

# **The Devil's Advocate**

## **Oct/Nov 2017**



# **Diablo DE at Thunderhill**

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## Chat With Carlos

Hello Diablo members, as we are going to every other month Advocates, it is harder to think of what I should say. The membership in PCA and Diablo is growing – which is great.

Recently, someone asked me why we don't see many of the air cooled classic cars. While many members have both classic and moderns, it is easy to see why we don't. Concours type cars, or collectibles as they are known, are so sparse that when choosing your ride you grab the modern one. That choice doesn't take away from the classics, but as one gets older the modern sport car is preferred. It may be like choosing between scotch and tequila or acrylic and a fine cotton.

I talked to a couple of GT3 owners at Thunderhill. While these cars are faster and more capable on the track, the owners aren't sure that they prefer the GT3 or GTRS as a daily ride. Maybe that's why, I say Boxster/Cayman's rule, although, those Macans are incredible.

While I understand that Porsche cars need to be driven, they are, but their destinations vary particularly if older or race ready. Recently, I took a passenger ride in a 912 – wow! It was exhilarating watching the long shift throws and being in a spartan aluminum enclosure.

As to activities, we just completed the Porsche of Livermore, Concours and Car Show. I asked the membership for support, and you did – thank you so much. Early registration is so important, particularly when the Diablo Board through Jeff Kreutzer, Adam Cipriano, Marc Giammona and Ed Won work so hard to partner with our dealers (Walnut Creek, Livermore and Fremont). Being at a dealer supported event and showing your support and spending some dimes makes a big difference.

Our Driver Education program that gets accolades is only possible through Dealer sponsorship. While not 100%, we can't do it without Dealer support. This program is vital and educational but it remains the most expense offering that we have. So early signups, spending money at the Dealers is a two-way street. It is a delicate balance. So for those that have supported Diablo when needed – thank you. Buy a car or parts, encourage a friend to buy a Porsche – it makes for a terrific experience. Ask George!

I can tell you that there are some remarkable things that I have observed – for one we had either a 3-days of the Diablo or a 4-days of the Diablo from Sept 28 - October 1<sup>st</sup>. Very few met this unintentional goal, but kudos and something special is coming to those that did at least 3 days (Caravan, Thunderhill, Oktoberfest and Concours/Car Show). Wow – right?

I met a young man (10 years old), named Orlando who stopped by Porsche of Livermore. He won't read this, but it was his birthday. His parents called Allie Dimas at Livermore Porsche and asked if he could come by Sunday since it was his birthday gift/idea. I have long known that Porsches are not 'chick magnets' but instead an inspiration to a younger set of boys and sometimes girls (though we should change that). I bought him a Porsche hat to proudly wear. He was very knowledgeable about P cars. He knew the car on the hoist was a 912 – how about that! Encourage the youth to follow your passion for Porsche cars!

There was a father and son duo at Thunderhill in a GT3 and a 987 Spyder. I know one of our members can't wait for his son to turn 18 so the two can participate in Driver Education days. In my case, it is a husband and wife duo that enjoys all our Porsche activities and friends.

Over the past month, I've met many very seasoned members going back to 1973 and very new members. It is great when someone named Issac says, "Hi my name is Isaac and I joined last week" and already he was participating. At the Car Show. I convinced one fellow to have lunch with us and join PCA – he did so on the spot.

Basically, the intent here is a group hug for Diablo members – those that I see often, those that wish they could participate, those that come out from time to time, and those that are always there – we are one Diablo and PCA. I know many are parents with young children or teens. What can we do for you?

Come out and ask questions. One fellow looked at DE as a race, a competition, a brake and tire expense, and



even a time trial. Nope, none of that: just you 'one with the car.'  
See you out there!  
Carlos



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## DIABLO ELECTION TIME

**Diablo PCA Region Board of Director elections are coming up. There are two (2) positions open.**

**In the beginning of October you will receive an eblast that will include a link to a web site where you will complete an online ballot.**

**Listed below are the three (3) members who are running for the open positions on the Board. Please review their information and remember to vote!**



**Name:** Michael Alexander

**PCA & Diablo Member since:** 2014

**Describe positions you have served in the Club:**

Currently, I am serving as Advertising Chair for the Region.

