

The devil's Advocate

September, 2013

Driving Into the Fall



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2013 Event Calendar

<p><u>January</u></p> <p>Sat. 19th-Military Vehicle Technology Tour-Lillie Sun. 27th -Blackhawk Museum Extravaganza-Jacquie</p>	<p><u>July</u></p> <p>Sat&Sun 20th&21st-Tioga Pass Tour-Lillie Sat. 27th-TRG Tour-Ed & Jeff</p>
<p><u>February</u></p> <p>Sun. 3rd -Super Bowl-Walt & Jacquie Sat. 23rd -Movie Nite-Walt & Jacquie</p>	<p><u>August</u></p> <p>Sat. 3rd-Murphys Tour-Lillie Thurs-Mon. 15th-19th-Historics Fri. 16th-Caravan to The Legends of the Autobahn-Dave Ohst Sun. 25th-Annual Member Picnic-Elsie & Tosh</p>
<p><u>March</u></p> <p>Sat & Sun 2nd&3rd-Avenue of the Giants Tour-Lillie Fri.15th-DE at Thunderhill-Mike Roberts Sat. 23rd-Classroom Instruction-After Market-Ed Won</p>	<p><u>September</u></p> <p>Thurs. 5th-DE Thunderhill-Mike Roberts Sat. 21st-Chocolate & Wine Tour-Kay Sat. 28th-Oktoberfest-Marc & Mary</p>
<p><u>April</u></p> <p>Fri, Sat & Sun 5th-7th – Tour de Rhododendrons-Howard & Vern Sat. 13th-Bocce Ball-Kay Sat. 20th-Half Moon Bay-Susan George Sat & Sun 27th&28th-Shenandoah Valley Tour-Lillie</p>	<p><u>October</u></p> <p>TBD-Gimmick Rally-Marc</p>
<p><u>May</u></p> <p>Sun 26th-Wash 'N Shine-Marc</p>	<p><u>November</u></p> <p>Sat. 9th – DE 101/201 Meeting – Mike Roberts Sat. 16th-Planning Meeting-???? Sun. 17th-Grand Island Brunch-Frank & Joan Tues. 26th-DE at Laguna Seca-Mike Roberts</p>
<p><u>June</u></p> <p>Sat & Sun 8th&9th-El Dorado National Forest Tour-Lillie Sat. 15th – Garden Party with John Place Sun. 16th-Yountville Car Show -Ted & Ingrid French Sat & Sun 29th & 30th-Parade (Michigan)</p>	<p><u>December</u></p> <p>Sun. 1st-California Auto Museum Tour-Walt & Jacquie Sat. 14th-Holiday Party/Lights Tour-?????</p>



Ed's Comments

Before I begin, it's election time and please let us know if you would like to run for the board! These are full 2 year terms. As some of you may already know, in any given year half of the board is up for renewal. Please email elections@diablo-pca.org if interested.

What a fun summer it has been! I know I had fun at the Murphy's tour in August. We had a pleasant drive after breakfast to the town of Murphys for some wine tasting and a great meal. Many thanks to Ingrid and Ted French for leading the tour, and to Ted for entertaining us with his stories of his childhood there. It sounds like the town has transformed quite a bit with boutiques and the bakery that won on The Cupcake Wars television show. I got to sample one of the cupcakes, but what I should have done is bought a bunch. In hindsight, it was probably best I went in there with a full stomach. But what made it really fun was seeing the regulars of tours and meeting new people and not so new people who have been in the club for a while. For me, having folks come out and try an outing confirms we are heading in the right direction. You are always free to let me know if I'm delusional by dropping an email to Vicepresident@diablo-pca.org. I'm joking! Now that I just put Mike on attention, seriously, please do email me at president@diablo-pca.org if you have comments or suggestions.

I also want to thank Dave Ohst for leading the Caravan down to Legends of the Autobahn in Monterey during Car Week. I had a super time at Legends! I got to meet racing Legend Hurly Haywood! Well, I didn't know it was him at first. I saw the Rothman's 959 (for the sake of argument, Porschephiles, let it go) parked and made my way over there. Could it be a piece of Porsche history? Yes! It's Icxx's car. Well, that guy sitting on the bumper, who does he think he is? Oh, it's Hurly Heywood! Ok he can do that. I had a very nice chat with him and learned the car was shipped over to the event from the Porsche Museum. There were so many cars on display and the event had expanded over last year. I enjoyed a Spaten in the bier garden with our club folks. Tasty as it was I had to slow down, that's all I'm saying.

