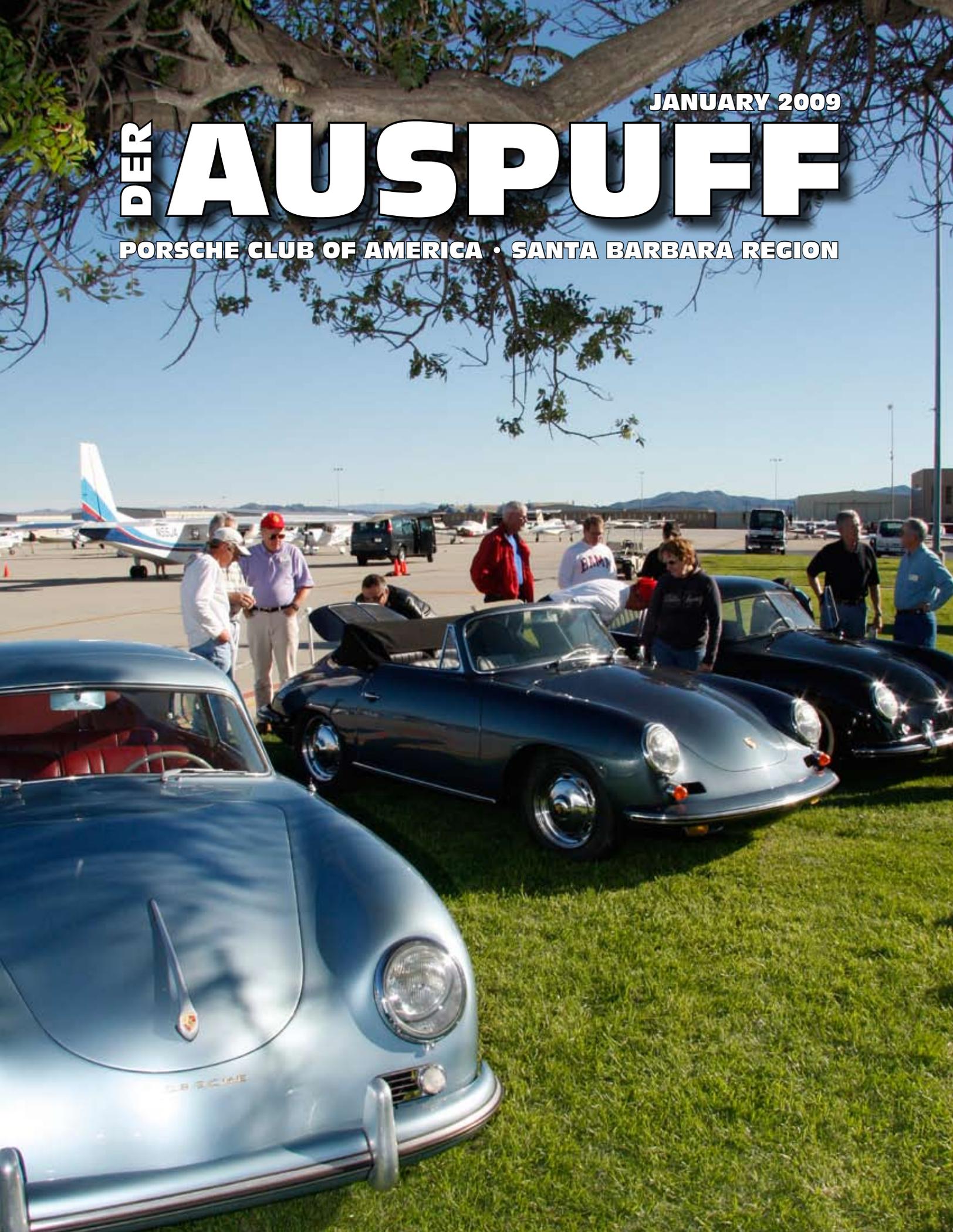


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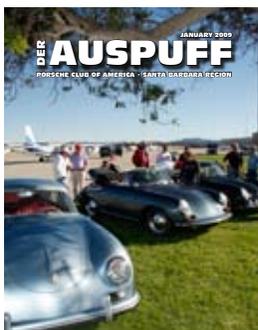
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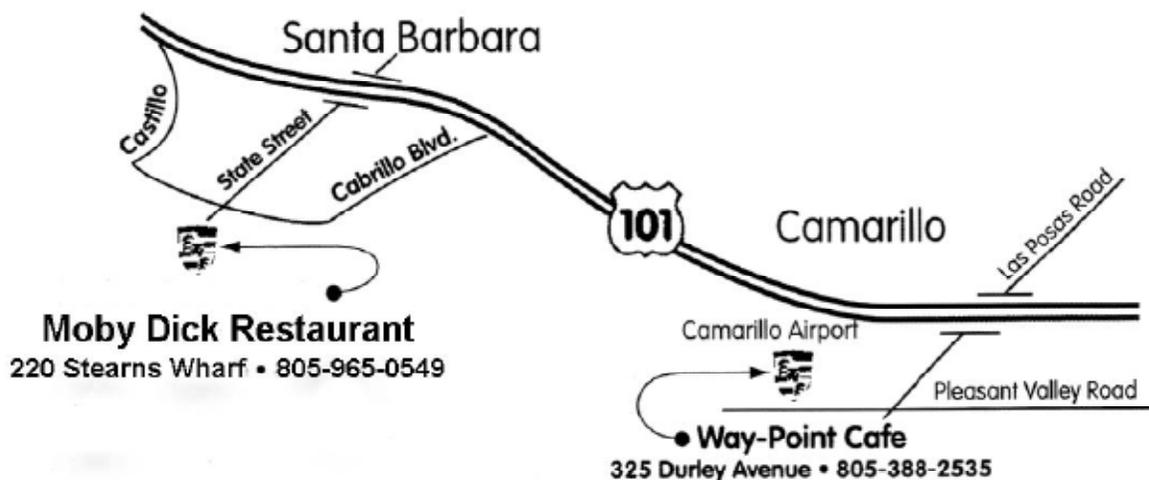
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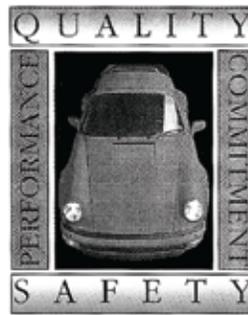
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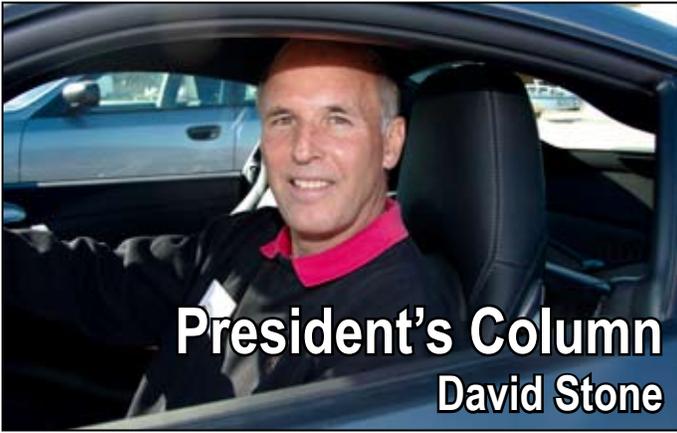
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President's Column David Stone

