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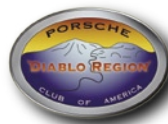
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Cover Photo

Inasmuch as I, as editor, have taken more than 90% of the *Advocate* photos in recent months, giving photo credits has been a non-existent task. Everything changed on the March 28 and 29 weekend when illness forced me to miss all three events. I also missed the Cable Car tour in San Francisco the next weekend, but illness was not the reason. I was in my Boxster excited about all the terrific photo ops that are so natural to San Francisco. Blocked by a firetruck while waiting to turn from Powell Street to Lefty O'Doul's, I did not see the Diablo Cable Car make its, from my most frustrating perspective, "premature evacuation." Apparently the presence of a horde of emergency vehicles allowed the decision makers to give priority to a safe and easy exit over the promise to make sure that I was there to follow in the camera crew capacity.

Fortunately, Chris Paterno did an excellent job providing photos of the tech session and Ted French used his Olympus to get fine shots of the Awards dinner. I also now have photos from Ed and Rosemary Tavares' Nikon and from Patrick Schmidt's Canon covering more of the Cable Car tour. The cover photo of the Wash 'n Shine prep session at AutoAffair is from Chris's FUJIFILM Fine Pix 2600 Zoom.

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From the President

by Patrick Schmidt



Thinking of previous years, many of us recall experiences that we want to repeat. These may include group events, driving activities, special purpose gatherings or just enjoying a beautiful outing on our own.

Adding to these options, the Region has picked up the pace and frequency of events as Spring has arrived and the weather has improved.

The March 27 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet honored the performance of several of our members with recognition of jobs well done. The list of award winners and photos are on page ten.

We all had a great time on the third consecutive St. Patrick's Day Cable Car Tour. We are fortunate to have such a great city to tour, and there is no better way to see it than with a personalized and humorously narrated tour by an experienced San Francisco native.

The tech session organized by Chris Paterno, along with our host and regular sponsor, the AutoAffair in Danville, was well attended and offered new perspectives on preparing your Porsche for the upcoming 19th annual Wash 'n Shine. Miguel sweetened the pot and offered a motorized scooter for the Region if we generated \$1,000 in sales on the day of the prep event. We made it!

One of the suggestions was that we raffle the scooter at the concours. This raffle income can then increase the funds that we donate to charity. Just a reminder that the Wash 'n Shine Concours is the Region's annual charity activity. Along with the proceeds we provide, PCA National adds \$350. Again this year, the charity is "Blankets for Kids" and is chaired by Jo Molz. Thanks, Jo!

Please come out to enjoy the Wash 'n Shine at the AutoAffair in the Danville Livery on Sunday, May 30th. See page 11 for additional details.

There is one experience that I try to repeat when the time and the weather are perfect. The decision was to take the "long way"

home from San Jose to Dublin via Mt. Hamilton and Livermore. The trip to San Jose via I-680 took a little over 30 minutes. The return trip of over 50 miles covered some of the nicest Porsche roads in the Bay Area or California for that matter.

I didn't push my Carrera as these roads are public roads. After passing the "Junction," a friendly biker hangout, there was a cluster of a dozen or so "hot" bikes with the drivers in colorful racing leathers. I waved "hello" as all of us friendly bikers do. After traveling about five minutes, two bike headlights flickered in my mirrors. Since the next part of the road was not a safe place for them to pass, I sped up a little and did not see the bikes for another five minutes or so. When they appeared again in my mirrors, there was another stretch of single lane road where I could not safely pull over. When the bikes did catch up, I slowed down, pulled over safely, and waved them by. Now I had the opportunity to follow them and pay close attention to their brake lights. When they slowed down, I knew it was time to brake and down shift myself. After about 20 or 30 minutes of continuing toward Livermore, one of the bikes slowed, stopped, and took off his gloves and took a deep breath. It was a nice drive!

The Porsche Crest

by the Editor



Before 1953, Porsches only had the name in script and there was no emblem. Max Hoffman, the U.S. importer, asked Dr. Porsche for such an emblem and, during that lunch, Ferdinand Porsche sketched what would eventually become the official Porsche crest on a napkin. The three elements were: the Porsche name on top; four quadrants with the antlers and red and black from Baden-Württemberg's coat of arms, and the shield from Stuttgart's city badge. The rearing stallion is reflective of the city's horse-breeding heritage, i.e., stud garden.

