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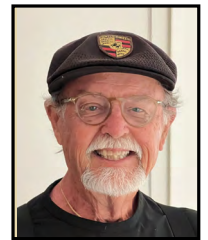
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The Prez's Corner

Joseph Shubitowski • President

We have passed Memorial Day, so I guess we are officially in Summer!! There are a lot of daylight hours available to be out there driving our Porsche(s), so let's do it!

Our June 29th Laguna Seca DE has the largest registration that CCCR has ever had for ANY DE!!! This is really exciting to be able to have the maximum numbers of cars/drivers out on the absolute iconic track in Monterey. With that many folks/cars, what we need now are volunteers to help. From handing out t-shirts, to helping tech cars before track time, just a few hours of help from you will allow the event to go smoothly. PLUS.....anyone who volunteers can participate in the Parade Lap session during lunch. You can bring your kids, your neighbors, whomever! No helmets required. You lap behind a pace car and it is safe and fun. Take your Porsche or your minivan down the Corkscrew. You will never forget the experience! Look for DE Chair Bob Bruington's article later in this issue for all the details about volunteering at Laguna Seca. Autocross is rolling into summer as well.

The Ladies' AX was a huge success with participants getting 16 lap runs each!! That is a huge number and it is thanks to all the volunteers who allowed the participants to just concentrate on driving and not shagging cones!! The regular AX is still somewhat snakebit though as it had to be canceled at noontime due to a huge dust storm at the airport track. One rainout, one dust storm..... what happens next weekend?

We have had a string of great events in recent weeks from Club Breakfast, to Bordeaux Wine Class, to the Poker Rally, to yesterday's Meet the Winemaker at Sculpterra!! Participation has been high and great fun was the order of the day. Make sure to register for the Cayenne/Macan SUV drive through the backroads of Templeton and Adelaida. We toned things down from the first adventure as we want more Porsche SUVs participating.

Our friends at Porsche San Luis Obispo put on an epic Cars & Coffee a week ago. If you missed it, make sure to put the June 27th date in your calendar! The display of cars – whether Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini, or McLaren is absolutely astounding! The people watching is also fun. The coffee and donuts are first rate, as is the tire kicking and camaraderie. I highly recommend spending a portion of the last Saturday of each month at Porsche San Luis Obispo!

Hope some/many of you are thinking about participating on a committee or work group to assist with Activities or track events. I know I keep harping on this monthly, but the more ideas and help we get from all of you benefit everyone in the Club! When folks come up to you and thank you for the hard work and for the fun they are having, it makes it worth it.

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Let's Drive!

Joe



The Editor's Wind

Chuck Jennings

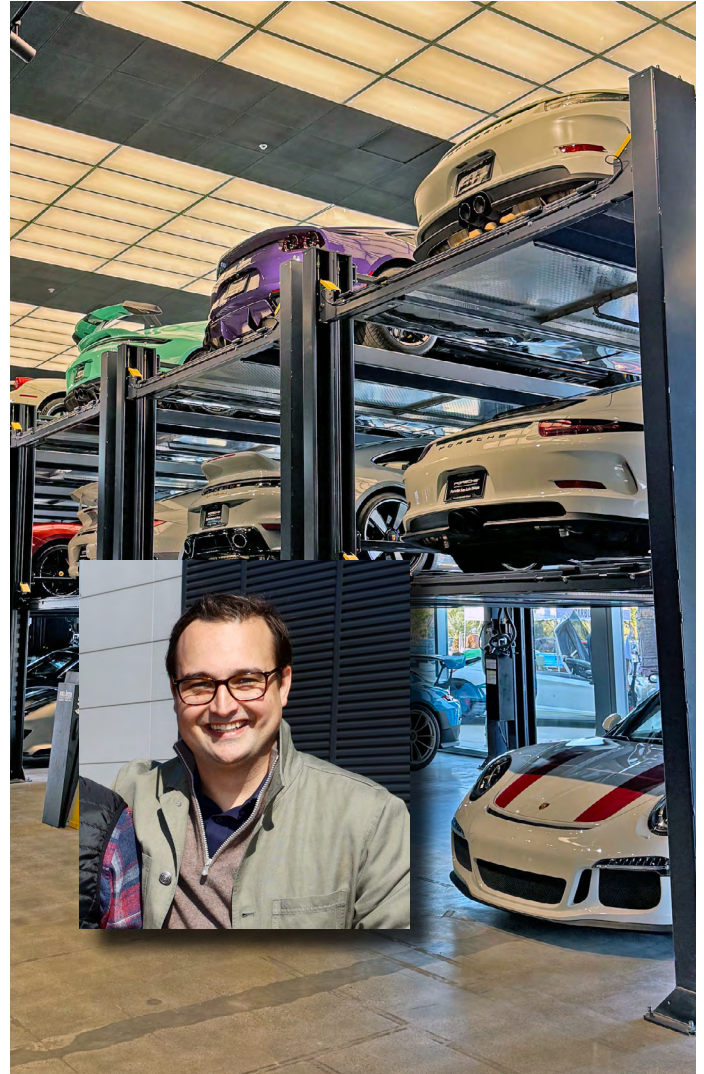
During his tenure as editor of *Coastal*, **Bob Kitamura** posted a few of my photographs on the cover. Until now I have never been bodily featured in any cover photos, and as editor, it might seem a bit self-serving to feature myself. But this issue's cover photograph tells an important story, and I just happened to be in it for a sense of the scale of this impressive space. Unfortunately, the photographer volunteered to take the shot with my iPhone without identifying himself. Perhaps he will see this and contact me so I can give him credit in a future issue.

