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## Cover Photo

This March cover photo connects to several topics. First, both the GGR and Zone 7 awards banquets have been completed with many trophies having been distributed.

Secondly, the award pictured is named for John Clever, who was also honored as a "Hall of Fame" inductee at the Zone 7 festivities.

John's name was and is synonymous with rallying. It is therefore appropriate that we once again recall and honor John for his expertise as a rallyist and rally designer.

This rally trophy is also a reminder that our region is often the site of a Zone Rally School taught, in part, by Al Armellini a Diablo past president, and the Rally Chairperson for the Zone.

Finally, it is Al who is one of the 2003 co-recipients (it was a three-way tie) of this "John Clever Zone 7 Rallye Award." Please also note that this Zone award is presented by the Diablo Region.

**Diablo Region Web Site:**

**<<http://www.pca.org/dia/>>**

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## From the President

by Patrick Schmidt

I hope everyone enjoyed January and February. The January Planning Meeting started the ball rolling for 2004. If you check out our new calendar, I'm confident that you will find events that you will enjoy, and in which you would really like to participate. To view the events calendar, visit either <www.pca.org/dia> or page nine of this edition. Ron Leppke also has been doing a great job getting the event announcements as ads in the *Advocate*. Rob Haisma, our Webmaster, has gotten off the starting line with F1 type of traction control, giving the Diablo website a fresh new look and keeping it current with links to events and event photos. Last month, Ron and Rob had photos from the Regional Presidents meeting and Zone 7 Awards Banquet posted and available for viewing in less than 24 hours! Good job, gentlemen!

Our breakfast at Denny's, located in Danville near I-680 and Sycamore, has been well attended with several new members enjoying the gathering each week. There is still a lot of space, so if you have not dropped in lately, you might like to join us and meet some great people. We like to introduce the newcomers and then "kick tires" in the parking lot. It is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming events, your car's technicalities, and like-minded Porsche owners. A suggestion at the February board meeting was to have some note cards available so people could ask questions or request suggestions on anything related to Porsches. We would do our best to answer those questions or point to resources where insight might be provided. If you have a question or want to bounce an idea off someone, the twenty or more attendees may be able to help. We hope this will give you one more reason to enjoy an early start with us on Saturday.

On February 1st, I mentioned to Ted French that Miguel Cela of the AutoAffair, one of our *Advocate* sponsors, invited me to join him on a Ferrari Club drive that would start at his Danville store. Ted and I dropped in to see the launch of 100 Ferrari cars in three groups of 30+ each heading out on their "Delta Dash." It was quite a sight and sound!

It would be nice to match that size turnout on at least one of our drives later this year.



For the last few years, we have encouraged members to join in on what we call our "Saturday Drives." The concept is to have someone lead a tour to one of his or her favorite local destinations, usually on some great "Porsche" back roads. The Saturday Drives are planned for every third Saturday from April through October. Several members have scheduled drives for 2004, so check the Event Calendar. If you have a location that you'd like to share, just mention it to any Board member and we will get you the support you need to make the event successful even if you have never lead a tour previously. You can check out the fun that we had last year by seeing the photos linked to the tours and drives as listed on our website <http://www.pca.org/dia/>.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Annual Awards Dinner at the Radisson in Dublin on March 27th. We will be presenting awards including the "Enthusiast of the Year," "Event of the Year," and "Rookie of the Year." Perhaps you will be one of the winners for the '03 year or have plans to earn the honor for your efforts this year.

### Potpourri by the Editor

The photo of a glacier blue '84 Carrera as part of the "Advocating" column on page 6 has a licence number referring to the PCA and the Diablo Region (DR). I was very proud to have obtained such a significant plate until people began referring to me and the car as "the Porsche doctor." My objective at the time was to draw attention to the then newly formed region but things did not work that way. I eventually changed to a non-personalized plate.

The photo is from the Vallejo Gran Prix which was a SCCA autocross using the downtown Vallejo streets.

