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FUTURE DIABLO REGION EVENTS

- Feb 1 > Super Bowl party
- Feb 21 > Awards Dinner
- Feb 28 > Powder Coating discussion
Lunch & Wine tasting
- Mar 21 > Lodi Wine Tour
- Apr 18 > Bocce Ball and Lunch
- Apr 25-26 > Yosemite Tour
- Apr 27-May 1 > Ladies Mexican Cruise
- May 24 > Wash 'N Shine
- May 31 > Newcomer BBQ
- Jun 5 > Thunderhill DE
- Jun 20 > Diablo Mille Tour
- Jul 18 > 25th Anniversary BBQ
- Aug 22 > Tour da Jour
- Sep 4 > Thunderhill DE
- Sep 12-13 > Paso Robles Tour
- Sep 19 > Tour of Canepa Design
- Sep 26 > End of Summer Tour
- Oct 3 > Oktoberfest
- Oct 10 > Coastal Tour
- Oct 17 > Racer's Group Tech Session
- Nov 20 > Planning Meeting**
- Dec 5 > **Holiday Party**
- Jan 30 2010 > Anniversary Award Dinner
- Feb 13 2010 > Tour to Dublin
- Feb 26, 27,28 2010 > Dublin Ski Trip
- Mar 14 2010 > St. Patrick's Day Party

PCA / ZONE 7 REGION EVENTS

- Jun 28-Jul 5 > Parade
- Aug 11-16 > Monterey

GOLDEN GATE REGION AUTOCROSS

SCHEDULE

- Mar 21 Aug 22-23
- Apr 18 Sep 26
- May 16 Oct 24
- Jun 20 Nov 21
- Jul 25

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The Inside Line

By Steve Jones

Back in the middle of 2007 I was asked to advise the board on some questions they had about sending email to the members.

When I attended the next board meeting, I found out that PCA National was introducing the mass email system we've been using since that Fall, but I stayed anyway because even though I'd been a member Back East for many years, I'd never seen how the club was run. After attending a few meetings I was invited to stand for election to the board that year, and in January I began the two year term that ends on the 31st. It's been my privilege to serve as president for both of those years, and my pleasure to get to know so many members of our region and other Zone 7 regions.

Three other people were elected with me, but only three of us actually took office on January 1st. The fourth board member, Ron Leppke, passed away before he could take office. Ron was a charter member of our region, a long time fixture in the Northern California Porsche scene, an accomplished driver and in later years a prolific photographer of Porsche-related events. I regret that I never really got to work with Ron, and I know he is missed by many of our members.

The other Board members from that election were Warren Gardner and Jerry Torres. We joined Linda Bartolomucci (Boyd), Jim Edmunds, Phil Eskildsen, and Maureen Torres – Bea Pussman had been serving as secretary but had resigned in December due to conflicting time commitments. In the wake of Ron Leppke's passing, Ingrid French was kind enough to continue to serve as membership chair until the board appointed Ken Wu. Tom Sullivan was minding our website, and Larry Sharp supported us as Zone 7 Representative prior to Sharon Neidel taking over that position. I want to thank all of these members for their service and support, as well as those added to the board in the 2008 election: Francisco Cabrita and Kay Maloy (Linda, Jim, and Phil were re-elected).

And looking forward to 2010, I would like to officially congratulate the members recently elected to the board, who will begin their two year terms starting in January: Rick Davenport, Walter Lietz, Doug Wiebe, and Ken Wu.

I would like to thank all the members that stepped forward and led tours, organized events, directed traffic, hosted parties, helped out setting up locations – and there are many. But listing all of them would take several pages, not even counting the people serving as chairs and other positions listed on page 2 of the Advocate every month. All these volunteers are the lifeblood of our club, and it is this collective energy and participation that delivers the rich calendar of events that we've enjoyed over the past two years. And it also means that if I try to make such a list I will miss a number of deserving people – which I don't want to end up doing.

