



# The Nugget

Porsche Club of America--Golden Gate Region

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Dear John,

Welcome to the second issue of the electron-only Nugget. No trees were cut down in producing this issue. Please do keep suggestions or problem reports coming; we are working on them all. Just email the [editor](#).

If you're having any problems receiving this, please either update your email address with [PCA](#), or just enter your email address in the "Join our list" box on this newsletter.

Otherwise, just do explore the links and have fun.

## Place d'Église

### High Speed Driving

--by Claude Leglise, GGR President

This past weekend was the fifth and last Time Trial of the year, and therefore the last opportunity to go play on a big track with GGR this year. Our friendly TT Chairman had lined up the Porsche Racing Club to share the weekend with us, and much fun was had by all, from driving school students to hard core racers. Andrew and his dedicated crew are running a fantastic Time Trial program for our club. They have actively reached out to you, the members, for feedback and comments on the series; they have taken risks and implemented changes to lower the barrier for new-comers; and they did their best to try to make sure everyone enjoyed the track weekends. Some participants run for time, some try to go faster than their friends, some just want to see what their new wheels will do, but all come for the bench racing (I know I was much faster than you but the timer ran too long.ï) and the Saturday evening dinner.



Speaking of Time Trial and High Speed Driving, have you thought of bringing your children to drive at the track? This past August, there were half a dozen teenagers at the Autocross school, and they were clearly all enjoying the experience. This is a great way to get started with real driving and to learn about car behavior. After a few sessions around cones, you may want to let them try Buttonwillow or Thunderhill. They will learn to go fast safely in a very controlled environment: no intersections, no trucks, no distracted drivers, no CHP, no little kids chasing balls across the street, no diesel spills, no unexpected blind corners. The list goes on. Our PCA national insurance allows high speed driving school participants starting at the age of 18. I know from the Saturday evening instructor debriefing sessions that we all enjoy having young students; they pay attention and they learn well. Somehow driving a

## Upcoming Events

- **Zone Concours #8 at Ledson Winery**
- **DentPro Day**
- **Moonlight Monte Carlo Rally**
- **Porsche Night at the Candy Store, Burlingame**
- **Proposed 2007 Competition Rule Changes**

## Join our list

Join our mailing list!

Porsche is more engaging than studying the battles of the Civil War. Go figure. So with Christmas soon upon us, you may be wondering what present you could possibly give your teenager or young adult child. I suggest a Saturday session in ground school, followed by an HSDS weekend. iPods are iso last year, you will be the coolest parent in the neighborhood.

This being October, we will soon have the GGR board elections. As I am writing this, we have candidates for Vice-President and Competition Director. We still need candidates to fill in the positions of Membership and Social Directors as well as Goodie Store Manager. If you enjoy the club activities and can volunteer some of your time to help, please stand up and join us. You can learn more about what is involved by calling the current volunteers and by coming to the next board meeting, on October 17.

Time Trials are done for 2006, but you can still get your driving fix at Alameda on October 28 at the 9th autocross.

See you there.

## Letter from the Editor

### The Experiment Continues

Welcome to the second issue of the email Nugget. Thanks very much to all the folks who emailed their support, encouragement, and appreciation. Thankfully, the folks who liked the email version were the majority by far, and your support is very much appreciated.



For the folks who experienced problems with the email Nugget, I would like to apologize for the various technical issues some members experienced with the first issue. For some people, photos covered text, the issue was too wide for their screen, funky characters in the subject line caught the attention of their spam filter--the list goes on.

Unfortunately, computers being what they are and hardware and software varying the way it does, none of these problems appeared in the almost thirty test emails I sent prior to sending out to the membership. Hopefully, they are remedied for this issue; giving us the opportunity to see what else could go wrong!

Also, for the first issue, we only emailed to people indicated on the list from PCA National as "members." There are, of course, also family members and associate members. For this and future issues, we are emailing to everyone on the list. So your significant other should receive his or her her own copy--providing PCA has their email address.

