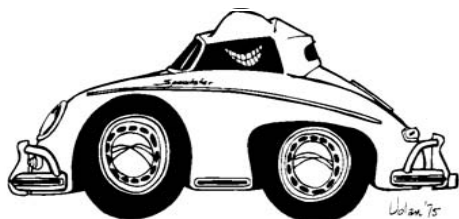




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# **IN THE SIXTH ZONE**

**By: Linda Bein**

***It was a distinct honor for Zone 6 to be chosen to host the Spring Meeting of PCA's Executive Council! The multi-cultural port city of Vancouver, British Columbia was a perfect spot to meet. Members of the Canada West Region made sure that we sampled one of Vancouver's most fun restaurants and proved that Canadians ARE a very friendly lot!***

***Cascade Region enjoyed a better than usual turnout for its April drive to a glass blower's studio in Sixes, Oregon. Sixteen cars made the trip and members had an up close look at the art of glassblowing followed by a great dinner with lots of laughter and fun!***

***Vancouver Island once again scored a victory with its annual Crown Isle Retreat with the featured guests being PCA Vice President Kurt Gibson and his wife, Angie. From the smiles on their faces (and the others in attendance) it was another example of an event well-run. Six regions were represented.***

***Inland Northwest once again put on its annual spring wine tour in the Yakima Valley of Washington. There are five hundred wineries in the state and a major share can be found in this interesting valley. Again, six regions were in attendance and all were careful to follow the rules regarding wine tours.***

***Silver Sage Region put on its famed Bogus Basin Bacchanalia, which includes a hillcross, a rally, a mystery event, and golf for those so inclined. No snow this year! Instead we had blue skies and warm temperatures. This was another multi-region event with five represented.***

***In June the Oregon Region hosted a PCA Club Race at Portland International Raceway. With huge help from the Pacific Northwest Region, a Porsche corral was set up for the first time, which attracted Porsches from all***

**over the Pacific Northwest. Both regions were also instrumental in obtaining local sponsorship for items for the racers and the corral attendees.**

**A project entitled "Street Smart" has been launched in central Oregon with the help of the High Desert Region, the Autocross Club of Central Oregon, and Carrera Motors. It provides a chance for teen drivers (and their parents) to be able to drive their own cars in a safe environment, learning their limits, and also learning the joys of autocrossing. This project is an excellent way for PCA to interact with the community on a very positive note.**

**Parade is in our sights and over two hundred members from Zone 6 will be enjoying such wonders as Sea World and the USS Midway, along with meeting and greeting other PCA members from places far and wide.**

**Please check Zone 6 region websites often to see what is happening in our very special corner of the world. We have a lot of great events coming up this summer. So get in your Porsche and have some fun!**

**May we drive safely forever! Linda**



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# **Greetings from the Southland!**

**By: Dave Hamann**

**Well the driving season is now in full swing. We've had some great events already this year with plenty more to come.**

**The thing that I am most pleased with is not only the quality of the events, but the involvement of more members planning them.**

**Already this year we had the Scheffel's and Alper's co promote the Applegate Lake/ Jacksonville Brunch Tour. We did the glassblowers tour in April. Then John & Helen Gritsch planned out a wonderful day at the Brammo Motorsports factory and Roxy Ann Winery in May. Then it was the Van Heuitt's and Van der Horst Gymkhana in early June. Most of the other events planned through the year involve different people doing the planning. We've been bugging folks to help plan their Club events and it's wonderful to see you step up and help.**

**It's also great to see many new faces at the events. Our next event in late June is an RSVP brunch in Galice and so far I have 3 people coming who I have never met before! New people are the life blood of any Club so it's wonderful to see the new names on the roster. Please plan to come join us on as many events as you can. I know you will enjoy yourself.**

**Parade is early July and the last I heard it was about 95% sold out. So I'm sure the folks headed down will have a ball as usual.**

**John LeBel is still waiting for all your photos and great articles about your cars. I'm sure you've just forgotten to send them, right? We would love to hear from you. Car stories, tech tips, etc. It's your Club, please get involved.**

**I guess that's about it for now. Enjoy the beautiful early Summer weather. Before long we'll all be complaining about the heat :)**

**Hope to see you at an event soon.**

# Prez Sez

By: John Thompson

***I am recently back from the motherland. That is if you consider Germany the “motherland.” My wife and I were very fortunate to have some friends who were staying abroad and they offered us a place to stay. We couldn’t pass up the offer and also made the most of the time by visiting London, Paris (where the friends were), and ending the trip with a swing through Germany. All three places were uniquely amazing and I will give a more detailed description of our experiences in Germany. To be more precise: Stuttgart. To be even more precise: the Porsche factory and museum.***



***It does appear that both chapters of our club are full-speed ahead. The central chapter has been busy with loosely-planned events called “arrive and drives” mixed with more formally planned ones. The arrive and drives have proved successful in that they take minimal time to plan and even less time to promote. Attendance has be***





***good hitting both sides of the spectrum. The southern chapter has really put on a variety of great events so far this year. Kudos for pulling these off. The pictures seem to indicate a fun is being had by all who attend.***

***The reality is that while summer brings great driving weather it also brings vacations, chores, and other things that make you divide you time between the things you have to do and the things you want to do. Unfortunately, in most cases, the former takes precedence over the latter. Both chapters would enjoy meeting new members who are able to find time away from their “have to”***







