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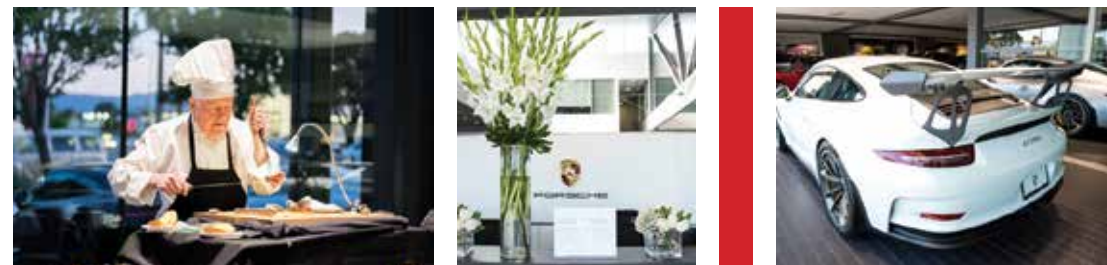
## *Mele Kalikimaka*

*LPR's 2023 Hawaiian Awards Banquet*





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### Our Annual Awards Banquet

The annual event's theme was "Mele Kalikimaka". There was a dinner. There were LPR annual awards presentations. Then there was dancing!



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### Loma Prieta Concours at Fremont Porsche

Let's be honest; LPR is more of an AutoX/touring/party region than a "Concours" region. But we do host a Zone 7 event and do a great job of it.



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### Sim Racing: PCA's virtual racing series

PCA suggested that regions "advertise" its "Sim Racing" experience in their newsletters and websites. The POST went further than that and interviewed a "sim" racer for his take on the experience.



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### LPR Forward Looking Events Calendar

The board has prepared a 2024 events calendar for its tours GTGings and AutoX. These events/dates are subject to change, so don't be upset if they do. Best to follow the announcements in the LPR enews email blasts!

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## Back Story The Prieta POST Cover Photo

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 Camera: Canon EOS 60D/Sigma 17-70mm, 1/40sec, flash, F2.8



When in a difficult lighting situation, you do the best you can.

The venue for the LPR Awards Banquet was the "Back Nine Restaurant" at Pasatiempo Golf Course, in their "back room".

The composition was hand held, holding the camera as high over my head as I could reach (should have tried standing on a chair to get a better angle!). The flash was the internal flash instead of a larger unit mounted on the hot shoe. There was no way the shot could use ambient light.

The idea was to get a "portrait" orientation of the room, with a few party goers, mingling, but before the place got packed. Peter Ridgway was making the rounds connecting with all his Loma Prieta friends.

The foreground with chairs asunder with coats draped over their backs did not yield the best composition to say the least.

The good news is that the "official" LPR event photographer, John Reed, was there and took a number of the "people" shots included in the "Banquet Story".

His photos rescued the notion of the Prieta POST using quality photographs. I do better with Porsches.



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# Miscellaneous Rambling and Back Story

Don Chaisson, Prieta POST editor.

*Tempus Fugit!* Yes, Time does Fly!

It was only about a year ago that I published my first issue of The Prieta POST, so it's time to do a retrospective on the efforts so far. That first issue, the Nov/Dec 2022 was meager in size, only two "featured articles" and 26 pages (the two articles were large!). The Nov/Dec 2023 had 4 featured articles over 41 pages with added "contributions" such as Dear Poloma. Seems that I was able to bulk the POST up over 7 issues. That's good, right?

Lets take a deeper dive.

Starting with that Nov/Dec 2022 issue, I've tried to bring "good photography" to the pages of the POST. The first cover page had a pretty "artsy" photo teasing the article "How to take a photo of your Porsche". I still like that image! The cover page for the Nov/Dec 2023 issue reprised an iconic image from Rennsport Reunion 7 — yes "I" did take that shot, though I had to sneak onto the track at the turn 3 flag station to get it. I am pretty satisfied with the level of photographic imagery that we have been able to get for each issue. While there is always room for improvement when matched against inspirational cover pages by Michael Alan Ross for example, I think we are on the right track (compare a Panorama and POST cover page below).



I stand by the decision to model the POST as an "e-zine" rather than a simple report of our region's activities. Dana Ambrisko does a really, really good job of providing current information, upcoming events and news of the day twice a month — the nuts and bolts of a "newsletter". No need for the POST to repeat dated content every other month! Yes, I do take a lot of inspiration from PCA's award winning publication, Panorama, for the POST's look and feel. To the extent that the POST inmates Panorama is a win for the POST. Check another important box.

Honestly, its a challenge to come up with "new" content that might be of interest to our membership each issue. Some board members have complained that I ignored the region's events. So, I started to include content about LPR events, but more in depth "stories" to bridge the gap between Dana's email blast summary and content with more meat on the past event bones. Getting attendees to make "content" contribution for these stories is definitely a blessing and powerful addition to the POST.

I'm not checking this box completely yet, but definitely in a better direction.

Apparently the POST is striking a cord with membership as the number of members who open up the issue and read it, often cover to cover and spending time on the articles and stories have been increasing. I think the POST is establishing its "brand" and credibility. But, I harken back to my interview with John Reed about Loma Prieta's early days and his service as POST editor for 6 years. Back in 1971-72 the issues were "type writer" prepared, what graphics he had were manually laid out and the issues had no color photography. The content was expansive, interesting and well received by the membership. I'm sure you would agree by checking out the 1971 issue on the website "past issues" page. But don't take my



Check one important box!

word for it, PCA recognized his work with its national Paul Heinmiller Award, presented at the 1972 Parade.

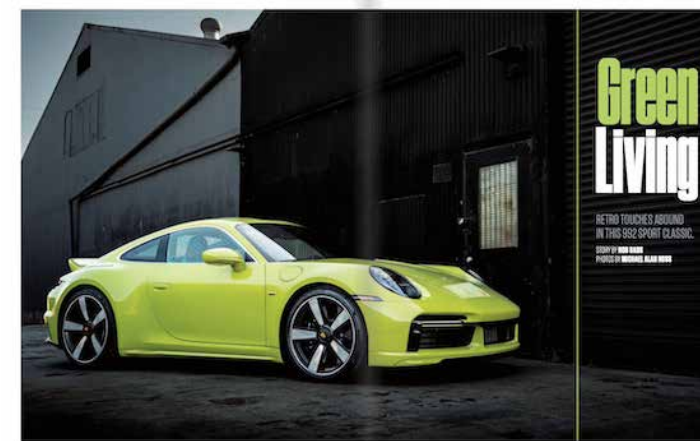
So, I am humbly aware of making the POST the best it can be is a high bar.

