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JOHN SOMMERWERCK, SILVER SAGE PRESIDENT



Believe it or not, its summer time and it is time to get out and enjoy our Porsches! Several memorable Silver Sage events have come and gone, and we have many more on the way. A lot has happened since the Spring 2018 edition of the Sage Tick was published; we have selected our charity for the year, held several Kaffee Und Autos, monthly Board of Directors' meetings, and held several Cruise In's.

Charity. The organization we selected for our 2018 Charity is: Feed the Gap. Feed the Gap's mission is to collaborate with professional organizations to end child hunger in Idaho. See more about the charity later in this issue of Sage Tick.

Spring Fling. Once again, Carol Flatter and The Nest put on a great evening at the Nest store. My thanks to; Carol, 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 Brownlee Reservoir where we had great box lunches provided by Chandlers. After lunch, 9 of the 29 cars continued to Hells Canyon dam. The weather cooperated and was great. My thanks to Blair for leading the second group and to Derek and Gary for sweeping.

Autocross. My thanks to Blair Baertsch and his team for stepping up, so we were again able to hold an Autocross Competition with sponsorship by Porsche of Boise. See the Autocross article, later in this issue, for more details on this great time.

Potential Track in the Boise area. Silver Sage has an active group of 'Track Rats', unfortunately they must travel to Oregon or

Utah and beyond to get track time. Recently, Silver Sage was approached by Josh Brown and Neil Stanley about supporting a Boise area track. Josh & Neil came to the April Board meeting where they laid out their conceptual plans. They asked Silver Sage's to support their plans by going to their website and signing up. Since the April meeting Josh/Neil are continuing to work potential site locations and solicit support.

Cruise In's. Living in Donnelly makes it hard for me to attend all the Silver Sage events. While the Cruise In's have been occurring for over a year, I am sorry to report, I just attended my first. What fun! They are held in a casual setting, which changes each month, where all things Porsche are discussed. My thanks to Derek on making these events a success. For those that have not attended, I encourage you to try and make an upcoming one. Cruise In's are held on the third Thursday of the month.

We have some great events coming up: More Kaffee Und Autos, Cruise Ins, and please don't forget to attend the Board of Director's meetings to have input on our events and suggest new ones. As always, we will keep you informed of our events through the website and Constant Contact.

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Yes, I sit here in the warm sun on the beach in Hawaii on my 39th wedding anniversary trip with my wife Denise composing my Tick Talk article for the Sage Tick for this month. At the same time in the Treasure Valley it is pouring rain with thunder and lightning. It's a tough life but I love what I get to do. I am able to work and play from anywhere in the world. But enough about my hardships.

When I am in town I enjoy as many of the Silver Sage Porsche Club events as I can. Each of the events that our club put on are dreamed/planned/organized/run/staffed by a diverse group of our own members. Without each of us and the contributions we provide it just wouldn't be as enjoyable. I specifically use the word "our" because this is our club and each of us will only get out of it what we each put in. Come on out to an event and see just what I am talking about.

We have had many Silver Sage club events since our last issue and one of the enjoyable ones for me was the Autocross at the fair grounds. Blair and his team did a fantastic job laying out a course that was challenging and gave each of the participants more clarity into how their particular car responds to the input given and what it feels like to really stomp on the gas and the brake peddles. It is a fun time to see just how much we can push our cars and what it feels like to push it a little over the threshold without getting into

trouble with local law enforcement or something that might harm our beloved Porsche vehicles. Check out the article later in the issue. If you were not able to make it out keep it in mind to look for the next time it is available.

The Spring Fling seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended and the door prizes looked awesome!

Our monthly Kaffee Und Autos on the first Saturday of each spring and summer month are a fantastic way to get to know others in the club. It is also a wonderful way to see our local area and experience the great area we are fortunate to live in.

I also want to request that if there are any topics that you are interested in having out Tech Talk section cover please drop me an email at editor@silversageporsche.com or if I am at the board meetings you can hand me a note.

