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March

- 1 Breakfast Meeting - 9:30 @ Greenhouse Cafe, Lancaster
- 8 Scavenger Hunt Competition, POC - Paul Turner 661.823.9753
- 19 Board Meeting - 5:30 @ Zuma's restaurant, Rosemond

Zone 8

- 2 Pomona Swap Meet
- 9 Autocross – Riverside Region
- 15 Concours Judging School
- 16 Rally, Grand Prix Region

April

- 5 Breakfast Meeting - 9:30 @ Greenhouse Cafe, Lancaster
- 12 Gymkhana/Precision Driving Contest, POC - Paul Turner 661.823.9753
- 16 Board Meeting - 5:30 @ Zuma's restaurant, Rosemond
- 19-20 Porsches Wild - Las Vegas Region (Concours & Autocross)

Zone 8

- 1 Pomona Swap Meet
- 19 Concours, Las Vegas Region
- 20 Autocross, Las Vegas Region
- 26 Rally, Santa Barbara/Cal Central Coast

May

- 3 Breakfast Meeting - 9:30 @ Greenhouse Cafe, Lancaster
- 3 Tortoise Days Car Show and BBQ – California City, POC - Dave Witteried 760.373.1413
- 17 Portuguese Pass Tour — mountain driving at its best! POC - David Witteried 760.373.1413
- 21 Board Meeting - 5:30 @ Zuma's restaurant, Rosemond
- 31 Tribute to Le Mans/Barbecue - Willow Springs Raceway

Zone 8

- 3 Concours, Southern Arizona Region
- 4 Autocross, Southern Arizona Region
- 24 Autocross, Golden Empire Region
- 25 Concours, Grand Prix Region

June

- 7 Breakfast Meeting - 9:30 @ Greenhouse Cafe, Lancaster
- 13-15 Hearst Castle Tour (Double-overnighter) POC – Jennifer Williams
- 18 Board Meeting - 5:30 @ Zuma's restaurant, Rosemond

Zone 8

- 1 Concours, Orange Coast Region
- 1 Pomona Swap Meet
- 6-7 Club Race, San Diego Region
- 22-28 Porsche Parade in Tampa FL
- 28 Rally, Orange Coast Region

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Air & Water

by Rich Paré — President



Hi everyone. Wow, here we are in February already. So, did you enjoy the last issue of "Winding Roads?" I believe David did a great job, and the

printer put "ink to paper" quite well. Ok, we are still busy. We have the monthly breakfast as usual on the 1st; it will be on the 1st of March also. The Petersen Automotive museum tour was on Feb 15th, and the Premier Sports Car Service White Lightning Racing scheduled maintenance tech session was an exciting event. I will talk about the tech session in a separate article. There are several Zone events also, check out the schedule in the event calendar.

The February breakfast was extremely well attended with nine (9) Porsches and also some other vehicles present. I believe we had 19 people there, and as usual, the food was great, and the conversation was lively, although it kept coming back to the Shuttle disaster from a couple hours earlier. David Witteried made it back from Florida in time to be with us. Poor guy was in Tampa from Super Bowl Sunday on!

In addition to the events we have scheduled for our region, out of region events include: a driving event at Spring Mountain Motor Sports Park in Pahrump NV on March 1st, Porsches Wild III in Las Vegas April 19/20, autocross in Palm Springs on March 9th, other autocrosses, rallies, and con-

courses galore throughout the Zone. If you can't find something to do with your Porsche, you aren't trying very hard!

The weatherman is calling for some rain this week, so it looks like I'll have to return to driving the Toyota pickup for a bit. Mary Ann and I have been driving both Porsches exclusively during the beautiful days we've been having. But alas, the 914, being a 914, does leak water during inclement weather and the defroster is somewhat sporadic, so, I'll just have to suffer with the truck, and wait for some more sunny days.

