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Cover Photo

Zone 7 editors receive copies of other region's newsletters and I always notice the respective cover photos. Some editors go for anything showing a Porsche vehicle, others may be a bit more inclined to showing their members while some delight in mostly close-ups of shiny vehicle body parts. These close-up shots are apparently a special treat when some person or other car part is being reflected.

Having done one reflected image cover many months ago, I was and continued to be inclined toward showing the less visible members who make the Region work including our "first ladies." The cover shows our most recent presidential wife, Linda Schmidt with Jan Carpenter, whose husband, Jack, was also a Diablo President recently.

The photo was taken with my new Olympus E-300 using a flash. The focal length was 28.0 mm, the aperture was $f/3.5$, the ISO was 400 and the f stop was $f/4.4$. Photoshop was used to crop and resize the scene and to adjust the color, shadows and highlights.

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Ted's Tidbits

By Ted French, President

It's amazing how fast the time goes by. This was illustrated to me when I got a brief note from our editor reminding me that my message to everyone is already past due. He was very kind, but I can assure you he can have a mean streak if I don't get this to him in a timelier manner in the future.



I would like to bring everyone up to speed on quite a few things that occurred this last month. Our Past President had a New Year's Eve party that I understand was a great success. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but a big "Thank You" to Patrick and Linda for opening their home for everyone. On January 7th, we had our annual planning meeting for the events for this next year and, believe me, we are going to have some fun. According to my last count, we have planned roughly seven tours, four newcomers parties, two rallies, the annual Wash & Shine Concours, and the annual Blackhawk Concours. All these special treats are in addition to the recurring weekly Saturday breakfasts, the third Thursday dinner at Rocco's and the first Friday Porsche and Pizzas at Pavlo's. With a few tech sessions thrown in, we are certain to have a great year. By the way, we are also starting our own Diablo Region autocross. If you would like to try your hand at piloting a brand new Porsche Carrera GT at no cost, you can get the details at any Saturday breakfast at Danville Denny's.

I also attended the Zone 7 Presidents meeting this last Saturday and came away with some great ideas for events in the future. I felt proud when it was brought up in the meeting that the Diablo Region is known nationally in the PCA world for our long-running well attended weekly breakfast (38 people that day). We have a great club and those of you that don't participate in the many

functions are really missing out. I could go on further, but I am trying to not ramble.

So, until next month, practice those apexes.

Potpourri

by the Editor

TRG, our fine sponsor located at Infineon Raceway, has greatly expanded their 2005 racing enterprise by preparing more Porsches and by moving to the Daytona Prototype class as well. The season starts with the Daytona Rolex 24-Hour race on February 5 and 6. As editor, I receive periodic news releases prior to and during the race. If you would like me to forward these to you, send your request as an e-mail to me at <lepprd@mac.com>.

We are beginning to see more East Bay Porsche dealer support for our PCA programs. Claridge's Porsche helped sponsor the Zone 7 Awards Dinner door prizes.



Since dealers do not always see our purchases (washers do not count; substantial items do) as a response to their generosity, please identify yourself as a Diablo member when you do buy something or just stop in to say thanks.

At the Zone Presidents meeting, an excellent example of dealer/region cooperation from the recent Parade in Sacramento was described. Niello Porsche provided around \$10,000 in sponsorship support and then sold several new Porsches during the Parade week.

Claridge's just moved into their much larger Porsche-only store and Porsche of Oakland is working on plans for a new facility at a new location. I hope as many Diablo members as possible will patronize these two dealerships.



Welcome: New members



From the Board of Directors:

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.

Warren Gardner, Jr. <warrengardnerjr@comcast.net>

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| New Members (Dec.) | 10 |
| Transfers in | 0 |
| Current renewals | N/A |
| Multi-year renewals | N/A |
| Late/delete renewals ¹ | 5 |
| Transfers out | 1 |
| Non renewals | N/A |
| Dual members | 9 |
| Total membership | 552 |

¹Previously deleted, now renewed

New members for December:

| Name | Affiliate | Porsche | Year | City |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|------|--------------|
| Donald Bueche | Deirdre | 968 | 95 | Walnut Creek |
| Richard B. Clayton | | | 98 | Concord |
| Robert L. Coffman | Barbara | 911 | 87 | Walnut Creek |
| Patrick J. Crane | Lita | 997 | 2005 | Livermore |
| Robert J. Hennessy | | 993 C4S | 96 | Danville |
| Richard W. Roberts | Patricia | 997 | 2005 | Pleasanton |
| Frederick W. Schott | Cindy | 911 | 96 | Danville |
| Randall Thorson | Salome | 911 | 93 | Livermore |
| Jon T. Tierney | Penny | 997 | 2005 | Lafayette |
| Martin F. Umeh | | 996 | 99 | Hayward |

The difficulties associated with a membership system crash at the national level before a new and better system had been fully implemented have been documented in this space for months. While still slowed by "snail mail" delivery, the usability of membership data from the national PCA office is improving. A return to online downloading of current month data is nearly here. In the meantime, Warren has acquired the latest version of our FileMaker Pro database software and will be up to speed soon.

