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## Porsche Club of America Golden Gate Region



# The Nugget

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### Dear Porsche Enthusiast,

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

### The GGR Budget, Part 2

In last month's column, I described the need to recreate an annual budget for GGR, taking into account the savings generated by publishing the Nugget electronically. Last week, during the regularly scheduled board meeting, we started evaluating a number of ideas and options. The first decision we made was to eliminate the various event fees that were historically assessed to fund the Nugget deficit. All revenue-generating activities, such as autocrosses, concours, overnight tours, swap meets, time trials, etc, were for many years charged \$1.50 per car per day, payable to the GGR general treasury. In

addition, the autocross series was expected to contribute \$1500 every year, and the time trial series \$5000 per year. With the removal of these fees, each event will become a little bit better deal. For instance, as I hinted last month, the entry fee for autocrosses will remain at \$30 for 2007, instead of the \$35 that was contemplated to account for increasing venue costs.

This is only a first step. A number of other ideas are on the table, for example: securing a long-term autocross facility, similar to what we have for track days at Thunderhill; rebuilding the club's cash reserve over the next couple of years; buying a timing system; creating more events for new members, maybe modeled after Sacramento Valley's G24 group; giving more to charity; and more. All these possibilities will take time to consider and choose. If you have any ideas, insights, and/or preferences, please let me or one of the board members know. The more inputs we receive, the better. Of course, if you want to participate in the board discussions, you are welcome to attend the meetings. Dates and locations are published on the web site.

### Annual Awards

The annual awards brunch, held this year at the Adobe Winery, was a great success. Yet not all of you

were able to attend, so I want to recognize in print (or in bits at least) the recipients of the 2006 GGR awards.

- **Perc Bliss:** This award honors Perc Bliss, the first President of the Golden Gate Region. Each year, the President selects the member who has made the greatest contribution to the club during the year. The 2006 recipient is John Celona. John gave the club a very large amount of his time, creating and publishing the Nugget, then researching the electronic options, developing an implementation plan, and getting board and member support. Because of John's work, GGR is one of the regions leading PCA into electronic publishing.
- **Don Lang:** This award is presented to the GGR member who most exhibits the spirit of good sportsmanship and service to the club as shown by Don Lang in whose memory the award is presented. The recipient is selected by the Time Trial chairman and approved by the board. This year's recipient is Gary Dorighi. Gary has done an outstanding job as Chief Driving Instructor, and he has done it with style and poise. Everyone who has seen Gary in action knows this is a well deserved award.
- **Enthusiast of the Year:** Paulette Johnson is the winner. Paulette was the social director and the at-track registrar for the time trial series in 2006. She is always available to help and attends as many events as possible. In 2006, she did all this and still managed to give birth to a future Porsche enthusiast: Kole Johnson attended his first time trial at Sears Point this past weekend.
- **Instructor of the Year:** The recipient is determined based on feedback from students accumulated during the year, as well as the judgment of the Chief Driving Instructor. Joe Gehman is the winner of the award for 2006. Joe is a fast guy and a great instructor who has extensive knowledge of all the Northern California tracks.
- **Competitive Event of the Year:** The unanimous choice was to recognize Andrew Forrest and Masuo Robinson for the terrific PRC/Time Trial week-end they organized at Thunderhill in September. We had not seen so many zoomy cars at a GGR event in several years. It was a great inspiration for the more recent track addicts.
- **Social Event of the Year:** Louise Sousoures is the recipient for organizing the New Members' Social in May. This event has grown in size and complexity over the years, and Louise put on a great gathering at Devek in Redwood City. The blind-folded water balloon slalom was a real crowd-pleaser.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you for your outstanding contributions to GGR.

Claude

**Letter from the Editor**



--by John Celona, Nugget Editor

## Email Addresses

If you are reading this, chances are that we have your email address. Unfortunately, we only have email addresses for around 80% of the GGR members. And, of those, perhaps 15% bounce each month, probably as people change their email addresses for the temporary respite from spam that affords.

