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Cover Photo

Since I take as many as 150 or even 200 photos per weekend when we have Diablo or PCA activities, selecting one for a cover is typically difficult. I am inclined toward images from my Olympus not so much as an ego thing, but because I anticipate cover shots and often set the camera for the best quality to get 10 ± MB originals. I carry 1 GB of camera memory so I am never forced to shoot at lower resolutions to conserve storage space.

When I have used cover images from members who shoot at typical resolutions, the our excellent printing and glossy paper is such that my eye can see the lower quality. This cover was originally 32 x 24 inches in size and 11.2 MBs as a 72 dpi JPEG. I then converted it to a 300 dpi TIFF for quality printing, but did so after extensive cropping and resizing. Without the smaller size and cropping, it would have been a 192 MB monstrosity. In the current configuration on the cover, it is a 8 MB 300 dpi TIFF. (f/3.5, ISO 50 and 47.8 mm focal length) It was taken at the Saturday, 6/19, Indy SuperCup race and was hand-held using the 10x zoom.

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From the President

by Patrick Schmidt



As we move into August, the focus shifts to remaining events for the year. We are also always looking for calendar additions that provide another reason to enjoy getting together. If you have a new activity idea, contact any board member, and we will try our hardest to see that you get the any help that you may need.

If you are reading this online, you may still have an opportunity to attend the quarterly New & All-comers Barbecue & Pot Luck, July 24th, at the Danville home of our Vice President, Ted French and his lovely spouse, Ingrid. The party is free to all newcomers and only \$10 for members who bring a dish to share. If you are reading this in the mailed and printed *Advocate*, I hope you had a chance to attend the barbecue and meet great people. This quarterly focus on involving new members and encouraging camaraderie, gives all members a reason to party, as if we need a reason! My spouse, Linda, and I are hosting our third New-comers Party on New Year's Eve. This early reminder is so you can plan ahead. We hope you can attend.

We were honored to have Tim Fleming join us for breakfast on Saturday, June 26th. Tim is always informative and helpful with Region and National perspectives including the thousands of other PCA members all enjoying and helping other Porsche enthusiasts. Tim shared with us a PCA member survey that identified driving events as being the type most appreciated by US members.

In the 80's, I had a 914 that was a blast to drive and a very fun car to autocross. This became even more fun after I attended my first autocross school. I competed frequently and attended another PCA autocross school several years later. Each of these schools improved my skill and added to the thrill of participating.

Later, a Panorama article influenced me to make one or two improvements to the 914 each year and learn to drive at this improved level. If you have not tried any driving events, just ask Ted French (or any other participant) and watch their reaction. Ted was still at "redline" talking about his first autocross weeks after it was over. Now, he has a new priority on his calendar.

Board elections are coming soon and I want to encourage any of you to consider joining the Board or to help out as a chairperson. If you want to help the Region, to influence decisions, or to take a more active role, one important way is to run for the Board of Directors. The Board will be seeking nominations from all interested members over the next few months. If you want to use your time and talent as a director or chairperson, just mention it to any Board member. We will be happy to discuss the opportunities and you are welcome to attend the Board meetings as well. Let us know so we can plan to see you there.

The elections will be coming up in the fall with several Board positions open. We hope to have a slate of candidates listed in the October *Advocate* with voting ballots included.

Potpourri

by the Editor

The cover photo has some significance other than a battle between first and second. The white SuperCup Porsche was driven by Patrick Long who is: the first American Porsche AG driver, the first American to win Le Mans ('04) as a factory driver and a driver for our advertiser (TRG) in the ALMS.



There were 101 downloads of the color July *Advocate* between 6/24 and posting the August edition confirming that members appreciate both the color and advanced notice of upcoming events.



Judy Schreib
 <jhschr@tdl.com>

Welcome: New members*

Please visit us at our weekly breakfasts or monthly dinners so we can get acquainted. It will be delightful to meet you in person.

After all, it's not just the cars. It's the people.