**Describe other volunteer services to the Club:**

have assisted in revising and updating the Region's Bylaws.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Bring more metrics based decision making to the Board.
  - \* Use research e.g. available PCA membership data &/or member surveys to better understand our diverse memberships needs or desires. Conduct short post event surveys to guide future event improvements
  - \* Utilize these needs assessment data findings to diversify events, offer new services and engage previously dormant members
- Increase participation by general membership
- Provide services to broader segment of the membership
- Strengthen ties with existing partners and bring on additional new partners to our mutual benefit

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

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

Porsche as a manufacturer has changed radically over the past 20 years with "Wasserkühlung" and several "nontraditional" model lines. The pace of change will surely quicken in the future especially with propulsion systems and additional model lines. That means that Porsche ownership i.e. the face of PCA is also changing. We must be prepared as a club to accept these changes and adapt by meeting the needs of both our traditionalist "Luftgekühlt" members as well as modernist members. Diversity is a wonderful thing but, must be nurtured and managed so as to best meet the needs of our diverse membership. Such changes require leadership and an eye towards embracing the future while respecting and honoring the past.

The most important thing I can bring to the Board is that I never lose sight of the club's objective. We belong to this club to have fun, share in our common interest and love for these wonderful machines, and enjoy the comradery, the joy and freedom that the open road and Porsche ownership brings us.

Although I'm a dyed in the wool "petrol head", I have a diverse set of interests outside of Porsche which provides a sense of balance to my life. These interests include competitive and recreational sailing, marine fish keeping, rugby, culinary arts, wine, reading history and of course my obsession with Formula One! I possess the skills and personal characteristics to strengthen the Board; with a sense of humor, minimal ego, pragmatism, and respect for others, I'm easy to work with which can only help in continuing to make Diablo Region PCA an organization that Porsche owners will want to join and partners will want to associate with.



**Name:** Adam Cipriano

**PCA and Diablo Region Member since:** 2008

### **Describe positions you have served in the Club:**

I have served as a voting member of the Board for almost 5 years and prior to that as a member of the Drivers Education Volunteer group. I was the Drivers Education Registrar (4 years) and am currently the Drivers Education Chair (since Jan 2014 ).

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

In the last 15 years I have served on non-profit boards as follows: I have been a Board Member, the Treasurer and the President of the Bollinger Canyon Education Fund (6 years). I have been a Board Member and the Vice President and the President of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation (6 years). I have served on the Citizens Committee for Quality Schools in San Ramon Valley. I currently serve on the Citizens Fiscal Task Force in San Ramon (appointed by the City Council). I currently serve on two Advisory Boards; The San Ramon Valley Education Foundation and the Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation.

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

My professional background is in Banking and Management Consulting with a particular focus on finance, organizational design, strategy and negotiations. I bring almost 30 years of analytical skill, organizational



leadership and an appreciation for the value of camaraderie and fun around something you love to do.

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

I'd like to continue to develop the volunteer network of active club members and encourage more members to take advantage of the many opportunities to play that our club provides in addition to DE. I'd also like to continue to help the board to manage the organization in an efficient and fun way. Lastly, I'd like to continue to expand the appeal, relevance and reach of our DE program events to serve even more of our members.

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

More than the DE program that our team has built, I'm most proud of the Diablo DE team itself we have engaged (more than 25 strong) and the reach we have into not only Diablo but now each of the Zone 7 PCA clubs. From Diablo alone we have more than 125 regular volunteers, drivers, instructors and guests that participate in our events each year. In addition, we have forged strong partnerships with Livermore and Walnut Creek Porsche, Hooked On Driving and our sister clubs including most notably Golden Gate PCA.



**Name:** Alaric "Alex" Sales

**PCA and Diablo Region Member since:** 2014

**Describe other volunteer services to the Club:**

Photographer / live video of events in which we are involved in, social media advertisement and promotion.

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

Social media promotion, advertisement, involvement in other car clubs, event production and management.

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

Younger generation, enthusiasm, my love for cars in general, getting to know people, and what they do, what makes their car special? I have an automotive background as commercial sales director, so I also bring vendor resources (paint-less dent repair, wheel curb rash fixes, etc.). I also am a neat freak, I like things to be in order and am well organized.

I also have event production, field marketing and a logistics background. Although it is a lot of work to do for one person, I have years of experience in hosting events.

