



The Nugget

Porsche Club of America--Golden Gate Region

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Greetings!

Happy Chinese New Year. Chinese Year 4705 starts on 18th February, 2007. The Year of the Pig/Boar 2007 looks to be one filled with impatience, mobility, and change. Find your complete chinese horoscope [here](#).



If you have any problems with this email, you can download the PDF version [here](#).

Time to check out the [calendar](#) so you can begin to reschedule items which conflict with GGR events! (Just kidding....)

Place de L'Église

What's up with the money?

--by Claude Leglise, GGR President

Two weeks ago, during the Zone 7 Presidents Meeting, John Celona gave an outstanding presentation about the electronic Nugget. What led us to think about it? How was the decision made? What are the pitfalls and the advantages? How do we track the members' feedback? How does the technology work? It was extremely informative, and the attendees asked a lot of questions. It turns out that almost every region in the zone has been contemplating a similar move, and for similar reasons, so it was a popular session. Thanks, John.



Publishing the Nugget electronically saves GGR a good deal of money compared to the printed medium, and a number of members have asked in

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person, by email, or on the bulletin board: What is going to happen to that money? Let me start by saying that the board has not made any final decisions, because this situation is new. GGR has been operating with a consistent budget system for many years; in short, our events subsidized the newsletter. We need to create a new overall budget framework, and that will take a little bit of time. We first need to understand the income side better. The normal advertising year for the Nugget used to run August to August. When John started the electronic experiment in September, we did not renew the past year's advertising contracts because we felt that we could not promise anything solid to the advertisers. Effectively, there was no advertising revenue for the last 4 months of 2006. Now, Gary Willard has volunteered for the new position of Sponsorship Director, and has rolled out an integrated advertising and sponsorship program that presents a single GGR "persona" to potential supporters and offers multiple exposure opportunities. We will know in a few weeks how well this new program is working. All and all, expect 2007 to be a transitional year, during which we experiment, change and tweak the financial workings of the region.

As I see it, the board has two overarching responsibilities. One is to make sure the club organizes events that appeal to the members, since this is the very reason for the club's existence. The other is to ensure that GGR long outlives its current leadership and members. GGR is a non-profit organization, run on a break-even basis. However, we need a financial cushion to cover long-term obligations such as the Thunderhill contract, and to protect ourselves against short-term cash fluctuations. In 2006, for the first time in many years, we had to dip into the savings account to prepay rental fees for the Autocross and Time Trial venues. We face increasing competition for access to these venues, and the rental prices keep going up every year, so a cash reserve is necessary. In 2007, some of the savings will probably go to replenishing the piggy bank.

The other area that is getting a lot of attention is the pricing of our events. If the Autocross and Time Trial series no longer need to pay the "Nugget Tax", we ought to be able to lower the entry fees, or at the very least avoid increasing them despite the rising costs. For instance, while the final decision has not been reached as I am writing this, the Autocross chairs are seriously investigating keeping the entry fees flat at \$30 Candlestick is very pricey, and the availability of Alameda is still up in the air; yet, we might be able to hold the price at its past level. Presumably this will make the events a bit more attractive. The Time Trial series is also a candidate for price stabilization or reduction. Andrew is hard at work on this.

Unfortunately, I cannot promise \$100 checks to every event participant; the Nugget savings are just not that large, and I prefer not to print currency during board meetings ñ the Secret Service would have something to say about that if we did. I can, however, promise that the board is working diligently to keep GGR on a stable footing and to spread the benefits of our new-found financial flexibility broadly among the members. Any ideas or comments you may have are very welcome. Email me or the entire board. I will be at Infineon (in the sun, of course) later this month if you want to chat in person.

And now for something completely different. . . In a continuing effort to make track days more accessible to owners of new cars, Andrew Forrest, Gary Dorigi and John Seidel did an amazing amount of work during the off-season to revamp and clarify the Driver's Education rules. Read Neil Librocks' article elsewhere in this issue, and sign up for the next DE event. Infineon promises to be fun.

Claude

Letter from the Editor

Thanks for submissions and new hope bug-wise.

Thanks first of all to the folks who are continuing to send in things to run. We're very pleased this month to have a piece on Autobahn Adventures' 2006 German Tour. Okay, so they may also be selling slots in next year's tour. Still, a San Diego region member managed to write something up and send it along with accompanying pictures. Since our payment schedule for unsolicited pieces remains the same (zip!), we'll take it. Hope you at least like the pictures.