*lives. Our clubs future events will be a fitting way to experience more of the things you "want to" do.  
Hope to see you on the road. John*

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# **Second Annual Gymkhana**

**By: Robert Van Heuit**



***The devious Dutch Brothers put on the Second Annual Gymkhana at Eagle Point High School on June 2, 2007. Twenty five Porsche clubbers attended and a total of 12 cars participated. We had a pasta lunch from Antonio's of Eagle Point.***

***Wim van der Horst arranged for the site, got the insurance and the trophies. Bob Van Heuit designed the course and Marilyn Van Heuit ar-***





***ranged for the food. The Gymkhana course consisted of two rectangles marked by four cones at each end of a 50 yard, three curve course. The ends of the course were designated as garage 1 and garage 2. The challenge was for two persons to drive from garage 1 to garage 2, change places and then back from garage 2 to garage 1. It sounds easy doesn't it? However, the person in the driver's seat had to hold a beach ball out the window, while operating the pedals and the passenger had to shift and steer. Most teams had little trouble driving from garage 1 to garage 2, but the trouble***





***started when backing from garage 2 to garage 1. Bob and Wim demonstrated how (not) to run the course to the laughter of all attendees.***

***The times varied from 41 seconds to 9 minutes and 48 seconds. Linda Wiley's team had the highest time and won the beach ball. The***



***fastest time was Ron Pascuzzo's team with 41 seconds. Matt and April Campbell had a 56 second run and made a second run of 43 seconds for a close second place. Jim Chamber's team finished third, in a time of one***

***minute and 19 seconds.***

***A good time was had by all. Now I wonder what next year's challenge will be?***



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***Dave Duarte, Danny Nielson, John Crisalli, Marty Vimaruna & W.H.M.J. van der Horst had the correct answer***



## **Southern Chapter**

**Brammo / Roxyann Winery Tour  
By John & Helen Gritsch**

***Helen and I have been members of the Southern Chapter for a little over two years and decided it was our turn to put together a tour! We were surprised at the turnout – 30 Porsches and over 50 members. A bigger surprise for me was when Dave Hamann, our chapter rep, informed me that I had to write an article about the tour for the Auspuff. I haven't written anything like this since my college days and since***



***I'm just a little younger than Dave we all know that was a long time ago! So here it goes.***



***Helen was the inspiration behind this tour. Her friend Michael told her about a sports car manufacturer in Ashland and thought we might be interested. We spent a Saturday afternoon trying to locate this manufacturer named Brammo. The address in the phone book led us to their composite manufacturing***

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*plant where a gentleman with an English accent gave us a quick tour, the address of the assembly plant and then promptly sent us on our way.*

*When we located the Brammo building it didn't look like an assembly plant. In the parking lot sat a 65' Mustang with a flat tire and in dire need of repair. The door was locked so we knocked on a window and a gentleman inside motioned to a door on our right. We both looked at each other and said, "What the heck!" We opened the door and what a surprise. It was like walking into a different world.*



*The staff was very accommodating and excited about the prospects of having the local Porsche Club come for a tour. I told Jim Wismann, Director of Operations, that there were typically be-*

**tween 20 to 25 members at these events. A small underestimate! We agreed on a date for a plant tour. To round off the events of the day Helen and I decided an hour drive through the mountains ending at Roxyann Winery might be fun.**



**Our Saturday tour started at the Medford Barnes and Noble where we gave out instructions, collected money for the winery tour and visited with friends. From Barnes and Noble we hopped on I-5 to Ashland and arrived at Brammo around 10:00. We split into three groups and toured the assembly plant. Helen and I**

**had already been through the tour but were even impressed the second time around.**

**The Ariel Atom is a fascinating car. Specs include 0 to 60 in under 3 seconds. and costs start at \$40,000! The Atom was first developed and manufactured in the UK. Craig Bramscher has the exclusive manufacturing rights in the US. An interesting story for those who didn't hear involves Jay Leno. He heard about the Ariel Atom and contacted Craig at Brammo. Interested in purchasing the car, Jay and Craig discussed which power plant would best fit the Ariel Atom. Jay thought a GM engine would be a good fit. Craig said he had already tried to contact GM with no response. Jay said, "I'll get back to you shortly."**



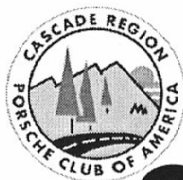


**Within an hour a rep from GM called Craig and asked, "What do you need!" I guess it pays to have connections. Jay ended up purchasing the first Ariel Atom manufactured at Brammo. If you were unable to attend the tour visit their website at [WWW.Brammo.com](http://WWW.Brammo.com). You'll enjoy it!**

**From Brammo we headed up Dead Indian Memorial Road, past Howard Prairie Lake and took A37 over to HWY 140. It was a beautiful drive and quit a sight having 30 Porsches all in a line. From 140 we took the back roads to Roxyann Winery where Michael Donovan, the Director, greeted us with designated parking and a special picnic area just for the Porsche Club. We enjoyed our lunch while Michael instructed us both in the fine art of wine tasting and a history of the RoxyAnn Winery. We were treated to four of their favorite wines after which a bottle of each was raffled off to a lucky participant. Following lunch members were allowed to walk the grounds, view the original buildings, and look at a 37' Packard with 40,000 original miles. All in all it was a great day filled with facts, fun and friends!**







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