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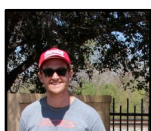
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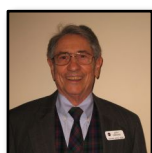
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## President's Corner

By Pat Norris



I want to thank all the SAR Members who attended the Porsche Parade in Palm Springs last month. It was great to see so many of you and your amazing cars at our national event! For those of you who did not make it, there's a great collection of articles and a ton of photos inside this issue. Yes, it was hot. But, being from Southern Arizona, we knew how to handle the heat.

While I was at Parade, I shifted my 'Zone 15' campaign up a gear. I handed out buttons and talked to folks from local regions and from the national staff. For folks who haven't heard, 'Zone 15' is the idea that we need National PCA to realign our zones so we can be more closely tied to the other regions we all interact with the most. National PCA uses the Zone structure primarily to interact with the regions. Zone 8 currently includes 15 regions, one of the largest zones in PCA. If we split our three Arizona regions, along with the Las Vegas region, away from Zone 8, and maybe add a region or two from New Mexico and western Texas, Zone 15 could be created.

While we are currently a part of Zone 8, we don't see many of the California members at our events, and we don't seem to travel to events in California. On the other hand, the eleven (yes, 11), California regions, being closer together, often attend each other's events. Plus, the large number of regions in Zone 8 can present a challenge even for our hard-working Zone Representative. Imagine trying to attend at least one event for every region in the zone, and still find time to attend a few of your own region's events.

In a nutshell, that's the idea behind 'Zone 15.' It leaves Zone 8 a little more manageable and SoCal focused, while creating a Zone 15 that strengthens the relationship between the regions of the southwest. If you would like to hear more, I am happy to discuss the details and concerns. After all, this is really your club. And, I might even have a button if you're interested.

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## Editor's Column

By Debi Norris



You may have noticed that this issue came out a little later than usual. It also is a combined July/August issue. Let me explain.

First, it is summer. We live in Arizona. IT IS HOT! So, during the summer months, PCA-SAR tends to slow down a bit. We still have our dinner meetings (*don't forget the July meeting was moved to the 11<sup>th</sup> due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. You can still make it!*) and breakfasts, but that's about it until things cool down. So, we don't have a lot to put in our newsletter until September!

Second, a group of us recently returned from the Porsche Parade in Palm Springs, California. We had such a great time I wanted to share the fun with all of you. So, I extended my usual deadline, and this issue contains a nice selection of stories and photos from the Parade. I hope it was worth the wait!

I know what you may be thinking. Palm Springs? In June? What were they thinking? I agree. We debated long and hard about going this year. But I am glad we did. Parade is always great fun. I've now been to 14 of them. Each one was a unique experience, but they all have one thing in common – a chance to connect with hundreds of other Porsche People and share our love of all things Porsche.

Next year the Parade is in Alabama. I'm not sure we will make that one. But, the year after is in Oklahoma City. That is only a 2-day drive from Tucson. I hope you read this issue, see the fun we had, and make plans to head to OKC in 2025. I know we will!

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# Upcoming Events



## July

11 - Membership Meeting - Mama Louisa's Italian Restaurant - 2041 S. Craycroft

08 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting - Blue Willow on Campbell

18 - Board Meeting

29 - D-Backs Game with AZ Region

## August

01 - Membership Meeting - See website for details

12 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting - See website for location

15 - Board Meeting

## September

01-05 Tour to Santa Fe, NM

05 - Membership Meeting - See website for details

09 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting - Blue Willow on Campbell

19 - Board Meeting

## Upcoming Events Around Arizona

Check out what is happening in our neighboring regions to the north:

### Arizona Region

#### July

08 - Porsches and Pancakes

12 - Drive to Prescott and the Palace

29 - Night at the D-Backs

### Arizona Mountain Region

#### July

08 - Porsches and Pancakes

29 - Sedona Cruise-In





## PCA-SAR Tour to Cottonwood

Article and Photos by Hal Tretbar

Ed Koharik and his 2020 911 Carrera 4S led 9 cars from the Southern Arizona Region of the Porsche Club of America to Cottonwood, Arizona and the Verde Valley. Karma Kientzler and I drove my 2023 Gentic Blue Macan.

The Verde River is one of the last, year-round, free flowing, streams in Arizona. It starts its green (Verde) traverse across mid Arizona in the Big Chino Valley north of Prescott. It flows for 150 miles in a general southeast course, picking up flow from Granite Creek, Sycamore Canyon, Oak Creek below Sedona, Wet Beaver Creek south of Camp Verde, then Fossil Creek and the East Verde River before it meets the Salt River confluence north-east of Phoenix.

