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Final Days of Summer

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Doug's Corner

By Doug Wiebe

Our Porsche Factory Tour

We had been planning on a Stuttgart factory tour and trying to work it into our schedule for over 5 years. Last April, we had the privilege of taking one of our sons and his fiancé with us. Why? Well that's a story for another time.

It turns out you don't just walk in to the Stuttgart Museum (across the street from the factory) and say "I want a factory tour today." It took many months of e-mails and finally a phone call to secure the date we wanted. (My thanks to Gunter at Fremont Porsche for really making it happen). We received a very detailed e-mail from the factory describing exactly what we needed to do for the tour.

The English speaking tours are only once a day at 10:00AM. At precisely 10:00AM, they call out the names of those on the list and check you off. There were only 10 of us in our tour. We had a guide and a "minder" who followed at the back of the group and didn't talk much. The first surprise was "please put all cameras and cell phones in the basket. We will return them to you at the end of the tour." So much for the photo ops.

Although some of the buildings are historic, all the working contents are totally state of the art automobile factory production. There are many specialized conveyors and transport systems, lots of robots doing the boring and very precise operations that robots are so good at. The whole factory is "just in time" delivery of all parts to the proper station. All models (except the Cayenne and Panamera) go down the same Stuttgart assembly line. You see a Boxster followed by a Carrera S, followed by a Turbo, etc. all on the same constantly moving conveyer. You've probably seen the lists of numerous options available for Porsches these days. Keeping track of what part goes on what car is handled by computers and systems we did not see. All cars on the line are custom ordered and pre-sold either to individuals or dealers.

The tour was about two hours long and took us through all the major

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assembly steps (except painting). You are really up close to most operations, to the point of having to watch out for the moving robot trains carrying parts all over the factory. Some of the highlights were:

- The robot applying the mastic to the windshield and then precisely placing it in the exact spot needed. Yes, lasers are used to measure the location of the car.
- Robots welding car body parts together. I've seen it on TV, but in person.....
- Wheels and tires are mounted and balanced on the assembly line at the station where they go on the car! The tires and wheels arrive via separate elevators. The automated equipment that mounts and balances the tires is unique, impressive, and very fast.
- The CAD operated water jet that cuts the leather pieces for the interior does a set of whole cowhides at once. Workers then separate and stack the pieces for sewing and interior panel use. The leftover scraps, we were allowed to touch, as they are sold to others for non-automotive uses. They are nearly dry right out of the machine. Come to think of it, that was the ONLY thing we were allowed to touch on the whole tour.
- There is beer in the vending machines for the workers.

They are very careful during assembly to get things right the first time. We were told that if they can fix a problem on the assembly line, it costs less than \$100. If they have to fix it after the car is completed, it can be a thousand dollars or more. And, of course, if it is discovered outside of the factory, it can cost many thousands to fix.

Our guide was an intern studying hybrid propulsion system engineering. He said he would love to get a full time job with Porsche when he graduates.

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Taken right after I got my camera back; (L to R) our fearless guide, next to me is my wife Carol, then Julia (our son's fiancé) and Jeff. After the tour, we visited the Porsche Museum, just up the escalator. No camera restrictions there.

If you are going to be near Stuttgart (or Leipzig) Germany, plan ahead and take a factory tour. I would do it again without hesitation.

Closer to home....

We didn't make it to Parade, but I heard it was great (and hot!). The Epicurean Napa Valley Playday was just that. Thanks to Lillie and Bela for putting this one together. Lots of smiling faces, and some great back roads. More details are in this issue.

Be sure to read on and check out all the upcoming Diablo events and who is doing what.

