

# **The Devil's Advocate**

## **April/May 2017**



*Spring Bouquet*



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## Chat With Carlos

I can't believe that March has rolled by. Your Events Chair, Marc Giammona has been very busy setting up key events for 2017. We have only one tour set up and it is not getting the support that I expected giving how much fun it was. I would like to see that team of Diablo enthusiasts do it again later in the year. So that brings me to why don't we have enough tours for 2017. I blame the weather and our road conditions. Road conditions are impacting our ability to get out there – in particular it is throwing up some concerns for the Mammoth Sierra tour planned for mid-June. I should be hearing from the non-Diablo organizers in the coming week or two. There is another tour in that area that is labeled 914; one of our members posted it to the Diablo Facebook page.

We are constantly working on improvements to our web page and I'm glad to see it is getting many hits. Anthony Mendoza is our Webmaster and kudos to him. If you have suggestions, please forward them. Our blasts have been phenomenal and friendly, so I hope you have enjoyed them and of course, your suggestions are welcomed. Debby Clary is our Communications Chair.

We have a team of people reviewing our Diablo By-Laws and that appears to be no easy task. Pam Richards, Diablo Secretary, is leading the effort. I have been able to offload the Eventbrite responsibility to our very capable member Carolyn Wong – who has just done an exceptional job. Our Tour Chair, Susie George, is ready to dive in – we just need to schedule a meeting date for transfer of information. Trina Adkins, our Charity Chair, jumped in and found a veteran friendly charity in Concord for our annual Car Show (formerly Wash N Shine). The Car Show has been formatted and it is ready for sign ups thanks to the organizer, Brian Adkins.

Bocce Ball has filled up early, a good sign. If you missed Diablo DE at Laguna Seca, we will be there Thanksgiving week and Thunderhill Raceway in September. So, as stated in our recent blast, a shout out to Porsche Walnut Creek for their valuable sponsorship for our day at Laguna Seca. Kudos to Kahler's who always slots some time for free tech inspections.

Speaking of Sponsors, Chris, one of our members had a positive tire experience with one of our advertisers in the Advocate: Roger Kraus Racing in Castro Valley. I had the opportunity to visit with Brandon Kraus. Brandon is open to some tech sessions in the coming months. Brandon explained that the toughest thing for brick stores or basically mom-and-pop operations is the impact from the internet and the big no frills buy and ship tire vendors. If you will be in the need for tires, Brandon said they are going to be very competitive.

The Diablo Board is looking into ways to improve communication among ourselves, but as Diablo is fueled by volunteers just like PCA, with jobs and families, it is difficult to find the time. Even so, we have managed to put up a couple of events together with the rest of the volunteer family. Got ideas?

The recent blast mentioned the Car Show for Memorial weekend and has 6 early sign ups. This is a public posting to the Bay Area via Eventbrite, so Diablo members get your spots now. Cancellations are easy to handle. As a reminder, this is our primary charity event of the year. The Summer Picnic that the board designated as our primary New Member recognition, has a whopping 34 signups, so expect this to fill up way before July. Again, don't be afraid to ask for early refunds should life experiences get in the way. Carolyn is making sure wait lists are available for all events and it is first-in/first-out (just remember to wait list each person in your party).

Canepa is moving along with 32 signups. Mid to late April, we will open the invite to the rest of the Zone 7 regions, so get in now. We want 100 attendees at minimum to drop the price down, so getting refunds is easy through Eventbrite to your credit card. Someone asked me why Eventbrite? Event hosts do not have to contend with collecting money, giving refunds, tracking attendees, going to the bank. So Eventbrite is a more efficient means of handling finances for organizers and your board. The fees are minimal. You can save by using the mobile app. How that works is when you click the event button, your smart device will point you to the mobile app so you save about 2% per signup.

Finally, the Porsche Experience Center. We want to have a private event, but we are talking Porsche, so this type of event requires commitment and big bucks. We put out the event to the membership for their general interest of visiting, playing, driving and eating a fine meal at this center sometime in the fall. If going on your own – call ahead. When I was there earlier in the year, they close Sunday and Monday, plus the center has quite a few private events that they are hosting for the general public. Interested? Please show your genuine interest by

clicking the button on the Diablo home page.

Good weather is coming, start planning your tours, and contact Susie George at [diablopca.tours@gmail.com](mailto:diablopca.tours@gmail.com).