If you haven't yet visited the upgraded building and showroom that was formerly the Nissan dealership nextdoor to Porsche San Luis Obispo, you must treat yourself as soon as you have opportunity. It's quite a car enthusiast's fantasy visualized wholly by **Ryan Fitzsimons**. No wonder Porsche SLO has prospered and become a Premier Porsche Dealership in such a short time. The yet-to-be-named-nextdoor "Supercar Mall" is off to a great start, as many of us witnessed at its opening celebration on May 30th.

Several years ago San Luis Obispo County Airport lengthened its runway and can now accommodate the increase in longrange private jet traffic with discretionary buyers from Vancouver, the Hamptons or the United Arab Emirates. Move over Hollywood! San Luis Obispo has surely become an international market destination for hypercar collectors.

How high can we stack 'em?

Stay tuned. *Chuck*



PCA-CCCR *New Members* • June

Welcome New Members

James De Armond 2024 911 Carrera
Santa Maria

William Chillingworth 2026 Targa 4S
Solvang

Jasmin Kocaman 2024 Macan
San Luis Obispo

Jorge Rac 2006 Cayman S
Los Osos

Welcome New Transfers In

Charles House 1965 911
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Gene Garcia
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2 Years

Jory Stein
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3 Years

Jerome Turner
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4 Years

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6 Years

Marc Nelson
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7 Years

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8 Years

Gary Johnson

10 Years

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11 Years

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12 Years

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13 Years

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14 Years

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William DKorte

17 Years

Robert Jones

20 Years

John Green

21 Years

John Becerra

22 Years

Craig Smith
Bruce Smith

23 Years

Russell Zink
John Meeks

24 Years

Davi Dieterich

25 Years

Michael Levin
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29 Years

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34 Years






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

42 Years Larry Heitman




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






-  **June 13 • Autocross Academy • Santa Maria Airport**
-  **June 14 • Teststrecke Autocross #77 • Santa Maria Airport • See page 24**
-  **June 20 • Second Annual Off Road Tour and Picnic SEE FACING Page > > > >**
-  **June 27 • Cars and Coffee • Porsche SLO**
-  **June 29 • Laguna Seca • DE See page 32**


-  **July 11 • Tour and Lunch • Jalama Beach**
-  **July 18 • Teststrecke Autocross #78 • Santa Maria Airport • Se page 24**
-  **July 25 • Cars and Coffee at Porsche SLO**

-  **August 8 • Breakfast at Mulligan's • Avila Beach Golf Resort**
-  **August 29 • Cars and Coffee • Porsche SLO**
-  **August 29 • Teststrecke Autocross #79 • Santa Maria Airport • See Page 24**

-  **September 5 • Dinner at LaVigne Winery**
-  **September 12 • Extended Photo Rally • Pine Mountain Tour**
-  **September 26 • Cars and Coffee • Porsche San Luis Obispo**

-  **October 10 • Teststrecke Autocross #80 • Santa Maria Airport • See page 24**
-  **October 17 • Norgrove Railway (rescheduled) More Info to Come**
-  **October 24 • DE • Buttonwillow Raceway • New Track "The Circuit"**
-  **October 24 • BREAKFAST • Mulligan's • Avila Beach**

-  **November 7 • New Members' BBQ • The Len Convention Center • Arroyo Grande**
-  **November 14 • Teststrecke Autocross # 81 • Santa Maria Airport • See page 24**

-  ***December 5 • Holiday Party***

SUV / All-Wheel Drive

Our first SUV/off-road adventure was in August when we tackled Hi Mountain Road from AG to Pozo. The entire area we traversed was burned in the Gifford fire which began the following week. Ce Zhou drove his Macan Turbo, while the rest of the group brought SUVs with locking hubs, and big ribbed tires. The Macan did just fine though! We have decided that as a follow-up adventure, we would tone things down a bit and have a partial pavement, partial non-pavement drive. It is perfect for all Cayennes and Macans to show their prowess. I will be driving my Macan on the route! We would like to see as many Porsche SUVs as possible! CCCR member Mike Dirkes has taken the lead on this adventure! Thanks Mike!

The Details and Registration Info:

This drive is specifically designed for Porsche SUVs (Macan & Cayenne), with paved canyon roads combined with some dirt road sections, to show off the dual purpose capabilities of the Porsche SUVs. The drive is a 50 mile loop in the hills west of Templeton with about 16 miles of smooth dirt roads. It is a beautiful drive and hopefully we will traverse some roads that you have never driven on before. The dirt sections are easy to drive, with all-wheel-drive not required, just a fun way to get the SUVs a little dirty. The route has a lot of single lane sections so we will be going slow and pulling over for other vehicles. Even though the driving loop is only 50 miles, it will take a little over two hours to complete due to very slow speeds on the dirt sections.

We will start and end in the Atascadero/Templeton area. At the end we will picnic at a park so bring food, chairs, and blankets. We do not expect to be able to sit at picnic tables so be sure to bring chairs and/or blankets. We will start at a Subway so you can get your food for the picnic, if you don't already have it. There is also a Shell gas station near the starting location.

If you have a GMRS/FRS radio, please bring it with you because that will help with communication during the drive. If you don't, that is fine because it is not necessary for the drive. Cell phone service will likely be unavailable during much of the drive.

