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# **Driving with Friends**

By: Dana Drysdale:

Coming Up – Mr. Mojito Good Time Gathering with Live Band – Sat., Jan 28 5PM Reserved Parking, Reserved Patio – Thanks, Kris and Tony Vanacore, Bill Weir, Honore Siri and Peter Ridgway - watch Email and LPR Website for more info. LPR Cars and Coffee - C&C restarted by Edna Vilozny, Julio Ortiz, and Jim Turk – watch Email and Website for 2023 dates. Thirsty Thursday - A "pop up" event, thanks Kris Vanacore and the Fun Team, 2023 dates TBD. Looking for More **Fun Event Ideas** – if you have an idea – let Board and Chairs know and we will help you make it happen!

AX (Autocross) and Concours – I love these. LPR has AX Instructors – experienced instructors - for any car. Learn what your car can do in a safe, welcoming environment. **Dave Dunwoodie** is our AX Chair, 2023 dates TBD. Concours – We will have a Zone Concours Prep class this year before Parade. People say Parade is not for "beginners," Melissa and I say it is, we had fun and made lifelong friends with fantastic people.

Thank You 2022 - To our "retiring" Board: President Peter Ridgway, Membership lain McNeill, Treasurer Johnny Musser, and Vice President ("acting") Kris Vanacore. Also, thanks to Committee Chairs - AX - Dave Dunwoodie; Charity - Emilie Highley, Kathy Musser, Kris Vanacore; Hospitality – Emilie Highley; POST Editor – Don Chaisson; Safety, Tour, and PR – John Reed; Tech and Sponsors - Peter Ridgway; and, Webmaster - Jim Turk. What a team, and LPR accomplishments (record 99 people at Picnic, restart Cars & Coffee, 10 tours, GTG, Thursdays, record LPR Concours attendance, Swap Meet and Awards, 35–40 LPRs at Werks, including Werks founders Tom and Sandy Provasi)!

Who To Contact To Learn More? - Everyone above has at least Email on the LPR Website - check 2022 Board of Directors – Loma Prieta Region – Porsche Club of America (Iprpca.org) - update in Jan 2023.

From Founding Member, Ken Iles: "Thanks, LPR for sending the "Blast" messages. LPR sure looks like it is in good hands and has a lot of events going on! Be assured I am still very interested in all the activities of the club." Ken is highly active in LPR for over 50 years. Another way LPR is special is members like Ken, we have many very experienced members.

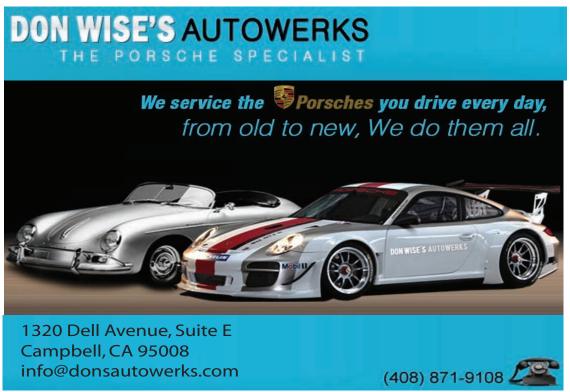
Driving with Friends – that's PCA! Happy Winter!

## Collin Fat: Terming Out as Zone 7 Rep



It has indeed been an honor to have served as your Zone Representative for the past 4 years. I had an opportunity to meet many members from throughout the region at local events such as a new member BBQ's, joining in on a zoom board of directors meeting, presenting national anniversary awards celebrating milestones at several regions, and supporting regions hosting Zone autocrosses or concours events. I have found that members in each region tend to find the activities that fit their schedules and interests and that participation in regional events is growing. That is a good trend and direction for our club. I would also like to thank all the 10 region presidents for their service these past years and the support I have been given. Lastly, I would like to thank the Zone committee for their hard work over the years. Without your support, my job would have been much more difficult. A big thank you to Roy Schauben and Simone Kopitzki for their work in increasing participation in the concours series as well as efforts to train more judges over the years. Thanks to Grady Carter and Brant Ballantyne for their efforts on overseeing the autocross series and rules updates. Behind the scenes a big shout out for our Zone Treasurer, Howard Thomas, Zone Secretary, Rik Larson, Zone webmaster, Richard Chew and Zone Social Media Chair, David Bunch for their continued support.