Until next month, enjoy the roads, this end of the state has so many wonderfully provided for us (see editors note). Keep the shiny side up! ●



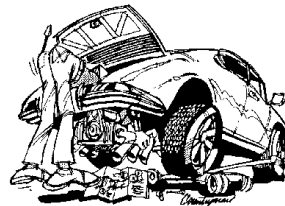
Talking cars at a breakfast meeting! From left to right: Guy Williams, Mark Charus, John Crnkovich, Oscar Alonso's son, MaryAnn Paré, Janice Witteried, and Gregory Reed. Photo by David Witteried.

Editor: Go to www.pca.org/cai/links.htm and click on "Greatest Roads in California" for more great roads.

Mechanics Mania

by Paul Turner

I am starting a new column for the newsletter to provide some guidelines and assistance on maintenance and inspections of our cars. I will try to cover both air-cooled and water-cooled as thoroughly as possible. This month, I am going to be talking about preparing you car for cold weather operation. With the winter upon us now, our vehicles are asked to operate in a substantially different environment due to the wide temperature changes and occasional precipitation that may fall.



On all cars, checking your belts

and hoses is very important. Check your belts for dry rotting, cracking, flexibility, and proper tension. Cold weather can make a dry and brittle belt snap when you start your car up in the freezing early morning. For water-cooled engines, check your radiator hoses for condition and security. It is important to ensure the hoses are not spongy feeling; they need to be firm, but flexible. Also insure the hoses are not rubbing on anything in the engine compartment so that a hole is not rubbed in them that could start to leak under pressure. For the air-cooled engines, check your air ducting for loose clamps or worn seals that could affect

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From the Zone Rep

Mike Mansolino — Zone 8 Representative

AWARDS CELEBRATION: Did you ever give a party and everyone came? That was the scene at the recent Zone 8 Awards Banquet at the DoubleTree Hotel in Anaheim. Two weeks before the event, I was wondering if the anticipated number of guests would be present. One week before the event that number was surpassed, and on the day of the banquet we counted 174 guests.

What a great turnout to celebrate the successes of those who had distinguished themselves in competition throughout the year.

The day began with the Presidents' Meeting where the zone calendar was confirmed, reports given, region presidents shared accomplishments and previewed this year's events, and other matters discussed. We welcomed six new presidents, and know that their energy and enthusiasm

will not only sustain, but increase the quality of activities available to members. Tom Bobbitt, PCA President, joined us and spoke of the new ideas national is considering to meet the diverse population of PCA more effectively, and the creative methods planned to get more members involved. His comments gave great confidence and assurance that PCA was inter-

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Mike Mansolino speaking at the Zone 8 Awards Banquet. Photo by David Witteried.

Premier Sports Car Service White Lightning Racing Tech Session

by Rich and Mary Ann Paré

It was a bright, sunny, beautiful although cool Saturday morning in Las Vegas when approximately 50-60 Porsche fanatics met at the Premier Sports Car Service of Dale White and Kent Moore. On hand for our viewing pleasure were two GT Porsche 911s with incredible track records.

- 2002 American Le Mans Series, Petite Le Mans at Road Atlanta, 2nd in GT; and consistent top 3 GT competitor;
- 2001 American Le Mans Series, most competitive and highest placing non-factory Porsche team in GT;
- 2001 Rolex 24 at Daytona, 1st in GT and 2nd overall. The highest overall finishing GT Porsche ever.

The list goes on and on. Want more? Check out the March 2001 issue of Panorama. Their car is featured on the cover along with a story inside.

After a brief introduction, Dale and Kent spent the rest of the time talking with all of us about racing, maintenance of our own cars, and anything



Richard Mary Ann Paré speaking with a Jackie White at the White Lightning Tech Session. Photo by John Crnkovich.

else that could be construed as "Porsche talk!!!" After filling out a very short form, we were all given a record of required maintenance for our own cars.

