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Elizabeth Alpert's story
of her first rally with her Dad

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A personal Porsche Story



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The hidden hydroscopic chemical



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May

- 5-7 Cinco de Mayo, SAR
- 6 CAI Breakfast Meeting @ 9:30 Greenhouse Café**
- 6 Z8 Concours at Cinco de Mayo, SAR
- 7 Z8 Autocross at Cinco de Mayo, SAR
- 9 CAI Board Meeting @ 5:30 Zuma's**
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- 3 CAI Breakfast Meeting @ 9:30 Greenhouse Café**
- 3-4 Time Trial at Buttonwillow, SDR
- 4 Z8 Concours, OCR  Page 7
- 11 Z8 Concours, LAR
- 13 CAI Board Meeting @ 5:30 Zuma's**
- 17 CAI Agua Dulce Winery Tour**
- 24 Z8 Autocross (at night), RIV

July

- 1 CAI Breakfast Meeting @ 9:30 Greenhouse Café**
- 9 356 Club Concours
- 11 CAI Board Meeting @ 5:30 Zuma's**
- 14-15 Z8 Hearst Castle Tour, OCR
- 15 Z8 Autocross, SDR
- 16 Z8 Concours, CCCR

August

- 4-5 Z8 Rally to the Parade
- 5 CAI Moonlight Tour**
- 5 CAI Breakfast Meeting @ 9:30 Greenhouse Café**
- 8 CAI Board Meeting @ 5:30 Zuma's**
- 6-11 PCA Porsche Parade**
- 12-13 Monterey Pre-Historics
- 18-20 Monterey Historics

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From the Editor's Bench

By David Witteried — Editor



This month's issue is a great one! We have articles from three of our members as well as our Zone 8 Representative. Enjoy!

March saw the introduction of our region's first Zone 8 competitive event since I have been a member of this region! With the leadership of Rich Paré and help from Mike Forest and Revere Jones as well as many volunteers from our membership we were able to host a successful rally. Even the weather cooperated somewhat by clearing up and providing a sunny Saturday for the event, not counting some snow flurries near Tehachapi. Elizabeth Alpert volunteered to write an article on her and her father's 1st place win in the beginner class! Who says PCA can't be a family activity?

Thanks to everybody who participated and helped with the event! Special thanks should go to John Bumgarner for bringing his camper to the registration area which allowed us to get out of the wind while filling out paperwork. The event was so successful that plans are already in the works to put on another rally next year. And even better...



Navigator, Greg Reed and driver, David Witteried mug it up for the awards presentation. Photo by John Crnkovich.

a few of our own members may have discovered a new way to enjoy their Porsches!

Our second competitive event for March was the autocross at the Zone 8 Speed Festival. The Speed Festival is a 3-day time trial, concours, and autocross held at the California Speedway in Fontana. The various regions within Zone 8 all contribute manpower to make the event a success. Rich Bessette headed up our portion of the effort by signing up volunteers for the tech inspection before the autocross. Our region had ten members help out with inspecting and assigning the 62 drivers to the various run groups. Thanks everybody for pitching in and helping while earning a little cash for the club! John Bumgarner wrote an article giving his impressions as a first-time autocross

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Turbo Time

By Greg Reed— President



Spring is here! Or is it? Two weeks of overcast skies and rain, long days of wind, and one hopeful sunny day to get the grass cut.

Where's the time to clean and drive your car? Well, based on past years, we should just about be over the bad weather, so stand by for instant Summer! Even with the funny weather, our latest events have fallen on some very nice days. The Speed Fest had great weather, our 1st ever Zone 8 Rally had decent weather, and our latest trip to Descanso Gardens was especially nice [more on that next month, Ed.].

Our Saturday trip to the PCNA Parts Distribution Center turned out to be a beautiful day. Notice anything from this list? Yes, we are an active club! I just wanted to send a mighty thank you to all who have helped put all our events together lately. For last month's trip, thanks go to Jim Gude for a very nice tour to the Gardens. Most of us had never heard of this little hidden

gem of a place, so close to us.

