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FUTURE DIABLO REGION EVENTS

Feb 1 ➤ Super Bowl party

Feb 21 ➤ Awards Dinner

Feb 28 ➤ Powder Coating discussion

Lunch & Wine tasting

Mar 21 ➤ Lodi Wine Tour

Apr 18 ➤ Bocce Ball and Lunch

Apr 25-26 ➤ Yosemite Tour

Apr 27-May 1 ➤ Ladies Mexican Cruise

May 24 ➤ Wash 'N Shine

May 31 ➤ Newcomer BBO

Jun 5 ➤ Thunderhill DE

Jun 20 ➤ Diablo Mille Tour

Jul 18 ≽ 25th Anniversary BBQ

Aug 22 ➤ Tour da Jour

Sep 4 ➤ Thunderhill DE

Sep 12-13 ➤ Paso Robles Tour

Sep 19 ➤ Tour of Canepa Design

Sep 26 ➤ End of Summer Tour

Oct 3 > Oktoberfest

Oct 10 ➤ Coastal Tour

Oct 17 > Racer's Group Tech Session

Nov 14-15 ➤ Feather River Tour

Nov 20 ➤ Planning Meeting

Dec 5 ➤ Holiday Party

Jan 30 2010 ≯Anniversary Award Dinner

Feb 13 2010 >Go Carts

Feb 27 2010 >Dublin Ski Trip

Mar 14 2010 >St. Patrick's Day Party

PCA / ZONE 7 REGION EVENTS

Jun 28-Jul 5 > Parade

Aug 11-16 ➤ Monterey

GOLDEN GATE REGION AUTOCROSS

SCHEDULE

Mar 21 Aug 22-23

Apr 18 Sep 26

May 16 Oct 24

Jun 20 Nov 21

Jul 25

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The Inside Line By Steve Jones

Let me open this month with a reminder that the Board of Directors election is upon us - you should re-

ceive a ballot by the 10th of October at the latest. Nominations were set some time ago, and you should be able to read the statements from the candidates in this issue. Please take some time to read those statements, mark your ballot clearly according to the directions, and return it. If you have a member of your immediate family registered with the PCA under your membership, they are also entitled to cast a vote.

Having members willing to take up the responsibilities of serving on the board is critically important, but there are many other ways to participate in the running of the region. We need people to help out the chairpersons in areas like Events, Newsletter, and the Goodie Store. And if any of you want to see Diablo offering rallies or autocrosses, the sooner we can start building a team for next year the better – please contact myself or another Board member.

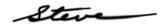
However, I am pleased to note two areas where we have excellent participation. Our track program has grown remarkably from it's inception four years ago, to the point where we have a dedicated and experienced team putting on events that participants speak of in glowing terms. I am very proud of what they've accomplished, as should all Diablo members.

The other area is a new team that will be engaging new members as they join Diablo. You'll see them listed along with the rest of the region's volunteers at the beginning of this issue. These folks will be actively contacting members as PCA National informs us that they've joined our region, letting them know what we do and inviting them to upcoming events. This is a key step to building participation by new members, something we've talked about for a long time at the Board level, and I look forward to some great results from this program.

Before I go: A major motor oil manufacturer has been running a commercial touting the financial benefits of keeping your "high mileage" car on the road. The gimmick of having the air vents shoot change at the passengers barely merits a chuckle, but I do wonder what they'd make of the fact that my "new" car is 12 years old and my oldest car will be 40 by the end of this year – let alone what they'd have to do for an early 356!

No matter how new or old your car is, be sure to take a drive and enjoy the views before rainy season begins.

Drive Safely,





Steve's Breakfast

If you live in the Southern part of the Region, Steve is bringing breakfast closer to you.

Join Steve and other local Porsche Club members for a hearty breakfast and good conversation.

When: October 24th

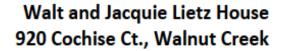
Time: 9-11 AM

Location: To be announced

Porsche Club of America - Diablo Region

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 3, 6:30PM





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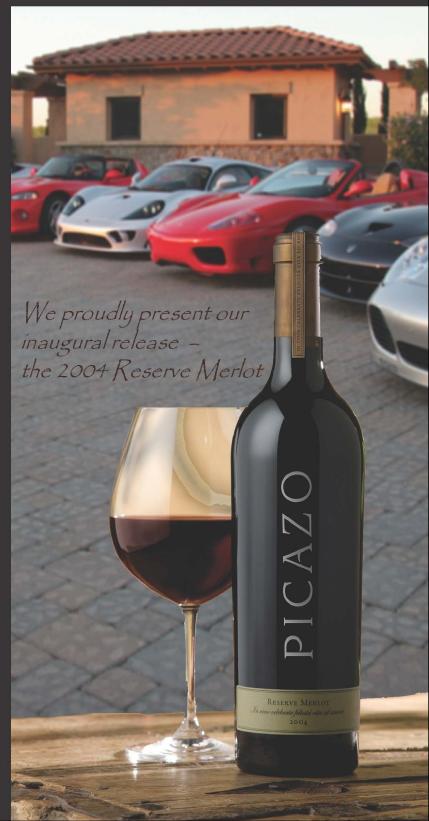
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Nominations for 2009 Board Election