There are some folks that have difficulty finding how to sign up, (copy paste this link) <https://diablo-pca.org/> and take a look at the screenshot below:

The screenshot shows the website for Porsche of Livermore. At the top right, the logo for Porsche of Livermore is displayed with the address: 3100 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551. Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Zone 7 News, Porsche News, Newsletters, Club Tours, Events & Activities, Photos & Videos, **New Member Guide Book** (highlighted with a red box), and Contact Us. A search bar is located on the left side. The main content area is divided into several sections: a search bar, a 'March 2017 Advocate Is Now Available!' announcement, a sidebar with buttons for 'Driver Ed', 'Event Reg', 'Store', and 'Tours', and a 'Next 8 Diablo Events' list. The events list includes: 15 Apr 2017 (ADVOCATE), 20 Apr 2017 (DE INFO), 22 Apr 2017 (NAME TAGS), 29 Apr 2017 (SIGN UPS THROUGH EVENTBRITE), and 13 May 2017. A 'Next 365 Days Non Diablo Events' section is also present, with a 'NEW' label. Below the events is a 'Porsche News' section with several news items. At the bottom left, there is a Facebook link for 'Diablo Re...' with 818 likes. A red arrow points from the 'New Member Guide Book' menu item to the 'NEW' label in the 'Next 365 Days Non Diablo Events' section.



## Volunteers Needed

**Diablo Region 33rd Annual Car Show is happening on Sunday May 28th and we need your help.**

**Contact Brian Adkins if you have questions or want to help.**

**He can be reached at [bpagoride@aol.com](mailto:bpagoride@aol.com) or 510-695-5030**



## Chat With Carlos

April came and went quickly.

If you noticed there wasn't a current issue of the Advocate, April and May will be merged and published soon. This may be a more often occurrence as we don't always have enough content to warrant publishing a very small newsletter or the volunteer Editor has personal obligations that prevent a monthly publication.

One way to generate more articles for the Advocate, would be to receive more articles from members. Many of you experience exciting situations on your weekend drives or vacations in your gorgeous machines. Send the Editor a couple of paragraphs and pictures and share with the other Diablo members.

If you have desktop publishing/writing skills, you can help when there is a need or when the Editor is not able to publish the newsletter. Step up and volunteer your support.

We do have a Facebook page where we post a variety of pictures and car stuff – but surprisingly, the audience is mostly Facebook people who are not even associated with Diablo.

I can tell you that for me, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Laguna Seca Driver's Education day was fun filled. As always, there is a positive social atmosphere at the dinner before and the dinner after. We did see a Macan GTS and a Cayenne on the track and boy, does that GTS Panamera sound great! I was glad to see some of our advanced drivers are now moving into instructor rolls – one of them is our very own fast Kelly. Congratulations Kelly on your new instructing roll at DE Events.

One of the events in April was the cooking experience, the Barcelona Event, in Columbia located in the Sierra Foothills. Again, those returning and new participants were given a great on site cooking Spanish food experience. From those that I've talked with and from the various Facebook posts, it sounds like this was fun. They were graced by some light snow to boot.

Sadly, one of those who was supposed to attend, Karl Sendelbah, passed away suddenly and our hearts go out to his lovely wife Elsie. Elsie's family promised to join us in future events as Elsie enjoys Diablo tours and events very much.

Bocce ball just completed and as usual there was friendly competition along with a wonderful family style dinner at Campo Di Bocce.

We are about 50 people short for the CANEPA experience. Sign up now, bring a friend. Please don't be caught missing the annual picnic. New members and their associate members (July 29, 2016 to July 29, 2017) can attend at no charge.

If you want to get in at the last minute – sorry, we will not be able to do this anymore. The organizer is required to furnish a firm headcount on the number of attendees in advance. You can sign up for events on your computer and/or smart phone. If you are not sure how, just ask a fellow Diablo member to help you sign up or send me an email, text or make a phone call so that I can help.

May brings flowers, but so does it bring the annual Car Show headed by Brian Adkins – lend a hand and please sign up now. Don't miss the fun.

*Carlos*

# Canepa Design Tour



Canepa Design tour and drive will take place on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. This trip is not to be missed if you are a car lover. You will be hard pressed to find a more impressive collection of rare Porsches and other investment grade exotic cars than at Canepa's 70,000 sq. ft. facility, which also includes Canepa Motorsports and Museum. Travelling south to Scotts Valley, John, from Bruce Canepa's staff will greet you, and following lunch will conduct an exciting tour of the facility. This event will be limited to 75 participants so don't miss this opportunity to view this impressive collection of automobiles and race shop.

The event will begin at the Canepa facility at 11:30. You can take a leisurely drive to the facility on Hwy. 17 or 9. We will begin with a lunch at the facility followed by a tour beginning at 1:00. After departing Canepa's, you will have options for your return to the east bay. For those interested in a more scenic route home, we will have a drive option that will be distributed during lunch.

The shop address is: 4900 Scotts Valley Drive Scotts Valley, CA. 95066.

Driving directions to the shop from the East Bay:

Take 680 south to 280. Exit the ramp to Santa Cruz. Continue on CA-17 South. Take exit 5 for Scotts Valley Drive - Granite Creek Road. Turn left at the first stop light onto Scotts Valley Drive. We are located about 1/2 mile on your left.

Lunch Buffet:

Tri Tip of Beef, Napa Valley Chicken, Mashed Yukon Gold potatoes, with butter, Grilled Balsamic Marinated Vegetables Spring Farmer's Market Salad with sherry, champagne vinaigrette, Artisan Bread and Creamery Butter, House-made Double Chocolate Brownies and Lemonade, Water, Mint infused Iced Tea, Diet and Regular Cokes.



