

Porsche Club of America Golden Gate Region



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Welcome to The Nugget, the email newsletter of the Golden Gate Region, Porsche Club of America.

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Place dé Leglise



--by Claude Leglise, GGR President

Welcome New Members

Every month GGR Membership Director Jeff Kost receives from PCA National a list of members who have recently joined the club, typically between 10 and 25 people. As our club bylaws require, Jeff brings the list to the monthly board meeting, the directors look over the list, and then formally vote the new members in. I am not aware of anyone ever being rejected, but the ritual goes on as expected. What happens to these new members after the vote is a bit less clear.

Historically GGR has held a "New Members' Social" every year. Often held at a nearby race shop ---two years ago at Jerry Woods, last year at Devek--- it is an opportunity for the new members to meet some of the long-timers and to learn more about our activities. It is a great event; yet it only happens once a year and not everyone can come on that specific day.

Lately, the GGR board has been discussing the concept of creating a new program more specifically targeted at new members, with the idea of introducing them to each other, exposing them to the range of activities the club organizes, and getting them to actively participate in whatever sparks their interest. The Sacramento Valley Region has a very successful program they call "G24" which is offered to those who have been with the Region less than 24 months -- hence the name. Imitation being the most sincere form of flattery, we decided to inspire ourselves from the G24 program and create a similar concept inside GGR.

The first GGR new member oriented event along these lines will be the tour of the Santa Cruz Mountains and visit to the Canepa Design museum and shop on June 9th. The tour will include lunch and feature some of the best Porsche roads in the area, followed by Bruce Canepa's most amazing collection. See the ad elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget for more details, and, if you want to join us, send me your registration and check ASAP. As of this writing, there are 33 registered participants for the 50 available slots.

The board and I anticipate that this will be the first in a series of events and get-togethers whose purpose will be to welcome new members to GGR and to get them involved. As usual, nothing happens without volunteers, so if you want to help, please stand up now. Finally, I want to emphasize that none of this is meant to create any kind of clique, and long-time members of GGR are welcome to join, of course. After all,

how will the newbies learn how to enjoy their club membership if no one tells them and if we are not there to meet them?

On the regular program for GGR this month: Ground School in preparation for week-ends at big tracks on the 12th, Friday Night Social on the 18th, Autocross at Candlestick on the 19th, the first Zone 7 Concours in Stockton on the 20th, and the third Driver's Ed and Time Trial weekend at Buttonwillow on the 26th and 27th. You can even make it a 3-day track weekend by attending the Central Coast session on Friday. In other words, there are plenty of opportunities to drive our Porsches.

See you on the road or at the track.

Claude

Letter from the Editor



--by John Celona, Nugget Editor

The Quest for Email Addresses

By now most people should have received a letter in the mail reminding members that the Nugget is being distributed via email and listing which email address we have on record for them. If you're reading this, we at least have your email address!

Unfortunately, we don't have current email addresses for all members. In some case, we don't have an email for you at all. If you have an email address, the solution for either of these conditions is the same: please go to the PCA web site and update your member profile with the email address you would like to receive The Nugget at. That way, we'll

receive the correct email address with the data file sent by PCA each month. You can get to the PCA web site by clicking [here](#).

To update your email address with PCA:

1. Go to the [PCA web site](#).
2. Log in at the bottom of the screen. (You will need to open an online account with PCA if you don't already have one.)
3. When you've clicked on Log In, you should go to a page where your current membership information is displayed in a blue box in the upper right corner of the screen. If the email address shown is not the one you'd like to receive The Nugget at (or you would like to add separate email addresses for family or associate members), click on any of the underlined text in the blue box.
4. You will go to a page where all of your PCA information is listed, with the email address at the top. Enter your preferred email address.
5. If you would like to add separate email addresses for associate or family members, click on the name of the person as listed on the bottom of the screen. Then click the **Edit** button on the page that opens. You can now enter or change an email address for that person.
6. When you're all finished with everybody, click the **Submit** button.

