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Place dé Leglise



--by Claude Leglise, GGR President

Don't spectate; participate!

I was browsing the Internet last week, when I happened upon a Yahoo forum where a European surfer had posed the following question: "Why do Americans like NASCAR instead of Formula One?" Nothing inflames passions as much as such random questions of personal preference mixed with a heavy dose of self-appointed cultural superiority. The answers were predictably vitriolic, arguing either one side or the other with equally strong language. This was a couple of days after our home Tivo had recorded the Australian Grand Prix. In case you missed it, the race was standard modern F1: Kimi Raikkonen

started from the pole position in the Ferrari; he made it past Turn 1 first, led every lap and then won. Fernando Alonso passed emerging star Lewis Hamilton . . . in the pits. End of the race. I think I am starting to like NASCAR, even if they only turn left. At least there is racing action, and the winner is usually not clear until a few laps before the end of the race -- occasionally not until the last straight.

Meanwhile, the most recent issue of Autoweek reports that Michelin is suing the FIA because Pirelli was selected as the tire supplier of World Rally, AT&T is suing NASCAR for the right to change the name of the Cingular car, Spyker is about to sue Super Aguri and Toro Rosso over the design of their cars, and the list goes on. While not quite the end of the world as we know it, maybe these are signs that it is time to shut down the Tivo, get off the couch and get the Porsche ready for the next event.

In that spirit, I want to encourage all you GGR members out there who have looked at one of our event listings and thought "That might be fun" to get off your good idea and show up. Here is my take on the

season so far.

Infineon turned out to be an excellent weekend despite the iffy weather. It rained on Sunday morning, so the Time Trials were cancelled. I already had the car on the trailer, ready to go home, when the sun came out during lunch, the track dried and the remaining participants enjoyed several hours of open track. A 1965 911 is not as fast around Sears Point as an IRL car, especially with yours truly at the helm, but there is something to be said for driving at one's own pace rather than watching someone else do it, no matter how fast. Two weeks later, the Beginners' Autocross School at Candlestick was sold out, and students and instructors practiced or demonstrated the fine art of car control, or not. A few orange cones had to pay the ultimate price; everybody else had fun. The first autocross held at Altamont Raceway was also very well attended, and we have found a new venue to go burn hydrocarbons and rubber. This is really welcome news, given the situation at Alameda. Check out the pictures on the web site; the banking looks really inviting.

The menu for April looks scrumptious: Driver's Ed and Time Trial this weekend at Thunderhill; Boxster Brunch at Alice's Restaurant on the 7th -- come check out the Group W Bench; Autocross at Candlestick on the 14th - if you have never been to one, just show up and a friendly instructor will show you around. If you need more, Redwood Region has two autocrosses at the Santa Rosa airport, and finally there is the social gathering at Mountain Mike's on the 20th.

It does not matter what you drive, and you don't have to be fast, you just have to get ready to have fun. Pierre de Coubertin, father of the modern Olympic Games said it best: "*L'important est de participer.*" The important part is to participate.

Claude

Letter from the Editor



--by John Celona, Nugget Editor

A Busy Month; Want to Write About It?

Lots of events going on with the driving season in full swing. As always, we're looking for material to run on the events as they occur. If you attend an event and would like to write a short piece on it, we'd be happy to run it. It doesn't have to be the school essay you dreaded; two or three paragraphs would do. Usually, there's lots of people taking photos that we can run along with the piece. You can then forward the Nugget email to your parents so they can show their friends at the Elks Club: my son or daughter, the author!

If nothing else, you can improve your Google ranking.

So Far So Good on the New Software

This makes the second month of using the new software to put out the Nugget. Notwithstanding my usual experience with upgrades, the result so far has been wonderful. Not a single complaint received. Hopefully, that's because people are not having problems! If your experience is to the contrary, please do send an [email](#) to let us know what's going on. It is our intention to be as close to problem-free as possible. If you're having trouble with this email, let us know and we'll try to fix it.

Thanks for reading.

Competition Corner



--by Neil Librock, Competition Director

Let's Talk Autocross.

