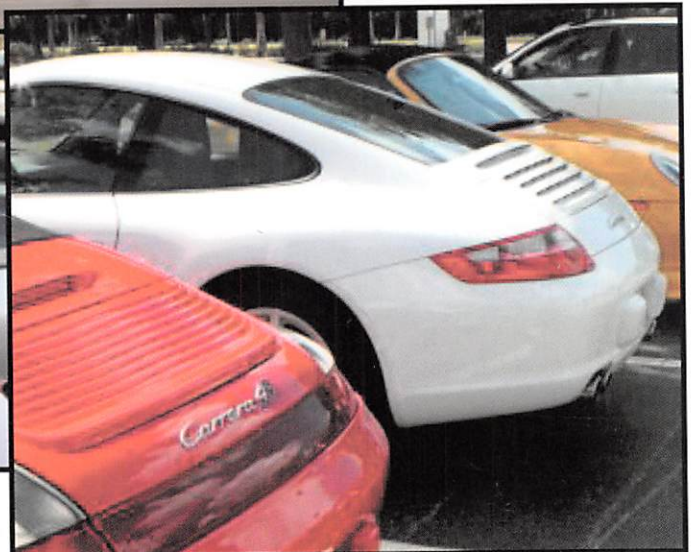
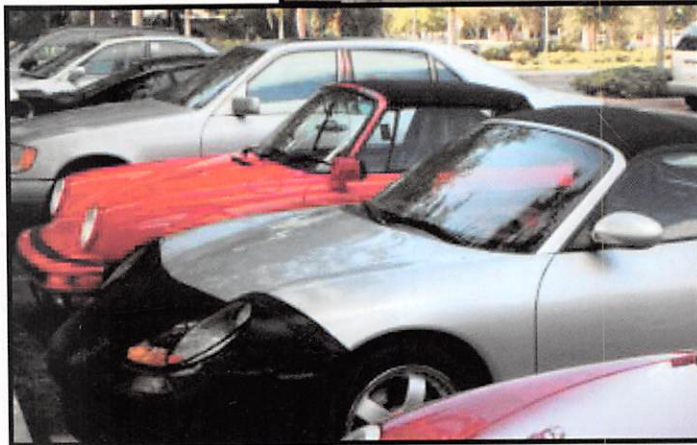
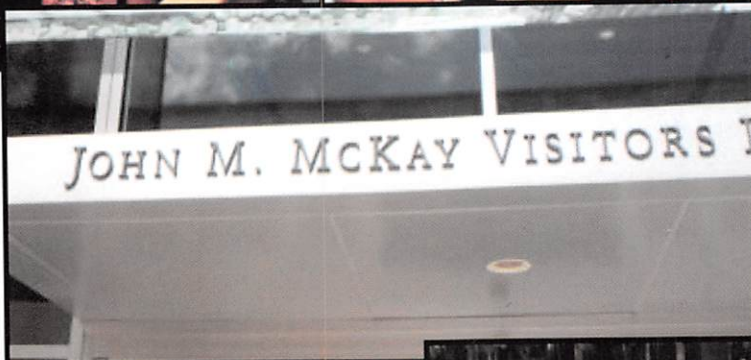
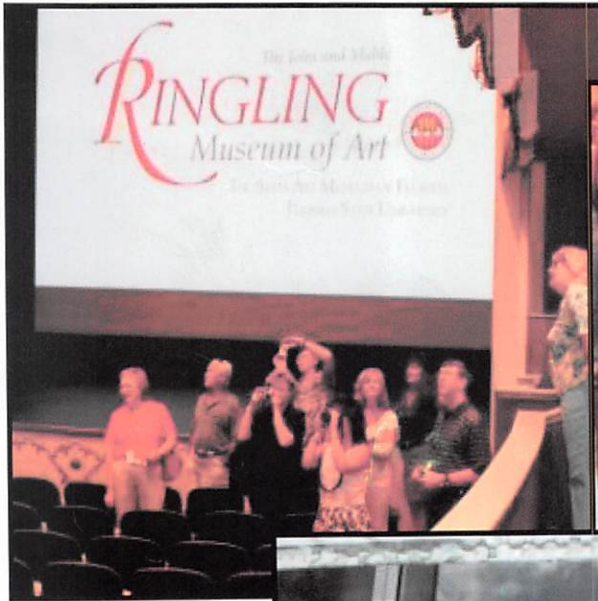