# Membership Report

## New Members

Dobmeier, Mike	1999 Boxster, Black
Feng, Andy	2015 Cayman S, Racing Yellow
Formisano, Michael	2015 Cayman S, Guards Red
Jackson, Calvin	2009 911 Carrera 4S, Grey
Mai, John	2014 Cayman S, Black
Miller, Melissa	2016 911 GT3 RS
Olson, Erik	1985 944, Silver
Palileo, Jeffrey	1977 911S
Vargas, Ben	2015 911 Carrera GTS, White
Wright, Lumiki	2014 Cayman S, Black
Yeh, Victor	2009 Cayman, White
Zacharoff, Peter	2009 Cayenne, Gold

**Total New Members: 12**

Primary Members: 888

Affiliate Members: 443

Total Members: 1331

# Diablo Region DE At Laguna Seca Raceway

Rain in the forecast? No problem! Actually, if you were signed up to participate at the recent Diablo Region Drivers' Education Day and decided to not attend because of the weather, you missed a great day. Yes, we had a few showers until about 9am, but the remainder of the day was great! The pace was a little slower, but meant more focus on technique and handling.

The comradery and excitement of the day was as heightened as always. Everyone was very appreciative for Porsche Walnut Creek continued support and for sponsoring the day for Diablo Region. They provided lunch and generously brought raffle prizes. Dito from GotBlueMilk.com was there taking fantastic shots from all angles and especially the Corkscrew. Drivers were able to receive CD's of their various driving shots.



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# **2017 Diablo PCA Region Annual Summer Picnic**

**Saturday July 29th**

**From 11am to 3pm**

**Saint Mary's College Moraga, Justin/Mitty Commons**

**\$30.00 per person**

**New club members with in the last 12 months**

**and**

**Children under 12 free**



**Come join the festivities at this year's annual club picnic and car display.**

**Lunch will be catered by Queitup BBQ. Beer, wine and soda will be available.**

**There will be mixer games and best of all, fellow Porsche enthusiasts.**

**Register on Event bright at [diablo-pca.org](http://diablo-pca.org) by **July 21st**.**

**Questions: Contact Marc Giammona at 925 -580-2413 or at [mgcls@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgcls@sbcglobal.net)**



# Diablo Knit (Craft) Night

**Meet:** Every other Tuesday (4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, etc.)

**Location:** Panera's in Alamo, Stone Valley Road exit, by Safeway.

## Yarn Stronger Than Steel!

Hmm...sounds odd, huh. Yarn so strong it is used to make cars, wind turbines, light weight pre-cast concrete? This article started as an attempt to describe knitting yarn – full of descriptives like wool, cotton, acrylic, chunky, worsted – until I found an article written by BBC News titled “Knitting and baking the cars of the future”. What’s that all about? If you guessed carbon fiber, yep you’re right!

The process to make carbon fiber is a chemical and mechanical process, starting with acrylonitrile plastic powder mixed with other plastics. The plastics undergo a chemical reaction to form polyacrylonitrile plastic (PAN). PAN is mixed with chemicals or heated then forced through tiny jets to form long white strands of polyacrylic fibers that are as soft as hair. This step in the process is called spinning and is important because it forms the atomic structure of the fiber. The fibers are washed and stretch to the desired fiber diameter. The stretch also helps linearly align the PAN molecules within the fiber.



PAN fibers are heated to 390-590°F for 30-120 minutes. The molecules rearrange themselves from a linear structure to something resembling a step ladder with 2 long rails and center rungs joining the 2 rails, giving the entire structure stability.

Next the PAN fibers undergo a process called carbonization by again heating the fibers to 1,830-5,500°F for several minutes in the absence of oxygen. The lack of oxygen prevents the fibers from burning up! As the fibers heat up, they begin to expel the non-carbon atoms in the form of various gases - water vapor, ammonia, carbon monoxide, etc. As the different non-carbon atoms leave the fiber, the fiber changes color from white, to silver, to gold, to copper, to finally black. The resulting fiber consist of tightly bonded carbon crystals that are aligned parallel to the long axis of the fiber. This newly formed structure is responsible for giving carbon fiber its tremendous

strength.

To give the carbon fiber better bonding properties for making composite materials, the fiber surface is chemically treated. And lastly, the treated fiber is coated with epoxy or other similar protective materials to prevent damage to the fiber during weaving and winding the fiber onto bobbins for storage. The bobbins are loaded onto spinning wheels and the carbon fiber is twisted into yarns of various sizes. Finally, yarn! Yarns are woven into fabrics or plastic sheets to be molded into different shapes like car frames. Voila!

Here’s the fascinating thing about carbon fiber, it’s 10 times stronger and 5 times lighter than steel and 8 times stronger and 1.5 times lighter than aluminum. Carbon fiber fatigue properties are superior to all know metallics and one of the most corrosion-resistant materials available!

