

The devil's Advocate

August, 2014

HOT AUGUST NIGHTS



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2014 Event Calendar

August

8/3-Mercedes Benz Tour—Ed

8/15-Werks Reunion—Dave

8/31-30th Anniversary Picnic—
Bob Hilton

September

TBD-Oktoberfest

9/26-Thunderhill DE

October

10/4-CIA Tour—Kay

10/11-12-Groveland Overnight
Tour—Susan & Carol





Ed's Comments

Hello Diablo Members,

As I write this month's column I'm looking for some relief from the heat. I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather and staying hydrated. As we wind through the summer, July treated us to two nice tours, the winery tour to ZD Wines and Mammoth Lakes Tour. Ingrid French lead the tour to ZD Wines where Dustin organized a wine tasting and a drive to lunch. I heard from many folks that went on the ZD tour that they had a really nice time with about 40 people. And they also enjoyed a drive on some "new" back roads (New to Diablo folks) lead by Dustin Moilenen. Thank you Dustin!

It sounded like a great time and I wished I could have joined them, but it was a busy weekend for Diablo. The Mammoth Tour also took place the same weekend. We gathered at Starbucks Coffee in Livermore and set out for Oakdale and then on to Crane Flats in Yosemite to rendezvous with Sequoia Region and GGR. What a great bunch of folks! This is my second year and I reconnected with many folks from last year. Best of all I saw Dave Ogden and Tammy again, the President of Sequoia Region. They are among some of the nicest folks you'll meet anywhere. This was also the beginning of ribbing I would endure all weekend. You see, I drove my VW Jetta on the tour. Unfortunately, my GT3 had cords showing on the rear tires and the tires were back ordered at the time.

I found myself parking with the Vette and the Lamborghini a lot during the tour. The Vette guy got even more ribbing than I got so sticking near him was a must. Other "VW moments" include many blank stares when I wave to the other Porsche drivers, "why is there a VW parked here?" And my favorite, "I hope he doesn't slow us down on the tour". I am glad to say I didn't to the last statement, but it was all in fun.

And the fun we had! We caravanned to Lake Tenaya for a picnic lunch by the lake. If you have never been to Lake Tenaya, you missed out on the views that are simply breathtaking. From there, we caravanned to our hotels, either the Westin or Juniper Springs Resort. Just like last year, our Mammoth local, Mark Coronado, arranged for first class accommodations and VIP treatment around town. Dave put on a nice BBQ for late afternoon munching at Juniper Springs and then we cleaned up for a mixer at the Westin. Dave was surprised by a sizable group that arrived unannounced from San Diego and Phoenix. The yearly tour was growing.

We spent the following day on a fantastic 110 mile drive and relaxation around town. Although there was a threat of thunderstorms, it did finally roll in on Sunday as we were leaving. I'm hooked on this tour, I will again be there next year and I hope you will make it too.

Looking forward, we have some tours and events in August that are favorites. Next Sunday, August 3rd, we will again join our Mercedes Club friends for a drive in our own backyard. You can still sign up. Dave Ohst is once again leading a Caravan to the first ever Werks Reunion. Thank you very much Dave! PCA hopes this is the beginning of a new tradition. The location and date is the same as previous years of The Legends of the Autobahn, but the venue is now exclusively Porsche. While the signup for the Concourse and Corral parking is over, you can still come and enjoy the event. It's free. There's parking next door at the Church for a small donation.

We also have the 30th Anniversary Picnic in store for you on Sunday August 31st. The picnic planning committee is pulling out the stops and the picnic format will change this year. We are again holding the picnic at Hap Magee in Danville, but this year no BBQ and no need to bring sides. This year we are having the event catered by a food truck. They will serve food, wine and beer. The foodies among you know that food trucks are the hot thing these days. We will also have a DJ, Diablo's very own Dan Lederman, who has an entertainment production company. We also have commemorative items and raffle prizes as well. I hope to see you all at our 30th Anniversary picnic!

