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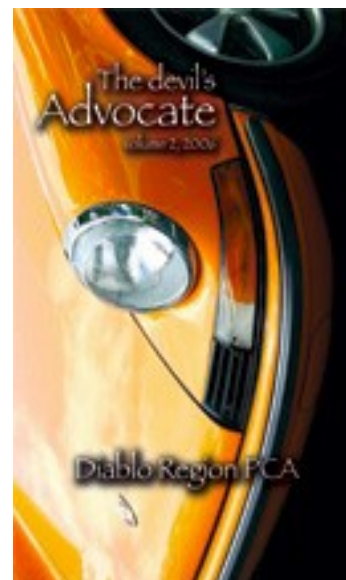
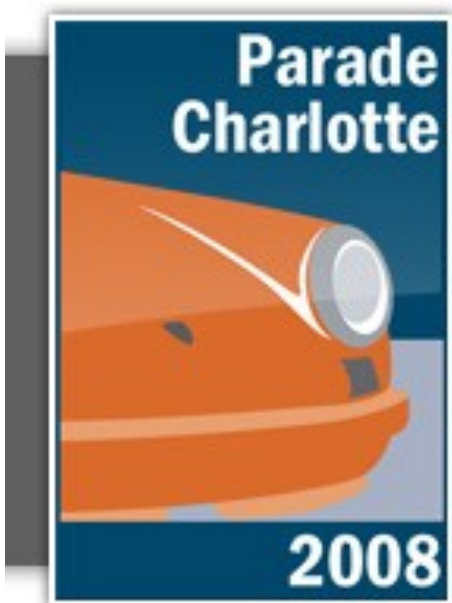
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Gimmick Rally–July 26th Zone 7

Lot's of fun planned for the Gimmick Rally , if you want to join , meet at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek . Rally will start right after breakfast is over. We should be heading out shortly after 9 AM.

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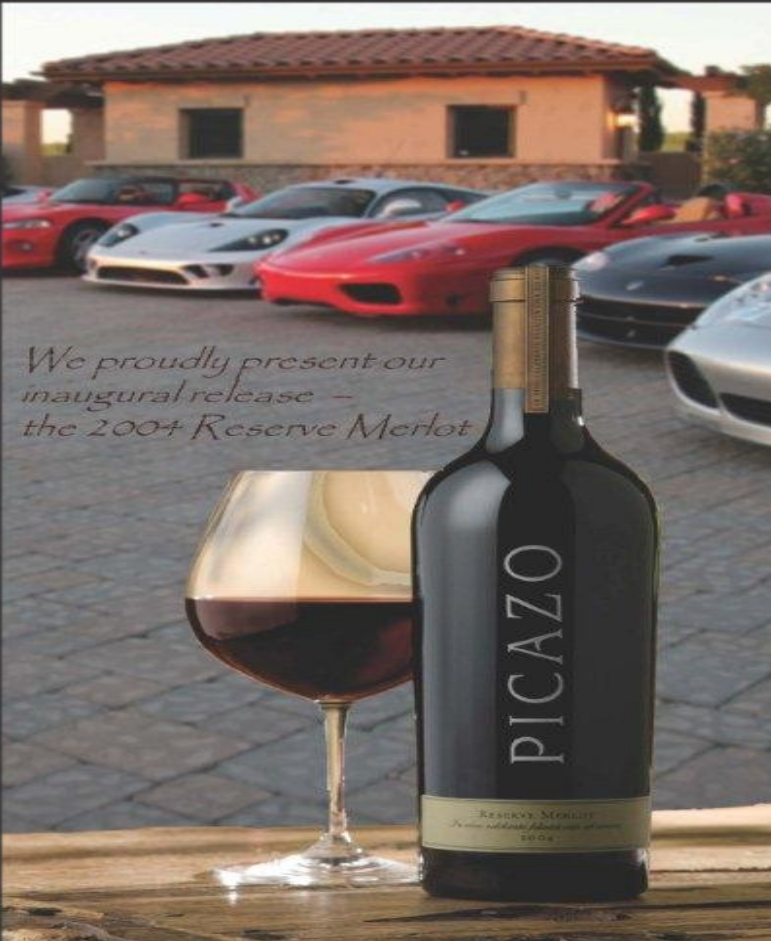
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California Mille Tour

