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### Zone 8

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## November

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- TBD West Coast Choppers/Monster Garage Tour

### Zone 8

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## Air & Water

By Rich Paré— President  
Photos by David Witteried and John Crnkovich



Hi everyone. Well, here we are deep into summer, and I'm sure we are all looking forward to lesser temperatures. Coming up this month is our

Moonlight Tour to Tehachapi where we all have a chance to go "topless!"

And speaking of Tehachapi, on August 21st there is the 41st Annual Tehachapi Mountain Festival, which



Todd Schultz's 914 hot rod.

includes a car show, craft fair, and lots of other activities for the whole family. The car show will be back on the downtown streets, the craft fair is in a beautiful shaded park within walking

distance of the car show. See the flier on page 7 of this issue for the car show. The first 100 get a dash plaque and T-shirt. Let's have a showing like the one we had at Fosters Freeze.

June was a quiet month with the Fosters Freeze Anniversary Cruise-In as our event. We had thirteen (13) cars, read that 13 Porsches in attendance, we could have had 14 but alas, a hard luck story cut us back. Mary Ann and I brought our two, Rich Bessette and his family brought two of his "fleet," Greg Reed brought two, would have been three, but therein is the hard luck story. Lynn and Joni Barnes came up from Castaic to show their gorgeous red Boxster, Mark and Eleanor Charus brought their 911, Mike Forest brought his 914, Neil and Lynda Masco had the 928, Todd Schultz and his 914 hot rod, and two prospective new members showed up with a 911 and a 928.

It was a bit windy but it wasn't until dinner was served that we realized how hard when our salads become one with the parking lot!!! Of course there was a lot of American iron on display and many of them I would not kick out of my driveway. Of note was a Hertz Mustang GT 350, almost completely



Mark Charus, Rich and Mary Ann Paré, and Eleanor Charus enjoying Bar-B-Q.

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the way it left Henry's factory. This was a limited edition exquisite black and gold series for Hertz Rent-a-car.

Ok, now for the hard luck story.

On this particular morning of the Cruise-In was also our monthly breakfast. There were three 914s in attendance, could have been four, but I elected to bring the 944, because the 914 was the cleanest of the two, and I didn't want to create

extra work for the Cruise-In! Greg Reed was on the way with his 944 Turbo, got as far as Avenue I and blew the head gasket! Ouch, that's gonna leave a dent in his wallet! Well it seems I am about to fill up the page so I will close and as usual boys and girls, keep the shiny side up. 🚗

## Tehachapi Moonlight Tour

The Tehachapi Moonlight Tour is scheduled for August 28th, and since it is a "moonlight" tour, it will be starting late. We will be meeting at the Apple Shed at 6:30 pm that evening for dinner. Then after dinner, we will be heading to an undisclosed location for relaxation, enjoyment of the cool night air, and gazing at the starry skies. Bring your chairs, jackets or blankets to keep warm, and whatever turns your fancy. Hope to see you there! As always, if you have any questions give me a call at 661-823-9753.

**Folks driving in from Lancaster, Palmdale and Rosamond can meet at the McDonald's restaurant in Rosamond at 5:30 to caravan up to the Apple Shed.**



# From the Editor's Bench

By David Witteried — Winding Roads Editor  
Photos by David Witteried



I've heard that the Foster Freeze Cruise-in was a real success. Unfortunately my wife and I missed the event because we had to travel out of town

that weekend for a family member's 90th birthday party. I would like to thank Greg Reed for writing an article and providing photographs from the event. It's really great how the membership pitches in to help with the newsletter.

Well, it's nail biting time! The PCA national newsletter contest results will have been announced at the Parade sometime late in July. I think the Winding Roads Newsletter has a very good chance of winning. More news next month!

I sent out an informal survey in the June issue requesting information on your favorite automotive related shops in the local area. So far I have not received any responses! The shop categories were: Mechanic, Alignment, Upholstery, Paint, and Performance. Share your experience that is what the club is all about!

