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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
 Apr - 10 Fioli 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
 Jul 17 - Tech Session at European Auto Tech
 Jul 31 - Golf
 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 23 - Haunted SF Tour
 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

Feb 20—National Board Meeting & Awards Banquet @ SJ Marriott
 Mar 6— Redwood AX @ Santa Rosa
 Mar 7—Loma Prieta AX @ Marina
 Mar 20 GGR AX @ Alameda
 Mar 20 Loma Prieta 40th Anniversary
 Mar 26-28—GGR DE & Club Race at Thunderhill
 Apr 10 GGR AX @ Alameda
 Apr 11 Loma Prieta AX @ Marina
 Apr 17 Concours Judges School @ Niello
 Apr 17-18 Redwood Zone AX @ Santa Rosa

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The Inside Line

By Walt Lietz

Now that we have put the first decade of the 21st Century behind us it is time to take a look ahead at our Diablo PCA plans and hopes for 2010. We started off January with a bang (oops - I guess that's a bad choice of words for a Driver Education event). We had an excellent turn-out for the January 16 Thunderhill DE. Driving through the fog on Saturday morning was worrisome but once Jacquie and I got to Thunderhill, the fog was gone and the weather cleared. Everyone got on the track 5 times and the drivers were divided into three groups, Novice-Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. All the novice drivers had instructors and Thunderhill provided a tri-tip lunch that was top-notch. Afterwards many of us got together for dinner at Casa Ramos in Willows to discuss (or brag) about what we learned. A special THANKS to Luis Soler who ran the event. His organization of this DE event made it a pleasure for drivers and visitors alike.

I am looking forward to our annual Awards Banquet at the Brass Door in San Ramon on January 30 with special guest speaker David Ray, the founder of Hooked On Driving. We have lots of awards to hand out as well.

Thanks to Warren Gardner we squeezed in an extra Tech Session on Sunday, January 31 in Benicia. Our email blasts and updates to our web site calendar are the only avenues we have to let member know about last minute opportunities like this Tech Session. So keep looking for these.

At our January Diablo PCA board of directors meeting several forward looking steps were undertaken. A new improved web hosting site was approved thanks to Steve

Jones, the Driver Education events for July and September were approved thanks to Luis Soler, a new 2010 photo contest was implemented thanks to Ken Wu, and our 2009 financial statement was finalized thanks to Jim Edmunds. We are also looking at a newcomers mentor program to help folks break the ice at our events and to encourage them to attend. Doug Wiebe and Jacquie Lietz are putting together plans and can use some help once we get the mentor program going. Remember our board meetings are always open to all members to drop by on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

February has me excited as Jacquie and I are hosting the PCA SUPERBOWL party on February 7. It should get underway about 3 pm at our house. Chili, refreshments, and popcorn are on order. Then there's the board meeting on February 9, the start of the Winter Olympics on February 12 and our Saturday breakfasts and our monthly dinner. Check it out on our Web site.

See you at the Superbowl!

Walt...

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Super Bowl

Sunday, February 7, 2010



**Where: Walt & Jacquie Lietz home
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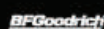
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The Saturday Morning Breakfast is held every Saturday at 8 AM at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek at 1101 S. California Blvd.

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



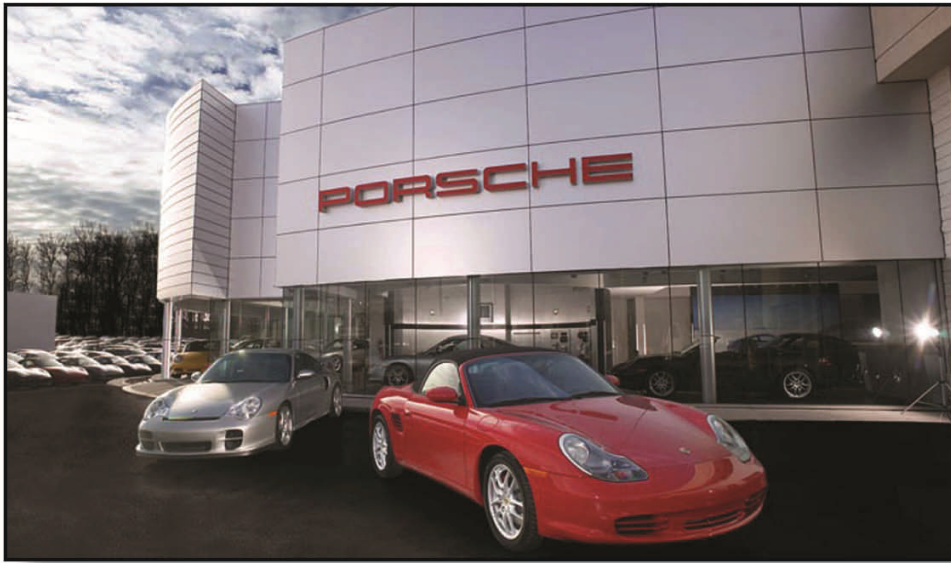
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My Second Ever Track Day - Great time!!

