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Ed's Comments

By Ed Won, President Diablo PCA

Hello Diablo Members!

We had a great Annual Awards Luncheon at Blackhawk Auto Museum. I want to thank the volunteers for all their help. The event looked beautiful. Special thanks to Elsie Lum and Ingrid French for organizing the committee. I also want to thank Tour Co Chair Marc Giamonna for helping arrange our awesome speaker for this year's Awards Luncheon. This year Matthew Henry from Porsche Exclusive gave us a presentation about the program and some examples of exclusive cars Porsche has built over the years. Some were more tactful than others and price certainly didn't guarantee taste.

I want to congratulate all our winners for last year's awards and thank them for their contribution to help make our club great. As this year's recipient of the Dumbkopf Award, I want to look really hard for next year's recipient. The award reads, "Awarded for a silly stunt above and beyond the reasonable". There's a lot of names on the award from former President's, so I'm in good company. Former President Walt Lietz once told me, "some Dumbkopf recipients have a way of receiving it multiple times"; I hope not in my case. I would say to the last recipient, Ken Wu, that I expected him to fight harder to hang on to the award.

I was also pleased to see a number of our new members attend the event. It's a great way to take in Diablo in the past year.

Again, a huge thank you to our sponsors and great supporters of Diablo Region - Fremont Porsche, Livermore Porsche and Michael Stead Porsche! Thank you for the donation of the raffle items. We are so lucky to have them in our region. And also a thank you to all our advertisers as well!

For February, we have the Canepa tour led by Marc Giamonna. The tour was limited and quickly sold out. If you missed out on the tour, not to worry. We have a waiting list for the event. We currently have 15 on the waiting list. If a few more sign up, Marc said we will schedule a second run to Bruce Canepa's facility to view his outstanding collection.

We also have a movie night with details to follow. As a twist this time, we will have it at Pavlo's Pizza in San Ramon.

For March, Adam our track chair just turned on Motorsport.reg for our March DE at Thunderhill! Details can be found on our DE site at <http://diablo-de.org>.

Ed Won





Diablo Driver Education Program

By Adam Cipriano, DE Program Chair



What a year! Your club put on three HPDE (High Performance Driver Education) events last year and by all measures, we had a terrific year. If you haven't come to the track before or even if you have and it's been a while, we invite you to come and enjoy the camaraderie, the very social dinners, the expert instruction focused on safe speed, and the goal of having you go home with a smile and your car no worse for the wear.

First, let me say thank you to our Diablo DE Team (volunteers, instructors, advisors and our board) for their countless hours devoted to making these events happen. In some ways, it feels like we are planning a wedding three times a year and our team of over two dozen members deserves all the credit for making it feel seamless to our drivers and sponsors. In particular, when you see them give a hug to Kay Maloy, Jeff Urnes, Ed Won, and our Diablo member HPDE Instructors.

Let me share some numbers and some highlights for the year. Over the three track days (two held at Thunderhill Raceway Park and one at Laguna Seca), we had a total of 66 Diablo members drive in at least one of our HPDE days and many of that group came twice and even three times. Counting Diablo member volunteers, Diablo Member guests, and our terrific Diablo member instructors, we have the support and participation of close to 100 Diablo members.

In addition to our own club, we were and are very fortunate to have, the instructional help and driver support from many of our surrounding PCA regions and hosted PCA members from Golden Gate, Redwood, Sacramento Valley, Loma Prieta, Monterey and Sequoia. In fact, we now have over 500 people in our Motorsportreg database following our events.

Let me also take a moment to honor our sponsors and partners. As many of you know already, the support we received from Michael Stead Porsche during 2014 was unprecedented and allowed us to make our events possible and frankly better than ever given the significant cost increases we faced at Thunderhill in 2014. With Michael Stead Porsche's support, we managed to:

- Cover our expenses for the year
- Include new benefits of participation like professional pictures from Dito Milan at Got Blue Milk Photography included in the price of our Laguna event
- Enhance safety and organization with professional track day help from Hooked on Driving
- Invest in our own set of radios for our track day crew so we no longer have to rent that equipment.