I don't want to forget to mention our last Breakfast. We had another great turn out and Greenhouse did a great job handling our business. Our 50/50 drawings continue to help us build our treasury, so we can pay for our 20th Anniversary Dinner and Holiday Party.

Mark you calendars as we have the annual "Day Away from Work Autocross" at Willow Springs coming up May 15th sponsored by the Las Vegas Region. We're also trying to finalize plans for the Agua Dulce Winery tour, coming up very soon. Every event has been full of friendship, car talk, food, and fun. What's not to like about that? Are we missing anything at our events – like you? Come on out and join us in our next event! 🏁



Greg Reed calculating his score for the rally. Photo by David Witteried.



My First Autocross

By John Bumgarner

Photos by John Bumgarner, John Crnkovich, and David Witteried

I HAVE TO BE THERE AT WHAT TIME? ARE YOU ON DRUGS? I HAVE TO GET UP AT 4:00 A.M. TO BE THERE BY 6:30 A.M.!



It's 5:00 a.m., John Crnkovich and Neil Masco getting gas and coffee in Rosamond.

Yep, that's exactly what I was yelling in my head when Rich Bessette told me what time he needed me to show up for the Zone 8 Speed Festival Autocross. You see, I had just volunteered to work the tech inspection for Cal-Inland region. I didn't have the first clue as to what I was supposed to do when I got there. Rich said no problem; he would tell me everything I needed to know in about ten minutes once I was there.

Not wanting to be the only clueless one there I talked to John Crnkovich

and Neil Masco, two other first timers, and we agreed to meet in Rosamond and drive down together. The grand plan was to leave at 5:00 a.m.. The plan evaporated the second we all met. Crnk needed gas, Neil needed coffee and my wife, Shirley, needed breakfast. After all needs were fulfilled we were off and only 20 minutes late. It was time to drive fast and take chances; we had an autocross to get to. I bravely took the point position for the drive with Neil and his radar detector (I hope those things really work) in second and the Crnk running as the tail gunner.



Rich Bessette watches as Shirley Bumgarner and Gay Bessette assign drivers to their run groups.

We followed the directions Rich had given us and got to the credential

area at California Speedway about 5 min later than planned (so we drove real, real, real fast).



Claude Bangs examines paperwork as Rich Paré completes the inspection of a yellow 914.

Once there we each signed our waivers and got our event wristbands. Next we found Rich and the tech area. He was right; it only took about 10 minutes to explain what running a car through tech entailed. About 10 minutes after that, the drivers started showing up in force. I have to admit that working tech inspection at a Porsche event was worth the trip all by itself. I got an up close and personal look at a 911 turbo, Carrera 4, Boxster, 944 Turbo, 944, 914-6, and 914s.

When the drivers were finished at

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First Quarter Zone 8 Rep Report

By Beverly Giffin-Frohm — Zone 8 Representative



In January we held our annual Presidents meeting for the new year. This year Jack Bair conducted a seminar on Dealer Relations. We also had a very well attended newsletter seminar hosted by Jill Beck (Arizona Region) and David Witteried (Cal Inland Region). Jill and David hosted this as a hands on workshop, reviewing formats, print, video and other media used to develop newsletters for both small and large regions. Thank you to David and Jill for devoting the time to preparing the materials and conducting the seminar.



Beverly Giffin-Frohm introduces the Zone 8 staff for 2006, photo by David Witteried.

The same evening we held our annual Zone 8 Awards Banquet. Enthusiast of the year went to Vince Knauf for his tireless volunteerism for both the regions and the Zone. Vince is one of the co chairs behind the 1st Zone 8 Speed Festival last year; he is the administrative go to person for making sure all the loose ends are tied together for this event. Vince is the Chief Driving Instructor for the Zone and has started popular Cayenne off-road tours in the San Diego area. The Zone Rep award went to Chris Huck who has silently worked behind the scene to help the regions, Zone and National. Chris was responsible for putting together a successful sponsorship program for the Zone 8 Speed Festival and helping with the San Diego and Zone websites. Special Recognition went to Carolyn Ewbanks, who has volunteered to take on additional jobs to help the Zone and regions, in addition to her National Responsibilities. Region of the Year was awarded to Orange Coast

