

# The devil's Advocate

August, 2015



*Hot August Nights!!*

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## Ed's Comments

### By Ed Won, President Diablo PCA

Hello Diablo Members!

I don't know about you, but it's a bit warm for me lately. So I'm looking forward to Werks and the fantastic Monterey weather if the previous Werks Reunion was an indicator. Looking back on last year's Werks, one of our new members won the Porsche Driving School prize. I hope we have another lucky Diablo winner this year.

Speaking of luck, I'm very grateful that I joined Diablo and met some truly awesome folks! I'd like to take pause and thank you all for coming out to events, writing to me and the board. But, we are more than just a collection of car folks. No event was more evident than the recent loss of Ingrid Plooy. She was a former board member and advertising chair. The Eblast I sent was met with replies about other members who are no longer with us. I realize that folks in PCA and Diablo really do look out for each other and really do form a car family. A few stories sent to me were of members that haven't been able to drive for a long while, but still being looked after by former members that relocated.

Looking forward, with our mission on fun, I hope to see you all at the upcoming Diablo Annual Picnic. This is a great event to make new connections and reconnect. The picnic team, lead by Marc Giamonna, is making some changes to the event to make it run even smoother. Signup is on the Diablo website. (Like everything else)

The Jamestown tour is filling up and nearly full. For folks on the fence, now is the time to decide. Thank you Jerry Antolik for leading this one! It looks like a lot of fun!

Rennsport is right around the corner as well. Sharon Niedel is looking for volunteers for both Werks Reunion and Rennsport. If you can spare some time and would like to help out, please email Sharon at [sharonneidel@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonneidel@yahoo.com)

If you are itching for the track, I know I am, check out Golden Gate Region's track days in the interim until our Laguna Track day in November or check out Hooked on Driving. We have a lot going on in addition to Rennsport so this year we didn't secure a September track day. But never fear, Adam Cipriano and the DE Team are always working. If we have something that pops up, we will let you know. Something you may or may not know about our track program is that we are a non profit organization. So Adam and the team are constantly working to bring you a top notch track day with a huge emphasis on safety and fun. Track days are very expensive and require a lot of planning in logistics and financing to make sure we are breaking even and not running at a loss. Our program was revamped by our former DE chair Mike Roberts and now carried on by Adam Cipriano. The cost of a track day has steadily risen over the last year and the team is constantly looking for ways to manage costs. Given availability of track days and Rennsport, it may be tough to fill a day in September and break even. Stay tuned.

You may notice that we are at Clementine's as the second breakfast as of late. While the attendance is steady but small, our VP Brian had a wonderful idea. Instead of having two breakfasts, we switch the southern breakfast to a once-a-month brunch on a Sunday. I would love your feedback about that. Drop me an email at [DiabloPCA.president@gmail.com](mailto:DiabloPCA.president@gmail.com)

This year we have Oktoberfest at Walt's residence again. Thank you Walt!! Look for details coming soon.

Marc has also arranged for signups for Diablo members to display at the Orinda Car Show! The Orinda car show benefits local charities and is a great way to show off your baby. Please find the signup information by going to our Diablo website and then clicking the Events and Activities tab on the top row of the web page. Information links and signup links are there.

I hope to see you all very soon at one of the events,

*Ed Won*

# Why Choose PCA Membership

By Kay Maloy

Everyone who owns a Porsche is a member of PCA National. Of course not. Why not? There are so many reasons:

- Owners do not know about PCA National
- Owners have no desire to belong to a group
- Owners do not know about the benefits of membership
- Owners do not know the type of activities that will be available to them at the Zone and Regional levels

When I purchased my first Porsche many years ago, no one mentioned joining PCA National or anything about the Regions. I now understand that there was not that much influence from Porsche to have the dealerships be more involved with the Regions and their members. I only joined because of friend of mine purchased a Corvette and joined the local club and asked me if I had joined the local Porsche Club. I had already owned my 911 for 6 years and decided to see what being a member was all about.

I went to the PCA National web site, completed the membership information and found the closest Region to my home – Diablo. I logged on to their web site and found the calendar filled with events: breakfasts, dinner, tours and more. I decided to go to an upcoming Board Meeting and met some great people. I volunteered to lead a tour and to help out with publishing the monthly newsletter, “The devil’s Advocate”. Well, 7 years later, two terms on the Board as the Secretary, I am still publishing the newsletter.

Not only have I made many wonderful friendships, but have traveled on some of the exciting backroads in our beautiful state and visited many tasty eating establishments and wineries. I have ventured out on the track, learned how to play bocce ball plus many other adventures. Membership has also rewarded me with discounts at the dealership on repairs and servicing.

