

# The devil's Advocate

DIABLO REGION PCA

MAY 2008

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- **Wash & Shine**  
May 25th—Bring your car in to be Judged—Bring home a trophy!  
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- **NEW MEMBERS BBQ— May 31st—**  
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## Reappearance of the Dumbkopf Award

The Dumbkopf Award has been in Mike Vorkapich's garage for the last year. Prior to that, it hung with pride in his office. However, on Thursday night, April 17, 2008, this award came out of seclusion for presentation to a recipient(s) at Strizzi's Restaurant.

This award is presented to a person or persons who have committed a "dumb" and/or "silly" act. There are a number of members who are proud "?" to have their names etched for all eternity on this plaque. A few of the events that have been considered "silly" have included driving through a farm pasture while on a tour (with the car acquiring all the grass, dirt, and fencing along the way), running out of gas on a tour, filling the gas tank with diesel instead of premium, and misspelling Porsche (Porsch) on an award that was distributed at an event. The plaque itself contains examples of car parts in various stages of decay and examples of various mistakes that qualify as dumb or silly

.At Thursday's Diablo Region dinner, the award was presented to a couple who qualified to receive this distinguished award. The DK Award was presented to Ted and Ingrid French. This couple received the award for being "verbally interactive" with each

other on the Ladies Tour to Filoli Gardens on April 5, 2008. They rode together in Ingrid's Ocean Blue Boxster. The couple's interaction with each other became obvious with each passing mile. By the end of the day, Ingrid left the group for just a moment to retrieve her car. When Ted inquired where she was, the group responded that she was gone and had left a message that he should "find his own way home". Although it is not known whether Ingrid actually had that thought in mind, the feelings were appropriately conveyed. The award was jointly presented to Ted for "actually going on the Ladies Tour" and to Ingrid for "letting him".



*Article submitted by Mike Vorkapich  
(former holder of DK Award)*

# Filoli Gardens Tour

Article submitted by Lisa LeJeune



The White Porsche flag waved by our tour leader and organizer, Ingrid French, signaled that we had arrived at the Danville Park-and-Ride and the meet up point for the Ladies Tour of Filoli Gardens. Twenty-seven members in fourteen Porsches (911s and Boxsters only), an Audi Allroad, an Infinity M35 and a BMW (for diversity) set out with women in the driver's seat, husbands in the passenger seat (although many ladies proudly drove solo), headlights on, and the speed carefully set at the 65 miles per hour limit.

This was the first independent drive for many Porsche club wives, who normally let their husbands take the wheel and the role reversal proved a pleasant change of pace.

In a caravan formation, we enjoyed a scenic ride along Foothill Road that twists and serpentine through the green Pleasanton and Sunol Hills. We shared the narrow lanes along Niles Canyon Road with some motivated cyclists but as we saw them sweat, we appreciated the horsepower of our engines to go up the steep inclines.

Later we commandeered all the parking spaces and made a few new ones at a Seven-Eleven/Niles Donuts near Main Street in Fremont. There we transformed an ordinary concrete lot into a casual car show while we made a brief pit stop to fuel up on coffee and snacks.

Next we crossed from the East Bay to the Peninsula over the Dumbarton Bridge. The picture perfect overpass mirrored sunny, blue skies in the still salt water pond that spreads out in the Ravenswood Open Space Preserve.

We met more spring foliage along the Almaden Del Las Pulgas road, which we followed to Edgewood Road near Pulgas Ridge Open Space Preserve. We eventually turned on to Cañada Road where we entered Filoli Gardens in Woodside.

We managed to seize abundant parking at the crowded lot. Then we headed indoors with hungry stomachs to a large banquet hall in the Visitor Center. There a delicious, prepared lunch of chicken sandwiches, shrimp salad, fruit salad, green salad, and a mini-biscotti dessert awaited us. Coffee, ice tea, and fresh lemonade with plenty of refills quenched our thirst from the sunny drive. Armed with maps of the grounds so we could explore a bit on our own before the docent-led tour started.

We had plenty of time to digest lunch and watched an interesting, short film about the history of Filoli Gardens.

Continued

## Filoli Gardens Tour (continued)

We learned that there were only two previous owners, namely the affluent, Bourn Family, and the equally prosperous, Ross Family, before Filoli became part of a historic trust. The name Filoli came from William Bowers Bourn II's motto - "Fight-Love-Live".