Region. They put on a successful charity program; in addition the region has developed a great sense of community for not only their region, but their activities with other regions within the Zone. Small Region of the year was awarded to Southern Arizona Region. A small region is defined as a region with 325 members or less. Southern Arizona has year over year had a successful charity program and has put on many events together with other regions. The number of people who work together (both individuals and regions) to make Zone 8 a great community are to be thanked. We are lucky to have

such wonderful volunteers pulling together. This year we also conducted a silent auction to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. There were about 50 items on auction, I am proud to announce we raised \$3,900 to help the Komen Foundation's fight against breast cancer.

February was quiet for Zone events, but the most of the regions were very active. Most of them have a breakfast meeting in the beginning of the month. This has been very successful for the regions to maintain membership. A couple regions have had to add

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Sunday — May 21**



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Cost Pre-Registration: \$40.00 (\$45.00 postmarked after May 10)
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 Lunch \$10.00

Location *Queen Mary Event Park*: I-405, take I-710 south to the Queen Mary. Exit Harbor Plaza East, then turn left. Cross S. Harbor Scenic Dr (under the overpass). Queen Mary Event Park is straight ahead between the Reef Restaurant and the bow of the Queen Mary. The park is grassy and overlooks Shoreline Village and the Long Beach Aquarium.

Schedule 7:00 am: Car placement starts, 10:00 am: Judging starts, 2:00 pm: Awards Ceremony

Carrera GT will be on site

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- C-1 356 (closed)
- C-2 356 (open)
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- C-4 911, 912 (74-83)
- C-5 911 (84-89)
- C-6 911 (90-), 89 C4, GT2, GT3
- C-7 Boxster
- C-8 914
- C-9 924, 944, 928, & 968
- C-10 Special Interest, Curr Comp, Limited Production
- C-11 Cayenne

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- S-4 911, 912 (74-83)
- S-5 911 (84-89)
- S-6 911 (90-), 89 C4, GT2, GT3
- S-7 Boxster
- S-8 914
- S-9 924, 944, 928, & 968
- S-10 Special Interest, Curr Comp Limited Production
- S-11 Cayenne

WASH & SHINE DIVISION

- WS-1 356 (all)
- WS-2 911, 912 (65-83), 914
- WS-3 911 (84-98)
- WS-4 924, 944, 928, 968
- WS-5 Boxster, 996, 997, GT2, GT3, Cayenne



UNRESTORED DIVISION

- UR-1 356 (all)
- UR-3 911, 912 (65-73)
- UR-4 911, 912 (74-83)
- UR-5 911 (84 Y-10)
- UR-8 914
- UR-9 924, 944, 928, 968
- UR-10 Special interest, Curr. comp, Limit prod, all water cooled

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Winning a Rally from a 15-Year-Old's Point of View

By Elizabeth Alpert

Photos by Greg Reed, David Witteried, and John Crnkovich

"Turn left! Turn left!" I shouted as my father, David, swerved to the left at the last moment possible and made a sharp turn. That was what consisted of our really amazing time at the rally held by the Lancaster division of the Porsche Club of America. I would read the directions and he would attempt to keep the correct average speed.



Registration was held in John Bumgarner's toy box which kept the paperwork out of the wind. Mary Ann Paré, Janice Witteried, John Bumgarner, Claude Bangs, and Rich and Gay Bessette.

We started the rally badly, missing the first turn, which was right after the Avenue B sign outside Rosamond. I was enjoying the view and looking out the wrong side of our car. The sign went by and my dad asked, "Was that the sign?" I attempted to look behind

and see what the sign said, but I wasn't able to read it. "Couldn't be," I said. We ended up turning around and racing back. We made a quick right, and we



Adding up scores and ordering lunch after the rally.

were back on track.

Cameron Road was a lot of fun for us. We had just been on it the week before, when there were six inches of snow, and we were worried that it would be icy. It was snowing, and there were patches of snow in some places, but we got through alright. The views were beautiful, and the road was fun.