REGISTER HERE

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/cccr-cayenne-macan-suv-drive-picnic-event-pca-california-central-coast-199319>

Start Location:

Subway at 2290 El Camino Real, Atascadero. Take the US-101 Del Rio Dr Exit. Go East on Del Rio Dr and then South on El Camino Real. Gas station is at the corner of Del Rio and El Camino Real. Subway is on your right, at the south end of the shopping center.

Start Time:

9:15 at Subway parking lot to sign waiver.

9:30 Drivers Meeting

9:45 Leave on Drive

End Location:

Templeton Park at 550 Crocker St, Templeton

We plan to park on 5th Street near the corner of Old County Rd.

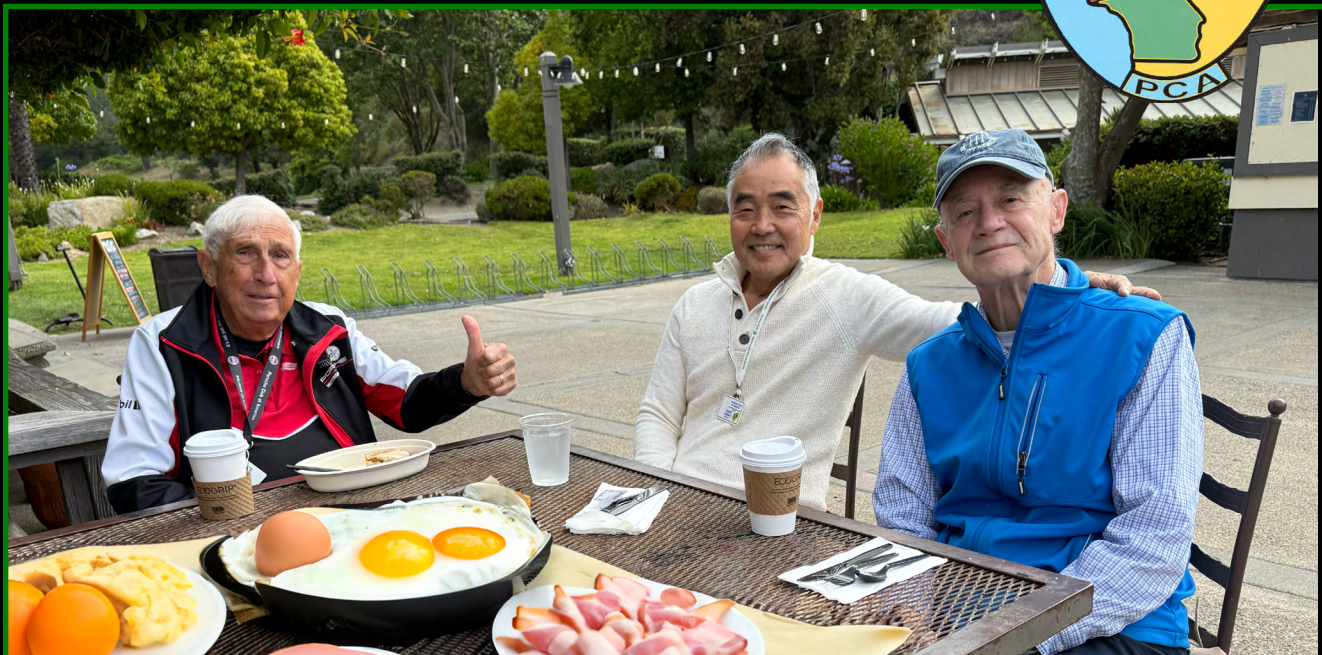
We will picnic in the park.

End Time:

About 12:20 at the park for a picnic.

Breakfast at Mulligan's





Although its location is somewhat like an island paradise, Mulligan's, is probably not a frequented breakfast venue for most of us, unless you play golf or attend a lot of weddings. It's a jewel hidden behind the Hilton Vacation Club in Avila Beach and looks more like a golf pro shop than a restaurant. But, on May 9th, it was perfect for our first CCCR breakfast in many moons. The drive, the view, the ambience, the food, the weather and the people combined for one of our best breakfast social gatherings in a long time.

Twenty-three Porsches graced the concert and wedding lawn between Avila Beach and the golf club house. At least thirty CCCR members and one beautiful border collie savored the entire experience. Hence, we shall return on August 8th. Put that date on your calendar.

Don't miss it!

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Cars 'n Coffee



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CCCR Poker Rally

by Chuck Jennings Photos by Alfred Abken & Tony Brizzolara,

Not many of us can be tempted to “gamble” with our Porsches. But the temptation was just too much on May 23rd for twenty-two high-roller CCCR poker proponents. The stakes had ballooned for minimum bids at whatever three gallons of 91 octane cost at the local minimart with *Techtron Premium* fuels.

Players had to find seven card dealers with felt-covered frunks concealed in the morning fog at inconspicuous “card halls” throughout Southern San Luis Obispo County, including a church, a library, a school, a winery, a deli, an oceanside park, and a Mountain Chateau. Card dealers included the “Slight of Hands” Jeff and Trish Bartel, “Up My Sleeve” Tom Dobyns, “Under the Table” Pat Kelley, “Fumble Fingers” Joe Kuntze, “A Wink and a Nod” Hamp Miller, “Shifty Shuffle” Mark Schilling, and “All Thumbs” Joe Shubitowski.

