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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Anthony Vierra - 1984 928S

New Members

Jeffrey Wittrig- 2012 911 Carrera S

Transfers

Carrie Deakin- Diablo Region- 2019 Cayman

Anniversaries

Name	Years in Yos	Expires
Stewart Thomas	29 years	4/30/20
Michael Dufort	14 years	5/31/20
Chuck Pierce	10 years	5/31/20
Carl Thompson	2 years	5/31/20
Mario Trujillo	1 year	5/31/20
Ronald Skelton	10 years	6/30/20
Richard Hanson	4 years	6/30/20
Andrew Dalen	4 years	6/30/20
Karyn Johnson	3 years	6/30/20
Nico Castellaccio	2 years	6/30/20
Brian Kreitzer	2 years	6/30/20
Ryan Milligan	1 year	6/30/20
Paul Langley	1 year	6/30/20
Mike Morris	1 year	6/30/20

Members	159
Affiliate Members	88
Junior Members	7
Total	247



MEETING NOTES

Jim Mazza - 2013 911 Carrera

Call to Order

- 7:06 PM April 9th 2020 by President- Brian Sturkie. Those also in attendance: Vice President- Dave Boyd, Treasurer- Larry Inman, Secretary- Jim Mazza, Membership Chair- Anthony Vierra, Webmaster- Don Chaisson and Member-at-Large George Hatfield.
- Location: Virtual via WebEx

Board Reports

- **Approval of Minutes:** March 2020 Minutes approved; motion Don, second Larry with change to Yosemite Treasury report instead of “earning” the word “cost” was inserted.
- **Treasure Report:** Larry submitted the previous statements with an ending balance of \$8,546.14; Current balance of \$12,311.54.
- **Membership Report:** Anthony presented report – 159 Primary members; 89 Affiliate members with a net gain of 3 members and a renewal of 3 members.
- **Webmaster Report:** Don indicated slow action this month. Wants ideas for activities to include on website. Additionally, website continues to be up for judging.
- **Newsletter:** This was briefly discussed in general terms as the newsletter editor was not at meeting. (Glass of wine accepted on Bracken’s behalf.

New Business

- **President’s Report:**
 - Discussed the overall impact of the Coronavirus (Ongoing throughout the discussion of new business)
 - Continue to clarify “social distancing”
 - Discussed the annual teleconference for Presidents
 - Discussed teleconference for “activities”
 - Discussed Webinar Tours for Offroad Porsches
- **Board Meeting Location:** The virtual meeting via WebEx will continue until restrictions lifted. After which, Migliore Motorwerks, Lathrop, is available to the board until August and it was decided the location would be used until then and a different location would be determined in the future.
- **Member Dinner Update:** This event was a tremendous success earning cost the club approximately \$300.
- **Tech Talk:** Ideas requested

- Battery Tender Event was briefly discussed by George who wanted input from Chuck before moving forward.
- **Event Coordinator Search:** Criteria for the job change and club continues to seek out newer member for the position.
- **Charity Drive (Food Donation):** See Event Update
- **Credit Card:** The club decided to open a debit card for payment and deposit purposes after a short discussion of the liability associated with a credit card. When used for club purposes, Larry or Brian would provide required contract information and credit card data. Brian to visit bank branch to sign authorization when possible.

Event Updates

- **Spa Event:** Cancelled
- **Mammoth:** Not an official “Region” activity but members may be attending independently; still on the calendar at the moment
- **Diablo Drive:** To be rescheduled -Anthony discussed the Diablo drive and sounded an optimistic tone for rescheduling at later date (Perhaps 2 weeks).
- **Wawona/Yosemite:** Cancelled and all monies returned to club and refunded
- **Cooking School:** 5/16 (Subsequent to meeting) It was decided that this event remain on the schedule for 2 weeks, per Chuck, after which a reevaluation will occur to determine viability.
- **Parade: 6/21-27** This event is still on the schedule and open for attendance (contact PCA or Chuck Pierce)
- **Werks:** 8/14 Still on calendar pending outcome of state shut-down (Contact PCA for details)
- **Poker Run:** Continues to be in the discussion stage.
- **Anthony’s Jewelry Store:** (Open Date) This event is still open for scheduling – (Anthony Vierra opened a jewelry store on the Miracle Mile in Stockton and suggested we have a drive and meet there on Saturday evening in the near future).
- **Charity Food Drive:** 4/25 - Holding a charity type drive that would include food donations to the Second Harvest Foodbank was proposed and discussed. It was decided that a separate meeting be held to further discuss the details and viability of drive, given the dubious nature of the shutdown.
- **Oakdale Country Club Car Show:** 8/7 Open for discussion pending state shut down
- **Del Rio Car Show:** 8/8 Open for discussion pending state shut down

- **Santa Cruz Drive/Stay:** 10/9-11 Jim Mazza discussed the Santa Cruz trip for October 9 -11. The date is finalized pending deposit agreement. Jim will work with the hotel (Chaminade) to modify the deposit requirement currently \$4,500 in room deposits due in 7 days and \$3,082.68 due 30 days after receipt of first deposit. The board approved the \$3,081.68 deposit within 7 days and decided to renegotiate the balance due date (Jim).
- **Porsche Golf Circle:** We are waiting on the availability of the corporate jet?

