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Introduction to the 2022 Year-in-Review

What do you get when you have a procrastinator volunteer to prepare and distribute a Quarterly Newsletter? You get an Annual Year-in-Review instead! At least one New Year's Resolution for one of your Board members is to be more diligent in getting these out in a timely manner. We'll see how that works out.

Monthly Breakfast and Lunch Drives

Throughout the year, California Inland Region (CAI) members enjoyed monthly drives and gatherings at various restaurants in Santa Clarita and Lancaster. In pre-COVID era, we routinely scheduled a drive & meal twice a month on a regular, recurring basis. The 2020 shutdowns and the periodic resurgences of heightened health protection concerns has impacted our ability to commit to two events per month. Coupled with the regularly scheduled Cars & Coffee at Porsche Santa Clarita (PSC), we have instead focused on one recurring drive & meal event a month.

For the most part, our drives have originated in Palmdale, traversed through the always-spirited Bouquet Canyon



Road, and terminated at various locations in Santa Clarita. This year, our destinations included Margarita's, Black Bear Diner, and one special event in the Wunderground at PSC. Our Board meetings usually followed the breakfast for anyone wishing to participate. This year, we added special guest speakers when possible. The February meet-up focused on the ins-and-outs of Autocross with a presentation from Dick Hill, who had participated in his first Autocross a couple weeks earlier.



In February, we re-instituted our Lancaster meals at the Greenhouse Cafe, but this time with a twist. Rather than meet for breakfast, we decided to meet for lunch, so that we could include a northerly drive. We met in Santa Clarita and enjoyed Bouquet Canyon in the reverse direction. This was our first event back at the Greenhouse since the start of the pandemic and was enjoyed by many. Look to see more of these lunch drives in the future.

In the middle of the year, we switched things up a little by adding the Santa Clarita Black Bear Diner to our list of recurring locations. They went out of their way to welcome us by reserving the banquet room and bringing in additional staff to support our larger groups. On the September drive, a group of 914s joined our caravan at the Bouquet Reservoir overlook for the second half of the drive. Throughout the year, members received in-depth discussions on “coil packs” from Ed Short, Treffen from Dave and Jen Douglas, and Porsche’s incredible Porsche Doppelkupplung (PDK) transmission from Ian Anderson.

Finally, in June we enjoyed our monthly breakfast in the depths of the PSC Wunderground. With a buffet of eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes and pastries catered by the Horseless Carriage, we were surrounded by some of the most coveted Porsches in history. President Ian Anderson delivered an amazing presentation about the background and history of the Le Mans, which had just concluded.

Consistent with an increased push from PCA National on encouraging drivers to participate in Autocross, the CAI leadership has successfully motivated a number of our members to give it a try. In 2022 alone, we had at least five “first-timers” get bit by the Autocross bug. We look forward to seeing many more come out in 2023! If you’re at all curious about Autocross, don’t hesitate to reach out to our NSQ team members identified below



Porsche Santa Clarita Cars & Coffee 2022 Reboot

After a winter hiatus from hosting cars and coffee events, our regional Porsche Santa Clarita dealership roared back in 2022 with monthly Cars & Coffee events starting in March. Each month highlighted a different theme, with March bringing in the Hypercar — it did not disappoint. The dealership called in some favors and even pulled in a Ferrari Enzo (delivered on a truck because, you know, it's not meant to be driven). The turnout was amazing and clearly set the bar for future cars & coffee events. In addition to the Enzo, enthusiasts enjoyed walking amongst rows of Lamborghinis (including a throwback Countach which many of us had as a poster on the bedroom wall), Mercedes 300SL Gull-Wings, Ford GTs, and McLarens. What an event! Photos cannot do it justice, but it's worth a try.



Other monthly PSC C&C themes and sponsors included CAI's Zone 8 Concours (May - described in greater detail below), P-Club Invasion (June), Brekkie Car Club (July), Fuel Run Edition (August), Sports Car Together Fest (September), Avants Publications (October), Patrick Long and Rod Emory Tribute to Luftgekhuht (December). The



September event was graced by the presence of Jay Leno (right), who stopped by the CAI hospitality tent to meet with CAI members and take a group photo. The December event also enjoyed a special appearance from the Gunther Werks Project Tornado prototype (#1/1) (below)!