By Doug Wiebe

There was a **GREAT** car event at Thunderhill, Willows, CA. on January 16th sponsored by the Diablo Chapter, Porsche of Fremont, and Kahlers. Fellow club members, and I had a wonderful experience at the track. This is a Driver's Education (DE) event, where you can safely go fast in a very controlled environment, and start to explore the real capabilities of any Porsche model along with your driving skills.

I tried to explain the day to my long time "Honda, Buick, Saturn, Toyota" friends. Here are some of their questions and comments:

How fast did you go?

Top speed was not the focus, as I was too busy watching the tachometer and the road to bother with the speedometer. You might be thinking of Club Racing, a totally different event. But, at the end of the long straight, I think it said 115 mph. A DE event has no trophies, no points, no stopwatches, and no "fastest" times.

Why do you want to go sliding around corners in a car?

"Sliding" is strongly discouraged and not the point at all. You must be thinking of "drifting". That is a totally different kind of event.

My Prius can get 47 MPG in my daily commute at almost 75 mph. You used a whole tank of gas going only 100 miles on a race track?

Yes I did. And it was well worth every gallon. This is not about MPG. It's about learning and driving a great car on a real drivers road. And, I asked him, how much fun do you have in your Prius on commute days? Or maybe I should say, on any day? (Before you send any nasty "But I love my Prius letters", I do know hybrids have a place. I understand even Porsche will be making hybrids. I also really appreciate the unique technology.)

There were up to 18 cars on the track at the same time? How did you keep from crashing into them?

First of all the track is about 3 miles long. I had several laps where I did not even see another car near me. But the important part is, the road is "perfect", no one is texting, reading a map, or inserting the next CD, and EVERYONE is really thinking about the car, the road and where both will be each second, (drivers even check their mirrors often). It is really quite safe. Did I mention we all go in the same direction, this is NOT NASCAR, and there is no cross traffic?

How can you pass a car going 80mph?

You have to go faster than 80mph. Passing does have a lot of rules for this event. Only certain locations on the track are allowed for passing and you must have "permission" from the car you are passing. An arm signal is required.

Unfortunately, this particular group of my friends views driving differently. They see driving as a requirement of daily life and not something that could ever be fun.

I had an instructor for some of my sessions and also did some solo driving. They are both different experiences. On one lap, my instructor guided me to passing 4 other cars. His help made it more fun. The weather was overcast, cool and dry. As it is commonly stated, this activity could become addictive. My Cayman S performed perfectly all day. It didn't need to learn anything. It already knew

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what to do, just as long as I gave it the right input at the exact right time. I still have a lot to learn in that area.

When not driving, I was with fellow club members talking about driving, cars, the track, etc. A track day is a real escape from almost anyone's normal routine. Many thanks to Mike Ciopyk, Luis Soler and all the other volunteers for all their work setting these up. We are very fortunate to have them in the club.

All driver groups had 5 sessions of about 25 min each, spread out throughout the day. I was emotionally sapped at the end of the day and found staying awake on I-5 coming home to be challenging. My first few miles on I-5 brought me back to reality as a semi was drifting into my lane for no apparent reason. I was glad for the cruise control.

It turns out I have read a number of glowing articles about DE's in various car club publications over the years. I'm now part of that author group and now I can understand why we write this stuff. We have two more events scheduled at Thunderhill this year. Try one and see for yourself. Your actual mileage may vary.



Volunteers at Thunderhill at the Registration Desk. Photo provided by Warren Gardner.

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When: February 13

Where: Meet at Marie Callenders in Walnut Creek

Time: After breakfast, around 9 AM

The drive will take us through Mt. Diablo (\$10 Entrance Fee) and then on to Kassabeen Motors and Arlen Ness Motorcycle Museum. The location for lunch and the drive specifics will be announced when you arrive at the tour starting point.

