

The devil's Advocate

January, 2014



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2014 Event Calendar

January

1/26-Blackhawk Awards
Luncheon-Elsie

February

2/1-Super Bowl Party-Walt
TBD-Movie Night
2/22-Big Cats & Casino Tour-
Lillie
TBD-Ano Nuevo-Rollie

March

3/8-Mystery Dinner-Kay
3/14-16-Mendocino-Vern Thomas
3/21-Thunderhill DE





Ed's Comments

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! I wish you all a Happy New Year! What a year it has been; I met a lot of new faces and reconnected with our regulars. Thank you all for coming out to the events and helping make them fun-filled.

I want to thank Bob and Christi Hilton for hosting the Christmas party at their home. More than a few folks told me what a great time they had and what great hosts the Hiltons were. The drive through the neighborhood was nice as well; good thing I didn't lead the group. Folks who went to the Grand Island tour and Kelly G. know what I mean. The white elephant gift exchange was mild in my group compared to other groups when I dropped in on them. When there's wine, it's game time.

Thank you all for bringing the wonderful calorie-free treats I enjoyed at the party. Miraculously, I ate a ton and didn't gain a pound.

I hope to see you in January at our Annual awards event at the Blackhawk Museum. Thank you Elsie Lum for helping with the setup of the event. The cost includes a nice buffet catered by Scott's Seafood and admission to the Museum. We will have docents for the guided tours. If you haven't registered yet, the event is available for registration in the goodie store.

The winter break is almost over and your Diablo board will be back at work setting up events for 2014. Thank you board and chairs for your hard work.

A sad note to end the year, we lost Jacquie Lietz during the holidays. Those of you who knew Jacquie remember her tireless energy and devotion to the club and members. She touched a lot of folks including me. You'll forever be in our hearts Jacquie.

Ed

Diablo Driver Education Program

Update by Kay Maloy



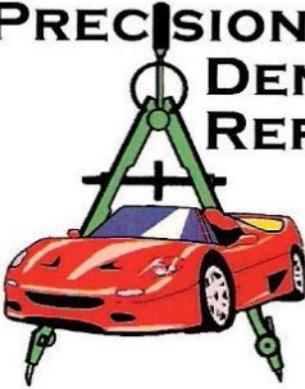
As we leap into 2014, there are many DE enthusiasts with vivid memories of their driving experiences from 2013 still running through their minds, perhaps even popping up during dream time. Well, watch for announcements to be hitting your emails soon because there is a Thunderhill Track Day coming up in March. It should be up on Motorsportreg.com soon.

The date for the DE 101/102 will be announced soon along with information regarding track inspections. As details get finalized, we will be sure to pass them along to you.

As you know, we are still searching for a DE Chair and we are very close to filling the position. We always need volunteers to help with the day's activities, so let Adam Cipriano, our DE Registrar, know if you are interested in helping.

Thanks again to Mike Roberts for setting the blueprint for Diablo's DE Program.

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2014 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

If you happened to miss the annual Diablo Planning Meeting in November, the proposed activities are listed below for your review. If there are any events you would like to help with, feel free to contact the individual assigned to the event or a Board member to let them know you want to help.

If you want to put on an event and see an open date, let the Editor know so it can be placed on the calendar. Let's have fun next year as we celebrate Diablo's 30th Anniversary!!

January 1/26-Blackhawk Awards Luncheon-Elsie	July 7/25-7/27-Mammoth Lake Tour (Joint) 7/12-Sequoia Moonlight Drive-Dave
February 2/2-Super Bowl Party-Walt TBD-Movie Night 2/22-Big Cats & Casino Tour Lillie TBD-Ano Nuevo-Rollie	August 8/3-Mercedes Benz Tour-Ed 8/15-Werks Reunion TBD-Legends of Autobahn-Dave TBD-New Member Picnic
March 3/8-Mystery Dinner-Kay 3/14-16-Mendocino-Vern Thomas 3/21-Thunderhill DE	September 9/20-Monterey Whale Watching Lillie TBD-Oktoberfest 9/26-Thunderhill DE 9/27-28-King's Canyon & Sequoia National Park Tour-Lillie
April 4/12-Bocce Ball-Kay TBD-Wine Tour-Kim 4/19-Blue Lakes Tour-Lillie	October 10/11-12-Groveland Overnight Tour Susan 10/4-San Luis Obispo Tour-Lillie TBD-CIA Cooking-Kay
May 5/10-Luau-Debbie & Randle 5/25-Wash 'N Shine	November TBD-Veterans' Dinner TBD-Planning Party
June 6/15-21-Parade 6/28-29-El Dorado National Forest Tour-Lillie	<u>December</u> 12/6-Christmas Party-Linda & Patrick