Several decades ago, carbon fiber was used exclusively for aerospace, Formula 1 cars, and defense purposes because of its high manufacturing cost. Thanks to the advancement of technology lowering manufacturing cost, carbon fiber is commonly used in wind turbines, sailboats, airplanes, automobiles, and many everyday items such as golf clubs, bike frames, and fishing rods.

I suppose Diablo knitters could use carbon fiber yarn, but we prefer smaller quantities and brighter colors than manufacturers can provide! Here’s some of our newest creations.



# Diablo Creations



Yup, that's Jo from Buttercup Pantry!



# LIFE BEYOND YOUR CAR

We have so many fascinating club members with talents and interest beyond driving their Porsches (as hard as this is to believe, it is true 😲), we added this new section for diversity, connecting members with similar interest, and a way to get more members involved with the Advocate! We hope you will enjoy reading and participating in Life Beyond Your Car.



Diablo Chain Mail

Adam Cipriano

My wife always tells me if it's not about my expanding Porsche habit or work, it better be about the family. And, well, I agree. With one daughter still at home in high school and one now in college, it's still very much about family. The truth is, with one sort of gone now, I really want to find ways to be together. With a little planning though, we still manage to do silly things together. We finally got the girls to Maui this past summer, and as we regularly do, we spend down time on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. We also seem to be giving an awful lot of disposable income to our friends at Disneyland... Here's a few highlights and lessons I've learned this past year.



If your daughter says she wants a tattoo and your wife wants one too, there is no way you are talking them out of it.



And, despite your best efforts to tell your daughter to pack light when she moves into college, you will need every bit of storage space in the truck and you will have to buy an extra thing for the roof.



If you try and teach your kids to snorkel in heavy surf, you may lose your shorts, a little dignity and be prepared to be laughed at by strangers.



Diablo Chain Mail

Lauren White



When I'm not zooming around the autocross course in my Boxster, I'm often out in the middle of a body of water in my kayak. My little kayak may not be the sleekest, in fact, it has more dents and scratches than I can count! Most of those imperfections I can attach to a wonderful memory (unlike the dent in my car). Memories of unexpected rocks and rapids on the Connecticut River, and drag marks over sandbars in Florida.



I love the freedom my little kayak gives to me, the ability to quietly drift past wildlife that I would have otherwise never been able to see, and the ability to get to and camp at remote areas that most others can't. One of my favorite things is the sensation of having an entire lake to myself when I manage to wake up at dawn and paddle out onto its glassy surface. It is magical, and I think everyone should have the pleasure of experiencing it at least once in their lives! Are you interested in kayaking? Let me know and I can help you get started!



# LIFE BEYOND YOUR CAR



Diablo Chain Mail

Malcolm Adkins



I have had the opportunity to see the world and in all destinations there is often something with a throttle and brake involved. My father started multiple Porsche clubs on the East Coast when I was a youngster. I used to polish a family friend's Porsche from a young age and won my first PCA trophy that way. I watched my father autocross his 356 and have vivid memories of drivers rolling their E-Type Jags.

I lived in Australia for 8 years and got my first dirt bike there at age 10. Then onto 4 wheels with a Mini Cooper lifting the back wheels on quiet Sydney streets. Australia was followed by South Africa for 4 years where I raced motocross and met my now wife.

Fast forward to San Francisco and my first American muscle car after reading US car mags for years. SCCA racing called in an RX7 followed by a kart racing period while we raised our twin daughters. Good news, they liked learning how to ride dirt bikes and karts.



On sunny days I now ride a Suzuki DRZ400 Supermoto which is a hybrid dirt and street bike. During the winter,

my wife and I ski at Heavenly Ski Resort and we try to get in a few summer tent camping outings also in world-class Lake Tahoe. Other recent travels include Costa Rica in a 4-wheel drive and motorcycle riding on the Greek Islands. Ahh, gotta' love throttles and brakes.



Diablo Chain Mail

Carlos Bocanegra

I have always enjoyed fishing and over the past couple of years, I've taken an interest in fly fishing. This is quite a departure from bait fishing, as I would equate moving from only-auto crossing to only-Drive Ed days (aka track days). Diablo is fortunate that it has quite a number of fishermen. Four years ago, I finally moved over to fly fishing with the local Walnut Creek Club, Diablo Valley, thanks to an introduction from one of our PCA members Tosh. Tosh is quite the angler. I don't get to do any exotic fishing events like going out of the country. I stick to California waters. I enjoy trout fishing but I don't get to do it very often. Interestingly, one of our club members, Tom, who you only see at DE days, does go to Alaska and faraway places. I look forward to his pictures and wish that I was there too. Two years ago I moved from plain old trout to steelhead trout fishing. This is a guided event and usually in very cold waters on the Trinity River. Steelhead fishing is hit or miss and quite often it is a miss. It is unique in that the bite is not instantaneous as it often feels like you got a snag on the water and then suddenly – wham! Launch control starts and the battle to reel in the fish begins. I try to fish with Diablo PCA members but coordinating our calendars is difficult. So, I'll go fishing when I'm in Tahoe, or places that I can bring a rod and gear. I'll be fishing when Diablo PCA members go to Mammoth Lakes!



