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Future Events

Jan 16 - DE at Thunderhill
Jan 30 - Annual Awards Dinner
Jan 31— Big O Tire Tech Session
Feb 7 - Super Bowl Party
Feb 13 - Tour to Dublin
Mar 13 - St. Patrick's Tour
Mar 27— SF Cable Car Tour
Apr - 10 Filoli Tour
Apr 17 - Bocce Ball
May 1 - Porsche 101: Upfixin' der Porsche
May 8 - Newcomers BBQ
May 30 - Annual Wash N' Shine
Jun 12-13 - Feather River Tour
Jun 19 - Diablo Mille 3
Jul 15 - DE at Thunderhill
Aug 13 - Caravan to Monterey
Historics
Aug 21 - Tour da Jour
Aug 28 - Movie Night #1
Sep 17 - DE at Thunderhill
Sep 25 - Oktoberfest
Oct 2-3 - Paso Robles & Parts South
Oct 9— Powder Coating Session
Nov 6 - Movie Night #2
Nov 19 - 2011 Planning Meeting
Dec 4 - Holiday Party
Jan 29, 2011 - Annual Awards Dinner
Feb 6, 2011 - Superbowl Party
Feb 12, 2011 - Black Hearts Tour

Zone 7 Events

For all Zone 7 Events check online at:

[http://www.pca.org/Calendar/
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Words From Walt By Walt Lietz

As our May showers fade into the past (for those of you that read my column last month :-)... Jacquie and I hosted three more **Wash N Shine** planning sessions at our house and we are looking forward to a great event. I'm sure the rain will be over by May 30 and we will have a wonderful time. The organizing committee has made the following improvements to reduce costs and shorten the event: trophies for 1st and 2nd place only...separate classes for Boxsters and Caymans...a new class for Panameras...early registration at \$20 vs. \$25 at the event...and the lunch break is now after the trophy presentations. **Kay Maloy** talked to all the stores in the Livery and the area dealers about posting the event, **Warren Gardner** has arranged for a DJ paid for by the Paddock, and **Jacquie** has given out Wash N Shine flyers to any Porsche owners she could find at the Marin Sonoma Concours d'Elegance. Many owners expressed an interest. Please give us your feedback so that we can plan an even better event for 2011!

The team building and planning for the Wash N Shine was an inspiring experience for me and hopefully for the others involved. Leaders came forward for all the vital areas, members donated money for trophies, experienced teams were put together for setup, judging, registration, publicity, and donations, and our Board stepped up to chair the event. I have served on volunteer boards (swim teams, Civic Arts, school, etc.) in the past but I have never

seen such enthusiasm, responsibility and follow-up by members. I am really happy to be part of such an effective team. Thank you one and all!

It is not too early for you to start thinking about joining our **2011 Board of Directors**. Your participation in the election, as a chairperson or a board member makes for a stronger club as well as giving you the ability to influence our direction and focus. Steve Jones is diligently working on preparing the new website to accommodate voting electronically for our elections in November, but the process is timely and may need more time for testing and authentication. Watch my column for more updates on the progress. We have a nine member board and each year half of the positions are up for election. At the December 2010 Board meeting the new board elects the officers for 2011; that is the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. You can only serve two consecutive terms (four years) and then must sit out for a least one year. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9:30 pm and votes on all expenditures, approves the monthly financial statement, and discusses new business. Feel free to discuss your interest with any board member and a good way to start is to attend our monthly board meetings.

A special thanks to **Kay Maloy** for putting the Tech Session and Tour together. Over 40 members attended and Fremont Porsche did a great job teaching us about Porsche basic maintenance. They had a Boxster, a Panamera and a 911 up on the racks so we could see the details ourselves. The Newcomers BBQ at the beautiful home

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of **Nedra & Tom Marinshaw** welcomed six new members and we had great food and weather.

Don't forget our **Feather River Tour** on June 12-13. Ken Wu is leading the tour and he always does a great job. We are staying in Susanville Saturday night and will have a wine and cheese party there. On Saturday, June 19 the third annual **Diablo Mille** will take you over the Marin hills to the Pacific coast for lunch.

Jacque and I have registered for the September **2010 Escape** in Sun Peaks, British Columbia. There are going to be several caravans (it takes 2 1/2 to 4 days). Let me know if you are interested and I can give you some contacts.