As a compromise I will call out one couple that I feel has really made a difference in our region, and gone above and beyond. Kathy and Luis Soler have lead tours, hosted events in their home, and contributed their time on an on-going basis to the running of club programs. To me, they show the same kind of dedication and passion that Diablo has enjoyed from the Carpenters, the Durans, and the Schmidts over the years. I am grateful for their generosity, proud to call them friends, and eager to help them in the future.

Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve our club and community over the past two years. I will continue to attend board meetings and help out where I can, and will definitely offer some support with the web site and calendar. Of course I look forward to seeing you all, new and old faces alike, at our events coming up in 2010. We have a good calendar of events drafted, an energetic new board and dedicated volunteers, and I am confident that Diablo is in great shape as we start the new year.

Drive safely, and have a happy holiday season!

Steve

Happy Holidays



Diablo Region's Annual Holiday Dinner is happening soon. Be sure to bring your toy or clothing donations for Love a Child Missions to the dinner.

When: December 5

Time: 5:30—6:30 Appetizers
6:30 Dinner

Where: Callippe Preserve Golf Course
8500 Clubhouse Drive, Pleasanton
http://playcallippe.com/page.php?page_id=678&name=Directions

Cost: \$35.00 per person

No Host Bar will be available. There is a \$5 corkage fee if you bring your own bottle of wine.

Note: If you have special dietary needs let Linda Boyd know.

RSVP: Linda Boyd at events@diablo-pca.org.

Make your checks out to Diablo Region PCA and mail to:
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Deadline: November 25

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*The Racer's Group Tour
by Warren Gardner*

Launching from Marie Callendar's in Walnut Creek on Saturday morning about 9:15am on October 13, we had a group of about 19 cars with about 26 people. Tour Leader Warren Gardner passed out route direction sheets as well as a special rally tour questionnaire to give the Porsche passengers something to do in terms of a prize-winning competition. The drivers were forewarned to follow the group and directions closely in order to avoid getting lost, and in which case, proceed directly to Petaluma and The Racer's Group facility without trying to rejoin the tour group.

The circuitous route to Petaluma promised to take club members on stretches of road that they had never driven; a brazen boast considering how many Diablo members are serious local backroads explorers. In any case, we eventually came to take the following route. West on Hwy 24 to Upper Happy Valley Road, then north on Bear Creek Road, east on Alhambra Valley Road, then Alhambra Avenue, west on Franklin Canyon Road, north on McEwen Road, then Reservoir Road, then Canyon Lake Drive into rough-neck downtown Port Costa where we did a lazy but necessary U turn and went back out.

We then proceeded west on Carquinez Scenic Drive, then into and out of quaint Crockett, CA on the town streets of Winslow, Vallejo, Loring, Ralph and Pomona before roaring up Crockett Blvd to merge and go west on Cummings Skyway before hitting the US 80 overpass. Somewhere about this time Mike and Gail Vorkapich's Boxster decided it had shifted enough for one day and decided to call it quits on the spot. Blessed by good fortune and a curious CA Highway Patrolman who couldn't pass up checking out so many Porsches at one stop, the Vorkapich's managed to hail a wrecker and passenger Gail got a tow back to Walnut Creek. Driver Mike got picked up by good Samaritan Jack Kuhn and they stoutly soldiered on, along with a small empathetic contingent of Diablo drivers who eventually made their way on to TRG in Petaluma.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves. Meanwhile the main group of the Diablo tour crossed over US 80, went east on San Pablo Avenue by The Dead Fish restaurant, then onto US 80 east to cross the Carquinez Straits/Alfred Zampa Bridge to take the first exit to Sonoma Blvd thru Vallejo. We stopped in Vallejo for a bio break at the Vallejo Ferry area, then thru town took Curtola Parkway, Mare Island Way and Wilson Avenue. We left town on Hwy 37 Sears Point Road. At Sears Point we took Hwy 121 North and eventually merged into Hwy 116. After that we took Stage Gulch Road (which passed Willie Bird Way, if you happen to really know your turkeys!) on to Lakeville Hwy and then left to South McDowell Blvd and The Racers Group. Overall the distance was about 72 miles which we covered in about two hours time.