Steve Jones , another Wash 'N Shine winner



Diablo Region 2012 Event Calendar

<p>January</p> <p>Sat. 6th Senna Movie>Jacquie Sun. 22nd Blackhawk Museum Extravaganza>Jacquie</p>	<p>July</p> <p>Sun-Sat 8th - 14th Parade (Salt Lake City) Sat. 14th Epicurean Napa Valley Playday>Lillie Sat. 28th Moss Landing Tour >Ed Won & Luis Soler</p>
<p>February</p> <p>Sun. 5th Super Bowl>Walt & Jacquie Sat 11th Keller Estate>Lillie Sat/Sun/Mon 18, 19, 20 Death Valley Tour>Loma Prieta Region Sat 25th Africa Tour Presentation>Lillie</p>	<p>August</p> <p>Sat. 4th Jellybelly Tour>Paul Smith Fri-Mon 17th - 19th Historics Sun. 26th Annual Family Picnic>Elsie</p>
<p>March</p> <p>Fri. 16th Driver Education Thunderhill>Mike Roberts Wed. 28th Mallya Auto Collection Tour>Jacquie</p>	<p>September</p> <p>Sat/Sun 8th & 9th James Dean Tour>Ken Sat. 15th Oktoberfest>Walt & Jacquie</p>
<p>April</p> <p>Sat/Sun 14th & 15th Russian River Valley Wine Tour>Paul Smith Sun 15th Rally School and Rally-Getting Ready for Salt Lake City>SVR Sat 21st Detailing Tech Session Porsche of Livermore>Ingrid Plooy Sat 28th Habana Cuba Tour >Lou & Kathy Soler</p>	<p>October</p> <p>Sat/Sun 6th & 7th Grass Valley Tour>Paul Smith Sun. 7th Concours at Porsche of Livermore>SVR Mon. 29th DE Thunderhill>Mike Roberts</p>
<p>May</p> <p>Sat. 5th Corral Tour (Cinco de Mayo Tour)>Lillie Sat. 12th Detailing Tech Session Porsche of Fremont>Luis Soler Thurs. 17th Track Day with HOD>Mike Roberts Sat. 19th Bocce Ball>Paula Ciopyk Sun. 20th Marin Concours Sun. 27th Wash N Shine>Walt Lietz</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Sat. 17th Planning Meeting Mon. 19th Driver Education Laguna Seca>Mike Roberts Sun. 25th California Auto Museum>Walt & Jacquie</p>
<p>June</p> <p>Sun. 10th F1 Canada Grand Prix>Mike Roberts Sat. 16th & 17th Arnold Tour>Jack & Cathy Kuhn Sun. 17th Yountville Car Show</p>	<p>December</p> <p>Sat. 8th Christmas Light Tour>Ted & Ingrid French</p>



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**..By Mike Roberts,
Driver Education Program Chair**



Fall track activities – the countdown begins.

August already? Less than 10 weeks until our next DE event – an evening presentation and track introduction (DE101) before our autumn track event at Thunderhill on 10/29, only 12 weeks away (look out for final details coming soon)!

We have opened Thunderhill and Laguna Seca (11/19) track events for sign-ups at motorsportreg.com. Both events are limited to 60 cars to ensure loads of track space and time.

It pays to start thinking about your car in plenty of time...to monitor its needs in advance. Tires, brake pads and other parts sacrifice themselves for our fun, but wear out over time. They can be expensive and inconvenient if you have to change them at the last minute. Tires are easily visible so most people know when they are getting low, but brake pads and rotors take a bit more inspection.

In March, several people found that theirs were low only a couple of weeks before the event and had to rush to get the work done at the last minute. If your brakes or tires need changing, it's best to have several hundred miles on new parts to break them in before you go to the track. If anything needs doing, finding out early will give you time to shop around and plan.

Don't forget to book your hotel if required for the night before or after. At hotels close to many tracks, there are discounts if you mention you are attending a local track event.

If you don't want to drive the track but are interested in seeing how it all works, just come out and lend a hand. There's a lot to do and we will gladly introduce you around to the members taking part. You can take a turn manning the grid, attend the driver's meeting and join in the parade laps – which are slow speed and don't require helmets, but are a useful orientation to feel what it's like out on track.

Our planned Car Control Clinic/Performance Driving Event is an opportunity for all ages and driving experience, including driving-age

kids. We have a clear plan on what to do, how to do it and we know there is interest out there...we are now finalizing the where and the when...

A small team has put time and energy into planning a day of driving fun, with the opportunity to learn lots about handling your car when things don't go right, under heavy braking or hard cornering, similar to the things you may need to do to take evasive action on the road, or simply get things wrong...

But, we need help to make it happen. You don't need to be a driving expert – just happy to help set up and organize on the day (as well as drive and have fun, of course). If you would be happy to spend a few hours before an event like this, as part of the crew putting it together, we would love to hear from you. Let me know at DEChair@diablo-pca.org.

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Times: Breakfast: 7:30-8:30AM

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Leave: 9:00AM

Start Location: Country Waffle, 6049 North Front Rd, Livermore

Breakfast followed by a casual drive on scenic back roads to the Jelly Bean Factory in Fairfield.

