

The devil's Advocate

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2013 Event Calendar

October

Sun. 6th—Zone 7 Livermore Porsche Concourse-Paul Czopek

Sat. 12th—Veteran's Victory Ride-Ed Won or Nancy Bocanegra

Sun. 20th—Group Golf Lesson-Diron Scott

Sat. & Sun. 24th-27th—Porsche Escape to Los Angeles

Sat. 26th—Porsche Tech Session-Diron Scott

November

Sat. 9th—DE 101/201 Meeting-Mike Roberts

Sat. 16th—Planning Meeting

Sun. 17th—Grand Island Brunch Mansion-Frank & Joan

Tues. 26th—DE at Laguna Seca-Mike Roberts

December

Sat. 14th—Holiday Party-Bob & Christy Hilton



Zone Seven
presents the
Porsche of Livermore
Concours

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Join us for the second annual Porsche of
Livermore Concours
3100 Las Positas Road
Livermore, Ca.

Registration opens at 8:00 am and judging will start
at 10:00 am.

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Paul Czopek at axnut@att.net or
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Livermore Ave.



Ed's Comments

I would start by conjuring up images of fall and nippy weather, but it's in the 80's today and there's no sign of that stopping for a few more weeks anyway.

What a wonderful summer! I hope you all enjoyed your summer spending time with family, friends and club activities. We started September with our track day at Thunderhill with some of us staying the extra day to run with Hooked on Driving's Derric's day to benefit Prostate Cancer cure. It was a nice relaxing day to reconnect with our track crowd and exercise our cars. As usual, HOD's day was entertaining with the various auctions at midday, and all for a good cause.

I also heard some very nice comments about the fun times on Kay's Chocolate and Wine tour. I had to miss that one but I'm looking forward to reading the write up. There were some very nice photo's posted by Carlos Bocanegra of the tour, especially the pizza. If you see Carlos on a diablo outing, please say "Hi". Carlos is one of our Diablo club photographers. Kelly Guglielmo is another club photographer. Thanks to them for taking pictures and sharing with us.

Last night we had our annual Oktoberfest and it was a blast. This time we had the event at a community club house and it was wonderful and cozy. Thank you to Marc and Mary, and Ingrid and Ted for their hard work in making the event a huge success. There were so many delicious side dishes along with Brats, Turkey and Ham. Too bad it's only once a year.

As we head in to October, there some changes to the calendar and you may have noticed a light October. Not to fear, the events are now all settled. Please keep a look out in the eblast for all the latest news. First, we will begin the voting process starting on October 5th. An email will come to you and take you to our online ballot. Thank you Steve for setting this up again; it really saves a lot of work!

On the second October weekend we have two display events for your Porsche. While they are not Diablo events, they are events that help our local charities. On Saturday, the Sentinels of Freedom will run their annual Veterans' Victory Velo ride. The Cycling event benefits the Sentinels of Freedom and takes place at Bishop Ranch in San Ramon. If you would like to help out, come on down and display your Porsche as the riders return. A BBQ lunch, live band and activity booths will be open. All Display participants will get a free lunch and those that want

wine, will get drink tickets.

On Sunday, Jack Carpenter is working with the folks holding Oktoberfest at Hacienda De Las Flores to put on a display of Porsches as part of the day's events. If you can, please support efforts to preserve our local gems. If you would like to sign up for the event, please contact Jack.

Diron Scott stepped up and setup not one, but two events on his first try at running an event. Thank you very much Diron! Diron setup a Diablo Group golf lesson and then the following week is a drive and tech session at FD Motorsports.

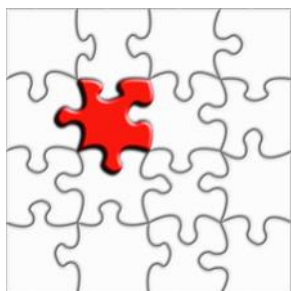
In other upcoming events, In November, Joan and Frank have a very nice drive and an elegant Sunday brunch at the Grand Island Mansion planned. We also have our track day at Laguna Seca on the Tuesday during Thanksgiving week. Believe me I'm giving thanks. All joking aside, Golden Gate Region has Laguna the two previous days and we are promoting the event jointly. You can run three days if you like, but I'm only doing two. I'm giving the car a break, from me.

