

# The Devil's Advocate May / June / July / August 2019



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## Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the May / June / July / August 2019 issue of the Devil's Advocate! It's *riesig* ("Huge")!!!

Summer is still lingering in the Bay Area and I've finally recovered from the sunburns received while zipping around in my 911 with the top down! (DISCLAIMER: For the dermatologists, physicians and oncologists who read The Devil's Advocate, my 100% support of sunscreen is dimished by my laziness to stop driving and re-apply every ninety minutes!)

Our region had a busy summer this year! The 35th Annual PCA Diablo car show, Mammoth High Alpine Tour, multiple mid-week drives, the Zone 7 Shasta Tour, Porsche & Pups 3 *and* fellow Diablo members have taken some memorable trips to Hawaii, Montreal for the Canadian Grand Prix, and France for the 2019 Le Mans. It's too much for one issue! So look for more photos in the next Devil's Advocate.

This issue of the Devil's Advocate has plenty of photos but if you want more, head over to our Facebook page (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/DiabloPCA">https://www.facebook.com/DiabloPCA</a>).

We also have an upcoming Board of Directors vote that needs your vote! Candidate bios begin on Page 41.

Safe driving (Indian Summer is here so don't forget sunscreen!) and see you on the road!

-Maiko

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## 2019 Planned Calendar of Events (Diablo Region, Zone 7 & National)

Our Diablo PCA Calendar is packed with both regular events (such as Saturday breakfast at The Buttercup), track days, and special events and tours.

Some of the events listed below have tentative dates. Please check the Diablo Calendar page (<a href="https://www.diablo-pca.org/events-n-activities">https://www.diablo-pca.org/events-n-activities</a>) for the most recent and accurate calendar.

For questions regarding the calendar, please contact Alaric Sales (<u>alaric.sales@gmail.com</u>) or the Diablo Member listed next to the event.

#### September

9/19 – Monthly Dinner @ Faz (Alaric Sales)

9/22 - Danville d'Elegance \*\*Non-PCA

9/22 – Zone 7 Concours (Hosted by Redwood)

9/26-27/2019 - Paso Robles & Hearst Castle (Bob Hilton)

9/28 - Ocktoberfest (Alaric Sales)

9/28 – Zone 7 A/X (Hosted by LPR)

9/29 – Zone 7 A/X (Hosted by GGR)

9/29 – Zone 7 Concours (Hosted by Monterey Bay)

#### November

11/9-10 - Amador Art & Wine Festival Tour (Susie George)

11/10 - Porsche & Pastries @ Sugarie

11/25 – Laguna Seca DE

#### October

10/1 - Threads and Treads

10/7 - Tours 101 & 2020 Tour Planning

10/13 - Porsche & Pastries @ Sugarie

#### **December**

12/10 - Porsche & Pastries @ Sugarie

12/15 - Holiday Party @ St. Mary's College

#### **Upcoming 2020 PCA National Events:**

4/29 - 5/2/2020 - Spring Treffen - Colorado Springs, CO

6/21-27/2020 - Porsche Parade - Greater Palm Springs, CA

9/16-19/2020 - Fall Treffen - White Sulfur Springs, West Virginia

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## Diablo President - News, Updates, Thoughts and Ramblings



Hello Diablo region...

Its summer ... the weather is hot / getting hotter and so are the events Diablo is doing. SO many events and activities ... sometimes even having to choose between what you want to do. I think that's exciting.

Regular repeating events like every Saturday Breakfast at Buttercup Grill in Walnut Creek, Porsches & Pastries every 2nd Sunday at Sugarie Bakery in Pleasanton and monthly Dinner on the third Thursday of every month at Faz in Danville have all grown and we are seeing more and more new faces. The weekday tours have been a wonderful success, keep an eye out for more to come

We had our biggest event of the year -- Our annual New Member & ALL member appreciation Picnic. Held August 4th at St Mary's College in Moraga, it was a corral cars, food, and almost 300 people. It always has something for EVERYONE.

We now have over 1000 people who "Like us" on Facebook. This form of social media and connection is very exciting. Remember: Even if you don't want to bear your soul on the internet, you can still see our Facebook (FB) by googling "Facebook Diablo PCA". Our website also shows recent activity on the front page from many social media avenues. This is where you can see photos of much of what we do, stay up to date on the happenings and see future events advertised.

As many of you know, yours truly won the grand prize (Le Mans 24hour as a VIP guest) from PCA & Michelin at the Monterey Carweek Werks event last year. Note: I was the 3rd name pulled out of the drum. The first 2 were not there to claim their prize. You must be present to win! If you go to an event that has a raffle or prize feel free to leave early or go get a burrito so I can win in your place. LOL! Trina and I arrived early and visited Stuttgart. We experienced the museum, Restaurant Christophorus, AND the factory and had a 2019 Carrera GTS Cab 4 we cruised around in visiting castles. The access and experience we had with Michelin in Paris and Le Mans is still a whirlwind in my head. I checked items off my bucket list that didn't even know were in my bucket. Food, sightseeing, experience, and access that can't be bought. If you have lots of time just bring up the subject and I'll go on and on. I bring all this up as I wanted to let you know I did my best to make Diablo PCA Proud while traveling. Putting a Diablo sticker on the factory car we had and literally flying the Diablo banner across our trip. Please see the photos. I'll start a tradition here... If you have a trip / experience / activity that is Porsche related and you want to also fly the banner please let me know and I have some flags for you to display and share with the Region.

See you soon and please consider looking at an activity that we have that maybe you haven't done before. Come join in the Diablo PCA FUN. Look for information and calendaring right here in the new and refreshed Devil's Advocate, our website, eBlasts, social media and announcements at events.

I hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming events soon. Brian Adkins



### In the Zone

(May 2019)

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#### **Golden Gate Region Opens DE and West Coast Race Series**

Golden Gate Region opened its DE season in conjunction with the opening round of the PCA Club Race, West Coast series at Thunderhill Raceway on March 23-24th. There were over 93 drivers participating in the DE event, Drivers Education, while 22 drivers participated in the PCA Club Race. This was my first DE event in about 2 years, and the first time that I have attended a PCA Club Race. The event was very well organized with dozens of volunteers needed to put the event on without issues. Golden Gate Region DE chair **Jim**McClelland showcased his skills organizing a flawless event not only for the PCA members participating in the DE event, but did a great job coordinating the PCA Club Race. Safety is always a top concern whether in club racing or running a DE event and it was emphasized repeatedly at the drivers meeting.

The West Coast Series is a PCA club racing points competition comprised of all the PCA club races that occur on the west coast of the USA. Historically, club racing in the PCA has been the most popular on the east coast, and this series was created (starting with the 2014 season) to encourage west coast club members to take up club racing by providing them with the increased competition and sense of camaraderie that comes with having one's own competitive series. All PCA club racers are eligible to participate and all entrants are automatically entered into the series.









DE or Drivers Education Events are commonly run in conjunction with the PCA Race Series as a way to encourage more PCA members to get involved in a track experience and to learn the amazing performance capabilities of their Porsche. Adding a DE to the Club Race also helps financially with covering the costs of the track rental. DE's are designed for both members who are first time owners who have never driven in a track environment and drivers with years of track experience.

GGR requires all first timers to attend a mandatory ground school usually held a week before the event as well as another orientation at the track. Included in your fees is an experienced instructor who will ride and coach you all day long until he or she feels you have the necessary basic skills to drive the track solo.

Each DE event includes from 5-6 25-minute sessions on the track. Run groups are organized so that novices or beginners run in a separate group from the faster intermediate and advanced drivers. Between runs, beginners are required to attend post session debriefings which cover safety issues, the best lines for taking various turns at the track, a review of course worker locations on the track, what to do if you go off course, and other safety procedures. I was lucky to have as my instructor, **Stephen Shaw**, who assisted me in the morning runs with my steering inputs, hand position, and the racing line. His 19 year old son, **Matt Shaw**, was also in attendance as a student and lapped me at least once in his Volkswagen GTI. Youth has its advantages!



















Jim McClelland could not put on these events without the assistance of an experienced team of volunteers which include but is not limited to the following individuals: David Bunch, Sharon Neidel, George Neidel, Chuck Kolstad, Ken Mack, Scott Kalkin, Dan Thompson, Diane Dorr and Rick Schoonover. Thank you and all the volunteer driving instructors for your service to GGR and PCA!



### In the Zone

(June 2019)

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#### **Zone Autocross Series Opens at Marina**

One of my favorite venues to autocross is the Marina Airport in Marina, California just 15 minutes north of Monterey. The venue is concrete, and a part of the active airport currently used by the US Coast Guard. The surface is uniform, provides great grip, and is nearly 5 acres in size. The site is rectangular in shape and offers course designers wide latitude in design.

The 2019 autocross season opened on the weekend of April 13th-14th at the Marina Airport with over 70 drivers competing. Saturday was hosted by Loma Prieta Region and had 85 registered drivers with 61 competing in the Zone competition while the Sunday event was hosted by Golden Gate Region and had 78 registered drivers with 53 competing in the Zone competition. A big thank you to autocross chairs, **Anne Roth**, LPR, and **Ed Hunter**, GGR, and their teams for putting on a great event. Some of the top drivers in Zone 7 came out to compete under early morning fog. The Zone series consists of 8 events with Golden Gate, Loma Prieta, and Sacramento Valley hosting events. The full schedule and results can be viewed at the Zone website.

REMINDER: For members interested in participating in any of the Zone autocross events, no prior experience is required and instruction is always available upon request.



Caevon Hekmaty (L) and Grady Carter (R)





Collin Fat, Kelsey Leet, John Leet, Carl Winkler (L to R)

#### **Zone Concours Judges School and Event #1**

The annual concours school was hosted by Porsche of Livermore and more than 30 concours enthusiasts attended to learn about the complexities of judging (and even some of the secrets for maximizing scoring in a competition). Thank You to organizers John D'Angelo, Zone 7 Concours chair, and Marc Giammona, Diablo Region Concours chair for their efforts in organizing the event.

On Sunday, April 28th, the first Zone Concours was again held at Porsche of Livermore with 38 cars competing for Zone points. The level of preparation was amazing with several competitors earning perfect scores. The cars ran the gamut of almost all Porsche models built from the earliest 356's, 944's, 914's,928's, Porsche SUV's, Boxsters and many 911 variants including one very rare 2019 GT2 RS. The weather was perfect and the cars were spectacular. The results are posted on the Zone 7 website at zone7.pca.org







### In the Zone

(July 2019)

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#### **Zone 7 Tour Hosted by Shasta Region**

The Shasta Region held its 4th annual Zone 7 tour in Redding, hosting 50 cars and 100 club members to 4 days of touring on some of the best driving roads in Northern California. The weekend started off with a meet and greet social at the headquarter hotel in Gaia, about 15 miles south of Redding where members enjoyed a casual car show and refreshments. The next few days were filled with some great road tours, socials, dinners and getting to know some of the other 100 Zone 7 members in attendance.



Allen Krohn (Tour Chair), Wayne Martin (Shasta Region President) & Collin Fat

The tour was divided into 3 groups with dedicated leads and sweeps. Each tour was extremely well organized and planned. All tours began and ended at the hotel. Each group would travel different routes ranging from a mere 80 mile sprint to a more involving 250 mile jaunt through some of Northern California's best driver roads. Local highlights visited included Weaverville, Mount Shasta, Trinity Lake, Whiskey Town Lake, and Susanville.