Diablo PCA's Mille Tour had a wonderful turn out from various Pcars, including two very savvy Carrera II and a GT3 drop in's. Not only was the event fun, the number of participants was far higher than I expected, which added to the a parlance of some spirited adventuring. Starting from Easy Porsche in Emeryville and ending in Bodega Bay, the trip included seeing the surprise location where Sir Alfred Hitchcock directed his Academy Award winning film, THE BIRDS. With no less than one picturesque toll bridge, 100 twisty curves, 1000' of vertical elevation the conditioned cars forged a path through the changing asphalt. A jaw dropping section of the route included a fairly unknown back road used for California Mille touring of vintage cars. Extremely beautiful, it sliced into up, through and around the Northern mountainside face of Mount Tam to a gorgeous dam and waterfall. Many seasoned PCA drivers whom thought they have driven all the best roads in the Bay Area, were surprised to have not known this historical route. Slightly hampered by bike riders, oncoming traffic, other slower cars and maybe some bullet sized raindrops in a heavy wet cloud, the list of 911, 912, 914, Turbos, Boxster and with one spirited VW gestured quickly by tall California redwoods, manzanita brush and tall alpine like rolling fields of blowing springtime grass. The cars gingerly navigated the older bouncy road havoks include holes and sharp rocks! Many a car, scraped bottom. Turkeys, deer, seals and falcon, welcomed the chain of twenty two cars and over thirty two people. Upon summit of the mountain, then dropping to beach level, views were endless from sleepy Bolinas to all they way to Bodega Bay, California.

Once in Bodega, a casual lunch was provided at the SandPiper Restaurant approximately 2 pm in the afternoon. Everything from Chowder, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Steaks, English Fish and Chips, Hamburgers; was delightfully consumed by the hungry road lovers. Upon completion of the drive, some chose to venture north to a different event, while others remained to enjoy this sleepy town's oceanic portside. A few others pioneered to trace the steps from the movie, THE BIRDS, maybe even renting (for \$2.00) from the historical schoolhouse, a large fake black crow they could pose with while pretending to get pecked at.

I want to thank all those that participated and we hope to do this very same drive again, if you drive through clouds to see the birds!

Tito Young

Porsche 911T Softwindow Targa 3.2L Guards Red.



California Mille Tour

Looks like the cars went on foreverhad to use 3 pics to capture all of them!!



When we say “she’ll be comin around the mountain”, we mean it!!!!

California Mille Tour



Photo's provided by Majid Sottodeh



DIABLO REGION PRESENTS



TOUR da JOUR #12 is an OLD FASHIONED POKER RALLY followed by a DOCENT TOUR OF THE OAKLAND AVIATION MUSEUM and then a great BANQUET LUNCH at nearby FRANCESCO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT.

NOTE THE NEW DATE NOW SAT. AUG 23rd

Tour will depart from Marie Callender's after breakfast. Aprox. 9:30

Poker cards will be collected at the museum and prizes awarded at Francesco's.

A PARTIAL LIST OF OAKLAND AVIATION MUSEUM EXHIBITS:

Short Solent Mark III Flying Boat featured in Raiders of the Lost Ark, Korean/Soviet MIG 15, Korean & Vietnam War era jet aircraft, Lockheed Electra 10-A similar to the one Amelia Earhart was flying when she disappeared after taking off from Oakland's North Field in 1937.

Entrant fee of \$40 includes: Poker Rally & Prizes, Museum Admission & tour of Flying Boat, Lunch at Francesco's including tax & tip,

LUNCH MENU: Choice of Half Roast Chicken with Mushroom Sauce or Eggplant Parmegiana. Both choices will be served with a mixed green salad, fresh vegetable, one side dish, dessert and coffee or tea.

Payment for this event must be received by August 20th so that restaurant charges can be finalized prior to the event. A drawing will be held amongst the first 10 entries received. Checks payable to Diablo PCA may be given to Phil Eskildsen or Jack Carpenter at any event up to Aug. 20th. ie. Saturday Breakfast, Strizzi's Dinner or any other event. No refunds after Aug. 20.

Mail entry checks to Jack Carpenter, 161 Cragmont Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Questions may be phoned to Jack at 925-930-6909 or Phil at 510-710-4490



Diablo Did Thunderhill on a Saturday, and More DE Events to Come in 2008!