We do realize that not everybody has email addresses. One option is to go to the GGR web site and download the PDF version of The Nugget. You can get there by clicking [here](#). Then just click on the issue you would like and it will download to your computer.

Of course, some people don't have Internet access at home. It's certainly less convenient, but most libraries offer free Internet access.

Then there are the folks who are not presently using a computer at all. To give members something to hold on to, we will be mailing out a brochure on the club and calendar starting next year. (Yes, the calendar does change, and it's necessary to go to the web site to check for updates.)

If you have another idea for the people who don't use computers, please feel free to suggest it. If your suggestion is to print out The Nugget and mail it to the people who would like to receive it that way, perhaps you know someone willing to volunteer for this project? It's potentially daunting in a club with 1800 members, and we would need to sort out cost issues to make sure doing so doesn't burn through all the money presently being saved with email distribution. For example, if we were still printing and mailing The Nugget, autocross cost would have gone up to \$35 per event, instead of remaining at \$30.

Thanks for reading.

Competition Corner

--by Neil Librock, Competition Director



Is It 2008 Already?

This is my first official task as the Competition Director. Our events prosper because we change with the times, and now's the time to start planning for 2008. I'll share some great news in the next paragraph, but right now I'd ask each of you to think about what works in our current "2007 GGR Autocross and Time Trial Rules" and what can be improved. I am now officially soliciting proposed rule changes, additions, or deletions to become effective January 1, 2008. Please send proposals to the GGR Board address so

all my fellow Board members can also see your thoughts. I'll discuss this more in future articles but the floor is open for new ideas throughout the summer. Please remember the Board adopted the PCA national Driver's Ed rules as our standards earlier this year but we set a one year limit, to expire in December 2007, on this interim rules because we specifically wanted your input on where we should take the Driver's Ed / Time Trial series.

And, speaking of Time Trials and 2008, I'm very pleased that Andrew Forest, as Time Trail Chair, and Gary Dorigi, as Chief Instructor, have volunteered to provide their energy and leadership in 2008. Please make sure you thank them every time you see them - they put in an extraordinary amount of time to ensure we get to drive on the big tracks. The Buttonwillow event is now open for registration!

Those of you who know me understand my total mechanical ineptitude (my motto "the best tool in my tool box is my checkbook"). So, it may seem strange I'm about to offer a tech tip, but here goes. 2005 and newer cars don't have a spare tire (of any sort!). Instead, you get a can of "goop" and an air compressor, the theory being shoot in the "goop", let it cure, pump up the tire and at least limp to a tire store. Maybe. At a recent auto cross we discovered the "goop" doesn't work on certain size punctures and, beginning in 2007 cars with mandatory air pressure monitoring systems, the "goop" destroys the sensing unit in the rim. Tough call when you're sitting on the side of the road?!

Neil

March Membership Report

--by Jeff Kost, Membership Director

Total Members: 2658
 Primary: 1542
 Affiliate: 1115
 Life: 1

New Members: 25
 Transfers In: 9
 Transfers Out: 8

New Members

Celia Acido	San Francisco	2002 Boxster
Lori Bambacigno	Modesto	2006 911
Signe Barry	Castro Valley	
Jennifer Bourgoyne	San Jose	
John Caito	Monte Carlo, Monaco	2006 Boxster S
Peter Cowperthwaite	Portola Valley	1999 911
D Ecklebarger	San Mateo	2007 Cayman S
Gerry & Elena Elemento	San Jose	1999 Boxster
Marius Evensen	San Jose	1999 911
Bernhard Gass	Menlo Park	2003 911
John Harms	San Jose	1988 911
Dawn Illing	Saratoga	2002 Boxster S
Deborah Ken	San Mateo	
Ronny Kerr	Daly City	
Gary Ko	San Bruno	2002 996 C2

