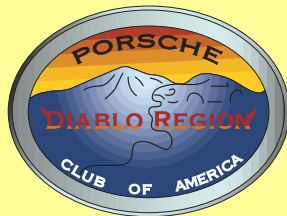


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<p><b>TENTATIVE FUTURE DIABLO EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>May 7 &gt; Secret Spring Pfling</b></p> <p><b>May 21 &gt; Bocce Ball Dinner</b></p> <p><b>May 29 &gt; Diablo Wash N Shine</b></p> <p><b>Jun 12 &gt; Newcomers' Sunday BBQ</b></p> <p><b>Jun 18 &gt; Club Autosport Tour</b></p> <p><b>Jun 25 &gt; Lake Sonoma Tour</b></p> <p><b>Jul 9 &gt; Breakfast Tour</b></p> <p><b>Jul 16 &gt; LPR / Diablo Joint Tour</b></p> <p><b>Jul 30 &gt; Diablo Family Picnic</b></p> <p><b>Aug 6 &gt; Marin Sailing Tour</b></p> <p><b>Aug 13 &gt; Pleasanton Breakfast Tour</b></p> <p><b>Aug 19-21 &gt; Pebble Beach Caravan</b></p> <p><b>Sep 10 &gt; Pleasanton Breakfast Tour</b></p> <p><b>Sep 24 &gt; BBQ &amp; John Place Tour</b></p> <p><b>Oct 8 &gt; Oktoberfest</b></p> <p><b>Oct 15-16 &gt; Holbrooke Hotel Tour</b></p> <p><b>Oct 22 &gt; Castello di Amorosa Tour</b></p> <p><b>Oct 27 &gt; DE Thunderhill</b></p> <p><b>Nov 6 &gt; Diablo Football Tailgate</b></p> <p><b>Nov 18 &gt; Diablo PCA Planning Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Nov 19 &gt; SF Auto Show Tour</b></p> <p><b>Nov 27 &gt; Sacramento Tree Deco Potluck</b></p> <p><b>Dec 10 Folsom Outlets Shopping Tour</b></p> <p><b>Jan 22 &gt; Holiday / Awards Party</b></p>	<p><b>Check for details for events on the web site calendar at <a href="http://diablo-pca.org/">http://diablo-pca.org/</a></b></p> <p><b>OTHER EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Apr 29-30 &gt; CRAB 3 Day Event (Sac Valley)</b></p> <p><b>May 1 &gt; CRAB 3 Day Event (Sac Valley)</b></p> <p><b>Jun 4-5 &gt; Sonoma Historics—Infineon</b></p> <p><b>Sep 15-17 &gt; PCA Escape—Flagstaff</b></p> <p><b>IN THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>PAGE 2 Board of Directors</p> <p>PAGE 3 Future Events</p> <p>PAGE 4 Words from Walt</p> <p>PAGE 6 Porsche of Livermore Open House</p> <p>PAGE 7 New Members</p> <p>PAGE 9 Wash 'N Shine Flyer</p> <p>PAGE 10 Food and Friends</p> <p>PAGE 11 Bocce Ball flyer</p> <p>PAGE 13 Club Auto Sport Tour Flyer</p> <p>PAGE 15 Name Tag Order Form</p> <p>PAGE 17 Frank &amp; Bill's Sunday Tour</p> <p>PAGE 19 Newcomers' BBQ</p> <p>PAGE 21 Wash 'N Shine Registration Info</p> <p>PAGE 24 Lake Sonoma Tour Flyer</p> <p>PAGE 25 Special Race Announcement</p> <p>PAGE 26 Tech Know How</p> <p>PAGE 27 2011 Escape</p> <p>PAGE 28 Touring Tips for Calaveras County</p> <p>PAGE 30 Advertisers</p>
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## Words From Walt

### By Walt Lietz

May Day is here and the club needs everyone's help. Yes - I am talking about our Wash 'N Shine on Sunday, May 29, at the Livery in Danville. Please, please, please enter your car, washed or not. We will start at 8 am and be finished by 1 pm. We have a great raffle going on for Juvenile Diabetes, 17 trophies to win, coffee and donuts, music, and a great time for all. All this for only \$20. Last year only two Boxsters and two Caymans were entered. This left a large hole in our parking lot. The fun categories (5 in all) are brand new and promise to entertain everyone. We need your Porsche there as well as your body.