Shasta Region chair, **Allen Krohn** and his crack team did a stupendous job of mapping out some great roads and organizing the dinners and lunches while on tour. With a support cast that included **Wayne Martin**, Shasta Region president, and **Art Smithson** as the tour leads the routes were scenic, challenging and challenging.



I commend the members of the Shasta region who volunteered their time over the weekend to make the event so wonderful. The Gaia Hotel and staff are to also be commended for their gracious hospitality and some memorable meals.

If you have not had a chance to participate this is a tour I would definitely put on your bucket list. Beware that the limited registration fills up very fast.





#### **Zone 7 Concours #2 Sacramento Valley Region**

On Sunday, June 9th, Sacramento Valley Region hosted Zone Concours #2 at Niello Porsche in Rocklin. The event was originally scheduled for May 19th but was rescheduled due to the weather. The weather on the 9th was glorious with clear skies and moderate temperatures. According to SVR Autocross chair, **Al Price**, there were a total of 27 cars registered with members from throughout Zone 7 competing.



Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Porsche 914



Advanced registration was used for the first time in club history, and so far the response seems positive for the continued use of Eventbrite. A big thank you goes out to Niello Porsche for their generous support and helping to make this year's event a huge success.

#### Sequoia Region Re-Energizes its Autocross Program

After losing their autocross site in Visalia, Sequoia Region went quiet for a few years before securing a site at the Madera Municipal Airport last year. Sequoia Region autocross chair, **Larry Kirlin**, held their second event of the season at the Madera County Municipal Airport where 19 drivers competed under clear skies and almost perfect temperatures. After tech inspection and a drivers meeting, the event started on time with all drivers getting 8 runs throughout the day. The course was challenging and grip was at a premium for most drivers.

Zone 7 Ax Chair, **Grady Carter**, and I had the pleasure of having dinner with Larry and Sequoia Region President, **Ed Suarez**, on Friday night. It provided a great opportunity to hear about the great events that the region has been scheduling. Ed told us that the club's June dinner will be in his backyard and that he is expecting 74 members to be in attendance. Now that is certainly what makes this club about its members.

#### **New Concours Chairs to Succeed D'Angelo**

Current Zone 7 Concours chair, **John D'Angelo** will be stepping down from his duties as our Zone Concours chair at the end of this year to spend more time with his other duties as national Registry Chair. I would like to thank John for leading the program over the last 2 years and for finding his successors: **Simone Kopitzki** of Redwood Region and **Roy Schauben** of Diablo Region will be working with John for the rest of the season learning the ins and outs of running the series in an apprentice capacity. This is great news for the program and will continue to strengthen the progress in increasing attendance and participation in the series that John has worked so hard to develop over the past year.



### In the Zone

(August 2019)

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The year is certainly flying by with Parade just around the corner and all of the regions in Zone 7 quite active. To date, the regions compromising the Zone have held more than 65 tours which have included many multiday events such as the annual Mammoth Mountain tour co-hosted by the Sequoia and Sierra Nevada Regions and Shasta Region's 4-Day Zone tour. We have had 4 Concours events plus dozens of local region tours to wineries, and other locations of interest. Tours continue to be one of the most popular events among members and each club has responded with plenty of opportunities.

#### **Zone 7 Concours #4 Hosted by Sierra Nevada Region**

On Sunday, July 14th, Sierra Nevada Region hosted Zone Concours Series event #4 at San Rafael Regional Park in Reno. The club hosted a social the evening before for many of the out of town competitors at Napa-Sonoma South restaurant which included hosted appetizers and a challenging tech quiz. There were a total of nearly 45 cars participating in the event with 27 cars being judged. Congratulations to Mille Smith and her crew for putting together an outstanding event.



Al Price



John Strom



Tom Provasi





Elaine Fat, Lansing & Jan Lidgard (L to R)



Sandy Provasi, Millie Smith, Collin Fat (L to R)

#### **Club Race Series host race at Laguna Seca in Monterey**

The West Coast Series holds its #3 event of the series on July 20-21st. According to Golden Gate Region Club Race chair, **Jim McClelland**, registration will be open only to intermediate and advanced drivers, and he expects a large crowd of competitors to compete not only in the club race series but the DE that is held in conjunction.

#### Porsche Parade Visits Boca Raton, Florida

For the small group of 27 members from Zone 7 who are attending Parade in Florida, I hope to see you all. The Boca Raton Resort is one of the most spectacular resort venues in Florida and is located on the Atlantic shoreline. The Zone will be organizing a casual get together prior to the Welcome Party on Sunday. Several regions in Zone 7 have entered some of the various national award competitions including Region of The Year and the newsletter contests. I will be reporting the results in September if any region in Zone 7 is so honored.

#### **Looking Ahead to Events of Interest**

Zone 7 AX series event September 15th hosted by Redwood Region at Sonoma Raceway, and September 28-29th, at Marina hosted by Loma Prieta and Golden Gate Regions. Zone 7 Concours #6 will be held by Redwood Region in Petaluma on September 22nd with Concours #7 being held on September 29th at Carmel Valley and hosted by Monterey Bay Region.



## **Autocross**

September 28 -- Marina September 29 -- Marina October 5 -- Thunderhill

### **Concours**

September 22 -- Petaluma September 29 -- Carmel Valley

For more information visit the Zone 7 website at zone7.pca.org



#### PCA Sunday Fun Day – Hawaiian Style

By: David Ogiba, PCA Diablo

It all started as an unexpected last-minute trip to deal with some business in Hawaii. Ultimately, it turned into something truly special and unexpected.

