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There are many objects of beauty in our world, and many would classify the Porsche automobile as one of them. I may have occasionally judged a few other sports cars to be more physically attractive, but, when performance and driving fun are included, Porsches as pictured on this cover are vehicular beauty in its finest form.

The Alexander Valley Wine Tour had it all. The weather was perfect, the scenery had the vibrant lush color of a Spring with an abundant of rain along with a fantastic group of Porsches. The cover shows a sample of the tour Porsches with many more shown on pages 22 and 23. These and others can be seen in color on two

homepage albums: <<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/PhotoAlbum183.html>> and <<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/PhotoAlbum185.html>>

I selected the cover photo mostly because the background of the richly variegated shrubs and trees. The stately evergreens are just like the ones I planted less than a mile away on Everett Place where I had my first new home. Our President does not like my photography mumbo jumbo such as iso etc., so I will simply report a depth of field setting, an original 8 x 10 size of 3.4 mb and resolution set at 300 dpi as adjusted with Photoshop cs.

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Ted's Tidbits

By Ted French, President



First off, let me apologize to our editor since my column is always to be to him the Tuesday following the board meeting and here it is

two weeks late. You would not believe the email that would fly back and forth if a deadline were missed. This time, it was only a polite nudge. Thank you Ron.

Now, for the business at hand. For those of you that have not heard, Porsche has announced they are now teaming with Penske Motorsports to return to factory sponsored prototype race racing. The car is to compete in the ALMS (American Le Mans Series) and **may possibly** be debuted at the last two ALMS events with the last one being at Laguna Seca, October 1^{6th}. This is the race that our Diablo Region has stepped up to be the host of the Porsche Corral or Porsche Platz. This is a great opportunity for the Diablo Region, and we will need about 25-30 volunteers to work the facility. Not all 25 will have to work all three days; there will be shifts so everyone will a first hand view what big time racing is all about.

By the time some of you read this, the Cinco de Mayo party will have transpired. Since I am writing this before the party, here's hoping everyone had a great time.

One of the reasons for my tardy completion of my column was due to my absolute crazy addiction to auto crossing. This last week end (April 16th & 17th) was a two-day event at the Santa Rosa airport. I was not the fastest, but I can tell you I probably had the most fun. If you ever want to see what Porsches are capable of doing, try coming to an event. There is always someone that will either give you a ride or ride with you in your car. Nothing special is needed except you must wear a helmet (they have loaners) and drive a Porsche.

Remember May 29th is our annual Wash & Shine event and its success is dependant on you (yes, all of you) participating in one way or another. This is not a full concours event as Blackhawk and for that reason in many ways lots more fun. Windshield bugs although rare sometimes slip by the eagle eyed judges and your engine compartment is never peeked into. Mark your calendar and be there.

As always, if anyone would like to contact me just drop me a line at <tdfrnch@yahoo.com> and I will respond. Just ask Rich who is a Diablo member and reads our *Advocate* on line in Bogota, Columbia. What a great surprise to hear from a member in South America! Stay safe Rich and hurry home.

Potpourri

By the editor

It has been great to have TRG as a sponsor and to have a specific team to back as our "hometown" heroes. This was never more true when Kevin Buckler and his troops were the overall winner at the Rolex 24-Hour race from the clearly underdog GT category

Recently while checking on TRG's new facilities, I stopped at Infineon only to spy a non TRG ALMS RSR roaring around the track. Before I could get a track photo, the RSR shot up the back hill to a location beyond and behind the go-cart track.



Here I found the friendly PR person for Flying Lizard Racing and their newly expanded shops. They do not sell race services the way TRG does, so they have no need to buy an ad in this newsletter. They did give me a nice cap and extended a cordial invitation to all of us to stop by at a race. It sounded like other goodies (a tee shirt?) might be available in addition to the caps.

Brent Martini ushered in a new era for TRG by winning the inaugural IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge over a field of 27 GT3 Cup cars at Road Atlanta..



Warren Gardner, Jr. <warrengardnerjr@comcast.>

Welcome: New members

From the Board of Directors:

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.