I want to thank Elsie and Tosh for putting on the annual club picnic. This was the third year in a row and a great success. There were also a lot of volunteers as well, thank you all for coming early and helping setup and prepping and cooking the delicious food! We go to meet many new folks and reconnect with others. I'm so happy to see many

folks bring their significant others and kids! This is what this event is all about.

As we head into September, I'm pretty excited about our upcoming DE on the 5th and HOD Derrick's Day on the 6th. I'd like to thank Mike Soria, Perry Eyges and the folks at Michael Stead Porsche for sponsoring our Thunderhill track day! It's going to be a blast. Right after our track day we turn Thunderhill over to David Ray and HOD for Derric's Day. It's a benefit for Prostate cancer. I'm excited to do my first back to back track day and also take a peek at the auction items David has in store for the benefit.

While I'm still on the subject of charities and our communities, please also consider signing up for the Danville Concours D' Elegance to benefit Parkinson's research. I've signed up and hope to see a group of Porsches out on display. Please let us know if you signed up so we can group you with the rest of the Porsches. The Sentinels of Freedom also has an annual Velo bicycle ride starting here in San Ramon at Bishop Ranch. If anyone would like to put your car on static display and help them draw a crowd please watch the save the date area in the email blast for more details.

Kay will be leading a Chocolate and Wine tour which promises to indulge in some nice delights. Please sign up early as there are only 24 spots available.

This year we will celebrate Oktoberfest on September 28 at a new location - at a clubhouse, Thank you Ingrid for locating the site! Please register early as the deadline is September 18th.

Frank and Joan will also lead a tour to the Grand Island Mansion. What a gorgeous looking estate and the buffet looks awesome! There are only 30 places on this tour.

Last, but Certainly not least, in November we have a planning meeting for the club. I would encourage everyone in the club to try and attend that meeting. That's the meeting where we plan the 2014 events and scheduling. Although we have a pretty dedicated group of individuals that help with events, we certainly can't do it without your input. If you have an idea or your favorite drive or escape that you think your fellow club members would enjoy, please consider sharing with your fellow club members by leading a tour. We would love more volunteers to run tours or help out with our DE program. I'll save you the Uncle Sam poster but, WE NEED YOU! Help us make the Diablo Region the best we can be! Thank you All!



Chocolate & Wine Tour



When: Saturday, September 21

Time: 9 am

Where: Buttercup Pantry, Walnut Creek

Cost: \$40 includes wine tasting (6-7 selections) and lunch Italian-style on the piazza. Lunch will be 2 salads and 3 or 4 different types of wood-grilled pizzas and dessert.

\$25 if not tasting any wine.

Join us for a casual "Porsche designed" drive as we head to the cute little town of Kenwood. We will make a stop at the VJB Winery for a tongue-tantalizing visit of wine, chocolate, gelato and of course, lunch.

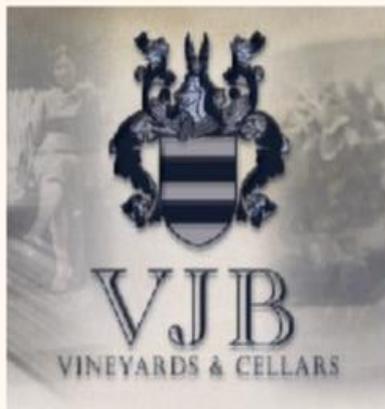
Afterwards, we will make a surprise stop to compliment your earlier tasty adventures.

To sign up for this tour, please use the Goodie Store on the Diablo website diablo-pca.org.

Maximum participants is 24.

Deadline to sign up is September 13.

If you have any questions, contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or 510-410-1481.



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For our Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca DE:

Saturday, November 9, 2013 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Civic Park Community Center Lounge, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek.