Players set off from Porsche SLO at 0913 with Porsche-coded insider information on dealer locations and some vague rules about how cheating would cost them their DMV pink slips. Some, youngest among us, thought this a race and arrived forty-five minutes early at the cashier’s window with only five cards, not any of them making a pair, a kind, a house, a straight, or a flush. And some players folded their hands in the cashier’s parking lot until 1132, past the deadline to meet or raise the bid. They must have fallen asleep at the wheel or had a flat tire.



The “Pit Boss” explains the rules of Porsche Poker to the CCCR High Roller Players at Porsche SLO.



Dealer, Jeff Bartel, spreads his deck of cards on the aero-tail of his GT5 on Laureate Lane off O’Connor Way. Trish Bartel kept Jeff honest.





Tim and Linda DeTarr were the big Porsche Poker winners.

Tim and Linda DeTarr, the craftiest, stone-faced sharks, won hands down with a flush of all hearts. The pot was \$60 in chips good for redemption at the cashier’s window of the Laguna Grill in the Laguna Village Shopping Center. Consolation prizes of \$30 in chips went to **Richard Childs** for a Queen-high straight, and \$15 in chips to **Micah Smith** for three Jacks.

Everyone else left the table at the Laguna Grill with a lighter wallet but with that satisfying feeling of a good meal and even better companionship. Dealers joined the post-game buffet at the “casino”. The “Pit Boss” expressed a Royal Flush of gratitude to the mildly shady but extremely dedicated volunteer dealers who came out of secure retirement into the risky world of “Porsche Poker”.

By the way, The House lost money on this round of CCCR High Stakes Poker. The next CCCR Poker Rally may add to “what’s in your wallet”. *Save up!*



Dealer, Tom Dobyns, made himself “Porsche Conspicuous” at Eldwayne Oceanside Park in Shell Beach, one block from his house.



Dealer, Pat Kelley, spread the green felt for his deck of cards on Monte Road.

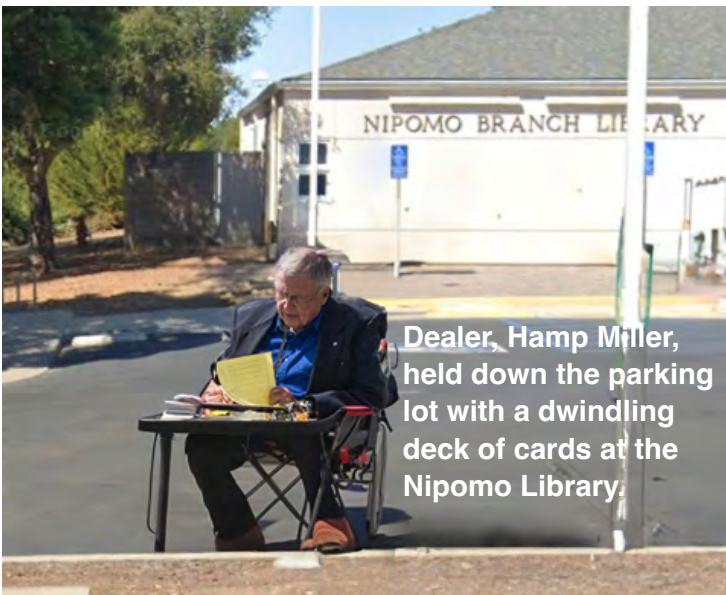
No! He wasn't selling apples!

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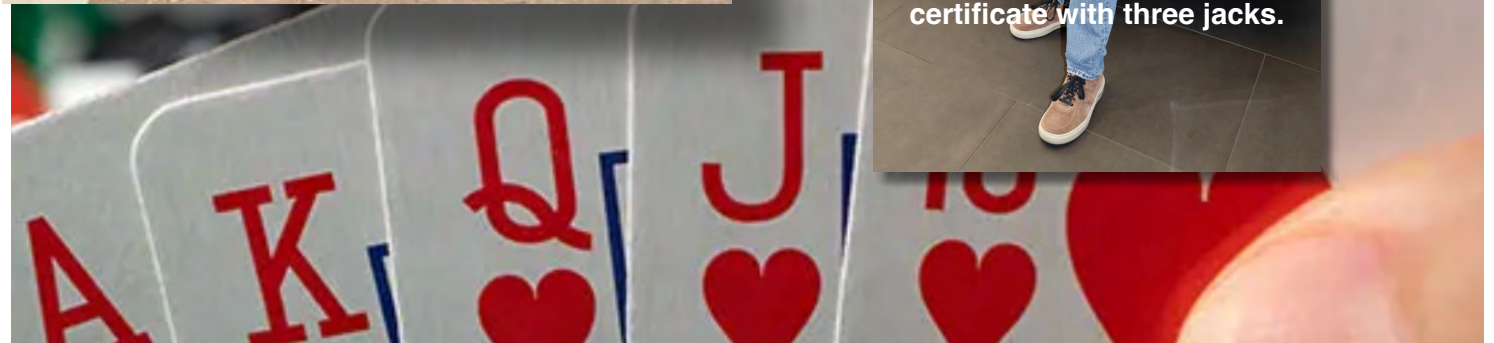
Dealer, Joe Kuntze (left), counts his cards again, just to make sure he didn't loose any!



Dealer, Hamp Miller, held down the parking lot with a dwindling deck of cards at the Nipomo Library.



Micah Smith won a \$15 gift certificate with three jacks.





The Laguna Grill served as our casino headquarters and cashier window.



