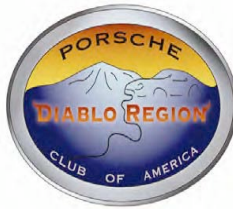


The devil's ADVOCATE



Thunderhill DE

Article by Warren Gardner

Based on the feedback I have received on the Thunderhill event, you can clearly see how successful it was. The next 6 pages are articles and comments from those who attended.

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It gives me great pleasure to announce the final results of our fourth Porsche of Fremont Thunderhill Driver's Education Event, the largest and most successful such event in the history of PCA's Diablo Region. With 81 paying participants and 75 Porsche vehicles ranging from 914s to LeMans full race RSRs, the automotive field of dreams was truly impressive. By all known accounts, the PCA members from seven (7) different regions thoroughly enjoyed themselves on a brilliantly sunny day, where the Porsche of Fremont bottled water flowed freely and shade was a rare commodity. Largely thanks to our event sponsor Porsche of Fremont, participants also enjoyed a delicious catered lunch of tri-tip beef and baked chicken along with some wonderful German potato salad. Our sponsor also thrilled the masses with a cool raffle of some prestigious Porsche gear and signature Porsche of Fremont t-shirts. With a combination of 15 certified PCA Instructors and 9 Diablo Region Instructor Candidates, all of whom sported their light blue Porsche of Fremont Instructor jerseys, the Novices were assured loads of track time reinforced with quality instruction, with the result that at least half the Novices got signed off for solo track work. All in all, a very enjoyable day that has left quite a number of participants clamoring for a return occasion. With continued support and participation from the Diablo Region Board and the members, and with the continued interest and support of Porsche of Fremont, it seems likely that there will indeed be more track days scheduled for the future with a couple of dates in 2008 being highly likely.

Comments from some attendees at Thunderhill

Subject: Re: PCA Porsche of Fremont Thunderhill track day

To Warren, Gretchen, Ron, Scott, Steve, Gunter of Fletcher Porsche of Fremont, the instructors and all the gang who worked to put on this tremendous "Day at the Track":
A hearty THANKS for a Job Well Done! It was awesome and possibly the best ever.
Richard Collins

The Diablo Thunderhill DE event was an incredible chance to drive our Porsches on a great racetrack and explore the ingenuity and performance that is built into each one of these wonderful cars. A huge "Thank You" to everyone involved both on and off the track. Everyone I spoke with at Thunderhill had a wonderful experience and can't wait to do it again. I know that the great success of this event is a direct result of Warren Gardner and the enthusiasm he has for DE along the endless hours he spent planning and organizing this wonderful day at Thunderhill for all of us to enjoy. This is what a Porsche club event is all about. Cheers, Dr. Scott Pope

Having never had the chance to put a real car on a full scale track there were of course some concerns. The experience was one my wife and I would certainly like to repeat! We found our PCA put on a fantastic event taking into consideration the safety of body and machine. The folks at Thunderhill did a fantastic job of regulating the event without taking away from the experience. For those looking for their first experience to the intermediate (can't speak for the experts) we (Kathy and I) can say we were thrilled and full-filled. I look forward to the opportunity to experience other race tracks and will be the first to promote this type of event with anyone I meet who owns a Porches.

Again, we can't say enough positive things about all involved, the club coordinators, the Thunderhill personnel, our peers in the club who brought our some fabulous cars, shared in the experience and the stories to go along with it! Thanks, Jeremy Turk

We thought the Thunder Hill event was a great experience especially for my son, Thomas. Thomas received great driving instruction from instructors that knew our car because they raced it. It doesn't get any better than that.

Thanks again. Thomas G. Haury

I want to thank everyone for a great racing day. I went to the restaurant Thursday night and had a great steak. I sat next to Warren so I learned a lot about his racing past. I was very excited about being around some great drivers. Friday track runs were fast and fun. I spend most of the day working on tire pressures. This really helped me get Saturday and Sunday dialed in. The lunch was very good, and I never expected so much food! I won a hat after lunch and would like to thank Fremont Porsche again for the hat. I hope that an event like this can happen again next year.

