, and even at 11:30 Saturday night I got an email telling me they would be coming. With some doing partial sections or just meeting at Alice's we actually had 49 different cars. George Slater came from Mill Valley, we had two from Monterey, two from Pleasanton, and 11 from Santa Cruz County, and the rest were scattered throughout the Peninsula and Santa Clara County.

I think the comment that Dick Wallace shared was appropriate "Today, Mary and I went on a tour that brought so many memories of our last fifty years of different tours with PCA. Over sixty model years of Porsches zipping up and down through the redwoods of northern California and then to lunch on Hwy 1."

It's not about what year you drive, or how pristine your car is; it's about bringing the people who enjoying Porsches together, making memories, and sharing the day's drive.

My Next Drive: September 22, Sunday, Santa Cruz to ???

































## SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 29th, 2019

# \*Beatthe Heat\*



Join Ken and Margie Jensen for a tour of Santa Cruz County and escape the heat of summer.

We'll be driving through tree lined streets and tunnels of Redwoods, enjoying some wine tasting and ending our tour with lunch in Watsonville.

(Limit 40 people in the restaurant-RSVP soon)



If interested, RSVP to Ken and Margie Jensen

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## **Golden Gate Region Opens DE and West Coast Race Series**

Golden Gate Region opened its DE season in conjunction with the opening round of the PCA Club Race, West Coast series at Thunderhill Raceway on March 23-24th. There were over 93 drivers participating in the DE event, Drivers Education, while 22 drivers participated in the PCA Club Race. This was my first DE event in about 2 years and the first time that I have attended a PCA Club Race. The event was very well organized with dozens of volunteers needed to put the event on without issues. Golden Gate Region DE chair **Jim McClelland** showcased his skills organizing a flawless event not only for the PCA members participating in the DE event but did a great job coordinating the PCA Club Race. Safety is always a top concern whether in club racing or running a DE event and at the drivers meeting it was emphasized repeatedly.

The West Coast Series is a PCA club racing points competition comprised of the all the PCA club races that occur on the west coast of the USA. Historically, club racing in the PCA has been most popular on the east coast, and this series was created (starting with the 2014 season) to encourage west coast club members to take up club racing by providing them with the increased competition and sense of camaraderie that comes with having one's own competitive series. All PCA club racers are eligible to participate and all entrants are automatically entered into the series.

DE or Drivers Education Events are commonly run in conjunction with the PCA Race Series as a way to encourage more PCA members to get involved in a track experience and to learn the amazing performance capabilities of their Porsche. Adding a DE to the Club Race also helps financially with covering the costs of the track rental. DE's are designed for members who are first time owners who have never driven in a track environment or drivers with years of track experience. GGR requires all first timers to attend a mandatory ground school usually held a week before the event as well as another orientation at the track. Included in your fees is an experienced instructor who will ride and coach you all day long until he or she feels you have the necessary basic skills to drive the track solo. Each DE event includes from 5-6 25 minute sessions on the track. Run groups are organized so that novices or beginners run in a separate group from the faster intermediate and advanced drivers. Between runs, beginners are required to attend post session debriefings which cover safety issues, the best lines for taking various turns at the track, a review of course worker locations on the track, what to do if you go off course, and other safety procedures.

I was lucky to have as my instructor, Stephen Shaw,

who assisted me in the morning runs with my steering inputs, hand position, and the racing line. His 19 year old son, **Matt Shaw**, was also in attendance as a student and lapped me at least once in his Volkswagen GTI. Youth has its advantages!

Jim McClelland could not put on these events without the assistance of an experienced team of volunteers which include but is not limited to the following individuals: David Bunch, Sharon Neidel, George Neidel, Chuck Kolstad, Ken Mack, Scott Kalkin, Dan Thompson, Diane Dorr and Rick Schoonover. Thank you and all the volunteer driving instructors for your service to GGR and PCA!Sandy Provasi, Zone 11 Rep, Tom Provasi, Werks Reunion Chair, and Mike Holtzclaw, Alaska Region President who joined our meeting. The meeting topics covered a broad range of important topics such as the responsibilities of the Zone Rep, region membership updates, the responsibilities of the region presidents, adoption of an Emailer 3.0 guideline for the Zone and a special presentation on risk management, insurance and PCA's updated strategic plan.

Looking ahead to many of the events of interest in the Zone as well as PCA are the following:

- Porsche Parade, Phase 2 Registration, opens April 15th (Banquets, TSD Rally, Concours, Autocross, Tours, and other events).
- Diablo Region Concours #1, Porsche Livermore, April 28th
- GGR Zone 7 Autocross, May 18th
- PCA Club Race, May 18-19th, Buttonwillow
- Zone 7-SVR Concours, May 19th, Niello Porsche.
- Porsche Parade, Boca Raton, Florida, July 21-27th































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 ???

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#### LPR BOARD MEETING MINUTES



April 2, 2019 7:01 PM to 8:10 PM

Call to Order

Guests: Dave Byers, Ken Jensen, Angie Reed, Ed Tefankjian, Tony Vanacore

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

*President – John Reed.* Nominated Lisa Radding as Social Media Chair. Requested BOD approval, approved unanimously.

Vice Presidents – Lisa Radding and Kris Vanacore reported on events:

The Barracudas event March 9th was a great success. 13 attendees comprised of 8 members and 5 guests! No expense report needed for event.

