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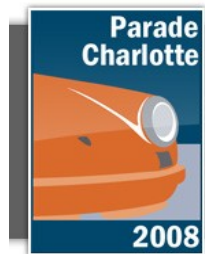
Porsches old and new will descend on Charlotte, North Carolina, this June for the annual Porsche Parade.

Porsche fanatics from around the world have Tuesday, March 11, underlined and circled in red on their calendars. Why? Because that's when registration opens for the 2008 Porsche Parade, which will be held from June 28-July 3 in beautiful Charlotte, North Carolina. The Parade is the Porsche Club of America's annual, weeklong gathering of Porsche enthusiasts from around the world. This will be the 53rd annual Parade, the first held in North Carolina since 1981, and the first ever hosted by the Carolinas Region of the PCA.

As Parade veterans know, the event includes an extensive list of events. This year, highlights include a concours right on the streets of uptown Charlotte — don't worry, the streets will be closed to traffic — and an autocross at Lowe's Motor Speedway. There will also be a gimmick rally, tours of the Penske and Hendrick NASCAR shops, TSD rallies, a winery tour, visits to the Biltmore estate, and much more. To help newbies learn the ropes and make the most of the Parade, organizers are offering Parade 101, an information session conducted in connection with check-in. Parade is a major event on the Porsche calendar, drawing from 2,000 to 2,500 participants.

Whichever Porsche lights your fire, from the earliest 356 Gmund coupes through today's Cayman, Boxster, Cayenne and 911, now is the time to join PCA and get in on the Parade. For more information, visit the club's Web site at www.pca.org, or the 2008 Parade site at www.paradecharlotte.org.

Registration begins March 11, 2008 —————> Mark your calendar now!



<http://www.paradecharlotte.org>

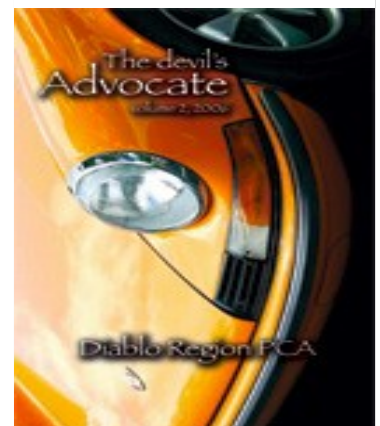
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Last Chance!! Porsche of Fremont DE –March 27



Thunderhill Raceway Park

Porsche of Fremont will be sponsoring a drivers' education day at Thunderhill, operated for them by Hooked On Driving. Diablo members are welcome to sign up for this non-PCA event.

See more details on Diablo calendar—
Calendar.diablo-pca.org



Havana or Bust!!!

Sunday, April 13th

Diablo Tour, starting at MiMi's in Pleasanton
parking lot at 2:00 PM

Luis & Kathie Soler will be leading the way through the back roads
to San Jose . (Maps will be provided to all upon gathering) We
should arrive at

Habana Cuba Restaurant by aprox 4:30 to 5:00pm

And enjoy a delicious meal before returning home.

You can visit the restaurant website to see what you will be
enjoying--→ www.998cuba.com

We have arranged to have maximum of 50 people, so we need anyone that will be joining
this tour to RSVP for a headcount. Please email Luis, at:

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**The Porsche of Fremont Thunderhill Driver's Education Event
Notification and Invitation – Thursday, April 17, 2008 at**



<http://www.thunderhill.com/index.html>

Hosted by Diablo Region – Porsche Club of America (PCA)

Sponsored by Fletcher Jones Porsche of Fremont <http://porscheoffremont.com/>

Summary: This Driver's Education (DE) event will be a non-competitive single day outing at Thunderhill racetrack, run under PCA National Drivers Education Guidelines expressly for Porsche cars and PCA members. We are very pleased to announce that local premier dealership Fletcher Jones Porsche of Fremont is overall Sponsor for this 2008 event. The event's objective is to provide the opportunity for Porsche Club members, including those having little or no track experience, to safely learn the techniques of driving a high speed road course while operating under expert supervision and instruction. Only Porsche cars will be permitted on track.

