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DIABLO REGION EVENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Nov 12 > Diablo PCA Planning Meeting

Nov 19 > SF Auto Show Tour

Nov 27 > SVR Tree Deco Potluck

DECEMBER

Dec 10 Folsom Outlets Shopping Tour

Dec 17 Holiday Luminary Tour

JANUARY

Jan 22, 2012 > Black Hawk Museum Extravagnza

Check for details for events on the web site calendar at <http://diablo-pca.org/>

OTHER EVENTS

Nov. 10 > Porsche Experience in Sonoma



Words From Walt By Walt Lietz

I want to thank all the members who voted in our board of directors election last month. The results are in and we are all looking forward to 2012 with a very involved and energetic board. The board will decide on who will serve as officers at our December meeting. Please remember that the board works hard but in no way can they do it all. Your continued support is needed throughout the year so that we can provide all the events and activities that are planned.

We need your help to choose our 2012 events at our Planning Meeting on Saturday, November 12 at 6:30 pm at our house. We will be serving pizza and soft drinks! Last year we received many new ideas from you and would like to repeat that process for 2012. Your input on what worked in 2011 and what could be improved is also important to meeting the needs of all our members. For example, the Family Picnic was suggested and discussed at last year's planning meeting and turned out to be our best attended event of the year. If you can't make the meeting then please let me know what you enjoyed and what you would like to have included so we can adjust our plans for next year. If you would like to plan a tour, a social event, or any other activity but can't attend the planning meeting, please contact me so that we can put the event on our 2012 calendar.

Although Jacquie and I could not attend Rennsport IV at Laguna Seca, we heard from everyone that it was an amazing event. I want to thank all of you who volunteered to help particularly **Ted** and **Ingrid French** and **Bob** and **Julie Henderson**. Apparently word has leaked out that the 2014 PCA Parade will be held at Laguna Seca! We are all looking forward to the 2012 Parade in Salt Lake City and then the 2014 Parade in our own Zone 7.

In October we had a great turnout at the Classy Car Tour & BBQ, a special thanks to **Rosemarie** and **John Place** for hosting the event. His automobile collection is fantastic and driving up to their house with an army Hummer w machine gun looking at you is not soon forgotten. **Ted** and **Ingrid French** did all the BBQing, while Satoshi Iwahashi, Doug and Carol Wiebe, Lou and Kathy Soler, and Brian Adkins were a great help in setup and takedown.

We had a beautiful evening for our 2011 Oktoberfest. It was great to meet so many new members too. Everyone brought a side-dish and soon the entire kitchen was filled with really great food. When Jacquie told me that we had to make five large apple strudels, I thought she was kidding but they were gone before the night was over.

Everyone enjoyed the Castello di Amorosa tour. The pictures were great and thanks to **Dan Spisak** for planning and leading the event. He even found a new way to get up to one of our favorite spots in the Napa Valley.

Our next Board of Directors meeting is on Monday, November 14, 6:30 pm, at The Brass Door in San Ramon. I want to encourage all newly elected board of directors to attend our meeting so that they will be ready to elect the club officers at our December meeting. It is open to all members and we would like to see you attend.

As always - Have fun and drive safely!

Walt

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2012 Election Results

The voting deadline has passed and the results are in. A big **“Thank You”** to all the members who made a decision to run. A special note of “Thanks” to **Ingrid French** and **Tom Marinshaw** for volunteering to be on the Nomination Committee and verifying the results. And, of course, we can’t forget to thank **Steve Jones**, our Webmaster, for developing, maintaining and extracting information from the electronic voting section of our web site.

Enough suspense. Here are the four (4) newly elected 2012 members of the Board of Directors:

- Satoshi Iwahashi
- Ingrid Plooy
- Lou Soler
- Doug Wiebe

These members will attend the December Board of Directors meeting and the “new” 2012 Board of Directors (made up of the remaining 5 members of the 2011 Board and the 4 new members) will select the new Board positions.

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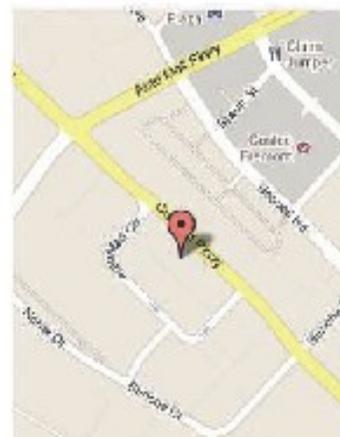


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Saturday:	9am-8pm
Sunday:	11am-7pm





HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR



WHEN: Saturday, December 17

TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Ted and Ingrid French Home
1107 Delta Way, Danville

COST: \$10 per person

**Make your check payable to Diablo PCA and mail to:
Diablo PCA, PO Box 1047, Livermore, CA 94551-1047**

Food, soft drinks and water will be provided. Bring your own adult beverages.

