

The devil's Advocate

March, 2014



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2014 Event Calendar

March

3/1-Tesla Tour-Ed

3/8-Mystery Dinner-Kay

3/14-16-Mendocino-Vern Thomas

3/21-Thunderhill DE

3/29-Movie Night-Walt

April

4/5 –6-Blue Lakes Tour-Lillie

4/12-Bocce Ball-Kay

May

5/10-Luau-Debbie & Randall

5/25-Wash 'N Shine





Ed's Comments

Rain and more rain, but we really need it bad! But that won't dampen our enthusiasm to go out there and have fun!

We started the month with Super Bowl excitement at Walt's for the Super Bowl party. Thank you Walt for hosting again, it was fun to see everyone get together and root on their favorite teams. I think there were just 2 Bronco fans from the team wear worn. Diablo folks must be clairvoyant. We had plenty of delicious treats and soothing words for our Bronco fans.

We also kicked off the tour season with the first tour of the year by Lillie for the Big Cats tour to the Kirschner Wildlife preserve and the Oroville Dam. We were on the road by 7:30 am, not being an early person it took a lot to get motivated, but that soon gave way to excitement as we departed for the long drive escaping the bay area. It was just the mini vacation I needed. I couldn't believe our luck, temperatures rose to 80 degrees in the afternoon. Our first destination was Kirschner's and we were met by our guide who answered our questions on the various animals there. There were various gorgeous cats, but I was especially fond of the Liger and its large size. I saw a lot of cameras snapping a lot of pictures. (If you are on face book, search and "like" our page Diablo Region Porsche Club of America to view posted pictures)

Then we headed to Hof Brau in Oroville for a late delicious lunch. Sorry to Karl Siedlebach that the Hof Brau didn't serve beer. His wife Elsie told me Karl, who's German, was excited about having lunch at a Hof Brau. Next time we'll have to bring some beer.

After lunch we headed to the Oroville Dam for pictures and a presentation about the Dam and our soon to be dire drought situation if we don't receive a lot more rain. I was surprised where the water is today and where the waterline was. That inspired more than a few folks to think about how we use our water. Kelly did you get the 55 gallon rain barrel yet? We took pictures and crossed the dam and headed to the fish hatcheries, being a city person I had no idea the operation runs year round.

After a long day some folks headed home while others headed for the Feather Falls Casino for the night. We had some very nice large rooms and enjoyed each other's company at the pool with a mixer put together by Lillie. . Lillie enlisted her friend Genie and Kelly to help her put

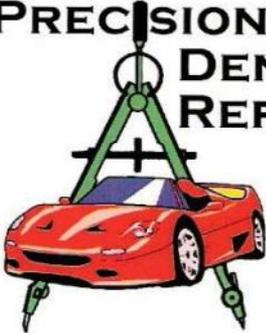
out and reheat appetizers. I was asked to push a cart and guard the food; you know, guy tasks. I'm happy to report the food was not spilled on the way to the pool and nobody mooched food. Mission accomplished.

The next day we had an impromptu day and headed to Chico for a tour of the Sierra Nevada Brewery, shopping and the Abby of New Clairvaux. We had a nice dinner at a roadside steakhouse and then headed home. The day was filled spending time with our club folks and friends. It was one of the most fun filled weekends I've had. Thank you Lillie.

I may be encroaching on the March column but I want to thank everyone who came out to the Tesla Center drive and drive some more event. I want to thank Talyor Gasman and his manager Jared Worten for hosting us and accommodating our large group. They went all out to accommodate all our folks, we had 145 folks signed up for this event which included test drives. With rain looming I was really glad the weather held out. The folks at Tesla brought out 8 cars and 14 folks to run the event including a barista to serve up coffee drinks. For this event, there were a lot of Diablo folks that came to their first Diablo event. I was thrilled to meet them and hope to see them again soon in other events.

Speaking of other events, Vern and Howard has the Mendocino tour coming up which promises to be a nice relaxing leisurely tour. And our first Diablo DE of the year at Thunderhill on Friday the 21st. I'm all signed up and I hope to see you there.