A Yosemite Tour is always fantastic just because it is such a wonderful destination. This year, GGR has one on March 20-21. If you have interest or need more information, contact Alfred Abken at 415.387.9351 before 9:00 PM.

## Welcome: New members

*Please visit us at our weekly breakfasts or monthly dinners so we can get acquainted. It will be delightful to meet you in person.*

*After all, it's not just the cars. It's the people.*

### Diablo Region Board of Directors

New Members	13
Transfers in	1
Current renewals	27
Multi-year renewals	8
Late/delete renewals*	7
Transfers out	1
Non renewals	21
Dual members	9
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>584</b>

*\*Previously deleted, now renewed*

### New members this month (thru 2/6/04):

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	
Stephen C. Abbanat	Susan	356 C	1965	Oakland
Sid Agrawal	Vijay	911	2000	Fremont
George A. Allbritten	Laura	911	2000	Pleasanton
John J. Bonfiglio		Boxster S	2003	Fremont
Emil P. Cristobal	Christina C.	911	1977	Walnut Creek
Linda Klink		911 Carrera	1999	Clayton
Perry Lee		Boxster S	2003	Pleasanton
Yoon Lee		911	1984	Oakland
Deems C. Padgett		Boxster	2003	Concord
Brian M. Pihl	Lara	930	1988	El Sobrante
Michael D. Redemer	Margaret	Boxster	1997	Danville
Scott L. Robertson	Carrie	993	1995	Pleasanton
Ernest F. Talavera	Rita	911	1979	Newark

### Transfers in this month (thru 2/6/04):

Ralph L. Ligons	964	1993	Antioch
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## Advocating

by Ron Leppke, Editor

<lepprd@mac.com>

There are a few advantages to being a person of my age to offset all those ever increasing disabilities and less able performances. Speaking of age, when I won the Boise Parade Autocross Boxster S class, the joy was just as much for doing it as a 67 year old as it was being a "National Champion."



The advantages of being aged come in loud and clear at an occasion such as the induction of the Zone 7 "Wall of Fame" members. Few people at the awards ceremony had the perspective that was mine. I clearly recall Bruce Anderson and Bob Garretson, for example, tearing up the Alameda County Fairgrounds parking lot with the stellar driving of their respective 356s. International driving titles and major wins and other achievements at Sebring, Daytona and Le Mans all have more impact when these big time events are connected back in time to local club beginnings.

I will never forget my first sight of all those kids tumbling out of the Neidel 356 at a GGR event. The family's contribution to all of Zone 7 is so extensive, so pervasive, and over such a long time period that their various "Family of Year" or whatever awards seem far too hollow or superficial to actually reflect the tangible contributions they have made in so many innumerable ways. I defy anyone to give some numerical value to the total that this family has given to PCA. I was fortunate to share the table with them about 25 years ago at the Reno Parade. At that time, the various family members had already given a lifetime worth of service to Porsche causes. On the 17th, Shirley was at it again by handing out handwritten e-mail addresses to people who had taken photos. She was concerned on behalf of those who were unable to attend, but who have the perspective of many years and who thus

would enjoy knowing and seeing this Wall of Fame happening.

Go back to page 18 of the February *Advocate* and see the two bottles of wine that were my door prize. These were two of many, bearing his private label, donated by George Neidel that night.

Skipping around with other "Wall" inductee recollections, there was Milt Minter and his red 904 at Candlestick, his two "all 4 off" passes on consecutive laps at the Laguna corkscrew to beat Horst Qwetch, and the Germany Region barbecue after he drove for Ted Fields at Le Mans.

Bud and Mary Ann Behrens and I go way back with commonalities such as autocrossers, being teachers and editing newsletters. When I joined GGR, Dwight Mitchell was the president and I vividly recall his SCCA championship that led to the Porsche/Audi 914 deal.

When it comes to John Clever, I will never forget how his huge beard and not too "trim and speedy" size collaborated, in the minds of the French press, with my even less "trim and speedy" size to be branded as the "gorillas" as we attempted crowd control at the '79 Le Mans race. The magnet that created the crowd problem was Paul Newman who was driving the red 935.