Price Structure: The "early bird" registration fee per driver will be \$180 (includes lunch) for those who register and pay before special "early bird" pricing ends Monday, March 24. Regular registration will then run from March 25 until April 9 with a fee of \$205 (includes lunch). After April 9, late fee pricing will be \$235 (includes lunch). The registration fee for qualified PCA Event Instructors (who also drive) will be \$50 before April 11. After April 11, Instructor registration will be \$75 (lunch included). Qualified PCA Instructors not registered to drive may still instruct at no cost and lunch will be provided gratis.

Featuring: This DE event comprises traditional Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced Run Groups. Openings for pure Novice drivers are expected to be limited, so Novice drivers are encouraged to register as early as possible. Per PCA guidelines, pure Novice Drivers will be paired with an Event Instructor/s until the Novice has demonstrated the skill sets necessary for solo track driving. Special Note for Novices: "Ground School", or rather the PCA requisite pre-event safety and procedures briefing, will be provided at the track the morning of the event. Novices, regardless of PCA affiliation, therefore are not required to have attended prior classroom activity before this track day.

Instructors Needed: Applications from interested and PCA qualified Instructors are solicited now. Instructor applicants may submit their driving and/or instructor related resume, application or bio directly to the attention of the Event Chairperson or Chief Instructor. PCA DE Instructors need only provide their National PCA DE Instructor number.

Tech Inspection: In accordance with PCA Guidelines, "the car owner must certify that their car is safe to run on the track and that the car has been inspected by a regionally approved person or shop within thirty days prior to the event. A regionally approved person need not be in the business of commercially preparing cars, but must have recognized skill in the preparation of cars that he/she inspects." Updated Tech Inspections from the year's earlier GGR Annual Tech inspection will be acceptable. Further guidance on Tech Inspection forms and requirements, and the event REGISTRATION FORM may be found on the Diablo website. <http://dia.pca.org/> Please direct comments, inquiries, and suggestions back to the Event Chairperson via e-mail, if possible, to the attention of:

Event Chairperson – Warren Gardner 510-440-1269

warrengardnerjr@comcast.net

Chief Instructor – Scott Pope

drspope@popedental.com

Registrar – Luis Soler 925-784-5344

soler1@llnl.gov

Thank you very much, and we look forward to seeing you there!

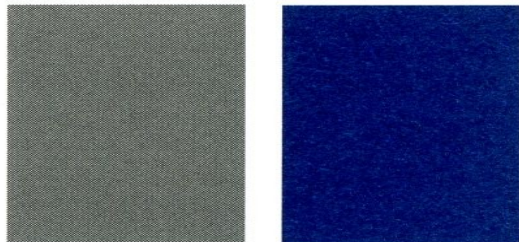
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Le Mans Series: European Premiere of the Porsche RS Spyder

STUTTGART, Germany March 4 -- At the official test of the Le Mans Series (LMS) in Le Castellet (France), the Porsche RS Spyder celebrated its European premiere. Here, the two sports prototypes of the Team Essex (Denmark) and Van Merksteijn Motorsport (Netherlands) met their opponents in the fiercely-contested LMP2 class for the first time.

The Swiss Horag Racing Porsche RS Spyder team was not present for the test as it is already in Florida where it will contest the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on March 15. The main purpose in southern France was for teams and drivers to familiarize themselves with the new sports prototype. For both race teams the RS Spyder represents new territory.

Sharing driving duties in the Porsche RS Spyder of the Dutch team for the

2008 season is a high-profile trio. Joining team-owner Peter van Merksteijn and ex-DTM pilot Jeroen Bleekemolen to contest the LMS is Jos Verstappen.

The ex-Formula 1 driver, who recently took a two-year break, is totally enthusiastic about the 476 hp sports prototype.

The Spyder has amazing grip in the fast corners. Its incredibly stable under braking and we haven't experienced one technical problem. This is simply a fantastic car which is great fun to drive.

