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Want to see the new logo in color, go to our web page (below).

Cover Photo

The symmetry of similar models in a row is always a fun photo but that is not the point. These Boxsters are at the weekly breakfasts at Coco's.

These "breakfast Boxsters" thus give testimony to the long term viability of this most popular East Bay Porsche gathering. Years before Diablo Region was but a mere glimmer and faint hope, as many or more Porsche owners, i.e., compared to current strong attendance, congregated at Denny's in Walnut Creek to "tell tales" and "kick tires."

That original group, including quite a few of us who are still around and attending, would have bristled at the thought of name tags, flyer handouts and presidential or other announcements but times have changed. No group agenda with lots of personal sharing was and is the cornerstone of these breakfast.

News Flash!

Coco's in Pleasant Hill is closing its doors as of Feb. 19. Until further notice, Diablo Region Saturday breakfasts will be at the Dublin Coco's at the corner of San Ramon Rd. and Dublin Blvd.

Diablo Region Web Site:

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

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Brian's Beat

by Brian Cameron, President

As we enter the third month of 2003, I can't adjust to how fast time is moving.



I attended the Zone 7 President's Meeting and Awards Banquet in January, where Diablo Region members received trophies in Concours, Autocross, and Rally. A good time was had by all in attendance.

The Valentines Party, "Porsches & Passion," was Saturday night, February 15. I hope you all attended and enjoyed yourselves.

March is a busy month with the Diablo Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on the 8th, the Yosemite Tour on the 22nd and 23rd, and, closing out the month, the St. Patrick's Day Cable Car Tour on the 29th. I hope to see good attendance at all of these events.

The Awards Banquet is at 6:30 P.M. at the Brass Door on the 8th. We will have lots of awards and door prizes and it will surely be a night to remember. The Yosemite Tour, hosted by Jack and Kathy Kuhn, filled up early and is always an outstanding event. This trip is not done every year so if you missed out, be sure and sign up early when it is repeated. Pat and Bill are again hosting the Cable Car Tour with a format similar to last time.

Remember to check the web site calendar for information on these and future events. April 25th-27th, Sacramento Region is putting on CRAB 30, Chaired by Dwight and Linda Mitchell. This is a great week-end event and should not be missed. The Mitchell's chaired the 1st CRAB I attended nearly 20 years ago and it was outstanding. I recommend all members to sign up as the variety of events offer something for everyone.

As for ongoing events, Saturday breakfasts have changed from Pleasant Hill to Coco's in Dublin, and Pavlos's Pizza is still at 7:00 P.M. the first Friday of the month in San Ramon.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at these events and hopefully meeting new comers.

Portpourri

For those of you have been hibernating during our Past President's just completed term, the "Grandpa Jack" on page 7 is, of course, Jack Carpenter.

Good luck to Eugenie who is trying to mate two 912's in time for the autocross season.

We have a new PCNA CEO starting in March, 2003. His name is Peter Schwarzenbauer who is replacing Fred Schwab. Peter was born in Bavaria, has an MBA from Munich University and was involved with both cars and motorcycles at BMW before coming to Dr. Ing. h.c.F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, taking up a head position in 1992. Attendees at the Boise Parade may recall his speech.



Porsche's history of success at the Daytona Rolex 24 Hour race is very impressive given the vaquaries of endurance racing. Overall wins: 20; class wins: 55; 911 wins: 30 overall/class victories; GT Class wins: 21; Finished 1-2 overall 11 times; 12 consecutive overall wins (1977-88).

Porsche's first overall win was 1968; last 911 overall win (prior to 2003), 1977 (911 RSR with Peter Gregg and Hurley Haywood); Last overall win (prior to 2003), 1995 (K8 Spyder).

Warming up for hosting the Valentine party, Howard and Vern Thomas responded to the "sure wish we had a place for a Super Bowl party" groans at Coco's and volunteered.



As usual, the women chat; the men watch.



