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Introduction

Happy New Year to all California Inland members! This short newsletter briefly captures the events of the Region from October to December of last year. We look forward to seeing you all at our events in 2022.

Porsche Santa Clarita Cars and Coffee Events

Porsche Santa Clarita (PSC) continued to host Cars and Coffee events in the 4th Quarter. The November 13th C&C celebrated Veteran's Day with free breakfast burritos for veterans, information from two Veterans' Services Organizations in the Santa Clarita Valley, and a special moment of silence led by Porsche Santa Clarita service manager Armen Mansouri, an Air Force Iraq War combat veteran. At PSC's December 11th C&C, the dealership sponsored a holiday toy drive during the C&C.



Please note that future C&C events at the dealership will be held the first Saturday of the month beginning in 2022 to avoid a scheduling conflict with other car events in the area. They intend to have a unique theme for each event, so watch for updates

Edwards AFB Custom Auto Show (Oct 8th)

One of the most unique events of recent years included an exotic car show for military and civilian employees at Edwards Air Force Base. The event was not open to the public, but members of the California Inland Region were invited to participate. Along with members of the Los Angeles Exotic Car Club and the Ferrari Club of America, Porsche drivers from CAI



showed off their cars and took pictures with static aircraft displays. The USAF displays included an F-16, F-35, T-38, and the B-1 on one of the most famous and historic flight lines in the Air Force. Air Force leadership was very thankful for our participation as the car show was the first base-wide morale event since the beginning of the pandemic.

The turnout from CAI was exceptional. Upon arrival in the morning, the skies were uncharacteristically covered with clouds and rain, resulting in a bright rainbow against the dark

skies. A group of about 20-25 cars staged at the Edwards AFB entrance sign on Rosamond Blvd before heading through the security checkpoint for base access. After being escorted onto the flight-line, the group lined up in a Porsche corral. In addition to the static displays described above, the participants enjoyed music, breakfast burritos from the Edwards Club, a military working dog demonstration, an unexploded ordnance robot demonstration, and fire department vehicle displays.

Following the main event, car show participants returned to their vehicles and were escorted in front of the static displays for a photograph before being escorted out to the flight line. Under a controlled environment, one vehicle at a time was

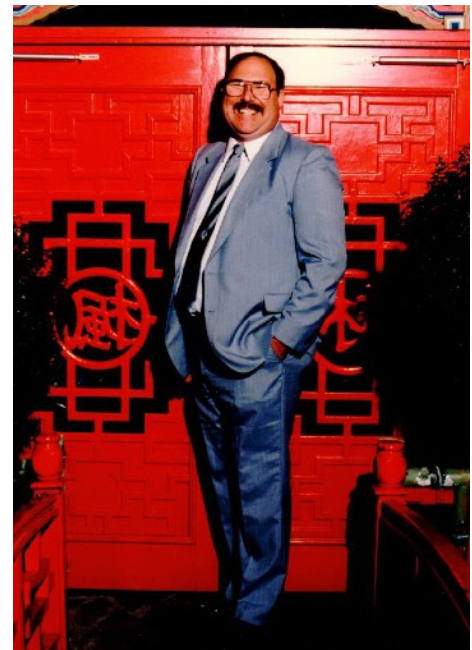


permitted to accelerate along the 15,000 feet of concrete that comprises Runway 23. For those lucky enough to have launch control, it made for an amazing view. Although the distance authorized by the Air Force did not allow for very high speeds, the potential once-in-a-lifetime experience of driving on the flight-line was extraordinary. Hopefully, we'll be able to re-live this again in 2024 as the plan is to hold the car show every other year, opposite the Edwards Air Show.



Mike Forest Memorial Pine Canyon Tour (Oct 16th)

This quarter also included our annual Mike Forest memorial drive. Mike, an original founding member of California Inland, passed away in 2018. One of the events he personally developed and led was a tour of Pine Canyon. In memory of Mike, California Inland members retrace the route annually - this year on October 16th. This long drive originated in Santa Clarita, headed north on Lake Hughes Road over the San Gabriel Mountain Range into the Antelope Valley, turned west onto Pine Canyon Road and then headed back up to the Range until stopping along the Old Ridge Route Road. The Ridge Route was the first paved highway linking the Los Angeles Basin to California's Central Valley. The portion



of the route we stopped at even has some of the original pavement and has a beautiful view of the Antelope Valley. After a short stop and briefing about the Old Ridge Route's history, the tour concluded at the Rock Inn in Lake Hughes for lunch, camaraderie, and a tribute to Mike's memory.

PCA UnStock (Nov 14th)

For the first time this year, PCA hosted an event called UnStock. It was a celebration of P-car modifications, and there was no better place to hold the event than the Gunther Werks' headquarters in Huntington Beach, CA. Although this was not an official CAI event, many CAI members headed down to check out the festivities. Gunther Werks is world-famous for restoration and modification (resto-mod) of Porsche 911 993s (1995-1998). Based on a "simple" question, "what if we could build the ultimate 'money is no object' 993?" The UnStock event allowed enthusiasts an opportunity to show their personal mods while also receiving a full access tour of Gunther Werks' facilities and current projects. Check them out at www.guntherwerks.com. Look forward to this event growing significantly in the future!



CAI 35th Anniversary at PSC (Dec 11th)

Due to limited in-person events during the uptick in COVID-19 infections and increased restrictions, we merged our annual holiday with a celebration of California Inland's 35th anniversary. Porsche Santa Clarita



graciously agreed to host the event this year in the Wunderground. Members were greeted with raffle tickets, passed hors d'oeuvres (including heirloom tomato bruschetta, chicken and shrimp skewers, and vegetable spring rolls), and a wine and beer bar. California Inland purchased over \$3,000.00 in door prizes, including items from Porsche Drivers Selection™, Porsche

Design™, our own California Inland store at www.pcawebstore.org/regions/CAI/, and even Lego! Porsche Santa Clarita's Chef Geo prepared a wonderful meal including chicken piccata, seafood penne pasta, and grilled tri-tip. We used the opportunity to announce the new CAI Board Members for 2022-2024 (referenced below) and that our own Lori DeCristo will become the new Zone 8 Representative. In addition to the festivities, all proceeds raised from the party were added to our annual scholarship for two students in the Automotive Technology Program at the College of the Canyons. This raised our annual scholarship for 2022 from \$1,000 to \$2,420.



NSQ Autocross Team

Finally, throughout the fall, many CAI members competed in various Autocross events across Zone 8. Amy (8), Alex (68), John (113) and David (811) pictured below at one of the many events. Ian (54) unpictured since he apparently took all of the photos below!



Board Member Elections

California Inland Region Board members serve for a period of two years and can be re-elected into the same position for a second two-year period. Alex Helyer has honorably served for two terms and therefore became a Past President. As a result of uncontested campaigns, the following changes to the Board will be effective in January 2022. Ian Anderson will move up to President. Sam Thurman will move up to Vice President. Peter Loeb was elected Secretary (welcome Peter!). Dale Riedel will remain as Treasurer for a second term. Alex will have a voting role as the most recent Past President and will also take over Concours Chair duties. With Lori's move up to Zone 8 Representative to the National PCA, John Quick graciously agreed to become the Membership Chair.