The Danish Essex team also takes up the race with a well-known line-up of swift drivers. John Nielsen brings with him successes in sports car racing.

He was world sports car champion and won, amongst others, the Le Mans 24 hour race in 1990. Nielsen doubles as team manager and driver. Casper Elgaard, the second Essex driver, is multiple Danish touring car champion.

Aside from finding a suitable set-up for the circuit, the team is also practicing its pit stops in preparation for the season.

John Nielsen: Good pit stops can mean the difference between winning and losing a race. For this reason we tested our pit stops here in the narrow pits under stressful conditions. My boys are extremely ambitious. They want to be the best at pit stops.

Also putting the tests to good use are the Porsche teams competing in the near-standard GT2 class with the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. For the IMSA Performance Matmut team, works driver Richard Lietz (Austria) and his French team mate Raymond Narac travelled to Le Castellet. Competing for the German Felbermayr team are Porsche works driver Marc Lieb, 2007 winner of the 24 hour race on the Nuerburgring-Nordschleife, and Australian Alex Davison.

Five races make up the LMS calendar in 2008, each run over 1,000 kilometres on traditional European race tracks like Spa-Francorchamps, Monza and the Nuerburgring. Additionally, the Essex and VW Motorsport teams will contest the sportscar highlight in Le Mans on 14/15 June. The first Le Mans Series race takes place on 6 April in Barcelona (Spain).

Facts and Figures

This is the European Le Mans Series

Contested for the first time in 2004, the Le Mans Series (LMS) offers fans exciting sportscar racing. The regulations are based on the rules of the Le Mans 24 hour race. Five championship rounds will be contested this season on traditional circuits throughout Europe. The races run over a distance of 1,000 kilometres. The LMS is the European counterpart to the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) in the USA and Canada.

The starting field consists of two different sports vehicle categories:
Sports prototypes and standard sportscars. They are divided into four classes:

LMP1 class: Sports prototypes with up to 750 hp and a minimum weight of 900 kilograms (in the ALMS: 750 hp/925 kilograms).

LMP2 class: Sports prototypes with around 475 hp and an 825 kilogram minimum weight (in the ALMS: 475 hp/800 kg). The Porsche RS Spyder competes in this class.

GT1 class: Heavily modified standard sportscars with up to 650 hp and a minimum weight of 1,125 to 1,325 kilograms (in the ALMS: 650 hp/1,125 to 1,325 kilograms)

GT2 class: Slightly modified standard sportscars with between 450 hp to 470 hp and a minimum weight of 1,125 to 1,325 kilograms (in the ALMS: 450 to 470 hp/1,125 to 1,325 kilograms). The Porsche 911 GT3 RSR competes in this class.

All race cars start together but are classified separately according to the class. This system ensures diverse and gripping racing with many overtaking manoeuvres. Points are only allocated for placings in each class.

Championship titles are awarded for drivers, manufacturers and teams in all four classes. Porsche works driver Marc Lieb won the driver title in the

GT2 class in 2005 and 2006.

For the RS Spyder, 2008 marks the first season in the European Le Mans Series.



Welcome New Members

Larry Bani & Elena Estrada	1999	Carrera C2	White
David Blount-Porter	1974	911	Black
Terrance & Elisa Cotcher	2000	Boxter	Blue
Fort Felker	2007	Cayman S	Meteor Grey
Jacqueline Freethy	1979	911	Blue
Huang Ash & Jennifer Man	2006	Cayman	Artic Silver
Terry & Connie Kirchner	2003	Boxter	Blue
Mark Koenen	1983	911 SC	Platinum
Michael & Leslie Koved	2003	911	Silver
Gilbert Ligh	1987	911	Red
Chinh Nguyen & Catherine Hoang	1995	993	Midnight Blue
Darren & Debbie Winn	1997	993	Arena Red
Greg Worthington	1961	356 B	Bali Blue

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AFFILIATE MEMBERS	423
TOTAL MEMBERS	1006



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Lunch will be available.

Spectators, Families and enthusiasts welcome!!

For further information Contact Ted French @

ingtedf@pacbell.net

Picture of the Month



Remember *the feeling* when you drove your first Porsche?

