

The devil's Advocate

December, 2015



Diablo Region Laguna Seca DE

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Ed's Comments

By Ed Won, President Diablo PCA

Hello Diablo Members!

I want to wish you all a wonderful Holiday/Christmas season! It sure is getting brisk out there these days, but we still have a couple of events to round out the year, Paul Smith's Holiday in the Vineyards and the Holiday Party at Patrick and Linda Schmidt's. Thank you!

What a year it has been! We started the year with a Karting event and the annual awards in January. Guess what? We are doing it again! It was so much fun the last time.

Looking back over the year, we had a very busy year with a lot of events. We had a number of stellar blowout events this year. We scrambled to figure out how to accommodate everyone. I'm sure the board was tired of hearing me say many times 'it's a good problem to have'. Thank you all for coming out and helping us make this a great year! And Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put on these events. We couldn't have done it without you all!

As much fun as we had this year, we also had some difficult times. I remember our Past President Walt Lietz, his wife Jacquie, Past Advertising chair Ingrid Plooy and Jim Edmund's wife Mary Lew. We'll miss you all! As difficult as it was, I'm deeply touched by how the Porsche family comes together in difficult times and supports each other.

As I write this column, in a few weeks it'll be my 5 year anniversary in Diablo PCA. Joining Diablo PCA has changed my life. I'm so happy be part of the Porsche family. There are times when there seems an endless amount of work (the other board and chairs as well) but when I come to an event and see it all come together putting smiles on folks, it makes it all worthwhile and so rewarding.

I'm thankful for the wonderful volunteers that have stepped forward like Andre Bourse for Membership Chair, Dylan Sawchuk for Tech chair and Anthony Mendoza webmaster. Also thanks Arleigh Taylor for helping with the Diablo Elections!

Thank you Deb Suttikus outgoing Membership chair and outgoing board member Jeff Kreutzer who will continue his Sponsorship Chair duties.

Switching gears, I just came back from our Laguna Track day. Every year I come back thinking that was a great track day the best one yet only to think that same thing the next year. Well... this one was the best we have had. We had a new format with over 80 participants, 10 of which were ladies. I'm excited that we have a program which appeals to a wider audience. We even had some husband and wife duos. We even had a few families come out to hang and support Dad. That is what it's all about for me; club activities to bring your significant other or family to friendly events. I want to especially thank Adam Cipriano track chair and Jeff Urnes chief Driving Instructor for a SAFE and Awesome track day! There's a lot of work that takes place behind the scenes to put one together and Kay Maloy really puts it all together with helper Debby Clary.

I also want to thank our dealer sponsors as well who have donated a lot of raffle items and support for Diablo to help us put on great events! We are so lucky to have three Porsche dealers in our region. In no particular order, Thank you David and Gunter at Fremont Porsche, Kevin and Terry at Livermore Porsche and Mike Soria and Melissa Jones at Stead Porsche. Your support of Diablo PCA is greatly appreciated!

As we look ahead to 2016, next year will be my last year as a board member so I like to go out with a bang. We'll start with a Karting event again this year, thank you Malcolm Adkins for putting it together! That takes place right before the Annual Awards Luncheon. This is the event where we relive the last year's activities and award our volunteers for a job well done. Marc Giammona is working hard to make this a stellar one. He's lined up Singer Cars and working on a second awesome guest speaker. You don't want to miss this one.

I hope to see you all soon!

