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<http://red.pca.org//index.htm>



~~Tristan Bayless~~ in Scott Peterson's 911 enjoying himself, AX 2008 season. John Jackson pic.





## REDWOOD REGION

### President's Message

Kurt Fischer



Happy New Year to all... one hopes that 2009 will bring us back to reality after the last 4 months of financial insecurity. We still have our passion... our Porsches and with the decreasing gas prices and our events are so low cost and the most fun we can have with clothes on...we will move smartly albeit briskly into the New Year!

We are plotting and planning our events for 2009 with a full complement of varied activities to satisfy all of our segments of Redwood Region. So far, we have 9 Autocross dates on the books with the Santa Rosa Airport with our first being March 14, 2009.

The ever-popular breakfast runs are being booked and dates will be forthcoming by our master negotiator, Bob Hall. This year we are expanding our venues with a couple of more runs being scheduled. For those of you that have not been on breakfast run...these are Saturday morning runs through the back roads of Marin and Sonoma Counties with a final stop at a fine eatery for "brunch" and general tire kicking in the parking lots and great socialization. These events typically draw up to 50 people!

Our first one will be to the Two Bird Café in San Geronimo on February 7, 2009. See our calendar on the website for all the details. The website calendar is expanded to include the meeting place, time and person to RSVP to. **We will be using this calendar for all events...so get used to utilizing it for all your information on upcoming activities!**

<http://red.pca.org/news.html> and click on calendar!

On February 21, 2009, we will visit to The Racer's Group and Adobe Road winery for a tech session and wine tasting! See my article in this issue for all the details!

On tap for 2009 are our winery events and potluck lunches. We will add more of these popular events with a number of new venues in 2009. Stand by for more details.

Remember this year; we have the Porsche Parade in Keystone, CO on June 29-July 4, 2009 with registration opening up on March 3, 2009.

Since Keystone is not that far away and other than the boring ride through the Nevada desert looks like it will be a fun trip! More in the upcoming months but do check the Parade website for all the details!

<http://www.porscheparade2009.com/>

As you may know, 2009 is the 40th Anniversary of the Redwood Region and we are planning a huge party proposed for July 25, 2009. Details will be forthcoming. At our 35th Anniversary party, we had 135 people and such a great time!

Also this year... and I repeat **BOOK hotel rooms NOW**...is the Monterey Historics on August 14-16, 2009 at Laguna Seca Raceway with Porsche as the featured marque! I have been to the last two Porsche events at Laguna Seca in 1982 and 1998 and you have never seen so many Porsches in one spot. We hope that Porsche will bring all their fine cars from the museum and the financial woes of car manufacturers worldwide will not affect our favorite car company!

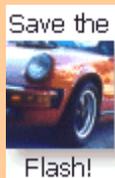
Speaking of Porsche and financials... here is the latest on Porsche's purchase of VW... the plot thickens and Porsche's share of VW grows!

[http://www.bloomberg.com:80/apps/news?pid=20601100&sid=aFvPm1N\\_YBI4&refer=germany](http://www.bloomberg.com:80/apps/news?pid=20601100&sid=aFvPm1N_YBI4&refer=germany)

We still are looking for a new Webmaster... it is not a difficult job for those of you that know HTML. Please help your Region and volunteer!

Keep the shiny side up on our wonderful Redwood Region roads and remember the flash! Want me...need me...here I am!

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## Editor's Corner

Bill Walters



We don't usually publish a January newsletter however Kurt and I decided we have enough news to bring to you before February rolls around. Take a look-see.

Whooh! Has it been chilly or what? And I LIKE the cold. Seems I've been standing around with my hands in my pockets doing in-place jumping-jacks. I mean brisk! Must be my old bones yearning for soup. No problem, that's the best thing to do on these gray drizzly days. Fills the home up with wholesome wisps and invigorates the soul. All you need is a spoon and you're in heaven.

The morning drizzle brings out the year's first batch of robins searching for worms and chucking down berries left behind on bare branches. Their warbles and chortling is unmistakable as they scurry about running into each other for the latest morsel. Scrub jays just stand at the perimeter sneering and rolling their eyes at these jesters waiting for them to fly to distant feedings. It is a joyful event to witness these simple birds; it marks the good start to the new year.