When the the January 17 Zone 7 "Wall of Fame" proceedings were over, I had a vision of a half hour multimedia presentation detailing the achievements and contributions of each of the inductees. Inasmuch as I did such a presentation (nearly 150 photos along with QuickTime movies and 3D transitions) for my mother's 90th birthday, I know, sadly, that doing such for each one will not happen. No one has the time to do it.

<<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/>>



## My First Porsche, #12



Malcolm Crosby's first and current Porsche. It is a 1995 911.

## Perfect Porsche Parking



The parking spot was great, but the event, my college class reunion, was even better.

## Diablo Region: Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 27, 2004  
6:30 pm No-host happy hour



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Price per person - \$40 (includes tax and service charge)



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## Zone 7 Calendar: 2004

Date	Region	Event	Zone	Title	Location
3/6/04	GGR	Autocross	AutoX #1	Region Autocross	Candlestick Park
3/13&14/04	GGR	Time Trial	TT #2	Time trial	Buttonwillow
3/20&21/04	GGR	Tour		Yosemite Valley Tour	Yosemite Valley
3/27/04	RR	Autocross	AutoX #1	Zone Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
3/28/04	Zone	Autocross	AutoX #2	Zone Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
3/27/04	LPR	Autocross	Autocross #1	Region Autocross	Marina
4/3/04	SVR	Rally	Rally #2	Spring Flowers	Vacaville
4/3&4/04	GGR	Time Trial #3		Time trial	Thunderhill
4/10/04	GGR	Autocross	AutoX #2	Region Autocross	Alameda
4/17/04	RR	Autocross	AutoX #3	Zone Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
4/18/04	Zone	Concours	Zone	Concours Judging School	Sonnen
4/23&24/04	SVR	CRAB		CRAB #31	Sacramento
4/30-5/2/04	Zone	Club Race		U.S. Sports Car Invitational	Laguna Seca
5/1/04	GGR	Autocross	AutoX #3	Region Autocross	Golden Gate Fields
5/8/04	YR	Rally	Rally #3	TBD	Stockton
5/8/04	RR	Autocross	AutoX	Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
5/15/04	SNR	Autocross	AutoX #3	Zone Autocross	Stead Airport
5/16/04	SVR	Autocross	AutoX #4	Zone Autocross	Stead Airport
5/16/04	SR	Concours	#1	Greater Valley Concours	Fresno
5/16/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
5/23/04	GGR	Time Trial	TT #4	Time trial	Thunderhill
5/30/04	DR	Concours		Diablo Wash 'n Shine	Danville Livery
6/5&6/04	RR	PCA	Hospitality	Vintage Races	Infineon (Sears)
6/5/04	GGR	Autocross	AutoX #4	Region Autocross	Candlestick Park
6/6/04	LPR	Concours	#2	PartsHeaven Concours	Hayward
6/13/04	SVR	Concours	#3	Shriners Concours	Sacramento
6/20/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
6/26/04	YR	Rally	Rally #3	Summer Solstice	TBD
6/26/04	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
7/4-10/04	PCA	Parade		Parade 2004	Fort Worth, Texas
7/17/04	GGR	Autocross	AutoX #5	Region Autocross	Alameda
7/18/04	MBR	Concours	#4	Monterey Bay Concours	TBD
7/18/04	RR	PCA	Hospitality	ALMS	Infineon Raceway
7/24/04	RR		Autocross	Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
7/25/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina



### AutoAffair & Diablo Region present the 19th annual Wash 'n Shine Concours

Sunday, May 30, 2004  
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Danville, CA

Contact: Mike Vorkapich  
<mike@reliantpension.com>

## Diablo Calendar: 2004

### March

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Pizza and Porsches
- 18 Thursday Dinner Out
- 27 Annual Mtg./Awards

### April

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 4 Audio Tech Session, Roseville
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Thursday Dinner Out

### May

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Pizza and Porsches
- 20 Thursday Dinner Out
- 30 Wash 'n Shine Concours



Two recent visitors to breakfast at Denny's in Danville.