Well, surprise, surprise! Rumors to the contrary, it was not hot as hell on Saturday July 12 just up the road from Willows, CA, but in fact the day was pretty darn cool in every sense of the word. So, OK, it probably got in the high 80's in the afternoon, but the morning temperature there at Thunderhill was surprisingly comfortable with folks clearly loving it. For the first time ever, the Diablo club got an organized opportunity to drive Thunderhill on a Saturday with perhaps 20 Diabloites seizing the day, along with about 100 other folks in various exotic sport vehicles also there for the fun. Long story short, the paddock was packed and buzzing. For us Diablo types, it was amazing to see so many cars at the track at one time, other than at a race event at Infineon or Laguna Seca. Check out the photos on the Diablo website when you get a chance, why don't you?

Missed July 12, but still want to trip the track asphalt fantastic in 2008? Well, don't despair as we've got at least two more opportunities for Driver's Ed events in 2008. They are; September 18 (Thursday) with Hooked On Driving at Thunderhill, and, watch now, here it comes, ---- our October 31 (Friday) Halloween Extravaganza which is the Porsche of Fremont Thunderhill DE Event hosted by Diablo Region for PCA Zone 7.

The September event, which is completely organized by Hooked On Driving, will be an all Porsches day, but jointly promoted within Diablo Region. Diablo Region promotes this event internally so that we can have a majority of Diablo members in attendance, in addition to other Porsche driving clients of Hooked On Driving. Not only will this be a great opportunity to drive along with club members you know, but also a great opportunity to introduce current Porsche owners to the Diablo club as a social organization with track happenings as part of our DNA. You may sign up now on the Hooked On Driving website and Diablo PCA Instructors can sign up as Instructors as well. Novices are absolutely encouraged to see this as the great opportunity it is to get initial exposure to a track day and yet still get an opportunity to work with a PCA approved Instructor. So please mark your calendar or just go ahead and register now!

Porsche of Fremont will sponsor our Friday October 31 DE day at Thunderhill and registration will be available in the next few weeks. “Early Bird” registrants will get a cool pricing discount and a special opportunity at prizes to be given away at the track too. This will be a “Porsches Only” event and all PCA members are invited. Stay tuned as more information comes available in the next few weeks, but meanwhile mark your calendar and get your Halloween driving costume ready!!

See you on track!

Warren Gardner – Track Chair

Scott Pope – Chief Instructor



Tom's dream car?

Photo's provided by Ken Wu



Photo's provided by Ken Wu



End of the day



Photo's provided by Ken Wu

Diablo PCA gets Hooked on Driving July 12 at Thunderhill

By Adam Cipriano

Some things in life, you only get to learn bit by difficult bit. Other things seem to take years. Or worse, some things you only learn the hard way. However, for those of you who take advantage of the opportunity to drive one of these fine machines on the track, you have the chance to learn in easy, fast, safe and healthy heart pounding doses. Guys, remember what it felt like when she said yes to that first date? Or ladies, remember when he first kissed you? You're starting to get the idea.

Think I'm nuts, comparing track days to tugs on your heart strings? Having just returned from our Diablo Porsche Club track day with Hooked on Driving at Thunderhill this past weekend, I find they are remarkably similar. I have a few friends who still wonder why I spent the money to buy a Porsche. Or, why I clean the car with special towels. Or why I just drive to drive, instead of driving just to get somewhere on some schedule.

I'm beginning to think it's the smartest money I've spent. I mean, how many other things do you do really and truly just for fun? Perhaps I'm preaching to the converted here, but for those of you who have not yet come out to the track, let me tell you how I've decided to answer my friends' barbs about the purchase and perhaps get you to consider joining us for a track day in the future.

You see, I've found the secret to a happy life. Fill your life with things that feed your soul. Surely love qualifies. Surely then, events that bring on similar feelings must qualify. Still don't believe me? Here's a way to measure all soul fulfilling things. I call it, Smiles Per Hour.

I counted, among my fellow club participants, more smiles, more laughs, more fun stories among friends, more moments that make you feel alive, more ways to make new friends and more useful information about your car than you can imagine. And it sure beats cutting the lawn or running to Home Depot...again. And what about the driving you say? Have you ever wanted to put your foot all the way down and really listen to that motor, or get that favorite corner on your way home just right, or more practically, just feel more confident behind the wheel? I saw grins so wide some helmets couldn't contain them.