RSVP: Ted & Ingrid French at 925-837-8545

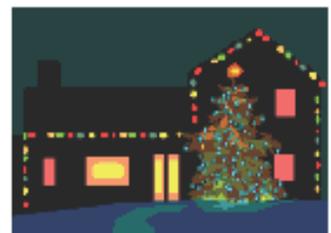
The evening begins with appetizers and then a tour of the lights in San Ramon, returning to the French home for desserts and a "White Elephant" gift exchange.

What is a "White Elephant"? It is something you already have around the house (do not go out and buy something). It does not need to be car related, should be suitable for either a man or woman and should be wrapped. The exchange is optional and you do not have to participate if you don't want to. So, if you do not bring a gift, you will not be getting one.

DIRECTIONS: Take the Sycamore Valley Road east exit off of 680. Take the first right onto Camino Ramon (Best Western Hotel) continue on and turn left on El Capitan (the stop light). Delta Way is the first right and our house is the first one on the left.



**SIGN UP SOON. SPACE IS
LIMITED!**



2012 Planning Meeting

When: Saturday, November 12, 2011
Time: 6:30—9:30 P.M.
Where: Walt and Jacquie Lietz's home, located at:
 920 Cochise Court, Walnut Creek

Directions:

- Hwy. 680 N, Exit Ygnacio Valley, turn right.
- Hwy 24 East, Ygnacio Valley, turn right.
- Hwy 680 S, Exit S. Main St, (continue on Main St.)
- Turn left on Ygnacio Valley Rd.
- Drive Ygnacio Valley past John Muir Hospital
- Turn right on Wiget Lane
- Turn left on Quiet Place
- Turn right on Natchez Drive
- Left on Cochise Court – white house with four columns

Bring your support, ideas and input for 2012 Events!
Pizza, soft drinks and water will be provided.
Bring your own "adult" beverage.

- Things we will discuss:**
- Tours
 - Thunderhill DE Events
 - Breakfasts
 - Rallies
 - Dinners
 - Tech Sessions
 - Special Events
 - Wash N Shine
 - New Events

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Christmas Tree Decorating and Potluck

When: Sunday, November 27

**Time: 2:00PM (Decorate the tree)
4:15PM (Potluck)**

**Where: California Auto Museum
2200 Front St, Sacramento, CA
<http://calautomuseum.org/>**

Caravan will meet up at Buttercup Pantry in Walnut Creek at 12:30PM

Come join us for a drive to the California Auto Museum (formerly the Towe) annual Christmas Tree Decorating Party and Potluck! This is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season with any of your friends and an opportunity to meet other automobile enthusiasts and see a great collection of cars in the Museum.

A highlight this year will be the Special Exhibit in the Museum called "Wundercars". This is an 8 month display on the history of the German Automobile industry and this will be the last day for over 20 Porsches being featured in the Museum before being rotated out for BMW's.

Bring an ornament for the tree! We will have a Christmas tree to decorate and an ornament that you've made showing your car and/or yourselves is a great way to show the 1000's of people that pass through the Museum during the Holiday Season just what a great car club PCA is.

Potluck

If your last name starts with A-J: bring a side dish or salad to share

If your last name starts with K-R: bring a dessert (brownies, cookies, cake, pie, etc.)

If your last name starts with S-Z: bring a main dish (casserole, spaghetti, KFC, etc.)

The museum has a refrigerator and microwave available and they provide beverages, utensils and paper products.

Last year there were over 300 people from different car clubs that attended and everyone brings a dish for the Potluck to share with the other car clubs.

Walt & Jacquie Lietz and Elsie Lum & Satoshi Iwahashi attended last year and had a great time. Satoshi was also the lucky winner of several fun raffle prizes.

If you plan on joining the fun this year, please RSVP to Jacquie Lietz at 925-256-7620 or email jhl_online@yahoo.com by Monday, November 22. We need to have a headcount by this date to reserve our tables.



Food and Friends

Diablo Region members are now meeting at Buttercup Bar & Grill, 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, Ca 94596, located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive. Breakfast is every Saturday at 8AM. Be sure to wear your name tag! This is a great way to casually meet other members and catch up on upcoming Region events and Porsche news.

