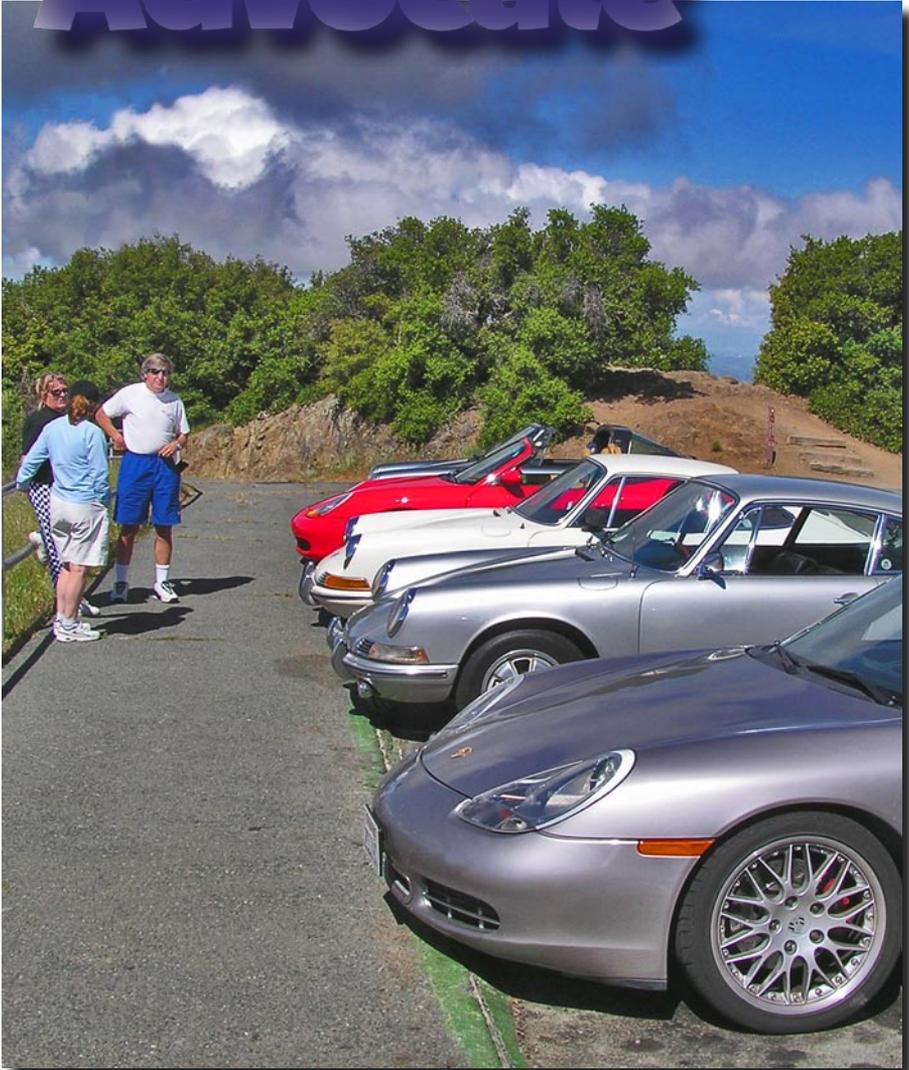


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Cover Photo

Here we go again with a dilemma between protocol or political considerations and a more artistic judgment. Should the cover photo feature the President's Carrera, the Editor's Boxster or should the beautiful sky and clouds have the honor?

I knew, even before we started, that the Mt. Diablo drive would likely yield a cover photo. It was a perfect set of circumstances: a gorgeous day, a spontaneous decision freely chosen, a site that is the foundation for our regional identity, and, very importantly, roads that require and fully use Porsche agility, brakes and handling.

