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James H. Alton II's 1965 911. In the April 10 issue of PCA's E-Brake News, the lead article was about PCA members honoring the passing of Ferdinand Alexander Porsche by placing a black ribbon across the Porsche crest on their cars. These will be maintained until the Porsche Parade this July. There is more about F. A . Porsche on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

Photo by Alfred Abken.



## Editor's Letter

I guess I did not get scared off after the first issue, so here I am again. Too bad the costs for producing a newsletter in this day and age are so expensive. I am still dealing with a pretty steep learning curve, but eventually, I hope to get a better handle on dealing with all this.

At the June board meeting, the eleven members present voted to discontinue producing a hard copy of the newsletter and mailing it. This will save the club a considerable amount of money, and time. I will revise my deadline schedule for submissions. Also, there are only 27 primary members that PCA does not have an email address for. So, in the future, beginning with this issue, we will post on the webpage, and send it out via email to those members that we have an email address. Eventually, who knows, I may even get it together enough to produce something more often than quarterly.

We still need volunteers to step forward to run for positions for the board next year. If you would like any information about any of these positions, contact any

of the current board members listed on page 2. Board members usually hold their position for two years.

Shortly after the Spring issue was sent to the printer, we got word that Ferdinand Porsche had passed away. More about him can be found on pages 6-7 of this issue. If that wasn't bad enough, Anatole Lapine passed away April 29. Anatole "Tony" headed the Porsche design studio from 1969-1988.

By the time you see this, it will most likely be too late to register to attend this year's Porsche Parade in Salt Lake City, Utah. If you have registered to go, I hope to see you there. If you have never attended one of the Porsche Parades, they are a full week of Porsche related activities. The Concours event is a step up from the local Region, Zone events. As I do not have an operating odometer in my car, I have not attempted to run in any of the Parade rallies. I have been on one of the gimmick rallies in a rental car though. The autocross is big enough that it is run over two days. And then there is the Tech Quiz. It is rather humbling to find out how much you really don't know about Porsches.

This year driving tours are also being conducted so you can take in some of the natural beauty of Utah. There are also a couple of tours arranged by bus tour, and many other events as well. If you miss this year's event, look for next year's event. It is always a lot of fun. There is also a welcome party, banquets for awarding prizes for the three major events, and the final Victory Banquet, where a trip to Germany is given away to one lucky attendee.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JUNE 2012

16 Sat. SGVR Breakfast, Coco's, Arcadia  
16 Sat. SGVR Tour to Newcomb's Ranch  
16 Sat. OCR Concours d' Elegance, Irvine  
24 Sun. LAR Z8 Concours d' Elegance, Greystone Mansion  
30 Sat. SGVR-GPX DE Instructor Training, Pomona  
30 Sat. SDR Z8 Concours Prep School  
30 Sat. SBR Z8 XXIX Rally  
30 Sat. SGVR Anniversary Cookout at Porsche of Downtown L. A

## JULY 2012

1 Sun. SGVR-GPX Z8 DE-Time Trial, Pomona  
3 Tue. SGVR Board Meeting  
8-14 Sun.-Sat. 57th Porsche Parade, Salt Lake City, UT  
21 Sat. SGVR Breakfast, Coco's, Arcadia  
21-22 Sat.-Sun. SGVR Stargazing Tour  
28 Sat. Zone 8 SBR Autocross

## AUGUST 2012

4 Sat. SDR Concours d' Elegance  
7 Tue. SGVR Board Meeting  
12 Sat. OCR Autocross  
17 Fri. Legends of the Autobahn, Carmel  
17-19 Fri.-Sun. Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca  
18 Sat. SGVR Breakfast, Coco's, Arcadia  
19 Sun. Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance  
20 Mon. Blackhawk Museum Open House, Danville

## SEPTEMBER 2012

3 Tue. Ferdinand Porsche born 1875  
4 Tue. SGVR Board Meeting  
7 Fri. Deadline for Fall issue submissions for Gabriel's Horn