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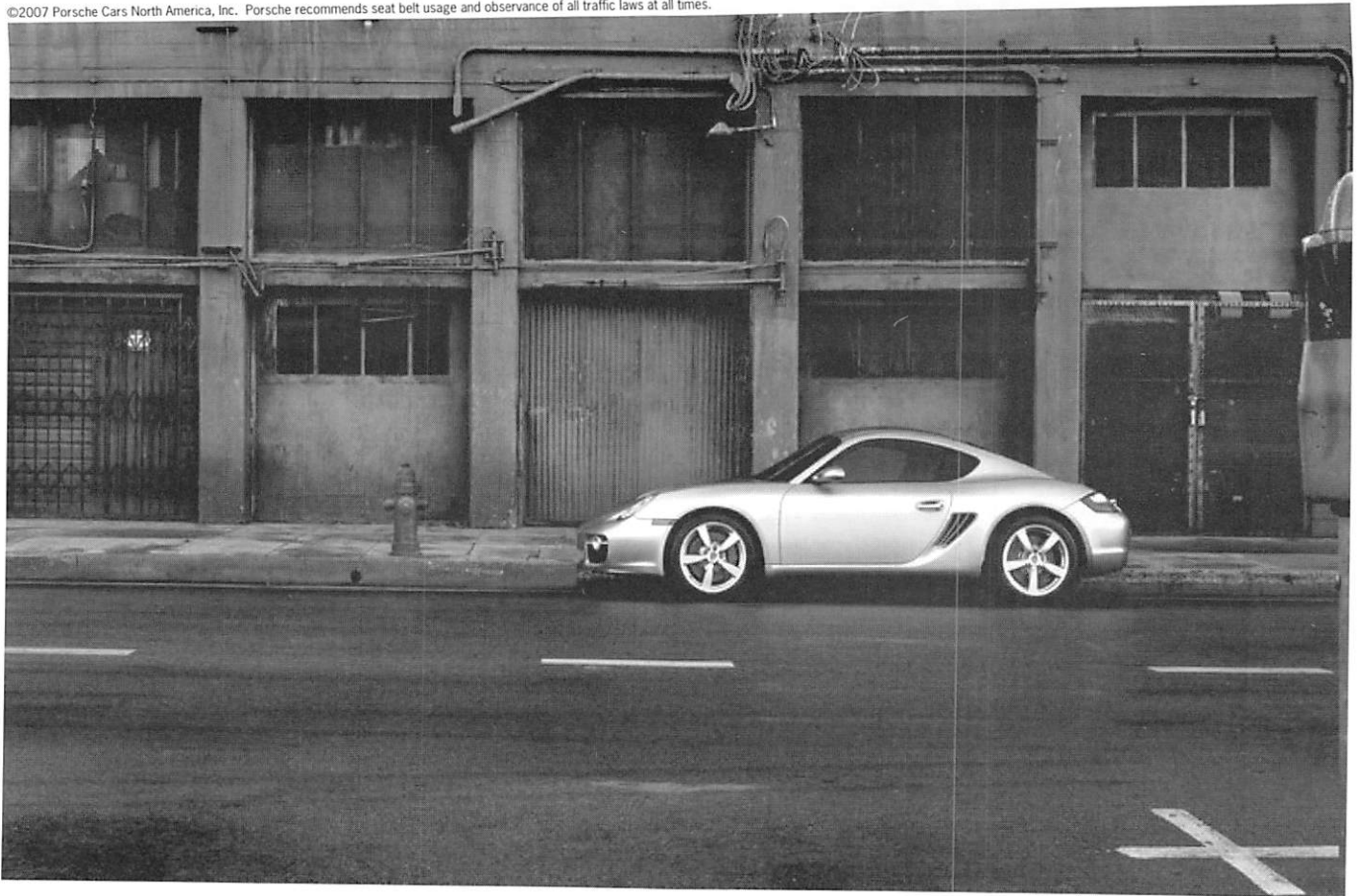
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Pre-registration is not required, just show up and have fun!
Technical inspection and registration run from 8:00am to
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By Russ Lee

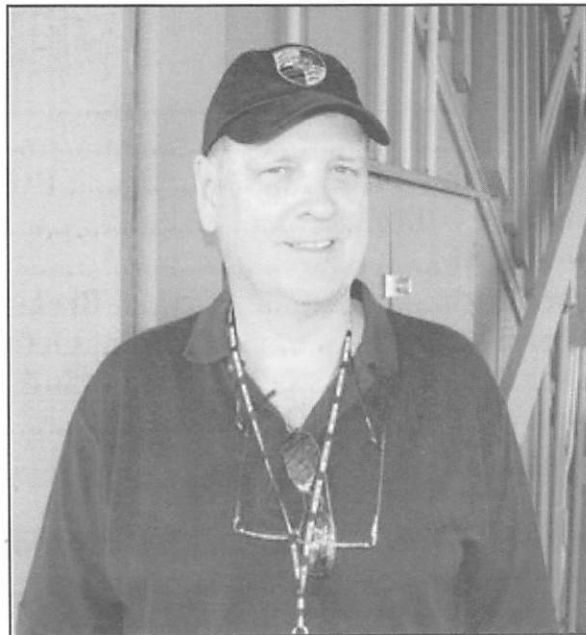
School is back in session and so is Suncoast!

We have entered the fall season. That means that soon the snow birds will be back, traffic will increase and restaurants will be hard to get into. But for West Coast Porsche owners, it means that our activities calendar gets into full swing. The 2007/8 calendar appears to be a full one.

We have already experienced, thanks to Jose Uranga and Sharron Shields, the early 1900 charm of the circus. Everyone had a great time touring the Ringling Museum and the Sarasota winter home of circus magnate John Ringling. The Saturday event was split with a delicious lunch at the Treviso Restaurant and a short board meeting. It was a very interesting event and special thanks go to Sharron and both Jose and Joan Uranga who serve as regular museum docents. They shared with us their intimate knowledge of both the art and circus museums as they served as our personal tour guides. A special thanks to Jose Velez for all of the great photos of this event.

