

Diablo PCA

The devil's Advocate

Wash N Shine

Diablo Region PCA held it's 22nd Annual Wash N Shine on Sunday, May 27th at Heather Farms Park in Walnut Creek. Many spectators, included some of our new members , decided to join in the judging along with having their cars judged as well. We were pleased to see our new members going home with awards! The event was sponsored by Porsche of Fremont.



Beautiful 356- received the most awards that day.

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Gunter Feldmeier and Larry Sharp, Zone 7 Rep





Thanks to the judges that volunteered to help, they all did a super job!



Wash N Shine





Wine Country Classic vintage car races

June 2 - June 3, 2007

Fans enjoyed a celebration of some of the finest vintage race cars in the world, as well as wine country living when the 21st annual Wine Country Classic Vintage Car Races came to Infineon Raceway in 2007. This unique weekend featured the very best in vintage car racing on the challenging 12-turn, 2.52-mile road course. The open paddock gave everyone a chance to get an up-close look at these historic machines in addition to a variety of car corrals that were on display.

Photos below were taken by Steve Jones, Diablo PCA



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Photo of the Month

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Weekly Breakfast

Every Saturday 8:00 AM

Marie Callender's
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Walnut Creek

Visit our web page for more information on
events and directions : <http://dia.pca.org/>

Monthly Dinner

Strizzi's in Danville

3456 Camino Tassajara, Danville

925 736-9292

July 19th and August 16th

(Third Thursday of the month)

6:30 PM -no host cocktails

7:00 PM – Dinner



These pictures were taken at the dinner
June 21st.

Hope to see you at the next dinner.

The Porsche of Fremont Thunderhill Driver's Education Event

Notification and Invitation - Friday, August 3, 2007 at Thunderhill

Hosted by Diablo Region – Porsche Club of America (PCA)

Sponsored by Fletcher Jones Porsche of Fremont <http://porscheoffremont.com/>

Summary: This Driver's Education (DE) event will be a non-competitive single day outing at Thunderhill racetrack, run under PCA National Drivers Education Guidelines expressly for Porsche cars and PCA members. We are pleased to announce that local premier dealership Fletcher Jones Porsche of Fremont have returned as overall Sponsor for this 2007 event. The event's objective is to provide the opportunity for Porsche Club members, including those having little or no track experience, to safely learn the techniques of driving a high speed road course while operating under expert supervision and instruction. Only Porsche cars will be permitted on track for this event.

Price Structure: The "early bird" registration fee per driver will be \$180 (includes lunch) for those who register and pay before special "early bird" pricing ends July 6. Regular registration will then run from July 7 until July 27 with a fee of \$205 (includes lunch). After July 27, late fee pricing will be \$235 (includes lunch). The registration fee for qualified PCA Event Instructors (who also drive) will be \$80 before July 14. After July 14, Instructor registration will be \$100 (lunch included).

Featuring: This DE event comprises traditional Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced Run Groups. Openings for pure Novice drivers are expected to be limited, so Novice drivers are encouraged to register as early as possible. Per PCA guidelines, pure Novice Drivers will be paired with an Event Instructor/s until the Novice has demonstrated the skills necessary for solo track driving. Special Note for Novices: "Ground School", or rather the PCA requisite pre-event safety and procedures briefing, will be provided at the track the morning of the event. Novices, regardless of PCA affiliation, therefore are not required to have attended prior classroom activity before this track day.

(Thunderhill Drivers Ed, Continued)

Instructors Needed: Applications from interested and PCA qualified Instructors are solicited now. Instructor applicants may submit their driving and/or instructor related resume, Instructor application or bio directly to the attention of the Event Chairperson.

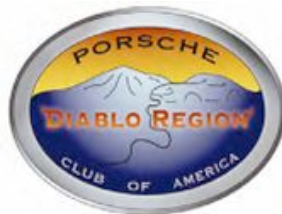
Tech Inspection: In accordance with PCA Guidelines, “the car owner must certify that their car is safe to run on the track and that the car has been inspected by a regionally approved person or shop within thirty days prior to the event. A regionally approved person need not be in the business of commercially preparing cars, but must have recognized skill in the preparation of cars that he/she inspects.” Updated Tech Inspections from the year’s earlier GGR Annual Tech inspection will be acceptable. Further guidance on Tech Inspection forms and requirements may be found on the Diablo website. <http://dia.pca.org/> Please direct comments, inquiries, and suggestions back to the Event Chairperson via e-mail, if possible, to the attention of:

Event Chairperson – Warren Gardner 510-440-1269

warrengardnerjr@comcast.net

**Thank you very much, and we look forward to seeing you
there on August 3rd!**

This is a Porsche only event!



