It is generally considered by all of us that people who own Porsches are descenable persons whose word, when given, is meant to be kept. Unfortunately, an incident which occurred recently in Golden Gate Region should give us all cause to consider the value of our word when it is given to another member of the club.

Dick Chreisler planned an excellent weekend tour to Volcano in March. A reservation notice was placed in the NUGGET asking that those who were planning to attend notify Dick. Requests for reservation plus your check was not made at that time; your word was considered to be sufficient. On the basis of these reservations, the hotel was guaranteed 20 people at $15.00 per person. However, only 14 people actually attended the weekend. As a result, Golden Gate Region has been forced to pay the amount of the guarantee not covered by people who promised to attend.

You are aware that we have found it necessary to require advance monetary reservations for Dinner Meetings in order to avoid giving G.G.R. a poor name. We had hoped that this situation would be the only one in which we would have to require money in advance. This does not, at this time, seem to be the case.

May I ask that when you give your promise to attend an event whether or not you are asked to make an advance reservation with money that you attend the event or notify the event chairman within a reasonable time that you do not intend to participate in the activity. Any event which guarantees a minimum or which is restricted in any other way is one for which you must keep your word if you give it. Maintain the fine reputation of G.G.R. members—honor your reservations when you make them.

Thank you
FRANK GRANATA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to—
Lou & Ann Beckwith on their new son Ross Warren
and to
Connie & Jim Wellington and their son Steven Earl

OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES to Mrs. Lyman Nickels on the death of her husband.
Chevroler's Scheetour

Eight Porsches left Livermore Sat., March 19, for the Scheetour. It was a gorgeous spring day and tour leader, Richard Chevroler took us over a great "back-roads" route to Jackson and on to Volcano. In addition to the scenery there was a fun-quiz to keep the navigator busy.

On arriving to Volcano we checked into the St. George Hotel. Since we were the only guests, we chose our own rooms bearing names like Poker Flat, Drytown, Jintown and Sutter Creek. Second floor guests found their plumbing and showers out on the back porch.

For dinner there were superb filet mignon steaks and afterwards we found out how we scored on the quiz. Sharon Neidel took third and Stanley and Barbara Golden took second, while Don and Lois Loliche were first. We wound up the evening in the bar with singing and dancing.

Sunday, another gorgeous day, we were served a gourmet breakfast featuring "gold dust" pancakes, after which the cook gave us our box lunch, and we were off for the snow. Sunning on the deck of Peddler Hill Lodge and watching the skiers was enjoyed by Frank & Carol Azevedo, the Golden, Kathy Chevroler, the Brakers, Scotta, and Lee & Bobbie Graybeal. Our thanks to Rich Chevroler for a well planned weekend enjoyed by all.

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Up the hill to Peddler Hill Lodge on Sunday

My Overseas Porsche

By Arthur Burton

I was wedded to my 1963 Porsche Super, and had even come to partially accept the interpretations of my psychological colleagues about her ruby red color, her favorable contours, and her gentle but powerful nature. Thus, when I left for Europe and Japan to gather material for a book, I had no intention of buying a 912. Indeed, I had already rejected the idea on perfectly logical grounds.

It so happened that one of my first ports of call was Zurich, Switzerland. While I was scheduled to visit the Free University of Berlin in Germany later, Stuttgart and Munich were not on my itinerary, and my schedule was a totally tight one. There were, at this time, very few 911's in the United States, and I had not actually seen a 912. In Zurich I rented a VW and drove to the German border at Kreuslingen where I had to visit a rather famous psychiatric sanitarium. On my return, I saw six or seven 911's and 912's prominently displayed on a show patio by a company called AMAG. I quickly braked a halt and went in. The manager was a gracious and friendly Swiss who had formerly raced Porsche on various European circuits and, to my heightened interest, asked me if I would like a ride in a 911. In all innocence, I accepted! On tight, narrow, and overburdened Swiss roads we flew 100 and 120 mph, seemingly to climb to the rear of gasoline and milk semi-trailers, only to stop at the last and final moment with brakes which seemed improbable. The 356 was never like this.

When, exhilarated, we returned to the showroom, I had been infected. I asked whether I could buy one, but then went on to point out that I had not placed an order for one in the U.S. He said that I could buy one, and that he didn't need a U.S. order. He went on to say that none of the cards he had were export models, but that I could have either a 911 or 912. Or he said that he could order one for me and would personally drive it to Hamburg and arrange for shipment to San Francisco. My family is sensitized to color, and I wanted a green Porsche which he did not have in stock anyway. We discussed it over coffee, and I said I would return, my head in somewhat of a whirl.

In London and Paris I had looked at both Jaguar and Porsche and found that any of a number of reliable dealers would sell me a car and expedite the delivery home. But it was necessary for me to assure myself of their reliability. In Paris I particularly liked the services the American Automobile Association offered, but did not have time to stop for the necessary paper work. Every U.S. Embassy and Consulate has a Trade Consultant whose job it is to expedite U.S. trade with that particular country. I went to the Consulate in Zurich and discussed the deal with the Trade representative there. Most of all I wanted to know of AMAG's Swiss status, its financial structure, its past performance in deals like mine, and above all, I wanted to use the Trade Consultant as a trouble shooter if things went wrong once I got back to the U.S. Since I speak a little German, I also made inquiries of various Swiss businessmen and found that AMAG is sometimes called "The General Motors of Switzerland" and was absolutely above reproach.

