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February 1st marked the last time Cheryl and Peter Dunkel will have their awesome Porsche gathering. Peter has held this event at his business location in Anaheim for many years. The Porsche community will surely miss this opportunity to get together and share stories and admire fine automobiles. Peter is a professional at throwing a party. If you're a Porsche fan and didn't get a chance to experience one of his gatherings, you really missed an experience. Attendance was up this year, proving to be the most successful showing of enthusiasts yet! I heard there were about 650 or more Porsches on the grounds alone.

There was a swap meet going on and you probably could put together 10 or 20 very complete cars with all the parts in the swap meet area. I know they were selling quite a few parts because you would see some poor guy walking through the car show with a pair of bumpers or seats on his head every time you turned around.

The early 911 groups were out in force, and looking great. There were Carrera RS's looking mighty fine, along with the classic 911S's. An early 911 African safari car painted with a wild zebra stripe paint job was there to amuse the crowd. Lots of race cars came out on Sunday, a 906, 550s, a champ car, RS61, Abarth Carrera, Carrera Speedster, and probably a whole bunch more that I can't remember off the top of my head. The 356 crowd was also very well represented; there must have been 100 cars in their corral alone. A couple of the cars even had the old wooden ski's hanging on the back. How vintage can you get? I even noticed a few cars displayed on the roof of the building!

The building I'm talking about is Peter's office and museum. He has quite a varied collection. It contains cars of course, racecars, artwork, memorabilia, two Ferraris, one on top of each other, (that's because one is a bicycle) and antiques. He has more model cars than you can shake a stick at. His motorcycle collection along with a wooden boat and a Porsche tractor are quite unique and

great to see shiny and well preserved. You could spend all day inside looking at his collection and not see everything.

This event is special because it's not a car show that is judged; it is just for fun. This event entertains a very large gathering of Porsches of all makes and models. At one point during the day, the announcer went down to the front row to highlight some very valuable cars. He talked about the history and notable facts that were of interest. I thought this was kind of neat. It gave us some insight into the personal history of these cars. This year the weather was truly outstanding. Southern California is about the only place in the world you can have a car show in February and have it turn out to be a perfect 78-degree sunny day.

I would like to thank Peter and Cheryl Dunkel for all the great shows they've had over the years. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped out during the weekend. Everyone worked very hard to make sure everything ran as smoothly as possible. A big thanks to everyone who participated in this event. It was a fun day and it will be remembered for along time, (along with the fact that was super bowl Sunday!)

Until next time, wax on.

Mark