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Where: Buttercup Pantry

660 Ygnacio Valley Road

Walnut Creek

Located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive

The backroom is where you will find the fun brewing.

Time: 7:30am



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## Diablo Region Dinner

Join other Diablo members on the 3rd Thursday of each month to enjoy good food and conversation. A great way to spend an evening!

Where: Faz Restaurant

600 Hartz Avenue

Danville

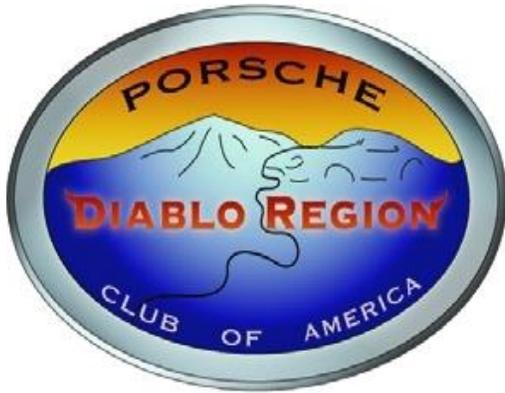
Time: 6:30pm

Next Dinner: April 20, 2017

May 18, 2017

The logo for Faz Restaurant, featuring the word "FAZ" in a bold, black, stylized, handwritten-style font.

# Porsche Club of America - Diablo Region 33rd Annual CAR SHOW



**Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 28, 2017**  
Livery Shopping Center, 400 Sycamore Valley Rd West, Danville

**Registration at 8AM. Show Starts at 9AM,**

**Awards at 1PM**

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**Pre-Register.** \$30 - Use the link to registration on our website [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org)

**Or** Late registration \$40 (after Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>) & on Event Day

For Car Show Info go to : [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org)

Brian Adkins 510-695-5030 – [bpagoride@aol.com](mailto:bpagoride@aol.com)

# **Diablo Region Membership Chair**

## **Andre Brousse**

I am André Boursse, Membership Chair for the 1300 plus Diablo Region members of the PCA. I am a relatively new Porsche owner and became a club member when I bought my 2014 Porsche Boxster S in September 2014.

I am sort of 'retired'. That is, since retirement some years ago, I do consulting work in aviation and ground transportation and also do volunteer work serving on public and private Boards. For relaxing, when I am at home or visiting a friendly Gasthaus, Relais, or Hotel, I like to play the Piano. I started piano lessons about four years after the first Porsche 356 first became 'road certified'. I describe the styles of music I play to the way it feels driving a Porsche, as in elegant, exciting, fun, adventuresome, and passionate.

About 2 years ago, when our Regional Board asked if I wanted to 'take on' Membership Chair', I said something (with a smile) like "...sure, I don't *have anything* to do...!" I have really enjoyed being part of the club and contributing to the design and growth of our Region. Our Region's activities have become more varied and our membership has grown from 1200 members in 2015, to recently attaining about 1325 members.

I was raised with a family interest in aviation, trains and cars. I started out my 'driving life' at an early age, at 8 years old, driving 1/4 Midgets and Go-Karts in my teens in the Los Angeles area. In High School and college, in my spare time, I worked on cars and eventually my first car, a stick shift sports car (a rare 1960 Austin-Healey 100-6). That Austin-Healey always had wheel bearings to replace; carburetors to tune; and every other part that wore out due 'to an active driver'. Buying my first Porsche 2 1/2 years ago has revived my interest in driving and the appreciation of mechanics and new car technologies.

When I am not traveling, I attend our weekly Diablo Saturday coffee breakfasts as much as possible, 'kicking tires' and meeting and getting to know some great people in the club.

When people ask me which activity is my favorite event in the club, I say something like this: PCA is truly about the people we meet and get to know. We 'get to' 'spend time' with the special people we meet 'by way of our cars'. So, when we are exploring a new restaurant; a museum (about trains, cars, or planes); a country tour; a DE-Track Day; there are people in each of these events that I share a common interest...and some laughs.

I have been to some wonderful new restaurants that I now go back to for my own enjoyment, and sometimes with other PCA members. Traveling on our tours to the local transportation museums, trains, cars, or airports or airfields ( I also like to fly planes) are interesting, great, and fun. I especially enjoy these activities with some of the members I have met who also share my interests, for example, flying scale and model planes and operating model trains.

I have participated in most of the Region sponsored Driver Education (DE)-Track Days since joining. I share that activity with some of the other members whom I have met on the Tours. Like our Diablo Club Tours, Dinners, and Rallies, the DE-Track Days give me a chance to get together with another group of club members who have an interest in maximizing our driving abilities while we learn more about the safety, mechanics and technologies built into our cars.

The Diablo Region tours attract a large segment of our membership. The tours offer a relaxing time to visit with other members as we wind around the back roads of the San Francisco Bay Area. The tours give us opportunities to try out a new restaurant, visit an auto museum, take a train ride, hear some music, and often, all in the same day.

