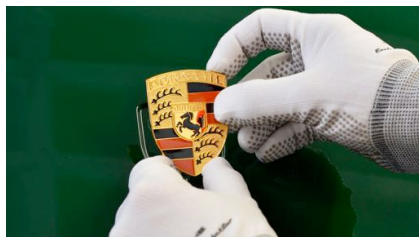


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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

**BY: JOHN SOMMERWERCK
SILVER SAGE PRESIDENT**



Believe it or not, it's summer time and it is time to get out and enjoy our Porsches! Great Silver Sage events have come and gone and we have many more on the way. A lot has happened since the Spring 2017 edition of the Sage Tick was published; we have selected our charity for the year, held several Coffee and Cars events and monthly Board of Directors meetings, held our first several Cruise In's and had many other outstanding events.

The organization we selected for our 2017 charity is The Jesse Tree of Idaho. The Jesse Tree of Idaho helps low-income, working households avoid homelessness. Instead of waiting for individuals/families to become homeless, The Jesse Tree actively seeks to stop the homelessness from happening. See more about the charity later in this issue.

Spring Fling. Once again, Carole Flatter and The Nest put on a great evening at the new Nest store. My thanks go to Carole, Jim and all those who worked this event. See the Spring Fling article later in this issue for more details on this great time.

The President's Mystery Tour was a great drive to McCall. The mystery was not the destination, but the route. For this tour we went via Payette and up ID 95. We lucked into great weather for the drive. Several cars spent the night in McCall where we enjoyed dinner and drinks at the Anchor Restaurant. Much to our dismay, we woke to several inches of snow Sunday morning. Fortunately, it was gone by noon.

My thanks to Waylon Goebel, the Snake River SCCA, Blair Baertsch and many others for stepping up, so we were again able to hold an Autocross Clinic and Competition with sponsorship by Porsche of Boise. The morning session familiarized the registrants with the course and different aspects of driving an autocross. The afternoon was spent enjoying the course. The event was held after the article deadline, so it will be reported on in the next issue.

Parade in Spokane. By now, I hope you are registered for the upcoming Porsche Parade to be held in Spokane on July 9th – 16th. Molly & Gary Cuddeford are planning on holding a pre-Parade planning session at their home on June 24th. If you plan on attending this year's Parade, this gathering will be a good time to meet and share ideas with others from our region who are attending the 2017 Porsche Parade. Details will be published via email soon, and an article should appear in the next Sage Tick.

As I noted in the last issue of the Sage Tick, we will not be holding the Bogus Basin Bacchanalia in 2017. Bogus Basin is no longer allowing hill climbs and they will be doing extensive remodeling this summer. Walt Thode has volunteered to lead a trip to Oregon in August – more on this as Walt works out the logistics. I am working with Rex Chandler and Derek Parker to develop a new format for a 2018 BBB; stay tuned for more details.

We have some great events coming up: More Coffee & Cars, Cruise Ins, and please don't forget to attend the Board of Directors meetings to have input on our upcoming events and suggest new ones. As always, we will keep you informed of upcoming events through the website and emails.

Remember, it is not just the cars but the people. Volunteers make our club successful.

TICK TALK

BY: STU DAVIS, EDITOR



As I write this, the monsoon season in Boise seems to be giving way to the warmth of summer. I still think that the global warming talk is a hoax, but the harsh ass winter we endured this year, followed by the long wet spring, have taken a toll on my outlook of the world climate, and forced me to reevaluate the entire issue. Not enough to make me drive an electric car or anything, but a second home in Arizona might be an option. But with the United States pulling out of the Paris Accord, I am pretty sure that the Donald is going to fix this climate issue and none of us will have to worry about it any more. So on to more important things.

In May, of 2017, Porsche AG reached a milestone of epic proportion, as the one millionth 911 rolled off the production line in Zuffenhausen, Germany. The one of car, painted this sick “Irish Green” color, was finished at the Porsche Exclusive Center, and featured numerous unique options and features. Porsche made the car a Carrera “S” model, and in the 45-page press kit, there is no mention as to where the car will be headed. I have to think the Porsche Museum, but perhaps the car will indeed end up in the hands of a private owner at some point. Only Porsche’s marketing team is capable of creating such an insane press release for a car, and frankly, it was overkill. But I guess if the old U.S. Navy SEAL motto holds up, if it is worth doing, it is worth overdoing.