Our program also received support from and greatly appreciates the help and participation of Fremont Porsche and Livermore Porsche.

Our next event is booked for Friday March 27, 2015 at Thunderhill Raceway where we will drive the extended 5-mile circuit. Dinner the night before at Casa Ramos in nearby Willows at 6:30pm is always a highlight for drivers, instructors, members, guests and sponsors. Sign ups are open at www.motorsportreg.com.

Join us and learn more about our program at www.diablo-de.org.

2014 Quarterly Event Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 2/1 SUPER BOWL PARTY
- 2/21 CANEPA TOUR—MARC/TED
- 2/28 MOVIE NIGHT—BRIAN

MARCH

- 3/22 HALF MOON BAY CRAB TOUR—ANTON
- 3/27 THUNDERHILL DE—ADAM

APRIL

- 4/4 FIOLI TOUR—INGRID
- 4/11 MOSS BEACH TOUR—SUSAN/CAROL
- 4/18 BOCCE BALL—KAY
- 4/25 FIREMAN TOUR—JERRY

Monthly Events:

- **Walnut Creek Breakfast: Every Saturday**
7:30am
Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek
- **Pleasanton Breakfast: 2nd & 4th Saturday**
8:30am
649 Main Street, Pleasanton
- **Board Meeting: 2nd Monday**
7pm
12893 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon
- **Monthly Dinner: 3rd Thursday**
6:30pm
600 Hartz Ave., Danville



Canepa Design Drive & Tour

Saturday, March 7

Leave at 8AM from Buttercup Restaurant, Walnut Creek

This tour is not to be missed if you are a car lover. You will be hard pressed to find a more impressive collection of rare Porsches and other investment grade exotic cars than at Canepa's 70,000 sq ft facility, which also includes Canepa Motorsports and Museum. Travelling south to Scotts Valley, Bruce Canepa's staff will greet you, and then conduct an exciting tour of the facility.

The group will take a direct route to Canepa's facility as the facility tour begins at 9:45. After departing Canepa's, we will have a group, self-pay lunch at Malone's Grill in Scotts Valley. For those interested in a more scenic route home, we will have a second drive option that will be distributed during lunch. The group will be limited to 30 participants so don't miss this opportunity to view this impressive collection of automobiles and race shop.

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When: Saturday, February 28

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Where: Pavlos Pizza & Pasta

Diablo Plaza

2408 Twin Creeks Dr., San Ramon

Limit: 50 attendees

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diablo-movie-night-saturday-feb-28-tickets-15662611292>



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Annual Awards Luncheon

What a wonderful way to start the year-touring Blackhawk Museum with other car enthusiasts, enjoying a delicious luncheon, hearing up-to-date information on Porsche and celebrating last year's highlights and the members who contributed to the continued success of Diablo Region.

The day began with displaying members' cars (selected by lottery) on the rotunda in front of the Blackhawk Museum. Then there was a docent-led tour through the museum. This allowed the members to not only view the awesome collection of cars, but to learn some of the history behind the cars.

Scotts served a delicious lunch menu for all to enjoy, while listening to a presentation from Matthew Henry, the Porsche Exclusive Design Specialist for the West Coast. This was followed by the presentation of awards to Board selected members.

Also in attendance were all three dealerships: Porsche of Fremont, Porsche of Livermore and Michael Stead Porsche of Walnut Creek. Besides coming out to support the Diablo Region, each dealership also brought a car to display.

A BIG "Thank You" to Elsie Lum and Ingrid French for heading up the committee and to Marc Giammona for contacting our guest speaker, Matthew Henry. There were several members who volunteered and helped make this event a success and great day for all.