The Verde Valley is a hundred miles north of Phoenix and is almost the center of the state. The 40 mile long, deep, valley extends from the Black Hills on the west, with Jerome on Mingus Mountain, to the Mogollon Rim on the east. The red rocks of the Sedona area are located to the north.

Our first stop in the Verde Valley was just off of I-17 at Montezuma Castle National Monument. This five-story, 20 room dwelling was built into the side of a cliff by the Sinagua Indians about year 1200. Of course, early American settlers thought it was Aztec in origin.

Close to the Verde River are the population centers of Jerome, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Cornville, and Camp Verde. We stayed in the middle of old Cottonwood on Historic State Route 89A. The downtown is alive with tourists enjoying the small-town atmosphere. It is a place where you can jaywalk with confidence. There are restaurants, wine tasting rooms, and interesting shops. The piece de resistance is the Tavern Hotel. We enjoyed the elegant feeling of the boutique Tavern Hotel with all the amenities including a swimming pool, gym, and its Bar and Grill across the parking lot and Crema breakfast café across the street.



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Cottonwood was the center of our activities; 3 miles to Tuzigoot National Monument, 8 miles to Jerome, 2.7 miles to Clarkdale and the Verde Canyon Railroad.

Tuzigoot (Apache for 'crooked water') was built by the Sinagua natives between 1000 and 1400 on a long ridge 120 feet above the Valley. The remnants of the walls of the 87 room Pueblo can be seen along a 1/3-mile loop trail from the Museum at the base. There is a magnificent view of the Verde Valley from the top of the second story.



You might call Jerome, Arizona, *The mining town too tough to die*. We took the crooked road up the side of Mingus Mountain to Jerome at 5000 feet up on Cleopatra Hill.

The sprawling Douglas Mansion in Jerome was built in 1916 by James Douglas, who developed the extraordinarily rich Little Daisy copper mine. It was notable for having a wine cellar, billiard room, marble shower, steam heat and a central vacuum system. It is now the Jerome State Historic Park. We visited it to learn the ups and downs of Jerome through multiple photos and displays.



The other major mine was the 1883 United Verde. Together they produced so much copper that at one time they were making one million dollars a week for the investors. During its heyday, in the 1920s, the population was 15,000 with all of a big city's attractions; fancy stores, car dealerships, saloons and bawdy houses. But labor unrest, price fluctuations, recurrent fires, landslides, and less ore led to closing of the mines in 1953.

The population dropped to less than 100 in the 1960-70s. Cheap living brought in artistic "Hippies" and the town rebounded. Today, Jerome is a lively tourist attraction with many hillside stores, restaurants, and limited parking. We spent several hours poking around and enjoyed lunch at Bobby D's BBQ.

While most of the group visited Yavapai College to learn about viticulture Karma and I decided to drive the 100 plus twisty turns over 7,800 ft. Mingus Mountain down to Prescott and back. Truly, one of the best 'Porsche roads' we have driven.

The final event of the weekend was the evening Grape Train Escape (wine tasting) on the Verde Canyon Railroad. The history of the train goes back to 1911.

In that year Senator William Clark, who owned the United Verde Mine in Jerome, needed an outlet for the copper from his new smelter in Clarkdale in the valley below. It took him a year to build the Verde Valley Railroad from Clarkdale, 38 miles up the narrow,

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winding valley, to the community of Drake where it connected with the Santa Fe Railroad.

The railroad continued to operate even after the mines and smelter closed in 1953. In 1988 Dave Durban, a railroad enthusiast, bought it from the Santa Fe. The first tourist trip on the newly named Verde Canyon Railroad took place in November 1990. Now, 90,000 visitors a year enjoy his trip back in history.



The Grape Train Escape consisted of diesel engines pulling a string of parlor cars, each with a bar tender to offer wine tasting, alternating with open flat-bed cars with bench seating. This four hour, 20-mile, trip paralleled the Verde River through a 730 foot tunnel and across 175 foot bridge to turn around at the Perkins Station. Our group was able to taste 20 different wines while watching the sun set over magnificent rock formations alongside the free-flowing Verde River.

A glorious ending to an outstanding trip.





# Happy 90th Birthday Larry and Rita!

As part of the June General Membership Meeting, PCA-SAR celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays of two long-time members, Larry and Rita Dennis. Members celebrated with singing and some delicious cake. Larry and Rita's daughter, Sandy, joined in the fun and shared some of her own PCA memories. It was great to see Larry and Rita out at an event and everyone was happy to share the Celebration of their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Happy Birthday, Larry and Rita!