Second, for all those who've been suffering persistent bugs with how the electronic Nugget appears on your computer (including the Editor!), there is hope. The problem appears to be that, according to the operating system, email program, and browser you're using, the Nugget appears differently. Most annoying are when text overlays photos and when words at the ends of lines are cut off.

Despite our best efforts to change the format to avoid these problems, they have been persistent. However, the service we use to put out the email Nugget (Constant Contact), is now rolling out new templates and a new editor for using them. We're hopeful that the new templates work better than the old ones have. As a member with far more knowledge of HTML than I relate, the present template uses a now-outdated construction method of nested tables, and that's at least part of the problem. I'll take his word for it.

The new stuff is not yet ready as of this issue, but we'll jump on to it as soon as it is. I'm always hopeful that the new stuff will work better than the old, my experience with MS Office notwithstanding!

That's it for this month. Thanks for reading.

Competition Corner

Driver's Education

--by Neil Librock, Competition Director

Why did you buy your Porsche? Garage queen ñ hope not. Impress your neighbors ñ don't think that's you. To drive to the best of your ability ñ that's it!



By the time you read this, the GGR Board of Directors will have posted revised 2007 iDriver's Education' rules on the website. We took this action consistent with the mandate in section 5.2 of our rules that allows 'a rule clarification or correction' to be implemented before the next annual update with appropriate Board approval (Section 2.1). These revisions, developed by our Time Trial Chairman Andrew Forrest and Chief Instructor Gary Dorigi and reviewed and approved by the Board, are an important evolution of how we drive and teach driving within GGR. The revisions are based on national PCA Driver's Education standards and allow streetcars to safely participate in Driver's Education events without significant modifications to the cars or the purchase of full driving suits. Modified time trial cars are not impacted by these revisions and will continue to be fully supported in our 'big track' activities. These revisions have no impact on autocross or other driving events. These revisions will be in place throughout the 2007 Driver's Ed / Time Trial season and will be reviewed, and modified if necessary, by the 2007 DEC committee as part of our normal

annual rules update process. The revisions are effective with the February Infineon event.

We are experiencing a tremendous shift in Driver's Education participation. Years ago, almost all cars were dedicated to track use and our rules reflected this. Today, we see most Driver's Ed participants driving stock streetcars, with safety and performance technology unthinkable a decade ago. The rules revisions reflect and support this trend ñ Driver's Education should be available to all GGR members. We will continue to offer classroom and on-track instruction for novice drivers and require that all drivers conduct themselves in a safe manner consistent with GGR's published rules and guidelines.

In summary, the Driver's Ed rules will apply throughout the weekend, with the exception of Timed Runs when current Time Trial rules will be in place. The revised rules make sense ñ Iíd encourage you to read about Safety in section 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 and to review the national PCA DE standards in Appendix F.

As we prepare for the upcoming season, we selected Driver's Event Committee representatives at the January 21 Awards lunch. Ken Jones will be the autocross rep and John Beck will represent the DE / Time Trial series. Both are experienced and talented drivers and I look forward to working with them ñ thanks, guys!

Neil

Membership Report

Will have to wait until next month.

Our apologies: there was an issue with the membership file this month. For those of you just dying to know who the new GGR members are and what they drive, we'll have to catch up next month. No foul play is indicated, and you do not have to hide your PCA membership card.

Sorry!

The Editor

Board of Directors (I)

November 28, 2006

Call To Order

President, Claude Leglise called the meeting to order at 7:19 p. m. on November 28, 2006 at the residence of the President, Portola Valley.

Board Members present were Claude Leglise, Susan Angebrannt, Laura Mercier, Tracey Morris, Louise Sousoures, David Leong, and John Celona: also present Andrew Forrest, Cindy Leglise, Larry Adams, Gary Willard, Neil Librock, Rob Murillo, Jeff Kost, and Bill Dally.



Agenda Changes

1. None

Calendar Changes

1. None

Approval Of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting October 2006 will be sent to the board for approval via email.

