

The devil's Advocate

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Ed's Comments

By Ed Won, President Diablo PCA

Greetings Diablo Members!

It's almost July and I have to say, it's been a great summer so far! Congratulations to Porsche for winning the World Endurance Car Championship race at Le Mans; not only earning double points for this race in the Championship the Porsche Le Mans Prototypes, but also placing first and second place.

Thank you to Kevin at Livermore Porsche for inviting Diablo to the 24hr viewing event! And, also Gunther and David at Fremont Porsche for the PCA Breakfast, complete with live music. That was one busy Saturday!

We had about 24 members come out to the Mammoth Tour this year and we had a blast in town. We were joined by GGR, Las Vegas and San Diego Regions. We even had a few folks from Canada. Now that's a drive! We all had a great time getting to know our fellow Porsche enthusiasts from our sister Regions. Thank you to Mark Coronado for setting up the event. There were welcome banners all over town wherever we went. We sure felt welcomed!

We had the sold out CIA tour and the Annual Mercedes tour up next. I'm excited as I continue to meet new members at the events and Club Dinner. Thank you for coming out and meeting your fellow club members and enthusiasts. You get a whole lot more than the Panorama. We'll make sure there's plenty to do. In fact, with Mammoth, CIA tour and Mercedes drive, that's three weekends to keep you busy. I want to thank the folks that have helped run these events and keep us on track delivering quality events. More on the way!

Speaking of volunteers, we are looking for a membership chair. Deb Suttkus has done a marvelous job and needs to refocus her time to other priorities. If you would like to volunteer for this position please let me or Brain Adkins know. diablopca.president@gmail.com or diablopca.vicepresident@gmail.com

Although it's difficult to coordinate activities like Rennsport with limited hotels and large numbers of folks, I'll set up a Rennsport button on our website. The purpose is to gather a mailing list of all the folks that have signed up for Rennsport and may want to get together.

We have in the upcoming area, Orinda Car Show and Jamestown Tour by Jerry Antolik. If you like trains this is your ticket. Sorry I couldn't resist. Thank you very much Jerry for doing this tour!

I hope to see you all soon.

Ed Won

Happy Anniversary!!

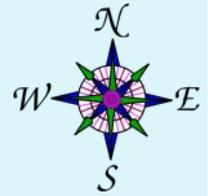
Please join me in congratulating Karl and Elsie Sendlebach on their 25th wedding anniversary. Karl and Elsie can be seen on various club drives and activities. They have been very active in the almost 3 years that they have been in the club. They have a 911 and a Cayenne. A perfect match in my book. Just like them.

Ed Won



A Note from the Tour Chair

By Carlos Bocanegra



Hello all Diablo members,

June is almost gone, well really gone. June gave me a chance to route my 'Backroads to Thunderhill,' that in many ways was a failure/success. I ended up with a Cayenne, Macan or your other brand off-road vehicle through some beautiful countryside. If used, this route should be followed with caution; Cars trailing perhaps a minute or more behind given loose dirt and lots of gravel. My hope is that it gets published in the Advocate. I'm still trying to get out on the road for a planned route, so maybe this one will move out again. There is nothing wrong with that as a volunteer. Your good intentions count very much.

June provided a kind of Zone 7 event in the Mammoth Yosemite trip. There were at least one Porsche from San Diego and another from Ontario, Canada. I think this event will continue to grow and I'm in favor of June and not July. It gave many of us a trip through Tioga Pass and a self-return through the famed Carson Pass (Route 108). There are quite a few pictures on our Facebook page.

As I write this, the popular Culinary Institute of America tour just completed. Upcoming in July is the Mercedes Club organized event with Porsche. Interestingly enough, the famed F1 brand likes Porsches to lead the way. I've never been on this event and plan to attend this time. August will have a great fun adventure to Jamestown (*will move from its original date of 8/1/15*) with a buffet, train ride and a museum tour. The event again is limited. The second 9-19-15 CIA tour is almost full. Keep an eye out for Drivers' Ed and other events. Don't forget to read up on Parade and if you can, attend Porsche Escape in South Dakota.

- August 29th wine tour cancelled due to the wine 'crush' season (most likely we may move the Jamestown Train Tour to this date)

One thing that I have heard on tours, "The pace was good enough". Remember, PCA and your Diablo Board want to keep you safe. Bending metal, or something silly can get you the 'Dummkopf Award' that is valid for a whole year or more; plus traffic penalties are usually expensive. Need for speed – do it on your own or join Drivers' Ed programs from us, the other regions like Golden Gate and our friends at Hooked on Driving.

Been there before? If you like the place, alternate routes may be available, as the drive is key to the success of the tour while food is secondary. Pay as you go arrangements are always preferred.