I am proud to be a member of Porsche Club of America (PCA) that was founded in 1955 to serve the needs and interest of Porsche owners. It is the largest independent single marquee club in the world. I am also proud to be a member of Diablo Region. The Board and members work hard to provide a variety of activities to enjoy all year long.

So, if you aren’t a member, you are missing out. It is easy to join the “family” who loves their fantastic metal beasts. Check it out today at [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org).



# 2015 Quarterly Event Calendar

## AUGUST

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

8/14 - WERKS\*

8/23—SUNDAY BRUNCH-BRIAN

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

## OCTOBER

10/3—OKTOBERFEST—WALT

10/17—RUSSIAN RIVER TOUR-SUSAN/CAROL

10/25—GRAND ISLAND MANSION TOUR-FRANK/JOAN

TBD—ZONE 7 CONCOURS-LIVERMORE PORSCHE

### Monthly Events:

- **Walnut Creek Breakfast: Every Saturday**  
7:30am  
Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek
- **South Region Breakfast: Sunday, August 23rd**  
11:00am  
Bridges Golf Club, 9000 S. Gale Ridge Road, 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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## Jamestown Lunch, Train Ride and Train Museum Tour

August 29, 2015

**Cost:** \$40 (includes lunch w/tax and gratuity and 6-mile 45-minute Train Ride and Train Museum Tour)

Due to facility constraints open to the first 36 that sign-up



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

# CIA at Greystone, St. Helena Tour

By Nancy Bocanegra

The morning began early enough. Kay Maloy, the tour coordinator, had a drivers' meeting at 9 in the Buttercup Restaurant parking lot. We took off in two groups and entered Route 680 north to St. Helena. Good that all the drivers had Fastrak. I noticed that the median bushes were all in bloom in shades of pink. The roadway had recently been paved until we turned onto Historic Highway 40 and drove through Suisun Valley. The single lane road became twisty under the shade of old oak trees. We drove through a watershed project on our way to the mountains of Napa Valley. There we found hillsides planted with grape vines and fields of cows and horses. We passed a monument to dead soldiers.



After a quick break at Lake Hennessey, we turned onto Highway 121 and drove through downtown Calistoga. Indian Springs Resort, with their hammocks on the lawn, beckoned; perhaps next time. After a brief time on Highway 29, we turned into the parking lot of the CIA, the Culinary Institute of America. We were early so we browsed at the items in the gift shop and had lunch in The Bakery Café.



After lunch we viewed a live cooking demonstration performed by one of the school's renowned chef-instructors. We sampled (I forgot what we sampled) paired with wine (or sparkling cider). Some of us then toured the historic Greystone buildings. We departed, some to sample wines at nearby wineries, some to drive leisurely back home. We decided to depart for home, driving the beautiful roads which we had driven earlier in the morning.

Has this description enticed you to want to tour the roads to the CIA and the CIA itself. As luck would have it another tour has been scheduled, for Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pictures provided by Kelly Guglielmo, Lillie Echevarria and Ed Won.





Shots of our cooking demonstration, the finished product and some tempting sweets in the café.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual

# DERRIC'S DAY @ Thunderhill: Prostate Cancer Awareness

## Friday, September 4, 2015

Please join Hooked on Driving for our annual performance driving event dedicated to the memory of our friend and fellow driving enthusiast Derric DesMarteau, who lost his battle with prostate cancer in August of 2009.

The day will feature:

- *Safe and Fun Track Driving Day!*
- *Silent and Live Auctions!*
- *Hot Lap Rides in Exotic and Race Cars!*

Proceeds from the event benefit the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