**Diablo Region
Board of Directors**

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| New Members (June) | 12 |
| Transfers in | 2 |
| Current renewals | N/A |
| Multi-year renewals | N/A |
| Late/delete renewals ¹ | N/A |
| Transfers out | N/A |
| Non renewals | N/A |
| Dual members | 10 |
| Total membership | N/A* |

¹Previously deleted, now renewed

New members for June:*

| Name | Affiliate | Porsche | Year | City |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Craig R. Babbitt | NA | Boxster S | 2000 | Alamo |
| Jon A. Dickson | NA | 911 | 1999 | Alamo |
| James E. Edmunds | NA | 911 | 1973 | Walnut Creek |
| Michael Fauscette | NA | Boxster | 2003 | Byron |
| Michael Hansen | NA | Boxster | 2004 | Pleasanton |
| Paul G. Kriegler | NA | Boxster | 1999 | Walnut Creek |
| Andre H. Leung | NA | 928 | 1984 | Oakland |
| Robert M. Lyman | NA | 911 | 1996 | Lafayette |
| Frank N. Sanzari | NA | 911 | 2002 | Pleasanton |
| Gus Walbolt | NA | Cayenne S | 2004 | Walnut Creek |
| Jeff Werter | NA | 930 | 1979 | Antioch |
| Eldon H. Yekel | NA | Boxster S | 2001 | Fremont |

Transfers induring June:*

| | | | |
|------------------|---------|------|---------------|
| Bill J. Bournzos | 911 | 1984 | Castro Valley |
| Marc Weinstein | Boxster | 2002 | Dublin |

***The typical online monthly membership report from the PCA national offices continues not to be available. Reported transition issues in the installation of new systems were given as the cause for incomplete and delayed membership data.**



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Ron for the Road

by Ron Leppke, Editor <lepprd@mac.com>

The picture here at the top represents the result of my internal "don't toot your own horn" struggle with an urge to celebrate the second anniversary of one of my most cherished Porsche moments. It shows the "S" coming down the esses toward a first place trophy at the 2002 Porsche Parade in Boise. In addition, beating the state trooper chief instructor's Crown Vic by a full 15 seconds in one lap was almost as delightful as Peter Porsche's autograph on the trophy. My hope is that each one of you readers has some similarly happy recollection to add sprig to your step.



"Life is too short to spend time going in circles" is a thought that frequently comes to mind when I think about the Indy 500 or IRL racing. F1 and Porsche SuperCup are, however, very different, and I found myself getting up close and personal (blisters on both feet from trudging back and forth within the 2½ mile track is a little too personal for me) within the hallowed brickyard.

The Porsche people who drive across many states to see an F1 race and attend a PCA Porsche Supercup dinner are exceptional, and meeting them was one of the weekend's highlights. I also enjoyed speaking with Patrick Long (see Popourri on page 4) and hearing how very different and difficult it is to switch between Cup and the RSR endurance Porsches.

Seeing the 35,000 sq. ft. Walker Racing shop was interesting, but Derrick Walker's warm and friendly explanation of Porsche's Indy 500 ups and downs was a real eye opener to the behind the scene tribulations of being subject to an unfriendly sanctioning body. Both Walker and Kevin Buckler seemed at ease and patient with our questions in spite of each of them leaving the dinner early to fly back to their respective opposite coast racing on Sunday. I found the F1 crowd to be most interesting especially since so many of them were not from the States. I had stimulating conversations with people from Canada, Germany, Brazil, Columbia and France.

Taking pictures was a real challenge. I was either finding an opening in the fencing or getting high enough in the stands to shoot over the fencing. In the former case, all the regular pros staked-out their spots very early and being high in the stands was much too far away. I did, however, have some great photographer exchanges of information plus friendly sharing of key spots. I found one great spot on my own although it did require sort of blocking a stairway and hanging out over the track a tiny bit.

Overall, the best part was hanging out for several hours at Starbucks in the airport. Almost every F1 crew stopped in. The group that stayed the longest, however, was also the most interesting. They were a private enterprise film and broadcast crew that mostly interviewed the drivers and sent out PR type videos throughout the world for the respective sponsors. Hans Stuck was not there but he worked for their German language projects. I had been dying to hear the inside scoop on Hans's departure from Porsche to his current driving chores with BMW. Since Hans now routinely speaks derisively of Porsche, I knew that the details would be juicy and they were.

These folks worked most with Juan Pablo Montoya and seemed clear that his departure from Williams was not closely related to his car control skills.