I joined a conversation with Kent, about building racing engines. I was quite surprised to find out that the new,

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Watercooled Thoughts

by Paul Turner — Vice President



Well, we had a great turnout for January's trip to the St. Francis Dam and it looks like we are going to have an even better turnout for the Petersen

Automotive Tour. I have to say that I am really pumped about having so many of our club members starting to come to these monthly events. I have told the members of the board that I have a wish for this club, and that wish

is to have all of our members with all of their cars at one event. I realize that this is probably not going to happen because of different schedule conflicts, but getting as many of us together will be just great. I think our club is starting to show some signs of growth in the area of participation in activities. I am so thankful to all of you for this happening, it is really great. Keep in mind that we have a lot great activities scheduled for this year, try to make it to some of them. In March, we are having

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RIVERSIDE AUTO CENTER

Riverside Region
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Drivers Clinic

At the Palm Springs International Airport
Taxiway Alpha (off Baristo Road)

Saturday, March 8

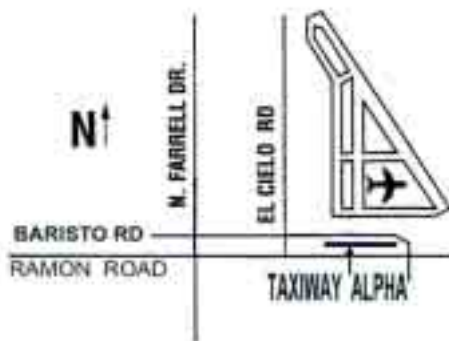
Tech Inspection opens - 8:00 am. Driver's Meeting at 9:00 am. (your car must pass Tech Inspection before Drivers Meeting)

Lodging Holiday Inn Palm Mountain Resort has rooms for "Porsche Club" but they will only hold them 'til 17 Feb! After that you are totally on your own. NOTE: to take advantage of the 'blocked' rooms you must reserve both Friday and Saturday nights. Good reason do drive both the Drivers Clinic on March 8th and the Autocross on the 9th.

Holiday Inn Palm Mountain Resort, 155 South Belardo, (800) 622-9451

This motel is located 1 block west of Palm Canyon (hwy 111) and one block north of Baristo. Trailer parking is available from about 6pm to 8am, across Belardo in the shopping center lot.

Whatever you do, act fast; March is still high season in Palm Springs and many motels are already booked solid.



Application form: **Drivers Clinic 8 Mar '03**

Name: _____ Car Make: _____ Model/Yr: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

My car Class is : _____ Car # is: _____ I am a member of PCA Region: _____

Make \$75.00 check payable to: PCA Riverside

Mail ap. & check to:

Jim Burke, 5387 Camino Real, Riverside, CA 92509

For info call (909) 781-5536 days or (909) 681-6929 eve.

*Paid applications received by Mar 1st will receive a \$10 early-bird refund.



Riverside Region
PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

present

SPRING BRAKE '03

ZONE 8 Autocross

In Palm Springs, Sunday, March 9, 2003

Tech Inspection opens – 6:30 am, Driver's Meeting at 8:00 am (your car must pass Tech Inspection). Meet us at the old open air Swap Meet site at 590 Crossley Rd (at Ramon)

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the airflow to critical parts of the engines. While you are under the hood, check all of the rubber on the engine to ensure it is in good condition.

Fluid levels and the condition of those fluids are vitally important for the health of your engine. Always ensure you fluid levels are topped off to their proper levels. Engine oil for your particular car may

need to be changed to a different viscosity for cooler temperatures, consult your owner's manual regarding this matter. Use a hydrometer to check the



effectiveness of your coolant; if the coolant is more than 1 to 2 years old, or it doesn't meet the specs after checking it with hydrometer, change it!

