

The devil's Advocate

August, 2013



Ways to Enjoy the Dog Days of Summer!



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2013 Event Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>Sat. 19th-Military Vehicle Technology Tour-Lillie Sun. 27th -Blackhawk Museum Extravaganza-Jacquie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>Sat&Sun 20th&21st-Tioga Pass Tour-Lillie Sat. 27th-TRG Tour-Ed & Jeff</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>Sun. 3rd -Super Bowl-Walt & Jacquie Sat. 23rd -Movie Nite-Walt & Jacquie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August</u></p> <p>Sat. 3rd-Murphys Tour-Lillie Thurs-Mon. 15th-19th-Historics Fri. 16th-Caravan to The Legends of the Autobahn-Dave Ohst Sun. 25th-Annual Member Picnic-Elsie & Tosh</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>Sat & Sun 2nd&3rd-Avenue of the Giants Tour-Lillie Fri. 15th-DE at Thunderhill-Mike Roberts Sat. 23rd-Classroom Instruction-After Market-Ed Won</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>Thurs. 5th-DE Thunderhill-Mike Roberts Sat. 7th- Classroom Instruction (TBD)-Ed Won TBD-Gimmick Rally-Marc Sat. 21st-Chocolate & Wine Tour-Kay Sat. 28th-Oktoberfest-Marc & Mary</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>Fri, Sat & Sun 5th-7th – Tour de Rhododendrons-Howard & Vern Sat. 13th-Bocce Ball-Kay Sat. 20th-Half Moon Bay-Susan George Sat & Sun 27th&28th-Shenandoah Valley Tour-Lillie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>Sat&Sun. 5th&6th-Blue Lake Tour-Lillie Sat. 12th-Surprise Tour-Frank & Bill</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>Sun 26th-Wash 'N Shine-Marc</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>Sun. 10th-Grand Island Brunch-Frank & Joan Sat. 16th-Planning Meeting-???? Tues. 26th-DE at Laguna Seca-Mike Roberts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>Sat & Sun 8th&9th-El Dorado National Forest Tour-Lillie Sat. 15th – Garden Party with John Place Sun. 16th-Yountville Car Show -Ted & Ingrid French Sat & Sun 29th & 30th-Parade (Michigan)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>Sun. 1st-California Auto Museum Tour-Walt & Jacquie Sat. 14th-Holiday Party/Lights Tour-?????</p>



Ed's Comments

Sorry, but I need to say July went off with a bang. If I were to choose one word to describe July. It would be FRIENDSHIP!

July was off to a great start with a drive in the East Bay with the Mercedes club. Diablo members mixed with the Mercedes Club members after the drive at Wente winery for lunch and wine tasting. We had 58 people on the tour, I'm proud to say we had 31 folks from Diablo! Special thanks to Mercedes Benz Club Shawn Merrill first Sunday drive and President Gloria Loventhal! We hope to see them soon at Legends of the Autobahn.

The second tour was the Mammoth Lakes Tour. It was a great 3 day tour! Lillie Echevarria, our Tour chair, found the tour being publicized in the Cayman registry and got us hooked up with Dave Ogden and Mark Coronado. Thank you to all three for getting Diablo hooked up! And a very special thank you for Terry Eaton and Kelly Guglielmo for leading the caravans I was in. If it wasn't for you two, I would have fumbled my way home. The tour started early Friday departing Starbucks for a rendezvous with Dave from the Fresno Sequoia region at Tioga pass. From Tioga pass we went to our lunch destination at Lake Tenaya. We met so many nice folks from Fresno. I knew immediately we were in for a really awesome weekend! Upon reaching the Juniper springs resort, Dave put on a wonderful mixer and we discovered there were folks not from just Fresno/Sequoia but folks from Orange County and Las Vegas PCA. Mark was the other organizer and a local. He made us feel like VIP's with reserved parking and we even got to display our cars at the village during the jazz festival that was taking place.

The next day we had so much fun with everyone but it was so gratifying to see Diablo folks connect and with each other. There was so much to do, I think Suzanne Dorsey said it best, "it's not just a tour it's a vacation". We drove and ate and drove and ate on day two

Day three started with a breakfast and gondola rides to the top of the mountain before we had to leave for home, wonderful memories!

