# The devil's Advocate



# Diablo member, Jack Kuhn in the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion Race at Laguna Seca on August 15th



Photos provided by Lillie Echevarria



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## Words From Walt By Walt Lietz

Walt

Have fun and drive with care!

While some of you are going back to school, or back to work, some of us retired members are getting ready to party

up in Canada. Escape is in Sun Peaks in British Columbia and although it is at least a two day trip we are ready to head North. I have to thank Gunther Feldmeyer and Porsche of Fremont, as they worked on my old silver Boxster for five days. It needed new tires, the top repaired, and oil change, a 40,000 mile maintenance, and an engine oil leak fixed. I even ran into Tito Young and Ken Wu there. I guess it is the place to go. The best part was the Panamera loaner he let us use during the repairs. Everyone on the Poker Rally Tour was excited to look it over.

I have recapped our trip to Pebble Beach in an article in this issue of the Advocate so I will not repeat it here but I did want to point out that one of our members, **Lillie Echevarria**, is now a Concours judge. We saw her judging at the Legends of the Autobahn with Larry Sharp (GGR) and Sharon Neidel (PCA Zone 7 Representative). Pretty good company! Congratulations Lillie and thanks for helping out.

A little more on the Poker Rally - Thanks to the team of Jack Carpenter, Phil Eskildsen, Rolly Smith, and Ernest Bradford, 40 members drove up to Rio Vista looking for poker cards along the way. Three hours later we arrived at Foster's Big Horn Grill for some prizes and a buffalo burger. The winning hand (a straight with ace high) went to brand new members Ruthann and Mark Gore. It was a great ride and food! Make sure you sign up next year.

Our Nominating Committee has put together a great slate of candidates for our 2011 board of directors. Look over their biographies and be prepared to vote for them when your ballot arrives in October. Thanks to all for volunteering to run. We will all have a lot of fun in 2011.

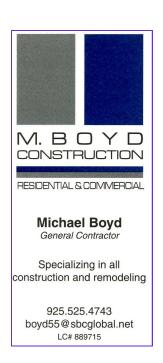
Don't forget the Paso Robles Tour (two days) on September 25 & 26, hosted by **Ken Wu** and **Patrick Schmidt**, our annual Oktoberfest on October 2. Yes, these are new dates because hotel space was limited on the old tour date.

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# Movie Night #1 with The Lietz's Saturday, August 28

Hopefully you were one of the lucky 22 people on Saturday night who joined Walt and Jacquie Lietz to watch "Le Mans" with Steve McQueen and chow down on 40 hotdogs ,popcorn and ice cream. A BIG "Thank You" to both Jacquie and Walt for opening their home to all our members and for providing the photos.



#### How I Spent My Summer Vacation

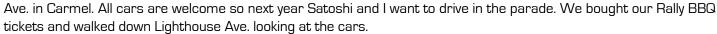
by Walt Lietz

It's 6:30am on Friday, August 13, we are driving to Starbuck's in Danville and there is a Porsche 912 behind us and a Porsche with yellow headlights passing us in the other direction. It is the start of our three day vacation to Pebble Beach and our caravan is gathering. By 7am we have our coffee, we have three Porsches and a Mercedes headed

for breakfast in Carmel by the Sea.

The ride was amazingly fast and by 8:45 we arrived at "The Cottage" in Carmel ordering waffles and oatmeal and planning the rest of our day with Satoshi, Elsie, Betty and Bob. First on the list was the new Legends of the Autobahn event on Carmel Valley Road. BMW, Mercedes, and Porsche are sponsors and we watched as the cars were judged and saw the new dull paint jobs on a BMW and a Mercedes, thank goodness Porsche has not offered this option yet. We mooched lunch from Satoshi, Elsie, Doug and Carol Weibe, and Lillie Echevarria, who had paid \$25 for the box lunch.