We would like to improve on that so that The Nugget reaches more of the membership each month. However, our budget does not presently allow for sending membership director Jeff Kost door-to-door in search of missing email address. Nor was Jeff especially keen on this idea.

Accordingly, please do keep PCA provided with an up-to-date email address. You can get to the PCA web site for updating any of your member information (including email addresses) by clicking [here](#). Alternatively, you can send me an email with an update request by clicking [here](#).

To help reach the members we've not been in contact, we'll also be sending out postcards to the entire club over the next month reminding them that The Nugget is being distributed via email, that PDF versions are available on the web site, and requesting an email address.

If you receive your postcard and don't need it (because you're already reading this!), feel free to pass it along.

## New Software for The Nugget

The big change for this month (as you've likely already noticed), is the format change. Our email hosting service has rolled out new templates and software for constructing email newsletters, and we've rebuilt The Nugget in one of these.

A lifetime experience of buying "the new release" notwithstanding, I remain stubbornly (desperately?) hopeful that this new release will remedy at least some of the technical glitches the members have been patiently enduring. Yes, I know: photos change size, text moves around and ends up under or on top of photos, and sometimes fonts change all on their own.

Thanks very much to all those who've been sending in screen shots and the like to illustrate the problems. Likewise do let me know what this new version does on your machine. Email me [here](#).

Lastly, if the continuing glitches are just too annoying, you can always download the PDF version [here](#). Alas, given the almost infinite variation in hardware and software people are using, there likely will still be issues.

But we remain hopeful...

Thanks for reading.

## Competition Corner



--by Neil Librock, Competition Director

### **Game On.**

The 2007 GGR competition season has officially started. I spent a good portion of last Saturday wandering around Infineon as over 100 drivers, numerous instructors, and countless other volunteers kicked off the 2007 DE / TT season. Things pick up from here - the first autocross school (fully subscribed!) next weekend, GGR and Zone autocrosses in mid-March, and the next DE / TT later in March. I'm particularly interested in the Sunday, March 18 Zone autocross at

Altamont - thanks Larry Sharp and Larry Adams for adding a new venue. I understand space is limited, so please get to that event early.

Some of you may know I was fortunate to work with Carlsen Porsche and order a new car exactly to my specifications. I thought that would be the hard part, but what really got to me was, after getting a call telling me the car was assembled on January 16, there would now be about a 4 - 6 week wait while the car was shipped. Here's the beauty of the Internet. After you get the name of the boat carrying your car, you can actually track it across the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal, and into the port of San Diego. For those of you who might do the same thing, here's the links. San Diego port: [www.sdmis.org](http://www.sdmis.org). Across the ocean: [www.sailwx.info](http://www.sailwx.info) and [www.aislive.com](http://www.aislive.com).

The "brains" behind all GGR competition events are the Drivers Event Committee members. I've asked them to share some thoughts about why they volunteer their time, what they look forward to in 2007, and, most importantly, tell us about their car (s). This time, let's hear from our Zone rep, Larry Sharp:

I have always enjoyed helping out in the rules process. I have been on the DEC many times and enjoy giving my opinion on how to aim the direction of the rulebook. I hope that the members feel I have helped maintain a fair and useful set of rules for our area. I am hoping for the all of the 2007 regional series in Zone 7 to be well-attended and well-organized events that are so appealing to our region members that we have a rise in participation. Currently I have a 1974 911 Carrera that I bought off of EBAY in 2001. It had been thru an engine fire and I took about two years to redo and bring it back to health. In 2007 I have moved up to AX8 class with the addition of larger torsion bars and a realignment of the car. The car is only slightly Modified but in very specific ways to keep it as a good street/AX car. It is lightweight and agile and I love the older "ducktail " style of cars.

Competition Director's note: Larry's car is YELLOW, and as we all know, YPAF!