I would also love to have more contributions to the Sage Tick to cover any and all events that you might attend. So if you feel so inclined and would like to see your article and name appear in print please do not hesitate

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SILVER SAGE SPRING FLING

APRIL 14, 2018

(Linda Prusynski)

This event has been one of my favorite ones that we do in Silver Sage. It has a long 'history' that I had a nice chat to reminisce about, with the event coordinator, Carole Flatter. For several prior years, the February members meetings consisted of an 'arts' theme/

exposure—I remember going to an art gallery in Hyde Park one year; we went to a glass-blowing shop/store one year (and had the opportunity to make a glass object), and we also went to the Lady of Steel gallery in Garden City another year (and were treated to a demonstration of art welding). I remember another year we had it at a stained glass arts studio—The Fusion, in Eagle (and made a decorative stained glass item).

Carole thinks the current focus of these meetings (honoring the ladies of the club), began many years ago, when we had a February dinner meeting at Barbacoa. Since it was close to Valentine's Day, all of the ladies received a fresh rose. Then one year, Carole planned a February event at Moons, and the ladies got Valentine goodie bags. Yet another year it was held at Art Grey Jewelers, and that year was when the large door prizes started for the ladies. Carole tells the story of being at a SSPCA Board Meeting one night as the event was being planned—she asked the Board for some money to provide door prizes. Ted Hampton, of Porsche of Boise

dealership, was at the meeting and offered her \$500 (and the Board gave her \$200) to purchase a gift certificate at Art Grey Jewelers (which I won, by the way)! POB has generously given Carole money every year since for the fabulous door prizes and to subsidize the craft classes offered to the ladies each year.

This is the fourth or fifth year, I believe, that we've had this meeting at The Nest. Jim &

Marcia Houston (club members, by the way) have been so generous to open their fabulous store to us. There were 55 members in attendance this year, and 25 ladies did the



craft



making a beautiful summer floral wreath. Sophie's Choice did the catering again—always love Maria Sestero's tasty spread. This year,

Bitner Winery came and did wine tasting and bottle sales. Carole Flatter addressed the crowd and did some Thank You's—to the Houston's (for hosting us once again, and providing the scotch and cigars, a gift certificate to the Nest, and the

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SILVER SAGE ANNUAL AUTOCROSS

MAY 8, 2018

(James Betts)

It was a wild and fast time at the Boise Fair Grounds on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Silver Sage Porsche Club held it's annual Autocross competition at the Boise Fair Grounds. Twenty-seven aggressive club members registered and competed for the over all club championship. The course was designed by member James Betts and set up by club members who volunteered their time for the competition.

There were six competitive categories established for the competitors based upon the various nomenclatures built by Porsche. The various categories consisted of the following: 1) air cooled 911, 2) 4 door Porsches (the Panamera), 3) Turbos and 911 GTS 4) Boxsters and Caymans, 5) water cooled 911's, 6)) 818 Boxsters and Caymans

The twenty-seven competitors first refreshed their driving skills which consisted of slalom driving, skid pad exercises, and concise turning skills. Then the competitors walked the course

to familiarize themselves with the overall design and particular close cornering that the course required. All times were electronically captured and maintained by President John Sommerwerck, while club Vice President Blair Baertsch acted as starter for the first several rounds.

Competitors drove a variety of Porsches which consisted of 911's, Panameras , Caymans and

Cayman S's, Boxsters and Boxster S's, Carrera GTS, Macan S's, Turbos and Turbo S's. It was amazing to watch both men and women strive for their cars best performance as they ran one round after another. Times got better and better as the competitors became more familiar with the course.



In first place in category 6 was Terry Gilton driving a cayman 718 S. In first place of category 2 was Laurie Mathews driving a Macan. In first place of category 3 was Bob Kunz driving a Carrera 4 GTS. In first place of category 4 was Chiang Yip driving Carrera C4S. In first place in category 5 was Paul Rowan driving a Cayman S. In first place of category 1 was Robert Sturgeon driving aPorsche 964. The over all winner was Paul Rowan with a time of 63.31 seconds.

Cleanup was performed by all present members, which was appreciated by the club directors who were present.

Talking to the participants after the awards were given out, most said the course was really tight and very challenging, but very fair. All had a good time and were very happy about what they had learned about their cars and the performance that was available during the actual driving of the course. ❖

IN MEMORIAM

Walter von Brucker: 1937 – 2018

Walter von Brucker, 81, of Boise, died Monday, March 5, 2018 at a local hospital.

Arrangements were under the direction of Accent Funeral Home and Cremation, Meridian.

