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Cover Photo

One of my favorite generic cover ideas is a downhill "S" curve with a least two Porsches racing down the slope. I am sure this picture in my head is directly derived from watching so many events from the corkscrew turn at Laguna Seca.

This one fits my fantasy photo perfectly and I knew it was going on the cover within seconds of the first glimpse. It was taken by David Leong, who, in addition to doing a masterful job running the GGR autocross series, typically found time for many exceptional photographs.

This image is additionally highly relevant to our Region's identity. The Zone murmurs that Diablo is pro-social and anti-driving is belied by Tom Martenot, one of our fine sponsors (see page 23) who has served the East Bay Porsche people long and well, driving Sergio Meza's white '70 RSR replica. Long and well also applies to the business behind the Kahler decal on George Morris' early 911 S, see Kahler's page 24. #128 is apparently not associated with any of our sponsors but any Boxster is fine with me.

Diablo Region Web Site:

<<http://www.pca.org/dia/>>

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From the President

by Patrick Schmidt, President

February! Days are still a little short and roads may be a little wet, so be careful out there. We want you around for the rest of the fun that is still to come.



By the time you get this, the first inductees will have been announced for the Zone 7 Wall of Fame. These legendary nominees include John Clever who was with us until early 2002. Congratulations to John! His memory lives on. John is a great example of a person who volunteered his time to help others enjoy our Region as much as he did. Fortunately, the spirit of volunteering is alive and well as evidenced by our great Board of Directors. I hope each of you take an opportunity to meet the folks on the Board and share your energy and thoughts with them to help make this organization more enjoyable all of us.

The Zone 7 Awards Banquet was held in Pleasanton and Tim Fleming, our dedicated Zone Rep, let me know of the scheduled visit from the PCA National President, Tom Bobbitt for a stop at our Breakfast at Denny's in Danville on Saturday January 17th. The also stopped at Denny Kahler's place in Dublin for the GGR Time Trial Tech Session. Denny is another one of our long time supporters and Advocate Advertisers. Thanks, Denny! Tim mentioned that he was excited to show the PCA President that this area is rich in Porsche activities with three activities on the same day all within 10 miles of each other. I hope you had a chance to attend all three or at least one of these events.

We saw a lot of great spirit and effort at the January 2 Planning Meeting. Several newcomers volunteered their thoughts and some committed to lead events or chair activities. One of our *Advocate* advertisers, Miguel from the AutoAffair in Danville, suggested a high speed driving event at Thunderhill. This particular event will not require a roll cage or five point seat belts and therefore may be more attractive to some of us that are not Time Trial licensed drivers. Keep you eyes on our Events Calendar and the *Advocate* for more details on this driving opportunity. A special thanks to all those people who volunteered to chair an event or host a party for this year. This includes Chris Paterno, our new Tech Chairperson,

who volunteered less than two weeks earlier and already had a half a dozen events ready to plug into the calendar. Herb and Judy Schreib along with Frank and Jan Duran offered to host house parties. Francisco Cabrita and Ted French offered to lead a tour to Bodega Bay. Ron Leppke did a great job keeping everyone's interest with slide-shows from past events, and then projecting a calendar already filled in with Zone and Region events. Ted French helped facilitate the meeting and kept me aware of who had their hand up to volunteer or ask a question. Thanks Ted.

I hope you can keep your eye on the web site and the *Advocate* to stay current on upcoming events.

Potpourri

by the Editor

The Porsche Boxster and Boxster S were selected Best Sports Car by the editors of *Automobile Magazine* in the publication's 2004 All-Stars award competition.

It marks the third time the monthly automotive enthusiast publication has selected the Boxster for its annual All-Star Award. Previously, the Boxster also won *Automobile Magazine*'s prestigious Automobile of the Year award.

Between them, the 2.7 liter, 225 horsepower Porsche Boxster and 3.2 liter, 258 horsepower Boxster S have also tallied five-straight 10 Best Awards from *Car and Driver* magazine.

When the green flag dropped for the 42nd running of the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona, a record 128 Porsche drivers were on hand to participate in 28 Porsche 911-based race cars and three Porsche-powered Daytona prototypes.

"This was one of the largest turnouts of Porsche race cars ever at an internationally-sanctioned race," said Uwe Brettel who has replaced Alwin Springer as the president of Porsche Motorsport North America. With 56 cars entered in the race, Porsches made up more than half the field.

Check the ad on page 23, TRG, for a photo of the fastest GT,#66, in early qualifying.