Which PCA-Diablo Region event is my favorite?. My answer is something like this: Like all Porsches and people, there are some similarities, and there are some differences. You have to spend time with them to get to know them well. The variety of events we have in the Region gives me an opportunity to get to know many people and spend time with them in different settings. Our cars are what brings us together and are an important part of our visit. However, the people always turn out to be the most interesting and memorable part of my day.

As the PCA Diablo Region Membership Chair, I always welcome the opportunity to share my thoughts with other

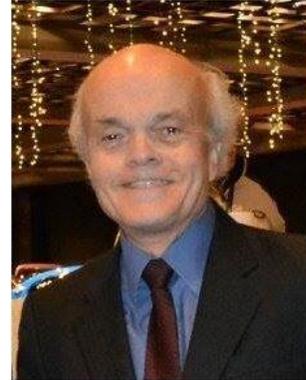
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Members. And, when we really want to get something done, all we have to do is go outside and 'kick some tires' for a bit. 'Kicking tires' always leads to great destinations and good times.

Please contact me should you have any future membership questions or ideas about or for our PCA Diablo Region.

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# 2017 Event Calendar

## Diablo Events in RED

<p>January</p> <p>1/22-Awards Luncheon-Marc</p> <p>1/14-Detail workshop @ Porsche Livermore-Marc</p>	<p>July</p> <p>7/6-16-2017 Parade-Spokane, WA</p> <p>7/8-Tail of Diablo</p> <p>7/29-Member Picnic/Car Show</p>
<p>February</p> <p><b>2/5-SuperBowl Party</b></p> <p><b>2/17-DE @ Thunderhill</b></p> <p><b>2/27-Diablo/Redwood CRAB Feed</b></p>	<p>August</p> <p>8/12-GGR Concours @ Carlson Porsche</p> <p>8/15-21-Monterey Car Week &amp; Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance</p>
<p>March</p> <p><b>3/25-Cobra Experience Tour-Marc</b></p> <p>3/29-4/2-Treffen-Austin, TX</p>	<p>September</p> <p><b>9/2-Mercedes Benz Tour-Ed</b></p> <p>9/20-24-Treffen-Ashville, NC</p> <p><b>9/29-DE @ Thunderhill</b></p> <p><b>TBD-Oktoberfest</b></p>
<p>April</p> <p><b>4/7-DE @ Laguna Seca</b></p> <p><b>4/8-Yankee Cooking School Tour</b></p> <p>4/15-16-Zone 7 AX @ Marina</p> <p><b>4/22-Bocce Ball-Kay</b></p>	<p>October</p> <p><b>TBD-Livermore Porsche Concours</b></p> <p><b>TBD-Grand Island Tour</b></p> <p><b>10/21-22-Paso Robles</b></p>
<p>May</p> <p><b>5/20-Canepa Tour-Marc</b></p> <p><b>5/28-Wash 'N Shine-Brian</b></p>	<p>November</p> <p><b>11/18-Planning Party</b></p> <p><b>11/20-DE@Laguna Seca</b></p>
<p>June</p> <p><b>6/8-Parts Heaven Concours</b></p>	<p>December</p> <p><b>TBD-Christmas Party</b></p>

# A Taste of Barcelona Tour

April 8, 2017

By Peggy Arrivas



For the Taste of Barcelona tour, 14 cars and 25 people met at IHOP in Livermore. We were happy that new members Tom and Toni Bergeron joined us for their first tour. After the drivers' meeting, we left in two groups. The streets were wet from the Friday night storms and the weather was cloudy, but fortunately it wasn't raining. The skies were clearing up and sunshine peeked out of the clouds as we drove east on 580 to 205 east and then to 120 east. We went north on 99 to Golden Gate Drive to Highway 4 east. We drove up and down hills on Highway 4 through the farms and vineyards. We saw almond orchards, fruit orchards, chicken coops and ranches with hundreds of milk cows. The scenery was beautiful because everything was green from all the rain.

Our pit stop was at the Circle K/Shell gas station in Farmington. Outside the store, there's a gentleman selling unique bird houses and bird feeders made from fence slats. All of them are different shapes, including one shaped like a train. If you ever drive through Farmington, make sure you stop and check out the birdhouses.



We saw the Zuber Horseshoe Ranch on the left and plowed dirt fields on the right. We passed Jim Orvis and Sons Hereford Bulls and a large green ranch styled house on a hill, sitting rather secluded amongst all the vegetation. We passed the Bard at Jordan Oaks, possibly a winery. There was even a police car with radar waiting to catch speeders! As we continued on Highway 4 to Calaveras County, we reached the small town of Copperopolis, near Lake Tulloch. The road starts to wind through the Sierra Foothills and interesting sights like a colony of bees in their hives in the field. The winding road between Copperopolis and Angels Camp is fun to drive in a Porsche. The land was open with green grassy fields. We drove through Angels Camp and continued to the town of Vallecito, passing Rambling Estates.