Happy New Year, Santa Barbara Region! I hope that you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. As your newly elected region president, I want to thank Nicolas Liakas for his dedicated service and outstanding leadership of our region for the past two years. He leaves very large shoes to fill, and I will do my best to maintain the bar he has so skillfully established. I would also like to thank the board of directors for their diligent work throughout the year. Special thanks go to outgoing secretary Carol Mathieu for her excellent service these past two years. We also welcome to the board John Alfenito, our new **Der Auspuff** editor, and Steven Kaller, our new treasurer. Your new board is listed in the front of the **Der Auspuff**. Give them your thanks when you see them. It's well deserved.

As we begin the year, it's fitting that we look back on a very successful 2008 and highlight some of our many accomplishments. Membership grew steadily from 649 members to more than 700. Attendance at breakfast meetings soared, and a record was set at our new Santa Barbara venue. Thanks to the efforts of Oscar and Toni Briones and their activities committee, more of our members enjoyed an array of interesting and enjoyable tours, meals and driving events. The overnight tours to Morro Bay and the Grand Canyon and a well attended chili cook-off and progressive dinner certainly come to mind.

Our five competitive events were well organized, challenging and very successful. Clinics offered for rally, autocross and concours greatly enhanced member participation. In fact, our Concours d'Elegance was the best attended and most successful in all of Zone 8.

Once again, our R.U.F. and P.M.S. subgroups provided fun-filled activities throughout the year, including a two-night tour to Cambria, a visit to "The Tonight Show" and a day on horseback.

Finally, our charity efforts were unsurpassed this year, thanks to the amazing generosity of our members. More than \$10,000 was collected for our main charity, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and another \$2,000 was raised for CHP Officer Tony Pedferri, who suffered a horrific, on-duty injury when struck by a car.

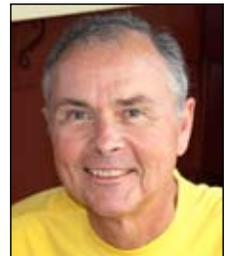
Our efforts did not go unnoticed. As I write this article, our region is in the running for 2008 Zone 8 "Region of the Year". The winner will be named on January 17th. None of these things could have occurred without solid leadership and our members who so willingly volunteered and gave of their time, effort and funds to ensure enjoyable and successful events throughout the year. Thanks to you all.

Looking forward, we have a wonderful line-up of events planned this year that will provide something

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for everyone to enjoy. We know that 2009 will bring further challenges to our nation's economy, as will the wars we fight on two fronts. It's hard not to feel anxious in such uncertain times. All the more reason to take a break and enjoy the many region activities scheduled for the coming months. I'm pleased and honored to be your president, and I wish you all the very best this year.

The Editor's Desk John Alfenito



As the new editor of **Der Auspuff**, I am pleased that you are reading my first edition of our popular monthly newsletter. After studying at Janice Herndon's side for several months, I eagerly (eventually)

stepped up when she announced her retirement. Actually, this is a bit of a homecoming for me. More than 25 years (and two careers) ago I was the editor of the Los Angeles-based trade publication "Radio & Records." And while I was not responsible for the look of the entire publication, I did learn just enough to be dangerous when it came to things like layout and typography.

So, armed with some amazing software and my trusty iMac, I will keep the monthly missives coming, hopefully with enough interesting content and style to ensure our membership is informed and happy.

Thanks to past President Nick Liakas and current President Dave Stone for their confidence in my abilities to make this publication work. As a newly retired guy, I am enjoying the challenge.



RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY Guided Tour & Luncheon Saturday, February 21, 2009

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Costco parking lot in Westlake Village (located on Lindero Canyon Road just north of the 101 freeway). We will depart at 9:00 a.m. for a 30-minute drive to the library in Simi Valley. Secure parking for 55 cars will be provided free of charge.

Our group will be given a two-hour guided tour of the library to include a special showing of the Magna Carta, which is on loan to the library from Great Britain for the month of February. This historical document usually resides in the English National Museum.

The library has arranged a special all-you-can-eat buffet luncheon for our group beneath the huge Air Force One display. They will set up a separate section so we will all be able to eat together.

If you have never been to the Ronald Reagan library, this outing is a must. The Oval Office, complete with President Reagan's desk, is on display. There are thousands of photographs from the lives of both Ronald and Nancy Reagan, along with the history of Reagan's Presidency. The tour and viewing of Air Force One is nothing short of spectacular. This is last Boeing 707 that flew Presidents from Kennedy to Reagan. We can view the situation room on the plane, the President's office, and where all the press and guests would sit while in flight.



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Porsches To Poppies Picnic & Tour

Saturday, March 28, 2009

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Olive Oils & Miniature Horses

By Nicolas Liakas

It was the best of days as twenty-six R.U.F.ians embarked upon yet another unique adventure. It was the worst of nights as a wildfire ravaged Montecito.

November 13, 2008 was the date. R.U.F.ians met at 10 a.m. for the start of a fabulous drive to Los Olivos with planned visits to two distinct and very different destinations. The day's agenda called for exploration of locally produced olive oils and vinegars, followed by viewing of miniature horses and learning about their history, uses and showmanship. By the end of the day, with all R.U.F.ians safely back at home, the news was heartbreaking as fire swept down the Santa Barbara Mountains into Montecito. We thought about our friends and fellow club members who live in the affected area and prayed that they were safe and out of harm's way.

A couple of temporary road closures on Hwy 154 briefly detained the caravan of 11 Porsches and one SUV as it proceeded to the hamlet of Los Olivos. The destination was Global Gardens, an establishment dedicated to promoting a variety of olive oils, vinegars and dipping sauces all of which are locally produced.



Anne Cannon, Kathy & Donn Shippley examining the goods.

The owner of the business is Theo Stephan, and she has imported thousands of olive trees from Spain, Italy and Greece and is now producing exemplary products. Tables were waiting for the group. At each place setting, Theo and her staff had arranged tasting dishes containing numerous samples of the above-mentioned products. Just as

one would do when tasting wine, the first offering was the lightest in taste and color and then it progressed to the more hearty. Bread was dipped into the samples while Theo was providing a narrative on the uses and characteristics of each. There were also roasted walnuts, numerous olives and an autumnal fruit salad splashed with fragrant oils.

