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## Cover Photo

At first glance, the cover photo seems rather ordinary. It is very typical of any Porsche publication to have pictures of a group of Porsches gathered together.

This grouping, however, did not have the benefit of having been organized by some arbitrary process such as lining up for a tour or being at a certain spot for a concours. These 17 Porsches arrived individually to a public parking area at Danville Denny's and managed to find a cozy slot amid fellow Porsches.

The desirability of all being together in

rows devoid of those lacking in Porsche heritage has been mentioned frequently, but it always seemed a little too crass to be out there directing outsiders to go elsewhere.

It just happened, and I was delighted to catch it with my Olympus EVOLT as it happened. The 14-45mm zoom lens was just right for the width of the scene as was the four thirds or 4:3 aspect ratio of the sensors. The camera was set for depth of field and the image was 5.3 MBs in size. As usual, adjustments were made with Photoshop CS2.

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## Ted's Tidbits

*By Ted French, President*

Will the rain ever stop? It seems every time something is planned the rain always threatens to get involved. At the last auto cross I attended in Alameda, rain threatened all morning but held off until lunch and then went away just before the afternoon runs. Additionally, up to the day of our Cinco de Mayo party, there were more threats of rain. Boy, is it getting tiring! Maybe if I stop talking about it, the rain will go away.



So it here goes. Our membership is growing steadily, and I am seeing many new faces at our 8:00 AM Saturday morning gathering at Denny's in Danville. If you haven't been to one, you are really missing a fun time for a quick couple of hours kicking off the weekend. Last Saturday we had 16 Porsches all lined up side by side and back to back in the parking lot (non-Porsches were parked elsewhere). We didn't try to do anything fancy; it just happened that way. If you are a Porsche enthusiast, it was really neat. Ford pickup drivers might not have been as impressed.

By the time you will be reading this (unless you read it early and in color as a download from the web), our Wash & Shine will be history, and, by all indications, it is destined to be a huge success. I'm only sad I won't have my award-winning 928 this year. It is now residing in the Placerville area. I hope the new owner will take good care of it and wash it as often as I did. It was such a great car for the short period of time I had the pleasure of owning it.

Mark your calendar for Saturday night the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July for our annual awards banquet. It is being held at the restaurant Zio Fredos in Pleasant hill. See page for more details. I understand we may be limited for space so get your reserva-

tions in early. Email your reservations to <tdfrnch@yahoo.com>, and I will get you on the list.

Last Saturday about 20 cars went on a great tour led by Ron Leppke to the shop of TRG (The Racers Group), and walking in, I knew I had died and gone off to some other place. 25± Porsches in full race dress and two Lamborghinies command your full attention! As I am sure you will see, I managed to squeeze into one "Lambo" but getting out was another story. I needed some serious help. I haven't a clue on how in heck they do that so fast during pit stops. (Editor's reply: young, trim and speedy) Be sure to look at Ron's fine photos. I could go on much longer about the tour but space is limited so until next time drive safely.

## Potpourri

*By the editor*

Flying Lizard Motorsports announced today the driver roster for the upcoming 24 Heures du Mans. Lizard drivers Johannes van Overbeek, Lonnie Pechnik, and Seth Neiman will pilot the team's No. 80 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR June 18-19 in Le Mans, France. van Overbeek, who finished second in GT2 in the 2004 ALMS Drivers' Championship, drives the team's No. 45 Porsche in the ALMS season with teammate Jon Fogarty. Pechnik and Neiman share driving duties in the No. 44 Porsche.



Our Redwood Region friend and former Zone 7 webmaster, Ken Short, won the inaugural April 29 Autocross Shoot-

out as part of the MarqueMadness series of events at Monterey and Laguna Seca. After running for fast lap the previous day, the drivers were shooting for being closest to their predicted run times on a consistent basis through multiple runs. Ken was the winner driving his speed yellow tiptronic Boxster.