Several years ago, my wife Laura and I bought a small place in Hawaii on the Big Island. Over the years, we've ventured over to Hawaii many times and have gotten to know more about the island, it's many unique qualities and met many interesting people of all walks of life. I found myself needing to go to the island rather last minute, for a few days to deal with some home issues. A good friend of mine, John Williams, happened to be staying at our house at the time, so it was also a good time to catch up with him and his family while there. John is one of my best friends from my university days and someone who I don't get to visit with often enough.



As it turns out, John was taking the opportunity to reconnect with a former school mate, Dr. Mark Senft who lives on the Big Island. Mark has been a Doctor in Kona for over 20 years. He shares a strong passion for Porsche. His 928 S4 has quite a history and was literally moved around the world (multiple places) by the FedEx pilot who originally owned it. Putting two and two together, John thought it would be great to introduce us since we both are avid Porsche enthusiasts. John arranged for all of us to meet up for a BBQ the night I arrived on the island. Along with Mark, the President of the Big Island chapter, Gunner Mench, also joined us.

Gunner is the owner of the Harbor Gallery, an art gallery in Kawaihae and is also the owner of a variety of Porsches (air cooled models ranging from 1963-1989 and a 2006 Cayenne S). He has a passion for all art, especially if you can drive it - like the art of a vintage 1989 911 Turbo Cabriolet. He loves to share that passion and is full of amazing stories that will both entertain and inform.

We enjoyed an amazing night of BBQ food, great wine, and plenty of Porsche stories. The PCA Big Island chapter is a small but well represented group with around 120 members. The following day there was a planned PCA drive down the west coast of the island, toward the southernmost point and we were invited. This is where the story gets really interesting – Gunner offered to loan me one of his Porsches for the run! It was an offer I couldn't refuse.





The next morning, my friend and I drove my rental car up to Gunner's home where we were able to see his extensive collection of Porsches and memorabilia. From his collection, he handed John the keys to his Cayenne S so he could include his family, and to me the keys to his very unique 1976 912e. The 912e was a unique one off from Porsche which had a flat 4 engine. Only 2092 were produced and this particular example was only 1 of only 8 produced that had a power sunroof and power windows. The interior was original and beautifully maintained. Admittedly, I'm more familiar with the newer water cooled 911s, but it was a tremendous experience driving this fine machine. That is, once I got used to the "Dave" assisted brakes and steering. 3



We started out by meeting up in Kona with the rest of the PCA group. The group consisted of more than a dozen Porsches from all eras. We departed from Kona driving south along the coast and eventually after reaching the southern part of the island took a quick break before taking the high road back past Kona and toward Waimea. After the drive, we met at another club member's house. That club member, Robert Wall, was kind enough to host a wonderful BBQ for everyone and show us his collection of Porsches, including a Panamera, Cayman S, and a beautifully restored Speedster. Later on he broke out his guitar and played several traditional Hawaiian songs and a few contemporary songs from the mainland. Robert is a talented singer and musician indeed!

The day wrapped up as we returned our cars for the day and then headed back to my place to watch the sunset, all the while reflecting on a beautiful day in paradise. I couldn't help but reflect on how truly special and memorable this experience was. *Mahalo* (Thanks) to Gunner, Mark, Greg and the rest of the PCA Big Island Chapter! *A hui hou* (Until we meet again)!











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## Scenes from Montreal on Canadian Grand Prix Weekend 9 June 2019

Photos & Witty Commentary by Mikie Alexander (mikieakamichaelalexander@gmail.com)



The 7th Round of the 2019 FIA Formula One World Championship, the Canadian Grand Prix is held at the *Circuit Gilles Villeneuve*.

Porsche GT Cup Cars are on display at the Pit lane open house Thursday prior to the racing weekend. The GT3 Cup is one of several support races on the schedule for the weekend

Tens of thousands crowd the pit lane on Thursday morning, seeking drivers' autographs and to get a close look at the Formula One teams prepare for the Grand Prix weekend



The track Mascot is the marmont AKA Canadian groundhog. The race track sits on a man-made island in the middle of the St. Lawrence River in a public park. Marmonts sometimes wander onto the track causing drivers to take evasive action



A Mercedes mechanic prepares rain tires for the weekend even though there's little chance of rain in the weekend forecast. Ironically, after the race these ultra high tech Pirrelli tires will be dismounted and destroyed rather than shipped back to Europe for the next race.



This local Ferrari fan is a legend for his Ferrari head gear. He changes the car design annually to comply with the latest FIA rules and Ferrari's livery



A view inside Sebastian Vettel's side of the Ferrari's Garage



Grand Prix weekend marks the beginning of Quebec's summer festival season. The track only holds about 120,000 fans, however nearly 1 million fans flock into the City to party.



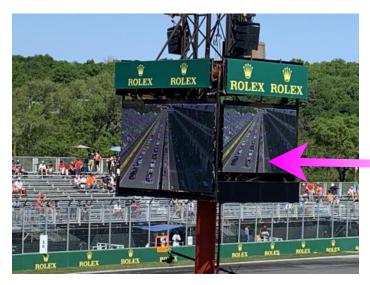
Perhaps we can get a little jaded living in an area with so many hot cars but, it's not every day that one catches a glimpse of something like a McLaren Senna in a hotel's valet parking



The local Porsche Club comes to the party

Leonard Cohen still casts a large shadow in his old Montreal neighborhood





39 GT3 Cup cars line the grid to take the green flag (And you think some DE days are crowded)



Porsche action at the hair pin. Luckily, the track being located on an island in the middle of the St Lawrence River has it's advantages -- no decibel limits

BART should take note: Post race, the Metro moves fans out of the venue at an incredible pace. Walking from our seats in the grandstand, we boarded a train in about 20 minutes, and in under an hour we were sipping cocktails by the pool at my mate's house



The traditional post race track invasion is on with yours truly ...





