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Cover Photo

Ted French pulled his Vice President rank on this lowly editor by directing a Blackhawk cover for the September issue. Attendance and concours participation had both dropped off last year for this very special Diablo event, and a cover to titilate interest was thus part of a plan to build Blackhawk anticipation.

I expect that very few, if any, PCA Regions have an automotive museum that compares to the stature and beauty of Blackhawk. In fact, not even the city square in Stuttgart, often the venue for significant Porsche collections, can match the upper circle and fountains seen in this cover. The affiliation with the Smithsonian adds even more impact to the Blackhawk image.

The standard to give local Porsches and people priority, dictated this cover selection with Sergio Meza's RSR as the centerpiece. The Targa on page 17 came in second mostly because it is a SVR Porsche. In each instance the photos were taken with my Olympus C-750 Ultra Zoom and edited with Adobe Photoshop CS.

Diablo Region Web Site:
[<http://www.pca.org/dia/>](http://www.pca.org/dia/)

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From the President

by Patrick Schmidt

Just as with the national elections, this Fall is the opportunity to select members to lead the Diablo Region. Our team includes six members with the pattern of electing half of the Board each year to provide continuity of procedures and routines from year to year. The addition of new board members has the advantage of bringing new ideas and energy to the team. As several positions were brought on in the middle of 2002, only two Board members will be elected this year. Once the Board is elected, it then then votes in the President and Vice President. If any of you would like to learn more, please contact any director listed on page three. If you are not able to run for the Board this year, but know some member that would be a good candidate, please invite them to contact us. The October issue will provide additional election details.



We are looking forward to our 6th annual concours at the beautiful automobile museum at Blackhawk. If you attended any of our prior Blackhawk events, you know that it is a great location and event. If you interested in participating, we run both a full Zone Concours competition as well as a less rigid wash/shine classification. There is also a non-judged "show only" class. The details of this very special Diablo Region Zone 7 Concours are on page ten of this edition and on our web page..

We had a special farewell for Kathy and Gary Angell at Pizza on Friday, August 6th. Many of you know Kathy and Gary and their many contributions to the Region. Kathy has been extremely committed to the success of the Region and has held the Offices of President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and a Director. In addition, Kathy and Gary have an incredible record of success in the Diablo Region and Zone 7 rallies. They hosted the first Newcomers' party that Linda and I attended in 1986, along with many outstanding, successful Oktoberfest parties. We gave them a nice send-off with two new Diablo Region shirts and caps. They are moving to the San Diego area

this month and have already contacted the region there. Our loss is their gain. Thanks again, Kathy and Gary, for your help and friendship!

One recent Saturday, I needed to be in San Jose around noon and had time after our Danville breakfast to drive through Livermore and over Mount Hamilton before descending some of the best hairpin turns in Northern California. My autocross training came in handy as I did the hand-over-hand steering technique while keeping one hand locked in position using lock-to-lock steering. What fun! Part of the fun in that drive is seeing those great signs: "Turns Next 31 Miles" and to then drive those 31 miles with no cross traffic! I hope you are enjoying your rides as well.

We are planning some enjoyable upcoming tours such as one to Pismo Beach/Hearst Castle on September 24th and 25th. I hope you can join us.

Potpourri

by the Editor

I have more information on the surprising pole and win by Wolf HENZler at the Speed GT race at Infineon Raceway on the ALMS weekend. It is actually to be expected since Wolf is a very talented driver. Farnbacher has already cinched the mostly European Supercup team championship, and there is a Farnbacher USA at Infineon Raceway. Running shaved Toyota tires rather than Michelins was a major adjustment, but Wolf's car had more horses than what is specified for Cup Porsches. Wolf and possibly another Farnbacher entry will run at Laguna Seca in October.



A new top ten list shows the Porsche 911 holding the #1 position in resale value. Defined as the % of original value held after five years of 15,000 miles per year, the Mercedes-Benz CLK class was second. The Viper, NSX, Corvette, Nissan 350Z, various BMWs were among those lagging behind. The Boxster made the top 10 in seventh position and Jaguar was tenth. The BMW commercial claiming the top resale spot notwithstanding.



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 (June)	12
Transfers in	2
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	548*
¹ Previously deleted, now renewed	

New members for July:*

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	City
Brian Deans	Cindy	Boxster	1999	Berkeley
Gary C. Johnson	Terrilynn	996	2004	Pleasanton
Seiju Kawatsu		911	1997	Berkeley
Alberto S. Mijares	Linda	Cayenne	2004	San Ramon
Mark A. Pereira	Heather	Boxster S	2004	Livermore
Dennis M. Power	Leslie	Boxster S	2000	Oakland
Eric C. Robinson	Venus	911	2001	Vallejo
Frank N. Sanzari	Heidi	911	2000	Oakland
Gregory P. Turner	Tanya	911	2001	Oakland
Mari Vargas		Boxster S	2002	Pittsburg

Transfers in during July:*

Bruce L. Dykstra	Diana	Boxster	1997	Vacaville
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***After several months, the typical online monthly membership report from the PCA national offices continues not to be available. A crash of the former system and transition issues in the installation of the new system were given as the cause for incomplete and delayed membership data.**

PriceWaterhouseCooper reports that, for the three-year period from 3/2001 to 3/2004, Porsche AG stock has achieved a shareholder return of 119.9 % which is, by far, the highest among European carmakers. The cynics among us will associate this financial success with the Porsche withdrawal from serious factory racing.