Ed Won

2016 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

<p>January</p> <p>1/23 – Drive to Go Carting- Malcolm</p> <p>1/24-Awards Luncheon-Marc</p>	<p>July</p> <p>7/16 Sonoma cheese tour- Nancy</p> <p>7/16-17 GGR DE @ Thunderhill</p> <p>7/17 LPR Carmel Valley Concours</p> <p>TBD- Member Picnic/Car show</p>
<p>February</p> <p>2/7-Super Bowl Party-???</p> <p>2/6-Rutherford Hill-Lillie</p> <p>2/20 DE Golden Gate TH (Instructor instruction)</p> <p>2/27 Zone 7 PCA Awards</p>	<p>August</p> <p>8/7 GGR Concours @ Carlson Porsche</p> <p>8/19-Werks Reunion-Marc</p> <p>8/21- Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance</p>
<p>March</p> <p>3/5 or 12 Movie Night Berkeley</p> <p>3/12-13 GGR DE @ Thunderhill</p> <p>3/25 –Diablo DE @ Thunderhill</p> <p>3/26-27 AX School and Event @ Marina</p>	<p>September</p> <p>9/3-4 GGR DE Location TBD</p> <p>9/7-11 Treffen Lake Tahoe, Resort at Squaw Creek</p> <p>TBD-Oktoberfest</p> <p>9/?-Mercedes Benz Tour-Ed</p> <p>9/18 – Redwood-Ledson Concours</p> <p>9/23- Diablo DE @ Thunderhill</p> <p>9/24-25 Zone AX @ Marina</p>
<p>April</p> <p>4/2 Movie Night- Brian</p> <p>4/10 - Detail workshop @ Porsche Livermore - Marc</p> <p>4/16-17 Zone AX @ Marina</p> <p>4/23 Bocce Ball Livermore - Kay</p> <p>4/29 – 5/1 Porsche Platz</p>	<p>October</p> <p>10/?? Livermore Porsche Concours</p> <p>10/8 Horses not horsepower Golden Gate Fields- Brian</p> <p>10/16 Grand Island Tour -Frank</p> <p>10/22 Zip Line</p>
<p>May</p> <p>5/13-15 Zone CRAB Event</p> <p>5/14-15 GGR DE @ Button Willow</p> <p>5/21 – 22 Zone AX Redwood</p> <p>5/29-Wash 'N Shine- Brian</p> <p>5/30 (activity) Bombers @ Livermore Airport- Naomi</p>	<p>November</p> <p>11/12 Ramekins Sonoma - Christi</p> <p>11/19 Planning Party</p> <p>11/21 Diablo DE @ Laguna</p>
<p>June</p> <p>6/5 Parts Heaven Concours</p> <p>6/11 Gimmick Paul and David</p> <p>6/11 -12 GGR DE @ Laguna</p> <p>6/11 – SVR Concours @ Niello Porsche</p> <p>6/19-26-Parade Jay, Vermont at Jay Peak Resort</p> <p>6/25 Wine tour and chocolate - Kay</p>	<p>December</p> <p>12/4 Holiday in the vineyard - Paul</p> <p>12/??-Christmas Party</p>

2015 Quarterly Event Calendar

DECEMBER

12/6—HOLIDAY VINEYARD TOUR—PAUL SMITH

12/12—HOLIDAY PARTY—PATRICK/LINDA

JANUARY

1/23—DRIVE TO GO-CARTING—MALCOLM

1/24—AWARDS LUNCHEON—MARC

FEBRUARY

2/7—SUPER BOWL PARTY—???

2/20—DE GOLDEN GATE TH (INSTRUCTOR INSTRUCTION)*

2/27—ZONE 7 PCA AWARDS*

*NOT A DIABLO EVENT

Monthly Events:

- Walnut Creek Breakfast: Every Saturday
7:30am
Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek
- South Region Breakfast: TBD (If you would like to host a breakfast, contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net)
- Board Meeting: 2nd Monday
6:30pm
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- Monthly Dinner: 3rd Thursday
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Faz, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville

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2016 Tour Planning

Holiday ideas and great 2016 ideas is the topic. For all of the usual suspects that participate in tours, how about a simple gift for yourself? FasTrak – don't get stuck on a bridge and then having to scurry to catch up to the Tour's meet up or potty stop. In the Bay Area there are 7 bridges and to get to or over most of them a toll is paid.

Dust off the garage queen – get your Porsche on the road and discover new backroads with us or on your own or help organize a concours. We have a Jack, a returning member, who has volunteered as a Concourse Chair.

Speaking of dust off – if you are reading this, there are 18 who have opted out of PCA emails. We blast emails using PCA national email data. There are 363 members who have opted not to provide PCA with their emails. It may be a good time to review your email settings.