Lot's happening on the AX front. The annual "one day" school - 50 students / 50 instructors (how's that for a ratio!) was flawlessly executed, even including a sunny day without gale force winds at Monster / Candlestick, by John Seidell and Howard Yao in early March. Thanks to all involved - John and Howard, our team of dedicated instructors, and all you "rookies" who came out and learned more about your car. Best quote of the day, by an unnamed instructor: "I really drove that well for 50 seconds". Unsaid: "The course is really 55 seconds long and I took out about 10 cones, and almost the timing light, at the finish." Now you know what it takes to be an instructor.

My personal tale of woe is I got the flu and didn't make either GGR AX1 or Zone AX1 at Altamont. I've heard that Altamont was FANTASTIC - thanks to the Larry's (Adams and Sharp) for finding a fun new place and running a great event. If you also didn't make it there's a great in-car video from Trekkor Wills you can view by clicking [here](#).

Now the "good news / bad news". Several of our colleagues, Marc Blatt and Tim Stewart, were making good progress getting us back into Alameda, only to have the Navy decide that this summer would be a good time to repair drainage and pipes throughout the facility, meaning holes in the tarmac and large pieces of pipe and equipment strewn about. It's one thing to hit an orange rubber cone, quite another to run into a Caterpillar (the large yellow kind!). Seems like our first chance to get back to Alameda is the 2008 season.

The "two-day", 100 students AX school is scheduled for July 7-8 at Monster. Dan Thompson, Bill Pickering, and Randal Barrick are hard at work - please either ask them how you can help or be ready to volunteer when asked. This is perhaps the one event that defines PCA competition in Northern California. Student and instructor registration will be on-line shortly.

It may seem like the 2007 competition season has just begun, but it's already time to start thinking about 2008. Next month, I'll begin the process of soliciting rules changes for 2008, but it's never too early to let me know what changes you want. And, both our AX and Time Trial event chairmen will have served their 2-year sentence (without early parole) after the 2007 season. In all seriousness - both AX and TT survive and thrive because of the chair people. Can you take on this responsibility for the 2008 season?

Let's wrap up with some thoughts from Ken Jones, our 2007 AX representative. I asked Ken why he volunteered for this position:

The Why - after having been a Diablo Region Newsletter editor, I'm wondering the same thing. But, I thought I could learn more about the methods behind the madness. It is a volunteer organization isn't it? However, if anybody is getting paid, I want their job.

What do I get? - I get to work with a bunch of great enthusiasts who care about the welfare of the club and now I get to contribute my 2 cents worth. I anticipate learning a great deal more about the organization than I currently know.

And, Ken added this about what seems to be a serious car addiction:

About cars - I've owned ~30 cars. The first Porsche was a '65 356C in Germany in 1968. Then a '69 Targa, an '89 Targa and now an '03 986S. Why a Boxster? Babes of course!.... it's so cute, isn't it. It's been a blast to AX, but admittedly, I miss playing with the '89 Targa too. I'm going into my 7th (full time) season of AXing. It seems to be something I can still do and be competitive without having to be in shape and I consider my AX comrades among the people I like the most.

February Membership Report

--by Jeff Kost, Membership Director

Total Members: 2652
 Primary: 1540
 Affiliate: 1111
 Life: 1

New Members: 21
 Transfers In: 8
 Transfers Out: 5

New Members

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|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Michael & Martha Adler | Half Moon Bay | 2007 911 |
| Raymond Adriano | Vallejo | 2000 Boxster |
| Samieh Behnam | Los Gatos | |
| Michael Donham | Campbell | 2002 Carrera |
| Michael Fazio | Redwood City | 1999 996 |
| Jay Feero | Half Moon Bay | 2007 Cayman |
| Cal & Bonnie Fugitt | Burlingame | 2001 996 TT |
| R Henderson | Tracy | 2002 996 |
| Jan Koum | Santa Clara | 2003 996 |
| Kurt Kruger | Redwood City | 1994 911 |
| Kenn Lara | San Carlos | 1987 911 |
| Peter & Toshiko Lim | San Mateo | 1999 996 C4 |
| James McDonnell | Palo Alto | 2007 911 |
| Micah McElravy | Los Altos | 1986 944 |
| Eugene Michal | San Francisco | 2005 Boxster |

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| Richard Nessary | Belmont | 2004 GT 3 |
| Erik Reykjalin | Berkeley | |
| Paul Seiferle | San Francisco | 1995 993 |
| Craig & Ellen Swarthout | San Jose | 2001 996 |
| Don & Sachi Takemura | Sausalito | 1971 914-4 |
| Tim Teichgraeber | San Francisco | 1987 911 |
| Edwin & Nicolasa White | Redwood City | 2002 911 |
| Ted White | Concord | 2005 911 C4S |