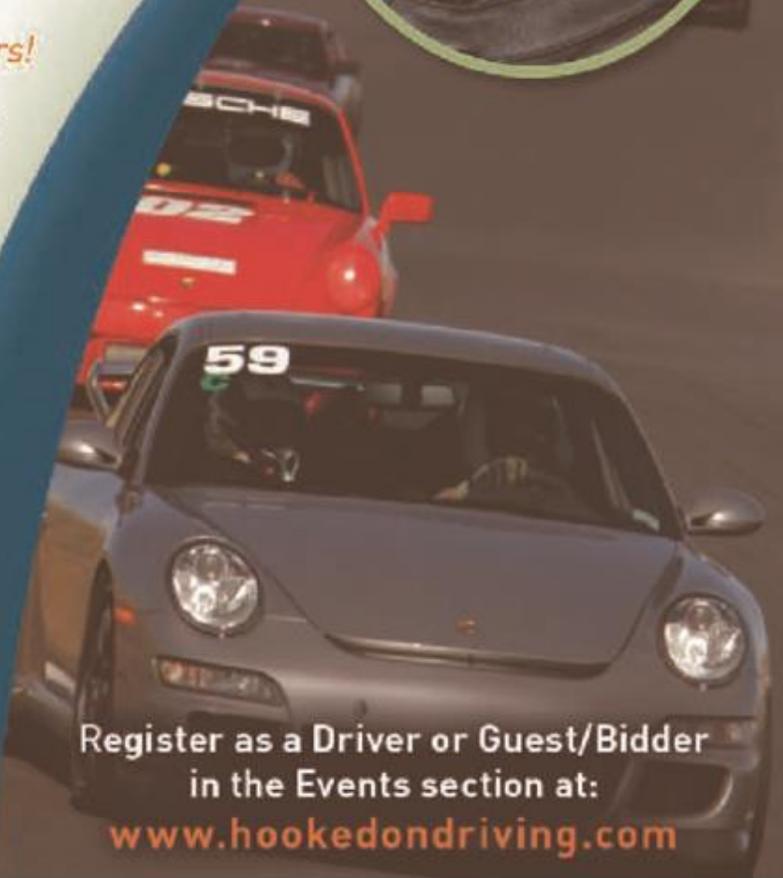
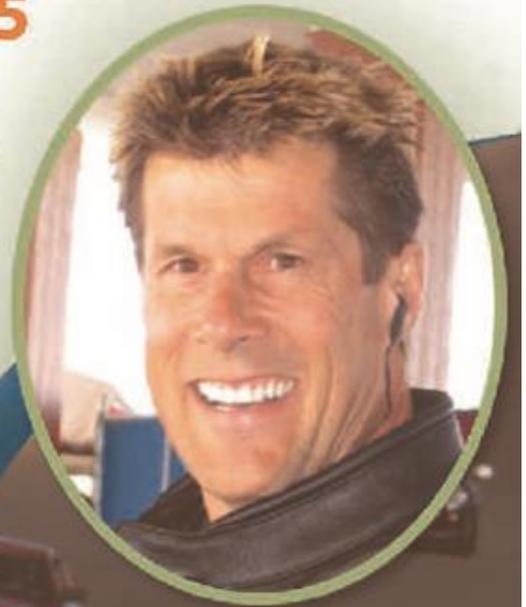


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# Let's Visit The CIA **AGAIN**

(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 am

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

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

Tour of CIA: 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/Salad Options**

The Parisian

- ♦ Mustard & Caramelized Onion, 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](http://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](mailto: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**

**Danville**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Next Dinner: August 20, 2015**

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**Saturday, October 3, 6:30PM**



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**Cost: \$10 per person.**

**Please bring an hors d'oeuvre, salad, or veggie dish. Dessert will be served.**

**Please signup on The Diablo PCA web site [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org) Click on the Tour Button.**

**Where: The Lietz residence  
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## 2015 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

<b>January</b>	<b>July</b>
1/17 – Go Carts-Brian/Malcom 1/25- Blackhawk Awards Luncheon- Elsie/Ingrid	7/5 – Mercedes Tour-Ed
<b>February</b>	<b>August</b>
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
<b>March</b>	<b>September</b>
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
<b>April</b>	<b>October</b>
4/4 – Filoli Tour-Ingrid 4/11- Moss Beach Tour-Susan/Carol 4/18 – Bocce Ball-Kay 4/25 – Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted	10/3—Oktoberfest-Walt 10/17- Russian River Tour-Susan/Carol 10/25 – Grand Island Mansion Tour-Frank/Joan TBD - Zone 7 Concours-Livermore Porsche
<b>May</b>	<b>November</b>
5/2 Blackhawk Cars & Coffee w Lunch Tour-Ed 5/24- Wash 'N Shine TBD – Autocross & Tour-Brian/Malcom	11/14- Planning Party 11/7-8- Paso Robles-Bob 11/24- Laguna Seca Raceway DE
<b>June</b>	<b>December</b>
6/19-6/21 Mammoth Lakes Joint Tour-Ed 6/27 – CIA Tour-Kay	12/12- Christmas Party-Bob/Cristi



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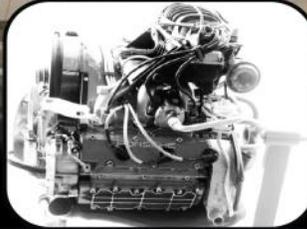
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## Saturday Breakfasts