A couple of things to remember: plan ahead and again plan shortly before the trip. NASCAR caught Kay by surprise for her tour. But Kay, being the planner, navigated alternate routes and took us to the CIA successfully. I've been running Eventbrite, so give Ed a break and contact me first, please. I caught Ed doing the Don Vito Corleone at the CIA. While always charming, respectful and helpful, let him enjoy the tours. Please use the membership – you will be surprised at the breadth of experience.

To stay on top of tour information, contact me at Daboxster@att.net, 925-286-6991, use Facebook and our Diablo web page www.diablo-pca.org.

See you on a tour soon,

Carlos

2015 Quarterly Event Calendar

JULY

7/5-MERCEDES TOUR-ED

AUGUST

8/10-8/16-MONTEREY AUTO WEEK*

8/14 - WERKS*

8/29 - JAMESTOWN JOURNEY TOUR-JERRY ANTOLIK

8/30 - ANNUAL PICNIC

*NON DIABLO EVENT

SEPTEMBER

9/13 - ORINDA CAR SHOW*

9/19 - CIA AGAIN TOUR-NANCY

9/20 - DANVILLE 'D ELEGANCE*

9/25-9/27—RENNSPORT V*

*NON DIABLO EVENT

Monthly Events:

- **Walnut Creek Breakfast: Every Saturday**
7:30am
Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek
- **Pleasanton Breakfast: 2nd & 4th Saturday**
8:30am
7/11 & 7/25 Clementine's, 18070 San Ramon Blvd., San Ramon
- **Board Meeting: 2nd Monday**
6:30pm
12893 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon
- **Monthly Dinner: 3rd Thursday**
6:30pm
Faz, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville

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August 29, 2015

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Here is your Buffet menu for Saturday 8-29-15

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We will be meeting at IHOP in Livermore for breakfast and leaving Livermore at 9:00AM promptly. We will stop at Denny's in Oakdale for potty break and stretching the legs. We will eat lunch buffet style at 11:00AM at JamesTown Hotel. Leave at 1:00PM for the short drive up the road to the RailTown 1897 State Historic Park & Museum. Our train departs promptly at 1:30 with the Round House Museum tour immediately following. Questions? Contact Jerry Antolik 510-648-4478

Motoring to Mammoth

Did you join the two dozen Diablo Region members for the annual joint drive to Mammoth? The tour, arranged by Mark Coronado, the President of Sierra Nevada Region and led by Craig, the President of Las Vegas Region traveled through Tioga Pass, Carson Pass, Mono Lake with a destination of Mammoth. It was a great blend of several regions from throughout California: GGR, Las Vegas, San Diego, Sierra Nevada and Diablo.

Take a look at some of the pictures taken by Lillie Echevarria, Ed Won, Kim Jacobsen and Kelly Guglielmo and you will definitely decide to sign up next year. Check out additional photos on Diablo Region's Facebook page.









Let's Visit The CIA **AGAIN**

(Culinary Institute of America)

September 19, 2015

We will leave at 9am from the Buttercup Pantry parking lot and head towards St. Helena, taking a scenic "Porsche-type" drive. Once we arrive at The CIA, we will have lunch, watch cooking demos (with sampling and wine pairing), and take a tour of the facility. We should be finished by 3:30pm.



Drive: 9-11:15

Lunch: 11:30-1pm

Browse the store & wine area: 1-1:30pm

Cooking Demo/Tasting: 1:30-2:30pm

Tour of Greystone: 2:45-3:15pm

Cost: \$55 per person

(includes, tax and gratuity, cooking demo with sampling & wine pairing and a tour of Greystone building and grounds).

Sandwiches/Salads Options:

The Parisian

- ♦ Mustard & Cultured Butter, Baguette, sliced Ham Gruyere Cheese

Cobb Sandwich

- ♦ Turkey, Avocado, Bacon, hard boiled Egg, Lettuce, Tomato & Blue Cheese on a Baguette

Ultimate Caesar Salad

- ♦ House-Made Caesar Dressing, Gaby Gem Lettuce, Herb Croutons & Grilled Chicken

Chicory Beet Salad

- ♦ Chicory Lettuce, Roasted Gem Beets, Shallots, Verjuice Vinaigrette, Candy Striper Beets & Herb Goat Cheese

Sandwiches served with a market green salad.

Lunch (prepared by the student chefs) includes dessert and bottled water.

Sign up today on The Diablo website at www.diablo-pca.org Click on the Tour Button.

Enter your lunch selection for each person.

There will not be any Wait List for this tour.

MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS IS 20. Sign up early if you want to go.

- ♦ **Questions: Contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or 510-410-1481.**

Monthly Dinner

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month to enjoy the company of Diablo Region members and have a good meal.

