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JOHN SOMMERWERCK, SILVER SAGE PRESIDENT

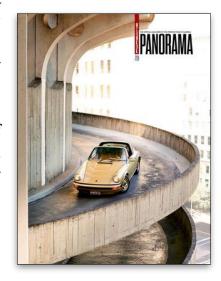


As you read this column, winter is upon us. My 911 is under cover and I am patiently waiting for the spring driving season. This is the time of the year I have very mixed emotions – I want to continue to drive, but I cannot wait for ski season to start. Go figure? While many of us have stored our cars for the winter, there are still many club events we can participate in.

I am pleased to announce several changes. First, this is Frank Heinrichs first issue as **Sage Tick** editor. Please join me in wishing Frank all the best and thanking him for his service to our region. Next, I would like to announce we have a new **webmaster**, Randall Shane. Randall has developed a new look and feel for our website, and is in the process of reviewing with the Board. I expect the updated website will be implemented in early 2018. Randall will be developing an Instagram account for the region and integrating our social media presence with our webpage. Thank You Randall for stepping up.

In my last column I made some comments on our region's attendance at the Spokane Porsche

Parade. When I made those comments, I did not know that due to her Parade attendance, one of our members, Leigh Wilson, would make the cover of the November issue of Panorama Magazine. If you haven't seen the picture or accompanying article, I suggest you seek it out.



While the driving season may be over for some us, I remind you that Derek Parker continues to find us great venues for our monthly **Cruise Ins**, where we come together to talk about all things Porsche. Cruise IN venues change each month, so not only do we get to talk about all things Porsche, we get to visit and learn of new locales in the greater Boise area. Thank You Derek.

We had a great fall season. As usual, Gary, Sid and their team put on another memorable Oktoberfast. Molly and her Charity Committee hit it out of the park for our 2017 Charity, The Jesse Tree of ID. At the October 27th Charity Auction over \$21,000 was raised. We continue to be a very giving region. My thanks to both teams for jobs well done.

The last big event for the year is our **Christmas Party** and awards banquet, which will be held on Saturday, Dec 2nd at the Arid Club. There will be a great meal, dancing and the region officers for 2018 will be elected and installed.

In January, we will be holding our new member

meeting. This is a great opportunity to come out and meet and great those members who joined or transferred into our region in 2017. I hope to see you there. We will be sending out the details in December.

I wish you and your families the very best during the upcoming Holiday Season.

Remembering, it is not just the cars, it's the people. Volunteers make our club successful. ��



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FRANK HEINRICHS, SAGE TICK EDITOR



WOW! Isn't this a wonderful time of the year! My first column as Editor will be spent giving thanks to many people that have helped me with this, my first Sage Tick newsletter.

So let me start with a big thank you to **Walt Thode** for assisting me with the best guidance and support any new editor could ask for. Thank you Walt for all you do for both the Sage *Tick* and for the *Silver Sage Region of the Porsche Club of America!* Without your help I probably would not have had half the articles and not gotten it to the printer until sometime in January 2018.

Thanks to all the folks that have helped by authoring articles in this issue. It has made creating the pages for this quarter's Sage *Tick* so rewarding. A big thank you goes out to Carol Brawley-Green for her two articles, one regarding the Charity Auction and the other covering the dinner for the Octoberfast weekend. Also a big thank you to Lindsey Robinson and Walt Gammill for their articles covering the Beartooth Highway Tour in September. Also for the article covering the Coffee & Cars drive that started out the Octoberfast weekend by **Dennis and** Patricia Dunlop. Ken Robinson also provided coverage of the Winery Tour on the morning beginning Octoberfast. A special article about a different kind of Porsche was also provided by Randy Bloom. Again Thank You all for taking the time

Greg Myers also deserves special notice. Greg wonderful photos documented our events and saved the club budget from a major expense. The entire pictorial of the Octoberfast weekend is provided with his talents. Thank you Greg!