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**

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### **ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION** **CHANGES TO ALTERNATE BREAKFAST**

In an effort to offer a variety of options to our members, the "alternate" Saturday breakfast is being changed to a Sunday brunch in various locations. This month's will be held:

Sunday, August 23

11:00am

Bridges Golf Club

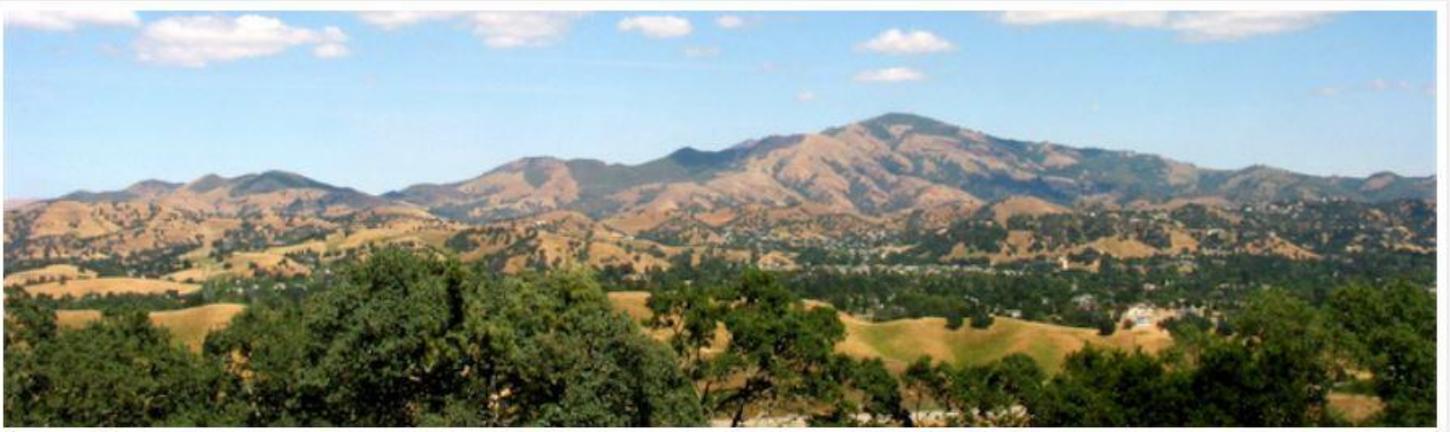
9000 S. Gale Ridge Rd.

San Ramon

RSVP to Brian Adkins at

[diablopca.vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:diablopca.vicepresident@gmail.com)

Deadline to RSVP: August 20



## **The East Bay's Premier Bike Ride**

September 19, 2015

**Support our 2015 Charity - Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation -**

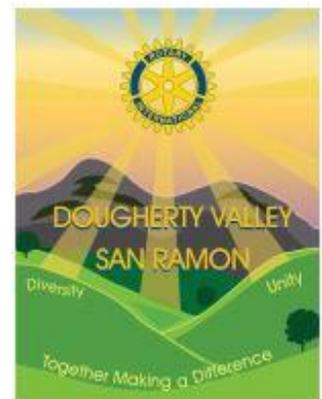
The Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club and the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation will host the V3 Hopfest and the Veteran's Victory Velo on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 2600 Camino Ramon in San Ramon.

If you would like to enjoy a variety of food, music, fun activities and craft brews come to the V3 Hopfest at noon. If you would like to participate in the Veteran's Victory Velo bicycle rides for both serious and recreational cyclists there will be 3 different rides to choose from, a 30-mile recreational ride, a 60-mile intermediate ride and a 100-mile Devil Mountain Century Ride on Mt. Diablo. Registration begins at 6 a.m.

Proceeds from your contributions will be distributed between the DVSR Rotary Foundation and the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the V3 Hopfest or ride in one of the Veteran's Victory Velo bicycle rides go to the website: <http://v3hopfest.com> or call Gary Larson at (925) 365-1561.

