

The Devil's Advocate

November 2022



*Final 2022 Solano Cars and Coffee
Sunday, 6 November 2022*

*Featuring future Diablo PCA members James & Rachel T's 2017 718 Cayman S in Guards Red
Photo by L. Tougas*



***Providing a welcoming and engaging community that
enriches our member's Porsche ownership experience.***

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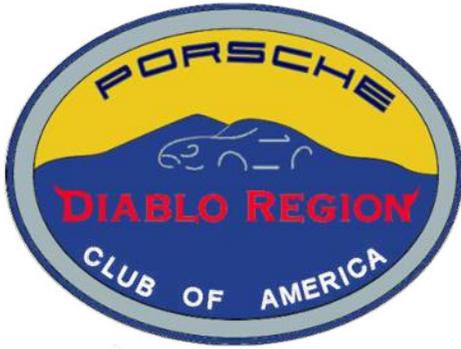
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PCA Diablo gained **24** new primary members in August 2022!

Mark C & Phoebe L (Cayman)
Joseph G (911S Cab)
Vince D & Carol D (Boxster)
Tim L (911 Targa)
Patrick C (718 Cayman S)
Joshua K (911 Cab)
Brandon W & Beth W (718 Cayman GT4)
John G & Cara G (911 T)
David C (Boxster S)
Ronald R & Vera R (911E & 911E)
Christian M (911)
Brian B (718 Cayman S)
Dave T & Elaine T (911)
Jason M & Kenneth A (Boxster S)
Matt B (911 C4)
Krishna R (911)
Ayrton C (911)
Noel N (Panamera 4S)
Edward R (911)
Michael W & Benny X (718 Boxster)
Kathrina M (Panamera)
Anthony T (911 Cab)
Jeff N & Elaine N (911 C4)
Brian H & Carolyn H (911 GT3)

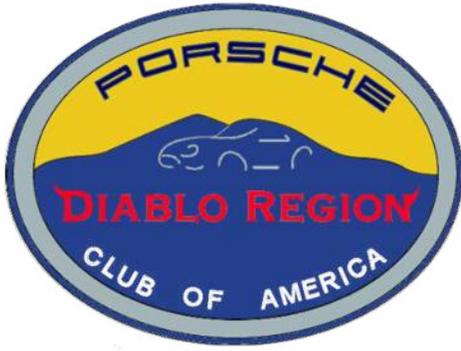
PCA Diablo By The Numbers:

Total Primary Members: 1168
Affiliate Members: 543
Total Region Membership: 1711
PCA Juniors: 92
Total Cars: *Not enough!*



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PCA Diablo gained **25** new primary members in September 2022!

Gabriel N (911 GT3)
Timothy M (Boxster & 911 4S Cab)
Cale S
Romal S (718 Cayman S)
Dan C (914 1.8)
Eric B (Cayenne GTS)
Tyson H (911 C4 Cab)
Kelly M & Vivian M (356 circa 1963)
William V (911)
Ron H (911T)
Edward K (Boxster)
Michael R & Debbie R (911T Targa)
Paul B (356 circa 1965)
Craig D (914 1.8 & 911 SC)
Raymond L (911 GT2)
Zhanna T (911 GT3)
John H (911)
Mike T (911T)
Emil C / Angelo C (911) ***NEW* CO-MEMBER**
Mark S (911 SC)
Neal R (Cayenne Turbo)
Norman Y & Jenny Y (911)
Joan A & Wil A (Cayman)
Ketul J (911)
Greg P (911 C4 GTS)

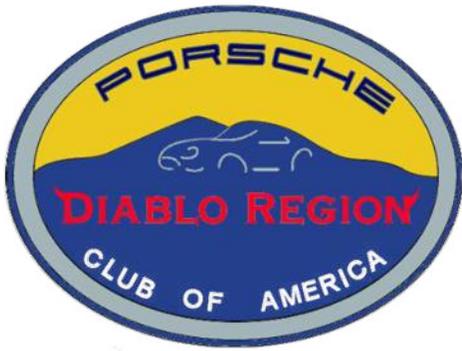
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PCA Diablo gained **13** new primary members in October 2022!