Zone 8 Awards Banquet (January 15th)

Returning to January, we also had the annual Zone 8 Awards Banquet. This year, the event was at the Hyatt Regency Westlake in West Lake Village. Prior to the

banquet, the Zone hosted a Concours Judging School as the Zone looked to re-invigorate in-person Concours events again in 2022. California Inland's Not So Quick (NSQ) racing team made waves in the

Autocross awards with winners in six classes. Further, the Riedels were shocked (and that doesn't happen often) to learn they received the Zone 8 2021 Family of the Year (left). Finally, the banquet recognized the efforts of outgoing Zone 8 Representative to Porsche Club of America and welcomed our very own Lori DeCristo (CAI



Past President) as the new Zone 8 Representative (right). It was a wonderful opportunity to meet members from other Regions and win some awesome prizes.

Installation Dinner (January 22nd)

On January 22nd, California Inland held it's bi-annual Installation Dinner at The Vincent Hill Restaurant in Acton. Our bylaws allow for Board members to serve a term of two years in their respective position, with the ability to be re-elected once. Alex Helyer (second from right) had completed his four year term as President from 2018-2021 and Ian Anderson (far left) had completed his four year term as Vice President. This



year, Ian moved from Vice President to President, Sam Thurman (second from left) moved from Secretary to Vice President, and we welcomed Peter Loeb (far right) to his first Board position as Secretary. Dale Riedel (unpictured) remained Treasurer, having been initially installed into the position in early 2020. Reminder that this club is your club, and it remains viable only so long as members are willing to take on some leadership roles. New faces and ideas are always welcome and our Board members always remain available to make your participation smooth. If you'd like to develop a new event or take lead on one of our recurring events, just let us know and we'll make it easy.

Day Away (March & October)

Three CAI members braved the weather on March 18th to test their Porsches in the rain at "world-famous" Streets of Willow in Rosamond, California. They practiced wet track skills in the morning with the sun making an appearance and drying out the track for the afternoon sessions! Everyone had a safe day and learned a little more about driving their Porsches in significantly more challenging inclement conditions.



October's Day Away welcomed CAI members with much clearer weather to test the limits of cars for which "there is no substitute." These events are exceptionally well-regulated and safe - allowing drivers to improve their skills. Drivers with little or no track experience attend a training session the evening before the track day and are provided an instructor while on the track. Two participants included John Ament (middle) and Alex Helyer (right). You can see the entrance to a clock-wise day at Streets of Willow (left).



Detail Clinic (April 23rd)

In a spontaneous decision, CAI pulled together a last-minute detail clinic to help members prepare for CAI's first Concours d'Elegance in 3 years. After our April morning drive and breakfast, a couple dozen CAI members descended upon the PSC underground garage on a beautiful spring morning to watch and learn about the nuances of vehicle detailing. CAI Concours Chair Alex Helyer "donated" his 2004 911 C4S for a demonstration on the effectiveness of various products from Griot's Garage. Michael Dolphin,

GPX Region member and Griot's Garage representative, educated us on the benefits of the products and the types of cleaning tools best suited for your cleaning needs. There was no charge and Michael handed out cleaning supplies, scrub brushes, leather cleaners and micro-fiber towels to those in attendance.



California Inland Concours (May 7th)

Following up on the Detail Clinic, we welcomed back CAI Concours! Hosting the first Zone 8 Concours Series Event of 2022, Porsche Santa Clarita again stepped it up to make this a truly remarkable show. Combined with the May Cars & Coffee, Mikaela (Galpin Hospitality) and Armen (PSC Service Manager) reserved the parking garage and the "Wunderground" museum for Porsches entered into this elite car show and competition. Alex Helyer curated an awesome event with over 50 Concours entrants, presenting a couple bottles of wine from Paso Winery Stacked Stone (now Asuncion Ridge Winery) to Mikaela for all of her assistance pulling this together. Judges and participants were treated to both breakfast burritos and lunch sandwiches catered by



Chef Giovanni and Chef Mario from the Boxenstopp Cafe, located in the heart of the dealership. Anyone who's entered a Concours knows how much the time is spent conducting "final prep" of the car for the judges and waiting for the final awards!