No less than 9 hours had gone by after the stroke of the New Year that some of us were navigating the Marin/Sonoma back roads in a not much publicized "Anti-Football Run" hosted by Martin Swig. About a dozen of our members caught sight of this gala and came out on a cold, overcast January 1st to run about with some sixty dazzling vintage euro autos. Take a look at my article herein. I didn't think to take photos until late in the run so we don't have much fodder but we managed to get some of the Porsches at the last minute.

In addition, Kurt has some news regarding the upcoming tech session hosted by TRG and a nice summary of our Redwood Region wineries. We have some new ads and I've added some new classifieds. Enjoy.

*Ed.*

## Calendar of Events

### February

**February 7, 2009** - Breakfast Run to the Two Bird Cafe - RSVP to Bill Walters  
[william@waltersarchitects.net](mailto:william@waltersarchitects.net) or cell, 415-412-2219.

**February 21, 2009** - Tech session and wine tasting at The Racer's Group and Abode Road Winery  
Contact Kurt Fischer for RSVP - [truk50@ix.netcom.com](mailto:truk50@ix.netcom.com)

## Anti-Football Run - 1 January 2009

Bill Walters



*Small Porsche grouping at mid-point, Starbucks, Rohnert Park. Fourteen years apart from '65 to '79.*

**N**ow I really do love a good rainy day football game mind you but we decided to skip all that this year and pre-register for Martin Swig's 4-hour tour of Marin and Sonoma counties finer roads. This was to begin on New Year's Day in Sausalito at 9am and return to the same spot at 1pm.

This event brought about 60 cars growling into Sausalito as early as 8 am while many villagers were sleeping off their hangovers. We gathered in the center of town across from Poggio's on a heavily fogged-in and cold morning. You really didn't feel it at first as the restaurant had us ordering espressos and lattes while you gazed the street with wonder and anticipation of new entrants.

The air was very European as Poggio's has that ambiance with the outdoor seating, light opera, the palm trees and fountains lining Bridgeway and the fabulous cars prancing in from north and south to find a slot to park. So you had the visual, the taste, the feel, the smell and those wonderful sounds all at once. No touch.

Most of the cars were of decent vintage; 1950's, mostly '60's, all the way to some present day examples. Most abundant were the Porsches with a healthy contingent of about 10 cars, the Alfa Romeos pretty much matched this number with a wider array of models. A few nicer Ferraris, MGs, Triumphs, Healeys and a beautiful showing of about 6 Lancias. And an Iso Grifo. If you don't know this car, go to Google right away. This was a deep blue and silver example that was all luxury with a creamy Connelly leather and some kind of burl interior. I just stared at it. Really a nice sampling of cars anyway you looked. Made your knees buckle.

**R**edwood Region members who knew about and attended the event included **Kurt Fischer, Bret Boutet, Steve and Cherryl Glenn, Justin and Anke Rains, Rod Moore** and son, **Tim Hensel and Julia Martin, Brian and Stacy Cooley** and me and Lynn.

The Run was loosely organized for simple enjoyment; take the driving instructions and drive at your own pace. You didn't even have to finish. The roads took you through Stinson, Olema, Glen Ellen, you get the picture. We had a mid-run stop at a Starbucks where there was plenty of parking lot car-talk and getting to know some local drivers. (that is where these pictures were taken)

Find your way over to Hwy 37 south back to Sausalito. Excepting the extremely dense fog on Hwy 1 to Stinson, it was a pretty fun Run. I really enjoyed kicking it behind a trio of red Alfas on that drive as their color in the fall leaves was a bit mesmerizing.

Fun Run. Would we do it again? You bet. The start and finish is a half a mile from our home!



Ferrari 330 GT 2+2, Jag. XKE and your 356 C Cab.

Cherryl Glenn's 911 and Julia Martin's 914

## Tech Session at The Racer's Group & Adobe Road Winery Kurt Fischer

**O**n **Saturday, February 21, 2009**, we will be at Kevin Buckler's "**The Racer's Group**" for a tech session covering suspensions, exhaust systems, brakes and whatever strikes your fancy about our favorite cars... Porsche!

We are limiting this tech session to 100 people so get your RSVP in to me ASAP! If you would like your car up on the TRG lifts as a subject donor car, please let me know! We need a couple of older cars and a couple of newer cars.