Stay dry and be safe, see you soon.



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Diablo Driver Education Program



Hello fellow drivers. Our Drivers Education committee has been working hard these last several weeks to put together our upcoming track day event at Thunderhill on Friday, March 21 and we're almost ready to go. We still have a few slots open for intermediates and advanced drivers so if you are interested, sign-up on www.motorsportreg.com.

PCA Diablo Offers A Unique Track Day Experience

Our events are Porsche only events with limited size run groups and a limited number of groups that guarantees our participants plenty of track time and plenty of track space. And, because we take safety seriously, our events follow a strict code with point-by only passing and specific passing zones tailored to maximize fun and safety for each run group. Plus, lunch is always included and delicious and free bottled water is available all day. Lastly, our instructors not only provide in car instruction but also classroom download sessions to give everyone a chance to come up to speed both on and off the track.

We Have a New Website

Please visit www.diablo-de.org. You can of course get to it directly or go through our existing site and click the Drivers Ed button. It contains a wealth of information about our program, about track driving and has all the documents, schedules and forms you need. Please check it out. Special thanks to Mike Roberts for all his work on our new site.

Please Patronize Our Sponsors

Our sponsors have once again generously committed to supporting our program with Michael Stead Porsche in Walnut Creek sponsoring our lunch at Thunderhill on 3-21-14 and offering free tech inspections to participants. As well, Fremont Porsche and Kahlers in Dublin also agreed to offer free tech inspections for our track day event participants.

Get Involved

Please consider getting involved as a volunteer with our DE team. We are always looking for volunteers with as little as an hour a week to assist us in the planning and execution of these fun days and the events that surround them.

Please contact me directly at dechair@diablo-pca.org if you would like to help us.

Learn More

For more information on our program go to diablo-de.org.

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SIGN UP

Thunderhill Raceway, Willows, CA – Friday, March 21, 2014

Springtime in Willows. Shake off that winter cold and come join us. Only 3 limited size run groups, 5 run sessions, delicious lunch, water all day. Plenty of space, plenty of track time.

Come up the night before and join us for dinner at Campo Ramos at 6:30pm.

Lunch provided by Michael Stead Porsche in Walnut Creek

Register at motorsportreg.com.

Come to our FREE DE 101 / 201 Meeting

Come out and meet instructors and fellow drivers and guests you'll see at the track – they are not mandatory for first timers, but STRONGLY RECOMMENDED! Plus, we buy the pizza!

All participants and instructors are welcome and encouraged to attend. No sign ups required.

Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

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

Get your car inspected for FREE

Pre-event tech inspections of your car are required within 30 days of the event. *You must be a registered participant on Motorsportreg.com to qualify for a free inspection.* Here are 3 options:

Fremont Porsche – by appt only

Contact Gunter Feldmeier, Service Manager at gfeldmeier@jifremont.com to make your appointment. Spaces are limited. Be sure to mention you are attending the PCA Diablo Thunderhill 3-21-14 event.

Kahlers in Dublin – by appt only

Contact Ash Reddy at service@kahlers.com or by phone at 925-829-2050. Be sure to mention you are attending the PCA Diablo Thunderhill 3-21-14 event.

Stead Porsche in Walnut Creek – by appt only

Contact Melissa or Henry at 925-280-4900 and [be sure to mention PCA Diablo Inspection.](#)

For questions and information please visit our website

www.diablo-de.org

Murder in Morocco Casablanca Style Mystery Dinner



March 8, 2014

Sunol Valley Golf Club

*6900 Mission Rd., Sunol (Andrade Rd. exit off
680 Freeway)*

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: \$59 per person, includes meal, tax, tip and 3 hours of entertainment.

Menu Selections:

- 1. Chicken Tagine: Braised chicken with caramelized onions, apricots & garbanzo beans*
- 2. Grilled Flank Steak: Thinly sliced juicy steak with a honey spice marinade & chermoula sauce*
- 3. Roasted Vegetable Couscous: Grilled fresh vegetables with mint pesto*

To Register and select your meal preference, contact Sunol Valley Golf Club at 925-862.2404.