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Updated 2026 Autocross Schedule

Sat - 5/16/2026 ▶ AX 76

Sun - 5/17/2026 ▶ LADIES ONLY AX

Sat - 6/13/2026 ▶ AX ACADEMY **RESCHEDULED DATE!**

Sun - 6/14/2026 ▶ AX 77 **NEW DATE!**

Sat - 7/18/2026 ▶ AX 78

Sat - 8/29/2026 ▶ AX 79

Sat - 10/10/2026 ▶ AX 80 **NEW DATE!**

Sat - 11/14/2026 ▶ AX 81 **NEW DATE!**



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A Windy, Wonderful Weekend



The 2026 CCCR PCA autocross season officially kicked off with a full weekend of AX action featuring AX #76 on Saturday, May 16, followed by our 2nd Annual Ladies Only AX on Sunday, May 17. Both events ran the same new course layout.

Saturday's AX #76 was the first of six regular autocross events planned for the year, and it brought out a strong field of 61 drivers, including five first-time participants. The new layout seemed to strike a good balance – technical enough to keep drivers busy but still fast and enjoyable with good pace and flow throughout the course. As is the usual, every AX layout is different, challenging not just who's the faster driver or who has the faster car, but also who can learn the fastest line. The most frequently challenged cone of the day appeared to be the one directly in front of the starting line, which received more attention than it probably wanted!

Competition was extremely tight; Top Time of Day was a 43.6 and the field was closely packed, with only two seconds separating 2nd through 16th place. That kind of spread shows just how competitive and evenly matched many of our drivers were.

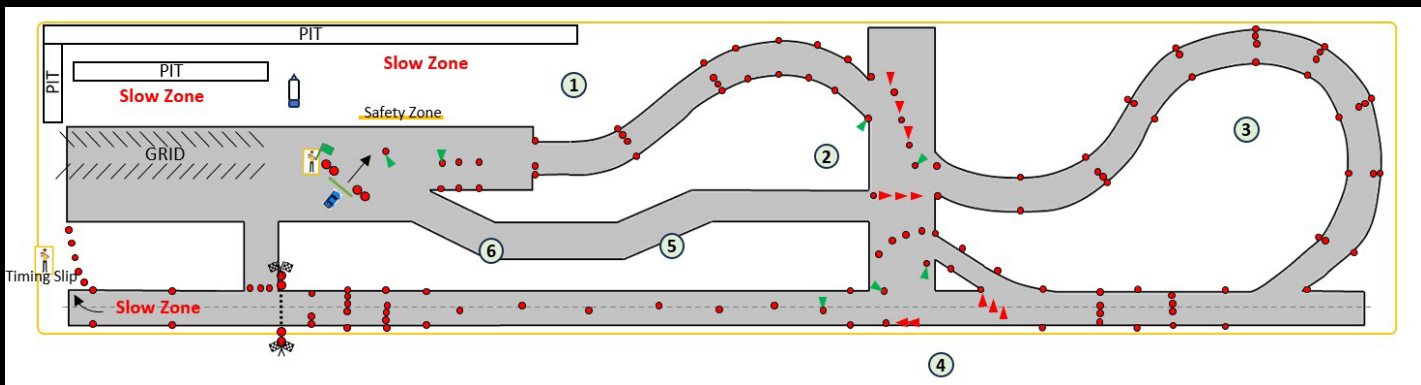
Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans for the afternoon. A sudden Sahara Desert-like sandstorm rolled through the Airport, creating unsafe conditions for course workers and forcing us to end the event early. While we had planned for more runs, everyone was able to complete five clean laps before the event was shut down. Safety always comes first, especially for the volunteers working out on course. As a result of the shortened day, all Saturday entrants received a 50% credit toward their next CCCR PCA event. It was a good reminder that autocross can be unpredictable — and that sometimes it pays to find your quick time early!

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The wind left its mark overnight. When the team returned Sunday morning to set up for the Ladies Only AX, nearly 40% of the cones had been blown over! Sunday's 2nd Annual Ladies Only AX brought a very different energy to the same course. Fourteen ladies participated and with a smaller field, each driver enjoyed an incredible amount of seat time. While a typical 60-plus-driver AX usually allows for eight to ten runs, the Ladies Only AX drivers completed an impressive 16 laps each. The ladies enjoyed the course layout, saying it was fun, technical and competitive. A few cones near the start and finish saw some action, but overall the drivers kept the course pretty clean. Top Time of Day for the Ladies Only AX was a 47.2.

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made the weekend possible. 25 volunteers came out to handle everything from instructing to staffing work stations; these events simply do not happen without volunteer support. Special thank you to my wife who ran the Macan lunch truck and kept everyone fed on Sunday.





Above: I kneel in the front row among twelve of the fourteen ladies that aggressively zipped around the autocross course on Sunday.



For the second year, Donna Dodson Frazer won the Ladies Only Autocross, and she finished 16th of the 58 drivers on Saturday.



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The weekend was filled with learning, confidence-building and plenty of smiles. Drivers had the opportunity to explore what they were capable of behind the wheel, better understand what their cars could do and continued improving with each run. One of the highlights of the day was hearing the cheers and shouts of excitement as drivers set new personal bests. That kind of enthusiasm is exactly what makes these events so rewarding.

Our 2026 autocross season continues with the AX Academy on June 13 and AX #77 on June 14 (registration is open). The remainder of the season includes AX #78 on July 18, AX #79 on August 29, AX #80 on October 10, and AX #81 on November 14.

