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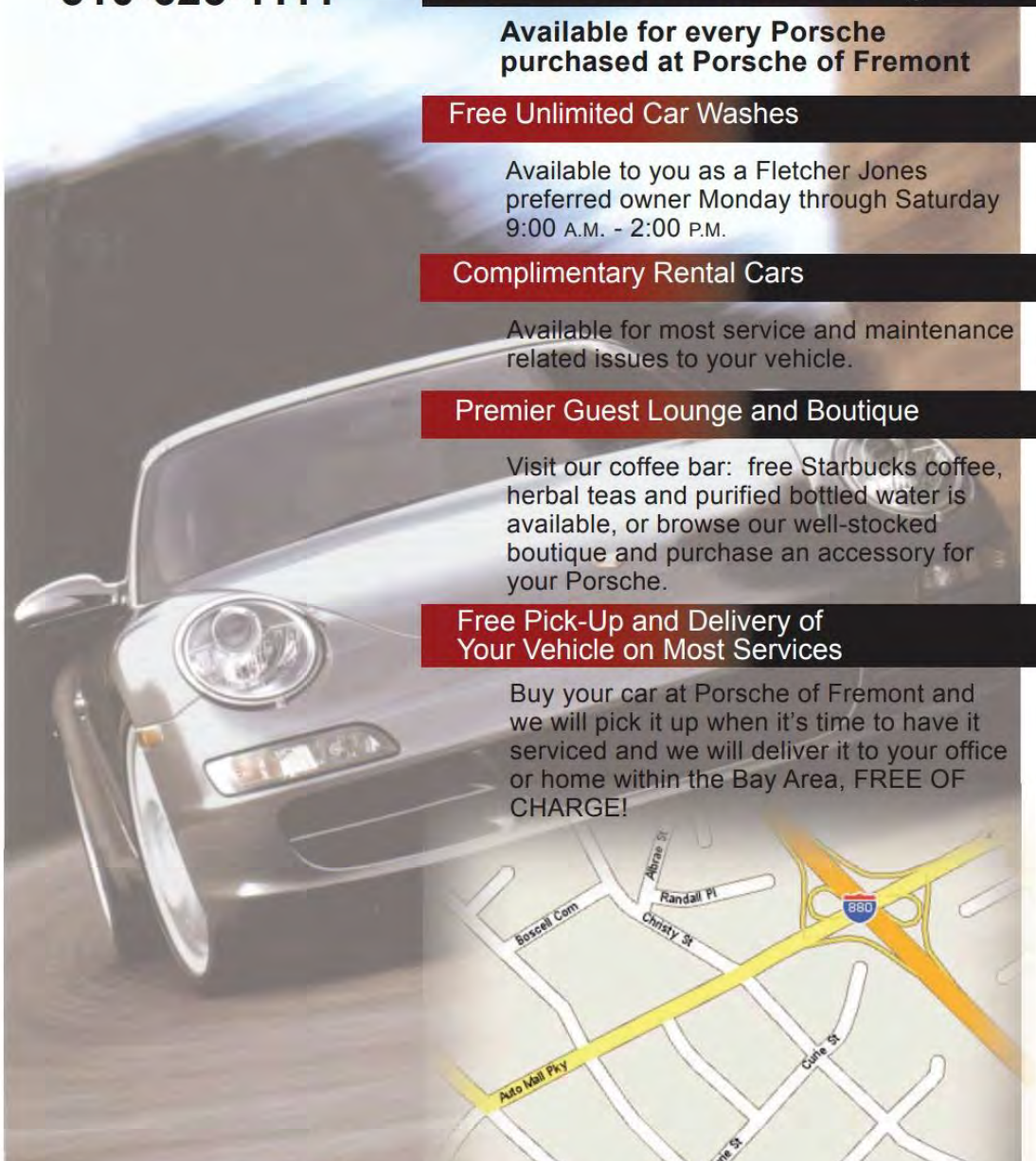
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Driving with Friends

By: Dana Drysdale:

One of many best things about being President is reading the Post before publishing. Wonderful stories of LPR friends creating and having fun together. Another great thing about being Pres is seeing the membership list - **we have 120+ new members in Loma Prieta the last three years – 2019 - 2022!**

10 years ago Missy and Dana Drysdale were new members. We weren't ready for the **Just Do It** part of PCA, so, we started with **Just Show Up**.

Driving with Friends began with a 2012 Blackhawk Museum email. The cover was a stunning car surrounded by other beautiful cars. We found the car, joined PCA and signed up for Escape to LA (incredible mini Parade) to escape and see our kids. The 1st person we see at Escape is **Les Schreiber**, a friend from Scouting. Les was **LPR Membership Chair** in 2013. Les welcomed us and introduced us to **Ed and Karen Tefankjian**. Everyone helped us have a great time at Escape.

During Escape, **Paul and Ruth Young** (San Diego) let Missy join them for the JPL tour. Paul, Les, and Ed say Get to Autocross! LPR AX Instructors helped me have a Good Time with the "Sea of Cones": **Chris Schaut, Barry Pangrle, Ed Racer, Paul Czopek, Anne Roth, Terry Zacccone, and Mike Koozman**. **John Reed** and **Ken Iles** took AX pictures for the Post. Great guys, I had no idea what John and Ken did with LPR! Baffled at Rennsport V, we run into LPR AX idols **Larry Sharp** and **Dave Dunwoodie**. They explain Rennsport in 5 minutes. We cleared the crowd for **Paul Young** (from Escape) to get on track for his race. **Paul** introduced us to Hurley Haywood, a nice man in a special white shirt.

Our first concours was Monterey Parade 2014. Before Parade, **Roy Schauben** and **Les** taught concours class at a Porsche dealer with a great lunch. (2023 Class - Watch the Post and LPR E-mails for an Online Course and May 14 Concours School at Stevens Creek). We brought our tools to Monterey Parade concours prep.