Drive with joy and care!

Walt

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We plan to leave Walnut Creek at 9:30 a.m. and travel through some of the local twisties onto to the beautiful Feather River Highway.

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Our overnight stay is at Diamond Mountain Casino & Hotel at Susanville.
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I will also lead a return trip back but it is optional

We have reserved 20 rooms (1 king or 2 queens) at a special price, so please email Ken Wu at kw1055@gmail.com for the special code. We will cut off the reservation on May 15, so please contact me as early as possible.

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FREE TECH INSPECTIONS

Tech Inspection scheduled for Saturday, June 26 at Porsche of Fremont in Fremont from 9:00-1:00. For directions to Porsche of Fremont, go to their web site at: <http://fremont.porschedealer.com/>

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

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

OR

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



Welcome New Members

New Members

Berg, Jonathan E. Meagan Berg, Wife	2004 Carrera 996—Blue
Fernandez, Lia John Ray, Affiliate Member	2007 Cayman—White
Mama, Minoo S. Stephanie Farry, Affiliate Member	2005 Boxster—Yellow
Thiffault, Paul M. Cristina Thiffault, Wife	1975 Carrera—Brown

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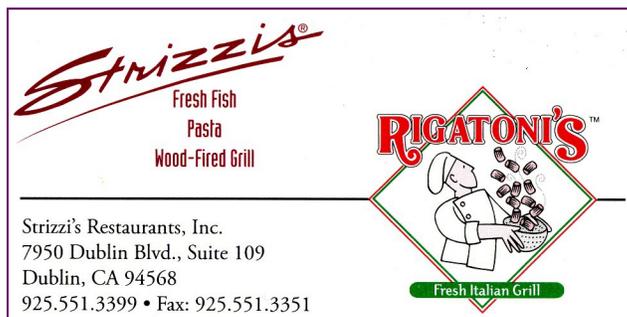
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Food and Friends

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.

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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 June 12th at 8:30 AM at Vic's, located at 201 Main St, Pleasanton. We will be in the backroom. Check directions at: <http://www.vicsallstar.com/about.htm>

Please RSVP to Ira Madnick at: imadnick@sbcglobal.net so we can get a good headcount.

See you there!!



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To insure your needed driver's packet, please provide to following information via email at tito@studiorezz.com. Year / Model _____ Driver + Passengers _____
A Driver Packet complete with printable maps, forms to bring, times, and final lunch destination will be emailed to you ASAP. This is a free event however lunch is not included.

Deadline to receive packet is June 15th, 2010.

If you have not had the opportunity to partake in this drive, I assure you its lots of great fun



Porsche 101 Tech Session

By Kay Maloy

Imagine a beautiful day, bagels, donuts, coffee and loads of helpful technical information from experts about maintaining your Porsche? Sounds unbelievable? It all happened Saturday, May 1st at Fletcher Jones Porsche of Fremont.

Gunter Feldmeier, the Service Manager and Ron Davidson from the Service Department, furnished breakfast before we started the Tech Session. They both proved to be very knowledgeable and gave us so much basic and specific information about our cars. There were about 30 members in attendance, new owners and veterans alike taking in the information. We were lead into the service bay and allowed to examine the underside of a new Panamera. We also examined the worst case of bad tires with worn tread that I have seen on a car that had just been driving the streets. Very scary stuff!!

After about a 2 ½ hour presentation, some of the group headed south to Milpitas for a little lunch at a local Mexican restaurant. We even watched the IndyCar race during lunch, which added to the conversations that were buzzing around the room.

After satisfying our hunger, we hit E. Calaveras Road for a short, but winding drive towards Highway 84 and the 680 freeway. The views from the road were breath-taking, but no place to pull over and take a quick shot.

Check out some of the pictures taken by Steve Jones and Walt Lietz.



Gunter giving some hints to the group.