Matthew Landall	Campbell	1974 911
Travis Lane	Sunnyvale	2000 911
Gertrude Leung	Menlo Park	
Karen Mak	San Bruno	
Jack McCullough	Saratoga	1963 356B
Nicole McNeal	San Carlos	
Ajeet Mirwani	Milpitas	2001 911
Bigan Modanlou	San Francisco	2007 997T
Marc Muscheck	Mannheim, Germany	
Katerina Nikolova	San Francisco	1986 944T
Kevin Odlum	Daly City	2006 Carrera
Nancy Paulus	Oakley	
Allyson Pickard	Los Gatos	2005 Boxster S
Christopher Pincetich	El Cerrito	1972 914
David Potter	San Francisco	2006 Cayman S
Randal & Cheryl Smith	San Francisco	2006 911
Eileen Townley	San Jose	
Jerald & Chieu-Anh Volcek	San Francisco	1996 911
George & Andrea Way	Redwood City	1986 911
Aaron & Katherine Xavier	San Francisco	1999 996

Anniversaries

35 Years

Larry Robison	Sebastopol	1971 911T
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25 Years

Ken Ashford	Belmont	1969 912
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20 Years

Susan Housman	Sebastopol	
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15 Years

Douglas Cayne	San Gregorio	1991 911C2
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Al Laudel	Hayward	
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Gary McNair	Napa	1973 911
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William Ziegler	Sausalito	1961
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10 Years

Claudette Conway	Oakland	
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Rossi Georgiev	Hillsborough	
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Scott Nichols	San Mateo	1987 930
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Jeff Stevenson	Santa Rosa	1979 911
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Francis Wertheimber	Yokohama, Japan	2004 GT3
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Eelco Bergman	Sunnyvale	1970 911S
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Thomas Perry	Fairfield	1979 930
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Linda Santos San Jose

5 Years

C. Bass	Menlo Park	2002 Turbo
Nicola Berry	Walnut Creek	
Charles Johnson	San Jose	2002 Carrera
Charles Kissick	Montara	1970 911 E
Richard & Tom Lofgren	San Jose	1990 944S2
Craig Machado	San Francisco	1998 911
Robert Asselstine	San Carlos	2002 Boxster
Toby Fernandez	Sunnyvale	1978 911
Dennis & Anne Kao	Berkeley	1988 928S4
Gail Streater	Walzenhausen, Switzerland	
Dana Sugiyama	Santa Clara	1995 993
Winston Thomas	San Mateo	1995 911
Frederick Ziegler	Sunnyvale	2000 996

DE/TT #2

--March 31-April 1 Thunderhill Raceway Park

The results the second time trial are on the web site. 43 people ran for time. There were 10 new class lap records and 12 people bested their fastest time in their car (these were people who had already registered a time in their car & class, not those who were in a new class or a new car).

Congratulations go to
+ Rob Murillo (TTOD) and Cat Siemens (TTODL)

+ And to the new lap record holders:

GT01 : Chris DePuy

GT02 : Ken Short

GT03 : Jim Paugh

GT04 : Larry Robison

GT0C : Robert Murillo

TT06 : Gary Willard

TT07L : Debi Pressley

TT08 : Todd Quinn

TT10 : Andrew Forrest

TT12 : Paul Marty

To see the results go [here](#). The season points standings are [here](#) and the new Thunderhill counter-clockwise lap records are [here](#).

I've updated the membership pages as well and individual results are available [here](#).

Thanks to Sharon and Karen Neidel for doing the timing.

GGR Autocross #2

--by Andrew Blyholder

Autocross Event #2 was a wet affair. Terry Zacone did the course design and got the setup done before the rain, but it was coming down hard by the driver's meeting. The puddles and rivers amongst Candlestick's humps and rolls got so deep the cars were disappearing into huge splashes at the fords. But by noon, the front had blown through, the track started to dry, and the times began to fall.





Those who braved the wet weather were

rewarded with lots of driving.

All drivers got 10 timed runs - 4 wet runs in the morning and 6 (mostly) dry runs in the afternoon. Those staying to help with cleanup enjoyed nearly an hour of fun runs as well.



TTOD was Tobias Olney in a newly

purchased Ariel Atom. (Tobias was a regular runner with us several years ago, before moving to Hawaii. Unfortunately, he was just visiting to pick up the Atom and will be returning with it to Hawaii.)