Free Tech Inspections: Mention Diablo PCA Inspections

Pre-event tech inspections of your car are required. The locations, contacts, dates and times will be announced in October.

Track Event:

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Seaside, CA - Tuesday, November 26, 2013. This event is sponsored by Porsche of Fremont.

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For questions and enquiries email dechair@diablo-pca.org or trackregistrar@diablo-pca.org

Join us Nov. 25 for dinner at Embassy Suites in Seaside at 6pm. We have also reserved a block of rooms at Embassy Suites.

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Sunday, October 6, 2013

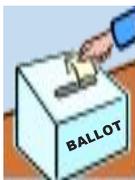
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Election Time Is Right Around the Corner

My how time flies! July is the month our Nomination Committee begins looking for candidates to run for the Diablo Board of Directors. The Committee Chair is Diron Scott. The election is held in October with the elected individuals beginning their 2 (two) year terms in January, 2014.

There are four (4) openings on the Board for 2014. As a reminder, members run to join the Board, not for any particular position. In December, the new Board meets and votes who will fill the Officer positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary). The remaining Directors will serve as Directors-at-Large.

A position on the Board is voluntary and it does require some time and responsibility commitment. The amount of time commitment depends on the actual position held, but there is a minimum expectation. In order to stay connected to what is happening in the Region, contribute valuable feedback and ideas, attending the monthly Board meeting is definitely expected. Attending an occasional breakfast or monthly dinner helps the other members stay in touch with the Board and also allow them to see members of the Board actually attend some events.

We all have other obligations and can't afford to always attend everything the Region schedules, but a reasonable amount of visibility and involvement helps keep the Region strong, diverse and growing.

We all have unique talents in our day-to-day jobs and functions that will bring vitality, excitement and a "breath of fresh air" to the Region. Now is the time to let your special skills be seen and bring together a new TEAM for 2014.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Ed Won at president@diablo-pca.org.

Board Elections Are Coming

Each October, Diablo Region members elect either 4 or 5 new Board members. This year we have four (4) positions that will need to be filled. We will be starting our search for individuals who would like to take on a more active role in how the Diablo Region functions. To assist in our search, we are providing a brief description of the Region Officers' responsibilities and duties.

President

Presides over all Region meetings; prepares the agenda and directs the discussion thereof; acts as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and temporary committees except the Nominating committee; executes all documents and correspondence in the name of the Region as authorized by the membership or the Board of Directors. He/she may act as a signer or co-signer of Region checks. The President is responsible for returning the completed annual Region Report Form to the National Office, assuring that the new President of the Region has signed this report acknowledging receipt of this Manual and other Region property. The President should distribute the Region Officers' list of duties, below to the new Chairs, and this should develop into a specific discussion of what is needed and expected by both for the year.

The Region President should also utilize the feature of the PCA eMailer program to communicate with the Region's membership whenever necessary to discuss issues, or significant upcoming Region events. This can be delegated to one other Board member if desired.

The Region President is automatically a voting member of the PCA National Board of Directors which meets two times a year.

Vice President

Acts in place of the President during his/her absence or when ordered by the President to do so; assists the President and/or Board of Directors as may be directed.

Obtains insurance for events and forwards to the event lead or Chair. Ensures Observation Report is completed.

Secretary

Records and preserves the minutes of the meeting of the Region; presents and reads such minutes at the request of the President; prepares correspondence of the Region.

Prepares and conducts the election proceedings on behalf of the Board.

Treasurer

Keeps and preserves the records and books of account reflecting the financial condition and operation of the Region; signs or co-signs all drafts on the accounts of the Region and any corporate documents which obligate the Region financially; prepares and files IRS information and state taxing authority returns as required. Upon the request of the President, Board of Directors, or Region membership, furnishes a report of the financial transactions, receives all monies paid to the Region, and deposits it to the bank designated by the Region.

Membership Chair

Reports the current membership numbers to the Board each month; contacts new members and transfers in to welcome them into the Region; currently sends "blasts" using the eMail system to members on upcoming events.

Event Chair

Negotiates contracts for large events, such as Awards Dinner, Holiday Party, Planning Meeting to ensure the best expense for the Region; support event leaders to ensure they follow the established procedures for leading an event.