Ben W (911 Turbo S)
Peter K & Kristin K (911 Targa 4 GTS & 911) ***NEW* CO-MEMBER**
Tim D & Serena D (911)
Debbie C (911 Turbo)
Eric B (911S)
Amit D (718 Boxster T)
Candido A (911)
James L (911S Targa)
Michael J (718 Boxster S & Macan GTS)
Jason J (911)
Clint N (911S)
David C (911 GT3)
Courtney MR & Nicholas R (Macan)
Scott C (718 Boxster GTS)

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In the Zone

November 2022

by Collin Fat

Photos by Collin Fat

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National Executive Council Elections:

You should have recently received a ballot in the mail for the election of the 2023-2024 PCA Executive Council nominees. The nominees are **Aaron Ambrosino**, president, **Ron Gordon**, vice president, **Todd Benz**, secretary, and **Richard Strahota**, treasurer. You can find their candidate statements in the October Panorama starting on page 126. After serving PCA on a national level for nearly 20 years, 3 board members will be stepping down, **Cindy Jacisin**, executive vice president, **Caren Cooper**, past president, and **Craig Kugler**, treasurer. I would like to personally thank the 3 EC members who are stepping down for their years of service to PCA. Under your leadership, PCA has thrived. **Tom Gorsuch**, will continue his service on the executive council as past president.

Upcoming National Event:

UnStock is being presented by PCA National as a gathering for modified Porsche cars and will be held on November 13, 2022 in Burbank, California. Organizers expect more than 125 modified Porsches to be on display. If you would like to display your car, go to: pca.org for show car registration. There is no fee for spectators.

October Zone 7 Concours Events:

October was a very busy month with 3 concours events scheduled. The first event on October 2nd was hosted by Redwood Region at the Sonoma County Plaza in downtown Sonoma. Due to concerns about large gatherings and Covid, the original site at Ledson Winery had a change of heart about hosting the club for this event. Not to worry, concours chair, **Kurt Fischer**, got moving and was able to secure the Sonoma County Plaza location. Though the site was restricted to only 40 cars total, the event was sold out and provided a beautiful back drop for the carefully prepared Porsches that signed up to be judged. Participants arrived before sunrise to secure their display parking and start on the finishing preening of their cars. This included a thorough wipe down of the exterior, cleaning of the windows, detailing the wheels and a final inspection of the interior prior to the start of judging. Awards were handed out to all first-place finishers in their class and second and third place finishers were acknowledged by the crowd for their efforts.



Jody Rosner, Sacramento, putting on the finishing touches on his Porsche



Porsches on the Plaza



Sonoma County Plaza



The second concours event of October 16th was hosted by Diablo Region at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. There were 43 cars registered to be judged and an outstanding turnout of over 55 cars that registered for display only. The display included 13 40th Anniversary 911's are resplendent in their GT Silver exterior and special badging. There were also four 40th Anniversary Edition registered to be judged in the concours. I think that this assembly of special edition Porsches was a unique occurrence for any region in PCA! The morning was overcast and quite chilly but when the judging started, the sun broke out and temperatures warmed. A big thank you to all the participants and special thanks go to Marc Giammona and his volunteers for a great event and of course to Porsche Livermore for their sponsorship.

The last concours event in October was held on October 30th after this column was submitted for publication. It will be the last concours in the Zone series that consisted of 7 events. I will report on the event in my column for December



40th Anniversary Porsche Owners on display



Linda McMahan Preparing her 911

The final concours event of the season will be held at Porsche Fremont and hosted by Loma Prieta region. It will be held on Sunday, October 30th. Look for reporting on the event in my December 2022 column.

Zone Autocross Series Update:

The final two autocrosses of the Zone 7 series were held on the weekend of October 22nd to 23rd at Thunderhill Raceway Park in Willows, California. Sacramento Valley Region hosted the event on Saturday with 45 cars competing for top time of day, personal bests, and Zone 7 year-end awards. The competition was quite fierce in several very competitive races in P05 with 3 drivers competing for year-end awards, P06 with 3 drivers, and O04 with 6 drivers competing for coveted year-end awards.