By contrast, this crew said that, in spite of the media working hard to make Michael a villain, he remains a charming, warm hearted regular guy who devotes much of his time and energy to his young family. There was consensus that Michael was an exceptional human being.

With all the excellent experiences at Indy, I doubt that I will go back again. The locals are fine people but the corporate tripping of hotel/motel rates far out into the outskirts really turned me off. It is also, in spite of many jumbo TV stands, very hard to see the racing, and there was no opportunity whatever to get near the garage area.

Checkout all the latest photos at this homepage:

<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/>

My First Porsche, #18



Dan Spisak's first Porsche as of three weeks ago is a 2000 Tiptronic with a blue top

Perfect Porsche Parking



With no painted lines for protection, race track parking can be risky unless you find a garbage can and a Penske hauler.

TANK TOUR 2004

AUGUST 21, 2004

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Zone 7 Calendar: 2004

| Date | Region | Event | Zone | Title | Location |
|----------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 8/1/04 | GGR | Concours | #5 | Carlsen Concours/Swap | Palo Alto |
| 8/7/04 | LPR | Autocross | AutoX #5 | Zone Autocross | Marina |
| 8/8/04 | GGR | Autocross | AutoX #6 | Zone Autocross | Marina |
| TBD | RR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| 8/15/04 | MBR | | | Monterey Historics | Laguna Seca |
| 8/26/04 | RR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| 9/11/04 | GGR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | TBD |
| 9/12/04 | YR | Concours | #6 | Zone Concours | Modesto |
| 9/18/04 | RR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| 9/18/04 | SVR | Rally | #5 | Carrera de Sierra | Loomis-Tahoe |
| 9/19/04 | LPR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Marina |
| 10/2/04 | GGR | Rally | #6 | Coyote Run | TBA |
| 10/3/04 | RR | Concours | #7 | Ledson Winery | Santa Rosa |
| 10/9/04 | GGR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Alameda |
| 10/9/04 | RR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| 10/9/04 | GGR | Rally | #7 | Event | TBA |
| 10/10/04 | SVR | Swap Meet | | Region Swap Meet | Silverstar Motors |
| 10/16/04 | SqR | Autocross | #7 | Zone Autocross | Millerton Lake |
| 10/17/04 | SqR | Autocross | #8 | Zone Autocross | Millerton Lake |
| 10/17/04 | DR | Concours | #8 | Blackhawk Plaza | Danville |
| 10/30/04 | GGR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Candlestick Park |
| TBD | Zone 7 | Meeting | | Zone Presidents | TBD |
| TBD | Zone 7 | Banquet | | Zone Awards | TBD |



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Diablo Calendar: 2004

August

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Pizza and Porsches
- 19 Thursday Dinner Out
- 21 Tank Tour 2004
- 28 Saturday Drive: Occidental

September

- 3 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Board Meeting
- 16 Thursday Dinner Out

October

- 1 Pizza and Porsches
- 2 Oktoberfest
- 5 Board Meeting
- 17 Blackhawk Concours
- 21 Thursday Dinner Out



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As usual, a first-time Porsche gets the looks.

November

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Pizza and Porsches
- 18 Thursday Dinner Out

December

- 3 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Board Meeting
- 16 Thursday Dinner Out



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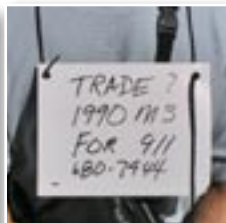
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First car out at 9:01 A.M.
Ron Boeck, Rallymaster

Description: Official maps or instructions will be used to communicate possible routes to stand off and checkpoint controls. There may be non-visual and DIY checkpoints. The rally route will include the Wine Region, the Gold Country, and the High Sierras. Classes and equipment restrictions will be defined and announced at registration. Every rally car must have a driver and a navigator.

Directions: Start is at the Elk Grove Brewery in Old Town Elk Grove. For directions, to go <<http://www.elkgrovebrewery.com/>>

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Driving Events

by the Editor

The GGR Time Trial 2004 season is now complete and Diablo drivers have earned two class championships.

Milo Dorr drove his red 1986 944 in class DM and earned the first place trophy with 40 total points for the season.



Although this next photo is from 2003 when TT events had themes, it is too good to remain on my hard drive and needs to be seen.



Photos mostly by David Leong.



