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President's Message



The first half of the year has passed quickly and we're on schedule with all our events, a successful Kolekole Pass cruise being the premier event thanks to Rod and Pam Laszlo. We expect the rest of the year to be as exciting with more cruises, a tech session, the Concours d' Elegance on Labor Day, a planned cruise on Kauai via the Superferry, Toys for Tots, and our traditional Xmas Party in December to finish off . A final note, Gary Yanagihara (yanagihag002@hawaii.rr.com) has taken over as Membership Chairman for Craig Wood, who will be moving to Florida in the summer. Aloha and mahalo to Craig and Phyllis for doing a stellar job for us these past two years. Fair winds and following seas to the Woods, the PCAH family will surely miss you.

PCA-Hawai'i Supports the 18th Annual Foodbank Drive

By Ed Yuen

Eighteen club members filed into the Keehi Lagoon Parking lot just before 10:00 a.m. on a clear morning on Saturday, April 21st to support the Hawai'i Foodbank's annual drive. While we didn't get 50 cars to participate, the 18 club members that turned out proudly represented the Hawai'i Region of PCA. Congratulations go out to Vice President Rod Laszlo for organizing the event, as well as to the club members who took the time to support their club and their community. When 18 Porsches pulled into the parking lot of the Mililani Town Center to drop off cash and food donations everyone noticed!

Personally, I can't think of an easier or better way to give back to the community. What other opportunity will you have to drive your Porsche, spend some time with fellow Porsche lovers, enjoy lunch and have the satisfaction of having done your part to help those in need. Actually, you will have another opportunity later this year when PCA-Hawai'i turns out to support the Toys for Tots campaign. This is another worthy community service event. DON'T MISS IT!!



Your PCA-Hawai'i Officers for 2007



President: Ambro Ilagan

Ambro first joined PCA in the 80's when he owned a '74 911S. He dropped out in the 90's, but returned in 2000 to serve two years as Membership Chair, two years as VP, and is currently in his third year as President. He recently purchased a '97 Carrera 2S from Oregon (see Our Rides) and had this to say about the car: "I've always admired the 993 wide bodies for their classic profile and wide rear end view. Aside from a few aesthetic touches, the car's completely stock."



Vice President: Rod Laszlo

Rod is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and currently heads up the Army ROTC program at the University of Hawai'i. He has been a Porsche lover since childhood. His father Tim worked on and owned many Porsches in Portland, Oregon and even supported Gary Wright Racing in the 60's and 70's. Rod's first Porsche was an '84 911 Targa, which he got in 1991, the same year he joined PCA. In 2002, he purchased his current car, a cobalt blue '92 Carrera 4 Targa. Rod, his wife Pam and son Colin are all active participants in PCAH events.



Treasurer: Richard Lau

Richard is Senior Vice President-Mortgage Banking at Territorial Savings Bank. His first Porsche was a red 1974 911 coupe and he currently owns a silver 1988 911 turbo coupe. He is an avid golfer and a member of Mid Pacific Country Club, where PCAH meetings are often held.



Secretary: Ed Yuen

Ed recently retired from the University of Hawai'i. He has been a member of PCA since 1999 and has held the positions of President and Vice President of the PCA-Hawai'i Region. His first Porsche was a black on black 1982 SC coupe. He currently owns a 1991 911 turbo, also black on black. When not driving his turbo, Ed enjoys hiking, swimming and an occasional round of golf.



Membership Chair: Gary Yanagihara

Gary has been a member since 2005. He has been in the insurance industry since 1976 and currently is Executive Vice President for PSH Insurance Inc., a boutique employee benefits insurance agency. His current Porsche is a white 2005 Turbo S coupe.

A Special Message from PCAH Vice President Rod Laszlo

As we all lead busy lives (I am typing this at 11 pm from Fort Lewis, Washington 'deployed' to support my Army job), it is important for all of us to take a break and enjoy something all of us have in common, our cars and the passion for them! Hawaii PCA has over 150 members, and our challenge as the officers of PCAH, is to find the 'passion' in each of you to come out and enjoy your vehicles, as well as the camaraderie of other club members. Our club is nothing without YOUR participation.

I realize that it is hard to squeeze in time to enjoy your baby, daily driver, or whatever your Porsche is for you. My challenge to all of you is to make ONE event a year, whether it is the great charity events such as the Food Bank or Toys for Tots run (helping our own in this great Aloha State), social events such as the cruises and picnics where you meet others who can 'talk story' about their enjoyment (and challenges!) with their cars, *concours* events to show how 'shiny' you can make your beauty, or even the driving events with the SCCA Hawaii or other car clubs. There should be something for you! If there is not, please give us feedback to bring you out to an event . . . you would be amazed the enjoyment you will get, even for just a couple of hours. If your car is in the shop, or you are currently just a participating member between Porsches, we still would enjoy your company. As with all events we do, the more the merrier. In the five years I have been associated with this club, I have made life long friends who can come together with purpose, or fun, and enjoy this passion called Porsche. Come out and find your passion with us, I guarantee you will not regret that time!

50th Anniversary Logo Contest

Don't forget that 2008 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Porsche Club of America-Hawai'i Region. We are looking to the membership to design a special logo to commemorate this important milestone in our club's history. The winning design will be determined by the club officers and the winning designer, in addition to having his or her logo prominently displayed on shirts, caps and banners, will receive a great gift. The deadline for submittals is September 20, 2007 so get those creative juices flowing.