### Every Saturday Breakfast

8 AM at Denny's,  
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### Pizza & Porsches

1st Friday, 7 PM  
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San Ramon

### Board of Directors Meeting

First Tuesday, 7 PM  
Mostly at Brian's home

### Thursday Night Dinner Out

3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM  
Rocco's Ristorante\*  
2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd.  
Walnut Creek

\* Featuring 29 entrees, including  
pastas, in addition to pizza.



More recent visitors for breakfast.

### June

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Pizza and Porsches
- 17 Thursday Dinner Out

### July

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Thursday Dinner Out



The Sacramento Valley Region/PCA presents:

## CRAB 31

April 23, 24, & 25, 2004



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Autocross  
FunKana  
Rally  
Concours  
Driving Tour  
Beer and Brat Picnic

Registration includes the Friday night Welcome Party, registration, fun.

Saturday Autocross, Driving Tour, Funkhana, CRAB 31 Banquet & Dance, more fun.

Sunday Rally, Concours, Funkhana, Beer & Brat Picnic, and still more fun. Plus the camaraderie of great Porsche people and door prizes!!!



Hotel Rooms at the Lions Gate will go fast. To make your reservations, call (916) 6436222. Be sure to ask for the special Porsche Club CRAB 31 room rates that start at \$89 per night for 2 nights.

EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2004  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2004  
CANCELLATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2004  
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Download the application:

Diablo Region Web Site:

<<http://www.pca.org/dia/>>

Additional Information:

Contact Kern or Cindi Breaux @916-966-2425 or [brecko@earthlink.net](mailto:brecko@earthlink.net)



## 2004 Zone 7 Concours Judging School

Sunday, April 18, 2004 • 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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Phone: (415) 380-8000

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*Purpose:* to learn more about concours judging and vehicle preparation, to help our members become judges, and to learn important facts about Zone 7 concours rules and procedures.

*Hot Topics include:* the differences between Full, Street, Wash & Shine, and Competition classes, some of the common mistakes made by competitors, how learning to judge may make someone score better at his or her next show, and some of the "unwritten" rules of judging.

*Cost: \$15.00 per person (includes lunch and refreshments)*

Directions: go to <http://sonnen.porschedealer.com/index.html> and click "how to find us."

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## An Evening to Remember

by Tim Fleming, Zone 7 Rep

In Porsche Club of America, the zones originated as a means for coordinated communications with the National organization. In Zone 7, the combination of various regions was an opportunity to leverage the rich resources of the West Coast, whether it was for a west coast Parade or our renowned competitive series. On January 17, we honored some very special individuals who have unselfishly worked in the Porsche and PCA world over the last 30+ years, bringing recognition and pride to Zone 7. It was my privilege to be part of this inaugural effort.

For those of you who missed the event, it truly was a special evening. Most recipients was able to attend, swapping stories and revisiting many of the successes that have brought us to where we are. The following individuals, with very partial descriptions of their achievements, made up the inaugural class of the "Wall of Fame:"

- **Bruce Anderson**, longtime PCA tech chairman and author.
- **Bud and Mary Ann Behrens**, former zone reps, instructors, and activists in the zone.
- **Brian Carleton**, numerous zone activities for many years and Garretson crew member.
- **John Clever**, Zone and National positions, eminent rallyist Garretson crew member.
- **Bob Garretson**, distinguished driver for world endurance championships.
- **Gene Gilpin**, former Zone Rep and Parade chairman.



