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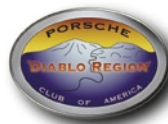
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Cover Photo

Here is a glimpse into how this particular editor can spend so much time on this editing task. Our logo's (directly above) central theme is Mt. Diablo and Mt. Diablo is our name. An editor thus must have some Mt. Diablo photos available for appropriate use. As it turns out, I have three Mt. Diablo folders with 110 total pictures of the mountain. Some are duplicates but count because they may vary in size, resolutions, framing and being a gray scale copy of one in color. Some have been harvested from the web (I have an application that found 139 Mt. Diablo photos in the most recent search) and I have spent time and miles trying to get something exceptional with my Olympus. I have 110 of these Mr. Diablo images in a slideshow where the full (17 inch) screen display helps in the selection process.

Once a choice is made, I then put Photoshop CS to work and can spend as much as an hour to get a desired effect. Since this cover photo was taken during a dark rainstorm, it was mostly a gray blob requiring more than twenty steps and filters to get the color and other details that it now shows.

This photo was taken from March Creek Road just on the edge of Clayton a few weeks ago.

Diablo Region Web Site:
<<http://www.pca.org/dia/>>

The Advocate is the official publication of the Diablo Region of the Porsche Club of America. Opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of PCA, the Diablo Region or of Porsche, AG. Contributions are welcomed. The deadline is one week after the board meeting. The editor reserves the right to edit any submission.

From the President

by Patrick Schmidt

This is already a great year! We have a lot of energy from our regular enthusiastic members, and many new folks are diving right in to help and have fun at the same time. Thanks to all who are showing such great spirit.



If you have not been to a Diablo Region event recently, please join us at something that looks like fun to you. The new energy is contagious! Like Barry Meguiar says about his "Car Crazy" show, we hope you get a little more Porsche Crazy, or at least a little more aware of our common bond by joining in the fun. Whether you enjoy driving (Autocross, Time Trial, Saturday Drives or Tours), caring for your car (Concours, Wash 'n Shine, Wash 'n Shine Prep), or social gatherings (Awards Banquet, Cable Car Tour, Fiesta Mexicana, Saturday Breakfasts, Pizza on first Fridays), there are an abundance of choices. Any open slots on your calendar can thus be utilized to see some old friends or meet and make some new ones. For more information, check the ads in this issue or go to our website (www.pca.org/dia) and download the appropriate flyer.

Many members are active in the events listed above, and you can be involved as well. We are always looking for volunteers to plan "Saturday Drives" on the third Saturday of each month. If you are hesitant to lead a Saturday Drive or a more involved tour, just ask a Board member and we will most likely help you or connect you with an expert on that type of tour.

If you are reading this before April 3rd, you may still be able to join us on our San Francisco Cable Car Tour with a St. Patrick's Day theme. That theme helps us know what to wear as well as justi-

fies the Irish Coffee, champagne, beer (green?—Ed.) and wine. I hope you will be able to join us.

Our January Planning Meeting put a lot of events on our 2004 calendar. Thanks to all who spoke up at that meeting. Since then, however, the list has grown, setting the stage for a "banner year!" New events added recently include Fiesta Mexicana at Marilyn Miller's home on May 15th, an Oyster Tour to Tomales Bay (keep watching for the date or ask Ted French or Francisco Cabrita), numerous Tech Sessions (see the calendar on page 9 or our website for details and flyers.) Ted French and I are pulling together a tour to Hearst Castle in September. There will be inland Porsche roads on the way to the castle area and a coast route on the way back on Sunday for those who enjoy the incredible views and curves of US 1. It will be a great tour.

I hope to see you at an event soon!

Potpourri
by the Editor

Some of you who attended the Boise Parade may have also taken the fantastic mountain ride up to the Pioneer Lodge and Bogus Basin hillclimb course. On May 28-31, '04, the Silver Sage Region has a BBB weekend (Bogus Basin Bacchanalia) that includes what they claim is PCA's only hillcross. Details and applications will be found at: www.pca.org/ss.