We also will have the annual planning meeting in November as well. It's not too early to think about what events you would like to see and lead some events you think your fellow club members would enjoy. Please keep an eye out for details.

As we head into the fall, I hope you all enjoyed the various events that we have offered in our club. You should thank our many members for their contributions. PCA Regions are made up of volunteers, and it's through the efforts of the volunteers that we have so many wonderful events for all to enjoy. Being the President, I receive a number of emails from folks with comments and suggestions. Members from other regions comment about how active we are and how they like running with us. We welcome everyone to join us and experience the friendships and camaraderie our cars have brought us. As we continue to grow and maintain momentum, we need our members to pitch in and help. Many of the volunteers have regular jobs and are stretched thin. Please look for a "help wanted" in upcoming issues of the Advocate and help if you can. Thank you!



At a recent Faz Dinner, Ed Won, Diablo's President presented a check for \$1222 to Carla Goulart, Chief Operating Officer of the Sentinels of Freedom.



Something is missing!

YOU!

As you have heard before, Diablo Region is run by volunteers, who are members just like YOU. Without all our open-hearted volunteers who step forward to make things happen, none of the fantastic tours, exciting DE Program, dinners, picnic, email notifications, Wash N Shine or any other activities you have attended would have taken place.

Each of you has special skills/talents that can help Diablo be even more unique and fun while distributing the work load. Even if you feel you don't have any special skills, your support and assistance is always appreciated.

So, step up and take your turn and fill the gap.



**By Mike Roberts,
Driver Education Program Chair**



Our Diablo track event at Thunderhill on Thursday September 5th was a blast (and so was Derric's Day with HOD). Turnout was not quite as good as we hoped, probably because the Labor Day vacations and going back to school were in full swing.

However the 43 drivers who did turn out found clear track and a very relaxed day, fantastic weather in the mid-eighties and clear skies.

We would like to thank Michael Stead Porsche for sponsoring the event and providing an excellent lunch, raffle prizes and overall, adding to the fun. Also, David Ray and members of the Hooked on Driving team for providing classroom sessions, safety officer and running grid.

Next stop for us is Laguna Seca on November 26th – registrations are filling up fast, particularly in the Intermediate Group. Again, we will limit the event to under 60 drivers, maintaining the popular Diablo format.

Before then, we will gather in Walnut Creek at the Civic Center, on Saturday November 9th at 9.30am for our classroom session on driving Laguna Seca.

2014 dates have arrived for Thunderhill – we are planning 2 Fridays, March 21st and September 26th. It will be great to get two Fridays; much easier to escape from work!

Talking about 2014, I have mentioned that I will be passing the baton of the DE Chair role at the end of the year. In fact, as I write this, it is just coming up to my two years. We have created an integrated program, it is fully documented and processes work well. Of course I will be on hand to help whomever takes over with a smooth transition – we don't want to lose the momentum we have created.

Finally, I would like to thank Adam Cipriano, Kay Maloy, Jeff Urnes, Ken Wu, Tom Davenport and everyone who helped make Thunderhill a resounding success.

Going forward, we NEED more help to sustain and grow the Diablo DE program. Successful track events happen because of the arrangements and contacts prior to the day, talking to fellow drivers, getting

the message out, rallying our instructors. On the day is the easy part.

We are 100% volunteers, giving our time to provide a great experience for our members. Please take your turn in contributing time to sustaining our PCA Diablo programs. Sharing the load makes it easier for us all. I will be bringing members together to discuss Laguna Seca and coordinate the arrangements. If you would like to lend a hand, please let me know. DEchair@diablo-pca.org.

Have a great month...

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TRG and Sonoma Tour

On July 27th, Diablo members ventured out to Sonoma to visit the infamous TRG (The Racing Group) team and get an up close view of what goes into the Formula 1 preparation. Ed Won was gracious enough to share some pictures of the fun day.