Do you have a backroads need to speed? Meet new friends from PCA and organize your own personal runs with managed risk. How, you ask? Promise yourself a Driver Education day or days with Diablo, the other regions or our good friends at Hooked on Driving. You will certainly make new and fun acquaintances here. Remember in 2016 you don't want to end up being the star on YouTube for silly speed runs (cold tires are bad for you). Cold tires – whatz dat? Besides, brake wear and tire wear is exaggerated – you may come home with more rubber on your tires.

- It ain't a PCA Diablo or Region Tour, if the tour isn't approved by the board & you didn't sign a waiver at the start of the event
- It ain't a PCA Diablo or Region Tour, if it don't have a leader and a sweeper for each group of cars (10 per group as a suggestion)
- You are not participating in a planned tour, if you decide to have that craving for speed. PCA National and Insurance mandates that Tours keep to the posted speed and the flow of traffic (managed risk and avoid impeding traffic)
- Plan, drive, fill out the financial form, and submit it to the Tour Chair or other board member to get a tour on the calendar.
- Questions like 'I want to do this, but I don't want to lead a tour' – talk to us or socialize with us on Facebook. Don't do computers? Come to a breakfast or dinner and talk to us.
- Eventbrite – our events are marked private to keep the events to ourselves – no point in searching
- Communication to you is also available on the PCA Diablo Home Page (diablo-pca.org)(you can use that as your search). Just select a live button to select your Tour. Look for Activities under Activities and look below the Tours button to see links to Facebook. We also do an email blast from each of the chairs now. Your primary not getting the emails? Modify your PCA National email subscription and assure at least the secondary gets the emails. Too many emails? Create a "Porsche Only" type email at any one of the free sites: Yahoo, Gmail, att.net, etc. Create your own email name: 987GT4Club-car@att.net or 987.2dailydriver@gmail.com, as examples.
- Motorsportreg is for DE events only and serves as your driving log book and it puts you in contact with ALL the driving events nationwide. (You must register to drive).

We had our planning meeting Saturday, November 21 with 30 people in attendance. We have over 800 members – so what should we do? It is not too late to suggest or run a Tour, Event or activity. We don't always have to end up at a food or winery location. Although, I could almost swear Porsche runs on Mobile 1 and Cabernet (good octane only). We did a Zip Line fun tour this year – we had more fun than you could imagine! I heard there may be a 1940's Bomber activity where a group of PCAers will plan their own group, buy a flight and takeoff in a vintage WWII bomber. Yes, PCA isn't just about Diablo. Bring a friend so they can learn the thrill of being a Porsche owner, driver and collector.

So for those that think I don't like hanging with older folks, let me tell you there is a joke about a young bull and an old bull.... It may help you know how your Porsche got to where it is today – all turbos. Your Porsche is not a closed boxed or walled garden.

Happy Holidays and holydays– in December the following celebrate: Christians, Judaism, Orthodox Christians, Buddhist, Islam, Wicca/Pagan, and Zoroastrian. Keep the wheels to the ground. 2016 is the reason.

Carlos

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Diablo Region Holiday Party 2015

Saturday, December 12th

From 4 to 7 PM

Location: 7695 Sunwood Drive, Dublin 94568

Hosted by Patrick and Linda Schmidt

Patrick and Linda Schmidt are hosting the Diablo Region Holiday Party and PORSCHE Gift Exchange at their home in Dublin on Saturday, December 12th.

We are looking forward to starting the Party around 4:00 PM and starting with appetizers, followed by a Region hosted main course of Ham and refreshments.

After dinner and dessert, we will have a PORSCHE gift exchange. The theme will be anything PORSCHE. If you bring one gift, you can exchange it for another. If a couple wants to bring two gifts, they can exchange two gifts. The items do not need to be new, but should be of a Porsche theme and in "gift giving" condition.

Linda and I hope you can join us for a fun event.

The attendee list is limited to around 50 or so people, so please RSVP early. If you plan to attend, Please RSVP by Friday, November 30th.to Patrick at:

Schmidt.patrick@comcast.net

Those attending with last names from A to M, please bring an Appetizer or Dessert

Those attending with last names from N to Z, please bring a side dish to complement the Ham.

There is no cost to attend this Party. Diablo Region is sponsoring the Ham, coffee and soft beverages. If you would like to bring some wine or other beverage to enjoy, please do.

Best regards and Happy Holidays!

