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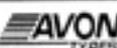
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Cover Photo

TMy favorite type of cover photo is one with a single Porsche in a beautiful setting or a similarly simple symetry of multiple Porsches.

I have not been inclined toward "artsy" closeups of raindrops or whatever. Included in this category would be reflections of any sort from any brightly finished Porsche surface or any Andy Warhol effect.

The selected photo is thus a huge departure to the land of reflections and symbolism: The new Cayenne era is a reality in our Region, the association of the Cayenne with racing, the Region President's Boxster lurking in the background, and an editor's camera poking not once but twice into nearly everything.

It is a bit clunky as a photo, but has some beauty nevertheless. The wonderfully blue sky, wispy clouds and elegant trees all help.

It also is the first cover from my new Olympus C-750 Ultra zoom: 1/60 sec., ISO 50, F-stop 4.0 and exposure in Program mode.

Diablo Region Web Site:

<http://vista.pca.org/dia/>

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Brian's Beat

by Brian Cameron, President

As you read this in September, I will have been back from the Bonneville Salt Flats for two weeks. When I wrote this, it was a week away before we left for Wendover, Utah. We had loaded our race car on Tuesday, August 12th. Hopefully, we will return with two class records; I'll let you know next month.



July's events included the Pic-tour Rally and the "Where's Arnold?" tour which were fun events. Check out the articles and photos in this issue for the full stories. August 24th was the "Bay Tour & Sail" chaired by Jack Carpenter. Jack always puts on outstanding events, and I am sure this was another winner.

September starts off with the "Blackhawk Concours" on the 7th, followed by the "Tires and Suspension Tech" at Roger Kraus Racing in Castro Valley on the 13th. These should both be fine and interesting events. If you are not showing your car at the Blackhawk Concours, please contact Frank Cunningham to volunteer to help out.

At the August Board Meeting, Alan Kingsley resigned as Secretary and Mike Vorkapich was appointed to fill out his term. We will be appointing a member to fill out the vacant term on the Board at the September meeting.

Elections will be coming up soon and I would like to see some new faces. If you are interested in serving, please contact a Board Member.

There will be more on the election next month. Remember to drive safely.



Potpourri

by the Editor

Our fearless leader (next door column) claims to be a famous record-holding racer, but, on the walking tour at the Ironstone Winery, he selected the spell-binding speed of a golf cart.

Those with sharp eyes may note the value of a 10x optical zoom lens (the previous camera had a 3x zoom) in the auto-cross photo of Ken Jones on page 15. The one of Howard finishing was taken from way back in the course. This photo of Mike was taken from the far other end of Coco's at breakfast.



Porsche Corral tickets are free at Laguna Seca, October 3-5, if ordered from Zone 7. The deadline is Sept 5 (See page 11).

Porsche dealers continued their march toward being the number one luxury dealership. The dealers are moving up on the JD Powers survey results. Porsche is now ranked ahead of BMW, Mercedes, Jaguar and Audi. Porsche is ranked number one of all manufacturers when all brands are combined, i.e. Toyota/Lexus.

Another achievement is that Porsche dealers delivered a higher CSI (customer satisfaction index) than Lexus, the reigning number one, in providing the challenging, compared to routine maintenance, warranty repair service.

Your editor has joined Brian Cameron and Jack Kuhn (Yosemite Tour group leaders) as one selected for a CHP interview in the foothills section of our respective tours. Whoever is sending the Diablo tour calendar to the CHP offices needs to cease and desist. In my case, it was a complex situation that came very close to the Boxster being towed and me left car-less in Copperopolis. Common good sense, however, eventually triumphed and a \$10 fee paid in the Hayward court resolved everything.

Editorial note: look closely at the new caps worn by Brian and Mike.



Membership

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

New Members	11
Transfers in	4
Current renewals	31
Multi-year renewals	7
Late/delete renewals*	12
Transfers out	5
Non renewals	20
Dual members	9

Total membership 606

**Previously deleted, now renewed*



**Judy Schreib,
Membership**

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New members this month (thru 8/4/03):

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	City
Gary A. Bartolotti	Sue	Boxster	2002	Pleasanton
Kerry E. Burns	Scott	996	2003	Danville
Rainer Enders		911	1984	Walnut Creek
Marc A. Giammona	Mary	964	1991	Walnut Creek
Douglas W. Harry	Nancy	911 SC	1979	Discovery Bay
Mark Jordan	Cynthia	Boxster S	2003	Antioch
Mary Jane Perkins	Mark	911	1973	Berkeley
Thomas R. Rumberg	Christie	996	2000	Dublin
Les J. Serpa	Dawn	Boxster	2002	Diablo
Michael Vanbreda	Maryann	911	1972	El Sobrante
Steele A. Willinger		Boxster	2003	Walnut Creek

Transfers In:

Erich Bauer		C2	1991	Moraga
Soren La Force	Jean	911	1980	Hayward
Robert A. Marr	Andrew	911 Carrera	2001	Dublin
Rick Myllenbeck	Alisa	Boxster	1999	Livermore



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From the Editor

by Ron Leppke <lepprd@mac.com>

I am encouraged, so far, with the new photo gallery/slideshow arrangement. The counter shows that members are visiting and I have received "Send me" messages as well.