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

Obtain additional leadership skills, develop and create events geared toward younger generation, contribute to website, or social media to have viewers or visitors looking at our website. Our website should have a modern dynamic to it, that would showcase its founders, its growth, club members cars, stories, past events, upcoming events (not so cluttered), and events that may spark others interest that may not be club related.

I would also like to assist in the growth of PCA - Diablo, spread word of how awesome our club is and how much of a diverse demographic we have that caters to pretty much anyone's interests.

I want to meet all 1500+ of our members, learn more about them, their history, their cars, what makes their car so shiny, and what best maintenance practices they use, so that I can preserve mine as long as they have theirs.

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

I want to be more involved, and am able to assist when needed. I have the patience to learn, and grow steadfast. I look forward to meeting more folks, and sharing my experience with them in the high regard of Diablo and its members.



## Diablo Members Having Fun



## Paso Robles 2 Day Tour

Saturday, November 18, 2017 and

Sunday, November 19, 2017



This is a 2-day tour which heads south from Pleasanton to Paso Robles with visits to the Sculpterra Winery and Sculpture Garden, the 805 Brewery and the Tooth and Nail Winery . There is an over-night stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Atascadero and a pedestrian Gimmick Rally.

**Departure:** Cubby's Dog Park on Bernal & West Lagoon on the West side of 680 Freeway at 8:00am

**Cost:** \$75.75/person + \$5.15 EB fees. This includes:

- Lunch and wine tasting at Sculpterra Winery (pre-paid)
- 805 Brewery tour (pre-paid)
- Tooth and Nail wine tasting (pre-paid)

All other expenses are pay-as-you-go:

- Your room at the Holiday Inn Express Atascadero (\$126 plus tax & includes breakfast) or wherever you make a reservation
- Dinner (Saturday, November 18)
- Lunch at Tooth & Nail Winery

**Register:** [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org)

**Deadline:** Register by Saturday, November 11, 2017

Any questions regarding this event, contact Bob Hilton at [rhilton@hfh-consultants.com](mailto:rhilton@hfh-consultants.com) or Susie George at [diablopca.tours@gmail.com](mailto:diablopca.tours@gmail.com).

Any questions regarding registration, contact Carolyn Wong at [1BlueMacan@gmail.com](mailto:1BlueMacan@gmail.com).





## **Diablo & Sequoia PCA Drivers Ed Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca Sponsored by Porsche of Fresno**

**Monday, November 20, 2017**

Come join the Diablo & Sequoia Porsche Regions and celebrate driving at this world famous racetrack.

- Register at **[www.Motorsportreg.com](http://www.Motorsportreg.com)**.
- Cost: \$335/driver  
\$100 for Instructors who drive; \$0 for non-drivers
- Cancellation Fee: \$75
- Shared garage rentals are available on a first-come basis for \$50 a spot
- Lunch and bottled water provided courtesy of Porsche of Fresno
- Deadline to register: November 10, 2017

It's a 90db sound limit day. You are responsible for ensuring your car can pass sound. No refunds will be provided for cars that don't pass.

Learn more and sign up for the day and a garage at **[www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)** by November 10th.

Join us November 19 for a no-host dinner at Tarpy's Roadhouse in Seaside at 6pm. We have also reserved a block of rooms at Embassy Suites, 1441 Canyon Del Rey, Seaside. To reserve a room at our group rate, log into: [http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/M/MRYESES-PDC-20171119/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/M/MRYESES-PDC-20171119/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG) or call 1-800-362-2779 & mention Diablo Porsche Club, Group Code: PDC.

### ***Free Tech Sessions***

Pre-event tech inspections are to be done within 30 days of the event. Mention Diablo PCA for inspections at:

- Kahlers in Dublin—by appointment only  
Contact Ash Reddy at **[service@kahlers.com](mailto:service@kahlers.com)** or by phone at 925-829-2050
- For questions, email **[diablopca.dechair@gmail.com](mailto:diablopca.dechair@gmail.com)** and visit **[www.diablo-de.org](http://www.diablo-de.org)** to get the current Tech forms.