So, what's next? I'm not satisfied with the graphic designs I've used. I've started studying the "anatomy of a Magazine Layout" for inspiration. I routinely study other region's products and professional magazine designs for article/content presentation. The POST's introductions need to make you want to read the content, graphic design helps do that. Take a look at a recent article in Golfjournal



(remember I love golf as much as Porsches!) This article is about how a junior program, The First Tee, inspired Latina women and girls to get involved with golf. The photo has a lady looking at the title, the headline and "kicker. It shouts, "READ MORE".

Check out Panorma's recent article about LPR members John and Honore D'Angelo's sport classic in its Rennbow Color Issue.



The page just leaps out and says, "read all about it". Of course it does help to have photos by Michael Alan Ross (my favorite car photographer!) doing the artwork.

I probably will be trying to mimic such captivating graphic designs in fits and starts and stumbles, but I hope to bring such designs to help you, the members, get more interested to read our content about Loma Prieta, its members and local "Porsche" stories.

If any of you have expertise in graphic design and can help or teach, please send me a message at:

prieta-post-editor@lprpca.org!

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# Driving with Friends

by Dana Drysdale, photo by D. Drysdale

**VA Car Show Thank You – Details in Next Issue** - Thanks to many, many people, this was a wonderful event. Our editor, Don Chaisson, has pics and a full article next Prieta POST.

**Big thank you** from me: **Ed Dugan** had the vision for the VA show. Ed is a long time Porsche owner (1980 911SC Weissach – Platinum) and time trial-er, now a client of VA Palo Alto. **“T” – Teresa Boehm** – our VA Coordinator. **Dave Dunwoodie** – my consultant and motivator who said “Weather’s fine” and more. Thanks to **Missy Drysdale** for lunch delivery and to everyone – 25 people – for coming out and having a good time. Y’all will be in next issue! Thanks to all!

**Porsche Drive – What’s That?** Porsche has two rental programs – one is daily - Porsche Drive. When we go to a far away event, Porsche Drive is an option. Rent a base Boxster for around \$200 / day, all insured, with roadside, etc., just add people and gas or electrons! To learn more, go to: Porsche Rental - Porsche USA.

Porsche Drive rentals are online through a MyPorsche account. For more assistance, Porsche Drive has an 800 number 888.369.9904 – and an email info@porschedrive.us. Locally, AJ Marucut at Porsche Stevens Creek handles local Porsche Drive rentals, he is at 408.260.6124 and amarucut@penskeautomotive.com. Drive the electric Macan this spring, and rent the experience without buying the car!

**Detailer’s Tip of the Day** – One of my friends has a bad back, so he decided to retire from his cushy exec. job and be a car detailer. Here is a tip to carefully try – careful! Used it on a workhorse SUV with light tan leather seats. “Mr. Clean Magic Eraser”. Spray on your choice of leather cleaner as usual and lightly rub with a Magic Eraser. Leather is still cracked, but it is clean. For our Porsche, I have good luck with Porsche Leather Cleaner – it took out water stains that other products would not.

Driving with Friends – it’s not just the cars, it’s the people! Happy drives to all!



Two of these cars are Porsche Drive. Hint: they are newer, and usually white or silver. We rented a base Boxster and were issued a GTS 4.0!

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# Loma Prieta Calendar



## Loma Prieta Board Meeting Tuesdays: Jan 9th, Feb 13th 7:00 PM

The meetings are either totally virtual or a hybrid, with a physical meeting and with others joining via ZOOM. Contact President Drysdale if you would like to attend. You are WELCOME to attend and we would love to see you there!



## Thirsty Thursday March 7th @ Kelly Brewing Company Morgan Hill

Join members for an informal gathering, enjoying munchies provided by the LPR. Kelly Brewing Company is a family owned brewery and their beers are top notch. Food trucks are generally available. No need to register, just SHOW UP!



## St. Patrick's Day GTG Mar 16th

An annual tradition hosted by the Morgans. Since the venue is the Morgan's house, attendance will be limited. But if you can get on the list you will likely be treated to great food, games and fun. The best part, you don't have to be "Irish" to join in.

Watch for details on registration in the LPR email blasts!



## SRO GT Racing at Sonoma Raceway Sat/Sun April 6 and 7th.

This will not be a formal tour, just show up at Sonoma Raceway for Sat or Sun, or both days for some really good GT racing. There will be GT3 and GT4 classes along with TC and Toyota Gazoo GR Cup support races. Prices are low, the track is fun to watch and the racing exciting.

Contact Don at "prieta-post-editor@lprpca.org" for more information.

**If you enjoy watching GT racing, come on down!**

## Thirsty Thursday Feb 8th @ Beer Thirty, Santa Cruz

Join members for an informal gathering, enjoying munchies provided by the LPR. The beers available are top notch, and Carpo's Window for a rotating menu is available.

No need to register, just SHOW UP!



## LPR AutoCross #1 Mar 10th Crows Landing

LPR's AutoX series kicks off at Crows Landing. Sure it can be a bit chilly in March, but the wide open spaces make for a great experience. If you are new to AutoX make sure you request an instructor to help with AutoX techniques.

Watch for details on registration in the LPR email blasts!



## Campbell Easter Parade Mar 30th Downtown Campbell

Join in the actual Easter Parade in downtown Campbell with your favorite Porsche as your "float". It's for the kids, so dressing up is recommended. Or at least show off some stuffed bunnies.



## Treffen Wine Country -- a National PCA Event April 21st to 25th

Treffen North America is heading to this highly sought-after location in Northern California for Treffen Spring 2024 to enjoy touring the Napa and Sonoma Valleys and their local cuisines and activities. This is a limited capacity event and will likely sell out quickly. If interested, go to "https://treffen.pca.org" for information and how to register. But be prepared to act quickly when registration opens on Jan 10 at 3PM ET.