What is Driver Education

There are two ways to answer the question.

From a technical perspective, Driver Education (DE) is a program developed by the PCA to allow drivers of all skills the opportunity to drive on real racetracks in a safe and fun environment. Typically a DE event is run over one, two or three days. Each day will have five groups of drivers organized by experience and skill level. These "run groups" typically get four sessions on track lasting between 20 to 30 minutes each, for a total of nearly 2 hours of track time per day. Groups are divided to ensure maximum safety and fun by enabling you to drive with similarly experienced drivers at similar speeds. In the novice groups, drivers are accompanied by PCA-recognized instructors who will teach you high-performance driving techniques and fundamentals.

"DE-ing" is not racing or even preparation for racing. The events are not timed and there are no prizes. We intentionally restrict passing zones to ensure your safety and we enforce safety rules.

From an enthusiast's perspective, DE-ing is a lifestyle throughout the summer. Waking moments are spent at the track, or thinking about the next time there. There's nothing like the rush of adrenalin that comes from moments like touching 150 mph just before jumping on the brakes at the "bus stop" at Watkins Glen. Or allowing the car to drift out to the turn-in at the end of the front straight before powering over a blind cresting apex at Mont Tremblant.

Just as importantly, the high points of a summer DE-ing include laughing with new and old friends over the events of the day, and discovering what they and the car are really capable of.

You can drive anything and be at any skill level. Cars range from 1950s 356s through to the latest and greatest Cup cars.

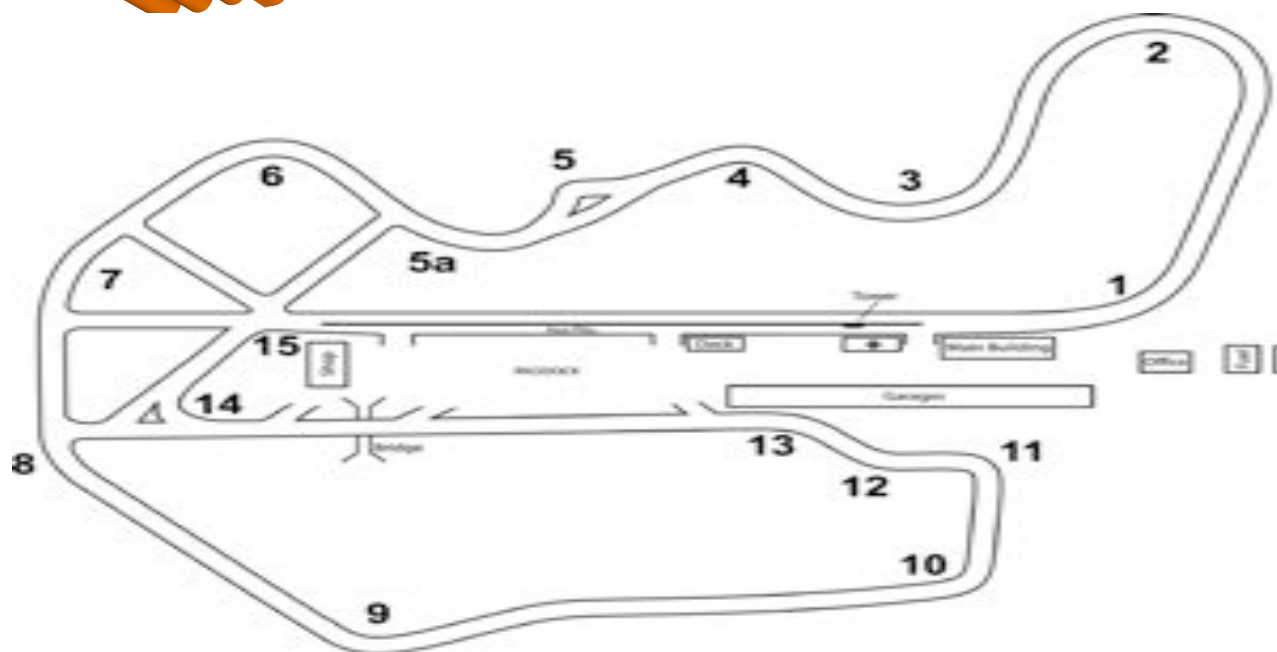
The requirements are minimal. You must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. And your car must be in good mechanical order and needs to be inspected by a PCA-certified technical inspector. Also note we do require a fire extinguisher (after your first event) and you will need a helmet with an appropriate rating. Mechanical expertise is not required; there are always experienced people at the track who will love to help you out if you need it.

