

# The devil's Advocate



**February, 2016**

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## Ed's Comments

### By Ed Won, President Diablo PCA

Hello Diablo members!

Wow! January was a blur. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. As we start to warm up, you can be sure we'll have a lot of activities lined up.

I want to thank Malcolm "Kartman" Adkins for setting up another January karting session. It was a blast! We all met on a rainy day at K1Speed in the South Bay for some fun. I've discovered that our folks are all business when the helmet comes on.

We just had a wonderful Awards Luncheon at Crow Canyon Country Club. **Thank You** Marc Giammona for organizing a great event! Thanks to Matt from Singer Cars and Craig from Porsche for their presentations! I learned a lot about the Singer offerings and the new 991.2 Carerras. I also met more than a few new members and reconnected with many I hadn't seen in awhile. We showed our appreciation and thanks for the folks who put on an event in 2015 and acknowledged our Porsche Dealers' support of Diablo Region. Thank you to Kevin Hanschkte from Livermore Porsche, Mike Soria from Michael Stead and Gunther Feldmeir plus Jim from Fremont Porsche for attending.

Switching gears, are you ready for SuperBowl 50 in our own backyard? Thank you VP Brian Adkins for setting up this year's Super Bowl party! We will be having it at the Clarion Hotel this time and no need to cook or bring anything. Just register and the price includes everything. Sign up on the Diablo webpage.

I also want to thank Anthony Mendoza for returning as our Webmaster. He's been publishing the Advocate on the website and doing cleanup of the layout on the main page. The 60 day calendar is on the top along with Porsche news links.

We have a few new chairs learning their new roles. You'll see them at our events. Please introduce yourselves and say hi to Andre - Membership Chair, Debby-Communications Chair, and Dylan -Tech Chair.

I hope to you soon at one of our events.

*Ed Won,*

President

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- ⊙ **Like to help others?**
- ⊙ **Like to drive your Porsche?**
- ⊙ **Want to volunteer but would love a little help?**
- ⊙ **Just want to help out with tasks?**
- ⊙ **Have an idea for a tour or event?**
- ⊙ **Have a great story or information to share with fellow Diablo members?**

**If you answered yes to any of the above questions, contact any board member or Marc Giammona for events or Carlos Bocanegra for tours. The contact information is on Page 3 of the Advocate.**

**Stories and articles for the Advocate are always welcome. Contact the Editor Kay Maloy with questions.**

# 2016 Quarterly Event Calendar

2/7—Super Bowl Party—Brian

2/27—Detail Clinic—Marc

## **Non-Diablo Events**

2/20—DE Golden Gate Instructor  
Instruction-Thunderhill

2/27—Zone 7 PCA Awards

**February**

3/5—Movie Night

3/25—Diablo DE @ Thunderhill

## **Non-Diablo Events**

3/12-13—GGR De @ Thunderhill

3/26-27—AX School & Event @ Marina

**March**

4/2 Movie Night-

4/23 Bocce Ball - Kay

## **Non-Diablo Events**

4/16-17 Zone AX @ Marina

4/29 – 5/1 Porsche Platz

**April**

## **Monthly Events:**

- **Walnut Creek Breakfast: Every Saturday**  
7:30am  
Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek
- **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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The cost is \$25 per person

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A buffet with Certified Angus Beef Burgers, Chicken Sandwiches with fries & much more ... and all the needed fixins'

There will be water, tea and lemonade for all.

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If you have a favorite wine that you would like to bring there will be a corkage fee.

Register by following the button on our web page [www.Diablo-PCADiabloPCA.org](http://www.Diablo-PCADiabloPCA.org)

OR at EventBrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-pca-diablo-super-bowl-party-tickets-20658272449?ref=ebtn>

## **Concord Clarion**

1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord, CA, 94520, US

**Phone:** (925) 566-8820

Plenty of parking ... enter through the main door and turn left at the registration desk. The Bistro is straight ahead.

## **Driving Directions**

North on 680, take the Burnett exit, look for the Clarion just 1/2 a block off that exit on the right.

South on 680, take the Contra Costa Blvd exit, Left on Contra Costa Blvd, 1<sup>st</sup> Left on Concord Ave, 1<sup>st</sup> Right on Diamond Blvd, 1<sup>st</sup> Right on Burnett, LOOK for the Clarion on the LEFT (BE READY TO TURN LEFT INTO PARKING LOT) if you miss it you will be back on the freeway.