After interviewing several candidates for the Zone 7 Rep position, the executive council has chosen **Brian Adkins,** from Diablo Region as my replacement. Brian will make a great Zone Rep and has the energy, time and knowledge to assist the region presidents with managing and leading their regions. I will be working with Brian over the next month with transitioning to his new role. Welcome aboard Brian!





## **Miscellaneous Rambling** an Editorial

### Don Chaisson, Prieta POST editor.

My best friend from college, Mike Lenaers, is a hard charging kind of a guy — as most two star Army generals tend to be! Both of us graduated in Chemistry and both of us were, and still are, "car guys, not nerdy by any measure. His last posting was to "manage" the Army's procurement of re-designed HumVees, called MRAP or "Mine Resistant Ambush Protected" vehicles. I'm not sure what company provided the running gear but Mike seemed to have deep General Motors connections. In 2016 Mike and I went to the dual IMSA/WEC race at COTA. While wandering around the pits, he said, "... let's go to the Corvette pits". We walk up to the two semi trucks that formed their pit compound, appropriately cordoned off from simple race fans. A mechanic says, "... I'm sorry, but you are not allowed to come in here." Mike simply says, ".. Just tell Doug (Fehan, Corvette Racing Manager for 20+ years) that Mike would like to see him." The mechanic turns and goes into the truck office (two star generals do have a "command voice"), who quickly returns and announces that Doug will be right with us, right after he hangs up on his call to Detroit. — True Story !!

So, not surprisingly, Mike owns a very nice C7 Corvette. Mike knew that I was in the "Porsche" fold, so we compared notes of what the local clubs are like. I cars, its the people", all that. Mike was not happy with his Corvette Club in Houston. He described their routine outings as just "Cars and Coffee" where people huddle around their shiny C's and .. well that's it. He said, "Don, I can't stand it. I'm a "DRIVER" not **a "WAXER"!** Like I said, two star generals are hard charging kind of guys.

But his lament is something to discuss in our first Prieta POST "Concours" issue. I consider myself sort of a "driver" - while I obey speed laws on public roads, I do "triple digits" when I'm at Laguna Seca or Thunderhill; the "need for speed!" Doesn't that make me "a Driver"? But I also like to keep my car clean and shinny. Heck, I even "showed" my 2015 Cay-



man GTS at WERKS in the early days, twice! But participate in a Concours, such as our Zone 7 Concours series?

Putting this "Concours" edition together for the Prieta POST forced me to take a different look at "Concours". After all, Concours are big events across the country and huge at PCA's Parade. It forced me to try and understand Porsche Concours fans, "Why they Concours?". To be sure, as when I walk around the "judged" corral at WERKS, I marvel at the incredible beauty of the cars on the lawn. I almost find myself saying, "How do they get the car to be that clean, that original, that jaw dropping gorgeous." But is that the attraction??

Our now Region President, Dana Drysdale helped with the guestion. His take on the 2022 LPR Concours at Porsche Fremont was, "... there were so many families there, all having fun!" Hmmm.

I interviewed another local PCA Concours regular Jim Gatewent on about how much fun PCA is, "Its not just the wood, from Monterey Bay Region to get his take on "why Concours?" Jim, is an attorney and judge, so he is skilled at putting into words why competing in Concours events is so satisfying to him. Take a look at the interview on page 16.

> So... why Concours? I'm still not sure if "I" know the answer to that, but the folks who showed up at the LPR Concours do. The competitors, the visitors, their families just seem to be having FUN, having a Good Time, enjoying all the work to make their cars look that good!

The answer seems to sound like the Loma Prieta's tag line: "The Good Time Region" and the PCA slogan, "...it's not just about the cars....its the people".

I just might have to try it next year. How about you?



## Loma Prieta Comming Events Calendar



Sunday Jan 15 from 8:00 - 10:00 AM at Carpo's in Soquel. Some and show off your Porsche and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. This is a BYOC -- bring your own coffee event. For information and to register, email at LPR Cars and Coffee ( lprwebdude@gmail.com)

Saturday, Jan 28 from 5:00 to 8:0 PM at Mr. Mojito Bar and Grille Mr. Mojito is located at 5925 Almaden Expressway in SJ and will have a LIVE BAND -- The BluesRockers including 2 LPR members! Cost is \$10pp to help cover the band. This is NOT a Porsche private event, so invite your non-LPR friends. We will take over the heated patio and can easily accommodate 80 people! Stay tuned for more information in email Blasts!