Upon arrival at The Racers Group we were met with another group of Diablo members who had driven straight there. By the time the day was over, we had 32 participants and about 24 cars. We got a nice tour at The Racer's Group courtesy of Martin Steger, their PCA Club Coordinator and general manager. We also had a fun time with the wine tasting as well. In summary, a good time was had by all, with the possible exception of Gail Vorkapich, but she's a trouper and will no doubt be back for more tours in the future!

And now the TRG Tour Contest winners: The overall winner of the tour questionnaire was Brian Adkins and his passenger Clark with a score of 56. Second prize went to Wendy and Steve Vest with a score of 50. There were a possible 83 points to achieve a perfect score. Great Job to all!

A copy of the quiz questions and answers is on the next page.

The Racers Group Tour Quiz

1. What is the person's name who owns a tin bar ?
Ernie's Tin Bar 2 Points
2. U C an Elks Lodge sign with a Porsche/Peugeot number . What town R U in ?
Petaluma (Elks Lodge 901) 2 Points
3. U C a big _____ chair. One word—fill in the blank.
Blue 1 Point
4. U C an Elite company. What product do they sell?
Tile (in Walnut Creek) 2 Points
5. **A.** U C an ethnic resting place. What town R U in?
Briones 4 Points
5. **B** Name the ethnicity.
Jewish 2 Points
6. U R on historic Hwy 40. What town R U in?
Vallejo 2 Points
7. **A** What is the name of a type of fish U C on a clock?
Dead 3 Points
7. **B** What is the main color of the clock?
Black (across the street from the Dead Fish Restaurant) 2 Points
8. U C a charming statue of a wonderful type of fish. What is the common name?
Mermaid (on lawn fountain) 2 Points
9. U C Wanda signs: **A)** Wanda _____
Way 2 Points
9. **B)** Mt. _____
Wanda 2 Points
10. U C a sign which says Absolutely No Trespassing. What does the sign above it say?
Pig Sale Two words for 5 Points
11. U C a statue of a famous man sitting on a rock. His name is _____.
John Muir Two words for 6 Points
12. U C the _____ Archery Range.
Briones 2 Points
13. U C antique red gas pumps **A)** _____ house number?
1490 4 Points
13. **B)** _____ brand of gas?
Frontier 3 Points
14. U C the name Swett on what type of buildings?
School 3 Points
15. U C a business sign. Fill in the blank. The world is your _____.
Treadmill (Walnut Creek) 2 Points

The Racers Group Tour Quiz

continued

16. I'll be happy to call you a bus at tel # _____.
925-676-7500_(sign at Happy Valley bus stop) 2 Points
17. U pass thru several watersheds. Name one.
Alhambra Creek or Pinole Creek 2 Points
18. U pass a national historic site. She is what you call a _____
Mount or mountain (Mt. Wanda) 2 Points
19. If U find Mark's killer U get a reward of _____.
\$30,000.00_(roadside marker on McEwen Rd) 3 Points
20. How many years has the sweetest thing in Crockett been celebrating?
100 (C&H Refinery) 3 Points
21. This steelworker has a useful memorial named after him. You're on the Zampa _____.
Bridge 4 Points
22. U C the goblins and gargoyles on the fence but did you see the _____ (over 6' long metal)
_ on roof or the _____?
Roach, rocket ship or robot 9 Points
23. U C a school gate named after Uncle _____
Manuel_(in Port Costa) 4 Points
24. U C a local post office and you can't help but notice from the adjoining sign that the town was founded in _____.
1883_(Port Costa Post Office) Give the founding year for 3 points
25. U C BBC gasoline. What town R U in?
Vallejo 2 Points

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The Racers Group Tour Captured in Photos