A picnic lunch at Winter Hawk Winery where we will tour the winery and enjoy live music. You can purchase lunch or bring your own. Ladies bring your partner's credit card. They often have a beautiful collection of Indian jewelry for sale.

Then there is an option of touring another local winery or checking out the antique shops in the area before we head to dinner in Benicia around 5:00-5:30PM. Dinner is at: Sailor Jack's, 123 First Street, Benicia.

Costs: Bridge Toll-\$5.00

Wine Tour-\$10 per person

Dinner-\$15.00-\$25.00

Register for the tour on MotorsportReg and indicate if you will be going to dinner and how many in your party: <http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/12278091-C76D-7072-E4FDCB891C779580>

Deadline is July 27th.

Contact: Paul Smith 925-784-5539 or porschePaul77@gmail.com with questions.



Election Time

In the last issue of the Advocate, we reminded all of you the elections are coming in October. In this issue you will meet some of the nominees. You still have time to submit your name to Ingrid Plooy, the Election Committee Chair at advertising@diablo-pca.org.

There will be five (5) openings on the Board for this election. The Directors begin their term in January, 2013 for two (2) years.

Interviews with the nominees we currently have are shown on the next few pages. Please read them and get acquainted.

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Ed Won



How long have you been a PCA/Diablo member?

I've been a PCA member since January 2011.

You have decided to run for the Diablo Board. What skills do you bring to the Board?

I've been an Information Technology professional for the past 17 years, my background is working with emerging technologies and developing business solutions. I hope to bring some of my experience to benefit our club.

What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

I would like to bring in more activities and more different kinds of activities to appeal to the varied interests among the members in our club. Diablo PCA is a growing club and I want to help increase that momentum.

Please add any information you would like to have the members know about you and your reasons for pursuing a position on the Board.

I have a passion for Porsche cars bordering on addiction. I own a Cayman for the sporty side of driving and a Cayenne for the practical side. I joined Diablo largely due to my passion for the cars and the desire to learn more about them and meet fellow enthusiasts.

What I found was a fantastic group of people and made number of friends with the same passion. In the last year I volunteered to work with our web committee and sponsorship team, DE Team and really enjoy it. I also ran our first buying activity as well, although it was a lot of work, I got to know a lot of members along the way some were familiar and many were new to me. But all were wonderful.

I am currently the club tech chair and have been attending the board meetings. It's time for me to step up more and volunteer for the club that has given so much joy in the last year. Please consider voting for me for the board. Thank you.

Marc Giamonna



How long have you been a PCA/Diablo member?

I have been a PCA member a total of 3 years. I was a member during 2003/04 and then rejoined Diablo PCA in March of 2011 when I ordered our new Cayman. My wife and I have enjoyed many club

tours, working with the team on the 2012 Wash and Shine and I have a renewed interest in autocross and TSD rallies.

You have decided to run for the Diablo Board. What skills do you bring to the Board?

I believe I would bring a unique prospective to the board as I have been active in other automotive clubs and served as the conduit from the manufacture to the club. Also, during my automotive career I regularly work in group settings and can quickly build consensus and guide outcomes.

What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

The current Board members and activity Chairs' have done an excellent job of making the club appealing and accessible to its members by offering various types of events. I would like to see the offerings continue to expand and involve more members in activity design and execution. I would also like to see how the club can reach out to more owners to support and foster their Porsche ownership experience.

Please add any information you would like to have the members know about you and your reasons for pursuing a position on the Board.

For almost all of my 5 decades I have been a car guy. From working in the automotive industry to restoring and driving sports cars, I truly enjoy all things automotive. By partnering with the other Board members I will work to ensure that the region continues to be a vehicle to share and enhance the Porsche ownership experience.

Paul Smith



How long have you been a PCA/Diablo member?

I have been a member of Porsche Club of America for 37 Years. I became a member of Diablo Region last year after moving to Livermore.

You have decided to run for the Diablo Board. What skills do you bring to the Board?

As an active PCA member for the past 37 years, I have served on the Board of Golden Gate as Social Director and Loma Prieta as President, Vice President, Activities Director and Tour Chairman. I have competed in club and Zone 7 Concours, AXs, Rallies and Time Trials. I have been a Time Trial instructor and AX instructor and organized three to five tours per year. I have competed in five Porsche Parades and participated in two Escape Events. I have worked with the National PCA Board as the exclusive supplier of PCA Logo garments.