On another note please take the time to look over what our new webmaster Randall Shane has designed for our club. The website address is www.SilverSagePorsche.com. Please notice that the address might look different. He has brought a fresh look and perspective to the site. Thank you to our current club President, John Sommerwerck for having spent the last few years taking care of the previous website and for putting out the call that eventually put both Randall and me in our respective positions.

With Randall's help we have set up new email addresses for each of the officers of the club, ie. President@, VicePresident@ and so on. We have also setup admin@ for the webmaster and editor@ for the editor. All e mail addresses end with SilverSagePorsche.com. Drop me a line if you have any questions or comments. Even better if you want to submit an article using this email address.

Stay tuned for more ideas coming regarding a possible "Tick Tech" and "Tick History" columns.

I am truly excited about what we together can provide to the Club members through the *Sage Tick*!

Every day is an adventure. Where are you going? ❖



CHARITY AUCTION REPORT

(CAROL BRAWLEY-GREEN)





only in the "immediate", but also the faith and hope to move forward.

Gary Cuddeford was the auctioneer, with help from assistant Sid Cannon. The live auction is always very entertaining as many club members become involved in the bidding "war". Rob and Becky Grover keep track of our bids and collect these funds. This year we raised over \$21,000, by far the most we've ever raised for our charity.

Many thanks to all who donated for the silent and live auctions and helped set up the Sapphire Room for the event. Silver Sage may well be on our way to another Public Service Award at next year's Parade. •

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BEARTOOTH - BUCKET LIST REDUCED

(WALT GAMMILL)

Driving the Beartooth Highway, that 11,000foot-high twister near the Northeast corner of Yellowstone, has been on my Bucket List for a while. I just missed it two years ago returning from Escape in Rapid City. It had just been closed for the season by snow.

So last year at a board meeting devoted to planning this year's events, I tentatively suggested a tour over the Beartooth. The Board okayed it, and I started looking into it. Last time through

Yellowstone, we had nine cars, so I figured I would plan for ten, and got three nights' lodging set up in West Yellowstone, Red Lodge, and Jackson. Those ten slots filled right away, so I was able to add five. Those filled up, so I begged the venues for five

more, got them set up, and they filled up. I closed it at twenty, but there was still interest! Who would thought? Ultimately, we had three cancellations, no more signups, and seventeen cars set out on a sunny September morning.

West Yellowstone holds special interest for me, since I lived there for a couple years when my Park Ranger father was stationed at the entrance there. In reviewing dinner venues, I checked out a "Gastro-Pub" called Madison Crossing and found that it was set in the former schoolhouse and that their lounge used to be the first grade classroom. Since I started first grade in West Yellowstone, I must have been in that very room, so of course we had to have dinner there. No resemblance to a classroom,

> but a really nice dinner venue. They were not able to tell me what they did with my desk. I'm pretty sure it sat where the taps were.

Before we left the next morning, I walked past the old train depot where my

> sister and I used to play, and followed "Employees Only" path through the trees near the Park entrance to get a view of the old log duplex we lived in. It

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and all these years later it's still being used!

The rest of the trip continued uneventfully, aside from a suicidal rabbit and an angry bull Bison. My thanks to the 32 patient folks who followed my lead, mostly. �





BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY TRIP

(LINDSEY ROBINSON)

On September 8, 2017, seventeen Porsches headed out from Boise with Walt Gammill as our leader. Our objective was to drive the Beartooth Highway in southwestern Montana, but this naturally involved visits to Yellowstone National Park. On our way, we stopped in Arco at the city park and ate our bag lunches together. Then we moved on to West Yellowstone to spend the night. The drive was beautiful with some trees starting to turn colors for Fall. When we arrived at the Holiday Inn we all settled in and picked a dinner venue. Walt and several other people chose to go to Madison Crossing, Walt's old primary school, now a shopping mall. He even gave some people a tour. After arriving back at the hotel many met and visited the night away in the hotel lobby.