Diablo Board Nominees

Here are the nominees who have stepped forward so far. If you are interested in running for the Board, it is not too late. Contact Diron Scott, Nomination Committee Chair at nominations@diablo-pca.org as soon as possible.



Adam Cipriano

How long have you been a PCA/Diablo member?

I joined the club in 2008 shortly after purchasing my car.

You have decided to run for the Diablo Board. What skills do you bring to the Board?-

I'm a management consultant by trade and have significant finance experience as well. I'm essentially a project COO / CEO for small to medium size businesses.

What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

I've often said the club is about fun, fellowship and in the case of DE days, doing that while learning to drive safely at speed. I'd like the club to continue to offer a variety of events that encourage participation, learning and a little adventure.



Bob Hilton

How long have you been a PCA/Diablo member?

I have been a PCA member for more than 10 years. Originally, I was with the Golden Gate Region, when I lived in Saratoga, but joined the Diablo Region when we moved to Pleasanton.

You have decided to run for the Diablo Board. What skills do you bring to the Board?-

As President of a 20 person management consulting firm I have strong leadership, organizational and financial skills. I have also served successfully on a number of boards, including the Board of Deacons (as Treasurer) at my church, the Bay Area Chapter of the Institute of Management Consultants (in several roles including President), and the Finance Committee of the City of Saratoga (before moving to Pleasanton). I have learned to lead, support and encourage.

What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

Simply stated, I would like to be of assistance in providing to others the opportunities my wife and I have enjoyed joining together with other Diablo members in a wide variety of fun ways to enjoy our great cars and each other.

Please add any information you would like to have the members know about you and your reasons for pursuing a position on the Board.

In addition to being a “Porschephile” (1977 930 and 996 GT3), for more than 10 years my wife and I have participated in a variety of activities including: DE events, tours, rally events, “wash and shines” and Parade in Salt Lake City last year. Having seen that the club needed assistance, I thought this would be an opportunity to give back. Now that we have raised our children and I am reducing my professional work load, I have time to commit to a great organization.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my interest in serving on the Diablo Region Board of Directors. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.



Jeff Kreutzer

How long have you been a PCA/Diablo member?

I just received my 20 year certificate and window sticker! Yeah!

You have decided to run for the Diablo Board. What skills do you bring to the Board?

I have participated in a number of organizational Boards, primarily educational. I currently reside on the Parent Advisory Council for California State University, Chico. I bring organizational and leadership skills developed through 34 years in business, along with a lifelong love of the Porsche Brand.

What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

I would like to learn more about our club and participate in as many events as possible promoting the Porsche lifestyle while developing friendships and helping guide the future direction of the Diablo Region PCA.

Please add any information you would like to have the members know about you and your reasons for pursuing a position on the Board.

Having owned eight Porsches I have a fair amount of experience with many models. Two 944's, Three Cayennes and Three Carreras. My current loves are a 2011 Cayenne Turbo and a 2010 997 Turbo. I am accustomed to rolling up my sleeves and doing the hard work it takes to get things done. I would very much appreciate an opportunity to serve on our Board.



Diron Scott

How long have you been a PCA/Diablo member?

1 year

You have decided to run for the Diablo Board. What skills do you bring to the Board?

20+ years of Leadership/Management/Sales skills (including Military and Corporate America).

What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

Help make the Diablo Region-PCA an organization which members and potential members view as an integral, important extension of their Porsche ownership. Help members have fun while enjoying our common interest and hopefully open the door to other common interests.

Please add any information you would like to have the members know about you and your reasons for pursuing a position on the Board.

I have given my nomination quite a bit of thought and feel that I could and will be a significant contributor to the organization by sharing unique ideas, experiences and a willing to get the necessary work done to make our club a great club to be a part of. My Porsche(s) are my only real hobby and thus very important to me. I take the opportunity to mend with others that have the same passion very seriously and will commit to not only help our club continue, but to hopefully help it thrive with new activities, members and education.