Advertising in the Winding Roads Newsletter works! I recently placed an advertisement for my used oil cooling system in our newsletter and web site. Well, I got a response to my advertisement recently! If you have some stuff lying around in your garage that you want to get rid of consider placing an advertisement. It's free for members!

An event that did not make it onto the schedule for the July issue of the



Two of my favorite contributing photographers... Greg Reed and John Crnkovich.

newsletter has an event flyer included in this issue on page 8. This is the seventh Annual Car, Truck and Cycle Show on Saturday August 21st. With the great turnout we had at the Foster Freeze event we thought this would be another opportunity to have a good time with other automotive enthusiasts!

New in this issue is a series of articles, Porsche Tales, by Mike Forest chronicling the many Porsches he has owned over the years. Thanks for the contribution!

See you on the road! 🚗

# Porsche Tales... My First and Second 914

By Mike Forest

I remember being excited about a new Porsche coming to market that would be affordable to me at the time. It would have a mid engine, two seats, a five speed trans. and 4 wheel disc brakes. Sounded like something I had to look into. At the time, we had a VW/Porsche dealership in Lancaster. While driving by one day, I saw one of the new cars in the showroom. I stopped, went inside and almost got sick. This thing had skinny tires and the front of the car was noticeably higher than the rear. Yuck!

A friend and I were down in LA on our way to the auto show one morning when we came across a 914 at a stoplight. The driver decided he would show me how much faster his car was



Mike Forest's second 914 2.0.

than my old 356. The outcome was probably not as he intended. Not only are they ugly, they're slow too!

My brother-in-law had expressed interest in my 356 and I was thinking about a used 911. After he bought the car, I drove to Gabriel and Olsen Porsche/Audi to see what they had on their lot. There was a nice, silver '69 911S available and, after talking with the salesperson and determining that I could afford it, we went for a drive. That was a nice car. I told the salesman I would buy it and, while standing by the car talking, a young guy walks up and told the salesman he wanted to buy the same car. He apparently had looked at it previously but had not made a commitment to buy it at that time. I mentioned that I was going to buy the car and he said he would be right back with the money. As I would have to

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# Fosters Freeze Anniversary Cruise-In

By Greg Reed

Photos by Greg Reed and John Crnkovich

We had a fun event June 5. If you missed it, I'll fill you in on some of the details so you can know what to expect for next year. I really don't know how far back the Anniversary Cruise-In event at Fosters Freeze in Rosamond goes, but I know it's been a tradition in the community for many years. This is the second time our club has "officially" taken part by entering our cars into competition with the likes of Mustang GT 350s and 1968 Camaro SS's.

Many of us arrived around 4:00PM to stake out a good parking area. Rich and Mary Ann Paré immediately roped



Setting up in the Foster Freeze parking lot.

off about ten slots for the other PCA members that we expected to show. Boy were we surprised when we 13 Porsches arrived! This was one of our best attended events of the year. We even had two non-members bring in a 911 and a 928.

I thought the muscle car guys might cry foul for encroachment, but room was made for all... old, new, American and European alike. Sure we have our differences with the muscle car enthusiasts, but we are all car nuts and love to talk about our passion for the autos we drive. We lined all the Porsches together and nearly took up

all of the west side lot. What a showing! Rich Paré was out there parking and lining us up like a crew chief directing jets on the flight line at Edwards AFB. We tried to not park like



The event gets rolling.

colors next to each other so our showing would look better.