Anniversaries

25 Years

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| Gail Hatch | Walnut Creek |
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20 Years

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| Jim Housman | Sebastopol | 1974 911 |
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10 Years

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| Francis Ho | San Francisco | 1979 930 |
| Paulette Johnson | Castro Valley | |
| Shelley Mcgraw | San Mateo | |

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| Christine Salesky | San Rafael | |
| Derek Dean | San Francisco | 1997 993C2 |
| Ruben Santos | San Jose | 1978 911SC |

5 Years

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| John Andrews | San Ramon | 1993 911 |
| Keith Berry | Walnut Creek | 1979 911 |
| Michael McWick | Woodside | |
| Marie Orourke | San Mateo | |
| Imelda Punsalan | Union City | |
| Rose Sandlin | Los Altos Hills | |
| Adrian Streater | Walzenhausen | 1989 911 |

Board of Directors Meeting



--by Laura Mercier, Secretary

A. Call To Order

The meeting came to order at 7:30 PM on February 21, 2007 at the residence of the Bill Benz, Palo Alto.

Board members present were Claude Leglise, Rob Murillo, Bill Benz, Laura Mercier, Tracey Morris, Jeff Kost and John Celona. Also present were Larry Adams, Susan Angebrannt, Bill Dally, Andrew Forrest and Mark Powell.

Agenda Changes

None

Calendar

Additions/Changes

- Moonlight Madness - November 3, 2007
- Concours - August 5, 2007
- Rally - October 6, 2007
- Autocross - Zone 2 days - October 27/28
- DE day - December 9 at Laguna Seca

B. Approval Of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting January 11, 2007 was unanimous as written.

C. Postmortem Of Events

1. 1/13 Zone 7 Presidents Meeting
2. 1/19 Fri Night Social - about 12 people
3. 1/20 GGR Year End Banquet - comment from attendees best ever
4. 1/21 Activities Day - Zone 7 calendar update
5. 1/27 DE/TT Technical inspection David Loop, Kahlers - high attendance at Kahlers
6. 2/3 Boxster brunch
7. 2/3 DE/TT Technical Inspection Rennwerks
8. 2/10 DE/TT # 1 Ground School - over 30 people
9. 2/16 Fri Night Social
10. 2/17 DE/TT Technical Inspection S Car Go

D. Directors Reports

President; Claude Leglise

1. IRS withdrew their claim regarding GGR's taxes in response to Olen Creech's filing of the appeal.

2. Attended the Activities Day meeting.

Vice President, Rob Murillo

1. Upcoming Events:

1. Feb 24-25: Driver's Ed & Time Trial at Infineon Raceway
2. Mar 3: Beginner's Autocross School at Candlestick
3. Mar 10: Ground School
4. Insurance
 1. Final insurance certificate issued for DE/TT # 1. The first certificate had some discrepancies when compared to the 2006 certificate. All event Chairs need to review the certificates when they receive them.
 2. Certificates are in place for the following events:
 1. Auto X School 3/3/07
 2. Auto X # 1 3/17/07
 3. Yosemite Tour 3/24-25/2007 (We have requested that this certificate be revised by PCA National)
 4. DE/TT # 2 3/30 -4/1/07 (We have requested that this certificate may be revised by PCA National)
 1. Next insurance to be ordered:
 1. Auto X # 2 Monster Pk 4/14/07
 2. Zone 7 Concourse School 4/14/07
 3. Auto X # 3 Monster 5/19/07
 4. DE/TT # 2 Buttonwillow 5/26-27
 5. Auto X # 4 Marina 6/03/07

Treasurer; Tracey Morris

1. As of February 21, 2007 PCA GGR Total Checking and Savings Balance was \$27,465.67. After some discussion about sponsorship GGR received in 2005 and 2006 compared to current approval of the Treasurers report was unanimous as written.