I want to let everyone know that the Board of Directors monthly meeting has moved to the second Monday of every month. In May this means we will meet on **MONDAY**, May 9, 2011 at the Brass Door in San Ramon at 6:30 pm. All members are invited and we have moved to the closed back room at the Brass Door Restaurant. Now you can actually hear what's going on. The board also approved moving the annual Awards Dinner to the Black Hawk Automobile Museum. We are planning on a three hour brunch there and combining it with our Holiday Party.

The club's monthly Saturday breakfast at Vic's in Pleasanton continues to draw record numbers. In April, 45 members showed up! Great job **Ira Madnick**! If you see a need elsewhere, step forward and let's make it happen. Of course we still have our Walnut Creek weekly breakfast at Marie Callender's with about 20 members.

Our Castle Air Museum tour was a great success thanks to a new tour leader, **Dan Spisak**. It was a very twisty ride from Livermore to Modesto along Mines Road and we only got lost once. The Castle Air Force Base has a very large collection of retired military planes. Bombers are a significant part of the collection with a B-17, B-24, B-25, B-36, B-47

and a B-52 leading their lineup. Some of those are really huge.

The PCA Zone 7 Presidents Meeting was held on April 17 with Manny Alban, President of our National PCA organization and our Zone 7 representative Sharon Neidel. We covered new PCA rules for Driver Education events, shared tour ideas, and discussed how to improve our membership retention. The Porsche dealer support program was of interest to us as well. We spent time talking through the plans for the Rennsport Reunion, October 14-16 at Laguna Seca. The Monterey Region will be hosting the event and they are going to ask for volunteers as well as hosting a dinner on Saturday night. I also met with some of the other regional presidents and got strong support for more joint events like Driver Education days.

**Lilly Echevarria** put together a last minute tech session at Porsche of Livermore. They had some awesome GTs there and were doing some carbon fiber work on them. We had a free dinner right in the garage and even had door prizes for us. Another outstanding event by their head mechanic Manni.

Meantime don't forget our May lineup - The Secret Spring Pfling tour still has some room, the Bocce Ball Dinner is always fun, particularly if you do not know how to play. The Wash n Shine will close out our month of May. Check it out.

As always - Have fun and drive safely!

*Walt*

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## Porsche of Livermore Open House Tech Night

Lillie Echevarria recently arranged for Diablo Region members to meet for an informal buffet and question and answer session at Porsche of Livermore. The mechanics were doing work on a couple of “super” cars: GT2 and GT3. Manni Vianna, the Service Manager, led the discussion and “show & tell”. There were also several very generous prizes from Porsche of Livermore. Thanks Lillie!



The Lucky Winners!!



# New Members

## New Members

Batu, Kemal	
Jackie Batu, Affiliate	1987 Carrera, Black
Bishop, Loren	
Terri Drain, Affiliate	2007 Cayman Gray
Cabarlo, Jehrib	
Todd Lopes, Affiliate	2011 Cayman, Blue
Fanucchi, John	2000 Boxster, Black
Watson, Laura L.	1974 911S, Red
Weiler, Leonard D.	2006 Cayman, Silver
Welsch, Dennis	
Carolina Welsch, Family Member (Wife)	2007 911, Grey

**Total New Members: 7**

## New Transfer-In Members

Hroch, Don	1985 911, Guards Red
<i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)</i>	2004 GT3, Speed Yellow
Paterno, David A.	
<i>Transfer from Sacramento Valley (SVR)</i>	1986 944, Red
Williamson, Paula L.	
<i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)</i>	1999 996, Green

**Total New Transfer-In Members: 3**

Primary Members: 574  
Affiliate Members: 420  
Total Members: 994

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**WHEN:** Memorial Day Weekend  
Sunday, May 29, 2011