Welcome: New Members

by Judy Schreib, Membership

New Members	16
Transfers in	0
Current renewals	26
Multi-year renewals	10
Late/delete renewals*	7
Transfers out	3
Non renewals	20
Dual members	11

Total membership 621

*Previously deleted, now renewed

To new members:

Please visit us at our weekly breakfasts or monthly dinners so we can get acquainted. We will be delighted to meet you in person.



After all, it's not just the cars. It's the people.

New members this month (thru 1/31/03):

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	City
Henry A. Borowy		993 2 Cab	1997	Pleasant Hill
Ched E. Brillantes		Boxster	2003	El Sobrante
Kathleen Gonzales	Mark	911	2003	Livermore
Laurin R. Hunt		911 S	1976	Berkeley
Richard D. Lamb		986	1997	Fremont
Jose Layco	John	911	1998	Hayward
Lawrence R. Matheny		912	1969	Fremont
Steven P. McCarty	Debra	911 Carrera	2003	Walnut Creek
Paul G. Morris	Joellen	911	1983	Alamo
Chris M. Pohlhammer	John	Boxster	2002	San Ramon
Jeffrey R. Randolph	Sheryl	993 Carrera	1995	Walnut Creek
Rodica Ranga		Boxster	2003	Walnut Creek
Kyle B. Rhorer		911 Carrera	1996	Lafayette
Tom Sullivan	Tammy	Boxster	2002	Alameda
Marvin Winkfield		911 C2	1992	Oakland

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From the Editor

by Ron Leppke <lepprd@mac.com>

When the Board approved the switch to the current printer, it was for a three month trial. The third edition is now in preparation so an evaluation of sorts is in order. I have not heard, either in informal conversations or via email, anything negative so far. I understand that people may be hesitant to make critical statements to my face but, nevertheless, many excellent positive comments have been made about the Advocate's new look. This look, incidentally, derives from several changes including different printing technology and more expensive paper.



One change that may or may not be related to quality is that both the new printer and I are using Mac G4 computers and, in my case, the layout software is Adobe InDesign running on Mac OS X (Jaguar). InDesign on OS X has many advantages over competing programs with easy drop shadows, transparency options and utilization of Open Type fonts among the foremost. Open Type fonts have up to 65,000 characters per font compared to 256 otherwise. This increase allows almost any language and a wide assortment of ligatures and other optional characters. As an example, Cronos Pro, the font I am using in this column, has 32 variations such as semibold caption, semibold display, semibold subhead, semibold subhead italic, etc. and with each having a fill compliment of ligatures and languages.

The editorial contributions, as I see it, come from more photos of real Diablo people (no clip art if a Diablo car or person photo can be located), and a certain esthetic style. Drop shadows and other 2D effects and a wider scope of content, including PCNA and Porsche Motorsports releases and photos, are among the elements that I favor.

With an ace proof reader such as Kathy Angell, assisted by Gary, it would be easy to conclude that each Advocate would entirely be free of errors but there are mistakes that need correcting.

One part of the problem is these people who are so ambivalent about their names. Is it Howard Thomas or Thomas Howard? Is "Scotty" a nickname for Irwin as a first name or does it mean Irwin Scott, alias "IRS." I also had a problem choosing between Bien and Ben in this edition on page 7.

In any case, Scotty's wife Carol was misnamed as Carol Irwin on page 7 in the February edition and I apologize for this mistake.

The wrong starting time for the Brass Door dinner remains an unsolved mystery. Kathy spotted it and I emailed Brian to confirm 6:30. I also found the original announcement showing 6:30 so changed the page accordingly. The problem is likely related to having backup versions since these very complex InDesign documents are subject to any number of gremlins that force you to a backup that may or may not be current.

BTW, my early rising habits worked fine for seeing the SpeedTV's coverage of the Rolex 24 Hour race which began at 3:00 A.M. on Sunday. I was thus able to write the page 15 story first hand. I also received numerous press release updates and photos throughout the race channeled to PCA editors by Donald Bond, our National Newsletter Chaiman. Please email me if you would like copies of these releases or photos.