In addition to being in color and weeks earlier, the web/PDF version of the *Advocate* easily allows enlarging anything that is too small to be seen well. For example, the four window stickers on my SC are mostly too small to read. When you open the PDF in Adobe Reader 6.0, you look for the little arrow between a plus and a minus in the upper tool bar. Mine opened at 348% so just keep there and you will see Grand Prix of Monaco, the Garretson Hawaiian Tropic red 935, 24 Huers du Mons and Nürburgring stickers.



Judy Schreib
<jhschr@tdl.com>



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**

Welcome: New members

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| New Members | 10 |
| Transfers in | 1 |
| Current renewals | 7 |
| Multi-year renewals | 6 |
| Late/delete renewals* | 3 |
| Transfers out | 3 |
| Non renewals | 35 ¹ |
| Dual members | 9 |
| Total membership | 560 |

**Previously deleted, now renewed*

¹There was a technical glitch; many did not receive their renewal notices from PCA National.

New members this month (thru 3/4/04):

| Name | Affiliate | Porsche | Year | City |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Ronald T. Cook | | 356 | 1959 | San Ramon |
| Chris G. Gubera | Kristin | Boxster | 1998 | Alameda |
| Lyle Lujan | Cathy | 993 | 1997 | Oakley |
| Stanley M. Mehlhoff | Gretchen | 911 | 1961 | Oakland |
| Joshua A. Phillips | Rebecca | 911 SC | 1978 | Berkeley |
| Michael A. Posey | | 911 | 1987 | Vacaville |
| James M. Wallace | Katie | 911 T | 1969 | Concord |
| Joseph A. Wynne | Lynn R. | 996 | 2001 | Walnut Creek |
| Robert B. Yee | Verna | Boxster | 2003 | Oakland |
| Mark K. Yowe | | 911 | 1999 | Oakland |

Transfers in this month (thru 3/4/04):

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|------|---------|
| Ralph L. Ligons | 964 | 1993 | Antioch |
|-----------------|-----|------|---------|

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Advocating

by Ron Leppke, Editor

Being a Porsche club newsletter editor is very hard work, requiring about 10 times more hours per month than what I expected. The effort is clearly worth it and here is an example.

<lepprd@mac.com>



I sent an e-mail to "Mom" Neidel telling her about the March "Advocating" column that mentioned her family and the "Wall of Fame" photos. This e-mail was sent at 6:44 AM; her happy and enthusiastic "thank you" greeted my inbox at 6:49 AM. In addition to setting a new world's record for reading an e-mail, downloading the March *Advocate* and composing the reply to me, Mom's kind words truly warmed the cockles (whatever they are) of my heart.

It is an unparalleled joy to hear this sort of feedback, especially when it is from Shirley Neidel.

Another editor perk to balance with all the long hours editing photos, is the gratifying feedback from the visitor counters on my homepage galleries. My philosophy has been that, if up to 70 images may go into the *Advocate* in a given month, why not extend the image handling work flow just a bit more and have the additional photos available on the web. At last count, the total number of visitors to the GGR Awards, the Zone 7 Awards, and the Infineon Time Trial pages is 755. In busy times, it is fairly typical for all of us to enjoy and use content and images on the web without taking time to thank the author or photographer, but the handy-dandy visitor counter does part of that feedback for us.

Apart from the pleasure of taking and sharing Porsche photos, some my best Porsche experiences come from driving my own Porsche on a renowned race track; in

a some cases, tracks that are world famous. If you look at the photo at the top of the column, you will see the start of my first lap of the Infineon course. Like a similar opportunity at Laguna Seca, these laps were in a large group of unpaid guests of a driving education event and were run at carefully controlled speeds. The trick, of course, is to anticipate the really fun corners, hang back to give space and then really nail the apex. While my Boxster S handles well in autocrosses, I was able to go fast enough in certain places to feel that more suspension work was needed for time trials.