Award Winners

- Best Social Event of the Year – 30th Anniversary Picnic – Bob and Christi Hilton
- Rookies of the Year – Winnie Ke and Krieg
- Enthusiast of the Year – Brian Adkins
- President's Award for Outstanding Achievement – Carlos Bocanegra
- Vice President's Award – Adam Cipriano
- Best Day Tour – Kay Maloy
- Best Multi Day Tour – Susan George & Carol Dixon
- Outstanding Associate – Terry Eaton
- John Clever Award – Ingrid French
- Dummkopf Award – Ed Won

Please enjoy the photos of the event taken by Kelly Guglielmo.



The Group



Guest Speaker: Matthew Henry



Engrossed in the Docent Tour



Blackhawk Museum Rotunda all decked out





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Friday, March 27, 2015
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Registration is OPEN for Drivers and Instructors on
www.Motorsportreg.com

3 limited size run groups gives you more track time (up to 5 on-track sessions per group) and more track space to stretch your car's legs.

Our friends from the **Golden Gate Region** will be running the track the following 2 days (3-28 & 29) so you could make it a 2 or 3 day Thunderhill extravaganza!

Lunch and bottled water all day included for \$325.

Participants and guests are invited to a no-host get-together dinner the night before at Casa Ramos in Willows on Thursday night March 26 at 6:30pm.

DE 101/201 classroom session for all registered drivers is 2 weeks prior. Location details to come.

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For more details see our website at www.diablo-de.org



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Monthly Dinner

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Where: Faz Restaurant

600 Hartz Avenue

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Time: 6:30pm

Next Dinner: February 19, 2015

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Welcome New Members!!

Primary Members: 736
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NEW MEMBERS	
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Dixon, Anthony	2015 Cayman S, Carmine Red
DuRee,Chris	2005 911 Carrera, Gray
English, Mark R.	1965 356, Togo Brown 1970 1970 914-6, Tangerine 2005 Boxster S, Silver
Ezpeleta, Manuel	2015 911 Carrera S 2013 Cayenne
Fleser, James	
France, Amy	
Jansky, Christopher	2005 911 Carrera S, Seal Grey Metallic
Kauzer, Mark	2006 911 Carrera S
Mills, Jeff	2011 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet, Blue
Phillips, Matthew	1978 911 SC Targa, Black
Reid Stephen	2012 911 Carrera
Silver, Erik	2008 911 GT3 RS, Orange
Singh, Pareekshit	2002 911 Carrera, Dark Grey
Sketchley, Dana	2015 911 Targa 4S, Black
Tan, Manny	2002 911 Carrera, Silver
Weber, Andrew	1994 968, Guards Red
TOTAL:17	
TRANSFERS IN	
Chung, Kai <i>Transfer from Yosemite</i>	2007 911 Turbo, Silver 2006 Cayman S, Silver
Min, Daniel K. <i>Transfer from Golden Gate</i>	1990 911 Carrera 4, Black
Shaw, Stephen M. <i>Transfer from Redwood</i>	2006 Cayman S, Red
TOTAL: 3	

.2015 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

January	July
1/17 – Go Carts-Brian/Malcom 1/25- Blackhawk Awards Luncheon- Elsie/Ingrid	7/5 – Mercedes Tour-Ed
February	August
2/1- Super Bowl Party-Walt 2/21- Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted 2/28 – Movie Night-Brian	8/1- Virginia City Tour-Jerry Antolik 8/10-8/16-Monterey Auto Week 8/14 – Werks 8/29 – Wine Tour-Ted/Diane 8/30 – Annual Picnic
March	September
3/22- Half Moon Bay Crab Tour-Anton 3/27 – Thunderhill DE	9/13 – Orinda Car Show 9/19 – Cheese Tour-Nancy 9/20 – Danville ‘d Elegance 9/25-9/27—Rennsport V TBD – Thunderhill DE TBD - Rock ‘n Weekend-Anton
April	October
4/4 – Fioli Tour-Ingrid 4/11- Moss Beach Tour-Susan/Carol 4/18 – Bocce Ball-Kay 4/25 – Fireman Tour-Jerry	10/17- Russian River Tour-Susan/Carol TBD – Grand Island Mansion Tour-Frank/Joan TBD - Zone 7 Concours-Livermore Porsche
May	November
5/2 Blackhawk Cars & Coffee w Lunch Tour-Ed 5/9- Thunderhill Backroads Tour-Carlos 5/24- Wash ‘N Shine TBD – Autocross & Tour-Brian/Malcom	11/14- Planning Party 11/15 - Paso Robles-Bob 11/24- Laguna Seca Raceway DE
June	December
6/19-6/21 Mammoth Lakes Joint Tour-Ed 6/20 – Dry Creek Tour-Patrick 6/27 – CIA Tour-Kay	12/12- Christmas Party-Bob/Cristi