Exiting the Metro station and headed onto the Île Notre-Dame and Circuit Gilles Villeneuve





Views from our seats of downtown Montreal and the former USA Pavilion from the Montreal World's Fair Expo of 1967





## Empire Mine/Grass Valley Tour May 23-24, 2019

#### Article by Carol Dixon

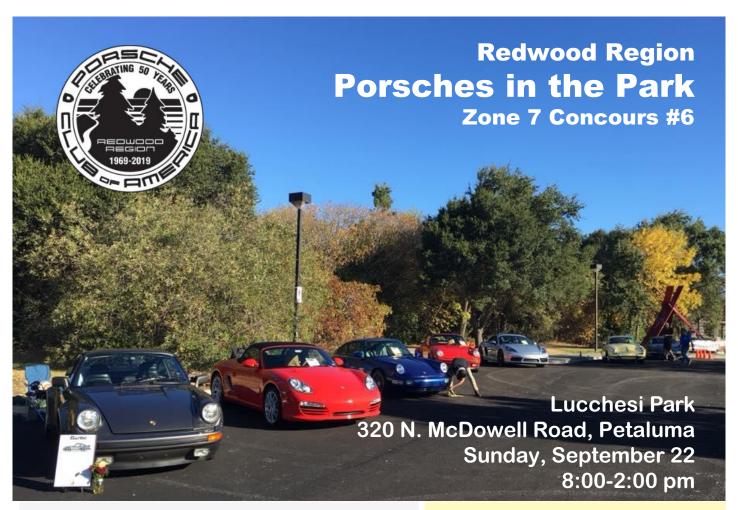
Twenty seven members and twelve beautiful Porsches gathered at 9AM in Alamo Plaza with anticipation to begin our exciting journey to the Sierra Nevada foothills gold country. After our sign-in, safety talk and drivers meeting we headed out to travel North on 680, over the Benicia bridge and East on Interstate 80 to Vacaville for our first bio-break. Afterwards we traveled North on 505, then on to Marysville for a second quick break. Next we took CA-20 East to Empire Mine State Park where we enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch beneath the Ponderosa Pines.

Empire Mine is 50 miles north of Sacramento at an elevation of 2500-2900 ft. The mine was the richest, deepest, hard rock mine. The gold was found in quartz deposits and 367 miles of mine shafts were developed to extract the gold. The mine began to prosper after 1869 when a San Francisco businessman named William B Bourne Sr. acquired the controlling interest and eventually his son took over the management of the mine.

We toured the Empire Cottage which housed William Bourne Jr. and the Empire Clubhouse which was used for social events. Finally we partially descended into a mine shaft and got a simulation of what it was like to ride the rail car down into the mine which made us all realize how difficult a miner's life was.

After our tour we drove less than a mile into Grass Valley and checked into Courtyard Suites. We gathered for wine and appetizers before we headed out to four restaurants for dinner. There were two Italian, one Thai, and one Chilean restaurants to choose from. Each of the four groups enjoyed our meals and then retired for the evening. The next morning a breakfast buffet was available from Grass Valley Courtyard Suites before checking out and heading our separate ways. Thank you Bob Hilton for such an enjoyable, educational, and well planned tour.





## Come out for Redwood Region's Porsches In the Park and Zone 7 Concours #6

We all know Porsches are beautiful. And at Concours, they're shown in their most perfect condition. Here's how you can participate:

- Enter your car into the Concours
   Competition and be eligible for a trophy
- Register as **Display Only** to participate in the car show without competing
- Come as a **Spectator** to admire the cars and enjoy time with other members

Visit **zone7.pca.org/concours** for more information

#### Cost:

- \$40 Concours registration per car
- \$25 Display Only registration per car
- Spectator only admission: Free, no registration required

#### Food:

- Breakfast items will be served in the morning on a first come, first served basis
- Lunch is \$20 per person, preordered on MSR (or BYOL). No on-site orders

Register early to confirm your place: <a href="http://msreg.com/2019RRConcours">http://msreg.com/2019RRConcours</a>



### **Monthly Diablo Region Dinner**

Please join fellow Diablo members on the 3rd Thursday of each month for excellent Mediterranean food, lively conversation and for the oenologists amongst us, NO CORKAGE FEE if you bring your own wine! AND separate checks!

#### Where?

Faz Restaurant 600 Hartz Avenue Danville, 94526

#### When?

3rd Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm

#### How do I get on the guest list?

There is none! Just show up BUT we do ask that you RSVP to Alaric Sales, Diablo PCA Events Chair (<u>Alaric.Sales@gmail.com</u>) so that we know how many tables to reserve. (REMEMBER: Separate checks!)

#### What if I can't make it to Danville by 6:30PM?

If you work or live beyond the San Ramon Valley, we know the Bay Area's prize-winning traffic makes it difficult to arrive by 6:30PM (sometimes even 8:00PM).

If there's a place near you that might make a good monthly dinner location, let us know!! You can email Alaric (Alaric.Sales@gmail.com), Brian Adkins (bpagoride@aol.com) or any Board member.

There are a couple of requirements:

- 1 Ability to have separate checks
- 2 Can accomodate a party of 10 to 40 people (with advance notice)
- 3 Has an easily accessible parking lot with space for at least 10 to 25 cars during dinner time (we need to remember there are non-PCA diners as well!)

Thank you for your suggestions!

## Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta/State Railroad Museum Tour 20 March 2019

Article by Carlos Bocanegra (daboxster@att.net)

On March 20, 2019, a second midweek day tour for Diablo known as the Sacramento-San Joaquin Railroad Museum (docent led) Tour got off to a great start. With a little bit of drizzle and a new starting point, the tour was set in motion. Bob Hilton, tour leader, gave us a bit of California history before we took off. This gave a perspective of the why of the tour through lunch, all prior to a stopover in the town of Locke before heading home.

