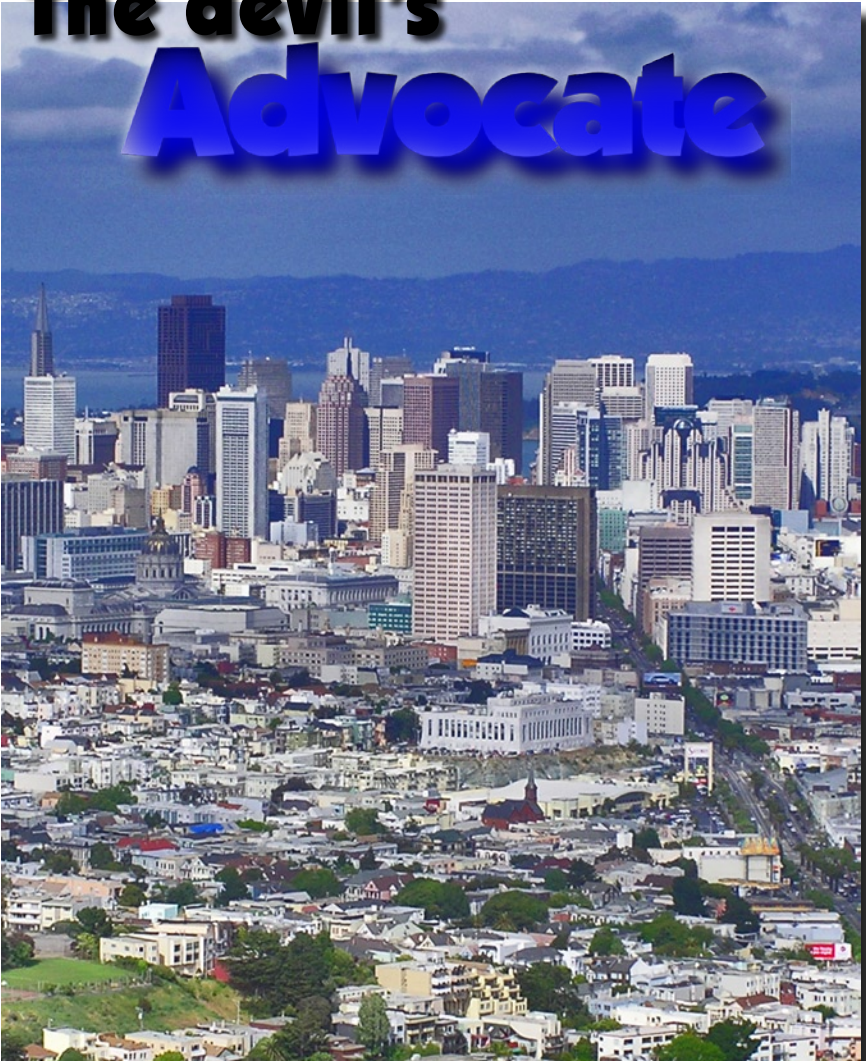


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## Cover Photo

This will admittedly be a rationalization for putting a city of San Francisco photo from GGR territory on the cover of an East Bay newsletter.

Our Diablo President laid the perfect foundation for this justification by saying that we are very fortunate to have such a great city to tour. The truth is, however, that I really enjoyed the harmony of the bluish shades in the title and the hues from the city photo as seen by an Olympus 10x optical zoom lens.

The title colors resulted from trying a new InDesign plug-in called InEffects. If you see a slight glow to our logo above, it also comes from InEffects. The simple truth is I liked the complimentary relationship between the title graphic and the Twin Peaks view of The City. In addition, it gives a chance for the InEffect demo to show how well any of its effects will endure the PDF and printing workflow.

Speaking of other regions, a SVR event and resulting photo made it to our mostly exclusive Diablo page nine. The picture is from the Sunday concours event which, because of heavy watering, was shifted with fine results to the parking area. BTW, telling the Lion's Gate people to not water for three days prior to the event was apparently overlooked on someone's "To Do" list.