For the record, Hooked on Driving ran a very professional event. They were organized, on time, offered expert and patient instruction, delivered a fine lunch and provided plenty of track time. There's no racing, no timing and no grades. Just you and your car adding more Smiles Per Hour to your soul.

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Covered Bridge Tour

June 21, 2008

By Ken Wu

It was a dark and stormy night. No, wait; it was a bright and hot morning. I had been checking the weather forecast everyday for a week prior to the tour and no matter what website I used, they still predicted hot and sunny for the day of our Covered Bridge Tour near Grass Valley. I thought that there must be a conspiracy going on.



So 18 shinny Porsches met at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek bright and early Sat. morning and started our 180 mile journey.

My sincere thanks to Frank and Joan Duran for leading, together with Louis and Kathleen Soler running sweep for the second group, and Jerry and Maureen Torres for running sweep for the first group. Without them, I don't know if we would have found the restaurant for lunch.

We drove along the Sacramento River road and stopped at Locke for our first break.



Photo's provided by Ken Wu



Locke was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971 and further was designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1990 due to its unique example of a historic Chinese American rural community. It is a town built completely "by the Chinese for the Chinese" and can be considered a distinct rural Chinatown enclave. Like many other Chinatowns, it had a Chinese-language school, general stores, and restaurants. Because of its relatively large population of Chinese people at the time, the Chinese Kuomintang political party once had a local chapter in Locke.

Photo's provided by Ken Wu



After a short break, we journeyed on towards Marysville and onto Penn Valley for lunch. My temperature gauge in the car registered 107 degree. Most of us wimps had the top up, window firmly closed and the air conditioner blasting. But a few of the hardy souls ran with the top down, among them John and Christine Lee in their beautiful 356. It was this stretch of the road that Frank and Joan Duran saved the day and got the second group to the restaurant. I myself never had a better time being chased by a LEO in a Porsche. Thank you, Rich. Well, if you were not on this tour, you will just have to use your imagination.

Lunch was slow but the air conditioning was welcoming. We got to the Covered Bridge in the late afternoon and our tour guides were waiting for us. We were educated on the history of the bridge, the reason it was built and were shown the equipment use during that general time in the area.

Luis checking to see if
He has enough for the
Toll charge.



Photo's provided by Ken Wu



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Before you start emailing me on why did we had a BMW in our tour, let me tell you what a trouper Joseph and Annegret Daniel were. Joseph brought his 911 to the breakfast. When we were about to leave, his car would not start. Instead of going home in the heat and kicked his feet up with a bottle of beer, he towed his Porsche home, grabbed Annegret's Z3 and took the direct route up to the bridge and beat us there by half an hour. Now you know the rest of the story.

Thanks again to all who came on this tour. I had a great time. If you have pictures, please email to me so that we can add to the photo album for the club's website.

For some of my pictures, please see: <http://picasaweb.google.com/pcadiablo08/CoveredBridgeTour20080621>



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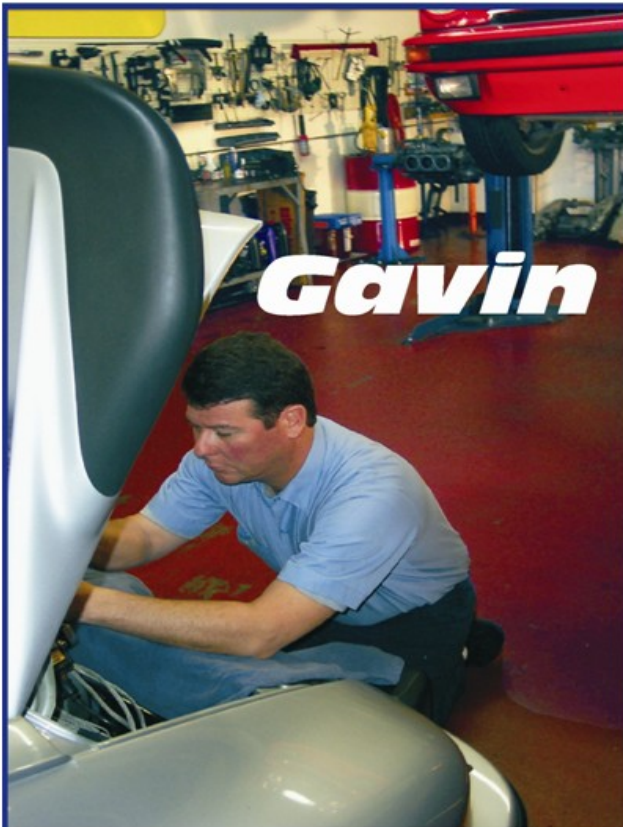
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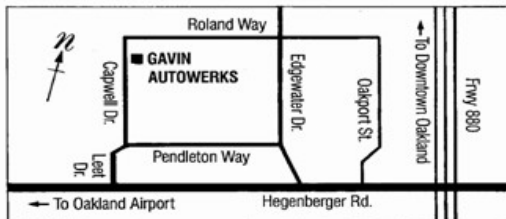