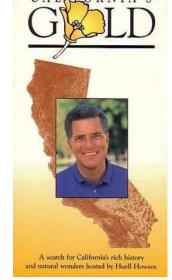


Even with the light drizzle, veteran tour leader Bob makes sure both *driver and passenger* attend the mandatory Safety Briefing

Our tour leader entertained us with the tour preliminary checkoff, a brief history of the delta before the time of the Beatles while throwing in a few tidbits about an old western TV series titled the Big Valley (1965 – 1969). Bob gave us a brief peak at why we were stopping at Locke, an area populated by Chinese immigrants. So, the tone was set for the tour – a light hearted adventure.

We filtered out of the Rutgear Park-and-Ride onto Highway 680. We found our way to the Delta via 242. Highway 242 with all its bumps put our GTS through what seemed like a bit of Sebring driving. I was quite glad once we were over the Antioch bridge via Route 160, as the pavement was no longer bumpy. Our 15 Porsche cars caravan traveled past Rio Vista, Isleton, Walnut Grove-Locke, Courtland, Hood and onto Freeport before heading north on I5.

The scenery was fantastic as we drove past the pear orchids which some were in bloom. I was amazed that all of the trees were pruned at a specific height. The skies remained clear and some of the cabriolets put their tops down. Courtland has an annual Pear Fair, should you be interested in a hot July. This small community was once featured on California's Gold series from the late Huell Howser. I met Huell in Courland a few years back. If you've never heard of or seen the series, it takes you to places you've never heard of in California. It may still be available on some Public TV stations.



We had a great companion along-side of us that kept our driving eyes on the road – the Delta. The Delta region today sits below sea level, behind levees earning it the nickname "California's Holland." Agricultural interests in the Delta were protected by the building of levees, a colossal effort first undertaken by Chinese laborers from the 1850s to the 1870s. Delta waterways are also major transportation corridors for agricultural products; the ports of Sacramento and Stockton, located on the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, respectively, are the most important inland ports in California.



This road trip brought memories of my first trip north to Sacramento from Los Angeles in the late 1970's. I had slept as a passenger only to wake up to sunlight and behold I see cargo ships (Stockton) — holy crap, Nancy got us lost! Nancy explained that the delta allowed cargo ships to dock from San Francisco and beyond. California's watershed is just fascinating.

In preparation for the Railroad Museum tour, Bob mentioned the influence of the Chinese people. Chinese immigrants not only contributed to the railroad, but they also contributed to the Delta. On the stop home from the museum was a short stay in the town of Locke that lies within Walnut Grove (athough Nancy and I opted for a longer stay in Sacramento). We skipped Locke as we had been there on three separate Diablo Tours. Locke should be a destination stop for you. Al's Bar in Locke offers up a great Bloody Mary and some crazy history. Reports from others on the tour were split - some skipped Locke while other did a quick tour of the area. How about a quick road trip?









Locke is an unincorporated community in California's Sacramento—San Joaquin River Delta built by Chinese immigrants during the early 20th century. It was originally named Lockeport after George Locke, who owned the land that the town was built upon at a time when Chinese people were not allowed to own land.

We arrived on time for the Railroad Museum Tour. We did get split up a bit in the parking lot, but we managed to find everyone at the entrance of the museum.



The Railroad museum is dedicated almost entirely to the transcontinental railway. It hosts a variety of original steamers. In particular, the Southern Pacific Railroad No. 1 C.P. Huntington a diminutive steam locomotive was built for the Central Pacific Railroad in 1863. It shipped from New York around Cape Horn arriving in San Francisco, March 19, 1864. The museum is built to accommodate school children as the tour is based on understanding California history with an emphasis on significance to US History, immigration and women's contributions.

Aside from the great Chinese contribution to U.S. and California history, another aspect of interest at the Railroad museum is the large role women have played in railroad history, starting with the Civil War through WWII. They ran the telegraph and the railroad while men and women fought in these wars.



We learned that the Railroad Act of 1862 put government support behind the transcontinental railroad and helped create the Union Pacific Railroad, which subsequently joined with the Central Pacific at Promontory, Utah, on May 10, 1869, and signaled the linking of the continent. The museum houses one of the original railroad spikes. Apparently, there were many and they all have their own zany history. Our docent mentioned that sometime this year Stanford University will showcase many of the surviving spikes as the 150th year is being recognized. The solid gold spike at the museum is well protected with an automated 8 - foot deep vault that sleeps the spike.



We spent just over an hour at the museum and then we split up for lunch, as the tour was pay-as-you-go.

We opted for Mexican as it was the closest. The restaurant offered Chile Verde (green) but with red sauce. I inquired why, as that would make it Chile Colorado which was also on the menu. The response – that's the way we make it. (I didn't order either of them.) I did, however, leave a Yelp review.

We were to meet in the parking lot at 1:45PM for the drive home via Locke on Route 160. Nancy and I decided to check out the museum a bit longer and then drive to say hello to our PCA Jr. granddaughter later that afternoon.

From our additional time at the museum, we discovered that the third floor houses a collection of model trains while the second floor has a technology area including high-speed train simulator with interactive controls and a digital projector that allowed Nany to simulate the experience of piloting a modern Japanese high-speed train! Nearby the simulator is a sign that denotes "that Transportation Projects are Expensive and controversial to this day." This note is of importance because it led to the rise of America's first political party system. Disagreement on projects was the driving force much in the way the California High Speed Railway project causes disagreement. Another on the tour and I disagreed as we looked at a high-speed mock up.

I was glad to see some of those on the tour taking a day off from work to enjoy a little history, backroads and some wonderful sunshine. The tour ended back at the Rudgear Park and Ride without incident. Thank You Bob for another great drive.