The three Advocates since January have averaged 38 photos per edition, but these are almost entirely from my C-3020. Jack provided one this time, but where are all those terrific shots from the rest of you?



THE ZONE 7 AUTOCROSS SCHOOL



The 2003 Zone 7 Autocross School is being hosted by

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May 17 & 18, 2003 at 3Com Park

Applications will be available in March at the websites listed below.

It is limited to 90 students only.

Zone 7 - <http://vista.pca.org/zone7/>

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



Jack Edward Sigismondo: "The excitement of owning a new Porsche."

-photo by Grandpa Jack

Perfect Porsche Parking



We need a prize for anyone who can guess the location of this PPP spot.

Hint: Many of you drive very near this one on Saturday mornings.

Zone Calendar: 2003

Date	Region	Event	Zone	Event Title	Location
3/1	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Candlestick
3/9	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
3/14	GGR	HSDS		High Speed School	Thunderhill
3/15	GGR	Time Trial	TT #1	Time Trial	Thunderhill
3/22	RR	Autocross	AutoX #1	Zone Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
3/23	Zone	Autocross	AutoX #2	Zone Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
3/29	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Candlestick
4/5		Rallye	Zone School	Rallye School	TBA
4/5	LPR	Social		PCA Exec. Dinner	San Francisco
4/12	GGR	Time Trial	TT #2	Time Trial	Buttonwillow
4/13	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
4/13	SVR	Rallye	Rallye #1	Aftershock Rallye	Tracy
4/19	SVR	Autocross		Region Autocross	McClellan
4/25	SVR	CRAB		CRAB #30	Sacramento
5/3	GGR	Time Trial	TT #3	Time trial	Laguna Seca
5/3	SVR	Rallye	Rallye #2	Spring Flowers	Vacaville
5/10	SVR	Autocross	AutoX #3	Zone Autocross	McClellan
5/11		Autocross	AutoX #4	Zone Autocross	McClellan
5/17/18	Zone	Autocross	Zone School	Zone 7 School	Candlestick
5/18	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
5/18	SqR	Concours	Concours #1	Greater Valley Concours	Fresno
5/25	DR	Concours		Diablo Wash 'N Shine	Danville Livery



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Diablo Calendar: 2003

March

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Pizza and Porsches
- 8 Annual Meeting/Awards
- 20 Thursday Dinner Out
- 22-23 Yosemite Tour
- 29 St. Patrick's Day Tour

April

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Pizza and Porsches
- 4-6 PCA Executive Council, SF
- 17 Thursday Dinner Out
- 19 Tech Session: Porboys



Brett Mann and Malcolm Crosby

May

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Thursday Night Dinner Out
- 25 Wash n' Shine Concour

June

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

July

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Pizza and Porsches
- 17 Thursday Night Dinner Out
- 19 Pic-Tour Rally

August

- 1 Pizza and Porsches
- 5 Board Meeting
- 21 Thursday Night Dinner Out



Phil's new 996 endures the "kicking tires" breakfast tradition.

Saturday Breakfast

New Location!

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.
Site varies each month

Thursday Night-Dinner-Out

3rd Thurs., 6:30 P.M.
Rocco's Ristorante
2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd.

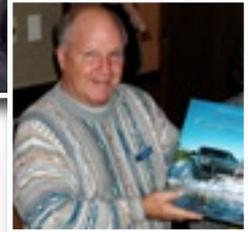


Michael Vorkapich, with Bien Alesna and son Jacob



Zone Seven Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 18
Sacramento, CA



Clockwise top center:

Zone rep, Tim Fleming, and the awards J. Toney; a typical award; Ken's First Place Li trophy; Brian's Cayenne (book) prize; Gary's award; Tish's autocross First Place trophy; Eugenie's door prize; Brian giving his Clever Memorial speech; Gary's Concour trophy. **Middle:** Ken, Glenn Brooksby and Tim Fleming

Awards Dinner a Hit

Zone 7 held our annual awards banquet on January 18, 2003. The banquet was held at the Sacramento Doubletree Inn, home of PCA-Parade 2000. Based on comments from the 80 attendees, I recommend you to make plans to attend next year. Susan Fleming made sure that the food was great, decorations fitting the occasion, and great awards (trophy stands with different Porsche model cars for each event). We had nice door prizes as well, courtesy of Niello, Carlsen, and Sonnen Porsche; S-Car-Go racing, Race-place-motorsports; and Sacramento Valley Region. All in all, a great evening, celebrating the 2002 competition season, as well as longtime contributions to the club.