It turns out tools are a wonderful way to meet people. LPR's **Nanci Bishop** and **Paul Smith** had me buff out their 914, a scary way to make friends. **Vince Vincent (and Christina)**, our 2014 LPR President, kindly invited us to join their table for dinner.

At 2014 Werks, **Les** asked me to stop fussing with our car to help with a special concours only held at Werks. Through Werks, we meet the **Provasis** from LPR and **Gordons** from Maryland, superb PCA volunteers who help us learn and make more friends!

That's some of our 1st two years in PCA. Driving with Friends gets better every year. To get started, all we had to do is **just show up** and try something new. One of our favorite just show up events is **Porsche Brunch at Alice's – George and Carol Grialou** still host this **even months, 1st Saturday**.

The Future? – **Don Chaisson**, our Editor asked me to write about the future. There will be new LPR activities. One I remember from 2022 is new member **Edna Vilozny** hosting Cars and Coffee. Edna's hosting was critical to that Cars and Coffee even happening. The people who showed up made C&C a success!! **Peter Ridgway** and **Kris Vanacore** put ideas in my head to host a car show, or Thirsty Thursday, or Cars and Coffee. When it is warmer and lighter, I will host an event that is at least 2 out of 3. How will this happen – a few volunteers will help. Members who come will make it a success – just show up!

Thank you to our new members – thank you for joining LPR!! Over time, some LPR members develop or host an event. Just being there helps everyone have a great event.

Tremendous thank you to all our experienced members - only a few are mentioned here. The kindness and the people are always incredible. Thank you. See everyone soon - Driving with Friends!

Miscellaneous Rambling an Editorial

Don Chaisson, Prieta POST editor.

A few years ago, I read a book on cosmology written by Bill Bryson, "A Short History of Nearly Everything". Though to be totally fair, the book never, ever mentioned anything about PORSCHE, so not close to "everything." Chapter one, *How to build a universe*, talks about how the universe proceeded from "nothing" to "something", the sheer, infinitesimal size at the beginning and the vast expanse "some time" after of what is now called The BIG BANG.

While science yields to theology to comprehend the time "before" the BIG BANG, Bryson notes: "The Big Bang theory isn't about the bang itself but about what happened after the bang."

Which brings me to the theme of this issue of the Prieta POST : "The Loma Prieta Big Bang Theory".

And as Bill Bryson mused, the part that matters isn't the big bang (the beginning) itself, but what happens after the bang. Since I am quite a new member of LPR, I have no idea how LPR came to be, who was there at the beginning, was it peculiarly unusual, etc.

But we have records and recollections about what happened after LPR's Big Bang. There is the certificate of incorporation from PCA (treasure hunt: you can find a copy in one of the articles in the issue!). There are people who were there and recollections of how LPR's start happend. What would Neil deGrasse Tyson, PBS's popular cosmologist, give to have this sort of information about our universe's Big Bang?

To start, check out Ken Iles' speech at LPR's 50th anniversary and "interview" on page xxx. and his recollection on first formative years as a region. Spoiler alert, some pretty amazing accomplishments for such a new region!

We have first hand accounts of what was going on in the 1980's and 1990's from John Reed , a very uncertain time in Porsche's history as it turns out.



We have input from Bob Morgan who was also around in the 2000's who offered insight to the club's history pre-COVID.

And then there is Peter Ridway and John Reed (back for another couple terms as President) in the Covid times -- another interesting era, to be sure!

What I was interested in discovering was not just the "tic-toc" of the history, but what were the ideas going on, what were the challenges that needed to be addressed, the personal triumphs. I was interested in what the collective consciousness of the region was and how the region's sense of itself evolved.

It is an axiom that to know where you are, you need to know where you came from. But a corollary is, once you know where you are, you can define where you want to go. And, once you know where you want to go, you need to define "how to" get there!

I'm going to put out a "put statement": Our members want to have a good time in ways that they define in their own way. The region seems to have a variety of approaches to having a "good time": whether its a beer party, a Sunday drive, a Sunday drive with lunch, a "brisk" drive on epic roads, competition in Concours, AutoX, TSD Rally, each at variable frequencies.

But the part that just has to happen to form the region's future history is to PARTICIPATE!, to VOLUNTEER! and enjoy . There are numerous opportunities in the coming year, from the AutoX series, Concours series, Drives, epic National events (Parade, Rennsport VII, WERKS).

JUST DO IT and make more HISTORY !



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Watch the LPR website for more registration links and information.



Loma Prieta AutoX: Crows Landing April 16

AutoX # 3 of LPR series, at Crows landing.
Registration via: Motorsportreg.com: msreg.com/LPR-AX3
Watch the LPR website for registration links and information.

Local, non-Loma Prieta events of interest!



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Get your racing fix at the first "big" race of the year, for GT 3 and GT4 cars at Sonoma
It might be a "gas" to get a group of a few good Porsche fans to watch some great racing;
though no formal LPR event has been set up yet. But watch the email blasts for any break-
ing information. The racing is really **argy-bargy!**



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The Loma Prieta “Big Bang”: March 27 1970

The Loma Prieta “Big Bang” occurred on March 27th, 1970. The beginning and first two years of the region’s existence was akin to our universe’s early time, marked by creation, expansion and activity. At the center of it all was Ken Iles, one of the “founding members” of the region. Ken presented a remembrance of the early times at the region’s 50th anniversary party. It is such a good summary of the post-bang years of Loma Prieta, it doesn’t need any set up or help in describing those early couple of years. Here is his speech, a time capsule of LPR history!

Good evening everyone.