I printed six different covers (most of these pictures are on page 14 of the June edition) in the process of making a choice from the May drive to the 3946 ft. summit. Several featured the Schmidt Carrera including one with a nice smile and friendly wave from Patrick; one had my Boxster first in the row, and another featured Eugenie, who promoted the drive idea. It was the sky and the clouds, however, that ultimately won, compared to the more political considerations. My Olympus C 750 Ultra Zoom (10x optical zoom) had the ISO set at 50, the f stop was /5.6, the focal length was 6.3 mm taken at the 2288 x 1713 size.

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From the President

by Patrick Schmidt



As I am writing this message, we are still enjoying the afterglow of another successful Wash 'n Shine concours. For those of you who may be new to the Diablo Region, I want to welcome you and also let you know that this year is the 20th Anniversary of the Diablo Region! The 2004 Wash 'n Shine was the 19th annual concours. I am very proud and excited to be part of a Region with such dedicated members and committed sponsors and advertisers with whom we can celebrate such longevity.

Since I joined the Region in 1986, I missed the first few years. However, the activities promoted have kept my interest, and got me involved and excited about enjoying time with great people and making good friends. As I recall, initially Linda and I ventured out to new tours and events. Now we look forward to such adventures and even to plan some ourselves. If you have not attended any Region functions recently, I strongly encourage you to just show up, meet some people and have some fun. Hopefully, you will have an enjoyable experience and get "hooked." Before you know it, you may be inclined to organize or co-lead an activity that you like.

Special thanks again to Mike Vorkapich for organizing the Wash 'n Shine and to all the folks who helped him. The photos and story are on pages 10 and 11. Our host and wonderful AutoAffair advertiser, Miguel Cela, provided help which contributed to the success of the concours. If you recall, the Wash 'n Shine tech session, organized by Chris Paterno, exceeded the goal of \$1,000 worth of purchases and thus benefitted our cause with the donation of an electric scooter. Mike and others offered the raffle tickets over the last few months and were able to generate close to \$500 in pure profit. Since this is our annual Charity Event, the PCA National organization adds an

additional \$350 toward the "Blankets for Kids" charity. Jo Molz, our Charity Chairperson, has done a great job developing and organizing everyone's contributions and efforts. Thank you Diablo Region members for your support and "thank you" to Jo!

Just a closing thought, an activity does not have to have Porsche in the title to have a good time or a reason for attending. Frank Duran and I chatted at breakfast a few weeks ago about going to the Wine Country Classic at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma. We had a great time and were able to see not one, but two Carrera GTs! The GTs made my day. The races and access to the pits were very interesting as well. We parked in the Porsche Corral with over 100 Porsches and met some great people from Redwood Region including David Bunch, President, and Kurt Fischer, Vice President. They were very hospitable and extended an invitation to all of our members to celebrate their region's 25th Anniversary on July 17th; thanks David and Kurt. Once again, I hope you can attend any upcoming Diablo Region activity and widen the scope of your Porsche friendships.

Potpourri

by the Editor

If you have the time and funds, check out the latest Porsche Fest "experience of a lifetime" from our fine Fastlane Travel advertiser. Having been on several of Peter's Porsche Fests, I have the excitement and interest but am a bit short on the elements in the first phrase. You can download the announcement from our site: <www.pca.org/dia/docs/porsche_fest.pdf>

The caption under the Pizza photo on page nine is clearly an attempt at humor. Everyone knows the actualy correct Vorkapich couple would never miss a payment.

Parts of this edition were written and/or edited in Indianapolis during the F1 and SuperCup weekend. The 200 ± photos may or may not make it to a homepage gallery.



Judy Schreib
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Please visit us at our weekly breakfasts or monthly dinners so we can get acquainted. It will be delightful to meet you in person.

After all, it's not just the cars. It's the people.