There is a monthly dinner held the 3rd Thursday of each month at Strizzis restaurant at 3456 Camino Tassajara in Danville. The group meets at 6:30PM.

Great food and great people! What more could you ask for! Be sure to mark your calendar to attend at least one dining opportunity.



Pleasanton Saturday Breakfast

Additional Saturday added!

If you can't get up in time to get to the Saturday morning breakfast at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek, drive over to Pleasanton and join a few hungry members at Vic's All Star Kitchen. We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30AM.

The next breakfast is scheduled for November 12th and again on November 26th. We hope to see you there. Vic's is located at 201 Main Street, Pleasanton. We have tables reserved in the back-room. Check directions at:

<http://www.vicsallstar.com/about.htm>.

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In an effort to get to know the dynamic people who make up Diablo Region, we are going to feature an ongoing article of interviews with members. If you would like an interview to be featured in the Advocate, just contact a Board Member or a Chairperson. Or email your answers to the following questions to Kay Maloy at editor@diablo-pca.org anytime.

The following interview was conducted by Luis Soler.



Meet Ingrid Plooy

Ingrid joined the PCA on August 10, 2010

1. What type of work do you do and if you are retired, what did you do?

I worked in molecular biology research for several years before changing careers to biotechnology sales and marketing. My territory is Northern CA, Nevada and Utah.

2. What are your interests (hobbies)?

Other than Porsche, my husband and I love to travel. My family tree is in the Netherlands and my husband's family is in Manila, Philippines so we usually alternate yearly vacations between Europe and Asia. We are also involved with the Northern CA Beagle Rescue and share our home with our third rescue, a 12 year old beagle.

3. What first interested you in Porsche?

My husband and I had been looking for a sports car for about a year. Our short list was a BMW Z4 and a Mercedes Benz SLK350. Then one Saturday morning, we saw an ad for a 1998 Boxster at one of those shady, used car dealerships on Mission Blvd. in Hayward. We test drove it and I immediately fell in love with the car, the way it drove and felt. It had been painted a horrible pink color and had passed through 8 owners. I knew then I wanted a Boxster and decided to look for one in better condition with a less complicated Car Fax Report.

4. What was your first Porsche and why did you purchase it?

16 My first Porsche was a 1999 Midnight Blue

Boxster, purchased on May 31, 2010. it had one owner, 40K miles and brand new 18 inch tires with custom rims. It was love at first sight and I named her Sabina.

5. What is your current Porsche?

The first one, Sabina. My husband said "I stole his thunder" when I bought it and he purchased his first Porsche, a Guards Red 1999 Carrera six months ago.

6. What do you like about your Porsche?

I love the classic design and the way it feels on the road, a very muscular and balanced roadster with superb handling. Although it has a 2.5 L flat six, it is amazingly fast and has won numerous "stop light grand prix" events against much larger challengers. Our latest victory was against a Nissan Infinity G37. it has a great pedigree after all, the 550 Spyder known as the "Giant Killer". I also like to take it out with the top down on tours and weekend drives.

7. What options do you wish it included?

None come to mind, really. I seldom listen to the stereo and prefer the sound of that Flat Six. Simple is good.

8. Is this your daily driver and if not, when do you drive it?

It is not my work car, but I take it out for about 30 minutes most days after work and of course, on weekends.

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9. What type of driving do you like to do (i.e. spirited, country winding roads, long interstate trips)?

The wonderful Bay Area back roads are my favorite and I have discovered and enjoyed many of them on the tours.

10. What activities do you enjoy doing with the Diablo Region?

The tours, rallies and social events are what I enjoy the most.