The rest of the rally went by pretty uneventfully. We got stuck behind a huge truck, missed the sign where we were supposed to speed up, and just all

around had a great time. I decided that rallying was a great sport, and even if we didn't win, I'd want to try again next time.

Amazingly, that's not what happened. After some fun with the scoring card, we turned the card in and ate our delicious second lunch (we had eaten at McDonald's during the break during the rally) and waited to see who had won. After trying very hard to be as patient as possible, they began to announce the winners. We were in the beginner class, as this was our first rally, so they announced our class first.



Father and daughter team, David and Elizabeth Alpert, won first place in the beginner class.

CAL-INLAND REGION ZONE 8 RALLY MARCH 18 2006

Class	Place	Driver	Navigators	Region	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Leg 6	Leg 7	Total
Class A	1st	Paul McGaffey	Ron Dunlap	SMSCC	0.01	0.12	0.03	0.1	0.22	0.44	1.28	2.21
Class B	1st	Janis Jones	Dikk Jones	SGV	0.11	5	1.77	1.82	2.5	0.02	0.69	11.93
Class C	1st	Jeanne English	Larry Scholnick	SGV	0	0.26	0.14	0.04	0.43	0.05	0.15	1.07
Class D	1st	David Witteried	Greg Reed	CAI	0.49	1.27	1.45	0.55	0.09	0.36	1.92	5.71
Class E			Elizabeth									
	1st	David Alpert*	Alpert*	CAI	0.04	1.05	0.83	0.67	3.69	0.14	1.2	7.62
	2nd	Leo Oliver	Freya Oliver	SGV	0.38	1.03	5	1.77	1.05	0.27	1.2	10.7
		Sherrie										
	3rd	Staveley*	Scott Williams*	SGV	0.47	0.64	3.33	0.1	2.71	0.54	3.03	10.82
	4th	Jomo Kenyatta*	Ella Kenyatta*	CAI	0.01	1.3	2	2.27	3.4	0.66	2.28	11.92
	5th	Abran Rivera*	Neil Masco*	CAI	0.75	2.64	2.25	0.69	4.09	0.02	2.58	13.02
	6th	DNF*	DNF*	CAI	DNF							

* 1st Time Rallyists



Some of the Porsches that participated in the rally.

skipped back to where we were sitting. My dad and I beamed at each other as the other winners were announced.

As soon as the next rally was announced as coming up in April, we decided we would do it, and if all goes well, hope to see you there! 🏠



This Cayenne S may have got to use its four-wheel drive on Cameron Road where it was snowing.

There was fourth place, third place, second place, and, after almost dying from excitement, first place and Rich Paré said our names as we looked up in disbelief. Our first rally, with me only being fifteen years old, and we had won! My dad and I jumped up and nearly skipped past the rows of people. We were so happy! We took our medals and smiled for a picture, then nearly

Membership Report

By Neil Masco — Membership



Before we realize it, June 17th will be here. No I'm not confused and speaking of the April 17th tax deadline, but of the winery tour

at Agua Dulce Vineyards. My wife, Lynda, and I first toured the winery several years ago with the Porsche club and have been members since. They are an excellent winery with great atmosphere and we have found it to be a great place to entertain houseguests, or friends coming up from L.A.

Well, this year I foolishly volunteered to coordinate another visit to the winery. Unlike the last tour, when the winery seemed to be just starting to establish itself, the tour will not be free. The tour costs \$15 per person and includes wine tasting and cheese and crackers. I doubt we are talking Velveeta and saltines here, as Lynda and I have often enjoyed their food pairings. The tours and pairings are usually very educational both in the process of winemaking and in the best foods to enjoy which wine with. I hope that each of our members will make an effort to join this tour, and ask for RSVP (256-0173 or neil-masco@sbcglobal.net) by the end of May.

On to the membership report. I have been enjoying the recent modifications to the PCA website, but I think there might be some wrinkles to iron out. While the report that I get from the main office says that we have 88 primary members, the online summary (as of this writing) has us at 96. No doubt there are some nuances in the new system for me to get familiar with.