After a factory delivery of my '79 Cashmere Beige 911SC, I drove a lap (22.8 km) of the famous original Nürburgring at speeds over 120 mph. Two days later, it was the entire Mulsanne straight plus the south side of the Le Mans circuit. The F1 race at Monte

Carlo had been run a week or so earlier so when I arrived there after Le Mans, much of the red-white curbing was still in place and the race rubber on the streets clearly marked the course for the SC.



On a later tour with FastLane Travel

(see the ad on page 23), I was able to ride in various Porsches on the Weissach test track including going off road in the Paris-Dakar 911. One of these Porsche Fest tours included "Safety Training" with Porsches at the Hockenheim F1 track. Although we did some "stop box" practice on the infield, mostly we practiced braking with markers followed by apex cones for each of the short course corners. Eventually, we put it all together to drive the whole short course. This time, I did not have my own Porsche, but did get time in a rented 911. When Peter Sontag suggested "It is the thrill of a lifetime" for his Porsche Fest ad, the recollections of Weissach and Hockenheim joined with Nürburgring, Le Mans and Monte Carlo came vividly into focus.

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

My First Porsche, #13



Kirby Fong enjoyed his first Porsche, this 996, on the Saturday Mines Road drive.

Perfect Porsche Parking



Perfection on each count: Jeffrey Heller's 4S and the best space submitted so far.

Have you always wanted to drive your Porsche on a real race track?
Want track experience but don't have all the expensive safety gear?
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The Coastal Driving School is a joint venture between
the Monterey Bay and the Loma Prieta Regions of the PCA.

John Jefferies is the Chairman and Hank Watts is the Chief Instructor.

Zone 7 Calendar: 2004

| Date | Region | Event | Zone | Title | Location |
|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
| 5/22&23/04 | GGR | Time Trial | TT #4 | Time trial | Thunderhill |
| 5/30/04 | DR | Concours | | Wash 'n Shine | Danville Livery |
| 6/5&6/04 | RR | PCA | Hospitality | Vintage Races | Infinion (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 |
| 7/3&4/04 | GGR | Time Trial | TT #5 | Time trial | Buttonwillow |
| 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 | Zone Concours | TBD |
| 7/18/04 | RR | PCA | Hospitality | ALMS | Infinion Raceway |
| 7/24/04 | RR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| 7/25/04 | LPR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Marina |
| 8/1/04 | GGR | Concours | #6 | Carlsen Concours/Swap | Palo Alto |
| 8/7/04 | LPR | Autocross | AutoX #5 | Zone Autocross | Marina |
| 8/8/04 | GGR | Autocross | AutoX #6 | Zone Autocross | Marina |
| TBD | RR | Autocross | | Region Autocross | Santa Rosa Airport |
| 8/15/04 | MBR | | | Monterey Historic races | Laguna Seca |



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

Sunday, May 30, 2004
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Contact: Mike Vorkapich
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Diablo Calendar: 2004

April

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 3 St. Patrick's Cable Car Tour
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Thursday Dinner Out

May

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

June

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



Just about anything or anyone makes it to breakfast. This Turbo is a masterpiece.

July

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

August

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Pizza and Porsches



Denny's has apparently become aware of our extended "tire kicking" parking lot sessions.

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Pizza & Porsches

1st Friday, 7 PM
Pavlo's Pizza
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San Ramon

Board of Directors Meeting

First Tuesday, 7 PM
Mostly at Ted'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.



Chris Paterno, our Tech Chairman, (far left, seated on the SC bumper) and his buddies taking time from their Mines Road drive to pose for a fine photo.

The Sacramento Valley Region/PCA presents:

CRAB 31

April 23, 24, & 25, 2004



**These are the events
available on the
application:**

Autocross
FunKhana
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
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Hotel Rooms at the Lions Gate will go fast. To make your reservations,
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Download the application:

**Diablo Region Web Site:
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Additional Information:

Contact Kern or Cindi Breaux @916-966-2425 or brecko@earthlink.net

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

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Want to learn how to better prepare your car for the next concours event? Reserve your place for our one-day judging school.