Cali-Ente Drive (May 14th)

For the first real "tour" of the 2022 driving season, 25 lucky Cal-Inland participants in 15 p-cars spent this beautiful SoCal Saturday traversing hair-pin curves and literally dodging cattle on their way to Kernville for an early dinner. A few members assembled mid-morning at Porsche Santa Clarita for a "pre-drive" to the north on Bouquet Canyon Road, experiencing our



most common route from the opposite direction. The group encountered a fifteen minute delay due to unexpected construction as they waited for the “Follow-Me” vehicle. The good news is Bouquet Canyon has been greatly improved this year. After meeting up with the rest of the vehicles in Rosamond, two groups staggered their departure and headed north through the Tehachapi Pass Wind Farm, past the world famous Tehachapi Loop and on to Lake Isabella via Caliente-Bodfish Road. Second group caught up to first group after a three minute stand-off with four cattle in the middle of the road slowed the lead



group's progress. After a short stop at “Tank Park” for some military history, both groups finished the final leg with a jaunt around Lake Isabella to end at *Ewings on the Kern* in Kernville. The food and drinks were amazing as the participants ate lunch while overlooking whitewater rafters and kayakers navigate the Kern River Rapids. Look forward to a replay of this 300+ mile excursion in the future.



Cool Coast Tour (August 13th)

An annual staple for CAI, we again led a group ride in the heat of the summer to the “Cool Coast” of Ventura for some cooler weather, companionship, and amazing food (do you sense a theme?). This year, our planning did not initially realize the selected date coincided with the annual Ventura Fair, which luckily Ian Anderson discovered in the weeks before. His quick thinking and flexibility diverted the drive along a southerly route before stopping in Ojai for a short break, with a final destination of the Ventura Harbor instead of the Ventura Pier. Parking was aplenty and the group assembled for photo overlooking the harbor. Look forward to this recurring event this coming summer!



Hot August Night (August 27th)

Based on the initiative of members Dave & Jen Douglas, we saw our first evening drive in at least the past five years. Originating in Castaic, our group headed north past Castaic Lake and up Lake Hughes Road to Lake Hughes, then east on Elizabeth Lake Road and south on San Francisquito Canyon to Green Valley, then east on Spunky Canyon (which always lives up to its name) past the Bouquet Reservoir to Bouquet Canyon, and then south back into Santa Clarita for dinner. While it was sunny when we left, headlights came on as the sun began to set on our way over Spunky Canyon and back to the restaurant. The drive was beautiful and enjoyed by all. The summer heat dissipated as we assembled for a nice dinner and companionship on the patio at Wolf Creek Restaurant and Brewery Company in Santa Clarita.



Oktoberfest (October 1st)

Building on one of the highlights of 2021, we stepped up our Lake Arrowhead Oktoberfest game this year. While parking and admission are generally free, we recognized the benefit of reserving tables after we



enjoyed the 2021 festival standing outside the main tent in the rain. This year, we reserved four tables in the main tent and a block of rooms for those who take German drinking games too seriously. This lengthy drive also required two driving groups, starting at our traditional Albertson's in Palmdale and heading east through Valyermo and up the secluded mountain roads to Wrightwood before stopping at Cajon Junction. After a short break, the two groups drove east on the 138 past Silverwood Lake through Crestline and ending at the

Lake Arrowhead Village in time for the start of the festival. We secured the two front tables, allowing 20 of our members to get up-close and personal with the festivities. An additional, last minute reservation of two round tables outside the tent provided a little quieter area where members could actually talk to one another. Festmeister Bill led the participants and spectators through song, dance, games, and toasts throughout the day as the California Krauts provided authentic German music. All enjoyed traditional German bier, wine, food, and games like Stein Holding and Sausage Toss.