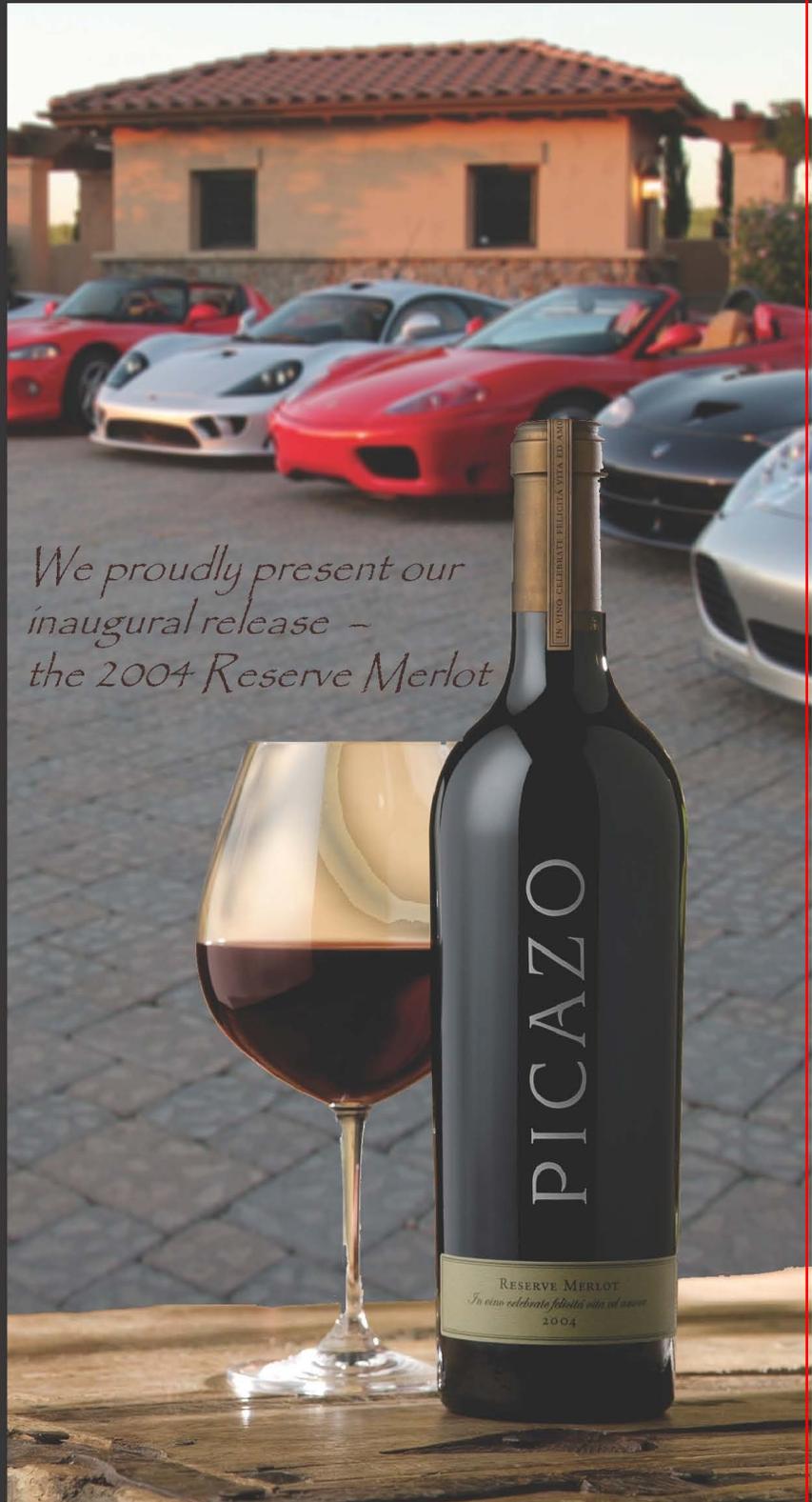
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Advocate Alerts

From Kay Maloy, Editor

Wow! Can it really be December already?? It has been a busy and fun-filled year for the Diablo Region. If you look at the events page of the Advocate (page 3), you will notice we averaged 3-4 events per month. In this issue of the Advocate, there is a collection of pictures featuring the participants and locations of many of those events. It gives you a chance to reminisce and remember the fun you had or to see what you missed. Be sure to take a peek.