Welcome: New members

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

New Members	12
Transfers in	1
Current renewals	27
Multi-year renewals	8
Late/delete renewals*	5
Transfers out	1
Non renewals	23
Dual members	9

Total membership 584

**Previously deleted, now renewed*



Judy Schreib

<jhschr@tdl.com>

New members this month (thru 1/5/04):

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	City
Jim Bolliger		911	1982	San Pablo
Timothy M. Byrne	Marie	911	1987	Danville
Edward Drasin	Rochelle Ann	911	1999	Lafayette
Steven P. Garrett		993	1997	Orinda
Todd P. Last		911	1988	Walnut Creek
Thomas Allen Mc Veigh		Boxster	1999	South San Francisco
Dan Morrison		930	1986	Danville
Thomas Ramsey		911 SC	1978	Piedmont
Paul A. Schroeder		911	2001	Piedmont

Transfers in this month (thru 1/5/04):

Darren D. Cooke	Julie	911	1981	Orinda
Jeffrey Heng	Bob	930	1979	San Ramon
Gary M. Schultz	Julie	911	1967	San Ramon

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From the Editor

by Ron Leppke <lepprd@mac.com>

If you look closely at the photo you will see George, the exceptional Claridge sales professional, as he delivered my new 2002 Boxster S to me. Next you may recall the dilemma that I attempted confront the tension between being loyal to a dealership where your car was purchased and other options for service from shops or dealerships that support this newsletter through advertising.



For my 45,000 service, I chose the Sonnen dealership. The selection was based on more than one reason but included their easily being the advertiser who contributes the largest sum toward sponsorship of this newsletter.

I feel good about the service experience mostly because of the individual and immediate attention from both a mechanic and the Service Advisor. For example, some of you on recent tours will recall that my Boxster had developed an automatic signal for whenever I got down to zero mph by popping the rear deck lid. Expecting a complicated electronic fix, I was nearly speechless as the mechanic fixed it within about five seconds after hearing me list it as a problem.

The attention was immediate since I was not in a line with other makes sold by the same dealership. I also liked that that the "S" was put on the hoist as part of the intake process. The Advisor and I looked at all sorts of stuff that I had previously never seen on my Porsche. At my 15,000 service, the Boxster was taken by a non mechanic employee to and from the inner bowels of the dealership and I had no contact with a mechanic or look at my car other than from an outside doorway.

Several of us from Diablo had previously been invited to racing related

special activities at Sonnen and I had become acquainted with one of their mechanics with extensive experience with European Porsche race teams (the same one who fixed my popping rear deck lid in five seconds). I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss suspension and other setup, e.g., relationship of tire and wheels sizes, issues as part of the overall service experience.

During this same time period, our then President elect experienced a serious (when shops and dealers quotes are four figures it is clearly serious) transmission problem with his Carrera giving us look at service and repair issues from an other than new car angle.

One dealer proposed leaving the Carrera for an inspection followed by a time period waiting for parts. Denny Kahler's proposal had no such long wait for parts and no separate all-day appointment for the inspection. Interestingly, Denny mostly gets his Porsche parts from Sonnen suggesting that both of these options may have faster availability of parts than the dealer with the long wait. The estimated and actual costs at Kahler's was lower than the numbers proposed by the dealer mentioned above.

One nice aspect of my most recent Sonnen service, a warranty replacement of the windshield trim, was that the no cost loaner was a '04 Boxster.



Once again, everyone is cordially invited to view the photo galleries from recent events at my homepage:

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

My First Porsche, #11



Our new Tech Chairman, Chris Paterno, has a '79 SC Targa as his first and current Porsche.

Perfect Porsche Parking



Restored by Herb Schrieb, this 914 has a perfect spot at Bodega Bay on the Schrieb's first Diablo tour.

Porsche Club of America & The Rallye Club

Present the continuation of John Clever's

February Frolic '04

Zone 7 Time & Distance Car Rallye

A retro country driving 'no trap' event

Saturday February 21, 2004



Registration from 10am-Noon

Rallye School 10am-11am - First Car Out 11:31

*starting Kahler's Werkstatt 6117 Dougherty Rd, Dublin
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Zone 7 Calendar: 2004

(Rough draft edition)