**Support our wounded warriors!**





## Welcome New Members!!

Primary Members: 766

Affiliate Members: 439

Total Members: 1205

NEW MEMBERS	
Di Bene, John	2011 Boxster S, Blue
Eloy, Jean-Marc	1987 928 S4, Gold
Freeman, Leigh	2015 911 Targa 4S, Sapphire
Garcia, Fernando	2012 Cayenne Turbo, Black
Gieg, Kevin	1974 911, Blue
Hampton, John	
Haskell, Scott	2007 911 Turbo GT, Silver
Hsieh, Anthony	2014 Boxster S, Rhodium Silver
Khan, Yousef	1996 911 Carrera, Polar Silver
Lewis, David	2015 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet GT, Silver
Lukkes, Ronnie	2004 911 Turbo Cabriolet, Lapis Blue
Masch, Dean	2001 911 Carrera Cabriolet, Silver
Munger, Mark	2004 Boxster, Red
Rollison, Jimmy	2003 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet, Silver
Spinella, Gary	1988 911 Carrera, Grand Prix White
Vargas, Anthony	1978 911 SC, White
Vega, Ryan	2004 911 Carrera Cabriolet, Speed Yellow
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS: 17	
TRANSFERS IN	
Brooks, Krista	2015 Macan S
Kosak, Thomas G.	1988 911 Carrera, Silver
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# **Diablo PCA Region Annual Summer Picnic**

**August 30<sup>th</sup> From 11am to 3pm**

**Hap McGee Ranch Park Picnic Area**

**1025 La Gonda Way Danville**

**\$10.00 per person**

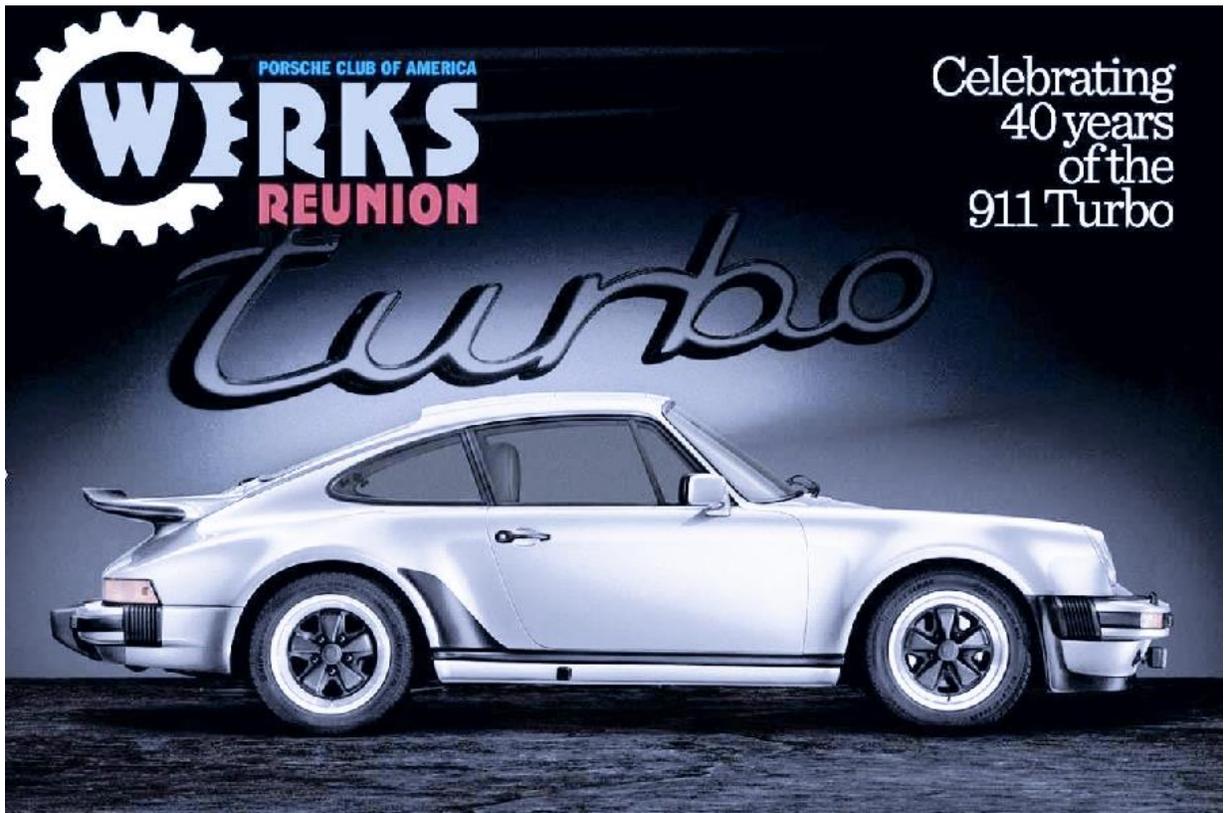


**Come join the festivities at this year's annual club picnic. Lunch will be catered by Cabana Dave 's and include a great dessert. Beer, wine and soda will be available.**

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

**Register on Event bright on [diablo-pca.org](http://diablo-pca.org) by August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Questions: Contact Marc Giammona at 925 -580-2413 or at [mgcls@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

## Porsche Pride

As we continue in our series of highlighting members who have recently purchased a Porsche or joined Diablo Region, this is a reminder to contact our Editor, Kay Maloy at [maloykay@comcast.net](mailto:maloykay@comcast.net).