Ralph Carr, our Competitive Activities Director, and the Autocross gang are back in the swing again as well, having concluded an autocross September 9th in Zephyrhills. I even hear that parts of the session were video taped by one of the local television stations. With the help of Charlie Neilson, our Treasurer, they are in the final planning stages of our first autocross in Sarasota scheduled for October 21 at the Dog Track off of University Parkway on Desoto Road. This event is scheduled to be part of a weekend long Oktoberfest celebration sponsored by Suncoast Porsche. Make sure you check the calendar herein for the timing of all the events for that weekend.

On September 15 we concluded the 2007 Drivers Education program at Sebring. The conclusion of this set of activities shows how fast a year can fly by. It was about a year ago that Rich Tillotson took over the Chief Track Instructor role for the Club, and now the season is over. Between Rich and Amy Gustafson, our DE registrar, and Carlos DeBonis, DE Tech, we have had a safe and fun-filled, albeit hot on occasion, series of events. The DE events require a lot of volunteers to help with registration, tech inspections, etc. These are



tough jobs, folks, and the next time you run into Rich, Amy, Carlos or any of the other volunteers, tell them how much you appreciate their dedication. Better yet, ask them how you can help next year.

Also keep an eye out for our second Rookie Weekend of 2007 coming in early November. This is also a multiple event being planned by Dave Herndon, Sharron Shields, Ralph Carr and Glen Getchell. The event will include a massive membership drive effort by Dave to invite all registered Porsche owners in our Region to attend this event. Sharron, Glen and Ralph will be putting on a rally and autocross geared to ROOKIES. This is a perfect opportunity for new members to taste what these events are like and to experience the camaraderie of our club. Mark the dates November 10 and 11.

Now you can see why I started as I did---school is definitely back in session.

Happy Porsching.

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November 10th.....Board Meeting St.Pete
November 10th.....Rookie Weekend II/Membership Drive--Picnic & Rally--St. Pete
November 11th.....Rookie Weekend II/Membership Drive--AutoX
November 17th.....Breakfast gathering at Suncoast Porsche dealership

December 2nd..... Year End Gala at Tampa Yacht Club
December 8th..... Autocross – Zephyrhills Airport
December 12th..... Rich House
December 15th.....Breakfast and concours clinic at Suncoast Porsche dealership
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The Porsche Club Experience

By Jose Uranga

For my generation (baby boomers- late 40s DOB), your first car club was not the Porsche Club of America. First, unless very wealthy, we could not afford the entry cost of having a Porsche. For my spouse Joan and I, our entre was British cars. We first had MGBs, then TR6s, an Austin Healy 3000 and then a TR4. The classic lines and convertible feel plus the affordability (you could buy a MGB for under \$1,000. in the early 70s), all made the decision easy.

What we had not expected was the warmth, camaraderie and support from the British car clubs we joined in Albuquerque and San Antonio. Driving on a rally or tour and waving to other intrepid British car drivers revealed the esprit de corps that owning, driving, and repairing these fragile cars creates. Preparation for these events always included loading the trunk with spare parts and tools in anticipation of a repair en route. The flashing of headlights by fellow British car drivers was not just a greeting but an acknowledgement of the work required to be on the road.

Then we graduated to Porsches. The same club friendliness we had known was extended to us. What was a pleasant surprise was the quality German construction and reliability of our 911s! No more Lucas, the Prince of Darkness, electrical system fadeouts when on the road. No more dual battery leakage under the back seats. No more trunks full of spare parts and tools. Aside from the known cancer mortality(rust) of pre-1979 Porsches, we rarely have had major problems with our Stuttgart babies. The Porsche clubs we have belonged to in Indiana, California and now Florida have all been great. We will never forget the beautiful scenery on Hwy 101 along the winding California coast or the Sierra Nevada foothill runs to our favorite wineries.

The cardinal lesson we've learned over the years and from our various club memberships is that you get more from your club when you get more involved with it. By volunteering our time, we learned the ins and outs of club events, financing and operations. But the greatest reward was the close friendships made and the true fellowship that a shared love of a ride can create. I urge you to really get into your Suncoast region Porsche club and help us make it even better.

Thanks DE

By Walt Petzold

Last Saturday, I was driving on US19 in Palm Harbor at 45 MPH with a car to my left rear and a tailgating pickup on my rear when the minivan slightly to my front and in the lane to my left made a right turn directly across my path into a gas station.

There was no time to stop, just react. I amazingly avoided contact. The sensation I felt was that everything was slowing down for me and even though the crash seemed imminent it was as if I had found extra time to maneuver and avoid it.

I was aware of my surroundings in my mirrors so there was no hesitation to figure that part out. I got up on the edge of my seat so I could see my right front corner clearly as I braked hard using the antilock to it fullest and drove partially into the adjacent lane to avoid the minivan and the two other vehicles around me that I knew were hopelessly in full lockup. What took a second felt like a minute because I was prepared from the time I've spent at DE.

As we drove on, several of the other drivers passed me and gave me thumbs up and clapped their hands while I gave a thumbs up to DE.

Rematch!!!

It is time to defend our honor Porsche fans. The second annual Porsche BMW challenge autocross will be held on November 18 And December 9.