The retail store beckoned, and all of our participants eagerly invaded the premises and purchased generous quantities of the goods sampled. Global Gardens has a club that operates similar to well-known wine clubs, and many of our members took advantage of the discounted prices the club provides.



Departure was yet another adventure. The alternator fan in Peter Stetson's Porsche decided to have a nervous breakdown. Peter was not aware that the tool kit Porsche provided contained a spare belt and all the tools needed to make the required repairs. A call to Schneider Autohaus reached Henry Hinck who advised Peter on the whereabouts of the kit and the procedure to follow for the self-help repairs. Fifteen minutes later and the group was off to its second destination.

Five miles later we entered the grounds of Quicksilver Ranch, home to miniature horses. The residents are not ponies; they are exact duplicates of mature horses but they stand less than three feet high. Our host Maria conducted an informal seminar on the history of and reasons for breeding miniatures. (It seems that



they made excellent work animals in the mining industry, as they were able to enter narrow tunnels and pull many times their weight.) Quicksilver started as a hobby for the owners of the orchid farms in Summerland and Carpinteria, but now is a self-sustaining business.

Approximately 30 foals are sold each year, mostly to families who adopt them as pets for their children. Prices range anywhere from \$2,500 to \$10,000 each.

The sight of the miniatures evoked the expected oohs and aahs, and no one could resist the temptation to reach over and pet the animals. We were led into the stable and discussed the birthing methods used to secure the safety of the mare and the foal. After an informative question and answer period, our visit came to an end. Once again, R.U.F.ians participated in a unique educational experience, a wonderful drive, and the company of so many good friends. ❖



Photos by Nicolas Liakas

Back Roads Drive to The Palms Restaurant

By Jeff Koskie

With Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Orange Counties ablaze with raging wildfires less than a week earlier, the back roads run to the Palms Restaurant in Carpinteria was probably far from most folks' minds. However, when the flag dropped on Sunday afternoon, 31 vehicles and 58 participants were on hand for friends, twisties, shopping, and steak dinners with all the trimmings.



Divided into three groups headed by Dave Mosesson, Gary Weaver, and Nick Liakas, the caravan headed for the hills through Moorpark, Santa Paula, Ojai, and Lake Casitas. On a journey of close to 70 miles, the course never set foot on any freeway or major highway.

After heading out Santa Rosa Road, we slipped through Moorpark, turned onto Highway 23 and headed for Grimes Canyon, a fabulous road with constant turns and elevation drops and rises.

Next was Santa Paula, leading us onto Highway 150, twisting through the oaks on the way to Ojai and Lake Casitas.

We continued onto Highway 192, skirting the foothills and finally dropping into Carpinteria.

One lesson we learned during the event planning process: do not count on odometer readings from a 37-year-old 911 with non-original wheel and tire combinations. The mileage figures just don't match those of modern machinery. Oh, well, just adds another challenge to the adventure.

Upon arrival in Carpinteria, with Porsches lining both sides of the street for two solid blocks, the ladies took matters into their own hands, invading the awaiting shops.

The drive was pleasurable and uneventful. Well, actually there was a minor event. It seems that one of our leaders and his follower, a new club member, tried to occupy the same place at the same time. A minor rear-end contact, with absolutely no damage to either vehicle. The same cannot be said about our new member's pride! Okay, I've got to spill the beans – imagine the embarrassment



Too many chefs? (l-r) Barry Weinstein, Chuck Allen, and Ertunga & Naime Berkov at The Palms do-it-yourself grill.

of running into the club president on your first club event.

Bill and Todd, owners of the Palms Restaurant, were gracious hosts. We were provided with no-wait seating prior to official opening. After cocktails and benchracing, the quest for that perfectly cooked steak commenced.

While the management will gladly cook your entrée for you, our guys took on the role as top chefs, poking, flipping,



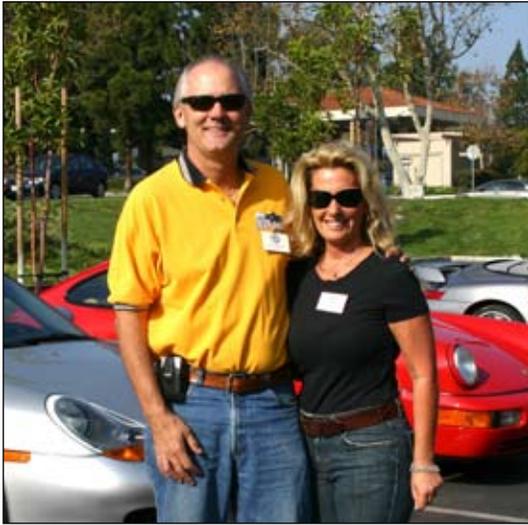
seasoning and testing, until each meal came off the grill cooked to perfection.

After dinner, we all headed back for the barn, or perhaps a quick jaunt to Cold Stone for a tasty dessert. ❖

Photos by Ray Jordan & Nicolas Liakas

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One Family's Fire Story

This was a very memorable two weeks for Terri and me. In addition to last minute planning for the Carpinteria event, we were able to attend our older son Christopher's graduation from the Los Angeles County Fire Department academy at the old Nike missile site in Malibu.

A few days later, Christopher responded to his first fire. While heading down Interstate 5 in the early morning darkness, he noticed familiar landmarks as his truck entered the area of the fire. Could it be? Yes, he recognized the mobile home park they entered as being where his grandparents (my parents) reside.

After a combination of low water pressure, increasing winds, and relentless battering by burning embers, his crew backed off, and my parents' home became one of almost 500 homes that was destroyed at the Oakridge Mobile Park. Ironically, my parents lost their previous home to fire at this same location during the Northridge earthquake.

Now for the good news: My parents are out, safe, and forging ahead. They are not 100% insured for full replacement of all losses, but are far better than many of their friends and neighbors. Since they've gone through this before, they've become cheerleaders, providing encouraging words to those less fortunate.

More good news, our younger son Nick just graduated from Bakersfield Fire Academy, head of his class, two days before our event.

Clearly, it has been an exciting couple of weeks here at the Koskie household.

Jeff Koskie



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Historic 356s Join Us For Breakfast

By Oscar Briones

Over a month ago members of the PCA/SBR were advised of a coming event to take place during our scheduled December Breakfast Meeting at the Camarillo Way-Point Café.

The mass email advised us that three very special, unique and historic 356 Porsches would be on display: a 1961 Carrera 2 Cabriolet (the personal car of Ferry Porsche), a 1951 "bent window" 356 Coupe, and a 1955 356 Continental.