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

# Mele Kalikimaka LPR's 2023 Hawaiian Awards Banquet

Story by: POST Editor, Photos by: J. Reed, D. Chaisson and D. Drysdale



**Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say  
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas day  
That's the island greeting that we send to you  
From the land where palm trees sway...**

(Song written by R Anderson in 1949, made popular by Bing Crosby)

OK, so "Mele Kalikimaka" means "Merry Christmas" — got it! Apparently, it also means "... let's party!" — to the Loma Prieta Region in December. And party they did. For this event, the party happened at the Back Nine Restaurant at The Inn at Pasatiempo, a location convenient to members

on both sides of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The Hawaiian theme was on full display the moment one walked into the event area with greetings by the duo of Dana Ambrisko and Sheila Dunwoodie at the check-in desk. Once checked in, each partygoer got two raffle tickets (more on that later), and directions to the back room. Seating was open but at capacity by the time hors d'oeuvre were set out. The cheese and salami were a tasty treat while waiting for the no-host bar to serve up the adult beverage of your choice. My wife, Diane, had an Old Fashion while I ordered a glass of grenache.

**OK, so "Mele Kalikimaka" means "Merry Christmas" -- got it!**

**Apparently, it also means "... let's party!" to LPR members!**

Things were looking good right from the start.

Folks really got into the "Mele Kalikimaka" spirit with their evening outfits, ranging from all sorts of Hawaiian shirts for the men to various tropical dresses for the ladies. Flower leis were available at check-in if you didn't already bring one. Diane Chaisson bought some artificial leis with blinking lights insisting that I wear them. Turns out, we got compliments throughout the evening, so, go figure!

Folks did what folks do waiting for the dinner to start, they mingled with friends, introduced themselves to new

friends at their selected table, and generally made the rounds. Peter Ridgway and Dana Drysdale somehow thought they needed a sports jacket over their festive shirts, but they looked quite sharp as they made the rounds. Honore D'Angelo was the perfect VP as she helped Dana keep on schedule with announcements and the program.

The menu included mixed green salad, house vegetables, macaroni salad, teriyaki chicken, Hawaiian pork and fried rice and vegetable risotto served buffet style. Dana and Honore drew lots for which table was to go to the buffet line when. So, one table at a time queued up to the buffet line in an exceptionally organized and polite fashion. "Good Time Region" doesn't have to mean rowdy!!

We brought our full plates back to our tables, each of which had a wonderful pineapple centric centerpiece. The Hawaiian theme was reinforced throughout the night. The raffle tickets distributed at check-in were put in one of two bags on each table. The blue tickets were drawn to see who got the centerpiece on their table as their own. At our table, Honore drew Don Minami's ticket for the center piece. Don is such a mild mannered person, but seemed pretty excited



to win the prize.

The same excitement was evident at each of the tables as Honore went around the room, picking a ticket, serving up joy and good will as she went around.

As the pineapple upside-down cake dessert was set out, President Dana Drysdale began the formal presentations portion of the evening's festivities: The 2023 Loma Prieta Awards. Each member had a chance to vote for the award



winners, well except for the Autocross awards. Those you had to "earn" on the track. The votes were received and secretly tallied by the account firm of Dewy, Cheatem and Howe's local CPA, Jim Turk, our webmaster. So the winners were generally a surprise, though generally folks nodded "... yep he/she deserved that award!"

Dana started the presentations by announcing the 2024 Loma Prieta Board:

- President:** Dana Drysdale
- Vice President:** Honore D'Angelo
- Secretary:** Sheila Dunwoodie
- Treasurer:** Andy Ward
- Membership:** Kathy Musser
- Activities:** Greg Sickal
- Member at Large:** Homer Pitter

Greg and Homer replaced Bob Morgan and John Gould respectively after holding their board positions for their full terms. Please say hello to Greg and Homer the next time you cross trails and thank them for stepping up to the plate to help LPR!

Continuing on the board as "chairs" are:

- Autocross: Dave Dunwoodie
- Charity: Emile Highley, Kathy Musser and Kris Vanacore
- Hospitality: Emilie Highley
- Prieta POST: Don Chaisson
- Webmaster: Jim Turk
- Safety: John Reed
- Social Media/email: Dana Ambrisko
- Technical: Peter Ridgway, Bill Weir
- Tour: Nancy and Hugh Calvin



L-R: Honore D'Angelo, Peter Ridgway, Sheila and Dave Dunwoodie, President Dana Drysdale, Nancy and Hugh Calvin, John Reed. Dana Ambrisko, Don Chaisson, Kathy Musser, Emilie Highley

Now to the actual Awards presentations.

The first to be awarded were the **LPR Event Awards.**

The winners of these awards are selected by the membership from all the Good Time Gatherings, parties, competitive and educational events. They honor events that were enjoyable, memorable and worthy of the "Good Time Region." Eligible events take place from October through the following September and in two categories:

**The Debbie and Kevin Bennett Good Time Gathering Award**

This award was won by JIM TURK and HONORE D'ANGELO for Thirsty Thursdays.

Thirsty Thursdays gatherings are informal and laid back.

Jim and Honore organized them on both sides of "the mountain" so everyone in the region has a chance to participate in them. Jim was not able to make the banquet as he is recovering from hip surgery.



Jim Turk, Honore and John D'Angelo

**The Speciality Event Award**

This award is presented to a special event or a series of events.

This award was won by the **AUTOCROSS SERIES.**

The award was accepted by Autocross Chairperson Dave Dunwoodie.

The Loma Prieta Autocross Series runs over 8 months and conducted 9 events on two venues, Crows Landing and Salinas Airport. Dave and the Autocross team managed these events efficiently to be a financial benefit to the region.

**The Jim Kershaw Memorial Tour Award**

These awards are selected by the membership to honor the memory of Jim Kershaw, a founding member of LPR, who especially loved tours where he helped LPR earn "The Good Time Region" reputation. Eligible events take place from October through the following September and in two categories: One-Day Tour and Overnight Tour

This award was won by **THE VANACORES** for the Inn to Inn Tour





## The Harry Reed Memorial Award

This award is voted on by the membership and is presented to the Worker of the Year, a member who consistently works to make events successful, often working "behind the scenes" to make events enjoyable and run smoothly. It is awarded in memory of Harry Reed, LPR's only honorary member, who worked tirelessly for LPR while never owning a Porsche.