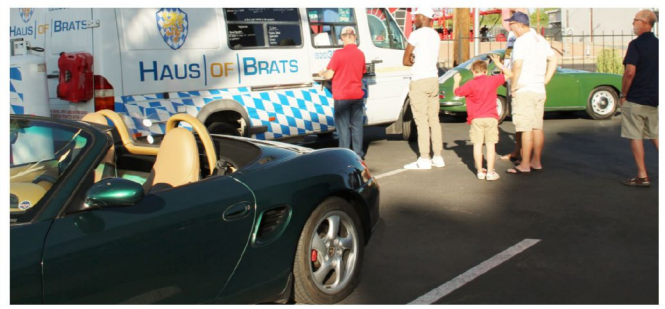


HAPPY BIRTHDAY





On June 10<sup>th</sup> Porsche Tucson hosted a party to celebrate 75 years of Porsche. PCA-SAR members were invited to share in this special commemoration. Members displayed cars from different decades, including the Kepner's 959 and the Crowley's 356. The bar included drinks named after various Porsche Paint Colors while delicious brats and huge pretzels were provided by the House of Brats Food Truck. It was a great event, and we thank Porsche Tucson again for their hospitality. **Photos by Barb Crowley and Jim Kendler**





# More Photos from the 75th Party at Porsche Tucson



# Willkommen, Bonjour, Glad to Meet You

## By Kathleen Kendler – Membership Chair

It is 28 June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as I finish this article. Jim and I attended Parade 2023 in Palm Springs. We were actually in La Quinta, California. It was hot but could have been hotter as the temperatures were under the normal for this time of year. We found the drives beautiful and cooler than the Coachella Valley floor.

If you haven't visited the Palm Springs Tramway, you should. It has a revolving floor so you can see 360 degrees as you travel the eleven minutes from bottom to top.

Our new members for June are:

### Residing in Tucson

**Kurt K. Bullock**

**Anne Cress**

**Christopher Morgan & Alyssa Dahlstedt**

**Michael Schunk**

### Residing Outside of Tucson

**John E. Aubuchon & Marilyn Miller**      Vail

### Transfers in

**Thomas & Robin Van Helmond**      from Alpine Mountain, residing in Marana

### Test Drive participants:

We have 6 test drive participants. Welcome! I hope you are enjoying your Porsche or looking for that "perfect for you" Porsche. You are welcome at our events.

As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Total Primary Members      383

Affiliate Members      246

I can be reached at [membership@pcasar.org](mailto:membership@pcasar.org). I will try to assist you in accomplishing your membership needs.

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# PCA-SAR at the 2023 Porsche Parade

*Photos by Hal Tretbar,  
Jim Kendler, Patrick  
Miller, Debi Norris and  
Pat Norris*

A group of PCA-SAR members braved the even-hotter-than-Tucson 2023 Porsche Parade in Palm Springs, California from June 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy stories and photos of their experiences on the next several pages.

## *Not-Quite First Parade*

*By Kymmie Norris*

I had the pleasure of attending the Porsche Parade 2023 in Palm Springs last month. Though I have only been a member of the club for about a year, this was far from my first Parade. Many of you know that my very first Parade was actually the 1992 Parade in San Diego, and I've been to several in between.



I don't remember anything from my first Parade (I was only six days old at the time), but I do have fond memories of the Parades I attended as an older child and a teen. This Palm Springs Parade brought a lot of those memories to mind, and it was especially fun to see some of the things that continue to exist all these years later.

There's something for any club member to do at Parade. From the main competitive events - the Concours d'Elegance, the TSD Rally, the Gimmick Rally, the Autocross, and the Technical & Historical Quiz - to the tours, and even the banquets. And, of course, there's the people to interact with. Lots of faces I remember from my previous Parades, and lots of new attendees as well.

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The PCA Juniors also have a much bigger presence than anything I remember seeing as a kid. Juniors received their own goodie bags and had at least one activity to participate in each day. I had the opportunity to volunteer during a Juniors event mid-week where I helped kids build Porsches out of Legos or puzzle pieces, depending on their age. And it was a lot of fun!

Volunteering at Parade in general is a lot of fun. I also had the opportunity to help with registration, and getting to be one of the first faces to welcome both newcomers and returning attendees to Parade was very enjoyable.

Of course, not all of Parade is sunshine and rainbows. There was limited parking at the resort which made things a little difficult sometimes, especially for those of us staying on-site. And it was hot! Hotter than here at home most days. There were ways to escape the heat, either by hanging out at Hospitality in

the afternoons or going on one of the tours. The coolest day we had was the day we went on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, which took us up the San Jacinto Mountains. It was a good 30 degrees cooler than down in town.

All in all, I had an enjoyable time at Parade. For any of our members who have considered Parade in the past but decided not to go, I encourage you to give future Parades another thought. I'm sure it will be more fun than you think!