For people who did not receive the September Nugget, there are presently two options:

1. Go to the PCA web site (it's under Quick Links), and add or update your email address.
2. Provide your email address in the "Join our list" box in this newsletter.

We are still working on a method of archiving email Nuggets on the GGR web site. All attempts so far to produce a PDF file of this html email have produced files with butchered formatting, lost photos, etc. An other option would be to add this email as an individual page on the web site. The webmistress and I

(Susan Angebrannt) will hopefully figure something out soon.

Lastly, a number of members have asked why we don't distribute a PDF in the first place, and some have asserted that a PDF would simply work on everyone's computer, instead of the problems we've had with html.

Unfortunately, as we've found out with creating PDF's of the printed Nuggets for archiving on the web site, creating a PDF is just as problematic as working with html. We have had countless issues with photos not showing up, fonts not being in the file, text that appears as gibberish, and so on. On occasion, we have simply given up after many attempts to remedy particular problems. As I sometimes tell people, I'm not worried about computers taking over the world; I'm just worried about if they'll print!

The reality is that each method (html, pdf, or printed) has its issues. When we printed, members received an issue that could get wet (yes, I did receive requests for replacement issues), but wouldn't crash. Printing also took 4 to 6 weeks from submission deadline to people receiving it in the mail, and cost \$4,000 (printing and postage). Plus content was limited.

This email version arrives within minutes, cost \$35/month for the hosting service, and we can put in as much as we like. But you have to get it in email and read it on your computer, or take the trouble to print it out--which doesn't print what the articles are linked to (photos, results, standings, etc.).

There are good reasons for each method of construction and distribution. Many thanks to all the people who have already chimed in. Please: do keep the comments coming. Feel free to send me an [email](#). The GGR Board will be evaluating our little (first in PCA!) experiment in November.

Thanks for reading.  
John Celona  
Nugget Editor

## Competition Corner

### Winding Up

--by David Leong, Competition Director

Cooler weather has been around for a few weeks now, and that is an indicator that our competition season is nearing the end. The last time trial event is in the books, and the last two autocrosses of the season are fast approaching. The rally season has yet to begin, however. Well, there have been rallies, but the 2 GGR-sponsored rallies are coming up. Fall is rule change proposal season, and finally, this is an election year and there are several GGR board positions open.



AX #6 was on August 27th, just after last month's deadline for the Sept. issue, and was our annual zone event. What this means is that by entering this event, you scored points in 2 different autocross series. Your results count towards the GGR season point totals, and they also count towards the Zone 7 season point totals. The Zone 7 Autocross Series, consists of events, hosted by local regions, held all over Northern California. Drivers travel all over the top half of the state vying for a chance to be crowned a champion of more than our own Bay Area, and to compete against drivers from other parts of the state. Saturday was Loma Prieta's turn, and Sunday was Golden Gate's turn to host. Held in Marina, CA, this year, most people make a weekend out of it, and often bring their families to enjoy the sights and delights of the Monterey area. The rules are mostly the same, if not exactly the same, and the costs and procedures are also the same. There is one more Zone event at the end of October, and it

comes highly recommended. More detailed information, along with results and a recap of this event, can be found on the GGR or Zone website.

AX #7 was on September 9th, at Alameda point. Over one hundred drivers turned out for this one, including a pack of Corvettes. It's always fun to see front-engined 400HP cars try to get around a course designed by a Porsche owner. They do quite well in events run by other clubs, but this weekend, you have to scroll down past many Porsches, and even a few Hondas and Miatas before you find the first Corvette. Did you know that PCA members can run their other car, with the permission of the chairs? If, for some reason you can't run your P-car, you can bring out that BMW or Mazda grocery getter, you save for those crowded door ding parking lots. Just be sure to e-mail the chairs ahead of time.