Secretary, Laura Mercier

1. Red Book will be ready for March Board meeting.

Membership, Jeff Kost

1. There was 5 transfer in, 7 transfer out, 25 new members total: 1539
The membership report unanimously approved.

Competition, Neil Librock (via email)

1. DE / TT at Infineon is "on track" - over 100 drivers / crew and logistics in place.
2. Currently he has received little feedback (positive only) about the revised DE rules; at Infineon, he will pay particular attention to how the revised DE rules are working and how the drivers feel about them.
3. Neil also noted he would review the incident log as promised and report his findings / observations at the next meeting unless something is important enough to flag sooner.

Autocross - Bill Dally

1. First Autocross school on March 3 is sold out and we're at or near enough instructors.
2. The First GGR Autocross is March 17 at Candlestick.
3. The calendar is incomplete at this time due to logistics. Currently there are five events scheduled at Marina with a 60-day cancellation requirement.
4. Currently there is no site reserved for the July Autocross.
5. September 1 there will be a GGR/Zone 7 Autocross.
6. Both Bill and Neil recommend the Autocross fee remain at \$30.
7. Larry Adams noted there is a Zone 7 Autocross at the Altamont Track on March 18. Diablo or Sacramento Regions will take care of the timing equipment.

Time Trial - Andrew Forrest

1. Feb 24-25: Driver's Ed & Time Trial at Infineon Raceway
 1. Approximately 100 drivers are signed up
 2. A good turnout for instructors
2. Online registration is going well. TT has received applications for two events and so far, TT staff has been able to keep up with all submittals.
3. Payment on-line is the next goal. Have to coordinate the account with Tracey and finalize the cancellation policy.
4. Andrew noted to the Board that the online registration has been received positive by active members.

Social, TBD

1. Position remains open looking for candidates.

Nugget Editor, John Celona

1. Circulation of the electronic version continues to increase and reviewed the February 2007 Email Run History with the Board. Discussion included the possibility of GGR sending out a postcard to all members requesting updates on email addresses to decrease the number of bounces.
2. John noted GGR's email hosting service has new templates and software for constructing email newsletters. He thinks most of the technical glitches should be addressed.
3. He requested the board to send all submitted articles by the coming weekend.

Webmistress, Susan Angebrannt

1. After some discussion, the board concluded they would like the GGR web site to show the date of the latest update to the web site.
2. In addition, Susan explained the online classified ads are in two sections: Porsches for sale and Porsche parts for sale. Discussion ensued about opening the categories or creating categories and the board supported Susan's recommendation to keep the ads clean and simple keep it to two categories - Porsches and Porsche Parts.

F. Major Topics for Discussion

1. Sponsorship Program;

Andrew Forrest for Gary Willard reviewed status of GGR's sponsorship and advertising programs with the board including there are 12 confirmed sponsors with a couple still considering. Some previous sponsors have not renewed because they do not feel there is a good return on their investment. Andrew stated Gary recommends that the sponsorship program should start in November and for GGR to urge members to patronize sponsors and let the sponsors know they are GGR members. Further discussion included ads and sponsor corners in the Nugget highlighting Sponsors.

2. Reallocation of money no longer needed for The Nugget

An in depth discussion reviewing current needs and potential reallocation of money no longer needed for The Nugget took place.

First, the board reviewed the Autocross and Time Trial budgets/assumptions and needed budget for the Nugget.

The board reviewed the current participant fee requirement for Autocross and Time Trial events for the GGR General Treasure account. The board concluded and approved to remove the requirement for the participant fee to pass on to members some cost savings. It was noted the price of events are still not able to be decreased due to Track rental and Autocross rental fees but this fee being waived would minimize increase if one is needed.

Multiple ideas were discussed (see below) and the board concluded further research and evaluation needed to be completed and discussed during the March 2007 GGR Board meeting.

- Create a reserve and build up the savings as a buffer over two years
- Anyone who steps forward to organize an event, gets their entry cost for the event paid for by the club
- Coupons sent to members for events: cover or reduce cost for one event i.e. free autocross or reduction in fee for one DE
- Incentives for instructors
- Buy an Autocross Venue - currently Thunderhill has a contract with GGR for more than 20 years for three track weekends every year.
- Transponders
- Charity - give back to the community
- New members social events - i.e. G24
- Hold off for six months and see actual versus budget compare.

Items For Next Board Meeting: March 2007

Reallocation of the money no longer needed for the Nugget.