The club, the Airport, and the Café took steps for the anticipated participation and the members responded by coming early and in large numbers filling the tarmac, the lawn and the front parking lot. By the time our meeting started, 143 members and guests had driven 101 cars to see the valuable 356s displayed in a special corner of the lawn.



Adding to the aura of the rare Porsches, the weather was spectacular and a great contributor to a very successful final meeting of 2008 at the Camarillo venue.

Vice President Dave Mosseson conducted the proceedings, filling in for President Nick Liakas, who was attending a family reunion. Dave thanked Chuck Smith and Steve Larson of Camarillo's C & J Avation for making the Porsches available to us.

Dave Stone, our Membership Chair, presented prospective member Power Johnson, brought to the meeting by his identical twin (and current member) Patrick of Moorpark. Power was



Power & Patrick Johnson (or is that Patrick & Power?)

shopping for his future car.

Also, Tony Esfandiari with son Tristan of Woodland Hills is planning to join the region with his 1996 993 Cabriolet.

Member Peter Hopps brought neighbor Lloyd Schoomaker from Port Hueneme.



Peter Hopps and Lloyd Schoomaker

Der Auspuff Printer Mike Pomerantz brought friend Mike Diamond who is looking for a Porsche. Mike D., a former member for several years, sold his 944 Cabriolet but hopes to find another car and join us again.

Author and photographer Randy Leffingwell came by and graciously autographed copies of his latest book, "Porsche Sixty Years".

Orange Coast Region member Scott Schock and Wayne Miller drove from Orange County to visit. They were very impressed with our large turnout and enjoyed the special 356 display. They intend to join us in Santa Barbara as well.



Tony Samojen, Scott Schock, & Wayne Miller

Oscar Briones, our Events Chair, described the upcoming events being created by the respective coordinators. He encouraged participation in what looks to be another year full of interesting SBR outings.

For more information on the classic 356s see the accompanying article on the next page. ❖

Photos by Janice Herndon & John Alfenito

The Camarillo Breakfast Club's December gathering had three very special guests: Three classic 356 Porsches owned by SBR Member Chuck Smith, who proudly stood by answering any and all questions about these unique automobiles.

The first was a 1951 "bent window" coupe, one of only 750 built in Stuttgart that year. This car began its life in America from the Park Avenue dealership of the legendary Max Hoffman. The dark green exterior looks almost black in all but the brightest sunlight. The interior material used by Porsche and faithfully recreated during the car's complete restora-

tion is known as Bedford Cord and is the correct pattern and color. Another feature of interest is the car's bumpers. They are the type known as "interim bumpers," which were used for a short time in late 1951 and early 1952. Earlier models had flush-fitting bumpers; later cars had the bumper design which carried through to the 356-A cars.

The second car came off the Stuttgart production line on February 18, 1961. It was the personal car of Professor Ferry Porsche. The 1961 356-B T-5 Cabriolet GS was painted a special metallic blue (paint to sample) requested by Prof. Porsche. After being serviced by the factory workshop, the car was involved in an accident damaging the front apron and fenders. At that time the T-5 body was modified with what can best be called a prototype T-6 front clip. To address Prof. Porsche's performance requests, the car was later equipped with the very first 130hp, 4-cam, 2.0L Carrera 2 engine. This was the engine design that would later power the Abarth Carrera, some RS-61 Spyders and the legendary 904 team race car.

And the third 356 which emerged from Chuck's Camarillo



The Classics In Camarillo



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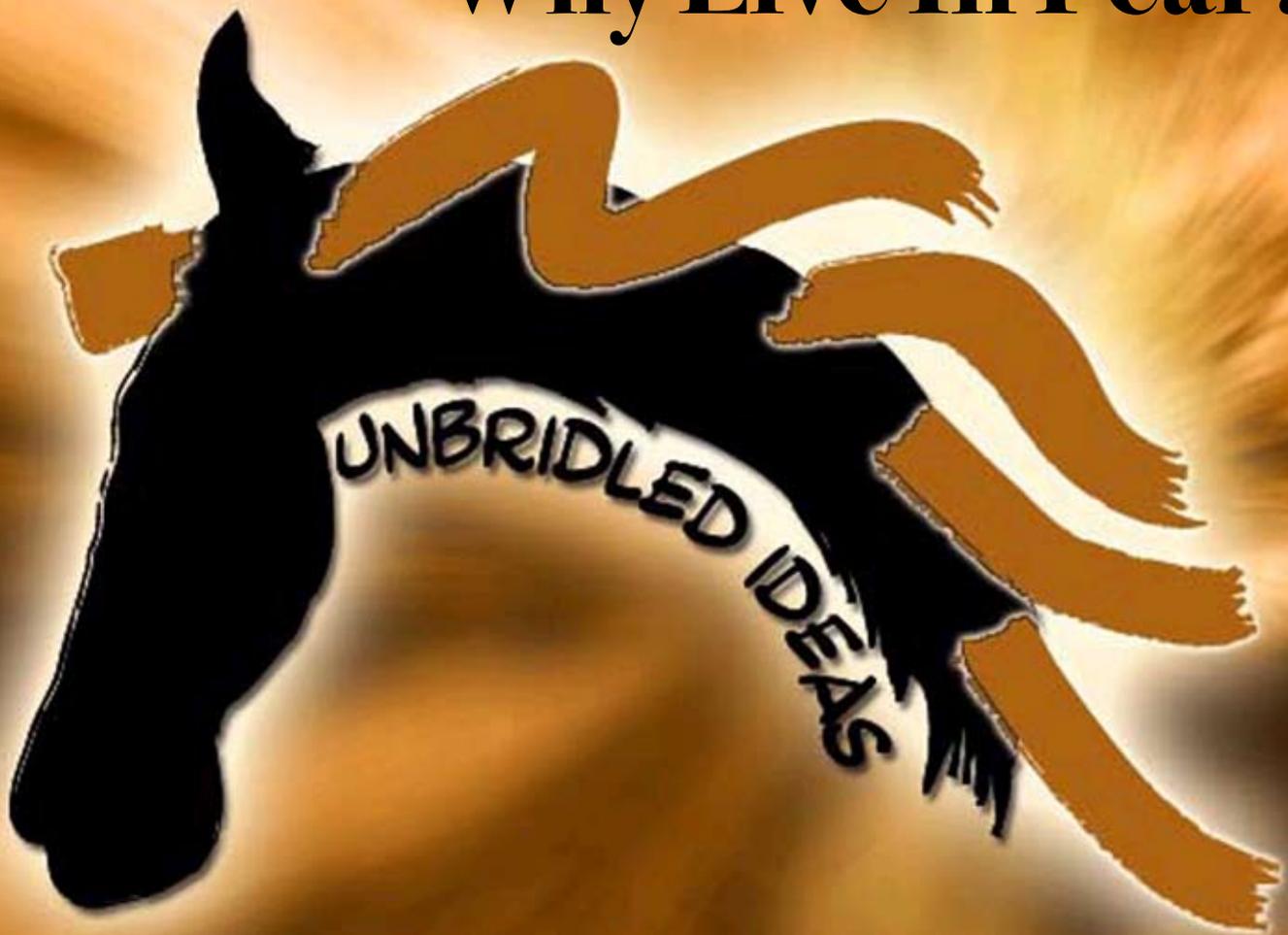
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Airport hanger was a pristine 1955 356 Continental Coupe with bench front seats.