TT #5 is in the books, and that marks the end of the 2006 Time Trial season. It all started back on that February day in Sonoma negotiating our way around Infineon Raceway. If you recall, the weather gods did not play nice and rained out the timed runs. The April event was much better, as spring is a great time to be at the track. There's snow in the mountains, flowers in the fields, and brake dust in the air. This would be the last time we would see double digit temps at the track for a few months. Buttonwillow was hot, hot, hot, and Thunderhill in July was much better than anticipated, but still hit triple digits for at least some of the time. Which brings us to the most recent event at Thunderhill. The weather was perfect, unlike the previous Friday group, which had to endure 30mph winds, and porta-potties being blown over. GGR just knows how to make perfect weekends, and this was no exception. 85 degrees, and over 90 drivers. Add in that we were sharing the track with PRC, meant a paddock of over 130 cars. For those that are new, this was how it used to be for all the events, and it was a good reminder of what all the efforts that our chair, Andrew and his team will bring us back to.

Bob Murillo, who is seeking a place on the board next year, ran 7 sessions each day, in his 996 cup car. It all paid off with TTOD in the Time Trial, and a win on Sunday. Chris Cox took 2nd overall, and top woman driver. Ken Park is hoping a 3rd overall will help him find a buyer for his GT2 car. Pete Siemens figured out a way to shave an easy 7 seconds off of your best recorded time. He brought a new car, and his silver, winged warrior podiumed in class.

As the season winds to a close, the year long results shows TT07 and TT08 by far the most popular classes as this is where the newer cars with a few modifications, meet the older cars with a more extensive list of mods. Most are streetable, and often driven to the track, in their air-conditioned splendor, well the newer cars, anyway. TT08 had 4 different winners, while Joe Gehman swept the TT07 class. He was also the only one to score in all events.

As promised last column, the rules proposals for 2007 are posted to the web. There are 5 proposals. 4 from Bill Dally concerning mid-engined cars, both Boxsters and 914s, and a 5th one from me, collapsing the GT cars into fewer classes. Remember, we are not having the open DEC meeting this year, but there is a pretty lively discussion in the GGR Bulletin Board. You can also e-mail or contact a member of the DEC in person. The DEC will be voting at the end of Oct., and I'll send out an announcement with the results.

Don't forget, the people who make all of these events and club endeavors happen, are serving you, but they are not your servants. Whether you like things the way they are, or want to see some things change, the club could use your ideas, help, and mostly, active participation. We have a few board positions open, and there is always room for team members in the various club activities. If you have some bandwidth, contact a board member, or event person, to lend a hand.

I'll close with these words of wisdom (edited very slightly by me), recently passed on to me by Justin Hall, SCCA Rookie of the Year, Driver of the Year,

regional champion, and award winning Speed World Challenge driver:

- Buy nice expensive high performance street car
- Spend \$25k on high performance mods
- Turn car into something that is decent on the track relative to what it used to be, still poor compared to a real race car, but no longer user friendly on the street
- Realize I still want more on the track
- Sell nice expensive high performance street car to what is now a much narrower target market, and am lucky to get 25 cents on the dollar for the mods.
- Buy purpose built racecar, and happily drive sedan or truck as streetcar because I am now getting way more jollies than I need on the track. Need to drive crazy on the street greatly diminished.
- Forever resist the temptation to make a single modification to any street car, now knowing how slippery the slope can be.

We have Autocross #8 at Candlestick on Sept 30th, and the Coyote Run Rally on Oct 7th. You're running out of time to join in on the fun, so act now. Be sure and visit our various sponsors, let them know you appreciate their support of GGR, and we'll see you on course.