I’m often thought of as the founding member of LPR which is very flattering but not exactly true. While it IS true that June and I are the only remaining ACTIVE founding members, and have been active for the last 50 years, it should be remembered that there were some 25 people including us that can be considered the original founding members. This occurred exactly 50 years ago yesterday on March 27th, 1970 at Tom and Diane Uchytill’s house in the Santa Cruz Mountains, when Lou Marable, PCA’s National Exec. Vice President and Bob Rassa, PCA National Membership Chairman presented us with our Charter. I am honored to have been among these charter members, and that I have been asked to comment on its origin and early days from the perspective of a founding father. I might add that some of the wags among you use a variation of this title, but we won’t go into that here.

First off, for myself I have to give credit to Esper Kershaw for introducing me to PCA. We worked together at FMC, and she and her charismatic party-minded husband Jim were members of MBR at the time, and we would always go together to that region’s events and board meetings. So I joined MBR, became wildly enthusiastic, even became Editor of their newsletter “The Montereyan”. I bought my first brand new Porsche, a 1969 911 T Sportomatic, at the exorbitant brand new cost of \$7,200. Took me 6 years to finish paying for it. Incidentally the price of the newly introduced 914 at that time was \$3,995.

Anyway, around the end of 1969 there was a rumor that a new PCA region was to be formed in our area, the main thrust of this being from a few initiating folks in Golden Gate Region who felt their region was too large and unwieldy. Apparently the GGR Board was not particularly interested in a new region since they did

not want to relinquish any of their geographical territory which would be necessary to form a new region. We owe much of our existence to MBR who ceded part of their own Santa Cruz County territory to LPR.

To get in on the ground floor of a new region was very tempting for party minded folks like Jim Kershaw, Dave Parker, myself and other socially inclined MBR friends, but it seemed that some of the initiators wanted the new region to concentrate heavily on serious competition events only. When it was apparent that this was not what the majority of the fledgling region members had in mind for a new region, these initiators became disenchanted and disappeared. And so the first Board of Directors were:

President:	Bob Wagner
Vice President:	Dave Parker
Secretary/Treasurer:	Diane Uchytill
Activities:	Bill Arnett
Membership:	Marv Patterson
Newsletter:	Jorane Watson

Page 19 of PCA’s “Panorama” of June 1970 devoted an entire page on the creation of The Loma Prieta Region citing several “firsts” to its credit. It referred to the meeting at the Uchytill’s house on March 27th, 1970 and the 25 original members shown in an accompanying photograph. The Charter itself was dated March 18th, the first official date of LPR’s birthday. I am honored to have been entrusted with the physical custody of this charter ever since.

Various events, rallies, tours, pot-lucks and restaurant meetings etc. took place in the rest of the year, all very successful although somewhat boisterous, this establishing fun time behavioral patterns that endured for decades. Nevertheless some set-backs with board officials occurred. In our first year we already had three changes in Newsletter Editor, and in September,

Marv Patterson had to relocate, so did Bob Wagner, Dave Parker automatically taking his place as President, and I was elected Vice President.

In those days, we had less problem seeking volunteers seeking official positions than we do today. Frequently we had more than one individual seeking to run for office, and they posted their reasons and their qualifications in the Prieta Post along with a headshot photo.

And so our second year of 1971 started out with the following elected Board of Directors.

President:	Ken Iles
Vice President:	Terry Zaccone
Secretary/Treasurer:	Kathy Reed
Activities:	Keith McMahan
Membership:	Jim Kershaw
Newsletter:	Dave Parker

This was a very vigorous and capable Board. We had already established our region's colors to be blue and silver, and a competition for our badge design resulted in the current one today. We also encouraged everyone to wear the same blue and silver jackets, one of which is displayed here. But we were new in PCA and unknown. Recognizing that visibility and advertising is the keynote of a successful organization we engaged in various stunts for visibility.

As an example, we knew that GGR was putting on a Mount Hamilton Tour, and several of us decided to attend. Our participation at the start was well planned and organized. We knew that the time and start was from Dennys or some such place in Milpitas, so we secretly assembled our LPR group out of sight at a nearby place. We watched and waited until it was time to show ourselves, and in a very organized manner our cars swept in one after the other in single file, and we exited our cars to join the GGR group. Their eyes popped in amazement. Who were these people? No one had even heard of us. We obviously made a great impression. Not only was this quite a show, but thanks to our own electronic geek Bill Arnett, several of us had CB radios, relatively rare for those days. Thus our LPR group was able to talk to each other as we drove. The GGR tour included a quiz to identify various points of interest en route, and with our radio communication capability we were able to tell each other what one of us might have missed. And so we took first and third place trophies of the GGR tour. They never knew how we did it. Cheating? May-

be, but all's fair in love and war, and this was a friendly war. I still have the engraved silver dish first-place trophy.

Another stunt we did for visibility was our TV debut. One of our members, John Molinaro, owned MMM Carpets, which had an enormous showroom alongside Hwy. 101 in San Jose. John regularly advertised his TV commercials on Channel 2 and Channel 36. The showroom was so large that someone joked that an indoor autocross could be held inside. John, being an astute businessman, saw merit in this idea, and arranged with the TV camera crew to film a LeMans type start from the street outside. We all ran to our cars, jumped in, started the engines, and drove one after the other through the showroom double doors into the showroom, where we were shown driving around rolls of carpeting. However, the door opening only a few inches wider than our cars, and so we had to proceed slowly and carefully to avoid losing our side mirrors. The film crew arranged their filming speed somehow so that when aired on TV it showed us zipping through the doorway at full speed. The public was amazed at seeing these dare-devil drivers negotiating their Porsches so accurately. This TV airing was viewed dozens of times and no doubt had an impact on membership recruitment.

More of our region's activities were bold, and intentionally geared towards public visibility. For example, a "mini-autocross" was actually staged in the parking lot of Century 22 cinema at the premiere showing of Steve McQueens "Le Mans" movie. Roped off for public safety, a very tight course was negotiated quite slowly, mainly in first gear. Even the Cinema's manager drove the course, and the onlooking public's interest and that of the cinema's was mutual.

