

The devil's Advocate

November, 2013

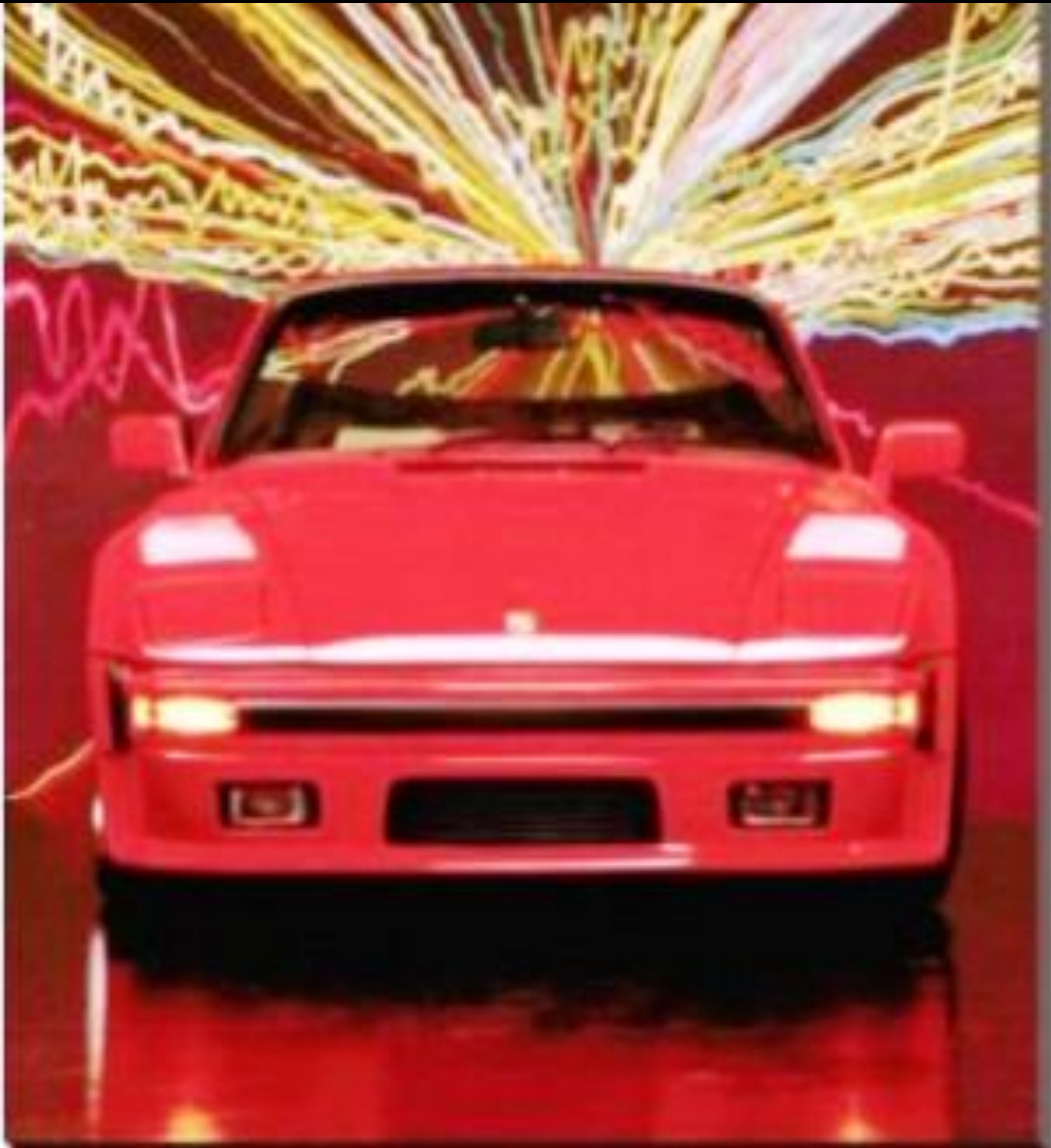


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2013 Event Calendar

November

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

Mon. 11th—Thank Our Veterans Dinner-Diron Scott

Sat. 16th—Planning & Pizza Meeting

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

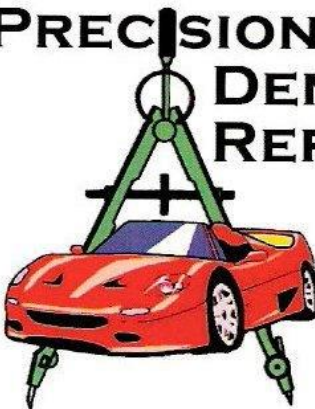
Tues. 26th—DE at Laguna Seca-Mike Roberts

December

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



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Ed's Comments

The holidays will soon be upon us, but we are still very active. No hibernation here! We continue to press forward. First, I want to say thank you to the folks who took the time to vote and endorsed your candidates. I want to welcome back Adam Cipriano and Jeff Kreutzer back on the board for 2 years. They stepped in and served the vacancies left by two board members and have done a great job. I also want to welcome newly elected Diron Scott and Bob Hilton to the board. These two guys are a great addition to the board and I look forward to working with them in 2014, our club's 30th anniversary. Two members of the board, Tosh and Dale will be stepping down. Thank you for your service to the club for the last 2 years.

I hope you all had a great October, I know I did! We started the month with two display events back to back. Thank you all who participated in the Sentinels Victory Velo and the Hacienda De Las Flores Oktoberfest. Our displays help with publicity for our local charities. Thank you Jack Carpenter for the Oktoberfest event!

We also took a group golf lesson organized by Diron Scott. It's been a while for me since I had put my clubs away. I had built up quite a bit of muscle memory when I played golf regularly, but discovered there is such a thing as muscle Amnesia. I would love to say a few range balls and I'm back. But I would be lying to you. I watched players of all levels get re acquainted with the game. We had a fantastic time and golf pro Dane was excellent.