Ralph Ligons won the GM class. Originally a '73 911 E, our fine sponsor (p. 23), Tom Martenot, converted it to a RS replica for Ralph.



On the surface (below), it looks like a whole bunch of people being friendly and helpful, but an obligatory inspection following a spin on the track puts it into a different light.



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Zone 7 Parade Autocross Trophy Winners

From left to right: Mike Lommatzsch, Bud and Mary Ann Behrens, Tish Gleason, Larry Adams, Greg Adams, Bob Peake and Al Armellini. Tish and Al are Diablo members. **Photo by Rik Larson**

Loma Prieta Region and Golden Gate Region Present

Zone 7 Autocrosses # 5 & #6

Saturday & Sunday, August 7 & 8

Alameda Point on West Tower Avenue

Alameda



Morning registration: 7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

Afternoon registration: 11:30 A.M. - 12:10 P.M.

Fee: \$30.00 per driver per day - Some loaner helmets available

Exhaust restrictions are 92db @50ft.

For directions, go to: <http://www.pca-ggr.org/acvenues.html#alamedapoint>.
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Saturday Night Dinner

There will be a casual Saturday dinner at Chevy's, 2400 Mariner Square. Cost is \$30.00 per person and includes appetizers, meal, soft drinks/beer/or margaritas. For reservation, send your check, payable to "PCA-GGR" to: Cathy Carlson, 14144 Campagna Way, Watsonville, CA 95076 (831) 728-3190. *The deadline for Reservations is August 1.*



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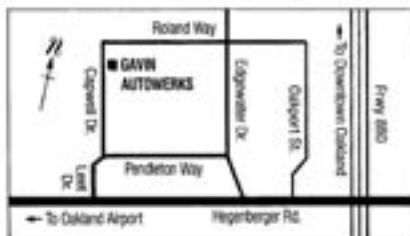
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49th Annual Porsche Parade

Compiled by the Editor

On the deadline day for this *Advocate*, very few results or photos had been posted on the official Parade web page. This is a sharp contrast, for example, from the 2002 Boise Parade which added dozens of photos everyday **during** the Parade week.



What is known at this time is that Zone 7, including our own Al Armellini, won three of the four rally classes. The Toney's of SVR easily won the Equipped Class; Al and Rik Larson the Navigational Class; and Bud and Mary Ann Behrens the Unequipped Plus Class.

Others who did well representing Zone 7 were: Ken and Tom Provasi in Navigational; Larry and Greg Adams who were 3rd in Unequipped, and Jim and Dona Sorensen, from Diablo, were 15th in that class.



Dona made a Parade sunshade that was judged 3rd in the Craft-Amateur Class of the Art Show competition. Burt Propp, former National PCA President and who, most amazingly, has attended nearly all



of the 49 Parades, won two Art Show prizes. While there was no such designation, Tim Fleming's wife and children earned an "Art Family of the Year" award



after Ryan, Lauren and Susan (1st place) each earned trophies in their respective classes. Rob Neidel, who may hit 49 or more Parades by the time he reaches Burt's age, was second in the Professional Painting Class.



Greg and Larry Adams followed by Al Armellini were first through third in the in the SS6 Autocross class; Tish Gleason won the corresponding ladies class. As is frequently the case at Parades, Tom and Sandy Provasi had TTOD for their respective genders. Dave McGuigan was first in the highly competitive P15 class. Tim and Susan Fleming were third and second respectively in the Modified 4 Class dominated by the Provasi 914.



Jim Sorensen of Diablo was second in the Late 911 Tech Quiz and Al Armellini was eighth.

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Garage Sale

For Sale: 1999 Carrera 4 Cabriolet. Silver/black, 45,000 miles, mint condition, all options including hardtop and Tiptronic. Below book at \$49,900. Brian Damkroger. Livermore, <opienzip@direcway.com> 925-371-1401



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For Sale: 1975 Porsche 911S Coupe, Ivory/dark brown leather; factory air conditioning; electric windows; fog lamps. The vehicle is all original with 71,979 miles. Original California car with "Certificate of Authenticity." **Pristine Condition.** 1998 PCA Zone 7 Concours Series Winner and 2002 Hillsborough Concours Class Winner. Always Garaged. \$23,000.00. Roland Garrido.<r8k12b92@cs.com> 510-792-3733

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