## **Member Corner**

Craig and Gretchen Shaver of Campbell 2019 911 Carerra S

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**Bill and Tom Monroe** 10 years: Paul Nguyen Pasquale Anastasi Patrick Haley

**Robert Orcutt** 5 years: Warren Paradise Mark & William Christie

**Cars and Coffee** The first event of the 2023 season!

Good Time Gathering (GTG) The first GTG of the 2023 season!



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The LPR Concours, by the numbers:

Number of cars judged: 27 based on Zone 7 summary table. Number of awards passed out: 27 based on Zone 7 summary table. (sounds like an "Oprah" effect !!)

Number of cars at the event @40 based on attendee estimates Number of people that had a great time 100%.. based on all accounts!

Fremont



SMILE !

### A friend from Yosemite Region attended the LPR Concours and provided this message:

### Good morning

Hope things are going good for you guys. Sorry we missed you in Fremont, I shoulda tried harder to let you know we jumped into the concours group late in the season, and that we had planned on making the Fremont trip, the day was a lot of fun.

So here's what a three time attendee novice concoursee person thought.... First off, I've discovered that apparently I was a closet OCD candidate when it comes to finding dirt on our cayman, must be a yellow car thing maybe. Turns out that with the help of this malady I placed first in each of the three events we entered, two with perfect scores (ooooooh). Next, Im not the only one with this affliction apparently cuz there is a hardy troupe of PCA members that run this Zone 7 circuit and go from city to city to show their cars to fellow club members, volunteer pca judges and the general public. There is nothing better for Chris and I than to

have our engine cover off and watch a dad explain to his kids why the engine is in the middle of the car. Big shout out to Colin Fat too, he makes most of the events as well, btw.

The Loma Prieta show was great, weather was cool which helps when your toiling away on your hands and knees with micro fiber towel in hand. The group of cars being judged totaled over forty, just guessing. Wide variety of cars in body style, age, appearance, type of class as Im sure you can see in the photos you mentioned.

Everyone associated with the day, Loma Prieta PCA people helping out, the judges, the attendees were all great and the food was fantastic too. Fremont Porsche were great hosts as well. Opening their show room floor for us to walk around matching 2021 911's (flat green and a metallic blue, both at \$249k) while we ate tacos was unique. I do wonder how long the onion smell lasted after lunch, they may wanna rethink their table locations which were great for us, maybe not so much for the dealerships future customers. Anyways, there you go sir. Hope this helps some.

Let me know of anything else, we WILL see you in Oakdale.

**Bill and Chris Boughton** 







LPR President, Dana Drysdale, made the observatoin that everyone seemed to be having fun at the Concours. Farmilies were there, or at least couples were there, having fun.

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Photos of all the "winners" are found on the Loma Prieta website: https://lprpca.org/photos/2022-concours/



So, like the ol' pharse goes:

"... And a good time was had by all."

Jump on in, try a Concours, who knows, maybe you'll like it, or at least have a good time trying!

## An Interview with Jim Gatewood **Monetrey Bay Region**

## Why Concours?

Loma Prieta has members with some serious "Concours" credentials. like Dana and Melissa Drysdale, and John and Honore D'Angelo. Dana and Melissa took first place with their 2013 Boxster S at 2021 Parade (class PP14T — which I don't know what that means) and John D'Angelo runs the "judging" at WERKS Monterey, maybe at Amelia Island also, for all I know! Fact check. I don't know much about Concours! I'm sure they will chime in for this Prieta POST issue, but I reached out to talk to Jim from Monterey Bay Region — why? He regularly Concours' his Cayman S in Zone 7 — and I'm all Cayman at heart!

I met Jim pre-COVID at WERKS when I "showed" my 2015 Cayman GTS. The only thing that I knew about WERKS judging is that I got to park my car on a better spot on the "fairway" — other than that JG: Of course I like to have my car "clean", but - NADA. But Jim was courteous, helpful and fun to talk to. So, I contacted him and asked if he had time to talk to me about "Concours". Now Jim is a busy fellow, but he got back to me within 30 min of my message with "Guten morgen Don, I have time right now. Would a phone conversation work for you?" Pretty courteous, right?

Disclaimer: I took notes for the interview, I did not record it. So, the following is not verbatim, but as close as I can come to recalling Jim's words, sentiments and feelings as he answered questions.