Chuck was so generous to allow members to actually sit in and fully inspect these one-of-a-kind cars. Cameras were clicking left and right, including your Editor's. Vehicles this rare are seldom seen in a venue which allows such complete access. The club extends its sincere thanks to Chuck Smith of C&J Aviation for making these cars available to us. ❖

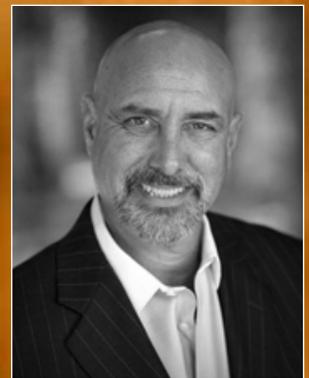
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Dedicated Membership At 2008's Final Breakfast

By Oscar Briones



As the holiday season began in earnest with members travelling or welcoming visitors, the crowd at the Moby Dick was a bit smaller than usual. The threat of rain may have played a part in the reduced number as well for this last breakfast gathering of 2008.

By the time our President Nicolas Liakas rang the bell to begin the meeting, there were 57 people and 35 Porsches on hand, plus a Lexus which brought the precious cargo of little Nicky and Alexis, grandchildren of Nick and Olga.



Nick Liakas & Janice Herndon

Nick warmly welcomed the members and their guests and wished everyone happy holidays, a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a very prosperous New Year in 2009.

We were reminded of how active our Santa Barbara region is; Nick cited last week's breakfast attendance at Camarillo with 101 Porsches delivering 143 members. The presence of

three classic 356s was a major attraction and Nick alluded to our attendance figures being noticed by the other regions within our Zone 8.

Speaking of holidays, we were reminded of our Holiday Dinner on December 20th at the Pierpont Inn in Ventura and the other opportunities coming up for the new year starting with the January 16-19 trip to Big Sur, Carmel and Monterey and the February 21st Tour of the Reagan Presidential Library and Air Force One Pavillion in Simi Valley.

In attendance were new members Fritz and Gretchen Olenberger from Santa Barbara with a 2008 Boxster and Erik Bech & Tanya Lopez from Simi Valley with a 2000 Boxster.



Gretchen & Fritz Olenberger from S.B.

A guest from the Rocky Mountain Region of PCA, Phillip Larsen, attended with his 2008 997 C4S. Phillip is a licensed contractor from Boulder, Colorado, but is currently living in Santa Barbara renovating a family residence. He will be with us for the next seven months.

Randy Leffingwell, renowned writer and photographer, was again in attendance making himself available to sign copies of his latest publication "Porsche Sixty Years" for our members.

Following the breakfast, attendees spilled onto the planks of the wharf and continued to enjoy the camaraderie and even more Porsche parlance along with wishes to see each other again soon. ❖



(l-r) James Oldham, Mike Hodson, Randy Leffingwell, Roger & Kathy Forse, Peter Stetson, Steve Brown, and Ken Just.

Photos by Dan Byers

December Board of Directors Meeting

The board said thank you to Nick Liakas and Carol Mathieu who finish their terms at the end of December. Their hard work has been greatly appreciated and their dedication priceless to the club.

Present were: Carol Mathieu, Joan and Chet Yabitsu, Burt Misevic, Bill Sampson, Dave Stone, Lloyd Martinez, Nick Liakas, Kent Bodin, Richard Shaw, Dave Moseson, Steve Kaller, Janice Herndon, and Nadine Tracy.

Secretary: November minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: A motion was made and passed that the club issue to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation the sum of \$3505, for the yearly total of \$10,005, in compliance with its commitment to the charity for 2008.

Membership: During the month of November six new members joined our region and as of the end of the month, membership stood at 701. Five members are also celebrating their one-year anniversaries. Many thanks go to Dave Stone for his seven years of dedication as membership chair. Janice Herndon is taking over membership duties in 2009.

Activities: Nancy and Doug Maletz are hosting the January 16-19, 2009 tour exploring Big Sur, Carmel By the Sea, and Monterey. Steve and Janet Kaller are putting together the February 21, 2009 tour of the Reagan Presidential Library with a guided tour and luncheon under the Air Force One display.

Editor: Thank you Janice Herndon for your exceptional job as **Der Auspuff** editor. We are all proud of how wonderful this newsletter has become under your care. Janice is turning over the job to John Alfenito and the January issue will be his first.

A motion was made and passed authorizing four additional pages to be added to **Der Auspuff** starting with the January issue.

Distribution: 754 copies of the December issue of **Der Auspuff** were labeled and mailed out. No additional funds for postage are due at this time but will be needed for the February issue.

Advertising: **Der Auspuff** will now contain a two-page color centerfold designated for advertising. This adds a four-page section to accommodate the ad. The remaining two color pages will feature SBR editorial content and may also contain additional color ads.

Goodie Store: Revenue collected for December was \$451.

Insurance: Jim has filed for all certificates through January 2009.

Rally: No report

Concours: The October concours netted the club approximately \$6000. A motion was made and passed to give \$500 to the culinary department at Santa Barbara City College for their help at the concours.

The 2009 concours is tentatively scheduled for October 11. Thank you Bill Sampson for your great work at this event in 2008 and for again chairing the concours in 2009.

Autocross: Richard Shaw and Lloyd Martinez will co-chair the autocross for the 2009 season.

Archives: Burt has been working on the scrapbook project and is still in need of photos from 1964 to 1969. Please contact Burt Misevic with any photos you'd like to contribute.

Webmaster: The website is up to date for all events and editions of **Der Auspuff**.

Safety: No report.

P.M.S.: No report.

R.U.F.: The group will hold a "Porsches-4Pets" event in late February, on a Thursday. The group will visit the animal shelter in Ojai, donate items (pet blankets, toys, food, etc.) and then indulge in a lunch at a local eatery.

Old Business: It was reported to the Board that the trailer for storage and transport of autocross and other equipment has been purchased and registered with the California DMV. The club has received an offer from C & J Aviation of Camarillo to store the trailer at its facility at no cost to the club. A motion was made and passed to accept their

generous offer. Further, the Board authorized the payment to club member Mike Hodson for the rental charges from July 1 to December 31, 2008 as approved at the November board meeting. It was further approved by the Board that the discussions with Mike Hodson for leasing of the storage space post December 2008 be rescinded.