Thunderhill in September

On September 5th, forty plus drivers gathered at Thunderhill for an awesome day of driving, fun , friendship and glorious weather. We even got to celebrate a birthday. If you didn't make it, you missed a wonderful time. Maybe we will see you next time.



The night before the big day



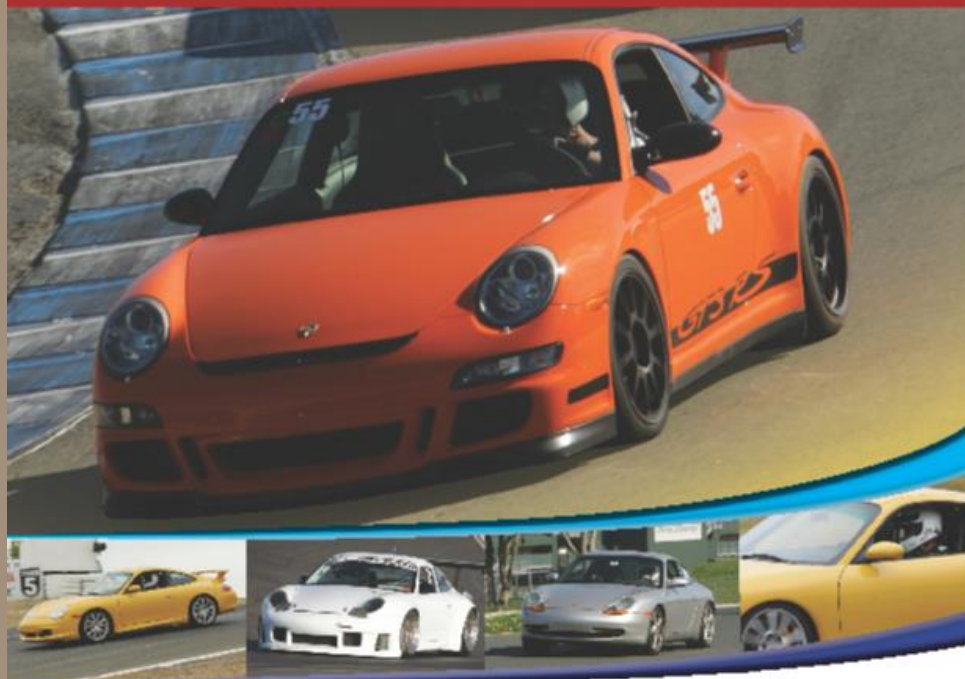
Emily Davenport's Birthday and first day on the track!





Pictures provided by Steve Jones, Ed Won and Carlos Bocanegra

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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.

It will be a 90db sound limit day. You are responsible for your car passing the sound test. No refunds for cars that fail to do so.

Track Event:

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

Last Diablo DE day of the year. Drive the world-famous 'Corkscrew' and make it a double or triple play trip by combining it with a GGR track day(s) immediately before* ... **\$315 for Nov 26.** * Our DE day is the day after GGR's Track Days 11/24, 11/25 at Laguna.

Shared garage rentals are available (first come/first served basis) for \$50 a spot.

For all Diablo PCA track events, sign up at motorsportreg.com

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.

**It is Election Time
And
Here are the Nominees**

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 “Porscheophile” (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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Voting will be allowed from receipt of the email on October 5th, through midnight Pacific time on October 25th. Any ballots submitted after that time will only be used to resolve a tie.

Eligibility

According to the region bylaws, any Active Member in good standing may vote in the election. An Active Member is one who qualifies for membership by owning, co-owning, or leasing a Porsche, is 18 years of age or older, and who is current with their dues.

Each Active Member may also designate a Family-Active Member, who is "the other person of the Active Member's immediate family, also 18 years of age or older, restricted to wife, husband, sister, brother, son, daughter, mother or father". To qualify this person would have been identified to PCA National at the time the Active Member joined or renewed.

Membership Numbers

Each Active and Family-Active Member is issued a membership number by PCA National. This number appears on the membership cards sent out each year. If you cannot find your membership number, please contact PCA National at (703)321-2111 or by visiting <http://www.pca.org>.