Postmortem Of Events

1. Sept 23-24: Time Trial #5 ñ excellent turnout
2. Sept 30: Autocross #8 at Alameda Point had 100+ cars
3. Oct 20: Friday night social ñ well attended
4. Oct 21: Boxster Brunch
5. Oct 28: Autocross #9 at Alameda Point ñ well attended by over 100 cars with 9 runs
6. Nov 4: Moonlight Rally approximately 8-9 cars
7. Nov 11: Dent Pro Day
8. Nov 17: Friday Social Night ñ well attended

Directors Reports

President: Claude Leglise

1. GGR received a letter from IRS stating GGR paid taxes too late. Olen Creech and GGR Treasurer will investigate this matter and resolve it with the IRS.

Vice President: Susan Angebrannt

1. Insurance is in place for the GGR Board dinner tour.

Treasurer: Tracey Morris

1. As of 28 November 2006, PCA GGR Cash balance is \$75,510.67. 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. The Red Book is ready for approval once the Board has made a decision on the Nugget.

Membership: Louise Sousoures

1. For the month of October, there were nine transfers in; six transfers out, giving a total count of 1663.
2. For the month of November, there were three transfers in; twelve transfers out, giving a total membership count of 1662.
3. Discussion ensued about dual membership fee and the board concluded the \$21 fee would remain in effect.
4. Louise reminded the board GGR about the Cub Scouts January 8, 2007 6:30 p.m. in Walnut Creek.
5. Approval of the October and November Membership Report was unanimous as given.

Competition, David Leong

Rule proposals

David stated there are no safety changes made to the rules: David explained the proposed changes and after some discussion, the board

approved unanimously the proposed changes.

Time Trial

1. Andrew Forrest reported there are staff changes for the 2007 series.
 - a. Registrar - Paulette Johnson
 - b. Tech - George Morris
 - c. Two positions are still open - Communication Chief and Safety.
2. GGR has the following already scheduled for 2007:
 - a. February - Infineon
 - b. Thunderhill
 - i. March 30 - April 1 at Thunderhill; this event will be for both GGR and Diablo
 - ii. Beginning of August
 - iii. End of September
 - c. Button Willow - 2 dates in June
 - d. Laguna - the first half of the year there is nothing available; second half of the year dates are not released at this time.
3. TT Budget for 2007 submitted: discussion included that the budget takes into account of attendance in 2006 specifically the August TT. Further discussion included the review of potential partners for these events, fees for instructors, worker fee structure, safety/clean up crew, and award party.
4. Online registration - currently there are three candidates with two on the short list and one that looks promising.

Autocross

1. For 2007 there will be two co-chairs: Bill Dally and Paul Smith
2. The plan for 2007 is to have nine events: further discussion included other potential locations, fees - increase to \$35, reviewing who received comps explaining 2005 Dana and Doug covered multiple positions (Co-Chairs and Trailer) for the events therefore the comp count was less.
3. After some discussion, regarding Autocross School for beginners and Zone Neil agreed he would follow up with last years chairs for each event.

Social, K.C. Sharp

None

Nugget Editor, John Celona

1. John reviewed email feedback received from members regarding the electronic Nugget with the board. There were 79 emails received in support of the electronic version versus 21 who did not support.

After some discussion of the pros and cons including costs of previous issues, schedules, workload and content--since the Nugget has gone electronic John has seen an increase in articles and photos submitted to the Nugget from GGR members, the board unanimously agreed to go continue with the electronic version.

Further discussion included other options for an annual print of Club directory/calendar. The board agreed to review this during the January

2007 board meeting when the 2007 budget was available.

Web mistress: Susan Angebrannt

None

Major Topics For Discussion

1. Election Results:

Competition Director: Neil Librock

Membership Director: Jeff Kost

Vice President: Rob Murillo

2. GGR 2007 Directory update

Goodie Store: Bill Kerr

Concours and Rally: Larry Adams

TT CDI: Gary Dorighi

Social: Open

3. Budgets for 2007:

The deadline for all budgets submission to Tracey is December 15, 2006.

4. Sponsorship

After reviewing the history of GGR sponsorships and advertising, Gary Willard agreed he would take on the GGR Sponsorship Program Manager position.

5. Year End Party:

Andrew confirmed the Awards Party would be on January 20, 2007 ñ location TBD at this time; Paulette Johnson is coordinating this effort.