Prieta POST (PP): Jim, thank you for making time to talk to me about Concours. Our next issue of The Prieta POST will be a "Concours" issue and I'd like to get background and reasons for your participation in competitive Concours. And I'm looking to understand the difference between having a "clean car" and a "Concours" level car.



Jim Gatewood (JG): Great, I'll be happy to give you my thoughts.

PP: So, what draws you to go beyond "cleaning" to "preparing" your car for Concours?

Concours is not "just" cleaning. For me, I'm driven toward excellence, perhaps to the point of being a bit "OCD". It's recognizing the quality, the heritage and overall "excellence" of the Porsche margue. That is what Ferdinand Porsche was all about: excellence, as described in the book: Porsche: Excellence was Expected. (author: Karl Ludvigsen, Volume 1 published 40 years ago, with volumes 2-4 following). And Concours gives a platform to measure this "excellence".

PP: Sounds a bit harsh.

JG: Not at all because the participants at Concours events are of like mind. And its "camaraderie" over "harsh regulation". We are all friends and have FUN together. FUN is what brings all of us back over the "season". We all enjoy trying to perfect the process of making our cars "excellent".

PP: So how many people show up to these events?

JG: We have a sustainable level of about 30-40 entrants for the Zone 7 events. That is probably the sustainable level.

PP: But it is a "competition", right? How are cars judged?

JG: Judging teams are comprised of: head JG: You cannot just show up at the event site judge, engine, exterior, storage and interior and clean your car in the parking area. I start at least a week in advance, focusing first on "intejudges. Also, if available a timer. Scores: rior". Then comes outside. Then, at the event Increments of 0.1 points are deducted from total score in each category for; grease, lint, take care of the "travel" dirt. First I do windows, wax haze, dirty windows etc. \* I favor judgthen plastic trim, then touch up exterior, wheels ing on the lenient side with the view of helpand finish by cleaning the wheels again. ing or training participants to better their cars with proven cleaning techniques. Being There are a lot of "tricks" to get things prepared overly critical takes away the fun factor, it's to this level of "excellence". Like using duct not Pebble Beach, and they'll probably won't tape to pick up dirt lint on carpet instead of "lint rollers", using 100% cotton tee shirts to return for another event. address window haze, applying carnauba wax on PP: Do they wear "white gloves"? the inside of wheels to help shed brake dust.

JG: Ha, that is a rumor. It's not true! Zone 7 has a definite set of rules that guide judging and scoring.

PP: So, how often to you bring your car to a Zone 7 Concours?

JG: I typically compete in 4 events, or at least 50% of the Zone 7 events each year. I pick the events based on personal preference and travel distance to the event. I particularly like the LPR event at Fremont Porsche because of Gunter Feldman. Dana and Peter. (Editor note: Who doesn't like Gunter?), Redwood City Porsche because of Charlie, the GM, and of course, the Monterey event. We try to award a trophy commensurate, participant travel, maybe weekend stay and effort preparing car. We recognize the time and expense involved with traveling to

Monterey.

PP: I saw that you won your class at the LPR event.

JG: Yes, I got a "perfect score".

PP: WOW! How long does it take for you to prepare for a Zone 7 event, like the LPR event?

It's all about getting involved with the "excellence of the car", having fun with like minded friends and working on continuous improvement in technique. So, like the PCA slogan, "... It's not about the cars, it's the people".

PP: Thank you, and good fortune in your 2023 Concours season.



Jim with "like minded" friends at LPR Concours

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## 2022 Zone Concours Series Winners

After many cancellations and the re-scheduling of events again due to issues with the pandemic as well as safety concerns at various venues, the concours series finished up in October with a total of 7 events. Due to several regions rescheduling their events, there were 3 events held in October. This was just an amazing feat of juggling of the schedule and lots of coordination with the region concours chairs as well as assistance from Zone concours chairs Roy Schauben and Simone Kopitzky in encouraging the changes and providing support. Thank you all for a job well done!