Top time of day was held by **Monty Pack** who had strategized a tire management scenario to make sure he still had enough tread on his Porsche GT3 to get through the two-day event. He took 3 runs and secured the TTOD with a time of 36.646 as well as class win. Not to be outgunned, **Drew Powers** competing in P04 and in second place most of the day claimed top time on day on his final run with a time of 36.453. It was a hat trick and no doubt influenced by Drew's exceptional driving skills. Finishing out the top five times of the day were **Rem Marinus** driving his 2015 Porsche GT3 with a time of 36.880, **Dave Dunwoodie** driving his 2016 Porsche GT4, 37.222 and **RJ Harrison** driving his 2012 Carrera S with a time of 37.489. A great day of friendly competition with fabulous fall weather and clear skies.



RJ Harrison on the starting line



Dominique Wainwright approaching the start line

The final autocross of the Zone series was held on Sunday and featured essentially the same course as used on Saturday with a few modifications to allow the drivers to run an enduro style autocross. Two laps around the course! There were 41 drivers competing under very cool fall with temperatures running in the low 50's early morning and not getting warmer than the mid 60's in the afternoon with a moderate northern wind blowing for most of the day. Drivers got 3 runs in the morning followed by 3 in the afternoon. Not to be out gunned again, **Monty Pack** continued his season long dominance securing the top time of day with a time of 75.708 followed closely by **Drew Powers** with 77.035, **Brant Ballantyne** with 78.623. **RJ Harrison** with 79.088 and **John Leet** with a 79.200 rounding out the top 5 fastest drivers of the day.



Caevon Hekmaty at the starting line



Himanshu Patel, GGR AX Chair, always smiles!



Monty Pack crossing the finish with TTOD



Drew Powers on the line hoping to catch Monty

2023 Shasta Region Zone 7 Tour

The Shasta Region is, once again, offering its 4-day, 900-mile Tour. This will be the sixth year for the Tour and it Sells Out every time.

Mark your calendars for next year's event: ***June 8 - 12, 2023***

Registration Opens at MotorsportReg on ***February 1, 2023*** at 7:00AM sharp. You cannot register before then, though you can peruse the details, conditions, requirements, and vehicle standards at any time. See them at the link below.

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2023-shasta-zone-7-tour-526742-trinity-lassen-counties-pca-526742>

Save some time and create a MotorsportReg account in advance (if you have one, just review it for accuracy).

It's simple and shouldn't take long. There are **two steps**:

1. Visit www.motorsportreg.com and hit <Return>
2. Choose “***Sign In***” and “***Create a free account***.” This will ask you for basic demographic questions including make, year and model of your vehicle. Enter your email address as your **Username** and choose a **Password** – be sure to write it down!

If you want to look at the Tour details, you can do so at any time. Use the 'link' above or look in ***My Events*** and select “***2023 Shasta Region Zone 7 Tour***”

Announcing CRAB!



**Sacramento Valley
Region Presents:**

CRAB 38

April 21 - 23, 2023

**California Auto Museum
Sacramento, CA**

Originally scheduled for May, 2020, **CRAB 38**, the most-anticipated experience of the year, returns in April, 2023. CRAB is a three-day gathering of Porsche enthusiasts that involves "C" - CrabFeed, "R" - Rallye, and "A" - Autocross, in addition to numerous other activities including a Tour, Concours, Funkana, and many more. Incidentally, the "B" is *begegnen*, or German for "meeting". The first CRAB was initiated in April, 1972, and involved 105 cars representing ten PCA Regions. The most recent CRAB in 2019 had over 200 attendees! The CRAB Committee is now finalizing event planning and we expect to open ticket sales soon, so continue to watch for further details. By the way, since an event of this scope requires numerous volunteers, please consider providing assistance for one or more of the activities. Contact one of the CRAB Co-Chairs below. Save the dates and start planning now for **CRAB 38!**