# Diablo Region 2018 Planning Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, December 2

**Time:** 6:30pm-9pm

**Cost:** Free. Pizza, soft drinks & water will be provided. Bring your own "adult" beverages

**Location:** Danville Station Clubhouse  
1320 Van Patten Drive  
Danville

**Register at:** [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org)

**Deadline:** Sunday, November 26

Have you enjoyed a club tour? How about a Saturday breakfast gathering or the exhilaration of driving your Porsche on the track? All of these and other great member benefits are possible because of members like you that had an idea or wanted to contribute to enhancing the ownership experience by supporting one of our many club activities

The annual planning meeting is your opportunity to contribute your ideas/support to keep the Diablo Region a fantastic place for our members to find a diversified selection of activities throughout the year. We need your creativity and enthusiasm to sustain our various offerings throughout the year. Remember, we are a volunteer organization with members who have many skills to share. Our club atmosphere ensures that you will not have to work alone. There are always many other members to support you as well as the opportunity to partner with another member to host a new event. Please bring your ideas and assistance to help make building the 2018 club event calendar a great success.

Take Hwy 680 and exit on Sycamore Valley Rd. East. Turn right on Camino Ramon. Go 1.4 mile. Turn left on Greenbrook Dr. and go .03 miles. Turn left on Van Patten Dr. Go .02 miles. Clubhouse will be on the left.

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# *Diablo PCA Region Holiday Party*

*When: Saturday, December 09, 2017*

*Time: 5:00—8:00pm*

*Where: Saint Mary's College Soda Center Moraga, CA*

*Cost: \$50.00 per person with the club paying the balance*

*If you plan to attend, please enroll on Eventbrite at*

*[www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org)*

*Deadline: Thursday, November 30th*

*The attendee list is limited to 90 people, so please sign up early.*

This year's annual Diablo Region Holiday Party and Porsche Gift Exchange will be hosted by the club at St. Mary's College Moraga. The event will begin at 5:00 with plated dinner service at 5:30. Attendees can choose from 2 meal selections, Herb Grilled Salmon or Chicken Florentine. The club will supply soda, tea, coffee and water with white and red wine for the tables. If you would like to bring some additional wine to enjoy, please do so

After dinner and dessert, we will have a Porsche Gift Exchange in Claeys Hall. The theme is anything Porsche. If you bring one gift, you can exchange it for another. If a couple wants to bring two gifts, they can each exchange a gift (for a total of two). The items should be of a Porsche theme and in "gift-giving" condition. The value should not exceed \$25.00.

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# Diablo PCA

## Detailing Clinic

**When:** Sunday, October 22

**Where:** Porsche of Livermore

**Cost:** \$18 to cover the cost for lunch

**Register:** [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org)

Porscheophiles, it's time to get your Porsche ready for the coming winter months. The great folks at Griot's Garage and Porsche of Livermore will host a detailing clinic. To ensure that we can accommodate everyone we will offer both a morning and afternoon session.

- The morning session will begin at 10:00am in the Porsche Livermore shop and should conclude around 11:30am.
- The afternoon session will begin at 12:30pm and will conclude at 2:00pm.
- The club will have lunch for both groups from 11:30am to 12:30pm. During this time the dealership will have personnel available and will be open and offering a special 15% parts or service discount to all participants.

The professionals from Griot's, using their latest products and processes will show you how to get your Porsche looking concours ready. These sessions are designed to give you a good basic understanding of how to really care for your Porsche including:

- Safe washing and drying
- Clay bar cleansing
- Hand polishing
- Machine polishing
- Waxing and sealing paintwork
- General interior care

So, if you are looking for tips from the pros on how to care for your Porsche, this is the first step to achieving better results.



# Thunderhill 5 Mile Wrap Up

Cruising up Interstate 5, taking in all the warm autumn air and enjoying the rear end-view of Diablo's caravan as we made our way to Willows. We headed to Casa Ramos for an entertaining night with old and new friends. You could hear stories being shared, calming words being given to the first-time drivers and electricity flowing through the air.

Bright and early the next crisp morning, we all gathered at the front gate of Thunderhill, waiting our turn to cross into the excitement that would last all day. The number of drivers was fewer than normal, but that just added to the benefit of driving the longer course. More space between cars, room to improve your time and skills and a rare opportunity to just drive from the heart.

The day was sponsored by Porsche of Walnut The drivers enjoyed a full lunch, raffle prizes and quenching water as the day began to heat up hourly.

Enjoy the pictures provided by Got Blue Milk.