Patrick and Linda Schmidt

Map and Driving Directions will be sent to all those who would like to attend.

Address is 7695 Sunwood Drive, Dublin CA 94568.

My Mobile is: **415.260.9110**

ELECTRIC KART EVENT

SATURDAY 16 JANUARY 2016

REGISTRATION: 10 AM

RACING STARTS: 10:30 AM

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12 Lap Practice

14 Lap Qualifying Race

16 Lap Final Race



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Time: 6:30pm

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Date: Sunday, January 24, 2016

Time: 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA 94526

Cost: \$40 per person

Come join us for the club's annual awards banquet and enjoy the company of other Porschephiles and hear what the club is doing in 2016.

Included:

A special display of club member Porsches

10:00AM Selected Cars will begin parking in display area

A Lottery will be used to select cars that will be on display (See below)

10:30-11:00am Club member arrivals

11:00-11:30am Passed Hors d'oeuvres

11:30am-12:30pm Gourmet luncheon

No Host Bar (Sodas, coffee and tea service provided. The club will pick up the corkage fee if you bring your own adult beverage)

Guest Speaker: Matthew Henry, 

A chance to toast your friends as they receive their awards

Luncheon Menu:

Hearts of Romaine Salad with spiced Pecans, Drunken Cherries Gorgonzola Cheese with Sherry Vinaigrette
Sourdough Roll & Butter

Entrees

Grilled Atlantic Salmon with Spinach Florentine Sauce

OR

Chicken Wellington wrapped in Mushroom Duxelle and Red Wine Bordelaise

OR

Stuffed Spinach Raviolis with Tomato, Artichoke Cream Sauce

Dessert

Chocolate Truffle Mousse with Fresh Whipped

You can complete your reservation at

<https://diablo-pca-awards-banquet.eventbrite.com>

Deadline to sign up: January 17, 2016

Email Marc Giammona at diablopca.events@gmail.com to be entered into the drawing for selected parking in display area..



Enjoy the Final Brunch of 2015



Sunday, December 20th

10:30am

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Where: Buttercup Pantry
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Walnut Creek, CA 94596
located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive.

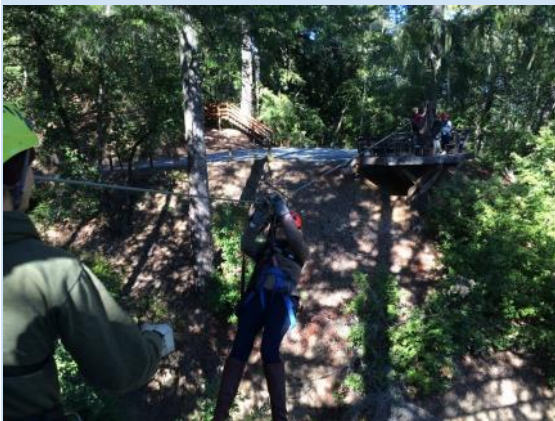
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Diablo ZIPPPPs

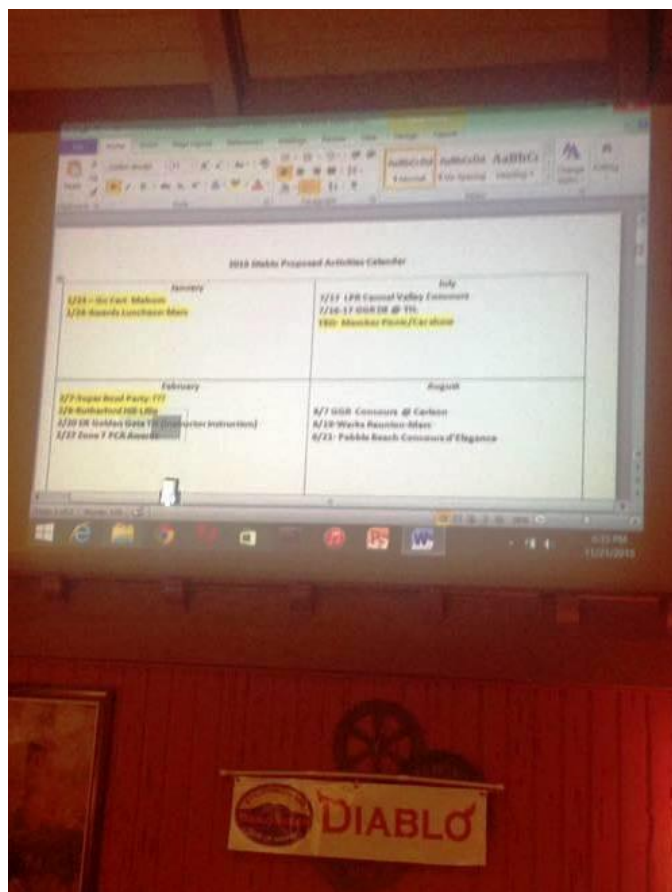
If you missed the initial Zipline experience in Occidental, hang on and check out the 2016 Diablo Activities Calendar to find out when it is scheduled.