Then we were off to see the Pacific Grove Rally cars that were lined up for a 6pm parade along the 17 Mile Drive and Ocean





At 3pm we were off to the Quail Lodge to test drive a Porsche turbo at Porsche Zentrum but with the bad traffic we missed our scheduled test drive. The Quail Lodge Motorsport event was just breaking up so we walked in and saw an amazing collection of cars. The best of show car was on the ramped stage but no one was allowed to photograph it. The car was being covered with a tarp as we approached. We had just missed an unbelievable accident. The lighting scaffold above the stage had just collapsed onto the Best of Show winner and they were waiting on the insurance investigators. We ran into Warren Gardner, elegantly dressed in a yellow sweater. The next stop was Ocean Ave. in downtown Carmel to see the Pacific Grove Rally parade pass through town. Between the

parked Ferraris was a VW minibus fully restored. We talked to the owner who told us it was for sale for only \$75,000. No sale today!

It was 7pm and we are on our way back to Pacific Grove for our \$20 BBQ with 200 other car lovers. The BBQ is the best deal around, it includes wine, BBQ tri tip and chicken, beans, bread, salad, desert and coffee. Then it was off to check out the auctions in downtown Monterey and catch the last inning of the Giants game at an English pub. The Giants lost by one run and we headed to our motel in Seaside and into bed by 11:30pm. The end of Day 1.

Saturday, Day 2, it's 8am and we are looking for a breakfast place and the Marina Airport to watch auto-x. Luckily someone had an iPad and we are on YELP for advice on Marina breakfast joints. A



little hole-in-the-wall named Tico's on Reservation Road is serving mango pancakes so we are on our way. We found the airport along Reservation Road and a little sign pointing to the auto-x. Golden Gate Region was holding the event on Saturday and Loma Prieta hosted the event on Sunday. Since we were on vacation we only watched the cars -

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running over cones and spinning out. Larry Sharp (GGR) was leading the pack and Jacquie could not believe how fast they were going. I even said hi to my auto-x instructor from the Alameda beginner class. He was coaching his girl friend in her mini Cooper.



It's 11am and we are off to the 17 Mile Drive (it's free if you have a ticket to the Pebble Beach Concours) where we stopped and watched three sea otters play in the surf. After an hour we headed back to our cars where we found some students from Taiwan taking pictures of our roadsters. They loved getting into the Boxster and taking pictures of each other. So we did our part improving international relations -Glad to help Hillary! We finished the drive at the Pebble Beach Club House.







On Saturday there's a lot to see at the site of the Concours even though the event is on Sunday. We got our free champagne at the Lexus booth, free espresso at the Hyundai display, Satoshi test drove a Spyder, Lotus, and an Infinity. Jacquie got a hug from Jay Leno. Then we all had lunch at the Pebble Beach deli.

The ladies wanted to shop so it's off to Ocean Ave. in Carmel. We had dinner reservations at 7pm at the Forest and the Forge and found parking right in front of the restaurant. Shopping was slow and by 6pm we were tired and walked by one of our favorite eating spots, Casanova's. We ducked in and they had a table for four in a nice quiet corner. I had a great meal of linguine with lobster tail, clams, scallops, and shrimp, Jacquie had the short ribs. We took everyone on a tour of their wine cellar, three levels under the restaurant with over \$1,000,000 in wine. The cellar tour is a must as is the table

with the tree growing through it. We called it an early night and were back in Seaside by 8pm ready for Day 3.

Sunday, Day 3 - The Main Event... The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance - Packed and out of the motel at 8am, YELPed a breakfast at Toasties Cafe in Pacific Grove and are heading to the 17 Mile Drive by 9:30am. The doors open at 10:30 and Jacquie is determined to be there on time. The parking is along the drive and they have busses to take you to the clubhouse. We are lugging our folding chairs and get to the gate at 10:40am. The pink champagne was waiting for us at the Lexus booth, we setup our chairs at the awards platform and head over to the cars on the 18th fairway. Period costumes, really old cars (1904), old cars, old men, and young ladies are everywhere. After lunch we sit down and wait for the awards. Jay Leno is giving away the lottery prizes, diamond earrings, Rolex watches, a Mercedes, a 3 carat diamond ring, and \$1,000 tours of his car warehouse (Jay owns 102 cars).