# Membership Report

Primary Members: 901  
Affiliate Members: 450  
Total Members: 1351

## New Members

Altes, Robert

1972 911T

Barmmer, Scott

2006 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet, Seal Grey Metallic

Bazjanac, Vladimir

2006 Boxster S, Dark Silver

Breazeale, Richard

2007 Cayman, Silver

Chu, Craig

1963 356, Oslo Blue

Cohn, Neil

2008 911 Carrera S Cabriolet, Black

Dreyer, Richard

2006 911 Carrera S

Gardner, James

2002 911 Turbo, Silver

Llamas, Hallie

2017 Macan GTS, Black

McQueen, Mike

2016 Cayman GT4

Sierchio, Michael

2018 Macan GTS, White

**Total New Members: 11**

# OKTOBERFEST



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Additional photos can be  
seen at [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org)

## George By Doug Eakin

My name is Doug Eakin, but my Porsche has a name too; its name is *George*. I named my car after my father for several reasons, but let me first describe my father.

Dad was a wonderful man. He was a lettered athlete in high school and was a tight end on the Lehigh football team. He obtained a BS in Civil Engineering from Lehigh while at the same time doing some part time work at Bethlehem Steel, being in a fraternity and later joining the Army ROTC. His strategy in joining the ROTC was so that he was less likely to get killed in the Korean War that was still hostile. After his Army stint, he was a civil engineer during the Eisenhower expansion of the highway system and then moved into a new field: database management on main frame computers.

My Dad was the real deal and was a very frugal man. He was also very practical in expenditures. Which is why when my big brother (who had a subscription to Road & Track magazine) brought up the topic of sports cars at the dinner table, Dad thought that was totally impractical. Why get an expensive sports car when you really can't make use of its' performance on the highway?

But my big brother put a bug into my brain about sports cars. And as time marched on, that interest crystalized into the notion of having a Porsche 911.

I have long viewed the Porsche 911 as the classic sports car. But as much as I marveled at them, I was too practical to buy one without financing it. I never owned any toys (motorcycles, boats, etc.), but I started saving for a Porsche 911.

Then this year my father's health started declining. Superman was fading fast. The last conversation I had with Dad was on my birthday, March 3rd. At this stage, my father could no longer speak, so I carried the whole conversation. I then explained how we had that dinner conversation about sports cars many years ago and he thought that was too impractical.

And then I told him that I was going to buy a sports car and name it after him. And his spirit would be driving along the Pacific Coast Highway in California. My father passed away three weeks later.

When the financial advisor explained the inheritance that I (and my siblings) would receive, I was stunned by how much Dad socked away. He was another example of a Depression Era child who had strong beliefs in saving money. I then announced to my siblings that I was going to take part of my inheritance and buy a Porsche. My brother was trying to dissuade me, but I decided to fulfill my dream and my promise to Dad.

This September, I spotted a listing in Rennslist that was exactly what I was looking for: a 2009 Silver 997.2 with manual transmission. After discussing the car with the owner, having him give me a ride and then having a pre purchase inspection, we struck a deal and I had my first sports car.

My father was an excellent father and *George* is an excellent car to commemorate Dad. When I touch *George*, I have a physical connection back to my father. As I said several times, Dad, thank you for everything.

Doug





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## Diablo Threads and Treads

**When:** Every other Tuesday, 6:30-9 pm. Dates posted on [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org).

**Where:** Panera's in Alamo, Stone Valley Road exit, by Safeway.

Threads & Treads has started their first community outreach project. This holiday season they are donating knitted hats and lap blankets to women undergoing chemotherapy at our local hospitals. If you would like to participate in future projects, please contact either Kay Maloy or Naomi Siu. All skill levels welcomed.







## LIFE BEYOND YOUR CAR

Jim Edmunds



Yes, I do have a life beyond my Porsches – I was looking for something to keep my life busy (besides travelling – I'll cover that later) and decided that it was time to get back into golf after a 25 year hiatus. So I signed up for group lessons with Walnut Creek Parks and Rec and took my 25-year old clubs up to Boundary Oak Golf Course one Tuesday morning in October of 2015. In the class were three women who became fanatics, playing at least twice a week, and I go with them, having not much else to do (besides hiking – I'll cover that later). After almost two years, we've all gotten better, and have lots of fun, probably because we only play nine holes and don't keep score.