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Ron for the Road

by Ron Leppke, Editor

<lepprd@mac.com>

It is very likely that this newsletter will arrive late both online and via mail. My 91 year-old mother passed away just about newsletter deadline time and, as some of you know from your own similar experience, handling both memorial and estate details can require lots of time and attention. In my case, there were further ramifications from a root canal that had several complications and Boxster problem requiring another car when rental cars were not available. A funeral, being awakened by a toothache and an allegedly broken Boxster all in the same day is about as bad as it gets. The good news was that the Boxster mysteriously healed itself, but the contrary part was the cost of a weekend rental and the towing. My grateful thanks and appreciation to Gavin of Gavin AutoWerks (see his ad on page 20) for his expertise in confirming that all was well. Gavin and I could see evidence that some foreign object had become temporarily lodged in the right rear hub area. What my ears heard was a very expensive sound not unlike a bearing gone bad but the tow truck ride proved to be a relatively inexpensive fix.

I am happy to report that Ted & Joe's Towing of Alameda carefully loaded the Boxster on a flatbed and seemed very knowledgeable about handling Porsches.

There have been 116 downloads of the August color *Advocate* from my homepage site as of this August date. So far, I have been announcing the availability of the color online version to certain members each time it is posted for public viewing. Ideally, there should be no need for this possible intrusion into member inboxes. All that is needed is a monthly visit to that homepage site somewhere between the 15th and 25th of the respective month. Earlier in this time slot, you may catch the not-yet-for-public viewing version that is for our proof reader, and later you can shift over to the file sharing section to download the 28 MB version that goes to Seeger's Printing. Of course, the normal approximately 3 MB PDF will be the one

you want. The URL at the bottom of this column will get you to these and other options.

When I first was involved with sending *Advocates* to members, we sent printed copies to only about 150 members. It is so delightful that we can now provide a similar and growing number, in color, with no printing or mailing expense.

After some experimentation with tire pressures and two autocross events where my circumstances did not allow a valid assessment, I now am able to report a strong recommendation of the German made Dunlop ss Race "R" compound autocross tire. After struggling with an understeering condition on three previous sets of tires, that problem is now negligible. Even though I won my Boxster S autocross class at the Boise Parade, the car pushed significantly on all the tight infield corners in spite of the 60 wear-rated Pirelli Corsas. My positive evaluation is in the context of sticking well enough to compete with all-out autocross tires such as Hoosiers while being driven every day on the street. This daily driver aspect is mostly related to driving reasonable well in wet weather. My previous BFG autocross/street tires were very unsafe in wet driving.

Other than my excessive weight and old age (a recent GGR *Nugget* article suggest that my weight and my age add at least 4 seconds to each lap), my current biggest autocross problem is under driving these fine Dunlop tires, i.e., tire capabilities are greater than my driving skill.

Speaking of tire and suspension technology, one of the Saturday breakfast stories on 8/20/04 was one where our fine sponsor, Roger Kraus Racing (page 2), was able to discover why a new BMW was unable to avoid pulling to the side while attempting to drive straight. As is usual in these problems, both the dealer and the tire company were finger-pointing at each other with no resolution until Roger's people found a weight balance anomaly. Discount tire shops cannot find such problems but it was "duck soup" for the corner balance expertise of Roger's race shop.

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

My First Porsche, #19



This fine '61 356 was Gretchen Mehlhoff's ride to our recent Newcomer Barbecue.

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Golden Gate Region Presents

Moonlight Monte Carlo 2004

Saturday, October 9

Sponsored by Rector Porsche

1010 Cadillac Way

Burlingame, CA 94101

Please join us for the running of this map-based Monte Carlo-type rally under the light of the moon.

Registration at 3:30 P.M. • First car out at 4:45 P.M.

All makes of cars are welcome

Cost: \$20.00 per car or \$15.00 if preregistered by September 30

Things to bring: compass, map light

Directions: Start will be at Rector Porsche. From U.S. 101 in Burlingame, take the Broadway exit. The dealership is located in the southwest corner of the interchange.