### Membership Report (I)

September 2006

--by Louise Sousoures, Membership Director



Total members: 1662

Transfers in: 4

Transfers out: 8

#### New Members:

Frank Chen	Menlo Park, CA	1971 911
Michael Funk	San Francisco, CA	1990 911
Gary Getman & Ly Nguyet	San Mateo, CA	2002 911
Daniel Gong & JaeHee Lee	San Mateo, CA	2006 911
Steven Kotik	San Bruno, CA	1987 911
Tristan Levardo	South San Francisco, CA	2001 911
Gordon Luk	Sunnyvale, CA	1987 911
Elaine & Nathan Macey	Oakland, CA	2006 987
Larry Para	San Mateo, CA	2006 986
Bret Rothenberg	Los Altos, CA	2006 911
Carlos Rueda	San Jose, CA	1964 356
Philip Salibello	San Francisco, CA	2002 911
Dede & Kevin Seward	Emerald Hills, CA	1997 986
Jim & Anne Sorden	Saratoga, CA	1967 911
Brian Thompson	San Francisco, CA	2005 955S
Leo & Hannah Versola	San Francisco, CA	1996 911
Gerald Wichmann	Sunnyvale, CA	2006 986

**Anniversaries:***20 Years:*

Frank & Deborah Casanova	Cupertino, CA	1996 911
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*15 Years:*

Peter Lee	Pacifica, CA	1986 911
Mike Mueller	Concord, CA	1968 912
James & Meda Semien	Fairfield, CA	1976 911

*10 Years:*

Gerald Char	San Francisco, CA	1988 951
David Roseman	San Francisco, CA	1989 911
David Stomp	San Francisco, CA	1989 911
Mark & Roger Walther	San Francisco, CA	1985 911

**Membership Report (II)****October 2006**

--by Louise Sousoures, Membership Director



Total members: 1652

Transfers in: 9

Transfers out: 14

**New Members:**

Michael Axelrod	Redwood City, CA	1996 911
Blair Bautista & Brad Cousins	South San Francisco, CA	2007 987
Mike Chase	San Jose, CA	1997 911
George & Jacquelyn Gitschel	San Carlos, CA	2002 911
Robert Harris	Palo Alto, CA	1993 911
Brian & Debra Kaminskas	San Jose, CA	2004 911
Swen Kolterman	San Francisco, CA	1969 911
Ngai Lam	Cupertino, CA	2006 987
Tom Love	San Francisco, CA	2002 911
Chad Overway	San Francisco, CA	2005 955
Feroz Razzaqui	Gilroy, CA	2005 986
Joseph Rivera & Joseph Clemente	San Francisco, CA	1999 986
Jeremy & Angie Scott	Campbell, CA	1996 911
Abelardo & Maria Shiraki	Gilroy, CA	1999 986
Jonathan & Lori Smith	San Jose, CA	2006 911
Lynn Solomon	Menlo Park, CA	2007 911
Steven & Cindy Springsteel	Cupertino, CA	2006 911
Lisa Wells	San Francisco, CA	1997 911
Hans Wilms & Wacklar Borkenhagen	Mill Valley, CA	1990 911
Eric Wong	Burlingame, CA	2004 GT3
Philip Yasuhara & Kathy Colemere	Oakland, CA	1986 911

## Board of Directors

### Meeting on July 18, 2006

#### Call To Order

President, Claude Leglise called the meeting to order at 7:25 p. m. on June 20, 2006 at the residence of the President, Portola Valley.



Board Members present were Claude Leglise, Bill Benz, Susan Angebrannt, Laura Mercier, Tracey Morris, Louise Sousoures, David Leong, K.C. Sharp, and John Celona: also present Andrew Forrest, Cindy Leglise, Larry Adams, Larry Sharp and Ron.

#### Agenda Changes

1. None

#### Calendar Changes

1. None

#### Approval Of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting June 2006 was unanimous as written.

#### Postmortem Of Events

1. June 24-25: Time Trial #3 ñ excellent turnout with largest turnout from central coast
2. July 18: Autocross #5 at Alameda Point had 110+ cars
3. July 15: Ground school ñ low attendance
4. July 16: Concours was well attended by 44 participants
5. June 17: Boxster Brunch

#### Directors Reports

##### *President: Claude Leglise*

1. Noted Rob Nidell is still listed on GGR's web as tour chair for GGR and this should be corrected.
2. Leglise gave proxy to Larry Sharp for the Executive Meeting in Oregon in August. He also noted Terry Zaconi will represent GGR as needed.