TTOD Ladies
was Sandy
Hasco in her '96

911.

Top PAX was Greg Adams.

The results are [here](#). Photos were taken by [AJ Mirwani](#) and [Dave Dunwoodie](#). Christopher Zang took two in-car videos of autocrossing in the rain. Here is the [first](#), and the [second](#).

Next event is Saturday, May 19 at Candlestick. Rain is not expected, but autocrosses actually do run in the rain! (And it's a lot of fun, to boot.)

Friday Night Social Moved

Once again, pressure from ongoing investigations by the FBI, DEA, and the U.S. Customs Service has forced The Friday Night Social to seek a new venue not yet saturated by surveillance devices. As we last reported in the April, 2006 Nugget, The FNS was at that time ejected from The Carvery in Foster City and forced to hole up at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Redwood City.

Unfortunately, it didn't take long for law enforcement officials to catch wind of the change and shift their efforts. As Agent Columbo explained, "Sure folks get together to talk about 914 carburetor springs. So why is that Grialou guy been making all those runs up to Alice's Restaurant? It just don't figure."

The Nugget tried to interview the Godmother of the Friday Night Social, Shirley Niedel, about the change, but all we could obtain was a "No comment." from her consigliere. When pressed further, he responded "No comment on no comment."

We are therefore left reporting the bare facts that The FNS will henceforth meet on the third Friday of each month, from 6-9pm, at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City. 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City 650 366-3733. A map may be obtained [here](#).