For those of you that did not attend last year, we had an autocross that pitted Porsche Vs BMW. The best times of each member in his or her respective clubs were averaged to see which club was faster. To be fair we held two events one in Brooksville and one in Zephyrhills. If you recall last year we got beaten badly this year we have time prepare. I want everyone out at the two remaining regular autocrosses for practice.

To attend the first half of the challenge at Brooksville you have to register at myautoevents.com. After we beat the BMW's in Brooksville we will come to our home turf in Zephyrhills and beat them their too.

So come out and participate and bring a ringer if possible.

SUNCOAST FLORIDA REGION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2007

President, Russ Lee called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM on Friday, August 10, 2007.

Board members present: Page Obenshain, Charlie Neilson, Sharron Shields, Dave Herndon, Ralph Carr, Mike Lelak, Eunice Painter, Rich Tillotson and Ellen Riley.

General membership present: Dan Shields, Grant Painter Diane Tillotson, Dianne Lee, Dave Cook Lee Obenshain and Bill Riley.

Absent board members: Jill Perry, Jose Uranga, Amy Gustafson, Don Busby, Dennis O'Keefe.

Russ reported that he met with the Presidents of Gold Coast and Citrus regions to discuss Sebring DE dates in hope of getting better dates through unity in scheduling. Possible dates have been presented to the track and we are waiting to hear from them on our requests. Dave Galon has resigned as Publications Committee chairman.

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Neilson- Accepted the \$250 check Suncoast received at the San Diego Parade for Honorable Mention in the Charity category. He passed out a financial report and explained that the region is solvent and able to carry on its business and activities.

Social Report: Sharron Shields - Rookie weekend Picnic will be held at Fort DeSota Park in shelter #2 on Saturday, November 10. There will be displays to educate the new members about different activities. Autocross will be Sunday, November 11 with the site TBA.

Christmas Gala at Tampa Yacht Club: Sunday, December 2, 2007

Board meeting and wine tasting hosted by Mike Kwasin: Saturday, December 15, 2007

RICH House children's Christmas Party: Friday, December 21, 2007

Tentative date for Sunrise/Sunset Rally is April with assistance from Citrus and Space Coast regions.

Membership Report: Dave Herndon - A total of 1,934 members consisting of 1,077 members and 857 family or affiliate members. We have 13 new members and 11 transfers into and 5 transfers out of Suncoast. We will resume the printing of new member's names in the Profile as a welcome to them. Three of the new members are from Bert Smith Euro Collection

Safety Report: Mike Lelak - Insurance coverage has been applied for through August. PCA National Insurance director answered Mike's request about coverage for a Bert Smith customer DE with Suncoast instructors. Since this event would not be a PCA event the dealership would have to get their own insurance.

Autocross Report: Ralph Carr- Autocrosses continue monthly at Zephyrhills Airport.

Sunday, October 21 is a Charity Autocross combined with a Wellness rally (check up for better health) will include Blood Mobile and good health hints and exhibitions. The autocross will be 3 runs for \$30. BMW club wants us to take turns sponsoring autocross events to bring up the attendance numbers for each club. No decision made but Ralph will meet with them again.

Chief Track Instructor: Rich Tillotson - Thanked everyone involved with the Instructor certification day for their hard work. We qualified 9 new instructors. It was a safe day with no incidents. Thanked Bert Smith for sponsoring the Driver Instructors dinner. Since Russ has been working with Sebring track officials and region presidents on better track dates, Rich requested that Russ continue the negotiations.

Old Business:

Tabled request for computer for DE registrar until Amy Gustafson can attend the meeting and tell us which type she needs... Bert Smith DE can be staffed by Suncoast instructors; however, Bert Smith will have to provide insurance for the track.

New Business:

Russ Lee made a motion that a gas allowance be paid for preparing the Sunrise/Sunset Rally for Suncoast's rally master. Motion passed.

Page Obenshain made a motion that Suncoast region send out an e-mail to instructors on behalf of Bert Smith. Motion passed.

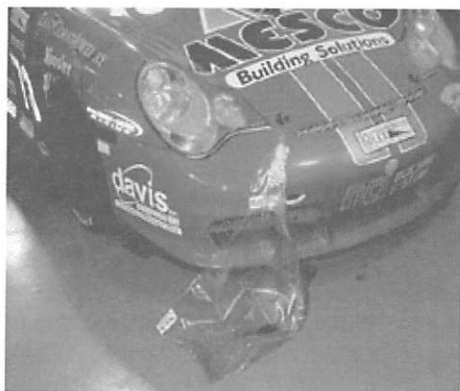
Russ thanked Bert Smith for the meeting space, for providing dinner to the Board of Directors and their sponsorship of the Instructors dinner in Sebring August 4, 2007.