## Join Us For Breakfast!

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# **Diablo PCA Detailing Clinic February 27<sup>th</sup> At Porsche Livermore**

**First Session: 10am**

**Second Session: 12:30pm**

Porscheophiles, it's time to get ready for another spectacular driving season with your Porsche, and a good first step is caring for your car. The great folks at Griots Garage and Porsche Livermore will host a winter detailing clinic on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>. To ensure that we can accommodate everyone we will offer both a morning and afternoon session.

The professionals from Griots, using their latest products and processes will show you how to get your Porsche looking concours ready. These sessions are designed to give you a good basic understanding of how to really care for your Porsche including:

- Safe washing and drying
- Clay bar cleansing
- Hand Polishing
- Machine Polishing
- Waxing and sealing paintwork
- General Interior Care



So if you are looking for tips from the pros on how to care for your Porsche, this is the first step to achieving better results.

**The morning session will begin at 10:00 in the Porsche Livermore shop and should conclude around 11:30.**

**The afternoon session will begin at 12:30 and will conclude at 2:00.**

**Porsche Livermore will host a lunch for both groups from 11:30 to 12:30. During this time the parts department will be open and offering a special 15% discount to all participants.**

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## DE Highlights

From Adam Cipriano, DE Chair

Welcome back HPDE Drivers, Instructors, Sponsors, Guests and Friends. I guess you could say we are on a roll. 2015 proved to be an extension of a terrific 2014 and this year we have some always fun dinners, terrific track days and DE 101 / 201 get-togethers waiting for you again.

First, let me say thank you to the sponsors that have made these more robust events possible. **Walnut Creek Porsche** (formerly Michael Stead Porsche) and **Livermore Porsche** contributed to our events and were able to offer their customers the chance to experience their cars at speed in a safe and controlled way on a race track. It's proven a huge success for them and for our club and we are delighted to welcome them back this year.

Second, let me thank you, our Diablo Board, volunteers and members for your continued support of our programs through direct participation in our DE days, by bringing your families and significant others to our dinners and by socializing and learning something at our DE 101 / 201 events. You are the people they talk about when they say our club is about the people, not the cars.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank the cadre of high quality instructors that enable our students to drive so comfortably at these events. Our instructors help those from complete rookies to those near experts wanting to polish their skills to become safer, smoother, faster and enjoy themselves in these beautiful machines.

Here's what's on tap so far in 2016.

**Thunderhill 3 –Mile, Friday , March 25, 2016**

Dinner at Casa Ramos Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 6pm

DE 101 / 201 TBD

**Thunderhill 3 –Mile, Friday, September 16, 2016**

Dinner at Casa Ramos Thursday , September 15, 2016 at 6pm

DE 101 / 201 TBD

**Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Monday, November 21, 2016**

Dinner at Embassy Suites or Tarpy's Sunday, November 20, 2016

DE 101 / 201 TBD

Our March event is already open on [www.Motorsportreg.com](http://www.Motorsportreg.com) and all the juicy details can be found on our DE website at [www.diablo-de.org](http://www.diablo-de.org) Watch for the new tech form (version 7).

### Special Note About Helmets in 2016

New Helmet rules take effect after June 1, 2016 – you will need an SA 2010 or SA 2015 helmet, the 2005 versions are going obsolete. And no more M designation helmets either. Thunderhill rents helmets if you aren't ready to buy one, but Laguna does nt.

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# Holiday in the Vineyards Tour

You know that any day that starts with coffee and donuts is going to be a good day! With 24 cars signed up for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Holiday In the Vineyards Tour" arranged by Paul Smith & Nanci Bishop from the Loma Prieta and Diablo Regions.

We gathered at Livermore Porsche for coffee and donuts before our Drivers Meeting. A special thank you to Kevin the General Sales Manager at Livermore Porsche who is always very welcoming of PCA groups. We set out under beautiful blue skies and 65 degree weather. Our caravan toured back country roads through the rolling green hills which surround the Livermore Valley. We drove by towering Windmills, beautiful Olive Orchards and of course, the incredible vineyards that make Livermore famous.



After the spectacular driving experience we made our first stop at Darcie Kent Winery, where we were able to sample their incredible wines and shop at some local crafters booths. We also spotted Santa and Mrs. Claus taking a much needed rest before getting ready for their countdown to Christmas!

Our next stop was the Charles R Winery, where we were greeted at the door by the owner. At this stop,

we had a reserved area to sit down and share snacks that everyone brought. Again, we tasted some great wine and shopped some more.