The third tour this month was to the TRG shop in Petaluma. Thank you Jeff Urnes for setting up the tour. The tour was wildly successful with 58 participants in 36 cars. Some caravanned with us some met us there. All wanted to stay longer. We also want to thank our Zone Rep Paul Czopek and the group of Yosemite region folks for coming out to our Walnut Creek breakfast and joining the caravan. After touring the amazing shop, we headed to Adobe Road winery and Dutcher Winery for a picnic. I think I can safely say everyone had a great time. The day was capped off by a visitor next door at Ferrari Carrano winery and their gorgeous garden on the estate.

We have pictures posted on our Diablo Facebook page for you Facebook fans.

We have done a lot this month with other regions and car people. I'm convinced we are better for these new friendships and the energy generated. The Mercedes and Mammoth tours were opportunities that came up in passing emails and forums. I would love for our club to continue to find new and appealing activities in the future. If you have ideas our suggestions, please share. This is our club and WE can make it better. I'm proud of what we accomplished this year already but there's more folks that are coming out and making a difference. We are a club of volunteers. I can't wait for the future.

It's almost **Election Time** and I want to thank Diron Scott for taking on the role of election chairman in the next few months and Christopher Fortich as well for working with Diron. We will soon start the election process to replace 4 board seats that are coming to an end. If you are interested in running for the board, please email me at president@diablo-PCA.org

Looking in to August we have the Murphy's tour lead by Ingrid and Ted French, which should be awesome and a caravan to Legends of the Autobahn lead by Dave Ohst

Legends of the Autobahn lead by Dave Ohst.

Please register for the Diablo Annual picnic! It was at this event I made a lot of connections at when I was new. It's a great day to bring the family out! As a further incentive, like last year Brian Adkins is helping provide the Kobe (Wagu) Burgers and Hot Dogs like last year.

What a treat that was! For new members since last August, just bring yourself and your family! For "seasoned" Diablo members, bring your favorite side or dessert to share.

The second Tri Valley area breakfast takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 8:30am. We are moving away from Mimi's back to downtown Pleasanton to Strizzi's on Main Street.

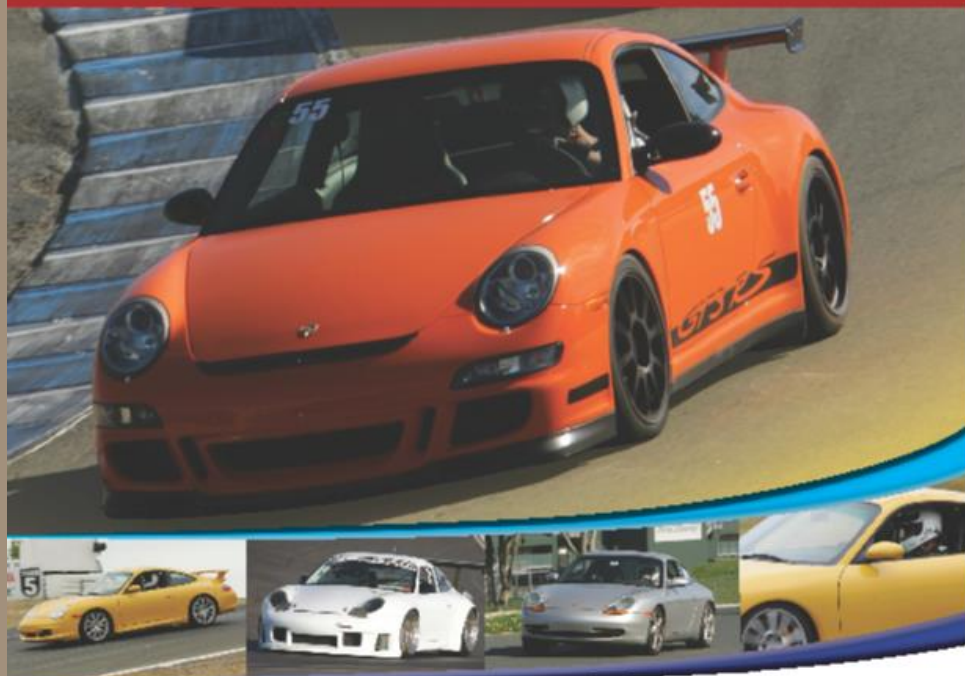
Beyond August, please consider a second track day with Hooked on Driving following our very own track day at Thunderhill. We have the track on September 5th and HOD has it on the 6th. What makes this day special is that it's Derric's Day, a benefit for Prostate Cancer. Even if you don't want to run the second day, at the end of the track day there will be auctions for a number of items. I attended last year and there were quite a few bargains and unique items up for auction.