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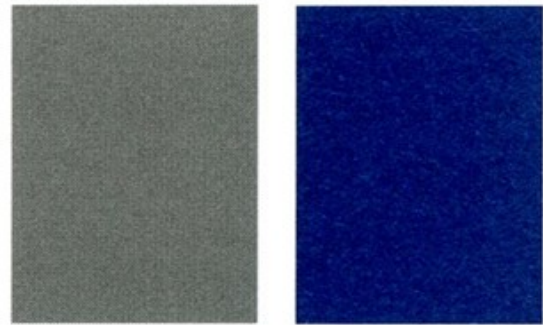
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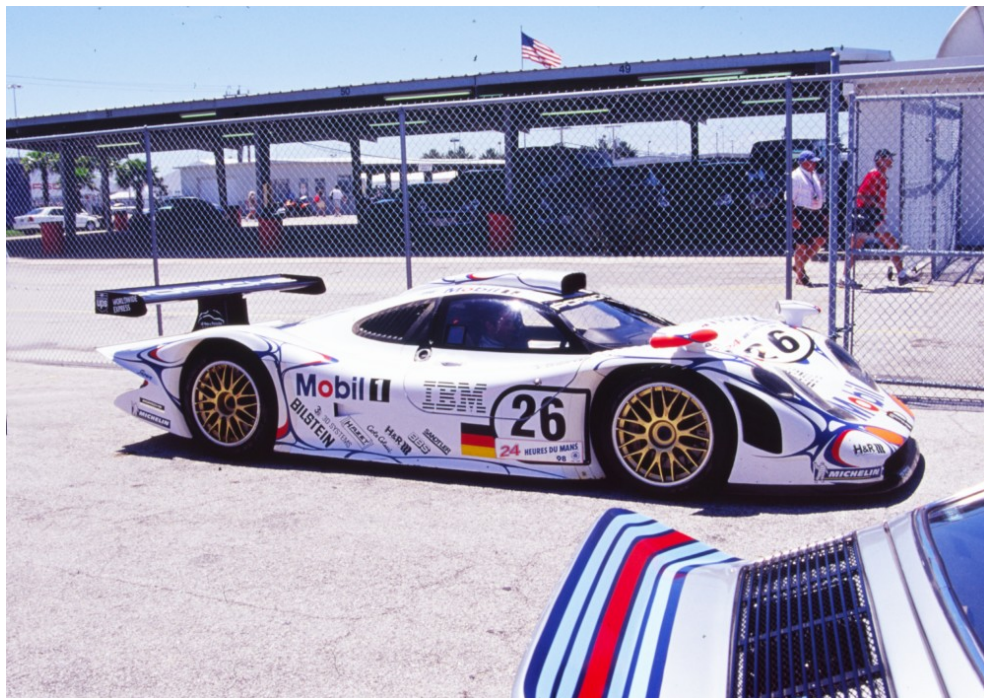
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Frank Cunningham was kind enough to send me a couple of pictures he took. This one is at Laguna Seca make'n the corkscrew last October with the ALM races.



GT-1 Evo was at the Rennsport Reunion II, April 2004, By Frank Cunningham

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Recording on Video

Article by Jerry Torres

Here is a possible way to improve your Track or Autocross driving. Why not mount a Digital camera inside your car? With this camera you can then review your driving and possibly see where an improvement could be made. What I have done is mount a Digital camera in my Cayman "S". Here is a picture.....



The camera is Rock Solid. I am not sure how you would mount yours. My car has a bar going between the two seats so it was an easy mount. 911 and Boxster owners should be able to either attach a bar across the back of the seats, or adapt it in another way. Hopefully this could work for all people interested.