The second group made a slight detour on 4 Business, but fortunately, they did a quick U-turn to get back on track to 4 East to reach Parrots Ferry. On Parrots Ferry Road, we passed Moaning Caverns and Natural Bridges State Park. Driving through the green hills along the canyons was spectacular. We also drove across the bridge and along New Melones Lake; it was great to see the lake levels closer to normal from all the rain this year. We arrived in Columbia and went up the hill to Yankee Hill Cooking School.



Everyone got an apron and started cooking appetizers, or tapas, when we arrived. We enjoyed wine and sampled cheese and crackers, along with tapas, which included marinated olives, olive caviar, pepper dip, tomato garlic bread and glazed mushrooms. Chef Ron Erickson was the host and cooking instructor, with his wife and two granddaughters also helping out. He demonstrated certain techniques, and gave us instructions so that each of us could work on different ingredients for the dishes. He also had a sense of humor and kept us laughing while we were cooking.



There were two rooms where the food was prepared, so it was easy to socialize with others during the event. We cooked the main course of 1) ensalada mixta (thanks to Ron for making enough for everyone), 2) green onion flat bread (Marcia was in charge of throwing bread balls), 3) Spanish vegetables, and 4) paella with chicken, sausage and shrimp. We also prepared dessert of cinnamon fry bread, or churros, and Spanish hot chocolate. We got copies of all the recipes we made.





One extra bonus for the day was snow! Fortunately the rain didn't start until after we arrived at Yankee Hill, but it was cold enough in the foothills that it snowed, and the snowflakes were huge! After we finished cooking, we got to enjoy the food for lunch and it was fabulous! We raffled off some prizes before dessert and the winners were: Cecelia Venuk, Frank and Joan Duran, Tom and Toni Bergeron, and Don Hroch. After lunch, when we left to drive home, the rain had stopped and the snow had melted. It was a great day and a fun tour!

Thanks to Jerry, Ilona, Susie, Tom, Al and Peggy for hosting the event.

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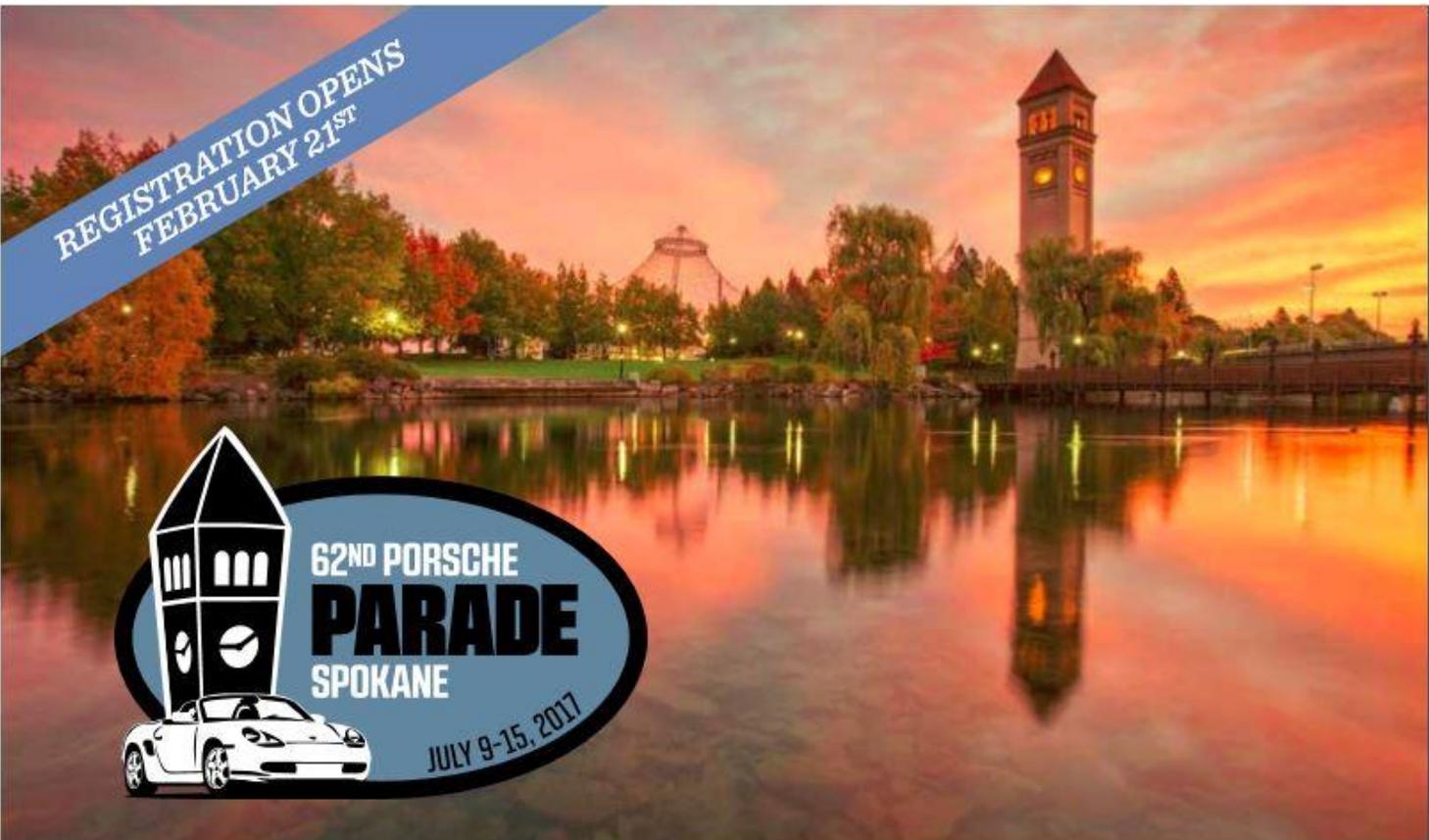
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When you want to step away from driving, Spokane is a walkable city with award-winning eateries, the Cork District tasting rooms, craft breweries, and boutique shopping. Bring the kids, too, as they'll be kept busy with activities such as model Porsche Concours, RC Car racing, and an ice cream social (well, adults can join in the ice cream, too).