Red Book final review and approval

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was approved at 10:05 PM. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held March 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the residence of the Claude Leglise in Portola Valley. Please call the President at 310-418-0163 or email ggrpresident@gmail.com to add items to the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Mercier

GGR Secretary 2007

DE/TT #1

--February 24-25 at Infineon Raceway

For GGR's first Drivers' Ed and Time Trial at Infineon Raceway (formerly known as Sears Point), the weather partially cooperated. Timed runs (the time trial portion) were cancelled on Sunday due to rain but, after the weather cleared, the remaining participants enjoyed an open track session with only around twenty cars on the track. Sometimes, you just get lucky.



3 cars; 3 lines. It's a free country.

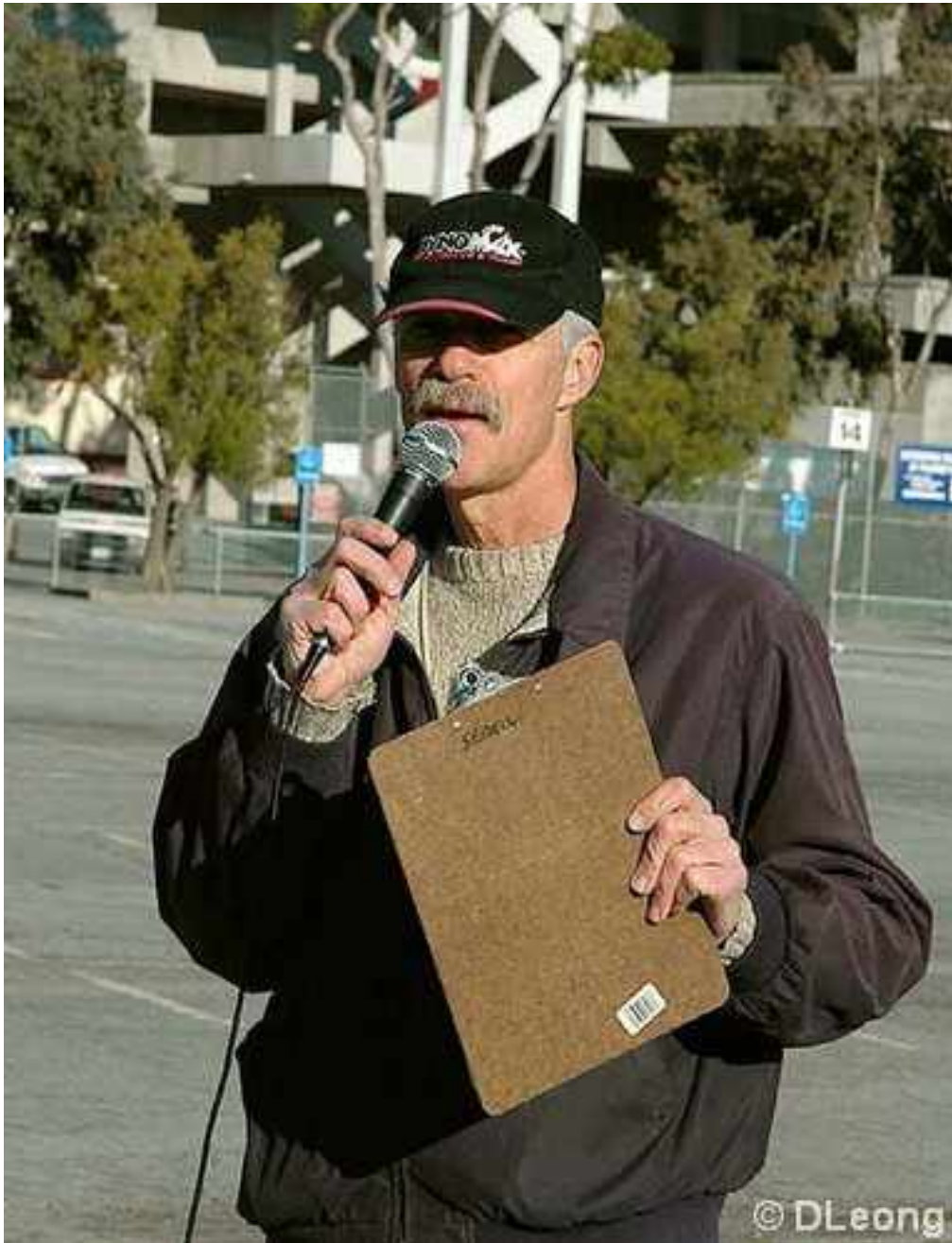
For photos by David Wong, click [here](#). For David Leong's photos, click [here](#).