Congratulations to the following PCA-SAR members winning competitive events in their classes at the 2023 Porsche Parade:

Art Show

- Hal Tretbar** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Barb Crowley** 2<sup>nd</sup>

Concours

- Greg Curtiss** 1<sup>st</sup>
- Jaimie Clark** 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Gregory Briggs** 3<sup>rd</sup>

Autocross

- Greg Curtiss** 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rally

- Patrick Norris and Kymberly Norris** 3<sup>rd</sup>

Reliable Carriers Grand Door Prize – **Patrick Miller**  
 – He won free auto transportation to the 2024 Porsche Parade in Birmingham, Alabama!





# 2023 Porsche Parade Concours d'Elegance



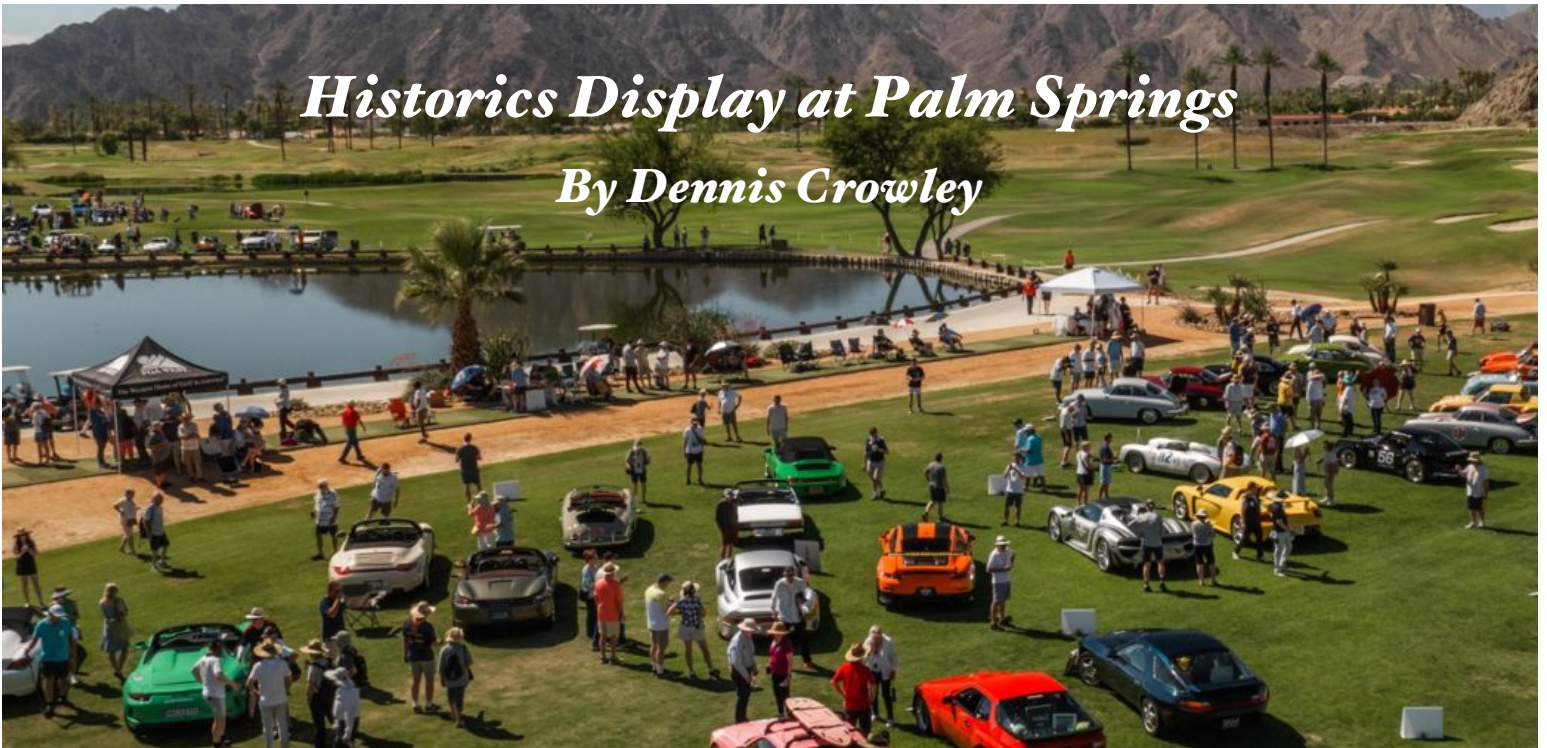
The Parade's Concours was an incredible sight with many pristine Porsches to view. The setting at the La Quinta resort golf course was beautiful and the mountains made for an incredible backdrop.