6. 2007 Schedule for GGR Board Meetings:

After reviewing schedules, the board agreed 2007 GGR Board would meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was approved at 9:45 p.m. The next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for January 10, 2007 at the residence of Claude Leglise in Portola Valley, CA.

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 2006

Board of Directors (II)

January 11, 2007

A. Call To Order

The meeting came to order at 7:10 PM on January 10, 2007 at the residence of the President, Portola Valley.

Board members present were Claude Leglise, Rob Murillo, Bill Benz, Laura Mercier, Tracey Morris, Neil Librock and John Celona. Also present were Larry Adams, Andrew Forrest, Cindy Salisbury, Gary Willard, Louise Sousoures and Mark Powell.



Agenda Changes

Add Sponsorship Program review/update under Major Topics
Online Registration for TT/HSDS/DE

Calendar

Additions/Changes

- Σ Moonlight Madness ñ November 3, 2007
- Σ Conkurs ñ August 5, 2007
- Σ Rally ñ October 6, 2007
- Σ Autocross ñ Zone 2 days ñ October 27/28

B. Approval Of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting November 2006 was unanimous as written.

C. Postmortem Of Events

1. December 9, GGR BOD and Canepa
2. December 15, Friday Night Social ñ well attended
3. December 16, 986 Brunch great attendance

D. Directors Reports

President; Claude Leglise

1. Olen Creech has filed the appropriate appeal paperwork with the IRS regarding GGR's taxes.
2. Claude completed annual registration with PCA for GGR.
3. GGR to submit the continuity report to PCA within the next couple of weeks ñ Bill Benz and Tracey Morris are following through with the paper work required.
4. Zone 7 Presidents meeting on January 13, 2007. Electronic newsletters will be part of the discussion and John Celona will support these discussions. Prescott Kelley the new president of PCA will be attending. Claude has received multiple requests from other regions regarding the electronic newsletter. He found it interesting he just received the PC Newsletter from Germany electronic.

Vice President, Rob Murillo

1. Upcoming Events:
 - a. January 13 ñ Zone 7 Presidents Meeting and Awards Dinner
 - b. January 19 ñ Friday night social
 - c. January 20 ñ GGR Awards Banquet
 - d. January 21, - Activities Day
 - e. January 27 ñ DE TT annual inspections at David Loop and Kahler's
 - f. February 3 ñ 986 Brunch and TT annual tech inspection at Rennwerks
 - g. February 10 ñ TT Ground School
 - h. February 21 ñ GGR Board Meeting (originally scheduled for

February 14)

2. Insurance

- a. Insurance has been ordered for Tech Inspections ñ need to finalize Rennwerks
- b. Insurance ordered for first TT and Autocross School
- c. Next insurance to be ordered: Autocross #1, Yosemite, and TT2

Treasurer; Tracey Morris

1. As of January 10, 2007 PCA GGR Total Checking and Savings Balance was \$55,471.30. Approval of the Treasurers report was unanimous as written.
2. Tracey submitted and reviewed the 2007 Budget with the GGR Board noting Autocross budget assumes an increase from \$30 to \$35 for the entry fee and the overall total for sponsorship income assumed was \$12,500. Gary Willard acknowledged the goal for 2007 is \$25,000; the Budget was approved unanimously.

Secretary, Laura Mercier

1. The Red Book will be updated reflecting 2007 GGR BOD officers, awards and electronic Nugget for the February 2007 GGR Board approval.

Membership, Louise Sousoures for Jeff Kost

1. There was 7 transfer in, 8 transfer out, 16 new members total: 1629
2. GGR members supported the Walnut Creek Cub Pac Meeting including John Seidell and David Leong.

The membership report unanimously approved.

Competition, Neil Librock -

1. Confirmed Autocross schools
 - a. John Seidell and Howard Yao volunteered to organize the March (GGR) Autocross School. Larry Sharp will be designing the track.
 - b. July (Zone 7) Dan Thompson, Bill Pickering and Randall Barrick are volunteering to spearhead the 2007 Zone 7/GGR AX school. GGR will be responsible for the insurance. Instructors will come from all the different regions.
2. Confirmed DEC elections will take place during the banquet January 20, 2007.

Social, TBD

1. Position remains open looking for candidates -

Nugget Editor, John Celona

1. Circulation of the electronic version is increasing; couples requesting to receive the nugget separate email addresses, others from the web site submit request ñ at this time there is no way to confirm these requests come from PCA members ñ free recruiting tool for now.