### *Krista Brooks and Mark Comeau*

Purchase Date: October, 2014

Year and Type of Porsche: 2015 Macan

Outside Color: Blue

Interior Color: Beige

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments: This is our first Porsche and we chose the Macan because I liked that it felt like a car, but we could still travel with our two dogs and it had lots of room for hauling stuff like groceries and reno materials. We had a blast driving it across the country during our recent move and we look forward to exploring the west coast in it while we are here.



### *Leigh Freeman*

Purchase Date: February, 2015

Year and Type of Porsche: 2015 911 Targa 4S

Exterior Color: Sapphire Blue Metallic

Interior Color: Black/Platinum Grey

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments: In addition, I also have 2 fully restored 1957 356A Speedsters. One is a silver Carrera with an original 547 1500cc engine. The other is black with a 1600 Super engine.

### *David Gillis*

On July 9th, I sold my 1988 Porsche 911 Turbo and purchased a 1995 Porsche 911 (993). The new car is in very good condition and is a pleasure to drive.



***Anthony Hsieh***

Purchase Date: April , 2014

Year and Type of Porsche: 2014 Boxster S

Outside Color: Rhodium Silver

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: PDK



Other Comments: I've owned a 986 Boxster before, but when the 981 generation Boxster came out, I was blown away by the increased performance and gorgeous styling, so I upgraded. I joined PCA to take advantage of the autocross and DE opportunities, and to meet other Porsche enthusiasts. This car is my daily driver, which makes my commute more interesting :-). The 2-seater configuration also allows me to zip in the car pool lane. I plan to upgrade to a 991 Carrera in a couple of years when my youngest starts school and I will need more seats. My favorite places to drive are the back roads of Marin County and the coastal highway.

***Robbee and Tom Kosak***

Purchase Date: April, 2014

Year and Type of Porsche: 2013 911 Cabriolet

Outside Color: Black/Agate Gray

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: PDK



Other Comments: Our first P-car was bought new in 1987...a 924S manual transmission. Black inside and out. Sold that in 1996 to purchase a silver '88 911 Targa. That was sold in December 2013 and our Cab was purchased a couple months later from Edmunds. It was a long-term test car and came with about 23k miles. It now has about 27k. And so far, our favorite drive is along US 1 near Big Sur.

***Dean Masch***

Purchase Date: June, 2015

Year & Type of Porsche: 2001 Porsche 911/996 Cabriolet

Outside Color: Arctic Silver

Interior Color: Blue

Transmission Type: Auto



Other Comments: This is my second Porsche. In high school, 30 years ago, I had a 914 and I always wanted a 911 and now, I finally bought one. I love this car. I am looking forward to going on some of the driving events here in the near future.

### ***David & Chrissy Lewis***

Purchase date: June, 2015

Year and type: 2015 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet

Exterior color: GT Silver

Interior color: Black

Transmission Type: 7 speed manual

Other Comments: I had wanted a true sports car my whole life but always figured I would wait until the nest was very empty and I was well into retirement before owning something so impractical for a family guy with two kids. A few years ago, I went to a Porsche dealership on a whim to look at a Cayenne for our family. I really didn't know much about Porsches at all having never owned one, driven one or even sat in one! But at the dealership, we came across a beautiful silver Cayman S that my wife and I both loved immediately. Casting aside our practical nature, we decided to lease the Cayman to "test" if a 2-seater could work with our 4-person family. That 2008 Cayman S got me hooked on Porsche and we put nearly 70k miles on it using it as a daily driver and many weekend road trips.

Eventually, our practical nature got the better of us, and we sold the Cayman S in February, 2014 for the purchase of a small SUV. But I knew that one day I would own another Porsche so I spent many spare hours playing/dreaming on the Porsche website configuring numerous different cars. Because, while I loved the Cayman S, it was pretty much a stock model and the next Porsche I got was going to be mine just the way I wanted it.

In October, 2014, my Mom passed away unexpectedly. My father, who also dreamed of owning a sports car, had died 17 years earlier. And, I think as part of the grieving and coping process, I found myself spending many more hours in front of the Porsche Car Configurator and wandering into Porsche dealerships to look at sports cars.