It's almost Diablo Region's election time and several of our Board members have reached the limit of their terms.

There are four (4) open positions to be filled.

The following Diablo members have submitted their names to be considered for a position on the Board:

- Rick Davenport
- Tad Gladczenko
- Walt Lietz
- •Rolly Smith
- Doug Weibe
- •Ken Wu

Please review each of their biographies so you are more familiar with their information for the October election.



Doug Weibe

After twenty years running an engineering project management consulting business, I decided I did not want a Rolex for retirement. I have been a "car guy" since my first sports car, a 1964 TR-4 Targa. I have

had several BMWs and Audis over the years. I have also been active in both the local BMW and Audi clubs.

However, joining this club and being active in it, was actually part of my retirement plan. The short version of this story is, I took a test drive in a Cayman and was hooked. I now own a grey Cayman S (my retirement toy) that puts a smile on my face every time I start it up. I can't imagine ever not having at least one Porsche model in our garage in the future. Although I've only been a member of this club for just over a year, I have participated in and enjoyed many social events and one, so far, track day at Thunder Hill. Auto crossing is also on my list. Looking forward, I would like to be more active in the club leadership and help support activities. I have past volunteer board experience with an engineering professional non-profit society. I'm fully aware that all the club events do not just happen by themselves. I believe I can contribute and ask for your support.

Frederick L. Davenport, CLU, ChFC

For over two decades, Rick has worked with a variety of public and private companies to enhance their executive compensation and benefit plans. In addition, his work entails helping individual executives with their estate planning needs. His creative and innovative design concepts quickly helped build his reputation as one of the outstanding minds in the industry.

Before founding his own firm in 2005, Mr. Davenport worked with Marsh/Mercer, Clark Consulting, and MCG – assisting clients in the design, administration, securitization, and funding of executive benefit plans. Prior to that he served as Managing Partner of D/A Financial Group of California, a regional benefits and estate planning firm, where he practiced from 1983 to 1999.

Rick belongs to a variety of industry associations and has participated in leadership positions over the years in many of those groups. He earned his Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant designations just two years after graduating from the University of California, Berkeley Business School in 1981. While at Cal, he earned degrees in both Marketing and Finance.

Believing in the importance of "giving back", Rick has served the community in a number of ways over the years. Most recently as a member of the Board of Regents at John F. Kennedy University, where after 12 years on the Board he was awarded the prestigious Kennedy Citation for his leadership in helping the University buy and finance a new campus. Prior to that, he was a member of the Alta Bates Foundation Board, the Orinda Country Club Board, the HVIA Board, and the Berkeley Business School Alumni Board.

In his free time, Rick enjoys both snow and water skiing with his family, photography, and perfecting his skills as a private pilot.



Walt Lietz

I am a retired data base manager, living in Walnut Creek, and joined the Diablo PCA two years ago. I grew up in New York and graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1964. I served in the Army Corps of Engineers from 1964 to 1966 and was stationed in France and Germany. While in France I saw the 24 Hours at Le Mans in 1965 with my first roadster, a TR-4. I moved up to a Porsche 914 in 1969 but sold it for an AMC Pacer when I married Jacquie in 1976.

Jacquie and I joined the Diablo PCA in 2007 after we bought our 2006 Boxster and have enjoyed the social events, the rallies, and the driver education at Thunderhill and I hope to contribute to the club as a member of the board.

Ken Wu

Fellow Diablo Members, my name is Ken Wu.

I have been a PCA Diablo member since 2006 and have enjoyed the fellowship of the members greatly.

My passion with the club is driving. That includes Drivers Education, Autocross and Driving Tours. I help out on the DE team. I have organ-

ized the Covered Bridge tour last year and help co-organized the James Dean Tour this year.

I am the Membership Chair and a Director on the Diablo Board for the last two years.

As a Board member, I would like to see that we continue to improve the club's web page and communication with the members. That includes advance and clear information about upcoming events.