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Ron for the Road

By Ron Leppke, Editor

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In a recent Director's meeting, mention was made of wine being given as part of a concours trophy. This reminded me of a prized champagne bottle that stands with some of my trophies in my living room. If you squint and look closely, the Porsche crest and the familiar Porsche script make up the label. I was one of 80 Porsche factory visitors who had a new Porsche delivered (see the glacier blue '84 Carrera pictured in the January '05 edition of this column) at one time in the large Ludwigsburg back lot. A UPI photographer filmed the happening from a tall ladder and the 80 Porsche champagne bottles were distributed.



As I write these words, my January *Advocate* has not yet arrived via the mail. I have the box of extra copies from UPS, but bulk mail can be slow. I will explain (again!) some reasons for this latest delay, and suggest a work-around or remedy. I strongly suggest that each Diablo Region household download the color newsletter PDF which is available weeks earlier than the mailed uncolored version. The Super Bowl ad looks so much better in red, white and blue and you will not miss the February 6 date because of a late-arriving newsletter. You can navigate to the current edition download by starting at the homepage URL shown on the bottom right or by going to the Diablo web page (bottom right on page three).

As for the delays, they were mostly holiday related. Both our printer and our new mailer were closed down for four December days during the time of the month that is most crucial for getting the *Advocate* printed and mailed. When holiday vacations combine with weekends, delays can be substantial. An editor is mostly helpless when copy arrives after the deadline, e.g., this month "Tidbits"

was due on 11th and arrived at 6:20 PM of the 17th, and when delays occur after the production people get their press copy.

As an example of my effort to keep the newsletter on time, it is now 7:15 AM and I have been working at this computer since 4:00 AM. I will stop for today, however, since I do have a demanding regular job.

One of the criticisms of this newsletter is that the photos, although numerous, are frequently rather small and may be hard to see easily. This proliferation of photos is certainly part of my editorial philosophy. I want to show as many members and their Porsches as possible but doing so can be complicated. We reduced the page size to lower costs, but boosted the costs back beyond the prior level with quality glossy paper and plate printing. The combination of much better paper and printing does show off our digital images very well, but the price is cramped pages and relatively small image size.

I have also chosen to give less space to identifying the people in the photos and the chit-chat that could also accompany



many of the photos. This one of two of our esteemed Directors is clearly a candidate for some gossippy chit-chat sort of caption, but I will not go there at this time. Since identifying photos is a standard by which newsletters are judged in national PCA newsletter competition, I have no plans to have the *Advocate* enter such competition.

If you are just dying to submit a caption for the Francisco/Eugenie photo above, please do send it (email address is at the top and on page three) and I will include it next month.

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

My First Porsche



This '86 Carrera is in nearly perfect shape and is the first Porsche ever for Richard Benett of Piedmont.

Perfect Porsche Parking



Jeffrey Heller's 2004 4S—a fine Cabriolet in a beautiful setting. Photo by Clark Manus



The Rallye Club and Porsche Club of America present a Time, Speed & Distance Classroom Rallye School

Saturday, February 5th, 1-4 PM

This FREE class will help you to prepare for TRC/PCA's upcoming "February Frolic '05" TSD on 2/19 as well as other PCA events in the coming months. It is being held at our usual rallye start location: Larry's Autoworks, 2526 Leghorn Street near San Antonio Rd. in Mt. View. The class is limited to 25 participants.