# *Historics Display at Palm Springs*

*By Dennis Crowley*



We were lucky. For the 2023 Porsche Parade Concours it only hit 101 degrees on Monday, June 19, 2023 in La Quinta, California. Typically, it is about 10 degrees hotter. It was a smart call to do it there this year in June because 3 years ago the 2023 Porsche Parade was to be the 2020 Parade in JULY! Making it even more pleasant(?) was the "Lake Effect" of a nearby water hazard of the La Quinta Mountain Golf Course used for the Historic Display and the Concours itself, albeit the concours was on the other side of the lake.

The Historic Display was a by invitation gathering of 50 cars ranging from the usual 356s to a quartet of a: GT2RS, Carrera GT, 918 Spyder, and our own Rich Kepner's 959. There were historic race cars,



including a bare metal 550 Spyder. Some were pretty rough while others could easily have given our judged concours brethren across the pond a run for their money. That'd be our Randy Knuth's full concours 356 Speedster.

Barb is still on the mend from her ordeal with our deck in February, so we knew we'd need some help to present our car. To the rescue came Neil Treumann and wife Jayce from Las Vegas to not only help with the car, but to celebrate my birthday the day before.

Nice to have familiar faces who just happen to be our nephew and niece. Ah, to let the car sit in a covered carport and out of the sun. It was even better to empty a half-gallon of margaritas in our



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air-conditioned Spa Villa. Did I mention it was hot?

Many of the cars (ours included) were parked at the course Sunday afternoon, leaving Monday morning activities to the die-hards. It was very pleasant from about 6:30 to 6:45. After that, hydration was a top priority. Folks in carts continually offered cold bottled water that was greatly appreciated. On a side note, carts transporting people from the concours to the historics, or to and from the clubhouse, would have been such a wonderful touch, as I know several people who didn't want to make the trek around the lake.

Judging for the Historics was limited to a Juniors' Peoples' Choice, and the Overall Peoples' Choice. Since there weren't to be judges scrutinizing every inch of our cars, we could enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. There was no pressure. Both awards went to 356s. Peoples' Choice for the concours cars went to another 356 owned by Alan Surgi.

A video by PCA titled "The Craziest Porsches at the 2023 Parade Concours d'Elegance" can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/6k5sHpXnR1Q>. Or just search YouTube for "Craziest Porsches at Palm Springs Parade", or some such title. There is a nice discussion of Rich's 959.



*"So Old" caught a lot of attention from Parade spectators*



*Alan Surgi's People's Choice Winner*



*Cars being placed*



# *Time - Speed - Distance Parade Rally*

*By Kymmie Norris*

One of the competitive events at Parade each year is the TSD (Time Speed Distance) Rally, which I had the opportunity to compete in.

On a Rally, you generally have two people in a car. The driver, obviously, drives the car, and the navigator directs the driver using the directions provided by the Rallymaster. There are several classes, from Expert to Novice, that each car was classified under. There are a series of checkpoints along the route that each car is supposed to reach at a certain time. Each checkpoint gives each car a score, one point for every second they are off of their goal time, either early or late. The distance between checkpoints is considered a "leg."

At past Parades, Rallies had the checkpoints manned with volunteers. This year, checkpoints were marked digitally, and associated with a sign on the road. For instance, a Speed Limit sign or a mile marker. We used an app to tell us when we passed the checkpoint, and what our score was. It also allowed the Rallymaster and spectators to follow the cars on a large map in Hospitality. The goal of the Rally is to follow the route accurately and achieve as low a score as possible. And to have fun!

And we did have fun. I navigated for my dad, Pat. My mom graciously offered up her navigator seat so I would have an opportunity to compete this year. The rally started at the Porsche Palm Springs dealership.



*Pat and Kymmie start the Rally*

We didn't get to see much of the dealer itself, but what we did see was impressive. If we had had more time, I would have stuck around to explore.

We had a little hiccup near the beginning of the route and entered I-10 going West instead of East. Fortunately, we caught it before we got too far away, and were able to get ourselves back on course without too much delay. We did have to take a maximum score at the first couple checkpoints, but there had been an issue with construction on the route anyway, so those "legs" were not considered part of the total score.

We got to see lots of sights on the course, from the entrance to Joshua Tree National Park near the highest point on to course, to near the Salton Sea at the lowest point. We drove by giant windmills on wind farms and mountains that offered tremendous views. The Rally was run on Tuesday, so early in the week, and it was fun to drive some of the same roads later in the week as we explored the greater Palm Springs area.

After the initial hiccup, our trip was rather smooth. We even got a few "Zero" legs, meaning that we were right on time with the signs we wanted to hit. Our final score was 71, giving us third in our class, and earning me my first Parade trophy.



In an historic event, both of the Expert Class cars, manned by Jessica Toney and Lisa Gould, and Paul Young and Paul Young, Jr., each achieved a total score of 0. They ran each leg perfectly! Since there were no tiebreakers available, both pairs received first place trophies, for the first time at Parade. This was also the first Parade that an all-female car won the overall score.