The Zone 7 **Lifetime Achievement Award** is the most prestigious award, given to those deserving individuals who have contributed to the club and distinguished themselves over many years. At the banquet, this lifetime achievement award was given to Dwight Mitchell from Sacramento Valley Region. Dwight is a longtime club member, former President of both GGR and SVR, former Zone representative, previous recipient of National Enthusiast of the Year, and Manhattan Award winner (overall Parade concours award).

The Zone 7 **Enthusiast of the Year Award** was given to Larry Adams from Golden Gate Region. Larry is active in Autocross and Rallye, and is an occasional concours participant as well. Larry organized zone concours and rallye events for GGR the last two years, and always offers a hand in events.

The event of the year award was given to the "Scream at the Lake" by Sequoia Region. This event featured a well-run two day autocross with lunch provided both days. Autocrossers were also welcomed by a couple of dozen of the region members at a very nice catered pool-side dinner at private home. Nice welcome, nice event —**Event of the Year!**

Top concour awards were the **Dick Cotrell Award** to Gary Spinella, to Dean Tanaka for **Rookie of the Year**, and to Ken Rinehart for most overall points. In autocross, the top PAX award went to Jim Hayes for the second year (Jim has now sold his car, opening up the award for others in 2003). In rallye, Diablo Region and Kahlers sponsored the **John Clever Memorial Rally Award** in memory of John who passed away early last year. The inaugural recipients were J. and Jessica Toney.

The Competition Series in Zone 7 is special, and sometimes taken for granted. Only Zones 7 and 8 (out of 13 zones nationally) hold such series. The regions make the events possible, with assistance and support from the event chairs. For 2002, the chairs were Al Armellini for Rallye, Glen Brooksby for Autocross, and Dan Nissim for Concours. My sincere appreciation goes out to these individuals for a successful season.

For 2003, Al will continue as Rallye Chair, with Dean Thomas taking on Autocross and Dean Tanaka taking on the Concours. From our initial scheduling effort, it looks like another great season ahead.

On a related note, Dean has been our zone Webmaster. Rather than Dean doing double duty, we are seeking interested individuals to take on the job of zone Webmaster. Dean can provide specifics on level of commitment, but essentially the web page needs to convey the zone schedule, plus rules and results, with appropriate links to region sites. A creative Webmaster certainly could add his/her own personality and other features as well.

We are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in any Zone position, please contact me at TRFleming@jps.net. I look forward to seeing you at an event in 2003!



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Dinner 7:30PM
Price: \$42.00 per person



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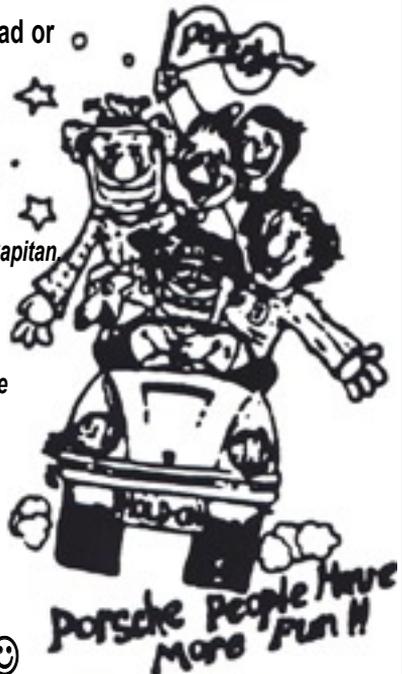
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The first New/Allcomers Party for 2003 will be held at the home of Judy and Herb Schreib. This Party is open to all Diablo Region members and we'd love to see some of you "old-time" members, too. Just call Judy at (925) 837-4167 by April 7 and tell her if you'll bring a munchie, salad or a dessert to this super party.