The Annual Awards Dinner is coming up in January on the 30th. Details will be following soon. It is a great opportunity to visit with other members and to see who has been very active and supportive of your club.

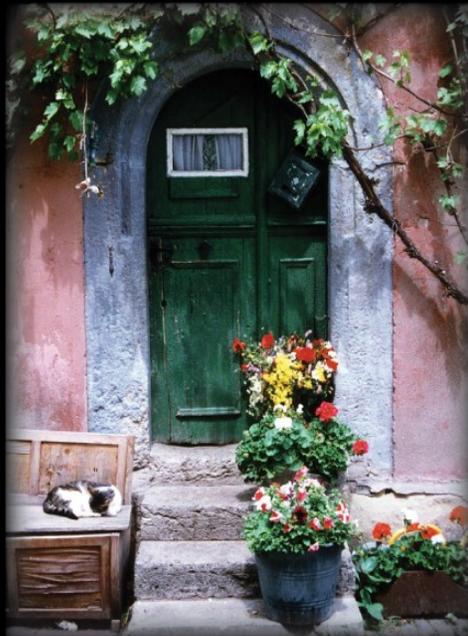
The monthly Board meeting will be held December 9 at 6:30 at the Brass Door in San Ramon. Members are always welcome.

Just a passing thought: as I was reading the latest Panorama issue, I noticed an ad that used some very descriptive words that seem to sum up the pride felt by Porsche owners—Joy, Excellence, Experience, Integrity, Authenticity, Fun, There is no substitute!!

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Food and Friends

One great thing about being a member of the Diablo Region Porsche Club is getting together with friends over food to discuss cars, travels and just life in general. There are two regularly scheduled gatherings each month. Check your calendar and try to attend soon.

The Saturday Morning Breakfast is held every Saturday at 8 AM at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek at 1101 S. California Blvd.

The 3rd Thursday Dinner is held the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM at Strizzis in Danville at 3456 Camino Tassajara

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DeStefano, John	2010 Boxster S Silver
Holland, Mike Affiliate: Verona Treml - (Affiliate)	2009 Cayman Black
Jassawalla, Jal S Affiliate: Janette Diane Jassawalla - (Wife)	2009 Cayman Silver
Muller, Paul S. Affiliate: Eric Muller - (Son)	2008 997 Silver
Tu, Eugene L. Affiliate: Katharine Lee - (Affiliate)	2003 911 Turbo Gray
Volpentest, Robert M.	2004 911 C4S Silver
Wunder, Michael H.	1996 911 Red

Total New Members: 7

Transfers In

Manley, Michael <i>Transfer from: Gold Coast (GCT)</i>	2008 911Carrera White
Wunder, Michael H. <i>Transfer from: California Central Coast (CCC)</i>	1996 911 Red