### Competitor Region Juan and Rowena Fernandez Diablo Thorsten Kopitzki Redwood David Betts Sacramento Al Price Sacramento **Randal Glaser** Sacramento Susan George Monterey Bay Jack and Joyce Bean Golden Gate Lynn Austen Diablo Jim McMahen Sacramento Norman Perals Monterey Bay Kent Kaiser Sacramento Jeremy Siemon Loma Prieta Raj Sangha Diablo Essy and Rosa Farlab Golden Gate Monterey Bay James Gatewood Jody Rosner Sacramento Golden Gate Woo, Arthur

### Congrulations to LPR member, Jeremy Siemon for a podium finish in the Zone 7 Series!



Car	Year	Class	Award
997 Turbo	2009	C6	1st Place
991	2014	C7	1STPlace
914	1974	T2	1st Place
911 Carrera	1974	T4	1St Place
911 Carrera	S 2015	T7	1stPlace
Cayman S	2018	T9	1st Place
356	1962	S1	1st Place
914	1975	S2	1st Place
911 SC	1980	S4	1st Place
911 S Targa	1975	S4	2nd Place
911	2004	S6	1st Place
911 Turbo	2002	S6	2nd Place
911	2017	S7	1st Place
Cayman R	2012	S9	1st Place
718 Caymar	n S 2018	S9	2nd Place
911 T	1973	U3	1st Place
911 Carrera	1974	U4	1st Place

Jack & Joyce Bean's 1962 356 Champane color at LPR Concours, Fremont Porsche

### An Experiement: Waterless/hoseless Car Washing Techniques and Products Story and Photos: D Chaisson

California is in a drought. Nothing new with that. Recently a +55yr old development, The Villages GCC (where I live), "... Approved the activation of paragraph 3 of Association Rule 2.14 Washing of Vehicles, Equipment, and Outside Hose Use During Drought Conditions, to disallow the washing of privately-owned Villages-registered vehicles within the Condominium Development and to disallow hosing off/down of villa patios, driveways and walkways, and to publicize the current San Jose Water Usage Requirements and future additional restrictions as needed." I'm getting used to the community's rules.

In short, no one is allowed to use a hose to wash their car in the development. If the drought continues, that condominium rule might be picked up by local city or state governments. Then what?

Various car care companies have started marketing "waterless car wash" products, but how good are they? Being a chemist (ok, retired chemist), I decided to run an experiment to gather data to address this question; however formal experimental methods were difficult to construct. Namely, a control could not be run, e.g. compare products to a simple "water" wash, it was impossible to get identically dirty cars for each leg of the experiment and it was difficult to come up with a qualitative outcome for the experimental treatments. So, the only thing left was to try three products and make an anecdotal evaluation. Well, its something!

Three products were tested:

1: Swift Wipe Waterless Car Wash, Chemical Guys

- 2: FROTHe Hoseless Lift, AMMO NYC
- 3. Spray-On Car Wash, Griot's Garage

Evaluation would consider:

\* Ability to clean car paint, e.g. was it able to "wash" off dirt

Did the product cause any damage to car paint,
e.g. did if feel like the product/process scratched
the paint, or how gentle was the product to paint.
\* What did the car look like after the treatment.
Yep, pretty anecdotal.

## Experiment 1. Swift Wipe Waterless Car Wash, by Chemical Guys.

The instructions are simple, just use the sprayer to apply a light mist of the product to the work area, let sit for a bit and wipe off. The test subject was my Acura RDX, and it was dirty! After covering the work area (driver's door) with mist, dirt started to run off, but since there was



so much dirt, wiping with a micro fiber towel was necessary. With this much dirt and so little "solution", I could feel the towel dragging dirt along the paint surface, that is, it was not gentle. Repeat treatment was necessary, again, given the level of dirt on the door, but the end, the door looked acceptable.





Experiment 2. FROTHe Hoseless Lift by AMMO NYC.

While the Swift Wipe product was simple to use, the AMMO product was more complex. The product is meant to be applied with a "foam" cannon or an aerator sprayer, spraying onto the paint surface as a



thick shaving cream-like foam that is formulated to protect paint from being scratched. Once on the paint, I gently spread and wiped the surface with a moistened micro fiber towel and allowed it to stand on the paint for a minute or two. Then I wiped the foam off the paint with micro fiber towels in a rolling motion so that fresh "towel" is always contacting the paint. Then, to dry the paint, use AMMO Hydrate Paint Mois-



turizer"spray applied with a micro fiber towel. The idea is that Hydrate lubricates the surface of the paint with a humectant as it flashes off to a dry finish, but leaving a layer of protection. Buff with a fresh micro fiber towel. I treated my Cayman GTS, which wasn't nearly as dirty as the RDX, but the results were impressive. And at no time did I feel like the towels had any friction with the paint, so minimizing possibility of surface scratches.