Adjournment:

- Brian thanked everyone for their dedication to the club and for attending the meeting – Meeting Adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, May 14, 2020, 7 PM, via WebEx



Coronavirus Update:

I hope that this column finds you all safe and in good health as we struggle to deal with the current pandemic both on a personal, business and club level. The pandemic has certainly caused club members and their region leadership concerns for their personal safety as well as life as it once was prior to the pandemic. With all regions in Zone 7 cancelling or rescheduling events as we enter spring, I know that many of you are itching to get back to normal. However, that does not seem likely as I sit and write this column just a week or so prior to California's anticipated apex in regards to infections in our great state. The big question is when will we get back to normal? I am not an expert and our comeback is so dependent on what each of us does individually to help prevent the further spread of this virus. Keep the faith, we will get out of this and get back to normal soon. It will not happen overnight so be patient.

So what are some of the activities that you as a Porsche enthusiast can do to fuel your passion? Activities such as riding your bike, jogging, or taking the dog for a walk are still allowed. My take on this is that it is ok to take your Porsche out for some exercise too but not in a group of 5-6 Porsches with friends on an unofficial Porsche Club drive. I highly recommend that this type of group activity be highly discouraged as anyone seeing a group of Porsches, regardless of the number, may associate this activity as flagrant disregard of prohibitions against group gatherings and a non-essential activity. Done solo, I think it not an egregious walk around of the stay at home order and no different from a cyclist going for a short ride. Besides, our Porsche still needs to be exercised too. There are many other activities that you can take on at home while under the stay at home order and here are a few ideas to keep you busy;

1. Detail your engine compartment
2. Fully detail your car's exterior with a clay bar, polish and some paint correction and a good application of wax
3. Fully detail your car's interior with a vacuum, carpet steam clean, leather cleaning and conditioning. Also include detailing of your seat rails, fresh air vents, door pockets, glove box, and center console storage.

4. Pull your wheels off and give the inside barrels a thorough cleaning to rid wheels of that unsightly accumulation of brake dust and road debris.
5. Organize your garage and go through old files and boxes that you have been keeping for years but are unlikely to ever need. De-cluttering your storage will go a long way to keeping you positive.
6. Write an article for your club newsletter. With many events cancelled there is not much to report on post event.
7. Attend the next club board meeting. It could be as simple as attending virtually to see what your board does and the energy required to plan and re-schedule events.
8. Support our local advertisers and sponsors. Even though that annual oil or brake fluid change is not due for a few months or miles, take it in early and show your support for our sponsors.
9. Get bids on your current automobile coverage to insure that you are getting the best deal possible. Do an annual review of your current coverage. Is it all needed? Do you need a guaranteed value policy for that collector car?
10. Post a short article on the club's Facebook page about what you have been doing while under lock down and share any unique Porsche related activities you are thinking of participating in once the lock down ends.

At the PCA National, there have been several events that have been cancelled or rescheduled. Among the events that have been cancelled include several West Coast Club races and Treffen Broadmoor. Refunds have been issued for Treffen so watch your mail. National just announced the cancellation of Parade with refunds already in the works. I know that many members in the region have been looking forward to visiting the desert in late June but due to an abundance of caution and information that was provided by local health officials, it was decided the event be cancelled. Several club racing events across the Zone have been either cancelled or rescheduled including the Zone AX series at Marina April 25-26th, and the club race at Thunderhill on April 25-26th. In addition, Sacramento Valley Region has rescheduled their multi-day, multi-event CRAB event to May 2021 due to the issue with the coronavirus.

At the time of the writing of this column the Werks Reunion in August is still on schedule. Due to unforeseen issues with the current pandemic, events could be subject to change.

On a positive note, most region boards are meeting on a regu-

lar basis, though many in a virtual manner. All regions hope that Porsche Club activities can resume in earnest by June if not earlier. Let's keep our fingers crossed and do our share to prevent the spread of the virus so that we can all return to enjoying our club activities.

One benefit from the social distancing and stay at home order issued by the state of California is that I have had the opportunity to attend several region board of director meetings via tele conference. These region board of directors meetings include Sierra Nevada, Golden Gate, and Diablo Regions. I am happy to report that these regions are working hard for their members and dealing with the havoc to event schedules.