NEWCOMERS: Just bring yourselves; come and meet us.

***DIRECTIONS:** Take 680; exit at Crow Canyon Rd. Go east for approximately .5 mile; turn left at El Capitan. (Note Crow Canyon Country Club). Continue on El Capitan and turn left on Canfield (second residential street – street signs on the right). Proceed to end of Canfield; 3409 is the last house on the left.*

**Everyone is welcome.
We look forward to
seeing you and meeting
you newcomers!!! ☺☺☺**



NEWS FLASH:

Historic Rolex 24 Hour GT Overall Win



It is not easy to explain how extraordinary it is for a GT class car to be an overall winner in any race and this is especially true for a race that goes for 24 hours.

Theoretically, the fastest class, e.g., the Daytona Prototypes



purpose built for racing, will get further ahead each hour so any advantage will be multiplied by 24. The next fastest class, Sports Racing Prototype II, is also pure race car.

Next comes the GTS class with powerful V8 engines such as the Saleen Mustang or the Corvette. Last and apparently not least, come the Porsches in the GT Class with a production body and dash, for example, that is just like the ones parked at our Saturday breakfasts.

Kevin Buckler, our local (Racer's Group, Sears Point) underdog hero, not only won the lowly GT Class but beat every-

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one else as well. Although # 66 had a problem free 24 hour race with no accidents or pit time for repairs, it was not attrition that was the key to victory.

Porsche GT cars were routinely driving past, i.e., they were faster, than the Corvettes, the Prototype with a Robert Yates NASCAR Ford engine, the Ferraris and even the Porsche-engined Fabcars that led the first 6 hours.

Kevin was ably assisted by two young Porsche factory drivers, Timo Bernhard and Jorg Bergmeister, who also partnered in the Racer's Group 24 hour wins at the Rolex and Le Mans events last year.



Other Porsche GT3 RS's were also as fast or faster than Buckler's

#66 but lost laps for repairs from accidents or mechanical failures. Johannes Van Overbeek and David Murry were two the drivers in the locally sponsored #83 (RennWerks) which was on the podium and third overall.

Kyle Petty was one of the drivers in the Orbit #43 that won the GT pole with German driver Mark Lieb.



Congratulations to all the Porsche GT teams!

Photos courtesy of Porsche Motorsports

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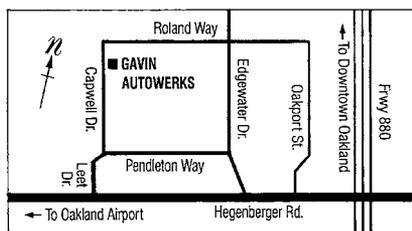
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The tour is limited to 35 people; the cost is \$30 per person. Please RVSP by March 1: <patrickschmidt@attbi.com>

Send checks to: **Patrick Schmidt**
7695 Sunwood Drive
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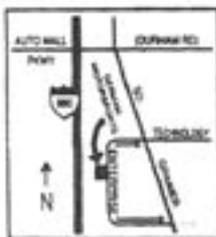


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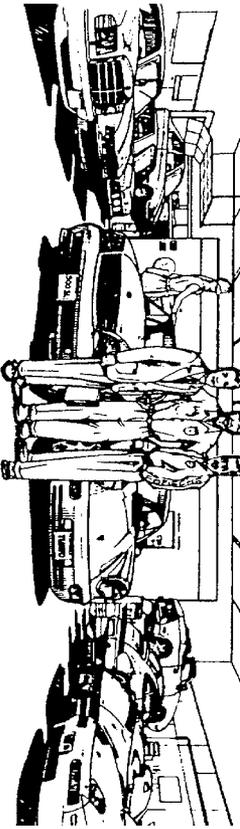


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