### Experiment 3. Spray-On Car Wash, Griot's Garage

sprayer, spraying onto the paint surface as a thick shaving cream-like foam that is formulated to protect paint from being scratched. Once on the paint, I gently spread and wiped the surface with a moistened micro fiber towel and allowed

### Anecdotal Evaluation.

The Swift Wipe (Chem Guys) and Spray Wash (Griot's) worked about the same in terms of dirt removal (this factored in the difference in dirt with the Swift Wipe experimental leg). Both gave the feeling that the wiping towel had "friction" with the paint. There just wasn't that much fluid on the paint to provide lubrication. And the final buffing or drying was with micro fiber towel directly on the paint.

In contrast, the Frothe (AMMO NYC) went on as a thick foam that had more liquid than the spray formations and the wiping towels just floated over the paint. The final drying was with the Hydrate Moisturizer spray which went on wet and used less buffing to dry given the surfactant wicking the fluid (water based) to a thin film that just evaporated. This constant "lubrication" idea was what AMMO president, Larry Kosilla aimed for. I later used Frothe on the RDX with plenty of dirt and it performed equally well with plenty of dirt on the paint surfaces.

The final shines were similar but the Frothe with Hydrate Moisturizer was visually better (since the Hydrate is formulated to leave behind a thin layer of protectant that enhances shine). To be fair, I have been using the AMMO products for many years, and am familiar with them and their formulation designs; however I historically used Frothe but followed with a water or soapy water rinse and dried with the Hydrate Moisturizer — as Larry shows in his many videos.

### Cost Per Wash

Based on cost per bottle and number of cars it would cover, the cost per wash computes to:

Chem Guy: Swift Wipe AMMO Frothe incl Hydrate Griot's Spray Wash

@\$3.00 per wash @\$2.00 per wash @\$5.00 per wash

### Bonus section: Waterless Wheel Washing.

All of the paint washing formulae can be used to wash wheels. But when the wheels are heavily soiled with brake dust, additional treatments are available

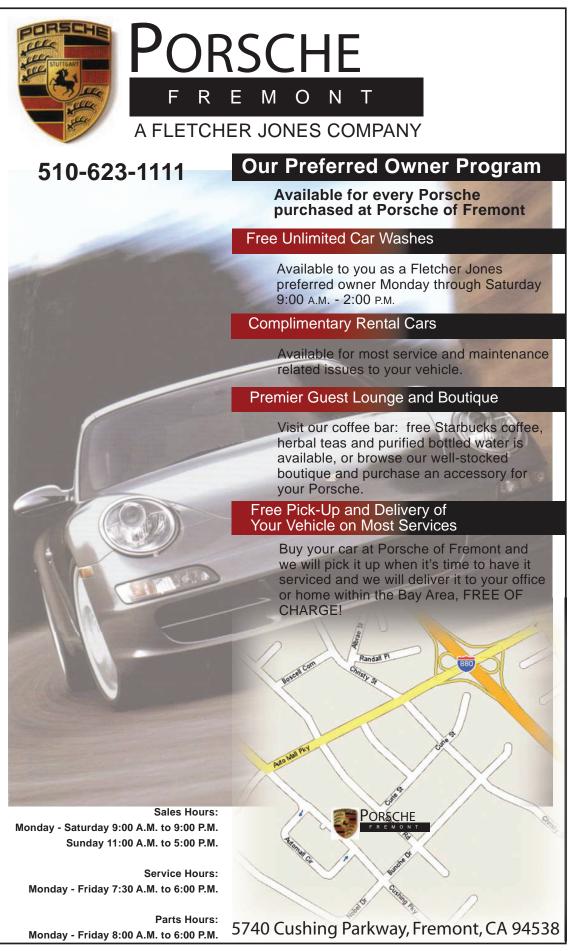
to address the difficult brake dust and dirt. I've used two over the years, Sonax Wheel Cleaner, and more recently AMMO's Plum Wheel Cleaner and Brute Wheel Soap. Both products binds with and lifts the brake dust off the wheels. Instead of dislodg-



ing the brake dust and dirt with a "woolly" brush and water rinse, I just dried the wheel with a micro fiber towel, although it was difficult to get behind the wheel spokes to the barrel. Taking the wheels off the car and cleaning them one by one would be more effective if not more laborious!

But it does work!





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