Motion passed to adjourn at 9:05

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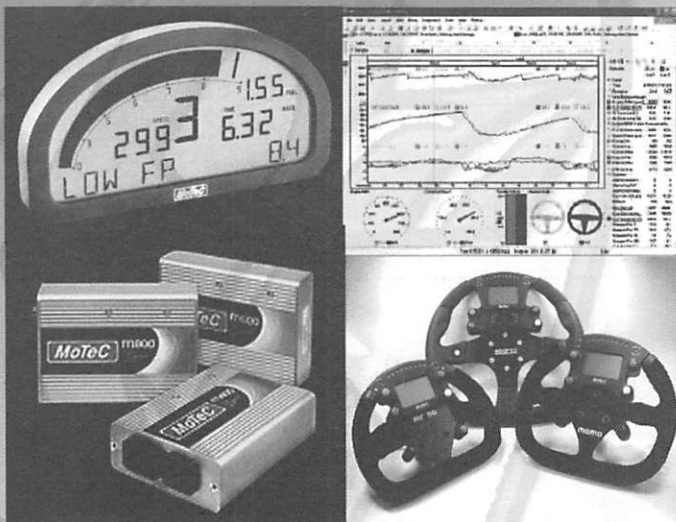
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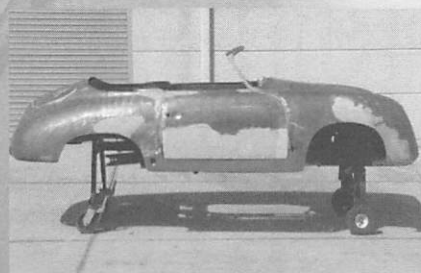
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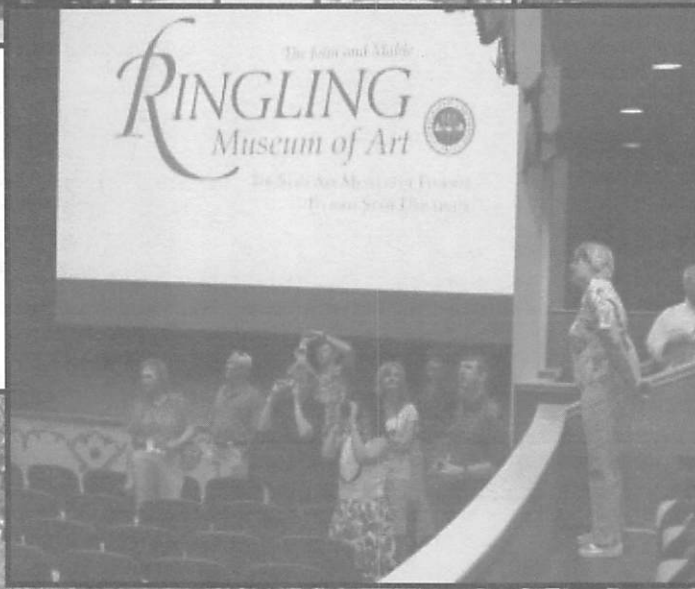
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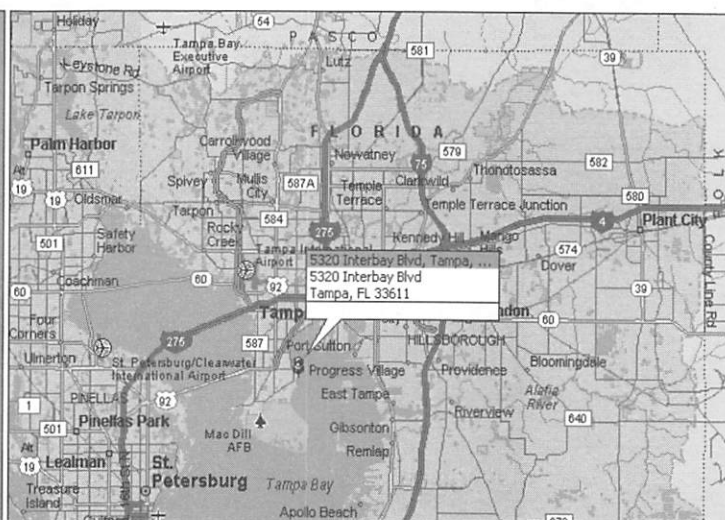
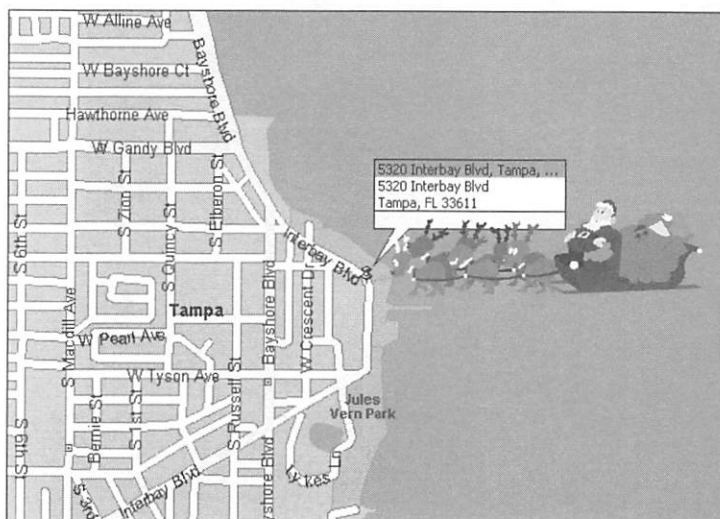
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My Road Trip to California- Part 2

By Peter Somkowicz

After spending the 4th of July with my sister and her friends, we departed for San Diego on the 7th. We took Interstate 5 north, with a short visit to Newport Beach. We continued on through Venice, Santa Monica, and Hollywood. We thought of staying longer, but my starter problem made me want to continue north. We got as far as Arroyo Grande and then spent Sunday in San Luis Obispo. On Monday I took care of the starter problem at an independent Porsche mechanic (very good). The starter had to be cleaned and lubricated.