The Wash 'n Shine count was 76 on 8/20: <<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/PhotoAlbum11.html>> and the Pic-tour page has done well (51) in spite of very few knowing of its existence: <<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/PhotoAlbum19.html>>. The Arnold tour had a good count (37), and the GGR Autocross photo album for 8/2 had over 105 visits in just two days after being posted and was at 194 on 8/20.

The Pic-tour Rally was fun in spite of a bank sign saying 111 degrees. I did not participate for points, but drove around wildly trying to catch more participants making discoveries. I found two on my own and thus had to drive on and come back so as not to be the "pointer" for real participants. Having driven Norris Canyon Road since 1963, the two photo locations on the twisty bits were easy.

Speaking of photos and rally fun, I am contemplating an unauthorized and more diabolical, in true John Clever fashion, Pic-tour Rally. If it comes to fruition, it would use Photoshop, a long zoom lens and other tricks in a clear attempt to be deceptive. Since I am both unskilled and too lazy to do a new route, the one from 7/20 could be used again and this could lead to further trickery. I had in mind a Do-It-Yourself type thing with no set days or time limits but am being persuaded that a get together time would be fun for swapping stories and frustrations.

I have taken about 58 photos so far, and, out of that total, 20 have been given diabolical tweaking. Stay tuned to hear if this will eventually actually happen.

In case anyone notices or worries about such things, it is true that I was a full participant (70 photos) with the "Where's Arnold?" tour and also attended the ALMS event a Infineon on

the same weekend (40 photos when my batteries gave out). The explanation is a special editor trick that I may or may not expose at some later date.

The proliferation of new caps, soon to be followed by similarly new shirts and other clothing items, worn by Diablo members has made its way into the *Advocate*. While this dramatic upturn in member spending may or may not spur our overall economy, it does signal the arrival of apparel in our Goody Store which (finally!) has our new Porsche A.G. approved logo.

I am still waiting for a certain former board member to tell the entire logo change story for the *Advocate* so I will not go into those details here.

Goody Store proprietors Howard and Vern Thomas have these new logo items, with more on the way, so have your cash or check handy at any forthcoming event.



Francisco Cabrita began hounding me some time ago about showing my assorted slide shows on a wall or screen rather than from the computer screen during the Saturday breakfasts. I have thus acquired two new toys, a computer projector and screen, and bored everyone to tears with shows at both Pavlo's and Coco's on the 8/1-2 weekend.



How does an Edelbrock cap get in an edition featuring Diablo caps? Many of you may remember Vic Edelbrock's brand from your Ford/Chevy days but, the last time I spoke with him at the Infineon Raceway Vintage races (he and his daughters race Mustangs and Camaros), Vic said he still has his slope nose 911 Turbo that was factory delivered when I got my '79 911SC.

We toured Weissach together and, although the Edelbrock company presumably has excellent test and other equipment, Vic said he was really envious of all the highest level technology that is available at Porsche.

Editor photo by Hank Watts

My First Porsche, #6



Longing for a Porsche for years, Howard & Vern (driving) Thomas got their's last year.

Perfect Porsche Parking



One way to avoid door dings is to have a long walk. Rich Sutcliffe's 911 in a BART lot.



TANKS!!



Tour the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation

October 25, 2003 (Saturday Drive)

If you haven't seen a tank up close, this is your chance.
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Join the Diablo Region, PCA for a guided tour of the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (MTVF). Drive with us to the Portola Valley and see the largest collection of historical military vehicles in the world, including many dozens of light to heavy military tanks. Tour the special repair facility where the heavy machinery is maintained. Experience the M-4 Sherman turret trainer. Check current projects and inventory on the web site at www.milvehtechfound.com.

Bring a picnic lunch. After the MVTF tour we will drive to a nearby park for a picnic.

We leave at 9:00 A.M. from Coco's in Dublin at 2944 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA. Join us for breakfast at 8:00 A.M. if you wish. We meet in the back room. The drive is approximately 1 ½ hours. We will take the most scenic routes practicable. There is no charge for the tour.