Date	Region	Event	Zone	Title	Location
1/17/04	Zone	Banquet		Presidents meeting	Sacramento (TBD)
2/15/04	GGR	Time Trial #1		Time trial	Infineon (Sears Point)
2/21/04	GGR	Autocross		Beginning AutoX school	Candlestick Park
3/6/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Candlestick Park
3/14/04	GGR	Time Trial #2		Time trial	Buttonwillow
3/21/04	GGR	Tour		Yosemite Valley tour	Yosemite valley
3/21/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
3/28/04	SDR	Club Race		California Festival of Speed	Fontana
3/27/04	YR	Rally	Rally #1	Pan Am Rally	TBD
TBD	RR	Autocross	AutoX #1	Zone Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
TBD	Zone	Autocross	AutoX #2	Zone Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
TBD	DR	Rally	Zone school	Rally school	Pleasant Hill
TBD	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
4/3/04	SVR	Rally	Rally #2	Spring Flowers	Vacaville
4/4/04	GGR	Time Trial #3		Time trial	Thunderhill
4/10/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Alameda
4/18/04	Zone	Concours	Zone	Concours judging school	Sonnen Porsche
4/24/04	SVR	CRAB		CRAB #31	Sacramento
4/25/04	PCNA	Major		Rennsport Reunion 2004	Daytona
5/2/04	Zone	Club Race		U.S. Sports Car Invitational	Laguna Seca
5/1/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Golden Gate Fields
TBD	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
5/16/03	YR	Concours	Concours #4	Yosemite Zone concours	Modesto
TBD	SR	Concours	Concours #1	Greater Valley Concours	Fresno
5/16/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
5/23/04	GGR	Time Trial #4		Time trial	Thunderhill
5/30/04	DR	Concours		Diablo Wash 'n Shine	Danville Livery
6/6/04	RR	PCA-hospitality		Vintage Races-	Infineon Raceway
6/5/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Candlestick Park
6/6/04	LPR	Concours	Concours #2	PartsHeaven Concours	Hayward
6/13/04	SVR	Concours	Concours #3	Shriners Concours	Sacramento
6/19/04	SNR	Autocross	AutoX #3	Zone Autocross	Stead Airport
6/20/04	SVR	Autocross	AutoX #4	Zone Autocross	Stead Airport
6/20/04	RR	Hill Climb	Zone	Virginia City Hillclimb	Virginia City, NV
6/20/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
6/26/04	YR	Rally	Rally #3	Summer Solstice	TBD
TBD	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
7/10/04	PCA	Parade		Parade 2004	Fort Worth, Texas
TBD	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
TBD	MBR	Concours	Concours #5	Monterey Bay Concours	TBD
7/17/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Alameda
7/18/04	RR	PCA-hospitality		ALMS races	Infineon Raceway
7/25/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
8/1/04	GGR	Concours	Concours #6	Carlsen Concours/Swap	Palo Alto
8/7/04	LPR	Autocross	Auto-x #5	Zone Autocross	Marina
8/8/04	GGR	Autocross	Auto-x #6	Zone Autocross	Marina
TBD	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport



AutoAffair & Diablo Region present the 19th annual Wash 'n Shine Concours

Sunday, May 30, 2004
The Livery & Merchantile
400 Sycamore Valley Road
Danville, CA

Open to All Porsches

Diablo Calendar: 2004

February

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Pizza and Porsches
- 19 Thursday Dinner Out
- 28 Tech Session

March

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Pizza and Porsches
- 18 Thursday Dinner Out
- 27 Annual Mtg./Awards

April

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 4 Audio Tech Session, Roseville
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Thursday Dinner Out



It was a full house at Pavlos for the 2004 Planning Meeting.

May

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Pizza and Porsches
- 20 Thursday Dinner Out
- 30 Wash 'n Shine Concours

June

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Pizza and Porsches
- 17 Thursday Dinner Out

July

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

August

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

September

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



Ted French, V.P., and Patrick Schmidt, President, lead the 2004 Planning Meeting.

Every Saturday Breakfast

8 A.M. at Denny's,
803 Camino Ramon, Danville
On 680, exit to Sycamore Valley
East; Camino Ramon is the first
right turn.

Pizza & Porsches

1st Friday, 7 P.M.
Pavlo's Pizza
2408 Twin Creeks,
San Ramon

Board of Directors Meeting

First Tuesday, 7 P.M.
Mostly at Brian's home

Thursday Night Dinner Out

3rd Thurs., 6:30 P.M.
Rocco's Ristorante*
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Walnut Creek

* Featuring 29 entrees, including
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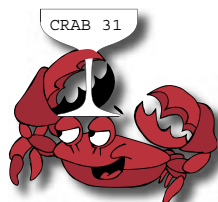


It is always a pleasure to have Denny and Cindy Kahler join us for breakfast at Denny's.