The hours for this tech session will be **11:00AM to 2:00PM**. Please bring your own chairs...we all have our folding Porsche chairs and **bring lunch!**

After the tech session and lunch, the Adobe Road Winery will be open for tasting and sales of Kevin's award winning wines. There will be a \$5.00 tasting fee, which will be credited to you on purchase of any of these fine wines.

**T**his will be a perfect time and place for a wintertime activity and the first event of the 2009 Redwood Region season and learning about our cars and general socializing to break up the winter doldrums!

We will meet at The Racer's Group, which is located at:

**1995 S. McDowell Blvd.**

**Petaluma, CA. 94954 USA**

<http://www.theracersgroup.com/>

<http://www.adoberoadwines.com/>

TRG will have five Porsches at the 24 Hours of Daytona and you can watch them on January 24th on the Speed Channel; we hope TRG does well at Daytona. TRG was overall winner in 2003!

If you have never been to TRG, you are in for a treat. A race shop full of Porsches and behind the big oak doors, an award winning winery! What else can I say!

Contact me with your RSVP and let me know if you would like your car up on the TRG lifts for detailed analysis!

You can reach me at [truk50@ix.netcom.com](mailto:truk50@ix.netcom.com) with your RSVP! Looking forward to this event and visiting with you! I will be handing out our new 40th Anniversary Redwood Region PCA inside window decals as well.

Thanks,

Kurt Fischer  
President  
Redwood Region

## Redwood Region Webmaster Wanted !

**OK all you HTML coders out there in the Redwood Region...your Region needs you! We are on the hunt for a new Webmaster for the 2009 season and beyond!**

Here is your chance for your 15+ megabytes of fame with minimal work!

Currently our website is only 7 pages long...see here <http://red.pca.org//index.htm>

Obviously, we need a person well versed in HTML and this site would be your artistic design! PCA National provides the entire website hosting at no cost to us.

Other than the initial setup of each page, we need only minimal maintenance on a monthly basis.

1. Addition of the Autocross results as they occur throughout the year (9 times)
2. Addition of the der Riesenbaum Newsletter as PDF files on a monthly basis
3. Addition of "Goodie Store" items with supplied pictures and prices
4. Addition of event picture links as supplied by various photographers
5. We are using CalendarWiz and we have a paid subscription for that service. The maintenance of this calendar is done at the beginning of each year with slight changes as the year progresses.

This could be another feather in your HTML cap and we, of course would allow you advertising of your real business of website design on our pages!

Of the 500+ people in the Redwood Region, I know we have a dedicated Porsche person who is a whiz with HTML too. Join the rest of us volunteers that make the Redwood Region the best PCA Region in Northern California!

Please contact me directly with your thoughts, desires and wishes! You can reach me at [truk50@ix.netcom.com](mailto:truk50@ix.netcom.com) or 707-570-1858.

Thanks

Kurt Fischer  
President  
Redwood Region



## Wineries of the Redwood Region and our Members

Kurt Fischer



What a better thing to do during the winter months than to taste wine since our Porsche activities are limited. Since we are in the "Redwine Region", I thought an article about some of our vineyard and winery owners would be most appros!

I have listed them alphabetically so I am not playing favorites here! Check out their websites for all the wine information!

**Adobe Road Winery** - Kevin Buckler and The Racer's Group is legendary in the Porsche world with his multi-car

assault in the GT class in Grand AM racing and is the winner of several 24-hour races in past years. Look for TRG's 5-car assault on January 24 at the 24 Hours of Daytona.

Kevin's love of wines is extensive with so many award-winning vintages this year! We will be there at TRG on February 21, 2009 for a "tech" session and wine tasting. Look for more details in the January der Riesenbaum! Tech session and wine tasting... how much better can we get!

<http://www.adoberoadwines.com/>

**Alexander Valley Vineyards** - Mark Houser, a brand new member of the Redwood Region, manages 300 acres of vineyards in Alexander Valley for Alexander Valley Vineyards and Winery. They grow Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Zinfandel Syrah and Chardonnay. With a yearly production of 150 thousand cases, they are our largest member owned or managed winery in the Redwood Region with a large selection of varietals.

We hope to see Mark on our varied events in 2009!