If you have an automatic transmission, check the fluid level to ensure it is correct. Also check and see when your last fluid and filter change was. Most owners' manuals recommend fluid and filter change every 30,000 miles. For manual transmissions, ensure the gear oil is topped off. If you haven't changed it lately, do it now. Also check your brake fluid, power steering

fluid, and even check your windshield washer fluid reservoir for proper fluid level. Remember, during the cold winter mornings, fluids are thick and heavy. It

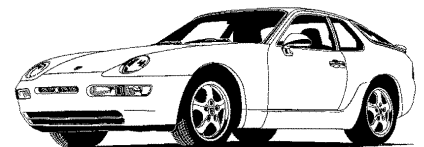
takes them a short time to heat up and begin flowing smoothly. Help your engine last longer by ensuring your fluids are up to spec and topped off, your car will thank you for it.

Also check all of your filters. If you haven't changed them lately, it is probably a good idea to do so. In the harsh, dusty environment most of us drive in, the air filter is probably the single most important filter to check. I check mine once a week and knock out any large debris I may find lodged in the element. If you have a K&N filter or something similar, the oil will attract more dust and dirt. So you may have to clean it more often.

Check the exterior of your car for any loose trim or emblems. Check your tires for cuts, cracking, and tread wear. Also check the air pressure in them once a month. If you have a convertible top, check the top for tears or any other defect that may affect its performance in cold weather. If you have a moon roof, check the seals for condition and security. Ensure the roof latches securely and tightly to ensure no air or water leaks. While driving your car, listen for rattles from the inside of the car, and listen for them coming from the outside. Investigate where they are coming from and tighten any loose fasteners that you may find.

Doing good preventive maintenance on your car is the key to having a well running machine. Porsches are high performance machines; therefore, most of the tolerances on these cars are much tighter than on a normal car. This kind of precision demands a rigorous inspection routine that Porsche has laid out in your owner's manual. Follow this routine and your car will give you many years of pleasant, trouble free driving.

If you have any technical questions, comments, or ideas for a future topic, please e-mail them to me, pdturmer20@hotmail.com, and I will try to answer them as best I can. Happy Wrenching! ●



Water pumper!

From the Editor's Bench

by David Witteried — Winding Roads Editor



The feedback that I have received on the newsletter has been very good. I am glad that everybody is enjoying the new format. In fact, I understand we may have picked up the new member due to some newsletters I left at a local mechanic's shop! If you would like to help make our newsletter an even better publication I have an opportunity for you. I need somebody who can sell advertising to our local merchants! The \$14 that we receive from national for each member will not cover the cost of our newsletter for the entire year. So, here's an opportunity to make a real contribution to the club. Advertising does not need to be restricted to just Porsche related businesses. Porsche drivers own trucks and other cars as well as homes and hobbies. If you're interested in this job please call me and we can talk about it some more.



If you haven't noticed, the web site has been extensively revised! I spent several weeks learning how to use Macromedia Dreamweaver, Flash and Freehand to develop the new menus. Unfortunately, I understand a few users are having trouble accessing the web site. I believe this may be due to the use of JavaScript on the new web pages. Microsoft decided not to include the Java just-in-time compiler with Windows XP. However, the compiler is included with Windows XP Service Pack 1. You can also download the Sun compiler from www.sun.com if you

really dislike using Microsoft products. I will be working on this issue.
See you on the road!

E-mail me with comments or ideas at: witteried@ccis.com ●

24 Hours of Le Mans

by PCNA

The 71st running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans at the famous 8.625-mile Circuit de la Sarthe will again be a showcase for the Porsche racing tradition. Of the Le Mans GT cars entered in the event - the most prestigious sports car race in the world - most will be Porsche 911 GT3 RS race cars.

These 420-horsepower Porsche racers are all built by the Porsche factory and sold to private racing teams in North America, Europe, and Asia, and they have claimed victory in the last four Le Mans races. In fact, Porsche has won the GT class at Le Mans for the past eight years, and swept the top eight positions in class in 2001. 2003 marks the 52nd year Porsche has run at Le Mans (Ferrari is second with 42 years), and Porsche has won 47 percent of the time (Ferrari is second with 36 percent). ●

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the Scavenger Hunt in Lancaster, and in April we are having a Gymkhana competition. These events are promising to be a lot of fun for everyone. See you on the road! ●

Zone 8 Judging School & Concours Prep V

Saturday March 15, 2003

The Concours school is for prospective judges, experienced judges, Concours participants and any interested individuals

You will hear from a panel of experienced judges discuss what they consider when judging your car.

