

The Devil's Advocate

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Proof that Porsches can handle the rain ...



Photo from Porsche Fremont

<https://www.porsche Fremont.com/porsche-wet-mode/>



<https://newsroom.porsche.com/>



<https://www.airbrigade.com/post/driving-air-cooled-porsches-in-rain>



And this 911 Cab in Geneva counting on the "open-air driving effect" that purports light rain + speeds above 40mph + aerodynamic profile = Little rain damage inside your car. That's one theory I'm not willing to test!



Providing a welcoming and engaging community that enriches our member's Porsche ownership experience.

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YOU!! All members with a camera!



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In The Zone January 2023

Hello Zone 7,

I'm **Brian Adkins**. Your new zone representative.

- A Diablo Region member since 2009
- Served on the Diablo Region Board as Member at Large
- Served as Vice President
- Past Social Media Chair and
- most recently President (2019 - 2022)

I was born into the Porsche and PCA world, coming home from the hospital in a suitcase on the back seat of a '58 356 was just the start of this journey. My father joined PCA in November of 1956. Dad started and grew many PCA Regions. A prize possession of mine is the concours trophy Dad won when I was 6 months old.

He discovered diapers are great detailer tools. So I got the trophy.

My first Porsche was a '75 911 2.7 wide body. It was a bit of a "Frankenstein" with no OEM VIN number. I learnt a lot to say the least. A Cayman became the fun car and track car where instructor credentials were earned. Toss in some other cool cars along the way, all a unique experience, The current stable is now 2 ½ Porsches; a 996 that started as a bit of a project is my current daily driver. My wife is a true supporter of my passion just happens to have found a Macan in the driveway with her name on it. (She says I can borrow it.) The ½ is a 1998 Porsche Bike FS.

These are in the company of motorcycles and even a Russian motorcycle sidecar that my dog just loves.

With much encouragement and guidance from Collin, I have stepped into the position and hope to fill those shoes well. Collin, thank you for your past years of service as a zone rep. And in the most recent past for all of your help, information and insight on the role learning how to best serve Zone 7 Regions and members to the best of my abilities.

I look forward to working with all 10 of our zone's presidents, their team, and getting to know them and each and every one of you, learning all the different stories of who we are, what brings us here, what our passions are with a common ground of the brand and maximizing that experience with everything that PCA has to offer.

2023 looks to be shaping up to a full schedule of things to do.

I see updates already from PCA West Coast Race Series, Zone 7 Autocross, Zone 7 Concours, Werks & carweek, Rennsport Reunion, Parade in our back yard (Palm Springs) & MORE.

Brian



Porsche Club of America Zone 7

zone7.pca.org

2023 Zone 7 Autocross Schedule

(As of December 19, 2022)

March 25	Crows Landing	Loma Prieta
March 26	Crows Landing	Golden Gate
April 29	Thunderhill	Sacramento Valley
April 30	Thunderhill	Redwood
May 13	Madera Airport	Sequoia
September 16	Thunderhill	Sacramento Valley
September 17	Thunderhill	Redwood
October 7	Castle Airport	Golden Gate
October 8	Castle Airport	Loma Prieta

2023 Zone 7 **Concours** Schedule

(As of December 19, 2022)

Being developed

2023 **West Coast Race Series** Schedule

(As of December 19, 2022)

April 8	Thunderhill	Registration opens February 20
May 6	Buttonwillow	Opens March 20
June 10-11	UMC (Utah)	Opens April 24
June 24-25	Thunderhill	Opens May 8
July 22-23	High Plains (CO)	Opens May 5
August 5-6	Sonoma	Opens June 19
September 15-17	Laguna Seca	Opens July 31
October 14-15	Sonoma	Opens August 28

Events of Interest:

Spring Treffen 2023 will be held in the Georgia Mountains (touring the Southern Blue Ridge) from April 19-23rd. If you have not yet attended one of these national premier events, it is a do not miss opportunity to attend a Treffen. *Registration opens January 4, 2023 at 3:00 PM (ET)*. Check out the details at treffen.pca.org

Porsche Parade 2023 will be held at the La Quinta Resort in Palm Springs from June 18-24th. The hotel is a five-star rated property that has a famous history of being the hangout for movie stars and the Hollywood elite during the 1940s. For PCA members this promises to be one of the premiere locations for a Parade on the West Coast. *Registration opens February 1, 2023*. Check out the details at porscheparade.org

Werks Reunion will be held in Monterey on August 18th. The website is werksreunion.com

Fall Treffen 2023 will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Dates are September 20-24th, 2023. Check out the details at treffen.pca.org

Rennsport Reunion VII: Rennsport Reunion will be held at Laguna Seca Raceway in Monterey on September 28th to October 1st. Advance ticket and corral passes are currently on sale at weathertechraceway.com. If you have not yet booked your hotel accommodations, now is the time to secure your lodging at the best price.