I also want to let you all know that it's almost election time for the board. There are 5 positions coming up for elections this time around. The board is comprised of 9 members. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors or just want some more information, please send a message to either:

Deb Suttikus at dsuttikus@comcast.net

Or

Marc Giammona at, mgcls@sbcglobal.net.

Also, last but certainly not least, we have 2 DE track days coming up, one at Thunderhill on Friday September 26th for the full 5 miles. (The old track plus the new 2 mile extension) and November 26th at Laguna Seca! For details please come to our website at:

<https://www.diablo-pca.org/> and click on the blue Driver Ed button for the DE mini site.

Have a great August, stay cool and I hope to see you soon!

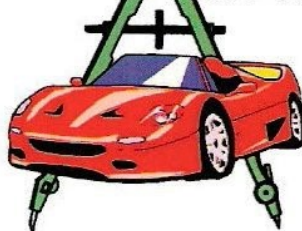
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Join Diablo Board and Have Some Fun!!

2014 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>1/26-Blackhawk Awards Luncheon-Elsie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>7/19-Z D Winery Tour-Ingrid 7/18-7/20-Mammoth Lake Tour (Joint)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>2/2-Super Bowl Party-Walt TBD-Movie Night 2/22-Big Cats & Casino Tour-Lillie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>8/3-Mercedes Benz Tour-Ed 8/15-Werks Reunion-Dave 8/31-30th Anniversary Picnic-Bob Hilton</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>3/1 Tesla Tech Tour/Test Drive-Ed 3/8-Mystery Dinner-Kay 3/14-16-Mendocino-Vern Thomas 3/21-Thunderhill D</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>TBD-Oktoberfest 9/26-Thunderhill DE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>4/5-6-Blue Lakes Tour-Lillie 4/12-Bocce Ball-Kay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>10/4-CIA Cooking Tour-Kay 10/11-12-Groveland Overnight Tour-Susan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>5/10-Luau-Debbie & Randall 5/25-Wash 'N Shine 5/31- El Dorado National Forest Tour-Lillie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>TBD-Veterans' Dinner TBD-Planning Party 11/26-Laguna Seca Raceway DE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>6/15-21-Parade</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>12/6-Christmas Party-Linda & Patrick</p>

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Diablo Driver Education Program

By Adam Cipriano, DE Chair



Thunderhill DE Friday September 26

Happy summer driving season fellow enthusiasts!

With the summer upon us and the fall approaching, we look ahead to the next time we can be together on the track and that first day is closer than it may seem. Friday, September 26th at Thunderhill Raceway Park is shaping up to be a special day as we run the new and expanded version of the circuit. It's now 5 miles long, the longest street circuit on the west coast, and the reviews so far from those that have run it already are superb. With sections that are tight and technical and some that are fast and sweeping, it promises to be an experience you don't want to miss. Sign-ups are open on www.motorsportreg.com and as of this writing all three run groups are available and instructors and encouraged to sign up too.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Go Fast

As usual, we will take care to make it a friendly, low-key, enjoyable day with friends and fellow Porsche enthusiasts alike. With only three run groups (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced) and limited run group sizes we promise to provide tons of on track time and tons of track space. We'll have our typical passing zones and point-by rules to keep everyone as safe as possible.

And, our friends at Hooked On Driving will be with us to assist you getting on and off the track and with paddock and grid safety. Thank you HOD! They are mighty fine instructors as well....

Dinner Anyone?

Join us for dinner the night before (Thursday 9/25) for a no-host dinner at Casa Ramos in Willows at 6:30pm and you can even sign in early and pick up your registration packet then too. These dinners are always an off-track highlight for drivers, guests and instructors.