Obtain more information and/or RSVP to: Bill Jones, 408.247.7115 or email <jonesi@pcmagic.net>; <<http://www.therallyeclub.org>>



2005 Zone 7 Calendar

| Date | Region | Event | # | Title | Location |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 2/19-20/05 | GGR | | #1 | Time trial | Infineon |
| | GGR | School | | Autocross School | Monster Park |
| 2/19/05 | SVR | Rally | #1 | February Frolic | Dublin (Kahlers) |
| 3/12/05 | GGR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | TBD |
| 3/20/05 | LPR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Marina |
| | RR | Autocross | #1 | Zone Autocross | Sant Rosa Airport |
| | Zone | Autocross | #2 | Zone Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| 4/2/05 | SVR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Stockton Fair |
| 4/8/05 | GGR | Time Trial | #2 | Time trial | Thunderhill (Tent.) |
| 4/9-10/05 | GGR | Time Trial | #3 | Time trial | Thunderhill |
| 4/9/05 | GGR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | TBD |
| | MBR/LPR | Drivers Ed | | Coastal Driving School | Thunderhill |
| | RR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| | Zone | School | | Concours Judging School | Sonnen Porsche |
| 4/22/05 | GGR | Drivers Ed | | DE Open to Zone 7 | Thunderhill |
| 4/23-24/05 | GGR | Time Trial | #3 | Time trial | Thunderhill |
| 4/23-24/05 | SVR | Weekend | #32 | CRAB | Sacramento |
| 4/24/05 | LPR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Marina |
| 4/29-5/1/05 | | Club Races | | Sports Car Invitational | Mazda/Laguna Seca |
| 5/8/05 | SVR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Stockton Fair |
| 5/14/05 | GGR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | TBD |
| | YR | Rally | #3 | March Madness | Stockton |
| | RR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| | SNR | Autocross | #3 | Zone Autocross | Stead Airport |
| | SVR | Autocross | #4 | Zone Autocross | Stead Airport |
| 5/14/05 | SVR | Rally | #2 | Spring Flowers | Vacaville |
| 5/15/05 | SqR | Concours | #1 | Greater Valley Concours | Fresno |
| 5/21-22/05 | GGR | School | | Zone Autocross School | Monster Park |
| 5/22/05 | LPR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Marina |
| 5/22/05 | YR | Concours | #2 | Yosemite Zone Concours | Modesto |
| 5/29/05 | DR | Concours | | Diablo Wash 'n Shine | Daville Livery |
| | SVR | DE | | Driver Education | Thunderhill |
| 6/5/05 | RR | PCA-hospitality | | Vintage Races | Infineon |
| 6/4/05 | SVR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Stockton Fair |
| 6/5/05 | LPR | Concours | #2 | PartsHeaven Concours | Hayward |
| 6/11/05 | GGR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | TBD |
| 6/12/05 | SVR | Concours | #3 | Shriners concours | Sacramento |
| 6/18/05 | YR | Rally | #4 | Summer Solstice | TBD |
| | RR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| 6/24/05 | GGR | Time Trial | #4 | Time trial | Buttonwillow |
| 6/25-26/05 | GGR | Time Trial | #5 | Time trial | Buttonwillow |
| 6/26/05 | LPR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Marina |
| 6/17-18/05 | GGR | Time Trial | #4 | Time trial | Buttonwillow |

Diablo Region Calendar: 2005

February

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Super Bowl Party
- 17 Thursday Dinner Out

March

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Pizza and Porsches
- 17 Thursday Dinner Out

April

- 1 Pizza and Porsches
- 2 New/Allcomers Pary
- 5 Board Meeting
- 21 Thursday Dinner Out



John's promo last month brought in a nice group for January including newcomers Bob and Barbara Coffman.

Every Saturday Breakfast

8 AM at Denny's,
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first right to Camino Ramon.

Pizza & Porsches

1st Friday, 7 PM
Pavlo's Pizza
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San Ramon

Board of Directors Meeting

First Tuesday, 7 PM
Usually at Ted's home

Thursday Night Dinner Out

3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM
Rocco's Ristorante*
2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd.
Walnut Creek

* Featuring 29 entrees, including pastas, in addition to pizza.



This is the '05 planning session at Pizza and Porsches, Pavlo's, San Ramon.

May

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Pizza and Porsches
- 20 Thursday Dinner Out

June

- 3 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Board Meeting



Breakfast Boxsters



**New Year's
Eve Party**
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Patrick & Linda Schmidt
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In the Zone

By Larry Sharp, Zone 7 Representative

Well, I have had a great welcome from the Regions and I would like to thank all our members, especially Tim Fleming, for all the support. 2005 is going to be a busy year in our zone. You can chose between established events such as GGR's time trials, Sacramento's rallies, Diablo's Saturday breakfasts, Sequoia and Yosemite's "Scream at the Lake" autocross, and LPR's many social events. There are Monterey Bay and LPR's Coastal Driving Schools Driver's Ed activities, "Marque Madness" at Laguna Seca, and many more. Just check out the calendars in the next month for something to attend.