Diron is a very ambitious guy and I love that. He also set up a tech Session the following week at FD Motorsports. Hey Diron, you heard the phrase go big or go home? You are definitely going big. The owners Darin, Mark and Kellie opened up shop on a Saturday to serve us pizza, deliver tech talk and raffle off prizes. Thank you so much! We had a really great time learning about exhaust, bushings, short shift kits and other topics. They are also Diablo PCA members who are running an expanding

business born out of their Porsche passion. You talk to them for a few minutes and you immediately sense their passion and love of the Porsche cars.

Diron isn't done yet, on his own he setup a Veterans Day dinner at Brass Door restaurant on Veterans Day (RSVP available at Goodie Store) providing free dinner to our Diablo Vets. Everyone's invited to dinner you pay for yourself, come and enjoy the company of our own vets or just say thanks.

Remember we are not letting up! Coming up in November, we have DE 101/102 for Laguna Seca. Sorry, but Laguna Seca is sold out, but everyone can come to our introductory ground school whether you are signed up or not. Come check out our track program and meet the DE folks.

We also have a Porsche Pizza Planning Party. Your invite is in this issue of the Advocate. This is the event where folks bring ideas and schedule events for 2014. Come learn how we firm up our yearly event calendar, meet other folks, get help with and ideas/events and preview what's going on next year. I almost forgot the most important part, have fun and eat free pizza!

Frank and Joan are running the Grand Island Mansion tour that promises to be a great one. We sold out three times. The event was originally setup for 30 people. That quickly sold out and Frank went back to ask if the Mansion can accommodate more? Well it went from 40 to 50 and finally at the limit of the Mansion, 60 people.

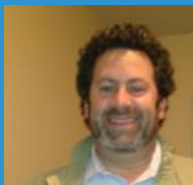
Then, in the first part of a Thanksgiving week, PCA has Laguna lockup. Golden Gate region will run on Sunday and Monday. We will run on Tuesday. I'm running one GGR day and our day. I can hardly wait. What I love about PCA is the people as the slogan goes. Tim Smith is the GGR track chair and he has supported our program by helping with instructing our students. Dave Ogden from Sequoia Region is also coming to help us instruct and brought a few instructors too. Thank you! You guys are just awesome! Yes this is the same Dave who put on the Mammoth tour with Mark that simply wowed our members and me .