On the 9th, we met in the parking lot and prepared for our trip into Yellowstone. After a quick briefing by Walt we were off again. We

entered Yellowstone from the west entrance. This park is so beautiful. We drove along a river and passed many areas where the hot pots were active. We drove into Canyon Village got some snacks and stretched our legs. Next, after Walt went over the route for the afternoon, we were off to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. Unfortunately, Ken thought I was listening to

the instructions and I thought he was. No big deal; you just follow the car ahead of you, right? This is where we had a bit of trouble. We were one of the first 4 cars out of the Village and noticed no one was behind us. We kept calling on the radio that no one was behind us and we needed to wait, but the drivers in the front couldn't hear our radio. We decided to go back and gather the group. Much to the others dismay, we went back and got the group lost. All but Jeff and Marlee were wise enough to follow the directions Walt gave at the last stop and not follow us. The four of us drove around looking for the group, and ended up finding them about an hour later. As we all headed to the northeast gate there was a bit of wildlife. We saw antelope and bison. At one point of the drive traffic slowed down to almost a stop to view bison battling to see who would get to stay in the herd and all of a sudden one ran across the road in front of one of our cars. We

were back in the line and I was thankful that it didn't charge our car! I got some great pictures of the male that got kicked out of the herd. We drove looking for someplace to stop for lunch, but there didn't seem to be anywhere along the road where 17 cars

could park. We ended up leaving the park and stopping at a city park just outside the

gate. We ate our lunches and noticed clouds were rolling in. Walt encouraged us to finish our lunches quickly so we could outrun the storm. We left in 2 groups so that we could get a nice run up the Beartooth Highway. It is a curvy, steep road that climbed to 10,947 feet. We stopped many times to get photos of this amazing road. The scenery on the back side of

BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY TRIP

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the climb was so beautiful—a big lush green valley. The road down seemed much quicker

than the way up. We stopped at Rock Creek Resort in Montana for the night. This resort is situated right along a rushing river. The grounds were lovely. We sat outside at a picnic table and

visited before dinner. The weather was perfect! Dinner was served at Old Piney. The food was so great and the waitresses did a good job getting us all

fed. We celebrated some birthdays and then some people shut the bar down watching the Boise State Football game. The game was only available in the bar because our room televisions didn't have the needed channel. Apparently those in the bar actually had to leave at halftime because the bar was closing. The restaurant staff was ready to go home.

The next morning we drove into Red Rock to gas up and prepare for our drive to Cody. We were happy to find non-ethanol gas. After we got gassed up we headed to Cody, Wyoming and then to Yellowstone Park again through the east gate. On the way, we drove through old towns and a big long valley. As we drove into Cody a couple of deer thought it would be a good idea to cross the busy road in downtown Cody. Luckily, we all went on our way without a scratch! Thank goodness the

car behind us was paying attention. We stopped at the visitor center, stretched our

legs, ate a free Cliff Bar provided by the visitor center, and got going again. Rex and Mary e t h Chandler staved in Cody a bit longer to see the Buffalo Bill Museum of the West

and said they really enjoyed it. We then headed into the most interesting landscape of rock formations. We even passed a couple of very interesting homes. The drive into the park

through the east gate began with lots of burned out forest. Seeing all the burned out areas made me miss the green trees that used



to be there. We drove around the beautiful massive Yellowstone Lake to the Fishing Bridge picnic area. There we met up with most of our group and ate a quick lunch, then, after everyone picking the site they wanted to see, we split up to go our own way.