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## 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 (April)	15
Transfers in	0
Current renewals	14
Multi-year renewals	9
Late/delete renewals <sup>1</sup>	5/4
Transfers out	2
Non renewals	12
Dual members	9
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>579</b>

<sup>1</sup>Previously deleted, now renewed

### New members for April:

Name	Affiliate*	City	Year	Model	Color	Body
John Bradley		El Sobrante	911	2005	Black	Coupe
Timothy C. Bush	Teri	Pleasanton	Boxster	2005	Midnight Blue	Cab
Ted Fisher	Faith	Walnut Creek	Boxster	2005	Silver	Rdstr.
Thomas S. Kalkman		Lafayette	997	2005	Artic Silver	Coupe
Thomas N. Marinshaw	Nedra	Danville	911	1999	Black	Coupe
Georgia Maslowski	Rod	Berkeley	Boxster	2004	Black	Conv
George E. Mazzotta		Oakland	Boxster	2005	Silver	Cab
Uzziel Prado		Oakland	Boxster	2005	Arctic Silver	Conv
Russell A. Queen		Orinda	996	1999	Guards Red	Cab
Allen Rosenberg	Richard	Vacaville	911	1990	White	Cab
Charles P. Simaz	Lori	San Ramon	911 C4 S	2004	Seal Grey	Coupe
Laura Sites-reynolds	John	Fremont	911	2005	Carmon	Cab
Steve Straus	Jack	Alameda	968	1992	Red	Coupe
Gregory E. Valsnor		Walnut Creek	911	2002	Grey	Coupe
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## Ron for the Road

By Ron Leppke, Editor <lepprd@mac.com>

The steady stream of well-attended and exceptional drives and tech sessions has turned my thinking into an analysis or review frame of mind. What makes a tour or drive work well and what components, for example, take a tech event from the routine to an exceptional level?



I can still recall a GGR tech session on the topic of suspension and handling that I attended more than 20 years ago. Why did that memory persist while other similar activities quickly fade? I am not really sure about the answer, but here are some thoughts. That suspension session did not focus on selecting certain brand parts, e.g., shocks or anti-sway bars, or even on thickness or heaviness of the bars, but rather on some of the principles of physics associated with roll center and inertia to name just two.

I think the Meguiar's Car Clinic had some of these more in-depth principles as part of the two classroom sessions. There was, of course, plenty of sales-type information on the very extensive array of Meguiar's products, but it was also in a context of enough scientific information that you could generalize beyond specific brands.

I rank the Meguiar Clinic high for another and probably much more important reason. Learning and understanding are always enhanced and internalized when it is a hands-on experience. As I recall, at least three Porsche owners played their entire car during the session and a relatively high percentage of attendees tried products on Porsche paint surfaces. I had to leave early to attend a genealogy workshop in Fresno, but expect that Francisco had his Porsche paint, wheels and tires expertly cleaned with little or none of his own effort.

When it comes to tours and drives over recent months, my two cents turns a bit negative. Both Brian and I had very wild drives the entire length of the Redwood

Road twisty bits after losing contact with the main group. Another member was left in a parking garage following a "pit stop" and at least two others missed turns, gave up and went home thus missing the last third of the drive.

When I was handed the job of leading the TRG Open House drive to Petaluma, I made an effort to review some of the guidelines that have worked well in past successful drives and then printed these as part of the handout to all TRG drive participants. Having a driver's meeting in the parking lot does not seem to work very well so all the release signing and distribution of handouts (detailed directions and six page of greatly enlarged maps) was done in the breakfast room. I had every drive/car listed and checked off the names to make sure that no one was missed.

Here are the guidelines given to the drivers:

- Drive with your lights on.
- Keep up with the group. Overly large gaps let others in and increase the number of intersections missed due to red lights, and put those behind you further back.
- Keep the lead driver informed about any delays or problems.
- If the car in front of you has a problem, stop to help and radio the group with details.
- If the car behind you has a problem, stop to help and radio the group with details.
- If the group does not respond by radio, cell phone the group leader.
- Do not hesitate to request the leader for a full stop to regroup.



After the Roederer drive, I would add to keep groups to 10 or fewer cars in size, to be sure that both the leader and sweeper have functioning radios, and have a brightly colored Porsche as the sweeper or second-last.

To my knowledge both groups driving to Petaluma arrived intact, i.e., as a group, no one was left, no one became stranded and no one was cited by the CHP.

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## 2005 Zone 7 Calendar

Date	Region	Event	#	Title	Location
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
	GGR	Rally	#6	Coyote Run	TBA
10/1/05	SVR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Stockton Fairgrounds
10/2/05	RR	Concours	#7	Ledson Winery	Santa Rosa
10/8/05	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	TBD
	GGR	Rally	#7	event TBA	TBA
10/16/05	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
	SVR	Swap Meet		Regional Swap meet	Silverstar Motors
	SqR	Autocross	#9	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
	YR	Autocross	#10	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
10/29/05	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	TBD
				Zone presidents meeting	TBD
	Zone 7	Banquet		Presidents meeting & Banquet	TBD

**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

## June

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

## July

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



Charles Simaz brought his seal gray '04 997 for his first breakfast visit.