Webmistress, Claude Leglise for Susan Angebrannt

1. Claude Leglise confirmed the GGR board received the GGR board email list.

F. Major Topics for Discussion

1. Sponsorship;

Gary Willard reviewed GGRís sponsorship and advertising programs with the board. The intent of this program is to provide direct and positive exposure to GGRís membership. Discussion ensued about the overall program ñ the board

agreed the sponsorship for all activities including the Zone 7 School must be coordinated with the rest of GGR to maintain the appearance of a single organization and eliminate multiple contacts to one sponsor creating misunderstanding. Claude confirmed he would contact the appropriate people regarding this issue.

Gary stated he has sent out 50 solicitations and will be starting the follow phone calls. If anyone has a lead please contact Gary.

Larry Adams noted Carlson has given their commitment to sponsor.

2. Proposed Edits to 2007 GGR Rule Book

An in depth discussion regarding proposed changes pertaining to Driveris Education and Time Trial for the 2007 GGR Rulebook took place. The discussion included; permitted vehicles, two seat rule, duty of the Competition Director as established in the by-laws and the proposed rule book changes, rules for events established in the GGR Rule Book, processes and timeline for changes, safety, rationale for proposing the edits including, insurance obligations and tax considerations, timed runs, National DE Minimum Standards. Discussion concluded with the Board approving the following three resolutions.

- a. **Resolution:** That the GGR BOD has mandated certain requirements (attached Summary of Rulebook Edits and PCA National DE Minimum Standards) to GGR Rules of the TT Chair with regard to the operation of the Time Trial Series: .
- b. **Resolution:** Based on section(s) 2.1 Event Administration, 5.0 Rules Changes, and duties prescribed to the BOD and specifically the Competition Director, the submitted text (attached GGR Rules Sect.1.3 and GGR Rules Appendix F) will be incorporated into the 2007 rule book. It will remain in effect for 2007 on a trial basis. It will be presented to the DEC per section 5.0 Rules Changes to become a permanent rule change in 2008 pending DEC approval ñ see schedule below.

2007 Rules Change Calendar

Proposals accepted will be used for the 2008 Rule Book

Jul 1: Deadline to submit rules change proposals

Aug Nugget: Change Proposals printed

Oct 7: Open Meeting for comments on proposed changes (Tentative)

Oct 31: 2007 Rules finalize and approved by Drivers Events Committee

Nov Nugget: Approved Revisions published

Dec 1 2007: Rule Book published to the Web, and made available for download

- c. **Resolution:** That the BOD accepts the above recommendation from the Competition Director in order to allow the TT Chair to meet previously stated mandate(s).
- d. **Resolution:** No deviation in these rules will be allowed unless previously approved and published by the GGR Board of Directors based on Section 2.1 Event Administration

3. **Calendar Proposal**

Louise presented her findings to the board for costs to compile and print 2007 calendars listing GGR events along with GGR photos. To publish

one calendar for every GGR member the approximate cost (through Kinkoís) is \$17,500 plus postage. After discussion about funding and schedule, the board concluded the calendar is an excellent idea for 2008 through the previous process the Nugget directory was published which is more cost effective. This will be placed on the September 2007 GGR Board agenda.

4. Online registration

Andrew notified the GGR Board online registration is available for DE ñ this process is being broken into phases. The first phase allows the drivers to register but will be required to mail in their checks. The second phase will incorporate the ability to pay online. Discussion ensued about vendor choices including contract agreements, fees, and creating another bank account specifically for payments and refunds.

Items For Next Board Meeting: February 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 February 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the residence of the Bill Benz in Palo Alto. 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

Around the Zone

Notes from our Zone 7 National Representative

--by Larry Sharp, Zone 7 Rep

2006 was a great year for Zone 7! We had tons of great events put on by the Regions. CRAB came back after a yearís respite and was better than ever. Sierra Nevada Region put on their first ever zone concours. Rich and Cindy Wyett and the rest of the region pulled it all together and made such a great event that it won the Zone 7 Event of the Year award. Louise Sousoures was recognized for her many years of PCA enthusiasm; she has always been involved with charity work. She managed the 25 Hours of Thunderhill race team LostiNiSpaced, the team that has dominated that race for the last three years. She brought together a group of PCAiers that showed the general public what a great group of people we associate with. Brad Zucroff was awarded the Zone 7 Tenacity award for all of his travels during the year to attend Zone 7 Events. Last year he moved to Los Vegas but missed us so much he drove his new Cayman S back to Northern California every chance he could.