Please also consider putting your car on display for the Danville Concours d' Elegance benefitting Parkinson's research on September 22nd.

After the last 3 tours, it has come to my attention that some folks have difficulty with the goodie store. I have helped a few folks and thought I'd mention this. The Diablo Goodie Store is run by Firefox LLC and doesn't have ties to National PCA. You will need to register with an email address and password on our site first (even if it's a free event). **You only have to do this once.** Then you can log in and the store will use your profile. It maybe be a bit easier if you log in first and then add the item to your cart for checkout. If you have any problems please let me know. President@diablo-pca.org I do send suggestions to Firefox LLC (not the browser guys)

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**By Mike Roberts,
Driver Education Program Chair**



First off, a slight change – the next DE 101/201 is now on August 21st at 6.30pm in Walnut Creek at the Community Center Lounge, 1375 Civic Drive in preparation for Thunderhill on 9/5.

We will begin with an overview for those new to the track experience. Then, using track maps and video, we'll walkthrough some laps, providing commentary for experienced drivers too. Of course, we'll also get pizza shipped in to sustain us through the evening!

Come out, join us – and share your experience and meet the Diablo DE team. There will be a number of our Instructors attending to answer questions and we will help you get the most out of your track days.

Beginner group sells out fast – we are already more than half full in that group and Intermediate, so please register early as possible if you want to run with us at Thunderhill...go to motorsportreg.com, create an account and identify Diablo PCA as one of 'your clubs'. Then, you will be notified of our events and be able to register.

September 5th at Thunderhill should be another excellent day with guaranteed great weather. You can stay on an extra day and run with HOD on the 9/6 at their Derric's Day, where all proceeds go the Prostate Cancer Foundation – you may not know that Derric DesMarteaux was a Diablo Club member and active DE participant.

Recently, I have been asked a couple of questions I would like to address in this column...firstly, 'if I want to come out to the track with Diablo, do I have to attend the DE 101/201 evening?'

We'd love it if you did, but it is not compulsory to drive the track. Diablo's events are very laid back and our instructors work with students 1:1 on the day, both in-car and providing downloads (group discussion after each run), at which we address questions, coach the group and provide feedback. Not only does this help with learning on the day, but also maximizes the fun factor.

Together with a good buffet lunch, there's plenty of opportunity to chat with everyone, make new friends and share experiences....that's what it's all about!

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Free DE 101 / 201 Meetings

Come out and meet instructors and fellow drivers and guests you'll see at the track – they are not mandatory for first timers, but **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!** All participants welcome and encouraged to attend. No sign ups required. Pizza and soda provided.

For our Thunderhill Raceway DE:

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 6:30pm – 9pm.

Civic Park Community Center Lounge, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek.

Free Tech Inspections:

Pre-event tech inspections of your car are required. Here are two options:

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Track Events:

Thunderhill Raceway, Willows, CA - Thursday, September 5, 2013

Late summer fun in the sun. Get into the groove – drive a fast, open track that's a great 'shakedown' for Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and warm-up for Derric's Day immediately following ours ... **\$280 for Sept 5.**

* Our DE day is the day before HOD's Derric's Day for Prostate Cancer on Sept. 6.

For all Diablo PCA track events, sign up at motorsportreg.com

For questions and enquiries email dechair@diablo-pca.org or trackregistrar@diablo-pca.org

Diablo Region



TRG Sonoma Tour

Saturday July 27th 9:00am to 3:30pm

Tour Route

Start: Butter Cup Pantry Walnut Creek

1st Destination : TRG Race Facility

2nd Destination: Adobe Road Winery

Picnic Lunch : Dutcher Crossing Winery

3rd Destination : Ferrari-Carano Winery



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While watching American Le Mans or Grand Am have you ever wondered how TRG prepares for the races? Maybe you have questions for TRG? Well here's your chance to take a tour of the TRG facilities and Adobe Road Wineries owned by Kevin Buckler.