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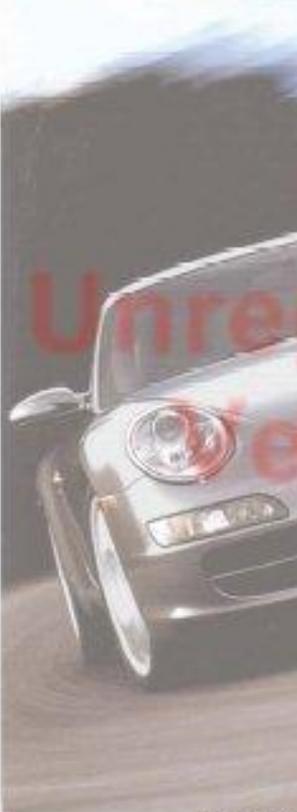
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Sunday Brunch At the Grand Island Mansion

When: Sunday, November, 17th

Time: 10:30 AM

Start Location: Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek

Destination: Grand Island Mansion, 13415 Grand Island Road, Walnut Grove, CA

Cost: \$42 (includes tax & gratuity)

Registration: Sign up on The Goodie Store at <http://diablo-pcs.org> and click on the Event Reg button

Maximum Attendees: 30 Be sure to sign up soon!!

Frank and Joan Duran would like to invite you to join them for an elegant Sunday Brunch at the historical Grand Island Mansion in Walnut Grove.

The Mansion was designed by J.W. Dolliver in 1917 for Louis Meyers and is a 58 room, 24,000 square foot villa. It has been featured in National Geographic, Sunset Magazine, Architectural Digest, Playboy Magazine, Victoria Secret and Macy's Furniture catalogs.

The infamous Buffet Champagne Sunday Brunch includes unlimited champagne, a Dessert Buffet, Prime Rib, Quiche, Eggs Benedict, Shrimp Crepes and more.

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If you have questions, please contact Frank or Joan at fnjduran@sbcglobal.net or 925-933-8817.



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Welcome New Members!!

New Members

Brown, Grant	1974 914, Silver
Ellam, Tom	2009 Carrera S, Blue
Evans, Robert D.	2014 Cayman, Red
Girande, Anton	2011 997 4S, Black
Nelson, Roger	2014 Cayman S, Brown
Rasicot, Randall R. Kristopher Rasicot (Affiliate)	2009 Cayman, Gray
Rock, Daniel E. Christine Rock (Affiliate)	2013 981, Silvers
Rosenberg, Lee H.	2007 997 Turbo, Black
Scoggin, Dale I.	1987 911, White
Sweet, David E. Edward Sweet (Affiliate)	2004 Boxster S, Silver
Toles, Stephanie	
Waterbury, John G.	2004 911

Total New Members: 12

Primary: 661
Affiliate: 436
Total: 1097

Transfers In are listed on the following page.

Welcome Transfer Members!!

Transfer In Members

Allen, Peter N. <i>Transfer from Cal Inland (CAI)</i>	2012 911, White
Bergman, Karen Nick Buchanan (Member, Son) <i>Transfer from Southern Arizona (SAZ)</i>	2008 GT3, White
Cure, Jared F. <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GG)</i>	1992 968, Black
Evans, Robert D. <i>Transfer from Calif. Central Coast (CCC)</i>	2014 Cayman, Red
Levine, Norton / Gwen Norton <i>Transfer from Arizona (AZ)</i>	2004 Cayenne, Gray
Neidel-McKee, Teresa Andrew McKee (Affiliate) <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GG_</i>	2000 Boxster
Patton, William W. Theresa Mattos (Affiliate) <i>Transfer from Big Sky (BSK)</i>	1973 914, 1990 944, 1992 968, 1992 968, 1994 968, 2008 Boxster, 1997 Boxster, 1995 968
Peete, Gary R. Cynthia Peete (Affiliate) <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GG)</i>	2013 Boxster, Blue
Shipp, Robert P. /Kevin Shipp Kevin Shipp <i>Transfer from Connecticut Valley (CTV)</i>	1987 930, 2003 C4S
Tinney, Robert H. <i>Transfer from Calif. Central Coast (CCC)</i>	2004 4S, Gray

Total Transfer In Members: 10

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Breakfast With Friends Walnut Creek Breakfast

Start your weekend off with breakfast, friends and good conversation. Meet up at 8AM every Saturday at:

Buttercup Bar & Grill,
660 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive.