Also in these pages is a article about the September Sun Valley trip that John Summerwerck asked me to plan. This will be the second time I have done this excursion, and I am very excited to have you join us. We will be departing Saturday, September 30th from Boise, and will end up in Sun Valley that afternoon. I have made arrangements to book rooms in both the Lodge, which is newly renovated, as well as the Inn. We will have lunch at Redfish Lake, and Dinner in the Inn. I have also made some gold package deals for Sunday, and am working on some other ideas. More information, including pricing and room rates, can be found in the Sun Valley Tour article later in these pages. This is event is really an amazing trip, and I hope that you can join us.

Finally, this will be my last issue as editor of this great newsletter. Although I love putting this thing together, and working with all the great people of this club, I just can’t devote the time to it anymore. My health is a real concern right now, and this issue, along with the last one, suffered because of my issues. It has been a great ride for me. I am so grateful to Laura Lantz for everything she did, and also to Walt Thode. These two more than anything contributed to making the “Tick” such an award winning production. I won’t go away completely. I will stand by to assist the new editor make the transition. After this issue, Walt will be interim editor until we find someone to assume the job on a more permanent basis. If you are interested, or if you know someone whom might be interested in taking over the duties, please let Walt or one of the board members know ASAP. Thank you so much for all the great support over the years...

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UTAH MOTORSPORTS CAMPUS D.E. EVENT

by John Andrews

Silver Sagers Robert Sturgeon, Sid Cannon, and I recently made the trip to Utah Motorsports Campus (UMC) near Tooele, Utah for the Intermountain Region's first Drivers' Education (DE) event of 2017.

The trip to UMC is an easy drive on interstate all the way and there are several good hotels and restaurants to choose from. I had heard good things about UMC and it is an excellent facility. The track is engaging, safe and in great condition. The paddock and other facilities are top notch.

This was Robert's first DE and Sid's third. As a PCA National Instructor, I've had the opportunity to drive several of the tracks along the West Coast but this was my first time to

UMC. Sid and

Robert shared driving a beautiful 1990 Porsche track prepped 964 Carrera 2 and my 1991 944 S2 hadn't been out to the track since last September.



It snowed in Tooele Friday night before the DE but by Saturday it was a crisp, clear morning. Upon arriving at the track, participants checked in and had their cars inspected. The Intermountain DE team knows how to run a safe, smooth and well-coordinated DE event. The day started out with a drivers' meeting that included a review of safety procedures, flags and driving techniques. Drivers are grouped according to experience into three different run groups. After the drivers' meeting, new

drivers paired up with their instructors for the day, who provide in-car instruction and guidance. The instructors are your personal coaches for the day and their role is to help new drivers get familiar with driving at speed, the capabilities of their car and the racetrack.

UMC has four different configurations that the track can be run. We were running the East Loop and over on the West loop, Ford was filming with professional drivers piloting six brand new Ford GTs as well as a vintage GT. Quite a sight!

After our first session, Robert, Sid, and I were starting to get the feel of the course. A couple of laps into the second session and I was tuned into the rhythm of the track and pushing a little harder. But my day was cut short as a rear half shaft broke and I had to hang up my helmet for the rest of the day. Although equipment problems do happen occasionally, this was only the second time in 17 years I've had a day-ending mechanical problem. Too bad – it was really getting fun!



UTAH D.E. EVENT - CONTINUED



Sid and Robert ran all day and they said burned up a whole tank of gas and logged about 170 miles between them. This works out to about 10 MPG - not bad considering the gas pedal was to the floor most the time! Sid started running out of gas during his last session and was ready to pit but his instructor told

him to keep going and he drove another three laps and finally pitted. By the end of the day, there were big smiles all around!