##### *Vice President: Susan Angebrannt*

1. All insurance is in place for the rest of the year including Candlestick Park.

##### *Treasurer: Tracey Morris*

1. As of 18 July 2006, PCA GGR Cash balance is \$39,222.05. Discussion ensued about GGR's Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison. Details included End of Year party, awards, fixed expenses, events break even points.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's report was unanimous as given.

##### *Secretary: Laura Mercier*

1. Just received all comments regarding the Redbook ñ it will be sent out electronically in red line form so all can see the edits. The final version will be presented to the GGR Board for approval during the September Board Meeting.

##### *Membership: Louise Sousoures*

1. For the month of June, there were seven transfers in, nine transfers out, 21 new members giving a total membership count of 1653.
2. GGR has been requested to attend a Pine Wood Tar Derby on January 27, 2007 in Walnut Creek as a Judge. This would take about 30 minutes of the Judges time. After some discussion the Board agreed the Diablo region should be contacted regarding this event.

##### *Competition, David Leong*

### Autocross

1. July 18: Autocross #5 at Alameda Point had 110+ cars  
Time Trial

1. Andrew Forrest reported the numbers for Thunderhill on July 29-30 is running below his plan but he noted the total number of participants to this date for 2006 Time Trial Series is equal to the number of participants for the entire 2005 Time Trial series.

### *Social, K.C. Sharp*

1. At the September Board meeting she will more details/options for the End of the Year Party.

### *Nugget Editor, John Celona*

None

### *Web mistress: Susan Angebrannt*

None

## **Major Topics For Discussion**

### 1. Nugget Future Direction

John Celona presented to the board his evaluation and recommendations to the board on future options for the Nugget, considering: content, timeliness, and cost.

The first chart presented showed four options: Status Quo, Small Monthly, Quarterly, and Electronic Newsletter. The board discussed the Net Cost to the Club and the Pros & Cons of each option. Further discussion reviewed the 2006 Cash-Flow Analysis for each option, work load, expectations of GGR members, sponsors, year books, and contribution of text from members.

Following lengthy and detail discussion amongst the board a motion was made and seconded to experiment with an electronic Nugget starting in August.

Yes: 4 (Claude Leglise, David Leong, Laura Mercier, KC Sharp)

No: 3 (Susan Angebrannt, Tracey Morris, Louise Sousoures)

Further discussion concluded the Board would review the responses to the electronic Nugget during the November Board Meeting. Claude Leglise agreed he would contact notify National PCA regarding this matter.

### 2. Candidates for 2007

Four positions are opening up: Vice President, Competition, Social, and Membership. In addition, the 2007 Nugget Editor position is open. Discussion ensued about potential candidates ñ will follow up with the individuals.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was approved at 10:35 p.m. The next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for September 19, 2006 at the residence of Claude Leglise in Portola Valley, CA. Please call the President at 310-418-0163 or email [GGR President](#) to add items to the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Mercier  
GGR Secretary 2006

**GGR Autocross #7**

## Saturday, September 9 at Alameda Point



The weather at Alameda Point for Autocross #7 was unseasonably cool, but that didn't stop the hot times. Course designer Paul Smith wanted a fast course, and that's exactly what we got.

TToD was all 914 with Andrew Blyholder taking back the overall honors and Birgit Heinz taking the ladies crown. Dana Ambrisko was just 0.041 seconds back.

Rich Walton co-drove Birgit's 914 to it's second title of the day by taking the first spot in PAX, followed very closely by Dave McGuigan. One second covered the top 8 spots in PAX, with cars coming from classes AX03 down to AX16.

Results are available [here](#). Photos were taken by [Dave McGuigan](#) and [Dave Dunwoodie](#).