**WHERE:** The Paddock at the  
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**Registration starts at 8:00 AM  
Judging starts at 9:30 AM**

**DAY’S EVENTS**

- Judging of 12 Award Categories (by Model Type)
- People’s Choice Contest—All participants & guests may cast their votes for the following FUN categories:
  - Road Warrior—Meanest, Baddest, Wickedest
  - “Taste of the Rainbow” - Your favorite color
  - Boulevard Cruiser—Best Main St. Cruiser
  - Spiffy Wheels—Your pick for the best wheels
  - Hollywood Match-up—Driver & Car best coordinated



**Entry Fee: \$20 pre-registration—Deadline: May 22nd  
All Judged cars MUST be pr-registered  
Entry Fee: \$25 day of the event**

**No Fee to Park and Party and join in the fun**

**No Fee to view the cars and bother the owners!**

**No Fee to VOTE for the People’s Choice categories**

**Charity Raffle drawings for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation  
held throughout the event.**

**Come have a relaxing day, enjoy the cars and do some shopping in The Paddock and other fine stores at The Livery!**

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For Latest Wash N Shine info:

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## Food & Friends

Can't get to a scheduled Diablo Region event, but still want to mingle with and get to know the other members? Try to attend one of the weekly Saturday Breakfasts at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek. The group meets at about 8AM at 1101 S. California Blvd. Sometimes there is an impromptu drive afterwards.

There is also a monthly dinner held the 3rd Thursday of each month at Strizzis restaurant at 3456 Camino Tassajara in Danville. The group meets at 6:30PM.

Great food and great people!! What more could you ask for! Mark your calendar to be sure to attend at least one dining opportunity.



## Pleasanton Saturday Breakfast

If you can't get up in time to get to the Saturday morning breakfast at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek, drive over to Pleasanton and join a few hungry members at Vic's All Star Kitchen. We meet each month on the 2nd Saturday at 8:30AM.

The next breakfast is scheduled for May 14th. We hope to see you there. Vic's is located at 201 Main Street, Pleasanton. We have tables reserved in the backroom. Check directions at:

<http://www.vicsallstar.com/about.htm>.

Please RSVP to Ira Madnick at: [imadnick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imadnick@sbcglobal.net) so we can get a good headcount. See you there!!





## **Bocce Ball Challenge!**

**Saturday, May 21, 2011**

**Players and Cheerleaders are all welcome to sign up and attend**

Don't miss the event selected as the Best Social Event of 2010! Come join us for another fun evening of Bocce Ball at Campo di Bocce in Livermore!

4:00—5:00: We'll plan on meeting at Ruby Hill Winery in Livermore for some wine tasting. There is a \$5 fee that is waived with a purchase. This will also be an opportunity to purchase a bottle of wine to enjoy at dinner.

5:00—6:00 We will then venture over to Campo di Bocce for a game of Bocce Ball.

6:00—7:30: Enjoy a sit-down 3 course family-style Italian meal with friends.

**Cost:** \$40 per person (A \$15 dollar corkage fee may apply)

Make checks payable to PCA—Diablo Region and mail to Diablo/PCA, at PO Box 1047, Livermore, CA 94551-1047

**RSVP:** Paula Ciopyk at [ociopyk@comcast.net](mailto:ociopyk@comcast.net)

**Deadline:** May 12

There may be a limitation of participants due to court availability so signup soon.

### **NOTE:**

Need to know more about the game of Bocce Ball? Check out this link:

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On April 12th and under sunny skies, 14 Porsches met at The Livery in Danville waiting for directions from our fearless leaders, Frank Duran and Bill Packwood. Our trip was going to take us from Danville to Livermore to a historic auto shop. Sounds like a short and boring trip doesn't it?

Well, the "boys" had a little something up their sleeves: a great winding road with tons of scenery. We did eventually get to Livermore and to Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum. It was like stepping back in time. The garage was built in 1915 on a spot located on the first transcontinental U.S. Highway. It was originally a service station and car dealership. The garage has earned the distinction of being honored as a Historic Preservation Site.