*This award was won by JIM TURK for his continual and long standing work on the LPR website.*

*(Leslie Fette accepted the award for Jim as he recovers from recent hip replacement)*

With this award, Jim is a two time recipient this year. The LPR website is a pillar of the region's information service. Keeping the website up and running is a difficult job at its minimum, but to keep it truly current and with archival information takes a lot of work. The website universe is a hazardous place and the site was attacked by malevolent actors this year. Jim spent many hours recovering from the attack and getting the site back to its pristine appearance and complete content.



## The Enthusiast Man of the Year

Chosen by the membership, this award goes to the man who best exemplifies the spirit of LPR. He enjoys and participates in all aspects of LPR including tours, events, autocross and/or rallies. He may be a member of the Board or be a chairperson, or he may contribute in other areas. He is not self-promoting but works for the betterment of LPR.

*The Enthusiast Man of the Year was won by DAVE DUNWOODIE.*

Whether it is running the enormously successful LPR AutoCross Series (a nine event series this year) to participating in region tours and parties, directing traffic at this year's LPR Concours at Fremont Porsche to helping set up WERKS corral parking, Dave was there, work-



ing, helping, making the event(s) that much more enjoyable by all. Dave's volunteering is well known across all of Zone 7 as well as appreciated by his home region.

## The Kathy Reed Memorial Award

This Enthusiast Woman of the Year Award is determined by a membership vote and given to the woman who, like Kathy Reed, has demonstrated enthusiasm and warmth, a willingness to organize, compete, host events and do whatever she can to make LPR "The Good Time Region."

*The Kathy Reed Memorial Award was won by HONORE D'ANGELO*

There are many "enthusiast women" within the Loma Prieta Region. This year, Honore was recognized as one of them. She has been a constant do-er during the year, whether it was organizing and hosting Thirsty Thursdays, to backing up President Drysdale making them a formidable dynamic duo, to working on events throughout the year.



Honore and John D'Angelo



Dave at Crows Landing and getting the Enthusiast Man of the Year Award from Honore D'Angelo.

## The Janell Lund Memorial Newcomer of the Year Award

Voted by the membership, this award honors a member that enthusiastically jumps right in, getting involved by putting on tours and/or Good Time Gatherings. It may or may not be the member's first year of LPR membership.

*The Janell Lund Memorial Newcomer of the Year Award was won in a tied write-in ballot by JUDI JONES and DON NINAMI.*

Being infectiously enthusiastic surely helped make these awardees obvious. Judi and Don have participated in numerous LPR events as newcomers. Judi has volunteered to contribute to the Prieta POST, Don tried AutoX as well as touring. Both attract a crowd whenever they show up!



Jeanne Nimmo and Don Ninami, Bonnie Lund and Judi Jones

## Presidents Award

The Presidents Award may be given to any member who has contributed to the success of the Region, but was not recognized with these other awards.

*The Presidents Award was given, jointly, to DANA AMBRISKO and DON CHAISSON for Communicating the Heart and Soul of LPR.*

Communication is a key to the success of any endeavor. Getting such a wide array of personalities in our region's attention and giving them information and entertainment is difficult. Dana's e-mail blasts, twice a month, are a modern "town crier" of information and encouragement to participate. The e-mail blasts are consistently perceived as the primary communication vector for getting information on what is going on with the region, in as real time as possible. As editor of the POST, I was honored to receive the Presidents Award WITH Dana. I hope that the POST provides a different and entertaining read of what is going on with the region and our local Porsche world.

## AutoCross Awards

The level of attention and prominence that the AutoCross awards command confirms the fact that Loma Prieta is one of the leading AutoX Regions in the area and maybe the state and beyond. Although there are LPR members who participate in other PCA competitions, consider that there is no special LPR Concours award, or particular attention to PCA Club Racing, its AutoX.

Given AutoX's prominence, it was obvious that Dave Dunwoodie should get the Enthusiast Man of the Year given his exceptional work with the LPR AutoX Series. But there were other award winners in AutoX.

## Ken Iles Competition Driving Award

The award as determined by the Activities Director, Autocross Chair and Rallye Chair, is awarded to a member who reflects the true spirit of competition, good sportsmanship, and is an enthusiastic steward of competitive driving, sportsmanship and LPR.

*The Ken Iles Competition Driving Award was won by HOMER PITNER*

Homer drives a 2007 (997) Porsche 911 Turbo, participating in 8 of the 9 events this year and clearly caught the chair's attention!



Honore D'Angelo, Don Chaisson, Dana Ambrisko, Dana Drysdale

## The LPR AutoX Series Awards

The AutoX Series awards were won on the track, not by acclamation but by performance. Here are the LPR AutoX Season Award Winners:

The PAX Standings Award:	Himanshu Patel.	2014 Cayman
Class A-03	Richard Zukowski.	1999 Boxster
Class A-04	Carlos Mendoza	2011 Boxster S
Class O-2	Tony Loess	1998 993S
Class O-3	Jeff Reltmeir	1997 Boxster
Class O-4	Himanshu Patel	2014 Cayman S
Class O-5	Peter McMillan	2013 Carrera S
Class P-01	John Eiskamp	1967 912
Class P-02	Caevon Hekmaty	1980 911SC
Class P-03	Grady Carter	2002 Boxster S
Class P-04	Sid Huey	2009 Cayman S
Class P-05	Dave Dunwoodie	2016 GT4
Class P-06	Daniel Deng	2015 GT3
Class U-01	Grant Keyser	2019 Carrera T

## A brief photo essay of LPR at the Party



Kevin Bennett and Gerry Lund having a deep discussion on ??

Missy Drysdale and Judi Jones -- happy to be here!



Jonathon Simmons, Peter McMillan, Himanshu Patel, Connie Lu, Dave Dunwoodie



Brian and Lori Rusca drove in from Gilroy

Steve and Sylvie Graham Just one of the couples that enjoyed the band and dance floor!





