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President's Message

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We've arrived at the end of 2008 and the culmination of another great and successful year in accomplishing the general objectives of the club, which include maintaining the highest standards of courtesy and safety on our roads, providing enjoyment and the sharing of good will and fellowship, maintaining our great cars and engaging in social and other events, sharing and exchanging technical and mechanical information, maintaining mutually beneficial relationships with the Porsche workers, dealers, and other service sources, interchanging ideas and suggestions with other Porsche clubs, and by establishing mutually cooperative relationships with other sports car clubs.

I want to thank the Board, our members, event coordinators, and other support personnel, for their hard work and participation in making all our events successful. I hope to see you at the Xmas Party to thank you personally and at all the events in 2009, our 50th anniversary. Mahalo.

PCAH Members Support the Hawai'i Foodbank

The Hawaii Foodbank is one bank that truly deserves a bail out. It is the only nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency in the state of Hawaii that collects, warehouses and distributes mass quantities of both perishable and non-perishable food to 250 member agencies as well as food banks on the Big Island, Maui and Kauai. The Foodbank's mission statement well summarizes the vital role that it plays in the community. *"The people of Hawaii are one ohana. The Hawaii Foodbank provides food so that no one in our family goes hungry. We work to gather food and support from our communities. We then distribute food through charitable agencies to those in need. Our mission is from the heart, and we will fulfill our mission with integrity, humanity and aloha."*

This year's annual drive was held on April 18, 2008 and community minded members of PCA-Hawaii turned out for the cruise to the Mililani Town Center to drop off their food and cash donations. Lunch at Ruby Tuesdays followed the drop off. 2009's annual drive will be held on April 19th and given the troubled economic times we should all plan to help out.



PCA-H members at the Foodbank drop off site



Patty, Ray and Bob dropping off donations



PCA-H Foodbank Supporters

Kolekole Pass Cruise Draws Largest Crowd in Years

Fortunately for us, Vice President Rod Laszlo is also Lieutenant Colonel Rod Laszlo and in this capacity was able to make arrangements for PCAH members and others to take a scenic cruise through Kolekole Pass, which is located on military property. This is the second year that Rod has arranged for this cruise and a huge crowd turned out to take advantage of this rare opportunity. Those of you who know Rod know that he likes to do things BIG!. He's always wanted to lead a 50 car caravan and he pretty much got his wish on May 4, 2008. To improve his chances of getting 50 participants Rod invited the BMW and Ferrari clubs to join in on the cruise. The rest, as they say, is history.

Cars began pouring into the Moanalua Gardens parking lot as early as 8 a.m. and it soon became obvious that the parking lot would not hold all of the cars. The cars then lined up along side the roads leading into Moanalua Gardens and it soon became obvious that this was going to be a very big cruise—maybe the biggest ever. After a briefing by Rod, the cars began streaming out onto Moanalua Road for the drive to the H1 freeway heading west to the Lualualei Naval Ammunition Depot in Nanakuli.

Upon arriving at Lualualei, the cars were staged and sent off in small groups for the drive up the winding road to the scenic lookout, where everyone got an opportunity to take in the breathtaking view before continuing on through the pass and into historic Schofield Barracks for lunch.

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Porsche 60 Years by Randy Leffingwell

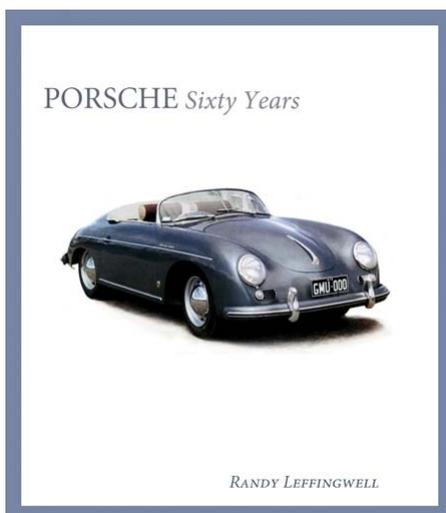
By Ed Yuen

Noted photographer and author Randy Leffingwell has authored a new book to commemorate Porsche's 60th anniversary. Mr. Leffingwell's new book *Porsche 60 Years* is not only well written, but also filled with photos that more than do justice to the beautiful cars being photographed. The coffee table sized book is published by Motorbooks and covers the entire history of the Porsche marque in 348 pages.