9 Sun. OCR Autocross  
15 Sat. SGVR Breakfast, Coco's, Arcadia  
19 Wed. "Ferry" Porsche born 1909  
19 Wed. SGVR Quarterly Dinner, Beckham Grill & Bar, Pasadena  
22-23 Sat.-Sun. SDR Zone 8 Time Trial, Willow Springs, Rosamond  
24 Mon. OCR Zone 8 Driver Education, Chuckwalla Valley Raceway  
29 Sat. Riverside Region Timeline, Lake Arrowhead

## OCTOBER 2012

2 Tue. SGVR Board Meeting  
5-7 Fri-Sun. LVR Z8 Club Race, Spring Mountain  
6 Sat. GER Z8 Concours d' Elegance  
7 Sun. GER Z8 Autocross  
8 Mon. GPX Z8 Driver Education & Autocross  
12 Fri. SDR Z8 Time Trial/Driver Education  
13 Sat. SGVR Zone 8 Rally  
13 Sat. SGVR Oak Glen Apple Tour  
14 Sun. SBR Z8 Concours d' Elegance  
15 Mon. OCR Driver Education  
20 Sat. SGVR Breakfast, Coco's, Arcadia  
27 Sat. SGVR Mulholland Tour to Mullin Museum, Oxnard

## NOVEMBER 2012

3-4 Sat.-Sun. SDR Z8 Time Trial/Driver Education, Buttonwillow Raceway Park  
6 Tue. SGVR Board Meeting  
10 Sat. SGVR Breakfast, Coco's, Arcadia  
17 Sat. SGVR-GPX Z8 DE/TT, Pomona

# FERDINAND ALEXANDER PORSCHE

## DECEMBER 11, 1935-APRIL 5, 2012



Porsche Cars North America has reported the passing of Ferdinand Alexander Porsche. The Honorary President of the Supervisory Board died on April 5, 2012 in Salzburg at age 76.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche was born in Stuttgart on December 11, 1935, the oldest son of Dorothea and Ferry Porsche.

In 1958, F. A. Porsche joined the engineering office of what was then Dr. Ing. h. c. F. Porsche KG. He soon proved his great talent for design by sculpting the first model of a successor to the 356 model line out of plasticine. In 1962 he took over as head of the Porsche design studio. His best-known designs include the 901 (911), the Type 804 Formula One race car and the 904 Carrera GTS.

In 1972 he founded the “Porsche Design Studio” in Stuttgart, the head office of which was relocated to Zell am See in Austria in 1974. In the decades that followed, he designed numerous classic gentlemen’s accessories such as watches, spectacles and writing implements.

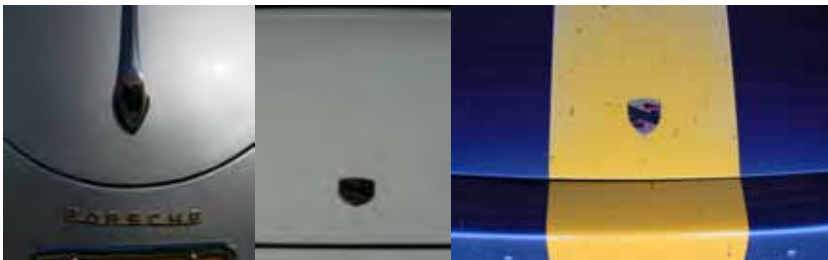
One of F. A.’s design convictions was that “Good design should be honest.”

From 1990 to 1993 he served as President of the company’s Supervisory Board. In 2005, he stood down from his Supervisory Board role in favour of his son Oliver and assumed the mantle of Honorary President of the Supervisory Board.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche will be buried in the family grave in Zell am See.

Hans-Gerd Bode

Head of Communication Porsche AG





Left: F. A. Porsche in paddock at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca for the Rennsport Reunion IV, October, 2011.  
Below: 1964 911



Above Right: 1962 Porsche 804 Formula 1.  
Right: 1964 Porsche 904 Carrera GTS.