Number of Votes per Ballot

There are four vacancies being filled through this election. You may vote for up to four members by selecting from the nominated candidates or using the write-in area. If you vote for more than four candidates, your ballot will be invalid and will not be counted.

When you click on the link in the email you receive on October 5th, you will see the following information.

2013 Board of Directors Election

You can only vote for up to **four** candidates, including use of the write-in space. Only Active Members and one Family-Active Member can vote, and each must fill out and submit their own ballot. You must include your full name and PCA membership number. Voting will start on October 5th and end at midnight on October 25th. Only the first valid ballot submitted by an eligible member will be counted.

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Candidate Four


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GROUP GOLF LESSON

Wish you had time for someone to help with your backswing or follow through? Or, just want to see why you keep missing the ball? This event is for you!

When: Sunday, October 20th

Where: The Golf Club at Brentwood, 100 Summerset Drive, Brentwood, CA

Time: 10:30am -12pm Lesson, 12pm-1pm Lunch
(depart Buttercup at 9:15am)

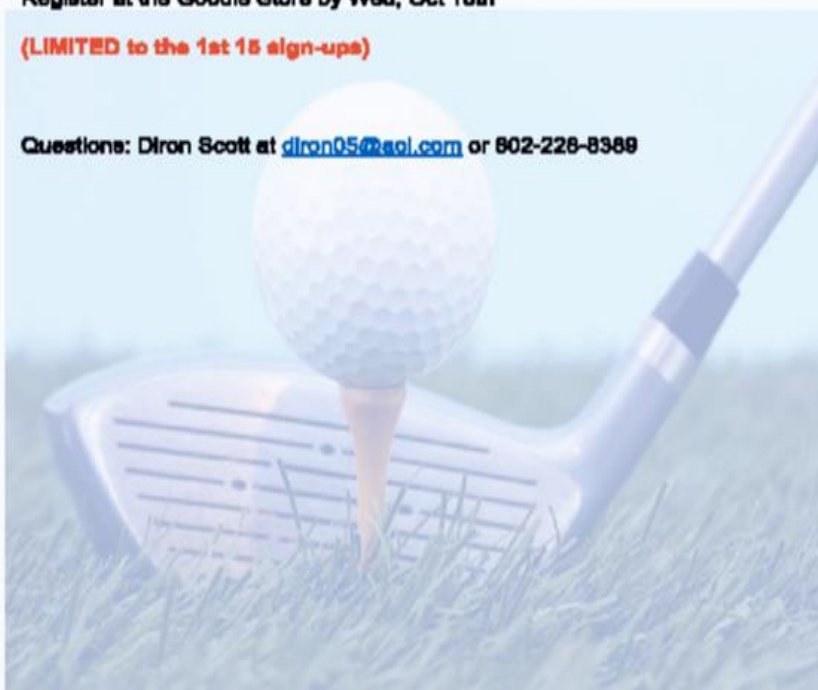
Cost: \$20.00 per person for Golf Lesson(paid the day of the event at the course) Lunch will be separate and individual tickets at the course restaurant (soups, salads, sandwiches)

Please join us for a fun Sunday morning practicing our golf swings. We'll learn the proper techniques for full swings, short swings and putting. (Open to those new to the game as well as those that just want a little extra practice)

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Porsche TECH DAY

When: Saturday, October 26th

Where: FD Motorsports
150 Middlefield Ct., Ste G
Brentwood, CA

Time: 10:30am—12pm
(Depart Buttercup at 9:30am)

Cost: A smiling face and positive Porsche attitude

Please join us for a morning at FD Motor Sports where we'll learn about upgrading Porsche exhaust systems, shifters and suspension systems. We'll also have pizza and drinks for lunch.

Register at the Goodie Store by Wed, Oct 23rd.

LIMITED to the 1st 30 sign-ups.

Questions: Contact Diron Scott at diron05@aol.com or 602-228-8389.



Welcome New Members!!