I picked up my new Porsche 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet configured just the way I wanted it on June 6. And, as for favorite drives, I have enjoyed two so far. The first drive I took was over the Sonora Pass near Bridgeport to visit the fishing spot where we spread my Dad's ashes. The second drive was a quick trip up Mt. Diablo to the spot where we spread my Mom's ashes.



### ***Gary Spinella***

Welcome back Gary!

Year & Type of Porsche: 1988 911 Coupe

Outside Color: Grand Prix White

Interior Color: Red Lipstick full leather interior

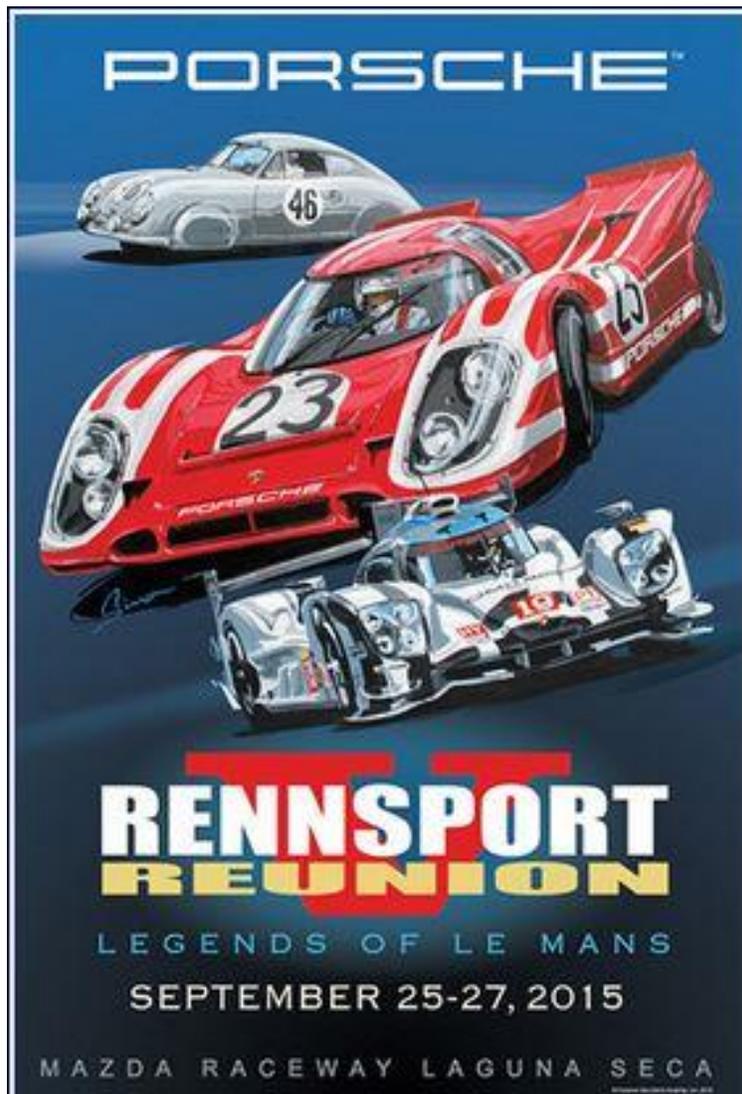
Other Comments: I have rejoined after several years away from PCA. My car won the Zone 7 Concours "Wash N Shine" in 2002. So, as you can see, I have had the car a long time and pretty familiar with the club. The car will be on display at Porsche Werks on August 14th.





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

## CHEVROLET FISHER BODY ASSEMBLY PLANT

OAKLAND CA. 1948

By Jack Carpenter



A few months ago, I mentioned in one of my first columns that I had two classes of auto shop in my graduation year at Castlemont High in East Oakland. While I was waiting for my first semester of college in the Fall, I needed a full time job. My dad was a Pacific Bell Supervisor and looked out for PBX equipment at the Oakland Airport and at the 73rd and MacArthur Chevrolet plant. Good jobs were not easy to come by for a 17 year old kid, but the fact that I had taken auto shop, had pretty good grades, and was physically able to handle the heavy work of an automotive assembly line, the personnel department friends of my dad were willing to give me a try. As it turned out, it was the hardest work I have ever done in my life.

Most of us will agree that virtually all the credit for the first automobile assembly line goes to Henry Ford in 1913 to up the production of the model T. However, the actual credit for the first assembly line should go to Ransom E. Olds a few years earlier. The difference between the Old's cars and the Ford cars was a mobile assembly line. So Ford's almost unanimous recognition was for a moving assembly line.