Mr. Leffingwell interviewed Porsche historians at the company's archives and sorted through 10,000 photographs for his book. Many of the stories and photographs in Mr. Leffingwell's book have never been told or shown before. In addition to the photos from the Porsche archives, Mr. Leffingwell included his own photographs, which in some cases are nothing less than stunning. The 1991 Turbo with a background of snow covered trees and the sleek white Carrera GT will stick in your mind for a long, long time.

Ferdinand Porsche's start in the automotive industry, the 356 and all the other models that came after, as well as Porsche's illustrious racing history, are all covered by Mr. Leffingwell in an authoritative and interesting manner. The archival photos, expertly selected by the author, help to bring the Porsche story alive.

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The long line up at Moanalua Gardens



The large drivers' meeting before the cruise



The beleaguered cruise leader



Prancing Horses were welcome too



Enjoying the view from the scenic lookout



The lunch spot at Schofield

Porsche 60 Years, con't

Chapter One covers the years 1938 to 1958 and documents Ferdinand Porsche's start in the auto industry beginning with his development of supercharged racing cars for Daimler-Benz, his design of the Volkswagen for Adolph Hitler and finally the establishment of his own car company bearing his name. In this chapter, Mr. Leffingwell mixes early archival photographs of 356 production with modern photos of beautifully restored (or preserved) 356 Speedsters and Convertible Ds.

Mr. Leffingwell strongly emphasizes Porsche's glorious racing history in his book. And this is as it should be given Porsche's own emphasis on racing. Mr. Leffingwell's "bias" for Porsche racing is evident in the titles of his chapters. Chapter Two, which covers the years 1952 to 1961, is entitled "Racing Improves the Breed." Skipping to 1962 (Chapter Four), we encounter "Racing Improves the Breed More." Other chapters are entitled "Racing Takes on its Own Destiny," "The Widow Maker Becomes a Legend," "Racing to New Horizons," and "Reminding Le Mans of Porsche's Capability."

Porsche lovers are fortunate indeed to be able to add Mr. Leffingwell's new book to their library. Even avid Porscheophiles will find something new in this well-researched work. The photos are truly special. Many are spectacular. There are factory photographs with Porsches being assembled, racing photos, and street cars beautifully photographed.

Christmas is around the corner. Do your spouse a favor and tell him or her that you'd like Randy Leffingwell's book for Christmas. Available now. \$60.

Upcoming Events

Toys for Tots Cruise
Saturday, December 6, 2008
10:00 a.m. Kapolei K-Mart

PCA- Hawaii Christmas Party
Saturday, December 20, 2008
6:30 p.m. Mid-Pacific Country Club

The officers of PCA-Hawaii encourage you to turn out for the final two events of the year. The Toys for Tots Cruise benefits a very worthy cause sponsored by the United States Marines. We will be joining other car clubs in this cruise and since Vice President Rod Laszlo is sure to add his own twists and turns to this event.

You are also encouraged to attend the annual Christmas party at the Mid-Pacific Country Club. In addition to a sumptuous buffet and great door prizes, you will have the opportunity to elect your officers for 2009.

Labor Day Car Show at Aloha Tower Marketplace

Most of us dread Monday mornings. The exception is Labor Day which over the past few years has been the day of the annual Porsche Club Car Show at the Aloha Tower Marketplace. Labor Day fell on September 1st this year and 24 club members shined up their rides and put them on display in the shade of the historic Aloha Tower. This year's show included a People's Choice contest, in which the top five vote getters received impressive trophies and valuable car care products.

Those of us who have been involved in car shows know that a lot of time and money goes into making them successful. This year's car show could not have happened without the help of the following individuals and companies.

First, thank you to Melissa Chang and Jennifer Lieu from the Aloha Tower Marketplace who accommodated our every need with a smile.