All in all, the TSD Rally was a lot of fun, and a great success. I look forward to competing in more Rallies in the future, if mom will let me keep the navigator spot!



# *Parade Technical and Historical Quiz*

## *By Barb Crowley – Lifetime Member*

Who wants to take a test while on a vacation? We do ... when it's the Porsche Parade Tech Quiz. SAR members Pat, Debi, and Kymmie Norris along with me and my husband Dennis, along with dozens of others showed up bright and early Friday morning to test our knowledge on a difficult 80 multiple question exam. Fifty 'General' questions pertained to the history of all things Porsche and PCA. Every test contained those same 50 questions.

The next 25 questions were model-specific. (ex. 356, early 911s, etc.) Of course, Den and I chose to take the 356 test. An example question was "During 1964, 356 SC Ferral-coated aluminum cylinders were followed by Biral cylinders which were \_\_\_\_\_." The answer was "...a cast-iron sleeve with a finned aluminum muff." Maybe Chuck Croteau knows the answer ... but low an behold, I guessed it correctly! I did a lot of guessing. You have to be a mechanic or have a photographic memory of the tech articles in *Panorama* or *Excellence Was Expected* in order to actually know the answer. Getting a score of more than 50% correct is pretty rare. Answer sheets are provided upon leaving. When I started 'grading' the 356 portion, I had 16 correct answers! I was thrilled.

The last five questions are called 'Tie Breakers.' I got two correct answers. Later, I found out I'd place 2<sup>nd</sup> in my class ... but I was proud anyway, because I'd outscored my husband ... again. Dennis swears he'll never coach me in the future since I've beat him every time we've taken the Quiz. I really don't attribute this to my knowledge ... but my skills at test-taking (or should I say, test-guessing?).

(Note: First Place Ladies 356 Quiz went to a northeastern woman who has won the award for the past five years! What an achievement!!)

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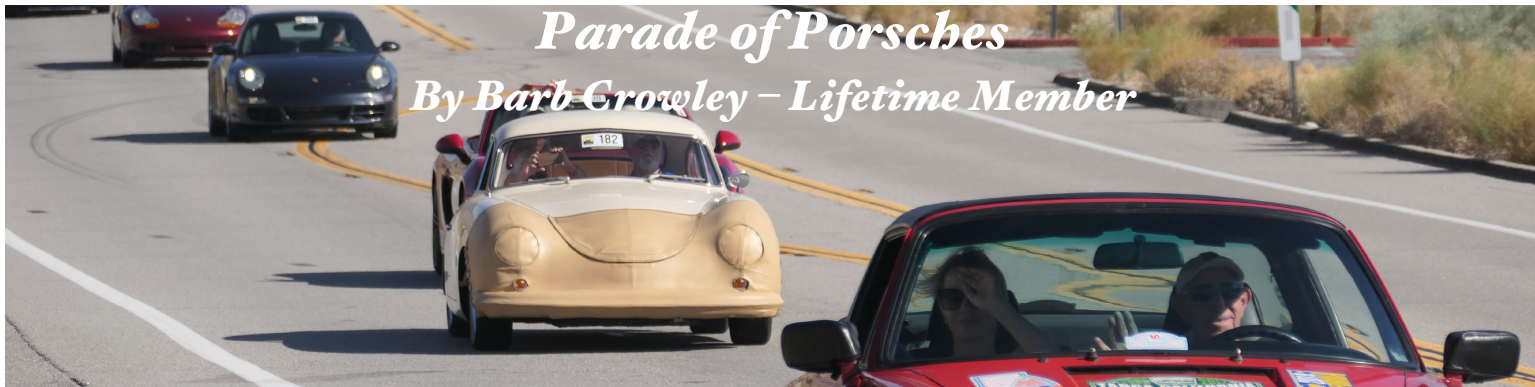
## Come Join Us for Breakfast



Our monthly breakfast get-togethers are becoming quite popular! Come on out on **Saturday, July 8**, to Blue Willow Restaurant on Campbell at 8:00 a.m. There's a reason "It's not just the cars, it's the people" has been a PCA slogan for years – it's true! Our Club Breakfasts are the perfect way to get to know some great Porsche People. Hope to see you there!

# Parade of Porsches

By Barb Crowley – Lifetime Member



This event has been a popular feature of recent Porsche Parades and involves the participation of hundreds of Parade entrants. It has traditionally been a true parade of our cars through the host city with residents lining the streets and applauding/cheering as we pass by them. How fun! But this year, the ‘powers that be’ (local authorities) were not agreeable to this activity. Instead, we had a mini driving tour from the valley up the Palms to Pines Highway Scenic Highway 74. This is a picturesque “Porsche” road with lots of curves and switchbacks. We all were to drive up to about halfway up the road then turn around and head back down the hill ... waving at the other cars still going up. That’s always neat!