Robert Lyman and his son join Gary and Suzanne Yacoub at Rocco's

## August

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Packwood: New Member Part
- 13 Poker Rally
- 18 Thursday Dinner Out
- Escape

## September

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Board Meeting

## Every Saturday Breakfast

8 AM at Denny's,  
803 Camino Ramon, Danville  
On 680, exit to Sycamore Valley East;  
first right to Camino Ramon.

## 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.



The lineup of the Roederer Estate Tour Porsches

**Diablo Region:**  
**Annual Meeting  
& Awards  
Banquet**



**Saturday, July 23, 2005**

**Zio Fredo's**  
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**7:00 PM Cocktails/Horderves**

**7:45 PM Dinner**  
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## My First Porsche



This famous gate keeper at the Meguiar's Clinic is a '88 Targa Carrera and is the first Porsche for Pat Hines

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## PCA Spirit

*By Eugenie Thomas*

The first is Jerry Bennett, a semi-regular Diablo breakfast participant. Last summer, after having just receiving my "new" Porsche, I was driving home from a Newcomer's Barbecue at the French's home. It was dark, and is usually the case, I was alone. I hadn't even made it to the next exit, when a horrible noise came from somewhere very close. Then came huge amounts of smoke. This was followed by severe decompression and shut down of the engine of MY car! I was able to get it to the edge of the freeway, against a sound wall. The cars entering the freeway behind me were but just mere feet from me. It felt as though I was in big trouble. I had left my cell phone at home and there was NO SAFE place to walk. I started the limping car, and managed to get it down the freeway enough to have some breathing room. Then I discovered there was absolutely nowhere to walk, except in the black, very black field next to the freeway. I knew there were no services at the next exit. I became very sad. I watched car after car drive by. Even a few Porsches from the barbecue! My only choice was to wait until a CHP noticed me in the black darkness. Lo and Behold, a 912 pulled up behind me. And he wasn't even at the party! He drove me to a gas station where he waited WITH me while I used the pay phone (remember those?) to call for a tow. (He also gave me many quarters to call the tow and my family) We had an extremely long wait. He stayed with me until my car was on the tow truck. It was a couple of hours of his generosity that made me remember that "It's not just the cars. It's the people!" Thank you Jerry!

My other story involves my passion of autocrossing. It had been an entire season without a Porsche to drive; and since I do registration, I have to be at the site, car or not. A few people offered to let me use theirs, but one person, Neil Librock was consistent. I took

rides with him and others. Next season he became even more convincing. He offered me the use of his Boxster every event and I finally gave in. Another story of incredible generosity among the "people." Thank you Neil.

## The Other Side of the Coin

*By the Editor*

During the Alexander Valley Wine tour, Eugenie was once again parked at the side of I-680, but this time the brakes of the borrowed white 911 (not Eugenie's) locked up. As the "sweeper," i.e., the person who is last and makes sure that no one gets lost or is left behind, I radioed to the leader that Eugenie was stopped. I then circled to the previous on/off ramp and parked with her. She made contact via cell phone with the owner and joined me to continue the tour.

On Saturday May 14th, I was in a similar situation as we left the Roederer Estate and headed toward Healdsburg. This time, the Boxster behind me was unable to keep the very brisk pace being set through very twisty roads. I radioed ahead to the lead Porsche to slow the pace but there was no reply. I then radioed to the second Porsche and again there was no reply to my message to stop at the Hwy 101 on-ramp to wait for the Boxster that was no longer visible in my mirrors. At a crucial right/left option before 101, I slowed further only to spot the Boxster going right where we had gone left. As I entered 101, I accelerated well past the speed limit trying to get back with the group. When I realized they were now going much faster, I thought about CHPs, speed limits and gave up. I did not slow quickly enough, however, since a CHP hidden behind a quick bend had me at 83 mph. Ironically, the fast-driving Porsches who had ignored my pleas drove right past the CHP. A different CHP later confirmed that stopping one, slower Porsche was easier than stopping four faster ones. My PCA spirit was strong, but my luck was terrible and I was unable to help my fellow member.