BEARTOOTH

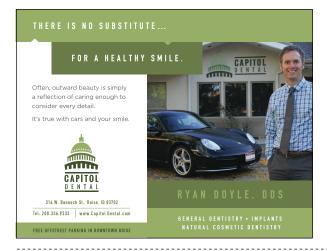
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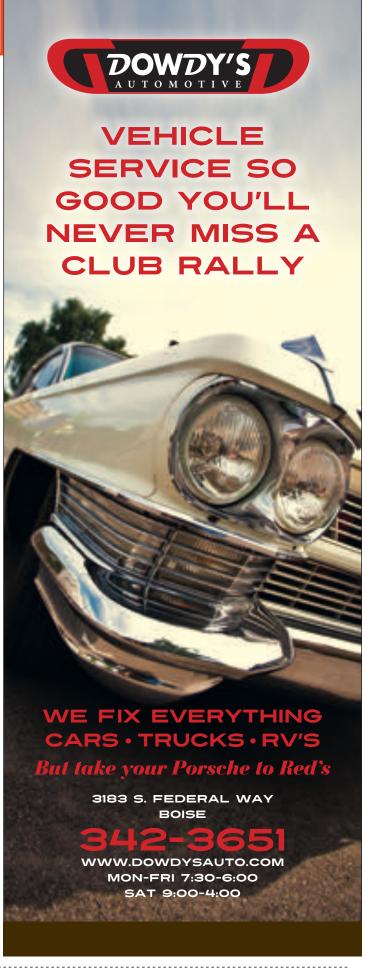
We walked along the fishing bridge and were amazed at the clear water. We then got back in our cars and headed to Jackson with a stop along the way at Jenny Lake. The Tetons are so



amazing, even in the pouring rain. After a quick stop we headed to the Parkway Inn in Jackson. Many of us gathered on balconies and patios to visit and discuss the day's experiences. We finished the night with a delicious dinner at the Gunbarrel Restaurant. Well, almost finished the night. There was one more item on the agenda. Mary Beth and Jan Parkinson made arrangements to have a surprise birthday cake for Rex. We all "hid" in the breakfast room at the hotel; as Rex came in we yelled "surprise!"

The next day we ate our breakfast and headed home on our own. This was one more amazing trip with the Silver Sage Porsche Club in our fun Porsche 911. We can't wait to go on our next one. Where will it be? ��





OKTOBERFAST SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

(CAROLE BRAWLEY-GREEN)

This year's Silver Sage PCA Oktoberfast included a Saturday evening banquet preceding the Sunday Car Show at the Village in Meridian. Members not get him any endorsements from Ford Motor Co.

A good time was enjoyed by all. ❖



Our main guest and speaker for the evening was a 16-year-old Idaho native, Sting Ray Robb, who lives in Payette, ID. His website, www.stingrayrobb.com, gives his full biography from the time he started with go-carts at the age of five, through his racing career to date. He will now be competing as a pro Mazda Driver in 2017, to further his aspiration to be able to compete eventually as an Indy car driver.

The evening was capped off by the legendary George Follmer, who lives in Meridian, giving Sting Ray some racing encouragement. George also mentioned that Sting Ray's name likely will



OCTOBERFAST COFFEE & CARS

(DENIS & PATRICIA DUNLOP)

Thirty-two cars set off from Porsche of Boise on a beautiful fall morning, their occupants having partaken of the dealer's morning hospitality. It was a substantial group of cars with the numbers swelled by several

from the Inland Northwest chapter in Spokane, who were down for the weekend to participate in the events of Octoberfast

Ably lead by Bob Denton on a

sometimes spirited drive up highway 55 to Horseshoe Bend and along the shining waters of the lower

Payette, we left Banks and headed to Crouch where a stop was made with the cars pulling up outside the town's main restaurant.

The appearance of the Porsches caused some alarm for the proprietor of the establishment, who assumed she had forgotten a booking and that we were there to eat at her restaurant that was not yet open. Having been

reassured that this was not the case she kindly opened the restaurant to those who needed its facilities. It was noted that the menu looked pretty good.

At this point the group split with around half returning to Boise via Banks and Horseshoe bend while the remainder proceeded to complete the loop back to Boise via Lowman and Idaho City. Some cars travelled directly while the majority took a break and had lunch at the Southfork Lodge in Lowman.