The next year, 1972, saw Loma Prieta Region at its zenith, for in only two years since our formation we won Region Of The Year. Our highly active Board consisted of :-

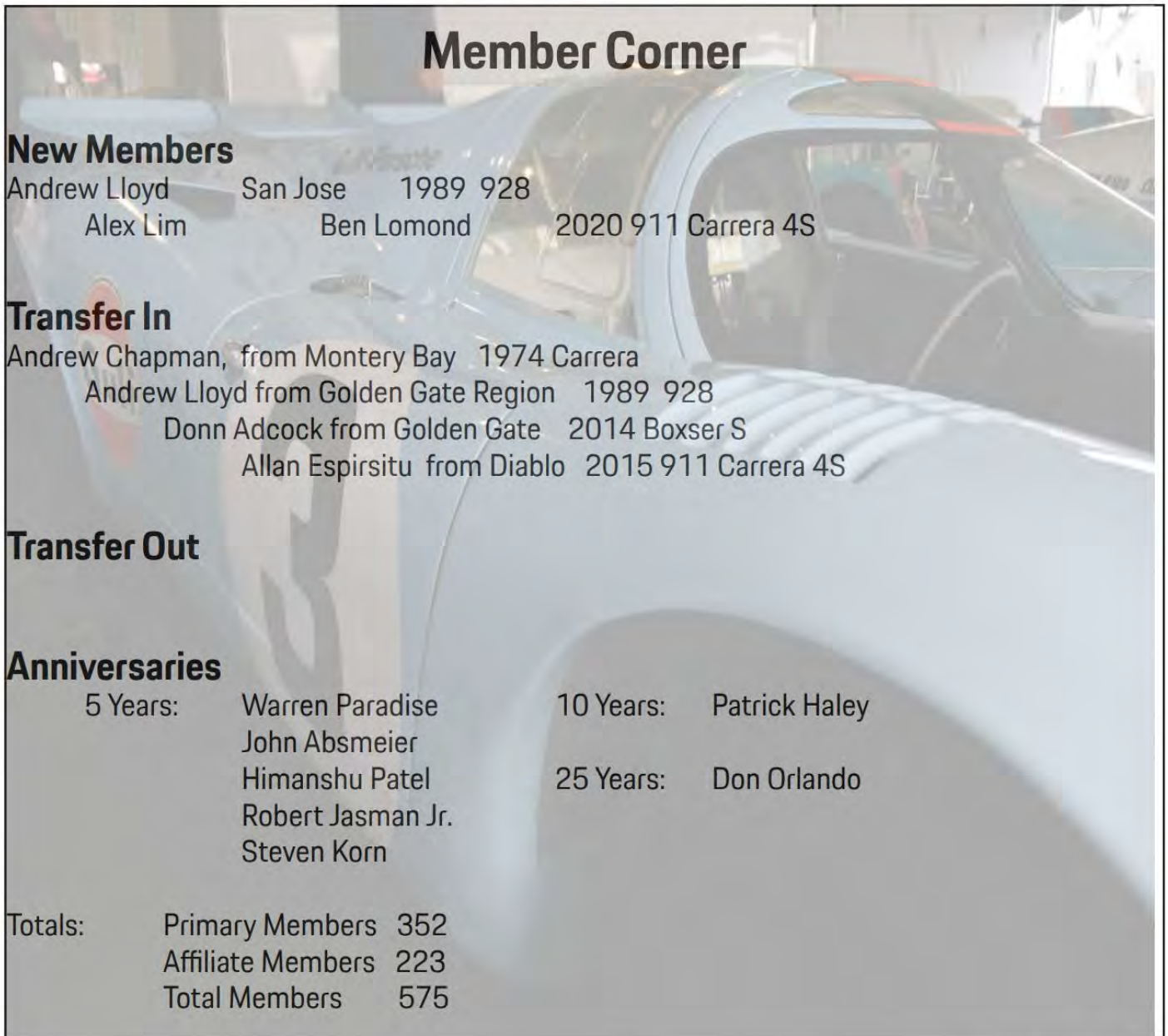
President:	A second term for me.
Vice President:	Terry Zaccone.
Secretary:	Esper Kershaw.
Treasurer:	Carol Cooke.
Activities:	Don Stubbs.
Membership:	Don Law.

I am sure that John, or Esper, or others may want to talk about other events at this time, but there is a point I want to emphasize here. It is the absolute intense and amazing enthusiasm that ALL of our early LPR

members exhibited. With only about 45 members total, I will never forget that about a dozen of our girls (yes, we called 'em girls then with no complaints) met at Sue Parker's house at intervals to measure, cut, and sew to create royal blue jumpsuits especially as hostess uniforms for our forthcoming '72 West Coast Weekend, a major multi-regional event pretty close in scope to that of a PCA Parade. They also created popular Hot Pants outfits as uniforms complete with white knee length boots for another particular event at that time. Can you imagine that happening today? Our early efforts were pretty major events, organized by people who were themselves successful businessmen. e.g. Three of our members, Lou Marable, Bill Glathe and Don Stubbs were PanAm airline pilots, Don Stubbs being one of the first to pilot the then new Boeing 747. And for a

short time we even had Bob Hicks as a retired PanAm Clipper flying boat pilot, and once the personal pilot for Howard Hughes. Sponsors for our West Coast event included heavyweights like Castrol Oil, Semperit Tires, Falstaff Beer, Robert Bosch, Holiday Inn, and Porsche dealerships like Don Wester in Monterey, and Porsche Audi in San Jose. We played hard and thought BIG. Our '72 West Coast Weekend undoubtedly led to LPR being presented at the following year's Porsche Parade with Region Of The Year, the greatest honor bestowed on a PCA region. And with only about 45 members!