What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

I am interested in exploring ways to increase club membership. I would like to help provide a well-balanced activities calendar. I suggest designing a Hospitality Tree to increase participation. The tree would consist of a list of members willing to share their expertise or answer questions for members interested in becoming involved in various club and/or PCA activity/events but reluctant to join in without more information or encouragement.

Please add any information you would like to have the members know about you.

I am retired and have the time to dedicate to working with members and the Diablo Region Board in any way my experience and enthusiasm can be of assistance. I have enjoyed participating in the new member's picnic, calendar-planning meeting, and tours, wash & shine concours, breakfast & dinner meetings. I have organized two overnight and one single day tours this year. I would be honored to serve as a member of the Diablo Region Board of Directors.

Mike Roberts



I've served as Driver Education Chair since November 2011, leading the Club's high performance driving experience (HPDE) program, which includes track events, in-car instruction, classroom training and car control clinics. So far, the 'Diablo DE Team' has introduced online participant surveys, planning meetings, review sessions and focused upon communicating with and building the community. For the first time ever, in 2012, PCA Diablo will have an event at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

We have broadened our approach to appeal whether an HPDE event is a completely new experience, a long term addiction, or anything in between! But we all want to be safe, have fun and drive our cars more adventurously than we can risk on highways .

If elected to the Board, I hope to continue leading our DE Program, but also help with bigger picture decisions affecting our Club's evolution, while preserving its values and spirit. Many Auto Clubs are finding life difficult in today's connected world. I believe the opportunity is in listening to our membership, focusing upon doing the things they enjoy and staying close to our supporters in the business side of Porsche.

In real life, I own an executive coaching business and have been married 27 years to Hilary, a Market Research Director in biotech and total car agnostic. We have two grown-up kids and live in Pleasanton where we relocated from the UK 14 years ago, when I worked for a global technology company.

Did you check the calendar?

Have you registered on Motorsportreg.com?

What are you waiting for?



Ingrid French



How long have you been a PCA/Diablo member?

I have been a member for over 10 years.

You have decided to run for the Diablo Board. What skills do you bring to the Board?

I feel that I have good organizational and communication skills and a knowledge of the Board needs and responsibilities.

What would you like to achieve while on the Board?

Continue the good work that the existing board has done and continue to get more members involved.

I am currently the Tour and Charity chairperson. I am also a Past Membership Chairperson.

Nancy Bocanegra



As a PCA Diablo Region member since February 2007 I have participated in all of the types of club activities offered: planning and tech sessions, driving (autocross, driver education, poker runs, tours) and social events (breakfasts, dinners, movies, Wash & Shine).

I am a current Director-At-Large Board Member and bring personality traits of enthusiasm, thoroughness, calmness, and fairness to the Board while always keeping the needs and desires of others in mind.

I would like to continue to serve all of our members, increasing the participation of members in our balanced variety of activities. I would like to survey the members to ensure that we are offering and supporting activities of their choice.

Currently I drive my husband's 2012 Boxster but I am planning on buying my own Porsche, a Carrera C4S, in the near future.

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Track Event - Thunderhill Raceway, Willows, CA – **Monday October 29th, 2012**

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Driver Orientation for Laguna Seca (again with pizza) – **November, 2012** (exact date/venue TBA).

Track Event - Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Monterey, CA – **Monday November 19th, 2012**

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Where?

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- 4300 Central Parkway, Dublin, CA, 94568
 - From 580E, take Santa Rita Rd. exit, left onto Tassajara Rd., left onto Central Parkway. Parking lot is on the right. Cross field to picnic area.

Food:

- Burgers, hot dogs, drinks provided.
- Pot luck – bring your favorite side dish!
- No alcohol allowed in park.

Activities:

- Bring the family and kids—children's playground
- Bocce ball courts nearby
- Join in the games; bring kites
- Restrooms, picnic tables, parking close by (short walk from parking area)
- Wear your name tags – be eligible for prizes!
- **RSVP:** Register for the event using this link:
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- **include the # people coming & your side dish by Aug. 19, 2012**
- **Questions? Contact Elsie Lum at ewklum@yahoo.com**



Membership Report

New Members

DeGroot, Jeremy	2010 911 S, Gray
McClain, Reven P.	2002 986, Silver
Moody, Kenneth W.	1999 Carrera, Red
Pendergrass, Bruce D.	2007 Boxster, Silver
Sanguinetti, Raymond P.	1991 Carrera 4, Red
Stepanek, Drew	1983 911