UMC has two more PCA DE events this year, with the next on June 2-4. I'll be going and if there are other Silver Sagers going, we will set up a dinner on Friday night.

Another event to plan for this year is the Porsche Parade DE on July 16 offered by the inland NW Region in Spokane. This is great opportunity to meet other PCA'ers from around the country! To register go to the "Other Events" on the Parade information page. Clicking on HPDE will take you to "Registration" and to the registration link. Hope to see you there!



PRESIDENT'S MYSTERY TOUR 2017

by Allan Myers

On a bright and brisk Saturday morning in May, I woke up extra early to get some cold brew coffee in my system. Today was the day of the famed "President's Mystery Tour." Being a recent transplant to Idaho, this is only my second event with the Silver Sage Region, but I knew from the weekend before that you all know how to put on an event. A quick shower and grooming was all I really needed for the day. What I really needed was to get downstairs to wash my car. So down I go outside to get the bucket and foam gun ready. Did I mention it was brisk? A quick glance at my iPhone showed 37 degrees. Why did I leave Sunny California again for this? (More on that later.)

An hour and change is what it took to get the paint and interior in what I deem "acceptable" condition. I say acceptable because whenever I wash my cars it usually rains within a day or so. Freezing cold but with a clean car, I dashed back inside to warm up with more cold brew. The time was approaching when I would have to set off for Cafe Crane in Eagle. Once more I grabbed my keys, and this time a jacket, and off I headed to the local Chevron. A quick top off and once more I was on the road.

Pulling into the parking lot, at what I thought was on the early side of time, was already a gathering of about 12 cars and friendly faces all enjoying each others company. I looped around once and found a parking spot a row away from the crowd. As soon as I jumped out of the car, I was greeted by a familiar face. Sid Cannon had come over to say hello. The previous weekend at the Coffee & Cars event, Sid had singled out my wife Lisa and me from the crowd and introduced himself, and his wife Vicki. We had a good chat at each stop, with Sid filling us both in on the local chapter, the people and cars, as well as some recommendations on various shops and restaurants.

I was glad to see Sid and Vicki had made it out, it meant I had someone to sit with at lunch once we reached McCall. My wife had just started her new job and was in SoCal for training, so I had planned on being a 5th wheel somewhere. More and more cars showed up, and the crowd got even larger. Some folks scurried over to Cafe Crane for breakfast before we set out. Once the hellos had been said, I went back to my car to set up my GoPro before departure. A quick drivers' meeting held by President John Sommerwerck instructed us to break into two groups of cars, with about 10 in each.

Being that my wife was out of town, I knew I could open the car up a little more without much objection, so I wanted to make sure I was a part of the first group. Everyone fired up their cars, and we slowly rolled out of the WinCo parking lot and down the highway. Already I was getting excited, as I've only had my 964 for about 3 months. Working from home full time now doesn't warrant the need to drive it every day, which has been a bit of a letdown. So as soon as the road cleared, I rolled on the throttle to hear that glorious air-cooled flat six growl. I can't begin to tell you guys how in love with this car I am. It replaced my 1986 944 Turbo (which was an absolute riot itself), but this car somehow takes it to a new level, while still being slower than the outgoing garage occupant.

We turned off the highway to take some local farm roads. The entire time spent enjoying the passing scenery, the gray Boxster and white Panamera behind me, and Sid and Vicki's 997 GT3 in front. I fidgeted around with the GoPro remote once in a while to make sure I was still recording. Out of the farm roads and back to the highway we went. And all I could do was smile as I ripped down the road, and watched one by one as each car re-entered the highway.

It was nice to see that John and the four or five cars that made it through before the parade had pulled over to wait for the rest of us. Once they had passed, we were back up to speed and on our way to the

second stop. The miles kept rolling over the odometer, but the scenery kept getting better and better. The music was a lower volume, so that I could enjoy some motor sounds, and the window was cracked as the temps had moved past the frigid mark. Through a little more farmland we made it to our second stop in Council for one last splash and dash. This time, the parking lot was much smaller, so we formed two lines for the first group.