11. Is there any particular event that stands out as most enjoyable?

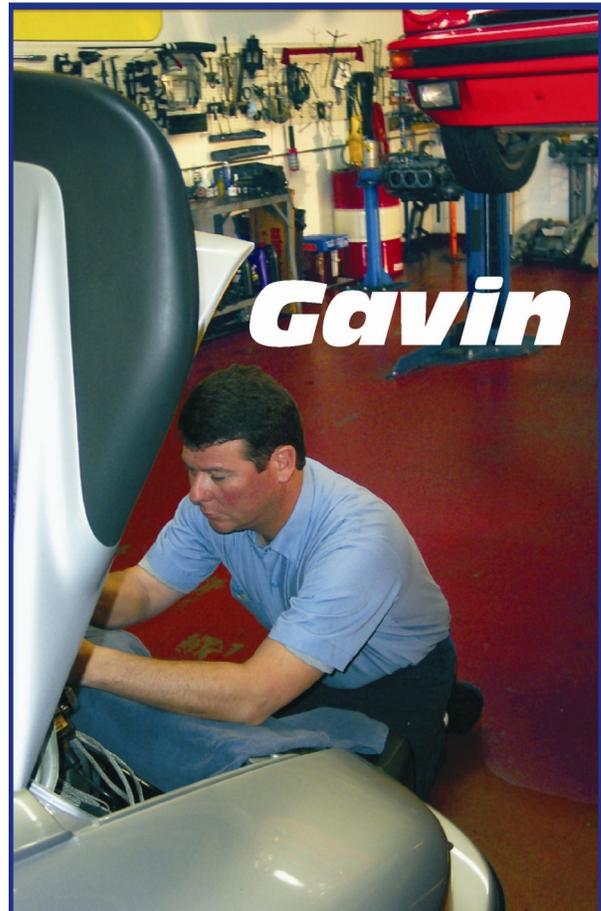
My favorite this year was the Mt. Hamilton Tour. I especially liked the drive. With all the twists and tight turns, it was one of the most challenging drives I have been on.

12. Is there any activity the Diablo Region does not provide that you would like to do?

No. I think they have a great balance of social, driving and technical events.

13. If you could have any Porsche, what would it be and why?

A seal gray 997 Turbo S, which I hope to buy in 5-6 years. This will be the "big brother" for my Boxster.

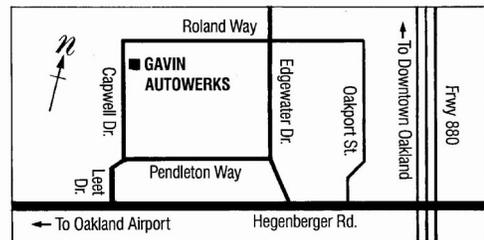


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Time: 11AM—3PM (May enter at 10AM to view cars)

Location: Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza, Danville

Cost: \$35 p/p for Diablo Members & 1 guest (subsidized by Diablo PCA)

\$65 p/p for Non-Diablo Members

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- A special display of Porsches on the Plaza
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- Docents to provide guided tours of the Museum
- A gourmet luncheon catered by Scott's Catering
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- Door Prizes
- Guest Speaker
- A chance to heckle/congratulate your friends as they receive their awards.

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Salmon

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Dessert and Coffee

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Diablo PCA, PO Box 1047, Livermore, Ca 94551-1047.

Please RSVP to Jacquie Lietz at
ihl_online@yahoo.com or 925-256-7620
by January 12, 2012.



John and Rosemary Place BBQ

Those members who were able to attend the BBQ at the home of John and Rosemary Place were greeted by an interesting set of wheels in the driveway. It was great weather for a tasty meal in their spacious backyard. Walt Lietz provided the following pictures of the day.



Trading war stories: Ingrid & Ted French, Eugenie Thomas, Satoshi Iwahashi and Ingrid Plooy & hubby.

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Rennsport Reunion IV

Several members made the drive down to Laguna Seca (Mazda Raceway) to be part of a historical event—Rennsport Reunion IV. Besides enjoying the scenery, sea of Porsches, honored guests from the Porsche company, some of our members were volunteers and worked the event.

More than 350 Porsche race cars, 50 plus museum display cars and 1300 Porsches in the car corral created Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV. The Porsche Park in the Paddock hosted of legendary drivers who signed autographs, the Northern American debut of the new 2012 Porsche 911 and so much more.

The following pictures were provided by Doug Wiebe and Lillie Echevarria.



Detlev von Platen, President & CEO of Porsche Cars North America, our own Lillie Echevarria and Dr. Wolfgang Porsche Le





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Castillo di Amoroso Tour

What a wonderful Autumn day for a drive to the Napa Valley! Not just a drive, but a fantastic experience in discovering history and a great winery, with the added bonus of being with friends during the day.

After a fortifying breakfast at the Buttercup pantry in Walnut Creek, we jumped in our cars and hit the road. There was a brief stop before we hit the Silverado Trail following exceptionally detailed directions. And then, suddenly, we drove up the steep driveway and our jaws dropped as we entered the realm of the "Castle".

Before us stood the most authentic stone castle, recreated to be so realistic it even had a moat. We eagerly crossed over the cross bridge, entering the castle and ready for our informative and entertaining tour deep into the caverns of the winery. Our guide was very funny and a wealth of knowledge about the owner of the castle and winery. He answered all our questions and after an elegant seated wine tasting, provided additional tastings for those who were interested.

After hitting the gift shop and taking a few more pictures, we drove to the Silverado Brewing Company for a delicious lunch and filled the room with the buzz of enthused conversation.