A couple of years ago, I was visiting my son in Phoenix and we went hiking in Sedona and in the Superstition Mountains, just east of Phoenix. I enjoyed the physical activity and the beauty of being out in nature, so I try to take a couple of hikes a week, in the 3 – 5 mile range, mostly in the Walnut Creek Open Space and occasionally on Mt. Diablo. It's a great feeling to stop and have a cool drink of water and a Cliff Bar and enjoy the view after climbing a steep hill on a shady single-track trail.

And, finally, travelling to as many places as I can. I get restless after more than a couple of months at home. In 2016, I went on a riverboat trip on the Rhone River in France with some college

classmates and then went to the 24 Hours of Le Mans afterwards. Also Kentucky, to see a brother and Santa Fe to visit a niece. And Christmas with my son and his family in Phoenix. This year, I've been to San Antonio to visit my sister, to San Cristobal, Chiapas, Mexico, and spent two weeks in Japan with a grandson, who teaches English in a Japanese school district and was a wonderful guide because he's been there for six years and is fluent and well-travelled. And in September I'm planning a two-month, 8500 mile trip to Florida, up to New Jersey and then west to Kentucky, Colorado and home, visiting brothers, sister, nephews, nieces, and friends along the way.

No, I won't be driving one of my Porsches. I have a small Mercedes-Benz diesel SUV that is super comfortable, great on fuel, very easy to get into and out of and has lots of room. I'm saving my Carrera for a trip to the Badlands and Mt. Rushmore next year. And I have a niece in Seattle to see and I've never been to Bryce or Zion National Parks - yet. And England and Germany are on my wish list. Suggestions are welcome!





# LIFE BEYOND YOUR CAR

## Carolyn Doberenz



What? Life beyond a Porsche??? We had a great time on the Zone 7 tour of Northern California, just got back from Parade, and we are going to Monterey car week in August! Life beyond your car? Is that possible?

Kirk just retired, he already has a Porsche project car to work on and because of the project car, we are building a 3 car garage (with a lift, of course). We just got back from a fabulous time at Porsche Parade and we are looking forward to our time at Monterey car week. Porsches have always been a part of our life together.

In college, before we were married, the first thing we bought together was a Porsche. We have been members of PCA for 31 years, we both auto-crossed, and we both instructed at Time Trials. We even took our 8 week old daughter in her stroller through the corkscrew! Never too early to teach them the proper line!!

So, back to life beyond Porsches. Having a child changes your life. We put our Porsche life on hiatus, sold our race car and moved on to single horse power. Our daughter, Erica, who now jumps horses, got into horses when she was 5. She joined 4-H and raised 6 swine, 2 sheep, 2 goats, chickens, a dog, cats, a rabbit, and a horse, so we became active as 4-H project leaders. 4-H is like PCA in that it is fueled by volunteers. We have led numerous 4-H projects including sheep, horse, cake decorating, financial acumen, leadership, and Pinball restoration. Speaking of pinballs, 2/3 of our present 3 car garage is filled with pinball machines, so that is another reason why we needed a second garage. Kirk volunteers at the Pinball Museum in Alameda to help repair and maintain their collection of about 900 machines. So while he's busy repairing machines I am busy with Yoga, our chickens, our grandpuppy, and the Diablo Threads and Treads where I'm learning how to knit. We are a group of crafty Porsche people who get together for dinner and then work on our projects - I knit a couple of stitches then talk for the rest of the time! Great fun!! Kirk and I have season tickets for CAL football, CAL volleyball, CAL women's basketball and, since Erica graduated from UC Davis, we joined the Chancellor's Club and attend many of their educational events. We've toured the UC Davis Bodega Bay facility, the UC Davis Center for Regenerative Cures, the UC Davis facility at Lake Tahoe, and of course their on-campus beer and wine making facilities!! We also love to watch our daughter compete in horse shows. Single horse power is pretty amazing for those of us who can't have too much horsepower!! Just think about it - it all started with single horsepower and went from there.



But look at that! We've gone full circle. Kirk and I are back to auto-crossing and having fun getting settled into the Porsche scene again. We left Porsches to raise a family and what do we do but come right back. It's not just the Porsches, it's the people. And isn't that what life is about?

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