I think she caught the feeling we all had the 'first time'.

Kaitlyn Torres- Age 1 1/2 yrs
Driving her SPEED YELLOW Baby Boxster

The Inside Line

Article by Steve Jones

I've talked a lot about opportunities to help with the operation and of the region and our events. This month I'd like to both recognize and introduce some folks who've recently stepped forward to help out.

Christie Bacchus was voted in as Secretary at the board of directors meeting on March 11th. This is both a board position and an officer of the non-profit corporation that is Diablo region, and includes a lot of responsibility for our day-to-day operations. Christie had expressed a willingness to help some months ago, and had attended several board meetings to get a better feel for what was involved. I hope you'll all join me in welcoming her to the position and thanking her for taking on a big job. I know she'll give it her best and do a great job.

Two members have stepped forward to support Diablo's popular and growing drivers education program. Scott Pope, who has been an instructor with other organizations for some time and has completed the PCA National instructor training program, has stepped forward to serve as Diablo's Chief Instructor. This means Scott is responsible for all on-track instruction in the DE program, as well as building and managing the region's team of DE instructors. We're very lucky to have Scott come on board in this critical role.

Luis Soler has offered to serve as track event registrar for the region. This means that for future track events Luis will be handling the logistics of registering people, handling the paperwork, coordinating run-group assignments with the rest of our track team, fielding inquiries from participants, and so forth. I believe Luis is doing this because of the tremendous enjoyment and value he's gotten from our track program and it's wonderful to see him step forward to help so that more members can have the same positive experience.

These new additions will be listed with the rest of Diablo's management team each month in the The Devil's Advocate, including contact information. Feel free to write to them if you have questions, or just to thank them for working to support the club. And of course the same holds true for anybody listed there – we're here to serve the membership, so please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Keep an eye on Diablo's online calendar and our weekly email updates for upcoming events. Porsche of Fremont is hosting a great track day at Thunderhill on the 27th, Ingrid French will be leading the tour to Filoli Gardens on April 5th, Kathy and Luis Soler will be hosting the Havana or Bust! tour and dinner on April 13th, and Diablo returns to the track with a drivers education event on April 17th. Also don't forget about Sacramento Valley's annual CRAB event coming up on the weekend of April 19th.

In other news I was very grateful that we finally made it to the opening of the Formula 1 season with the race in Australia. But the last thing I expected was that more than half the field would retire before the end of the race! This year the rules have changed such that engines and transmissions are required to last four race weekends instead of two, and I expected that if anything there would be fewer retirements than we usually see on the first weekend of the season. Far from it! As the saying goes, I guess that's why we actually run the races...

I would have closed that anecdote with a quip about Porsche reliability, but our favorite marque didn't make its usual showing at the 24 Hours of Daytona this year. In fact I was quite surprised to learn that a Mazda RX-8 not only won the GT class, but that the closest Porsche was seven laps behind it. Granted that the rules gave the RX-8 a significant weight advantage, but the GT Porsches had the pace to win if reliability hadn't been an issue for just about all of the entrants. And interestingly the prototype powered by a Cayenne V8 seems to be coming along nicely in its early development. Makes one wonder what the factory might do if this unsupported effort produces solid results later in the season...

Until next time, drive safely.

--Steve.

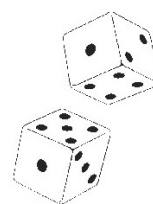


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First event in the 2008 Zone 7 Rally Series

Sunday, May 18, 2008



Start and finish at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton (same location as Zone 7 concours)

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Cost is \$15 per car (Two people per car per insurance requirements)

Registration at 8:45 A.M. • Driver/Navigator meeting at 9:06 A.M. • First car out at 9:30 A.M.

The rally is specially designed for first timers and beginners.

The rally covers approximately 100 miles and will return to the start location in time for lunch and awards together with the concours event being held that same day.