**Diablo Region
 Board of Directors**

Welcome: New members*

New Members	N/A
Transfers in	N/A
Current renewals	N/A
Multi-year renewals	N/A
Late/delete renewals ¹	N/A
Transfers out	N/A
Non renewals	N/A
Dual members	10

Total membership 580*

¹Previously deleted, now renewed

New dual members this month* (thru 6/5/04):

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	City
Mark Slauson	Ann	Cayenne	2004	San Ramon
Dennis Taylor	Evelyn	930	1986	Tracy

**The typical monthly membership report from the PCA national offices was not available at the date of publishing. Reported transition issues in the installation of new systems were given as the cause for incomplete and delayed membership data. Ideally, corrected and updated May-July numbers will be available in the August issue.*



Two infield scenes within the Indy 500 track. This area is near turns #9 and #10 which afforded closer views of the F1 and Porsche SuperCup races on June 19 & 20, 2004.



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Ron for the Road

by Ron Leppke, Editor <lepprd@mac.com>

Working for a non-profit organization as a volunteer can easily lead to a condition often



labeled with the word "burnout." Those members who have been around for a few years can very likely list any number of former Diablo Region officers and other volunteers who once served with fervor and high levels of activity, but who are now mostly inactive.

There are, of course, other explanations, but burnout probably leads any list of those reasons. Having once been a manager of a group of helping professionals, I took notice of many signs of burnout in spite of these professional psychologists being paid a decent salary. Requests for part-time contracts, calls at mid-afternoon stating (not requesting) that they were going home were among these burnout indicators. Since we were all trained as behavioral scientists, we faced the issue with a series of meetings, brainstormed possible solutions and agreed on a plan for action.

One part of the plan was to make our results more visible. In my case, for example, I was raised in a Mennonite community where it was clearly unacceptable to "toot your own horn" so drawing attention to one's achievements was very hard. I found it both easier and more effective to make results visible with descriptions, e.g., "when," rather than "I'm." The distinction is a description of behavior versus a judgment of character. To this day, the phrase "I'm the greatest..." really grates on my nerves.

Burnout can be prevented by charging your psychological batteries through recognition of work well done, but it is not that simple. A large portion of volunteer work is done in the background, so that is why making result more visible is so important, but only the first step.

When I said "good boy" to my son after cleaning up in the shop area, he reacted with a quizzical look. He had also just been down in a forbidden creek area and had difficulty owning the good boy label, i.e. his battery was not charged much, if any. Had I said, "Derek, it's easy and enjoyable to do work in the shop after (when) you put all the tools away in the right places.

In this "when" instance, Derek knew it was his behavior that produced the result and he felt recognized and gained new energy. Telling our current leadership and volunteers, "good job" is better than nothing but specifying the behavior that produced the satisfaction goes farther in keeping us all energized and fully functioning.

Herb Schreib did an excellent job of listing, i.e., making visible, Marilyn Miller's mostly behind-the-scenes contributions to our club at our recent Fiesta. Alas, (just kidding) it was too late to keep her from moving to Arizona.

Speaking of moving, a couple that has made many significant contributions, especially on behalf of the *Advocate*, is also working on their move. There is, therefore, extra urgency in the "Volunteer needed" next to Kathy and the proof/mailer position on page three. Not only do both Gary and Kathy have the typical school teacher eagle eye for misspellings and missing commas, they also have the historical overview of the region to catch things that may be amiss from that perspective. Gary can also see font anomalies that I can see only if I use a 400% view on my computer screen.

If you have concluded that I wrote this entire burnout focus as an attempt to get quality replacements for Gary and Kathy Angell, you are mostly right on. We also still need help for the Rally and Historian positions.

The Boxster photo was taken by David Leong.

<<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/>>

My First Porsche, #16



While it is not his first Porsche, it is his and our first Porsche Cayenne. "Our" is now correct since Mark is a new dual member.

Perfect (??!) Porsche Parking



Perfect parking? Maybe for a SUV or some LA 'vette, but totally unacceptable for a Diablo Region Porsche. Who is that guy??!