THAT, ladies and gentlemen, is ENTHUSIASM!



Member Corner

New Members

Andrew Lloyd	San Jose	1989	928
Alex Lim	Ben Lomond	2020	911 Carrera 4S

Transfer In

Andrew Chapman,	from Monterey Bay	1974	Carrera
Andrew Lloyd	from Golden Gate Region	1989	928
Donn Adcock	from Golden Gate	2014	Boxser S
Allan Espirsitu	from Diablo	2015	911 Carrera 4S

Transfer Out

Anniversaries

5 Years:	Warren Paradise	10 Years:	Patrick Haley
	John Absmeier		
	Himanshu Patel	25 Years:	Don Orlando
	Robert Jasman Jr.		
	Steven Korn		

Totals:	Primary Members	352
	Affiliate Members	223
	Total Members	575

John Reed has been an "Active" part of LPR for 50 years: Here is a bit of that history!

(as told to Don Chaisson, Prieta POST editor)



First things first. John has an encyclopedic mind. He remembers things and names from 50 years ago when I can't even remember the name of a neighbor that I had dinner with a day ago! So a chat with John is like looking into a time capsule of LPR history.

John got into the Porsche world in the early 1970's via a back door. John and Kathy were active in the rallye scene with the Nor Cal Rallye Team and had a deposit on a "hot" 240Z. The Datsun dealer kept putting John off and selling incoming cars to "other good customers", so when John and Kathy were out for a weekend in Monterey and got lost (... *how does a rallye team couple get lost?*) and drove by a Porsche dealer, John said, "Lets go check out Porsches!".

So John and Kathy looked around, kicked some tires, sat behind the wheel of a nice 911, etc. John, being a tall fellow, had difficulty with the 5 speed shift pattern, and said that the car just wouldn't work. Then the salesman, Tom Patera, suggested he look at a 4 speed Irish Green 911 back on the lot. (*Who remembers the name of a car salesman from 50 years ago?*) It fit like a glove! John put \$50 dollars on the table to hold the car until he and Kathy could talk about it that evening. After some banter back and forth, they agreed, "lets buy it" and went back to the dealer to finalize the purchase. As it turned out, the Sales Manager, Jack Brown gave John the name Ken Iles of LPR and suggested he

contact him, starting a relationship with Ken that persists to this day!

John and Kathy met up with Ken at one of the early LPR events, a weekend tour. They must have been having fun because they committed to joining Loma Prieta Region while on the tour. By the end of the tour Kathy had committed to serve as Sec/Treasurer and John to create the "Goodie Store" in 1971-- and they weren't even "official" members yet! Now THAT is active volunteerism!

It didn't take long for John to step into a more demanding "job". For the first year of LPR's existence, Dave Parker was the editor of the new "Prieta POST". Since John was in the printing "industry", he expressed some interest in the production of the POST.

Dave saw the diamond in the rough that John represented and, so, he politely stepped aside and John became the Prieta POST editor in 1971. Back then, there was no "computer programs" for layout, text preparation, color photographs, yet John's initial products were amazing. The Feb 1972 edition was over 30 pages, often typewriter prepared and graphics hand laid out. John was the POST editor for 6 years, off and on, through 1981. But 1972 still stands out as a highlight as his efforts were rewarded with PCA's national award for "Best Newsletter" with the Paul R. Heinmiller Award presented at Parade in 1972.



That recognition vaulted John into a position of associate editor for Panorama in 1974, serving with PCA's celebrated and long time editor, Betty Jo Turner, for whom the current "Best Newsletter Award" is now named.

Ken Iles' 50th Anniversary speech mentioned how the 1972 West Coast Weekend event raised the region's reputation to the point of helping PCA award Loma Prieta Region PCA Region of the Year. But John had another aspect of the previous year's event in Santa Barbara. As mentioned, Loma Prieta was not only just well represented in the various competitions such as Concours, AutoX, Rally, etc. but they actually won a number of the events. As is often the case, a banquet on the last evening of the event celebrated the various "winners". The emcee of the banquet gave the following summary of the Loma Prieta crowd: "... Those guys sure know how to have a party, they are a "Good Time Region"! And that is how the LPR slogan "PCA's Good Time Region" came to be.

John served as LPR president 10 times over the 50 years of the region, in three decades, the 1980's, 1990's and 2000's. So he has a perspective not only on the "history" but what drove the region. In the 1970's, the region was small and populated by the members who choose to leave Monterey Bay and Golden Gate Regions. Almost by definition, they were invested in the region's success.

Even in the 1980's John recalled that enthusiasm was high, the board had good people in leadership roles, members were active and the percentage of "active" members was high.

John continued, "... the region continued to distinguish itself on the national PCA stage" in the 2009/2010 time frame. The region organized a large Santa Clara County community event, "Porsches and Police". It essentially was a charity event that showcased the region's cooperation with local police departments raising money for the San Jose History Park charities. The event was so successful that it placed second for PCA's national "Community Service Award". The presentation was made at the Salt Lake City Porsche Parade.

And it wasn't just John contributing. John recalled that his father, who never owned a Porsche, participated with his son to help the region. Yes, that is who the LPR "Worker of the Year" award is named after. And John's first wife, Kathy, was a member of LPR for 30 years at John's side, leading to renaming the annual Women's Enthusiast of the Year Award to the Kathy Reed Memorial Women's Enthusiast of the Year Award.

John noted that this level of enthusiasm started to level off in the 2000's. Of course, COVID put a damper on activities for a couple of the recent years. But Loma Prieta's history can fuel a renaissance of participation in the region and its activities.

John's contribution over the region's history has been consistent and impactful. He noted "... the future of the region really depends on members, both long time, journeymen and new members, to step to the plate and put on events." After talking to John for a few hours, it was clear to me; LPR's future history would be just fine if members took after John, even if just a bit.

