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August was certainly a busy month here. Suesan and I made an overnight streak from San Diego to the Bay Area so that, when daylight caught up with us, we could slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip through the Redwoods and the Oregon Coast (not that I didn’t enjoy the streak up the interstate).

We arrived in Portland a couple of days before the official start of this 52nd gathering of the Porsche clan. We were responsible for managing the Concours Prep area. Some of the most serious folk at Parade are the concours group. Many arrive days before the event starts, stake out their territory and begin the arduous task of finalizing preparation of their cars for the Monday concours. Part of our job was to have food and drink available for those who didn't want to take the time out for such things. Our crew would make rounds every hour or so with juice, water, soda, yogurt, fruit, trail mix (cookies, candy and beef jerky too).

I'll cover the Parade in the October Circuit. We got home from that and then, 3 days later, drove back North to Monterey for the Historics Weekend. This was also a fun (and non-stop) several days, which I'll also cover next month. Overall, the area and events seemed much less crowded than in past years. Driving around town was pleasantly easy. The weather was perfect... food was great and... there was plenty to see. I saw the newest Toyota Formula 1 car on display. In retrospect, I am surprised that I had so little interest in it. I was anxious to get to the pits.

On Saturday, however, we were across from the track in the driver's lounge with fellow GPX members, Margaret and Jack Brown. They were there with Orange Coast Region members Steve and Carla Marvin. The Marvins drive a 1920 Falls 8 Indy race car. It wasn't the oldest car in the Historics... but it was close. Here's a link to the local paper, which ran an article on them: http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/montereyherald/news/local/15318612.htm.

But I'm digressing. Pleasantly chatting over lunch, in an instant all conversation stopped. Jack and I just stared at each other for a moment, then we stood in unison with thousands of others at Laguna Seca, turned and walked immediately to the closest guard rail or fence. The Toyota F1 car had just lit off.

We watched (and listened) as Ricardo Zonta drove that car to one track record after another. He'd bring the car in for some adjustments, then out for 3 or 4 laps and another record. He finished the day with donuts in front of the mail grandstands. Quite a cloud of smoke and QUITE a response from the crowd. Suesan was standing about 20 feet away from the car when he did the donuts. It was HER highlight of the weekend!
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October 7, Saturday — Noon
$5.00 per person

There are three ways for you to participate:
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2. 10:30 AM — Meet at Ricky & Ronnie’s and caravan to Saleen headquarters
3. 11:45 AM — Meet at the Saleen facility in Irvine

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(949) 597-4900 www.Saleen.com

Special thanks to Rick Mills for setting this Tech Session up for the Grand Prix Region

We need to know how many will be attending, so please RSVP SuesanWay@gmail.com
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One of the best things Grand Prix Region does is fun runs. For July 9th, Steve Koch put together a tour from Santa Monica, out Sunset Boulevard, up PCH through Malibu, onto some very fine roads into the Santa Monica Mountains (passing The Rock Store in the photo above), a stop at the Camarillo Airport, out past Lake Casitas and the foothills around Carpenteria and finally to a wonderful lunch at a restaurant on the pier in Santa Barbara.

Steve has been suffering from severe back pains awaiting back surgery. It took a lot for him to not only put together this fine day, but to lead us from start to finish. It was obvious he was in a lot of pain, and we all wish him a quick and full recovery from his upcoming surgery.

About 25 cars gathered near the Federal Building on Wilshire Boulevard. A few had to peel off at different points during the day... but 17 cars (about 30 people) ended up at the Harbor Restaurant on the pier. I was amazed that they were able to seat us all. It was one long table as you can see from the photos. The food was excellent, matching the company and the day overall. Thanks GPX for another fun event!
Grand Prix Region invites Zone 8…
A Tour to Palm Springs plus…
Palm Springs Air Museum, Robert Pond Car Collection and…
accommodations, dinner and more

September 29-30, Friday and Saturday
(extend to Sunday if you’d like)

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Friday
3:00 PM — Check into hotel
6:00 PM — Matchbox Restaurant for dinner (order individually)

Saturday
9:00 AM — Drive to & tour Robert Pond Car Collection
Noon — Drive to & tour Palm Springs Air Museum
6:00 PM — Dinner at Kaiser Grill with special guest speaker

Sunday
Getaway Day — You can visit the Palm Springs Art Museum, shop on El Paseo (the Rodeo Drive of the desert), visit the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, try your luck at the Spa Casino, and much more.