Thanks again, Paul Larson

It was my first DE and my first time to Thunderhill and I couldn't be happier with the event. It was well organized, things happened when they were scheduled which meant we got all the track time promised, my fellow members were always willing to lend a hand and the instructors are to be commended for donating their time so generously. I told my wife when I got home that next to skiing in Jackson Hole Wyoming this ranks right up there with the greatest ways to spend a day. Thank you to all who labored, particularly to Warren Gardner who was tireless with pre-event tech stuff and with e-mail advice and those who volunteered their time in organizing and working the event.

Adam Cipriano

A brief note of applause for an excellent event at Thunderhill last week: As a new attendee to a Diablo Region event, it set the mark very high.

Points that differentiated you folks from other events I've attended: good food, great organization, good drivers, Fremont Porsche, and most importantly the People were so engaging and "normal"!!!

I'm switching from the GG Region to the Diablo Region shortly.

Regards, Kurt M. Klein

A beautiful summer morning with clear blue skies, the sound of roaring engines from finely tuned German masterpieces, the smell of drifting tires and burning brake pads, a chance to drive your Porsche at the speed and the way that it is designed for - what is there not to love?

Over 80 track veterans and novice car enthusiasts gathered at Thunderhill Raceway on August 3rd for a Driver Education day sponsored by Porsche of Fremont and hosted by PCA Diablo. This was our third one this year, and it was just as well run and enjoyable as all the others.

All these Porsches pulling into the track area at 7 a.m. was a sight to see. Older 944s, race prep 911s, highly modified 914 (the orchid), limber mid engine Boxsters and Caymans, late model 996s, 997s and GT3s, a brand new bright orange 997 GT3 RS and the famous Flying Lizard were all there. Everyone was busy saying hi to friends, emptying one's car and eyeing all the sweet toys around. Someone estimated that there must have been around \$8 to \$10 million dollars worth of cars there that day.

We had our tech inspections, our safety talk, and then it was time to warm up the engines and ready for grid. Three groups were formed and the advanced group took the first run while the novice group attended the ground school. From then on, another group rotated in every 25 minutes until lunch break.

By noon, it was officially HOT. Heat from the overhead sun reflecting from the pavement and the heat generated from all the well run engines and smoking tires made me long for the air conditioned club house. A catered lunch was waiting for us, together with much needed cold beverages. The talk around the tables were all about how to take turn 2 better, do you brake on turn 8, how to get on the power earlier on turn 9, and do you down swift on turn 5? From all the excitement and smiles around the room, you could tell everyone was having a great time.

Gunter Feldmeier, the service manager of Porsche of Fremont, and Scott Zensius, their parts manager were both there. They not only provide us with free drinks throughout the day, there was also a raffle for Porsche shirts and hats during lunch. Gunter was not only knowledgeable about the cars, he was very nice to talk to. His tips and technical advice were greatly appreciated.



After a tasty and big lunch, I wanted to take a nap. But there were things to do. After 3 runs on the track, I needed gas. My trip computer told me that I was using gas at a rate of 9.6 mpg. Wonder what EPA would say about that. My car was still sliding a little too much. Time to let some more air out the tires. By the end of the day, I showed 138 miles on the track. That's 5 runs, 46 laps and 690 turns for those who are counting.