New Members (March)	15
Transfers in	2
Current renewals	24
Multi-year renewals	6
Late/delete renewals ¹	7/4
Transfers out	2
Non renewals	17
Dual members	10

Total membership 574

¹Previously deleted, now renewed

New members for March:

Name	Affiliate*	City	Year	Model	Color	Body
Art Ball		Oakland	1997	993	Blue	Coupe
Donn P. Brink	Monica	Pleasanton	1999	Boxster	Artic Silver	Cab
Michael P. Ciopyk	Paula	Pleasanton	2005	Boxster	Seal Grey	Cab
Keith R. Clark		Danville	1980	911	Red	Targa
Joseph Cutrufelli	Wendy	Concord	2002	996	Grey	Coupe
Frank M. Felicelli		Danville	1999	Boxster	Silver	Cab
Darin L. Fister	Jill	Knightsen	1996	993	Polar Silver	Coupe
Robert O. Griffiths		Orinda	1999	Boxster	Artic Silver	Cab
David C. Groff	Mary	Dixon	2005	Carrera S	Seal Grey	Coupe
Ross Hill		Walnut Creek	2000	Boxster	Green	Cab
Pat A. Hines		Fremont	1988	911	Guards Red	Targa
Leah Hoskin	Galen	Orinda	2005	Carrera S	Seal Grey	Coupe
Michael V. Minges		Fremont	2004	Boxster	Gray	Cab
Dan Roll	Julie	Berkeley	1996	911	Silver	Coupe
James E. Winnick	Pascale	Livermore	1990	944S2	White	Cab

New Dual Member

E.J. Finsilver	Janet	Alamo	1985	Turbolook		Coupe
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Ron for the Road

By Ron Leppke, Editor

<lepprd@mac.com>

The bad news is first: as you may have noticed, the April edition of our newsletter was a disaster.

First, as it has unfortunately become norm, The Advocate was late, but



that was not the main problem. The theft of my laptop on the eve of sending the copy for printing resulted in over 70 broken links to photos, ad graphics and even whole articles that are not actually in the newsletter layout but function via an interactive link. The fact that I had a software backup of the April edition that had been made just an hour before the theft was therefore not that helpful. Many more recent items were lost forever while many others were available on various external drives. It turns out that I have around 25 "volumes" that may or may not have the particular photo, for example, needed to repair the broken link. This would include CDs, DVDs, four external drives and the hard drive in my backup Mac Mini. Since these unlinked items were not stored in association with specific newsletters, finding what was needed was both very frustrating and time consuming.

The good news is everywhere! We have an overwhelming abundance of exceptional events that keep pounding in on our calendars and schedules unlike, in my perspective, any other segment of the Region's history. We probably never have had an event as exceptional as the (sold out/wait listed) Roederer Tour. The Alexander Valley Tour had so many beautiful Porsches that no camera angle was wide enough to get them in the photo. The Geyser Smoke House, our lunch restaurant, reported that we were the largest group they have ever served and we overflowed from the dinning room so much that we also took nearly all the tables and chairs in the bar area.

Our new advertisers are coming to us, including an international manufacturer, with requests for full and half page ads. If you have not already noticed, we have jumped from 24 to 32 pages in order to accommo-

date this new business and our plethora of activities.

The 50th anniversary of PCA is providing a share in the current excitement. While relatively few of our people can make it to some truly extraordinary activities in Hershey, the reports and photos that will come back plus the extensive web site coverage will allow may of us to catch the spirit. The availability to purchase anniversary merchandise locally is another once in our life time special event.

I was very disappointed that an exceptional opportunity to study my family history in Europe conflicted with my early intent to drive to the Hershey Parade. The theft of the PowerBook (purchasing a replacement took the funds for my next installment for the Poland trip and I was forced to cancel) has since changed everything. To give a hint of the excitement about PCA's 50th, I am now among the more the 600 (!) fine folks who are on the waiting list to become registered participants at the Parade. I have solved my problem, however, by registering as a volunteer and thus having a name badge to get into all events. I have been assigned as photographer so will have additional credentials to provide daily photos for the web. Unlike the last two Florida and Texas Parades, everyone will be able to follow the Hershey events in detail on the web every day.