Some of us are really nuts and have multiple Porsches in our corrals. I currently own three and I'm not even close to holding the record. I had only two available as my Turbo was in the shop getting a new head gasket. Boost is addicting and sometimes you can push it too hard—as in my case earlier that morning. The Paré's brought their beautiful 914 and 944, the Bessette's brought a 914 and 944, Mike Forest



Todd Schultz's 914 race car attracts attention.

brought his 914, Lynn and Joni Barnes brought their Boxster, Neil and Lynda Masco brought their 928, Todd Schultz bought his 914 race car which was ever popular with the hotrod crowd, Mark and Eleanor Charus brought their Carrera, and our two guests 911 and 928 rounded out our club's showing. We brought out our lawn chairs and camped around our

cars answering questions, swapping stories and inspecting all the cars. The event is also highlighted with a live '50s style band and BBQ. For about \$5, you got a great Tri-tip dinner which included salad, beans, bread and drink. I think I saw the gusting wind take our salads down the street, but that's another story. The band's lead guitarist/singer was Mr. Luckinbill (former Vice Principle at Rosamond High School) who is a local favorite. They belted out songs like "Root Beer" (a play on Tequila) and Elvis' Blue Suede Shoes.



Mark Charus loves to talk wheels!

The event was a real family gathering and a good place to start growing young car enthusiasts. You can't just have dinner at Fosters! You've got to top off the eats with the treats. I know that at least Mike Forest and I gave into the temptation and bought a shake.

The cars were judged in 4 categories of which I can only remember a few: all original, modified, and best paint job. Plans for next year include adding a category for best Porsche, with Lynn Barnes helping to contribute

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As the sun goes down, appetites go up. Time for some barbecue! Rich and Mary Ann Paré with Eleanor Charus.

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## Region Board Meeting

By Mark Charus — Secretary



Executive Officer's Board Meeting  
16 June 2004,  
Zuma's Restaurant  
Call meeting to order at 6:42 p.m..  
Last months minutes were read.

Treasurer Report: Income collected from the PCA first quarter refund and newsletter advertisements. Expenses incurred were from the newsletter printing and mailing.

Membership Report: Current California- Inland membership is 51. Celebrating 10 years are Guy and Jennifer

Williams.

Events Report: This month's unofficial event was the Foster Freeze Cruise -In, where club members proudly displayed 13 Porsches among the Detroit iron that is the norm.

Upcoming California-Inland events are the monthly membership breakfast, Saturday, July 3rd at the Greenhouse Café. July 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Lighthouse Tour and in August the Te-hachapi Moonlight Tour.

Editor Report: Articles are due for the August newsletter by the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Webmaster Report: The web site is being updated.

New Business: New business included planning for a membership picnic this summer. Possible locations for consideration could be Cal City or Te-

hachapi in conjunction with the Te-hachapi Mountain Festival and Car Show. Planning is also ongoing for next year's event calendar. National and PCA information was read.

Next board meeting will be July 21st, 2004 at Zuma's Restaurant. All members are welcome to attend, enjoy dinner, and add your thoughts, to make Cal-Inland your club.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.. 📡

## Membership Report

By Greg Reed — Membership



Hello Cal Inland Region members! Once again, PCA National's online database system is still not functional. They have provided membership data

manually this month, which unlike last month's info, has made it to me early in the month. What I have noticed is that they have listed more than a few folks as non-renewals that are actually late renewals. This creates a lag in correct and current membership information that I receive. It definitely points to the fact that we need to be more diligent on renewing our memberships early. Not only does late renewal create problems in reporting accurate info to you all, but it also can make you miss an issue of Panorama as you're removed from the National's membership database. So, please renew early or in a timely manner.

Last month we "unofficially" had 51 members. This month, we had two non-renewals, three late renewals, and one new member. That puts us at 53 members! Let's welcome our newest member, Herman Rijfkoel from Rosamond. He drives a white 1987 911 Carrera convertible with a tan top. I think I've seen him driving to work on base more than a few times already. A few weeks ago, I pulled up to him at a traffic light in town and asked him if he was a member yet. He said he had just joined and that I would be hearing from him soon. Hey, that's great, I thought to myself. So Herman, WELCOME!