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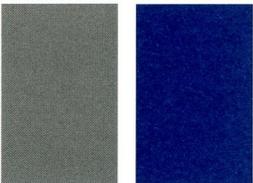
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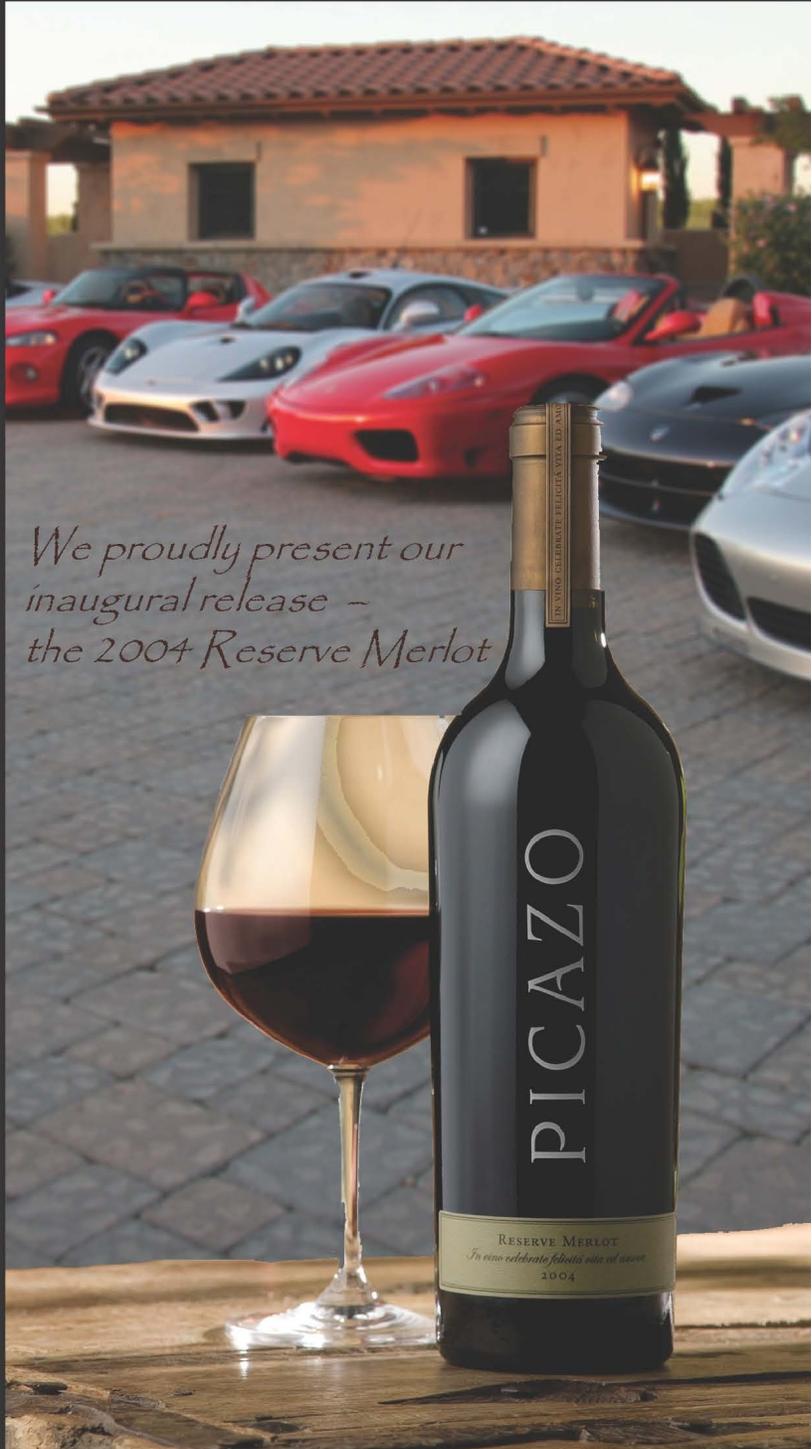
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Great weather! Great Friends! Great food! Wow! All the ingredients you need to have a great afternoon of enjoyment. On May 8th, Diablo Region members and guests met at Tom and Nedra Marinshaw's home to enjoy a delicious Mexican fiesta of food.

We were fortunate to have 7 new members attend and get to meet and get information on the various club functions. Below are some photos submitted by Luis Soler and Ken Wu and Steve Jones. Additional pictures can be viewed on the Diablo website: <http://diablo-pca.org>.