For the complete novice it is worth noting that these are fun events where you can comfortably introduce yourself to the sport with other novices, while learning skills that will help you stay safe on public roads.

DE is a different experience for all people. It has broad appeal attracting all audiences and competencies. The only critical components are desire and a car.

See you at the track!

Below is the Thunderhill Track layout





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Giacomo "Jack", my uncle, stayed in the butcher business while Mario, my father, and Rudy went into the bar and restaurant business in San Francisco, Phoenix and Honolulu. Rudy owned and operated two "Rudy's Italian Restaurants" in Waikiki for 25 years.

I worked at Rudy's for 3 years with my brother Anthony. It was there I learned the importance of being a hands-on owner. People came from all over the world to visit "Rudy's", enjoying the food, the wine and the gracious host.

In the fall of 1999, I opened Rocco's Ristorante & Pizzeria. I have tried to maintain that same warm and inviting feeling my father and uncle provided for so many years. My family hopes you enjoy your visit and will come see us again!

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Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9, 2007

Meet & Greet/Tech Quiz - Saturday, 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.
Historian Inn, Gardnerville, Nevada

Basque Dinner - Saturday, 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.
JT's Basque Restaurant, Gardnerville, Nevada

Zone 7 Concours #6 - Sunday, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Lampo Park, Gardnerville, Nevada

For more information, contact Cindy Wyatt at 775.856.2545 or wyattc@sierranet.net
Visit our web site <http://sierrapca.org/> for full details and registration form.



Sept 8th-9th



Mark this date!
July 22nd



Diablo Region Presents

Zone 7 Autocross #4

Sunday, July 22nd, 2007

Altamont Motorsports Park • 17001 Midway Road, Tracy

Gates open at 7:30 A.M. • Registration at 8:00 A.M. • First car out at 9:00 A.M.

Fee: \$30.00 per car plus \$20.00 gate fee per person for Altamont

Instructors will be available • Lunch arrangements are uncertain

The course, designed by Larry Sharp, will have banked corners, off-camber runs, and large sweeping curves. Fun! Just ask anyone who was at the March 18th event.

Directions from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley area: From I-5, take either I-580 or I-205 West to the Mountain House Parkway exit (Formerly Patterson Pass Road exit), west of Tracy. Go Southwest on Patterson Pass Road to Midway Road. Turn Right onto Midway Road and proceed to the Altamont Motorsports Park entrance (on right). *Directions from the San Francisco Bay Area, San Jose and Livermore:* From the intersection of I-680 and I-580, take I-580 East (over Altamont Pass) to the Grant Line Road exit (on the East side of the pass). At the bottom of the off-ramp, turn left. Follow Grant Line Road East for 1/4 mile until you reach Midway Road and turn right. Proceed 1/4 mile to the Altamont Motorsports Park entrance (on left).



August 5th



CARLSEN PORSCHE CONCOURS

Presented by Golden Gate Region, Porsche Club of America

Sunday, August 5, 2007
Carlsen Porsche Dealership
3636 Haven Avenue, Redwood City, CA

Entry Fee: \$20.00 incl. Car Display Only: free
Car placement from 7:30 AM to 8:30 A.M.
Food: \$10.00 Grated Bavarian Buffet
Entire proceeds from entry fees & food donated to Child Advocates

Directions: From Highway 101, exit 101 onto Marsh Road and turn left onto Haven Avenue. For information, call Larry Adams at (650) 345-0032 or e-mail OldCarNutz@aol.com



Welcome New Members

569 Members (Includes 10 new members)

419 Affiliate Members

Total Membership 988

Rome Aloise 2000 911 / Ocean Blue

Charles Koske 2003 Carrera / Carrera White

Walt Lietz 2006 Boxster / Silver

Eric Lynds 1985 ? / White

Aris Pacheco 2007 Cayman / Guards Red

Ted Ramlet 2006 911S / Black

James Swanson 1999 Boxster / Red

Albert Yan 2007 Cayman / White

Donald Beavers 1997 911 / ?

