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Can you believe it, one quarter of 2008 is already in the books. As you'll note in this newsletter, the club has gotten off to a great start. Besides the Sweetheart Cruise in February and the Cars & Coffee event in March, we've supported two human interest requests, i.e., Andrew Sato's tribute and the celebration of Dr. Riley Lee's father's 90th birthday on Kauai. This demonstrates our support for one of PCA's guiding principles that we're not just about cars; we're also about people. Kudos go out to our coordinators and participants for these events and to those who are working hard in planning and executing the events for the rest of the year. Upcoming events include the detailing tech session and the Food Bank Drive in April and the exciting Kole Kole Pass Cruise in May. So, mark your calendars. These events are intended solely for the interest and enjoyment of our membership. So please think seriously about coming out to support your club and enjoy our cars, the camaraderie, the shop talk, meeting the new and prospective members, reacquainting with the old, and catching up on what's happening in our region. As I've mentioned in previous articles, we want your inputs, feedback, and ideas on these events or on any other items concerning the overall operations of the club by emailing any one of the officers, whose email links are on the home page of our website, or through your attendance at our bi-monthly meetings. Until I see you at our next event or on the road, mahalo for your continued support and don't forget to wave or flash your lights to acknowledge a fellow PCAH member or Porscheophile when you pass them on the road.

Valentine's Day Cruise Kicks Off 2008 PCAH Events

By Ambro Ilagan

We were very fortunate to have our usual Hawaiian sunshine returning to the scene after two weeks of wind and rain. Twelve pristine Porsches (thirteen if you count Richard Lau, who met us at the starting point but was unable to do the run because he was still recovering from a cold), led by club Safety/SCCA Chairman Scott Schulte and Briana in Scott's stunning yellow Turbo, made the almost two hour trek from Ke`ehi Lagoon Park to Haleiwa Joe's via H3 and the Kaneohe, Kaaawa, Hauula, Laie, and Kahuku coastlines towards Haleiwa on the North Shore. We made our usual rest stop at Koaloa Park. A slow bus, a few other vehicles that moved at a glacial pace, and the Sunday surfer congestion contributed to the long ride. However, the sunny day and majestic land and seascapes of the windward side and North Shore made for a very pleasurable ride. Coordinator/Club Secretary Colleen Kimura came through with flying colors coordinating this fine run and arranging a

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Kevin Ham Helps Make a Dying Boy's Dream Come True

By Ed Yuen

By now you've all read or heard the heartbreaking story of Andrew Sato, the 17 year-old boy who lost his battle with leukemia on March 1, 2008. Andrew had a tough life, being abandoned in a park and being diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 8. Andrew inspired all those who came to know the story of his battle with this deadly disease. His leukemia went into remission, but returned in April 2006. When it was obvious that he was going to lose his battle with the disease, Aiea High School honored him with an early graduation. All of this was publicized in the local papers and on the television news. What got less attention was the fact that Andrew wanted to be a chef and someday own a sports car. When this became known, an event was planned to have Andrew picked up in a sports car and driven to Kapi'olani Community College, which has an outstanding culinary arts program, for a special day for Andrew. When PCAH member Kevin Ham heard about the need for a sports car to pick Andrew up, he quickly stepped up to offer him a ride in his Porsche. Unfortunately, the day that Andrew was to get a ride in Kevin's classic Speedster he was too ill to go out. Nevertheless, a large group honored Andrew that day at Kapi'olani Community College, which presented his foster mother with an honorary diploma for Andrew. Kevin eventually did get to meet Andrew before he died. Well done Kevin!



KCC Chancellor Leon Richards behind the wheel of Kevin's Speedster. Andrew's foster mother in the passenger seat. Kevin in rear with lei.



Kapi'olani Community College gathering to honor Andrew Sato. Kevin Ham center left second row in white shirt.

President Ambro Ilagan Goes to Kauai to Help Celebrate Porsche Lover's 90th Birthday

By Ambro Ilagan

Dr. Riley Lee, a renowned musician and grand master of the "Shakuhachi," Japanese flute, wanted to fulfill his father's long-time wish to ride in a Porsche. It was a promise that his wife made to him 30 years ago for his 90th birthday, February 20, 2008. The planning started in August 2007 when Dr. Lee, a resident of Australia, emailed PCA. He requested assistance from a few Porsche owners in Hawaii who were willing to surprise his father, who lives on Kauai, with his "dream ride" on his 90th birthday. PCA contacted the Hawaii Region president and the proverbial ball quickly went into high gear. In collaboration with Dr. Lee and his family, the date was set and two of Kauai's pristine Porsches, Richard Gill's 1980 911SC and Tony O'Keefe's 2005 997 Carrera, answered the call. The Sheraton Resort in Poipu, Kauai, was a fitting venue for this great surprise event. When the Lee's entourage arrived at the hotel just before lunch on the 20th of February, Mr. Lee's father had a breathtaking expression as he gazed at two examples of his favorite sports car. He was treated to a ride in each of them culminated by a birthday luncheon and presentation of a PCA Hawaii Region shirt and cap by region president, Ambro Ilagan. When asked about his love for Porsches, Mr. Lee said that based on the books he's read over the years on sports cars, "Porsche was the best." (See photos next page)



Clockwise from left: Mr. Lee in "his" 997. PCAH President Ambro Ilagan, Mr. Lee and Tony O'Keefe. Mr. Lee and Richard Gill alongside Richard's '80 SC. Mr. Lee and Tony O'Keefe alongside Tony's 2005 997.