Tech Inspections

As always, we ask you to inspect your car and take responsibility for its safe operation on the track. Kahlers in Dublin, Michael Stead Porsche in Walnut Creek and Fremont Porsche in Fremont are again generously offering to inspect your cars for free within 30 days of the track date. Tech inspections require appointments in advance **and be sure to mention Diablo PCA Inspection for Thunderhill DE on September 26.**

So contact:

Fremont Porsche—by appt only

Contact Gunter Feldmeier, Service Manager at
gfeldmeier@fjfreemont.com

Kahlers in Dublin – by appt. only

Contact Ash Reddy at service@kahlers.com or by phone at 925-829-2050.

Michael Stead Porsche in Walnut Creek – by appt. only

Contact Melissa or Henry at 925-280-4900

Visit www.diablo-de.org

Check out our resources for our drivers and instructors on our website. It contains a wealth of information about our program, track driving, insurance, schedules, tech forms, video links and more.

Adam

DE101/102 Meeting Details

To Be Announced

Soon

Check www.diablo-de.org or your emails for follow-up information.

Any questions, contact Adam Cipriano at dechair@diablo-pca.org.



Diablo Region Wants YOU!!

It's that time of year again!

Nominations to fill 5 positions on the Diablo Region Board will be needed prior to the October election.

Would you like to have input into the future direction of Diablo PCA?

Positions on the Board are for a 2 year term that will run from January, 2015 through December, 2016.

The Board meets once a month to discuss financial issues, upcoming events, impacts to members, as well as how to ensure members are getting a variety of selections from the monthly calendar.

The Region runs strictly on volunteers and the generosity of giving that precious commodity—TIME to continue to grow and be a successful Region.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact any of our current Board members listed on page 3 of this issue.

There are also some "Open" Chair positions that need filling.

Feel free to attend a Board meeting to find out more information. The meetings are held the 2nd Monday each month at 7pm at C&J Fencing, 12983 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon.



Caravan Drive to Werks Reunion – August 15, 2014

At Rancho Cañada, 4860 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, California, 93923
<http://www.werksreunion.org> for event information and corral parking registration

Caravan with your PCA-Diablo friends from Pleasanton to Carmel – for a relaxing day, enjoying the traditions and history of Porsche craftsmanship, innovation, style and performance.

The Werks Reunion will be a stunning display of more than 500 Porsches, including the latest Porsche models, special presentations, celebrity guests, and a surprise or two.

An intriguing and interesting motivation to join us for a fun day, will be the opportunity to not only see the latest Porsche models, but to also feel and touch history and the passion that preserves it.

Such a diverse collection offers the chance to reach back and glimpse time in motion – to make connections previously unseen, intangible, or unrealized. Such connections are one way, perhaps, to better view the present, and to redefine what attracts us to German precision and culture.

Such attraction is unique for each of us. You may agree that mounds of digital data have eclipsed critical thinking, preferring instead the telepathic feel of analog machines and methods. Maybe you think the opposite, or maybe something in between. The right mix is often ephemeral, emotional, and a moving target. The Werks Reunion, from classics to the latest Porsche technology, reminds us of this spectrum, and maybe in a small way who we are. Freunde am Fahren.

Maximum of 36 cars !

Caravan RVSP by August 8, 2013 at the PCA-Diablo Goodie Store
<http://diablopca.clubstore.us.com>

What : Caravan drive with your Porsche friends to PCA Werks Reunion.

When : Friday morning August 15, 2013 - **Depart at 5:45 a.m. SHARP !** Yikes, this is early ! We don't want to be stuck in the Silicon Valley commute on I-680. We also want to get to Rancho Cañada, in time to score a good corral parking spot.

Meeting Point : Safeway, 6790 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566 – at the junction of I-680 and Bernal Avenue. Safeway is open 24/7, making an early coffee and breakfast easy.