Welcome new members:

- Jomo & Ellatesha Kenyatta ; 2001 Boxster S
- Richard & Sheila Semana ; 2003 Boxster S

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Party in the Park

June 4, 2006



- Celebrate Porsche Racing Spirit & the 356
- Prizes for the Best Picnic Display
- Bring your Porsche and Join the Fun
- Enjoy Friends and a Catered Lunch
- Celebrate OCR's 45th Birthday!



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Schedule of Events

6:00 - 8:00 am	Registration & Car Placement
7:00 - 9:00 am	Final Preparation
9:00 am	Judges' Meeting
9:15 am - 12 noon	Judging Period (Estimated)
11:30 am	Picnic Lunch begins
12 noon	Picnic Judging
1:30 pm	Awards Assembly





Registration Fees

(includes car & 2 admissions)
Display Class (not judged) \$30.00
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(Postmarked before May 10)
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- 356 Corral
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Secretary's Report

By Janice Witteried — Secretary



California Inland Board Meeting April 11, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m.. In attendance: Greg Reed (President),

Mary Ann Pare (Activities Chairperson), Rich Pare (Past President), Jonathan Bergmann (Vice-President), Janice Witteried (Secretary) and guest Rachel Reed.

Old Business: No change in status of goal to incorporate.

The Rally was a success even though the weather didn't seem to want to cooperate with us. We had ten cars with four cars from our region.

Thanks for all who came out to help and braved the weather. A special thanks to John Bumgarner for bringing his Toy Box to for us use for registration.

The California Festival of Speed was a success. We had a great turn out of members who came to volunteer to help at the autocross. Many wives came out to help also and we appreciate their help. Rich Bessette sends his thanks to all that helped. Next year Rich will be spending all his time helping and driving at time trials and has asked David Witteried to take over the autocross portion of the event. Our region is in charge of technical inspection and making sure all the drivers are assigned a run group.

The board decided to keep our breakfast meetings at the Greenhouse Café for now. If someone has a better idea please let the board know and we can discuss it. When there is a problem in the club, it should be brought to the board before any action is taken, that is why the club has a board.

Vice President: Our newlywed vice-president is back from his honeymoon and has come up with some new ideas for some events. He will be checking out some Porsche roads and getting back to us.

Membership: See Neil's report

Treasury: Herman Rijfkoegel gave a report on the status of the treasury.

Activities Chairperson Report:

Jonathan Bergmann is in the process of trying to put together a tour for May 13 to the Ronald Regan Museum in Simi Valley.

Newsletter Chairperson was out of town.

Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.. 🏠

Editor's Desk (Continued from page 2)

spectator. After the event he was so excited that he has promised to participate in the race at the Streets of Willow as well as the Bakersfield event in May. One of these days our region may host an autocross as well as a rally!

While we seem to be developing a great staff of writers and photographers for the newsletter I still need help in

one other area... advertising. We really need a member to step up and become my advertising manager. I need somebody who can sell our newsletter to advertisers who would find our membership an attractive market. The newsletter now costs about \$1.75 per copy to produce. This doesn't include the 63-cents for postage per copy. With the \$14 per member per year in subsidies from PCA there is a small financial gap which must be filled through advertising income. I just don't have enough time in my day to pursue all of the possible clients who could include: car dealers (not just Porsche), detailers, parts places, restaurants, audio gear, security, and many others. I wouldn't expect this job to take more than a few hours a month. If you're interested give me a call or write and we can talk about the position.

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Porsche Tales — A Personal Porsche Story

What Are The Odds?

By Mike Forest

This story relates to my '62 B cabriolet. I mentioned in its story that, on my way home from tech school in Illinois, I met up with a couple of young ladies in a 912. We caravanned all the way to Palmdale Road in Victorville where they continued on to San Bernardino and I to Palmdale. During the drive we all stopped at the same motels for the night and had meals together. The owner of the 912, Julie, was a real Porsche fan and we had some great discussions about the cars. We even traded cars for part of the drive to California. We hit it off well and kept in touch for a few years afterwards. This took place in August 1970.