Join Jeff Urnes and Ed Won on a drive to the TRG facilities and Adobe Road Winery. Then take a Scenic drive to our lunch destination where we have reserved picnic tables at Dutcher Crossing for lunch. Please pack a picnic lunch or you can purchase a deli lunch nearby. The final stop is at Ferrari Carano winery. We hope to see you on the tour and enjoy all the wonderful scenery Sonoma has to offer.





Narrow Roads and Porsche Heaven

By Joe Mariscal

Day 1: Friday, July 12

Lillie's description of the Mammoth Tour included a descriptive term that I had previously heard in reference to thrill rides, as in roller coasters, climbing, descending, corkscrews, all at insane, gut-wrenching speed--whoop-de-doo's. None of the thirteen drivers who assembled in Livermore had been on the Mammoth Tour, Lillie had opted out as Leader, so no one I spoke with really knew how this term really applied to the upcoming drive. I found out 24 hours later. But I am getting ahead of my story.

Ed Won, because he missed the turn into the meeting point and because he lost the coin toss to Terry Eaton, drove sweep for 17 Diablo Region Porsches, as we headed out H 120 toward Yosemite and Mammoth. Terry informed us in the drivers' meeting that we



would use Priest Grade rather than H120 for about 5 miles outside of Groveland. I gulped. What? Are you kidding me? Steep, narrow, twisty...but what the heck. I was the #2 car as we really did drive UP Priest Grade...slowly. At the top of the grade, at the re-entrance to H 120, was a YIELD SIGN due to oncoming traffic. Terry tapped his brakes, nearly stopping, then accelerated. I, in 2nd gear because the grade had lessened to 15%, reacted to his brake lights too late to shift into 1st, so I nearly stalled as I crested onto H 120. I am unaware of any others behind me doing the same...but I am sure none would admit stalling!

The Fresno bunch (Sequoia Region), 13 cars strong, were waiting for us at Crane Flat, the junction with Tioga Pass Road. I met Paul the Corvette guy, good-naturedly taking ribbing from

everyone for not driving a Porsche. In fact, I think he is a PCA member (!?) because “everybody in the Fresno group likes me.” Really, he and his blue C6 fit in nicely. So now our group, bloated to 30 cars (including a Nissan SUV and a Yaris?), trundled off to Tenaya Lake for lunch.

Yosemite is at its showiest at Tenaya: huge granite peaks, sparkly alpine water, just enough breeze to keep it comfortable, and lunch under the sugar pines. All those P-cars in the parking lot created a commotion for several gawking tourists, including 4 dirty, happy, teenage trail workers. One of them, here from Houston for the summer, said, “We aren’t leaving until we hear y’all start your cars and leave as a group!” Isn’t that one of the prime reason for owning a Porsche? Oh yeah!

I have crossed Tioga Pass many times over the years, in cars and on foot...but never in a line of 30 beautiful Porsches...what a sight...a moving line of rumbling, whining, purring beauty rolling over a 10,000’ mountain pass, then down the narrow, twisting descent to H395 at 7,000’. Truly impressive and exhilarating.

Day one came to an end with a meet and greet behind our hotel, hosted by Dave and Mark of Fresno.



Day 2: Saturday, July 13

One word description of this day: EPIC. Yes, we drove fast. We drove long. We drove curves. We drove whoop-de-do’s, We drove FAST. We drove narrow and slow. Some drove FASTER. And finally, we showed off our Porsches on the Plaza.



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Write down the name of this road: Benton Crossing Road. Find it, drive it, then try to wipe off your smile. Can't do it. Here's the deal: this road is isolated, well-paved, long (50 miles?), sweeping curves, humpy (whoop-de-do's). Fresno Dave decided to break us into two groups, spirited and everyone else. We left Mammoth in opposite directions, planning to meet up at Lee Vining. I joined the "slower" group. The group accelerated as we entered Benton Crossing, carefully passing triathletes on their running portion of the triathlon in June Lake. Here come the humps! At speed, these come at you



FAST. The blue sky is all you see as you crest the hump, then a fast, steep descent. Many caught air, or at least butt lift. I glided over, no gas, stomach twirling...a thrill reminiscent of Disneyland. The second one will be easier, I was thinking. Not. But I held my speed. I glanced over at my co-pilot wife. She was blanched white, terror in her eyes, muttering "Pleassssse slow down!" So I did. Now the road straightens, as if the planner used a ruler, straight all the way to the horizon, mild humps to break the monotony.