Switzerland taxes automobiles heavily, so that it was necessary to take the car to the American Embassy to
Of course, my impulse buying was somewhat extravagant. I had to pay delivery charges from the factory to Zurich, and delivery again to dockside at Hamburg. But then they threw in a fine Blaupunkt radio to solve my feelngs. And above all they were true gentlemen. As far as payment was concerned, NAG accepted a $1,000 letter of credit, ordered the car, and then requested the balance at the time of shipment. This I promptly remitted through a bank exchange transfer.

Now I am wedded to a green Porsche 912!

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RACES

TOUR TO THE LAGUNA SECA RACES ON SAT., MAY 7, 1966

Meeting Place: Hyatt House, 1st Street next to Bayshore in San Jose

Time: 6:15 - 7:00 a.m., Sat., May 7, 1966

Purpose: Tour as a group to the Races. Maps available to show road into P.C.A. parking area.

Phone BOB LOWE, 325-3761 for further information.

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ATTENTION

PLEASE

GEORGE V. MCCLELLAND

1111 H. DIXMAN RD.

SPOKANE, WASH. 99208

We'd like to have any P.C.A. Golden Gate's drop in if they're ever up our way—the latch string is out and ice in the bucket.

George & Jean

Oz the Wizard

This month I'd like to pass on to you an article from the Northeast Region of PCA which should be of interest to many Golden Gaters. After two or three years the driver's seat in the Porsche tends to sag and show signs of wear while the less used passengers seat looks comparatively new. A simple solution to this is to switch seats. Merely remove both seats by pushing them all the way forward and remove the rails from the seats putting the left driver's rail where the left passenger's rail was and so on with all four rails. The seat backs must also be removed and switched so that the seat reclining levers remain to the outside of the car. The total time required should be about 15 minutes.

Some Porsche drivers have noticed that they cannot set the back of their seat at a comfortable angle. Either it is a notch too far back or a notch too far forward. To provide an intermediate position, merely raise or lower the small rubber block that the seat back base comes to rest on by about 1/4 inch. The block can be raised by putting a couple of cross sections of bicycle intertube around the block and can be lowered by cutting down the blocks thickness.

Be sure to use a good commercial leatherette cleaner to keep the car's leatherette supple. Continued use of soap and water for cleaning will cause the leatherette to dry out and become brittle. A good upholstery cleaner used three times a year over all upholstered surfaces will lengthen their life.

Many thanks to Will Mack of the Northeast Region for the tech hints above.

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LUCERNE TOUR

THE LUCERNE WEEKEND - A Family Affair

Another shindig has been arranged for your over-night stay at the Lucerne Chateau. This family outing includes: children, dogs, cats, flatpuss and even Detroit Irons. Plenty of Space for all to enjoy. Our club members will do all the cooking and running of the Chateau. So when you arrive join in the fun of setting up this May Family Bash.

Meeting Time: 11 a.m., Saturday, May 28, 1966

Place: North side area of Carquinez Bridge toll Plaza.

The tour will leave in two groups. Those wishing to purchase lunch en route will stop off at the Red Hen Restaurant, an old-fashioned barnyard type place selling Farly American Furniture and good food. Those of you wishing to make your own lunch and picnic at Bothe Napa Valley State Park (50¢ a car) will make up the second group. The first group will leave the Red Hen approximately 1:15 p.m. and the second group will leave the State Park Approximately 2:15 and tour up State Hwy 29 through St. Helena, Califomia to State Rt. 53 on the Middletown, Clearlake Highlands and up the east shore of Clearlake to the village of Lucerne.

Please register first thing at the desk with our jovial Inn-keeper, LOM LULICH, then move into your room. Beds, linen, towels, etc. in all rooms, but bring your cards, games and liquors (put your name on the bottle) down to the Tap Room and be your own guest. We will supply the glasses, ice cubes, sparkling water, quinie and Collins mix, potato chips, dips and coffee. There will be cold drinks for the kids, (please put your choice of mix and soda-pop for kids on your reservation slip).

Come 7:30 p.m. your genial Chef Larry Howery will sound the call to show. After we all have cleared away the dining room, a gaya stomp will be held in the balloon ifen we can get a hi-fi record changer from someone. Sunday morning breakfast at 9:30 a.m. then outside for a Funshum type mess-around.

NONREFUNDABLE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

All reservations and money must be received before May 24. Send your reservations and check to LUCERNE, 2715 SHASTA BL., BERKELEY, CALIF. 94708.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Each room (double bed only) @ $10.00 No. room $
Food each person (two meals) @ $5.00 No. persons $5
Food each child 6-12 yrs. @ $3.00 No. children $3
Food each child 6-9 yrs. @ $1.00 No. children $1

Total Fee $

Porsche Pushers in dining room of Union Hotel in Occidental. The finish of the Marin Tour.
FAMILY PICNIC - JUNE 19

We have a reservation for the MEADOW AREA at HUDDART PARK on Sunday, June 19. This is the same San Mateo County Park where we had our last family picnic two years ago. It is approximately three (3) miles west of Woodside. A location map will be in next month's NEWS.