We love putting these events on for our PCA members and guests and we hope everyone had a great time despite the wind. Whatever your goals, learning to drive faster or just enjoying a fun day with fellow Porsche enthusiasts, our autocross program continues to be one of the best ways to improve as a driver in a safe, supportive and exciting environment.

See you at the next event!

Fred S. Herr
AX Director

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Christine Reed finished 3rd of the 14 drivers in the Ladies Only Autocross.



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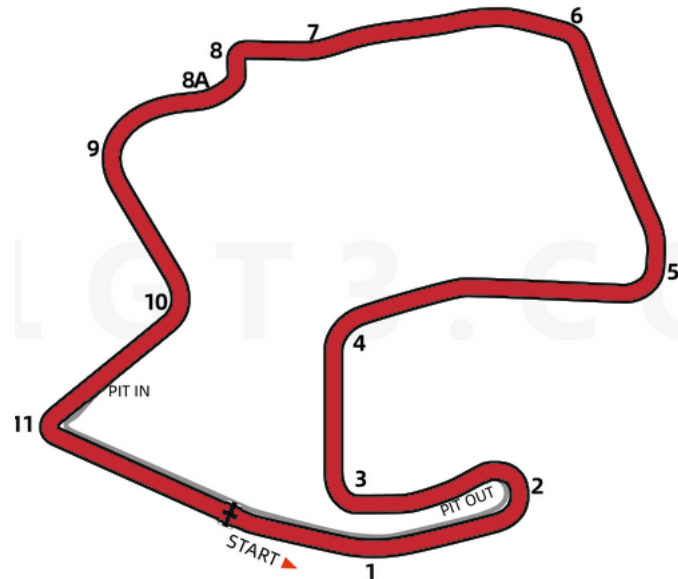
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Help Wanted! We Need Your Help!



The Drivers Education event at Laguna Seca, June 29th, is packed with drivers! We have more drivers registered for this DE than any other CCCR has hosted. That is fantastic! But it also means we could use some extra help for the day. We will have a hundred cars on the track, a record attendance by far! Some of our regular volunteers will not be able to make it, and we need replacements for those and a few more volunteers would be a fantastic help.

Here is a list of the positions we need to fill:

Registration:

Take in completed tech forms, distribute envelopes, direct drivers to tech, answer questions. We can train you and you will have experienced help with you. Arrival time at the track will be on the early side, 6:15am. You will be completed with this assignment by 8:00am

Tech Inspection:

Inspect the 60 day tech from, perform the 24 hour Safety Tech. Some training will be needed, familiarity with basic car mechanics would be nice, but not a requirement. Each car will take less the 10 minutes to complete. Arrival time is 6:15am You will have experienced help with you. You will be completed with this assignment by 8:00am

T-shirt distribution:

Distribute T-shirts to those who ordered them. Rent helmets as needed. This assignment will be completed by 9:30am. Completion time will be around 9:00am



Announcing:

Announce over the PA system run groups to grid with a 10 minute reminder, 5 minute reminder, final reminder. This assignment is all day, we would like to see two or three people available. Starts at 7:30am

Grid:

Quick inspection of the cars and drivers prior to entering the track. Helmets strapped properly, correct run group stickers and bands, windows down, restraints as required. The assignment is 10 minutes prior to each run group, throughout the day. Grid starts at 8:50am. If we have six or more volunteers, you will have hours of free time.



We are able to combine assignments to keep you busy all day if you want to spend the day at the track.

All of these positions allow you to have plenty of free time during the day to walk around, check out the track, cars and socialize with the other attendees. You also will receive free entry to the Parade Lap to be run at noon time on the track, 25 minutes on the track following a lead car at limited speed. Passengers are allowed with you.

The Monterey area is gorgeous with many activities to take advantage of, restaurants, golf, sightseeing, Monterey Aquarium, hiking. Spend a couple of days, make a trip out of it, have some fun, help out the club. You will be very appreciated, welcomed and guaranteed to have a blast.

If you have questions or want to help out, please contact Bob Bruington at Aircooled911sc@gmail.com.

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Laguna Seca DE June 29th 2026

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Time Marches On!

The DE at Buttonwillow is Completed, Laguna Seca Next, a Third DE Added at Buttonwillow, The Circuit.

The first Drivers Education track day of 2026 is completed at Buttonwillow Raceway, on to Laguna Seca June 29th. The DE at Buttonwillow was very eventful, too eventful! Three oil spills, a couple of tows, almost two hours of delays and just to make it more interesting, the Corner Workers were not at their best. The schedule had to be changed numerous times, causing a lot of stress for the organizers of the day. Lucky for CCCR, Fred Herr stepped up to save the day!. Fred with help from many volunteers, changed the schedule over and over and by all accounts, ran a great DE. Thank you volunteers for your time and expertise, even with the problems throughout the day, you made it work!



CCCR DE on June 29th 2026 at Laguna Seca with a Parade Lap and Track Experience is about three weeks away. We have ninety-two registered drivers already! Although, two of the drivers are students waiting for instructors to sign up, we have a total of twenty-nine students! We hate to turn new drivers away, but we will need to unless we have more instructors sign up. We are looking everywhere for Instructors, if you can help, please let us know.

Besides the DE portion of the day, at the lunch time break, a Parade Lap is available to those who would like a controlled speed drive on the world famous Laguna Seca Raceway. You and your passengers will follow a lead car on the track for twenty-five minutes, at approximately 40mph. Doesn't sound fast enough? Probably a little slow for the straights, but 40mph is too fast for the Corkscrew and many other corners, you will need to use your brakes and driving skills on all eleven corners.

