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## New Year's Day Drive

Words Tex Otto | Photos Tex Otto & Shiv Sikand

**A dedicated gathering of drivers and like-minded cohorts took to California's majestic Pacific Coast Highway for the fifth annual January 1 drive.**

As an antidote for recovering from a late evening of midnight jubilation or watching muscled athletes chase a pointy leather ball, we took the opportunity to enjoy the open roadways without the typical weekday traffic brought by students, employees and delivery personnel conducting their daily routines. I can't think of a better way to start a new decade than getting together with friends and their fabulous machines to motor down the asphalt ribbon of Highway 1.

California's Pacific Coast Highway was again our roadway of serenity for our annual New Year's Day Drive. Gathering at Carmel High School before the curious awoke, we headed south towards Big Sur. The exhaust note of the Ferraris reverberated against the canyon walls until we got down to the open meadow pastures of Mission Ranch, with our first view of the ocean. The blue sky with traces of offshore fog met the horizon for a ever changing seascape, as we ventured past Point Lobos Reserve.

Highway 1 travels through some amazingly diverse topographic regions. The woody Carmel Highlands with ocean view homes, transition to the dramatic rugged open coastline around Bixby Creek Bridge, then evolve to the tall pine forests through Big Sur. Our band of drivers wove their way on the undulating tarmac, en route to our pit stop at the roadside settlement of Lucia.

At our brief stop, everyone had different remembrances to share. Drivers recounted



either a great series of turns or the lack of traffic, whereas passengers witnessed incredible large waves and dramatic skies.

Our reversed course back north offered a completely different view of PCH. With the low winter morning sun at our backs, the landscape glowed green from recent rains as the offshore breeze held back the rolling fog from the coastline.

After an equally pleasurable return drive towards civilization, our group of 35 arrived for our lunch at Rocky Point Restaurant with its incredible ocean view and delicious fare. Our reserved ocean view tables awaited us where conversations quickly lead to plans to get together on the road again soon.

Thank you to all who shared this drive for a great start to 2020. 🍷



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**Introducing the new Monterey Peninsula Chapter of the FCA Pacific Region.**

We look forward to seeing you in California's beautiful Central Coast that becomes especially alive with activities each summer in August.

PCH | WINE TOURS | DRIVES | RECEPTIONS | LUNCHEONS

Get on our event announcement list and come join us for fun in Monterey!

Email Tex Otto - [texotto@yahoo.com](mailto:texotto@yahoo.com)

### MONTHLY EVENTS

**Peninsula Cars & Coffee**  
Every Saturday 8 - 10 am.  
Chili's Restaurant  
1349 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.  
in Seaside, CA.

MPC organized drive afterwards on the first Saturday of the month.

**Ferrari Carmel Luncheon**  
First Friday every month.  
Edgar's at the Quail Lodge.  
Special parking. Must RSVP.

**Contact Tex Otto** for drive details and to RSVP for the Quail Luncheon.

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MONTEREY PENINSULA CHAPTER  
FERRARI CLUB OF AMERICA - PACIFIC REGION

## Welcome the new Monterey Peninsula Chapter of the Ferrari Club of America

Words Tex Otto | Photo Bill Makepeace

**There are many Ferrari enthusiasts on our peninsula who are hesitant make the trek up to Bay Area to have some fun with their cars. With the formation of a local chapter by a life-long auto enthusiast, there will be regular events to enjoy their Ferraris with friends along California's Central Coast.**

The goal is to bring local value to being a member of the Ferrari Club of America. There are already numerous advantages of belonging to the largest Ferrari Club in the world including discounts for Ferrari dealership service, travel and leasing that can easily cover your annual FCA membership.

With additional opportunities to enjoy your Ferrari on drives, shows and social activities, we hope to make member's club participation a regular part of the pleasure of owning a special machine from Maranello.

Car enthusiast and long-time Ferrari owner Tex Otto is leading the new chapter, who looks forward to bringing friends together for drives and sharing of information about the ownership of these wonderful cars. "There's nothing like being on a drive with friends and ending up at a nice location to share the experience. It's the most fun and a key reason to be an FCA member!"



Area drives, week enders to sumptuous locations, social events and location tours are in the planning stages. "There are so many great destinations and attractions in our area with wineries, beaches, resorts and collections to explore."

Contact Tex to be on the list for future events - [texotto@yahoo.com](mailto:texotto@yahoo.com).

### FUTURE EVENTS

We're in the initial planning stages of many events for this year, starting with these fun activities. For details contact **Tex Otto** -

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**USS Hornet Drive & Tour**  
Saturday, February 8, 2020  
Alameda

**Umigo Kart Challenge**  
Saturday, March 14, 2020  
Livermore

**Lick Observatory**  
Saturday, April 22, 2020  
Drive & Tour near San Jose

**Pebble Beach Reception**  
Thursday, August 13, 2020

**Monterey Yacht Club Party**  
Saturday, August 15, 2020  
Monterey Wharf

**Hearst Castle Weekend**  
Early October

**Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 5, 2020

### NOVEMBER 23, 2019 UMIGO KART CHALLENGE

Racers were fairly friendly during the initial practice session, but the fangs came out during qualifying. Some bumping was innocent as the still getting warmed up tires would slide past the intended braking point into another kart. Kart moving bumps became more tactical which lead to open questions after the race "Hey who spun me out in that hairpin?" Probably everyone.

Podium finishers were Tex, Dane and Rob.



## 2020 FIA Formula 1 World Championship



### 22 RACE SCHEDULE

February 19 - 21	<b>Pre-Season Test 1</b>	Barcelona
February 26 - 28	<b>Pre-Season Test 2</b>	Barcelona
March 15	<b>Australia</b>	Melbourne
March 22	<b>Bahrain</b>	Sakhir
April 5	<b>Vietnam</b>	Hanoi
April 19	<b>China</b>	Shanghai
May 3	<b>Netherlands</b>	Zandvoort
May 10	<b>Spain</b>	Barcelona
May 24	<b>Monaco</b>	Monte Carlo
June 7	<b>Azerbaijan</b>	Baku
June 14	<b>Canada</b>	Montreal
June 28	<b>France</b>	Le Castellet
July 5	<b>Austria</b>	Spielberg
July 19	<b>Great Britain</b>	Silverstone
August 2	<b>Hungary</b>	Budapest
August 30	<b>Belgium</b>	Spa-Francorchamps
September 6	<b>Italy</b>	Monza
September 20	<b>Singapore</b>	Singapore
September 27	<b>Russia</b>	Sochi
October 11	<b>Japan</b>	Suzuka
October 25	<b>United States</b>	Austin
November 1	<b>Mexico City</b>	Mexico City
November 15	<b>Brazil</b>	Sao Paulo
November 29	<b>Abu Dhabi</b>	Yas Island

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