Our hosts: Tom and Nedra



Dueling cameras: Luis Soler vs Steve Jones





Autocross

Autocross is a form of motorsports that emphasizes safe, low-cost competition and active participation. An autocross is a timed competition where drivers navigate one at a time through a temporary course marked by traffic cones, rather than racing on a track with multiple other cars, as in road racing or oval racing. Autocross tends to place more emphasis on car handling and driver skill than on sheer horsepower, and events typically have many classes to allow different models of vehicles to compete. Speeds are slower in absolute terms when compared to other forms of motorsports, usually not exceeding highway speeds, but the activity level (measured in discrete turns per minute) can be higher than even Formula One due to the large number of elements packed into each course. In addition to being a national-level motorsport in its own right, autocrossing is a good way to learn skills that transfer to road racing, as drivers learn vehicle control and club ethics.

Autocross events are usually held in large paved areas like parking lots or airfields. Typically, new courses are created for each event so drivers must learn a new course each time they compete. Prior to driving, a competitor will walk the course, taking mental notes, and developing a strategy to be refined upon subsequent runs.

Every run is timed electronically and time is added for each cone tipped over. You can measure your progress throughout the day and possibly earn bragging rights.

! Events are run at speeds usually between 40-65 MPH, usually in 2nd gear. Autocross is a *"performance driving event"* and a safe way to learn how to drive your car at its limit. You not only learn how to handle your car at speeds that you drive daily, but you also!

- Gain confidence in your driving ability
- Learn the limits of your car's brakes
- Learn correct seating, hand, and feet positions
- Learn the limits of your car's tire adhesion

At the Event

First, go to the registration table where you pay your money, sign a release form, pick up your windshield sticker and sign up for course work.

Then find a place to park and empty your car thoroughly. Remove all objects such as CDs, cell phones, hair clips, maps, bottles, extra shoes, tools, etc, everything that is not bolted down. Most people also take out their jack and spare tire. All these items can become dangerous flying debris when you are cornering and braking. Be safe and remove **ALL** the clutter.

Once the car is empty, go to the tech inspection area to have your car looked over by our friendly inspectors. Bring your helmet. After tech, put your car on the grid, ready to go.

It is now time to get you ready. Walk the course to familiarize yourself with the layout. Go

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With your instructor if you have one already, or join a small group of people who look like they know what they are doing. They will be fretting about the proper line to drive. For your first time out, just worry about the basics. Do we go clockwise or counter clockwise? Where do we enter? Where do we exit? Get a mental picture of the course and where the sharp corners and other tricky parts are. Ask questions and take notes.

After the walk-around, there will be a mandatory drivers' meeting at the timing trailer to go over the day's proceedings. Don't be late or miss it.

If you do not have an instructor yet, ask for one at the meeting.

Then, time to have fun.

Preparation

Prior to your first autocross, you need to spend a few minutes preparing your car:

- Remove anything inside you are not going to need that day. Whatever is left in the car will have to get removed at the event anyway, so you might as well get a head start.
- Check your tires for wear; make sure no cord is showing anywhere.
- Adjust the tires' air pressure to the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Make sure your brakes are in good condition.
- Check your oil level and add some if necessary.
- Try to show up with 3/8 of a gas tank. More is certainly OK, but it is extra weight to carry around.
- Get car numbers if you have your assigned number. (You will keep the same number as long as you remain active in GGR autocross.) You can also use blue tape or shoe polish at the event, so don't worry if you don't have car numbers.
- Class your car to compare your results to those of people who drive a vehicle of approximately the same performance characteristics, and to be eligible for a year-end trophy.

And Prepare Yourself

- Get a good helmet that fits well. Must be certified Snell 2000 or better, SA or M rating. (This will change to Snell 2005 later this year, when the 2010 spec helmets become commercially available.)
- We have a few loaner helmets available at each event if you do not want to make a purchase for you first time.
- Wear good closed shoes and comfortable clothing.
- Pack water, food, hat and sun screen.
- Relax and prepare to have a good time.

Note: If you bring a video camera, it **MUST** be securely installed in the car; it

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cannot be held by hand.

Some Common Questions

Q: Will autocrossing hurt my car?

A: No. Porsches were engineered to be driven this way. Your car has a racing heritage and, if you listen, it is begging you to take it autocrossing. Courses are laid out so they do not come close to light poles and other immovable objects. You will wear out tires and brakes faster, but the wear is not significant from a single autocross.