As we left, I ended up behind an absolutely stunning Turquoise Blue 993 C4S owned by Bob and Vicki Pentecost. Did I mention it was stunning? It was. Also on my short list, I got a chance to stare at its fully shaped hips on our last leg of the journey, until we got to the really fun part - the mountains. Being that my seat time has been limited in this car, and it is my first rear-engined, rear wheel drive car, I was hesitant to push it. But watching what that C4S in front of me was capable of, I started to give it just a little bit more. We wound through about forty minutes worth of mountain roads, only taking breaks when we would get stuck behind a slower moving vehicle. Fortunately, there were pullouts, and everyone on the road was courteous enough to utilize them so that I and my new best friend of a 993 could peg those rev limiters some more.

Eventually the roads calmed, and straightened out. The speed limit dropped back down to 45, and I shifted into a higher gear to let the motor take a very well-earned break. We rolled together as a group, past the lakeshore houses and into downtown McCall, pulling into a parking lot at what appeared to be the edge of town. The exhausts one by one stopped their purrs, and the noise was replaced by more friendly conversations.

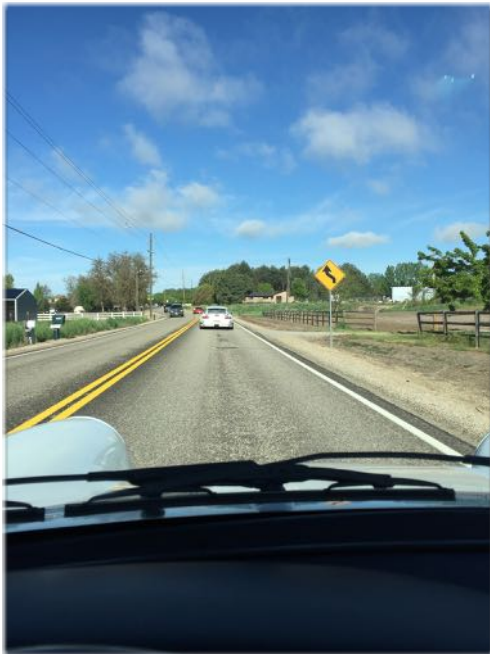
Once inside the Toll Station Pizza dining room, we were quickly greeted and offered a seat of our choosing. Sid and Vicki had already joined another group at a full table, and I was starting to get a little worried about being a very quiet 5th wheel now. I sat down at a table by myself, but was joined shortly by Rex Chandler and his wife Mary Beth, as well as another couple that my ability to remember names is currently letting me down. We all had a fantastic lunch together. Talking about the drive, the club and how great its members are, and various other topics. I'm quickly realizing that leaving sunny California was for a good reason. The people in Idaho, and more specifically, the people in this club have been amazing. In my short time here, I've exchanged contact info with more people on a friendly basis than at least half of my 15 years in California.

A nice speech by John was given just before we departed, and I headed out to the parking lot. Some had arranged to spend the night in McCall, but I had to get back. Before I could get into the car, more members had come over to talk about the drive and the 964. What I thought was going to be a quick exit turned into about 25 minutes of car talk and new friendships. The clouds started rolling in, and I knew I should be on my way back to pick up my wife from the airport. We said our goodbyes, and I left, keeping at a very careful 25 mph on the way out of town as I took in the mountains, the houses, the snow, and what turned out to be a light hail. I made it back to yet another mountain pass where I had just a little bit more fun left in me for the day before arriving home.

The day had been, quite frankly, an epic journey with a great group of fellow Porsche owners... and all I can think about now is how lucky I am to have moved to this beautiful area, with such humble and friendly residents I can now call my friends. Here's to the next epic journey!

Note: The people who stayed overnight in McCall awoke to snow-covered Porsches in the various parking lots, as you will see on the next page. But it warmed up and the light snow soon was gone.