Nice Turnout for Annual Picnic

By Ambro Ilagan

Take a nice sunny day, a moderate trade wind, a cool spot under the trees of Kamehame Ridge Park, three to four well-seasoned BBQers, three gracious hostesses, all the food, drinks, and desserts you could ever want at any gathering, and you have the perfect PCAH Picnic experience. This year's picnic was held on Sunday, June 17, 2007 (Father's Day) and Ray Freitas and his two grandsons, the Marshalls - Bones and Milli, Scott Schulte, Yesso and Jeanette, BBQ chefs extraordinaire Ed, Richard, Darryl, and Steve; food preparers Liz, Gwen, and Diane; tent erectors and dismantlers, Gary, Ambro, Richard, Craig, Jeff, Darryl and Ed; Al, Bryan, Ted, BMW-turned Porsche aficionados Jason, Woody, Russell and his wife and two daughters, all enjoyed the cheerful gathering and great camaraderie that usually accompany our events. The Woods, Craig and Phyllis, who will be departing for retirement in Florida, were presented with a PCAH plaque, farewell lei and our fondest aloha from all of us at PCAH for their contributions to the club. And thanks to all who attended for making this another memorable event.



Da Gang



Gracious Hostesses



Well Seasoned BBQers???



Aloha to Craig and Phyllis

First Ever Kolekole Pass Cruise a Huge Success

By Ambro Ilagan

Twenty-one club members took advantage of a rare opportunity to drive their Porsches through Kolekole Pass on Sunday, May 20, 2007. Thanks to the efforts of Rod and Pam Laszlo, we were able to access the Lualualei Naval Magazine and Schofield Barracks to Kolekole Pass. The cruise began at our normal starting point, the Keehi Lagoon parking lot, at 10:15 and traveled on H1 through central O'ahu and on to the Waianae coast to the Lualualei Naval



Magazine where our journey up to the pass proceeded in groups of three and four cars, which were carefully orchestrated by Rod and Pam. Although it was sunny, the vog prevented us from capturing Kolekole's full beauty; however, it was still a rare and awesome sight to behold. Once through the pass, the caravan continued out of Schofield Barracks and headed east to the



Mililani Town Center, where we culminated this great day with a sumptuous lunch at Assagio's. Once again, our thanks go out to Rod and Pam for planning and coordinating another wonderful experience.

Sadly, the Kolekole Pass cruise was the last event for club members Dave and Agnes Boberly. Along with their daughter Amanda, Dave and Agnes relocated to Florida on June 1, 2006. The Boberlys were active club members and we wish them well.

"The view was spectacular. I really enjoyed the drive through the Koolaus and hope this will be an annual event."

Our Rides

By Ed Yuen

"I've always admired the 993 wide bodies for their classic profile and wide rear end view."

This issue's featured car is a 1997 Carrera 2S which belongs to Club President Ambro Ilagan. Ambro bought the car in Oregon in March 2007. Except for after market exhaust tips and a few other aesthetic add ons, the car is completely stock. However, knowing Ambro, it won't stay that way for very long. Ambro says he's always admired the looks of the 993, which many Porscheophiles consider to be the best looking Porsche ever built. The wide body of the S model 993 also appeals to Ambro. You have to admit the car is stunning in black. Prior to purchasing the 993, Ambro had a pristine, red 1979 911 turbo.



Upcoming Events

Concours d'Elegance
 Labor Day, September 3, 2007; 9:00 a.m.
 Aloha Tower Marketplace

The Concours d'Elegance is back! As many of you know, we've had a People's Choice car show for the past two years. Based on members' comments, we've decided to have a concours event this year, where cars will be assigned to classes and judged. Those of you who do not have the time to get your car into concours condition can enter the "Wash and Show" contest, where cars will only be judged on exterior appearance. Mark this event on your calendar and watch for the e-mail and flyer announcements with more information.

Cars and Coffee
 2nd Saturday of the Month 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
 Various Locations

Car enthusiasts from the Porsche, BMW and other local car clubs have been getting together informally on the second Saturday of each month to have coffee and talk about cars. The June get together was held at the upper parking lot of Mānoa District Park and over 20 people showed up in Porsches, BMWs, Corvettes and even an Aston Martin. Bryan Okubo, President of the BMW-HI Club, has been organizing these get togethers. Look for his e-mails or contact him at bmwmnut@aol.com. It's a great opportunity to see some other cars and to get to know other enthusiasts. I encourage you to turn out. You'll be glad you did.

The Technical Corner

By Ed Yuen

You may have noticed that Costco is now filling tires it sells with nitrogen. Green caps on the valve stems let the world know that you're riding on nitrogen. What's the deal with using nitrogen instead of the plain old "air" we've been using since we went away from hard rubber tires?

It's claimed that for filling tires nitrogen is better than oxygen because it is completely dry and has larger molecules. As a result, there is no condensation, which can rust your wheels. Oxidation apparently also degrades the rubber of your tires over time. The larger nitrogen molecules also escape much slower than oxygen thereby maintaining proper tire pressure for a much longer period of time. Having the proper tire pressure maximizes fuel efficiency, extends tire life and minimizes the risk of a blowout.

Does it really work? Well, NASCAR teams use nitrogen in their tires to minimize pressure fluctuation. The FAA also requires the use of nitrogen in aircraft tires.

Unlike air, nitrogen is not free. McKenna Motors in Kailua charges \$25.00 to fill four tires. Costco does not charge, but will only fill tires bought from it.

Our Newest Members

Leterc, Eric D. 2007 Cayman

Transfers from other PCA Regions:

Hollis, Peter J. 1995 968
 Styer, Robert W. 2004 996; 2006 Cayenne S
 Turolla, Michael 1991 964 Turbo (Welcome back Mike!)

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