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delicious (three-meal selection menu) lunch at Haleiwa Joe's, which has been our perennial stop for more years than I can remember for our Valentine's Sweetheart Run. Colleen went all out and baked those scrumptious signature cookies that she gave to each participant and even provided goodies for the children that came to the event. Mahalo, Colleen. I'd also like to thank new comers to our events, Jon Taketa, Jack Roose and his guest, and Shane Bush and Christina (I apologize in advance if I omitted or got the guest's names wrong, I'm really bad at remembering names). This time, new comers made up 25% of the 12 car caravan; that's great. And thanks to all the other regulars Craig Young, Ed Yuen and Gwen, Alan and Shigeko Lau, James Ferguson and his two daughters, Steve Tashima, and James Burke and his wife, who always can be counted on to support our events and make them both exciting and enjoyable. (See photos on following page)

Valentine's Day Cruise 2008



START: Keehi Lagoon Park



MIDWAY: Kuoloa Beach Park



FINISH!



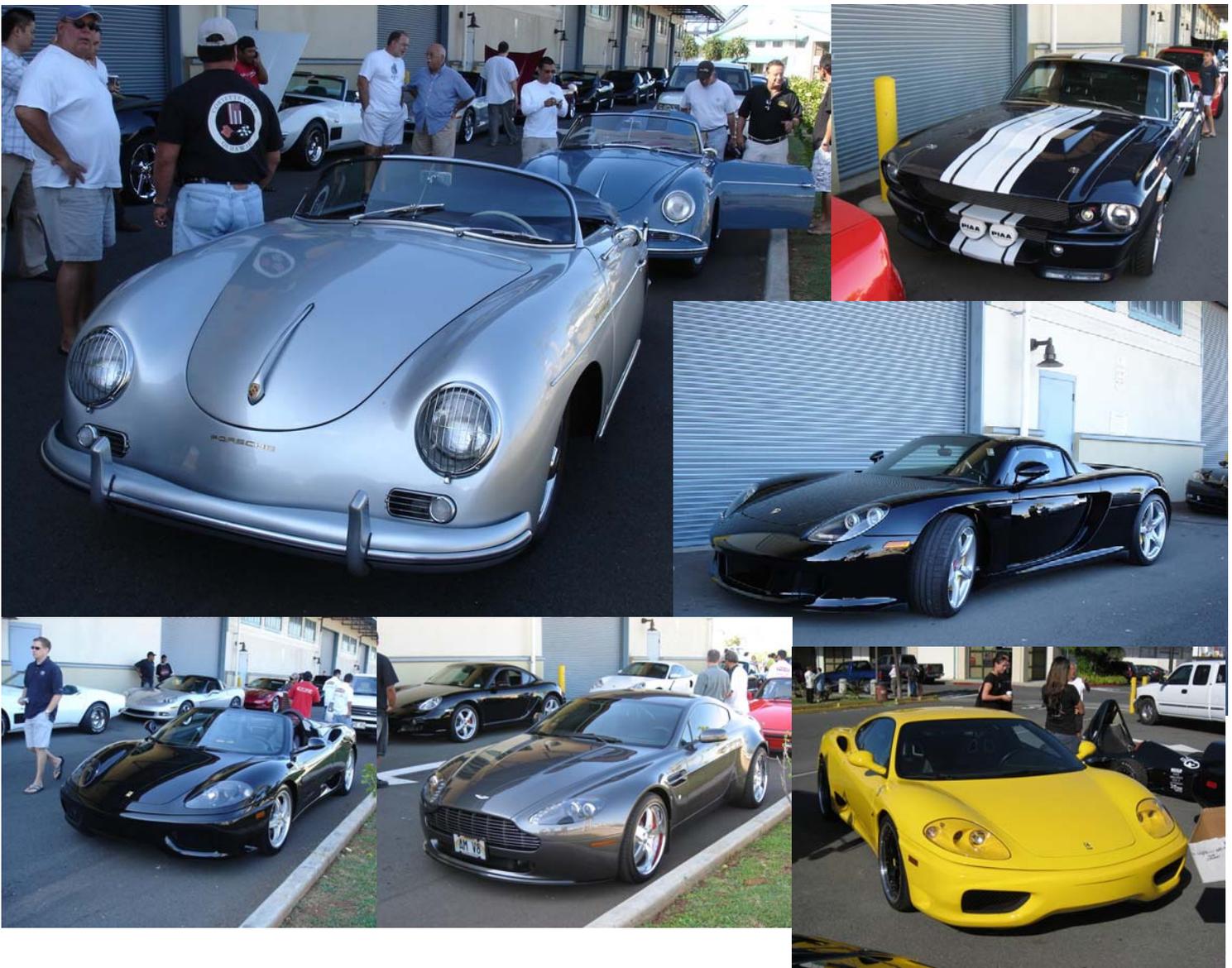
The Gang on the lawn in front of Haleiwa Joes