Our last winery stop was at Wente Vineyards where we could sample excellent wine while we wandered into their barrel room where they had a great selection of crafters. With our wallets much lighter and some holiday shopping accomplished, we headed to downtown Livermore to have dinner at a spectacular Mediterranean restaurant called Casbah. Following dinner, several cars completed the day by visiting a very special light display. The tour was a remarkable experience that we will all talk about for some time.



## *2015 Annual Awards Recipients*

BEST SOCIAL EVENT—OKTOBERFEST	JUDY HUGGINS
BEST MULTI DAY TOUR—Paso Robles	BOB & CHRISTI HILTON
BEST DAY TOUR – ZIP LINE TOUR	NAOMI SUI
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	ANDRE BOURSSE
ENTHUSIAST OF THE YEAR	Kay Maloy
PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT	ADAM CIPRIANO
VICE PRESIDENT’S AWARD	MARC GIAMMONA
BEST PROGRAM – DE (DRIVER EDUCATION	Adam Cipriano, DE Chair accepted for DE Team
DUMMKOPF AWARD	CARLOS BOCANEGRA
BOARD SPECIAL AWARD	CARLOS BOCANEGRA
DE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR	JEFF URNES
JOHN CLEVEAR AWARD	BRIAN ADKINS

## 2015 Awards Brunch

Hopefully you were able to attend the 2015 Awards Brunch organized by our Events Chair, Marc Giammona. It was held at the Crow Canyon Country Club this year. The parking lot was jammed with a rainbow of Porsches scanning decades and a variety of models. The view was a Porsche shopper's dream!

The room buzzed with conversations from the multitude of attendees. It barely lowered when the yummy food was served. While we devoured the decadent chocolate dessert, we were treated to two very special speakers. First up was Matthew Henry from Singer Design and then Craig Irish from PCNA followed. They brought us up to date on the reimagined dream machines from Singer and the future of the 991.2 Turbo Carrera.

Food finished and the Board had an opportunity to acknowledge and thank our volunteers and our dealership supporters and sponsors for their continued support of Diablo Region. In attendance was Gunter Feldmeier and Jim Guitteau from Porsche of Fremont, Kevin Hanschke and Terry Erdei from Porsche of Livermore and Mike Soria and Melissa VanZandt from Porsche Walnut Creek.

The award process is just one of the ways the Region has for thanking our members/volunteers for their service and involvement in making Diablo Region an awesome organization to belong to. A list of members recognized is on the previous page. We know your name could be there next year. Be sure to check out the pictures taken by Kelly Guglielmo, Ken Krieg and Al Arrivas. There are more pictures on Diablo's Facebook page.



Guest Speakers with Marc and Ed



Singer Car



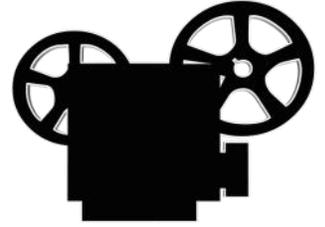








## Let's Grab Pizza and a Movie



**When: Saturday, March 5th**

**Time: 6 pm**

**Where: Pavlo's Pizza & Pasta**

**2408 Twincreek (just off Crow Canyon)**

**San Ramon**

**925-838-2030**

**Cost: Pay as you go**

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# GO GO Karting Diablo Style



# Membership Report



## Membership Summary

Primary Members: 808

Affiliate Members: 360

Total: 1268

New Members	
Borntraeger, Justin	1989 944 S2, Black
Cheng, Jason	2014 911 Carrera S, Agate Grey
Hanna, Nancy	2015 911 Carrera 4A, Black
Hoagland, Melvin	2016 911 Carrera GTS, Metallic Black
Huetter, Nicholas	2016 911 GT3
Larson, Dave	2015 Macan Turbo, Rhodium Silver
Lavell, Steve	2012 Boxster, Black
Louwerse, Alan	1985 911 Carrera Cabriolet, Grand Prix White
Magbitang, Julius	2016 911 Targa 4 GTS, Agate Grey
Monte, David	2005 911 Carrera S, Slate Grey
Parsons, Jim	2006 911 Carrera 4, Silver
Scheiman, Stephen	2007 Cayman S
Sullivan, Richard	2013 Boxster S, Platinum Silver Metallic
VanderToolen, Phil	2013 911 Carrera Cabriolet, Dk Blue Metallic
Wood, Sloan	2007 911 Carrera S, Meteor Gray Metallic
<b>Total New Members—15</b>	
Transfers In	
Davidson, Richard	2013 911 Carrera
Ferreira, Mary	2008 911 Carrera S Cabriolet, Black
Peng, Johnny	2007 Cayman, Black
Slack, Roy A.	2012 911 Carrera S, Silver
	2010 Panamera S, Basalt Black
	2013 Cayenne GTS, Black
<b>Total Transfers In: 4</b>	