Total New Members: 6

Transfer In Members

Feole, Bob R. <i>Transfer from Calif. Central Coast (CCC)</i>	2005 C4S, Red
Hayes, Perry G. <i>Transfer from Calif. Central Coast (CCC)</i>	2009 Carrera
Mahler, Jens <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GG)</i>	2011 911 Turbo, White

Total Transfers In: 3

Affiliate Members: 59
Family Members: 373
Primary Members: 633
Total Members: 1065

Epicurean Napa Valley Play Day Tour

By Marc Giammona

A perfect Northern California July morning greeted the participants of the Epicurean Napa Valley Play day tour. Over 20 cars and 35+ enthusiastic members assembled at the Buttercup Grill & Bar for a little conversation and fuel before heading out to the scenic Napa Valley. Our tour hostess, Lillie, led the driver's meeting, and went over the usual disclaimers and handed out the route instructions. The weather was fine for top down motoring for those so inclined and we were soon on our way heading north on 680 to Vacaville where the more scenic roads of the Pope Valley and Howell Mountain reside.



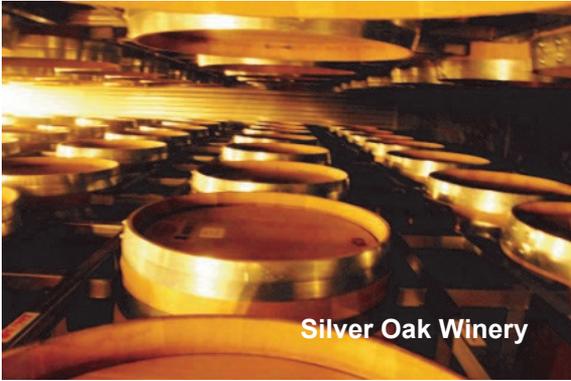
After a short pit stop for fuel, munchies and “health break”, the group made their way through North Vacaville and the confines of the urban environment to the switchbacks and diminishing radius turns of the Pope Valley. The tour roads wind through the scenic hillside of Howell Mountain and are a Porsche driver’s delight. We took 128 to the Monticello Hydroelectric facility at Lake Berryessa where we stopped ever so briefly for our first photo opportunity. From the dam site we continued on around Lake Berryessa and transitioned on to Pope Valley Road. The roads in this area were filled with complex turns, short straight-aways and towering Redwoods. It is an excursion like this that reminds me how lucky we are to live in an area with views that are as breathtaking as the roads. All too quickly we were at the crest of the mountain and looking down on the beautiful Napa Valley and heading for Oakville and our first stop at Silver Oak Cellars. We were blessed with very few bikes to contend with and arrived intact as a group at Silver Oak.

The tour group congregated at the roundabout for our second photo op of the day anchored by Silver Oak's iconic water tower in the background. The staff from Silver Oak Cellars took the group on a private tour where we learned about the history of Silver Oak Cellars and how the fire in 2006 lead to a new beginning for the winery. The tour was followed by a private tasting and the opportunity to mingle in front of the tasting bar: a perfect opportunity for introductions, a little car talk and the ability to purchase some of your favorite libations to fill the trunk of your Porsche.



Pictures provided by Lillie Echevarria

Soon we were back in our cars and motoring along highway 29 to our next destination, the diRosa Art Preserve located in the Carneros Region of the Napa Valley. The diRosa Art Preserve is a haven for local and nationally acclaimed artist that houses over 2,000 works of



Silver Oak Winery

art by more than 800 artists. When we arrived we were greeted by the friendly docents and escorted to the main house site and our awaiting al fresco lunch. The picnic in the olive grove overlooking the Sculpture Meadow gave the group time to relax and enjoy

the eclectic surroundings. The group was then given a private tour by one of the curators. The collection features works in all media, including sculpture, ceramics, and painting by artists working from the 1960s to the present.



A special thanks to our tour leaders Lillie Echevarria and Bela Privari for putting on another great event. As someone fairly new to the club, it's events like this one that makes the PCA motto "It's not just the cars it's the people" a vital part of the Porsche ownership experience.