Directions: San Joaquin Delta College is located at 5151 Pacific Avenue. From I-5, take the March Lane exit and proceed east to Pacific Avenue. Turn left onto Pacific and proceed to Yokuts Avenue (approximately 1/4 mile). Turn left onto the campus and follow the signs. To get to I-5 from Highway 99, use Eight Mile Road West or Highway 4 West (Crosstown Freeway) to I-5.

For information, contact Rik Larson at 916.481.6084 or e-mail at sysnake@comcast.net



Sacramento Valley Region Presents

Zone 7 Autocross #3

Saturday, May 31, 2008

San Joaquin County Fairgrounds
Stockton, CA



Morning check-in and tech from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.

Late check-in and tech from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

First car out at 9:00 A.M. No open exhaust

Fee: \$35 per driver

Questions? Contact Matt Deter at porsche@deter.com or (916) 630-8924.

Directions: From I-5 or Hwy. 99: Take Highway 4 (Cross-town Freeway) toward Downtown Stockton. Take the Wilson Way exit and turn South onto Wilson Way. Turn left at Charter Way and then right through the gate into the fairgrounds. Follow the access road, bear left at the Y-intersection, continue straight, and turn right to enter the parking lot.

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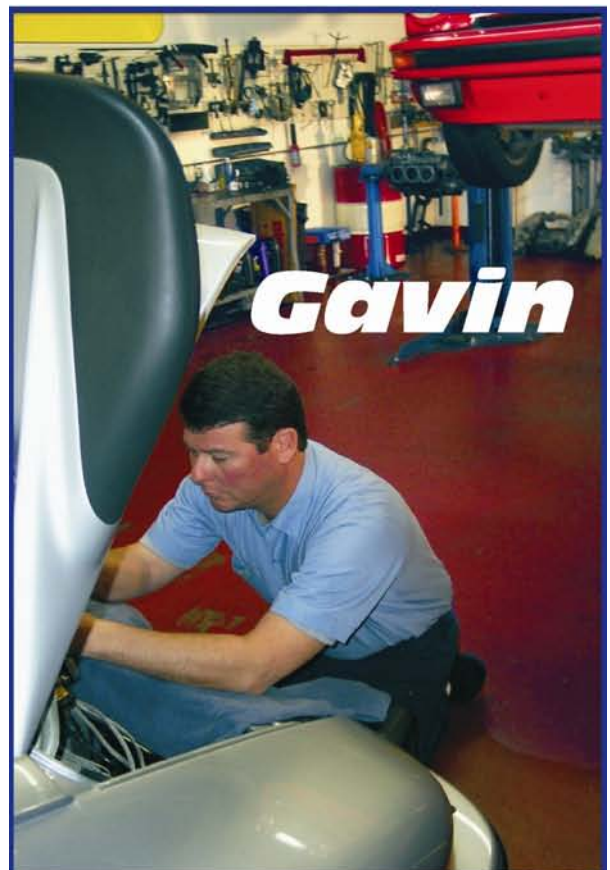
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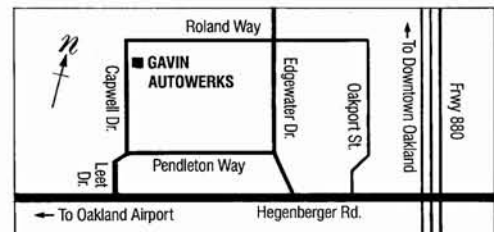


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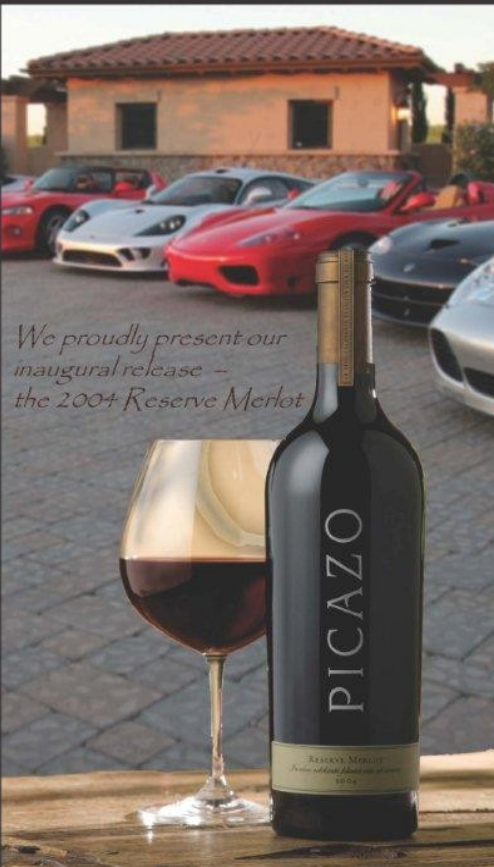