The volunteers are working on a couple of projects, one is the restoration of a Model T fire truck that belonged to the Livermore Fire Dept. Plan a visit sometime, as it is open the 3rd Sunday of each month.



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The group then drove to the Wente Tasting Room for some yummy wine before heading to the quaint Garre Winery for a selection of delicious items from the Café Garre menu. After lunch, there was an opportunity to taste the wines.

A wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon with a great group of people. Thank you Frank and Bill!!



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## Newcomers' BBQ

**Date:** Sunday, June 12, 2011

**Start Time:** 11:00 am **End Time:** 3:00 pm

**Location:** Nedra and Tom Marinshaw Residence  
721 El Cerro Road  
Danville, CA 94526



Diablo tries to organize two events a year specifically to bring out our new members, to meet other members, and an opportunity to learn what the club is all about, including what other kinds of activities we organize—track days, tours, parties, help with servicing or upgrading your car and much more.

The event will be held in the garden backyard of Nedra and Tom Marinshaw. Members who've joined since October 2010 need only bring an appetite and their spouse or partner. Other Diablo members will be asked to pay a moderate fee of \$15. Feel free to bring a dish if you wish.

It's okay to bring your favorite beer or wine.

Non-newcomers can mail their \$15 check payable to: "PCA - Diablo Region" to the following address:

c/o Kathy Soler, Treasurer  
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**Contact:** Doug Wiebe

**Email:** [membership@diablo-pca.org](mailto:membership@diablo-pca.org)



### **Directions:**

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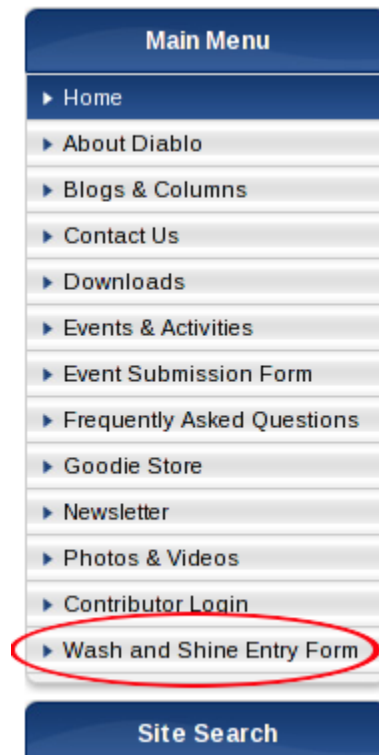
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# 2011 Wash & Shine Pre-Registration on the Web

By Steve Jones

This year Diablo Region invites all Wash & Shine entrants to pre-register and save 20% on their entry fee. Please remember that if you use this new online form you must still mail a check to the region Treasurer for \$20 per car entered, and note the model and color of each car. Checks should be payable to "Diablo PCA" and sent to: Diablo PCA; P.O. Box 1047; Livermore, CA 94551-1047.

The pre-registration form is on our region's website at this URL: <http://diablo-pca.org/wash-and-shine-entry-form.html>. Or if you go to our region homepage, look for the item "Wash and Shine Entry Form" in the main menu, as shown here:



Clicking on this item will take you to the pre-registration form; please be sure to read the instructions at the top of this page. If a field has a red asterisk next to it (like this: \*), then you are required to supply an answer for that field in order to submit your entry.

There are three sections of the form: Entrant Information, Car Information, and the Submission Section. The Entrant Information section is just basic information about how to contact you. The Car Information section reflects very basic information about the car being entered, and a class in which to enter the car.