We continued north on the famous Hwy 1 to Carmel by the Sea. What a wonderful drive this was. With the Pacific Ocean on the left and twisty roads ahead. It does not get much better than this. Big Sur camp grounds, our 1st camping night, was very cool. The usual elegance and pretty landscaping was appreciated while we walked through Carmel. Monterey, Santa Cruz, Half Moon Bay to Pacifica. We stopped at a motel with a view of the Pacific. San Francisco is a beautiful city the bay with Alcatraz and the Golden Gate always making a great picture.

Hwy 101 would now hook us up with Santa Rosa, at which time we took a small two lane road to Calistoga, near where we spent our 2nd night camping at a Federal Park. We are now in the wine country, beautiful hilly country with grapes growing all around us. The roads are curvy, and change in altitude, as we drive on Hwy 29 by Clear Lake, Colusa, to Grass Valley where we had a good lunch at Maria's, fine Mexican food. We gassed up, and took Hwy 49 going up into the mountains. We had a pickup truck, that tried to stay up with us, as we propelled forward through this mountain road. He had to be a local and did a fine job almost keeping up with me. Sierra City, near by camp grounds, nice fresh air in the forest covered hills. Highway 89 took us south towards Lake Tahoe. We drove the Nevada side of the lake, to continue to Placerville. The ride down after passing the south tip of Lake Tahoe was also a delight.

This brings me to the subject of DRIVING with common sense, which I find lacking in this country. California has some very good practices, which I think should be copied and used in Florida. For example, turnabout, slower traffic keep RIGHT, LEFT lane for passing only. All of these made the driving so much more pleasurable, and of course, less traffic congestion. Why is it that the left lane is stagnated with these MORONS, who will not change lanes after passing a car? It makes the roads congested, and people like myself have to pass, and stay on the right or far right on the Interstate. Why can't we drive more like the Europeans?

We had a terrible lunch in Placerville but continued south on a little road Hwy 49 again. When we reached the pretty town of Sonoma, we turned east towards the mountains again, near Strawberry. We settled in a park a few miles further, w/o running water just smelly out houses. Oh well the air was pure, and a chilly and clear night. The next segment of our road trip was very special. The road went up to around 9k plus and got much less wide. So much that they had a posted sign with axle to axle measurements limitations. Porsche country!! Probably the twistiest road so far and descending to a valley that could be seen in the distance. Bridgeport was at the bottom of this fine road.

We did spend a night in beautiful Yosemite, and drove all the way to the valley and back to 395. We also camped at June Lake, beautiful surroundings and the warmest of all nights camping. Passing Bishop, after staying on a real bed at friends house, we took on to the desert, Hwy 168 east in direction of Nevada. This road also qualified as a road for spirited driving (barren no vegetation). After crossing into Nevada, Hwy 95 took us to the biggest desert town Las Vegas which Margaret wanted to see. My last visit was 35 years ago. This was a ZOO of people walking all night on the streets between the casinos. I did not realize how tired I was until my wife asked me to walk with her for several hours from one casino to the next. Mmmmm. I was glad when we departed next morning in direction of the Grand Canyon, south entrance. Lake Mead was on the route, Williams was nice change after spending hours on the desert. Very hot dry heat, we now appreciate our humidity in Florida.

At Williams we took a picture of me standing by a sign that read Route 66. We camped again just outside of town, after having a juicy steak at a popular local restaurant, which advertised with a huge bull/cow picture. How did this phenomenon happen - why here? The Grand Canyon - what a grand site!!! We spent several hours here and many more pictures taken.

Our next destination should have been in the direction of home. A detour to Durango was taken after I had been invited to join an early 70's 911 group drive in the Colorado mountains. Hwy 160 through Navajo country, Monument Valley, very nice but warm drive. Cortez in Colorado, a town just before a fantastic location for a National Park, Mesa Verde National Park (the location of our next camping night). The next morning after enjoying a hot shower and clean bathrooms, we did some sightseeing in the park before leaving for Durango, which was only about 50 miles away.

That evening we met up with the early Porsche group. We discussed the next days drive in the mountains and finished the evening by going to a members home for drinks and interesting conversations. It was a convoy of 6 Porsches. After an early start, we followed our host and the other early 911. We saw some beautiful scenery, as we climbed to heights of over 10k. Leaving the group was not fun, but a necessity. It was Saturday the 21st and we took Hwy 50 east. It was around 7pm when we crossed into Kansas. We passed Kansas at about 11pm - the time when we stopped to sleep. The am came soon, with coffee and we were on our way. We tried to keep a route as direct as possible towards Columbus Ga. in order to get on 75 south, to Tampa via Little Rock.

After crossing Birmingham, it was dark, and it seemed a long journey to get to the other side of town. We stopped near Columbus to rest my eyes, and continued through Gainesville after having breakfast in Lake City. We stopped and slept for 2 hours. At 8 we continued home, by 10 am sweet home and a happy reception from our 2 loving cats..