In the case of Chevrolet, in 1948 there were two moving assembly lines. One carried the box type frame and engine, while the other accumulated the body parts. After the body was lowered onto the frame, the wheels could then be put on. As a neophyte assembly line worker, this was my first assignment. If the regular worker had been at this position, he would have put two wheels on his side of the car along with ten hand threaded lug nuts and tightened the nuts with an air powered gun. Since the average speed of the line was fifty cars per hour, this amounted to five hundred lug nuts and one hundred wheels per hour. For the first week, another new guy and I divided the task, but an occasional cross threaded lug nut made even half the task a real challenge.



From there I was moved to installing emergency brakes and some other miscellaneous parts before receiving my so called regular assignment. Every car on our line received a three speed, clutch operated transmission. The six cylinder Blue Flame Chevy engine came by fastened to the frame. My almost three months job was to install in the following order:

1. Install the clutch fork.
  2. Grease and install the throw out bearing in the fork.
  3. Turn to the bench behind me and pick up a transmission and cradle it in my left arm, while using my right hand to align the shaft.
  4. Then pick up and do the first couple of threads on, I believe six bolts, before using the air gun to tighten them.
  5. Finally grab a dip stick and drive it into the block.
- By then, I had this job all to myself and the frames and engines were passing by at forty eight per hour.

Once or twice a day the line would stop for our lunch break or an issue and a foreman or supervisor would appear and help the troubled worker with his problem. You didn't want this to happen, so for most cross thread problems you found yourself following the engine along the line and attempting to work your way back as soon as possible. Two or three times a day, a group of visitors would tour the line, and I could not believe the language some of my fellow workers would direct at women in the group.

Having toured the Porsche and Mercedes Assembly lines in the last few years, the assembly process has changed in more ways than one.



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.



## This & That



2016 Porsche 911 Targa 4 GTS

### The Name Game

A 911 is a 911, except when Porsche geeks use an internal product code to denote its generation.

By U.S. model year:

- 1965-89: 911
- 1976-79: 930 (Turbo)
- 1986-89: 930 (Turbo)
- 1989-94: 964
- 1995-98: 993
- 1999-2005: 996
- 2005-13: 997
- 2012-Present: 991

## Saying Goodbye



April 20, 1960-July 7, 2015

Ingrid Plooy passed away quietly and peacefully at a local hospital, with her husband by her side, on July 7, 2015. Her death was sudden, as occasioned by a cerebral hemorrhage that was brought about by an aneurysm. She was 55 years old, a resident of Livermore, and the only daughter of Peter and Elisabeth Plooy. She graduated from California State University (East Bay) with baccalaureate and post-graduate degrees in Molecular Biology. She and her husband, Dr. Philipp Novales-Li, have been together for close to eighteen years. For the past three decades, she has worked in the biotechnology space, and at the time of her death, she operated her own business, as Managing Director of Nova Regis.

For all those who knew her, Ingrid had the remarkable qualities of character for which human beings are most admired. Her love of animals, dedication to family, work ethics, passion, and tireless commitment were hallmarks of the ways in which she approached life and living.

She and her husband were like “two peas in a pod”, who did everything together, since the two of them were each other’s lives. They loved to travel, and even had plans to go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. As kindred spirits, they shared a passion for exploring new places, and together, they had traveled to many new places, and together, they had traveled to many countries in Europe, Asia, and the Americas. They were most especially fond of Amsterdam, Manila, and Oxford, where they shared family or educational connections.

Ingrid was also a sports car enthusiast, which was a passion that she got from her father, and started when she had her hands on the steering wheel of a V8. She took great care of her two Porsches – a Boxster and a 911, and even had a name for each of their cars. Every morning, she would take her Boxster out for a drive, which gave her comfort to start the day. She also served as a board member of a local chapter of the Porsche Club of America.

Ingrid’s approach to life was to make every day matter. She gave her best, every time, for there was no other way. She spent it with loved ones (the human and furry kind) and enjoyed life to the fullest.

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Dr. Hermann Bonasch, long time PCA member, passed July 6, 2015. He was 85. Hermann was an active social member and time trialed a 914 and also a concours participant with his wife Marcia. He also had the only 914 to ever compete for the Manhattan Trophy after winning the concours class, in the 1990 Porsche Parade in Portland. Hermann was a long-time resident of Dublin where he resided with wife Marcia and their many pets. Hermann had spent his career as a veterinarian in San Leandro.

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Bob Del Fiorention, bob was part of the original breakfast group, that started in 1978. He passed on the 26 of June. He was 87. He had been ill for several years.