In the Zone 7 Concours series Gary Johnson took home the High Score Award for his awesome 993. Not to be outdone, Rich and Cindy Wyett took home the Dick Cottrell Award for showing the most spirit during the concours series. Rich Berberich took home the Concours Rookie of the Year award. He was in the full concours class as a rookie. Wow!

Zone autocrossing had a short series due to one event being rained out and one event being canceled. But that didn't mean the competition wasn't as fierce. Jon Dugan pushed his dad Ed all year, won his class, and came in third in the PAX awards. Sharon Neidel was always there, showing us how well she can drive and took home class honors with her 968. Howard and Lavergne Thomas drove their red cover girl Boxster to class wins. Lavergne has promised me she will beat Howard next year. Terry Zaccone pushed me all year, and I managed to squeak out the PAX win over him. We always have a great time running against each other.

It looks like the 2007 zone calendar will have more events. CRAB 33 will be back; registration for that event is now open so be sure to sign up early because it usually sells out. Sierra Nevada Region will once again host a zone concours, which is not to be missed because it is such a great time. Golden Gate Region is doing the Zone Autocross School.

Rik Larson is the New Zone 7 Rally Chairman and has already been working on the 2007 rally series, with five events planned so far. Golden Gate Region will host the Zone 7 Concours School at Rector Porsche in Burlingame on April 14. We are trying to have a first ever Zone 7 autocross at Altamont Raceway - stay tuned for that one. As always, keep checking the Zone 7 web page for info and changes during the year.

I want to thank Gary Lieber, Larry Adams, and Rik Larson for stepping up to being respectively zone concours autocross, and rally chairmen. When you attend events, please seek these guys out because they put so much work as volunteers to make our zone events the best in the nation. One person we could not do without is our Zone 7 webmistress Susan Angebrandt. She does it all behind the scenes and does it so well that it puts us all in awe of her efforts. Please email her at ggrweb@dino.com and give her thanks for all of us.

See you out there
Larry Sharp
Zone 7 Rep

2007 GGR Autocross Schedule

Mark your calendars and check your tires...

Date	Day	Event	Venue
3/3/07	Sat	Beginner's School	Monster
3/17/07	Sat	Ax1	Monster
4/14/07	Sat	Ax2	Monster
5/19/07	Sat	Ax3	TBD
6/16/07	Sat	Ax4	TBD
7/7/07	Sat	Zone School	Monster
7/21/07	Sat	Ax5	TBD
9/2/07	Sun	Ax6	Marina
9/29/07	Sat	Ax7	Marina
10/13/07	Sat	Ax8	TBD
10/27/07	Sat	Ax9	Marina

[More autocross information...](#)

GGR Driver's Ed & Time Trial

2007 Series Schedule

Golden Gate Region presents

2007 Drivers Ed and Time Trial Series

iGolden Gate DE: icause every Porsche is a racecar!

Schedule:

February 24-25: Drivers Ed & Time Trial #1 at Infineon/Sears Point
March 30-April 1: Drivers Ed & 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 & Time Trial #4 at Thunderhill

September 22-23: Drivers Ed & Time Trial #5 at Thunderhill

Driver's Ed info [here](#).

Time Trial info [here](#).

Click [here](#) to register.

Click [here](#) to email a question.

Autobahn Adventures

2006 Germany Tour

--by Keith Verlaque (San Diego Region)



The team outside Porsche Zentrum - the factory dealership in Stuttgart.

I have been a Porsche fan since I was a teenager and have been fortunate enough to own three 911s. In the back of my mind, I have always wanted to

get a chance to go to the factory in Stuttgart and see where these great machines are made. I had even got as far as looking into one of the most common trips to Germany that included a factory tour and was interested to see that you got to drive a Porsche in Germany for a couple of days. This piqued my interest, but the overall cost always seemed prohibitive.

Two years ago at PCA Parade, I was talking to a couple I had met by the name of Mark and Tina Trewartha and they told me about a trip that they were putting together driving through Germany for ten days in rented Porsches. The destinations they described sounded really interesting and included a tour of the Porsche factory in Stuttgart. The thought of having a 997 for ten days and getting to tour the factory got me really interested and I was eager to find out more.