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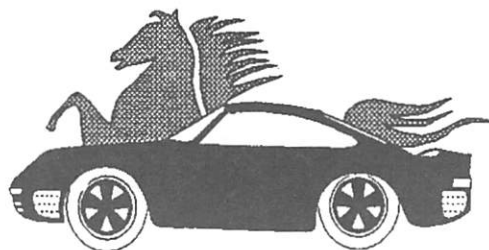
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By Tom Briest

Each year PCA puts on a special gathering called Parade. We have attended 19 of them now and each one has its special memories. Often, the best part of the Parade is not even related to the Parade but in the adventure in getting to or from the event. This year that special memory is part of the Post Parade adventure. After spending a week in San Diego doing all the Porsche related events that go into the Parade (also I might add that it was a great week with some special events, but that is another story for later), my wife Cindy, myself, Mark Krekorian and his wife Michelle set out on an adventure that would take us around southern California. We started out from Los Angeles where Mark's parents live, and headed to Yosemite National Park for three days of taking in the scenery. After the Park we headed to the coastal town of Cambria, where the Hearst Castle is, for another couple days. After doing the tourist thing there, we planned a leisure drive down the coast on the infamous US 1. The coast drive was great and should in it's self offered some great Parade memories, but that special memory, the one that will always stand out and make the 43 Porsche Parade in San Diego special happened in Yosemite.

The weather was hot and like everywhere around the country, California is in a 7-year drought, which did distract from the beauty of Yosemite. The numerous waterfalls around the park were merely trickles of water so we were not able to experience the park in all its glory. The real event of the trip happened as we were getting to our Hotel, the Historical Wyona Hotel at the south entrance of the park. As always, when we arrived there, we were not able to check into our rooms, as it was too early and the rooms were not ready yet, so we decided to do a little exploratory driving around the park. Upon arriving back at the Hotel we parked the car and started to head up to the lobby area to check in. As we started to walk up to the lobby, Mark decided that his hair was a mess and insisted on returning to the car to get into his duffel and do a little grooming. Cindy and Michelle were not going to wait for such a trivial need so they set out for the lobby. I had to wait for Mark as I had been driving the car and had the keys to lock the doors. Mark opened the trunk, dug into his duffel bag, gave himself a shot of hair spray to get that special look for his flowing locks, ran the comb through his hair three or four times to get just the right effect and slammed the trunk.

As I was hitting the remote to lock the car Mark turned and started to cross the parking lot driveway when all of a sudden a Japanese Tour Bus came out of nowhere. You guessed it, Mark was broad sided and went sailing through the air a good twenty to thirty feet. As he landed, his head was thrown to the pavement with a crack and there was blood everywhere. Well the next thing I know there were about twenty Japanese guys pouring out of the door of the bus with cameras just a flashing, just like you see in the movies. I yelled to the girls that were just about to the lobby by this time and had missed the whole event, to get some towels, water, and ice. I was so flustered I could not even remember Michele's name, so I just yelled out the first thing that came to me "MARSHA". Must be an old girl friend or something. Anyway I said "Mark has hit his head and needs some wet towels. Thinking that he had hit his head on the trunk or something equally as dumb, they meandered into the hotel to ask the staff for a wet towel they could use. I jumped to the rescue and dug into the car trunk where I had my Parade Concourse Judges goodie bag and grabbed the towel I used while judging the cars. OK, it wasn't the cleanest towel, but hey, it was Porsche grease and I did soak it with Natural Spring water.

By this time, the story of the event had gotten to the Hotel Lobby from other guests that had seen the action, and everyone came pouring out of the hotel lobby to see the gore. Upon hearing the real story, the girls came running out with towels, water, and ice to clean up the mess. The hotel also called paramedics, which arrived within about 4-5 minutes, as they just happened to be in the neighborhood. Actually, it was a Park Ranger that we think may have had some medical training, like applying bandaides and such. He took one look at Marks head and said, "shoot that ain't no gash" and told Mark, "be a man and tough it out". Shoot he didn't even brush the gravel out of the wound.

Seeing the despair on both Marks and Michele's faces, he did give in and decided to bandage the wound. By the time he was done Mark looked like an Arab with a terrible turban. Made for a really good laugh later on, when we decided Mark was in fact going to live and would probably have no lasting effects from his ordeal. I know you are probably thinking, "This smells like a Law Suite", but, I was there and witnessed the whole event. Mark had in fact walked into the bus and it was his entire fault..."I Cannot Tell A Lie". The Park Ranger made me fill out a written report, and I had to tell the truth. OK, it wasn't really a Japanese Tourist bus, but it was a big Detroit sled like a Continental or something, with a little old lady who seemed to think she was Mario Andretti...I mean Maria Amaretto. OK, so I lie a little to embellish.

As I stated, it is often the "NON Porsche Related things" that make a Parade special. The next time you see Mark, ask him how he is doing, and if he answers with a seemingly unrelated gibberish, just nod and say "Of Course It Is"!! I can't wait to see what will make the 2008 Parade in Charlotte NC special. Plan on being there next June and see what makes your "Parade Special".