## **January Membership Report**

--by Jeff Kost, Membership Director

Total Members: 2662  
 Primary: 1539  
 Affiliate: 1122  
 Life: 1

New Members: 25  
 Transfers In: 5  
 Transfers Out: 7

### New Members

Brad Boardman	Saratoga	
Jon Coates	San Francisco	2002 996
David Conde	Palo Alto	2004 996
Sean Duncan	APO	2007 911
Connie Eade	Pacifica	1966 912
Matt Eade	Pacifica	
Tim & Georgia Harris	Los Gatos	
George & Linda Harrison	San Jose	2003 996
Scott James	San Jose	2007 Cayman S
Lawrence & Cheryl Jay	San Mateo	1982 911
Reza Kafi	Cupertino	2007 Cayman S
John & Leslye Larson	San Francisco	2007 Cayman
Glenn McGovern	Gilroy	1986 944
John Meeker	Sunnyvale	1995 968
Andrew Meinnert	San Francisco	2005 911
Sarah Nabai	Cupertino	
Nabil & Cheri Rabbani	San Jose	2008 Cayenne
Daniel & Joshua Rosenberg	San Jose2004	911
Kathryn Saxton	Santa Rosa	
John Schniedwind	Palo Alto	2006 Carrera
Luigi & Jean Sciabarrasi	Half Moon Bay	2003 996
Saurabh Sharma	San Carlos	1997 993

Joshua & Greg Sivaslian	San Jose	2005 Boxster
Dilber Sraon	San Jose	1998 Boxster
Trevor & Doug Stout	Los Altos	2002 Carrera
Nitsa Swain	San Mateo	
Daniel & Tamara Turner	Portola Valley	2007 997
Nicholas & Stephanie Wakefield	San Francisco	
David Walmsley	San Mateo	2003 Boxster S

## Anniversaries

### 45 Years

Donna Olsen	Fremont, Ca
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### 25 Years

Graham & Patrice Chloupek	San Jose	911T
George Governo	Livermore	1973 911
Steven & Gail Hatch	Walnut Creek	1976 912
Scott McKay	Alamo	1988 944T
Thomas & Jeanette Ramies	Portola Valley	2004 Cayenne T
Robert & Karen Fernandez	Campbell	1986 944

**20 Years**

Essy Fariab	Mill Valley	1973 911T
Bart & Jennifer Locanthi	Mountain View	1989 951S

**10 Years**

Ross Johnson	Castro Valley	1986 911
Dennis & Margaret Lee	El Cerrito	
Benjamin & Shelley McGraw	San Mateo	2004 GT3
Kenneth & Marilyn Olsen	San Francisco	
Marjorie Ricci		
Barry & Laurie Rudolph	San Martin	1965 356C
Andrew & Christine Salesky	San Rafael	1974 911S
Robert Barnes	San Jose	1977 911

## Around the Zone



--by Larry Sharp, Zone 7 Representative

In Zone 7 we give out many awards at the end of the year. The newest recognition has turned into being our biggest honor to receive. The Zone 7 Wall of Fame was started in 2003 by Tim Fleming who was the National Rep at the time. With the guidance of the Region Presidents Tim inducted the first class of Wall of famers at the Zone 7 year end awards dinner. It turned out to be like a reunion for them, and was a great experience for all of us.

As the wall has matured, the people who are being nominated to the wall are fewer in number. The group or people being inducted each year might be numerically smaller but seem to grow in their importance to the Zone. In 2006 there was just one person inducted to the Zone 7 Wall of fame. Mike (Chili) Willis is a member of Sacramento Valley Region who Joined PCA in the 1970's. Mike wasn't just a participant. He was one of those guys who on his own saw what needed or should be done and just went and did it. He has been region President and other positions many times over the years. He has helped out Golden Gate regions Time Trial series as a Grid steward and Chief Steward. Mike loves to put on tours and dinners and has been chair of Crab the premier Porsche weekender four times. He always shows that he has the best for the club at heart in his actions. He has a very thin veneer of being a gruff guy but in truth he is someone you can always walk up to and chat with.