Luftgekühlt 8 (October 9th)

Luftgekühlt is a real-life representation of all things “air-cooled” in Porsche history and folk lore, from pre-A 356s through the 993 model line. The brain-child of Patrick Long (2 time Le Mans winner), Luft (as it is affectionately known) began as an experiential car culture event in Los Angeles. Luftgekühlt returned to the Port of Los Angeles, the site of Luft 4, after a two-year hiatus from the greater Los Angeles area since Luft 7 was held at the



Bottleworks District in Indianapolis and 2020 was canceled. Trying to rekindle the emotion of Luft 4 while exceeding the awesomeness of Luft 6 (held at Universal Studios backlot in 2019), Luft 8 did not disappoint! Words cannot truly capture the scope of this event, from the mere appreciation of these air-cooled machines to a deeper awareness of the historical significance of some of the displays. If you have not experienced a Luftgekühlt, it should definitely be added to your Porsche Enthusiast bucket list!

PCA ünStock (November 13th)

Capitalizing on the success of Luftgekühlt, Porsche Club of American (PCA) designed a new event in to celebrate “modified” Porsches from any generation. After the resounding success of the inaugural ünStock event in 2021 held at the Gunther Werks headquarters in Long Beach, the second iteration found a home





at West Coast Customs in Burbank this past November. Owners of Porsches with at least 3 visible modifications were able to display their vehicles with free registration, while attendance alone did not require any pre-registration and was also free. Spectators and participants enjoyed a variety of food trucks and drink options while meandering amongst these one-off vehicles. Expect PCA to repeat ünStock annually and watch for future updates in e-Brake News and Panorama.



Los Angeles Auto Show (November 18th)

Keeping with an annual tradition, Porsche Cars North America and Porsche Club of America team up to provide an up-close and personal experience to kick off the Los Angeles Auto Show. On the opening day



of this multi-week event, a large group of PCA members gained early access to the Porsche display on Friday, November 18th at the LA convention hall for the Porsche Preview Event. This year was really a celebration of the outdoors with the global unveiling of the new off-road capable 911 Dakar. There was a new Porsche roof

top tent that was fitted atop a Taycan. The new GT3RS was in attendance with its newly released aerodynamic wing. The new 911 Carrera T was on display along with the new 718 Cayman Style Edition and the Macan T. Participants enjoyed coffee while being able to open and sit in the vehicles before the start of the auto show for the public. Registration for the PCA early entry also came with a limited edition gift of Porsche wrapping paper and entry to the full auto show. For the duration of the auto show itself, Porsche owners could show their key and gain access to the catered Owner's Lounge at the Porsche exhibit. Notably, other luxury brands did not make an appearance at this year's show, including BMW, Land Rover / Range Rover, Mercedes, Jaguar. It'll be interesting to see if they make a return in 2023.



R2 Motorsports Tour (November 19th)

California Inland member Rafi Gogus moved R2 Motorsports from Santa Clarita to Castaic this past year and opened a gorgeous new facility. To spread the word, CAI members enjoyed a spirited drive from Palmdale down Lake Hughes Road to visit the new R2 Motorsports location. Rafi invited us to tour his spacious garage while enjoying coffee, donuts and a display of Porsches, Ferraris and Lamborghinis. Cal Inland thanked Rafi and his team for his continued support of our members by presenting him with a welcome banner to hang in his new shop. Watch for the grand opening at R2 Motorsports on March 25th.



Wünderground Holiday Party (December 7th)

We ended the year on a special note with a lovely Holiday Party in the Wünderground at Porsche Santa Clarita. We had a great turn out of members dressed in their holiday finest to enjoy a fully-stocked open bar, passed appetizers, smoked tri-tip and chicken penne pasta buffet and a chocolate fountain for dessert. We handed out plenty of door prizes from Porsche Design, Porsche Drivers' Selection, Porsche Club of America, ünStock, Lüft, Playmobil, Lego, and other manufacturers. Members enjoyed a photo slide show of our past activities and socializing among the epic museum cars in the Wünderground. The night ended with Cal-Inland President Ian recognizing various members for their unique contributions over the year, along with a special limerick from Dick Hill and a haiku from Amy Smith. What a way to end the year!!!