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Diablo Region Saturday Drive

May 7, 2005



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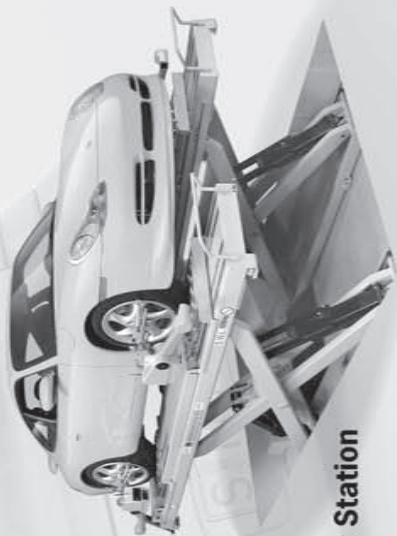


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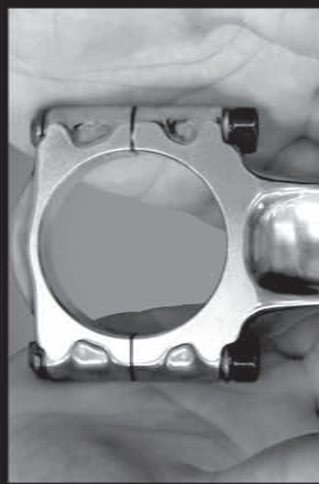


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## Up and Down on the Go

*By the editor*

The newest Boxsters and Cabriolets from Stuttgart are able to raise and lower the roof with just the touch of a button on the go. Porsche apparently has finally gotten the picture that such a simple variation to the roof controls can make life much easier. After all, who wants to pull to side of the road to put the top up or down? Sure, you can pull over to put the top up, but only because you have to, (twice in one week it rained with my top down) never because I wanted to. Additionally, you can forget about doing anything with the top in city situations. It is nearly impossible to find gaps and spaces on city streets to park for 15 or 20 seconds, apply the handbrake and hold a finger on the button just to put the top up or down. I do, however, lower my top at one notoriously long stoplight

One of our members had the technical skill to hack the stock system, but I do not have that skill nor do I want to do any irreparable damage to my fine Boxster. Another reason I did want to start snipping the Boxster wires is that the hack fools the car into thinking that the handbrake is applied. Thus, the top

could accidentally be opened at high speeds which would be disastrous.

Here is the good news for all Boxster and 996 Cabriolet owners: A US based company, Wilhelmy-IT, has recently introduced the SmartTop, which lets the older model 911s and Boxsters enjoy all the latest convertible top functions of the 997 and 987. It is a dream come true, The control unit allows opening and closing of the top while driving at slow speeds and with just the touch of a button!

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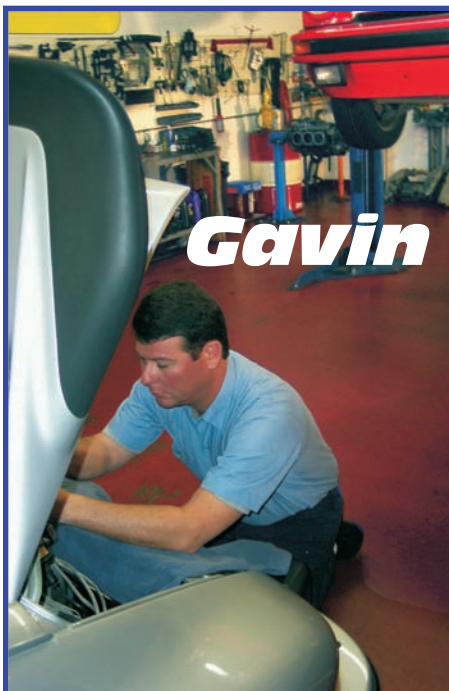


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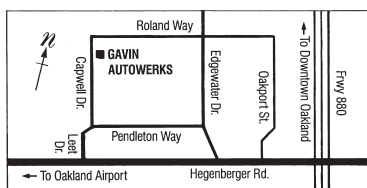


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## Cinco de Mayo Celebration

By Ted French

All during the week I was watching the weather reports and wondering "Well is it or isn't it?" Rain I mean. If you read my President's message it is pretty clear that I am full of enough rain for this year. Just a quick thought. Do any of you remember the drought we had many years back and the price of water went up like the price of gas? Now that



ended up being brave drinkers. The food was catered from The New Mecca Mexican restaurant in Pittsburgh, and was terrific. In my eyes, the party was a



we have way more than we need, is the price going to go down? Rriigghhht.... Well, it didn't rain, and about 40 brave souls came to our home for a really fun time. At Ingrid's suggestion, I rented a margarita machine with two sides. One side for the brave drinkers and the



other side for the not so brave drinkers (if you get my drift). Well, that plan lasted about 10 minutes and every one



huge success. Having our zone rep Larry Sharp and his really fun wife K C attend, just added salsa to the chips.