Several members joined Naomi Sui in a great adventure, zipping through the Redwoods and seeing indescribable views. They laughed, screamed and even tried Tarzan calls. You can just imagine the conversations at lunch. Check out the pictures. I think most were taken by Ed Won.



Planning Party

Tired of the same old activities/events every year? Have a favorite drive you enjoy in your “beast”? Share that information with other Diablo members and set up a tour or drive. It’s not too late to put something on the 2016 calendar. If you missed the Planning Party in November, be sure to come to the next one and join the fun of planning what wild and wonderful things we will do in the next year. Check out the calendar in this issue to see what we have on the agenda so far. Here are some candid shots taken by our own AI Arrivas.





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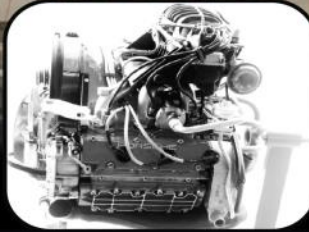
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Welcome New Members!!

Primary Members: 794

Affiliate Members: 454

Total Members: 1248

NEW MEMBERS	
Coe, Douglas	2016 911 Carrera S GT, Silver
Erdtmann, Ramses	2014 Panamera 4S, Executive Carbon Gray
Friedel, Kelvin	2002 Boxster S, Gray
Hunt, Dave	2016 Cayman GT4, Yellow
Jackson, Andrew	2013 911 Carrera 4S, Gray
Parsa, Hassan	1988 911 Turbo Cabriolet, White
Siddall, Matt	1998 911 Carrera 4S, Silver
Steinmetz, Chad	2006 Cayman S, Speed Yellow
Tomkins, Scott	2001 911 Turbo
Woo, Eddy	2013 911 Carrera, Black
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS: 10	
TRANSFERS IN	
Cowderoy, Chris, <i>Transfer from Golden Gate</i>	2007 Cayman, Forest Green Metallic
Vinsel, Peter C., <i>Transfer from Golden Gate</i>	1999 911 Carrera, Silver
Yen, Jeffrey, <i>Transfer from Loma Prieta</i>	2008 Boxster S, Silver
TOTAL: 3	

Porsche Pride

As we continue in our series of highlighting members who have recently purchased a Porsche or joined Diablo Region, this is a reminder to contact our Editor, Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net.

Leslie Benetley

Purchase Date: May, 2011

Year and Type of Porsche: 2002 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet

Outside Color: Guards Red

Interior Color: Natural Leather

Transmission Type: Tiptronic

Other Comments:

This is my first Porsche, though my husband Dave has owned several in the past. I bought it because I wanted a convertible I could drive all year, no matter what the weather. It's my daily driver. I have an optional hard top and even drive in the snow. We have transferred from the Sierra-Nevada Region, and my favorite drives are in that area – especially around Lake Tahoe.

Hope to meet you at an upcoming event!



Todd Heer

Purchase Date: October, 2015

Year and Type of Porsche: 2007 911 Carrera S

Outside Color: Arctic Silver

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: 6 Speed Manual

Other Comments:

I'm a certified car nut. Although this is the 31st car I've owned, it's my very first Porsche. I've wanted to join the ranks for a while and spent a good amount of time sifting through the pre-owned 911 market. Ultimately, I couldn't resist this immaculate 28k mile Carrera S when I stumbled into it. I was focusing on a sports car that could pull double-duty as an occasional track toy and a comfortable weekend cruiser. Although I like the Caymans, mine had to be a 911 because I've got two young girls that I want to share daddy's obsession with. I'm happy to report the whole family fits just fine in the 911.