In December we have the annual Holiday party but at Bob and Christi Hilton's house. There will be a white elephant exchange along with a tour of Christmas lights/decorations

Then it all starts over again in 2014 with our annual Awards event at Blackhawk Museum. I hope to see you all soon at these events.

Election Results Are In Congratulations to our four new Board Members!!

**Adam
Cipriano**



**Bob
Hilton**



**Jeff
Kreutzer**



**Diron
Scott**



The 2014 Board Member are:

- ♦ **Nancy Bocanegra**
- ♦ **Adam Cipriano**
- ♦ **Ingrid French**
- ♦ **Marc Giammona**
- ♦ **Bob Hilton**
- ♦ **Jeff Kreutzer**
- ♦ **Mike Roberts**
- ♦ **Ed Won**



Diablo PCA Drivers DE Program

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca

Sponsored by Fremont Porsche



1 Free DE 11/201 Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 9

9:30am-12:30pm

Civic Park Community Center
1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

Great information, videos, friends and bagels and coffee

2 Free Tech Sessions

Pre-event tech inspections are to be done within 30 days of the event. Mention Diablo PCA Inspections at any of the 3 options available:

- ♦ Fremont Porsche—by appointment only
Contact Gunter Feldmeier, Service Manager at gfeldmeier@fjfreemont.com to make your appointment. Spaces are limited.
- ♦ Kahler's in Dublin—by appointment only the week of November 4
Contact Ash Reddy at service@kahlers.com or by phone at 925-29-2050
- ♦ Stead Porsche in Walnut Creek – by appt. only. Contact Melissa or Henry at 925-280-4900
- ♦ Pacific Power Motorsports in Walnut Creek—by appt. only
Contact Jeff Kost at jkost@pacificpowermotorsports.com or 925-937-2277

3 Track Event

Laguna Seca is sold out with a wait list for all driving levels.

Shared garages rentals are available on a first-come first-served basis for \$50 a spot.

Lunch included and provided courtesy of Fremont Porsche!

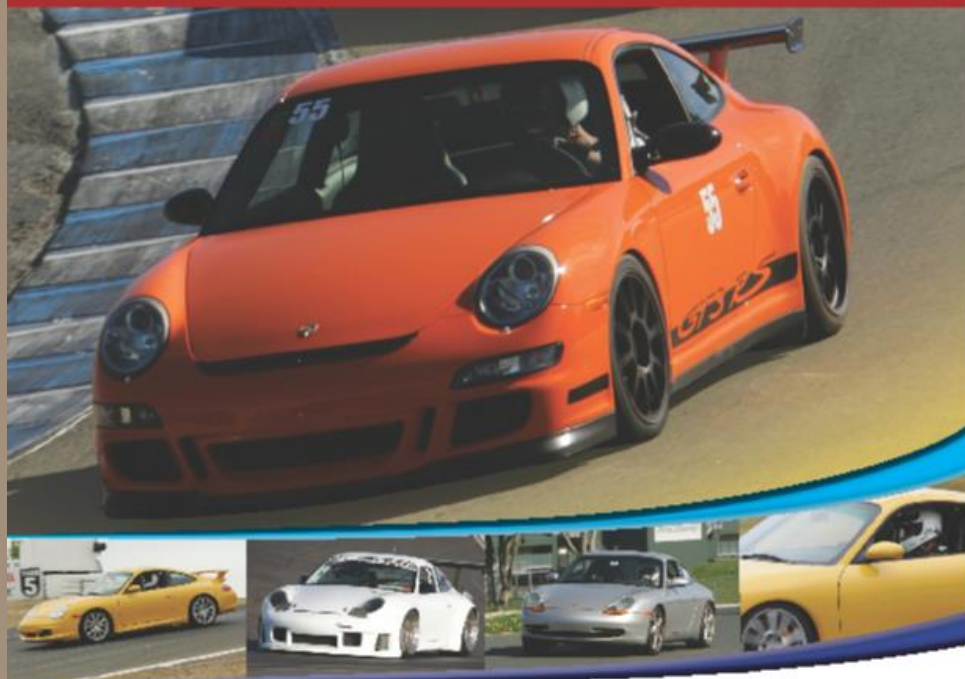
It's a 90db sound limit day. You are responsible for ensuring your car can pass sound. No refunds will be provided for cars that don't pass. Learn more and sign up for the day and a garage at motorsportreg.com.

