Jan. 1966

MONTHLY MEETING

SUCCOR FOR THE GALLEY GANG

The GALLEON $5.

PITY THE POOR NAVIGATOR

JAN 15

COCKTAILS 7PM

DINNER & PM

Dinner Reservations to:

Send reservation by January 10.

Dear Dave,
I will be at the January 15 meeting at the Galleon. There will be 5 in my party. Please let me know if you are able to attend.

Signed

Make checks payable to Porsche Club of America, Golden Gate Region.

If you must cancel, please call Dave prior to 6 P.M. the day before the dinner meeting.

I'm tired, and setting re-tired. It's about time. The enthusiasm of our new Board will breathe life back into our weary bones.

Seriously, it's been a tremendous experience for me. I still get starry-eyed standing up in front of our meetings even after two years of it, and that's a thrill, believe me.

I am continually amazed at the willing efficient help I seem to be available here in Golden Gate Region. I want to thank each and every one of you who have contributed so much of your time and talent during these two years. If only there was a way to single each of you out for the recognition you deserve.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to one and all.

From The SKIP'S

I would like to say how happy I am to be a member of the Golden Gate Region, and to thank you for giving me the opportunity to become your President. I intend to be as helpful for the Club and members as you expect me to be.

I believe we have elected a Board of Directors that everyone should be proud of, and I earnestly say, I am looking forward to working side by side with them this coming year.

I would like all of you to read an article written by our Past President Paul Scott. It was entitled "Food for Thoughts" in the September Nugget. Golden Gate Region members are showing an increasing enthusiasm for C.T.A. interests and activities. Work begins and so like, sets him in motion, and keeps him in action doing things. The right attitude towards work multiplies achievement. I will quote Paul Scott in saying: "If you will support us with the same willing participation and enthusiasm that last year's board experienced, 1966 will be a better year.

FRANK GRAY

TID BITS

1966 is here and the new year's C.T.A. activities are already under way. THOM McCOLL has outlined plans for a January Tour. How's about the other events? Omniball Rally, Drivers School, Tours, Name & Hound Rally, Punkers, Arborcross, T & D Rally, after dinner Party, Picnic, Tech Session...you name it and we'll try our best to have it. We'll need chairman and workers for such events as C.T.A. - why not come forward and lend a hand. Just a call to STU GRANITIS, 296-0357 is all it takes to start the ball rolling. There's plenty of help if we all pitch in. How's about starting something?

ACTION AWARDS FOR 1965

Men

1. R.W. Young (Total 177 - 67 Club 74 Outside)
2. Sue Granitz (* 159 - 41 Club 74 Outside)
3. Frank Granitz (128 - 113 Club 5 Outside)

Women

1. Laverne Zinke (Total 133 - 57 Club 76 Outside)
2. Shirley Neidel (96 - 53 - 33 - )
3. Lois Back (53 - 53 - )

SPECIAL AWARD for Most Active Van - FRANK GRANITIS with the most points in Club activity alone.

Most Active Woman - R. W. Young with most points in Club activity alone.

TIDY RALLY: 295-0357

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PRES: Starting from Golden Gate "1sta Point"

FESTINATION: Union Hotel in Occidental for a feast of your life. The dinners you will not believe (unless you have been there before). Let's start the year off right with a big turnout. To give the Union Hotel some idea of numbers will be please full out the slip below and mail to:

TIDY MC TID 251 Humboldt Santa Clara 914-5378

Dear Terry,

I am planning to attend the MEETING and there will be

in my party.

Signed

For Sale

- 1956 Sebring Gabrielle, Silver, Reupholstered as per original. Nearly new top. New tires & speedometer. - half shot Bruce Cave, Marshall Headstite, $1900. or best offer. Larry Yates, Santa Clara, 214-6585 after 6 p.m.

- 1961 Removable black hardtop. Never been used. Pisa 159 - 150 & 161 Gabrielle. Richard Cleerman, San Francisco, SK 2-9790 after 6 p.m.


- 4' Austin 145 29 tires, some tread left. $12. pair 15" Porsche wheels - $10. each. Bruce Anderson or Jim Ferrin, DAC 0122.