PRESIDENT'S MYSTERY TOUR PHOTOS



SPRING FLING REPORT

by Mary Thode

On Saturday, April 8th, Silver Sagers were treated to a sparkling event at The Nest, Jim and Marcia Houston's beautiful home store. The new location at the Eagle Road and Chinden Boulevard



intersection is quite a bit larger than the previous site and left ample room to display home décor items as well as provide for our group's activities. And it was a large group, around 70 Silver Sagers, who took the opportunity to wander through the store and then were treated to a lavish buffet, wine by Williamson Vineyards, scotch and cigars (on the patio, thank you!) and the opportunity to build our own terrariums. Couple that with

impressive door prizes and you have the makings of a memorable evening. I won my best gift certificate ever but the Coach bag was the hit of the evening and Melissa Shane was beaming as hers was the winning ticket. Other door prize winners were Vicki Cannon, Sandy Nelson and Carole Green.

Vice President Blair Baertsch conducted a brief meeting highlighting upcoming events and then let us get back to the fun of



the evening. On a weekend when stormy weather made car activities a little iffy, this was as good as it gets! Our thanks go to Jim and Marcia for hosting and providing the lovely surroundings and to Carole Flatter for arranging the event. As a dog lover I must put in a good word for Barkley, Jim and Marcia's Glen of Imaal Terrier, who gravely followed Jim all night long and helped to greet newcomers. Bet he

SPRING FLING - CONTINUED



slept till noon the next day. "A good time was had by all" doesn't do justice to the occasion. Those of

you who missed it might want to keep an eye out this time next year. Just 'cause we aren't driving doesn't mean we aren't having fun.



SPUDS! THE TRADITION CONTINUES *by Walt Thode*

The Silver Sage Region had a busy day on March 11. After a stimulating technical session that morning at Porsche of Boise, about 50 members convened that evening at Bob Denton's hangar at the Nampa Airport to celebrate Spuds!

This year one traditional reason for Spuds!, the auction to help support the Bogus Basin Bacchanalia weekend, didn't apply, since BBB won't be held this year. In case you haven't heard, the management at Bogus Basin has decided that they want to use the area for other purposes. We had considered just meeting on the hill and having a nice gathering, but their plans to repave the road to Pioneer Lodge and renovate the lodge won't allow that either.

The Silver Sage board is looking for alternative sites for a hillcross and the other BBB events for next year and beyond, but none has been identified so far.

As it turns out, members still have items they want to donate to an auction, to pass them on to other members who have a use for them, so the auction was held as a general fundraiser for the club. After the potato feast, host Bob Denton, assisted by Gary Cuddeford, began the auction. I wasn't present, but apparently bidding was spirited enough that \$1,343 was raised.



Thanks go to Bob Denton for hosting this event again, and to Rex Chandler, who supplied the Spuds!

WASHINGTON WINERY TOUR

by Larry Wagers (and others)

On Thursday, May 18, we were blessed with sunshine after another storm passed through the Boise area. Our fun route to the Yakima Valley passed through the high mountains; due to the recent storm we rerouted from Oregon Highways 82 and 204, and took the less playtime but safer route via I-84. We enjoyed the drive with 12 cars (2 non-Porsche) and saw much wildlife; I counted 10 pronghorn and several elk on the drive to Walla Walla.

Our first wine stop, Northstar, was lovely with lunch included and we got to have our first wine tastings on the beautiful deck. The vineyard was so kind to us, offering us the member discount on any bottles of wine purchased. "Fill up the trunk" had officially begun. After lunch their host took us on a tour, where I learned more about the making of wine than I had ever learned. What a great tour! At the end they showed us the blend room where you got to be your own winemaker for the evening. A perfect way to start our tour.

Next we traveled the short distance to our next vineyard, Pepper Bridge, and we were all google-eyed over the cute new puppy there. After a few sips of their wines we also were google-eyed over the wine as well. Most everyone again enjoyed the outdoor deck to taste and many purchased the wine to take to the next stop, our beautiful hotel.

Walla Walla downtown is an easy walk to wine tasting rooms and bars for other drinks. Mansion Creek, Mark Ryan, and Kontos were visited by some of our members. We chose to gas up and then wash the car. Then we went into the lobby bar, had a couple martinis and met the rest of the group for the short walk to dinner at Jacobi's Cafe. Dining at the train car was so interesting and we enjoyed the playful banter with the group. After dinner we had just one more drink then it was time to head to bed. No scotch and cigars this year, as some of our usual members were unable to attend.