Following on this historic bulge of PCA enthusiasm from Hershey, will be our own Northern California "Escape" set of exceptional activities over a four-day span in August. Registration opened on April 15 so find the ad and download the detailed PDF registration form. My total was \$145 so you may need to wait to attach the check until your account has recovered from the April 15th tax raid. MarqueMadness, the new GT3 series at Laguna Seca, the re-entry of Porsche AG into prototype racing (ALMS, also at Laguna Seca) all add further to a spectacular year for the Diablo Region of PCA.

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

2005 Zone 7 Calendar

Date	Region	Event	#	Title	Location
5/7/05	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
5/8/05	SVR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Stockton Fairgrounds
5/14/05	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Alameda Point
5/14-15/05	CDS	DE		Driving School	Fernley, NV
5/14/05	SVR	Rally	#2	Spring Flowers	Vacaville
5/15/05	SqR	Concours	#1	Greater Valley Concours	Fresno
5/22/05	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
5/22/05	YR	Concours	#2	Yosemite Zone Concours	Modesto
5/28/05	SVR	DE		Driver Education	Fernley, NV
5/29/05	DR	Concours		Diablo Wash & Shine	Danville Livery
6/4/05	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
6/5/05	RR	PCA-hospitality		Vintage Races	Infineon
6/5/05	LPR	Concours	#2	PartsHeaven Concours	Hayward
6/11/05	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Alameda Point
6/12/05	SVR	Concours	#3	Shriners concours	Sacramento
6/18-19/05	GGR	School		Zone Autocross School	Monster Park
6/18/05	YR	Rally	#4	Summer Solstice	TBD
6/24/05	GGR	Time Trial	#4	Time trial/DE	Buttonwillow
6/25-26/05	GGR	Time Trial	#5	Time trial/DE	Buttonwillow
6/26/05	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
6/17-18/05	GGR	Time Trial	#4	Time trial	Buttonwillow
6/24-7/1/05	PCA	Parade		Parade 2005	Hershey, PA
7/9/05	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Alameda Point
7/17/05	MBR	Concours	#4	Monterey Bay Concours	Carmel Village
7/17/05	RR	PCA-hospitality		ALMS	Infineon
7/23/05	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
7/24/05	GGR	Concours	#6	Carlsen Concours	Redwood City
8/6-7/05	GGR	Time Trial	#5	Time trial	Thunderhill
8/13/05	LPR	Autocross	#5	Zone Autocross	Marina
8/14/05	GGR	Autocross	#6	Zone Autocross	Marina
8/19-21/05	MBR			Monterey Historics	Laguna Seca
8/25-28/05	RR			Escape	Santa Rosa
9/3/05	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
9/10/05	SVR	Autocross	#7	Zone Autocross	Stockton Fairgrounds
9/11/05	YR	Autocross	#8	Zone Autocross	Stockton Fairgrounds
9/17-18/05	GGR	Time Trial #6		Time trial	Thunderhill
9/17/05	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	TBD
9/18/05	DR	Concours	#8	Blackhawk Plaza	Danville
9/24-25/05	SVR	Rally	#5	Carrera de Sierra	Loomis-Tahoe
9/25/05	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina

Zone information is subject to change. Please consult the Zone 7 web site or the sponsoring organization for details.

<<http://www.pca.org/zone7/>>

Diablo Region Calendar

May

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Tour to Racing Group Shops
- 7 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- 14 Pfling at Philo (Roederer)
- 19 Thursday Dinner Out
- 29 Wash & Shine Concours

June

- 3 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Board Meeting
- 16 Thursday Dinner Out



More first-time breakfast attendees.



The GTC draws a crowd and gets doorstep privileges at Denny's

July

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Pizza and Porsches
- 9 Night in San Simeon (9 &10)
- 17 Thursday Dinner Out

August

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Pizza and Porsches
- 18 Thursday Dinner Out

September

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Board Meeting

Every Saturday Breakfast

8 AM at Denny's,
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Pizza & Porsches

1st Friday, 7 PM
Pavlo's Pizza
2408 Twin Creeks,
San Ramon

Board of Directors Meeting

First Tuesday, 7 PM
Usually 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.



A typical array of Saturday Breakfast Porsches.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Hosted by
Ted & Ingrid French

**Saturday
May 7
6:00 P.M.**



Come to the French's casa for a catered "South of the Border" Fiesta Mexicana to be catered by NewMecca/Pittsburgh (authentic Mexican food).