Rusnak will continue to support our efforts by sponsoring several events, advertising in **Der Auspuff**, and hosting some of our activities on its premises. And Rusnak wishes to resume its sponsorship of our annual concours with the 2010 presentation. Richard Shaw is looking into possible event sites.

New Business: The Board passed a resolution authorizing the new officers for 2009 to transact business on behalf of the club:

Resolution

Whereas, at the annual meeting of members of the Porsche Club of America/ Santa Barbara Region held on December 20, 2008 elections were held for officers to serve in 2009, and

Whereas, the members and Board of Directors have authorized the following officers for 2009, and

Whereas, the following individuals have been elected to the following positions:

President - David Stone

Vice President - Dave Moseson

Treasurer - Steven Kaller

Secretary - Nadine Tracy

Resolved

That the above named officers are hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Porsche Club of America/ Santa Barbara Region.

Again, thank you Nick for your leadership during the past two years and all the success you've brought to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by Nadine Tracy

Photo Gallery

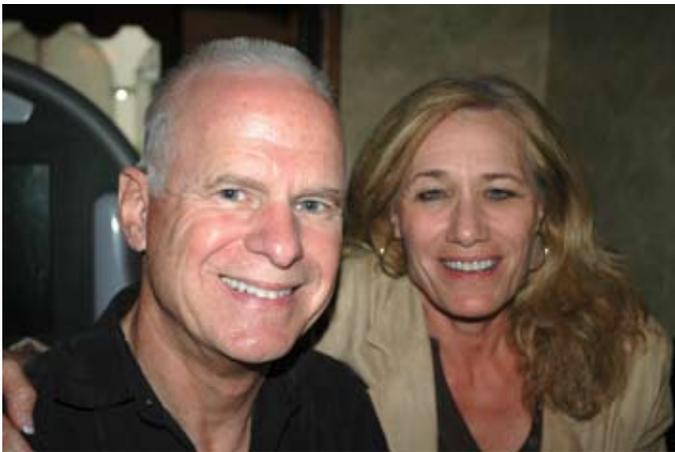


The Palms Restaurant - Carpinteria

New members Tatty & Mike Sipes and David Ruff & Dusty Arcari



Amanda "Mei" Young with her "stepmom" Janice Herndon



John Cliff & Sue Harper



SBR members enjoying the fine dining at The Palms



Naime & Ertunga Berkoz



Don & Kris Galloway

December 20, 2008 - The Pierpont Inn

SBR's Holiday Party

By **Tori Bodin**

I recently heard that Disney star Miley Cyrus, also known as Hannah Montana, received her mom's old Porsche for her 16th birthday. Of course I wish my dad had given me his Porsche for my birthday, but I do have something Hannah Montana doesn't: a membership to the Porsche Club.

I think becoming a member of the Porsche Club should be a requirement for owning a Porsche. And if I could choose a region of the Porsche Club, it would be the Santa Barbara Region. Coming to the close of 2008, the Holiday Party was a chance to for members to gather around the Christmas tree, look back on the year, and look forward to 2009.

Members reached capacity at the Pierpont Inn's Anacapa Room for the Holiday Party as they carried in presents to donate to "The Spark of Love." Hot apple cider and appetizers were enjoyed until, of course, my dad and I were the last to check in for dinner. With dinner served, conversation started up and I couldn't help but quote Walt Branscome, Santa Barbara Auto Group representative, as he said, "Every time I drive my car, I smile."

In fact, smiles were found at every table as Vice President Dave Mosesson stepped in for current President Nick Liakas

to announce next year's board. David Stone was elected President; Dave Mosesson will continue as Vice-President for 2009; Nadine Tracy, Secretary; Steve Kaller, Treasurer; Oscar and Toni Briones, Activities; John Alfenito, Editor, Janice Hernon, Membership; John and Jeanne McNair, Goodie Store; Bill Sampson, Advertising; Mike Pomerantz, Printer; and Jim Brown, Insurance.

Bill Sampson will also be coordinating the next Concours event while Richard Shaw will be co-chairing the Autocrosses with Lloyd Martinez.

Dave Mosesson went on to compliment the club for raising \$10,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This is one of the largest donations the Santa Barbara Region has been able to make, and the club is looking forward to giving back more to its members and the community in 2009.

It's important that each member of the Porsche Club is also recognized for their participation in activities. Without interest in these events, the Porsche Club's sense of community wouldn't exist. And I believe it is this sense of community that marks the difference between a Porsche owner and a Porsche club member. So although Miley Cyrus may own a Porsche, I don't think she'll ever be able to realize what that ownership is all about. One thing we can be thankful for during the holidays is that we know exactly what it takes to enhance and celebrate Porsche ownership, and I look forward to seeing where this celebration takes the Porsche Club in 2009. ❖

Photos by John Alfenito



SBR Vice President Dave Mosesson emcees the festivities



Activities Co-Chair Oscar Briones thanked all the event planners for their hard work in 2008, with more to come in 2009



Chet & Joan Yabitsu



Kent & Tori Bodin



Karen Turek, Suzanne Stoops, Mike Turek, & Susan Stone



Bill Sampson, Ted Lighthizer, Doreen Pankow, & Mike MacDonell

2009 SBR Board of Directors



(l-r): President David Stone, Vice President Dave Mosesson, Secretary Nadine Tracy, and Treasurer Steve Kaller

SBR Man & Woman of The Year For 2008



Nicolas Liakas

Each year since 1976 the Porsche Club of America's Santa Barbara Region has honored two of its members as Man & Woman of The Year.

For 2008 our sincere congratulations go to our President Nicolas Liakas and the Editor of **Der Auspuff** Janice Herndon for their unequalled contributions to our club's phenomenal success. This is the second year in a row these two hard-working individuals have been so honored.

Although leaving their respective positions on the board, both Nick and Janice will continue to serve in new capacities in 2009: Nick as Past President, a voting board member; and Janice as our new Membership Chair, succeeding new President David Stone.

Our heartfelt thanks to both Nick & Jance for all that they have done and will continue to do to ensure our club's viability and future growth.



Janice Herndon

Photo Gallery



Carol & Jim Brewster and Linda & Denis Friezner



Nancy Maletz receiving some holiday cheer from (l) Gary Weaver and (r) husband Doug Maletz



Rebecca & Walt Branscome



Steve Kaller, Adrienne & Mike Pomerantz



Spark of Love Toy Drive Special Delivery

Once again this year the Santa Barbara Region came through with "a load of goodies in our bright red sleigh" (a brand new 997 Cabriolet courtesy of Walt Branscome at Santa Barbara Auto Group) delivered to the California Highway Patrol. Happy club members performing "Santa duty" were: (l-r) Joe Carastro, "Ralphie" with Oscar Briones, Nancy Carastro, Beverly & Mike Brovsky, Walt Branscome, Toni Briones, Nadine Tracy, Dave & Susan Stone, and two of the CHP's finest.