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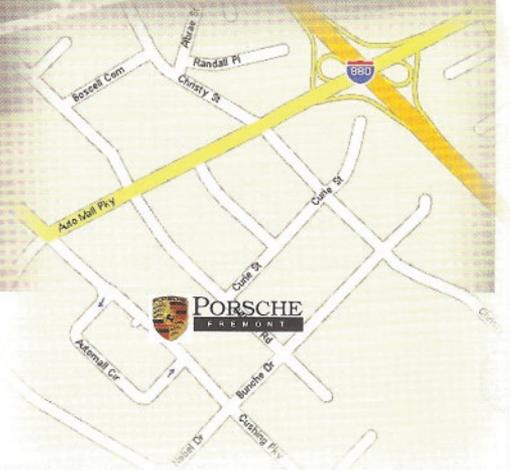
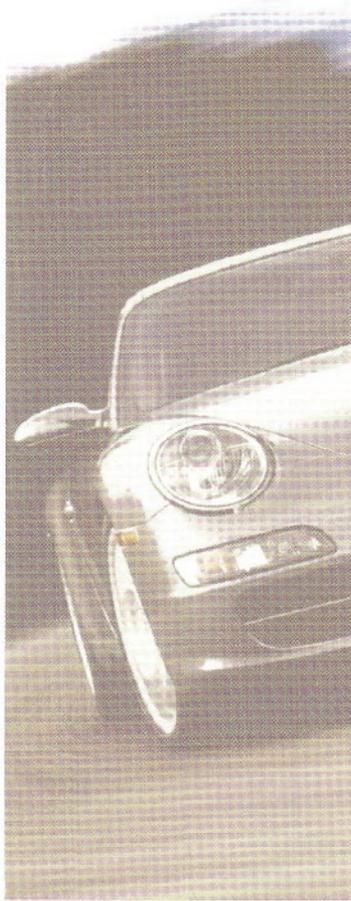
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James Dean Tour 2012



September 8th and 9th

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We will drive down Highway 25, one of the best back roads at the central valley. Then, lunch at Harris Ranch Inn on Highway 5. After lunch, we will visit the James Dean Memorial Junction of CA 41 and 46. The tour will end with a wine and cheese gathering at the hotel in Cambria.

Room rate for king without fireplace is **\$128.76** and king with fireplace or two-queens are about **\$155.50** at San Simeon Pines.

Tour Cost: \$15 per person, which will provide for a wine and snack at the hotel.

(Note –Lodging, lunch and dinner will be paid directly by participants.)

Please register and pay the \$15 on MotorsportReg.

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/B1FDA442-9EC3-098B-CF03EE72E512AEF1>

The booking confirmation number will be provided for your hotel reservation.

Deadline is Aug. 8th.

Any question, please contact:

Ken Wu <mailto:kw1055@gmail.com> or Patrick Schmidt Schmidt.Patrick@comcast.net

We will start from Mimi's Cafe at Dublin at 9:00 a.m.

(4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin, CA)

Because of the anticipated larger crowd, if you expect to eat breakfast with the Tri-Valley breakfast group, before, please plan accordingly and arrive closer to 7:30 AM

Our route will cover some of the best Porsche roads in California: Hwy. 25 on the east side of the Pinnacle National Monument near Hollister... one of the "roads less traveled". About 200 mi.

We will have lunch at Harris Ranch Inn

Drive to Cholame, CA to visit the James Dean Memorial 65 mi.

Head towards the coast to our hotel, the San Simeon Pines in Cambria 55 mi.

Dinner will be (on your own) in nearby Cambria.

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Options include leaving San Simeon for a drive up the Coast Highway, arriving in Carmel Highlands for lunch

... or you may choose to stay a little longer in San Simeon and take a tour of Hearst Castle. (Tickets may be purchased at the Visitor Center upon arrival, but Tour Reservations are **strongly recommended** and may be reserved 1-800-444-4445).



Neptune Pool at Hearst Castle

Return from Cambria to Walnut Creek via Highway 1

About 220 mi.

Where's Arnold Tour?

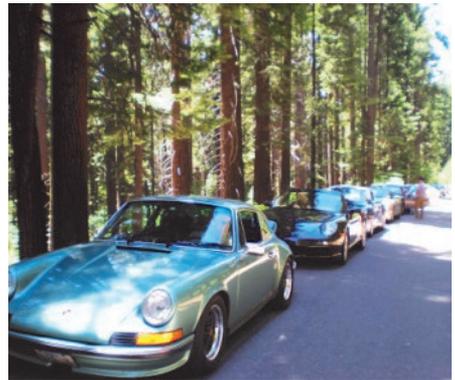
By Tessa Burt

As new members of the PCA Diablo Region club – my husband Gavin and I joined up with the other tour group members in Copperopolis on Saturday June 16th with great anticipation for a fun “Where’s Arnold” weekend and we were not disappointed.