**Rik Larson**, renowned rallyist and Parade Chairman.

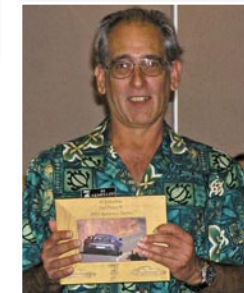
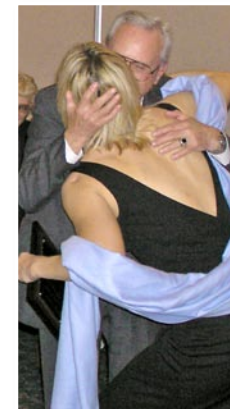
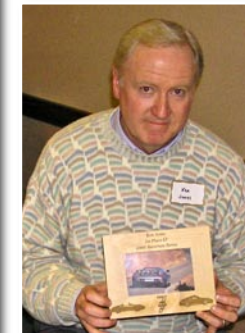
- **Hank Malter**, former PCA National President.
- **Milt Minter**, exceptionally talented international road racing driver.
- **Dwight Mitchell**, enthusiast and driver (road racing/autocross).
- **The Neidel Family**, they do it all.
- **Burt Propp**, former PCA National President.
- **Tom Provasi**, national champion autocrosser and PCA national leader.
- **Duane Spencer**, well known author of 356 and 912 performance publications.
- **Hank Watts**, expert driver and respected author.
- **Larry Wilson**, many zone and national activities over a long time, including newsletter chairman.
- **Terry Zaccone**, long time zone activity and distinguished autocrosser.

If you see these individuals or other longtime contributors to Zone 7, please extend our collective thanks. Through their volunteer efforts and enthusiasm, the club has grown and thrived.

## '03 Zone 7 Awards



### "Wall of Fame" January 17, 2004







Redwood Region and Zone 7 Present  
**Zone 7 Autocrosses #1 and #2**

Saturday & Sunday, March 27 & 28, 2004  
Charles M. Schultz Sonoma County Airport



Registration - 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. • First car out at 10:00 A.M.

Fee: \$30.00 per driver

No open exhaust, 92-decibel limit strictly enforced

*Special Restrictions:* No car may produce a sound level greater than 92 decibels. Any car louder than the limit will not be allowed to run. No open exhaust; pleading ignorance will not be an acceptable excuse. If local residents complain about the sound made on the way to the track or on the track, or the way we drive on the street, we may be asked to leave permanently.

*Directions:* Take Shiloh exit, a few miles north of Santa Rosa on Hwy 101 and proceed west for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Windsor Road and continue for 1.2 miles to the rear gate to the airport. Please drive safely and quietly so as not to upset the local residents.

*There will be a Saturday evening party and dinner.  
Details will be announced later.*

*Lodging in Santa Rosa:*

- Holiday Inn Express, 870 Hopper Avenue, just west of Hwy 101, (707) 545-9000
- Astro Motel, 323 Santa Rosa Avenue, (707) 545-8555; trailers may be OK
- Best Western Garden Inn, 1500 Santa Rose Avenue, (707) 546-4031; may accomodate up to five trailers
- Courtyard by Marriott, 175 Railroad Street, (707) 573-9000; trailer parking in back



*For info, contact:*

David Bunch at (707) 766-8839,  
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## Ski Bear Valley

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It's **PARTY** Time!

## Pizza and Porsches and Newcomers Party



**Friday, March 5 at 6:30 PM**

**Pavlo's Pizza, 2408 Twin Creeks Drive, San Ramon**  
(located behind New York Fabrics in Diablo Plaza  
on the southwest corner of San Ramon  
Valley Blvd. and Crow Canyon Rd.).

**Join us for our first Newcomers gathering for 2004.**  
**Newcomers will receive free Diablo Region name**  
**badges (to be ordered and given out at next event).**

**Items with new Diablo Region logo from the**  
**Goody Store will be available for purchase.**

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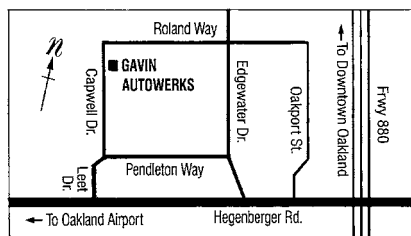
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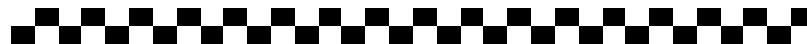
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