Saturday Breakfasts

Diablo Region offers members a choice when it comes to breakfast on Saturdays. What a great way to start the day!!

There is a breakfast gathering **EVERY SATURDAY** in Walnut Creek.

Where: Buttercup Pantry
660 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive.

Time: 7:30am



OR

Another choice would be to attend breakfast in Pleasanton on the **2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS**

Where: Strizzi's
649 Main Street
Pleasanton, CA
located between Division Street and St. Mary Street

Time: 8:30am

Next Scheduled Breakfast: **FEBRUARY 14TH AND FEBRUARY 28TH**

Fun way to get to know your fellow Diablo members and find out what is happening or coming up. There are even spontaneous drives that happen. Wear your name tag and join the fun!

RENNSPORT V ANNOUNCEMENT

The dates for Rennsport V have been changed to September 25–27.

Rennsport is three days of vintage racing, a Concours d'Elegance, and activities celebrating each of six decades of Porsche race cars — all crash courses of Porsche history.

And if you just want to watch fast Porsche metal racing on a world-famous race track, then prepare to whet your appetite with race-prepped 356s, mid-engined 550 Spyders, 718 RSKs, 917s, 956/962s, GT3 RSRs, RS Spyders, and so many more.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

The Unofficial Go Cart Event

Unofficially, Diablo Region members gathered in Livermore at Umigo to practice their “track” skills. It seems they have a knack for using their driving skills whether on a small or large track. For a non-official PCA event, there was a great turnout. Lots of fun and competition was contagious that night. Take a look at some great pictures.



Winners!



Gathering in the parking lot



Our Organizers: Malcolm and Brian Adkins



Lined up and ready to go!

Super Bowl Sunday

No West Coast teams playing in the Super Bowl? No problem! Let's throw a party with tail-gate food and lots of friendship mixed together at an old friend's house. It was noisy, boisterous, and a blast!

Once again, Walt Lietz graciously opened his home to Diablo Region members to gather. The chairs were all filled and the island in the kitchen groaned from all the delicious treats brought by everyone. There was plenty of chili, hot dogs, nibbles and dessert.

The game was exciting and everyone had an opinion on every play and score. I know we were all focused on the commercials, but I couldn't tell you anything about the half time show. I can only assume that it was good and that Katy Perry was fabulous.

Enjoy the pictures taken by Al Arrivas.



The island is groaning with all the food.



More food...



All eyes on the game.



Good Times! Brian, Trina and Ed



Something dramatic must have happened

Carlos, Ed and Cyril





Best Buds
Frank and Bill



Linda, Vern, Patrick and Bony



Someone has Porsche Pride!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Let's all congratulate one of our own Diablo Region members, LaVergne Thomas, Zone 7 Autocross Chair. She and Larry Sharp will be leading an autocross instructors training class this month.

We are so proud of you! This could mean some serious autocross events for us in the future.

Open Chair Positions

There are several Chair positions available and waiting for you to volunteer your time and help Diablo maintain providing quality events and activities for our members. Even volunteering your help at any time is so helpful to its success. Ask any Board Member or Chair if you have questions.