Paso Robles Tour

By Susie George

The second annual Paso Robles tour consisted of 17 cars and 32 Diablo Porsche-ites. Some members were coming for the day to Paso Robles, some were staying overnight and leaving the next morning and the rest of us (7 cars) stayed for the second day through dinner. One couple stayed at a Bed & Breakfast, others stayed at the Holiday Inn Express Atascadero.

We met our Tour Leaders Bob and Christi Hilton at 7:45 a.m. at the Safeway off Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton and left at 8:00 a.m. for Paso Robles. We took 680-S to US 101-S and then exit 353 towards Hollister. Our first stop was Tres Pinos. Three cars went ahead in their own group; the rest of us in 14 cars, led by Bob and Christi in their beautiful blue Targa 2015, followed. We continued our drive through the Pinnacles near the State Park. Never have we seen such an array of vegetation, hills appearing as a “green velvety group—were forests and there were long flat road was gently curving, with a double yellow straight away for miles. We saw festive mailbox to the right. Numerous groups of stopped to take pictures of our Porsches! the middle of nowhere on this particular seen—each of them great distances from



from square plateaus to high, tall ing of oak trees” to the left. There brown colored fields and plains. The low line, and in some parts a orange and brown scarecrows on a motorcyclists passed us; one We even passed a bee colony out in road. A few individual houses were each other.



We caravanned on to US 101-S and gathered together at the State Rest Stop. Here we signed up for “dinner with a stranger” at the restaurant of our choice. The restaurants were: Mistura (Peruvian), Bistro Laurent (French), Hatch Rotisserie (Southern Comfort) and Estrella (Tapas). We divided into two groups with Bob leading group A and Anthony Mendoza leading group B.

Group A’s first winery was Calcareous Vineyard, which began in 2000 and is located on 442 acres. A long, steep driveway surprised us as we drove in. It has the highest limestone plateaus on the west side and has a spectacular view out over the valley. Lunch was ordered which came with a 1/3 glass of wine, and Diablo-ites sat outside at tables with umbrellas. Our next winery was Tablas Creek Vineyard (Rhone style wines). We had a private wine tasting together.



Group B’s first winery was Poalillo where salad and pizza was served with the wineries special Zinfandels. Group B moved onto Halter Ranch with its estate brown Bordeaux and Rhone wines.

Lastly, both groups met at Pasolivo Olive Oil where we had a tour of the process of making olive oil, and tasted various spices and salts with olive oils. We then left to check into our hotel and meet at 6:00 p.m. for hors d’oeuvres before leaving for dinner.

Sunday morning we woke up to rain. Breakfast was served at the hotel and a driver's meeting was held with Bob and Christi before leaving at 9:30 a.m. for the Estrella Warbirds Museum & Woodland Auto Display which is "dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military aircraft, vehicles, and memorabilia of those who flew and worked in the military aviation field." The Museum was founded in 1992 and has an extensive auto display which included vintage cars such as a 1932 Ford Phaeton, sprint cars and race cars. After we drove to Eberle Winery where we enjoyed delicious wines. There was a lovely patio outside with tables. An underground cave can be reserved for a group private wine tasting. Our last winery on the stop was Broken Earth where we ordered lunch . Our wine tasting was poured for us and lasted throughout lunch at our tables.



The rain had stopped as we toured up Hwy 1 North and made a quick stop to look at elephant seals, led by Lilly. All proceeded at our own pace where we met at the Rocky Point Restaurant in Monterey for dinner. A scenic view of the Pacific Ocean was displayed from our windows. We were grouped at two tables, the food was delicious, and the company very entertaining. A toast was made to our Tour Leaders Bob and Christi to thank them for a fabulous tour.



Photos from Anthony Mendoza, Susie George and Lillie Echevarria.