A big "Thank You" to Dan Spisak for putting this together and for keeping the "rowdy" group on time for our reservations. Great Job!

Photos provided by Lillie Echevarria, Gail Forrest and Dour Wiebe.





Special Parking for the group.



Getting assembled for the tour.



Black Knights guarding the castle.

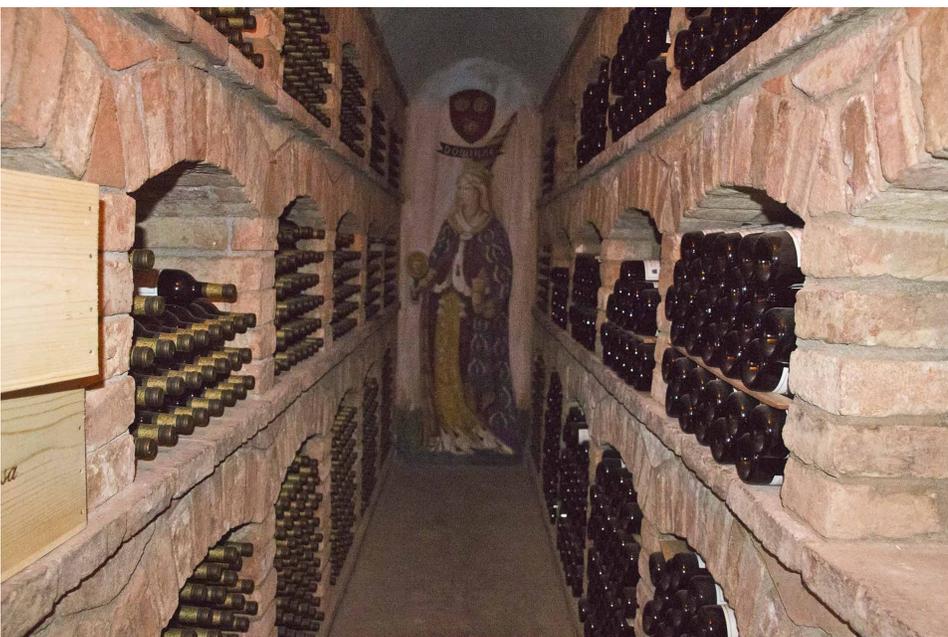


Castle was built brick by brick with bricks from the 15th Century.



Wine making process.

Wine Storage



Aging to perfection.



Main Storage Room that doubles as the Ballroom for parties.



The Castle's Torture Chamber, complete with "The Rack".



The beginning of "Pins & Needles" saying.



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Couldn't resist the photo-op on the way out!



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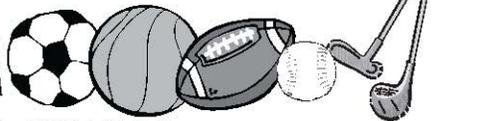
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Calling all Shutter Bugs PCA Diablo 2011 Photo Contest

Spring has sprung; Summer is almost here (not that the weather is co-operating).
But your car is cleaned and waxed with a tank full of gas looking for good roads and places to visit.
Now dust off the camera and take some pictures of your beautiful car for the 2011 photo contest.

We are looking for 3 pictures of your (or part of) Porsche in an "**interesting**" setting.
You'll be the judge of what interesting is but please submit a brief description of the setting and why you choose it for the official judges.

The rules are:

1. Photo has to be shot between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31, 2011
2. Your car or part of it has to be in all photos. Shadows of your car are acceptable as long as they are recognizable.
3. Submit three (3) photos for the contest. Please include a description of each photo to help the judges.
4. Winner will be selected by the Board based on a combination of:
 - Creativity
 - Composition
 - Exotic location or distance from Bay Area
5. By entering the Contest, all entrants grant an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide non-exclusive license to PCA Diablo, to reproduce, distribute, display and create derivative works of the entries (along with a name credit), in any media now or hereafter known, including, but not limited to: web display, newsletter usage, and publication of a calendar for sale.
6. We shall select some of the photos to make a calendar for next year. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars will be donated to charity under the club's name.
7. **Entry deadline Nov. 7, 2011**
 - Email to photo.pcadiablo@gmail.com or
 - Mail to PCA – Diablo
Attn.: photo contest
P.O. Box 30667
Walnut Creek, CA 94598
8. **Please include Name and membership number with your submittal.**
9. You must submit 3 photos. Photos may be color or black and white, and must be in high resolution digital format (jpg or tiff files).

Below was what the judges were looking for in last year's contest: the Photo Scavenger Hunt.





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