I have many Thanks to give to Dwight Mitchell Jeff Kinder, and Kern Breaux for being instrumental in nominating Mike. It was with Great honor that I was involved having Mike being placed on the Zone 7 Wall of Fame in 2006

## Feb. 7 Boxster Brunch

--by George & Carol Grialou, Maestros of the Boxster Brunch

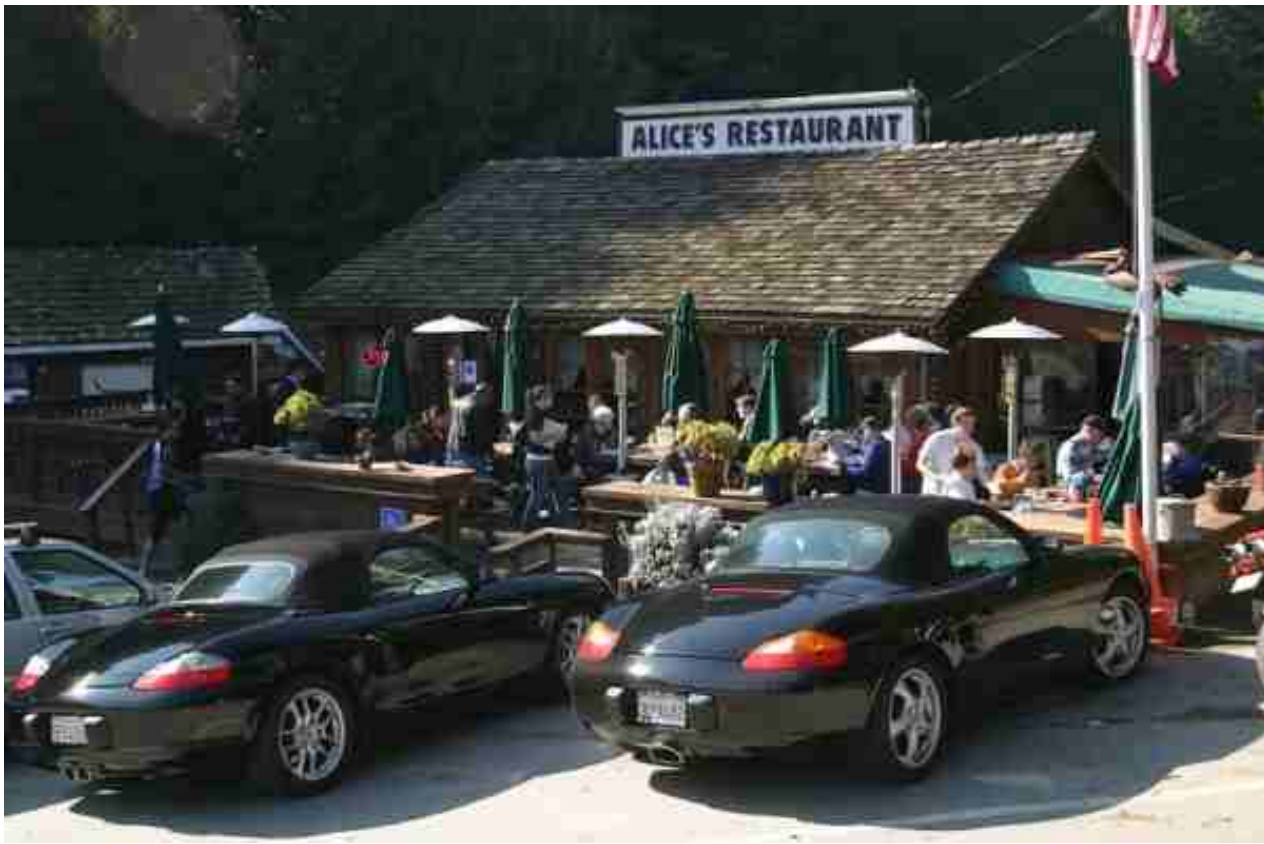
The Boxster Brunch for February had a record turnout thanks to Ron Leppke our Zone 7 photographer. He led a tour from the Diablo Region of about ten guests who enjoyed the drive to Alices Restaurant including Larry Sharpe our Zone 7 rep. It was a large and animated group and we encourage anyone from other regions to come and join us in future. Good food, good weather, good roads and lots of fun. See you in April.