Diablo Region DE at Laguna Seca

Adam and the DE team put on another great DE day at Laguna Seca. Thank you to Adam Cipriano, DE Chair, Jeff Urnes, Chief driving instructor, Terri Erdei and Kevin Hanschke, from Porsche of Livermore (the event sponsor) plus the instructors and participants that made for an awesome day! Also thank you to David Ray and the wonderful folks at HOD for helping us!

There are many hours of planning and preparation include negotiating and requesting dates and prices from the track locations, networking with our sponsors, hosting DE 101/102 evenings, contacting instructors to ensure there are enough to support the novice drivers who require one, plus tons of other items. And, remember, this is a volunteer position.

The day actually began the night before at a dinner for the drivers, which also allowed the attendees to register for the following day's event. There was excitement in the air that grew as the evening developed. Veteran drivers exchanged stories while the novice drivers listened intently.

Once again, we were blessed with dry weather, although the foggy, chilly morning was a dramatic contrast from the sun-filled day before. Track conditions were great and added to the enthusiasm felt by the participants.

Be sure to attend one of these events, even if just to observe and get caught up in the thrill.



DE 101/201 with Adam Cipriano



Dinner the night before



Early Morning group meeting in the cool, damp fog



Jeff and Adam setting the tone for the day



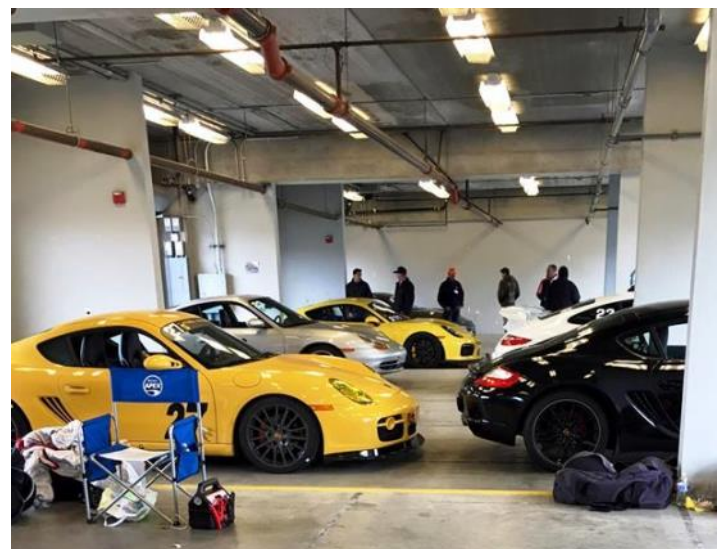
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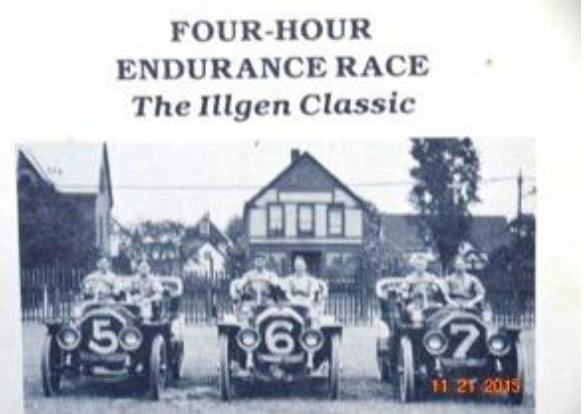
Licensed at fourteen, plus another year, totals 71. Nice to be alive and kicking tires. While a good many of you folks were enjoying another Frank and Joan Duran Luncheon Buffet at the Mansion, Jan and I joined an almost equal number of relatives and in-laws at Thunderhill Raceway for the 42nd Annual Illgen Classic 4 Hour Endurance Race put on by SCCA and The Racing Drivers Club. For all these years, the race has been rotating yearly among Laguna Seca, Sears Point and Thunderhill. Mart and Margaret were not celebrated race car owners or drivers. They were however, two of the most dedicated sports car volunteer workers to set foot on a race track, autocross, concours, rally, monthly meeting or planning session for any of the above events. Best of all, they were my in-laws!

Mart worked with me as an SCCA flagman since the early races at Pebble Beach before Jan and I were married. When I was appointed Chief Turn Marshal for the SF Region. Mart was one of my regular marshals. Margaret, in the early years, volunteered as a phone person on the turns before becoming involved in registration, Chief Registrar, and Membership Chairwomen for SCCA.