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## **Karl Sendelbach**

June 18, 1936 – April 17, 2017

Karl grew up in Striet, Germany and immigrated to the US on October 10, 1957. He was a proud American citizen, while holding true to his heritage. He resided in Castro Valley for the past 17 years, but has been a resident of the East Bay for 60 years. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Sendelbach, his daughters, Karen Wilson, Corinna Jarrett and her husband Robin, as well as two step-sons, Michael Hyles, and his Robin Hyles, and Ronald Hyles and his wife Ruby Magness-Hyles. Karl had 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Karl was a traditionally trained baker in Germany, starting his apprenticeship at the young age of 14. Before he left Germany, he earned the title of master baker, and came to the US with his wonderful skill of baking anything that one could think of, with bread being his favorite. Along with his passion for baking and cooking, he had a passion for cars, traveling, dancing and music.

Karl was an active member of Porsche Club of America, the Castro Valley Moose Lodge, the Livermore Elks Lodge, the German Excelsior Center and the Hayward Cancer support group.

He will be missed by many people, as he always offered a helping hand to anyone who needed it.



I am saddened to inform you that one of our Diablo members, Karl Sendelbach passed away this past Monday, April 17, 2017.

Karl and his wife Elsie Hyles-Sendelbach attended many of our Diablo Tours. Karl and Elsie both enjoyed time spent with Diablo members. Karl joined PCA in 2012 with his 1999 Carrera and recently upgraded to a Cayenne. Sadly, Karl was unable to join the recent Tuscan Cooking tour, as he loved cooking having been a restaurateur at one time in his life. Please remember him kindly, as I do.

On behalf of the Diablo PCA membership, our heart goes out to you, Elsie, during this period of grief and readjustment.

Carlos Bocanegra  
Diablo President



Hello Diablo members,

It's with a heavy heart that I let know that Diablo member Karl Sendelbach passed away. I will miss him. I'm sure many of you that knew him feel the same way.

Karl and his wife Elsie are among the most charming people I have ever met. The Porsche Passion runs deep with Karl. Karl always seem to wear some Porsche patches, pins and stickers on his car. When I first met Karl, I though this guy has the same problem I have. Awesome! Welcome home Karl.

Over the years, I enjoyed Karl and Elsie on our events and tours. A couple of memories that make me laugh to this day includes a tour of the Oroville area. After a very lengthy drive we pull in to a Hof Brau for lunch. Karl being German was ecstatic we were having a German lunch place. Imagine all that turned 190 degrees when he learned they didn't serve beer. He was in disbelief! What Hof Brau would not serve beer!

Another fond memory was at their 25th anniversary, being a bit older. They told me it's only their 25th because they got a late start.

Karl, you never fail to amuse me with your wonderful personality and I will miss your dearly as do many Diablo members.

Ed Won  
Past President



# Bocce Ball Battle

Did you hear the shouts and screams Saturday night coming from Campo di Bocce in Livermore? Sorry if we disturbed you, but the excitement of the game got to all of us. We had 31 brave members who decided to pick up the gauntlet left by last year's teams and carry on with the Diablo tradition of the Spring Bocce Ball Battle.

We had several new players who did a fantastic job in quickly picking up the strategy and showed enthusiasm for the game, as well as catching the competitive spirit that seems to flare up out of perfectly calm and normal people. One often wonders when we play, "Who are you people and why are you so intense"?

We definitely worked up an appetite and a good thing too, as the piles of food were toted in by several servers. The food and conversation were great and non-stop. Of course, the heavily-laden dessert platters that made their way to each table were not turned away by anyone.

Celebrations continued, but we finely had to call an end to a wonderful day with new and old friends. Join us at the next Diablo event to experience this same rush!



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