Special thanks to Ash Eyre and Porsche of Hawai'i, which again sponsored our car show with a \$1,000 donation and displayed several brand new Porsches on site.

Mahalo to Ron Nishimura and his team from Platinum Detailing for displaying their fantastic Adam's products at the show and generously donating cleaning and polishing products, which were given out to the People's Choice award winners.

The Hooters Restaurant also supported our show by again having three of their lovely hostesses add some sparkle to our event.

Of course, the "Porsche ladies" were again on hand to sell tee shirts and caps, as well hand out People's Choice ballots. They also tallied the votes. Thanks to Liz, Gwen, Marsha, Patty and Maude. Thank you also to the up and coming group Paniku, which provided up-beat musical entertainment during the entire event. You did a great job!

Finally, thank you to all the club members who participated in this years show. Obviously, without you there would be no show. Although you are all winners, the following club members took home the trophies this year:



Fifth Place: Weldon Dunlap



Fourth Place: Pamela Rapozo



Third Place: Gary Yanagihara



Second Place: Ray Freitas



First Place: Rick Woltz

The Technical Corner

I recently experienced a blowout on the H1 near the airport. Fortunately, the only damage aside from the tire, which was totally destroyed, was a slightly bent alloy wheel. In retrospect, this incident could have been avoided. As we all know, old tires-even those with good tread- can blow out and cause serious crashes. An organization called Safety Research & Strategies, Inc. has documented 128 deaths and 168 injuries from accidents in which tires older than six years failed. There have also been thousands of cases of property damage resulting from the use of old tires.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that tires age faster in warmer climates. Therefore, it behooves all of us to replace our tires when they reach six years of age, even if there is lots of tread remaining. How can you tell how old your tires are? The U.S. Department of Transportation requires tires to be marked with a code indicating when they were

made. The code is usually on the outer sidewall, but in some instances is on the inner sidewall. Look for a code that ends in three or four numbers, which signify the week and year the tire was manufactured. For example, a tire stamped 0607 was made in the sixth week of 2007. Three digits date the tire to the 1990's when coding was first required. So 228 stamped on a sidewall would indicate that the tire was manufactured in the 22nd week of 1998.

Do yourself a favor and check the manufacture date of your tires. My tires looked practically brand new, but turned out to be nine years old.

Porsche of Hawai'i Hosts PCAH Swap Meet

A big MAHALO to Keith George and his mechanics and staff at Porsche of Hawai'i for hosting our swap meet in his service bays on Saturday, August 23, 2008. Keith not only provided the space, but also provided coffee and pastries in the morning and sandwiches and drinks for lunch. It was also a great opportunity to chat with the mechanics about the servicing and maintenance of our cars.

Many club members generously donated the proceeds from the sale of their wares to the club. All told, the club received over \$300, which can now be used to subsidize future club events.

Rainy Day Cruise Did Not Dampen Spirits of Participants

It was raining on the morning of Sunday, October 26, 2008, and the many club members who had signed up for the North Shore cruise had a decision to make—do I make up an excuse to skip the cruise or do I take my clean, shiny Porsche out in the lousy weather? I'm proud to say that just about everyone that signed up showed up and the wet conditions did not dampen the spirits of the cruisers.

Thanks to Liz and Ambro Ilagan for planning the cruise and making all of the luncheon arrangements. After meeting at Keehi Lagoon Park, the group headed out for Haleiwa at about 10:30. As usual, a long stream of Porsches cruising down the freeway made for a pretty sight on a Sunday morning. Sunday traffic being what it is the group arrived at Haleiwa Joe's in no time at all. In fact, the group was so early that the restaurant wasn't even open when we arrived. No problem. Porsche owners love to congregate in parking lots to talk about their cars.

Once the restaurant opened, the staff of Haleiwa Joe's bestowed their usual first rate service on us and we settled down to a hearty lunch. Thanks also to Pam and Rod Laszlo for making Halloween treats for the group. It was a very nice surprise.

Following lunch, many in the group continued the cruise through the North Shore to Kāne'ohe where the members dispersed to head home. Although the weather was not ideal, it still turned out to be a great day of driving, eating and camaraderie.