The second DE and TT is happening this weekend at Thunderhill Raceway Park. Looks like the weather is cooperating.

Beginner's Autocross School

--by John Seidel

On March 3, 2007, the GGR Porboys Beginner Autocross School treated newcomers to the world of autocrossing Porsches. The day started at 7 AM with the course setup crew led by Larry Sharp. He designed a great course which tested not only the beginners but the experienced instructors who were showing their students how to go faster on the course.



John Seidel at the mike (Leno not available!)

After registering and getting their cars teched, there was a driver's meeting at 8:10 to lay out the days events. The instructors then took their morning students for a course walk trying to explain where students should have their car on the course and where to brake and where to use the gas pedal. At 9 AM the students headed for one of the five skid pads set up so students could get a feel for understeer and oversteer and to control the rotation of the car with the gas pedal.



That looks like a slip angle to me.

At 9:45 the real fun started with half of the students driving while the other half learned how to work the course. Safety was stressed, students learned to use the red flags and they learned how to watch the cars and cones on the track. The smiles were getting larger as the morning went on. Then the Porboys sandwiches, chips, cookies, and soda were brought by Marina Yao. Students and instructors were hungry as we ordered more food than usual and basically nothing was left.



Why your mother advised against a career as an autocross cone.

The day continued with two more driving sessions and two work sessions for each of the students. They always have different instructors in the afternoon in order to gain a different perspective on autocrossing. At 5:10 PM the last car came off of the track...everyone had a great time and the clock times really improved throughout the day. The cones were picked up, the trailer packed, and everyone headed home with big smiles. Thanks to Doug Ambrisko for trailer towing and managing the trailer. Thanks to Howard Yao for doing the registration and answering a zillion questions. And of course THANKS to Joe and Annie Zeiph, the owners of Porboys German Automotive Service in Oakland, for sponsoring another great beginner autocross school.

For photos by Ron Leppke, click [here](#). [Here](#) for those by Dave Dunwoodie, and [here](#) for those by David Leong.

A two-day Zone 7 (hosted by GGR) autocross course is in the planning stage for July 7-8. Watch the [web site](#) for details: it's always a sellout.

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GGR Autocross #1

--by Andrew Blyholder

The 2007 autocross season kicked off with a great event at Candlestick park on March 17. The skies were overcast but the temperature was mild. Neither sunburn, windburn, nor frostbite threatened, so an exemplary day for Candlestick. Paul Smith put together a course with a challenging mix of higher speed straights and sweepers interspersed with tight chicanes.



A cool, overcast day on the grid.

TTOD was Andrew Blyholder. Andrew had a tight battle with Peter von Beherns for the honors, nipping Peter in the end by just .7 seconds.

PAX also went to Andrew Blyholder, and again, it was a tight bunch with 7 drivers within a second of Andrew's time.

Michelle Melka took TTOD Ladies with a very fast time, besting the rest of the ladies by almost 4 seconds.

For results, click [here](#). For photos by Dave McGuigan, click [here](#). For photos by Ron Leppke, click [here](#).

Next event is April 14th at Candlestick.

GGR Alum 3rd at Daytona

--press release by The Racer's Group

Daytona Beach, Fl. - The #64 JLowe Racing/SRS/Globus Medical Porsche 997 of Jim Lowe, Jim Pace, GGR alum Johannes van Overbeek and Ralf Kelleners finished a strong 3rd place at the 45th annual Rolex 24 At Daytona, adding another podium to TRG's strong history at the World Center of Racing. Johannes van Overbeek took the checkered flag for the team, which performed steadily for the entire 24 hours, enduring nasty rain squalls and constantly changing conditions.



Jim Lowe said, "This feels fantastic. For me to come here to Daytona last year in my rookie year and finish the race was a feat in itself, but I can't describe the feeling of getting to the podium at the Rolex 24. With about 90 minutes left to race, it occurred to me that we had a shot at it - Jim Pace, Johannes van Overbeek and Ralf Kelleners are exceptional professionals, and it was my job to get them the chance to win the race. I'm thrilled to have this accomplishment under my belt, and I can't wait for the rest of the season."