Where: Faz Restaurant

600 Hartz Avenue

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Time: 6:30pm

Next Dinner: July 16, 2015

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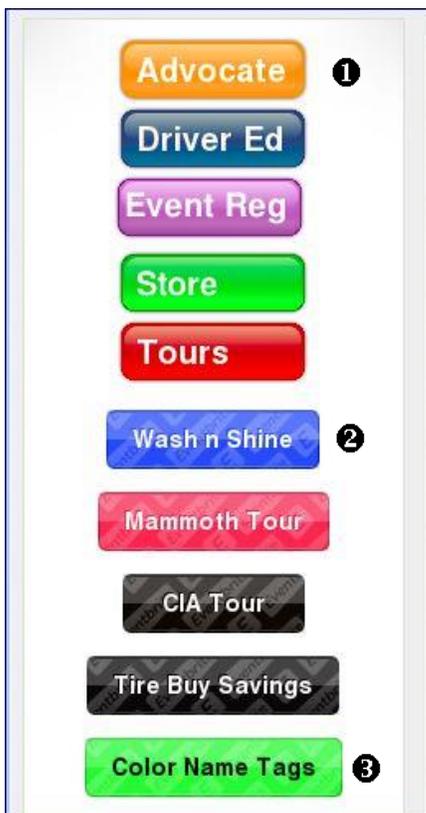
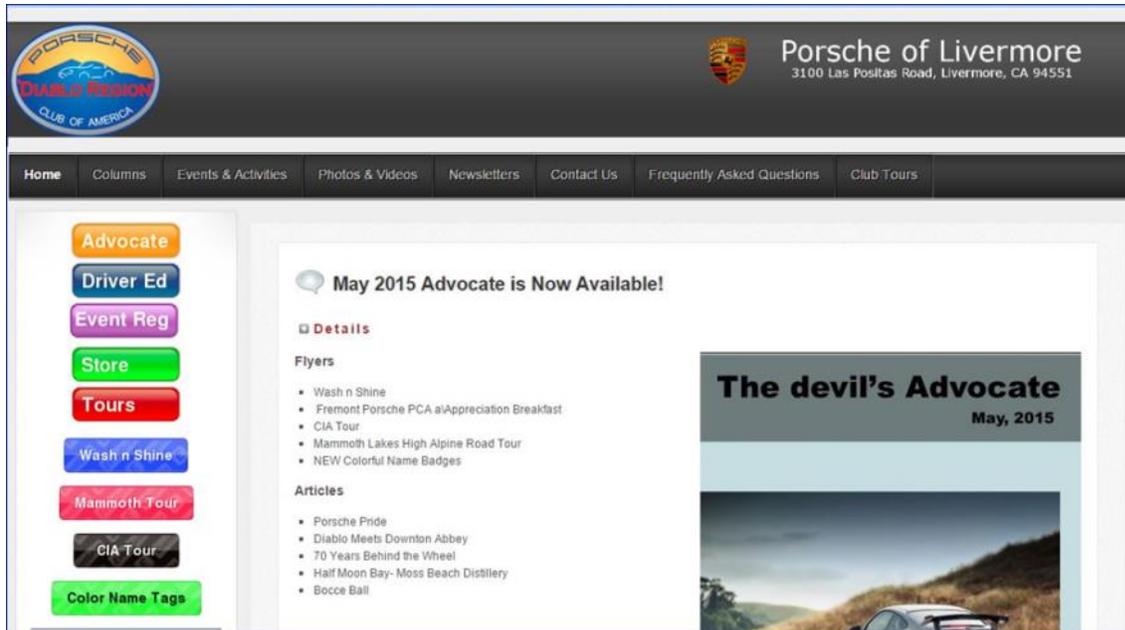
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I Wanna Go!! OR Signing up for Diablo Tours/Events

Ever go to a Diablo Saturday Breakfast and hear someone discussing a tour they were looking forward to driving? You think to yourself, “How do I get more information on that tour and how do I sign up?”.

Well, you have come to the right place.

To view any upcoming event or tour put on or supported by Diablo Region, simply go to the following URL: www.diablo-pca.org. This is what you will see.



❶ To view what activities that are coming up in the next three months, click on the Advocate button and go to page 6 to review the Diablo Quarterly Event Calendar. If you want to know what events or tours are happening for the entire year, look at the Annual Calendar.

❷ The tours that are active on Eventbrite have buttons listed directly under the Tours button. Just click on each one to review details and the option to register and pay, if you decide to attend.

Once you click on an event button, you are taken to a screen with a complete description of the event, costs, options and how to contact the host with questions. Complete all the required areas and you will receive a confirmation email.

❸ If you need to get a Diablo Name Tag or just want one of the new ones in a fashionable shade, simply click on the “Color Name Tags” button and complete the information.