**Diablo Region Web Site:**  
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## From the President

by Patrick Schmidt

Thanks to all who helped generate the activities in May: Marilyn Miller for hosting the Fiesta Mexicana Celebration, and Mike Vorkapich plus all the volunteers who helped with the 19th Annual Wash 'n Shine held in Danville. A special thanks to Miguel Cela and his AutoAffair crew for sponsoring the Concours. Since this is the Region's annual charity event, another note of appreciation to Miguel for the donation of an electric scooter at our March Wash 'n Shine prep session organized by our Tech Chairman, Chris Paterno. For those who do not know, Miguel offered to donate a \$300 scooter if the Region member's purchases totaled \$1000 that day. Not only did we exceed Miguel's goal, we also set a grand example of members supporting our advertisers! Thanks to those members who made purchases that day and to others who bought scooter raffle tickets later. We will have an announcement once the numbers are in to how much the raffle increased our proceeds for the "Blankets for Kids" charity.



June is always a great month to put an extra Porsche event or two on your calendar. For those of you who sneak a preview of the Advocate on the Web (thanks to Ron Leppke and Rob Haitsma), there is still time for you to plan to get to the Wash 'n Shine at the Danville Livery and Mercantile Center near Sycamore Valley Road and I-680. If you are reading this Advocate in hard copy, the event has been neatly closed up for 2004. I hope you had a chance to attend and made some new friends and perhaps learned even more about fine Porsche automobiles.

Moving into the summer, we are ready to enjoy drives typically scheduled for the third Saturday of the month. While it was not the third Saturday, Eugenie suggested I lead a tour to the top of Mount Diablo on May 8. All it took was this little suggestion, and we pulled off an impromptu drive on a perfect Porsche driving day! Temps were in the low 70's and mostly green hills in the valley made for a beautiful run up the mountain. Vern Thomas, Eugenie Thomas, Ted French and Ron Leppke drove a beautiful assortment of Porsches. The view from the top of Diablo

was great as always. As with most Porsche outings, getting there was half the fun, and getting back was the other half! Ron, always with camera in hand, took some great photos (See page 14). We have had many great tours and more to come. If you'd like to join us or lead a tour, feel free to contact any Board member. A Saturday tour could last just a few hours, e.g., up Mt. Diablo on May 8, and may or may not include lunch as a group. Other tours, like Frank Duran and I put together in October of '03, included a run up, then down Morgan Territory Road, a tasting at Murietta's Well in Livermore and a leisurely two hour lunch with great wine at Elliston's Vineyard in Sunol. Bill Arthur and I are hoping to pull together a little longer Saturday drive to Bruce Canapa's facility in Santa Cruz. Among a variety of projects, Bruce is prepping 959s for US street legal status and has quite a few race cars on site as well. We will try to build in enough lead-time to be sure we have enough participants to make it worth Bruce's time.

## From Jack and Jan Carpenter

Jan and I were very pleased and honored to receive the **John Clever Memorial Friendship Trophy** for 2003. We would like not only like to thank the Diablo Board, but also Carol and Irwin "Scotty" Scott who designed and provided the trophy in honor of John.

Since the Scotts are Charter Members of the Diablo Region, they really know what a friend and mentor John was to all of us in PCA. There will never be another member of the Porsche Club quite like John, but any of us who are fortunate enough to be on this perpetual trophy are proud to be associated with John, his dedication to PCA, and his friendship with both old and new members.

**Editorial note:** This gracious and unsolicited message from the Carpenters is both welcome and fortuitous. The May issue article on the Annual Awards missed an important opportunity to honor the Scotts, the Carpenters and John when mention of this important award was neglected. Thanks to the Carpenters for facilitating this correction.





**Judy Schreib**  
 <jhschr@tdl.com>

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## Welcome: New members\*

New Members	6
Transfers in	N/A
Current renewals	N/A
Multi-year renewals	N/A
Late/delete renewals*	N/A
Transfers out	N/A
Non renewals	N/A
Dual members	9
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>580*</b>
<i>*Previously deleted, now renewed</i>	

### New members this month\* (thru 5/5/04):

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	City
Keith Duncan		N/A	N/A	Orinda
Lacarr Hills	Robin Hills	911 SC	1978	Manteca
Jeffrey W. Nelson	James W. Nelson	911	2000	Alamo
Tony D. Palma	Nick Palma	911 SC	1983	Alamo
James D. A. Van Hoften		911	1996	Lafayette
Robert R. Villa		911	2004	Antioch

### Transfers in this month\* (thru 5/5/04):

*\*The typical monthly membership report from the PCA national offices was not available at the date of publishing. Reported transition issues in the installation of new systems were given as the cause for incomplete and delayed membership data. Ideally, corrected and updated May numbers will be available in the July issue.*

### Length of PCA (some began with GGR) Membership<sup>1</sup>:

Joe Le Page	1960	Leland Mlejnek	1974
Robert Daves	1968	Tom Masles	1975
James Gaeta	1968	Ernest Wilberg	1975
Tom Luciano	1970	James Dittig	1976
John Lee	1972	W. Scott Graco	1977
Robert Sekigahama	1972	Alan Hall	1977
Bill Packwood	1972	H. Peter Young	1978
Bill Patton	1973	Jo Molz	1978
Charles Pistoia	1974	Marsha Wilson	1979

<sup>1</sup> As indicated by the starting year.