Walter was a fairly active Silver Sager who joined us on most of our tours. He usually drove his Boxster with the distinctive hood decoration, but also had a slope-nose 911. Walter spent his working life as a California architect,



but in recent years moved to the Treasure Valley, where he lived in Caldwell and Boise. He kept active by driving a school bus for the Caldwell School System. He will be missed, and not only because it reduces the number of Walters in the club. ❖



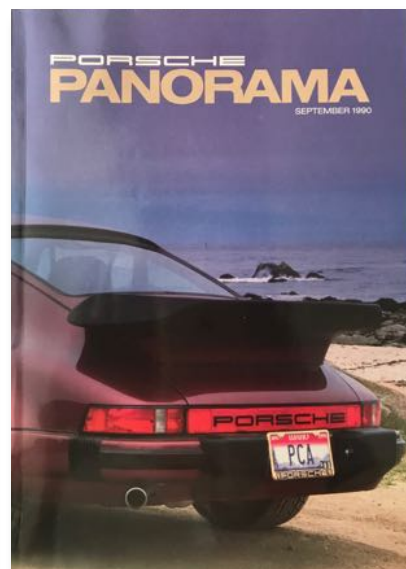
Mia Fereday (1922-2018)

Long-time Silver Sagers will remember Mia Fereday. She and her husband Russ were true stalwarts of the club, especially during the '70s, '80s and '90s. Russ died a few years ago, and Mia passed away on April 14.

Mia was a nurse in the New York City area, who met Russ on a blind date. They were married in 1947 in Ithaca, NY. They moved to Boise in 1949 and became pillars of the community. Besides



the Porsche club, they were involved in local music events. She served on the boards of The Bishop's House, The Friends of the Egyptian Theater, and the Basque Museum.



When Russ and Mia drove their Porsche to the 1990 Porsche Parade in Monterey, the car, with its PCA plate featured prominently, was photographed for the cover of *Porsche Panorama*.

Mia will be missed. ❖

A SCOTCH DRINKER IN WINE COUNTRY

(ERNIE MONROE)

Why would a dedicated whiskey man participate in a wine tour? That's what I will try to explain.

No. 1: My lovely wife, Mary, who appreciates good wine and apparently knows the difference between a Merlot and a Pino. Of course, I don't. While on tour, and even though it didn't seem to happen often in our group, I did see a few folks pour their excess wine into a bucket. I assume that is a blend.



No. 2: The company. Of course, I would not have participated except that I enjoy hanging around with my fellow Silver Sagers. Any other group and I wouldn't have enjoyed myself nearly as much — if at all.



No. 3: The driving. Nothing is better than driving around on decent two-lane backroads in a Porsche, taking in the beautiful countryside. Even the weather cooperated, with only intermittent and mild rain. Temperature was just right. Air fresh.



No. 4: The organization. Bob and Vicki Pentecost have every aspect of the trip organized, planned, scheduled and coordinated. I especially appreciate this because I don't particularly like to pay attention. When I was working I always doodled (drew sketches on a notepad) during meetings. When people questioned whether or not I was paying attention, I always said that doodling helped my concentration, which of course was a complete Trumpism.

No. 5: The food. I love road food (especially Zingers), lunches at the Wineries (Tamarack Cellars), Anthony's and the Buffett at Columbia Crest, where I usually abscond with several extra cookies to eat while Mary is wine tasting.

No.6: The cars. Who among us doesn't like to see a variety of Porsches - all in the same place. I especially liked a new GTS Targa. Make mine paint-to-sample, please.

No. 7: My reading and naps. I get to catch up on both.

No. 8: The Scotch and cigars. There is always someone (Gary C.) who likes a few scotches and a cigar,

after dinner, at the end of the day. We are often joined by interesting members from other

regions, complete strangers, and sometimes the bartender. (We're usually the last ones around.)



All-in-all a successful trip.

I got to witness a friend negotiate for a new (to him) Porsche over the phone, hang with friends, stop by the Chocolate Cherry store and drive some nice roads. Mary is officially a member of every Wine Cellar in the region, so we should be covered for wine, and I got to polish off a couple of Churchills and a bottle of Irish.

Thanks again to the Inland Northwest Region for hosting, the Pentecosts (and all the other participants) for a Grand Tour. ♦

2018 CHARITY SELECTION

We are excited to announce the board of Silver Sage Region Porsche Club has chosen "Feed The Gap" as the recipient of our charity fundraising for 2018. Several wonderful nominations were received and we thank those who took the time for this endeavor. As in the past, we look forward to a successful and fulfilling event while raising the most funds possible.