Always exemplifying prestige and the status afforded to Porsches, the crest first appeared in 1953 on the 356 horn button and later on the front hood in 1957. Since a '57 356 coupe was my first Porsche way back in 1959, I now have one more reason to cherish the memory of that fine vehicle.



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	11
Transfers in	1
Current renewals	10
Multi-year renewals	6
Late/delete renewals*	24
Transfers out	3
Non renewals	11
Dual members	9
Total membership	580

**Previously deleted, now renewed*

New members this month (thru 4/5/04):

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	City
Richard C. Abano	Myla	911	1990	San Ramon
Kristi Anderson		Carrera	1986	Danville
Gavin M. Cox	Katie	911	1975	Pittsburg
Dan M. Foxx	Gina	911	1999	Danville
Robert J. Garner	Margo	911	1998	Orinda
Mike E. Herrick	Connie	911	2003	Piedmont
Anthony Lai		Boxster S	2000	Pleasanton
Kurt M. Sabo		911SC	1980	Alameda
David V. Smith	Yvonne V.	911	2004	Alamo
Vivaek Uniyal		911	1999	Dublin
Gene Vandevander	Joyce E.	944	1991	Newark

Transfers in this month (thru 4/5/04):

Matthew W. Plasket	Katherine	1976	911S	Pleasanton
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Porsche AG News: 30,028 units were delivered in North America in 2003 including 13,661 Cayennes. "The Cayenne has exceeded all expectations and is a hit in North America." Sales of all Porsches in the USA is up 33 % over the previous year in a close relationship to the SUV sales. Winning new customers to Porsche, i.e., "fishing successfully in our competitor's pond," is firmly established with a mere 18% of the Cayenne buyers having been prior Porsche owners.



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Ron for the Road

by Ron Leppke, Editor

<lepprd@mac.com>

As you may have noticed, there are at least two consistent themes in the editing philosophy of this publication. One is preference to never do clip art if there is a quality photo, preferably of Diablo members, that can be used instead. While my backyard tulips do not qualify as members, it was fun to put them in place of some clip art flower thing in the "Spring Flowers" Rally flyer (page 17) last month.



The other trademark of the *Advocate* has been the addiction to drop shadows everywhere. I will thus bend my rule against clip art if I can get a drawing or whatever onto a transparent (.psd) background. Usually this means to paste the art into a new transparent background file in Photoshop and then select the original background and delete it. You can also select the unwanted portions and "inverse" leaving the parts(s) you want selected. In any case, there can not be a drop shadow unless it is a .psd file with a transparent background.

An emerging trend began in earnest last month with black outline boxes gaining color. I tried a few mostly to see how they would turn out in the black and white print version, and was surprised by the number of positive comments from members who noticed the new colors in the online PDF version.

My original serious interest in the *Advocate* began not as a potential editor, but as a curious observer wondering how to get it to a file size that would allow online posting and downloading. I knew, for example that Ken, our fine previous editor, was submitting a CD to the printers of around 38 to 50 MBs for 16 pages with 10 to 15 photos. Not only was this too big to post and download, the size even strained my work Windows machine when trying to open the CD.

So what has been accomplished since those days? Last month 24 richly colored pages reeking with drop shadows and some 40 high resolution images were presented online in a 1.1 MB file size! Even though I have all the details of having achieved this nearly miraculous feat, it is still hard for me to believe. A many fold decrease in file size while increasing the number of pages and quality, e.g., more high resolution photos plus more pages, just does not seem possible.

The digital workflow, including the obvious digital photos, is a major explanation. Adobe and Apple also deserve accolades. Adobe's InDesign layout software leaves their older program previously used with the *Advocate*, PageMaker, and their major competitor, Quark, mostly in the dust. It was the ColorSync filters that are part of the amazing Panther version of the Mac OS that achieved the final reduction in file size.