**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"

Hotel, meals and tour costs on you own.

Sign up: Contact Vern Thomas; laverqneann@aol.com or 925-681-8290

Route sheets and detailed itinerary will be provided at least a week before the tour.



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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Diablo Movie Night

When: Saturday, March 29

Time: 7pm Movie

**Where: Walt Lietz home
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Popcorn, candy and ice cream sundaes served at intermission. Bring your own Adult beverages.



Movie: RUSH

Rush is a 2013 British-German biographical sports drama film directed by Ron Howard and written by Peter Morgan about the 1976 Formula One season and the rivalry between drivers James Hunt and Niki Lauda. It stars Chris Hemsworth as Hunt and Daniel Brühl as Lauda.

There are scenes covering several racing events in multiple European locations. Mixed in with the exciting racing are romance, intrigue and suspense. A racing movie with something for everyone.

Run time is 122 minutes.



Blue Lakes Tour

The Casual Tourist Series - Tour #2 led by Lillie Echevarria

April 5-6, 2014 (2-day Tour)

After a long cold winter and taxes almost done, it's time for colorful backroads and fun in Butte County! Our tour will start from the Buttercup Restaurant (660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek) with driver's meeting at 8:15 am and departure at 8:30 a.m.

Heading north, we cross wine country backroads, smelling the fresh spring aromas to our special lunch location hidden up in the mountains passed Napa Valley. Afterwards, we contour Clearlake for a stop at boutique winery before arriving to our accommodations for the night.

The Lodge at Blue Lakes is holding all rooms for us until March 19th.

The Lodge has different room configurations: some rooms have beautiful views of the lake, or perhaps one with a Jacuzzi, kitchette, bathtub or shower. First come first serve, so sign up early and reserve by calling 707-275-2181 - \$250 couple; \$185 single. Mention Diablo Porsche Club to get the package rate which includes: accommodations, electric yacht short sunset cruise with champagne, dinner (buffet: tri-tip, lemon herb chicken, penne arrabiata, rosemary potatoes, green salad, mini cheesecake w/ice cream, coffee, tea and bread); breakfast (scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast, Danish, bagel, bread, fruit, waffle, cereal, OJ, decaf or tea). Check: <http://thelodgeatbluelakes.com/?redirect=false>

On Sunday, we will continue our adventure thru more twisty roads through Boonville, stop at an Italian restaurant for lunch in Geyserville (Cost TBD) and a stop at Francis Ford Coppola Resort where you can admire some Godfather memorabilia before heading home.

Tour Cost = \$25 per person Includes: Lunch Saturday. Wine tasting on Saturday/Sunday and lunch on Sunday are optional and payable at location. Tour cancellations after March 31st will incur a \$10 charge. Contact hotel for cancellation policy. **Registration will close by Thursday, April 3rd**

To register, go to the Diablo PCA Event registration link at http://diablonca.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



It's Bocce Ball Time!!

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Players and Cheerleaders are all welcome to sign up and join in the fun!

Don't miss the most competitive event of the year. Come join us for another fun evening at Campo di Bocce in Livermore.

3:00—4:00 pm - Private Barrel Room tasting at Rubino Estate Winery They will be offering reserve wines, barrel tasting and light snacks. A 10% discount will be available for any wine purchases made.

4:30—6:00 pm - Bocce Ball at Campo di Bocce (**Extended time**)

6:00—7:30 pm -Italian Family Style Dinner - includes Salad, two Pasta dishes (one meatless), dessert platter and non-alcoholic beverages.

Cost: Wine Tasting \$10 per person (waived for Gem members) **Pay at the winery**
Bocce Ball and Dinner - \$47 per person. Send your check Payable to Diablo PCA
to: Diablo PCA
PO Box 1676
San Ramon, CA 94583-1676

To Register: Contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or call 510-410-1481

Deadline: April 4, 2013

Maximum number of Bocce players is **16**, so **SIGN UP SOON!**

Note:

Want to know more about the game of Bocce ball?