The list of classes reflects 12 categories where judges will be evaluating all entries in the class and assigning a numeric score. This isn't as strict as a formal *concours d'elegance*, but points

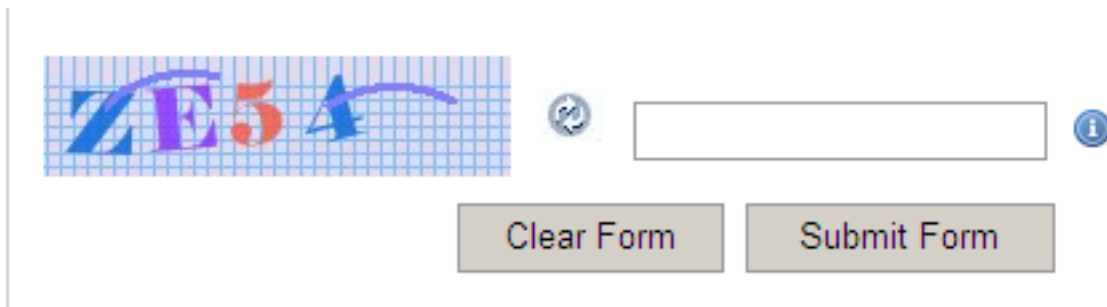
are still deducted when the judges find visible areas of the car that haven't been cleaned. After each car has been inspected and final scores calculated, the car with the highest score in it's class wins.

If you don't want to have judges to go looking for dirt in your car, you can choose to enter in the Peoples Choice class. In this case you are eligible for awards in five categories, where the winners are determined by votes cast by any attendee, Porsche owner or not.

- Road Warrior – Meanest, Baddest, Wickedest
- “Taste of the Rainbow” – Your favorite color
- Boulevard Cruiser – Best Main Street Cruiser
- Spiffy Wheels – Your pick for the best wheels
- Hollywood Match-up – Driver and Car best coordinated

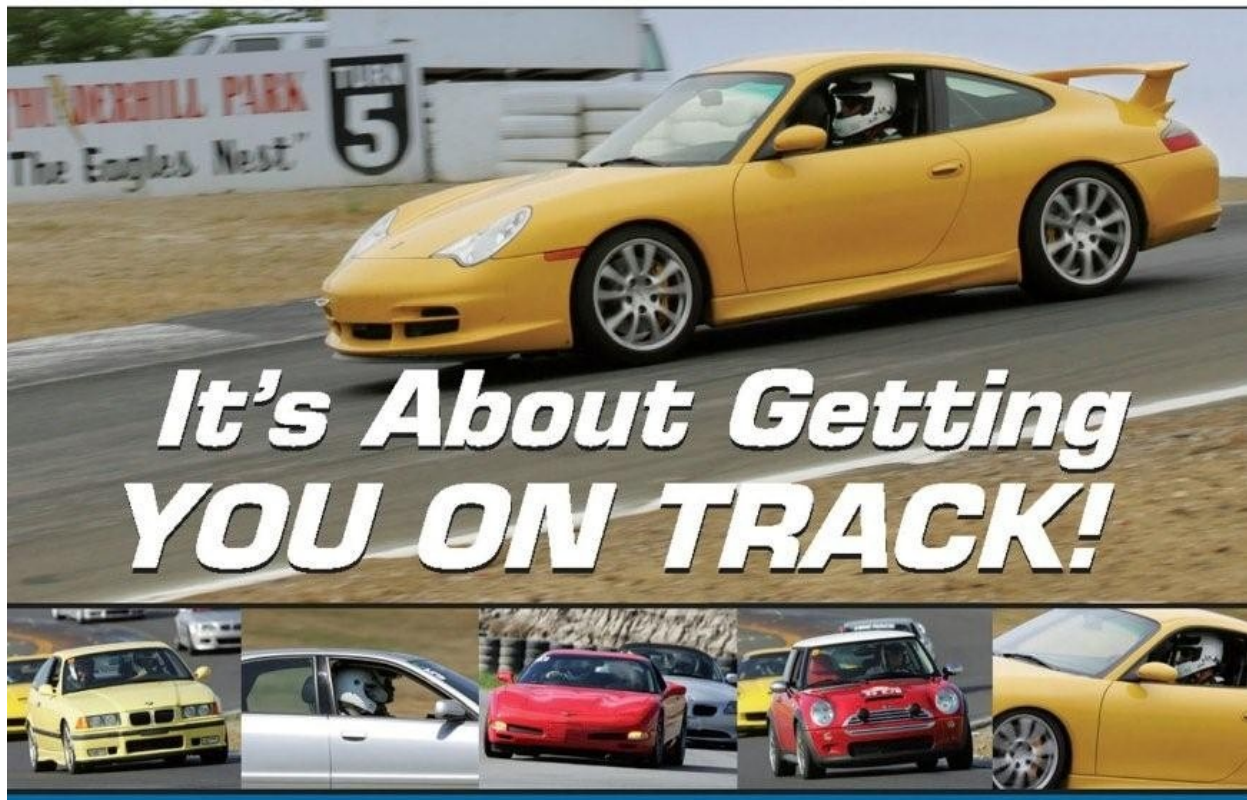
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If you have any questions or problems with the pre-registration form, please contact Steve Jones via email at [webmaster@diablo-pca.org](mailto:webmaster@diablo-pca.org). If you have questions about the Wash and Shine, contact: Walt Lietz at 925-256-7620 or via email at [president@diablo-pca.org](mailto:president@diablo-pca.org).