Just do it!



John and Angie Reed at their home with their Carrera GTS.

Bob Morgan, A view from the Y2K era

As told to Prieta POST editor at Mojitos GTG, Jan 2023

Bob surely has done his share of work for the region, serving on the board between 2001 and 2016. First as membership in '01, then VP in '02, followed by 5 terms as President in '03, '04, '06, '15 and '16. Bob recalls that at the turn of the century the club was active and still populated by an enthusiastic core group of members.

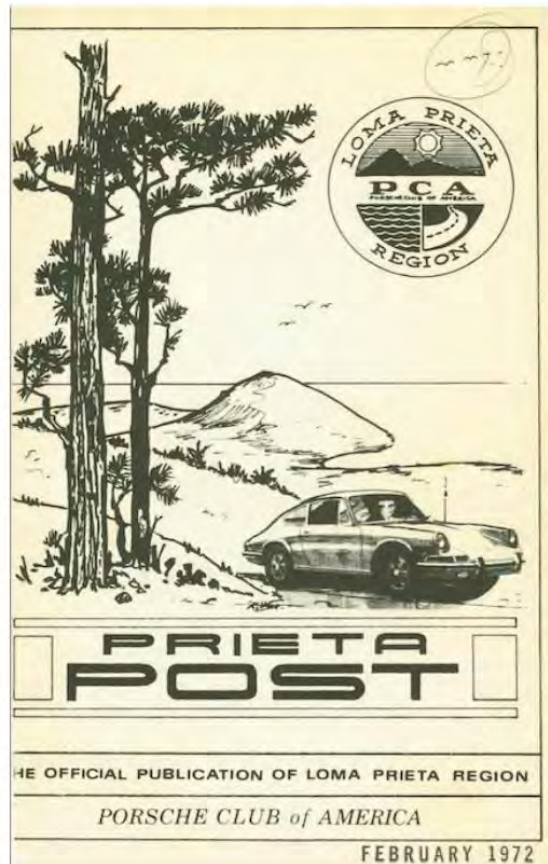
The level of enthusiasm was reflected by Bob's organization of the Porsche Swap Meet at PartsHeaven in Hayward. The event was large on the local Porsche community's calendar, and often featured over 50 "booths" with offerings from hard to find trim items, body parts, engine parts, whole engines, cars for sale, some on trailers. LPR provided organization, helped with advertising and offered beverages and their famous BBQ lunch for sale. (Apparently, there is an epic story about a "flying BBQ", but Bob didn't get into that!).

The event was so "large" that it even appeared in Excellence, The Magazine's resource information listing and got internet traffic on Rennlist. (Editor note: to get the flavor of the event, check out the Aug 2016 issue of the Prieta POST: click on the GT3 "Read More" Button and check out the photo panel below, from the article. .



Bob recalled that the event became the victim of its success as the City of Hayward significantly raised its permit fees, but also PartsHeaven closed its business. But the event was a testament to Bob's leadership and the region's energetic support, characteristic of past activities where LPR "punched well above its weight". It was noted that a smaller version of the Porsche Swap Meet has resurfaced, lead by Steve Douglas and held at Modderman in Mountain View.

It was difficult to conduct the interview with all the noise from the band at the Beers and Brew, Mojitos GTG, but Bob did mention the "elephant in the room", namely, the Prieta POST history. The POST has enjoyed a stellar past starting with John Reed's work getting the national Newsletter award in 1972. It has continued under a series of editors, but was always a "printed" copy in the early decades of the region. Bob lamented on the rise of "electronic" delivery of an "e-file" though he did



offer that the economics to continue with paper printed copies was a hurdle. (Editor note: it took advances in technology and evolution in people's communication products to make "e-zines" possible and benefit from its economics.) Before "e-zines", the ONLY way to get information about what was going on with the club was the wonderful and anticipated delivery of your Prieta POST in your mailbox. Maybe, you would call someone up on your "land line" phone, but... that was about it. And the folks that were in the club "then" remember that anticipation and energetic POST editors and additional volunteers and contributors remember the hard work it took to put the issues together, get them to a printer, organize the mailing via USPS bulk mail rules, and the expense. This is part of the Loma Prieta HISTORY.

The question now is, what does the club's future look like. Bob noted that the same people seem to be organizing events, often events that have almost become "annual" events; the 16th annual tour to the yada-yada; that sort of thing. (Editor note: I'll address what our current club's communication system looks like and why it is a good way to go in a coming issue of the POST).

But Bob confirmed a thought that other people featured in this issue of the POST have offered. Specifically, the region needs more people to step up and volunteer to organize and lead events for the membership. So, the final comment from Bob can mirror that from other, historical LPR leaders:

Get involved and.... Just Do It !!