Above: F. A Porsche accepting the second place award for his brother Wolfgang at the 2011 Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance, class J-2, European Classic, 1932-37. 1932 Austro Daimler 635 Armbruster Sport "Bergmeister" Cabriolet. Also being awarded was the Classic Car Club of America Trophy.

(All photos these two pages by Alfred Abken)



Also passing away in April, Anatole “Tony” Carl Lapine died April 29 in Baden-Baden. Lapine headed up the Style Porsche design studio from 1969 to 1988. Michael Mauer, Porsche’s chief designer since 2004 paid homage to the deceased: “Anatole Lapine shaped Porsche sports car design over more than two decades. As a designer he didn’t follow fashion but was forever setting new trends with his concepts”.

Anatole Lapine was born on May 23, 1930 in Riga, Latvia. After the war, Lapine served an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic with Daimler-Benz in Hamburg before attending the Hamburg Wagenbauschule. In 1951 he went to the U.S.A. where a year later he began work at General Motors in the advanced body engineering department. In 1965 Lapine returned to Germany and was put in charge of the Opel Research Center. On April 15, 1969 Lapine moved to Porsche as head of the styling department. In addition to the design of the Porsche so-called “G Series” numerous new Porsche models such as the 924, 928 and 944 saw the light of day under Lapine’s direction. But Anatole Lapine and his style team also delivered a number of Porsche Engineering third-party client development design projects.

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Porsche AG Dr. Ing. h. c. F. Porsche AG



Original 924 concept. Photo by Alfred Abken.

## STARGAZING JULY 21

By Rosie and Jack Arntzen

On July 21, our guest astronomer, Hal Jandorf of the Santa Barbara Region PCA, will be hosting his annual Stargazing at Mount Pinos. This is a great opportunity to see our Southern California sky as you have probably never seen it before. There will be many amateur as well as professional astronomers with many telescopes set up and available for your viewing. (See Panorama January 2012, page 76 for his coverage of last year’s Stargazing event.)

You can either attend the Saturday night Stargazing and then head home, or stay over in Frazier Park and finish this event Sunday morning.

We will be meeting at the Holiday Inn Express, 612 Wainwright Ct., Lebec at 6 PM and then caravanning up the hill to the viewing area, to about 8,000 feet altitude. Bring a picnic basket, as there is no food available on the mountain.

After a couple hours of viewing the Milky Way, constellations, planets with their moons, etc., we will go back down the hill to stay at the holiday Inn Express in Lebec, or you can head on home. Those of us who are staying over will join Hal for a scenic drive on Sunday morning followed by lunch in Ojai.

This is a real fun event you will remember for a long time. Please join us. If you want to stay over for the Sunday drive and lunch, the hotel’s phone number is: (661) 248-1600 for reservations.

Please RSVP to Jack & Rosie Arntzen at [randj62@ca.rr.com](mailto:randj62@ca.rr.com)



Photo by Hal Jandorf.



## Meet Some of our New Members

I would like to thank former SGVR member Joanne Iwasaki, whose idea I have shamelessly borrowed for this article. I sent a few of our new members a brief questionnaire, and here are the responses I got from Ed Asencio, Kirk Gerbracht, and Shant Muradian:

Q: What do you find most interesting about the Porsche Club of America? About being in the SGVR?

A: (KG) Club events, people, seeing other cars.

Q: Why do you own a Porsche?

A: (EA) I have been going to road races for 35+ years. Seeing all the manufacturers compete & watching Porsche always on top! Wow! What a time it was to see the 935's dominate everything, and the 962's. Too see Porsche's 935 pass on turn #6 on the outside, no other car ever did that or was able to, in all the years I went there for the races at Riverside International Raceway. And when I was up in the mountains show skiing, to hear the Porsches coming up the mountains from miles away, the sound they make! No other car sounds like a Porsche!

(KG) I like cars in general, have several, and they all drive and handle different.