Activities of the day will include games for the kids, beer, adult games, more beer, Porsche games, go to the nearest store for more beer, picnic dinner, barbeque, Porsche conversation, singing, etc.

Items to bring: Porsche, Mama, Papa, kids, knives, forks, spoons, plates, napkins, FOOD, games, $5 per car admission to park.

Items to be furnished by GOR treasury: 10¢ per person reservation fee, games, $5 per person admission, charcoal for barbeque fires.

Mark this date in your calendar and plan now to come and collect your share of Porsche sociability, BEER, and that select camaraderie.

If you would like to get in on the fun of planning and operating some part of this picnic, give us a call at 244-5959 and we'll assign you to a committee, "the more the successful".

Carole & Paul Scott

---11TH PARADE NEWS---

A report from Mr. Leroy Spanjol, 11th Porsche Parade Director, indicates that including attendance from the hosting Rocky Mountain Region, as at the the end of March, there are more than 225 car registrations. Preliminary congratulations are certainly in order to Mr. Spanjol and hard-working, obviously well qualified Rocky Mountain Region for developing a Porsche Parade of a size and magnitude that will be long remembered.

And now you eager beaver, Porsche-loving, Golden Gate'ers, our part in this 11th Porsche Parade is to run the autocross event in a manner representative of our ability and experience with the petulant art of autocrossing. The response to our requests for worker registration has been great, but we need advance information on your plans to attend the Parade so we can effectively plan our two day autocross run. SO PLEASE, as soon as you decide that you are going to attend the greatest annual Porsche Spectacular, call or drop a postcard to either EMIL M. MITCHEL, 36 S. 3rd Ave., Mr. View, Phone 965-2815, or myself. Unfortunately our accommodation arrangements at the Hotel TALC are all gone. Plan to stay at the Broadmoor, or work through your automobile club. Other Regions are staying at various motels in Colorado Springs, so I guarantee you will not be lonely.

Thank you

PAUL SCOTT

New Members

KIM ALFARO 125 Dana St. Mt. View
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Walter A. Winter 1321 21st St., #3 San Francisco

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TECH SESSION

Please note: May Tech Session attendance will be strictly limited to 25 people.

Subject: Tune-up and lubrication.

Place: Autohaus Horbert Mislony, 760 El Camino, San Carlos, (Next door to Rod Carew)

Date: Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m. This session is primarily intended for new members and those who have never done any tune-up or lubrication on their Porches. We will cover the basic factors on how to do minor engine tune-ups and how to do your own chassis lubrication. Only those who notify Dick Osgood by phone, mail or in person up to a limit of 25 will be accommodated.

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For Sale

*** Five (5) chrome wheels to fit C or 900 series Porsche. $27. each. Day call (L68) 294-0168, evening call L68 298-3098, Brian Hilliard.

*** Doors for C model coupe (right & left) in perfect condition with latch mechanism, windup window, and window crank mechanism. $65.00 each. Will sell components separately. Bob Martindale, Los Gatos, (L08) 354-2891.

*** Two Porsche Coupe seats. $30.
One German FM Car Radio, 12 volts $30.
Two rear C model Coupe seats, $10.
Two A Model door panels, red, $7.50
Call Dick Knight, San Leandro, 357-2816

*** SC tachometer, redlined 5500-6000, $20; brand new cabriolet rear window, $5.00; late style gears: 2B, 3C; 356C painted wheels, $10. each. Jim Perrin or Bruce Anderson, 5th Arashtadero Rd. Palo Alto, 326-0122.

FOR TRADE


*** Four (4) American Mag. wheels with $.8 inch rims, two with Dunlop Greenpots with brakes caps, two with Goodyear Blue Streaks with original tread, and one regular Porsche wheel with a Dunlop SP, for 5 chrome 0/SC/911/912 regular Porsche wheels with Dunlop SP's in new or near new condition and hubcaps, preferably plain. Bob Martindale, Los Gatos (L08) 351-2891.

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ELLEN KNIGHT, 1640 Hubbard Ave., San Leandro

5th Porsche Weekend

Sacramento Valley Region of the Porsche Club of America is proud to announce it will hold the EIGHTH PORSCHE WEEKEND in Sacramento, California on October 18-19, 1966. Be sure to save these dates. More information coming with each issue of your Newsletter.

Dwight Mitchell
316 Ruth Avenue
Mt. View, Calif.

Dwight:

We would like to help by working at the Auto-X being sponsored by Golden Gate Region at the 11th PORSCHE PARADE, June 29 to July 3.

Name.......................................................Member
Name.......................................................Associate
Address.....................................................
City.........................................................Calif., Ph.

Please fill out and mail. If something comes up and you cannot go, we can always scratch your names off the list. Thanks.

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