Learn about significant changes in the 2003 Zone 8 Concours rules (ie: attendance at the Concours school is now required in order to be eligible as a Zone 8 Judge)

There will be special seminars in the afternoon to help you prepare your car for a Concours - learn the "inside" secrets

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| Time: 8:30 to 3:00 | Cost: \$15.00 (includes lunch) |
| Location: 27101 Aliso Creek Rd., Suite #106 Pacific Park Plaza, Aliso Viejo | |
| Directions: 405 or 5 N or S to Oso, South on Oso (becomes Pacific Park) 4-5 miles to Aliso Creek Rd. Turn Left. Turn R first drive past Texaco Station. 27101 is at the rear of the complex | |

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| Name _____ | Title _____ | Email _____ |
| Address _____ | City/State _____ | Zip _____ |
| What year(s) will you be a judge? _____ | Sex _____ | Phone _____ |
| Comments for Mr. Judge _____ | | |

Membership Report

by Greg Reed — Membership Chairman



February Membership Report. For the month of February we had one new member and two transfers from other regions. Our region

continues to grow and is now up to 41 members officially.

Please welcome our new members: Jack & Judy Rodney from Bakersfield. They drive a 2003 Boxster S.

Please also welcome our new transfers: Harry & Patricia Nickle from Lancaster. They drive a 1997 911. Marvin Snodgrass from Lancaster. He drives a 2002 911. WELCOME!

Membership Anniversary in January (not recognized last month): Ken & Karen Sarver – 3 years. ●

Premier Sports Car Service White Lightning Racing Tech Session (Continued from page 3)

as we know them water-cooled engines, are NOT what we see in the racecars. They are not capable of the endurance required for long races. A 964 case is the usually the starting point. “Bulletproof” is the word Kent



Members get technical pointers from Kent and Dale. Photo by John Crnkovich.

used to describe them. Of course I can't tell you all the secrets to building the screamers that come out of this shop! But the heads are water cooled, cases remain air cooled, and even the transmissions are water cooled. Pretty amazing stuff!!!

Of course, during this time, Mary Ann was only “somewhat bored.” Dale's wife Jackie was on hand to help keep her interested in some of the more mundane details. She explained what happens when the team is on the road, and how the shop continues to operate



MEMORIAL WEEKEND James Dean Memorial Autocross for Charity

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1309 ASTOR AVE
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307

during this time. Jackie also put on a great spread of appetizers to keep us “nourished” while all of us devoured all the details Kent and Dale had to offer.



A racing car under construction at White Lightning Racing. Photo by John Crnkovich.

In the corner of the shop was a 914 Kent was putting together. Much of the sheet metal was gone, leaving just enough to still recognize a 914. He had just recently installed a 3.6 911 engine which should rival the speeds of a space launch vehicle. Well, obviously not quite that fast, but as light as this car is, a 3.6 will get it around a track rather smartly!

Las Vegas Region did an outstanding job hosting this event. Many thanks to Roger Green and his LVR staff. ●



Region Secretary Introduction

by Mark Charus — Secretary



Hello members, my name is Mark Charus and if you have not been to a recent club event, I am your club secretary.

I live in Palmdale with my wife Eleanor and 17 year old daughter Michelle. We've lived in the Antelope Valley for about 12 years and I am employed by ADT Security.

I've never been much of a club type person. But when I purchased my

first Porsche I figured there must be others who enjoy these outstanding machines as much as I do, so I searched the internet; found the Cal-Inland Region and first met the club at an event at Willow Springs Raceway. What I found was a great group of people. I soon became a club person and have enjoyed every minute of it since.

My first Porsche was a '74 914. I loved that car in the winter but the desert summers soon had me begging for air conditioning, so I sold the 914 in search of water (*water cooled*).