(SM) After owning all the other German vehicles, I just had to have one.

Q: What model(s) do you, or have you owned?

A: (EA) I'm a thankful owner of a 911/964C2 black/black with full suspension mods, RS Cup #2 wheels, Recaro tri color racing seats, etc.

(KG) 1st Porsche was a 1981 Targa, current car is a 2003 Carrera.

(SM) 40th Anniversary 911.

Q: What influenced you to buy your first Porsche?

A: (EA) My wife. We were at the track, watching Porsches race, and my wife turned to me and said didn't you always want a Porsche? I looked at, and said yes. Then those words that came out of her mouth next. (So why don't you get one!) YESSSSSSSSSSSS!

(KG) Style and performance.

(SM) A great friend.

Q: What events interest you the most? (Example: Autocross, Concours, Rallying, Time Trials, Tours, etc.)

A: (EA) Autocross, tours, going to Concours, & Time Trials.

(KG) Tours.

(SM) Tours.

Q: What is your occupation, and where are you employed?

A: (EA) I own a BMW repair shop, Covina, Ca.  
(KG) Business Manager at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

(SM) Information Technology in the Media.

Q: What other hobbies do you enjoy?

A: (EA) Golf, eating fine food.

(KG) Photography.

Q: In the event it is not your present car, barring expense, what would your dream Porsche be?

A: (EA) GT3, 993 Turbo with flare kit, black/black.

(KG) Carrera GT.

(SM) Porsche Carrera GT.



Ed Asencio's 964 C2

Photo by Ed Asencio.



Katherine Lazarides is the new liaison between SGVR and Porsche of Downtown L. A. She joined us for breakfast at Coco's in Arcadia on June 16.

Photo by Alfred Abken.

# RECENT EVENTS

## FESTIVAL OF SPEED

April 20-22, Zone 8 hosted their 11th annual Festival of Speed held at Auto Club Speedway, in Fontana. This year, in addition to the PCA Concours, club race, and time trial events, cars from Historic Sportscar Racing Formula Ford, Formula Atlantic and Formula 2 were also running.



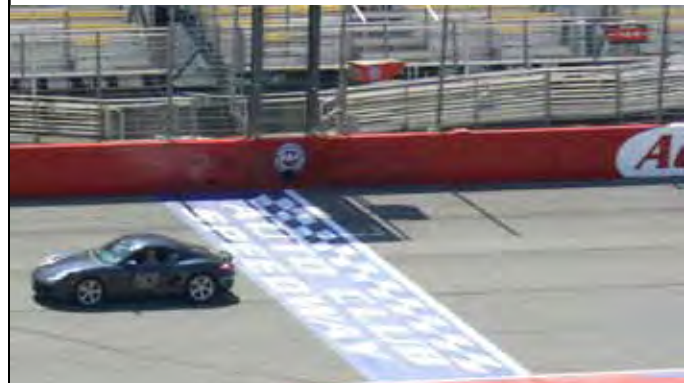
SGVR member Jeff Srinivasan's 2008 Cayman S Sport on display at the Concours.



Walter's Porsche (Riverside) had two of the new 991's on display.



HSR cars taking the green flag during practice.



SGVR member Glenn Orton on the track.

This year, the **SGVR Concours** was held on Saturday, May 5th, again at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena.



All photos page 10 and 11 by Alfred Abken.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE TOUR TO NOR CAL

By Dikk Jones and Helen Pearson

Last December a new SGVR member, astronomer Hal Jandorf, announced that an annular eclipse of the sun would occur in mid May and that the best place to view it would be in Northern California. It would be the first annular eclipse visible in the W. S. in nearly 18 years, and it would be 10 years before another one could be viewed from North America.

Subsequent information indicated that the eclipse would occur on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Also, Susanville, in Lassen County, would be a perfect place to view a perfect annular eclipse. Obviously it would be road trip time.

On May 18, two groups of SGVR members headed north, some would proceed to Paradise. En route, the group that would overnight in Oroville, before continuing on to view the eclipse from Susanville, made a lunch stop at the famous Harris Ranch.