Deadline: Contact Patrick by February 8th at schmidt.patrick@comcast.net



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The categories to be awarded are:

- ☆ **Best Event of the Year**
- ☆ **Enthusiast Family of the Year**
- ☆ **Enthusiast of the Year**
- ☆ **Rookie of the Year**
- ☆ **Sponsor of the Year**
- ☆ **President Award for Outstanding Achievement**
- ☆ **Vice President Award for Outstanding Contribution**
- ☆ **Directors Award for Program of the Year**

Guest Speaker: David Ray

When: January 30, 2010

Time: 6:00—9:00

Where: The Brass Door
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Maxfield, Ryan D.	2003 Carrera 4—Gray
Motta, Gregg J. Affiliate: Janet Motta (wife)	2007 Boxster—Gray
Perry, Ryan	2010 911 Black
Pitchford, Mark A.	2006 911S—Silver
Sparks, Thomas Affiliate: Amy Sparks	2003 996—Gray

New Members—7

Transfers In

Abbott, John R. Affiliate: Adele Brainard <i>Transfer from California Central Coast</i>	2001 Boxster—Gray
Colin, Bob Affiliate: Nancy Whitley <i>Transfer from California Inland</i>	2001 Boxster—Gray
Hilton, Robert D. Affiliate: Christi Hilton (wife) <i>Transfer from Golden Gate</i>	2005 GT3 1977 930

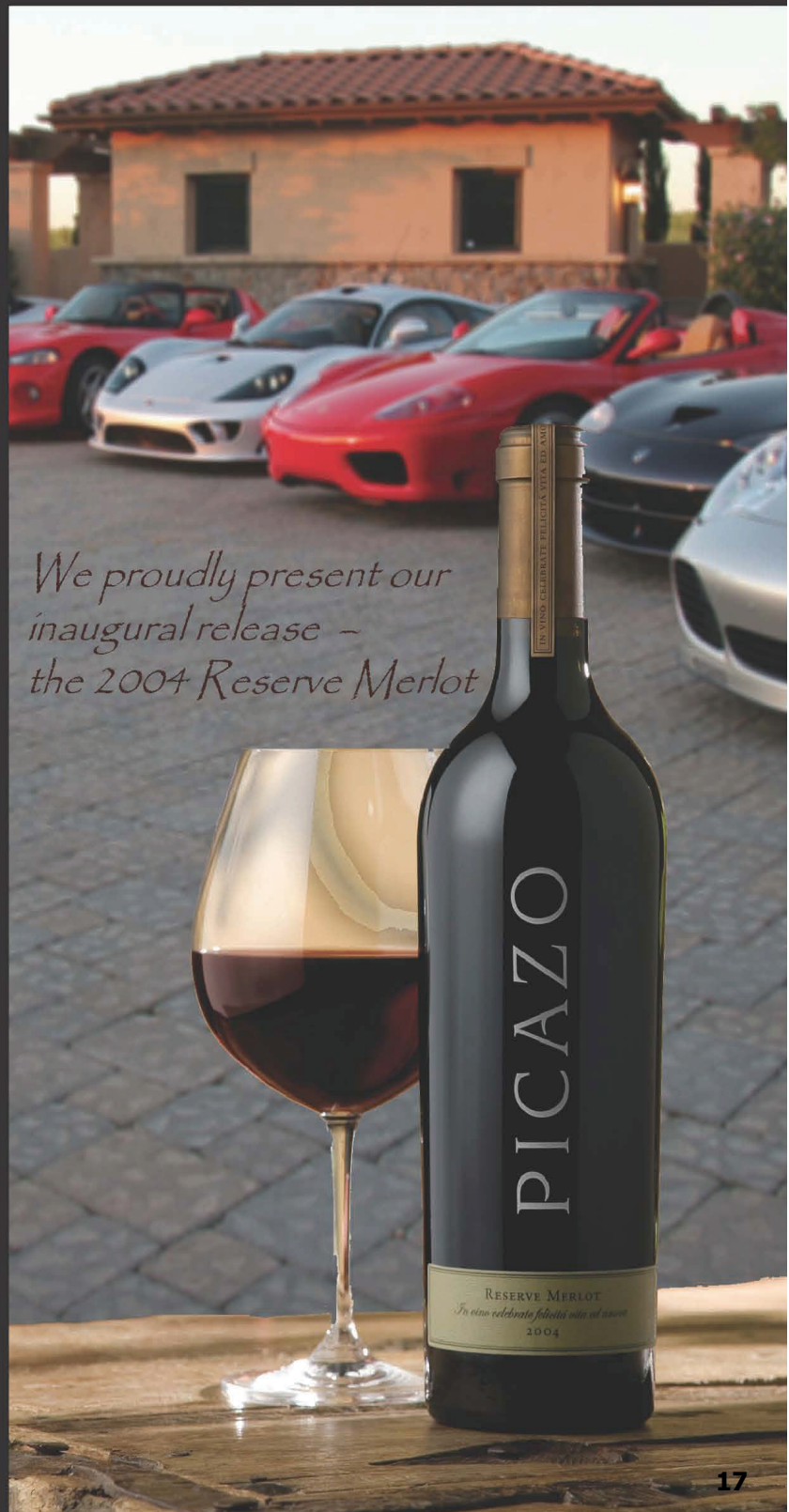
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Tech Session: 1:30—3:30