After introductions and an impressive line-up of all the various models and vintages Porsches around the Disneyesque Town Square of Copperopolis, Jack Kuhn gave us an overview of the 2 day outing and some dire warnings of the local CHP officer lurking along this section of

Highway 4. We were therefore a little surprised and thoroughly delighted by the blistering pace Jack set for the first stretch of Highway 4 where it bounces along and twists through the golden foothills of 49'er countryside. Our first stop was at a picnic site in the beautiful Calaveras State Park where most of us brought food, some of us forgot drinks but a picnic along the river was enjoyed by all. I have a passion for Sequoias so we hiked the 1.5 mile trail to see some of the biggest trees before joining up with the group to drive to the top of Highway 4's Ebbett's Pass.



Luckily for us there is a fine pub and restaurant once we reached the 7300' mark, at Lake Alpine Resort where we quenched our thirst, downed more food and relaxed in

the high mountain air. We turned around and headed downhill to Arnold where we checked into the Meadowmont Lodge for our overnight stay. Next on the program was a summer concert in the park in downtown Arnold where we listened to the band “The Tour Guides” – they were best with their Adele and Fleetwood Mac renditions and a little sad with their Rolling Stones and Beatles songs. It had been a sweltering hot day – the cool evening air and chilled wine were a welcome relief.



Our last stop for the day was across the road from the motel at the Snowshoe Brewing Co. – an easy stagger from our rooms after a very enjoyable day. None the worse for wear we were on the road again in the morning headed for the historic mining town of Murphy’s. We stopped off at the Ironstone Vineyards, nothing like tasting cabs around 10AM on a Sunday morning before making our way to the Murphy’s Hotel for Sunday brunch. The food was great but loong in coming. We rambled around the town for a while, stopped off for more wine-tasting and headed home.

The itinerary was varied, the driving fun and the company excellent...altogether a successful inaugural PCA weekend. Many thanks for Cathy and Jack Kuhn for putting it all together.

Pictures from Cathy and Jack Kuhn

Food and Friends Walnut Creek Breakfast

Start your weekend off with breakfast, friends and good conversation. Meet up at 8AM every Saturday at:

Buttercup Bar & Grill,
660 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, Ca 94596
located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive.

Don't forget to wear your name tag so everyone knows your name. This is a great way to casually meet other members and catch up on upcoming Region events.



Tri-Valley Saturday Breakfast

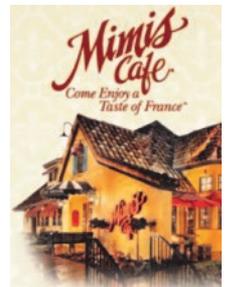
If you can't get up in time to get to the Saturday morning breakfast at Buttercup Grill & Bar in Walnut Creek, drive over to Dublin and join a few hungry members at Mimi's Cafe. We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30AM.

The next breakfast is scheduled for August 11th and again on August 25th. We hope to see you there. We have tables reserved in the backroom.

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Food and Friends Dinner

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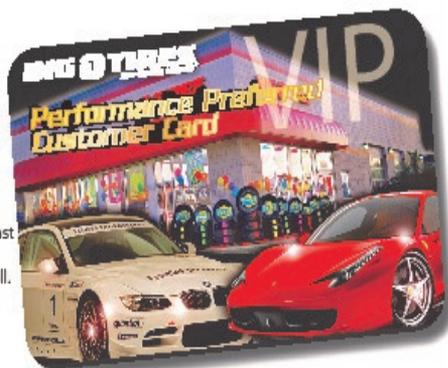
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Parade Salt Lake City, Utah

July 8th-14th 2012

Jerry and I left for the 57th Porsche Parade on Saturday, the 7th of July. We stopped that afternoon in the town of Winnemucca, Nv. First time in this town and we had a great Basque dinner at Ormauchas.