Q: Is it dangerous?

A: It is about as dangerous as crossing a busy street on foot. When you are working course, the most important thing is your safety. Always keep your eyes on the cars on course. Always double check that no cars are coming before you run to pick up that cone.

Q: How can I learn more about autocrossing?

A: GGR recommends the book **Secrets of Solo Racing, by Hank Watts**. Available on Amazon.

Extracted from the Golden Gate Region website



Announcing the Famous Annual GGR Porboys Beginner Autocross School !!!!!!!!!!!

It is that time of year to start thinking about all of the great Porsche driving opportunities in 2010. On Saturday, June 26, Howard Yao, Claude Leglise, and John Seidell will again run this school. It is really for **beginners** or people who have autocrossed only a few times. If you have ever wondered what it is like to experience driving your Porsche on the edge (but safely in control) then this is for you. This is a good safe place for drivers to learn about the handling of their Porsche.

The school will be on one of the large runway areas of the old Alameda NAS (just past the Alameda Ferry Terminal). The day begins at 7:30 AM with registration, teching of cars, and then a driver's meeting at 8:15. Students will then walk the course with their morning instructors. After that, students will be driving on skidpads in order to learn the feel of an oversteering and an understeering car. It is a lot of fun!! The day will proceed with students running the Autocross course with their instructors, while half of the students learn to work the course. As in the past, Mr. Larry Sharp, who is a world famous course designer, will make up the course for this year's event.

After the lunch break we continue to run cars in hour sessions until 5 PM. It is truly a fun day with lots of learning. One of the best parts is that students get a few rides in their instructor's car. We try as best we can to have instructors that have had experience with cars similar to the students. You will also have different instructors in the morning and afternoon.

The school is sponsored by Joe and Annie Zeiph, the owners of Porboys German Automotive Service. They are located at 3640 East 9th ST. in Oakland. Joe and his technicians are experts in the repair of all German makes, but they specialize in the maintenance, repair, and complete rebuilds of 911, 944, 914, 928, 996, and Boxster cars. If you have questions or need repairs, call Porboys at 510-437-9400. They do Smog Checks, excellent work on all German makes, and are highly recommended.

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2. A Porboys Autocross School T-shirt.
3. A knowledge of how an Autocross is run, and how to work different jobs.
4. A basic knowledge of car control and you will learn tips on how to handle your car.
5. You will drive home with a big smile on your face!!!!

If this sounds really good then sign up on www.Motorsportreg.com. You will first need to create an account, then go to the Saturday, June 26 date and select the GGR Porboys Autocross School. If you have questions email Howard Yao at howard@aberrance.com or John Seidell at johnseid@astound.net. We do **limit** the number of students to 57 so that there is plenty of driving time. **Advance signup and payment is required. See you there!!**



Advertiser Spotlight

Our highlighted advertiser this month is **EMC Collision**. EMC collision has been delivering guaranteed repairs and refinishing since 1988.

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The latest division of EMC is MUM Sports. This business offers a unique and seamless installation process that replicates a factory manufactured look while achieving upgrades and cosmetic conversions to improve the vehicles' characteristics and performance.