Questions: Tours: Carlos Bocanegra cb3234@prodigy.net
 Events: Marc Giammona eventschair@diablo-pca.org
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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 2/28 – Movie Night-Brian	8/10-8/16-Monterey Auto Week* 8/14 – Werks* 8/29 – Jamestown Journey Tour-Jerry Antolik 8/30 – Annual Picnic
March	September
3/7- Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted 3/22- Half Moon Bay Crab Tour-Anton 3/27 – Thunderhill DE	9/13 – Orinda Car Show* 9/19 – CIA Again Tour-Nancy 9/20 – Danville 'd Elegance 9/25-9/27—Rennsport V* TBD - Rock 'n Weekend-Anton
April	October
4/4 – Filoli Tour-Ingrid 4/11- Moss Beach Tour-Susan/Carol 4/18 – Bocce Ball-Kay 4/25 – Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted	10/17- Russian River Tour-Susan/Carol 10/25 – Grand Island Mansion Tour-Frank/Joan TBD - Zone 7 Concours-Livermore Porsche
May	November
5/2 Blackhawk Cars & Coffee w Lunch Tour-Ed 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 6/27 – CIA Tour-Kay	12/12- Christmas Party-Bob/Cristi
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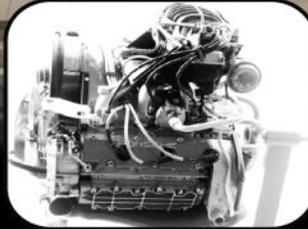
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Where: Buttercup Pantry
660 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive.

Time: 7:30am



OR

Another choice would be to attend breakfast in the Tri-Valley Area on the **2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS**

Where: We are trying out Clementine's, 18070 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon

Time: 8:30am

Next Scheduled Breakfasts: **July 11 and July 25**

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!



BREAKFAST HOST AND LOCATION WANTED

If you know of a great location for the Region to have breakfast in the Tri-Valley area or if you would like to host a breakfast, please contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or call 510-410-1481.

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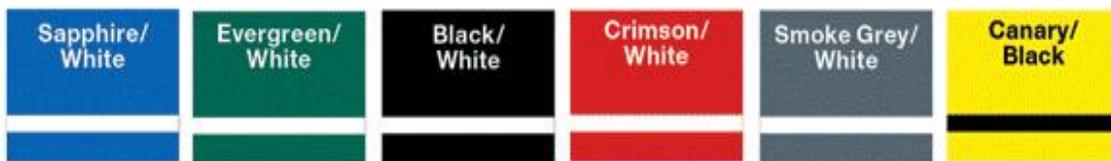
Crimson / White (nobody will miss this, everyone will remember your name, AKA Guards Red)

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Welcome New Members!!

Primary Members: 756

Affiliate Members: 426

Total Members: 1182

NEW MEMBERS	
Bura, Chris	2015 911 Carrera GTS, Silver
Gill, Bob	2012 Cayenne Turbo, White
Gladstone, Hayes	2012 911 Turbo S, Black
Harvey, Kenneth	1997 911 Carrera, Arctic Silver
Jacinto, Franklin	1976 911 Turbo, Platinum Metallic
Jennings, John	1974 911S, Silver
Jones, Gary	2014 Cayman S, Black
Lind, Erik	1973 914 2.0, Black
Logan, Geoff	2008 Cayman, Cobalt Blue
Morton, Greg	2006911 Carrera 4, Yellow
Paine, Will	2004 Boxster S, Seal Grey
Snow, Greg	2015 911 Carrera GTS, White
Tong, Richard	2002 911 Turbo, Arctic Silver
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS: 13	
TRANSFERS IN	
Dao, Vu	2011 911 Carrera GTS, White
TOTAL: 1	

Tech Gespräch

By Brian Adkins

That's German for "Tech Talk".

The PCA was started by a group of people who unofficially called themselves the "The Gripe Group" they had questions and were looking to share information about this infrequently encountered marquee in the land of big American muscle. So lets talk.

I wanted to share a bit about FLUIDS. Particularly; Power Steering fluids.

If your Porsche does have power steering the reservoir and fill cap may be in bit of an out of the way location. I know you know where to put the Gas, and would think most know where to put Oil, Water (if needed) and Brake Fluid ... even Washer Fluid. My most resent experience comes from an '07 Cayman. This exact encounter will be true for all Caymans and Boxsters.

The Power Steering reservoir and fill is under the engine cover and often forgotten. The fluid can run low, you may be lucky enough to hear a growl as you turn the steering wheel and know to check and fill. If you aren't lucky, low fluid can damage the steering rack leading to an expensive fix, the rack itself is over \$1200.