The #67 TRG Porsche of Pierre Bourque, Tom Cloet, Michael Solley and Auston Harris finished 12th in the GT class today, running a clean and solid race. 16-year old Auston Harris became the latest graduate of TRG's young driver program, driving a mistake-free race and impressing many in his Rolex Series debut. His teammate Pierre Bourque said, "This was the most awesome experience of my racing career. Kevin and the team impressed me with the organization and professionalism, and they have a compelling will to win."

The #65 TRG Porsche of Michael Gomez, Murray Marden, Brent Milner and John Peterson finished 13th in the GT class today, despite damage to the car's bodywork due to a blown tire midway through the race. Crew Chief Tommy Sadler said, "We had some small problems early on with the #65 car, and had a fairly big issue when the right front tire blew up - it took out a radiator and the bumper, but we were able to fix it with minimal time lost in the pits. The drivers did a great job, especially given the fact this was the first time out at Daytona for all them."

The #68 Mitchell Global/Gleason Porsche of Ted Ballou, Brad Jaeger, Rocco DeSimone and Chris

Gleason finished 15th the GT class today, on the back of a trouble-free and relatively uneventful race. Ted Ballou said, "We had a great race - we're a fairly inexperienced team with the exception of Chris, who's been driving professionally for almost 20 years - to run mistake-free and avoid trouble was a good situation. We did blow a tire, which put us down about 20 laps with repairs, but the car stayed on the track for entire weekend. We had such a good time we're already talking about doing it next year."



The #66 CRG Karts/iRise/TRG Porsche of Andy Lally, Spencer Pumpelly, RJ Valentine, Mark Greenberg and Kevin Buckler finished 17th in class today, after a disappointing incident while the team was running 2nd in class in the 18th hour. Kevin Buckler had just received a full tank of fuel and a new set of tires to start the second of his consecutive stints when he was hit from behind by a passing prototype, destroying the right-rear suspension and requiring extensive repairs in the garage.

Team owner Kevin Buckler summed up the race. "We competed in true TRG fashion today - for all five of our cars to finish strong is a fantastic achievement. For our 64 guys in the JLowe car to lead the charge is a proud moment for the team and me. Jim Lowe, Jim Pace, Johannes and Ralf drove a very smart, very controlled race today, which is what's required to win here. We had a bit of a tough break in the 66 car, we were solidly in p2 when another prototype hit me, but that's racing. I'm so proud of the 65, 67 and 68 guys, many of them were rookies at Daytona, and for us as a team to have all the cars finish is great. It's going to be a long season, but we relish the challenge."

For more photos, click [here](#). To view a race video, click [here](#).

The Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series races next in Mexico City on March 3rd, 2007, at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez. Television coverage will be on Speed Channel.

TRG is a manufacturer and distributor of high-performance automotive parts, an engine and chassis building and tuning facility, a full-service race-car preparation facility and a professional race team. The company also provides electrical and mechanical engineering services, driver development and arrive-and-drive services. TRG is based in Petaluma, Calif., near its home track of Infineon Raceway

in Sonoma, Calif.

More information and a complete press kit can be found [here](#). Please [email](#) or call 707-935-3999 for additional information.

GGR 2007 DE Schedule

Golden Gate Region Presents
2007 Drivers' Ed and Time Trial Series
"Golden Gate DE: 'cause every Porsche is a race car"

Schedule

- March 30-April 1: Drivers' Ed and Time Trial #2 (with Diablo Region) at Thunderhill (3 days)
- May 25: Drivers' Ed (with Central Coast Region) at Buttonwillow
- May 26-27: Drivers' Ed and Time Trial #3 at Buttonwillow
- August 4-5: Drivers' Ed and Time Trial #4 at Thunderhill
- September 22-23: Drivers' Ed and Time Trial #5 at Thunderhill



For Drivers' Ed info, click [here](#).

For Time Trial info, click [here](#).

To Register, click [here](#).

For questions, click [here](#) to send an email.

Zone 7 Concours School

2007 Zone 7 Concours School

Saturday April 14th 2007

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Rector Porsche

1010 Cadillac Way • Burlingame, Ca. 94010
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Registration Fee \$35.00



Learn how to become a Concours judge including the secrets of winning from the experts, at the 2007 Zone 7 Concours School to be held at Rector's Porsche's spacious and state-of-the-art service facility. Lunch will be provided.