Early on Saturday morning, participants lined up in a parking lot to stage for a group photo taken by a drone.



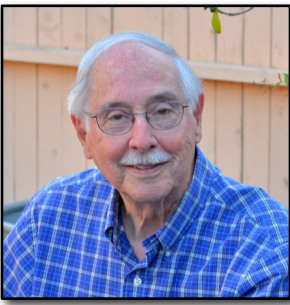
Richard Kepner and his granddaughter Makala were acknowledged and honored to be one of the lead cars in his 959. Porsche dignitaries, Parade organizers and guests from the Porsche family and factory were included in the lead cars. Some of the cars included those that had been on display at the hotel ... including the new Dakar.

It started out as a lovely drive ... but it was marred when a Boxster had a mechanical (fuel?) issue and caught fire. It was a complete loss and such a sad sight to see. We were happy to learn that no one was injured. *(Editor’s note – That Boxster belonged to a dear friend of Pat’s and mine – Margie Smith-Haas. Margie is a former professional race car driver and the first American woman to drive at La Mans. We talked to her Saturday night after the accident. She was saddened by the loss of her Boxster, but thankful she and her passenger were not injured, and the fire did not start a brush fire.)*

This was the last driving event of the 67th Porsche Parade. That evening, the Final Victory Banquet was sponsored by Reliable Carriers. Congrats to SAR member Pat Miller who won one of the grand prizes ... transport for his Porsche to the next Porsche Parade in Birmingham, Alabama. I doubt that Dennis and I will be attending. We have been to ten Parades and usually like to stay closer to home. We have fond memories of our time with friends and family at the Palm Springs Parade and hope the readers of this ZN have enjoyed the articles and photos contributors have shared.







## Speed Bump - Slow Down For Some Automotive Tales

A Semi-Regular Monthly Column By Hal Tretbar

Here are some interesting events from the 67<sup>th</sup> Porsche Parade held at the La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, California, next to Palm Springs. Some of these vignettes reflect a nice day and some are a not-so-good day.

I didn't get the name of this frustrated member of the Las Vegas Region. He had planned on leaving Sunday morning to drive the 285 miles to the Parade in his GT3. To his surprise he found the left rear tire was flat with three nails. Even though it was Sunday, he was able to contact a friend at the local Porsche dealer. After some searching, they were unable to find a replacement tire that day.

So, he decided to take his special-order Red Tesla 3. You guessed it - it had a flat from a nail. The local Tesla dealer didn't have a proper tire but another dealer on the other side of town had one. Finally, our friend was able to get on the road and arrived at the Parade at 8PM. I saw his Tesla later and it looked good in red.

Bruce Jephcott from the Grand Prix Region likes to take his 1999 911 C2 convertible with a hard top to the track. He has a lip spoiler up front that is detachable. Only on this day he removed it the hard way.

He was on the way to join our group drive to the old gold mining town of Julian when an abrupt dip appeared in the street. There was a loud *whoomp* followed by scraping, dragging sounds. He looked back to see the left half of the spoiler skidding down the street. When he was able to pull over out of traffic, he found the right half hanging on by one bolt. So, Bruce did what anyone would do

who was late for a meeting, he stomped on it until it came off so he could throw it into nearby trashcan. The rest of his drive to Julian went well.

I'm happy to report that my day went well. I had entered the Art Show competition in the Photography section. I won 1<sup>st</sup> in Black and White and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Classic Color. There was marked competition in the more than 50 images that had been entered.



The title is *Zuffenhausen August 1959*. I took the photo of the factory floor showing assembly of 1959 356As when I picked up my '59 356A at the factory. I shot it with my Rolleiflex camera on Kodak 100 speed film. The floor must have been fairly dark because the shallow of field indicates that it



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was a larger lens opening. There is some movement in a man's arm as a result of a slower shutter speed.



Karma Kientzler and I were out driving my 2017 Macan S on the old Greaterville Road off of Box Canyon west of Sonoita when we crested this hill top. It was one of those scenes where everything came together photographically. I looked up to see the car against a deep blue sky surrounded by fluffy white clouds. There was Karma taking a cell phone photo back across the valley. The title of the print is *We Came This Way*.

Now it is time for a back story.

We had finished looking at the interesting selection of unique Porsches in the display area of the Concours on the golf course. Karma and I wanted a cart ride to avoid climbing the up the slope in the heat. When a cart pulled up with six places we asked if there was room. The official looking driver said he had to pick up two passengers and there were seats for us. He found the two gentlemen and introduced them to us.