George & Carol

P.S. The pictures were shot by Ron Leppke and Boxster Bob










## The Yosemite Tour



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Are the Curry cabins too quaint for you? Well, this year you have a choice for accommodations. You can choose to stay in the Curry Cabins, with bath; or, you can choose to stay in the Yosemite Lodge. Again, a reception and buffet dinner will be in Curry Village Saturday evening. Space is limited, to avoid disappointment, book early. Payment in full will hold your reservation.

Payment must be received by January 31, 2007. Sorry, no refunds can be made after February 14, 2007. Cost per couple, or single in the Curry Cabins will be \$280. Cost per couple, or single in the Yosemite Lodge will be \$295. If more than two people per cabin or room are going, additional costs are \$14 per person per room, \$47 for each additional adult dinner, and \$12 for each additional child dinner.

Make check payable to: PCA/GGR, and mail to: Alfred Abken, 555-24th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121-2977. (415) 387-9351 before 9 p.m., please.

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## GGR 2007 DE Schedule

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

### Schedule

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



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

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

To Register, click [here](#).

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

## Zone 7 Concours School

# 2007 Zone 7 Concours School

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2007

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

## Rector Porsche

1010 Cadillac Way • Burlingame, Ca. 94010

650-348-0111



## Registration Fee \$35.00

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

This school is open to all PCA members, and will qualify you as a Zone 7 Concours judge.

Novice and expert Concours participants will learn the finer points of preparing their Porsche for Concours competition. No prior experience is necessary to attend the school. Topics will include:

- Detailed information on the new Zone 7 Competition rules and classes of competition
- Judging major classifications of vehicles, including tips from Zone 7 model experts.
- Hands-on judging exercises.
- Detailing and vehicle preparation from the experts, including Parade class winners

Spend the day with your fellow club members and some of the best Porsches anywhere. Zone and National Concours winning vehicles will be on hand for your inspection. Registration includes all course materials, lunch, certificate of completion, and official Zone 7 Concours Judges' Badge.

**Be sure to register early, as seating is limited**  
**Sponsored by the Golden Gate Region & Rector Porsche**

**Zone 7 Concours School Registration Form**  
**Registration deadline is March 26, 2007**

Name (as you want it printed on Judge's Badge):

Region:

Address:

Phone (inc A/C)

E-Mail:

Model & Year Porsche:

Makes checks payable to "PCA Zone 7" and mail to:  
Zone 7 Concours School, Attn: Gary Lieber,  
7024 Via Del Rio San Jose, CA 95139  
**GJLIEBER@SBCGLOBAL.NET**

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For more details and a CRAB 33 entry form, visit the SVR website at [www.driveporsche.net](http://www.driveporsche.net) or contact Buzz Lynn at (916) 730-4420 or Julia Lynn at (916) 402-0443 or e-mail [jlynn62@earthlink.net](mailto:jlynn62@earthlink.net).

## Zone 7 AX#1

*Zone 7 Presents*

*Zone 7 Autocross #1*  
Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Altamont Raceway Park • 17001 Midway Road, Tracy, CA  
(Just off highway 580, east of Livermore)

Fee: \$30.00 per Driver  
Registration opens at 7:30 A.M.  
Instructors available

*Special showroom stock classes for 993 and later cars*  
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Come join PCA Zone 7 for the first-ever Porsche autocross at Altamont  
Contact Larry Sharp at 925.371.2258 or e-mail [larrysharp@comcast.net](mailto:larrysharp@comcast.net)

Directions: From Highway I-580, take the Grantline Road off-ramp and proceed north on Grantline road. Turn right onto Midway Road; the track entrance is on the left.