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## Ron for the Road

by Ron Leppke, Editor

Having owned

Porsches since 1959,

I certainly have had

more than my share

of "end cut" parking

and other idiosyn-

cratic maneuvers de-

signed to preserve the

exterior appearance

of cars that sell poorly with door dings

or damaged alloy wheels. Clever parking

is but one aspect of keeping a Porsche

pristine; having an expert wheel and tire

shop with high standards is another.

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Recently while having tires mounted at our fine sponsor (See the ad on page 2), I heard Roger call all of his guys from the alignment bay to a nice BMW in the parking lot that was unloading a new set of very expensive wheels and tires. Why all the fuss and extra people? Roger wanted each wheel to be hand-carried to the tire mounting area and then stacked with fresh, clean cardboard between each wheel. I had a quick look around and there were more examples of why this shop has different standards than the typical low budget place. All seven jack handles are wrapped in thick foam.

This attention toward protecting your Porsche investment may add some pennies to the bill but you will be repaid many times over when it comes to the selling price.

Another item in this general category of tires is wheel balancing. Why should a street or passenger car be taken to a race shop for tire balancing? If the tire shop has enough quality technology to have a thin tread race tire, i.e., less tread depth to absorb road roughness, run smoothly on the track at 120 mph or better, then your full tread passenger or street tire will easily run smoothly at half that speed. In fact, the new thin treaded Dunlops that Roger's people put on two weeks ago, were so smooth that three digits appeared in my odometer dial when the frustration of jammed

traffic gave way to some open space as I moved from fourth to sixth gear.

I autocrossed at CRAB for three runs on Saturday, 4/23 and then hit the road (as we now are saying: "Ron for the Road") for a Mennonite Historical Society annual meeting in Fresno. Hwy. 99 was congested, so the down to fourth and back to fifth and sixth was the routine. It was a long day of more than 400 miles since I skipped the evening meeting to get back to CRAB and photograph the Sunday events.

By the way, once you add in my late entry and count by people rather than by couples or registrations, Diablo had more CRAB participants than any other Region other than the SVR host group. Eugenie had a remarkable weekend with her "new" 911. For example, she beat me in the autocross, but my handy dandy list of autoross excuses came up with, "I was testing tire pressures for my new Dunlops and was thus not full-out racing."

The number of visitors to the photos on my homepage of GGR and other driving event galleries continues to amaze me. One page has only been up a two days and yet the total for five driving events was over 1000. The 5/2 GGR autoross page, posted on Monday the 3rd, had 222 visitors by Thursday the 6th. Only one day later, the overall total for driving events was over 1200\*. Even my "Blossom Trail" pictures had 92 visitors. I am also getting some interesting "Send me" messages.

In case anyone noticed, the Saturday photos from the Road & Track Invitational at Laguna benefitted from an editor perk when I obtained a photographer's armband and pass. This pass included the combination to all the gate locks that keep others from the track-side windows in the fencing while we armband people can use them for close-up photos.

(\* The total thru 5/21/04 is 1627)

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

## My First Porsche, #15



Ted French says, "I have owned this 912 for over 30 years and am just now learning how to drive it." Editor: see autocross photos.

## Perfect Porsche Parking



Mike and Gale Vorkapich found a perfect spot while at the CRAB event in Sacramento.