The fist thing that I would suggest is to check your fluid (OK . check them all and learn where they are). For a bit of prevention in any Power Steering system on any car ... change the fluid. Power Steering fluid is hygroscopic (tending to absorb moisture from the air). Many pro mechanics suggest changing it every 5 years or so. There have been recent upgrades for the fluids that Porsche now recommends to use. I was lucky enough to find (when my car was inspected for free for a DE) that fluid was low. Adding fluid helped, but a growl was still there a bit. After using a turkey baster 3 times to remove all the fluid from the reservoir then filling fluid, between just a drive around the block. The growl is gone and steering seems more precise. My fluid recommended had been up graded.

Looking at my service and maintenance books there is NO mention of checking Power Steering levels at ANY of the services !

Low fluid may be a sign of a leak somewhere.

Hope this helps you in some way.

The contained info is to be of education and interest value and should not be taken as the only source of information or singular viewpoint. Do you have a question? Have you discovered something (maybe even the hard way)? Please share your info or feel free to ask a question.

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Diablo PCA Region Annual Summer Picnic

August 30th From 11am to 3pm

Hap McGee Ranch Park Picnic Area

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\$10.00 per person

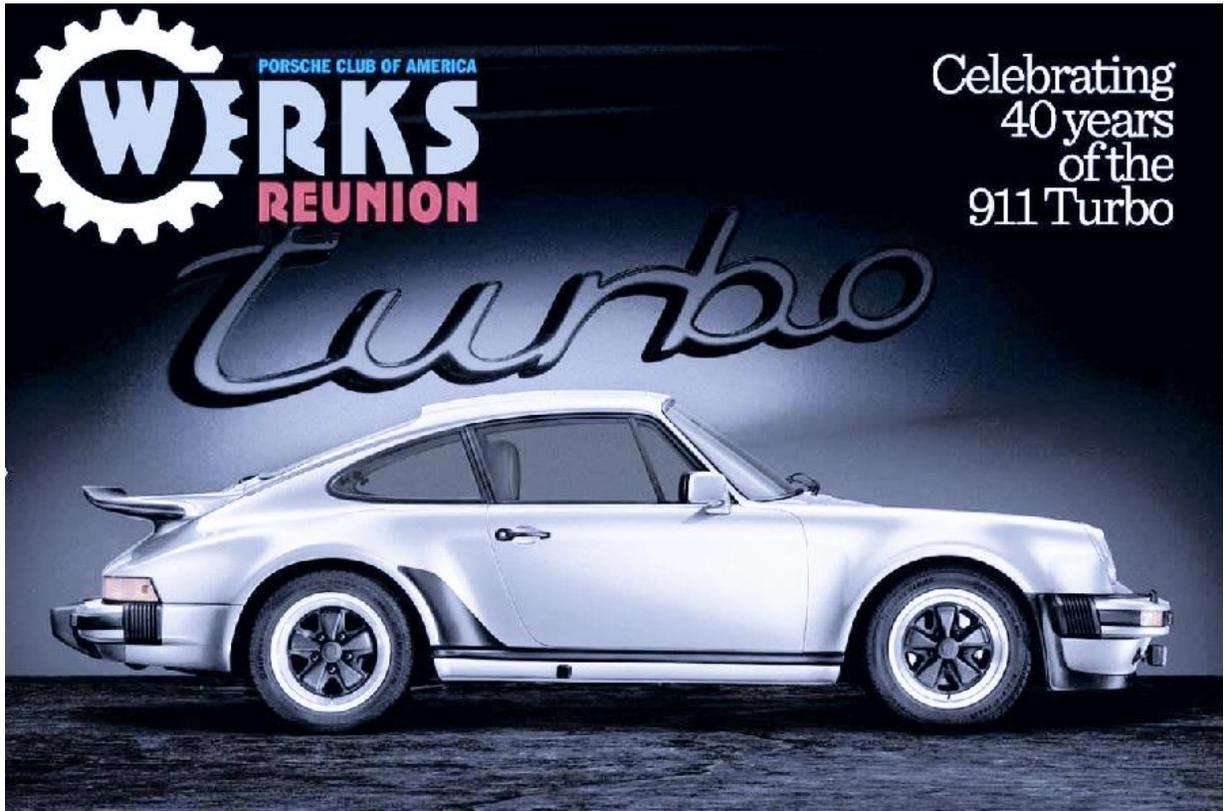


Come join the festivities at this year's annual club picnic. Lunch will be catered by Cabana Dave 's and include a great dessert. Beer, wine and soda will be available.

There will be music, mixer games, gifts and best of all fellow Porsche enthusiasts.

Register on Event bright on diablo-pca.org by August 20th.

Questions: Contact Marc Giammona at 925 -580-2413 or at mgcls@sbcglobal.net



Werks Reunion 2015

The Porsche Club of America will hold its second annual [Werks Reunion](#) Friday, August 14, 2015. It is the premier Porsche event during the world-famous "Monterey Car Week" on California's Monterey Peninsula. Thousands of spectators are expected to descend on the fairways at Rancho Cañada Golf Club and will be treated to a stunning display of more than 700 Porsches — from "rat rods" to garage queens — and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow car enthusiasts. The 2015 show will feature the latest Porsches, special vehicle presentations, celebrity guests, and a surprise or two. Werks Reunion is free for spectators and open to everybody.