Friday we woke up bright and early and got to the free breakfast by 9:00 a.m. It was fantastic. I had to make a second and maybe a third trip through the buffet. Then we had a little down time to explore the city. We choose to address a small issue with the car and had it ready to go when we headed to pick up our lunches at 11:30. Bob and Vicki Pentecost were spot on again with lunch choices and we all headed to our first stop of the day, Basel Cellars. Monkey see, monkey do; we followed George Jolley into the service entrance that was closed and had to loop around to gain access to our vineyard. It was well worth the mishap. We lunched on the patio. Walt Thode and his Friday group showed up and joined our Thursday group. He was kind enough to share the bottle he bought there. Then the vineyard host gathered us up for a grand tour of the estate. It was a small home you can rent out for the day or the weekend. I believe it was just under 15,000 square feet. We toured the 10 bedrooms, the media room, the pool house and it was amazing. We should all pool our pennies and stay there, or someone (and you know who you are) should pay for us all to stay there. After touring they took us down to the wine rooms that were originally built for housing cars and we took some great group photos. After that we drove our cars around the fountain and took more photos. Next we took a short run to two more vineyards nearby, Gifford-Hirlinger and Tertulia, and sampled wine, shared stories and relaxed. Then it was off to the west and more wineries; some of us stopped at Waterbrook and others at L'Ecole, before the 45-minute drive to Richland and the Marriott Courtyard at Columbia Point. We checked in and washed our car with the wash kit the hotel provided, and gassed up to be ready for the next day. Then we as a group took the short walk to our restaurant for the evening, LuLu's, which overlooks the waterway. After another fine dinner we met back in the hotel lobby for just one more drink and then retired for the evening.

All hands on deck at the chipper hour of 8:30 a.m. with the Inland Northwest Region's participants, before heading off for the spirited drive to Columbia Crest for brunch. Another fine beautiful day with sunshine and quick roads. Mimosas and wine awaited us with a feast and a parking lot full of beautiful cars. Live

WASHINGTON WINERY TOUR - CONTINUED

music on the patio and samples in the tasting room and everyone was invited to join the scheduled gimmick rally.

I must confess I was a guest of a member. So I was politely asked to do the road rally with another guest of a member. We were even loaned a car (not a Porsche, a BMW). We were given the following instructions by our hosts: "Do not follow the car in front of you; it may be lost." Then the others went off to strategize and plot, since they are getting ready for the Spokane Porsche Parade rallies in July. We non-members didn't drink any more wine (wink) and headed to the Rally's starting spot. Quite quickly we found we did not know what we were doing but we did make it to our first stop and only got passed by 3 Porsches on that leg. I debated if I should let them pass, but I stuck to the speed limit. We almost got lost but kept to our course and seemed to be doing OK except for the Porsches that kept passing us. Eventually, we noticed that we were behind the time on the paper, so I sped up. I quickly passed a bright red Porsche that I later learned had another nonmember named Gino in it. I really passed him. I blew his doors off. He pulled off the road. He may have been crying, I'm just not sure, it was a blur. So we made it rapidly to the finish, yea us! First time and nonmembers; that was a win for us. After awhile we saw Gino just 100 yards from pulling into the finish line, and he turned the wrong way. NO! Then those who told us "don't follow a Porsche; it could be going the wrong way" turned right behind Gino and went the wrong way. What? A few minutes later Bob and Vicki came back down the same road. (I believe they had already finished but got lost going to the next vineyard, and so my personal members followed them back to the finish line). Eventually Gino was called and he got back to the finish line as well. Almost everyone made it through the rally except for George who somehow ended up at a tasting room. OK, Fast forward to the winners of the event. Yes, you guessed it; we two rookies that were in the borrowed car were the winners of the rally. Yes, we did not follow the other Porsches or get lost twice like the members that brought us.