New & All-comers Barbecue & Pot Luck



PARTY

Saturday, July 24, 4:00 PM
Hosted by Ted & Ingrid French
1107 Delta Way, Danville
\$10 per person
(free for newcomers)

Let's get together! This party is open to all Diablo Region Members and we'd love to see some of you "old-time" members too. Just call or e-mail Ted or Ingrid at 925.837.8545, <ingtedf@pacbell.net> by July 19 and tell him/her if you'll bring a munchie, salad or dessert.

Newcomers: just bring yourselves and a smile;
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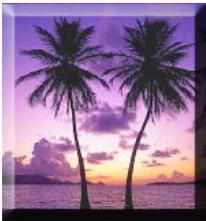
Directions: Take 680; exit at Sycamore Valley Rd. Turning East. Turn right on Camino Ramon and go about a mile to the first signal light. Turn East on El Capitan; then make the first right onto Delta Way. French's residence is the second house on the left.

**We look forward
to welcoming
all of you newcomers!**



Zone 7 Calendar: 2004

Date	Region	Event	Zone	Title	Location
7/3&4/04	GGR	Time Trial	TT #5	Time trial	Buttonwillow
7/4-10/04	PCA	Parade		Parade 2004	Fort Worth, Texas
7/17/04	GGR	Autocross	AutoX #5	Region Autocross	Alameda
7/18/04	MBR	Concours	#4	Zone Concours	TBD
7/18/04	RR	PCA	Hospitality	ALMS	Infineon Raceway
7/24/04	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
7/25/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
8/1/04	GGR	Concours	#5	Carlson Concours/Swap	Palo Alto
8/7/04	LPR	Autocross	AutoX #5	Zone Autocross	Marina
8/8/04	GGR	Autocross	AutoX #6	Zone Autocross	Marina
TBD	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
8/15/04	MBR			Monterey Historics	Laguna Seca
8/26/04	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
9/11/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	TBD
9/12/04	YR	Concours	#6	Zone Concours	Modesto
9/18/04	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
9/18/04	SVR	Rally	#5	Carrera de Sierra	Loomis-Tahoe
9/19/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
10/2/04	GGR	Rally	#6	Coyote Run	TBA
10/3/04	RR	Concours	#8	Ledson Winery	Santa Rosa
10/9/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Alameda
10/9/04	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
10/9/04	GGR	Rally	#7	Event	TBA
10/10/04	SVR	Swap Meet		Region Swap Meet	Silverstar Motors
10/16/04	SqR	Autocross	#7	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
SqR	Autocross	#9	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake	10/17/04
10/17/04	DR	Concours	#8	Blackhawk Plaza	Danville
10/30/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Candlestick Park
TBD	Zone 7	Meeting		Zone Presidents	TBD
TBD	Zone 7	Banquet		Zone Awards	TBD



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Diablo Calendar: 2004

July

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Thursday Dinner Out
- 24 Newcomers BBQ

August

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Pizza and Porsches
- 8 Wine Tour
- 19 Thursday Dinner Out

September

- 3 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Board Meeting
- 16 Thursday Dinner Out



Things got a bit "Ruf" in Denny's parking lot.

October

- 1 Pizza and Porsches
- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Octoberfest
- 17 Blackhawk Concours
- 21 Thursday Dinner Out

November

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Pizza and Porsches
- 18 Thursday Dinner Out



Gale, on her knees, appears to be seeking help for an overdue Boxster payment and Phil has his cash ready to help.

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Wash 'n Shine Concours

by Mike Vorkapich

My mother always told me that when I felt lost and confused and things didn't go just as planned, I should think of it as an "adventure." On May 30, I had a great adventure as chairman of the Wash 'n Shine for the Diablo Region of the Porsche Club of America.

Fifty-five cars entered the competition that day. The judges were being prepped in plenty of time to start the judging by 9:30 AM, but I discovered that there were not enough judging forms. Thanks to Ingrid French and Kinko's, judging started at 10:00 AM.