#### Upcoming:

- 4/27 Baseball and BBQ only 3 RSVPs via MSR.
- 7/13: FAMILY PICNIC at Roaring Camp -Free for all guests/members. Advertisers may show up proposal to comp them, approved.
- Oktoberfest needs a home. Peter to check for sponsor/ad host. Lisa to check her residence club-house.
- 12/7: Awards Event Inn at Pasatiempo. Band booked. Menu finalized.
- $\hbox{- 3/28/2020: 50th Anniversary Gala-Cinnabar Hills Golf and Country Club, $1K deposit paid, event logo in process$

Secretary - Iain McNeill

Treasurer – Margie Jensen. April: Exp. \$ 3,575.21, Inc. \$ 1,848.49, Net -\$1,726.72.

Membership – Kathy Musser & Janell Mann. New Members from PCA (5). Margie proposed all new members be accepted, John seconded, approved unanimously. Total members = 569.

Activities – Vince Vincent. Easter Parade Tour insurance received and issued. St.Paddy's Day tour insurance Release Forms & Observers Report received. AX #1 Observers Report received. After Mother's Day Tour details needed for PCA insurance application.

Member-at-Large – John Gould. Bylaws/P&P committee meeting on 4/16 at Flights in Los Gatos.

#### **Chairperson Reports:**

Advertising - Peter Ridgway. 6 of 12 advertisers paid in full. 3 payment plans.

Autocross – Anne Roth, Dave Dunwoodie. Registration had to be shut down due to being over capacity at 78 drivers (final attendance 73). AX #2 has ~71 entrants so far. Considering Porsche reg. only for first 2 weeks after opening if attendance continues at max levels.

Charity – Kathy Musser, Kris Vanacore, Emilie Highley, Janell Mann. Charity event for Morgan Autism, \$150 per person on May 11th for Starry Starry Nights.

Hospitality – Emilie Highley. Card sent to Carol MacNamara whose mother recently passed. Jim Davis is home but in need of home care. Reaching out for strong caregivers. He would appreciate phone calls.

Prieta Post Editor – Kat Hsueh. Responsible for April Post. Please provide feed-

#### Minutes

back to Kat. Articles and photos due between 10-15th.

Public Relations – Ken Iles. Panorama PR report sent.

Rallye - Bob Frostholm.

Safety – John Reed. Observer's and Post Event Reports were sent to PCAN in timely manner.

Social Media – Lisa Radding. Will send details of events out before the 15th. John, Kathy & Lisa have access to PCA email for mid-month blast.

*Tech – Peter Ridgway.* Tech session May 4th. Needs help with Tech sessions set up and 6/23 Concours. Maybe 2 informal tours, (1) from South Bay and (1) Monterey. Tony to work on Modderman & Custom Alignment. Reach out to Peter if interested.

#### Tours – Russ and Doris Britschai. Updates on tours:

St. Paddy's Day Warm Up Drive, Sunday, March 17, led by Steve Douglas was well attended with about 30 cars representing over 60 years of Porsches. Perfect sunny weather enhanced the drive along the coast and mountains.

#### Upcoming tours:

- The 21st Annual Easter Parade in Campbell organized by the Mussers, will be held Saturday, April 20, in Campbell. It will be followed by lunch at Furu-Sato Japanese Restaurant. More details are in the April POST.
- Sunday, May 19 is the "After Mother's Day Tour" in the Santa Cruz Mountains with lunch at Hindquarter Restaurant in Santa Cruz. Janell Mann and Kathy Musser are hosting. See further details in the April POST.
- Saturday, June 29 the Jensens are planning a "Beat the Heat Tour". Last years route is out of commission, looking for new route.
- Steve Douglas will do a "Drive Your Porsche Day" tour Sunday, September 22, to coincide with "Drive Your Porsche" days around the world.

Webmaster – Jim Turk. Administrative updates handled. Discussing WordPress SW update with Perfecent.

#### Old Business:

#### **New Business:**

Kevin: has box of Prieta Post archives, Kris will be unofficial club historian.

Ed: As we are coming up on 50th, do we want to expand our archives? Ken Isles has collection of Posts and Ed has scanned in posts back to 2004 on the website. Do we want to hire an outside service to scan the old Post copies. Kris will explore options.

Kris is going to take the 35th anniversary edition to be reproduced for the 50th anniversary.

## Adjourn Meeting.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 7:00pm, May 7, 2019 at Round Table Pizza, 14940 Camden Ave, San Jose



## Hearst Castle Evening Tour Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

The Evening Tour is 1 hour and 40 minutes long and consists of approximately 303 stairs, both up and down, and a 3/4-mile route to walk. This special tour enables you to experience the Castle illuminated at night, and is longer than daytime tours (100 minutes). Docents in period dress bring 1930s history to life as they move silently through the sumptuous rooms of Casa Grande. A vintage newsreel in Hearst's private theater rounds out the evening. We will be bused from the Visitors Center to the Castle for the tour.

Evening tours ticket prices about \$36 (varies depending on booking. We can't make firm reservations until Aug. 1st but we are on the group reservation list)

\$8 reservation fee - Payable when Reservations are confirmed \$8 service fee to change date or time of tour and a \$7 cancellation fee There is a usually a group limit of 54 people.

## RSVP by email to BOTH Peter Ridgway and John Reed We will collect the \$8 reservation fee in July.

Hotel: San Simeon Lodge and Restaurant, 9520 Castillo Drive.

We have a block of 24 rooms reserved at the San Simeon Lodge as follows:

15 Two Bed rooms

\$119.00 plus 12% room tax

9 Ocean View Kings (2nd floor) \$129.00 plus 12% room tax

Call the lodge directly to make your reservations. Tel: (805) 927-4601

Group name is Loma Prieta Region Porsche Club.

These rooms will go fast (5 rooms are already booked!)

If we fill all the block early, we can probably get a few more.

The Lodge is the closest motel to Hearst Castle and has a nice Restaurant and Bar. It also has a semi-private parking lot near our rooms. We get a 10% discount at the restaurant and bar with room reservations.



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