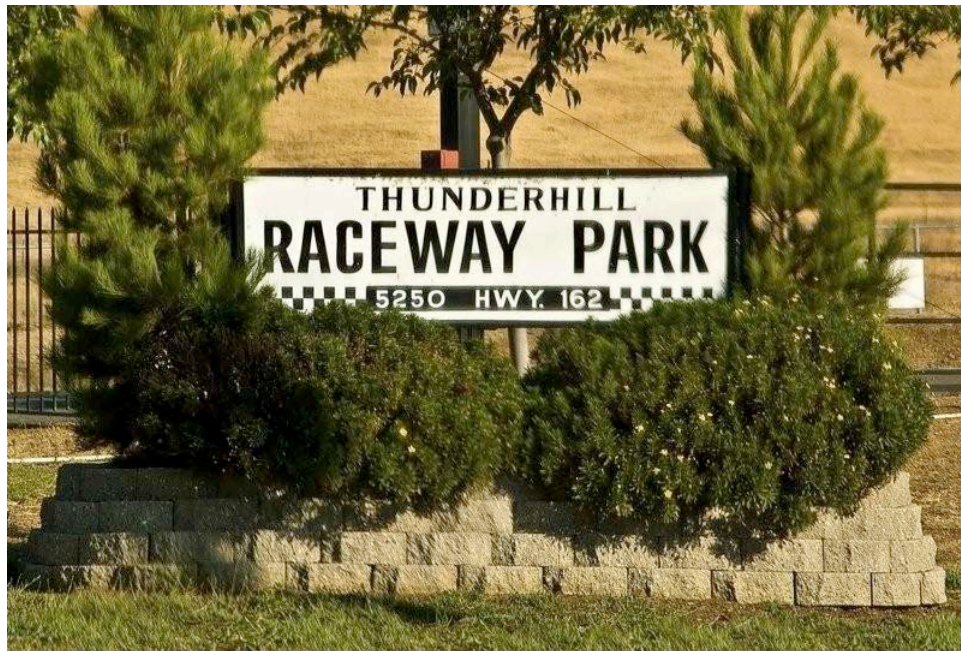
Here are a few pictures, but check out Ron Leppke's web site: www.lepprd.com/Site/Thunderhill_DE.html and Barbara www.ground-speed.com/2007/pcadia8.3/on_de.htm for more.



All that and the big smile on my face were due to the tireless work of Warren Gardner. He not only set up the whole event, but also organized the pre-track tech car inspections at Kahler's and Porsche of Fremont. He was the first on the track setting up registration and pre-run inspections, making sure the run groups are correct, giving the ground school talk, fielding all the complaints and suggestions during the day, and doing whatever behind the scenes work that I didn't know of. Running these DEs took so much of his time that he did not even get to run his car on the track at any of these three events that he organized. That is just wrong. Well, maybe next time, Warren and a big thank you.



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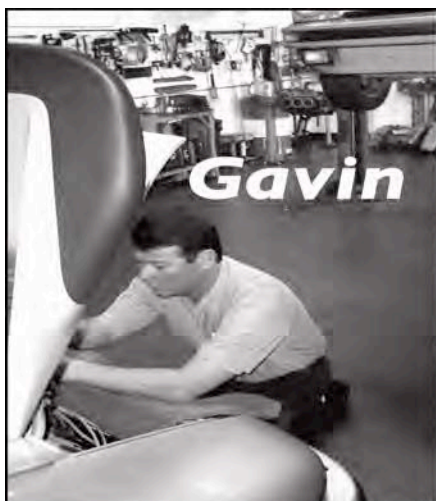


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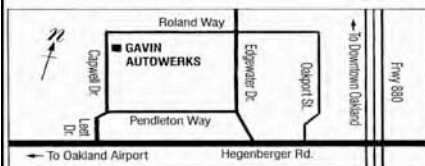


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Attention Diablo Members

Elections are coming

The 2008 Board has some open seats we need filled. The office of the President, Vice President, Membership, Merchandise and one Officer at large need filling. We have 4 members that have volunteered as Candidates for the open seats, but as you can see we have 5 openings available. The bio's and pictures for the four people will be posted in this edition, so please take the time to read them and soon you will receive a postcard in the mail that we need returned with your votes cast. There will be one "write-in" spot as mentioned above, we have 5 openings and 4 people that applied. So when you see the postcard **sometime around Oct 15th**, please do not hesitate in returning it ASAP. We must **have it in hand postmarked no later than Nov 1st, 2007.**