The time is now February 1980 and I'm driving my mom's '79 Dodge Colt. I had gone east to obtain something that was not available in California. My car at the time was an Aubergine '73 914 2.0 that I had bought in '75 but it didn't have the capacity to carry what I was after. I had found what I was looking for in Joplin, Missouri and was headed home. It was just before sundown on I 40 approaching Flagstaff, Arizona when I was passed by a dark green 912. I noticed it had California plates and the bottom part of the license plate frame read "San Bernardino". Hmm! Nah, couldn't be. But I decided to catch up and have a look anyway. The Porsche was traveling at a higher rate of speed than I was and it took a few miles to catch up.

There was a single, female occupant in the car and, as I pulled up on her right, she glanced over at me to see who it was that had made such an effort

to catch up. She recognized me before I did her and she started honking and pointing for me to pull over. I knew then that it was Julie. We talked for a moment and decided to stay the night in Flagstaff. After settling in our rooms, we went to dinner. We then went back to her room and talked for half the night. Neither one of us could believe what was happening. We had a very enjoyable evening and, once again, caravanned the rest of the way home. She had also been married and divorced. We visited each other for about a year but long distance relationships don't always work very well and we finally went our separate ways. But we remained friends and kept in touch for a couple years.

What are the odds? 🚗



A friend, Georgette, sitting in Mike's aubergine (eggplant purple) 914 2.0 which he called Molly. Photo by Mike Forest.

Membership Report (Continued from page 7)

May anniversaries include:

- Eric Adler, 1 year, 1973 914
- David & Gloria Alpert, 2 years, 1985 911 Targa
- Bruce & Stacey Biresch, 7 years, 1969 912
- Karsten Gesing, 1 year, 1974 911S
- Clive & Sandra House Ham, 14 years, 2001 996
- Dennis Kotzman, 2 years, 1989 911 Turbo
- George Kumazawa, 4 years, 1964 356
- Brian & Heike Mayfield, 1 year, 1976 911
- Zoneth & Nacny Overby, 7 years, 1969 911 targa
- Richard & Patti Titus, 3 years, 2003 911
- Guy & Jennifer Williams, 12 years, 1994 968 🚗

Brake Fluid

The hidden hygroscopic chemical

By Michael C. Harley, Der Auspuff, January 2006

Chances are many of you have never seen brake fluid. Short of a brake system failure, unless you've replaced or bled your system yourself, brake fluid is about the only fluid you shouldn't ever see dripping on the ground. Most manufacturers recommend replacing your brake fluid every other year, and it's easy to see why if you understand the chemical.

Every Porsche on the road today (actually, nearly every single vehicle on the road today) operates with a hydraulic brake system. These brakes

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an additional meeting during the month to satisfy demand, holding one breakfast in the Northern part of the region one weekend and another in the Southern part of the region the following weekend. A few regions have found if they have an event (tour, tech session etc.) participation has increased.

The annual Memorabilia and Lit meet is held in LA every February. Although this is not an official PCA event, people from around the nation come to see what is available. It is fun to see old friends who have moved to other parts of the country, it feels like a PCA reunion each year.

Arizona held their Club Race in early March. Unfortunately, attendance was light, which could put this event in jeopardy. Lighter Club Race attendance has also affected the Zone 8 Speed Festival, which is held in mid March. If Club Races are to be successful on the West Coast, we are going to need to put a program together to facilitate this. We are beginning to look at how we can promote better attendance at West Coast Club Races, as the tracks on the West Coast are very expensive and in constant demand from other venues.



A group of Porsche race cars enter the infield track at California Speedway. Photo by John Bumgarner.

Luckily the Zone 8 Speed Festival did not have rain this year. We have the best volunteers – over 200 people volunteered their time in one capacity or another to make this event successful. We had a lot of people who helped as



Two Porsches fly by on the front straightaway heading towards the high banking of turn one. Photo by David Witteried.

part of the Zone 8 Speed Festival Team. This year we added another Co Chair, Michael Dolphin, to reduce some of the workload on both Vince Knauf and Ron Mistak. The verdict is still out on if we made a profit (a portion of which goes back to the regions based on volunteer hours). I cannot thank everyone who volunteered their time enough for helping us put on an excellent event. The number of compliments we have received from people attending the event was astounding. They complimented the Speed Festival team and the volunteers. Everyone mentioned that each of our volunteers was helpful and had great attitudes. Of course, we could not have done this without our sponsors. The Southern California Porsche Dealers were our major sponsors again this year. When you go into your dealership, identify yourself as a PCA member, and thank them for their support.