The mounting hardware is easy to come by. I ordered my hardware from:

<http://WWW.expressmounts.com> (under \$35.00 delivered) they are in Nevada.....

Parts: RAM-B-231U (stainless U-bolt base w/1" aluminum ball plate) RAM-B-202AU (aluminum 2.5" dia plate w/camera thread w/1" ball) RAM-B-201U-A (aluminum 1.75" short arm w/double 1" dia socket) RAP-319U (plastic U-bolt adapter)



The Inside Line



The Inside Line

By Steven M Jones

Diablo events are going strong this summer! Since I wrote my last column we've had a wonderful tour to Grass Valley and the longest single-span covered bridge in the US, and a fabulous driving tour along the Pacific coast to Bodega Bay that followed a segment of the California Mille vintage car event. My thanks to members Ken Wu and Tito Young for coordinating these events. And in addition our members were able to enjoy a special Porsche-only run group at a Saturday track event through an arrangement with Hooked on Driving, which you can read more about elsewhere in this issue. Finally, if you crave something different from the usual tour, I hope you were able to attend our Gimmick Rally on July 26th.

It's time to solicit candidates for the board of director elections Diablo will be holding in October. We will have five (5) positions open, and not all incumbents will be standing for another term. If you would like to serve on the board, or know of someone you think would be a good candidate to serve on the board, submit your candidate via email to nominations@diablo-pca.org for consideration. The nominating committee will confirm the candidate's willingness to serve and present the slate to the current Diablo board for approval at the August 12th board meeting, so don't delay! As always, board meetings are open to any members who wish to attend – see out online event calendar (<http://calendar.diablo-pca.org>) for details.

I've been renting a mailbox since just before I move to Berkeley from Boston. It's convenient to have a secure place to receive packages that I can access 24x7, so I've kept it. Yesterday when I picked up my mail, there was an envelope from the Nevada DMV. Inside was a pair of license plates. I've never lived in Nevada, and certainly haven't registered a car there. At first I thought it was odd. Then I worried it was the first sign of identity theft...

It was after 6PM when I picked up my mail, so there was nothing to be done about it then. This morning I started trying to remember how to get my free annual credit reports, to see if there was any indication of identity theft. You can obtain your free credit reports from annualcreditreport.com – this is the one overseen and recommended by the [Federal Trade Commission](http://www.ftc.gov). I hadn't checked my credit reports since 2005, which is not smart. Everybody should do it at least once a year, and since everybody is eligible for a free annual report from each of the major agencies ([Experian](http://www.experian.com), [Equifax](http://www.equifax.com), and [TransUnion](http://www.transunion.com)) you can rotate and check one every 4 months at no cost.

There was nothing on my credit report, but then there *could* be a 30-60 day lag before things show up there. So I called the Nevada DMV and asked why I had received these tags.

DMV: Do you own an '06 Subaru?

SMJ: No.

DMV: Do you own an '05 VW?

SMJ: No.

DMV: Do you have a wife, ex-wife, or girlfriend?

SMJ: None of the above...

DMV: The name "Mary" doesn't mean anything to you?*

SMJ: Sorry, no...

DMV: Let me transfer you to Special Plates.

(Name changed in the interest of privacy)

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The Inside Line

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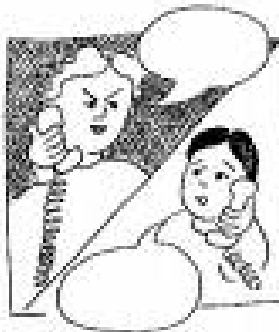
I went back and forth with a few more phone reps who quickly clammed up and said they couldn't share any information about the registration because they couldn't really verify who I was. Understandable, given that they didn't have any record of my identity in their systems – that first phone rep shouldn't have mentioned the name "Mary" to me. The senior rep suggested this might be identity theft, and after a while transferred me to another desk to ask about filing an incident report.

While waiting on hold I realized two things. I had a first name for this person, "Mary." And there was no first name or box number on the envelope's mailing label. What if there was a Mary Jones who also rented a box at the same establishment? I called the mailbox place and sure enough, they have a Mary Jones. About that time my line was picked up at the DMV and I explained the whole thing again. They confirmed that there were no records in their systems with my complete address or my social security number associated with them.

So it looks like this was an innocent mistake – this time. At least it prompted me to review my credit report this year, and it only cost me half a day to clear up. But on the whole, I prefer adrenaline or coffee when I need to get my heart pumping...