Earlier this year, the CCCR Board decided to schedule only two DEs this year. In 2025, we lost a small amount of money on all three DE event, and we wanted to see how this year went before adding a third DE. This year, the DE at Buttonwillow did very well, and the DE at Laguna Seca is just about full. We brought in \$8,000.00 of sponsorship support, and we are in the black for 2026.

On October 24th, we have scheduled a third DE for 2026 at Buttonwillow again, but on the new Circuit track. We will open registration the first of July. An email will be sent out as a reminder.

The DE Buttonwillow on Oct. 24th will be my last DE to organize for CCCR. It has been a great eight years running the DE program, but it is time for someone else to come in with new ideas. We are putting together a group of dedicated people to run the DE program in the future. If you want to join the group, or have questions, please contact me or anyone on the CCCR Board. We are always looking for other CCCR members to help in all of our activities.

See you on the Track!

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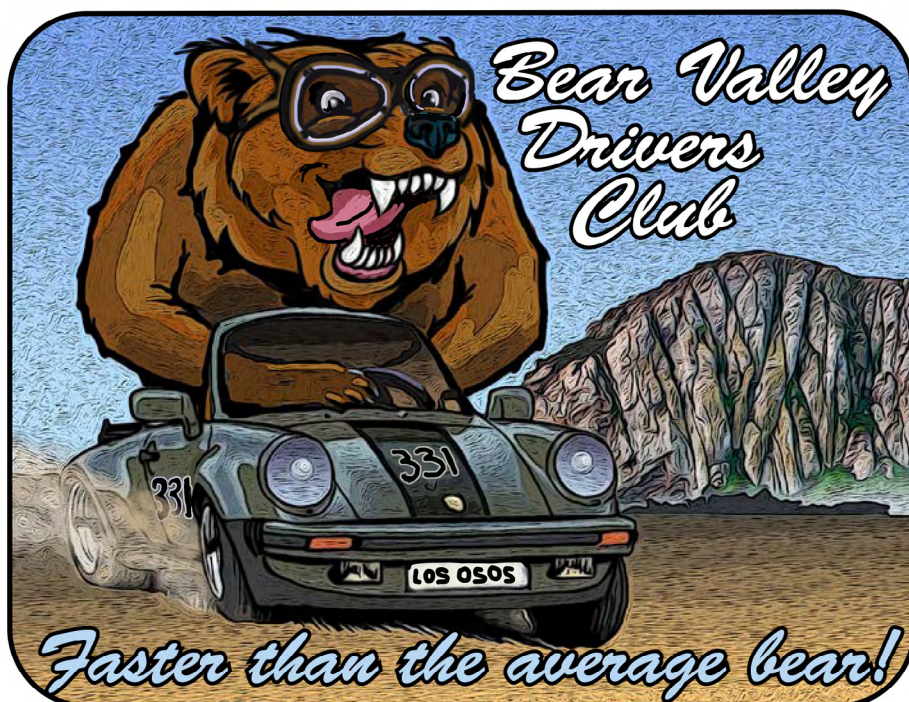


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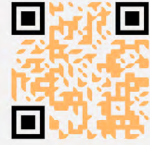
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Alfred's Adventures

by Alfred Abken



2026 MAY DAY (Workers of the World Unite!)* DE WEEKEND

Back in the early 1970s, there was a comic who used to say this*. Unfortunately, I do not recall who that was. I poked around the interweb briefly to see if I could find out who it was. The most common response was it came from The Communist Manifesto of 1848 by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. Certainly not who I remembered said it. But I am getting way off topic here.

Once again, the Order of the Sleepless Nights was called to order. (Thank you James William Buffett). Friday, May 1, I was headed east again on Highway 46 well before the sun rose. I was working Black Flag for our club's DE event. I am confident there will be coverage of that event from someone else.

Saturday, May 2, I got up in the middle of the night so I could be on the road at 4 AM to drive down to Cal Inland's Concours event that was happening at Porsche Santa Clarita. I had signed up to judge at their event. I also had my car on display. Although I got into some clouds east of Paso Robles, it was mostly a clear morning, and it was quite the nice drive down I-5.



I have attended their event the past few years. In the past, the judged cars had been staged in the downstairs portion of the dealership. This year, the two biggest bays downstairs were taken over by Nakai-San of RWB (Rauh-Welt Begriff). The first bay had several of the cars he had converted, and in the second bay, two cars were being transformed.

Also happening that day was their monthly Cars and Coffee event. This alone brings out some people with some interesting cars. Adding the RWB cars to the C & C event sure drew a crowd.

The concours event turned out to be a lot of fun. It was a beautiful day in So. Cal., which made it fun to be outside. A guy I went to high school with (Charles Bartron) again won not only his class SV-2, but the Division as well. While talking to him after the awards ceremony, he mentioned that next month will be the 60th anniversary of our high school graduation. I hadn't given that any previous consideration. Kind of made me feel old...



Charles Bartron



Paula Comes Out of Retirement

Photos by Chuck Jennings and Tony Brizzolara

992.2 GTS Cabriolet



When I bought my Macan GTS, essentially as a retirement gift, I was pretty sure I was done buying cars and the Macan would last me until, well you know... pushing up daisies. And then on the last Saturday in May, while strolling around the SLO Porsche dealership I saw that Oak Green Metallic Neo and Truffle Brown beauty on the show room floor. It tugged at something I thought I'd forgotten.