I would like to improve the event hosting procedures to encourage hosting for more events. I would like to see better members' input to the Board so that the Board can serve the membership better. I would like to see that the Board continues to support the DE events and more social events.

We have seen more events being organized and more member's participation in the last two years. I would like to see that continues.

Rolland (Rolly) Smith

Hello members,

I am a member of the Diablo PCA for the last four years +/-. I am a car guy and in addition to my 1990 Carrera 2, I own a C5 Corvette and a DeLorean.

I am a retired CPA living in Dublin with my wife. I have experience in serving many types of not-for-profit organizations professionally as a tax consultant and as an auditor. In addition, I have served as a Board member and as President of clubs to which I have belonged.

I have served as a Board member and at times a Board Chairperson of many public benefit corporations. I have served on City and County Commissions and have sometimes been a Chairperson.

If chosen, I will apply my energies to serve you well.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland (Rolly) Smith



Tad Gladczenko

I've been a member of the Diablo Region since 2003. Soon after getting my first Porsche, I discovered an entire group of like-minded Porsche fanatics who worship their cars, autocross them, track them, above all drive them, and enjoy the company of other Porsche

fans. Having participated in many PCA events, I would like to be instrumental in extending these great experiences to other Porsche owners.



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Diablo Region DE Track Event Team

A **BIG "T H A N K Y O U"** for all the DE Event Team Volunteers who made this year's track events memorable, efficient, safe and fun for all our Diablo members and Guest participants. Thought you might like to see just who all those people are:

- Track Chair-Luis Soler
- Track Senior Technical Adviser Warren Gardner
- Track Registrar Mike Ciopyk
- Track Check-in and Admin Extraordinaire Kay Maloy
- Track Check-in and backup to Admin Extraordinaire Linda Boyd
- Track Chief Technical Inspector and Paddock Marshall Randy Thorson
- Track DE Final Inspection Ken Wu
- Track DE Final Inspection Jerry Torres
- Track DE Final Inspection Tom Marinshaw
- Track DE Final Inspection Gerry McFaull
- Track DE Final Inspection Adam Cipriano
- Track DE Final Inspection Tom Davenport
- Track DE Final Inspection Jack Kuhn
- Track Paddock and Pit Marshall backup, Track DE Final Inspection Carlos Bocanegra
- Track Paddock and Pit Marshall backup, Track DE Final Inspection Mark Ciopyk
- Track Pit Marshall Jim McClelland
- Track Chief Instructor Scott Pope
- Track Chief Instructor (backup) Mike McDonald
- Additional Volunteers Jim Edmunds and Cathy Kuhn

In addition to our volunteers, we must acknowledge the continued support from our sponsors— Porsche of Fremont and Kahlers. The financial support helps maintain our ability to continue to offer the DE Events to all our members.

One more **THANK YOU** to all of our members who came to the track and felt the thrill of driving their cars in an environment meant to demonstrate what the Porsche can do and why we all love to drive our **PORSCHES**.



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"The mission and purpose of the Porsche Club of America's Driver's Education Program is to provide a safe, structured and controlled teaching and learning environment. The PCA DE Program is designed so that participants can improve their driving abilities and acquire a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and driving safety. Participants will experience first-hand the capabilities of high performance automobiles in a controlled, closed-course environment and acquire skills that will enhance safer vehicle operation in all driving situations.

One giant word of caution: this adventure can become very addictive. We will teach you to drive your Porsche the way Stuttgart designed it to be driven. The DE schools are run in a safe and controlled environment on a closed course. Like any new sport your instructor will guide you into this exciting world of high performance driving. These weekends are great sources of stories for the Monday morning coffee break. You will have dreams about various turns and wake up with memories of your instructor yelling BRRAKE or DON'T LIFT. These schools are truly the only safe way to learn the engineering dynamics that went into the development of this famous racing marque. However, it is noted that PCA DE events are not racing, nor preparation for racing. No times or placings are recorded, and no awards or prizes are received by the participants of PCA Driver's Education events; just a lot of fun and camaraderie. Any conduct considered by the Porsche Club of America to be either unsafe or inconsistent with the spirit or purpose of the Driver's Education Program will not be permitted. This approach keeps the events safe for all participants."

If you are still a little curious, check out the Thunderhill Track web site at http://www.thunderhill.com/.



NAME TAG ORDER FORM



If you are interested in ordering a nametag, please fill in the following information. Nametags are mailed from our vendor and usually arrive within 10-15 business days. It's always nice to have your nametag on when attending events so everyone can put a name with a face. We also have periodic drawings at our breakfast and other events for those who are wearing their nametags.