We discovered Filoli, designed by San Francisco architect, Willis Polk, possesses strong architectural ties to Muckross, its sister-estate in Ireland. With these bits of mental floss in mind, we started the formal tour with our volunteer docent, Greg, a soft-spoken techie from Silicon Valley.

Our walk began in a dappled, olive grove just outside the formal garden. We strolled inside and observed saffron-colored daffodils, scarlet tulips, linen-white irises, sky blue forget-me-nots, royal purple wisteria, and multi-colored hyacinths.

Weeping cherry trees with soft, pink blossoms stood next to dark green, columnar Irish yews, which decorated the walkways that boast Italian stonework and sculptures. The tireless efforts of an army of paid and volunteer gardeners, who work year round to ensure that visitors can always find something in full flower in any season, were visible and beautiful.

Our tour through the main house revealed a vast kitchen and upscale servants quarters, regal dining hall, formal living area, library (complete with secret cupboards), and cozy family room. Unfortunately, the upstairs bedrooms were off limits, mysteriously kept closed to the public.

We did not get so much as get a peak at how the rich and famous slept at Filoli. But easy to imagine that like the rest of the mansion, the bedrooms have twenty foot ceilings with magnificent columns and arches, looming fireplaces, lush Persian carpets, and exotic hardwood floors, but probably no flatscreen TV's.

After a trip to the Filoli Gift house, we reunited with Ingrid and the rest of the Porsche Ladies Tour members. Ingrid surprised everyone with a thoughtful gift bag that included chocolates, cookies, flower seeds, and bubbles!

We tried to get a good group shot of the bubbles in the air, but discovered that they are really hard to photograph. We had a much easier time getting lots of good pictures of the flowers instead.

Thanks to Ingrid's excellent directions, careful plans, and attentive organization we all enjoyed our tour in Filoli Gardens in Woodside. We are all very grateful to Ingrid French and her husband for making this fun event possible! We look forward to more ladies tours and we encourage everyone, who missed Filoli this time, to check it out soon.

**The following page are pictures submitted by Eugenie Thomas, Tish Gleason, Nancy Bocanegra and Lisa LeJune**

# Filoli Gardens Tour





Pictures provided by Diane and Asa Drew

## **Zone 7 Gimmick Rally**



*Sponsored by Diablo Region PCA*

**Saturday, May 3rd**



**9:00 AM**

**Starting Point-**

*Best Buy parking lot, 1490 Fitzgerald Rd, Pinole, Ca 94564*

**End Point-**

*Porsche of Fremont, 5740 Cushing Parkway, Fremont, Ca 94538*

**\$23.00 per person**

*Prizes for Winners! Lunch will be provided mid route.*

*Must have two people per car (driver and navigator)*

*If you have not already RSVP'd, to Christie Bacchus, (Event Organizer) and want to join in the fun.....please call her immediately*

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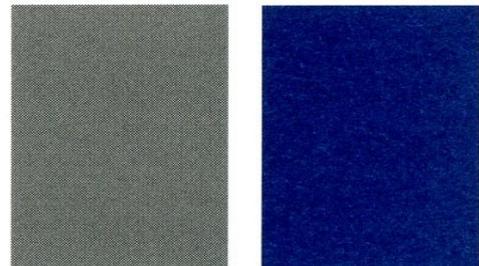
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# Havana Tour ( to Habana Cuba)

Havana Tour, from Carlos Bocanegra

This was my first tour ride with Diablo, and gastronomically it was great. Nancy and I started with a quick lunch at Mimi's in Dublin which allowed us to meet up with the group in the parking lot.

In the parking lot as cars passed by the impressive lineup of cars, they were equally impressed with the variety of Porsche models that had assembled in the parking lot. After assembling and completing liability waivers, Luis and Kathy Soler provided everyone with directions and instructions. They had driven the route already, so we knew we wouldn't get lost in pursuit of some fine Cuban cuisine. In particular, it was stated that this was not a race and that was time to parade.

We left from Dublin and then we traveled to and through Pleasanton. We stopped along the way to allow the others to catch up, as expected stop signs in the outdoor mall and traffic lights can be a problem when following. Once together, we continued our tour. We did this a couple of times, until out in the open road.