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Chicken  Salmon  Prime Rib  $35.00  $35.00

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July 22 Callas Rennsport Tech Session
by Pete Ross
photos by Pete Ross, Greg White & Ron Shanon

Prior to our July tech session at Callas Rennsport, I received a note from De Jur Jones asking if I could come take some photos. I wasn’t sure if anyone with a camera would show up, so I packed my trusty digital camera, jumped in the Boxster, and off I went.

Tony Callas’ shop is located at 19080 Hawthorne Boulevard in Torrance. I had never attended a tech session before, and I was rather oblivious as to what I should expect. I was running a little late and, as I entered the parking lot I realized that I was completely devoid of coffee. At the same time I saw a rather significant sized group of PCA members huddled beneath a car lift observing the underside of a Porsche up on the service rack. As I panned to the left I saw a host of beautiful Porsches in the parking lot. Among them were a number of pristine 356s. Most important, the next thing I saw was a table full of donuts and coffee… my morning was now back on track.

I was introduced to our hosts, Tony Callas, Timo Duncan (Senior Tech), Art Arredondo (Senior Tech), Tom Prine (Business Manager) and Steve Alarcon of Johnson Alignment. As the session went on, I was amazed at the ton of information that I guess many of us take for granted in managing our vehicles. I was really impressed with the level of expertise that these men exhibited as they dispensed their knowledge of the Porsche automobile.

Some of the areas that they covered were the usage of various gasoline types to particular vehicles, synthetic oils in older cars, maintenance concerns of the 993s, the Cayman engines, service and maintenance, wheel locks, tire pressure issues such as under-inflation as opposed to over-inflation, tire compounds (soft vs. hard), and the DOT number on the tire to
indicate the year the tire was manufactured. It was really an eye-opening experience as far as I was concerned.

Several of our members had their cars put up on the racks and inspected as well. Bill Davis, in particular, got answers on some old issues. Bill was having some cold start issues with his white 1984 Carrera Coupe. After they checked it thoroughly (for free), they made several adjustments to the fuel mixture and engine timing and had it running like brand new again. Rick Mills also had his pretty blue 1982 911SC scoped out as well. Joe Bryant had his silver 1999 Carrera Cabriolet checked out, and as a grand finale to his car, they found that he had a Chinese brake light bulb in the rear. They changed it to a brighter German brake light bulb and it really made a difference.

Besides the nice 356s, one of the other specialty cars belonged to Fred Pitcher, who drove a red 1993 RS America with 5,000 miles on it. It was originally 1 of 400 made but, because it became so popular, they upped the number made to 680. He said he personally picked up his RS America from the Porsche factory in Germany after being wined and dined for two weeks.

Among the members who attended the tech session were Joe Bryant, Bill Davis, De Jur Jones, Robert Friedman, Mike Herman, Rick Mills, Jimmie Mitchell, Pete Novak, Fred Pitcher, Peter Ross, Greg Schill, Jim Scrimger, Ron Shannon, Greg White, Ric Whitson Howard Wu and several others whose names I didn’t get.

We really had a great time, and I would highly recommend that if you have any questions or issues with you Porsche, that you attend the next tech session...you'll really learn a lot. And if you can't wait that long, the phone number for Callas Rennsport is (310) 370-7038.

So stay tuned...with all the interest in 356s, we’ll be planning a tech session around that model in the near future.
GPX Palm Springs Tour (see ad on page 9)
September 29-30

PCA San Diego
Region & Zone 8 Time Trial
Spring Mountain Time Trials • Sept 30-Oct 1, 2006

Some weekend as Pahrump Fall Festival and Rodeo. Fun for the whole family!

Requirements:
- New Time Trial or those with expired Zone 8 permits must purchase one at the track - $15.00
- $5.00 to renew helmet
- Proper headgear must be mounted in car.
- Points required for all drivers & passengers
- 2006 Zone 8 Camp Enroll/Driver Rules apply. See www.pcad.org
- Participants without Time Trial Permit must have complete
- Hussey Type entries or regulations within the last 24 months.

Event Hotels
Pahrump Nugget: 1-800-664-4367
Room Rate: $54 plus tax & 6% & 6% tax.
Western Pahrump Station: 1-888-558-8998
Room Rate: $75

Deadline for hotel Aug. 25, 2006 - See you with the Porsche Club

For more information contact Jack Miller at (760) 265-4419 or jmiller@pscc.ks.edu

For track information and directions: www.springsmountainmotorsports.com

Sept 30 - Oct 1 • PCA SDR & Zone 8 Time Trial • Spring Mountain Motosports Ranch

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PCA-San Gabriel Valley
in conjunction with
Eureka
FINDING CALIFORNIA'S HIGHWAYS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

What?
A 252 - mile, 2:39, 55 mph drive to see 102 miles of road, 189 miles of which are available.