We approached H 395, Mono Lake to our right, preparing to turn right toward Lee Vining. Honestly, this is the best Porsche road ever. Drive it. You will love it. Interesting oddity: the map of this loop looks like an antelope in repose.

Sublime to ridiculous: fuel and rest at Lee Vining, then an easy, slow, twisty, narrow tour of the Mammoth Scenic Loop to decompress, then home for lunch. 110 miles of Porsche driving heaven in the bank. Truly memorable. After lunch, we toured the Mammoth lakes Basin (three pic-

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turesque alpine lakes).

But wait. Another unique memory to enjoy forever. The Village at Mammoth, a beautiful shopping center, invited us to park and show our cars, or at least twenty-eight of us. We spit and polished our machines, then parked them on the plaza,



mixed in with the festive folks walking and enjoying the live Cajun music, wonderful restaurants, good coffee shops. Ed Won's GT3 and my own 4S were parked at the primo best location, at the entrance to the Plaza. I was parked on grass! So much fun watching people admire our cars.



The High Sierra provides an incomparable star show. The brilliantly clear air, high altitude and cool nightly temperatures make stargazing a must in Mammoth. Thanks to the Fresno planners, and to Lilli, for a memorable driving experience and car show!

Day 3: Sunday, July 14

Fragmented group all departed Mammoth by 2pm. Most took the tram to the top of the adjacent peak for a panoramic view. Three cars, including mine, left town at 11am, heading for lunch at the Bridgeport Hotel. A few others came in as we were leaving. The balance came in much later.

Sonora Pass: in every way, more challenging than Priest Grade--steep (26%) up and steep down, twisty (1st gear hairpins), high altitude (9500'), narrow (1 ½ lanes). The temperature began climbing soon after cresting the Pass, to 95F at our health break at Strawberry, cool and refreshing on the back patio of Strawberry Inn. A few miles West, at Jamestown, temp now 98F, our small group of

three decided to head for home separately because of three different home locations. Temp was now 98-100F across the entire valley in heavy, slow traffic. 50 mph all the way to Manteca. Home! Alameda was a cool, comfortable 68F.

I cannot overstate praise for the organizing skills of Lilli, carried forward by Ed Won and Terry Eaton. Bravo! A fabulous weekend in Porsche paradise.



Pictures provided by
Ed Won and Terry Eaton

Welcome New Members!!

New Members

Chu, Rodney	2007 911, Silver
Cohen, Myron J.	1976 912e. Red
Dixon, Carol A.	2004 Boxster, White
Erickson, Guy A.	2013 Boxster S, Gray
Feinberg, Frederick S.	2001 911 Carrera, Gray
Knowles, John A.	2010 911, White
Miller, Jay D.	1974 914, Yellow

Total New Members: 7

Transfer In Members

Barfoot, Donna <i>Transfer from Big Sky (BSK)</i>	2006 Carrera S, Silver
Cavalieri, Steven <i>Transfer from Golden Gate (GG)</i>	1987 930
Day, Scott D. <i>Transfer from Silver Sage (SS)</i>	2009 911, White
Haigh, Nicholas E. <i>Transfer from Schattenbaum (SCH)</i>	2011 Boxster, Black
Sullivan, Thomas C. <i>Transfer from Sierra Nevada (SNV)</i>	2002 Carrera
Twigg, Brian <i>Transfer from California Central Coast (CCC)</i>	2007 Cayman, Black

Total Transfer In Members: 6

Primary: 647
Affiliate: 431
Total: 1078

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Chocolate & Wine Tour



When: Saturday, September 21

Time: 9 am

Where: Buttercup Pantry, Walnut Creek

Cost: \$40 includes wine tasting (6-7 selections) and lunch Italian-style on the piazza. Lunch will be 2 salads and 3 or 4 different types of wood-grilled pizzas and dessert.

\$25 if not tasting any wine.

Join us for a casual "Porsche designed" drive as we head to the cute little town of Kenwood. We will make a stop at the VJB Winery for a tongue-tantalizing visit of wine, chocolate, gelato and of course, lunch.