After the rally we headed to Prosser and did a little more tasting at the wine mall, as we call it; park your car and stroll to several tasting rooms. We also picked up a couple of cheese plates and had a wonderful couple of hours. We had to cut our tasting short, since we needed to swing by Chukar Cherries before we left town.

A quick drive back to the hotel and we washed the car quickly and then drove over to the event space where dinner was scheduled. Again the food was fantastic, and the Inland Northwest Region put together a first rate event, with many door prizes and awards. As always the talk was about cars and, well, more cars, so it was a great evening.

Sunday was fun-day. We broke off from the group and took our own quick trip home. I believe Google Maps had us at about 4 hours (no stops) to arrive home. We made the journey in about 9 hours. We ran all over the area; it took us over 4 hours to get from Richland to Pendleton. It was a nice trip home. We stopped several times and my wife said stopping with a Porsche is like stopping with a puppy. Everyone comes over to say hello. We spoke often about the club and invited everyone to come join us! As we were unpacking in the driveway we met a club member that lives around the corner that could not attend. Did I share a bottle that I bought on the event with them? Nope! Their loss.

Thank you again to Bob and Vicki for putting this together and Walt for leading the Friday group for putting together such a fun event.

A few more comments were submitted. These are from Gary Cuddeford:

Wow! What a great time we had on this trip. It just goes to show that sometimes it is not just the “cars and the people” but the wine too. As usual Bob and Vicki Pentecost made this trip run with precision. We had great accommodations, good food and visited a number of memorable wineries. Although our drive over on Thursday morning had to be altered for possible snow and ice over Tollgate, we still had a nice drive over to Walla Walla. A small group of us (Gary and Molly Cuddeford, Jim and Jan Parkinson and Denis and Patricia Dunlop) decided to take the more scenic route on the way back and went to Walla Walla on Hwy 124 toward Waitsburg and then south for breakfast at “Bacon and Eggs”. We then continued south on Hwy 11 and then East on 124 over Tollgate to Summerville, Imbler, Union and finally Baker City before jumping on I-84 back to Boise. It was a beautiful drive with great scenery and light traffic.

And these were from Patricia Dunlop:

This was our first Washington Wine tour and it was fantastic. We had a great drive over on Friday, led by Walt Thode. We had heard some interesting stories about some of the past drives out to the wineries, but Saturday morning’s drive was not stressful and very pretty. We decided to try the rally, never having done one before. It took a while to figure out how the clues worked into the route, but we figured it out eventually. Denis was very patient with my “speed up” and “slow down” instructions, and despite one small detour, we got there in the end. We even won! More importantly, we are still married.

We spent Saturday afternoon with Bob and Vicki Pentecost at a couple of wineries on Red Mountain, where the view was almost better than the wine.

We drove back with Molly and Gary Cuddeford and Jim and Jan Parkinson and had a “lively” drive to Walla Walla and then over to Elgin and on to Union and Medical Springs, which was a great road. Denis and I turned off and went to Halfway, and then returned to Boise via Brownlee and Cambridge. I drove that leg, which was a lot of fun for me. Denis is a confident driver, but he does need to work on his confidence as a passenger...

Looking forward to next year’s tour.



“THE JESSE TREE” 2017 CHARITY *by Molly Cuddeford*

If you haven't already heard, our board has chosen the charity for this year. The Jesse Tree is an organization that has been quietly helping families avoid becoming homeless for the last seventeen years. Mostly, this has been done, with a relatively small budget, under the radar of people like you and me. Their services cover Ada and Canyon Counties.

Why should you care? If you like financial incentives, one reason is the “leg up” of \$300 to \$500 one-time cash that The Jesse Tree provides to low income families for rent assistance. This saves the taxpayers approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000 in providing one-time services per family. Another important reason: the children are allowed to stay safely in their homes and in their schools. The cash assistance and case management services provided by The Jesse Tree allow its clients to avoid the instability, stigma and physical danger that come with homelessness. You can find out more about The Jesse Tree at jessetree.org.