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## Special Race Announcement



Fans of vintage racing have a plethora of great local events this year. Starting in June at Infineon Raceway the Sonoma Motorsports Festival will take place. More than 400 historic and very valuable cars will take to the track at this two day event on June 4 and 5. The featured Marque is McLaren (Formula 1 racing) and 26 of these thoroughbreds are entered.

Fans will also be treated to the popular Wine Country Pavilion, where they can enjoy samples of wine and food from the Sonoma and Napa Valleys included with admission. Redwood Region will host a Porsche parking corral for a great parking spot.

I will be racing on Sunday, June 5 in Group 3B in a 914 GT, against other 914's, 904's, 911's and an assortment of Alphas, Morgans, Lotus and Mini competitors. Hope to see to see you at the track.

*Bill Packwood*

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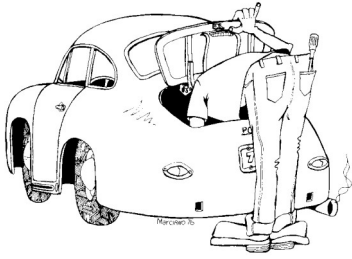
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# Tech Know How

Here is the first series of technical questions some of our members have submitted. A big **THANK YOU** to Manni Viana, Service Manager at Porsche of Livermore for taking time to answer the questions. Don't forget to submit any tech questions to the editor at [editor@diablo-pca.org](mailto:editor@diablo-pca.org) by the 15th of each month.

1. I understand that the Boxster is not a good race car but that the 914 is. What is the difference and is that true. I have owned both and like the Boxster way better...

**Answer:** The 914 is a great car for the track and can be adapted to racing quite easily. The Boxster is better suited to Track days and autocross due to Engine limitations but is a lot of Fun to drive. There are some mods that can be done to improve those limitations.

2. My question is regarding wheel alignment on a 2006 Cayman S. If I miss the many nasty California pot holes, don't hit curbs, drive about 8,000 miles a year and my tires appear to be wearing normally, do I still need a wheel alignment? How often? What effect does a track day or autocross have on my wheel alignment?

**Answer:** If you use your car as described and the tires are wearing evenly, then you do not require an alignment. But if you are tracking the car, it would be more prone to going out of alignment going over rumble strips, etc.

3. On a Boxster, is there some type of drainage system for the roof that keeps water from getting into the car? If so, should it be checked every so often to make sure it is clear? How often would that be and how would you check it?

**Answer:** Yes, there is a drain system for the roof. The dealers check this during a servicing, but if you live in an area with lots of tree fall out, it is recommended to check them for frequently. (Have your dealership show you where the drain system is located).

4. How often should the oil in a Carrera with weekend and occasional around-town driving be changed?

**Answer:** Personally, I always recommend that an engine's oil should be changed every year regardless of mileage.

5. I had the oil in my 2002 996 CS changed by a local Porsche dealer. They replaced the Mobil 1 OW-40 with Mobil 1 ESP Formula M 5w40, which I understand is formulated for M-B diesel engines. I believe it is formulated to extend the life of the engine's particulate trap. The Service Manager told me that this oil was approved by Porsche but I did not see it on the approved oils list.