We have several anniversaries to report: William Gleason at 5 years, Lynn & Joni Barnes at 2 years, Ronald & Karen Derouin at 1 year and Howard & Lynda Masco at 1 year. KUDOS! 📡

### PCA Zone 8 Detail Day at Meguiar's August 14th, 2004

On August 14th, 2004 Meguiar's will proudly host a hands-on detailing "How-To" class for Zone 8 PCA at their Irvine location at 8:30am.

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evening so we decide an early night was in order as we had a busy day planned the next day. The next day we headed to the Frankfurt auto show where we had a special invite from the Porsche club Germany to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the 911. We spent most of the day viewing all of the latest releases from among others Ferrari with the Enzo, Mercedes McLaren with the SLR and Ford with the GT40. The show ended around 7 pm so we made our way back to the Porsche stand where a party was getting under way for 350 special guests. All the cars that were off limits before were now available to check out. Every model was there including my favorite

the GT3 RS. There were several buffets set up with great German food as well



as lots of German Beer. We got to meet lots of great people with the Porsche club and made many new friends. During the night I found out that Tina and I

were the only invited guests from the United States. To top off the night they gave out special gifts to everyone including DVD's made especially for the party.

The next morning we were up early as we had to make our way to the Nurburgring. We arrived just before lunch so we made our way to the track to see what was going on. As it was a Saturday the place was packed with all kinds of cars and bikes. For those that don't know the Nurburgring is actually two tracks joined together. The Sudschleife which is 4.8 miles long and is used for among other things the European round of the Formula 1 GP and the Nordschleife which is 14.2 miles long and includes a total of 172 corners. It is also known as the Green Hell and is used extensively for testing by Porsche, BMW and Mercedes among others. The great thing about this track is anyone with 14 Euro can take whatever they are driving out on the track for a lap. This was my second time here so I knew what to expect. I paid my 14 euro and headed out on the track with the rental car and was immediately overtaken by a bike. It is not uncommon



to see all kinds of vehicles as you make your way around the 14 miles. I made it back in one piece so I parked the car and found Tina at the restaurant. The car park here has some of the most exotic machinery you will ever see. Most of the cars are set up especially for the ring. There were lots of Porsche RS models as well as the new GT3 and a few of the new BMW CSL. After lunch we made our way to the hotel to check in. The hotel we stayed at is actually built right next to the Formula 1 track and the balconies for each room look out over the start line. This is the hotel where all the F1 drivers stay. The bar has a car theme with lots of signed photo's of famous drivers all over the

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### 911 SC Hard Starting With Backfiring

By Lee Rice, from Pandemonium, Orange Coast Region

*My 911 SC starts right up but dies right away. When I try a restart, it takes a while to get it to run, but it runs poorly and backfires. (I have a Backfire Valve installed) After it runs a while, it runs great, but when I restart it, it runs rough for a while. I have checked the timing and it is about 8-10 degrees advance at idle. The air hoses are all in good condition and the clamps are tight. Do I need to have the fuel pressure tested?*

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*Porsche Fall Tour (Continued from page 7) walls and ceiling.*

The next morning we rose early for another long drive up to Leipzig in northern Germany where the Cayenne's and the new Carrera GT's are built. Approaching on the autobahn we could see what looked like a giant spaceship in the distance so we knew we were getting close. We checked in with reception but because we were early we had to wait a few minutes. From the upper level you have a wonderful view of the new race track they have built here. While we were waiting I heard what I thought was an F1 car

then out of the garage came a silver Carrera GT that proceeded to tear up the track followed by two GT2's. These guys are the test drivers for Porsche and they were not holding back.

A few minutes later a nice lady appeared and introduced herself. There were about 8 of us on the tour and she proceeded to show us the 4 levels of the customer centre. There is a state of the art cinema and conference room as well as a dining area that overlooks the track. On the top level is a selection of race cars from the past set up on display. Another room was full of video screens that can zoom in on any part of the race track. There is also a goodie store just in case you haven't spent enough money already.