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**Ted French
1107 Delta Way,
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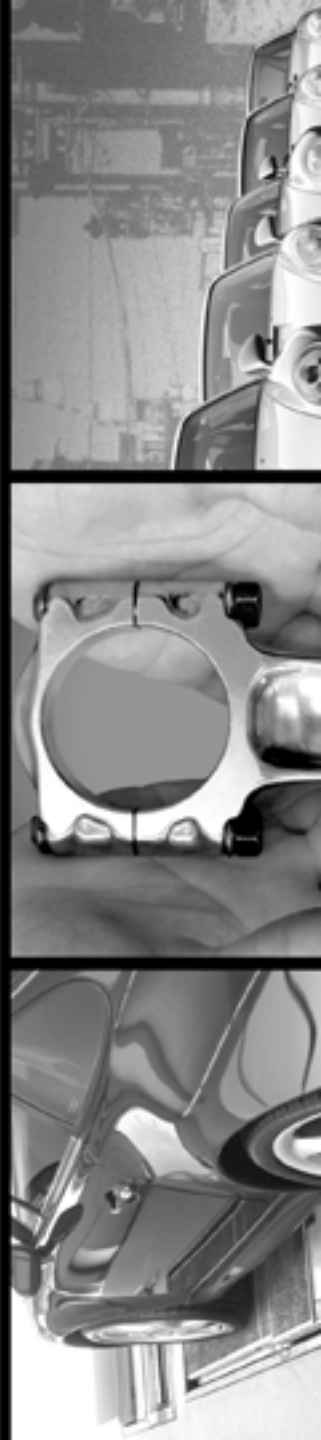
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July 9th and 10th

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Our route will cover some of the best Porsche roads in California: Hwy. 25 on the east side of the Pinnacle National Monument near Hollister... one of the "roads less traveled," but well worth the effort.



After some great roads and sightseeing, we'll head to the Coast to enjoy the Sea Coast Lodge in San Simeon. Dinner will be in Cambria. Only 20 rooms are available at the Sea Coast Lodge. Book your own room at the Sea Coast Lodge (800.451.9900) and request the Diablo Region/PCA group rate.

Sunday options include leaving San Simeon for a drive up the Coastal Highway, arriving in Carmel Highlands for lunch. You may also choose to stay a little longer in San Simeon and take a tour of Hearst Castle. Tickets may be purchased at the Visitor Center upon arrival, but Tour Reservations are strongly recommended and may be reserved 800.444.4445.

The road sign heading up Highway 1 reads: "83 Miles—Hills, Curves." What a great Porsche drive!

Cost: \$10 per person, which will provide for a tasting event at the Sea Coast Lodge and door prizes.



Note: Food and lodging will be paid directly by participants.

Please **RSVP** to <Schmidt.Patrick@comcast.net> by **June 1st**

Check the Diablo Web site for more details.



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Saturday, April 30th

8:30 AM–12:30 PM

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More Potpourri

By the editor

To confirm the previous reports of our newsletter and web page being read in Columbia, South America, we have some photos. One is of the Bogota Porsche dealership, another shows some dealership employees, and the third is the local club logo.



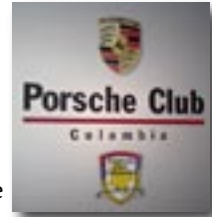
The email and photos are from Capt. Rich "Smash" Cao. USAF, who is currently on duty in Columbia.



Rich expects to rejoin his wife, Amanda, just in time to take their Boxster on the TRG open house Saturday Drive on May 7.

Thanks to Rich for his report and photos.