Also held in March was our annual Concours Judges School. This year the school was put on by Ellsworth (Doc) Pryor and Linda Cobarrubias our Zone 8 Concours Chairs. The event was hampered a bit by rain but we had about 30 people in attendance. Doc and Linda reviewed the judging criteria for our Zone 8 Concours series. Carolyn Ewbanks then went over how to put on

a Zone 8 Concours. All attendees were given an extensive book to review at their leisure and then qualified to be a Zone 8 Judge.

Cal Inland Region held their first Zone 8 Rally the following weekend. For their first rally they had 10 cars compete. They went through areas and on roads even the experienced ralliest had not seen. The event was well run and a success. Congratulations to Cal Inland for their first Zone 8 event.



Lined up at the starting mark and waiting to leave at one minute intervals for a rally around the Antelope Valley. Photo by David Witteried.

Our Zone 8 Website has a new look and feel. Tom Brown (Zone 8 Webmaster) and Jill Beck (Graphic artist extraordinaire) worked together to design the new look. When you have a chance, go to www.pca.org/zone8 or www.zone8.org to take a look. Great job Jill & Tom!!

As you can see we have had a busy winter quarter. Thank you again to everyone who has volunteered their time to help the regions and Zone 8.

Regards

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PCA Zone 8 Representative. 🇺🇸





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Brake Fluid (Continued from page 9)

systems are relatively simple in design, reliable, and very effective at what they do.

The "blood" of the brake system is brake fluid. Mechanical physics teaches us liquids cannot be compressed, and they also transfer pressure uniformly along surface areas. Therefore, fluid is the ideal medium for equally transferring mechanical forces from the brake pedal to mechanical forces on each of the remote brake calipers. The system works perfectly... until you introduce heat or moisture.

When a brake caliper clamps down on a spinning brake rotor, the kinetic energy from the automobile is immediately transferred to the cast iron rotor in the form of heat - lots of it. Under race

conditions, a cold rotor can glow red hot within seconds. Thankfully, most of us don't torture our brakes that much. However, most of us have stopped quickly enough to raise rotor temperatures to very high temperatures. That heat immediately soaks into the rotors, calipers, hubs, bearings, and even the wheels. Since the calipers are filled with brake fluid, that heat is transferred into the liquid raising fluid temperatures nearly immediately.

Brake fluid is non-corrosive, and is specially formulated to not boil until it hits very high temperatures - some are engineered to handle nearly 500 F. However, the brake fluid found in nearly all passenger cars is hygroscopic (meaning it readily absorbs water).

In very cool operating conditions,

filling the brake system with water wouldn't be a problem (if one could control corrosion). However, when water boils (at only 212 F.) it becomes steam - a compressible gas. Once compression is introduced into the hydraulic brake system, brakes become squishy or soft ("fade" in automotive lingo) and stopping distances increase - at best. Worst case, you lose all ability to brake!

Though your brake system on your Porsche is sealed, outside air loaded with humidity does eventually work its way into the system. After time, the hygroscopic brake fluid will absorb moisture (which has the potential to boil into steam) which could render your brakes much less effective. The longer the period between brake fluid flushes, the greater the possibility of water in your brake lines.

The simple solution to this dilemma is to replace your brake fluid every other year with fresh fluid. Most systems hold less than a quart, and the fluid is relatively inexpensive (the most expensive fluid you will find at your local auto parts shop won't run you more than \$15). If you've got basic mechanical knowledge, you can even do it yourself in less than two hours!