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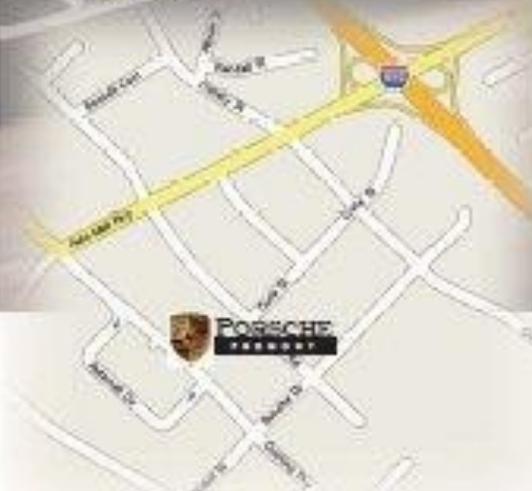
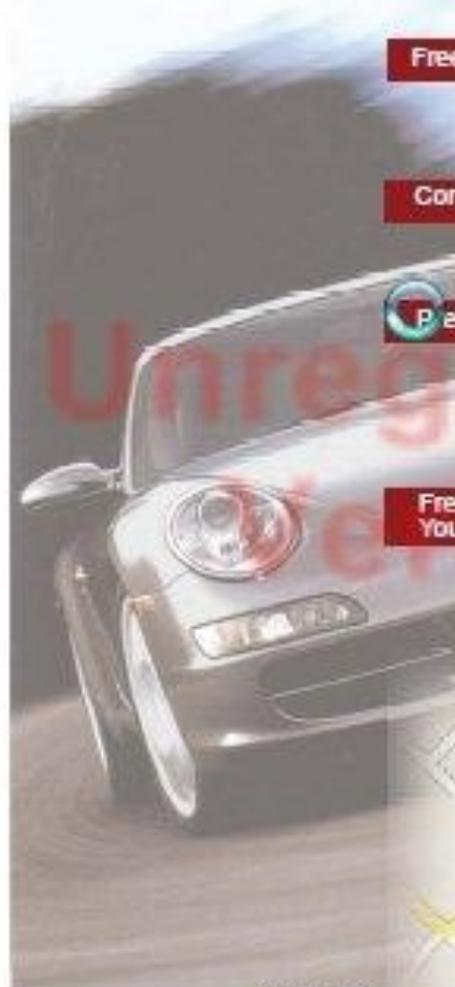
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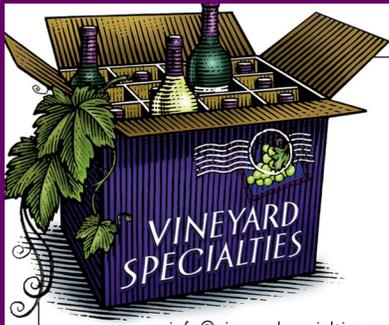
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On Saturday, November 28, the DE Track Team met for a breakfast meeting to discuss the 2010 Track schedule and any changes we might make to improve or enhance the track experience for our club members. There were many discussions, great ideas and agreement that we were heading in the right direction. The results of that meeting will be in the next issue of the Advocate along with the Thunderhill schedule.



Stallions waiting in the lot and ready to run.

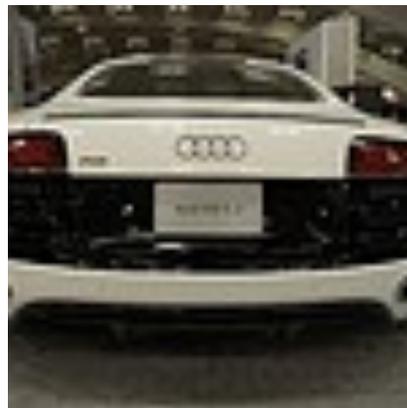
SF International Auto Show By Steve Jones

The 52nd Annual San Francisco International Auto Show - I think there are a few more words and a brand name or two in the official title of the event, but I think that's quite enough already. I got there late in the day in an attempt to avoid the thickest crowds, but this still left a thicket around the most popular displays. If you didn't get a chance to attend, there's a link to all the photos I took at the end of this article.

Porsche was well represented despite any issues with the economy or the oft-discussed "merger" with Volkswagen. There was still a healthy crowd, right up there with any other exhibit on the floor, and a lot of the reason for this was the new Panamera on display. I suspect part of the reason was that most if not all the other models were locked, whereas you could sit in the Panamera and experience the *de luxe* interior.



There was a good crowd around the Lamborghini cars, and a big crowd around the new Camaros and Corvettes - especially the Transformers "Bumblebee" edition of the Camaro. The Cadillac Converj was also popular, on prominent display just as you entered one of the main exhibit halls. Likewise Lexus had a customized IS 350 convertible in a central location with a trick paint job and periodic live presentation.