**Devil's Advocate Editor's Note:** Yes, this tour occured in the Spring, but Carlos' witty & informative write-up deserved to be published, so here it is in our Riesig ("Huge") Summer Edition! (Note to potential Advocate write-up authors: Your newbie editor has improved her process of incorporating submitted articles so \*NO ONE\* will be missed!)

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10:00 AM to Noon







Registration is preferred, but not required. (https://2019\_porsches\_pastries.eventbrite.com)



Diablo PCA is incorporated with the State of California as a non-profit organization. In accordance with the California Corporations Code, our general memberhip currently elects a five-member Board of Directors.

The Board is responsible for the proper conduct of the administrative affairs of the Diablo Region, the proper functioning of the committees, and compliance with the bylaws of the Club. Each year, the Board elects from amongst themselves the positions of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director at Large. Board meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of the month, typically from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Directors serve staggered 2 year terms, with three Board positions elected in even-numbered years and two positions elected in odd-numbered years.

This Fall, the Diablo Region has **three** candidates to fill **two** Directors positions. The new Directors will have terms commencing January 1, 2020.

The following pages are the formal applications from the candidates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Diablo Region Board of Directors at <a href="mailto:bod@diablo-pca.org">bod@diablo-pca.org</a>



Name: Sergio Meza	
Year you joined PCA: 1983	Year you joined the Diablo Region: 2019

### Describe positions (if any) you have served in Diablo or other Regions:

Before transferring my primary membership to Diablo this year, I was a 35 year member of the Golden Gate Region, Auto-x Instructor/Registrar/Chairman, DE/TT Tech Steward/Safety Steward/Grid and PCA National DE Instructor Corp Member and Diablo Region "Wash n Shine" Concours Chief Judge for several years.

# Describe other volunteer services to the Club (e.g., event volunteer, DE day activities, tour organizer, etc.):

I instructed for many years at the annual GGR/Zone 7 annual Auto-X schools and was a DE/TT instructor for the Golden Gate Region as well as Track Masters. I have also assisted in the setup of the annual Diablo Wash n Shine Concours and hosted several Diablo potlucks/Super Bowl parties.

# What similar activities to this board position have you performed in other organizations?

I served several terms on the Board of Directors of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce (representing Pacific Telephone/SBC) and several on the Board of UNCLE Credit Union. I served multiple terms as Chairman of both Boards.

### What talents and skills do you bring to the Board?

I am familiar with Board procedures and duties. I have 25+ years experience in Sales & Marketing with AT&T/Pacific Bell/SBC with emphasis in Product/Project Management. After retiring, I worked for several years at Duetsche Motor Sports repairing/restoring Porsches. I have owned several air-cooled and water-cooled Porsches of the past 40 years and been a "value-added flipper" of Porsche parts and am very familiar with Porsches, their components and operation. I will carry these skills over to the Board for the proper conduct of the



administrative affairs of the Diablo Region, the proper functioning of the committees, and compliance with the bylaws of the Club.

## What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

Having transferred my PCA membership from the Golden Gate Region to the Diablo Region, I would like to increase my involvement with my new region by sharing my ownership and love of Porsche over the past 40 years with others that share my passion of the marquee.

# What more would you like us to know about your qualifications to serve on the Board?

Its time that I step up my involvement with the region and serving on the board will facilitate this.



Name: Michael Alexander aka "Mikie"

Year you joined PCA: 2014 Year you joined the Diablo Region: 2014

#### Describe positions (if any) you have served in Diablo or other Regions:

- Currently serving on the Diablo Board of Directors as Secretary
- I'm also currently serving as Advertising Chair

# Describe other volunteer services to the Club (e.g., event volunteer, DE day activities, tour organizer, etc.):

- I assisted in revising and updating the Region's Bylaws
- I have lead and/or organized driving tours
- I have volunteered at Zone and Region events in various capacities e.g. Concours, Car Show, event planning and Picnic etc.
- I have contributed several articles for the Region's monthly newsletter, The Advocate

# What similar activities to this board position have you performed in other organizations?

I have served on several professional boards and industry working groups during my 40+ year career in the energy business. Since 1990, I have served on several California statewide working groups and coalitions related to energy deregulation, energy efficiency, energy management and service reliability and have testified before multiple state and federal regulatory agencies as an expert witness.

I served on the Board of Directors for a national energy industry association formerly known as the Association for Demand Response & Smart Grid headquartered in Washington DC. This organization is comprised of several hundred members ranging from Fortune 500 companies e.g. IBM, Siemens, Johnson Controls, PG&E, Southern Company etc. to individual members from industry and academia. The board was comprised of 10 members representing various diverse membership elements in the electric industry e.g. utilities, equipment and controls manufacturers, consultants, regulators, academics, etc.



I was a member for 25 years and later chaired for 3 years the Load Analytics Technical Committee of the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies' (AEIC). The AEIC was founded by Thomas Edison in 1885 and its current membership is comprised of senior level leaders of 165+ utilities across North America and Asia. The organization's membership represents roughly 85% of the electric generating capacity in North America. The Committee is comprised of 30 senior managers representing member utilities across North America. In my capacity as Chair, I represented the Committee on the AEIC's Board of Directors.

In my capacity as a senior manager at PG&E, I often consulted with the utility's Executive Management on matters related to customer energy management and customer care.

As an officer at the international consulting firm Nexant Inc., I consulted with executive leaders at various utility clients throughout North America as well as being involved in the firm's business development and strategic planning.

#### What talents and skills do you bring to the Board?

I currently operate a small boutique LLC with two partners consulting with Utilities, Public Service Commissions and independent oversight boards on matters related to Energy Efficiency, Energy Management and renewable power.