Like every club and non-profit organization,, Diablo PCA depends on time and talents of all its volunteers in order to succeed. ***We need volunteers badly*** for upcoming events such as the Holiday Party, and the Awards Party in December and January. The more people we get to volunteer, the less of the commitment for each person. We realize it takes time, and sometimes time is short for many of us. However, in order to organize these events we do need warm bodies to help out. If you can offer your time and talent—we would be so appreciative. Please contact our social Director, Linda Boyd . We need you! We will be so grateful to everyone who helps keep things going by volunteering for some small part. You can **SECURE** a seat to the very limited Holiday Party by volunteering. Any person that will help out will be assured they will be at this very impressive party! The price of the Holiday Party is being determined now and will be announced next month, but NO More than 50 people will fit —so offer help and you will be one of the lucky ones to attend. You won't be sorry, many wanted to attend last year, but space is very limited.

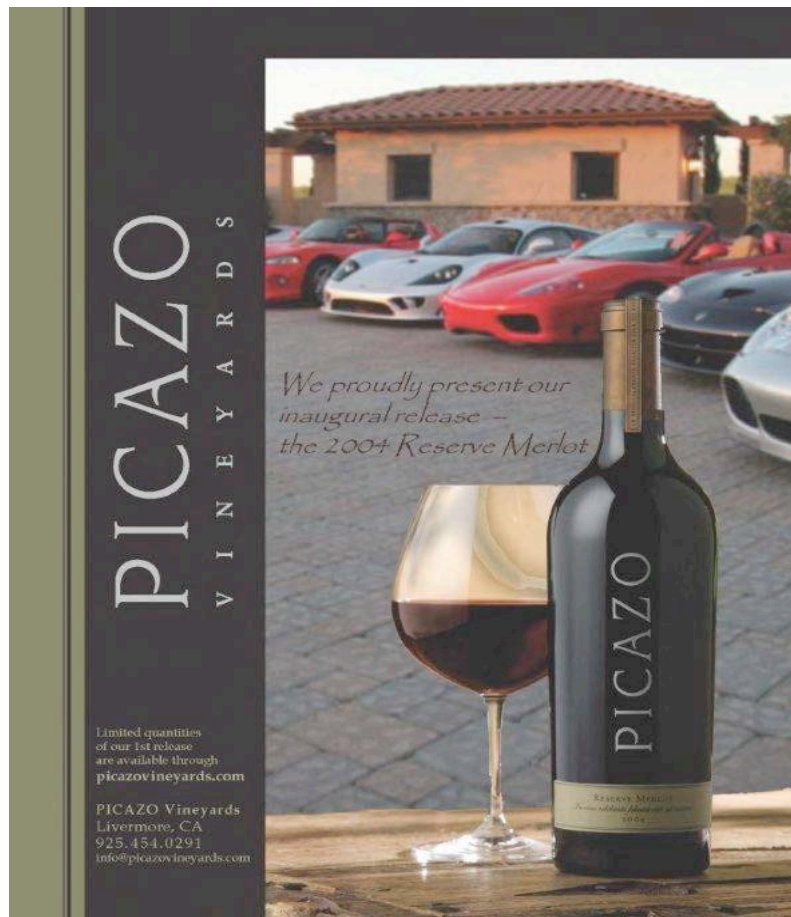
Linda's email is : lrboyd47@yahoo.com
Her phone : 510.414.4114

2007 Awards

Start thinking now about the events in 2007, and which you felt were the best of the best. Soon, we will ask for you to send in your votes for :

- **Best Event of the year
- **Most Enthusiastic Member
- **Rookie of the year
- **Family Member of the year
- And many more.....

The Awards dinner will be in January, 2008, so you have time to think about your candidates.