The Sacramento Valley Region/PCA presents:

CRAB 31

April 23, 24, & 25, 2004



**These are the events
available on the
application:**

**Autocross
FunKana
Rally
Concours
Driving Tour
Beer and Brat Picnic**

**Registration includes the Friday night Welcome Party,
registration, fun.**

**Saturday Autocross, Driving Tour, FunKhana, CRAB 31
Banquet & Dance, more fun.**

**Sunday Rally, Concours, FunKhana, Beer & Brat Picnic, and
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CANCELLATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2004
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Download the application:

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<<http://www.pca.org/dia/>>

Additional Information:

Contact Kern or Cindi Breaux @916-966-2425 or brecko@earthlink.net

GGR/Porboys present:
Beginner's Autocross School

Date:

Saturday,
February 21, 2004
8:00-4:30

Where:

Candlestick Park
parking lot

Cost:

\$85 per person,
includes lunch



Details:

This event is limited to 47 students (age 16 and over) and is intended for members who have little or no autocross experience. Skills that we will be working on include: skid pad, course walk, course analysis, worker positions, and a lot of seat time on the course!

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New Year's Eve Party

by Linda and Patrick Schmidt

As in 2002, we once again had the pleasure of hosting the New Year's Eve and Newcomers Party and were glad so



many old and new friends attended. Fortunately we again had really nice weather allowing our guests to enjoy the fire in the fireplace indoors and the fire pit outdoors where many of the liquid refreshments were on ice.

Some friends responded to the request to bring a selection from their Porsche library. It was enjoyable to reminisce over these collections and recall previous experiences.



Thanks again to all the A-M guests that made the early evening enjoyable with

the delicious appetizers and to the N-Z folks that added cookies, cakes, pies and chocolate treats to go with the beer, wine, ham and finger food. The ham seemed especially tender and tasty this year and the other goodies will take a month of 2004 dieting to get back to normal



Then it struck midnight, complete with champagne, noisemakers and poppers, we kissed the Old Year goodbye and welcomed the New Year with all its hope.



Do make plans to join us next year, same time, same place!

Those who were unable to attend can get a flavor of this happy event by joining the 56 visitors to date at the photo gallery:

[<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/PhotoAlbum75.html>](http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/PhotoAlbum75.html)



New Year's Eve Party

Hosts: Patrick & Linda Schmidt
December 31, 2003



Yosemite Region Presents

March Madness

A Pan-Am Rally
Saturday, March 27



Fee: \$20.00 per car, \$15.00 if preregistered prior to March 22
Registration at 8:45 A.M. • Driver/Navigator meeting at 9:30 A.M.

First car out at 10:01 A.M.

Bud Behrens and Jim Cooper, Rallymasters

Description: Official maps or instructions are used to communicate possible routes to standoff and checkpoint controls so that entrants may arrive at each checkpoint at the time and in the direction specified. All roads are paved and public unless otherwise specified.

Classes: Everyone is in the same class. Permissible equipment includes clipboard, paper, pens/pencils, highlighters, a watch or timing device, and a single-memory calculator. No rally charts or tables, calculators, or computers are permitted. Each rally car must have a driver and a navigator.

Preregistration: It is strongly recommended that entrants study the general rules prior to the event. To obtain them, send your entry fee check in the amount to of \$15.00, payable to "Yosemite Region - PCA," and a self-addressed, stamped, legal-size envelope postmarked for delivery no later than March 22 to: *March Madness*, 6424 Culpepper Place, Stockton, CA 95207-3208

Directions: Start and finish will be in Stockton at the Marina Center on Benjamin Holt Drive, just west of I-5. From northbound I-5, take the Benjamin Holt exit and turn left; from southbound I-5, take the Benjamin Holt exit and turn right. Registration will adjacent the McDonald's.



Information:

Bud Behrens at (209) 477-6496, e-mail <budnmaryann@cs.com>

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It's PARTY Time!

Pizza and Porsches and Newcomers Party



Friday, March 5 at 6:30 PM

**Pavlo's Pizza, 2408 Twin Creeks Drive, San Ramon
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on the southwest corner of San Ramon
Valley Blvd. and Crow Canyon Rd.).**

**Join us for our first Newcomers gathering for 2004.
Newcomers will receive free Diablo Region name
badges (to be ordered and given out at next event).**

**Items with new Diablo Region logo from the
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Come one/come all.

Let's welcome our first newcomers for 2004!!



'03 Autocross Awards

GGR Event, Harbor Bay Club
Alameda, January 10, 2004



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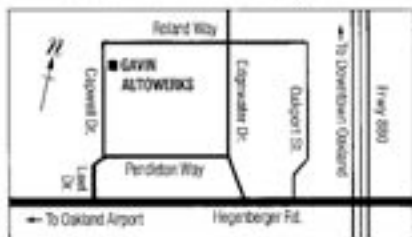
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