There are 83,110 hungry children in Idaho of which 33% do not qualify for federal nutritional assistance. These 27,426 hungry children come from families America has termed "The Working Poor". Idaho has one of the highest percentages of people earning minimum wage in the United States. Feed The Gap Inc. is the only organization in Idaho feeding hungry children who do not qualify for free or reduced meals from the USDA in their school cafeteria. These hungry children are identified by school administrators. For more details, please go to their website: [Feed the Gap.org](http://FeedtheGap.org)



Our Silver Sage Region has won national awards for our fundraising efforts and we want to continue in 2018. Fundraising kicks off with Oktoberfest at The Village in Meridian on Sunday, October 7th and the finale is our auction fundraiser on Friday, November 2nd. More information will be forthcoming, but it is not too early to start thinking of auction items. Please contact Molly at [\(206\) 354-2600](tel:(206)354-2600) or Carole Brawley-Green at [\(208\) 890-5549](tel:(208)890-5549) for opportunities to help us "Feed The Gap".

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WINE TOUR

(Jean Badgley)

On Thursday, May 17th Vicki and Bob Pentecost led members of the Silver Sage Region on a beautiful drive from Eagle to Clarkston WA. This was the first day of the annual wine tasting trip our club makes where we join the Inland Northwest group for a wonderful weekend of wine food friendship and all things Porsche.

Leaving Eagle ID at 8am our group traveled through Horseshoe Bend and McCall arriving in Grangeville for lunch at The Seasons restaurant. We earned our lunch by navigating the scenic, twisting and cow studded White Bird Hill.

After lunch we headed to our first tasting at Clearwater Canyon in Lewiston ID. Coco, the

owner and wine maker opened the facility especially for our group. Besides tasting her fabulous wines we learned about the special soil conditions in the area and the newly designated AVA called Lewis-Clark.

Our second tasting was also in Lewiston at Vine 46. We were met there by the wine makers and treated to a variety of cheeses and wines at this new and up and coming winery.

Basalt Cellars in Clarkston WA

was our last stop of the day. We enjoyed sitting on the sunny patio before heading to our hotel

and dinner. As usual Bob and Vicki treated us to a lovely day. ❖



SILVER SAGE ANNUAL SPRING FLING

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craft project), Porsche of Boise (provided money for the Coach purses and subsidized the craft), Sid & Vicki Cannon and Molly Cuddeford (for helping her set up and obtain the Coach purses), Greg Myers (for being our trusty photographer), Robert Sturgeon for bringing in Bitner Winery, and Linda Prusynski for writing the article about the event for the Sagetick.

The highlight of the night (for the ladies at least) was the drawing for the door prizes, and this year we had six generous ones! The Coach wallet was won by Becky Grover; a \$200 gift certificate was

won by new member Anna Stumbaugh; a Coach purse was won by Sourette Chambreau; there were two \$100 gift certificates to the Nest—won by Carol Betts and Becky Greenlee; and the Coach purse was won by--me!! I think karma played a part in that—I was sitting on a large settee with Vicki Cannon and she turned to me and said “you haven’t won a purse; you need to win the purse” and not one minute later my ticket number was called—Thanks for the help, Vicki! AND—I want to thank Carole for being so willing to plan this meeting for so many years—we all appreciate and love it! ❖

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Greetings from the Silver Sage Region of the Porsche Club of America! The Silver Sage Region is proud to have been a part of the Porsche Club of America since 1966. Our membership includes Porsche enthusiasts from all over southern Idaho and eastern Oregon, with a concentration in the Boise area.

CALENDAR

June

June 6: Board Meeting
June 9: Sports Car Together Day
June 13: Treffen Banff Registration Opens
June 16–18: Drive to Joseph/Orofino
June 21: Porsche Cruise-in

July

July 7: Kaffee Und Autos
July 11: Board Meeting
July 8–14: Porsche Parade
Apr. 19: Porsche Cruise In

August

Aug. 1: Board Meeting
Aug. 4: Kaffee Und Autos
Aug. 11: Yanke Motor Museum
May 17: Porsche Cruise-in

Note: Silver Sage Board Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm at Porsche of Boise