2008 Board Candidates

In August, the President requested anyone that is interested in being a member of our Board of Directors, send a Bio and a picture . We received 4 candidates. The following four pages , show the people that are requesting a seat. There will be one “write-in” spot as well, so if you are interested please vote yourself into that spot. Again, sometime around Oct 15th, you will get a postcard in the mail that we need returned no LATER than Nov. 1st. It must be postmarked by that time to count. Please cast your votes for the candidates, and remember, we have 5 openings, so vote for the 4 we have submitted and any one other ‘write-in’ as well. All 4 candidates are excited about joining the Board and as you can see by the bio’s of all, they are well qualified.

Now, here are the 2008 Candidates.....



Dear fellow Diablo members:

Over the past 10 years I have had the pleasure of meeting many PCA members from the East coast to the West coast and many points in between. While the cars that bring us together are amazing, I have always found the people that gather to celebrate them to be truly remarkable, and the most enjoyable part of any social, technical, or driving event hosted by the club.

The board of any PCA region is elected to meet the needs of the membership, and it is from that perspective that I offer myself as a candidate. There are three areas where I would like the opportunity to help improve how Diablo serves it's members. First we must continue to attract new members to the region, whether they are new to Porsche cars or just new to the PCA. Second, we must increase communication to and among the membership by enhancing the information and services available through the Advocate and the Diablo web site.

Third, we must do a better job of supporting and enabling the Diablo members themselves to put on the kinds of events they want to see. Board members can and should play a key role in organizing events, but an active region of our size should have more events going on than a small handful of people can run by themselves. We as board members must provide the tools and support that allows teams of regular members to come together and efficiently organize and run these events. Our job is to make it as easy as possible for the members to make the most of their club, and this is a key area where we need improvement.

Over the past two decades I have been a team member, team lead, and manager at organizations ranging from small high-tech start-ups to large multinational corporations. In each of these environments I have seen how small teams can effectively break down large complex projects into manageable tasks to get the job done. This experience is what I will bring to the table as an active, engaged board member to achieve the goals I've outlined above.

Thank you for your support. I hope to see you at a Diablo event soon!

Steven M Jones



Thank you for the opportunity to include my name in the list of candidates for the Diablo Region's upcoming Board of Directors openings. Here's why members should recognize my name and vote for me.

- Former Diablo Region Board member for over a year - I know how the Board works, why it should work better, and how to get the Board re-focused on offering what the members want from the club.
- Former Membership Chair for two years - I know how the overall Membership system works and how to effectively communicate with members about events and other matters of their interest.
- Current Driver's Education Chair - I created the Diablo Driver's Ed program two years ago from zero, have staged four events to date, and have demonstrated that I can create, coordinate and implement successful events.
- Current Chief Instructor for Driver's Education - I have already staffed four DE events with Instructors while creating a new Diablo development approach for future Instructors.
- Winner of the Diablo Region's Best Event trophy for 2005 and 2006 for two widely different events; a wine tour and a driver's ed event - I have proven experience in hosting diverse yet quality Diablo events.
- Porsche Club of America member since 1984 - I have the experience and vision to know which projects Diablo members will find attractive.
- A vote for Warren Gardner is a vote for a fresh approach to achieving the following; a greater number of car-related events on the Diablo calendar, a wider diversity of Diablo event offerings and locales, a greater sense of reward for club volunteerism, and expanded social networking within the club. Our Board's motto will be: "Diablo Can Do It!"

Warren Gardner
Driver's Education Chair and Chief Instructor
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My name is Jerry Torres

I drive a 2006 Cayman “S”

In the last ten months I have driven five DE events and two Autocross events, and helped judging in our wash & shine event.

I attend most Diablo Board meetings.

If elected, my priorities will be to grow our membership and help increase our volunteer numbers. Also one thing I would like to see would be a poll from members indicating their interests, such as autocross/ DE/ timetrials/ or social events. This way the board can focus on what our members want to see happen. It would be an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve on the board, and I would do all I could to meet the challenge to be the best !

What could I bring to the club as a board member?

- (1) Enthusiasm
- (2) Fresh Ideas....

Example....

Send out an email Blast to the General membership asking where their interests are.

Such as..