Don't forget to wear your name tag so everyone knows your name. This is a great way to casually meet other members and catch up on upcoming Region events



Tri-Valley Saturday Breakfast

If you can't get up in time to get to the Saturday morning breakfast at Buttercup Grill & Bar in Walnut Creek, drive over to Pleasanton and join a few hungry members at Strizzi's. We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30AM.

The next breakfast is scheduled for **Sept. 14th** and again on **Sept. 28th**. We hope to see you there.

Strizzi's
649 Main Street (Between Division St. and St. Mary St.)
Pleasanton

Check directions at:

<http://www.strizzis.com/strizzis-locations/>





As the East Bay's Premier Concours weekend of fundraising events, and the 2013 "Danville Charitable Organization of the Year, the Danville d' Elegance Foundation enters its 9th year, looking to surpass the \$1.5 million already raised to benefit Parkinson's research and patient care.

Set in the historic town of Danville, the yearly event is one in which car collectors, automotive enthusiasts and the local community gather together to have fun and do some real good, all at the same time.

On the morning of Saturday, September 21st, an organized scenic drive on some of the North Bay's famed country roads and a special lunch stop. The Registration fee is \$150 per vehicle.

On Sunday, September 22nd, the historic town center of Danville transforms into the Danville Concours d' Elegance with a large assembly of classic, vintage and exotic pleasure and racing vehicles being displayed by their owners, a unique opportunity to see them up close, and chat with the people who own and maintain them. Registration fee is \$100 per vehicle.

Admission is free for visitors. For more information, check online at www.danvilledelegance.org.

Let's support a local organization and show off our beautiful Porsches! Last year Ted French was a winner. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike Roberts, who has been a past supporter, at dechair@diablo-pca.org.

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The fall is a great time to visit Southern California; the weather can't get any better for driving your Porsche. If you so desire, it is possible to drive from mountains with over eight thousand feet of elevation to sandy beaches all in the same day! The deserts are beautiful, crisp comfortable days, and bright clear blue skies. This is the perfect time of the year for our apple orchards. The apples are ripening on the trees and are sweet and juicy. Great fun to go picking your favorite variety. Take a drive along the Southern California beaches, and, of course, Mulholland Drive.

We have wonderful tours planned for you in addition to the mountain and beach driving. We offer several museums tours, Nethercult, Huntington Library, Mullin, plus architectural tours will be part of this years Escape.

Registration opens July 15, so don't miss out. Visit our web site <http://escape2013.pca.org>



Hey Look! There's Nothing .

By Ross Bentley

(2nd in a Series of Articles)

As human beings, we hate to look at nothing. We love to look at something. Anything. Even some things we don't want to look at, right? Have you ever been faced with something disgusting or ugly, but you looked at it anyway?

We like to look at problems, but not solutions. A car spins in front of us (a problem), and because of the way our brains are wired, we look at it. And the one thing we've all learned from our performance driver training is that we steer where we look. So, we steer toward the problem! What's wrong with us?! Why don't we look at the gap to either side of a spinning car (the solution)? Because there's nothing there. And we don't like to look at nothing.

Most people think of vision as something we have, but not something we can develop or improve. That's kinda like thinking you have a bicep muscle that you were born with, and there's nothing you can do to strengthen it.

When I talk about vision I'm talking about a lot more than just your "central vision acuity" - what your doctor checks when he has you read the eye chart. If you hold a quarter at arm's length, that is about all that we see with full clarity. Everything else expanding out from that quarter-sized circle begins to blur, more and more as it gets further from the center of our vision. That's where our peripheral vision comes in, and this is a critically important part of our vision skills that we need to be great drivers.

Depth perception, the ability to detect contrast and movement, and being able to process all of this information very quickly are all part of the vision skills we need. And just as we can develop the strength and flexibility of a muscle, we can also develop our vision skills, thus improving our driving.

Again, I'll come back to these points in future articles, but for now I'm simply planting a seed to allow you time to think about them.

Perhaps the most important attribute of a great driver has little to do with a physical ability, and more with a mindset or attitude.

In my experience, what separates the great from the not-so-great drivers is their attitude towards their development as drivers.