Where?
Behind the Bank of America on Sepulveda and Decorative in Mission Hills near the 405 and 101 freeways.

When?
Sunday, September 17, 2006. Registration opens at 8AM, 8:15AM. Driver orientation begins at 9:30AM.

How much?
$25 at Start, $30 if we receive your entry before Sept 1. (See entry form below)

More information? Contact Joanne English at 714-722-7168 or email can21@juno.com. Also see www.smccc.org

To enter, send this form to Joanne English, Registrar, at 39 13th Street SE, Hesperia, CA 92345 or email can21@juno.com. Checks ($20) payable to SMCCC. Mail by Sept 1– Pre-enter and save!

DRIVER

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CLUB/REGION

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CLASS: A-Expert B-Navigational C-Unequipped D-Driver E-Beginner F-Touring

Arroyo Seco IntZonal Invitational Driver’s Education Registration Form
September 23-24, 2006

Hosted by Southern Arizona Region PCA

See our web site for more information, online registration, online payment, and hotel information.
http://saz.pca.org

You may also contact our driving chairman, Dave Radmacher, at (520) 624-6642, autocross@saz.pca.org.

Check $20 payable to PCA-SAR.

Make your check payable to PCA-SAR.

Please mail the form and your check to:

2-day driver’s education – driver
2-day driver’s education – co-driver
1 day – Sat / Sun only circle one – driver
1 day – Sat / Sun only circle one – co-driver

Southern Arizona Region
PO Box 8725
Tucson, AZ 85754

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New Member Report
by Pete Ross

May 2006

Ted Krumwied Downey 1997 911 Carrera
Armando Gutierrez Downey 1976 911 Coupe

June 2006

Gregg Fistetto Long Beach 2000 Boxster
Robert & Mimi Silagy Torrance 1982 911SC
Bill & Beeber Clevenger Palos Verdes 1979 911
Kevin Meredith Costa Mesa 1999 911
Daniela Michalski Santa Monica 1983 911SC Cabriolet

July 2006

Martin & Brita Goldsmith Long Beach 2006 Cayman S
Jimmie Mitchell Harbor City 1974 911 Targa
David Frucht Lawndale 201 911 Cabriolet

July Anniversaries

17 year Linda Cobarrubias & Ellsworth Pryor
16 year Tim & Gwen Clark
15 year Nick Perdikaris & Ludmilla Osipova
14 year Joe Streenstra & Erin Rice
11 year Charles & Reba Rhodes
9 year Wayne & Noriko Dempsey
8 year Ron & Jean Shanon
8 year Jerry Del Colliano
6 year Will Sanchez
3 year Fred Krueger
3 year Lynn & Art Shapiro
3 year Joe Skevin
3 year London Boyce
2 year William Bettison
2 year Paul Tenette
2 year Ron & Sheila Walecki
2 year Philip West & Shelly Liera

Ellsworth "Doc" Pryor & Linda Cobarrubias
Nick Perdikaris & Ludmilla Osipova
Joe Steenstra
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Will Sanchez
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Paul Tenette
London Boyce
Tim Clark
Membership Benefits
by Norma Ann Dawson

Several months ago someone had “indefinitely borrowed” the center plate and cover from one of my 1983 Porsche 944s gold HRE wheels. Afraid that my 944 might have to give up the look I really liked for it, I was grateful I had a good relationship with Ricky Oropeza at Performance Plus Tire & Automotive Centers in Long Beach. Performance Plus had been an excellent resource for my tire issues in the past and I hoped they could help me with my latest dilemma. Even though they weren’t an HRE dealer, Ricky knew exactly my wheel model and agreed to talk to HRE about replacing its center plate.

Being a little impatient about fixing my latest car problem, I spent the evening researching possible solutions on the Internet. I scoured Panorama and sent e-mails to every wheel dealer in the magazine. Each of my e-mail messages opened with “I am a member of the Grand Prix Region of Porsche Club of America and . . .” One of those e-mail messages went to the general e-mail box at HRE.

Bright and early the next morning, Ricky called and told me that he’d spoken with Mike at HRE. Mike said he’d been contacted by several other vendors telling him about my wheel problem, and asked to have me call him directly, which I did. Mike referred me to another HRE employee, Roy Epperson, who was ready to find a solution, even though the company that made my wheel stopped making it shortly after I bought them over 13 years ago. Roy suggested I consider a brushed aluminum center plate. Because my wheels’ outer rims are polished aluminum, I asked him if he could polish the center plates to match the rims — He said he could. With some machining to ensure a perfect fit, my 944 now has four brand new shiny center plates and covers for less than half of what one of my wheels originally cost me.