Then, stupidly, I sat in it, we took the fully loaded 992.2 GTS Cabriolet for a test drive. The sound of the engine, the driving experience, the precise handling, the smell of the leather interior, the wind in my hair, it feels like home to me.

Many Blessings! *Paula*



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California's New Tire Regulations Could Be A Nightmare For Enthusiasts



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Upgrading from a factory tire spec can improve handling, braking, tire life, and overall vehicle safety. The California Energy Commission’s proposed “Replacement Tire Efficiency Program” could change all that, however, requiring aftermarket tires to meet the same efficiency standards as the tires that originally came on your car. With some exceptions, tires that don’t meet the new efficiency standards would not be allowed to be sold in California.

Enthusiasts may lose out



Back when the federal government cared about fuel economy, manufacturers would stop at nothing to meet CAFE standards. They used tires optimized for low rolling resistance and maximum efficiency. This often came at the cost of grip and tread life, which is why many OEM tires have a reputation for mediocre performance and a short lifespan. Fortunately, the aftermarket exists, and a wide variety of tires are available to suit our particular needs.

Tires are the best bang-for-your-buck modification, and they can completely transform how your car performs. Performance enthusiasts can get super grippy tires that ignore efficiency and tread life. Off-roaders can get big blocky knobby tires that work great in the loose stuff but roar on pavement and drop MPGs. Commuters can get a long-life all-season tire that lasts for upwards of 60,000 miles, saving time and money on frequent replacements. All that could come to an end in California under this proposal.

One of the main problems is that the proposal expects tires, regardless of their intended purpose, to meet the same efficiency standards as tires optimized for efficiency above all else. Car And Driver explains why this doesn't work:

Tire manufacturers, along with the automakers they work with, generally tune factory-equipped tires with a lower rolling resistance and a lower tread depth than their aftermarket equivalents. Take the Hankook Kinergy GT all-season tire. The 195/65R-15 tire that's standard on the Hyundai Elantra weighs 16.9 pounds and comes with 8.5/32" of tread depth. The replacement tire in the same exact size weighs 17.9 pounds and comes with 10/32" of tread depth and gets a 70,000-mile warranty, while the OE tire doesn't get any warranty.

If you've ever purchased a brand new car and felt like the OEM tires didn't last as long as aftermarket options, that's probably why. From The Auto Wire:

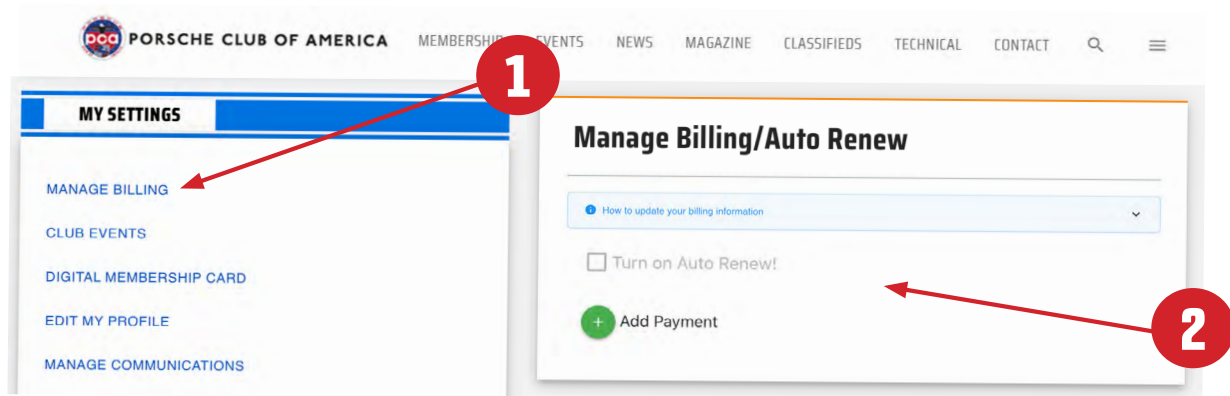
American consumers have become accustomed to all-season tires that can last roughly 60,000 to 65,000 miles. According to the information surrounding the proposal, the European-standard tires that would effectively be favored under the new framework average closer to 27,000 miles.

With half the lifespan, that means we'll be replacing our tires twice as frequently, doubling the number of tires getting made, used, and disposed afterward. In its quest for maximum efficiency, the California Energy Commission seems to have ignored the big picture and the larger negative environmental impact that twice as many junk tires would cause. The proposal pays lip service to drivers saving money with more-efficient tires (they say \$179 over the course of four years), but that doesn't factor into the calculations that we'll need to buy tires much more frequently.

California auto enthusiasts are concerned that, if this proposed program becomes law, it will prevent them from being able to buy tires that match their cars' performance potential. For example, the original Scion FR-S, Toyota 86, and Subaru BRZ came with what owners often called "Prius tires," the same Michelin Primacy HP tires that also came with certain trim levels of the Toyota Prius. They were efficient tires, and great for drifting at low speeds, but otherwise their lack of grip seriously held back the car's potential. Switching to Michelin Pilot Super Sports on wider wheels made my own BRZ feel like a completely different car, one far more capable than the car I drove off the showroom floor.

That simple and effective upgrade may not be possible if the California proposal becomes law. According to the proposal, specialty tires made in quantities less than 15,000 units per SKU would be exempt, meaning that low-production racing tires would probably remain available. However, some of the more popular and best high-performance tires available today, like the Michelin Pilot Sport 4 S, may not be.

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