WANTED

NUGGET MATERIAL DUE

15TH OF EVERY MONTH
Dear Phil,

I hope you didn't mind having your letter printed in last month's Nugget. Since you sent a copy to our Nugget Editor, I assumed you had this thought in mind. Concerning your questions 1 and 2, refer to last month's Nugget if you didn't keep a copy of your letter. I don't know why the Treffen article did not get into Panorama. I can only venture a guess. Most of the effort expended in Panorama, PCA National, and the Regions, is done on a volunteer available base. What is the old saying about "the best laid plans of mice and men." Perhaps the source Panorama was depending on for this Treffen Article simply could not make the deadline.

3. One of Golden Gate Region's major continuing expenses is the production of the Nugget. To avoid the expense of an additional cage of copy and thereby retaining all possible space for dinner meeting announcements, activity and event reports, tech articles, and other current interest items, the minutes of the Board Meetings are made available to the membership via a bulletin board at the Dinner Meetings.

4. Golden Gate Region's monthly meeting are closed meetings open only to members and prospective members invited by a member. Members are notified of the meeting schedule by the Newsletter. As long as this system is in effect there appears to be no reason for public notice.

5. If you and I were running for office, I would insist that the ballots be numbered! Seriously, this thought is good, if only for formal record purposes.

6. Golden Gate Region has done this be having "joint events", inviting neighboring regions to our meetings, attending their events when invited, etc. They have recomended,resulting in a much better acquaintance and camaraderie, proving it to be a very worthwhile procedure.

7. This would be very good to diversify Dinner Meeting entertainment.

8. Again, a good thought.

9. Nice timing. My term of office expires, and I come up with this one.

10. Stu Perrin, meet Phillin Markes. Phil has just offered to work on a rally event in the Marin County area.

11. 12. Why not combine these two suggestions into one, and do it after the next dinner meeting in San Francisco. Check your plans out with Dave Hancock. We will be scheduling the Dinner Meeting details this next year.

12. When you find out, let me know, will you.

Sincerely,

PAUL SCOTT
EDITOR’S CORNER

"Editor, The Muppet:

I recently received a letter re questionnaire to be filled out and returned to FOR LEMS, and I’ve been told that I will be receiving a letter from another group advocating a new Region for Santa Clara County. I am unable to tell from the wording of the letter exactly what the group of interested members was advocating, or why, but it appears to me that this group wants some kind of change in our Regional Structure. I am not speaking for anyone but myself in advocating the Status Quo.

When our Region numbered about 100 members, we had about 20 who did most of the work. Now, with about 300 members, I estimate we probably have about 50 who do most of the work. Unless a Region were to set up restrictions for Membership such as Checkmates (really a group that has requiring minimum participation and work, no structural change will enlarge the number of available workers. I understand that at the present we have more workers for most events than we need, though Chairman are few and far between.

Choice #1 on questionnaires implies that the activities have been located all in one area. If someone can be found willing to open his shop on Sat., as Jim Wellington has done, with the Porsche equipment at hand, I’m sure Tech Sessions could be moved around. If another parking lot could be found for free autocrosses with the cooperation of the police, these could be held elsewhere too. I thought we were lucky to have these places at all without charge.

I have the impression that some people feel one section or area dominates the club. Our new Board has 1 member from Santa Clara Co., 1 from San Mateo Co., 2 from Contra Costa Co. It seems to me that the important thing is not where a Board member lives, but how well he can function in our behalf. I hope those of you outside my county, which is highly represented, submitted names of prospective Board members in your own areas if you were concerned with sectionals.

The only argument I can understand for wanting to change the Club is if someone is not happy with the activities. If you are happy with the activities why change? So I looked at the variety our Region offered this year and found 6 autocrosses, 3 Tech Sessions, 2 rallies, 1 wine tour, 1 family weekend. In addition, the Parade was held on the West Coast, we helped at the Sonoma Valley Olympics, and there was a low pressure concours in Pebble Alto in Aug. I should think it would be easier to demand more of the types of event you want than to take the drastic step of dividing our Region. There are many special type clubs in the Bay area, P.C.A. is not one of those, and I don’t think it should ever become special in any area except the type of car we drive. As to where we eat, I find it exciting to go to restaurants I have not heard of, and part of the fun is driving the Porsche over and back.