Announcing CRAB!



**Sacramento Valley
Region Presents:**

CRAB 38

April 21 - 23, 2023

**California Auto Museum
Sacramento. CA**

Originally scheduled for May, 2020, **CRAB 38**, the most-anticipated experience of the year, returns in April, 2023. CRAB is a three-day gathering of Porsche enthusiasts that involves "C" - CrabFeed, "R" - Rallye, and "A" - Autocross, in addition to numerous other activities including a Tour, Concours, Funkana, and many more. Incidentally, the "B" is *begegnen*, or German for "meeting". The first CRAB was initiated in April, 1972, and involved 105 cars representing ten PCA Regions. The most recent CRAB in 2019 had over 200 attendees! The CRAB Committee is now finalizing event planning and we expect to open ticket sales soon, so continue to watch for further details. By the way, since an event of this scope requires numerous volunteers, please consider providing assistance for one or more of the activities. Contact one of the CRAB Co-Chairs below. Save the dates and start planning now for **CRAB 38**!

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President's Message

Hello Diablo Members!

Happy New Year and welcome to a year filled with the excitement of driving your Porsche and enjoying the ownership experience with fellow Porschephiles.

We have a year full of tours, driver education, and social events planned for your enjoyment.

To sign up for these events, regularly check out our website at diablo-pca.org and be sure to open the weekly Wednesday email blast.

****NOTE:** Please [email me](#) if you are **NOT** receiving our weekly email blasts.



For 20 years, I've been enjoying the benefits of PCA membership, first with the Loma Prieta Region and now with Diablo. I've participated in our driver education events, tours, concours, and social events and accumulated a hard drive full of memories of great places and people.

I've been fortunate to serve several terms on the Board of Directors, with roles as Treasurer and Vice President. This year I am honored to have been elected by the Board to serve as your Region President.

We are a social club, and I've found that much of the enjoyment comes from participating with others to plan, organize, and manage these activities. Please get involved by serving on one of our committees, such as Driver Education, Tour or Events. If you are curious, please contact one of our Committee Chairs whose names and emails we've published on the second page of the Devil's Advocate, from the "Contact Us" page (<https://www.diablo-pca.org/contact-us>) of our regional website, or reach out to me, Bob Hilton, at DiabloPCA.President@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event!



PCA Diablo gained **13** new primary members in December 2022!

Subodh D & Yogini J (911 Turbo & 944 & 911 GTS)
Jean B (Panamera 4)
Jason P (718 Cayman)
Dan V (911 S)
Chandan B & Bitan NB (Panamera 4)
John M & Judith M (356 circa 1963)
Eric Q (911)
Gilad P (911 Targa)
Michael W (911 GT3)
Mike D (Boxster)
Gary R / Patrick R (Boxster)
Chris C (911)
William C (911)

PCA Diablo By The Numbers:

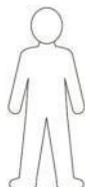
Total Primary Members: 1214
Affiliate Members: 559
Total Region Membership: 1773
PCA Juniors: 92
Total Cars: *Not enough!*

Click [here](#) to order your name badge!

(If you wear it to our weekly Saturday breakfast you *might* get some PCA swag)

2021-2022 Tour Trivia

Compiled by the Diablo Tour Committee



(312)

+



(15)

= **327** unique participants over **28** tours (14 tours / year)

Covering a total of **76,159** miles =



x3

Three times the circumference of **Earth** (24,901 miles)



20 = Most tours a single member participated in 2021

20* = Most tours a single member participated in 2022

** It was a Tour Committee Member*

2021: **1754** miles driven

2022: **2995** miles driven

PCA Diablo Member* who **drove the most miles** is **Carol D:**

- **1,787.1 miles** (60% of the 2,995 miles driven in 2021 and 2022)
- Participated in 14 tours

*EXCLUDING Tour Committee Members



The Tour Committee is awarding Carol \$0.10 per mile driven to help pay for gas!

Winter is Here: Drive Safe, Drive Smart

Article by Michael “Mikie” Alexander (Diablo PCA Board Member)

Editor’s Note: Mikie always provides the voice of reason and this article (which he originally wrote in 2019) will now be a regular “winter” feature in the Devil’s Advocate (especially for those of us who need the reminder).



Courtesy: planet-9.com

Thanksgiving turkey dinner is but a distant memory and the Holiday Season is now in full swing. For some strange reason I don't really recall fall as the weather seems to have simply gone from the warmth of summer directly to the chill of winter. That means that the weather has turned windy, cold, and wet.