Is there any harm using this oil? The Mobil 1 ESP Formula M 5w40 was in the engine for one year and about 7500 miles. It has since been replaced with OW-40.

**Answer:** There is absolutely no harm in using this oil and no need to worry.



## 2011 Escape—Flagstaff, Arizona September 15-18

From the PCA web site

Escape is one of the "big" Porsche Club events of the year. It's often the case that the case that the Parade is on one coast of the other, and not everyone has the time or budget for a trip like that, perhaps all the way across the country. Escape provides you with another option.

Escape, like the Parade, moves around each year and is typically held on the opposite side of the country from the Parade. It is a multi-event weekend, with a national attendance list. While the Parade has a competitive focus, Escape is purely non-competitive. It is a socially oriented weekend focusing on camaraderie and friendship. It is a great opportunity to show off your car, see old friends, make new ones, and enjoy the good will and fellowship of other Porsche owners. All this without the pressure of: "Did I miss that speck of dirt?" or "Is this the fastest line through the track?" or "Was that a rally landmark?"

Typically a long weekend, such as Thursday through Sunday, Escapes usually consists of banquets, driving tours, drives to local area attractions and perhaps a "People's Choice" car show. Other activities may include an "off road" event for our Cayenne enthusiasts. There may also be organized group lunches or free time (either day or evening) to allow you to explore area restaurants and culture on your own. Memorabilia of the Escape or the local region may be available for purchase at a goodie store. The primary goals are to provide a fun venue for club members to congregate and show off the highlights of a new part of the country.



## Touring Tips for Calaveras County

By Cathy Kuhn

Although the Second "Where's Arnold?" tour has been postponed until 2012, we want to encourage Diablo members to consider Calaveras County for their day trips or weekend trips this year. So, take a look at a California map and find where Highway 4 east of Stockton can take you—to wine tasting and shopping in Murphys, to gold rush history in Angels Camp, or to Calaveras Big Trees State Park outside of Arnold. Once the snow melts, maybe by the end of June, Highway 4 will be open past Bear Valley over Ebbetts Pass, which is a Scenic Byway and a twisty, unique road through Alpine County on into Nevada.

It's about a 2 ½ hour drive from Walnut Creek to Arnold. Here are some places that we recommend in Calaveras County (all area code 209):

Lodging:

**Meadow Mont Lodge**, 2011 Hwy 4, Arnold (remodeled rooms, under \$100/night) 795-1394

**Black Bear Inn**, 1343 Oak Ct, Arnold (newer mountain lodge B & B, higher price) 795-8999

Restaurants:

**Grounds**, 402 Main, Murphys (we liked their breakfasts) 728-8663

**Snowshoe Brewing Co.**, 2050 Hwy 4, Arnold (known for beer samplers, potato skins, plus other items good with beer) 795-2272

**Tallahan's Café**, 1225 Oak Ct., Arnold, lunch and dinner, Arnold (we went there for Valentine's dinner) 795-4005

Calaveras Specialties:

**The Red Apple**—apples, cider, and baked goods (1/2 way betw Murphys & Arnold, 4950 Hwy 4

**Ironstone Vineyards**--gardens, museum, deli, wine tasting & concerts (check their website), Murphys

**Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee**, Angels Camp, on Hwy 49, May 21 & 22

**Calaveras Big Trees State Park**—if you haven't been there yet, you've missed a wonderful treasure, wonderful walks among the Sequoias, great drive down to the Stanislaus River, picnic areas

If you do come to the Arnold area, let us know and if we're at our Arnold home, we'll meet and talk cars at the Snowshoe Brewing Co. We can be reached at [the3kuhns@comcast.net](mailto:the3kuhns@comcast.net).

Happy Travels, Jack & Cathy Kuhn



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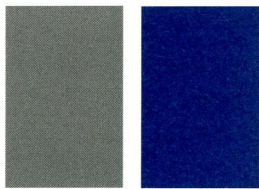
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