New Members

Chu, Rodney	2007 911, Silver
Cohen, Myron J.	1976 912e. Red
Dixon, Carol A.	2004 Boxster, White
Erickson, Guy A.	2013 Boxster S, Gray
Feinberg, Frederick S.	2001 911 Carrera, Gray
Knowles, John A.	2010 911, White
Miller, Jay D.	1974 914, Yellow

Total New Members: 7

Transfer In Members

Barfoot, Donna <i>Transfer from Big Sky (BSK)</i>	2006 Carrera S, Silver
Cavalieri, Steven <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GG)</i>	1987 930
Day, Scott D. <i>Transfer from Silver Sage (SS)</i>	2009 911, White
Haigh, Nicholas E. <i>Transfer from Schattenbaum (SCH)</i>	2011 Boxster, Black
Sullivan, Thomas C. <i>Transfer from Sierra Nevada (SNV)</i>	2002 Carrera
Twig, Brian <i>Transfer from California Central Coast (CCC)</i>	2007 Cayman, Black

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Affiliate: 431
Total: 1078

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For Ride and Registration Information
visit our website at:

www.VeteransVictoryVelo.com

Help Support Veterans Victory Velo! V3

Diablo supports the efforts of The Sentinels of Freedom through our Annual Wash n' Shine. The sentinels of Freedom has an annual Veterans Victory Velo in San Ramon. Please lend you support by offering your Porsche for static display. *You will get a free lunch and drinks. (wine tickets etc.)*

When: Saturday October 12

Time: See Below

Where: Parking lot entrance at 2678 Bishop Drive in San Ramon.

What: V3 is a Cycling event launching from Bishop Ranch in San Ramon taking the riders through various loops, Beginners at 30 miles to Advanced at 100 miles. Riders depart in the morning and return at various stages until 1:00pm. The riders and public mingle over food and drink in the afternoon. The BBQ starts then with a live band. The various booths and events in the courtyard starts. Your help with the static display will help draw more crowds and benefit this event. The even concludes around 4:00 pm

Questions? Please call Matt Chamberlain at 650-666-5097

If you want to come early and cheer on the riders please arrive at one of these time slots, to avoid conflicting with rider departures. Otherwise please arrive around noon.

Arrival window 1: 7:30 - 8:45AM

Arrival window 2: 9:15 - 9:45AM

Arrival window 3: After 10:15AM



Sentinels of Freedom
Scholarship Foundation

2014 Planning Meeting

When: Saturday, November 16, 2013

Time: 6:30—9:30 pm

Where: Danville Station Clubhouse
1320 Van Patten Driver, 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
Clubhouse will be on the left.

Pizza, soft drink and water will be provided.

Bring your own "adult" beverages.

Bring your ideas and support for planning the 2014 calendar.

Now is the time to **STEP UP AND TAKE YOUR TURN** in keeping Diablo Region a great place for our members to find a diversified selection of activities throughout the year. Diablo needs your creativity and enthusiasm to continue.

Remember, we are a volunteer organization with members who have many skills to share. It is also a wonderful opportunity to partner with another member to get more members involved.

As we plan on our **30 year Anniversary** celebration, there are so many ways to show your support. We will be looking for help with tours, DE Program, Tech sessions, Wash N Shine, Zone 7 events, annual picnic and new events. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



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 **Oct. 12th** and again on **Oct. 26th**. We hope to see you there. We have tables reserved in the rear of the restaurant.

Strizzi's
649 Main Street (between Division St. & St. Mary St.)
Pleasanton, CA



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://diable-pca.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.

So, grab your keys and enjoy a short drive north for a taste of history and a sumptuous brunch.

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



Once again the Danville d' Elegance Concours was a success. It is two days of events with the last day acting as a showcase for all the beautiful entries to show off their stuff. There were several Porsches on display with a showing of some of Diablo's finest. Several Diablo Region members were in attendance to check things out as well. Thanks to Mike Roberts for informing of us the event and for getting a few members involved. Pictures provided by Ed Won.



**Members of the Diablo Board getting involved:
Jeff, Mike, Adam and Ed**

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

ESCAPE2013

October 24-27



Escape to L.A.