As you read this, the deadline for the 50th Parade in Hershey, Pennsylvania has passed. This promises to be a great event if you decide to attend. If you can't get to Hershey, try to make "CRAB" in Sacramento or "Escape to the Wine Country" in Redwood Region's area. They are both great treats and the Redwood weekend is the first event of its kind. It is three days long with many activities and is promising to be a strong National tradition, attracting members from all over the West Coast.

The point is every region offers events for you to attend, and if you haven't made plans yet, please check out your local newsletter or web page and find a event that seems fun to you (and they all are) and make more friends that share your passion for Porsches.

See you on the road.

The Delta Dash

By Rob Haitmsa

It was a good event. I heard several of the Ferrari owners say that they really appreciated the response the PCA members had to seeing all of those Ferraris. Quite a few of them were very surprised to hear that our members are fluent in "Ferrari-speak" as well as the more Teutonic, "Porsche-lingo" we normally use to converse.



To me, the really cool cars were the older classic vehicles like the '73 Daytona in yellow and that silver 275 GTB. From the new cars (from 2000 on), I like the 550 Maranellos the best.

From our club, Brian Cameron, Patrick Schmidt, Joy and John Wagnon, Phil Eskildsen and myself were the only Porsches that went on the drive. A neat Porsche Turbo (with the fancy wheels) also went, but didn't last the entire drive to the Mansion. Brian and Patrick also decided not to go the entire way. It was a lot of fun, despite there being



only a handful of Porsches for the drive itself. There was one incident, but it was a Ferrari thing. All our Porsche drivers were both skilled and attentive to courteous and safe driving.



The PCA Spirit

by the Editor

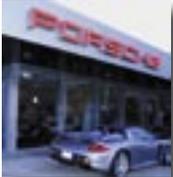
There has been some good reaction to last month's focus on what Terry Zacone called "The PCA Spirit." I certainly am among those who would love to see selfless, good Samaritan acts of camaraderie among PCA folks be identified and published. The intent would be at least twofold: 1) to give recognition to these mostly unsung heroes and 2) to dramatically increase the occurrence of giving and generosity to and among fellow Porsche owners.

I hereby dedicate this page and this column as a place to proclaim good stories. Email them to my address seen on page six or on page two. If going to another page is too much, here it is <lepprd@mac.com>

Please do not cause me to plead and beg. Let's quickly and easily establish another tradition for our Region that will be exemplary for others to emulate.

'05 Boxster Introduction

by the Editor



I was unable to attend the '05 Boxster festivities on 1/15 at Claridge's in Fremont, but took in everything at the Sonnen 1/20 event. Although I practiced

extensively with my EVOLT (Olympus C-300), "take in" refers mostly to the terrific hors d'oeuvres that allowed me to skip the third Thursday dinner at Rocco's later that same evening.

The S below is in the Carlsen showroom where a back order of invitations from



Porsche Marketing is delaying the formal introduction of what appears to be a very well received product. The salespeople at Porsche of Oakland, Sonnen and Carlsen's had just returned from a PCNA '05 Boxster driving experience in the Palm Springs area and were uniformly enthusiastic about the car's dramatic performance and appearance gains.



The Porsche dealer marketing copy says it as follows:

More muscular shape. Added horsepower. Richly appointed interior. It is the essence of a true roadster reborn. We invite you to experience driving in its purest form. The 2005 Boxster.



For me, the 280 hp number for the S model is all I need to hear to reach for my checkbook (The reaching part is easy; having funds to cover any check over \$200 is another matter). The frosting on the 280 hp cake, however, is the optional Sport Chrono package which quickens all sorts of controls and responses including acceleration, stability management, and dampening, i.e., sportier high-performance modes.

AutoAffair Special Offer

From Miguel Cela, owner

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Finish in Woodland Three Hours Later

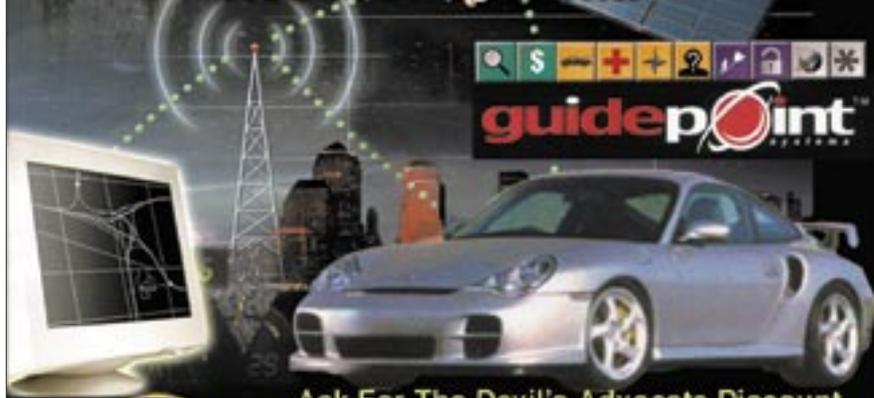
Entry Fee: \$12.00 per Car (Two Persons)

Rallymaster: J. Toney

There is also a rally school being presented at 9:30 A.M. (separate event and charge) at the same location as part of the SVR rally seminar series.