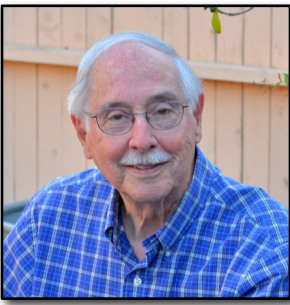
“Please meet Paul Gregor and Grant Larson. They are from Porsche Germany.” I was able to get their business cards. Grant is ‘Director Special Projects Style Porsche in Weissach.’ Paul is ‘Projektleiter (Director) Global Community Management from Stuttgart.’

Paul said, “I’m sorry we can’t talk but we are late. We have to judge the Photography contest.” Where upon, I cleared my throat and casually mentioned that there was a photo that would be of interest to them. I would never try to influence the judging. Right?



**PCA-SAR members attending Parade enjoy dinner together**





## Speed Bump - Slow Down For Some Automotive Tales A Bonus Article - It's Not the Cars But the People

By Hal Tretbar

*Zuffenhausen News* and the Arizona Region newsletter, *Going Places*.

Wow! We met some really interesting people at the Parade. Most of the time it was at a meal or a banquet when there was time to tell stories - most of them were true.

An optional trip was up Mt. Jacinto on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. The station at 8,516 feet houses a first-class restaurant, The Peaks. The delicious meal of orange roughy fish was included in our ticket. We sat next to Bob and Samantha Dubai from Scottsdale, Arizona Region.

Bob is an entrepreneur who furnishes hotel chains with fixtures made in China. His low key, but intense, personality reflects his love of Porsches. Of the many he has owned his favorite has always been his 911 SC. For some reason he sold it but it's memory never left him. Recently he traced it down using the Vin number through his Porsche dealer. He was surprised to find out that it was coming up for auction. He was determined to win the auction and now the SC is back home.

The Parade dinner on Friday night was awards night for various competitions. And yes, I did get mentioned for first place in black and white photography. The theme for the night was western attire. Karma and I wore our cowboy boots and I wore a bola tie.

Here is a little back story on the bola. I was the primary doctor for a gentleman who wore an interesting bola (or bolo) from time to time and I admired it. One day I received a message that he had passed away and he had left the bola to me in his will. It is a valuable, Zuni made, Hopi Antelope Katchina, with finely inlaid turquoise, red spiny oyster, white mother of pearl and black jet. Although unsigned, it was probably made by Anthony and Rita Edaskie in the 1940s.



Bob said he wanted to write the story of the SC, but he was only good at writing sales pamphlets. I have offered to help him to put together this fascinating tale. Hopefully we can publish it in both the



We sat next to Stephen and Vicki Childs from the Sacramento Valley Region. In their western gear he had a turkey feather in his hat, and she had an eagle feather. Steve said "I'm not a musician. I just like this shirt." They were a fun couple. Vicki made the Porsche Parade patches she had on her shirt. When she found out I grew up in Kansas, she said, "Just remember it was you Jayhawkers who moved my Choctaw Indian ancestors from Kansas to Oklahoma."

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I saw a person at the next table taking a first place trophy out of its box. He was a family member of Steve Lau and wife Tara from the Golden State Region who had won the Autocross in their highly modified 2010 Cayman S with 4 liter 400 HP. They had named their car Stormy after a white Storm Trooper doll in the Rogue episode of the Star Wars series.



For the Saturday night finale dinner, we were assigned to table 44. With nine at the table and loud background noise we were just able to talk to our neighbors. By coincidence were next to Jeff Jephcott who was the subject of my Speed Bump story about the bad day for his 911 SC. On the other side of us were Tom and Jane Chang from the Hawaii Region. Janet said this was their 14<sup>th</sup> Parade and yes, they ship their car every time. Tom is in the medical field and has had many models over the years.



Across the table was Kim Crumb from the Nord Stern Region. He was called up to receive first prize for the Tech Quiz competition. Sorry I wasn't able to chat with him.



All in all, we had a great time at the 67th Porsche Parade near Palm Springs. We were fortunate that the temps were running five degrees cooler than the usual 110 to 115.

It is true, that it is the people and not just the cars.



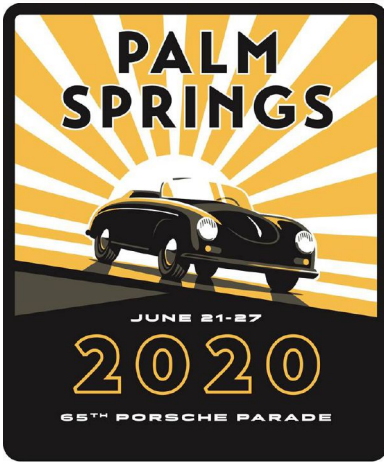


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