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:

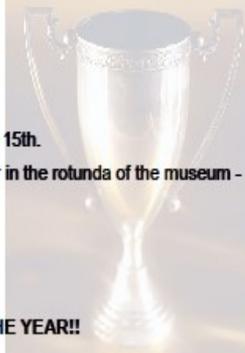
- Spinach Salad
- Three Cheese Ravioli with Tomato, Olive Sauce
- Pistachio Crusted Salmon with a Ginger Orange Sauce
- Carved Roast Prime Rib, au jus, Horseradish sauce
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- Rum Cake with Caramel Walnut Sauce
- Coffee and Hot Tea

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!!



Super Bowl Sunday



It's that time of year again to enjoy the best of Friends, Food and Football.

When: Sunday, February 2, 2014

Time: Arrive at 3pm for kickoff at 3:30

Where: The Lietz residence
920 Cochise Court
Walnut Creek

Chili and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite appetizer/snack to share.

Register on The Goodie Store at

<https://diablo-pca.org>



Questions: Contact Walt Lietz at 925-256-7620
or at walter_lietz@yahoo.com

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Big Cats and Casino Tour

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February 22-23, 2014 (1-day tour or Casino Lodge overnite)

Ready for the exciting 2014 Casual Tourist Tour Series? This is the first of several tours I will be hosting in 2014... so come join in the fun!

This tour can be taken as a one day or you can stay overnite and enjoy Sunday at leisure

Our tour starts from the Buttercup Restaurant (660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek). We will have an early driver's meeting at 7:15 am and departure at 7:30 a.m. enjoying scenic backroads into Oroville.

Briefly the itinerary is as follows:

- Guided tour of a big cat facility where you can admire lions, tigers or perhaps a liger
- Lunch at a local German restaurant
- Guided tour of a Fish Hatchery
- Visit the Oroville Dam

Tour Cost = \$45 per person Includes: Lunch on Saturday, Big Cat and Fish Hatchery guided tours + Oroville Dam
Tour cancellations after February 15th will incur a \$15 charge. Contact hotel for cancellation policy.

Registration will close by Thursday, February 20th

If you are joining us for the overnite, our accommodations are at "The Lodge at Feather Falls Casino" (Casino located next door) at <http://www.featherfallscasino.com/the-lodge> We have reserved 20 King-size non-smoking and 2 smoking rooms for single or double occupancy for \$114 + tax - discount code "Diablo Porsche Club" when calling 1-877-652-4646 Discount price only available until February 15th

To register, go to the Diablo PCA Event registration link at http://diablopca.clubstore.us.com/product_info.php?cPath=500000&products_id=500024

For questions, please contact Lillie Echevarria at (925) 549-5454 or lillie62peru@sbcglobal.net



What a wonderful Christmas surprise! Nigel Wenden became a new Diablo Region member after his daughter, Jane Wenden (a local realtor at J. Rockcliff Realtors in Pleasanton) purchased his membership for him. She notified Debbie Suttkus, our Membership Chair, who called Nigel on Christmas Eve to deliver the wonderful news.

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March 8, 2014

Sunol Valley Country Club

7-10pm (Seating at 7:15)

Come solve the murder with fellow sleuths while enjoying a 3 course meal and non-stop fun and laughter. The mystery is set in 1941, so feel free to dress from that era.

Cost: \$67 per person, includes meal, tax, tip and 3 hours of entertainment.

Register and pay at the Goodie Store on <https://diablo-pca.com> Also select your meal preference.

Questions: contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or 510-410-1481.

Welcome New Members!!

New Members

Chan, Eric Ivy Chan, Affiliate	2014 911 4S, Red
Fariss, Nathaniel Kaelen Van Cura, Affiliate	2008 Cayman S, Black
Horowitz, Daniel A.	2002 Carrera 4, Silver
Murad, Chris J.	1976 911 RACE C White
Ogiba, David P.	2006 911, Silver
San Jose, Troy R.	1989 911, White

Total New Members: 6

Transfer In Members

Bonderson, Paul R. Jr. Sandi Bonderson, Affiliate <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)</i>	2014 911 4S, Red
Gousios, George Brian Chuck, Member <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)</i>	1976 914
Hendrg, James <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)</i>	

Total Transfer In Members: 3

Primary Members: 672
Affiliated Members: 440
Total Members: 1,112

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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 **Jan. 11th** and again on **Jan. 25th**. We hope to see you there. We have tables reserved in the rear of the restaurant.