<http://www.avvwine.com/>

**Altamura Winery** - Frank Altamura, the owner and winemaker of Altamura is located in the hills above Napa on a great driving road about 15 minutes above the Napa Valley. Robert Parker rates one of their wines, a Cabernet Sauvignon at a 94!

Frank has two early 911 S', a '67 and a '72, so fine Porsches and wines are his passion!

<http://www.altamura.com/altamura/index.jsp>

**Amethyst Winery** - Craig and Markie Stephens are partners in this small vineyard located in Carneros and Napa Valley districts and they produce a rare Nebbiolo varietal as well as a Cabernet Sauvignon. They give a 30% discount to Redwood Region members and if local Craig delivers via his Porsche cabriolet...now there is a double treat!

<http://www.amethystwines.com/> or to reach Craig...call him on his cell phone 405 834-4865. Craig is a native Oklahoman and still licenses his Cab in the Sooner State.

**Boeschen Vineyards** - Dann Boeschen with his family has a brand new vineyard and the setting look wonderful. Dann is the owner of a beautiful 906 that he vintage races along with several 356's that are also raced and showed in Concours. Dann has promised that he can host a visit sometime in 2009...with his stable of cars in attendance.

<http://www.boeschenvineyards.com/>

**Ehret Family Winery** - Pierre Ehret is the owner of the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa and was the host of our Escape in 2005 and our Holiday Party for the last 4 years. Pierre is also a world-class driver in the European LeMans series and along with Kevin Buckler won the GT class at the 2003 24 hours of LeMans.

<http://www.ehretfamilywinery.com/>

**Far Niente and Nickel & Nickel and Dolce** - Bruce Mooers is the VP and National Sales Manager for all three of the Far Niente family of wineries and has hosted us in the past 2 years with outstanding visits to their properties! Bruce promises another Redwood Region event in 2009...perhaps back to Far Niente? This event is not to be missed!

<http://www.farniente.com/index-home.html>

<http://www.nickelandnickel.com/WineClub/index.html>

<http://www.dolcewine.com/>

**Kachina Vineyards** - Greg and Nancy Chambers at Kachina Vineyards have blessed us in the Redwood Region and hosted past "Artisan" winery tours. They been doing this for a few years now and it is a wonderful venue for relaxing, tasting great wines paired with great food and soaking up some sun!

As most of you know, they are building a new small, quaint winery in Dry Creek Valley, Healdsburg! Their small Tuscan Villa setting will allow us to sip wine in the barrel room, stroll through the vineyards and sit out on the patio overlooking the vineyards. Their mission is to remain exclusive by being open "by appointment" only. They will be planning a private open house just for us in 2009 - The Redwood Region - Stay tuned!

<http://www.kachinavineyards.com/>

**Palmaz Vineyards** - Christian Palmaz is a new member to the Redwood Region along with his famous father Julio Palmaz and together they sit on one of the largest collection of Porsche racecars outside of the Porsche Museum! They have the largest underground winery in vast caves stuck in a hillside. I hope that we will get to see this collection and taste their fine wines in 2009!

<http://www.palmazvineyards.com/>



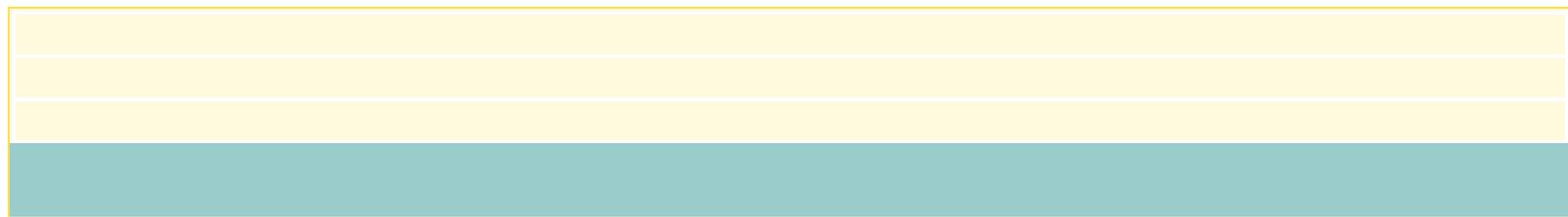
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