I am once again a happy 944 driver, certain this would not have been my experience if I hadn’t been able to begin my conversations with “I am a member of the Grand Prix Region of PCA.”

Thanks Grand Prix Region!
The 2006 Alcan 5000 Rally is a 9-day grand tour of the North, including dual-sport motorcycles for the third time. A start near Seattle and finish in Anchorage allows 2 nights in Dawson City plus the North Canol, Dempster, Top of the World and Denali Highways. 2006 is the 18th Alcan event, and 22nd anniversary.

Against some very tough competition, the PCA team of Tom Gould, Brian Deno and Revere Jones won the 2006 event. The points between 1st and 2nd were never more than 35 seconds and stayed closer to 20 (not much of a margin over 8 days and 4800 miles).

Revere shot over 1000 photos. You can see many of them at www.flickr.com/photos/revere_j/

We found this great location just over the top of Thompson Pass on the way to Valdez Ak

This is what the trail looked like to get these shots, great views from about 3000 feet overlooking the road to Valdez
A closer look at the business side of an Endurance/Adventure Rally car.

Tom and Brian at the Sign Post forest in Watson Lake, Yukon

Our favorite float in the Dawson Discovery Days parade

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Breakfast Club Meeting — July 1
story & photos by Pete Ross

On an incredibly hot holiday weekend, 24 club members showed up for the July 1st Monthly Breakfast Club Meeting held at Ricky and Ronnie’s Cruise-In Diner in Torrance.

Among the attendees at the meeting were new members Roger Lubeck, his friend Michele Vojtech, and Joe Bryant (whose car was sporting brand new rims and tires). Additionally, it was nice to see that another generation of Cruz’s has joined the ranks of Porsche owners. During the meeting, Emilio Cruz’s nephew, Marco Cruz, showed up in an orange 914. This young man has a bright future indeed.

The attending club members were: Joe Bryant, Emilio Cruz, Marco Cruz (Emilio’s nephew), Bill Davis, Norma Ann Dawson, De Jur Jones, Robert Friedman (a member of the San Gabriel Region), Barbara Gillem, Ivan Iles (new member), Patricia Geary Johnson, Roger Jozel, Rico Lopez, Roger Lubeck (new member), Michele Vojtech, Kevin McAllister, Phil Millard, Rick Mills, Jimmie Mitchell, Paul Rodelo, Peter Ross, Greg Schill, Ron Shanon, Joe Steenstra, Mike Takaki and Gregory White.

Over time, De Jur Jones, who was the 2005 Porsche Club of America, Grand Prix Region’s award winner for “Enthusiast of the Year” is quickly proving herself to be an incredible recruiter of new members into our region. As I looked around the room, her influence was everywhere. There was Kevin McAllister (whom De Jur found washing his car in her neighborhood), and Ivan Iles (another Porsche owner that De Jur found). Ivan showed up at this, his first meeting, and immediately joined the club. During the meeting another De Jur find named Louis, showed up, dropped her name, and left with an assortment of information and an application saying that he too would join. In addition, there were two other potential members that were sent information during the prior month. Thanks De Jur…you’re doing a fantastic job of recruiting.

Hopefully, we’ll see the rest of you at the next Breakfast Club Meeting. So clean up your car and bring your questions and ideas… we’re waiting on you.
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I have all 4 of the center caps if anyone is interested. Call Joe Bryant @ 310-839-0888
jbspor3@aol.com

FOR SALE: 1994 968, Grand Prix White, cashmere & black partial leather. Front seats & carpet recently re-done. 86K miles, full service by Dutch Treat (see AutoTrader for more details) $17,500
(310) 210-5483 Steven.D.Johnson@aero.org

WANTED: Stock 944 in good mech cond, prefer under 150K miles, subject to pre-purchase inspection by my mechanic. Clear title, current registration & history. 562-997-9245 or kidlik2@yahoo.com.
At our recent Santa Barbara Fun Run, Greg White runs to get back in the shot while his automatic camera is ticking away.
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GRAND PRIX REGION BREAKFAST CLUB
Join us for our Monthly Breakfast Club Meeting at Ricky & Ronnie's Cruise-In Diner
1301 West Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance (3/4 mile west of the I-110)
(310) 326.1213 www.rickyandronnies.com

First (usually) Saturday of each month — 9:00 am
Sep 1, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
OPEN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

For more information, contact Peter Ross (310) 608.9743 - MrCSULA@aol.com First-time attendees receive a Porsche coffee mug as a gift.

HAVE BREAKFAST AND TALK WITH OTHER PORSCHE OWNERS & PCA MEMBERS