2015 Features: We are anticipating over 700 Porsches at this year's Werks Reunion. The show will feature:

- Porsche Concours d'elegance
- Porsche Corral
- Rare Porsches onsite from collectors such as the Ingram Collection
- See the limited-edition 911 GTS Club Coupe and other new Porsche models
- Visit the vendor booths
- Relax in the Bier Garten and enjoy the food and drinks
- Free entry for all spectators, PCA membership not required

Parking Details (shuttle/price/location): Porsche owners may display/park in the concours or corral (must pre-register and pay fee), and additional parking will be provided to spectators.



August 10-16, 2015

Monterey, Calif.



This year's featured marquee is Maserati, Ruxton and Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa. The Monterey Bay peninsula offers the perfect back drop for this fantastic motoring event. Cars will be displayed across the most beautiful golf courses in the world. Witness the excitement of the auctions as automobiles get sold at record prices. Racing is also a huge part of the excitement during Car Week; seeing vintage race cars speed through the cork screw at Laguna Seca raceway is very thrilling. We hope you can join us for this world renowned automotive event.

For complete information, visit www.montereycarweek.com.



Breakfast Bonus

Imagine having breakfast provided for you and enjoying each bite surrounded by members of local Porsche Regions, (Loma Prieta and Diablo). Good food, Good company, Good music. What more could you ask for? Thank you to Porsche of Fremont for such a generous act of friendship and support. Thank you especially to Gunter and David for a wonderful start to our day.



Porsche Pride

As we continue in our series of highlighting members who have recently purchased a Porsche, we want to remind you if you have purchased a Porsche in 2014/2015, contact our Editor, Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net.

Bob Gill

Purchase Date: April 29, 2015

Year and Type of Porsche: 2015 918 Spyder

Outside Color: Onyx White

Interior Color: Black/Acid Green

Transmission Type: PDK



Other Comments: My wife has a Cayenne turbo, and I daily drive a Cayman GTS. Porsches are wonderful sporty cars that are great to drive and can be daily drivers. The 918 is just the extreme of everything that is great about Porsche, build quality, handling, performance. I have never driven anything like it and most likely never will. Hopefully next year I will be able to finally get back to the race track and see what it can do in the cars proper environment.

Gary and Mandy Jones

Year and Type of Porsche: 2014 Cayman S

Outside Color: Black

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: PDK



Other Comments: I have to admit I didn't know that much about Cayman's but as we were looking for a vehicle to replace/add to our older sedan and SUV I was thrilled that my wife suggested we go look at Porsche's. We initially looked at the 911 but then the salesman mentioned the Cayman. After one test drive and then trying to find any bad review out there on it (I couldn't find one), I was hooked. I now look forward to getting enough miles on it so I can learn how to drive it on a track!

Karl and Elsie Sendelbach

Purchase date: March 5, 2015

Year and type: 2013 Cayenne S

Exterior color: White

Interior color: Luxor Beige

Transmission Type: Tiptronic S

Other Comments: I love it. Will be our long haul touring car

Greg Morton

Purchase date: May 2, 2015

Year/type: 2006 Porsche (997) Carrera 4

Outside Color: Speed yellow

Interior Color: black carpet & seats, with yellow painted interior, yellow seat belts and gauges

Transmission: Manual 6 speed

Other Comments: This is my first Porsche and I love it. I plan to continue to attend our club events with my wife Candace. When not dusting my Porsche, I enjoy driving it but on weekends only. I now get the best placement from Lafayette's Postino restaurant valets (right smack in front!)



Greg Snow

Purchase Date: April, 2015 (ordered November 2014)