We followed the leaders Luis and Kathy through Livermore and headed up into the hills. This was fascinating, we were on a very narrow road, this is the second narrowest road that I have travelled, and probably the narrowest by car. Our pace was slow, as it was for safety, as there was not much space for oncoming vehicles that included bicycles and motorcycles. Having planned a route and being a leader before for a motorcycle tour, I have to thank both of our ride leaders as this isn't an easy chore because you are now trying to travel at a good safe clip while keeping track of the last car.

Having seen a shortage of California poppies last year, the hills we traveled were exemplary in their display. Surprisingly there were many homes located along this road – what a commute it must be. The route into San Jose is much shorter than taking Mines Road out to the Lick Observatory (which everyone should try at some time). And pleasantly enough, you can view the Lick Observatory from afar.

Once out of the hills and beautiful scenery the Porsche parade descended into San Jose. Before we reached our destination, I thought that the San Jose Swap Meet was going to re-route us –thankfully not! We 'all' made it to Havana restaurant where we found ample parking. Time to Feast!

Everyone feasted and drank on a variety of diverse foods, to some the food was a new experience as well as somewhat foreign and to others a delight to try again, and for one a reminder of what it used to be to eat at home. You can certainly drive away knowing that not all Hispanic and Spanish Food are alike. Did you know that Black Beans are a staple of Cuba and Guatemala? The rest of the countries, if they eat beans, that they enjoy a variety of other types in their national diets. Odd!

We had new and existing Diablo members present and everyone shared interests from Porsche's to travel and to other interests. Driving tips and racing adventures were overheard along with Club business. Overall, there was great company, good drink and great Caribbean food, and a good time was had all the way from Dublin to San Jose without ever being on the freeway.

**Everyone was left to their own to zoom home. Thank you Luis and Cathy!**

Pictures of the tour on following pages.....



Pictures provided by: Carlos Bocanegra, Ken Wu and Jacquie Lietz

# Havana Group Picture





**Article by:  
Scott Pope, DDS**

We all have our passions. Dentistry has always driven me on an intellectual and artistic level but what drives me on an adrenaline level has been High Performance Driving. This takes place not on the streets around town but on the great race tracks of Laguna Seca, Thunderhill and Infineon, so far.

What started out as just an adventure/opportunity to drive my Porsche more at the limits has become very addicting.

So what is high performance driving you're probably asking? It's about one or two notches down from actual racing.

It starts with High Performance Drivers Education (HPDE). This refers to driving schools held on dedicated race tracks designed to teach drivers proper high speed driving techniques. Many programs exist like Skip Barber, Bondurant, Hooked on Driving and a few car clubs offer them as well. It is being able to spend a day on a race track with your car and learn more about the capabilities of the car and yourself in a safe and fun environment and improving you to about 7/10ths of your limits. This is the role of the HPDE Instructors, as they teach you how to drive at higher speeds and stay in control, how to properly distribute the weight around the car, learning the turn in point, apex, track out point, brake zones, etc.

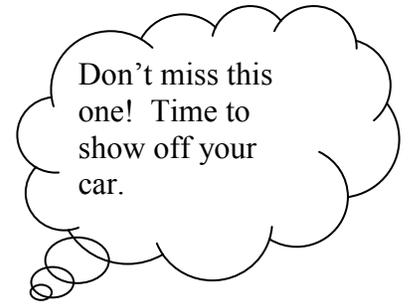
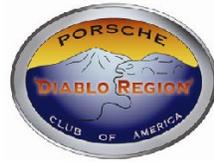
During the last few years I have gained the knowledge and skill to become an HPDE Instructor with Hooked on Driving and Porsche Club of America (PCA). I am now the Chief Instructor for the Diablo Region of PCA and it has been a heck of a lot of fun! It's funny because we all think we are great drivers, like Dustin Hoffman in the movie Rainman "I'm a really good driver." It doesn't take long when I'm with these people on the track that they realize how little they really know. Oh sure, drive really fast down the middle of the straight away, then begin to brake somewhere before the turn and probably deep into the turn losing most of your speed and momentum and then stepping on the gas again as you exit. Wrong!