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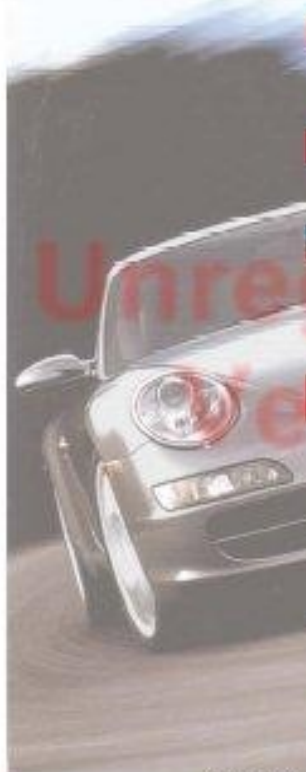


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New Members

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Gulati, Anil	2011 Panamera S
Helm, Ray	2014 Cayman S
Kartens, Jon	2014 Cayman
Megrian, Warren	1991 911 Carrera S
Nelsen, Dwight	2014 Panamera
Watkins, Antonio	2006 Boxster S

Total New Members:

Active Members 697

Affiliate Members 427

Total Members 1124

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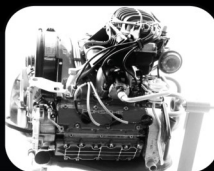


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Tri-Valley Saturday Breakfast

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 Pleasanton and join a few hungry members at Strizzi's. We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30AM.

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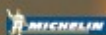
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The DE 101/201 location and date will be announced soon. Plus the locations of the Track Inspections that will be available from our sponsors and supporters prior to the 30 day timeframe.

Our friends and partners at Hooked on Driving will be running the track on the following 2 days (9/27 & 9/28) so you have an opportunity to make it a 2 or 3 day Thunderhill experience.

There will be a no-host get-together dinner at Casa Ramos the night before on Thursday, September 25th at 6:30pm. Join the fun and get to know your fellow track mates.

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Questions: Contact Adam Cipriano at dechair@diablo-pca.org





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30th Anniversary Picnic

August 31st

11:00am—3pm

Hap Magee Ranch Park-Picnic Area

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\$10 per person

Come join the celebration of 30 years as a Region. Lunch will be catered by Cabana Dave's with all the trimmings. Beer and wine will be available.

There will be a DJ, mixer game, and gifts.

Dress up your cars and come out for a great afternoon with new and old friends.

Register at the Goodie Store on diablo-pca.org by August 23rd.

Questions: Contact Christi Hilton at 925-413-3118 or christihilton@comcast.net.



The Calendar Has Openings!!

Time to Plan Some Fun



There are open dates on the Diablo Region Events Calendar in September, October November, and December.

Events can be:

Activities Dinners
Tours Autocross
 Gimmick Rallies

Your imagination is the only limit to what you can plan.

Remember: Every member can volunteer to put on an event. It is always fun to partner with someone else and share the responsibilities too.

So, put your thinking caps on and put your name on a date.

Contact Ingrid French at
secretary@diablo-pca.org
for events.

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The Napa Valley Wine Tour by Sigrid Jacob

This Napa quest was a very good excuse to spend the day driving in our Porsche. The trip was well orchestrated by Ingrid French. If you haven't met Ingrid and Ted yet, they are a hoot and Larry loves their Porsches. We drove like a breeze right to the ZD Winery. This was a nice time for us to gather with the rest of the group, to enjoy a variety of cheeses and their new wine release of Rosa Lee Pinot Blanc with Chuck, Cathy and Christi.



The second part of the wine tour was mapped out by Dustin Moilanen, ZD's Director of Hospitality. We cruised through Napa's town on Ca 29 N to the 8365-8379 Silverado Trail S to 8383 Silverado Trail. We even kept the directions in order to enjoy the trail again: around the Napa District Lake of changing terrains.



It was wrapped up with wine tasting and a nice lunch upstairs in a private room with the 3rd generation deLeuze family of the winery and an expansive view. The famous Founders Reserve Pinot Noir, Carneros was the favorite of many. We were joined by the Urban Porsche group.