After the customer centre we proceeded across the road to the Cayenne production area. This area was so clean. It was like walking into a hospital. She showed us how the bodies are preassembled in another part of Germany and brought by rail to Leipzig. The engines and transmissions come from Zuffenhausen and everything is assembled here. She then told us we were in for a special treat and led us to the far corner of the factory. This area has been closed off to the public since they opened the factory and we were the first group to get a look at the Carrera GT production line. There are 4 stages in the production and only 7 people work here putting these wonderful machines together. Just as we arrived they must have just finished assembling a car as they started it up and slowly pulled it off the production line.

After the tour we proceeded back to the customer area where I asked if we could get a closer look at one of the GT's. We went through into the garage area where a silver and black car was parked. We got the chance to meet some of the test drivers and take some pictures which was the experience of a lifetime. I can't say enough about the hospitality we received here. Everyone was so nice to us which made the experience so enjoyable. By this time it was getting late so we said our good-bye's and headed back to the hotel as this we had along drive back to Frankfurt in the morning for our afternoon flight home.

Utilising all the contacts we have made Tina and I are working on plans

to provide the ULTIMATE German tour for our fellow Porsche enthusiasts. Our tour will include a Porsche for the entire trip, amazing and unique accommodations, including castles, track time and tours of both Zuffenhausen and Leipzig, all at an affordable price. If this sounds like your kind of dream vacation let us know and we will keep you up to date with our plans. Contact me at [mtrewartha@socal.rr.com](mailto:mtrewartha@socal.rr.com). 🚗

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*Fosters Freeze Anniversary Cruise-In (Continued from page 4)*

a trophy. After looking through the pictures you'll get an idea of all the fun we had. It was great to see the large turnout for this event. We're already scheming up ideas on how we can take over more parking spaces with a bigger showing of Porsches next time. Hope to see you there next year! 🚗

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*Porsche Tales (Continued from page 3)*

finance some of the purchase price, the salesman decided to sell it to him.

There were no other 911s in my price range on the lot so I was going to look somewhere else. The salesman asked if I'd be interested in a 914. I told him what I thought about them and he asked "Have you ever driven one?" That drive was all it took. It was in my driveway later that evening. That first 914 was a '71 with under 10,000 miles on it. I bought it in late '71.

That poor car met an untimely end on Bouquet Canyon Rd. about six months after I bought it. I was forced off the road by a large motor home being driven in the wrong lane and ended up over the embankment and down the hill. Things weren't too bad until, while sliding down the hill backwards, it hit a tree stump, turned sideways and rolled. We came to rest shiny side up. Luckily, I was not hurt, that roll bar is pretty strong. The car, however, was done for.

The other driver's insurance company gave me enough to buy another, identical '71 914. I installed 4 spoke American mag wheels and a "snow plow" front air dam. I also lowered the front end which made it look much better. That car was a lot of fun and took me all over the place, including to Oklahoma and back, with no troubles at all. But the 911 bug was still there. 🚗

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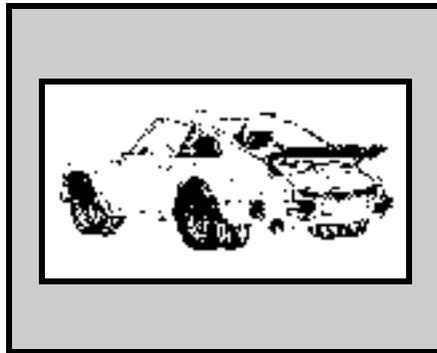
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**August 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **Tehachapi Moonlight Tour...**

We will be meeting at the Apple Shed at 6:30 pm that evening for dinner then a tour of the local area. Folks driving in from Lancaster, Palmdale and Rosamond can meet at the McDonald's restaurant in Rosamond at 5:30 p.m..

**See event flier on page 2!**

**August 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Car, Truck and Cycle Show...**

We will be meeting at the McDonald's restaurant in Rosamond at 10:30 a.m..

**See event flier on page 6!**