Join us Nov. 25 for dinner at Embassy Suites in Seaside at 6pm.

We have also reserved a block of rooms at Embassy Suites.

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

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The group starts gathering at 6:30PM.
Mark your calendars today for **November 21st.**





**Mike Roberts,
Driver Education Program Chair**



Mike has been traveling and unable to get any free time, so he has asked that I make sure you are reminded of some important dates in November for the DE Program.

- ♦ **The DE Program day at Mazda Raceway Laguna Sec has been sold out in all driving categories, with wait lists. There are still garages available. Check on motorsportreg.com.**
- ♦ **November 9th is the DE 101/201 meeting specifically designed for the Laguna Seca Raceway. Reviewing the turns of the track on the video and sharing information with those who have driven this track previously is beneficial to all in attendance, both experienced and new drivers.**
- ♦ **Be sure to get your cars track-ready. We have several local businesses who are making free tech inspections available to you. Fremont of Porsche, our sponsor for the day, Stead Porsche, Kahler's and Pacific Power Motorsports will accept appointments, so call as soon as you can. The specific information is on page 8 of this issue. Be sure to mention you are there for a Diablo DE Tech Inspection.**
- ♦ **November 25th we are meeting for dinner and socializing at the Embassy Suites at 6pm. We have also reserved a block of rooms at the Embassy Suites for those arriving the day before.**
- ♦ **November 26th is the day we have been waiting for—Driving Day. We will be arriving at the gates very early. See you all there! It should be a great day for all!!**



Tag! It's Your Turn

Congratulations! It is your turn to help the Diablo PCA Region and volunteer to help out with the function(s) of your choice. Could it be the DE Program, leading a tour, technical help, the picnic, Wash 'N Shine or helping produce the monthly newsletter? So many choices!! Let any Board member know if you are interested in helping out. And, THANKS FOR THE HELP!!

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PORSCHE PIZZA PLANNING PARTY

Danville Station Clubhouse
1320 Van Patten Dr Danville, CA 94526
Saturday November 16th 6:00pm to 9:00pm

This is your invitation to please come and join us for fun and free pizza and drinks as we plan for the Diablo Region 2014 year. Next year will be our 30th Anniversary, help us make the next year the best one yet. If you have a destination you think other club folks may enjoy or activity you like to share, this is the place. We will help you get started or maybe you want to find a partner to help you run an event? This is the perfect event to make connections and share ideas. We are a volunteer organization and can't do it without you. Or come and learn about the club activities and preview what's in store for next year. I have a few surprises I'm working on.

Ed Won

Info? Email. president@diablo-pca.org

Welcome New Members!!

New Members

Coupin, Paul K.	1989 Carrera, Black
Dwyer, Patrick A.	1998 Boxster, Silver
Hill, Woody L.	2002 911 Carrera, Black
Ibrahim, Mohamed	2010 GT3, Black

Total New Members: 4

Transfer In Members

Hart, Susan	1995 911
<i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)</i>	

Total Transfer In Members: 1

Primary: 651
Affiliate: 431
Total: 1082

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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://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.



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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 **Nov. 9th and again on **Nov 23rd**. We hope to see you there. We have tables reserved in the rear of the restaurant.**

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Diablo PCA Region Holiday Party

Come Join in the Fun !!