RSVP: Call Mike at (925) 944-9172 to reserve your place. (The MTVF limits tours to no more than 30 people.)

Zone Calendar: 2003-04

Date	Region	Event	Zone	Event Title	Location
9/6/03	GGR	Rally	Rally #4	Coyote Run #3	TBA
9/7/03	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
9/7/03	DR	Concours	Concours #7	Blackhawk Plaza	Danville
9/7/03	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
9/13/03	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	TBD
9/20/03	SVR	Rally	Rally #5	Carrera de Sierra	Loomis
9/27/03	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	TBD
9/28/03	RR	Concours	Concours #8	Ledson Winery	Santa Rosa
10/5/03	Zone 7	Club Race		U.S. Invitational	Laguna Seca
10/11/03	GGR	Rally	Rally #6	event TBD	TBD
10/12/03	SVR	Swap Meet		Regional Swap meet	Silverstar Motors
10/12/03	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
10/12/03	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
10/18/03	SQR	Autocross	Auto-x #7	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
10/19/02	YOS	Autocross	Auto-x #8	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
10/19/03	GGR	Time Trial #5		Time Trial	Thunderhill
11/1/03	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	TBD
11/8/03	Zone 7			Zone President's Meeting	TBD
1/1704	Zone 7	Banquet		Awards Banquet	TBD

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Diablo Calendar: 2003

September

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Blackhawk Concours
- 13 Tech: Tires & Suspension
- 18 Thursday Dinner Out

October

- 3 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Board Meeting
- 16 Thursday Dinner Out
- 25 MVTF (Tanks) Tour

November

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Pizza and Porsches
- 15 Ryde Hotel Tour
- 20 Thursday Dinner Out



John Waggon's new Meridian 4S (Cinamon interior) goes thru inspection.

December

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

January 2004

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Thursday Dinner Out

February 2004

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

March 2004

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



Aaron Waldon (Alameda) and Tom Simonetti (Benicia) for their first Coco's breakfasts.

Saturday Breakfast

8 A.M. at Coco's,
7944 Dublin Blvd.,
(at San Ramon Rd.)
Dublin

West or east on 580,
exit to San Ramon Rd.,
proceed north to first light.

Pizza & Porsches

1st Friday, 7 P.M.

Pavlo's Pizza
2408 Twin Creeks,
San Ramon

Board of Directors Meeting

First Tuesday, 7 P.M.
Mostly at Brian's home

Thursday Night Dinner Out

3rd Thurs., 6:30 P.M.
Rocco's Ristorante*
2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd.
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* Rocco's Ristorante features 29 entrees, including pastas, in addition to Pizza.



John Place, owner of a 2003 Turbo at the August 2 breakfast.



Where's Arnold?

by

Cathy & Jack Kuhn

July 26-27, 2003

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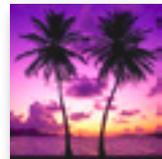


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Awards presentation 2:30 P.M.

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If you have not previously joined us at this largest Zone Seven Concours, enter the easy Wash 'n Shine class. The two museum tickets will allow you see the great display of world-class cars.

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See <www.blackhawkmuseum.org> for listings of all museum events, for maps and for driving directions.

Driving Events

by the Editor



Ex-editor, Ken Jones, continues to do well in his Li autocross class and is second in points after a win on July 12 at Candlestick Point and a second place at Golden Gate Fields (see photo) on August 2.

Alan Kingsley has driven both Candlestick and Golden Gate Fields GGR events and currently is placed third in his M class.



Vern and Howard Thomas, who are developing into serious autocrossers, with Vern competing at the Marina site on July 20. The photos show Howard at



Golden Gate Fields on August 2. Vern is currently tied for first in her GGR class standings.



ALMS at Infineon Raceway

by the Editor

When the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) comes to a raceway, it arrives



as early as Tuesday of the race weekend in three haulers carrying, among much more, two Cayennes. All three trucks have the name "Porsche" painted on their sides indicating series sponsorship.

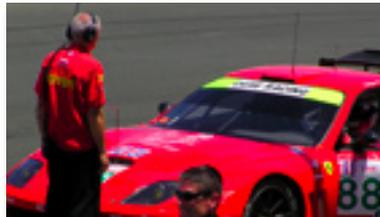


Anyone with even a little competition experience knows that tire compounds



and tire pressures are very crucial. Sascha Maassen, the Porsche factory driver with Alex Job Racing, is seen here discussing tire issues with a Michelin technician.