Check out this link:

www.campodibocce.com/livermore/bocce/index.html



Welcome New Members!!

New Members

Barrett, William	1967 912, Green
Chankinhchoy, Natalie	1987 944 Turbo, Tan
Cho, John	2010 911 Turbo, White
Crisologo, Carlo Enrico	2004 GT3, Black
Domingo, Bobby	2006 997S, Gray
Fasheh, John	2008 Turbo, Gray
Gaiser, Robert	2003 911 Carrera, White
Hoffman, Mark	2003 996, Gray
Luckenbach, Cynthia	2011 Carrera, Gray
Menzies, Neil	1991 964, Gray
Mitchell, Dennis	1999 996, Blue
Moilanen, Dustin	2005 Boxster S, Black
Nagle, Matt	2003 996, Black
Roberts, Chris	2014 Boxster S, Red
Smith, Bryan	2014 Cayman, White
Tsukiyama, Thomas	2002 Carrera, Gray
Vanderbilt, Clayton	2006 911, Blue
Wong, Curtis	1973 911 E, Blue

Total New Members: 18

Transfer In Members

Cooke, Darren <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)</i>	2004 911, Black
Dawson, Keith <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)</i>	2014 Cayman S, White
Harrison, George <i>Transfer from Riverside</i>	2003 996, Blue

Total Transfer In Members: 3

Primary: 684 Affiliated: 432 Total Members: 1,116



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 **Mar. 8th** and again on **Mar. 22nd**. We hope to see you there. We have tables reserved in the rear of the restaurant.

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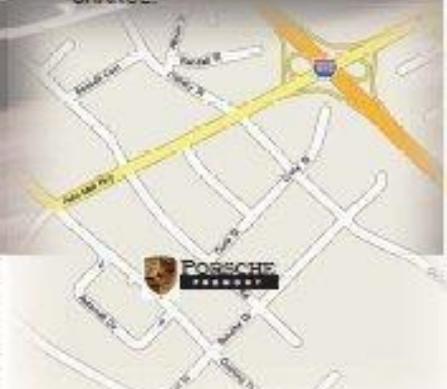
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PCA National Press Release
December 27, 2013



Werks Reunion, A Porsche Gathering Coming to Carmel Valley, CA August, 2014

The Porsche Club of America is set to begin a new tradition in 2014 with the inaugural Werks Reunion. The new, premier Porsche event will take place on Friday, August 15, during the world famous “Car Week” on California’s Monterey Peninsula.

In years past, PCA co-hosted Legends of the Autobahn at the Rancho Canada Golf Club. For 2014, the club will host a dedicated event to celebrate Porsche automobiles on the very same fairways. Expect a breathtaking array of Porsches, from rare classics to customs, race cars, current models, and everything in between. PCA will host the event with participation from Porsche Cars North America. National PCA Sponsors will also be present with exhibits and displays.

Werks Reunion is open to all and tagged as “A Porsche Gathering?” for a reason: PCA is inviting other Porsche clubs to join in the fun! Werks Reunion is intended to be a new way for all Porsche owners to mingle during Monterey’s annual auto extravaganza. As a result, the Porsche Owners Club, Porsche Racing Club, 356 Registry, 356 Club, Early 911S Registry, R Gruppe, 914 World, and all Porsche clubs and registries are welcome. Membership in PCA is not required.

Porsche owners looking to compete will have the choice of entering their cars in either the people’s choice or concours categories. Special, one-of-a-kind trophies are being made just for this event. Other Porsche owners will have the opportunity to include their car in the display only Porsche corral. All will be treated to a stunning display of more than 500 Porsches, access vendors, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow car enthusiasts. The 2014 show will feature the latest Porsches special vehicle presentations, celebrity guests, and a surprise or two.

Contact: Tom Provasi, Event Chair, werksreunion@pca.org

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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 2014, contact our Editor, Kay Maloy at editor-diablo-pca@comcast.net.