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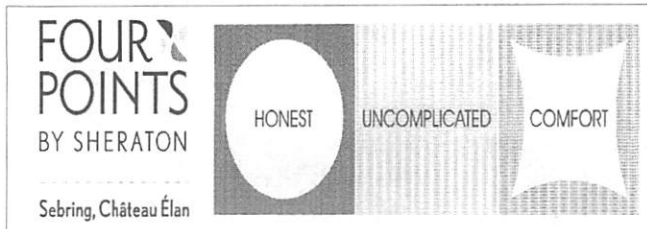
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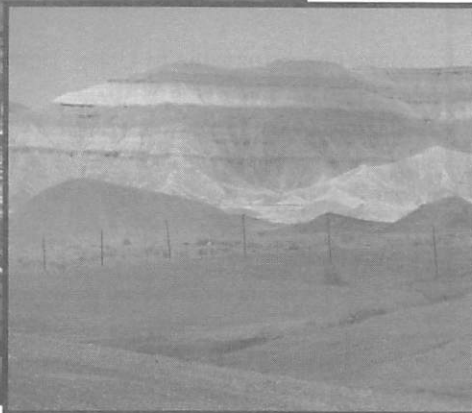
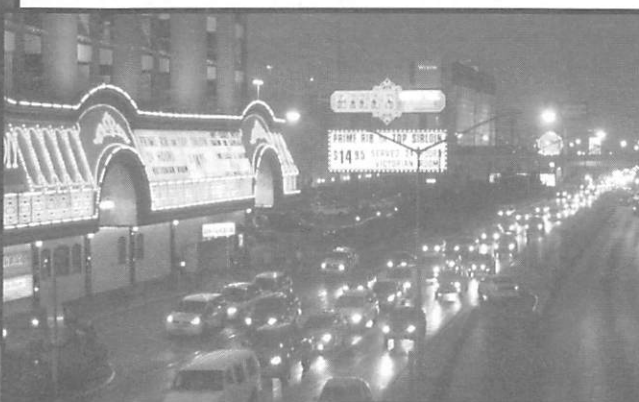
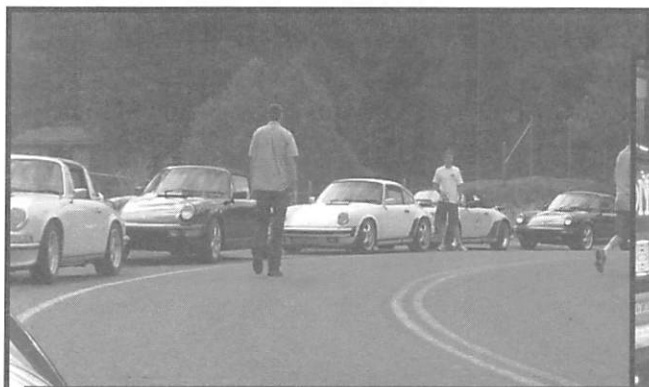
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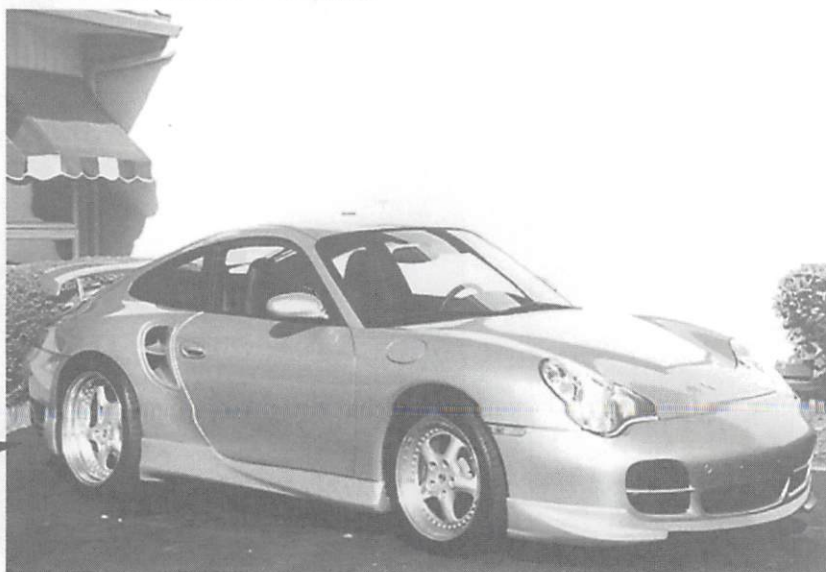
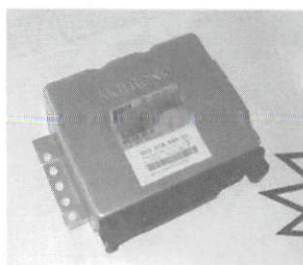
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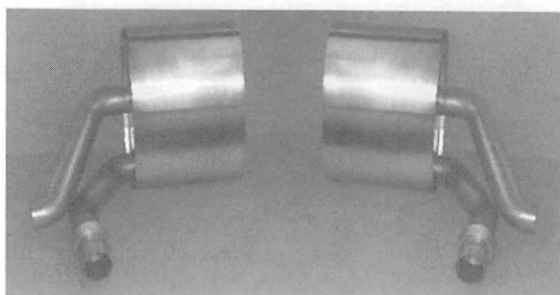
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