## Diablo Region Monthly Dinner

Join other Diablo members on the 3rd Thursday of each month to enjoy good food and conversation. A great way to spend an evening!

Where: Faz Restaurant

600 Hartz Avenue

Danville

Time: 6:30pm

Next Dinner: February 17, 2016



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## Have You Ordered Your Name Badge(s) Yet?

It is always nice to have people know your name and how easy to know their name too! Ordering and customizing your name tag is so quick and simple to do.

- Go to the Diablo Region website: [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org)
- Click on the Diablo Name Badges button on the left
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- Select your payment method and your shipping information and you are done!



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2016 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January</b></p> <p><b>1/23 – Drive to Go Carting- Malcolm</b></p> <p><b>1/24-Awards Luncheon-Marc</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July</b></p> <p><b>7/16 Sonoma cheese tour- Nancy</b></p> <p><b>7/16-17 GGR DE @ Thunderhill</b></p> <p><b>7/17 LPR Carmel Valley Concours</b></p> <p><b>TBD- Member Picnic/Car show</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February</b></p> <p><b>2/7-Super Bowl Party-???</b></p> <p><b>2/20 DE Golden Gate TH (Instructor instruction)</b></p> <p><b>2/27 Diablo Detail Clinic</b></p> <p><b>2/27 Zone 7 PCA Awards</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August</b></p> <p><b>8/7 GGR Concours @ Carlson Porsche</b></p> <p><b>8/19-Werks Reunion-Marc</b></p> <p><b>8/21- Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March</b></p> <p><b>3/5 - Movie Night</b></p> <p><b>3/12-13 GGR DE @ Thunderhill</b></p> <p><b>3/25 –Diablo DE @ Thunderhill</b></p> <p><b>3/26-27 AX School and Event @ Marina</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September</b></p> <p><b>9/3-4 GGR DE Location TBD</b></p> <p><b>9/7-11 Treffen Lake Tahoe, Resort at Squaw Creek</b></p> <p><b>TBD-Oktoberfest</b></p> <p><b>9/?-Mercedes Benz Tour-Ed</b></p> <p><b>9/18 – Redwood-Ledson Concours</b></p> <p><b>9/16- Diablo DE @ Thunderhill</b></p> <p><b>9/24-25 Zone AX @ Marina</b></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May</b></p> <p><b>5/13-15 Zone CRAB Event</b></p> <p><b>5/14-15 GGR DE @ Button Willow</b></p> <p><b>5/21 – 22 Zone AX Redwood</b></p> <p><b>5/29-Wash ‘N Shine- Brian</b></p> <p><b>5/30 (activity) Bombers @ Livermore Airport- Naomi</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November</b></p> <p><b>11/12 Ramekins Sonoma - Christi</b></p> <p><b>11/19 Planning Party</b></p> <p><b>11/21 Diablo DE @ Laguna</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June</b></p> <p><b>6/5 Parts Heaven Concours</b></p> <p><b>6/11 Gimmick Rally Paul and David</b></p> <p><b>6/11 -12 GGR DE @ Laguna</b></p> <p><b>6/11 – SVR Concours @ Niello Porsche</b></p> <p><b>6/19-26-Parade Jay, Vermont at Jay Peak Resort</b></p> <p><b>6/25 Wine tour and chocolate - Kay</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December</b></p> <p><b>12/4 Holiday in the vineyard - Paul</b></p> <p><b>12/10-Christmas Party - Bob</b></p>

# SEVENTY-ONE YEARS BEHIND THE WHEEL

## Le Mans 1995

written by Jack Carpenter in 1995



The first 24 hours of Le Mans in 1923 was won by Chenard and Walker, two Frenchmen. They averaged 57.205 mph and covered 1372.939 miles. In 1971, Porsche set the highest speed of any race to date when Helmut Marko and Gijs Lennep, in a 917, covered 3319.205 miles, averaging 138.133 mph. How many years did this major achievement take for Porsche?