## 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: \$30.00 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 Yokuts. Turn left onto the campus and proceed to Atherton Hall. From US 99 it is easiest to go over to I-5 to reach the campus. Use Eight Mile Road or State Highway 4 to get to I-5, proceed to March Lane and follow the above directions.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Judged (\$30.00 ea.) \_\_\_\_\_ Display (\$5.00 ea) \_\_\_\_\_ I will Judge (eat Free) \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch choice (\$12.00 ea.): Tri-Tip \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul Czopek, 904 Changason Way, Modesto, CA 95351

### **Porscheplatz in Long Beach**

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

### **PCA Membership Station in the Porscheplatz (Porsche Owners Corral) during the American Le Mans Series Race at Long Beach, California, April 13 - April 14, 2007**

There will be a PCA Membership station within the Porscheplatz for the American Le Mans Series race in Long Beach, California on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14. The Porscheplatz is hosted by Porsche Cars North America and Porsche Motorsport North America with the cooperation of the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) and the American Le Mans Series.

There will be scheduled appearances by Porsche race drivers for informal talks and autographs. Because of the busy on track schedule there will not be supervised Parade laps. Registration for the Special features offered will be at the hospitality tent for credentialed Porscheplatz participants only. Special features for the weekend will include a "Long Distance Award," raffle drawings for an "Honorary Pit Crew Member" with a Porsche race team, and a "Hot Pit" escorted tour.

For information please contact Zone 8 Rep, Beverly Giffin-Frohm, 706-727-6068 or via [email](#), and also visit the IMSA [website](#) for the latest event schedule. Parking in the Porscheplatz will be for Porsches only. "For Sale" signs on cars will not be permitted. For drawings and awards, participants must be present to win.

# 2007 TOYOTA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH CIRCUIT MAP

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**Porscheplatz in Houston**

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

### **PCA Membership Station in the Porscheplatz (Porsche Owners Corral) during the American Le Mans Series Race at Houston, Texas, April 20 - April 21, 2007**

There will be a PCA Membership station within the Porscheplatz for the American Le Mans Series race in Houston, Texas on Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. The Porscheplatz is hosted by Porsche Cars North America and Porsche Motorsport North America with the cooperation of the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) and the American Le Mans Series.

There will be scheduled appearances by Porsche race drivers for informal talks and autographs. In addition, IMSA will offer supervised Parade laps of the track with a two lap maximum open to the first 50 registered Porsches on a first come, first serve basis. Registration for the Parade Laps will be at the hospitality tent for credentialed Porscheplatz participants only. Special features for the weekend will include a "Long Distance Award," raffle drawings for an "Honorary Pit Crew Member" with a Porsche race team, and a "Hot Pit" escorted tour.

For information please contact Zone 5 Rep, Caren Cooper, 512-698-2747 or [email](#), and also visit the IMSA [website](#), for the latest event schedule. Parking in the Porscheplatz will be for Porsches only. "For Sale" signs on cars will not be permitted. For drawings and awards, participants must be present to win.

### **PCA-CWR Whistler Weekend Survey**



--by Jeff Grant, Canada West Region

Hello everyone-

My name is Jeff Grant, and I am the Webmaster and a Director at Large for the PCA, Canada West Region, here in Vancouver, BC.

I'm also the Whistler Weekend Chair this year.

For background on the event (it's name change to "Canada West Weekend", and its venue change to Sun Peaks Resort), please visit our web site [here](#) and click on the "Whistler Weekend" link on the left hand navigation menu.

I'm sending you this email because I think that this event is something that might be of interest to the members of GGR.

I'd very much appreciate your assistance in our planning efforts.

I have assembled a quick on-line survey about the event, and it would really help us out if you could help spread the word to your membership, and ask them to take 2 minutes and fill in the survey.

The survey can be found [here](#).

Even if you're not planning on attending, any feedback on why would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance.

Jeff Grant



That will do it for March. Thanks for reading. Send on in your articles, and opinions on this year's Oscar winners. And, no, I can't believe it either that after not winning for Lawrence of Arabia Peter O'Toole was nominated for Venus. And *The Departed*? Go figure.

Cheerios,

John Celona  
Porsche Club of America-Golden Gate Region

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