**The Loma Prieta Concours at Fremont Porsche**  
**Wash, dry, wax... repeat !**

Story: Prieta POST Editor. Photos: John Reed

Zone 7 oversees various Porsche competition events throughout the year, ranging from the most hard core speed competition of Club Racing, to casual Track Days often during the same weekend, to a very extensive Autocross season (which Loma Prieta helps present in addition to its own AutoX Series from March to November). Zone 7 also organizes and presents a "Concours" series that runs from mid-year to November. The Loma Prieta Concours at Fremont Porsche is the final event of the Concours season.

For some regions, Concours is a BIG deal. Really BIG. GGR, Diablo, SVR each counted over 50 members who participated in Zone 7 Concours events over the CY2023. Honestly, for LPR, not so much. Up to the LPR Concours, only four members participated in Concours events.

So, let's give our LPR members some love and a round of applause!

- Andrew Chapman with his silver 1987 911 Carrera**
- Jeremy Siemans with his white 2002 911 Turbo**
- Tom Mekville with his blue 2020 718 Spyder, and**
- John D'Angelo with his Conda Green 1997 911 Carrera 4**

To those who "Concours" their cars, they enjoy doing so because their cars are beautiful examples of Porsches which makes their cars works of art.

I won't get into my old college friend who has a different perspective. Mike, (unfortunately a Corvette guy) moved to Houston a couple years back and joined one of the local Corvette clubs. To his dismay, the club rarely had driv-

ing events but just showed up at "cars N coffee" with their washed - dried- waxed cars. He complained to me, "Don, I couldn't take it anymore. I'm a DRIVER, not a WAXER".

Now, Mike can be a bit extreme, two star generals in the army sometimes can be accused of being extreme. But to counter his perspective, I'd like to think that the world of concours and the world of driving need not be mutually exclusive! I tend to think that Porsche people are OK with both cleaning their cars (wash, dry, wax... repeat) and driving their cars (casually in tours or gonzo on race tracks).

My friend ultimately joined a different Corvette club and is enjoying brisk touring as well as showing up with a very clean and shiny C07!

Lets explore the Loma Prieta Concours event in a bit more detail.

While we didn't have that many LPR members "competing" in our Coucours event, there were a number of members who put in a lot of work to help kick it off and to support the day itself.



Jim Turk and Dave Dunwoodie were VERY conspicuous during the day.



Peter Ridgway did a lot of "behind the scenes" work with Fremont Porsche along with Zone 7 Rep Brian Akins.



LPR folks just may be more comfortable helping other Porsche folks than spending the hours and hours it takes to properly prepare a Porsche for Concours judging.

And that is just fine too!

I mean, it must be fun taking in beautifully prepared cars that grace the concours fields. For me, I could look at the GT4 RS that showed up for hours... OK, I'd be dreaming of driving that beast... but you decide if it would be fun to "spend some time" with this:



We also need to give a big shout out to the management at Fremont Porsche. They also do a lot of behind the scenes work to help make the Loma Prieta Concours happen. They have to move their inventory off the front parking lot(s) to make room for the display field. They also took care of the hospitality for the participants during the event. A lot of work!

This is something that Peter worked on with the dealership's customer experience manager, Elita Gamboa, well in advance of the event. To thank her for her work, Peter presented Elita with a "1st Place Trophy" as a commemoration.



Or this



I wanted to know more about Elita's role in the event, so Peter made the necessary introductions and I made arrangements to meet her for a sit-down interview. Here is what I found out about Elita's role and how the relationship between Fremont Porsche and Loma Prieta could get even better.

POST Editor: Thank you for making time for this interview. Can you begin by telling me about you and your job. Perhaps a good start would be to go over what is a dealer customer experience manager (DCEM). What do you do and how do you enhance the customer experience?

EG: With Porsche, it is mandatory to have a DCEM at each dealer. The DCEM works hand-in-hand, together, for improvements and ways we can provide a better customer experience. It's all about hospitality and exceptional delights. For me personally, I'm pretty much the champion of the customer. I work with sales and service if there is a case that needs to be investigated and closed. For example, if a customer does not have a good experience, it's my job to escalate the matter to a different department. I'll direct the matter to where it needs to go. I see myself as the touch point for all these matters.

Customer satisfaction index is huge.

POST Editor: Yes, I saw that Porsche recently did get an industry leading survey mark for customer satisfaction by J.D. Power for both Premium Car and Premium SUV.

EG: Yes, we are trying to get better and better. I oversee all the surveys that come in for sales and service. I always want to thank our guests for completing our post service or sales surveys and for taking the effort and time to do the survey because it is fairly lengthy with 12 questions or so. My role is identifying opportunities and to suggest areas or ways to improve.

Advocating for an allocation is something that I do, but it's very tricky nowadays. Everything has just been so backed up. I know, understand and empathize with the guest as best as I can.

POST Editor: With respect to the progress of the build, is that something you would also do or is that something that is still with the sales?

EG: Sales will lead answers to progress of sales, where the car is in transit. etc.

POST Editor: That's probably a good thing for issues like the case of Matt Farah (the popular YouTube blogger) when his 718 Speedster RS was on the boat that sank in the ocean, the Felicity Ace incident! I would hate to have been on the wrong side of that phone call! The good thing is that his car was re-manufactured and just got delivered.

Did you get involved with helping Loma Prieta Region and its concours as a customer service?

EG: Yes, I am involved in hosting various events. For example, I helped with the event planning for the 75th anniversary event. I assist with pretty much all the events but I do remember my time with Peter Ridgway. He was very helpful and introduced me to you (Loma Prieta) guys.

POST Editor: What sort of things did you do for the Loma Prieta Concours?

EG: All the rentals are confirmed for the tables, the chairs, table covers, etc. I also took care of placing the order with The Green Leaves Bakery for all the brunch sandwiches. I chose brunch because it's easy and I wasn't sure if people had already eaten breakfast, so I chose an assortment of croissants, burritos and sandwiches. I picked up the food myself in the morning. Then I came to the dealership early in the morning and started setting up the tables and to make sure all the catering was set up.

POST Editor I know that Loma Prieta Region has partnered with Fremont Porsche for its concours for a couple years now. What would you like to see the next time that you help for our 2024 Concours?