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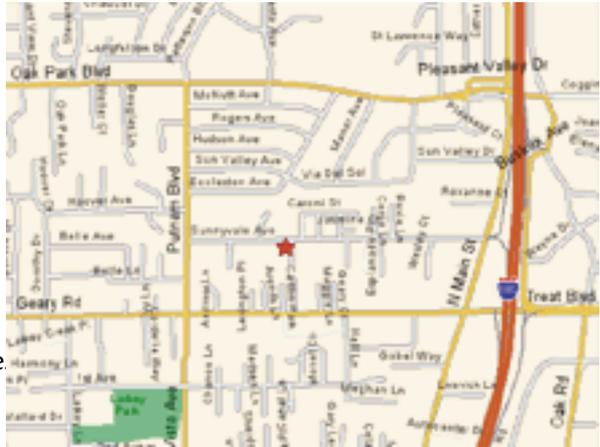
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Directions:

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For those of you traveling south on 680, take the N. Main exit. Turn left onto N. Main to Geary (one block), turn right on Geary, right on Putnam and right again on Sunnyvale. Bellamy Court is on the right, just past the bike trail.



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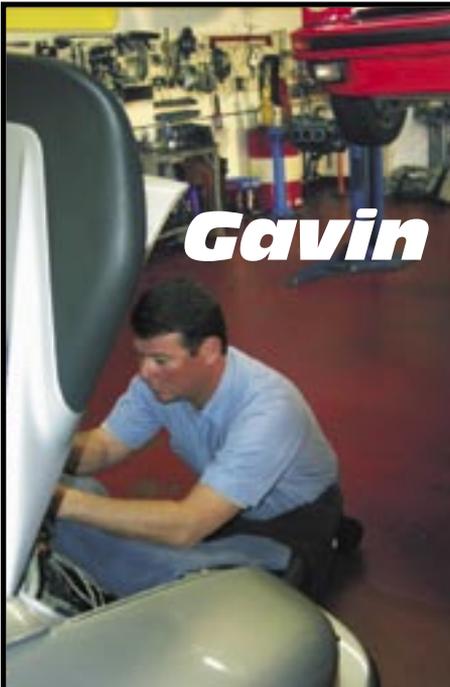
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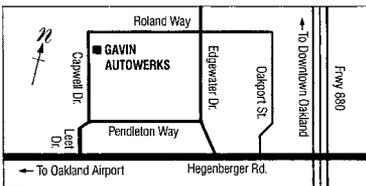
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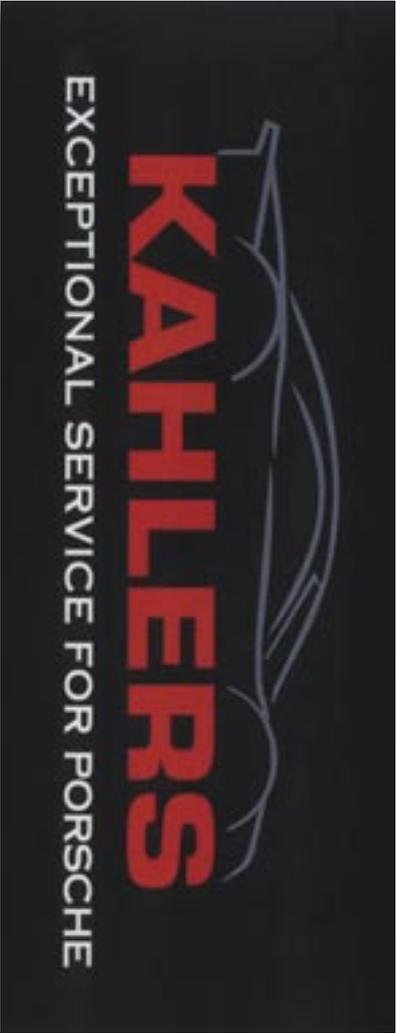
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