The "inspiration" for a football photo at the top of the column comes from our good buddies, Jim Bauman and Tom Pickett, who edit the GGR *Nugget* with heavy doses of humor. Their January edition had a dog photo and, since they have been close friends forever, they have used high school era photos as well. My photo is not a dog, but a Tiger—a Reedley College Tiger on a float in the annual Reedley Raisin Day Parade. If nothing else, it does clearly show the superiority of digital photos when compared to such oldies. The dual GGR editors call their column "Two for the Road" which I like. I could change mine to "Ron for the Road," and, while that does not quite ring the bell for me, I will try it.

On Sunday, 4/11, I posted 45 photos from the Saturday Alameda Point GGR autocross, and had more than 100 visitors by Monday evening, 4/12, and 211 visitors after one week. Wow!

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

My First Porsche, #14



This fine Boxster is the first for the owner whose name will be forthcoming soon.

Perfect Porsche Parking



My favorite Stanford Shopping Center spot but the Turbo beat me to it.

Porsche 911 Series **TECH SESSION**

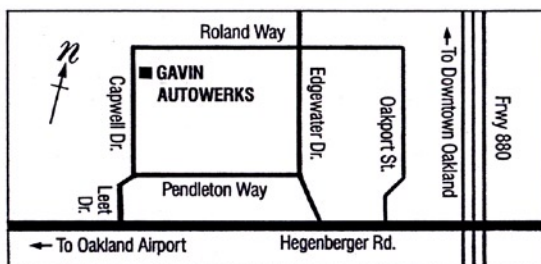
when: 9:00am, Saturday, June 12, 2004

where: GAVIN AUTOWERKS, 7920 Capwell Dr.,
Oakland, CA Phone: 510-633-0620

subject: Porsche 911 Major Service Information and Discussion. Session includes details on all aspects of services recommended by Porsche on 911 series cars. Session arranged by Diablo Region PCA and conducted by Gavin Cox.

Gavin, who has served Porsche Owners in the Bay Area for over 26 years, will conduct the Tech Session. He will be available to Porsche Owners to discuss the pleasures (and occasional frustrations) inherent in owning and driving one of the worlds finest sports cars.

NOTE: Even though this Tech Session will address 911 Series cars, all Porsche Owners are invited to attend. Gavin's experience includes service on 914, 944, and 928 Porsches.



Zone 7 Calendar: 2004

Date	Region	Event	Zone	Title	Location
5/2/04	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	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
7/3&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	Infineon Raceway
7/24/04	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
7/25/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
8/1/04	GGR	Concours	#5	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 Historics	Laguna Seca
8/26/04	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
9/11/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	TBD
9/12/04	YR	Concours	#6	Zone Concours	Modesto
9/18/04	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
9/18/04	SVR	Rally	#5	Carrera de Sierra	Loomis-Tahoe
9/19/04	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
10/9/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Alameda



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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
- 12 Gavin Autowerks Tech
- 17 Thursday Dinner Out

July

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



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Board of Directors Meeting

First Tuesday, 7 PM
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Thursday Night Dinner Out

3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM
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Walnut Creek

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



Bargain prices on parking lot repairs.

August

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Pizza and Porsches
- 19 Thursday Dinner Out

September

- 3 Pizza and Porsches



Annual Meetings Awards Banquet

by Patrick Schmidt

On March 27, the Diablo Region honored the award winning performance of our members who deserve the recognition of jobs well done. The 2003 winners are:



Rookie of the Year: Chris Paterno



Enthusiast of the Year: Rob Haitzma



Event of the Year: Jack and Kathy Kuhn, Yosemite Tour 2003



The Diablo Region/PCA & AutoAffair

Present the 19th Annual

Wash 'n Shine Concours



Sunday, May 30th, 2004

The Livery & Mercantile
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Open to all Porsches

Participant Fee: \$20

Free to the viewing public

10 Award categories

Registration: 8:00 to 9:00 AM

Judging starts: 9:30 AM

Proceeds: Bankets for Kids; More info: <www.pca.org/dia>

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Wash 'n Shine Tech

text and photos by Chris Paterno

I thought I was going to be late for my very first tech session as your Diablo/PCA tech chairman. It was 9:15 AM and I was just leaving Benicia with the Krispy Kreme donuts and Starbucks coffee when I encountered traffic on the north end of the Benicia/Martinez Bridge. I think "slow traffic keep right" should be a law, don't you? Anyway, I arrived at AutoAffair at exactly 9:45 AM, expecting to be greeted by hungry and impatient members but the only familiar faces I saw belonged to fellow PCA'ers, Ted French, Rob Haitsma and Jack Carpenter. Where is everybody? The tech that was supposed to start at 10:00 AM began 25 minutes late as folks straggled in. Note to self; just because we drive fast cars doesn't mean we drive them that way, and Porsche owners like to be fashionably late.