EG: Emphasize Social Media. A good Social Media footprint is very important to getting traction with our customer base. And then, I would say, having people to come just to see how the Porsche brand is very much like a family. It's a very tight community that is just insane to be a part of. I think that Social Media will help emphasize how important Porsche is in the car industry and to communicate that a car enthusiast has a safe place to come to.

POST Editor: If you guys are interested in a new event, it would be fun for the dealership to host some sort of Tech Tactics. It could be a technical talk by the service department, highlight something that they do or highlight what people should be doing to keep their car well maintained. It would be an event where members come and talk with the service department, ask questions and just get to know their car better.

Another topic might be about what's going on with Porsche and take a look at what's coming. I don't know when the first electric Macan is coming out but being able to do a walk around and have a close look at this new model would be well attended, I'm sure!

If you like, I can formulate this a little bit more concretely and send it to you and see if Fremont management would support this type of customer (maybe future customer) interaction.

EG: Sure. I'll pass this along to my GM.

POST Editor: Thank you for your time and for all the things you do for Loma Prieta Region.

EG. My pleasure.

We'll see if anything comes of the pitch for technical sessions, but it would be pretty cool to get a deep look at the electric Macan when it comes out. Or get to interact with their service specialist to talk about things to do to take care of our cars.

But the interview gave me pause about how I react to the dealers' requests to complete their surveys after a service. It really is an opportunity to be honest with respect to their services. Yes, it takes a bit of your time to complete their survey.

But based on Elita's comments, it surely is something that Porsche treats importantly. Yes, if you have a mild complaint or concern, it will spur some feedback. If they are not getting "5 stars" they will follow up with you. And for the prices we pay to get our cars serviced, we should get "5 star" service and attention.

Ok, I'm off my soap box!



Least favorite chore: clean the wheels!



Above: 1974 911 in Peru Red displayed by Arthur Woo  
First 911 Carrera sold into CA market in 1974



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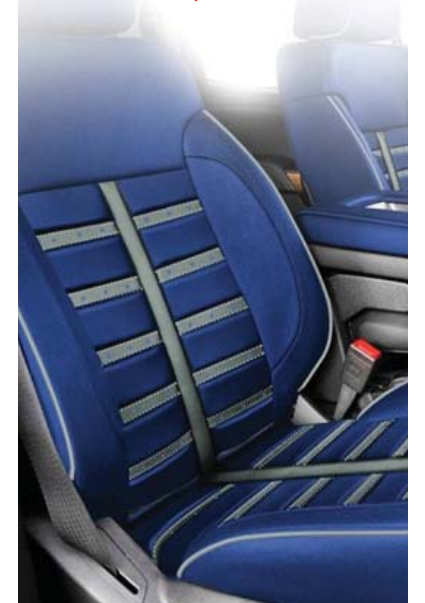
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As you can see from the PCA ad "Sim Racing - The Cars Aren't Real, but the Racing is", PCA enthusiastically supports this thing called SIM Racing (Simulated Racing, get it?). Actually, I was somewhat interested in the concept though I never was much of a gamer or video guy. So a bit ago, I talked to a friend that was very much into Sim racing. Here is my interview with Jeff Rosenthal from Yosemite Region who lives in Stockton, but teams with a fellow from GGR (and several other PCA members from other regions) for multi-driver teams in endurance races.

DAC: Jeff, thank you for the opportunity to talk to you about SIM Racing. But first can you tell us a bit about your Porsche/PCA involvement?

Jeff: I joined PCA in 2020, and quickly became involved with the Region board - my family and I have made a lot of great new friends through PCA, both in-person and "virtually"!

DAC: Were you always into virtual racing apps, or is this something new?

Jeff: I really didn't have any particular experience with SIM racing before joining PCA, other than the usual console-based "video game" type programs. But once I got into PCA and learned about PCA SIM racing, I was very interested. While I did a Skip Barber Formula Mitsubishi school many years ago, tracking much less racing a Porsche was not really in the cards for me quite yet. So I saw SIM Racing as something that I could do during the pandemic that was fun and accessible while still having that competitive spirit. I've been racing now for several years, and really enjoy the experience and camaraderie!

DAC: So, what is SIM Racing?

Jeff: SIM Racing is the PCA's supported racing league within the iRacing platform. iRacing has been around for quite a while, but PCA's SIM racing has been growing very quickly over the last couple years. Now hundreds of PCA members are actively racing in the program, and the technology has advanced dramatically in the last few years. At its core, SIM Racing is not really a video game - it is an

extremely realistic racing experience, allowing you to compete with/against other PCA members from all across the county. Participants come from a variety of backgrounds, age ranges and include members who have considerable real-world racing or open track-type experiences. Those folks really help bridge the virtual-to-realistic SIM Racing experience. And they are very open to share their experience(s). I've learned a lot and made many friends locally, within our Zone Group, and beyond.

DAC: So, not to be coy, but cutting to the chase — how real can SIM racing be?

Jeff: Your question brings up another PCA SIM slogan, "The Cars Aren't Real, but the Racing is". To your question, the iRacing technology is so advanced that SIM Racing teaches the physics of racing and car dynamics, even though the interaction is virtual. The system(s) provide the same racing feelings as in the physical world, but it is more affordable and safer than in the physical world (a crash in SIM is fixed with a simple reset button, a crash in the physical world of Turn 7 at Laguna is lot more expensive!) SIM racing teaches the basics of racing lines, braking points/zones, conserving momentum, and particulars of track irregularities and more. I can feel the car getting light cresting the front straight at Laguna Seca, the back end sliding going through T#3 and #4, car balance/reaction to FIA berms. And I can tell you, at the beginning of a race, I get butterflies in my stomach as we roll to the start line — the feelings are much the same as other sports that I've played.

DAC: I've read that professional racers, from IMSA to F1, use simulators to try out suspension settings, gain track familiarity and try out strategic moves. Is this what you are talking about?

Jeff: Sure, SIM racing also teaches overtaking and race strategy, skills that translate into the physical world. Many of the IMSA teams use the same technology and equipment for their drivers that we do as they prepare for races.

DAC: Can you describe starting a race?