The exhibit of the Academy of Art University collection of 1920s and 1930s autos, which were on display as part of a 30 year celebration, was unexpected. And if you poked into odd corners you discovered that there was a small section of vendor displays and a few games. But the biggest surprises were the 1937 Plymouth House Car, aka the Himsel Zeppelin Roadliner, built in Concord, CA; the "real" Mini Cooper in an out-of-the-way side hall, and the 550 Spyder and 356 Speedster, or replicas, that had been converted to electric vehicles - the conversion being why I hope they were replicas.

The show was a lot of fun to wander through, and ample demonstration that I need slightly different equipment to take top notch photos under those conditions. If it's over by the time you read this, consider marking your calendar for next year's event. Or perhaps if there's enough interest we could have a group outing of club members?

Link to more photos: <http://tinyurl.com/SFAutoShow2009>



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Steve's Final Breakfast

If you live in the Eastern part of the Region, Steve is bringing breakfast closer to you.

Join Steve and other local Porsche Club members for a hearty breakfast and good conversation.

When: December 19th

Time: 9—11 AM

Location: To be announced



Oh Yeah! 2009 Was A Great Year!

Here are some pictures of some of our events/tours held in 2009. To see more snapshots on our web site:

<http://dia.pca.org/photos.html>



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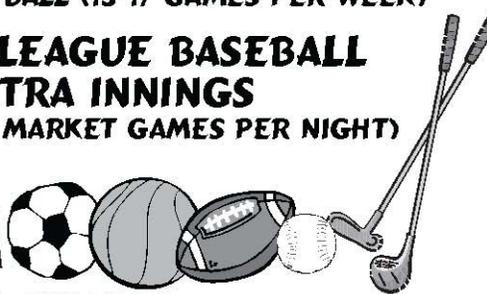
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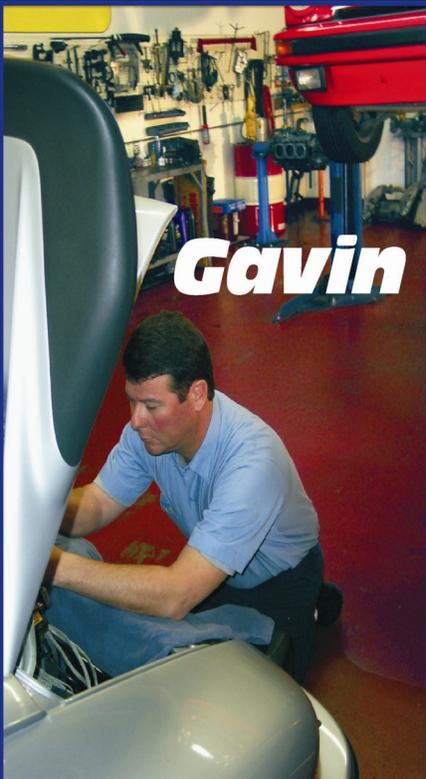
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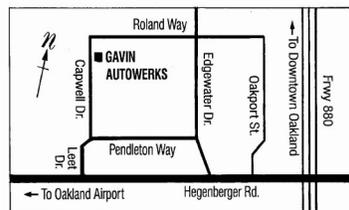


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Solenoid added to protect ignition switch from high starter current

About 15,000 miles on rebuilt 5-spd trans and clutch kit

Short shifter

New bushings, gaskets, cables etc. during restoration

Dansk muffler

Body:

Bare metal repaint during restoration to original met. blue color

Some stone chips and a couple of minor door dings, not a show car

New fr. and r. windshields.

New rubber gaskets all around

H4 headlights

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Interior:

OMP San Remo reclining sport/racing seats
5-point harness for driver & passenger
Custom seat racks accommodate tall drivers up to 6'6"
Rear seats present but unusable with harness anchors
"RS" door panels
Momo steering wheel
Alpine AM/FM/CD radio with 4 speakers
A few typical dash cracks, but not really bad.
Fire extinguisher w/floor bracket

Needs:

For appearance, new headliner and carpet kit in front.
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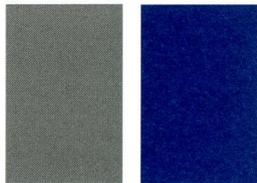
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