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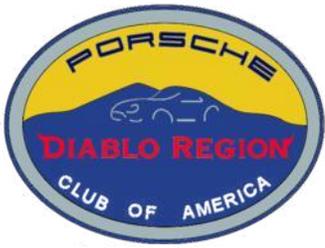
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PCA National Upcoming Events:

Spring Treffen will be held in the Georgia Mountains (touring the Southern Blue Ridge) from April 19-23rd. If you have not yet attended one of these national premier events, it is a do not miss opportunity to attend a Treffen. Registration opens January 4, 2023. Check out the details in advance at treffen.pca.org

Parade 2023 will be held at the La Quinta Resort in Palm Springs from June 18-24th. The hotel is a five-star rated property that has a famous history of being The Hangout for movie stars and the Hollywood elite during the 1940s. For PCA members this promises to be one of the premiere locations for a Parade on the West Coast.

Rennsport Reunion VII: Rennsport Reunion will be held at Laguna Seca Raceway in Monterey on September 28th to October 1st, 2023. Advance ticket and corral passes are currently on sale. If you have not yet booked your hotel accommodations now is the time to secure your lodging at the best price.



Weekly Saturday Breakfast



Start your Saturday with good food and conversation EVERY SATURDAY in Walnut Creek! Have breakfast with fellow Club members then head to the parking lot to kick tires. It's a great way to catch up with your Porsche friends and find out what is happening in the Club.

Where?

Buttercup Diner & Bar
660 Ygnacio Valley Road (between N. Broadway & N. Civic Drive)
Walnut Creek, 94596

When?

Every Saturday starting at 7:30AM



For something simple:
Buttermilk pancakes



One of their specialties - Frosted Cinnascuit
(House made biscuit dipped in cinnamon sugar, baked & topped with a cream cheese frosting)



Vegetarian Eggs Benedict for our
vegetarian members

**COVID Guidelines for Contra Costa County (As of 8/09/2022):

- Contra Costa County is currently NOT requiring masks in certain public indoor locations (such as restaurants). However, the County **strongly encourages** you to mask indoors, **regardless** of vaccination status.
- Contra Costa County's "Path to Zero" initiative seeks to stop all preventable COVID deaths by making sure everyone in our community knows about treatment options and how to access them. For more information please visit <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/>
- Please respect and follow the Buttercup's guidelines for masking and social distancing -- we want to come back next week!
- Please respect individual choices regarding masking and social distancing.

Winter is Here: Drive Safe, Drive Smart

Article by Michael “Mikie” Alexander (Diablo PCA Board Member)

Editor’s Note: Mikie always provides the voice of reason and this article (which he originally wrote in 2019) will now be a regular “winter” feature in the Devil’s Advocate (especially for those of us who need the reminder).



Courtesy: planet-9.com

Thanksgiving turkey dinner is but a distant memory and the Holiday Season is now in full swing. For some strange reason I don’t really recall fall as the weather seems to have simply gone from the warmth of summer directly to the chill of winter. That means that the weather has turned windy, cold, and wet.

It’s time to shift mental gears and think about winter driving; both in terms of car preparation and your seasonal driving skills.

Your Vehicle:

From a mechanical perspective, whether you drive your Porsche or other “Brand X” vehicle during this time of year, make sure your car is ready for the road. That means checking all safety systems and performing any necessary maintenance.

General maintenance: Make sure that your vehicle is in good running order (e.g. belts, battery etc.) as breakdowns, especially on cold dark rainy nights, are a real bummer.

Tires: Think about it. Your car rides on a cushion of air contained in your tires. For each tire, that cushion called a contact patch is smaller than the size of your hand and is the only thing connecting your car to the pavement! That relatively tiny contact patch allows your car to accelerate, stop & turn; in other words, CONTROL. Check your tire treads for wear.

Slicks are great for summer track days but, on public roads, proper tread depth is imperative to moving rainwater away from the contact patch and maintaining control of your car. Aquaplaning at speed can be a humbling experience.

Many of our cars that are not daily drivers sport relatively few miles on their tires over the years. One thing many owners neglect to factor in, however, is the age of their tires. Rubber compounds are a miracle of modern chemistry but degrade over time even when not used on the road. Be wary of tires whose manufacture date is **more than six years old**. This is especially true for performance cars that are capable of generating high tire loads. You can check for a tire's manufacture date on the tire sidewall.