We filled the waiting time with door prizes to entrants. The prizes were: "Instant Picnic" to Linda Hohu (996), Club Polo shirt to John Place (X-50 Turbo), Hooked on Driving DC to Lyn Austen (914), another "Instant Picnic" to Tom Kelly (944), and a free day of driving at Thunder Hill courtesy of Hooked on Driving to Steve Vest (944).

Before the awards, we drew the raffle prizes. The prizes were: fleece blanket to the George Gueln couple and the electric scooter to Richard Grialou.



There were 30 awards presented in 11 categories: The first place awards went to: 356-Bill Goodwin; 914-Nate Walker, Pre

'74 911/912-Chris Roman; Cayenne-Gus Walbot; 90' to '98 Carrera- Doug Hambleton; 924/944/968/928-Ted French; '74 to '89 911/912-Paul Rago & Cynthia Carlett; Boxster-Mimi Dobrich; 996-Mark Spindler; Competition Prepared-Nancy Bishop & Paul Seidel-Smith; and People's Choice-Scott Zeilinger.

Thanks to the raffle prize income of the electric scooter provided by Miguel Cela, owner of the AutoAffair, and the fleece blanket provided by Jo Molz, the Concours raised \$500.00 for the Region's current charity (Blankets for Kids). National PCA kicked in an additional \$350.00 for a total charity amount of \$850.00.



Many thanks to Eugenie Thomas, who ran the judging with a limited judging staff, Ted French for organizing parking, and Herb and Judy Schreib for providing coffee and pastries. Gratitude as well to Brian Cameron who brought the tables, the PA, the tent, and generally made sure all the supplies were there for a successful event. More thanks to those judges who worked overtime and to those who helped set up and take down. These and additional dedicated volunteers all were vital in making the event successful. Finally, I need to thank the entrants for coming out. I know there were many other things you could have done that day. Just think, by cleaning your car you



accomplished positive results. When you drove away, you knew that people in other cars were looking at your clean Porsche. You also contributed to a meaningful charity, which benefits many local children who have very little. See you next year, and keep those cars clean.

Editorial note: Photos of the winners and others can be seen at: <<http://homepage.mac.com/leprpd/PhotoAlbum108.html>>



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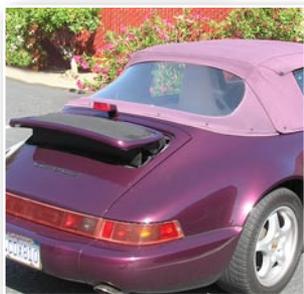
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Driving Events

by the Editor



The good news is that the preferred, pre-ordained natural order has been regained. After our female (and

blonde!) Autocross Chairperson beat our male editor at the CRAB autocross last month, propriety was restored at the 6/5 GGR autocross at 3Com Park when the editor's Boxster S beat the "new" '68 911T by more than four seconds! My supposedly contrived excuse



for getting clobbered in Sacramento was entirely valid. What I learned in those first runs on the new Dunlops led to significant tire pressure changes at 3 Com for much better handling and faster times. I am, of course, teasing a bit and having some fun with the sexist



remarks but am very serious about acknowledging the driving event participation of our

region's leadership. Counting our most recent secretary and editor of just a year or so ago, we had eight people from page three at this 6/5 autocross. Another eight Diablo members, including some like Milo Dorr who are leading their respective classes, also enjoyed the fun of safe second gear tests of Porsche car control.



It is David Leong, not your editor, who insists on these cutesy angles.

Clockwise: Howard Thomas; David Anderson; Howard, Mike and Ted; Ralph Ligons, Michael Sondel, Mike Vorkapich and Dave riding with Tim Stewart

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by the Editor

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Afternoon registration: 11:30 A.M. - 12:10 P.M.

Fee: \$30.00 per driver per day - Some loaner helmets available

Exhaust restrictions are 92db @50ft.