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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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Zone 7 Concours #2 & Swap Meet **Sunday, June 6, 2004**



Concours

8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Judging starts at 10:30 A.M.
Fee: \$20.00 per entry



Swap Meet

Registration begins at 6:30 A.M.
Meet open from 7:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Fee: \$20.00 per stall (10' x 20")

Spectators Free

For Information, contact:

Concours: Bob Morgan, (408) 410-3209, email rjmorgan@aehr.com
Swap Meet: Jim Bryant, (408) 937-5469, email jjbryants@hotmail.com
Also visit the LPR home page at <http://lpr.pca.org>

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Yosemite Region Presents

MayMadness

A Pan-Am Rally
Saturday, May 8



Fee: \$20.00 per car, \$15.00 if preregistered by May 3
Registration at 8:45 A.M. • Driver/Navigator meeting at 9:30 A.M.
First car out at 10:01 A.M.

Bud Behrens and Jim Cooper, Rallymasters

Description: Official maps or instructions will be used to communicate possible routes to standoff and checkpoint controls so that entrants may arrive at each checkpoint at the time and in the direction specified. All roads are paved and public unless otherwise specified.

Classes: Everyone is in the same class. Permissible equipment includes clipboard, paper, pens/pencils, highlighters, a watch or timing device, and a single-memory calculator. No rally charts or tables, calculators, or computers are permitted. Each rally car must have a driver and a navigator.

Preregistration: It is strongly recommended that entrants study the general rules prior to the event. To obtain them, send your entry fee check in the amount to of \$15.00, payable to "Yosemite Region - PCA," and a self-addressed, stamped, legal-size envelope postmarked for delivery no later than May 3 to:

May Madness
6424 Culpepper Place
Stockton, CA 95207-3208

Directions: Start and finish will be in Stockton at the Marina Center on Benjamin Holt Drive, just west of I-5. From northbound I-5, take the Benjamin Holt exit and turn left; from southbound I-5, take the Benjamin Holt exit and turn right. Registration will adjacent the McDonald's.



Information: Bud Behrens at (209) 477-6496, e-mail <budnmaryann@cs.com> or Jim Cooper at (209) 239-9465, e-mail <xdecman@yahoo.com>

Fiesta Mexicana Celebration

Hosted by
Marilynn Miller

Saturday
May 15
6:00 P.M.



Come to Marilynn's casa for a catered "South of the Border" Fiesta and, of course, margaritas plus beer, wine and soda. Call Marilynn at 925.837.5909 for more information if you have a question. All this for only \$15 per person.

To insure that your order will be reserved for the fiesta, please make checks payable to **Diablo Region/PCA**, and mail to:

Marilynn Miller
580 Indian Home Rd.
Danville 94526

Checks must be received by **May 9**

No refunds for cancellations made after May 13.



Ski Bear Valley

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Spring Flowers 2004

(A simple time and distance rally)

Saturday, April 3, 2004

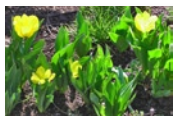


Start at the Black Oak Restaurant, Vacaville*
Finish in Fairfield around 2:00 P.M.

Registration: 9:00 A.M.

Drivers meeting and questions at 9:45 A.M.

First car out at 10:01 A.M.



Fee: \$12.00 per car

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Novice, Beginner, First-Timer

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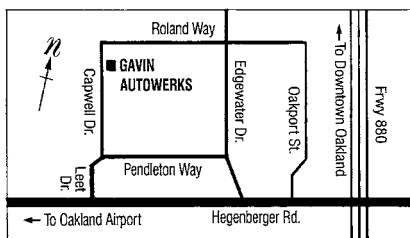
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