Events of Interest:

- 1) Loma Prieta Region 50th Anniversary Gala; March 28; register at MotorsportReg with keyword search for 'LPR' Rescheduled to August 29.
- 2) West Coast Race Series Event #3, April 25-26, Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, Cancelled
- 3) Zone 7 AX #2, April 25, Marina, Cancelled (lost use of site)
- 4) Zone 7 AX #3, April 26, Marina, Cancelled (lost use of site)
- 5) Zone 7 Concours #1, April 26, Porsche Livermore, Cancelled
- 6) Zone 7 Concours #2, May 17, Porsche Fremont, Cancelled
- 7) West Coast Race Series, May 22-24, WeatherTech Raceway, Laguna Seca, to be rescheduled
- 8) West Coast Race Series, June 6-7, Utah Motorsports Campus, registration opens April 20
- 9) Zone 7 Concours #3, June 7, Porsche Rocklin
- 10) Zone 7 Tour by Shasta Region; June 11-15; SOLD OUT - wait list in effect
- 11) Zone 7 AX #4, July 18, Alameda
- 12) Zone 7 Concours #4, July 19, Carmel Valley Community Park
- 13) Mammoth Tour by Sierra Nevada Region; July 24-26; registration opens May 1st or so snv.pca.org/events/mammoth-high-altitude-porsche-tour-2
- 14) Zone 7 Concours #5, August 2, Reno
- 15) Werks Reunion in Monterey; August 14, featuring the Porsche 914; werksreunion.com Registration will open mid-May.
- 16) PCA Fall Treffen at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia; September 16-19; treffen.pca.org. Registration will open June 17.

THE OVER REV REPORT

Ted Fisher - 2006 Cayman S

Don't know if you read the Tech Q&A section in the January 2020 Panorama issue but the 2006 Cayman S Over Rev Report was taken from my car. This report is also called the DME (Digital Motor Electronics) report and if you follow the comments in the BAT ads or any of the forums you will notice that many buyers use it to determine if they will buy a particular Porsche or not.

Usually these reports can only be generated by a dealership but in No Calif there is an Indy I work with; Nico Castellaccio at MIGLIORE MOTORWERKS in Lathrup who has the proper testing equipment to do this. Needless to say, every time I go to the shop he downloads the DME report. It not only tells us how I am driving the car but what all the electronics are doing. This is very useful when the goal is to stay ahead of any problems.

Within this report is a section that includes the number of ignitions in six different ranges (997/987 or newer). As Pedro Bonilla said in the Q&A section, anything in the lower levels is nothing to worry about. While under my ownership there have been no change in the number of ignitions between Levels 3 and 6 which is great. Level 2 has gone from 54 Over Revs (OR) at 1705 hrs to 68 OR at 2347 hrs, which is statistically insignificant. The interesting item is that the number of OR's at Level 1 has gone from 1716 ignitions at 2210 hrs to 4953 ignitions at 2394 hrs.

You have to ask; how did I manage to almost triple the number of ignitions in level 1 in just under 200 hrs of operation? In a way, the answer is simple. My Cayman S has the Sport Chrono option installed. While everyone understands that the Sport Chrono is very effective with launch control with a PDK, they might not realize that it also effects the way the engine runs, whether you have a PDK or like my Cayman S, the MT. And this is especially true as it approaches the Rev Limiter.

In a Porsche that does not have Sport Chrono or the option is turned off, the Rev Limiter is activated in a manner that is best described as the Soft Mode. As the engine gets within 5-700 rpm of the rev limit, the DME (also called the ECU) starts to reduce power via fuel and ignition interruptions. If you are looking for full power all the way to the rev limit, it just will not happen. But in a Porsche where the Sport Chrono option is turned on, the rev limit manage-

ment system doesn't do anything until the rev limit is reached. This is known as the Hard Mode which allows the engine to have full power all the way to the rev limit (7200 rpm in the 2006 Cayman S).

Every Porsche has a special sensory experience, especially when driving the car near its limits. But the Cayman is very unique because it is the only Porsche where the drivetrain sits entirely within the cockpit envelope. Even though everything is well insulated with all kinds of sound dampening, any noise it makes (and it can make a lot when pushed) the rear hatch directs that ensemble of sound forward. And let's not begin to talk about the air intake which sits just behind the driver's left elbow. This makes for a very unique experience that just can't be matched.

If you are still wondering how I managed to triple my Cayman's Level 1 OR's, the answer is that I am guilty of enjoying the sensory experience. Whenever I can, either on the street or at the track, I rip the Cayman through the gears. Here it immerses me in an intoxicating rush of speed with the fantastic German engineering making a glorious concerto as I maximize the experience... right to the red line.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKgOAWMjZLQ>



EVENTS

2020 West Coast Race Series Calendar

as of April 17, 2020

May 22-24 th	WeatherTech Raceway, Laguna Seca -- POSTPONED
June 6-7 th	Utah Motorsports Campus
August 29-30 th	Sonoma Raceway
September 19-20 th	High Plains Raceway
September 26-27 th	Thunderhill Raceway
October 10-11 th	Sonoma Raceway

PCA Club Race Schedule Link: <https://pcaclubracing.org/schedule/>

 Porsche Club of America Zone 7	
<u>Autocross</u> July 18 -- Alameda (GGR) September 26 -- Marina (LPR) September 27 -- Marina (GGR) October 10 -- Thunderhill (SVR) October 11 -- Thunderhill (RR) STRIKETHROUGHS --- date and location to be determined <small>as of April 17, 2020</small>	<u>Concours</u> May 17 -- Fremont (LPR) June 7 -- Rocklin (SVR) July 19 -- Carmel Valley (MBR) August 2 -- Reno (SNR) August 23 -- Redwood City (GGR) September 20 -- Ledson (RR)
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