I broached the subject with Martha, my significant other, and as she is also a Porsche fan with her own Porsche, she was interested in doing such a trip. In fact, she asked me why I had been dragging my feet in making the decision to go.

We got a lot more information from Mark and Tina and they invited us to come to the last group's post trip get-together so we would get a better idea of what these trips were like. We decided to go and we got to see lots of pictures and videos of the trip and heard numerous stories about how much fun it had been. Needless to say, that night we signed up to go on the next tour.

The thing that appealed to us most, was that with hotels, breakfasts and most evening meals taken care of, and each car having an onboard navigation system, you were free to visit what ever you wanted during each day, be it a castle, a museum, a particular town or the twisty mountain road of your choice. Having the navigation system eliminated any concerns about being lost in a foreign country where we were far from fluent in the language.



Neuschwanstein castle with its commanding view over the lake and surrounding countryside

The more we thought about it the more this appealed to us because this meant that although our itinerary was organized such that the group visited a few predetermined sights, for example, the Porsche factory, the RUF production facility, Neuschwanstein Castle (the one Disneyland is modeled on),

for the rest of the trip we would go exploring and meet the group for dinner each evening.

With ten months to go, we decided we wanted to plan our trip. We started buying books on things to do and sights to see in Germany. We even plotted our scheduled hotel stays on a map and started researching what sights there are between hotel A & hotel B. Gradually, we got a good understanding of things we wanted to see each day and were able to add a little more meat to our itinerary. It was actually fun deciding, for example whether we wanted to take the cable car to the top of the Zugspitze ñ the highest mountain in the German Alps or to drive the Deutsche Alpen Strasse, which is the German Alpine road internationally acclaimed as being one of the best driverís roads in Germany... after all, we would be in a 997 Carrera S which is all about the driving experience.

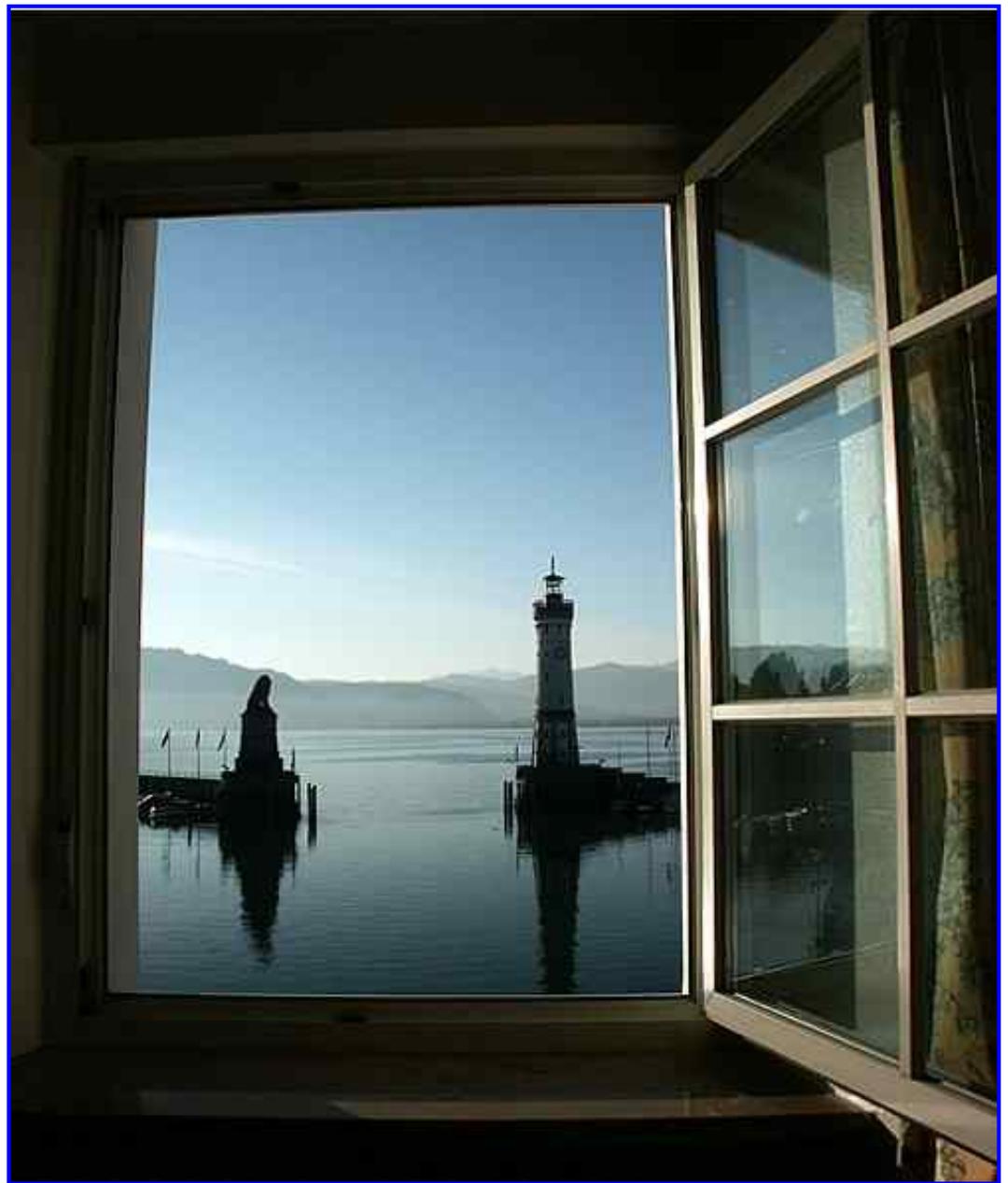
Mark and Tina arranged a group get-together one month before we were due to leave, which gave us a chance to meet some of the group that we would be traveling with - including some who had been the year before and enjoyed it so much that they were going again. It was a great evening, we met some interesting people from different walks of life, all with enthusiasm for our upcoming trip as a common denominator.