Tire pressure is essential to maintaining control during winter driving, so check your tires and maintain the factory recommended pressures. Remember that on certain Porsches the tire pressures are staggered. If your car is equipped with TPM that's a great start but, nothing is better than actually checking pressures with a proper gage.

Although we live in the Bay Area with relatively mild weather conditions, many of us enjoy winter sports by taking trips into the mountains. Mountain driving in freezing temperatures on icy or snow-covered pavement requires special consideration. If you are a regular Sierra traveler, consider winter tires and at the very least carry proper snow chains when traveling in the mountains. Winter tires are specifically designed, and rubber compounds are formulated to perform under cold winter conditions. You can purchase Porsche-specific winter tire packages (tires and rims) directly from authorized Porsche dealers or generic packages from your usual tire purveyor.

Brakes: To quote an old football adage, offence sells tickets but defense wins championships. In car speak, zero to sixty times set automotive journalists' tongues atwitter but, sixty to zero times are what really matters to drivers. Proper tire condition is of course integral to stopping distance but, proper braking power will keep you safe. Has your brake system been checked recently for winter operation? That means not only pads and rotors for wear but also brake fluid for contamination.

Windshield: As Curly the Stooge says, "I can't see, I can't see!", Mo, "What's the matter?" Curly "I got my eyes closed!" Nyuk, nyuk, nyuk.. Nothing can be worse than driving at night in the rain with the glare of oncoming traffic and not being able to see clearly. Perform some windshield maintenance; it's quick and easy. Clean, polish (optional) and treat your windshield.

First things first, replace those old windshield wipers with a fresh set before your next outing. After replacing those old worn wipers, treat your glass with a polymer rain repellent like Rain-X or other similar products. These liquid repellents enable the wiper blade to glide smoothly against the glass thus reducing the overall friction whenever the need arises. There are several products on the market for specific use conditions and you won't believe the difference as water will simply bead up and literally fly off your windshield at speed.

Human Factors:

Check the weather forecast on your planned route and at your destination before you leave home. If a huge storm is predicted, weigh the risk of traveling and act accordingly. You may decide to leave early, delay or even cancel your trip.

Make sure that you are fully gassed up or charged up as the case may be and that you carry emergency supplies in the frunk or the trunk.

For contemporary vehicles, give the onboard cameras and electronic sensors a quick cleaning so that they are operating as designed.

You may drive a high performance Porsche but, testing the performance envelope in winter conditions can be a recipe for disaster. Slow down, take a deep cleansing breath and take advantage of that premium Burmester or Bose audio system that you paid so dearly for.

Adjust your driving style to emulate former Formula One star Jenson Button who was known for being so smooth. Take it easy by anticipating what's happening ahead. Avoid drag race acceleration and practice gradual deceleration. If you hit an icy patch & lose traction, remember those ice driving skills. Don't panic, remain calm and steer straight; or opposite lock as required and don't slam on the brakes.

If money is no object and you fancy yourself as a famous Finnish rally driver the likes of; Toivonen, Alén, Vatanen, the brothers Mäkinen, Kankkunen, Grönholm and Latvala release your inner flying Finn and embrace winter performance driving. Don't do it on public roads though. Porsche offers their Ice Driving Experience with three skill levels over four or five days in both the pine forests of Lapland Finland and closer to home in Mécaglisse, Québec.

Enjoy all that California winter has to offer but, when the weather turns nasty be safe out there. And see you at an upcoming Diablo club event.



Photo from <https://flatsixes.com>

Why Join Diablo Threads & Treads



AWARD WINNING
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

Make New Friends

Learn New Skills or Brush Up On Old Ones
(knitting, crocheting, stitching, crafts)

Work On Community Out-Reach Projects

Fun, Fun, and More Fun!

Meet Us

**Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday
6:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Black Bear Diner - Danville
807 Camino Ramon, 94526**

**If you have any questions,
please email Vern or Ingrid.**

Hope to see you there!

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