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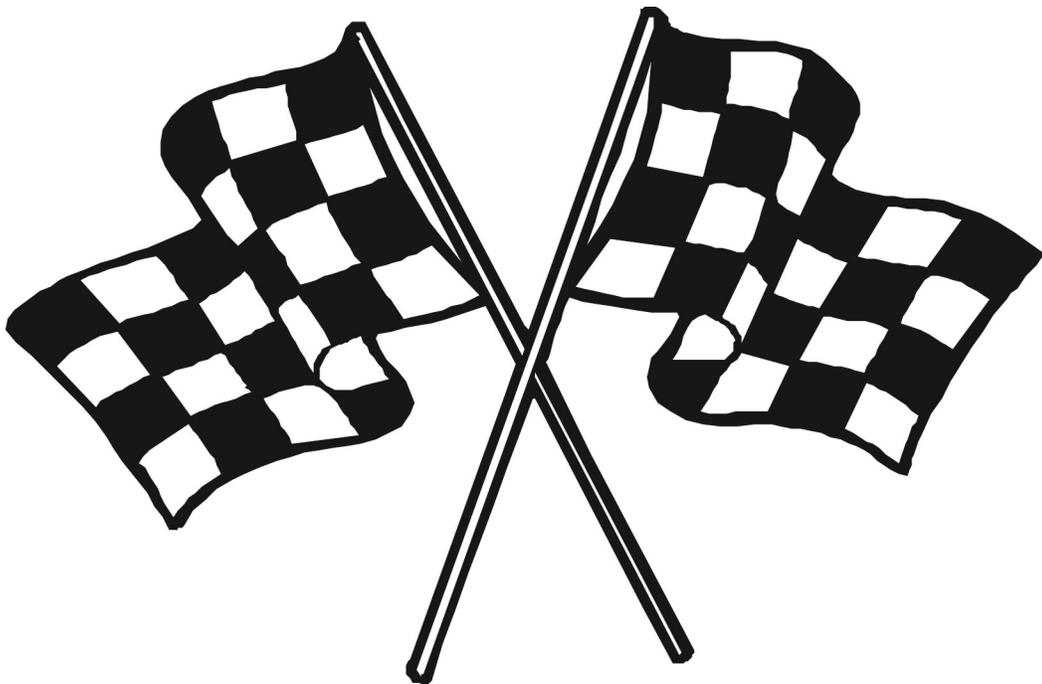
Registration documents are online now at Diablo's website www.diablo-pca.org.

Be sure to sign up early.

It is important to attend one of the Tech Sessions prior to the track date. You will get your inspection form signed off that your car is ready for the track. Without this form, you will not be able to participate.

For those who are not sure about getting out on the track, we offer something called Taste of the Track, which is an opportunity to get on the track with an Instructor and experience the thrill of how well the Porsche handles the track. Once you commit to coming, you will understand the reason why the other members look forward to DE events.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any Board member (names are listed on Page 2), Luis Soler (Trackchair@diablo-pca.org) or Mike Ciopyk (ciopyk@yahoo.com).





Have you contacted Kelli Camara yet? Do you have your Diablo Region gear? There are hats, shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, totes and more all bearing either the Porsche or Diablo Region logos.

There is a link on the Diablo Region website: <http://diablo-pca.org/>. Or you can contact Kelli using her email at goodiestore@diablo-pca.org. Or call Kelli at 925-778-1048. Be sure to get your Diablo gear for the next tour or day at the track. Remember that these items make great gifts.



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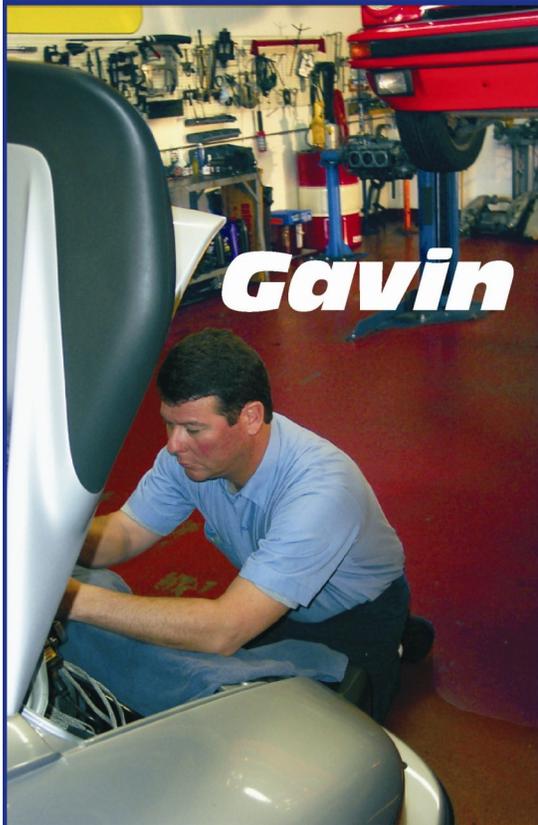


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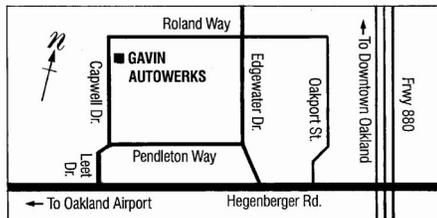


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