Jim Loucks 1972 911 / Silver

Janis Joplin 1965 Porsche 356-C Cabriolet

This psychedelic Porsche was once owned and driven by the legendary Janis Joplin who, ironically, is well known for the song "Mercedes Benz," the lyrics to which include the line "Oh Lord, won't you buy me/a Mercedes-Benz/My friends all drive Porsches/I must make amends." The car was used by Joplin who later commissioned a former Big Brother and The Holding Company roadie to paint it with a design that is now part of her legend. He charged her \$500. The year 1965 was the last for the Porsche 356 which was replaced with the 911. So highly regarded is the 356 that more than half of the 78,000 units produced between 1949 (the model's first year) and 1965 are believed to still exist.



**Janis Joplin's 1965 356 Porsche, which she paid
\$3500 in 1968**

Ken's Corner

Web Site Location Information for All Models of Porsche's

By: Ken Koop – The Yellowstone Region (Old Faithful Newsletter)

There are some web sites with excellent overall information for all models of Porsche's. Whether you work on your own Porsche, need answers to questions or just want general information on Porsche's, these sites can be of great assistance. A good independent mechanic or dealer may be a useful source if they are willing to spend the time to help answer your questions. If they are not available, then the internet can be a great resource. The following are some very useful Web Sites that have Web Forums or Q&A sessions that can help answer questions. If you look at the past postings on these sites, chances are your questions have already been asked and answered by other people before you. You will find most of these sites loaded with facts, photos, updates on current and future models, wallpaper for your computer, practical applications and solutions for Porsche's. You may need to register with the site before you can utilize them to the fullest, but all are free and the registration is pretty short. I hope you get a chance to visit some of them and they prove to be helpful to you. Good surfing.

If you have additional sites that are not listed below, please let us know and we can publish them in another newsletter.

Porsche Club of America --- www.pca.org (click on tech section)

The "Tech Section" is *excellent* for getting questions answered on your Porsches by experts. You can post a question under your model and have it answered in a few days. If you browse through the questions and answers, chances are your question has already been asked and answered. This is a great resource.

Rennteam --- www.rennteam.com

An *excellent* site with current information on all models of Porsches. The moderators have very good knowledge on all Porsches as well as inside information on upcoming models and options. If you have a question, you can probably get it answered here.

Renmlist --- www.renmlist.com (click on renmlist area and then click on web forms)

A very good site for Q&A and has some very knowledgeable moderators for useful feedback and insider information.

6 Speed--- www.6speedonline.com/forums/

Useful for browsing past Q&A. Moderators are not quite as knowledgeable but good information is still available if you browse through the site occasionally. The "Gallery" has some nice pictures as well.

Renntech---www.renntech.org

A very good site for do it yourself information, manuals and general information on all Porsche models.

Flat 6--- www.flat-6.net

The forum is just ok, but the information under "Models" is very good and the pictures and wall paper are also good.

Cayman Club--- www.caymanclub.net/

Specific to the Cayman, this site has some good pictures, complete order guide and some good overall information from magazines,

IntPelican Parts---www.pelicanparts.com

This site offers some good do it yourself articles in the "Tech Articles" section. The "Tech Q&A" also has some good answers for frequently asked questions on all models of Porsches. International Auto Shows and Cayman fans around the world. Cayman news generally breaks first on this site.

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356 Registry---www.356registry.org

The site offers coverage on all of the 356 model line.

German Car Fans---www.germancarfans.com/manufacturers/porsche/

This site covers current news and has a photo gallery.

Only Porsche---www.onlyporsche.net/

The site offers current news on Porsche, model information and articles, downloads and a photo gallery.

The Autobahn---www.autobahn.com

The site offers semi-current news, pictures and other potentially useful information.

997 GT3---www.997gt3.com



July 13th- 15th



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Any article you wish to have published in the devil's Advocate, please send along to me (Word Doc) at:

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This also includes any pictures you may have that I can use. I have a section for "Photo of the Month", and would like to get people to send to me. Please send as an attachment in JPG format.

Thanks,

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