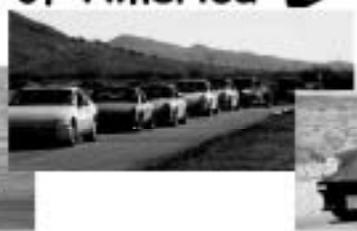
Besides the obvious hydraulic/pressure advantages to fresh brake fluid, new brake fluid keeps your entire brake system, from the calipers all the way to the master cylinder, in excellent working condition (I've seen brakes that have gone years without a flush with corroded calipers and brake lines filled with gunk - an expensive repair).

Next time you celebrate your Porsche's birthday, think about doing a bit of preventative maintenance on the brake system and give your fluid a flush! 🚗

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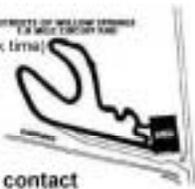

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**Spring "Day Away from Work" Zone 8 Autocross
Monday, May 15, 2006 at Streets of Willow Raceway**

3 practice sessions of no less than 20 minutes plus 3 timed laps. Run groups determined by experience and performance. Instructors available and required for all student drivers. Helmets and long sleeved, natural fiber shirts or jackets required. Shorts allowed. Some loaner helmets available.

Each entrant will receive:
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Tech inspection and track walks will begin at 7:15 am
 Mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30 am
 First run group on the track will be no later than 9:15 am

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Entry Fees:	Early registration	postmarked after Apr 24		Note: Drivers not pre-registered on day of event will be charged \$50.00 above the early registration fee
	Driver	\$100.00	\$25.00	
	2nd driver	\$75.00	\$25.00	
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First Autocross (Continued from page 3)

tech they needed to check in at registration. That's where the ladies, Shirley, Gay, Mary Ann, and Janice were helping out. They made sure the entry fees were paid and placed each driver in his or her proper class. Thank God they were there because it would have been ugly if the guys had tried to do it. Handling money, assigning driving classifications and using sharp objects like pens and scissors.



Herman Rijfkogel inspects a helmet.

After the work was done it was time to watch and learn what an autocross was all about. I listened while they conducted a drivers meeting and then everybody went out and walked the course. It looked like a bunch of orange road cones randomly placed in a giant parking lot. Once you get out onto the course the track starts to take shape. A short time later the drivers went out and started driving around the track. I was watching the cars and thinking to myself, this is really easy, I could smoke these squids with my bone stock 944 while drinking a large Starbucks Latte. Just then David Witteried drove in and started to explain that the



Instructor and student ready to go!



Rich Bessette strapping into his newly built 944 spec racer.

first part of the morning is nothing more than a chance to learn the various line options around the course. Later in the morning every one will start to run at race speeds. Well at least I could have won the practice!

After lunch all of the drivers are wearing their race faces. It was pretty impressive how fast some of those people can get there cars to run around such a tight course. Most of the time the drivers only used first and second gear. David Witteried had the inside front tire on his 911 about 3 inches off the ground in some of the corners. Rich Bessette took a turn so fast that he smoked the rear tires on his 150hp 944. I didn't think a 944 could smoke the tires in a wet gutter. Just watching them



David Witteried lifts his right hand front tire off the ground as he accelerates out of a turn.

got my heart rate up to a good 130-140 bpm! The entire time I was watching I was wishing I was out there too. Shirley came walking over to me at the side of the course and said, I think you should try driving one of these it looks fun. That was all it took, I decided right then and there, I'm going to enter an autocross and find out what my car and I are capable of. I'm sure I'll be the squid of the day at my first event but that won't matter. After seeing the giant grins on everybody's face when they came in from their runs I know I'll be sporting one even bigger.

The hardest part about me getting

involved in autocross is going to be for David and Rich. They will probably have to get caller ID so they can avoid the constant phone calls from my asking for pointers and secrets.

I wonder who has the best prices on race tires? 🏎️



Cal-Inland members Porsches at the track. John Crnkovich's Boxster, Neil Masco's 928, and John Bumgarner's 944.



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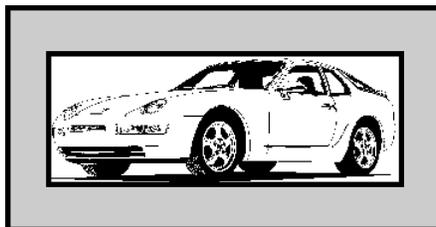
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