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>**



Legends of the Autobahn

Thanks to Dave Ohst and Cathy Tonne for organizing a caravan of Diablo members to make an early (5:45am) trek to the Monterey Peninsula to spend the day taking in the sight of various models from German autos such as Porsche, Mercedes Benz, BMW and Audi.

About a dozen Porsches, 2 Mercedes and one BMW took the early drive and enjoyed the day admiring cars, having a stein of Spaten and catching up with friends from other PCA Regions.

Thanks to Ed Won for taking a few quick shots so we can all get a taste of why we should go next year.





Legendary American Race-car driver, Hurley Haywood made an appearance



The End Of Braking As We Know It

One day many years ago I had a major Aha! moment while driving along a highway. I was approaching a traffic light, and as I got closer the light turned from green to yellow and then to red. I continued at speed and then, at a certain point I started to brake, slowing down, and finally coming to a stop at the intersection.

That's when the Aha! moment hit me like a slap in the back of the head.

For a number of years I had had fellow race drivers ask me where I braked for a certain turn, let's say, Turn 1 at Portland International Raceway. My typical response would consist of me looking at them with a confused look on my face (even more confused than I normally am!), followed by, "Hmmm... I'm not sure. I think about the 3 marker, but I'm not sure."

These other drivers would talk about braking at "325," or "275," or "3 lengths past the 3 marker." At that point I began to question my abilities since I really couldn't be that accurate with where I started braking. I thought there was something wrong with me or how I was driving.

Fortunately, when we got on track I found myself out-braking these competitors, and realizing that I was actually better on the brakes than they were, so I didn't worry about it much. But I did still wonder about it.

And then I had my Aha! moment approaching the red traffic light.

As I approached the red light, I didn't look to the side of the highway for brake markers to tell me where to start braking. No, I looked ahead to where I knew I wanted to be finished my braking, where I wanted to be stopped. And based on that point where I wanted to end my braking, I started braking, knowing how hard I needed to brake to slow to a stop.

The Aha! at that moment was that I didn't really focus on where I started braking on the race track, but instead I focused on

where I wanted to end my braking. And that End-of-Braking point, as I came to call it, dictated where I started braking (the Begin-of-Braking point).

Over the next few years I talked to many other drivers and noticed a trend. The best, fastest drivers usually had a harder time telling me where they starting braking for a turn; the slower drivers could usually tell me exactly where they started to brake (and liked to brag about it, usually exaggerating about how deep they drove their cars into a turn before starting to brake). In fact, a common answer I heard from the best drivers to my question about where they started to brake was something along the lines of, "When it feels right." In other words, they were looking at where they were going to finish braking, and adjusted where they started based on that.

Since that time I've tested and confirmed how effective focusing on the End-of-Braking point is. I've done that with my own driving, and with the drivers I've trained and coached. Of all the things I've taught drivers, from novices to elite-level professionals, focusing on the End-of-Braking point is one of the top three most effective things that have led to consistently improved lap times.

I'm not saying that you should not have a clue where to start your braking, and that the brake markers are to be ignored. No way. What I'm saying is that these should be used as a guide, not a point set in stone.

When your attention is on the Begin-of-Braking point, where are your eyes focused? Where are they when you're looking for the End-of-Braking point? And when your attention is on the Begin-of-Braking point, something that happens most times is the braking is not very smooth and consistent. It can't be because you don't really know where you're going.

Keep in mind that your speed approaching the brake zone for a turn can vary based on how well you exited the previous turn. Because of that, it makes sense that you should not brake at the exact same place all the time, right? If you're carrying more or

less speed - even a MPH or so difference - you're going to need to begin braking earlier or later if you want to enter the turn at the same speed, aren't you? That's another reason for adjusting your braking based on your End-of-Braking point.

Now, your End-of-Braking point could be right at the turn-in point, or some place after that, depending on the turn, your car, its handling characteristics, and your driving style. But that's where you should be looking as you approach each and every turn: the End-of-Braking point.

Ross Bentley

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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:

**Faz
600 Hartz Avenue
Danville, CA**

The group starts gathering at 6:30PM.