Year & Type: 2015 911 GTS Coupe - no sunroof

Outside Color: White

Interior Color: Black

Transmission: 7MT of course

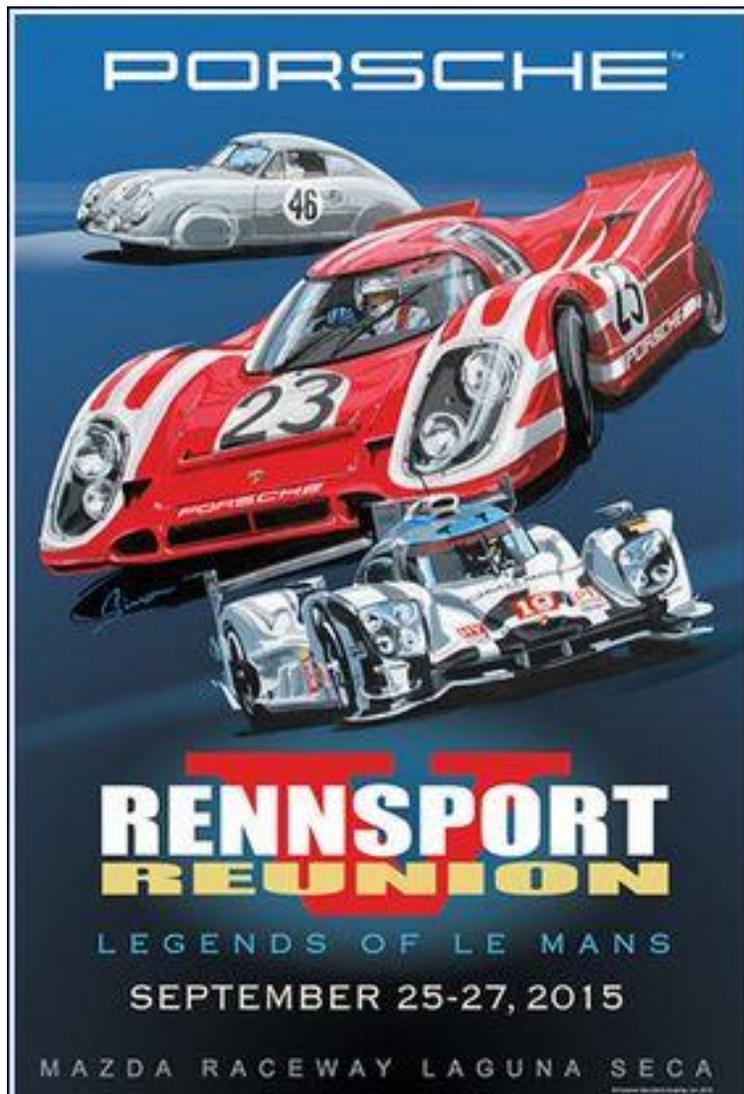
Other Comments: We are very excited to be PCA members again. We owned an '80 911 SC from the late 1980s until 2008, about 20 years. During that time, I performed all services and modifications on the car, including an engine rebuild - in the living room ;-) moving to euro specification height, etc. After selling the car, I found myself wanting another 911 so in November of 2014 we ordered a new Carrera GTS. It arrived in April and we have been loving it since. The car has about 4,000 miles on it now (in 2 1/2 months) and we love weekend trips to the coast, Napa/Sonoma, etc.





Porsche Rennsport Reunion V is the preeminent gathering of Porsche race cars and drivers, collector vehicles, historic Porsche models, Hosted by Porsche Cars North America, it will showcase the widest variety of Porsche's most historic racing models, from the nimble 550 Spyder of the mid-'50s through the mighty 917 and 956/962 of the '70s and '80s to the highly successful RS Spyder of the last decade.

As the fifth Rennsport celebration since 2004, Porsche Rennsport Reunion is the event of the year for Porsche enthusiasts, as well as for racing and car collecting enthusiasts. A special Porsche Concours will also be held that presents some of the globe's finest road-going Porsches in one location.



Seventy Years Behind the Wheel On Northern California Courses

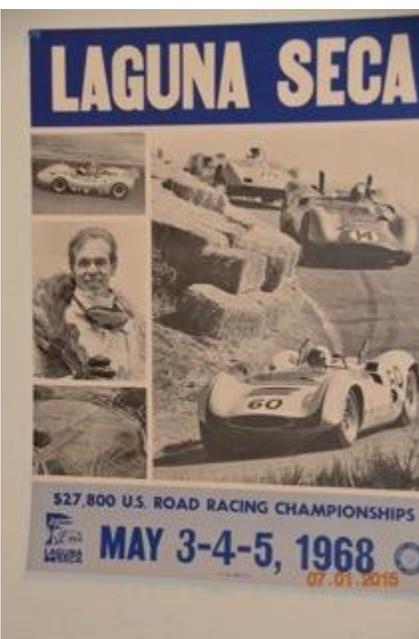
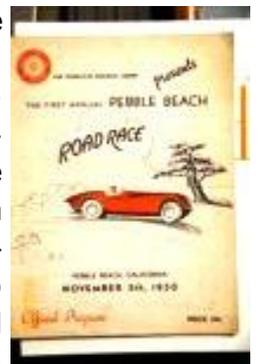
By Jack Carpenter