By 5pm we are pooped and ready to head back to the busses. On the way out, we see the Porsche 918 Spyder so we

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unpack the camera and take the last photos of the day.

As everyone knows getting to 101 from Monterey is a nightmare, it was stop and go all the way to the Hollister exit on 101. The trip back to Walnut Creek took four hours and the vacation was over.

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# More shots from events held during The Historics & Laguna Seca

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# More Historics







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# Drivers' Education at Thunderhill Friday, September 17

Sign up using documents found on the Diablo Region web site: <a href="http://diablo-pca.org">http://diablo-pca.org</a>

The free tech inspections are scheduled for:
Aug. 28 at Porsche of Fremont 9AM-1PM
Sept 1 at Kahlers in Dublin 6PM-8:30PM

Check out the flyer on the next page to get any other information you might need, such as contacts and fees, etc.

# Don't miss the fun!



# Autumn Run at Thunderhill

# Diablo Region Drivers' Education Event at Thunderhill Raceway Park Friday, September 17, 2010

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Fees:\$220 per driver if payment received by September 10, 2010 \$240 Late non-refundable payment if received after September 10, 2010 \$50 for instructors who will also be driving

Make checks payable to PCA/Diablo Region and mail with Registration form to Thunderhill Event Registrar, Attn: Mike Ciopyk, 6756 Paseo Catalina, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (email: ciopyk@comcast.net)

#### FREE TECH INSPECTIONS

Tech Inspection scheduled for Saturday, August 28 at Porsche of Fremont in Fremont from 9:00-1:00. For directions to Porsche of Fremont, go to their web site at: <a href="http://fremont.porschedealer.com/">http://fremont.porschedealer.com/</a>

Tech Inspection is also scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 1 at Kahlers in Dublin from 6:00—8:30PM. For directions to Kahlers, go to their web site at: <a href="http://kahlers.com">http://kahlers.com</a>

For more information on registration: contact Warren Gardner at warrengardnerjr@comcast.net or Mike Ciopyk at ciopyk@comcast.net.

Check the Diablo Region web site for registration & tech inspection forms at: http://diablo-pca.org/



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Pham, Von H. 2001 Carrera Silver

Thompson, Terrence J. 2005 Boxster Gray

Wolff, Harold S. 2010 GT 3 Gray

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Primary Members: 555
Affiliate Members: 403
Total Members: 958

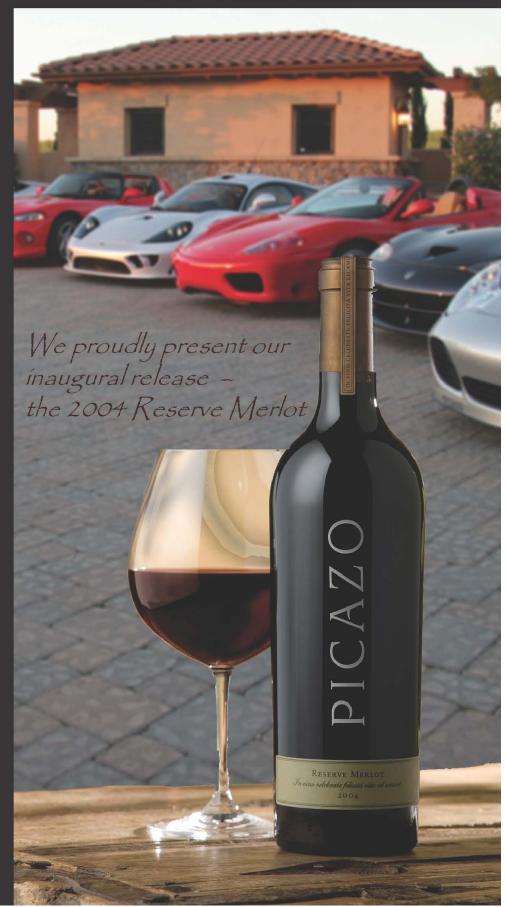




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# Paso Robles Tour 2010



# September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

We had so much fun last year visiting the James Dean Memorial that we were asked to do it again this year. Here it is.