When: *Saturday, December 14, 2013*

Time: *4:30pm*

Where: *Bob & Christi Hilton's Home
1252 Piemonte Drive
Pleasanton, CA
925-484-1530*

Cost: *\$15 per person*

All Diablo Region members are invited to come out and celebrate the holidays with food and fun. We will have a Holiday Celebration Potluck, Holiday Light Sightseeing Tour and a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

How to Sign Up: Log onto diablo-pca.org and click on the Event button. Select the Holiday Party and complete the information and make your payment. You **MUST** sign up online as the party is being held in a gated community and our hosts must provide a guest list to the front gate to ensure you get access.

What to Bring: Please bring a hearty appetizer to share (i.e. meatballs, crackers & cheese, veggies & dip, etc.)

Bring white elephant gifts (one from each attendee, valued at no more than \$20) for a fun gift exchange

What's Provided: Beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee), dessert and a neighborhood tour route of holiday lights.

Questions: Contact Christi Hilton at christihilton@comcast.net or (925) 484-1530

Calling All Veterans

And Those Who Want to Honor Them

WHAT: Veterans' Day Dinner Celebration

WHEN: Monday, November 11th (Veterans' Day) 6-8pm

WHERE: Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Blvd., San Ramon

Please come help us recognize our Veterans on their special day.

All Vets dinners will be free. All others pay your own way.

There will be a special dessert provided.

Please RSVP in the goodie store. (indicate if you're a VET and if so which branch of the military)

DEADLINE: RSVP by Saturday, November 9th.

Questions/Comments: Diron Scott 602-228-8389 or diron05@aol.com

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Sentinels of Freedom

Veteran's Victory Velo Bike Ride

On October 12, the Sentinels of Freedom held their annual Veteran's Victory Velo Bike Ride in San Ramon. Diablo arrived to participate, but on 4 wheels instead of 2. A big "Thank you" to Ed Won and Nancy and Carlos Bocanegra for representing Diablo Region at the function. Perhaps next year, we can have more members attend.



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DIABLO PCA ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON BLACKHAWK MUSEUM EXTRAVAGANZA

Date: Sunday, January 26, 2014

Time: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Blackhawk Museum

3700 Blackhawk Plaza, Danville

Cost: \$40 per person

Come join us for our annual awards party and enjoy the event while nestled amongst a multitude of exceptional, one of a kind automobiles.

Included:

- A special display of Porsches on the Plaza

Please let Elsie Lum know if you would like your car displayed on the plaza.

A committee will choose up to 40 cars.

Cars will be parked beginning at 8:30am.

- Docents to provide guided tours of the Museum at 10:00am
 - A gourmet luncheon catered by Scott's Catering
 - No Host Bar (no outside alcohol allowed)
 - Door Prizes
 - Special Guest Speaker
- A chance to heckle/congratulate your friends as they receive their awards.

Luncheon Menu:

- Spinach Salad
- Three Cheese Ravioli with Tomato, Olive Sauce
- Pistachio Crusted Salmon with a Ginger Orange Sauce
- Carved Roast Prime Rib, au jus, Horseradish sauce
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- Rum Cake with Caramel Walnut Sauce
- Coffee and Hot Tea

You can complete your reservation on the Goodie Store starting November 15th.

You can also indicate on the Goodie Store if you would like to park your car in the rotunda of the museum - 40 cars will be chosen.

For additional questions, email Elsie Lum at ewklum@yahoo.com

IT WILL TRULY BE OUR EXTRAVAGANZA OF THE YEAR!!

Golf Anyone??

Anyone who has dabbled in the Land of Golf knows the ups and downs and sideways emotions associated with the game. That didn't stop the dozen or so plucky Diablo members who met at the Brentwood Golf Course to see if they still had it or if they might want to try this crazy game.

Diron Scott had somehow convinced Dane, a golf pro to give us a group lesson. Dane was patient and managed to keep us all engaged and trying our best. He did such a good job, many of us want to do it again.