I don't believe many of us reading this issue remember very many of the old and unusual Road Race Courses that have emerged over the last 60 years in Northern California. I'll attempt to list a number of them that used existing roads and streets and runways and a much smaller percentage that were constructed expressly for racing. Some years there were as many as 7 or 8 available to , SAN FRANCISCO REGION OF SCCA and once in a while, the year long Northern Calif. schedule would include even more tracks. On top of that, the drivers and sponsors that could afford to travel with their cars would plan on attending the races that were scheduled for Oregon, Washington and Southern California. The top finishers in all classes of Regional SCCA Races were then invited to participate in the National competition at Road Atlanta or other highly rated courses. Of course in the early days of post war road racing, the easiest courses to lay out and obtain were unused runways or abandoned airfields. Examples of these are Salinas Airport where James Dean was headed when he was killed. Jan and I were part of the very sad SCCA group that were anticipating his arrival. The new runways at Oakland had yet to feel the tires of aircraft when San Francisco Region held its first and only road race on the runways and taxi strips of the new airport. Military airfields also played an important role in early races. More than one race was held at Moffet Field in the South Bay Area and the same held true for Stead AFB, North of Reno. Possibly the oldest Airport course in Northern California was Buchanan Field in Concord. 1st race 1949.'

Two of the longest operating airport road courses were the Cotati Airport near Santa Rosa and Crow's Landing, the old Navy Strip off of Hwy. 5. Stockton CA, also played a major role in early racing. The Stockton Airport gave us some good course layouts for many years and then the city routed our Road Racing to the Port of Stockton. This new layout between warehouse buildings on Port access roads was somewhat like what we experienced at the Sacramento Fairgrounds. (The original Fairgrounds). Another course we had for a number of years was the retired Army Camp Stoneman in the middle of Pittsburg. Many building were still in place so it offered some unforgiving turns.

One of the most beautiful road courses in the early 50's was San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. It was not only beautiful but the meandering roadways almost looked like they were laid out for road racing. San Francisco plus the unique course attracted drivers from all over the U.S. and Europe. Another unusual, but very dangerous course was on the grounds of Candlestick Park. We don't necessarily think of the original Pebble Beach Course as laid out on existing roads but it was held on housing tract roads adjacent to the 17 Mile Drive. The proximity of the roads to all the wonderful pine trees turned out to be the cause of the demise of the course. However, the end of Pebble Beach led to the beginning of Laguna Seca in 1957. For many of you, Laguna Seca has been a special place since you first saw it or felt the feel of your tires on its demanding surface. It has always been very special to me since I laid out all of the turn worker locations for that 1st Race.



As for our specially designed road courses, and Laguna heads the list, we have few by comparison. One of the most accessible was the old Vaca Valley Raceway. Adjacent to HWY 80 just West of Vacaville, the road course consisted of a conventional oval attached to the road course. It has experienced many major races and other interesting events.

The last two specially designed road courses are Sears Point, most recently renamed Sonoma Raceway and Thunder hill owned by SCCA and recently expanded. A good many of you have driven both of them.

In future columns I intend to devote some of my thoughts and experiences to happenings at a good many of the above locations. If there is anyone of them in particular you are interested in, please let me know at Buttercup breakfast or my web site. jillgencar@gmail.com

Be Careful Out There...

Jack



Welcome to Danville d'Elegance

As the East Bay's premier Concours weekend of fundraising events, and the 2015 "Danville Charitable Organization of the Year," the Danville d'Elegance Foundation enters its 11th year, looking to surpass the \$2 million already raised to benefit Parkinson's research and patient care.

Set in the historic town of Danville, California, the yearly event is one in which car collectors, automotive enthusiasts and the local community gather together to have fun and do some real good, all at the same time! For 2015, the weekend of September 19-20 will bring an unparalleled variety of activities to Danville, creating a superb gathering of street and racing cars along with some other exciting vehicle surprises, and great food - all in the setting of a small town jewel. [More details to come...](#)

Our Tour d'Elegance enters its fifth year, and will start on the morning of Saturday September 19th. It includes an organized scenic drive on some of the North Bay's famed country roads and a special lunch stop. Modern day and collector cars from our entrants will fill the trail, with additional exotic and luxury cars provided by manufacturers and local dealers to partake in our "Thrill Ride."

Fast becoming a major tradition in East Bay community culture, the annual Dinner d'Elegance and Live Auction to benefit Parkinson's causes, will be held at the world famous Blackhawk Museum on the evening of Saturday September 19th.

On Sunday, September 20th, the historic town center of Danville transforms into the Danville Concours d'Elegance, with an impressive assembly of classic, vintage, and exotic pleasure and racing vehicles displayed by their owners, offering a unique opportunity to see them up close, and chat with the people who own and maintain them. Admission is free for visitors, though donations to support the fight against Parkinson's are encouraged.

We look forward to seeing you in Danville on the weekend of September 19-20, 2015.

Your Diablo Board

Take a good look at these folks. They are the current Diablo Board members who try to ensure Diablo members have a variety of events to choose from all year round. They volunteer their time to work for you.

They appreciate your ideas, feedback and support. So, the next time you are attending a breakfast, dinner, tour or other event, go up to them and find out how you can help keep the Region humming.

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