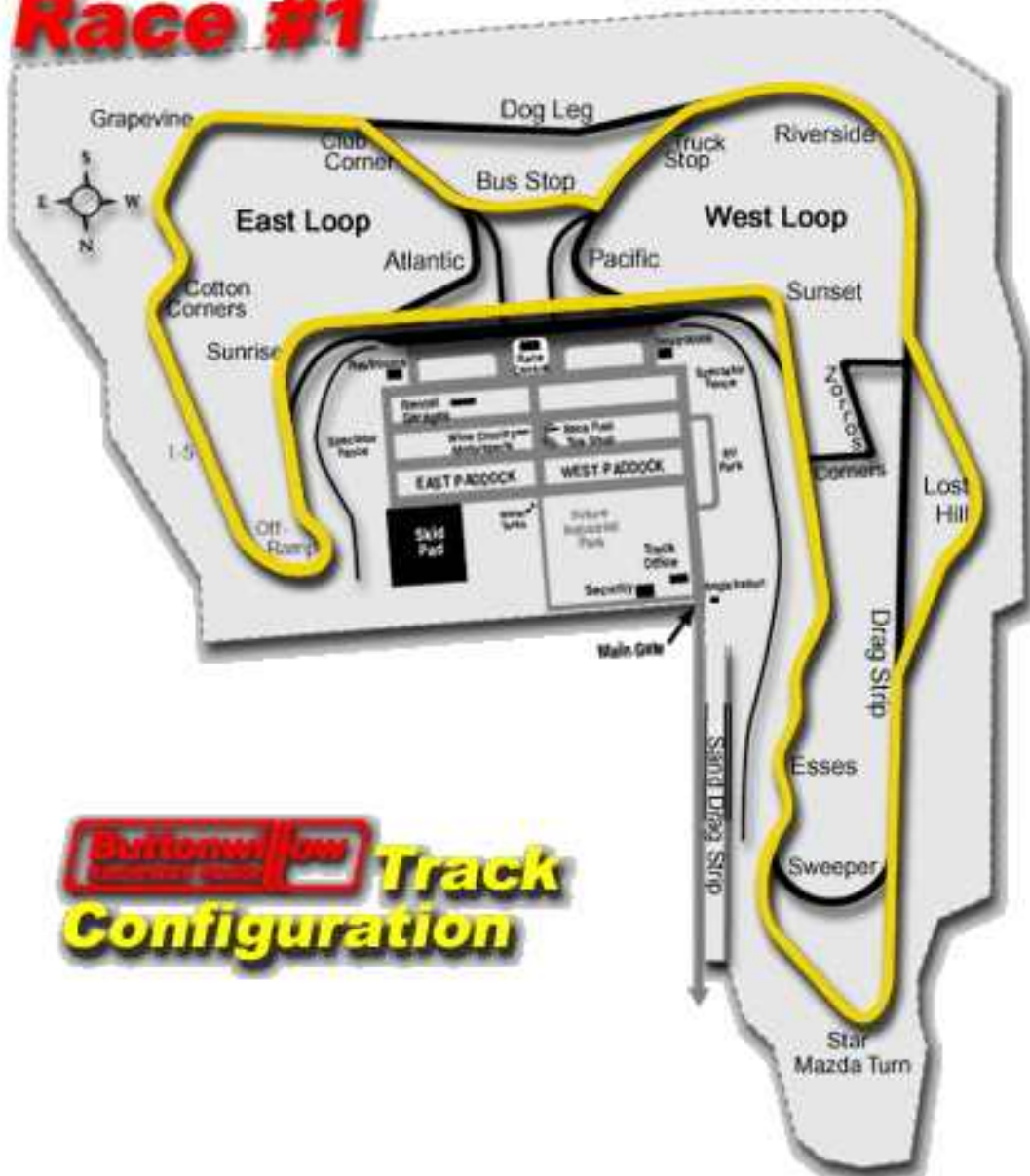
Highly Suspicious

Registration Opens for GGR's Driver's Education/Time Trial #3

May 26 - 27 at Buttonwillow

Join GGR Memorial Day Weekend at Buttonwillow for this Porsche-only Driver's Education and Time Trial Event! We will run clockwise on "Race Configuration #1" which includes Star Mazda and the Bus-stop.

Race #1



Buttonwillow Track Configuration

- Register by May 4th to save with early-bird discount pricing!
- Late Registration Fees apply after May 15th.
- Shared Car Discounts are back!
- More track time you say??!! A Friday Driver's Education Event is being hosted by our friends at California Central Coast Region PCA . More information regarding Friday's Event can be found [here](#).
- To register, visit Motorsport Registration. Click [here](#) for event info, and [here](#) to log in.

+ To rent a garage at Buttonwillow, please call them directly at 661.764.5333. Fees are \$150 for a two-car garage for the weekend and an additional \$50 for the Friday.

+ Online registration questions? Please see our community [bulletin board](#).

Why the GGR Time Trail Series is the Best!

--by Warren Walker, GGR Member

It all started last century and has proceeded to do nothing but get better each and every year. Used to be I would drive to the track, put on the tires I was going to run on all weekend and use the one tool I brought to take the license plate off the front of the car. I did have a jack and a lug nut wrench even then someone (George Morris) had to let me know that you just do not tighten each nut on the wheel in sequence, you tighten one, skip one etc. So my education started.

Years went by without needing a repair at the track. Yes I saw others fix parts and replace virtually everything from fiberglass bumpers to clutches and even a stub axle.

I finally had exceeded the life of my four leaf clover's luck and broke the right rear axle on my car during the second run session on Friday March 30th. Now the real story begins and it is not about me, but it is about the people that make up the Time Trail series.

While I drove to Sacramento to pick up parts to repair the car, my friends, the guys and gals I drive with, were working on the car in between their own run sessions and instructor assignments.



When I returned with the parts and special tools needed for the job that I had acquired from my mechanic there where seven people working on the car. David Loop, a real mechanic with a shop in Monterey, was the ring leader of the repairs. Assisting David from left to right in the picture kneeling are : Sergio Mesa, Marlin Neufeld, David Loop; me in the dirty yellow shirt, John Teasley, Ken Park. Standing helpers are: Mike Cullinan, George Morris, Harold Williams and behind the camera is Susan Angebranntd Harold's better half. The job was finished after our usual Friday Night BBQ. I test drove the car around 9:00 pm Friday night some ten hours or so after the axle broke. I consider myself a very lucky man to have friends that so eagerly give up their time and put in a tremendous amount of effort under difficult conditions just so I could drive and enjoy myself over the next two days. And now you know why the Golden Gate Time Trial series is so

enjoyable--- **It's the people.**

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

- 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.