- (1) Drivers Education
- (2) Autocross
- (3) Tours
- (4) Dinners and Breakfasts
- (5) Rallies
- (6) Concourse
- (7) or What?

In this way we could better service the membership at large and get more members involved.

Jerry Torres



The following are among my qualifications for the Diablo Region/PCA board: first Porsche in 1959, joined PCA in 1962, Diablo Region Charter member 1984, former Vice President, former Membership Chairperson, Diablo “Enthusiast of the Year,” 2002, and former Advocate Editor. In addition, I have visited the factory several times, have been the Chief Photographer at two Porsche Parades, have attended eight Parades, have worked with PCA officers and Porsche family members mostly at Parades and typically attend and photograph most PCA Zone Seven events. If elected, I will strive for unity within the board with a focus on the objectives for the region when it was chartered.

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Clad in striking orange paint, a color previously featured only with the track ready Porsche 911 GT3 RS, the Limited Edition Boxster is as well-built as it is eye-catching and even includes a special "Limited Edition" plaque in the glove compartment. It touts a sport exhaust system and safety bars, designed to help protect occupants, are dressed in orange paint. And the SportDesign package that includes spoiler lips in the front, an automatically extending and redesigned rear spoiler, and modified rear trim with integrated diffuser provides a more stunning and sporty appearance.

Complementing the orange paint are several eye-catching elements in black including black painted alloy wheels—with large 18 inch standard on the Boxster and 19-inch standard on the Boxster S—striking black exterior side mirrors, black front and side air inlets, all of which tastefully compliment the car's model designation in black on the rear deck and a black convertible top. Black carries over to the seats, carpet, dash, door panels and other surrounding soft surfaces. Adding to the performance theme is the use of Alcantara trim, a suede-like material used on performance Porsches like the 911 GT3 and 911 GT3 RS. Alcantara is pleasant to touch, but it also helps occupants stay planted in the interior during sporty driving. Alcantara trim is used on seat inserts, the three-spoke steering wheel from the 911 GT3 and 911 GT3 RS, and handbrake lever on vehicles with manual transmission.

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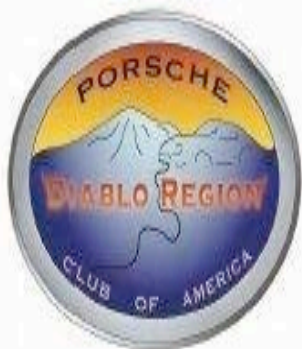
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September Board Meeting

Tuesday Sept 11th, 2007

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Shane Gilbert— 1996 993 -White
Spencer Gilford— 1989 944T— Glacier Metalli
Joseph Grant— 2005 997CS— Black
Gerry McFaull— 2002 996 C2 —Artic Silver
Ronald Randolph— 1973 914—Yellow
&
Ronald Randolph— 1972 911E— Tangarine
Edward Soriano— 1981 911S— Platinum
Mark Swoboda— 2006 911— Basalt Black
Kyle Tooker— 1996 911T— Guards Red

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Sunday, September 30, 2007**



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Each year, this event continues to grow, and should be another terrific concours! The concours runs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with car placement from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. Judging begins at 11:00 AM. Pre-registration is not required.

Fee for judged Porsches is \$20 per entry, with the proceeds going to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates of Sonoma County). Attendance is free. Food will be available for purchase. PCA members will receive complimentary wine tasting. Class winners will receive a bottle of Ledson Wine.

Address: Ledson Winery & Vineyard, 7335 Hwy 12, Santa Rosa, CA 95452
Phone (707) 537-3816 URL: www.ledson.com

Directions: From Hwy 101 North, take the Hwy 12 exit in Santa Rosa and continue East towards Kenwood/Sonoma to the Ledson Winery (on the left).

From Hwy 80, take Hwy 12 or Hwy 37 to Napa. Proceed over the Napa River Bridge, go left on Hwy 12/12. Follow signs to Sonoma and continue on Hwy 12 through Kenwood to Ledson Winery (on the right).

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