For those who came along last year, we are repeating Highway 25, one of the best back roads at the central valley. Then, we will hop on a different road from there and drive to the Paso Robles area early enough to do some grape sampling.

Room rate depends on the type of room you like but should be less than \$125 per room (tax included) at San Simeon Pines.

Please email Ken Wu <a href="mailto:kw1055@gmail.com">kw1055@gmail.com</a> and Patrick Schmidt Schmidt.Patrick@comcast.net and let us know that you are interested. We will forward you the details for booking the room.

Tour Cost: \$10 per person, which will provide for a little snack at the hotel. (Note – Food and lodging will be paid directly by participants.)

We will start from Marie Callender's at Walnut Creek at 9:00 a.m. (1101 S. California Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596)

Because of the anticipated larger crowd, if you expect to eat breakfast before leaving at 9 AM, please plan accordingly and arrive closer to 7:30 AM

Our route will cover some of the best Porsche roads in California: Hwy. 25 on the east side of the Pinnacle National Monument near Hollister... one of the "roads less traveled".

About 170 mi.

We will have lunch at King City

After some great roads, sightseeing and visiting a few agricultural spots (there may be a "tasting" charge if you are interested), we'll head to the Coast to our hotel, the San Simeon Pines in San Simeon.

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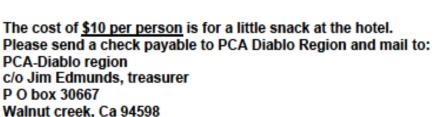
by August 20th.

Room choices are King with fireplace, King only, 2 Queens. Prices and quantities vary, first come, first choice.

We will forward the instruction for booking the rooms directly with the hotel.

Once you have booked your room, please send an email to both Ken and Patrick.

We will need to cancel any unneeded rooms by August 24<sup>th</sup>.



Sunday is flexible.

Options include leaving San Simeon for a drive up the Coast Highway, arriving in Carmel Highlands for lunch

... or you may choose to stay a little longer in San Simeon and take a tour of Hearst Castle. (Tickets may be purchased at the Visitor Center upon arrival, but Tour Reservations are strongly recommended and may be reserved 1-800-444-4445).



Neptune Pool at Hearst Castle

Return from San Simeon to Walnut Creek via Highway 1

About 220 mi.

## Food and Friends

One great thing about being a member of the Diablo Region Porsche Club is getting together with friends over food to discuss cars, travels and just life in general. There are two regularly scheduled gatherings each month. Check your calendar and try to attend soon.

The Saturday Morning Breakfast is held every Saturday at 8 AM at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek at 1101 S. California Blvd.

The 3rd Thursday Dinner is held the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM at Strizzis in Danville at 3456 Camino Tassajara







## More Food and Friends

Can't make the Walnut Creek Saturday Breakfast? There is another option available. There is now a monthly breakfast held on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the Pleasanton/Dublin/Livermore area.

The next one will be held on September 11th at 8:30 AM at Vic's, located at 201 Main St, Pleasanton. We will be in the backroom. Check directions at: <a href="http://www.vicsallstar.com/about.htm">http://www.vicsallstar.com/about.htm</a>

Please RSVP to Ira Madnick at: <a href="madnick@sbcglobal.net">imadnick@sbcglobal.net</a> so we can get a good headcount.