Preregistration: To receive a copy of the general instructions, send a self-addressed stamped envelope and your check in the amount of \$15.00, made payable to "Golden Gate Region - PCA," to:

Hubert Lee

525 Upland Road
Emerald Hills, CA 94062
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Zone 7 Calendar: 2004/05

Date	Region	Event	Zone	Title	Location
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, 19/04	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	#7	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	Moonlight Monte Carlo	Burlingame
10/10/04	SVR	Swap Meet		Region Swap Meet	Silverstar Motors
10/16/04	SqR	Autocross	#7	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
10/17/04	SqR	Autocross	#8	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
10/17/04	DR	Concours	#8	Blackhawk Plaza	Danville
10/30/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Candlestick Park
TBD/05	Zone 7	Meeting		Zone Presidents	TBD
TBD/05	Zone 7	Banquet		Zone Awards	TBD

Golden Gate Region Presents

Coyote Run IV

October 2, 2004

Sponsored by Carlsen Porsche
3636 Haven Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94063
Telephone (650) 701-9200



Open to all marques, not just Porsches. Fee is \$15.00 per car.
Registration at 8:45 a.m. Driver/Navigator meeting at 9:30 a.m.
First-Timer meeting at 9:45 a.m. First car out at 10:01 a.m.

Description: This is a Time/Speed/Distance (TSD) rally. Beginners and first-times will be given mileage or street names at most turning points. Rally classes include Beginner, Novice, Expert-Unequipped, and Expert-Equipped. Total distance is approximately 100 miles and will take approximately four hours to complete.

Directions: Registration and start are at Carlsen Porsche. From US 101, take the Marsh Road exit East and turn left at the signal onto Haven Avenue.



For information, contact Larry or Greg Adams at
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Diablo Region Calendar: 2004/05

September

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

October

- 1 Pizza and Porsches
- 2 Oktoberfest
- 5 Board Meeting
- 17 Blackhawk Concours
- 21 Thursday Dinner Out

November

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



Late comers are also welcome.

December

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

January, 2005

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Pizza: 2005 Planning Meeting
- 20 Thursday Dinner Out



What is happening? Just over a year or so ago, Judy and Herb had a 356, Ken was driving a 911 and Rob drove a 928. Now each has a Boxster with the blue beauty above our Webmaster's latest addition.

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2408 Twin Creeks,
San Ramon

Board of Directors Meeting

First Tuesday, 7 PM
Mostly at Ted's home

Thursday Night Dinner Out

3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM
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My First Time

by Rob Haitsma

My life changed on Saturday, August 7, 2004. It was my first experience in autocrossing and now, like a drug addict on crack....I am totally hooked.

For a long time now, I've been directing questions towards Eugenie regarding what effects autocrossing has on a car, what items are needed and/or required to get involved. Things like when Ted came into breakfast one day with what might have been the largest grin on his face, I knew that I would have to try it.

I have always felt that my 928 wasn't quite up to the task. Not that it wasn't capable, mind you, it was just that after years of neglect from the previous owner and certain findings left me to think better of the idea. That all changed when I bought my Boxster. I was still nervous about "thrashing" a pristine low-mileage beauty, but I thought it couldn't hurt to at least go and look. Big mistake.

I went to the autocross with every intention of just browsing around, but soon the sickness caught on and I signed up. It was like joining the military, I was so nervous. I had to pick a number out of a hat that was to become my car number. Number 299, it has a nice ring to it. The car passed through the tech inspection (checking for any loose items, battery all well and secured, seat belt functioning and a proper helmet) with flying colors. The number was written on the top right of my windshield using white shoe polish. Man, did it look good. Number 299, it has a nice ring to it.

Since I didn't have my own helmet, I had to borrow one and after trying on some LPR loaner helmets, I realized that I have a fat head (what else is new) and that a full-faced design is just too confining for me. Doug Ambrisko kindly lent me his open-faced helmet (he always carries an extra) and that fit like a charm. I felt like Steve McQueen and I looked hot (more on that later).

The rookies all have to go through the course with an instructor and I could not have



had a better one. Mary Ann Behrens and her husband are legends in the PCA. Mary Ann let me ride with her in her 996 for my introduction to autocrossing. I have never in my life been treated to such a wild, yet totally controlled ride. All through the run, Mary Ann was telling me crucial things like de-activating the PSM (Porsche Stability Management) system and tap braking. Even if I never experience the same speed through an autocross course by my own skills, I now know of the fantastic capabilities these Porsches have, thanks to Mary Ann Behrens.

After all of my runs were finished, I had bettered my time by nine seconds. Not too bad, for a total rookie. My fastest lap times were around what would probably be the slowest run for the really experienced drivers, but I didn't care. I really enjoyed myself and I have a much better appreciation of my car's capabilities. Will I try it again? Let's just say that before that weekend was over, I had already ordered a duplicate helmet to the one that I was loaned and I have asked Eugenie for a permanent number. Number 299, it has a nice ring to it.