This tends to be very unsettling for the car and more often than not the safety features built into the cars have to work overtime to keep things under control, *unbeknownst to the driver.*

Once you have been to an HPDE program and had some track time you realize there is a lot involved in becoming a faster driver. Driving the right line and being smooth are key items and "slow in, fast out" becomes the motto. Pretty soon you really can start to push the envelope and see what you and your car can do.

If you are interested in becoming a better, faster and safer driver, get an HPDE experience. It doesn't matter what kind of car you drive, you'll have a great time, learn a great deal, and see both your car and the road in a whole new light.

***See you on the track!***



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# **Wash & Shine**

**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** at Heather Farm Park in

Walnut Creek (1501 Marshbanks Dr./ off Ygnacio Valley Rd)

Festivities begin at 9 AM, Judging will take place at 10 AM

**And awards will be presented at NOON.**

*Show off your car by entering it for judging!! This is NOT a full concours! Just clean your car and enter to win!*

*Spectators, Families and enthusiasts welcome!!*

For further information Contact Ted French @

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## **September Means More Porsches In The Carolina Mountains!**

By Paul Misencik, Metrolina Area PCA, Huntersville, NC

For the past four years now, I've been organizing and running an event every September called "The Carolina Trophy," which is a five-day, European-style vintage motorcar road rally in the spirit of the Mille Miglia and Rallye des Alpes. The event is based out of Lake Lure, North Carolina and covers 1000km over five days on some of the most sinewy and serpentine roads anywhere. As a loyal Porsche owner and enthusiast, it warms my heart that the best-represented marque every year is Porsche, and 2008 appears to be no exception!

Although registration is still in its early stages, we already have a four-cam 356 Carrera GS entered, a stunning 911SC RS rally replica (in Rothman's livery), two 1955 Speedsters, three 356 coupes, and two early 911's. In addition, we have vintage Ferraris, Jaguars, Aston Martins, Austin-Healeys, and Alpine-Renaults coming from all over the United States, Canada, and even abroad! By the time the field is set, I feel certain we'll have everything from thundering Corvettes to snarling MG's taking the starting line.

Although the Carolina Trophy is technically a "competitive" event, every stage takes place on open public roadways at legal speeds. Each car is piloted by a driver and a navigator, and the rally is timed and scored using a combination of TSD stages and regularity legs, with ample transition stages mixed in to make ensure teams have plenty of time to relax and enjoy the roads and scenery. Some of our entrants take the competitive side of the rally very seriously indeed, while others don't compete and merely enjoy the routes at whatever pace they choose. Regardless, the event is set up to make sure the spirit of adventure, camaraderie, and gentlemanly competition is accessible to every entrant.

Virtually all-inclusive, the Carolina Trophy is set in gracious accommodations and includes meals, beverages and many cocktails, with social events from start to finish that make up a significant portion of the event's appeal. By day, entrants are charging through the mountains and competing against the clock, but lunches and evenings are invariably chances for teams to connect with on another, relive the adventure of the day, and tell fish stories about cars and other topics with a group of passionate, like-minded enthusiasts.

If you love cars, I urge you to come out and experience the 2008 running of The Premier Financial Services Carolina Trophy, which takes place September 14-19, 2008. All vehicles built in 1980 or earlier are eligible to compete, with a "special interest" class available to cars of particular interest built later than that date. We also love to have spectators, we always need volunteers, and unique and affordable sponsorship opportunities exist for forward-thinking companies, so come on out and enjoy the action!

Complete details can be found at [www.carolinatrophy.com](http://www.carolinatrophy.com), or call (704) 351 2087 and ask for Paul! See you in September!

# Picture of the Month

Picture submitted by Paul Misencik, and taken by Terry Shea



# Welcome New Members

Steve Elcan	2001 Carrera Silver
Michael Hill / Debra Sasaki-Hill	2004 Cayenne Lapis Blue
Carla Johnston	2001 Boxter Orient Red
Shil & Amy Kothari	2008 997 TT GT Silver
David & Jennifer Kral	1997 993 S Arctic Silver
Phyllis LaVoy	1983 911 SC Smoke Silver
Sacott Manus	2002 Boxster S Cobalt Blue
Eric Pestana	2007 Cayman Basalt Black
Ashneel Reddy	1996 Red
Brad Revelli	1967 911 S Orange
Robyn & Raija Rickansrud	2006 911 S Cameron Red
Eugene Wong	2004 911 R Carmon Ted
John York	2003 Boxster S Silver

**Member Total- 588**

**Affiliate Members- 430**

**Grand Total -- 1018**

# New Members BBQ

## New Members BBQ

All Diablo Members invited to meet new & greet our New Members.