Over the next few months, the charity committee and Mary Monroe, the SSPCA member who nominated The Jesse Tree, will be available to inform you of all The Jesse Tree does for our community. We will also be asking you to help us conduct a successful fundraising campaign as the year rolls to a close, especially with our November fund-raising auction.

One of our past charities, Book it Forward! Idaho, is going to put a “Little Library” in The Jesse Tree offices and keep it stocked. The Jesse Tree offices are located in a low-income area, a perfect match for a “Little Library” location. Check out the Facebook page of Book it Forward! Idaho: www.facebook.com/bookitforwardidaho/. Let it inspire you to another great year of fundraising, this time for The Jesse Tree, by the Silver Sage Region of the Porsche Club of America.



SUN VALLEY TRIP IN SEPTEMBER

by Stu Davis

This coming September 30th, I will be leading a group of us to Sun Valley for a weekend get-away of epic proportions. We will depart early Saturday from Porsche of Boise, and travel the "back" way to Sun Valley through Idaho City, Lowman, Stanley, and then into Sun Valley. The trip will feature a box lunch at Redfish lake, dinner at the Sun Valley Inn, a Shine and Show in front of the Sun Valley Lodge, and other cool events.

Working with Sun Valley, I have arranged some special rates for both the Lodge and the Inn, with add-on gold and spa packages available on Sunday. Pricing, itinerary and more information, along with registration link will be found on the Silver Sage PCA web page in the near future, and we will do email blasts in the next few months as well. Looking forward to seeing you on this trip.

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TECH SESSION AT PORSCHE OF BOISE

by Walt Thode

On March 11, about 40 Silver Sagers came to the Lyle Pearson dealership's service bay for another of the region's series of technical sessions. These have been held on a variety of topics, and an enthusiastic group of members always attends.

This year several topics were covered. The first was a joint presentation focused on the long-term future of internal combustion engines, a topic that you would expect to interest most of our members. The first presentation was given by Casey Mattoon from the Sierra Club, assisted by electric car enthusiast Reed Burkholder. Both are enthusiastic advocates of alternatives to internal combustion. Casey's presentation covered the characteristics of electric vehicles in particular, and the negative side effects of years of emissions and of the extraction of petroleum and other fuels used in internal combustion vehicles. Reed talked about his years of EV ownership and touched on his solar panel installation that provides the "juice" for his car.



The second presentation, by member Derek Parker, presented information about some emerging technological efforts that may improve the performance of internal combustion engines and alleviate some of their deleterious effects. He also presented information about some of the long-term drawbacks that may result from a large increase in the number of electric vehicles, in terms of some of the toxic elements that result from their use, and the lack of worldwide resources needed in their manufacture.

After a break, Porsche of Boise Lead Technician Mike Bell discussed the Porsche CAN-Bus vehicle control architecture, along with member Paul Guggenbeuhl, who is a retired flight controls engineer for military combat aircraft. It was interesting to learn how similar the electronic architecture for a high-tech fighter jet is to the modern Porsche. We have always known that our cars can "fly on the road", and now we can see why. Finally, Lyle Pearson sales personnel, including Jeff Woody and Shawn Ferguson provided an overview of some of the new features included in the latest Porsche infotainment systems.

Many thanks are due to Porsche of Boise, who provided coffee and refreshments in addition to the time of their personnel and the use of their service bay area for this session. Also, thanks go to Casey, Reed, and especially to Derek, who put this session together, as he has for the last several years. I'm looking forward to what he comes up with for next year's tech session.





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CALENDAR

July

July 5: Board meeting 6:30pm
Porsche of Boise; contact John
Sommerwerck

July 9-15: Porsche Parade -
Spokane, Washington

August

Aug. 2: Board meeting 6:30 pm
Porsche of Boise; contact John
Sommerwerck

Aug. 5: Coffee & Cars, 8 am-noon,
Porsche of Boise

Aug. 12-13: Overnight trip to
Union, OR; contact Walt Thode

September

Sept. 2: Coffee & Cars, 8 am-
noon, Porsche of Boise

Sept. 8-11: Beartooth Tour;
contact Walt Gammill

Sept. 30: Sun Valley Tour;
contact Stu Davis



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