Mart followed me as SCCA's Chief Turn Marshal and went on to even more responsibilities in a number of assignments, including that of Race Chairman. For over two decades Mart & Margaret were the first to arrive at an SCCA Race and generally the last to leave. They also were very active in The Highland Touring Club, USARM (United States Auto Race Marshals) and PCA. Even before I met Jan, Mart was a regular volunteer at the Old Oakland Speedway which used to be located on property that is now a large mall near 150th Avenue. When I was a teenager I used to go there with my Dad to see one of his cousins race a new Buick Special. It is possible I even saw Mart while he was untangling some of the stock car pile ups.

Margaret's family car history goes back even further than Marts, as her Uncle Charlie Burman drove with Barney Oldfield on the Green Dragon Racing Team for the Gliden Tours. Another uncle of hers owned the first auto-mobile agency in Victoria, B.C. and Margaret was born there.

Mart's mom was a high school senior in Heidelberg Germany, when her sister turned down a nanny position in Oakland. Jan's Grandmother Illgen jumped at the opportunity and said "I'll go". She met her recently immigrated husband to be, from Mannheim, Germany in Oakland. I'm certainly glad they teamed up and she lived to be 100.



Mart didn't learn to speak English until he went to public schools, but it didn't take him long to be a mechanical wizard and car guy. He worked for one of his uncles in a AAA garage and had the ability to get almost any car or truck running again if it broke down. In those days you did not stop with doing a minor repair or towing the vehicle to the closest shop. Margaret was the bookkeeper in the AAA shop and that is where they met and went on to over fifty years of marriage. A little later Mart was the top diesel mechanic and shop foreman for one of the largest trucking firms in the Bay Area.

My old Air Force Reserve Wing was the 349th Troop Carrier Wing station at Hamilton Field in Marin County. A number of our Summer two week camps were spent at Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho. With over a 1000 airmen we had used many modes of transportation over the years to get ourselves to Boise. Trains, planes and one year my Brother-in Law and I drove my AC Ace there. Half way between Winnemucca Nevada, and Boise, in the middle of nowhere, I heard a horrible engine noise and immediately pulled off the highway. This was no place to leave a car that seven months earlier had won a third place at the 1958 Pebble Beach Concours. Bad luck was followed by good luck as within half an hour along came a almost new Chevy sedan with one of the young airmen from my Supply Squadron Refueling Unit behind the wheel. We happened to have two pieces of tow rope between us

and tied them together for the 100 plus mile tow to Boise. I could write a page or two on this adventure alone, but I'll save it for later.

At Gowen Field I pulled the pan and with fingers crossed had a look. The first AC Engines had aluminum blocks of 2 liter displacement and were 6 cylinder with overhead valves. Although our car was a 1956, the engine was designed in 1923 for use in a fire truck. I discovered with the pan off that the poured babbitt bearing on number three rod had disintegrated. There were not many foreign car shops in Boise at that time and certainly none with the expertise needed here. Once again I was lucky as one of my fellow officers in our squadron had a new Chevy pickup and volunteered to tow me back to the Bay Area. I rented a sturdy tow bar and taped cardboard to the front of the car and windshield to minimize any rocks from damaging the glass or the AC's all aluminum body. Everything worked fine and with a good V8 tow and only a 1750 pound car behind us the trip back to the Bay Area was very uneventful.



Margaret and Marty working the Daytona Races

Why did I go to all the trouble of telling you about the AC in a column about the Illgens? At Mart's request, the AC went into his home garage and emerged a few days later with a poured in place new babbitt bearing. Who had the greatest father in-law in the world? I did!. Many auto crosses and track rides later, I had to sell the AC and get a Morgan 4 seater to accommodate our three daughters and our continuing sports car requirements. Thanks to Mart's expertise I never had another mechanical problem with the AC.

Be careful; out there,

Jack

Just a Note:

If any Porsche owner, old, new or in between needs any reinforcement as to why we love our cars, I would suggest they read the October 26th issue of AUTOWEEK, pg. 12 the Rennsport Article by Mark Vaughn, Senior Editor (West Coast).



Merry Christmas



Happy New Year