At the get-together, Mark and Tina gave each couple a personal trip binder with a more detailed itinerary including a day-by-day schedule with an approximate timeframe for each part of the trip. There were plenty of free days with nothing organized except cocktails and dinner at the hotel that evening which enabled us to work our plans in nicely.

Finally, the date for departure arrived and, is often the case, there was a last minute rush to get everything taken care of before we left.

We took Tinaís advice and packed light, as we knew that everything we took would have to fit in a 997 and we wanted to be comfortable while traveling.

We had our maps and guidebooks and a list of useful phrases in German (which we never needed)...we were ready!



The early morning view of Lindau harbor and Lake Constance from our hotel room

The trip itself was everything we had hoped for and much more. I decided not to try and summarize all the things we did as a brief article couldn't possibly do justice to the amount of enjoyment and fun that we had. Instead, I decided to list, in no particular order, ten memorable moments that remind me of some of the truly great experiences we had with Autobahn Adventures.

- Seeing 23 new black Porsches in the Hotel parking lot and being invited to select one
- Ten days driving a Porsche 997S on the autobahn, through the beautiful countryside of the Black Forest and on the twisty Swiss alpine passes
- Touring the RUF facility and seeing the first new RUF RK Coupe being prepared for road testing
- Listening to an orchestra in concert in the main hall of the amazing Neuschwanstein castle
- Riding the cable car to the top of the Zugspitze and viewing the alps from the observation deck
- Looking out over Lindau Harbor and seeing the sunrise over the mountains across Lake Constance

- Driving the Deutsche Alpen Strasse in a 997S on a beautiful clear sunny day
- Sitting down to dinner and finding out where everyone else had been that day, telling them where we'd been and then discussing all our ideas for the next day and planning to travel with others we met
- Going on a VIP tour of the Porsche factory with lunch in the Casino and then previewing the new 997 GT3RS
- Viewing the ancient walled city of Rothenburg from the top of the church tower in the market square



Taking a break at the top of Susten pass in Switzerland

In Conclusion

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A small part of the panoramic view of Rothenburg from the top of the Church tower

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Bruno says "hi"

Checking in from GGR La Belle France

GGR member Bruno Combe says hello from his home in Suresnes, France.



Bruno is a GGR member *and* lives just on the other side of the Bois de Boulogne from Paris. Some people have all the luck!

That's it for this month. Thanks as always for reading, and do get cracking on your submissions for next month. Space will be limited as the competition on American Idol heats up (kidding!).

Cheerios,

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