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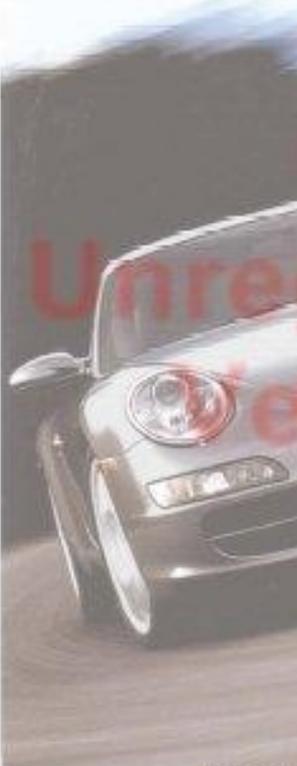
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**Mendocino Tour
Little River, CA
March 14-16, 2014
Hosted by Diablo Region**

Join Vern and Howard Thomas for a weekend at the Little River Inn

The route will take us along some of the most scenic and windy roads in Northern California. We'll eat at the historic Tides Restaurant for lunch on the way and spend 2 evenings at the romantic (and also historic) Little River Inn.

Starting location: Solano Square Shopping Center, Benicia, CA or you can meet us along the way or at the hotel.

Start time: 9:00 am, Friday, March 14, 2014

The route will take us to Spring Hill Cheese Factory in Petaluma for a short stop and a regroup before heading to lunch at The Tides Restaurant in Bodega Bay. From there we will make our way to Little River, CA

Friday Cocktail hour: 5:00 – 6:00 with Howard and Vern Thomas in Room 102, feel free to bring an appetizer and drink, some wine will be provided

Friday Dinner: 6:30 at the Little River Inn

Saturday, March 14: Mushroom or Garden tour at Sanford Inn (details still pending). Mushroom tour approx.: \$40/person (includes mushrooms)

Hotel Accommodations: Little River Inn, Little River; rates \$170 w/ocean view, \$215 w/Fireplace, pet friendly rooms are \$240; Special rates offered until February 14. Please call for reservations at 1-888-INN-LOVE; code word "Porsche Club"

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Holiday Cheer

Celebrating the holiday season was a little merrier this year with a visit to our gracious hosts, Bob and Christi Hilton at their lovely home. The house glowed with Christmas in every room, including a roaring fire on the big screen accompanied with carols softly playing.

With each arriving guest, came more delicious treats to enjoy. The kitchen became a sea of colors and aromas tempting everyone to try one of everything. No one would go home hungry. Christi made sure every sweet tooth was satisfied with a gorgeous assortment of treats to nosh on your way to a sugar coma.

Bob led everyone on a drive through the Ruby Hills neighborhood ensuring we all got a view of the beautiful lighting and decorations that had been painstakingly created. Upon arriving back at the home base, we divided into 3 groups in 3 rooms to participate in a White Elephant Exchange. From what I could tell, there were some fantastic gifts and some, well, “interesting” ones. Everyone had a great time chatting, eating and getting to know both new and old members.

Thank you again, Bob and Christi for opening your home to all of us!!





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Oktoberfest Celebration

The Casa de Flores Oktoberfest event sponsored by the Moraga town council on October 13, 2013 was attended by several Diablo Region members. I think you can agree that the pictures provided by Jack Carpenter show there were smiles all around.



Eight piece German Oompah band



**Clara & Frank Cunningham
purchasing food ticket**



**Seated L to R: Patrick Schmidt, Bill Packwood, Frank Duran and
Terry Eaton**



#53 Bill Packwood's 914-6 racecar won the Peoples Choice Award



Ravi Singh (our sponsor), John Anderson (our event contact), and Jack & Jan Carpenter



Winner of our giant recycled First Entrant trophy Al Arrivas



Just about all of our entrants enjoying the event

New Year's Resolution

- I will volunteer time to help with Diablo Region events.
- I will become more active with the Diablo Region in 2014.
- I will introduce myself to 3 members of the Diablo Region I have never met before.

Are any of these resolutions on your list for 2014? No, well, they should be.

Diablo Region is a volunteer-run non-profit organization that counts on its members to contribute their time to keep it functioning for the benefit of all members. This means volunteering in many ways:

- ◆ As a Board Member
- ◆ Leading or co-leading a tour
- ◆ Helping out with events
- ◆ Attending events/ breakfasts
- ◆ Lending your skills

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