The first Porsche raced at Le Mans in 1951 when a Model 1100 (1100cc's) was entered by Porsche's first French Dealer, Augustue Veuillet, a well known French racing figure. His enthusiasm for the new car was so great that he met with Pro-lessor Porsche and convinced him that a good showing at Le Mans would give Porsche world wide recognition. Veuillet and his co-driver Mosche entered their lone Porsche, won their class and Porsche gained international recognition.

Porsche went on to many class wins in succeeding years, but their first outright win was in 1970, when Hans Herrman and Richard Attwood won the race in a Short Tail 917. Since 1970 Porsche has been the overall winner 12 times with the latest being last year.

1995 kept the Porsche supporters hopeful until the end of the race when the Porsche powered Courage C34, (see photo) driven by Mario Andretti, Bob Rollick and Eric Hilary came in second overall. Early in the race, with Mario driving and a very wet track, the C34 hit a barrier wall. The rear wing was damaged so badly, it had to be removed and replaced. Unknown to the spectators and the competition a spare wing had been flown into the small airfield adjacent to the course just minutes before the accident. Half an hour later, the C34 was back in the action and challenged the leaders with better and better lap times. Unfortunately for Porsche and all other makes, this was to be the first big win for Mc Laren at Le Mans and they finished 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. With Porsche accounting for 13 of the starting cars, it was hard to accept that only 5 finished the race.



One activity for Porsche club members at the Sarthe, was a real winner, and that was the big Porsche party in the Tribune Campground next to the Dunlap Bridge. A Texas style Bar-B-Q was organized by Margaret Holz of the Germany Region with help from the British Porsche Club. Along with a dozen other travelers from the U.S.A., Jan and I were welcomed like long lost relatives from home. I must mention that a large percentage of the PCA Germany members are U.S. military. What a great evening, super food, mild weather, fellowship, French Wine, German Beer and even pre-ordered T Shirts to mark the occasion. (see photos). After being in Europe for over six weeks it was also nice to enjoy the camaraderie of so many people without worrying about our French or German vocabulary. While most of the Porsche fans were in tents and RV's, we just barely managed to survive in our Hertz Spanish Seat Sedan. After the party the weather got very wet and cold and our quarters were far below French 1 Star accommodations. Our rental was new and clean but not very comfortable. I must say that Jan had every reason to complain, but she was a good sport about our situation.



Possibly our biggest surprise was although we had wonderful meals on this and other trips to France, the food in our area of the course was far from good. Food could be found almost everywhere, but it amounted to what you find at a bad carnival. German Wurst or sausage seemed to be the primary offering, but Jan cut into her white wurst and the view spoiled any appetite she may have had. I took one look at it and threw it in the garbage. Lucky for us, there was the great party on Friday night and we managed to slip into the small town of Le Mans Saturday night for a great meal, before returning to the course and the late night portion of the race in the rain. Although we thought the food stands were bad, they at least had enough of them to cope with the crowd. When it came to the facilities, toilets, wash rooms and showers 160,000 fans were left standing on one leg then the other and everything was dirty as well as muddy. We all knew that this was an endurance test for cars and drivers, but only those repeat spectators knew they would have their own endurance test .

Speaking of spectators, they seemed to be divided into two major groups. Real race fans, who spent most of their time near the fence and the party animals, who spent most of their time drinking, yelling and other forms of immature behavior. Others of that crowd would spend much of their time at the Bungee Jumping and shooting range. The shooting gallery was so loud, I would swear the passing drivers could hear it through their helmets.

I had dreamed about getting to Le Mans ever since I saw my first sports car race at Palm Springs in 1952. Clark Gable was the Honorary Starter and except for a few specials, most of the cars were British. The race I saw later that year at Torrey Pines featured the new Porsche Special of Johnny Von Newman. Johnny was the first Porsche Dealer in Southern California and I would be surprised if he didn't know Auguste Veillet!

Be Careful Out There!

Regards,

Jack

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## Diablo Does It Again

Congratulations to Doug Moore a new Diablo Region member who won the PCA Winter Raffle Grand Prize of a 991.2 Carrera and \$25,000. Ed Won, our President, Brian Adkins, our Vice President, Carlos Bocanegra, our Tour Chair and Debby Clary, our Communications Chair played ninjas and got Doug to come out for coffee. While just chatting with him, surprised him with the good news. Currently, the Porsche in the family is his wife's. Now he has his own!!



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