California Inland Region Store

Please take a moment to check out the CAI Region Store on the PCA website. You can access it by opening the PCA website (www.pca.org) and selecting the “Shop PCA” under the Membership Tab. You can also access the PCA Store directly (www.pcawebstore.org). Once there, select the “California Inland” link from the Region Webstores Tab. A portion of all sales will be refunded to your CAI club.

Team NSQ Autocross Recap

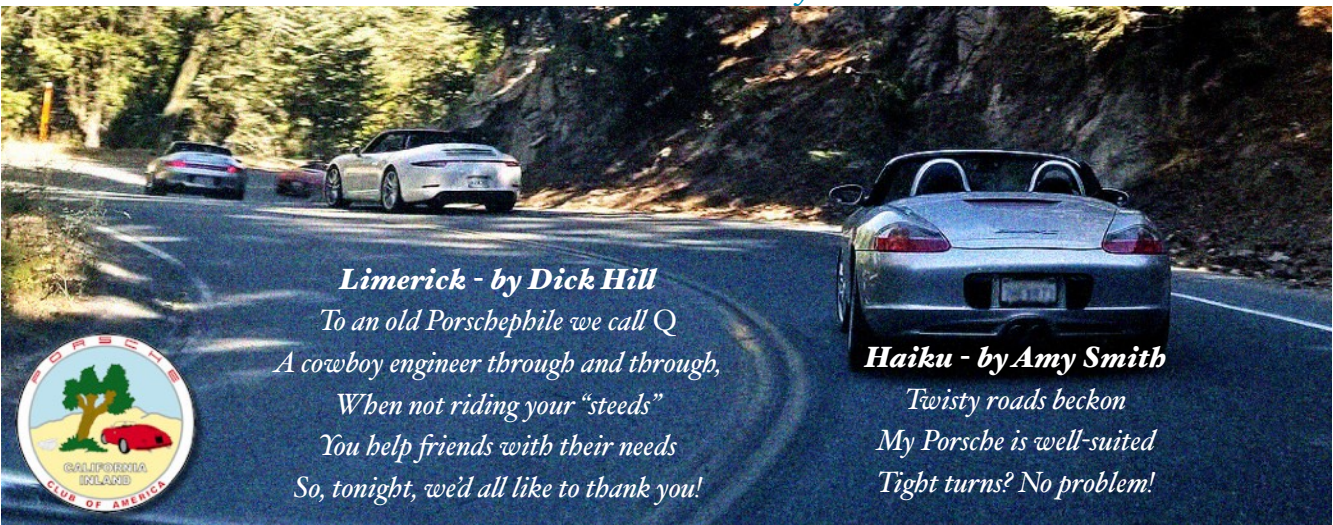
The Riverside Region of Zone 8 hosted the first Autocross of the year on February 13th. California Inland participation under the guise of Not So Quick racing was stout, including John Quick, Ian Anderson, Alex Helyer, David Witteried, Dale Riedel, Dick Hill and Amy Smith.



Shown is the typical NSQ set-up with cars lined up and ready to go (above left), and a tent to protect the drivers from the sun and heat (above right). The team also attended numerous other Autocross events throughout the year, including April, July, September and October with the Riverside and California Central Coast Regions. Hopefully we'll see many new faces in the year(s) to come as members try their hands at these “fun, low-cost, friendly and safe competition” events in a non-threatening environment.



Porsches and Poetry



Limerick - by Dick Hill
To an old Porscheophile we call Q
A cowboy engineer through and through,
When not riding your “steeds”
You help friends with their needs
So, tonight, we'd all like to thank you!

Haiku - by Amy Smith
Twisty roads beckon
My Porsche is well-suited
Tight turns? No problem!