On Saturday morning the O-team (those who went the Oroville route) did a drive-through of the old gold rush city of Oroville before taking the CA-70 northeast up the deep, winding canyon carved by the North Fork of the Feather River.

After following 4 or 5 other highways, viewing snow-capped mountains and lakes and stopping for a photo op at beautiful Lake Almanor, the O-team rolled into Susanville, elevation 4186 feet.

At the motel check in counter a local yoga teacher, artist and professional midwife was selling very showy Eclipse event T-shirts. All of the team members bought and promptly donned them.

Those bright T-shirts attracted a lot of attention, and people asked us about the Eclipse as if we were the imported experts. Seems not everyone had heard of the wondrous event we had driven over 600 miles to witness.

Most of Sunday, Eclipse Day, May 20, was whiled away touring the rather quiet area. The highlight of the day was visiting the pioneer museum and learning about 1863's Sage Brush War between Lassen and Plumas Counties.

One could step outside about anywhere in Susanville and get a good view of the absolutely clear sky, but around 5:00 P.M. we drove to Lassen Community College to watch the eclipse from the college parking lot. The sky was no bluer there, but the eclipse show would be framed by the showy peaks to the south.

As viewing time approached, we tried out the special "solar safe sunglasses". The friendly assembled spectators



Porsche of Downtown L. A. had one of the new 991's on display.



Jorge Perez, and Greg Gustafson were manning the Sierra Madre Collection booth.



Once again, Stewart Reed of the Transportation Department, gave tours through the studios.



SGVR member Anthony Shear's 1976 912E .

wearing them looked like rejects from an early 50's movie set. The sky was a bright blue but the viewing glasses darkened everything but the sun.

There was something almost magical about watching as the shadow first took a small bite out of the bright sun then gradually took its place inside the dramatic orange "ring of fire" where it seemed to remain a very few minutes before slowly sliding off the sun's far side.



SGVR member Anthony Shear with his 1976 912E at the Grand Prix Region Concours May 20.



L-R: Dikk and Janis Jones, Helen and Ron Pearson, Bob and Vicki Bond.



The Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show was held at Boys Republic on Saturday, June 2 in Chino Hills.



Photos by Ron Pearson.



On Thursday, May 17, John Barrone led another of his popular Taco Tours. Here, some of the group waiting at the first stop in Pasadena. Photo by Alfred Abken.

From 356's to a 962, there were many Porsches on the field, including a 917 in the foreground. Photos this column by Alfred Abken.



On Friday, June 15, Helen Pearson made arrangements for a small tour to the Justice Brothers Museum in Duarte. Here, Ed Justice Jr. lead our group on a tour. We had met earlier at Honey's restaurant in Glendora, and Lucy has returned!



Partial group shot of cars that made the drive up Angeles Crest Highway on Saturday, June 16 for lunch at Newcomb's Ranch. Below, on the road again...



Jack Arntzen walking past Ed Justice Jr.'s 911 Turbo.



Steve Hoskins checking out Jorge Perez's new 1986 944 Turbo at Coco's in Arcadia before breakfast June 16.



Also on June 16, Orange Coast Region held their Concours on the grounds of the Shady Canyon Golf Club in Irvine. All photos this page by Alfred Abken.

## CLASSIFIED

If you have some items taking up space in your garage, or driveway, you would like to turn into cash, list them here. Send your info to [aabken@verizon.net](mailto:aabken@verizon.net), and I will get them in the Fall issue of Gabriel's Horn.

### 912 ENGINE AND PARTS

912 long block with all accessories except exhaust pipes. Ran when removed but had a slight knock.

912 engine parts, about everything but a crank shaft.

912 crankshaft. X-rayed, journals ground to perfect under size then chromed and ground to 54.75mm. Work done by Phil Reed's Chrome & Grinding shop about a dozen years ago. Measurement was done with my calipers and might be off slightly. \$500.00.

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