**Save this date!!! SATURDAY May 31st 4PM -??**

Details are being ironed out now, and more information will come out soon via email blast from Steve in his weekly email.

The plan is to have a BBQ at the home of Tom Marinshaw, in Danville. **If you are a newcomer to the club**, (and have never been to a ‘new member event’), ***you come free!! (This includes all members that have joined the club since last October)***

A small charge , or possibly a dish will be brought by the other members —but those details will be coming soon. We hope for a great turnout, to meet all our new members!

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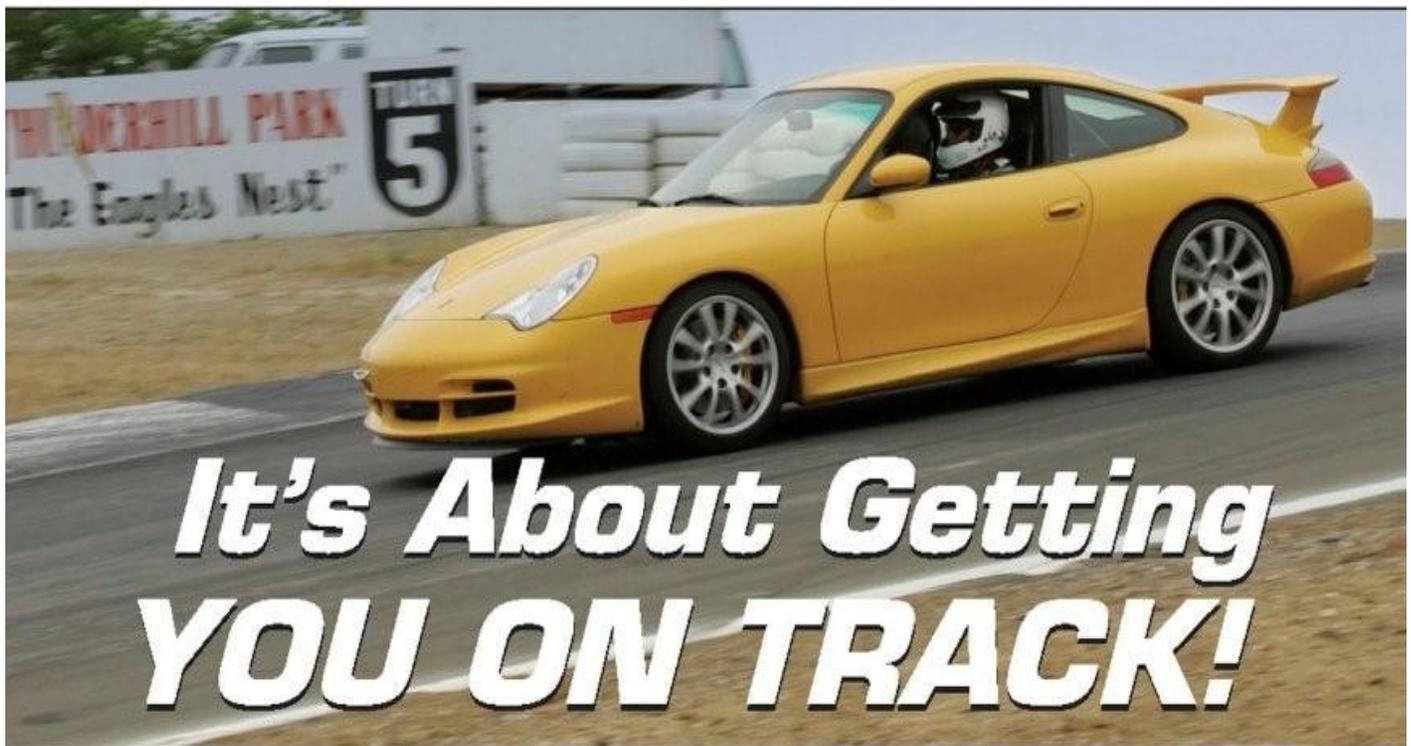
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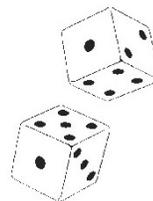


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## *Snake Eyes IV*

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)

Open to all cars, not just Porsches

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 (Cross-town Freeway) to I-5.