New Members' Tour

June 9, 2007

Join your fellow new GGR club members on a tour over some great Porsche roads in the Santa Cruz Mountains and a visit to the amazing Canepa Collection in Scotts Valley.



Bruce Canepa is well-known in the Porsche world as the importer who took on the task of federalizing the 959, developed the car well beyond what the factory ever did, and sold dozens to American customers. Bruce is also an all-around fast driver who has assembled a beautiful

collection of historic vehicles.

Come socialize with other club members, meet the board, and enjoy the Santa Cruz Mountain roads and the famous cars.

Program:

- Meet at the Crystal Springs Village shopping center, off 92 near 280, at 9:30 am
- Tour will depart promptly at 10:00 and wind its way through the Santa Cruz mountains
- Lunch at the Davenport Roadhouse
- Explore more twisties to arrive in Scotts Valley by 2:00 pm
- Visit the Canepa collection (about an hour and a half)
- Return home in groups or on your own

<p>Send registration and \$25 fee per participant (includes lunch) to:</p> <p>Claude Leglise 170 Golden Oak Drive Portola Valley, CA 94028</p> <p>ggrpresident@gmail.com</p> <p>(310) 418-0163</p> <p>Must be received by May 31.</p> <p>No refund after June 1.</p>	<p>Name_____</p> <p>PCA Membership#_____</p> <p>Names of other participants_____</p> <hr/> <p>Email (for details and directions)_____</p> <p>Amount enclosed: \$_____</p> <p>Write checks to PCA-GGR.</p>
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- Attendance limited to 50 participants.
- Members who have been with GGR less than 24 months will get priority.
- Well-behaved children welcome.

Yosemite Region Concours

Yosemite Region Presents CONCOURS ON CAMPUS

Sunday May 20, 2007
San Joaquin Delta College
5151 Pacific Avenue
Stockton, CA



Registration opens at 7:30 A.M., closes at 9:30 A.M.
Entry fee: \$30.0 for competition, \$5.00 for display
Lunch: \$12.00, free for judges
Please contact Paul Czopek at (209) 531-1942
or p.czopek@clearwire.net

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 1/4 miles to Pacific Avenue. Turn left on Pacific and proceed to the next signal at Yokuta. 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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Paul Czopek, 904 Chengason Way, Modesto, CA 95351

Redwood Region Car Corral



**Redwood Region Annual Porsche Car Corral
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Porsche Named Top Prestigious Luxury Automobile Brand for 2007 by Luxury Institute for Third Consecutive Year

ATLANTA (April 12, 2007) - For the third year running, America's most affluent consumers have declared Porsche the top luxury car available today. The Luxury Institute's 2007 independent, nationwide survey of luxury auto brands rated Porsche against 13 of the world's most prestigious car brands, including Acura, Audi, BMW, Infiniti, Jaguar, Land Rover, Lexus, Mercedes and Volvo.

Porsche netted the number one spot based on its consistently superior quality, exclusivity and uniqueness, measure of enhanced social status and its ability to make the client "feel special" throughout the entire ownership experience. It was also measured on value, respondents' willingness to recommend and next purchase preference.

"Customer perception is everything in the luxury car market. This distinction helps us know that we are successfully delivering on our brand values in a very competitive automobile market," said Peter Schwarzenbauer, Porsche Cars North America president and CEO.

The Luxury Institute conducted an online survey of more than 1,600 American consumers - with an average income of \$313,000 and average net worth of \$3.3 million. Survey respondents strongly associated Porsche with "power, style and excitement" as well as "value," "elegance," and "trust and respect." The proprietary 2007 Luxury Brand Status Index survey is the only measure of the reputation of leading brands among wealthy Americans.

"Wealthy consumers tell us that Porsche stays true to its core values and to its enthusiasts," said Milton

Pedraza, CEO of the Luxury Institute. "Porsche remains an automobile that never loses its way on the luxury highway, even at high speeds."

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Porsche Club of America-Golden Gate Region

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