Owner's Name: Bryan Smith

Purchase Date: Nov. 30, 2013

Year: 2014

Type of Porsche: Cayman, base

Outside Color: White

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments: This is my first Porsche and I plan to enjoy it as my everyday and everywhere car.



Owner's Name: Brian Adkins

Purchase Date: Jan, 2014

Year: 2007

Type of Porsche: Cayman S

Outside Color: Speed Yellow

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: 6 Speed



Owner's Name: Terry Kingsfather
Purchase Date: December, 2013
Year: 2013
Type of Porsche: 911S Carrera
Outside Color: Silver/Gray metallic with Brick Red top. New color 2013
Interior Color: Dark Gray
Transmission Type: 7 speed PDK
Other Comments: My wife and I are new to the PCA but hope to spend more time and get acquainted after first of year. This is my first Porsche as I have always been a Corvette man. Love this car. The picture was taken in the Livermore Vineyards close to our home by one of my son's friends.



Owners Name : Mike Sherman
Purchased Date : 12/23/13
Year and Type of Porsche : 1987 Porsche 928S4
Outside Color : Marine Blue
Interior Color : Silver Grey/Blue Leather
Transmission Type : Manual



My Brumos Driving Experience

By Joe Cannon

This was the Brumos Driving event I won through a charity raffle. It included a loaner Porsche from Brumos for the weekend.



I had a wonderful time at the Brumos Driving Experience in not so sunny Gainesville, Florida the beginning of February. The weather was about 50 degrees and the track was wet with a light mist and occasional rain sessions. There were 18 P-Cars, of all ages, sizes and shapes participating.



The event was held at the Gainesville Raceway and I was lucky enough to have the legendary Porsche endurance racer, Hurley Haywood, instructing my group, alternating with Andrew Davis from the Brumos GT3 racing team. To have such a storied racing champion drive my loaner Porsche from Brumos, and then as a passenger, teach me a so many things while going around the track was incredible. He is soft spoken and a true gentleman. It's amazing how smooth his lines and throttle modulation are! Of course he has over 30 years of experience and his championship record speaks for itself.



Following some morning classroom discussions and breakfast, it was off to the track for the exercises. For the cones, figure 8's, braking and cornering exercises, we were instructed to turn off the traction and stability management. This really gives you a feel for how amazing these cars are, even with the PSM system turned off. A great catered lunch and feedback, Q&A on the

morning exercises and then back to the track. Fortunately the weather cleared up enough where wipers were not needed for the most part. For the final 3 exercises, which put together all the other exercises into two timed laps, we were allowed to turn on the traction and stability control systems. In order to complete the course, you had to safely, and I should say aggressively complete two laps of the course and they used your best time and the instructors were posted around the track to observe you.

After graduation, the finale was hot laps in the 1991 IMSA Supercar Champion 964 Porsche 911 Turbo SuperCar driven by

Hurley Haywood. I have been in some fast cars but I have never been in anything like this with a championship driver behind the wheel. The sheer violence of the acceleration along with the constant braking, heel-toe shifting, and steering/throttle modulation while strapped into such a Spartan environment gives me a new found respect for endurance drivers. This man is truly an athlete.

Again, what an experience!





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Autocross

Autocross is a sport of trying to navigate your car through a defined course of pylons usually on a large parking lot, faster than your competition. Autocross courses are set up using soft orange traffic pylons which will not damage your car, but they do melt! Events are run at speeds usually between 40-65 MPH, usually in 2nd gear. Autocross is a *"performance driving event"* and a safe way to learn how to drive your car at its limit. You not only learn how to handle your car at speeds that you drive daily, but you also:

- Gain confidence in your driving ability
- Learn the limits of your car's brakes
- Learn correct seating, hand, and feet positions
- Learn the limits of your car's tire adhesion

Finally, Autocross is a social gathering of new and old friends and LOTS OF FUN!!

Check www.pca-ggr.org for more information and the scheduled events.

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