For information, contact Rik Larson at 916.481.6084 or e-mail at [sysnake@comcast.net](mailto:sysnake@comcast.net)



Sacramento Valley Region Presents

## *Zone 7 Autocross #3*

Saturday, May 31, 2008

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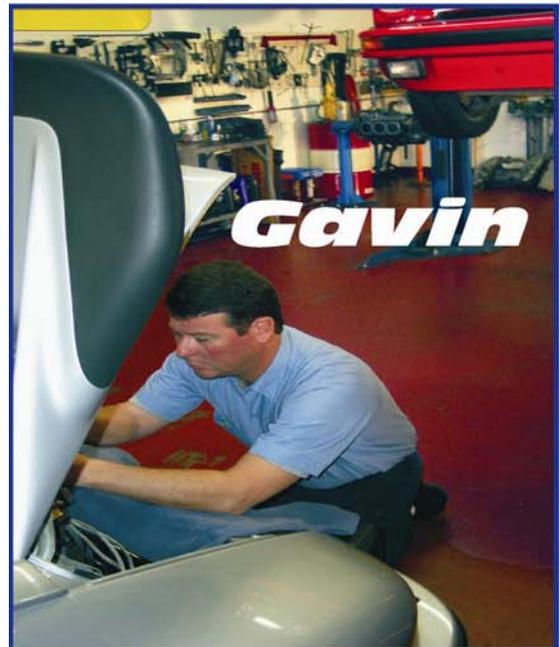
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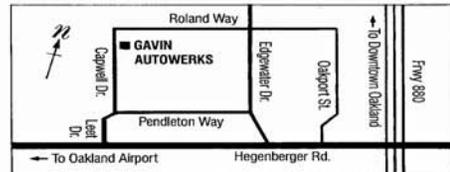


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COLLEGE FOOTBALL (13-17 GAMES PER WEEK)
- MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL  
EXTRA INNINGS  
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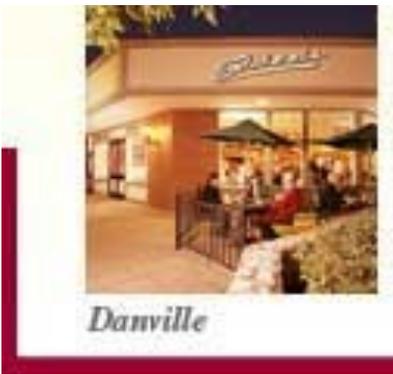
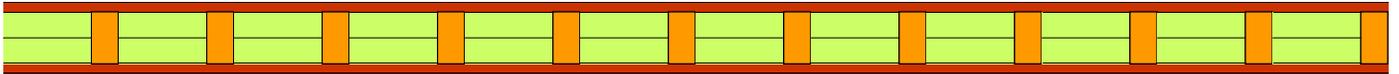
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# Saturday Morning Breakfast Club

Every Saturday at around 8:00 AM, (some come earlier) come join us at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek.

1101 S. California Blvd , Walnut Creek



## Monthly Dinner

Every Third Thursday of the Month, we gather at Strizzi's in Danville for a great time—In April, we had lots of new members join us. (see pictures below) Keep Coming!!!!  
**(Directions on Web site)**





A decorative banner with a green and white zigzag border. In the center, the word "REMINDER" is written in large, bold, red capital letters. On either side of the word is a silhouette of an elephant facing outwards.

“Escape 2008” , which will be Sept 18-21st, 2008, in Albuquerque, New Mexico , was conceived to ease the tension for those of us who live on the opposite coast from the Parade. If you are interested in going this year, please register at:

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The Diablo Region PCA is thinking about a caravan to the event.....and want to know if you are interested in driving down with us. If you are— contact Warren Gardner, (Diablo Vice President) so we can determine if there are enough people who want to caravan together.

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Deadline is the 17th of the month to get it into the next months issue.

Thanks, Maureen Torres, editor