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Tech Session: Big O Tires, 415 Military East, Benicia, CA 94510

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Deadline:

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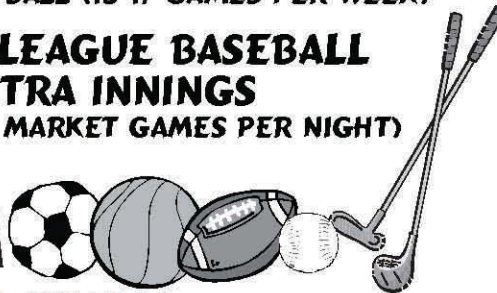
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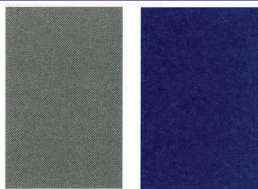
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New 2010 Porsche 911 Turbo Goes on Sale This Week

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Porsche Icon Boasts 500 Horsepower, Delivers 25 mpg

ATLANTA, Jan. 25 /PRNewswire/ – Porsche Cars North America announced today that the 2010 Porsche 911 Turbo will arrive at its U.S. dealers this week and go on sale on January 30. This is only three months after the debut of the highly acclaimed Panamera, Porsche's first Gran Turismo and sports car for four.

Porsche traditionally has emphasized efficiency, but new flagship 911 gives a new meaning to its high-performance label. While its acceleration, braking and handling capabilities make it a true super sports car, it goes about its business with a thriftiness that is equally remarkable and by no means the norm in its class. With 20 more horsepower, and a 13 percent increase in fuel economy, the new 911 Turbo is indeed more powerful and more efficient.

"We are very excited to welcome the all-new 2010 Porsche 911 Turbo into the family," said Detlev von Platen, president and CEO of Porsche Cars North America. "More than ever, this supercar is a technological tour de force, and the seemingly unanimous accolades from the media support what we already believe; this is the best 911 Turbo ever."

The 2010 Porsche 911 Turbo features the first entirely new engine in its storied 35-year history. The new flat-six boxer engine now delivers 500 horsepower, 20 more than the previous power plant. Maximum torque is up by 15 to 516 lb. ft. when equipped with the optional Sport Chrono Package Turbo.

All of this means that the new 911 Turbo can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in 3.2 seconds when combined with the new, highly acclaimed Porsche-Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK) seven-speed dual clutch transmission. Top track speed is 194 mph for both the Coupe and the Cabriolet models and its EPA estimates are a best-in-class 17 mpg city and 25 mpg highway for the new Coupe when equipped with the PDK transmission.

"The Porsche 911 Turbo has always represented the pinnacle of the 911 model line since it was first introduced in 1974," said von Platen. "Now, 35 years later, the Turbo is still considered the standard when looking for the perfect combination of supercar performance with everyday drivability."

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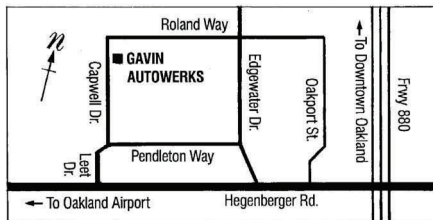


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- EMC Collision
- Gavin Autowerks
- Harbor Bay Realty
- Hooked on Driving
- Kahlers
- M. Boyd Construction
- MCE Racing at Thunderhill
- Molly's Travel
- Pacific HVAC Depot
- Pacific Power Motorsports
- Picazo Vineyards
- Porsche of Fremont
- Rocco's Full Sports Bar
- Roger Kraus Racing
- Strizzis
- Suncoast Parts
- Vineyard Specialties