It's time to shift mental gears and think about winter driving; both in terms of car preparation and your seasonal driving skills.

Your Vehicle:

From a mechanical perspective, whether you drive your Porsche or other “Brand X” vehicle during this time of year, make sure your car is ready for the road. That means checking all safety systems and performing any necessary maintenance.

General maintenance: Make sure that your vehicle is in good running order (e.g. belts, battery etc.) as breakdowns, especially on cold dark rainy nights, are a real bummer.

Tires: Think about it. Your car rides on a cushion of air contained in your tires. For each tire, that cushion called a contact patch is smaller than the size of your hand and is the only thing connecting your car to the pavement! That relatively tiny contact patch allows your car to accelerate, stop & turn; in other words, CONTROL. Check your tire treads for wear.

Slicks are great for summer track days but, on public roads, proper tread depth is imperative to moving rainwater away from the contact patch and maintaining control of your car. Aquaplaning at speed can be a humbling experience.

Many of our cars that are not daily drivers sport relatively few miles on their tires over the years. One thing many owners neglect to factor in, however, is the age of their tires. Rubber compounds are a miracle of modern chemistry but degrade over time even when not used on the road. Be wary of tires whose manufacture date is **more than six years old**. This is especially true for performance cars that are capable of generating high tire loads. You can check for a tire's manufacture date on the tire sidewall.

Tire pressure is essential to maintaining control during winter driving, so check your tires and maintain the factory recommended pressures. Remember that on certain Porsches the tire pressures are staggered. If your car is equipped with TPM that's a great start but, nothing is better than actually checking pressures with a proper gage.

Although we live in the Bay Area with relatively mild weather conditions, many of us enjoy winter sports by taking trips into the mountains. Mountain driving in freezing temperatures on icy or snow-covered pavement requires special consideration. If you are a regular Sierra traveler, consider winter tires and at the very least carry proper snow chains when traveling in the mountains. Winter tires are specifically designed, and rubber compounds are formulated to perform under cold winter conditions. You can purchase Porsche-specific winter tire packages (tires and rims) directly from authorized Porsche dealers or generic packages from your usual tire purveyor.

Brakes: To quote an old football adage, offence sells tickets but defense wins championships. In car speak, zero to sixty times set automotive journalists' tongues atwitter but, sixty to zero times are what really matters to drivers. Proper tire condition is of course integral to stopping distance but, proper braking power will keep you safe. Has your brake system been checked recently for winter operation? That means not only pads and rotors for wear but also brake fluid for contamination.

Windshield: As Curly the Stooge says, "I can't see, I can't see!", Mo, "What's the matter?" Curly "I got my eyes closed!" Nyuk, nyuk, nyuk.. Nothing can be worse than driving at night in the rain with the glare of oncoming traffic and not being able to see clearly. Perform some windshield maintenance; it's quick and easy. Clean, polish (optional) and treat your windshield.

First things first, replace those old windshield wipers with a fresh set before your next outing. After replacing those old worn wipers, treat your glass with a polymer rain repellent like Rain-X or other similar products. These liquid repellents enable the wiper blade to glide smoothly against the glass thus reducing the overall friction whenever the need arises. There are several products on the market for specific use conditions and you won't believe the difference as water will simply bead up and literally fly off your windshield at speed.

Human Factors:

Check the weather forecast on your planned route and at your destination before you leave home. If a huge storm is predicted, weigh the risk of traveling and act accordingly. You may decide to leave early, delay or even cancel your trip.

Make sure that you are fully gassed up or charged up as the case may be and that you carry emergency supplies in the frunk or the trunk.

For contemporary vehicles, give the onboard cameras and electronic sensors a quick cleaning so that they are operating as designed.

You may drive a high performance Porsche but, testing the performance envelope in winter conditions can be a recipe for disaster. Slow down, take a deep cleansing breath and take advantage of that premium Burmester or Bose audio system that you paid so dearly for.

Adjust your driving style to emulate former Formula One star Jenson Button who was known for being so smooth. Take it easy by anticipating what's happening ahead. Avoid drag race acceleration and practice gradual deceleration. If you hit an icy patch & lose traction, remember those ice driving skills. Don't panic, remain calm and steer straight; or opposite lock as required and don't slam on the brakes.

If money is no object and you fancy yourself as a famous Finnish rally driver the likes of; Toivonen, Alén, Vatanen, the brothers Mäkinen, Kankkunen, Grönholm and Latvala release your inner flying Finn and embrace winter performance driving. Don't do it on public roads though. Porsche offers their Ice Driving Experience with three skill levels over four or five days in both the pine forests of Lapland Finland and closer to home in Mécaglisse, Québec.