After thirty-something years of racing, instructing, coaching, writing about and talking about performance driving, the attitudes of drivers still amazes me. To sum these attitudes up in the most succinct way... the best drivers know they have so much more to learn, and the worst drivers seem to think they know it all.

I love it when I meet someone who has a strong belief in themselves. This confidence is a strong predictor of how successful they will be. The Henry Ford saying, "If you think you can or think you can't, you're probably right" comes to mind. Without a strong inner belief in oneself, it's unlikely you'll ever be as good as you could be.

But there's a fine line between having a strong belief and having an ego that's getting in the way of learning and being as good as you can be.

Great drivers have an open mind to learning. More than that, they have a burning desire to get better; they love to improve their performance. If I had to pick just one thing that separates the great from the not-so-great, it would be this open mind to both learning and constant improvement.

With that said, I'm hoping that you'll keep an open mind to what I write here in future articles. Here's to being a great driver!

Ross Bentley

For more of Ross' writing, along with articles by other famous and not-so-famous contributors, go to www.speedsecretsweekly.com. He can be reached at ross@speedsecretsweekly.com.

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, September 28, 6:30PM

Marc and Mary Giammona
Danville Station Clubhouse
1320 Van Patten Dr., Danville



Take Hwy. 680 and exit on Sycamore Valley Rd. East
Turn right on Camino Ramon, go 1.4 miles.
Turn left on Greenbrook Dr. and go .03miles.
Turn left on Van Patten Dr., go .02 miles
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DEADLINE: September 18.

RSVP & pay on the Goodie Store at <http://diablo-pca.org> and indicate what type of dish you are bringing.

Reserve your spot **NOW.**



4th Annual

Derric's Day at Thunderhill: Prostate Cancer Awareness

Friday, September 6, 2013
Thunderhill Raceway | Willows, CA

Our friend Derric DesMarteau lost his battle to prostate cancer in August of 2009. Join Hooked on Driving and friends and family of Derric as we remember and honor Derric by doing something he was passionate about—driving fast on an adrenaline-fueled race track. The focus for this day will be remembering Derric and raising awareness with contributions directed to the Prostate Cancer Foundation and Athletes for a Cure.



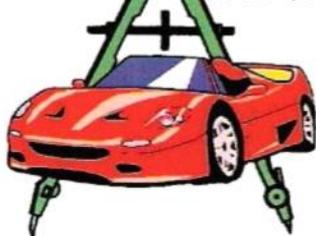
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Marvelous Murphys Tour

By Cathy Kuhn

On August 3rd, a large group of Diablo Porsche Club members left Mimi's Café in Dublin for a wonderful tour to Murphys. Ingrid and Ted French were our organized tour leaders and had planned a very special tour. Two groups of Porsches drove out to the Central Valley where they entered Farmington Road, Highway 4 to drive toward the Gold Country. After an hour's drive, they stopped at the gas station in Farmington for a bio-break, where two more Porsches joined the tour—Jack and Cathy Kuhn, in the oldest 911 on the tour (1972) and new members from Modesto. There was a spacious turnaround area behind the gas station, so both tour groups could easily line up their cars.

Back on Hwy 4, the road was a lot more fun for the Porsches, especially the twisty section after Copperopolis until our turn in Angels Camp to reach Murphys Grade Road. (As a



Leaving Mimi's



Frank is ready for a bio break!

resident who lives only 12 miles away from Murphys, I always enjoy Murphys Grade Road, so I was thrilled that Ingrid included it on the tour). Murphys Grade Road leads into Main Street of Murphys, so then we all turned at the Murphys Hotel to reach Ironstone Vineyards, which is a little way out of town.



Ironstone Vineyards really pulled out the “welcome mat” for our Porsche tour—a sign directed Diablo Porsche Club to our reserved parking right at the entrance. We all gathered for a group picture in front of the floral display and winery sign at the entrance arbor. Then, it was time for wine tasting in the cavernous tasting room. There was much to see even if you didn’t indulge and many tried a mustard tasting from Murphys Mustard Co. After we enjoyed a half a dozen wines, plus champagne at our end of the bar, we all went to the “reserved for a private party”— Ironstone Music Room—to enjoy a buffet lunch.