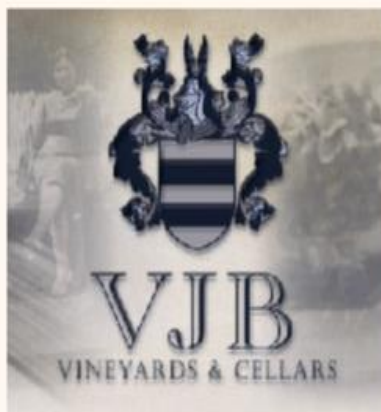
Afterwards, we will make a surprise stop to compliment your earlier tasty adventures.

To sign up for this tour, please use the Goodie Store on the Diablo website diablo-pca.org.

Maximum participants is 24.

Deadline to sign up is September 13.

If you have any questions, contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or 510-410-1481.





Celebrating the 50 years of the 911!

An all-German marque event featuring Porsche, BMW,
Mercedes-Benz & Audi concours & club corrals.

Friday, August 16

7 AM – 4 PM



Same Location as last year
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Judged Cars - \$60 Corral Parking - \$30

Judging will be using Zone 7's Wash & Shine rules.

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<http://www.legendsoftheautobahn.org>

Caravan with your PCA-Diablo friends from Pleasanton to Carmel for a relaxing day, enjoying the traditions and history of German automotive craftsmanship, innovation, style and performance.

Several of the PCA-Diablo cognoscenti made the day trip to Carmel last year, to take in the sights at “Legends”. We are repeating the trip this year, and re-invite PCA-Diablo to join us. Regardless of whether you are new, or not to Porsche, BMW, Mercedes Benz, or Audi – there is something for everyone at this fun event. Details follow on how to RSVP.

Perhaps most intriguing, is the impressive dedication on display – a fabulous passion to maintain, restore, preserve and drive history.

As you wander the event, conversation naturally starts. With such a diverse collection, it is not possible to absorb everything. It is possible, however, to reach back and glimpse time in motion, to better understand ourselves, and to make connections previously unseen, intangible, or unrealized. Such connections are one way, perchance, to better view the present, and to redefine what attracts us to German engineering and thinking.

Such attraction is unique for each of us. You may, for example, agree that mounds of digital data have eclipsed critical thinking, preferring instead the telepathic feel of analog machines and methods. Maybe you think the opposite, or maybe something in between. The right mix is often ephemeral, emotional, and a moving target. At “Legends” the evolution on display reminds us of this intricate spectrum. It helps us confirm, in a small way, who we are, and why we all love the culture that brought us the Autobahn. **Freunde am Fahren.**

Diablo Run to Legends of the Autobahn

What : Caravan drive with your Porsche friends to Legends of the Autobahn.

When : Friday morning August 16, 2013 - **Depart at 5:45 a.m. SHARP !** Yikes, this is early ! We don't want to be stuck in the Silicon Valley commute on I-680. We also want to get to Rancho Cañada, in time for a reasonable corral parking spot.

Where : Safeway, 6790 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566 – at the junction of I-680 and Bernal Avenue. Safeway is open 24/7, making an early coffee and breakfast easy.

Caravan RVSP by August 9 at the PCA-Diablo Goodie Store

**As further incentive to see and feel history,
here are photographs from 2012.**

Legends Registration : Sign-up for corral parking (\$30), to help make a PCA-Diablo critical mass. Here is the web page:

http://www.legendsoftheautobahn.org/?page_id=243

Optional : Ad hoc potluck picnic – coordinate with Dave Ohst if you are interested.





Breakfast With Friends

Walnut Creek Breakfast

Start your weekend off with breakfast, friends and good conversation. Meet up at 8AM every Saturday at:

Buttercup Bar & Grill,
660 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, Ca 94596

located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive.

Don't forget to wear your name tag so everyone knows your name. This is a great way to casually meet other members and catch up on upcoming Region events



Tri-Valley Saturday Breakfast

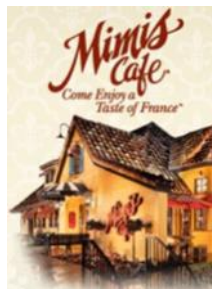
If you can't get up in time to get to the Saturday morning breakfast at Buttercup Grill & Bar in Walnut Creek, drive over to Dublin and join a few hungry members at Mimi's Cafe. We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30AM.