Best wishes as well to our South American Porsche friends



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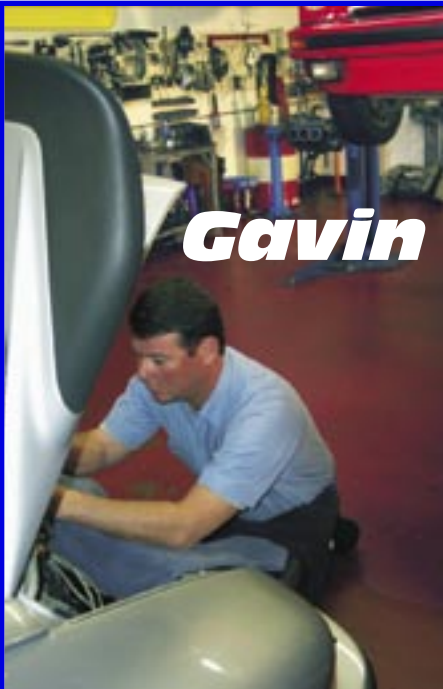
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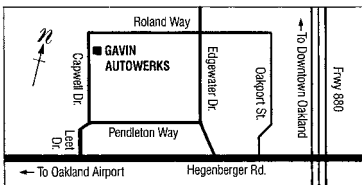


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New Comers Party

By Judy Schreib



The first 2005 party for new members took place on Saturday, April 2 at the Schreib residence with 39 total guests. President Ted French introduced new members Laura Mercier,

Laurie and Joel Agnello and Barbara and Bob Coffman, and we all welcomed them. We were also honored by the attendance of Larry Sharp, our Zone 7 Rep, and his wife, K.C.



Upcoming events were reviewed and several said they will be attending the Saturday drive Alexander wine tour next Saturday, April 9. Also discussed were the Roederer wine tour, the Cinco de Mayo Party at Ted/Ingrid French's casa; and, of course, our 20th annual Wash & Shine Concours on May 29.



Beer, wine and champagne was enjoyed by all, the wine being the "biggest seller." There was a great assortment of munchies, cold cuts, cheeses for sandwiches, delectable salads, desserts and coffee.



Herb exhibited several of his favorite garage items, including his pin-up calendar, drawer of masking/duct and other miscellaneous tapes, his famous portrait from Nicole's restaurant in downtown Danville, which was definitely a Danville landmark; and, of course, the Boxster.



Herb and I thank you all for attending and a huge thanks to all who helped with serving the food and picking up. I think a good time was had by all; we certainly enjoyed it!!!





New & All Comers Party



Hosted by
Herb & Judy Schreib
Saturday, April 2, 2005



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For Sale: '92 white w/ tan interior Porsche 911 C-2 Cabriolet with less than 51,000 miles. Known to Diablo members as "TIP4DEB" (license plate), it has a tiptronic transmission, 17" wheels and new Bridgestone Potenza S-03 tires. The convertible top was replaced around a year ago. This C-2 could easily win a Concours! Call Debbie at (510) 996-2850.



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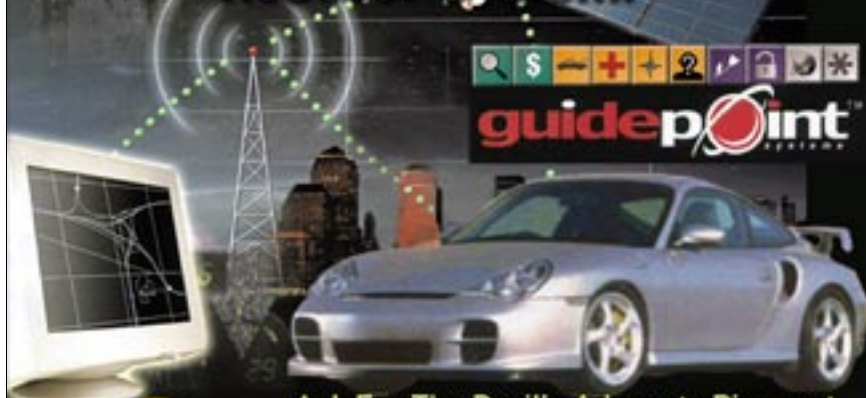
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12:30 PM • Catered multi-course luncheon
3:00-5:00 PM • Photo rally and driving adventure (4:00 rest stop)
6:00 PM • Dinner and Photo Rally awards (location TBA)

Duration: About 2 3/4 hour at Roederer Estate



Activities:

11:30 AM • Tour of the estate guided by Roederer Estate personnel
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Further information:

Warren Gardner<warrengardnerjr@comcast.net> or visit the Diablo website (see page three) and check the calendar for additional details.

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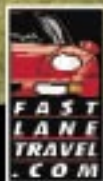
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