We soon learned why the dining area was called the Music Room. Partitions behind the

tables were removed and a large ballroom appeared with an immense organ with many pipes on the far end. We were all treated to a song from the organ, as it can play any number of songs at the touch of an electric button. The organ came from a Sac-



ramento theatre and it is used for accompaniment for Silent Movies held from time to time (next one, September 13 with a buffet dinner).



At the end of our tasty lunch, Ted French told of how he had grown up in Murphys and how different the small town was in the past. He had played at Murphys Creek, which we had passed via a bridge on our



tour. Our group was then joined by Conrad, our Ironstone Vineyard tour leader. We all followed him to overlook the amphitheatre area, where concerts and the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance are held. Past the amphitheatre, we enjoyed walking on spacious lawns surrounded by trees and then overlooking a lake. We were then joined by Joan Kautz, one of the owners of Ironstone Vineyards, whose family ranch is the location for

the vineyards. There were more gardens to view and then we walked under a grape arbor to see some mining equipment. Unfortunately, we couldn't tour the wine caves as a wedding reception was being held there. But we learned the when the caves were being excavated when the winery and tasting room were being built, the saying was that the "rock was as hard as iron", so that's where the Ironstone name came from.



After reaching the entrance again, our group was led to the historic museum and gift store. Besides Gold Rush memorabilia, the museum has a special safe especially for a huge gold nugget, which we could all walk around. We all enjoyed seeing so many different items on display. At the end of the Ironstone Vineyard tour, we all asked Conrad lots of questions and then headed back to our cars. I had prepared a little guide to places for "drinks and dessert" on Main Street for everyone since we've been coming to Murphys for over 40 years. So Porsches were parked along Main Street and the theatre parking lot and many folks headed to the Peppermint Stick for ice cream, and others tried the cupcakes at a new cupcake shop, Lila and Sage Cake. There are



another 18 wine tasting rooms on Murphys' Main Street, so folks could taste wine or view the clothing and gift shops.

It was a fantastic day trip, but many may want to come back to Murphys for a whole weekend, since there is so much to see and do. There's the Concours coming up on September 28 and the Murphys Grape Stomp and Street Fair the first Saturday of October. So if you missed Ingrid and Ted's marvelous Murphys tour, just take a ride in your Porsche on your own for lots of fun in Calaveras County. Many thanks again to Ingrid for all of her hard work for the tour preparation and thanks to Ted for driving the lead car and sharing his stories about Murphys.

Food and Friends Monthly Dinner

Come join the fun, festive conversation with fellow Diablo members and delicious food on the 3rd Thursday of each month at:

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The group starts gathering at 6:30PM.

Mark your calendars today for **Sept. 19th!!**



PORSCHE PRIDE

One thing all Porsche owners have in common is the pride we have for the beautiful driving machines we decided to have in our lives.

We are going to have a new series in the Advocate highlighting the proud new owners and their cars. If you have purchased a Porsche in 2013, contact our Communications Chair, Charles Rooks at flyinglow22@yahoo.com.

PATRICK DWYER

Purchased-June, 2013

Year/Model-1998Boxster

Exterior: Arctic Silver Metallic

Interior: Boxster Red

Transmission: Tiptronic

Comment: Always wanted a roadster to drive the back roads with the top down.



David and Laura Atchison

(Winners of the 2012 PCA Fall Raffle)

Purchased: June, 2013

Year: 2013 Boxster S

Exterior: Guards' Red with Black 20" Carrera S Wheels

Interior: Black

Transmission: PDK

Comment: An incredible experience winning this Porsche and what a thrill to drive!



Brian Wong

Purchased: February, 2013

Year/Model: 1998 Carrera 2S

Exterior: Ocean Blue

Interior: Black

Transmission: 6 Speed Manual

Comment: Love auto crossing it



Joe and Dede Mariscal

Purchased: February 14, 2013

Year/Model: 2008 Carrera 4S

Exterior: Black

Interior: Black

Transmission: 6 Speed Manual

**Comment: This car replaces our 1997 4S, crashed 3 years ago.
I have had 5 Porsches since 1975.**