Mark your calendars today for **October 17**



Chocolate and Wine Tour

Would a threat of showers put a damper on a chance to get in our cars and venture out to the Sonoma Wine Country? Not the hearty Diablo Region bunch!

With the tease of a taste of chocolate at the starting location, 23 brave adventurers put on brave faces and enthusiastically headed to a couple of interesting and twisty roads. With only cloudy skies at the moment, we headed north to get to the first challenge.

A slight mist started to hit the windows, making the drive a little slower than normal, but still giving everyone time to enjoy the beautiful scenery with the hint of autumn reflected on the trees. The drive heading towards Lake Berryessa was only new for a few of the drivers, but still offered great twists and turns along the way.

As we headed slightly northwest towards Rutherford and St. Helena, we passed Lake Hennessy shrouded in an eerie covering of fog. With the winding road behind us, we stopped for a quick bio-break in St. Helena at Dean and Deluca just as Mother Nature decided to cleanse the air with a quick downpour.

After our quick stop and browse at some very expensive treats, we formed our group again and got ready for the more challenging portion of the drive, over the Oakville Grade. As we turned onto the road for the beginning of the climb, we recognized a small line of cars just finishing the grade. Lo and behold, it was our own Mike Roberts leading a group of cars from the Danville d' Elegance event. As we drove on, we continued to see a few more exotic and collector cars heading back to Danville.

Thank goodness this portion of the drive is only 10 miles long, as there are several switchbacks, narrow roads and even a one-lane bridge to deal with. Of course, we had a little bit of mist for a bit, but the weather cleared as we headed to our destination in Kenwood – VJB Estate and Vineyard.

The folks at VJB were ready for us and had everyone enter the

barrel tasting room for a little wine tasting complimented with some chocolate tasting. They were also busy heating up the brick ovens to get our pizzas ready for us.



Finally, we sat down for our lunch on the piazza to enjoy our salads and several types of Italian style pizzas, and of course, great Diablo member company. We also had some great gelato and fresh chocolates for dessert.

Suddenly these 3 very good looking men appeared and began to serenade



us with some authentic Italian tenor songs. It seems they perform every Saturday at the winery. They were awesome and really added a special memory to the day.

After lunch, everyone was given several options to enjoy in the local area: visits to a couple of cheese stores, an olive oil store and a couple of sparkling wine wineries. We ended our official tour, but several of the members bumped into each other at other locations.

Tummies were full and smiles reflected a great drive on a fun day with friends.



Porsche Pride

As we continue with our series in highlighting members who have recently purchased a Porsche, we want to remind you if you have purchased a Porsche in 2013, contact our Communications Chair, Charles Rooks at flyinglow22@yahoo.com.

Gary Berg

**Purchased March 2013
2013 Porsche Carrera 911 4S
Coupe
Basalt Black exterior
Black Interior
PDK**



Comment: I previously owned a 997 2011 4S and really enjoyed it (4 Driver Educ. days). However, the 991 4S, they knocked it out of the park. Fantastic daily driver and crazy great on the track (3x)!! Everything they know so far. Perfection!

Jeff Kreutzer

**Purchased: January 2013
Year and Type: 2010 911 Turbo
Exterior Color: Carrera White
Interior Color: Black
Transmission: PDK**

Comment: My third 911 and an exceptional experience on the track.



Dale Scoggin

Purchased Date: March, 2013

Year and Type of Porsche: 1987 911 Carrera 3.2 Targa

Outside Color: Grand Prix White

Interior Color: Burgundy

Transmission Type: Getrag-50

Other Comments: My father owned a 1967 912 when I was a kid. I fondly remember his pride of ownership and how well that car handled on winding country roads. I especially liked the wail of the Weber carburetors while I rode in the snug back seat. This year, I finally had the opportunity to purchase my own Porsche. My 1987 911 had been a daily-driver in Orange County most of its life. I just completed my first track event at Thunderhill, and I'm already signed-up for Laguna Seca.



Don't Forget to VOTE!!

Voting is open from

October 5, 2013—October 25, 2013

**The link will be in the email you
receive on October 5th**