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A Blast from the Past!

(Taken from the April 1990 Advocate)

The following article was submitted by Roger Shapiro and was originally from the "Kicker Newsletter" Decatur, Ga. So many years ago, and yet....Well, you decide.

10 Ways to Kill your Club

- 1.) Don't come to the events. But if you do , then come late.**
- 2.) Find fault with the work of your officers and other members.**
- 3.) Never accept an officer position, it is easier to criticize.**
- 4.) If asked by the Directors to give your opinion, tell them you have nothing to say. Afterwards, tell them how things ought to have been done.**
- 5.) Do nothing more than necessary. When others do use their abilities, complain that the club is run by a clique.**
- 6.) Always keep your eyes open for something wrong.**
- 7.) Agree with everything said at the meetings, and disagree with it outside.**
- 8.) Take all the club can give you, but don't give anything in return.**
- 9.) Pass on rumors. It is easier than finding out the truth.**
- 10.) Don't agree with this. It doesn't apply to you.**



From the Editor

Maureen Torres

Happy Easter

Please keep me in mind when you go to events and take pictures. I would love to have them in our newsletter. Please send to me at:

editor@diablo-pca.org

Give me a little detail of where it was taken, and who is in the picture.



In addition, if you are selling anything and want it published in the Advocate, again, send it to me . This is a great way to get your ad looked at by over 1000 people in our club!!



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Escape 2008

For those of you on the West coast—-(all of us) there is an article in the March Panorama, (page 92 & 93) that you should read. It is the Journey to the Land of Enchantment—New Mexico in the fall of this year. “Escape” was conceived in 2005 to ease the tension for those of us who live on the opposite coast from Parade. As you know, Parade, this year is in Charlotte, and that can be quite a drive for us in California. So—in September, they have arranged in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the ‘other’ big event. Sounds great to me, it may not be quite what Charlotte will be, but it will be fun and full of great things to do! Read up on it when you get March issue of Panorama. [We in Diablo Region already are talking about a caravan !](#)

If you are interested in joining , contact Warren Gardner, (Diablo Vice President)

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Visit the *website below* for more information on this event –and to register. You can sign up for this event starting APRIL 15th

Escape.pca.org

Scheduled for Sept 18-21, 2008

I will have more next month about this, so stay tuned!

Zone 7 Gimmick Rally



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Saturday, May 3, 2008

9am

Starting point

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End point

By 3:00pm

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Fremont, CA 94538*

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RSVP by April 19th

Prizes for Winners!

Lunch will be provided mid route

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Please make checks payable to Diablo Region PCA

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Please send checks to: Christie Bacchus (Event Organizer)

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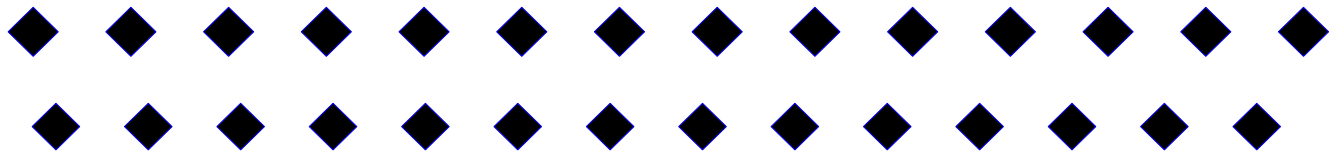
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