They were a hit and we were informed if you want to go racing fast you can go online to Mario Andretti racing experience website and pay to drive an Indy-style race car. Ha, for me too scary! We had a good time and look forward to the next excursion and I hope I have the treat of sitting next to, the Zip lining Mary. As Larry would say, "Porsche the common denominator, bringing all walks of life and professions together to have fun at a great event!"



CIA (Culinary Institute of America) Tour

Saturday, October 4th 9am

This will be an enjoyable drive to St. Helena, dodging the crazy traffic.

The day will include a delicious lunch prepared by the chef trainees, cooking demonstrations, sampling and a tour of the facility.

There will be a **maximum of 20 participants.**

More details will be forthcoming.

Register at diablo-pca.org soon.

Food and Friends Monthly Dinner

Come join the fun, festive conversation with fellow Diablo members and delicious food on the 3rd Thursday of each month at:

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Mammoth Lakes Tour

By Kay Maloy, Editor

Well, I think we can say “We have an annual thing going on here”. According to all reports again this year, the joining of multiple regions for this exciting journey definitely is FUN!

This year there were more regions represented than in the past: Diablo, Golden Gate, Redwood, Golden Empire, Orange Coast, Los Angeles, Sierra Nevada, Sequoia, Arizona.

Mother Nature decided to add her own touch to the tour by throwing in a huge range in temperatures, rain and lightning.

The two organizers: Dave Ogden and Mark Coronado were the usual gracious hosts and helped share the Porsche Pride among all those who attended.

I really have to make sure I can make it next year.



Organizer and Our President



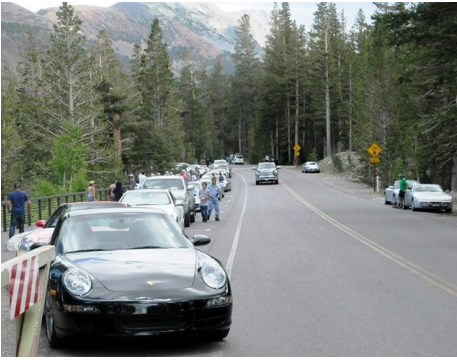
The large Drivers' Meeting



Line of Four-Wheel Fun



Taking in Mother Nature at Her Best



At Twin Lakes



Just a little drippy



So this is where the “Undesirables” were corralled





Traveling the
earthquake fault



Time for a little entertainment



Calm "Mob Scene"



Monterey Car Week

August 11-17, 2014
Monterey, California



The one and only source for all event information during the internationally famed **Monterey Car Week**. Here you will find schedules, reviews, and the latest news of your favorite events.

This years featured marquee is Maserati, Ruxton and Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa. The Monterey Bay peninsula offers the perfect back drop for this fantastic motoring event. Cars will be displayed across the most beautiful golf courses in the world. Witness the excitement of the auctions as automobiles get sold at record prices. Racing is also a huge part of the excitement during Car Week; seeing vintage race cars speed through the cork screw at Laguna Seca raceway is very thrilling. We hope you can join us for this world renowned automotive event.

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Oktoberfest Needs a Host, Location and Date

Diablo's Oktoberfest is one of the annual events where members turn out in large numbers. It is an opportunity to meet up with both old and new friends and to enjoy some great food.

In the past, the event has been hosted at a member's home. The usual menu was served: hot dogs, sauerkraut, beer. Plus, everyone brought an appetizer to share.

The event is usually scheduled for a Saturday in September and all weekends are available.

Our interim Event Chair, Ingrid French is the contact if anyone is interested in hosting the event or if they just have questions. She can be contacted at Ingridfrench@gmail.com.

So, check your calendars and send Ingrid an email today. Danke!



5th Annual

DERRIC'S DAY @ Thunderhill: Prostate Cancer Awareness

Friday, September 5, 2014

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

The day will feature:

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

Proceeds from the event benefit the Prostate Cancer Foundation.



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