Down The Road

Upcoming Santa Barbara Region Events for 2009 (some dates tentative)

January 16-19	Carmel & Monterey Adventure
February 21	Tour of the Reagan Library
March 28	Tour & Picnic at The California Poppy Reserve, Lancaster
March 29	Santa Barbara Autocross
April 11	Rally School
April 18	Camarillo Autocross
April 25	Zone 8 Rally
June 14	PCASBR 45th Anniversary Celebration
June 27	El Capitan Resort Drive & Dinner
July 25	Annual Chili Cookoff
August 2	Santa Barbara Autocross
August 22	Annual Progressive Dinner
September 12	Pre-Concours Detail Clinic
September 19	Camarillo Autocross School
September 20	Camarillo Autocross
September 26	Gimmick Rally in Santa Barbara
October 11	SBR Concours d'Elegance at Santa Barbara City College
October 24-25	Winery Tour & Solvang Excursion
November 15	Go-Cart Driving In Sylmar
December 19	SBR Holiday Party

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PCA/SBR Supports Motor4Toys - A large and generous group of SBR Members and family attended the December 7th Motor4Toys charity event in Woodland Hills. This huge gathering of sports, exotic, and hot rod cars celebrated its fifth year with a record toy haul for deserving area children. Thanks to all the SBR Members who brought their Porsches and a new toy in sup-

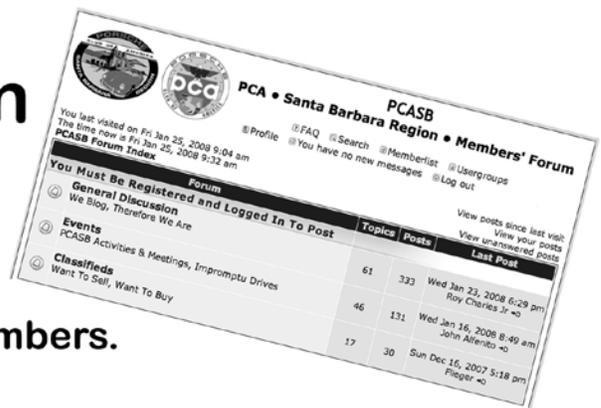
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Toy & Lit Show/All Porsche Swap Meet

Ed's Note: *If you've never attended the Toy & Literature Show at the L.A. Hilton or the All Porsche Swap Meet in Orange County, you're in for a rare treat.*

The Saturday Toy & Lit Show is full of wonderful items for the Porsche enthusiast. The Sunday Swap Meet, which for many years was The Dunkel Brothers 356 Meet, is a large gathering of Porsches new and old. Here are all the details of both events along with contact information from the Toy & Lit Show website.

The 26th annual Literature, Toy/Model, and Memorabilia Meet for Porsches and Vintage VWs will be held again at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton on Century Boulevard. The meet will be on Saturday, March 7th, 2009 and will avoid all known conflicts with the 24 Hours of Daytona, RetroMobil, 12 Hours of Sebring, the Super Bowl, etc.

For 2009 the show is once again in the International and Pacific Ballrooms – behind Hilton Registration and the elevators on the main level. They will have room for about 180 well-spaced tables (wide aisles) in the International and about 90 more in the Pacific.

The vendor table charge will be \$75 for all advance registrations (must be received in Ontario, CA by February

27th) and \$100 at the door. The hall will be open for set-up and vendor buying, selling, and swapping at 7:00 a.m. Non-vendors will be able to enter the hall after 9:00 a.m. and will be charged \$10 per person at the door. "Early-bird" shoppers will be admitted with the vendors at 7:00 a.m. for \$30 per person at the door. Once again there will be no required pre-registration for Early-birds – just pay and walk in. The meet will end at 2:00 p.m. The entire meet will be non-smoking.

The Los Angeles Airport Hilton is at 5711 W. Century Blvd., and the phone number is (310) 410-4000. Be certain to call the hotel directly and ask for the code "group PVV" rates if you'd like to make reservations. The standard rooms will be \$109 on the "group PVV" code, the tower rooms will be \$131 king and \$167 two doubles; and Executive Floors \$167. Remember that the hotel is close by Los Angeles International Airport and that it runs 24-hours-a-day shuttle buses to the airport.

Earlier registrations will get into the primary International Ballroom; later registrations will be in the adjacent Pacific Ballroom.

You can register by downloading the form from their website at www.LALitAndToyShow.com. They will email (only) confirmations to all the

registrants whose payment is received by Wayne Callaway in Ontario, CA by February 27, 2009.

All Porsche Swap Meet Gets A New Location

The SoCal All-Porsche Swap & Car Display will again be held on the day after the Lit Meet, Sunday, March 8th at a new location, The Phoenix Club, 1340 S. Sanderson, Anaheim. See www.thephoenixclub.com for details about this German/American Club. The facility is located about a mile from the original Dunkel Brothers site. Gates will open at 8:00 a.m. As before, vendors will make a \$40 donation per space and car displayers a \$20 donation, with all proceeds going to the Orange County School District's children's charity. For vendor reservations, contact Bob Lee at robert.b.lee@nsc.com or (858) 414-3523. For more information contact either Jeff Trask at no911nv@aol.com or (949) 697-4499, or Pete McNulty at pmcnulty98@aol.com or (949) 400-9319.

For updates on all the open houses to be held on Thursday and Friday before the Lit Meet, please go to "Related Events" on the event website: www.LALitandToyShow.com. ❖

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Nitrogen In Your Tires

Are There Really Any Significant Benefits?

By Randall Price

Oh, there are plenty of benefits: (1) Cool fluorescent green valve stem caps (assuming your nitrogen vendor has any marketing savvy), which will look sharp with your spinning wheel covers. (2) Bragging rights. OK, you were behind the curve with cell phones, iPods, thong underwear, etc. Nitrogen in tires is relatively new to the mass market. Now's your chance. (3) Reduced fire danger next time you land your space shuttle or commercial aircraft, and tell me you won't sleep better knowing that.

Most tires are filled with compressed air, which when dry consists of about 78 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen, and 1 percent other gases by volume. Water vapor (humidity) can make up as much as 5 percent of the volume of air under worst-case conditions. Filling your tires with nitrogen mainly does two things: it eliminates moisture, and it replaces skinny oxygen molecules with fat nitrogen molecules, reducing the rate at which compressed gas diffuses through porous tire walls. That means, theoretically at least, that a tire filled with nitrogen retains optimal pressure longer, leading to more uniform tire wear and better gas mileage. The commonly quoted figure is that tires inflated to 32 psi get 3 percent better mileage than at 24 psi.