Enjoy all that California winter has to offer but, when the weather turns nasty be safe out there. And see you at an upcoming Diablo club event.

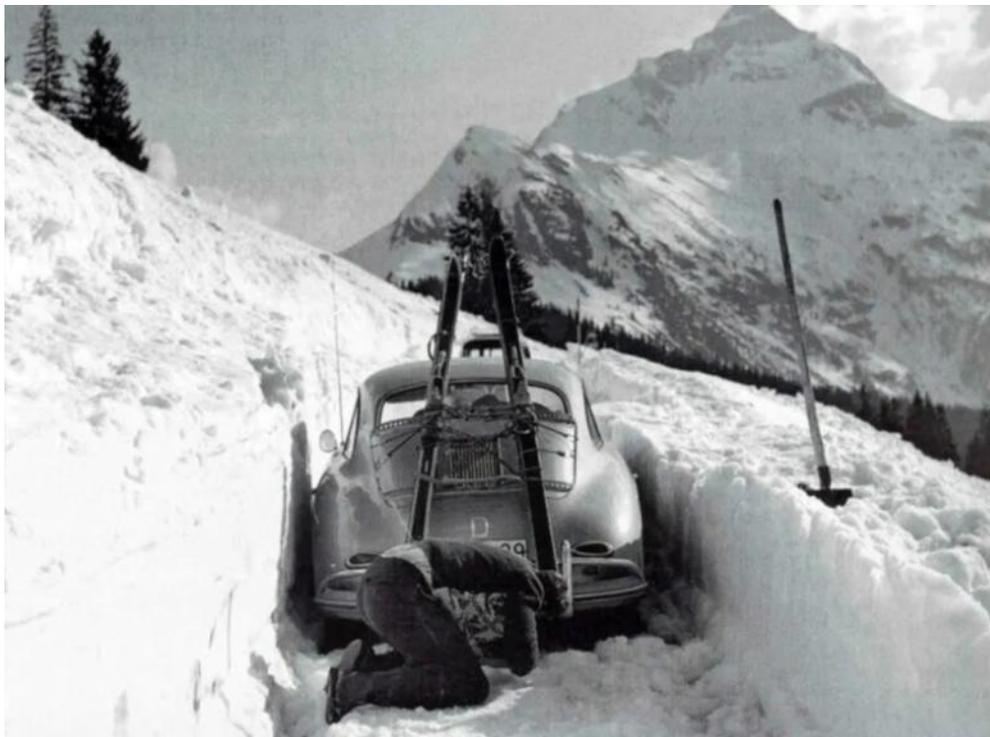


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Why Join Diablo Threads & Treads



AWARD WINNING
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

Make New Friends

Learn New Skills or Brush Up On Old Ones
(knitting, crocheting, stitching, crafts)

Work On Community Out-Reach Projects

Fun, Fun, and More Fun!

Meet Us

**Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday
6:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Black Bear Diner - Danville
807 Camino Ramon, 94526**

**If you have any questions,
please email Vern or Ingrid.**

Hope to see you there!

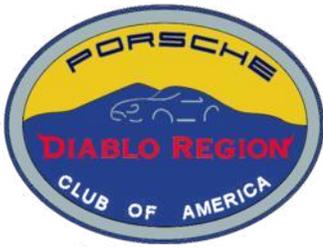
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Weekly Saturday Breakfast



Start your Saturday with good food and conversation EVERY SATURDAY in Walnut Creek! Have breakfast with fellow Club members then head to the parking lot to kick tires. It's a great way to catch up with your Porsche friends and find out what is happening in the Club.

Where?

Buttercup Diner & Bar
660 Ygnacio Valley Road (between N. Broadway & N. Civic Drive)
Walnut Creek, 94596

When?

Every Saturday starting at 7:30AM



For something simple:
Buttermilk pancakes



One of their specialties - Frosted Cinnascuit
(House made biscuit dipped in cinnamon sugar, baked & topped with a cream cheese frosting)



Vegetarian Eggs Benedict for our
vegetarian members

****COVID Guidelines for Contra Costa County (As of 11/21/2022):**

- Contra Costa County is currently NOT requiring masks in certain public indoor locations (such as restaurants). However, the County **strongly encourages** you to wear high-quality masks indoors and around others, **regardless** of vaccination status.
- Contra Costa County seeks to stop all preventable COVID deaths by making sure everyone in our community knows about treatment options and how to access them. For more information please visit <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/>
- Please respect and follow the Buttercup's guidelines for masking and social distancing -- we want to come back next week!
- Please respect individual choices regarding masking and social distancing.



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