Cars and Coffee at Pier 38 Serves as PCAH March Event

By Ed Yuen

Just about one year ago, BMW Club President and PCAH member Bryan Okubo organized an informal get together of car lovers on a Saturday morning in the Kāhala Mall parking lot. It wasn't well received by Kāhala Mall security. Undaunted, Bryan moved the event to the Mānoa Park parking lot. Security didn't chase him and his diehard followers out this time, but the ever present Mānoa "mist" did. Proving that the third time (actually, the third place) is the charm, he moved the ever growing event to Pier 38, where Nico's and Uncle's restaurants are located. It is now a regular event there on the second Saturday of each month.

PCAH decided that its second event of 2008 would be the March Cars and Coffee, which was held on March 8, 2008. As the saying goes, a picture's worth a thousand words. Here's a few for you to enjoy.





PCAH March 5, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 7:15 pm at the Brew Moon Restaurant. Members present were:

Ambro Ilagan - President
 Rod Laszlo - Vice President
 Colleen Kimura - Secretary
 Richard Lau - Treasurer
 Gary Yanagihara - Membership Chairman
 Ray Freitas (his grandson was also in attendance)
 Bryan Okubo
 Terry Schulze

1) Recap of the most recent events:

- Sweethearts Cruise in February turned out great with the yearly luncheon at Haleiwa Joe's.
- Special thanks went to Kevin Ham and Ray Freitas for volunteering to take Andrew Sato for a ride in their cars as his wish was to ride in a sports car. The event was sponsored by KCC.

- Dr Riley Lee's dad's 90th Birthday celebration on Kauai. His dad's birthday wish was to ride in a Porsche and thanks to two Porsche owners on Kauai who made his dream come true. In addition, Ambro presented him with a club shirt and cap. They were featured in PCA's March Photos of the Month
- 2) Our 2nd Porsche Club event is a joint event with Cars & Coffee at Pier 38.
Post-Meeting Note: It was the largest event with over 50 cars in attendance. There were Porsches, Bimmers, Ferraris, an Aston Martin, Corvettes, a Shelby GT 500 Mustang, Carrera GT, Lotus, and many others. The Ohana Road crew was on-site interviewing owners and filming the event.
- 3) April 19th will be our Annual Food Bank Drive. We will start from a new location, Moanalua Gardens (by Tripler) parking lot, and cruise over to Mililani Town Center to drop off our donations, then have lunch at Ruby Tuesday's in the same location. Note: In the future, events previously started from Ke`ehi Lagoon Park will start at the Moanalua Garden parking lot. This is due to the lack of shade trees and the poor condition of the road and the parking area at Keehi Lagoon Park.
- 4) May 4th will be our Kolekole Pass event. As we did before, we will be entering from the Navy's Lualualei NAVMAG side and having lunch at Schofield. More details forthcoming.
- 5) June's yearly picnic is being reconsidered in favor of possible revenue-generating events such as a garage sale, car wash/barbecue. Other fund raising projects such as selling club car badges were discussed. The group agreed that the first step is to seek out a vendor that would give us a good price.
- 6) July's event will be a lunch/brunch event at PCAH member Wes Zane's new Formaggio Grill in Kailua.
- 7) August's Tech event is being planned to take place at the Porsche dealer's Service Dept. Manager Keith George is looking at doing something different from what has been done in past tech sessions.
- 8) September's event is our traditional Labor Day Car Show. Details to follow in ensuing meetings.
- 9) We are forgoing an outer island event in October due to the unpredictable nature of the Superferry. A replacement Oktoberfest event is being considered and will be announced in a future meeting.
- 10) November is our Toy's for Tots event at Magic Island with the other car clubs.
- 11) PCAH's Annual Christmas Party is again planned for MidPac Country Club on 20th of December. The need for musical entertainment was discussed and Ray Freitas has the lead to pursue.
- 12) As of March 5, 2008, we have \$1434 in our PCAH account.
- 13) Our next Bi-monthly meeting will be April 23 at 6:30pm at Brew Moon.

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