Thanks you two, it's always great to have you come to our events even if I was the butt of all the jokes at the table. ...Now to the remainder of the pictures.





# Cinco de Mayo Celebration

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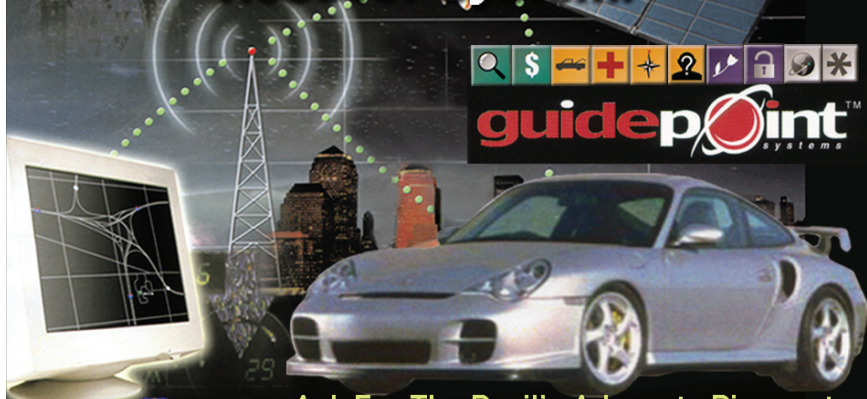
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## Meguiar's Car Clinic Recap

By Ken Little

On Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, I helped Jeff Brown (Senior Area Sales Manager with Meguiar's) with the clinic for the members of both the Diablo and Golden Gate Regions/PCA. Thanks to our friends at California Car Color in San Carlos for hosting this event for us.

The turnout was nothing short of spectacular and the attendees were even more engaged than the BMW owners were at the last previous clinic in October '04. There was nearly every Porsche model represented from a beautiful unrestored '67 912 to a nearly new Speed Yellow GT3. There was also a very rare, unique and fast Ruf BTR.

This involvement demonstrated by the attendees went as far as having the owners of about six of the cars clay their entire cars during the clinic after Jeff had demonstrated the process on a 996. This was amazing since most that attend these clinics are quite apprehensive about tackling their own cars until they have had a chance to practice on something less personal. These guys certainly were not shy, as they quickly grabbed the clay and Last Touch and went at it while we diverted the others back to the second classroom segment of the clinic. It was truly a hands on session for everyone that wanted to participate.



The first classroom session covered everything from the history of Meguiar's to a complete overview of the current Meguiar product offerings. These included all of the new brushes and other tools to make the detailing task a bit easier for anyone using them. One key point was when Jeff asked the crowd what they wanted to learn about during the clinic. The responses then led him into the appropriate demos as the clinic evolved through the day. Doing this ensured that existing detailing issues that anyone may have had prior to the clinic were virtually eliminated as a result. Although I noticed that there was a bit of information

overload for a few at times, I know that everyone learned a lot about every aspect of proper detailing techniques which will all surely be practiced by all attending.



From the classroom session, Jeff went into minor surface defect removal on one Porsche and then demonstrated the proper claying process on another. He then followed the claying demonstration with a complete wipe down (quick detailing) of the second car while using only Last Touch. This was achieved in only a matter of minutes much to the amazement of those witnessing Jeff working quite quickly at this task.

After this, we returned to the classroom area and continued with the informational overview phase with more in-depth information about detailing steps, etc. From here we moved the group just outside where Jeff demonstrated the proper use of the G100 to the eager-to-learn crowd. I know that there will be a virtual "no fear" type attitude for anyone that decides to use the information gained here to buff their own car(s). There was no intimidation factor evident whatsoever amongst the crowd as Jeff demonstrated the G100 and its polishing capabilities.

Next we went through the complete washing/cleaning process on Francisco's beautiful silver Carrera coupe. This was truly a group learning process that was also hands-on for a number of attendees as well. The newly released Meguiar's brushes, etc., were all used and demonstrated in this segment of the clinic. This walk-through the proper washing/cleaning process was clearly demonstrated.



Nobody walked away disappointed I'm sure, as our host sold out a number of Meguiar's products after having brought in additional resources just for the clinic. Both Jeff and I definitely enjoyed working with the GGR and Diablo PCA members at this clinic.



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