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# Porsche Club of America - Diablo Region

# OKTOBERFEST

# Saturday, October 2, 6:30PM

# Walt and Jacquie Lietz House 920 Cochise Ct., Walnut Creek



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Hwy 24 East, Ygnacio Valley, turn right.
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RSVP: Walt or Jacquie at 925-256-7620 or

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# Powder Coating Tech Session October 9, 2010

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# **Election News**

As we edge closer to the election in October, it is time to unveil the list of the nominees who have stepped forward so far. We still need more members to QUICKLY decide to join the fun

and make a difference in our club and future events.

Contact: Ingrid French (ingtedf@pacbell.net),

Warren Gardner (warrengardnerjr@comcast.net) or

Patrick Schmidt (Schmidt.patrick@comcast.net)

with any questions or to inform them you want to be included in the election.

The ballots will be going out in October and need the attention of all members and affiliates to ensure your voice is heard. Keep your eyes peeled on your mailboxes.

The following members have decided to put their hats in the ring and run for a seat on the Diablo PCA Region Board of Directors:

Jacquie Lietz

Kay Maloy

Dale Miller

Dan Spisak

Here is the information submitted by each nominee:

#### Dale Miller



Dale has been an active member of Diablo Region for 4 years and has participated in and has continued interest in DE events, Tours (Saturday AM, day drives, etc.) and photography during the events.

Dale has significant amount of experience with project management, public speaking, strong oral orientation and understands the technical engineering side of automobile components and systems.

He would like to see more deliberate outreach to more activities, - e.g. "theme meetings", more casual discussion before events are finalized, more "niche" presentations with personal antidotes at big events like annual awards program and other major events.

#### Jacquie Lietz



I have been employed by the City of Walnut Creek for 20 years and my current position is the facility coordinator for the four rental locations and involves working with clients to coordinate corporate and social events. I joined the Diablo PCA three years ago after we purchased a 2006 silver Boxster.

I have served as an officer on volunteer boards for the past 25 years. Positions I have held included President of the Scottsdale Swim Club, Vice President and Fundraising Chair for the Walnut Creek Aquanuts, President of the Walnut Creek Aquabears, and many active volunteer positions in the school district and City of Walnut Creek Arts Education Department.

I have been very active with the Diablo PCA since joining the club. I have attended many board meetings, annual planning sessions, and hosted numerous social events at our home, including Oktoberfest, Superbowl parties, and movie night. I also participated in the Zone 7 Presidents Meeting, observed driver education at Thunderhill, helped plan our 2010 Wash n Shine, participated in many Diablo PCA tours, and attended numerous social and tech events held by the Diablo Region.

I believe I can contribute a great deal to the club and would like to serve on the board.

# Kay Maloy



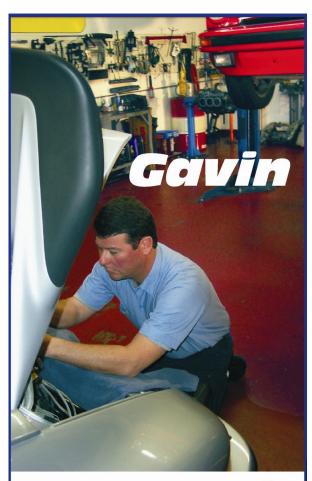
I have been a member of the Diablo PCA Region for 2 years and have served on the Board for 2 years as Secretary. I am also currently the Editor the Advocate Newsletter. I have served as the Registration person at the DE Events at Thunderhill.

I love to attend tours, events, and as many other functions as I can. I have organized at least one tour or event since I joined and had a blast doing them. I love the people who make up this Region and have enjoyed making friends with all of them.

feel I have contributed to the Region's success and would look forward to working with the new Board in continuing to move forward with new and exciting activities that our members would enjoy participating in.

# Dan Spisak (Bio to come)



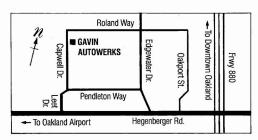


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