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Aloha PCAH Members,

A Hauoli Makahiki Hou to all of you as we close yet another successful and exciting year of events that celebrate our enduring love for our great automobiles and look forward to another milestone in the history of our club in

Hawaii, our 50th anniversary. The stewardship of our club will be led by essentially the same lineup of officers with the only change being Colleen Kimura as Secretary. I want to thank outgoing Secretary, Ed Yuen, for his valuable contributions and count on his continued support with the newsletter, the annual car show, and other exciting activities. I want to thank the rest of the officers for their continued commitment and our primary sponsor, Porsche of Hawaii, with former representative Darryl Lee who will continue to be our liaison with them. Aside from our usual slate of events and island cruises, which serve to quench our thirst for engaging with fellow Porschephiles on cruises and enjoying friendly gatherings

and lunches, we are anticipating special events for our anniversary celebration and the possibility of an event on either Kauai or Maui via the Superferry. These functions are intended to provide you with ample opportunities and venues to enjoy your cars and the people that share a great common interest. But the success that we've enjoyed for so many years has come only with the commitment and behind-the-scenes and tireless support from individuals who plan and execute these events to ensure their success. We're looking for your active involvement and especially in seeing more first-timers to come out and be active in the club. So I'm soliciting your cooperation in making 2008 a banner year for us and I am again grateful for another opportunity of being your titular head and your representative to PCA.

Mahalo, Ambro

Christmas Party Held at Mid-Pacific Country Club

Thanks to the sponsorship of Club Treasurer Richard Lau our annual Christmas party was held in a private room at the beautiful Mid-Pacific Country Club in Lanikai. As in past years, PCA-Hawai'i subsidized part of the cost of the sumptuous buffet, which featured carved prime rib. In addition to going home stuffed, each attendee took home a prize (and in many cases more than one prize) thanks to the generosity of sponsors Territorial Savings, Porsche of Hawai'i and PCA-Hawai'i.

The event also featured the presentation of plaques to the winners from our Labor Day Concours d' Elegance. As a side note, be sure to read the From the Regions section of your December issue of Panorama, which mentions our Concours.

The annual Christmas Party is always a great setting to get together with old friends and to meet new ones. This year's party was no exception and it was great to see former Club Presidents Mike Cripps, John Arafiles and Darryl Lee. Thanks go out to Ambro and Richard for getting the door prizes; to Liz Ilagan, Gwen Won and Colleen Kimura for the party favors and center pieces; and to all the Club Officers and members who made 2007 a great year!



Mike and Carol Cripps



Ray and Patty Freitas



Linus and Stephanie Pauling



Rod and Pam Laszlo



Gwen Won, Joni Arafiles, Maude Lau, Liz Ilagan

"Convenience Rally" Held in October

By Ambro Ilagan

It was a beautiful Sunday morning in October and the conditions were perfect for the eight Porsche drivers and their all-important navigators to undertake the challenges that rally and cruise coordinators Rod and Pam Laszlo had planned for them. The participants met at our usual starting point, Ke`ehi Lagoon Park, at 10 am to receive the pre-rally briefing from Rod. It was at this time that the drivers and their navigators first learned that they would be visiting six "convenience stores" (7-11 Stores) stretching from Kalihi to Ewa with stops in Waipahu, Waipio and Wahiawa. Each team had to get to each 7-11 Store indicated in the "ideal time" (we don't encourage speeding) traveling the shortest distance. Once at the store, each team had to buy an item and obtain a receipt as evidence that they had in fact visited the store. Scoring was based on how close a team came to (1) completing the rally in the ideal time; (2) in the shortest distance traveled; and (3) spending the least amount of money at the 7-11s.

Around two hours later, all cars clocked in safely at the designated culmination point, Roy's in Ko`Olina, where twenty of us enjoyed sumptuous meals while actively

bantering about the wrong turns taken, double-backs, and getting lost. None the less, we all agreed that this rally was much more challenging and required more driving, navigational and shopping skills than the last one we had several years ago. The usual fun, excitement, and camaraderie were enjoyed by all. The top three finishers and their navigators were Ed Yuen and Gwen Won, Gary and Dianne Yanagihara, and Darlene Tilton and friend. Thanks again to Rod and Pam for their efforts and ingenuity in creating this fun event, and thanks again to Roy's for those delicious lunches.



PCA-Hawai'i drivers and navigators have their picture taken prior to the start of the Convenience Rally.

50th Anniversary Logo Contest Winner

2008 is the 50th anniversary of the Porsche Club of America- Hawai'i Region and we looked to the membership to design a special logo to commemorate this important milestone in our club's history. The winning design was submitted by club member Marc Lefebvre who lives on Maui. Marc is a software engineer and moved to Maui in 2002. He is currently the Chief Technical Officer for iWave Solutions, a Maui IT company that Marc founded in Boston in 1998. Marc is an avid windsurfer and has competed on a semi-professional level since 1992.

Marc joined PCA in 2000 when he purchased a 1996 Carrera, which has been converted to a European spec RS. He recently purchased a second Porsche, a 1985 911 slant nose, which he will use for SCCA racing on Maui. Marc looks forward to bringing his Porsche to O'ahu once the Superferry is up and running.

Marc's design (right) will be prominently displayed on shirts, caps and banners throughout 2008. He will also receive a \$50 gift certificate for his efforts. Thanks to all the other club members who submitted logo designs in the competition.



Disappointing Turnout for Toys for Tots Cruise

Only nine Porsches turned out on November 25th at Magic Island to support the Toys for Tots cruise sponsored by the US Marine Reserves. This really worthy cause provides toys for island kids who otherwise would not have any gifts to open at Christmas. In addition to supporting this great cause, the event provides an opportunity for our club members to interact with other car clubs. The Mustang Club, for example, turned out in force and set an example for all other car clubs.

Following a cruise through Waikīkī to the drop off point at Kapi'olani Park, club members met at the Blue Water Restaurant in Hawai'i Kai for brunch and camaraderie. Thanks to Vice President Rod Laszlo and his wife Pam for making the arrangements for this event. At 160 strong, our club can certainly have a better turnout to support needy island keiki. Let's vow to do better next year.



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