I came upon a 944. I really thought all Porsches were rear engine cars but liked the look of the front engine 944 which had great air, but not enough power.

I had found water...now in search of "BOOST!" The 944 Turbo or 951 was just the ticket so to speak, water cooled, air conditioning and always seems to ask "how fast do you want to go today?"

I found an original owner of an '87 951, who really didn't want to part with this car, but his wife wanted her new car in that garage space. I went for the test drive while my wife El and his wife stayed at the house waiting our return. This car had to be mine! I asked the selling price...it was a bit more than I wanted to spend, but what the heck!

We returned to the sellers home to finalize the deal, only to find out the deal had already been closed. His wife *wanted* that garage space! She and my wife had already made the sale. With a surprised look on his face and a smile on mine I wrote a check for \$3K less than our agreement.

Since then I have enjoyed my weekend driver and the bonus PCA group of people that fits in so well.

That's my story, I'd like to hear yours. Join us at an event soon! ●

From the Zone Rep (Continued from page 2)
 ested in learning what the local members desire. Several commented afterwards that they were impressed with his comments and his concern to meet the needs of members.

Simultaneous with the Presidents' Meeting, Donald Bond, PCA Newsletter Chair, conducted a combined newsletter editor and web master seminar.



Items up for bid in the silent auction. Photo by David Witteried.

Donald has a wealth of knowledge and experience in both fields and provided valuable information. He is also working directly with region editors to provide additional support with design and layout. We have been very fortunate that Donald has been able to join us for

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PORSCHE WILD III

LAS VEGAS / APRIL 2003

Casino Boss: Roger Greene
 Pit Bosses: Nita Burrows, Nina Cooper
 Dealers: The Entire LV Region

To Place Your Bets Send Application to Nita Burrows for information email nb827@aol.com

Las Vegas Region, Porsche Club of America, Zone 8 Rules Apply

| APPLICATION | 1 | 2 | Amount |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| April 18, Concour Fremont Street Experience Car Placement Begins at 7AM Judging Begins 9AM Entry before 4PM \$40, after \$50 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| April 20, Autocross Las Vegas Motor Speedway Reg. 7:30AM Drivers Mtg. 8:30AM 1st Car Out 9AM Entry before 4PM \$40, after \$50 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Porsches Wild Event T-Shirt \$15.00 Indicate Size | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Total | | | _____ |

Send Application and Check to LVRPCA
 c/o Nita Burrows 5565 N. Campbell Rd.
 Las Vegas, NV 89149

Driver/Estrant _____ PCA Region _____
 Co-Driver/Estrant _____ PCA Region _____

Address _____
 _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ email _____
 Car Model _____ Body Type _____

Concour Level: Full _____ Street _____ Wash n Shine _____ Exhibit only \$10 _____

Rooms have been blocked out at the Golden Nugget \$69 for 4/18&19.
 Call the hotel at 702 385 7111 before March 15th for reservations and mention the Porsche Club.



Janice Witteried and Ernie Paschoal (former Zone 8 Representative) getting reacquainted. Photo by David Witteried.

From the Zone Rep (Continued from page 7)

the past two years - he is probably the busiest man I have ever met.

Two new seminars were added to the late afternoon schedule. Richard Price hosted the Concours meeting where he and new Zone 8 Concours Chair Julio Picchio provided instruction and materials on how to host a well-organized event from start to finish. The Driving meeting hosted by Lars Frohm and Vince Knauf offered instruction and materials on how to host a driving event from pre-registration to post-event tasks. Comments from members attending each seminar were overwhelmingly positive. I would like to extend my special thanks to the presenters, and to those who attended the meetings.

The banquet was a delightful affair that began with cocktails and beautiful background music, happy guests mingling with old and new friends, party favors for everyone, door prizes, and silent auction items (artwork, Momo racing seat, Boxster watch, Tires, Bondurant Racing School, etc.) that drew the excited attention of many.