Looking ahead to August, I am trying to confirm a scheduled morning tour to the Monterey Historics on the 16th. There is also a region barbeque being developed for Saturday, August 30th – hopefully this won't conflict with members' Labor Day plans, because I think this is going to be a spectacular event. Stay tuned for details.

Drive safely,
–Steve.



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Robert C. Hammond Judy Waggoner - (Affiliate)	2002 Boxster Blue
Michael T. Hennigan Michele Hennigan - (Wife)	2002 996 White
William H. Johnson Gretchen Johnson - (Wife)	1986 944 Turbo Black
David Miles Loyd	1992 968 Blk
Hiroko Loyd - Member (Wife)	1992 968 Blk
Roc Lumley	1991 911 Gray
Paul Nisbett	1994 968 Red
Kevin Ryder Susy Ryder - (Wife)	1976 911 S Silver
Paul E. Schwenger David Schwenger - (Son)	1990 911 Red
Tosh Yumae Brian Yumae - (Son)	1997 911 993 Black
Florian Zettelmeyer Meghan Busse - (Wife)	2006 997 S Speed Yellow

Tom III Leonard Esteria Leonard - Member (Wife)	1975 911 S
Florian Zettelmeyer Meghan Busse - Member (Wife)	2006 997 S Speed Yellow

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From the Editor



At the end of this year, my term is up on the Board of Directors. With it will also end my work on the Advocate. At the end of 2006, when Jerry and I joined the club, we had a difficult time finding out any information as to what was going on. I was told the newsletter had been put on hold to try and find someone to take it on.

The only way to ever find out about activities, was when the membership chair would send out emails to everyone in the club—that alone was quite a huge undertaking!!!

I was invited to a Board of Director's meeting to discuss helping out until they 'found someone' for the Newsletter. I happily took it on, as long as it was understood, I was not a professional at this and would learn as I go. Everyone gladly agreed, knowing it was so important to "Get the word out to members" via Newsletter. The first few months were hard, as we still would have the devil's Advocate printed and mailed out to everyone. That lasted a few months, but with the high expense, and seeing other zones going to on-line, we decided it would be a great idea to go online as well. Soon after, we got our Webmaster, and the newsletter was posted on it—things were looking up!! Word was getting out, and suddenly, our region was putting on tours and having social activities! I would like to think I had a part in this, with the Advocate. I have enjoyed learning something new each month when I put it together. However, as I mentioned, my time is coming to an end soon, with only 4 issues left for me to do.

It is time to recruit—we would like to know the newsletter will go on without any gap, so we need someone to step up and take it over starting January of 2009. If anyone out there is interested, please contact our President, Steve Jones at: president@diablo-pca.org

If anyone would like to contact me with questions, please feel free to do so. I would hate to see the Advocate disappear!!

Maureen Torres
editor@diablo-pca.org

(One more note, in case any of you sent an email to me during June or early July, my email address had a problem, so it is possible I never saw it)



First Annual Autocross & Peoples Choice Wash 'n' Shine Event!

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort
Saturday Sept 6th, 2008**



Autocross Details

First car out ~9am, finish ~4pm
~1 mile w/ 300ft+ of elevation change
PCA-GGR rules apply
Awards at BBQ, ~6pm
\$TBD participation fee

Wash 'n' Shine Details

Car staging and preparation, 9-11am
Peoples choice voting, 11-3pm
Awards at BBQ, ~6pm
\$TBD participation fee

BBQ Details

5pm @ The Lodge at Bear Valley
Burgers, Chicken, Tri-Tip, salads & drinks!
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Joe LePage

Joseph L. Le Page, 70, passed away Tuesday at his home following a short illness. He was born in San Diego, but has called the Benicia-Vallejo area his home, including the last 40 years in Benicia.

Joseph was a graduate of St. Vincent's High School, Class of 1956 and attended Santa Clara University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Porsche Car Club of America.

He is survived by Peggy, his wife of 43 years; his mother Mary Le Page of Vallejo; daughters Karrie (George) Hepworth of Vallejo and Georgia Ioakimedes of Windsor; sons Mike (Gayle) Ioakimedes of Benicia and George (Chris) Ioakimedes of Antelope, 10 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Joseph was preceded in death by his father, George LePage and brother Eugene Le Page.

Our Diablo Member will be missed.

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