I cannot see anything to be gained by changing our structure. We have the personnel to put on large successful events, and variety enough in membership that our events are not too crowded. I would like to see a Board which has opportunity to at least get the new Board of Directors off the ground, and I feel complaints should be sent straight to the Board rather than bunched around the membership. If this issue is big enough to warrant it, I think there should be a panel discussion at the January dinner meeting (or later!), with one person from the group that sent the letter, one from the group whose letter I understand is coming and one who advocates the Status Quo. As it is, I doubt any great number of club members know what is going on, and maybe they don’t even care. But a harem scream discussion from the floor will only lead to chaos and unnecessary dissension. Perhaps these representatives should go to the next Board meeting and start from there.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone on this subject.

Sincerely,

BARBARA JONES"
We couldn't have asked for better weather for the whole Series of Auto-X's let alone the last one on November 26. Arlen came up with something different for this small area and all drivers came off the course with aching arms. BRUCE ANDERSON was the first on the track, and he was seen pushing his car in the grid to rerun every chance he could. I'll bet his arms were sore.

KIRBY HOLLIS didn't have the advantage of "OIL" on the track this time so placed 6th in Class 2. This course had one turn - the last long rite hand "sweeper" that gave or took away the time of the drivers according to how they went into or "Broke" and shifted on it. KIRBY found the "line" after his timed lap. SAM TOMBIN dropped a couple of seconds off his time as did RICHARD CREISSLER after they found the "line" too. LOU MARABLE said it was more work than flying to New York.

TERRY McUll took second in Class 2 then proceed to leave his scare tire on the lot when he left. Guess who found it? Scavenger Reitmeir. Yep! He sure picks up good! Last time it was Mitchell's hydraulic jack - this time McUll's smare. Anyone leaving anything behind at future events phone 964-6453.

Without getting muddy I'd like to say the folks who worked the Series, picking up pylons, timing, running helmets, posting, registration, grid, flags and tech are the best darn crew I've ever seen. I'll personally give them a kiss the first chance I get. Danke, you all! Here's the results of the last event so you can see where you came in.

Friday nite, December 3, I went to a party...oh you thought I wasn't dere! I woulda come in instead of looking thru the window, but there was a big guy with a booming voice at the door, and I was afraid he was a dog catcher or something. He had a red uniform on and a white beard, and he was shaking everyone down for donations or something at the door.

DOUG WATSON was there with his son, we haven't seen him in several months. He was trying to drum up another treffen I think. Seems to feel there should be one every month. KURT KULER kept real close to ANN all evening to keep some fellas from finding out how the glitter went. Talk about some people hawking pull somewhere. DAVE & JOE HANCOCK don't care for Lobster so they got special permission to have Steak for dinner, as did the Neldels. While the gifts were being given out there was a big howl from the WESTS (that's BRACE & MARSHALL). Their gift was a real pen & pencil with a twist. Have them show it to you. The turmoil over this gift had no sooner calmed down when DON CROSSO opened his. Someone had given him some "parts" for his 111.

SANTA BABY AND OUR '66 PREZ.

PAUL AND THE HO HO HO MAN

You should have seen all the trophies. Wow ARLEN RIDGE got the Kook Award for spinning out on the course he laid out. And the funniest of the nite was FRANK GRANATA being awarded a "Special Kook" award for his inimitable display of driving, which to quote GEORGE NELDEL who gave out the prizes "undoubtedly set P.C.A. back several years."

Quiet! PAUL SCOTT has been our President for two years. He has led the Golden Gate Region to new heights in membership, attendance and participation. He would be the 1st to say it was because he had good and able and willing co-workers on the Board, but I believe we'll all agree it would not have been possible without the excellent leadership of the Best President Golden Gate has ever had. From all of us in P.C.A.O.G.R.S. a warm thank you for a job well done.

MARIE NIXON & BYRTY PRICE are responsible for the decorations at the party and Porsche Car Pacific furnished the tiny V.M. models at each place. RUST PROPP was Santa Claus and he picked some lovely helpers to give out all the Xmas presents. The party then degenerated to dancing and finally broke up about 1 a.m. with the last die-hards "Touring" to Hoe Reitmeirs home for Irish Coffee. Incidentally not a single one of this group came in a Porsche.

Joe JOE REITMEIR & MARY ANN finally got rid of the ANDERSON'S, GRANATA'S, WINTERHOLM, HANCOCKS & PRICE'S about 3 a.m. December 4. Did you hear? JOE REITMEIR is starting his own show the last of the year to be called REITMEIR'S WORKSHOP.

Here is the way the Activity Awards were figured Do you want this program continued? If so let your Board Activity Chairman OTI GRANATA know. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Your Cold-Nosed Friend, WOLFGANG