Partway up the hill out of Lowman the radio crackled with the news that some wildlife (stags or jags, we couldn't tell) had been spotted. This was followed shortly by the appearance of some exotic

wildlife in the form of two early 60s E-types

which appeared to be the advance guard of a British contingent following somewhat later. A quip that the Morris Minor van accompanying them probably was carrying parts was justified when John Sommerwerck subsequently noted that he

> had passed a Bug-Eye Sprite stopped on the side of Highway 21 some miles further on.

> After a brief stop in an extremely busy Idaho

City, which was celebrating "Idaho City Days," the group returned to Boise past Lucky Peak.

The whole trip was an extremely pretty

drive, in particular the autumn colors around Lowman with low shrubs



making even the burnt-out areas picturesque and confirming that Idaho is a great place to go for a drive, especially in the fall. �

2017 OCTOBERFAST WINE TOUR

(KEN ROBINSON)

The weather on October 7th could not have been better. A group of 20 cars gathered at Lyle Pearson on a cool crisp fall morning for a drive to wine country. Bob and Vickie Pentecost led the group on a scenic drive through rural southwest Idaho to the Sunnyslope region. Our first stop was a new, up and coming winery called Scoria

Konig Winery was a stark contrast in venue. It is a new location with a beautiful tasting room and winery overlooking the snake river valley. There are both indoor and outdoor



seating areas. Most of the group choose to

grab our box lunches from Jimmy Johns and sit outside. The staff brought the tastings to us, as we enjoyed the sunshine and the conversation between friends.

As lunch and the wine tastings wound down, people trickled

Vineyards and Winery. The exterior was a plain warehouse like structure on a gravel lot, but the interior was very artsy and the staff was very professional. We were treated to a tasting of Riesling, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine was wonderful, and group was happy to socialize and talk about cars. Lindsey and I managed to meet some

new club members and learn about their cars.



We wrapped up by making our wine purchases and it was time to head off to the next winery.



back to the parking lot and made there way back to town. It truly was a very pleasant day. �

PORSCHE AUßERORDENTLICH (EXTRAORDINARY)

(RANDY BLOOM)

Dallan Schenk went to an auction last October and bought a red Porsche to go with the silver 911 that is already in his garage; nothing too unusual in that statement. But the Porsche he came home with is far from ordinary. Like other Porsches built in 1958, Dallan's 108K has an air-cooled engine but

it's powered by diesel. From 1956 to 1963 over 120,000 Porsche Diesel tractors were produced in four models: Juniors (like Dallan's) had a single cylinder. Standards had two cylinders, Supers three

the list, and after a successful bid, Dallan bought a trailer and headed back to Idaho, his prize in tow.

As to why he decided to buy it, Dallan says that just walking by it makes him smile; isn't that reason enough to have any Porsche? ❖





cylinders, and Masters four cylinders. The cylinders, pistons and heads were individual and interchangeable, which probably would facilitate easier repairs on the farm if something failed.

Approximately 1,000 Porsche-Diesel tractors were sold in North America, but due to their unique collectability there are probably more than that here today as many have been imported. Still, they are rare to see in person, so visitors to Oktoberfast got a treat when Dallan came rumbling into the Village.

Dallan's son sparked the idea to get a Porsche tractor. After some preliminary investigation, Dallan traveled to the Nixon auction in South Dakota where 9 tractors of varying specs were on offer. The Junior that would come home with him was in the middle of



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CALENDAR

December

Dec. 2: Christmas Party, Officer Installation &

Awards Banquet

Dec. 21: Porsche Cruise-in

January

Jan. 13: New Member's Dinner

Jan. 18: Porsche Cruise-in

February

Feb. 10:Tech Session @ EuroSport

Feb. 14: Porsche Cruise-in

March

Mar. 3: Tech Session

Mar. 21: Porsche Cruise-in

Mar. 24: House Cleaning Auction

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