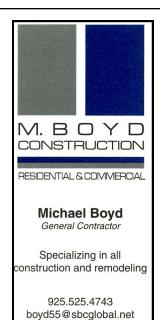
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Welcome New Members

New Members

Bailey, Lawrence E 2003 911 Black

Linda Bailey - (Wife)

Chamberlin, Steve 2009 Carrera 2S Silver

Susan Chamberlin - (Wife)

Douglas, William 2006 Cayman Black

Fenz, Brad 2009 Cayman Black

Judy Fenz - (Affiliate)

Rubenstein, Joshua A. 1985 Carrera Gray

Starks, Sherry I. 2001 Boxster Blue

Wheeler, Jae S. 2002 996 TT Gray

Clifford Kim - (Affiliate)

Total New Members: 7

Transfers In

Bare, Greg 2001 911 Turbo Arctic Silver

Amanda Bare - (Wife)

Transfer from: San Diego (SDO)

Chamberlin, Steve 2009 Carrera 2S Silver

Susan Chamberlin - (Wife)

Transfer from: Golden Gate (GG)

Fenz, Brad 2009 Cayman Black

Judy Fenz - (Affiliate)

Transfer from: California Central Coast (CCC)

Gawer, Ronald

Transfer from: Great Plains (GPL)

Hannah, Josh 1996 911 Turbo Blue

Transfer from: Golden Gate (GG)

Haupt, John F. 2002 996 Grey

Diane Sullivan - (Wife)

Transfer from: Pacific Northwest (PNW)

Sekhon, Jasjeet 2008 911 S Silver

Suzanne Smith - (Affiliate)

Transfer from: Golden Gate (GG)

Total New Members: 7

Primary Members 558 Affiliate Members 409

Affiliate Members 409

Total Members 967

Food and Friends

One great thing about being a member of the Diablo Region Porsche Club is getting together with friends over food to discuss cars, travels and just life in general. There are two regularly scheduled gatherings each month. Check your calendar and try to attend soon.

The Saturday Morning Breakfast is held every Saturday at 8 AM at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek at 1101 S. California Blvd.

The 3rd Thursday Dinner is held the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM at Strizzis in Danville at 3456 Camino Tassajara



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Join us for a Tech Session at THE RACER's GROUP

Date: October 17, 2009

Time: 9:15 am departure from Marie Callendar's OR

11:00am at The Racer's Group

Location: Leave from Breakfast at Marie Callendar's in Walnut Creek for scenic backroads tour to Petaluma. Tech Session located at The Racer's Group, 1995 S. McDowell Blvd. Petaluma

http://www.theracersgroup.com/contact/map.htm

(Note: if you don't want to do the tour then meet at 11:00am at TRG Petaluma – prices still apply)

Activities include: Inspections, Lunch, Wine Tasting (Adobe Road), low speed "Autocross" Trial and prizes (restricted to RSVP pre-paid members only!)

Cost: \$15 for lunch and \$5 for wine tasting (Vegetarian meals available)

Make your checks payable to: Diablo PCA and mail to Warren Gardner at 3400 Stevenson Blvd, Apt P18, Fremont, Ca 94538. Also, email Warren at vicepresident@diablo-pca.org to let him know you will be attending.

Deadline: October 8, 2009 for RSVP/meal headcount and prize eligibility.

Advocate Alerts

From Kay Maloy, Editor

As we enter the busiest time of the year, I thought I might offer just a couple of reminders that should help make it easer to plan your club participation into your schedules

- Check out page 3 of the Advocate to get a quick glance of what events are coming up. If you need more detail and the flyer isn't in the Advocate, go to the Diablo Region web site calendar and click on the event.
- If you have a free weekend and Diablo Region doesn't have anything happening, check out the National PCA web site to see what is happening in other local regions.
- In order to ensure we have continued leadership on the Board, please review the information on the nominations for office and then vote and return your ballot in October.
- If you see an event you would like to attend, please sign up as early as possib le to assist the organizer.

That's all for now, just get out there, have fun and enjoy.





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RSVP to Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net by October 1st. If you plan to go out on the boat, make your check out to: Diablo Region PCA and mail to: Jim Edmundson % Diablo-PCA, PO Box 30667, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

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Diablo Region is seeking a couple of enthusiastic volunteers to chair our Concours events in 2010.

As you know, we have a big annual event called The Wash & Shine but we also would like to have at least one other concours event on our schedule that we can host as a Zone 7 event.

Fortunately, we are blessed to have quite a number of people who consistently assist and support our concours efforts, and without these supporters we couldn't get the events executed, but we absolutely need a solid chairperson or two to

direct the events.