Does nitrogen make any practical difference? You couldn't prove it by me. I found no

scientific tests showing that nitrogen-filled tires stayed inflated longer than average under normal conditions. A car-buff buddy was sure it worked but conceded he had only anecdotal evidence that it did.

As for moisture, changes in humidity

affect tire performance two ways. First, the density of humid air fluctuates more with temperature than that of dry air, so removing humidity can keep your tire pressure more consistent, especially when the temperature climbs over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. That may be a legitimate concern in Formula One racing, but it's not much of an issue if you're just tooling around town.

Humidity can also be a factor in wheel maintenance — since pure nitrogen doesn't have moisture in it, supposedly your wheels won't rust as quickly, which could lead to improved wheel performance and air sealing. The

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question is, how big a problem is wheel rust these days? According to a few tire and wheel shops we contacted, seriously rusted wheels are uncommon in typical steel-wheeled cars, and many high-performance cars have alloy wheels that don't rust at all. One exception is work vehicles such as dump trucks, which are exposed to a much harsher environment.

Another claim I've seen is that since nitrogen is slightly lighter than air, you'll save weight and get better performance. However, we're talking about a weight difference of less than 4 percent of the gas in the tire — in other words, a difference of less than an ounce for most vehicles. A

possibly more realistic benefit is that nitrogen is largely inert chemically at low (i.e., normal) temperatures, so it won't attack the rubber in your tires like oxygen does. Oxygen attack is something both the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Ford Research have studied, and can be a

problem for tires used for a long time or in rough conditions.

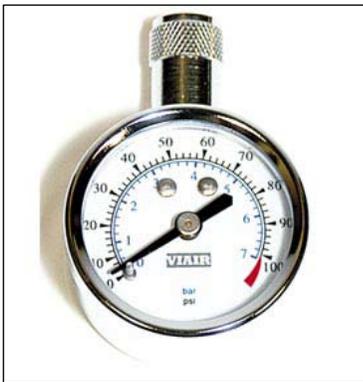
More important, nitrogen doesn't support combustion, which is one reason aircraft and the space shuttle use nitrogen in their tires. The wisdom of this precaution was brought home by the crash of Mexicana Airlines flight 940 on March 31, 1986. Shortly after the Boeing 727 took off from Mexico City en route to Puerto Vallarta, an overheated landing-gear brake caused a tire improperly filled with air instead of nitrogen to overheat and then explode, rupturing fuel and hydraulic lines. The ensuing fire and crash killed 167 passengers and crew. However, unless your driving habits are of the X-treme variety, the chances of your tires catching fire anytime soon are slim.

Overall, filling up with nitrogen won't hurt and may provide some minimal

benefit. Is it worth it? If you go to some place like Costco that does it for free with new tires, sure, why not? Elsewhere, though, I've seen prices quoted as high as \$10 per tire, which is way more than I'd pay. Rather than shell out for nitrogen, you'd be better off just checking and adjusting your tire pressure regularly, something the NHTSA says less than 60% of U.S. motorists actually do. ❧

Randall Price is the co-founder of the website EasyAutoSales.com

FYI - Recently, most of the Porsche stores in our region have offered their customers a complimentary fill-up with nitrogen for all their tires. What these offers didn't tell you is that, while the initial swap of compressed air for nitrogen is free, subsequent visits to have your tires topped-off with nitrogen may or may not be, depending on where you go. Cost effective? It's definitely worth finding out before you make the switch.



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We're happy to report that Tina Brooks gave birth to Jeremy Peyton Wiegman on November 24, 2008 at 8:24 a.m. Jeremy weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20-inches long at birth. Father Ed Wiegman and Mom Tina are doing just fine. We congratulate the couple and wish them nothing but good health and happiness upon this addition to their family.



Santa Barbara Region NEW & TRANSFERRED MEMBERS

New Members

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Moorpark, 1987 911

Mike and Piper Macchiarella
Porter Ranch, 1967 912

Cherrie Pedigo
Santa Maria, 2009 Cayenne GTS

David Romero
Ventura, 1988 911

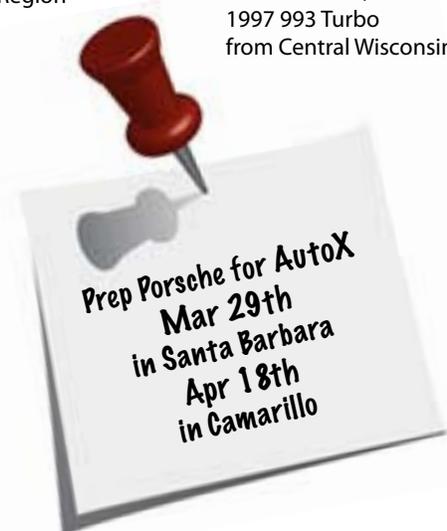
Transfers In

Kathryn Eisler LeMay
Santa Barbara, 1987 911
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7 Sat Southern CA Literature Meet
8 Sun All Porsche Swap Meet
29 Sun Autocross
Santa Barbara Region

April

3/5 Fri/Sun CA Festival of Speed
Club Race & Time Trial
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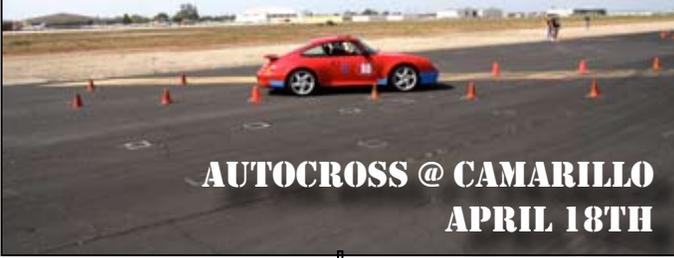
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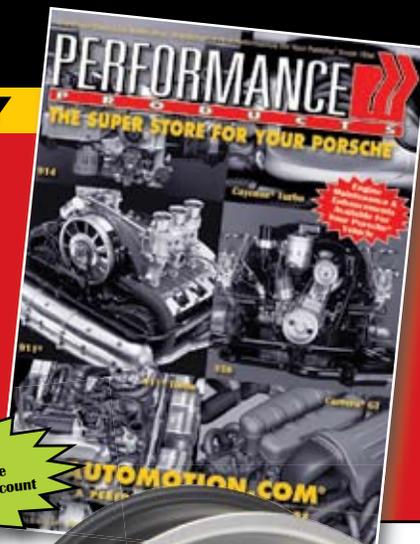
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