After finishing a quick round of putting and chipping, we all were ready for lunch. Sitting out under the trees, enjoying good company and delicious food was a wonderful way to start off a Sunday.

Thanks to Ed and Diron for grabbing some pictures to prove we are all trying out for the PGA and LPGA next year. NOT!





**Lillie and Jim got the attire
memo**



FD Motorsports

As Diablo members, we are all in love with our cars and do our best to take care of them and keep them in optimum running condition. It is such a great feeling to find businesses that have that same devotion and enthusiasm.

The tech session set up by Diron Scott was very informative and fun. Darin and Mark opened up their shop on Saturday morning to Diablo members, brought out the pizza and demonstrated just how much they know about Porsches. They are Diablo members and have a passion for the mechanical wonders we all drive. If you weren't able to attend be sure to check in with them and see their shop in Brentwood.

Thank you to our awesome Diablo photographers for snagging some great shots.



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.

Michael Comet

Purchased Date: 10/23/2013

Year and Type of Porsche: 2014 Cayman S

Outside Color: Guards Red

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: 6MT

Other Comments: Drove it up Mt. Hamilton the day I picked it up.

Amazing car!



Bob & Sharon Franssen

Purchased Date: Jan 2013

Year and Type of Porsche: 2009 997 Cab S

Outside Color: Silver

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments: Finally broke down and sold our 1970 911T to upgrade to the 997



Mike Holland

Purchased Date: 6/13/13

Year and Type of Porsche: 2011 4S

Outside Color: Metallic Silver

Interior Color: Grey

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments: Traded my 2009 Cayman S in for the 4s



Garry and Karin Holman

Purchased Date: 4/13/2013

Year and Type of Porsche: 2010 Boxster

Outside Color: Dark metallic grey

Interior Color: Cocoa brown leather

Transmission Type: 6-speed manual

Other Comments:

At the age of 12 I fell in love with a yellow Porsche 356SC in the parking lot of the medical center I walked by every day going to junior high school. It only took 48 years, during which time the price of that 356 got out of reach, but I finally have a Porsche crest on the steering wheel. There is no substitute.



James Jackson

Purchased Date: February 2013

Year and Type of Porsche: 2006, 911 Carrera S, Cabriolet

Outside Color: Lapis Blue

Interior Color: Full Leather Beige with Makassar wood trim throughout

Transmission Type: 6 speed standard manual

Other Comments: Originally a tourist delivery in Stuttgart-

Zuffenhausen after touring Europe later shipped to USA and serviced by Brumo's in Jacksonville. "Also took first place at PCA zone 7 in Livermore (wash & shine)"



Terry and Candy Kingsfather

Purchased: January 2013

2013 911 Cabriolet: Carrera S

Exterior: Silver/Red Top with Gray interior

Transmission: PDK

First Porsche: Gave up on Corvettes



Nils Kjell

Drivers Names: Nils Kjell, Janice Kjell (wife), Maren Kjell (daughter)

Purchased Date: May 2013

Year and Type of Porsche: 2008 C4S Coupe

Outside Color: speed yellow

Interior Color: black

Transmission Type: manual

Other Comments: My daughter and I use it to autocross with GGR, SVR and Redwood. It's also a weekend driver, and the 2nd 911 we've owned (the first was a '69 911S)



Viraj Kumar

Purchased Date: 7/24

Year and Type of Porsche: 2013 991 C2

Outside Color: Platinum Silver/Platinum Wheels

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments: Not only do I get to sell them.....I get to own one!