We are looking to identify volunteers as soon as possible and long before our end of year planning meeting. Interested parties should make their interest known by contacting VP Warren Gardner (email or phone) or by coming to the next Board meeting.

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Tuner Mansory has come up with a chopped Porsche Cayenne, which they have made almost completely out of carbon fibre

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Mansory first showed a version of the Cayenne Chopster, as they have called it, at the Geneva Motor Show in March, and have now produced another example ahead of the Frankfurt Motor Show later this month.

The Cayenne Chopster is wider than the ordinary Cayenne by 80mm, and gets a number of performance upgrades, including enormous 420 mm rotors up front and 375 mm units in the rear providing improved braking power. The engine has also been uprated, to produce 710bhp and 900Nm of torque from its turbocharged V8, and now reaches a top speed of 302km/h.

The interior gets a number of totally customisable elements as well, with the show <u>car</u> sporting a refrigerator, DVD player, internetenabled laptop, head-rest monitor screens and more. Mansory will also fulfil any request customers may have in terms of customisation.



James Dean Memorial Tour By: Ken Wu

We have a few things unique in California. We have a big crack below ground running along a big part of the state and unfortunately, California is also the place where James Dean and his Spyder 550 met their demises. What an excuse to round up a few friends in their Porsches, find some back roads, and go on a road trip to visit some of these places.

Twenty two shiney Porsches from Diablo Region gathered at Walnut Creek on Saturday Sep. 12 and headed south towards Hollister, the little farming town that Marlon Bando terrorized as an outlaw biker in his 1953 film, the "Wild One". The sight of our formidable driving machines must have scared all the outlaws away. From Hollister, we jumped onto CA-25 without incidence.



This 60 mile stretch of smooth, twisty, light traffic back road was a true Porsche road. We let our cars stretch their legs a little and all of us had big smiles on our faces by the time we reached CA-198. From there, we headed to San Miguel.

Lunch was at a tiny town of 18 called

Parkfield. It is self proclaimed to be the "Earthquake Capitol of the World" because it sits right on top of the San Andreas Fault. After lunch, we parked our cars in town on the bridge that spanned the fault, so half the cars were sitting on the North American Plate and the other half on the Pacific Plate. Now, where else in the world can you do this?





A short hop from Parkfield is the intersection of CA-41 and CA-46, where, on Sep. 30, 1955. James Dean had his fatal accident on his way to the race in Salinas, while onboard his brand new Porsche 550 Sypder, We gathered at the memorial near the collision site and had a moment of silent to commemorate the tragic losses. In order to ease the sorrow, we headed straight for the EOS winery in Paso Robles. Well, that was the best that we could come up with. What would you have done?

By the time we reached our hotel on the coast, we had put in about 300 miles for the day. The drive was fun, the friendships were priceless, and the day was satisfying. We all earned the wine and cheese party at the outdoor patio of our hotel.

I would like to thank Patrick Schmidt for organizing this tour with me. Thank you to Frank Duran and Luis Soler for leading a group and doing the sweep for us. Apologies to Rick Camara and Jerry Torres for holding you up on CA-25 and for all the dirt and dust. I knew that you bothwashed and waxed your babies the night before.





I hope that all of you had a good time. I certainly did.

Can't wait till the next one. Until then, drive safely.







2010 Planning Meeting

When: November 20, 2009 Time: 6:30—10:00 P.M.

Where: Highland Oaks Recreation Center & Cabana Club, located at

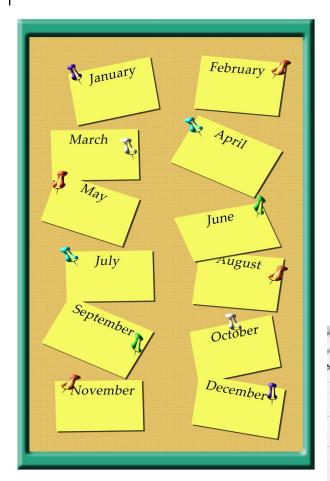
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RSVP: Linda Boyd at events@diablo-pca.org by November. 16st

Dinner will be provided.

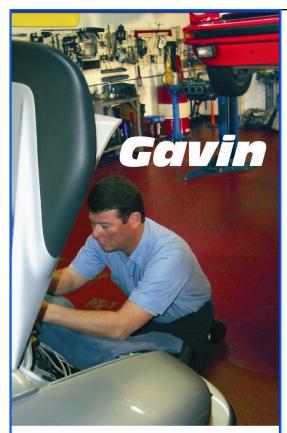








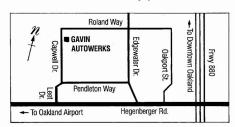




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