Oh, by the way, did I mention that I looked hot? Well, I was very hot...and burned. I ended up looking like an Oscar Meyer Weiner in a broiler-oven. I had skipped the sun-screen, the hat and lip-balm and boy, did I pay for it. Kids, take a lesson from Uncle Rob and wear sun-screen the most powerful type that you can get.

Yep, Steve McQueen...painted red, covered with blisters and with a huge smile across my face!

Editor: Rob was 85th of 101 entrants.

Sacramento Valley Region Presents



September 18th & 19th, 2004

Rally Fee - \$55.00 per car if received by Aug. 16; thereafter - \$65.00

Tour Fee - \$35.00 per car if received by Aug. 16; thereafter - \$40.00

Preregistration is recommended.

General instructions for the rally will be sent around September 10th.

Rallymaster: Keith McMahan.

Tourmasters: Richard Swenson and Judy Hanna.

Fees include a Saturday afternoon social and barbecue at the finish. There will be a Saturday afternoon walking rally contest. Start is at the Raley Shopping Center in Loomis, approximately 25 miles east of Sacramento. Take the Horseshoe Bar exit on I-80 and turn right onto Horseshoe Bar Road. Registration will open at 8:30 A.M. 25 rooms have been reserved at the Inn at Truckee. Call (888) 773-6888; be sure to mention the Porsche Club rate. The special rate and the rooms will be held until are sold out by 6:00 P.M. on September 1st. For further information, contact Rik Larson at (916) 481-6084 (before 9:00 P.M., please) or e-mail <sysnake@comcast.net>



Carrera de Sierra XXVII Entry Form

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E-mail _____ E-mail _____

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Car Make _____ Running (circle one) Rally Tour

*Make check payable to "PCA-SVR" and send to
Rik Larson, 2120 Maddox Court, Carmichael, CA 95608*

Driving Events

by the Editor



Having switched to "sticky" tires, Ted French is having more fun but is a distant second in his new Ai class. Randy Orem's early season GGR second place keeps him third in Dp; his first in the last LPR event has him in first with LPR. Jon and Ed Dugan are first and second, respectively, in Class G.

Eugenie Thomas is undefeated on the courses but off-course has had competition from a garden rake and mechanical gremlins.

Michael Sondel has won four of five events in Class Hp but Gary Shultz won the last event in Michael's absence.



Mike Quinn has won three of three to lead Class K. Having missed the two first events and not being able to beat two very fast 993s, yours truly is now in third in Ni. David Anderson is one of those fast 993s and he is currently second



in Ni with defending champ, Tim Steward, in fourth. Tim's daughter,

Mikaleagh, is driving the 993 (below/ left) and leads Class NiL.

Kevin Mehlberg remains undefeated in Class S. Mike Vorkapich is in second place in the Boxster class, but mostly because his faster competitor, Howard Thomas, has only entered two events so far in Class T. Vern continues to lead the equivalent ladies class, but I hereby challenge Gail Vorkapich to change things. Joe Yang has won four Tp events to easily head that class. Milo Dorr continues to lead Dm and Ralph Ligons has not finished lower than second to continue a strong challenge in Class Gm.

Al Armellini has focused mostly on



Zone rather than GGR autocrosses but did run fifth in Class N on 8/18. Rob Aldenhuysen is in first place in Class L.



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Tom Sisson's award winning 996 Targa
2003 Blackhawk Concours d'elegance



If last year's event was any indication, this should be a terrific concours! The concours runs from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., with car placement from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. Judging begins at 11:00 A.M. This is an official Zone 7 concours.

Fee for judged Porsches is \$20.00 per entry, with proceeds going to a local charity. Attendance at the concours and live music are free. PCA participants will receive a complimentary wine tasting prior to the awards ceremony. For those wishing to taste wine on their own, there will be a \$10.00 per-person fee, which includes a Ledson logo wine glass.

Address: Ledson Winery & Vineyard, 7335 Hwy 12 Santa Rosa
Phone (707) 537-3816 URL: www.ledson.com

Directions: From Hwy 101 North, take the Hwy 12 exit in Santa Rosa and continue East towards Kenwood/Sonoma to the Ledson Winery (on the left). From Hwy 80, take Hwy 12 or Hwy 37 to Napa. Proceed over the Napa River Bridge, go left on Hwy 121/12. Follow Signs to Sonoma and continue on Hwy 12 through Kenwood to Ledson Winery (on the right).

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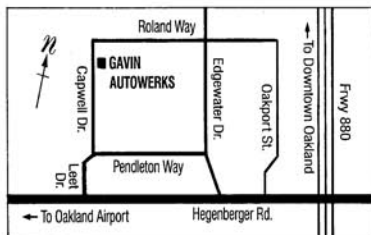
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