This school is open to all PCA members, and will qualify you as a Zone 7 Concours judge. Novice and expert Concours participants will learn the finer points of preparing their Porsche for Concours competition. No prior experience is necessary to attend the school. Topics will include:

- Detailed information on the new Zone 7 Competition rules and classes of competition
- Judging major classifications of vehicles, including tips from Zone 7 model experts.

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- *Hands-on judging exercises.*
- *Detailing and vehicle preparation from the experts, including Parade class winners*

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Please help us plan by replying as soon as possible. Thank you.

Directions: From Interstate 5, turn east on March Lane and proceed for approximately 1 1/4 miles to Pacific Avenue. Turn left on Pacific and proceed to the next signal at Yokuts. Turn left onto the campus and proceed to Atherton Hall. From US 99 it is easiest to go over to I-5 to reach the campus. Use Eight Mile Road or State Highway 4 to get to I-5, proceed to March Lane and follow the above directions.

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Porscheplatz in Utah

--by Jill P. Beck, National Newsletter Committee Chair

PCA Membership Station in the Porscheplatz (Porsche Owners Corral) during the American Le Mans Series Race at Miller Motorsports Park, Salt Lake City, Utah May 17 - May 18, 2007

There will be a PCA Membership station within the Porscheplatz for the American Le Mans Series race at Miller Motorsports Park, Salt Lake City, Utah on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18. The Porscheplatz is hosted by Porsche Cars North America and Porsche Motorsport North America with the cooperation of the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) and the American Le Mans Series.

There will be scheduled appearances by Porsche race drivers for informal talks and autographs. In addition, IMSA will offer supervised Parade laps of the track with a two lap maximum open to the first 150 registered Porsches on a first come, first served basis. Registration for the Parade Laps will be at the hospitality tent for credentialed Porscheplatz participants only. Special features for the weekend

will include a "Long Distance Award," raffle drawings for an "Honorary Pit Crew Member" with a Porsche race team, and a "Hot Pit" escorted tour.

For information please contact Zone 9 Rep Dale Thero, 720-344-0265 or [email](#), and also visit the IMSA [website](#), for the latest event schedule. Parking in the Porscheplatz will be for Porsches only. "For Sale" signs on cars will not be permitted. Participants must be present to win drawings and awards.

Porsche Reduces Emissions

--by Jill S. Beck, National Newsletter Committee Chair
--Press Release by PCNA

Far-Reaching Measures to Improve Environmental Compatibility

ATLANTA, MARCH 6, 2007 - Stuttgart, Germany-based automobile manufacturer Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG announced at the Geneva Auto Show that starting as early as next year all Porsche models will comply with the strict EU5 emission standards set to go into effect September 2009 and at the same time will meet the currently defined EU6 standards before their scheduled September 2014 start date.

Porsche also shared that all Porsche engines used in its current sports cars and sport-utility vehicles (SUVs) are able to run on fuel with an ethanol additive. Porsche's sports cars are designed to operate on gasoline with a 10 percent ethanol mix, while the 2008 Cayenne SUVs that now feature direct fuel injection are able to run on a fuel mixture with up to 25 percent ethanol. Porsche also is working on a Flexible Fuel Vehicle (FFV) able to run on both gasoline alone and on a mixture of up to 85 percent ethanol.

To further minimize fuel consumption and emissions, Porsche also is giving top priority to the development of a hybrid engine that the company is creating with the Volkswagen Group. This "full hybrid" combines a gasoline combustion engine with an electric motor. With this system, both power units can operate together and independently of one another, thus providing three different operating modes. The concept, which is planned for a future Cayenne SUV variant, will enter the market before the end of this decade. Porsche expects this alternative drive concept to further reduce fuel consumption by another 30 percent.

In addition to its efforts to reduce fuel consumption through the use of lightweight technology, VarioCam Plus valve management and direct fuel injection, Porsche's plans should significantly reduce CO2 emissions and nitric oxide in exhaust emissions while meeting the EU5 and EU6 standards ahead of time.

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Condolences for Luis Aldaz

We would like to offer our condolences to the family and friends of Luis Aldaz, who passed on Saturday, March 24. He was 39, and has been a member of GGR since 2004. He will be greatly missed.



A somber closing for April,

John Celona
Porsche Club of America-Golden Gate Region

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