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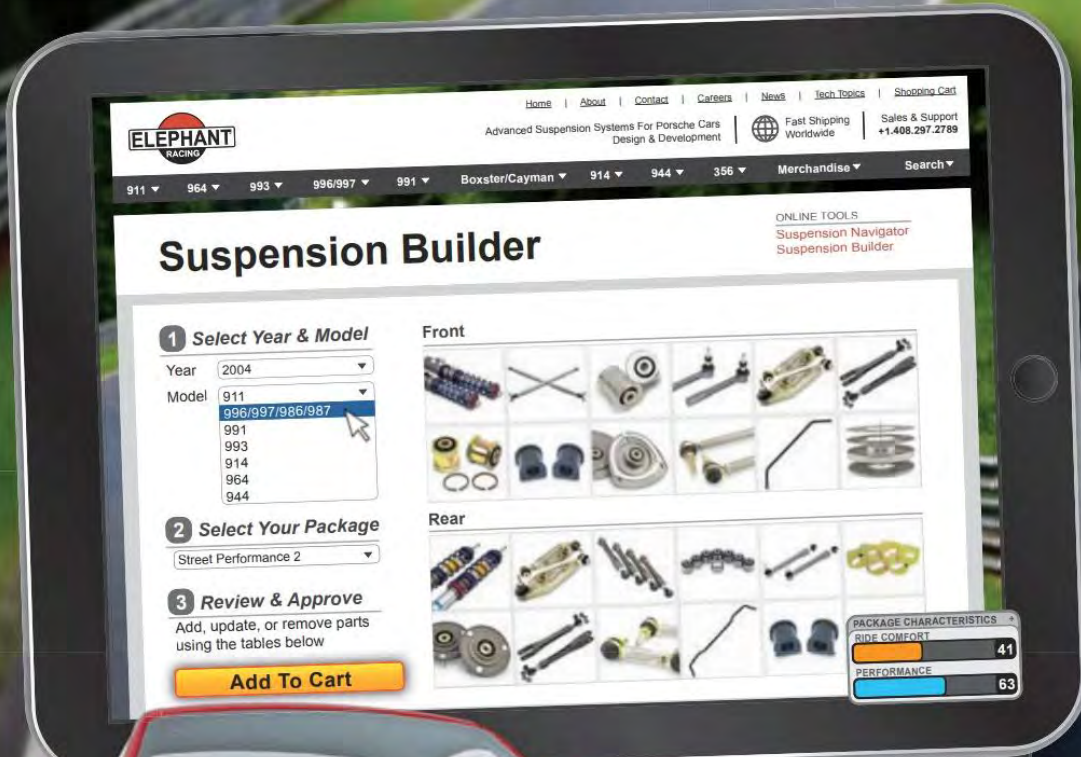
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Peter Ridgway

LPR President 2017, 2021 and 2022

While Peter's leadership may not seem like something that qualifies as "History", it honors the notion of "what comes after" the Big Bang, and in this case Peter is the most recent aspect of "what comes after" LPR has. His thoughts on the region as told to me, LPR editor, at a local Starbucks in late January.

Peter is the first LPR President that I met. My arm is still sore from all the twisting he did to "recruit" me onto the board and ultimately take the job as Prieta Post editor. But what was important is his "take" on the recent history of the region. He started by noting that PCA has changed in the last 10 years or so, becoming more "business" oriented. You can see that with the magnitude and proliferation of the "national" events. PCA has gone from (just) Parade, to adding Treffens, WERKS, ünStock, podcasts, altered size of Panorama (allowing more ads and avoids the upcharge for the old Panorama sizing), additional e-Brake News mailings, etc. Some may see this as less people oriented. (Editorial comment: these may be the same folks who were horrified when Porsche launched the Cayenne, an SUV none the less. And yes, it WAS a great business move that arguably saved the company!)

Peter does have some perspectives on what was going on within Loma Prieta Region in the 90's through 2010's. It was a time of local change. For example, Peter recalled the big "Swap Meet" that was held in Hayward at Parts Heaven. The meet would have 50 -60 booths, coffee, donuts BBQ lunch and tons of people showing up. Steve Douglas (a 356 guy) has resurrected the meet at Moderns in 2020, but much smaller.

That recollection prompted Peter to review the sort of activities that the region was putting on in the late 90's and 2000's, namely AutoX's, tours and GTG's or Good Time Gatherings. He noted that the number of volunteers seemed to be smaller than in the early days, especially as a percentage of the membership. He noted that GTG's were held in member's homes in the early days of the region, but GTG's waned as new members either didn't feel comfortable going to private homes of, to them, strangers, or members didn't want to open their homes to "strangers".

As I review Peter's comments, this is an interesting understanding of the "old" history of LPR. In the early days of



the region, it was more of an intimate group. But as the region grew, that level of intimacy couldn't translate into larger numbers of new members. The gathering at Mr. Mojito's in late January was an effort to jump start the essence of GTG's informality and spontaneity, but at a public venue.

One of Peter's recollections caught me off guard. He noted that he heard that other regions sometimes characterized LPR as a bit "snooty" because they partied so well amongst themselves. This definitely caught me off guard because my image of some other regions who had over-the-top gala parties (one was at the SF Palace of Fine Arts and was @\$900/plate. Way out of my "league"!) I had always thought of LPR as nice, down to earth people! Back to Peter's recollections.

Peter offered the observation that LPR's history somewhat mirrored the history of the newsletter, The Prieta POST. There has been some "moments" with the POST in the years after John Reed's accomplishment of a National Award (see the John Reed article starting on page 12.) In the 90's the publication continued to be "printed", but at a proportionally high percentage of the region's annual budget -- high to the point of insolvency. The argument over paper vs. pixel began then, and continues to this day to some extent. (Editor's note: I took the editor job on the stipulation that I would publish electronically). Sometimes the POST would include some "overly" political content or opinion. Once it featured a cover shot with a nude lady standing behind some region's board members and a car.

(I'm still looking for that issue!)

When asked, Peter offered thoughts on where the region is going and where it should be going. He continued with the "as region got bigger, it lost intimacy" line of thought, but insisted that core values and history of the region could and should adapt to its larger size. The region needs a constant infusion of new "leaders", bringing new ideas and fresh energy into the region. He noted that the enews email blasts as put together by Dana Ambrisko continues to be a pillar of communication along side the POST and the website, and that Jim Turk has been and continues to be a stalward with his work on the website. Kudo's to Chris Dyer and Johnny Musser III for their work on the colorful and innovative work on event "flyers".

His final thought was that the region needs participation at all levels; from event participation, to event creation and event and board leadership.

Sounds a lot like what has been noted before

Just Do IT!

In The Zone February 2023

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Hello Zone 7,

Hope this finds you well and coping with this rain ...one thing I do know, we all are going to have some beautiful picturesque GREEN photos from upcoming events.