Diron Scott

Purchase date: July 2013

Year/ type: 1997 Porsche 993

Exterior Color: Polar Silver

Interior Color: Black

Transmission: 6 Speed

Other Comments: it's a C4S. Now I have 2



Greg Wanket

Purchased Date: Oct 18, 2013

Year and Type of Porsche: 2013 Cayman (base)

Outside Color: black

Interior Color: black

Transmission Type: manual

Other Comments: My first Porsche, will by my daily driver



Reflections On My First Autocross

By Roy Jensen, California Inland Region

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After having recently having discussed with David Witteried what “autocross” is and how much/little wear and tear it may inflict on my car, I finally mustered up the courage to satisfy my curiosity at the James Dean Memorial Autocross at Minter Field just north of Bakersfield on May 19th. I am very glad that I did!

I will address the car issues first, and then give some thoughts on the actual experience itself. In my estimation, unless you are trying your very best to go as fast as you can, taking your car to an autocross is not at all hard on your car, more like a brisk drive on a two-lane or mountain road. However, if you do decide to push as hard as you can, there will be some wear and tear, primarily tires and brakes. Even so, it is well worth the slight wear of doing this once or twice a year for the increased skill and knowledge of your car that you will gain by trying your hand at this.

Now for my actual experience. I made it to the venue a little before 7 a.m., and David was already there along with a few other early birds. I told the organizers that it was my first time and they were very friendly and helpful, as everybody turned out to be as the day progressed. I emptied my car of all loose items and passed “tech,” a simple inspection to make sure the car was “road worthy.” Any car in basically good shape will pass. Then after a brief “driver’s meeting” we took a parade lap (one lap around the track at very modest speed, perhaps 20-35 mph). There were 17 cars in three groups, and one group worked as corner workers (resetting cones that were knocked over, etc.) while another group drove. The cars were spaced out quite far apart so there was never the feeling that someone would be gaining on me. The starter knew to give me extra time my first time out so I could focus on the course without worrying about the following car.

My first lap was at best “tentative.” Even though David had walked the entire course with me, I still did not know my way around the course and had to look to find my way. As the day progressed I became familiar with the course and my confidence grew dramatically. I think my first lap was around 148 (seconds). I dropped nearly 20 seconds in my first session of 5 laps. I made plenty of mistakes, approached turns all wrong and generally drove like a newbie. After my first session David gave me a ride for his first 5 laps. I learned a lot about when to brake (much later than I had been doing), and also about how to be decisive when entering the turns. Pick a line and purposefully drive through the turn. I learned a lot

in my short ride-along. During my second session, I felt far more in control and started both experimenting with lines through the turns as well as going significantly faster, all the way up to “too fast,” at which point I went off the course in a big, but harmless way—can you say “drove right into the adjacent field?” Well, both the car and I survived and on the very next lap I went faster than I had up to that point. A little after noon we broke for lunch, and I spent the lunch break talking with a more experienced driver from Orange County, from which I learned still more.

I should note that many cars spun or got off their line and had to slow mid-turn, so even the more experienced drivers make mistakes.

Observing from the corners offers an opportunity to study the various ways the cars approach the turns, what works and what definitely does not work.

After lunch, in my third and last session, which consisted of 2 practice laps and then 3 timed laps, I followed my lunch-time plan: First lap, drive slow and focus on the best line around the course, including changing gears manually (my car is a 928 automatic). Then on lap two I was going to do the same, just pick up the pace “a bit.”

Up to this point I had left the car in 3rd gear, now I tried keeping it in 2nd through the slower sections and only getting into 3rd at the faster sections (about 80 mph). So how did I do? My first lap was a 138, followed by a 124.

I felt in control! In the end, my timed laps were under 125 and I was very happy with my progress for the day.

So would I do this again? Yes. Do I recommend this to others? Yes! If you don’t want to do “competitive” driving, try it anyway, at a speed you are comfortable with. Nobody will try to make you “go fast,” you are free to pace yourself, and I can attest to “start slow, build speed later” works much better than “go fast” right away. Use this low-risk venue to practice and explore the braking and steering your car is capable of. You will be amazed at how much grip and braking power your car has. That knowledge may just save your life one day.

And, if like me, you have a little bit of competitive spirit (though I clearly have little talent), you might be pondering how much better you could drive with more experience and maybe some better tires. I will definitely do this again, join me!



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