We also had the pleasure of making the formal presentation of the new Zone 8 logo. You will be seeing this beautiful new logo on future communications and awards thanks to the creative talents of Jill Beck of Arizona Region. Jill, and seventeen other members, contributed designs last year, and the level of artistic talent was amazing - thanks to all for your contributions. Be sure to compliment Jill when you see her. I know you too will be proud of the new Zone 8 logo. We also had the pleasure of recognizing Carolyn Ewbank for her appointment as PCA Membership Chair.

In addition to hearing comments

from Tom Bobbitt and Donald Bond, we had the pleasure of greeting two Swedish journalists. These two young men were writing an article on Highway 1 and California racetracks. They initially sent an email asking if anyone could provide information about exotic Porsches in the area and special places to visit on their travels. From that initial email, they accepted my invitation and made plans to join us. According to subsequent emails, they had a delightful time traveling the California coast and appreciated all the suggestions they received from banquet guests. Zone 8 is now internationally famous!

The Introduction of sponsors and dignitaries was followed by competi-



Rich Bessette receiving his Autocross trophy for 1st place in the AM class series. Photo by Bev Griffin-Frohm.

tion awards - if you haven't already heard, this year's trophies were very unique - according to Donald Bond, he liked Michael Dolphin's AX awards so much that a Texas branch of SCCA plans to use the same award. Zone 8 Awards included: Sam Wang Award to Perry Bradshaw, Enthusiast of the Year to Richard Price, and Region of the Year to Santa Barbara Region. This year, a new award was initiated for the Small Region of the Year. It was awarded to Golden Empire Region, a group of 47 members who have distinguished themselves through their efforts to bring quality events to members throughout the zone. Congratulations to all the mem-

bers who won awards and contributed so much to the success of their region and Zone 8.

It was a pleasure to introduce many of the event's sponsors in attendance, and I encourage you to thank them for their generous support of this event and their ongoing support for Porsche enthusiast in Zone 8, by remembering them the next time you purchase a product. Following, is a list of those who contributed to this year's event: 303 Products, Andial, B&B Exhaust, Bondurant Racing School, Borla, Bridgestone Tires, California Custom Shapes, California Speedway, Car-Nuba Store, Cleantools, Das Schild, Dromo 1, Eagle 1, Einszett, Four Star Platinum, GHL Exhaust, Hass Entertainment, Jim Hall Kart Racing, Julio Picchio, K&N, Kinesis, Kumho Tires, Maguire's, Michael Bryan Gallery, Michael Jekot, Michelin Tires, Mothers, Motul, Newport Porsche, Paul Engineering, PCNA, Pelican Parts, Pep Boys, Performance Products, Piloti Shoes, Pinnacle, Primedia, Pirelli Tires, Protect All, Ralph Boothe, Richard Baron, Judy Savic, Sees, Stoner, Stuttgart Performance, Tire Rack, Tweeks, Valvoline, WallWerks, Wheel Enhancement, Zymol.

I want to thank those who have communicated their kind comments of appreciation and support for the meetings, awards, and banquet. Your words are greatly appreciated, but it could not have happened without your presence. Thank you for your participation.

We had a great time, and I hope you plan to join us next year. Remember, this is not an exclusive event only for those who win an award, but rather a time when competitors gather together with friends to celebrate successes and the good fortune to be part of Zone 8. Thank you for sharing your evening with us. ●



Mary Ann Paré, Rich Bessette, and Janice Witteried socializing at the awards banquet. Photo by David Witteried.

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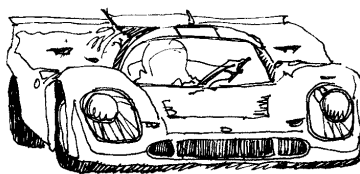
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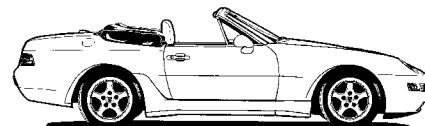
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