For directions, go to: <http://www.pca-ggr.org/acvenues.html#alamedapoint>.
A catering/vending truck will be available at the site for snacks and lunch as well as a sports bar & grill open to the public in the Bladium Sports Center

Lodging in Alameda

Extended Stay America, 1350 Marina Village Parkway; Queen \$75.00, King \$79.00 plus tax; trailers O.K. 510-864-1333. Walking distance to Chevy's for the Saturday dinner.

Days Inn Alameda, 1925 Webster Street, Corner Webster & Atlantic; Queen \$65.99, King \$79.99 plus tax; trailers O.K. 510-521-8400. Approximately 3 minutes to site.

Hawthorn Suites LTD., 1628 Webster Street; Queen & King both \$99.00 plus tax; includes breakfast. 510-522-1000.

Saturday Night Dinner

There will be a casual Saturday dinner at Chevy's, 2400 Mariner Square. Cost is \$30.00 per person and includes appetizers, meal, soft drinks/beer/or margaritas. For reservation, send your check, payable to "PCA-GGR" to: Cathy Carlson, 14144 Campagna Way, Watsonville, CA 95076 (831) 728-3190. *The deadline for Reservations is August 1.*



Autocross Chairs

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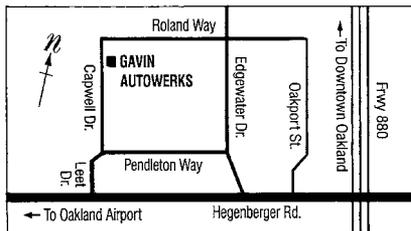
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Rennsport Reunion II

By Frank Cunningham

Daytona International Speedway

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I had the great pleasure to make this pilgrimage to the second Rennsport Reunion and bathe myself in more Porsche race cars than one could ever imagine. 180 significant race cars and a total of 600 Porsche cars in the infield was the rumor. The web site is reporting the following personalities in attendance: Dan Gurney, Vic Elford, Hurley Haywood, Brian Redman, Jacky Ickx, Derek Bell and Bobby Rahal. I have had the pleasure to attend vintage events with major factory cars on display such as the 50 years of Porsche at Laguna Seca and expected to see something similar. I was not, however, prepared for what was waiting for me. Daytona Speedway is a large place and I was to find that heaven was spread out all over the infield.



My Friday's arrival placed me in a parking space on a grass infield lot. Upon exiting my rental car, the sounds of racing engines made me look up to see prototypes and 935s running at full song on Daytona's high banks just yards away. Daytona has many team garages and these were full of every racing Porsche one could imagine. There were, however, no roped-off display areas. We were walking next to one and all. Porsche AG Museum cars, Miles Colliers Museum cars, and private owners cars all had given us the keys to Porsche heaven. The race cars were from the early Gmünd coupes and Porsche #1 to the GT1 Evo and the 996 Cup cars. All were there with several examples deep.



Saturday was even better. It was the same parking lot experience as Friday, but new things had been added to the infield overnight. PCNA set up a display of one 911 Porsche for each year including a 911 police car that played its European siren for us throughout the day. I also found the first 902. (Look that one up if you don't know what it is.) At noon, a large group of hand picked cars were invited to line up on the pit road for a judging of authenticity. I found myself walking on this pit road next to several examples of every race car Porsche has ever made. Later there was an autograph signing, which I missed. Taking photos was my goal and, with all the cars at hand, that was a full time endeavor.

Friday and Saturday were spent qualifying and practicing so Sunday was mostly a race day. I had managed a position at the infield's eastern-most turn next to the inside barrier and settled in for the day to shoot the cars on their natural track habitat. One 935 did what I expected and came right at me at full tilt through the dirt backwards. Between the heats, we were entertained with Porsche personalities who were being interviewed over the PA.



My only regrets were: 1) I did not have a car to drive, and 2) I could not make it to everything that was happening; too many locations and too much ground to cover.

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