# Porsche 911 Series **TECH SESSION**

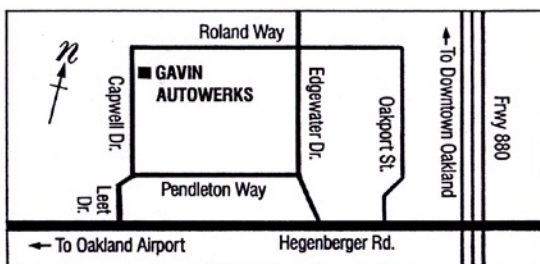
**when:** 9:00am, Saturday, June 12, 2004

**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
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
10/2/04	GGR	Rally	#6	Coyote Run	TBA
10/3/04	RR	Concours	#8	Ledson Winery	Santa Rosa
10/9/04	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Alameda
10/9/04	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
10/9/04	GGR	Rally	#7	Event	TBA
10/10/04	SVR	Swap Meet		Region Swap Meet	Silverstar Motors
10/16/04	SqR	Autocross	#7	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
10/17/04	SqR	Autocross	#9	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
10/17/04	DR	Concours	#8	Blackhawk Plaza	Danville



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# Diablo Calendar: 2004

## 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

## August

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



Always in the minority, Phil and Rob's water pumpers unite against "real" Porsches.

## September

- 3 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Hearst Castle tour
- 16 Thursday Dinner Out

## October

- 1 Pizza and Porsches
- 5 Board Meeting
- 21 Thursday Dinner Out
- 24 Newcomers BBQ



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## 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.



## Fiesta Mexicana Celebration

by Herb and Judy Schreib

The sixth annual Cinco de Mayo event was the end of an era. Marilynn has sold her house and is heading to Tucson, AZ. She has hosted many Porsche events, including pool parties, Christmas gift exchanges, and newcomer "welcome" gatherings.

The Fiesta, was a huge success with great Porsche camaraderie, good weather, Marilynn's famous margaritas, mild/spicy salsa, guacamole and a variety of Mexican food catered by El Balazo. In addition, there were tempting desserts, including cream puffs, bite-size brownies and fresh fruit.

Phil, our name tag guy, had a drawing for anyone wearing his/her Diablo Region name badge. The winners were: Gloria Hall (t-shirt), Bill Packwood (sweatshirt) and Rob Haitsma (cap). **Editor: The 2X clothing items were apparently made possible by Phil's recent weight loss.**

Herb presented to Marilynn a matted photo of her casa signed by all present with great sentiments." He explained that he drove to her house

early in the week to snap the photo. At that moment, Marilynn unexpectedly walked out and boldly questioned, "What are you doing?" She found out when the signed photo was presented. President Patrick added some kind, supporting words for Marilynn's past contributions to Diablo Region. Marilynn joined Diablo Region in 1996, served as a Director/Goody Bag chairperson and also hosted many board meetings during that period.

It was determined that a great rally could be mapped out for the 2005 Cinco de Mayo party at Marilynn's new casa in Tucson. It was also suggested that Marilynn could add to the selling contract that her present casa be available next year with the new owners either hosting the party or loaning Diablo Region the use of the house.

Marilynn, **we will miss you!!!** Anyone else ready to "step up to the plate" to host this great event next year???



## Zone 7 Concours #3



Shriners Hospital for Children  
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This concours has become the largest car show in Sacramento and draws entrants from all over California and several other western states. It is a significant fund-raiser for the Shriners Hospital for Children. There will be a PCA sponsored Hospitality Tent with seating and free refreshments.

Saturday, June 12, 6 P.M. to 11 P.M.

Grand Marshal's Banquet at the Coca Cola Plant on Stockton Boulevard  
Honoring Bob Garretson, Grand Marshall of Shriners Concours  
Banquet Fee: \$30.00

Sunday, June 13 - PCA Zone 7 Concours #3

7:30 - 9:00 A.M. - Car Placement • 9:30 A.M. - Gates Open to the Public  
10:00 A.M. - Judging Begins • 1:00 P.M. - Parade and Awards Presentation

SVR Zone 7 Concours only: \$25.00 • Shriners Concours only: \$25.00

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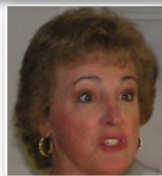
PLEASE: Bring a new, unwrapped TOY for the children!

Registration deadline for PCA SVR Concours is Sunday, June 6, 2004. Contact Jeff Kinder at (916) 765-2801 or Kent Brandon at (916) 663-1702. Make checks payable to "PCA SVR" and send to Jeff Kinder, 4320 Fremont's Loop, Rescue, CA 95672. For Shriners Concours Registration, contact Marie Woods at (916) 685-1615 or [www.shrinersconcours.com](http://www.shrinersconcours.com)



# Fiesta Mexicana Celebration

Hosted by Marilyn Miller  
Saturday, May 15, 2004



The write-up across the page provides details related to these photos.