Jeff: There are 5 classes, helping to ensure racing among people of the same experience level. Fields of the typical race can have from 30 to 40 cars (participants), and starts can be standing or rolling. In the case of a rolling start, there is a formation lap — but zig-zagging to warm tires is not allowed and the system imputes limitations on your car's dynamics to reflect cold tires on the opening laps, so you have to take that into consideration. The first few laps are surviv-

al mode!! You have to be careful not to crash out another car — the system would assess damage to his and your car; and race stewards monitor such incidents and can do apply penalties accordingly. All of this induces nervous energy — just as any opening laps in IMSA! PCA SIM racing organizes the race schedule into seasons for official races, but there are other racing opportunities that are available for more casual racing on a weekly basis, too. There are also Team Racing series where 3 to 4 participants enter as a team. Those races have mandatory pit and driver change stops — with specified time outs to accommodate. The team members are not in the same physical place, so a driver change is the new driver taking over the team car using their home equipment. When you're with 3 other PCA racers in a long event, you really build camaraderie between participants — we even had a chance to meet in-person at Rennsport Reunion, which was a lot of fun! There are also "practice" events, sort of DE for SIM races. Experienced drivers offer coaching on the particular track that the race will be run on. The coaching details go into car physics, braking zones, watch out for the apex berm on turn 5, that sort of thing.

DAC: I'm getting the sense of being overwhelmed with the technology that powers this level of detail. The PCA Tech Tactics event is advertised to get into that sort of detail, but, based on your experience, what is needed to "get started" in SIM Racing?

Jeff: I encourage anyone interested to check out the PCA Sim Racing website at [www.pcasimracing.com](http://www.pcasimracing.com) as they have some awesome resources to help you get started, and videos that walk through what you'll need. In short, you'll need a PC computer (iRacing does not work currently support Apple operating systems) and a steering wheel/pedal combination. It works best with force-feedback wheels to help with realism. Since the program uses iRacing platform, you have to subscribe to iRacing. The monthly fee is about \$10 per month. The PCA Sim Racing league is free to PCA members as part of your PCA membership. You do need to "purchase" your car — it's sort of an app fee of about \$13 per car and is a one-time purchase. Same thing for a license to a "track", such as Laguna Seca, or Imola Autodromo, which is one of my favorites! I've also added a subwoofer behind my racing seat that provides non-audible sensory input — helps to feel rumble strips, that sort of thing. Entry level equipment is available on Amazon, such as Logitech wheel/pedal combinations for less than \$300. Professional level force feedback steering wheels and bases can run upwards of \$1000, so the sky is the limit. But there are participants using all varieties of hardware/technology and do very well.

DAC: Thanks Jeff. I'll have to give this thing a try.

Editor's note: For the record, I did try to run a few laps in a good simulator set up at the Porsche Experience Center in Los Angeles. I picked Laguna Seca as the track to try since I have actual on-track experience at LS in both my 2007 and 2015 Caymans. I didn't count the years I raced a GP Triumph Spitfire in SCCA racing at Laguna since the track was different back then.

After about 10, very unproductive, minutes, I got motion sick and bolted to the restroom. I tried VR Headsets on Jeff's system, but lasted only 5 minutes!.

*But if you can handle it... you have to give it a try!*



Jeff's Sim rig and close up of his Steering yoke

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# CY2024 Events for Loma Prieta, PCA National and local Racing



## Loma Prieta Regional Events.

- 12/10/2023 – Toys for Tots Tour
- 2/08/2024 – Thirsty Thursday – Beer Thirty – Santa Cruz
- 3/07/2024 – Thirsty Thursday – Kelly Brewing Company – Morgan Hill
- 3/16/2024 – St. Patrick's Day GTG
- 3/30/2024 – Campbell Easter Parade
- 5/02/2024 – Thirsty Thursday – Beer Thirty – Santa Cruz
- 6/06/2024 – Thirsty Thursday – Kelly Brewing Company – Morgan Hill
- 6/16/2024 – Forest Bathing Tour
- 7/13/2024 – LPR Summer Picnic – Roaring Camp
- 8/01/2024 – Thirsty Thursday – Beer Thirty – Santa Cruz
- 8/03/2024 – Dana's Club GTG – Details to come
- 9/05/2024 – Thirsty Thursday – Kelly Brewing Company – Morgan Hill
- 9/14/2024 – Jacobs Heart Tour
- 10/03/2024 – Thirsty Thursday – Beer Thirty – Santa Cruz
- 10/12/2024 – Octoberfest Tour (a joint LPR and MBR event)
- 11/02/2024 – Ole Amigo's Tour
- 12/02/2024 – requesting a change of date from 12/15/2024 – Toys for Tots Tour
- 12/07/2024 – Awards Banquet – BackNine Restaurant in Pasatiempo

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## National PCA Events

- 3/1/2024 Werks Amelia Island
- 4/21/2024 – 4/25/2024 – Treffen Wine Country, Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn, CA
- 6/09/2024 – 6/15/2024 – Porsche Parade, Birmingham
- 8/08/2024 – Werks Reunion, Monterey
- 9/29/2024-10/2/2024 Treffen Mt Washington, Omni Mount Washington Resort, NH



## Loma Prieta AutoCross Events

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|------------|---------------|
| 3/10/2024  | Crows Landing |
| 4/6/2024   | Salinas       |
| 5/5/2024   | Salinas       |
| 6/8/2024   | Salinas       |
| 7/21/2024  | Salinas       |
| 8/17/2024  | Salinas       |
| 9/15/2024  | Crows Landing |
| 10/12/2024 | Crows Landing |
| 11/10/2024 | Crows Landing |

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## Professional Racing Events

at local raceways

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| 4/5/2024-4/7/2024   | SRO GT Racing: Sonoma Raceway   |
| 5/10-2024-5/12/2024 | IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship Motul Course de Monterey, Laguna Seca |
| 6/23/2024           | NTT Indycar Series, Firestone GP of Monterey, Laguna Seca                     |



## PCA Club Racing - DE/Track Days

at local raceways

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 4/5/2024                | HPDE* hosted by Diablo Region       | Thunderhill Raceway |
| 4/6/2024 - 4/7/2024     | Club Racing plus HPDE hosted by GGR | Thunderhill Raceway |
| 6/28/2024               | HPDE hosted by Diablo Region        | Sonoma Raceway      |
| 6/29/2024 - 6/30/2024   | Club Racing plus HDPE hosted by GGR | Sonoma Raceway      |
| dates TBD               | Laguna Seca                         |                     |
| 10/11/2024              | HPDE hosted by Diablo Region        | Thunderhill Raceway |
| 10/12/2024 - 10/13/2024 | Club Racing plus HDPE hosted by GGR | Thunderhill Raceway |

\* HPDE: High Performance Drivers Education



## In case you missed it !

Another one of the annual Loma Prieta "feel good" events of the year, the Toys-4-Tots Tour and Lunch opened this year to clear skies and happy faces at the Saratoga start point Dec 10th.