### **GGR Time Trial #5**

**September 23-34 at Thunderhill Raceway Park**



The results for the time trial this past weekend at Thunderhill are now available [here](#). David Leong's photos are available [here](#).

49 people ran for time.

TTOD - Robert Murillo

TTODL - Chris Cox

Congratulations to the new lap recordholders:

Ken Short (GT2R)

Chris Cox (GT3R)

Sharon Neidel (GT3SL)

John Seidell (GT5R)

Robert Murillo (GTC3)

Alan Straub (TT4)

Harry Demas (TT6)

Joe Gehman (TT7)

Andrew Forrest (TT10)

Glynn Dennis (TT11)

Jerry Whitteridge (TT12)

Mark Reese (TT14)

The final standings for 2006 are available [here](#).

The membership pages have been updated as well; individual results are available [here](#). Sharon Neidel did the timing. Susan Angebranntd the scoring. If there are corrections, please email [Susan](#).

**Ledson Winery Concours**

### Sunday, October 1 in Santa Rosa



Redwood Region Presents  
**The Seventh Annual  
Ledson Winery  
Concours d'Elegance**  
Sunday, October 1st, 2006



**Sponsored by Hi-Tec Automotive**

If last year's event was any indication, this should be a terrific concours! The concours runs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with car placement from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. Judging begins at 11:00 AM. Pre-registration is not required. This is the penultimate event of the Zone 7 concours season.

Fee for judged Porsches is \$20.00 per entry, with the proceeds going to CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates of Sonoma County). Attendance is free. Food will be available for purchase. PCA members will receive a complimentary wine tasting. Class winners will receive a bottle of Ledson Wine.

Address: Ledson Winery & Vineyard, 7335 Hwy 12 Santa Rosa, CA 95452  
Phone (707) 537-3816 URL: [www.ledson.com](http://www.ledson.com)

Directions: From Hwy 101 North, take the Hwy 12 exit in Santa Rosa and continue East towards Kenwood/Sonoma to the Ledson Winery (on the left).

From Hwy 80, take Hwy 12 or Hwy 37 to Napa. Proceed over the Napa River Bridge, go left on Hwy 12/11. Follow signs to Sonoma and continue on Hwy 12 through Kenwood to Ledson Winery (on the right).

For more details, contact James Heisey at (707) 542-7722 or e-mail "[jheis@sonic.net](mailto:jheis@sonic.net)"



[Details...](#)

### Moonlight Monte Carlo Rally

Saturday, November 4 in Burlingame



Golden Gate Region Presents  
**Moonlight Monte Carlo 2006**  
Saturday, November 4

Sponsored by Rector Porsche  
1010 Cadillac Way · Burlingame, CA 94101

Please join us for the running of this map-based Monte Carlo type rally under the light of the moon.

Registration opens at 2:45 P.M. · First car out at 4:00 P.M.  
All makes of cars are welcome.

Tee: \$20.00 per car; pre-register by October 21 to save \$5.00

Pre-registration: To receive a copy of the general instructions, send a self-addressed stamped envelope and your check in the amount of \$15.00, made payable to "Golden Gate Region," to:



Hubert Lee  
525 Upland Road  
Emerald Hills, CA 94062  
(650) 368-5258



[Details...](#)

**Catch the Flying Lizards**

Saturday, October 21 at Laguna Seca



The Monterey Sports Car Championships will feature a four-hour American Le Mans Series race into the evening on Saturday, October 21 at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. Come watch GGR's own Johannes Van Overbeek, currently in first place in the driver's championship, and the team of Flying Lizard Motorsports battle for top spot in the GT2 class.

[Click for more information or tickets...](#)

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Thanks for reading through this month's issue. Still definitely a work in progress! Hopefully an improvement on last month. Please do let us know about any technical issues or glitches with receiving or viewing this. We are sorting them out as we go along.

**Cheerios,**

John Celona  
Porsche Club of America-Golden Gate Region

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