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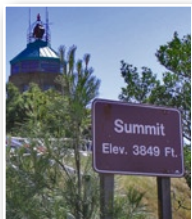


# Sonnen > Porsche



## Diablo Drive

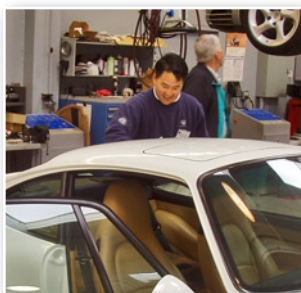
Suggested by Eugenie Thomas  
Led by Patrick Schmidt  
Saturday, May 8, 2004





# Zone 7 Concours Judging School

at Sonnen Porsche  
by Dean Tanaka  
Sunday, April 18, 2004





## CRAB 31 Rally

by Rik Larson

Several cars ran the CRAB 31 Rally without an odometer and succeeded in one winning a class and the other placing second in a class— I tried so hard to make this an easy event.

All 24 cars that started the 2-hour, 80-mile long event completed the course and passed through all of the checkpoints. This event used instructions (grid pattern of 10 instructions per page) borrowed from a basic format to be used at the Porsche Parade rally this year in Fort Worth. I opted to provide mileages for all of the instructions (easy to calculate the perfect times at any point that was in the route instructions). A pictorial or “tulip” diagram was not provided, as I did not want to present too much information on a single line.

This rally had some special equipment requirements associated with it: only watches, paper, pencil and “stickies” were allowed in an attempt to level the playing field. Jessica and



J. Toney won the Class C with a score of 56 seconds. Running without a working odometer, Mike and Emily Willis had a score of 60 to win Class R. Tish Gleason and Al Armellini of **Diablo Region** had a score of 85 for the win in Class A.

Rounding out the class winners were Kirk and Linda Bradford with a score of 128 in Class B. The other car running without a working odometer was Ron and Sally Boeck. They picked up a second place in Class A with a score of 178.

There were two short legs (4 minutes and 7 minutes) that allowed for some very low scores. Then two other legs of approximately 35 minutes (which co-incidentally had the same elapsed time) gave a chance for everyone to separate themselves from the other contestants.



The general route explored the area around the Sacramento International Airport and the small towns of Nicolaus and East Nicolaus. In fact we used some of the same roads and checkpoint locations as were used in the 2000 Parade Rally. Potty stops were plentiful (after Mike Willis turned the porta potty at checkpoint 2/3 so that we could get to the door). And a few cars were treated to the “North by Northwest” experience of a plane (crop duster) coming toward you as it used a dirt landing strip parallel to the rally road.



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## Driving Events

*by the Editor*

The Diablo Region continues to have a strong presence in the GGR autocross series. Ted French has his 912 tied for first in class A; Jon and Ed Dugan are first and second, respectively, in class G. Mike Quinn's SC won the last event in Class K and is now third in the standings. Rob Aldenhuysen has his Carrera in second in Class L. Alan Kingsley is undefeated but in second in class M because tax work apparently kept him out of the first two events. Ken Jones is dominating the street tire Boxster S class (N) and typically is one of the fastest overall on street tires. Tim Stewart's 993 is second in Ni whereas your editor has entered only one event so far for



fifth place. Kevin Mehlberg has Class S all to himself and Mike Vorkapich is second in the regular Boxster class (T). The Thomas ladies, Vern and Eugenie, are first and second in TL where Vern continues to be undefeated. Ralph Ligos has finished second twice in class Gm and is second in the standings. Milo Dorr has won two of three events and easily leads class Dm.



**Clockwise:** Vern Thomas<sup>1</sup>, Ron Leppke<sup>1</sup> and Mike Quinn with Alan Kingsley.

<sup>1</sup> Photos by Alan Kingsley

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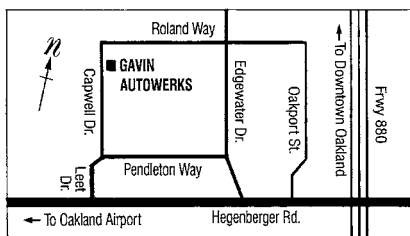
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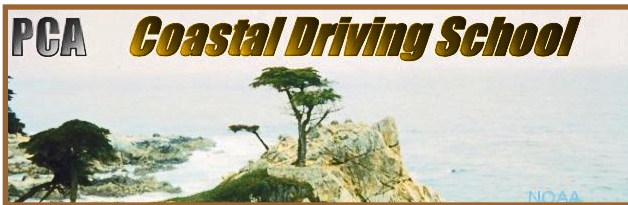
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