John D'Angelo welcomed 25 LPR members with disappointing news of the Tour part -- the planned route through the Santa Cruz Mountain forest needed to be scrapped due to Highway 9 road closures that were announced for the event's very weekend. So, the route was more of a "ralley transit stage" from Saratoga to the coast via Highway 17 to Highway 1 and then to lunch at Highway 1 Brewing Company.

Reacting to challenges was the order of the day! Since the assembly point was a parking lot behind store fronts on Big Basin Way, Honore D'Angelo was on the street flagging down Porsches and directing them to the lot! Then there was the Post Editor in the Sweeper car who caught every red light as the tour went through Santa Cruz's urban Hwy 1 section. Let's just say that catching up was challenging to stay in the limits! Then because we went over the mountain on Hwy17 instead of Hwy 9, the tour's time table was out the window arriving at the Brewing Company just a bit early -- meaning that the kitchen wasn't ready for lunch quite yet!

But LPR members were up to each of the challenges. Munchies were ordered up and shared until the kitchen was able to take our lunch orders. That also gave everyone an opportunity to turn in their Toys for the Tots.

## Toys-4-Tots Tour and Lunch



After lunch and a lot of camaraderie, everyone posed for the group and toy photo you see here. Rumors have it that you also may get to see the group again in From the Regions section in an upcoming Panorama issue.

Everyone selected their own route to return to Santa Cruz or the Bay Area. The best route was north on Hwy 1 along the coast. Sweet.



## Membership Corner

### New Members

Bob Goode	Santa Cruz	2024 718 Boxster GTS
Blaine Halley	Santa Cruz	1974 914
John Henderson	Corralitos	1984 911 Carrera Targa
David Rose	Santa Cruz	1982 911 SC Targa
Benjamin Ridino	Aptos	2022 718 Spider

### Transfer "In"

Jason Cathy	GGR	2006 911 Carrera
Grant Garson	Palo Alto	2000 911 Carrera
Tim Evienth	GGR	2014 911 Turbo S
Valerie Moselle	GGR	2010 Cayman S

### Membership Numbers

**Primary Members: 375**  
**Affiliate Members: 232**  
**Grand Total: 607**

### Anniversaries

<b>5 years:</b>	<b>Gary Aquilina</b> <b>Michael LaBouff</b>	<b>10 years:</b>	<b>Richard Dykmans</b> <b>Keith Miline</b> <b>Carl Treadwell</b>
<b>15 years:</b>	<b>James Van Dam</b>	<b>20 years:</b>	<b>Anne Roth</b>

Would you like to participate in a new Prieta POST column??

I'm looking for new members to participate in a light heated interview for the POST. The idea is to use a questionnaire to help region members get to know you better. It won't take much of your time, and if you like, I can meet you to do a photo shoot of you and your Porsche!

Interested: contact: [prieta-post-editor@lprpca.org](mailto:prieta-post-editor@lprpca.org)

# In The Zone

with Brian Adkins

Hello Zone 7  
December brings Holiday greetings from me to ALL..



Zone 7 team announcements that I would like to share. Simone Kopitzki and Roy Schauben are excited to continue to be Zone 7 Concours Co-Chairs for 2024. Thanks to Simone and Roy for all you do and for being the very effective pair you are. They work with the Concours chairs from the Regions to put on a great Zone series. Brant Balentine will continue in 2024 as the Zone 7 Autocross chair. The AX team of Region Chairs have brought fantastic Zone competition to members.

Look for some fantastic events in Zone 7 for 2024. Of course, all that your local region does. The available Zone events that include the Autocross and Concours series. The Spring Treffen held in Sonoma hosted by the Redwood Region. Look for updates on Zone series calendars. AND the Zone 7 Autocross series / Concours series & Zone awards dinner to be held Saturday March 2nd. Diablo Hills Golf Course, Walnut Creek (more info on that & registration info soon as well)

I do hope to see you at an event SOON.  
Brian

What a year! I wanted to take this opportunity to also say THANK YOU. I am so honored and thrilled to be your Zone 7 Rep. Thank you to the national staff I have worked with including all 13 other Zone Reps for encouragement, insight, guidance, and support. What a fun group. To the Region Presidents and their welcoming support, I really enjoy being part of all your "Region families". Must say thank you to the Zone 7 Autocross and Concours Chairs and support teams for continuing such a wonderful series that are unique to Zone 7 only. And to ALL of you members, for being part of my PCA community, I hope your 2024 is full of great events and friendships.

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# One Last Look....



Photo by John Reed on this year's Jacobs Heart Tour.  
A look back on Loma Prieta Touring: curves and hair pin corners abounded.  
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### Free Unlimited Car Washes

Available to you as a Fletcher Jones preferred owner Monday through Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

### Complimentary Rental Cars


Available for most service and maintenance related issues to your vehicle.

### Premier Guest Lounge and Boutique

Visit our coffee bar: free Starbucks coffee, herbal teas and purified bottled water is available, or browse our well-stocked boutique and purchase an accessory for your Porsche.

### Free Pick-Up and Delivery of Your Vehicle on Most Services

Buy your car at Porsche of Fremont and we will pick it up when it's time to have it serviced and we will deliver it to your office or home within the Bay Area, FREE OF CHARGE!



**Sales Hours:**  
Monday - Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
Sunday 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Service Hours:**  
Monday - Friday 7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**Parts Hours:**  
Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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