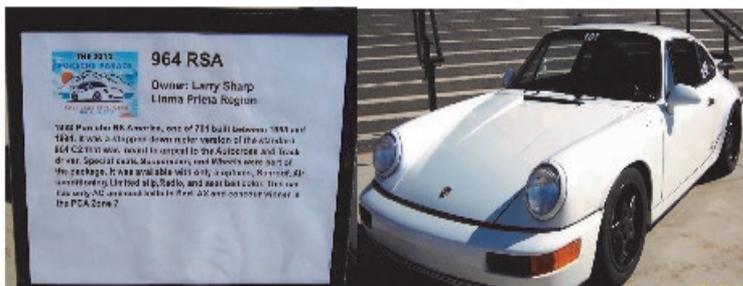
The Next morning we set off for Utah. We arrived at the hotel (Little America) and settled in. What a beautiful hotel! We got checked-in and received our packet quickly. I believe there were several people from Diablo Region. That evening, there was a Welcome Party in the courtyard of the sister hotel directly across the street. The buffet was delicious and the weather was cooperating. (No rain)

Monday, July 9th was the Concours d' Elegance. This took place on the grounds of the Utah State Capital.



This 1952 Glockler won First place in the Thoroughbred Racer category.

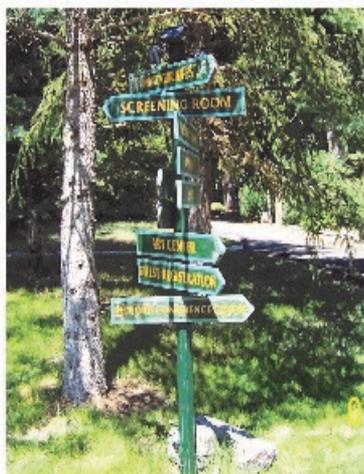
I did see Larry Sharp's car on display. (Our former Zone 7 Rep)



They had some beautiful cars!



On Tuesday, the 10th, Jerry and I were a part of the Alpine Driving Tour, that brought us up into the mountains. We made a stop at Sundance Resort, owned by Robert Redford. There we had a great lunch in one of the conference rooms, all decked out for our group. The parking lot was a site, with 60 Porsches all lined up together. The Concours banquet that evening, and in attendance was the Porsche family.



On Wednesday, we shopped in the Goodie Store, and hung out in the Hospitality Room set up for the group. We also viewed the Art Display, which had a beautiful quilt made by Linda Schmidt. **She won first prize!!** We also ventured out and saw some of the city.

Thursday, the 12th of July was the Gimmick Rally. It was a 100 mile rally that was so fun. We had one goal, and that was to correctly record and tabulate all the speed limit signs you pass on the route. You turn in one final total sum at the end of the day. We made a couple stops during the rally, which we enjoyed so much. The first was to the Utah Olympic Park. This was the site of the 2002 winter Olympics. We watched the Olympic athletes from all over the world come to train at the Freestyle pool and Nordic Jumps. Next stop was Park City, Utah's most famous mountain town. Here is where the Sundance film festival happens. We stopped to have lunch in this cozy town. One of the locals told us that in January, it is similar to the Mardi gras in New Orleans, with the street full of people.



Park City Main Street.
Sundance Film Festival
location.

Friday we attended a cooking school in the morning. We checked out Friday early, and headed home after the cooking class. The event in Salt Lake was organized so well. We really enjoyed the time we spent there.

Maureen Torres

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1. **What first interested you in Porsche?**

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1. **What was your first Porsche and why did you purchase it?**

See above answer! Actually my wife and I settled on a 2008 Boxster *RS60*.

3. **What are your interests (hobbies)?**

I am a long distance bicyclist, to the tune of 200 mile per day rides (about 5 of these rides a year)

4. **What type of work do you do and if you are retired, what did you do?**

I am retired from the Fire Service. I teach wild land firefighting for the State of California. I have been teaching for 12 years.

5. **What is your current Porsche?**

2008 Carrera S

6. **What do you like about your Porsche?**

Many things to like: Classic looks, incredible handling, Track worthy in stock form...

7. **What options do you wish it included?**

I would like to have the upgraded leather interior and sport seats, maybe someday...

8. **Is this your daily driver and if not, when do you drive it?**
Porsche usually just waits in the garage for the next track day
9. **What type of driving do you like to do (i.e. spirited, country winding roads, long interstate trips)?**
See answer above. Track days
10. **What activities do you enjoy doing with the Diablo Region?**
HPDE of course! Saturday breakfasts when my schedule permits
11. **Is there any particular event that stands out as most enjoyable?**
Looking forward to Laguna Seca HPDE, and October Thunderhill HPDE event
12. **Is there any activity the Diablo Region does not provide that you would like to do?**
The region seem to be just busy enough. A great group of people.
13. **If you could have any Porsche, what would it be and why?**
I would like to get a Boxster Spyder. The Spyder is the most responsive Porsche I have driven/ridden in. It is nice to have a rag top this time of year also.



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