Both the GTS Corvettes and the GT Porsches had Ferrari competition in their respective classes





John Clever Memorial Pic-tour Rally



July 20, 2003

Organized/hosted by:

Bill/Jo Melton, Herb/Judy Schreib
Brian Cameron, Gloria Hall



Pic-tour Rally

by Gloria Hall

The annual John Clever Memorial Pic-tour Rally was held Sunday, July 20, 2003. Six cars gathered at Kahler's in Dublin. For years contestants have complained about the heat, and this year's triple digits (!!!) lived up to their expectations. The heat may be the reason for the small turnout.

Leaving Kahler's, the route wound north through San Ramon, west to Castro Valley, winding back to Pleasanton, traversing Hacienda Business Park, finishing at Round Table Pizza. There was a total of 1500 bonus points for finding John Clever along the route. The first location was a bus stop in Hacienda Business Park and the second location was Exotic Cars on First Street, Pleasanton. Several cars sighted one or the other; however, nobody located both. One Pic-tour veteran said these pictures were the hardest to find.

The "Gotcha" Mailbox Award was won by 2 cars this year. Those who failed to spot the mailbox were: Pat & Susan

McCann and John Wagnon and Joy Cameron.

Plaques were presented as follows

Class II (Porsches)

- 1st:** John Wagnon, Joy Cameron
2nd: Bill Patton, Susan Lack
3rd: Pat & Susan McCann

Class IV (non-Porsches vehicles, more than 2 people)

- 1st:** Pete Soper, Bill Jonesi, Cris Wendt
2nd: Al Armellini, Trish Gleason, Rik Larson
3rd: Bill Bender, Susie George & children

Overall winners of the Pic-tour:

Pete Soper
Bill Jonesi
Cris Wendt

The mystery raffle benefiting Blankets for Kids was won by Cris Wendt. Cris is the Treasurer of the Rally Club.

Each entry received a gift certificate from Round table Pizza and a good time was had by all! Thanks to Brian Cameron, Gloria Hall, Bill Melton, Jo Molz, Herb & Judy Schreib.

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You are responsible for overnight accommodations in the North Lake Tahoe area. Start for both the rally and the tour is from Loomis (Interstate 80 and Horseshoe Bar Road). The rally fee is \$50.00 per car (two people) if received by August 15th; after August 15th, the fee is \$60.00 per car. Awards will be given in four classes. This year's rallymaster is Richard Wetzel. The tour fee is \$30.00 per car (two people). The tour will not follow the exact rally route but does end at North Lake Tahoe on Saturday and in Loomis on Sunday. Once again, our tour leaders are Judy Hanna and Rich Swenson.

Pre-registration is recommended. Entrants on the day of the event may be accepted but may have difficulty finding accommodations at North Lake Tahoe. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Tahoe Inn. Call (800) 648-2324; be sure to mention the Porsche Club rate. For further information, contact Rik Larson at (916) 481-6084 (before 9:00 P.M., please) or e-mail: synsnake@comcast.net



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Fee for judged Porsches is \$20.00 per entry, with proceeds going to *Guide Dogs for the Blind*. Attendance at the concours and live music are free. PCA participants will receive a complimentary wine tasting prior to the awards ceremony. For those wishing to taste wine on their own, there will be a \$10.00 per-person fee, which includes a Ledson logo wine glass.

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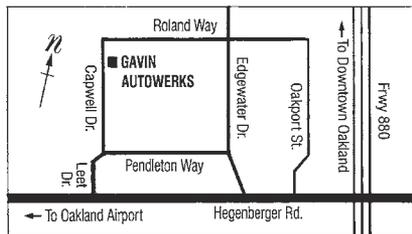
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Directions: Registration and start are at Carlsen Porsche. From US 101 take the Marsh Road exit east and turn left at the signal onto Haven Avenue.



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Goodbye to Paul

Paul Schrenk of German Motorsports, who has chosen to close his business. It is probably unusual to take up unpaid ad space to recognize a former sponsor, but I would like to do just that.

I first began serious autocrossing with my '79 SC. The setup, including heavier torsion bars, adjustable anti-sway bars plus more, was done in a Modesto shop where Paul was an employee. About 15 championships later, all the SC goodies were transferred to an '84 Carrera with Paul, if I recall accurately, doing about 90% of that work. The Glacier Blue Carrera worked as well or better than the SC and the championships continued.

The next Carrera was an '86 and, based on the trust I had developed with his Modesto work, I sought out Paul's German Motorsports whenever I needed a good and reliable Porsche mechanic and shop. The work was good and the prices fair. Having had some serious problems with other Porsche mechanics along the way (none locally), it was very reassuring and settling to have a resource like Paul available; it is equally unsettling to lose such a dependable and fair alternative for good Porsche maintenance.

Best wishes to Paul Schrenk as his career takes a turn along life's highway

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