The following are skills that I have honed over my career that are directly applicable to serving on Diablo's Board:

- Quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Management and oversight
- Strategic and tactical planning
- Business development
- Talent assessment and acquisition
- Personnel development
- Team building

#### What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

- Work closely with fellow Board members and Chairs to bring more metrics based decision making to the Board.
  - Use research (e.g. available PCA membership data and/or member surveys) to



better understand our diverse membership's needs or desires

- Conduct short post event surveys to guide future event improvements
- Utilize these needs assessment data findings to diversify events, offer potential new services, encourage & engage previously "dormant" members
- Increase participation by general membership through increasing the number and diversity of events offered to Diablo Region's membership
- Provide services to broader segment of the membership
- Strengthen ties with existing partners and bring on additional new partners to our mutual benefit
- Cultivate volunteerism among the membership leading to a line of succession in leadership positions (chairs, BOD etc.) with the club

# What more would you like us to know about your qualifications to serve on the Board?

I have driven Porsches for several decades although my first ownership experience wasn't until 2004 with the purchase of a 2002 Boxster S. Unfortunately, it took me ten years to join PCA primarily due to some preconceived misconceptions about the Club and its membership.

Porsche as a manufacturer has changed radically over the past 20 years with "Wasserkühlung" and several "nontraditional" model lines. In the future, the pace of change will surely quicken, especially with propulsion systems and additional model lines. As the Club's advertising tag line says, "it's the people" which rings so true! The face of Porsche owners i.e. the face of PCA is also changing. We must be prepared as a club to embrace change and adapt by meeting the needs of our traditionalist "Luftgekühlt" members as well as our newest members who have purchased their first Porsche which may be a vintage sports car or more likely a four door sedan or an SUV. Along with the machinery, the club's demographics are also changing. PCA is a "big tent" with Diablo's membership now over 1,500 strong. Diversity can be a wonderful thing but, must be nurtured and managed so as to best meet the needs of our diverse membership. Such changes require leadership and an eye towards embracing the future while respecting and honoring the past. The most important thing I can bring to the Board is that I never lose sight of the club's objective. We belong to this club to have fun, share in our common passion and love for these wonderful machines, and enjoy the comradery, the joy and freedom that the open road and Porsche ownership brings us.

Although I'm a dyed in the wool "petrol head", I have a diverse set of interests outside of



Porsche which provides a sense of balance to my life. These interests include competitive and recreational sailing, marine fish keeping, rugby, culinary arts, wine, reading history and of course my obsession with Formula One!

I possess the skills and personal characteristics to strengthen the Board; with a sense of humor, minimal ego, pragmatism, and respect for others, I'm easy to work with which can only help in continuing to make Diablo Region an organization that Porsche owners will want to join and actively participate in.



Name: Adam Cipriano

Year you joined PCA: 2007

Year you joined the Diablo Region: 2007

#### Describe positions (if any) you have served in Diablo or other Regions:

I have served as an elected and voting member of the Board for almost 7 years, since Jan 1, 2013. I have served since Jan 1, 2017 as Vice President, since Jan 1, 2014 as Drivers Education Chair and served 4 years before that as Drivers Education Registrar and for the 4 years between Jan 1, 2013 and Dec 31, 2017, I served as a Director at Large.

Describe other volunteer services to the Club (e.g., event volunteer, DE day activities, tour organizer, etc.):

(Please refer to last question)

# What similar activities to this board position have you performed in other organizations?

In the last 17 years I have served on non-profit boards as follows: I served as an elected Board Member, the Treasurer and the President of the Bollinger Canyon Education Fund (6 years). I served as an elected Board Member and the Vice President and the President of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation (6 years). I served on the Citizens Committee for Quality Schools in San Ramon Valley in about 2014. I was appointed by the San Ramon City Council to the Citizens Fiscal Task Force in San Ramon in 2017. I have also served on two other non-profit Advisory Boards; The San Ramon Valley Education Foundation and the Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. I have served for the last two years as a Volunteer Educator (Grade School Classroom Teacher and High School Company Program Mentor & Advisor) for Junior Achievement of Northern California.



### What talents and skills do you bring to the Board?

My professional background is in Retail and Commercial Banking, Business Executive Leadership and Management Consulting, covering 31 years. In my consulting practice (a company I founded in 2001) we act as executive coaches and mediators and advise clients in finance, strategy and mergers & acquisitions. I bring analytical skills, organizational leadership, program development and an appreciation for the value of camaraderie and fun around something you love to do.

#### What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

We have an opportunity to continue to bring new members to the club, to continue to introduce every member to the wide array of events we offer and to bring the next generation of volunteers and leaders into the fold. I'd like nothing better than to continue to work in these three areas.

# What more would you like us to know about your qualifications to serve on the Board?

We've built a strong, financially advantageous and widely respected DE program. In the years since I have managed the program since early 2014, we have put more than \$40k into the club's coffers by offering something our sponsors, our members and many in Region 7 of PCA like and enjoy supporting. We have been fortunate to build a loyal Instructor cadre, a strong volunteer base, a Motorsportreg.com community following of almost 950 participants and strong partnerships with 3 Porsche dealers as consistent event Title Sponsors. Without the help of our core DE Team of 12, all of this would not be possible. Managing this team has been a joy.

I have also been extremely fortunate to have built lasting personal friendships in our club and am forever grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve.



Monterey Bay Region Presents

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## Sunday, September 29th Zone Concours #7 (of 7)

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zone7.pca.org/concours/

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https://www.pca.org/special-interest-groups

Here are some of the Register groups:

















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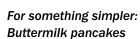


One of their specialties - Frosted Cinnascuit (House made biscuit dipped in cinnamon sugar, baked & topped with a cream cheese frosting)

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#### Where?

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