Pablo Cela of AutoAffair began with introductions and then, at the end of the tech, made an announcement that all sales that day were entitled to a 10% discount. I believe that he also let us know that AutoAffair would donate a scooter to the club if \$1000 in club sales was reached. I'm fairly certain we helped them achieve that goal.



Next up was Rob Lashin, also of AutoAffair, who let us know that they will be branching out to the auto tuning business. Their full service auto tuning shop will be opening in San Ramon in the very near future. A site has been selected and flyers printed so we should be seeing an ad in the *Advocate* soon. If you're in the market for performance upgrades, see Rob or Miguel Cela, owner of AutoAffair (see ad



on page 22). They'll hook you up.

Last, but not least, was Robert Lee (925.525.7820) of the Touch of Pride, Mobile Auto Detailing. Before the session, he told me he had no prepared script, as his best presentations are off-the-cuff. I was a little worried because I needed him to speak on the topic for at least 30 minutes. I asked folks to spend their Sunday morning with us so I didn't want to waste their time. Little did I know that Robert has an encyclopedic knowledge on the subject and could have continued on longer. The three things I remember are: 1) If you're satisfied with the product you're using, stick with it. Otherwise, read the labels and ask the expert (Robert). Don't just buy the most recognizable brand as they're not always the best choice. 2) Location, location, location. Don't wash or wax in full sun. 3) Costco laundry soap is good for clothes, not so good for Porsches.



There were 21 attendees and many were first timers. I consider my first tech session a success because my primary mission as your tech chairman is to enlighten you on a variety of interesting Porsche related topics. The Q & A session was proof that caring for your car's finish isn't elementary.

Stay tuned for upcoming techs on Porsche maintenance and 911 valve adjustments, audio options, time trial/autocross preparation and clear bra applications. If you have suggestions for future tech sessions, please let me know. I can be reached at cpaterno@sbcglobal.net. See you at the next tech!



PCA Car Corral Event Sunday, June 6, 2004

PCA Members are invited to kick off the Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep Wine Country Classic Vintage Car Race weekend.

In addition to the on-track action of the Wine Country Classic Vintage Car Races, the event will also feature:

- *Wine Country Living* Food and Wine Pavilion, located in the paddock (all weekend).
- Cooking demonstrations and wine tasting
- Motor sports-themed art show Custom street rod display (all weekend).
- Car corrals, featuring makes like Mercedes, Porsche, Mustang and Jaguar Lotus, Corvette, Shelby (all weekend).
- Open paddock for driver meet and greet opportunities.

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**Saturday
May 15
6:00 P.M.**



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Driving Events

by the Editor



In the early years of our Region, we had our own autocross series. The number of entries was small enough and the list of men's and women's class large enough that just about everybody had a chance at an annual trophy.

Interest in autocrossing seems, once again, to be on an upswing within our Region. Two board members are among those who have become enthusiastic with our VP saying repeatedly, "It is the most fun I have had with my clothes on."

Ted French, Milo Dorr, Ed Dugan, Ken



Jones, Keven Mehlberg, Mike Vorkapich, Laverne Thomas, Eugenie Thomas and Ralph Lignons are among those from Diablo who are either first or second in class for the 2004 GGR Series.



Clockwise: Ted French, Ed Dugan and Vern Thomas.

Loma Prieta Region - PCA & PartsHeaven Present

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:

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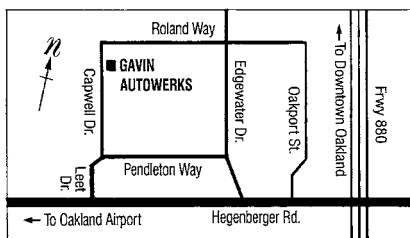
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