Your Region and Zone are busy building schedules including events, tours, autocross, DE and more, and it is exciting to see what's coming up. If you want to be involved and busy you are in luck. With many events in or very close to our Zone we will be looking for Volunteers to help at events. This could be at a PCA Hospitality Tent or area, Corral parking and other needs at Carweek, hospitality Tent at Laguna Seca, Werks Reunion, Rennsport Reunion VII Hospitality & Corral. More info to come. It IS true, that PCA is "Fueled by Volunteers." You volunteering helps make these events a success. As those needs are known I will be reaching out and would be thrilled to have you be a part of the PCA team.

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2010	Les Schreiber	Jackie Mitchell	Peter Ridgway	Herb Radding	Doug Ryder	Barry Pangrle	Suzette Pangrle	Steve Mitchell
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While this issue of The Prieta POST focuses on the history of the region, it also tees up opportunities for each member to make some history themselves. This year, there are a number of local/regional activities, such as upcoming AutoX events, driving events, etc.

But there are some special "national" events that are happening in our neck of the woods that you might enjoy attending, along with other LPR members!

First, there is PCA Parade, June 18-24 at the LaQuinta Resort and Club in Palm Springs. Although registration began last month, it is still OPEN. There are LPR members who have attended multiple "Parades" and vouch for the good times to be had there. New members can start their Parade history also. Events at Parade include, Concours (our current president, Dana and Missy Drysdale not only have competed but



have won a 1st Place in their class with their beautiful Boxster). For your need for speed, Parade holds a multi day AutoX event and a TSD Rally. There are several "drives" that the local PCA region have curated that explore the Palm Springs area. But the best thing is that you can just kick back and make new friends, make your own HISTORY. For more information, go to: <https://www.porscheparade.org> for more information and registration.

Then, there is the MEGA Porsche (racing) event of the year which only happens ever 4 or 5 years: Rennsport Reunion. This version is Rennsport Reunion VII. The last version, Rennsport Reunion VI was in 2018. As in 2018, Rennsport returns to Laguna Seca, a historic track for historic Porsche cars. Where else can you see the same, the VERY SAME, famous and iconic Porsche racing cars, in action on a track, not on a pedestal in a

museum. The cars will range from the early 550 RSK's to famous 911/GT's to a full range of prototype racers including the La Mans winning 917s and 962's.

And then there was the Porsch tractor race -- yea, really.

There were 85,000 fans at the 2018 event. And the crowd size will likely be the same or top that number. For sure, some of the Loma Prieta Race fans will be there (your editor will be there for all 4 days! -- watching and volunteering with whatever). There will be a big wind up for this event. STAY TUNED!

Below are some of the sights from the 2018 event!



Patrick Long in the Coke 935, prepared by Migliore Motorsport. Photo: D. Chaisson



The 935 in action, Turn 2, Laguna Seca Photo: D. Chaisson



A 908, the most beautiful Porsche ever created.... IMO !!

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In case you missed it !

A look back at some Loma Prieta events from January and February 2023!

NOTE: this story was previously published on LPR's news blasts and is archived on the website.

Brews and Blues at Mr. Mojitos

article by Honore D'Angelo, Photos by John Reed



It was an excellent night shared by all at Mr. Mojito's with over 30 LPR members in attendance and another 20 friends and neighbors rocking to the music of the Blues-Rockers.

On a clear January Saturday, we had plenty of room and the heat lamps were our friends on the Patio at Mr. Mojitos in San Jose. With two LPR members in the band, the music was fantastic (honestly), and thanks to Mr. Mojitos the food was great and the drink choices abundant.

Huge thanks to Bill Weir who sponsored his band that played for the group without cover, which was very generous as the entertainment was outstanding (who knew Bill had a great voice?!). If you're a fan of classic and modern blues, and you missed the show, trust us and be on the lookout for the Blues Rockers. In addition to Bill on vocals and guitar, our very own Greg Sickal plays drums and percussion in the band.

Thanks to Dana Drysdale and Peter Ridgway, we were also able to secure several parking spaces right up front. Dana and Peter arrived early to block off space for several LPR Porsches (and bravely fended off angry bikers and maybe a shopping center owner in the process). [Ed. I'm pretty certain that with plenty of TLC, the cone that got flattened by the driver of the white van will recover – probably in time for the annual Kill-A-Kone AX fundraiser. Maybe we can get the van driver to donate?!? Anyone get a plate number?]

Thank you to all who made generous donations to the Starry Starry Night event hosted by Morgan Autism Center in May [Ed. May 6, 2023]. We collected 15 bottles of

wine and the Dunwoodie's made a generous donation of \$100.

Lots of good fun was had by all and to those who made it, thank you for being able to attend this extraordinary event.



Drive and Brunch at Alice's Restaurant

Comments and Photo's by Don Chaisson

Apparently, the "Brunch at Alices' Restaurant" has always been a "just show up" informal event. I didn't know that or I was just looking for a drive on some of my old, favorite roads from Saratoga to Skyline. So, I reached out to board members for interest in a drive, pulled the PCA insurance and sketched out a route. The Drysdale's and the Reed's came to do the drive with me. Nice drive and nice cars at Alices' also, you should try it sometime!



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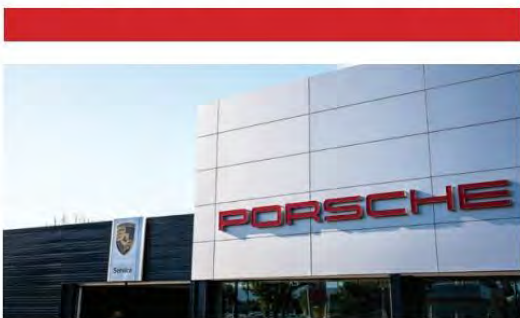
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