The next breakfast is scheduled for **July 13th** and again on **July 27th**. We hope to see you there. We have tables reserved in the backroom.

Mimi's Café
4775 Hacienda Drive,
Dublin, CA

Check directions at:

<http://www.mimiscafe.com/>



Let's Try Something New!!

**Breakfast at
Strizzi's**



When: August 10 & August 24

Where: 649 Main St. (Between Division St.
and St. Mary St.)

Pleasanton

925-484-9600

Time: 8:30am

Join us for a delicious breakfast and then enjoy
the downtown Farmers' Market.

Parking is available on the street and behind
the restaurant.

If you plan on attending, please let Kay Maloy
know by the Friday before. Contact her at 510-
410-1481 or maloykay@comcast.net.





As the East Bay's Premier Concours weekend of fundraising events, and the 2013 "Danville Charitable Organization of the Year, the Danville d' Elegance Foundation enters its 9th year, looking to surpass the \$1.5 million already raised to benefit Parkinson's research and patient care.

Set in the historic town of Danville, the yearly event is one in which car collectors, automotive enthusiasts and the local community gather together to have fun and do some real good, all at the same time.

On the morning of Saturday, September 21st, an organized scenic drive on some of the North Bay's famed country roads and a special lunch stop. The Registration fee is \$150 per vehicle.

On Sunday, September 22nd, the historic town center of Danville transforms into the Danville Concours d' Elegance with a large assembly of classic, vintage and exotic pleasure and racing vehicles being displayed by their owners, a unique opportunity to see them up close, and chat with the people who own and maintain them. Registration fee is \$100 per vehicle.

Admission is free for visitors. For more information, check online at www.danvilledelegance.org.

Let's support a local organization and show off our beautiful Porsches! Last year Ted French was a winner. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike Roberts, who has been a past supporter, at dechair@diablo-pca.org.

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Escape to L.A.

The fall is a great time to visit Southern California; the weather can't get any better for driving your Porsche. If you so desire, it is possible to drive from mountains with over eight thousand feet of elevation to sandy beaches all in the same day! The deserts are beautiful, crisp comfortable days, and bright clear blue skies. This is the perfect time of the year for our apple orchards. The apples are ripening on the trees and are sweet and juicy. Great fun to go picking your favorite variety. Take a drive along the Southern California beaches, and, of course, Mulholland Drive.

We have wonderful tours planned for you in addition to the mountain and beach driving. We offer several museums tours, Nethercult, Huntington Library, Mullin, plus architectural tours will be part of this years Escape.

Registration opens July 15, so don't miss out. Visit our web site **<http://escape2013.pca.org>**





Election Time Is Right Around the Corner

My how time flies! July is the month our Nomination Committee begins looking for candidates to run for the Diablo Board of Directors. The Committee Chair is Diron Scott. The election is held in October with the elected individuals beginning their 2 (two) year terms in January, 2014.

There are four (4) openings on the Board for 2014. As a reminder, members run to join the Board, not for any particular position. In December, the new Board meets and votes who will fill the Officer positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary). The remaining Directors will serve as Directors-at-Large.

A position on the Board is voluntary and it does require some time and responsibility commitment. The amount of time commitment depends on the actual position held, but there is a minimum expectation. In order to stay connected to what is happening in the Region, contribute valuable feedback and ideas, attending the monthly Board meeting is definitely expected. Attending an occasional breakfast or monthly dinner helps the other members stay in touch with the Board and also allow them to see members of the Board actually attend some events.

We all have other obligations and can't afford to always attend everything the Region schedules, but a reasonable amount of visibility and involvement helps keep the Region strong, diverse and growing.

We all have unique talents in our day-to-day jobs and functions that will bring vitality, excitement and a "breath of fresh air" to the Region. Now is the time to let your special skills be seen and bring together a new TEAM for 2014.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Ed Won at president@diablo-pca.org.

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, September 28, 6:30PM

Marc and Mary Giammona's House
4026 Canyon Road, Lafayette



Information regarding parking will be published in the next issue.

Come out for some fun and

Enjoy Bratwurst, sauerkraut,

Refreshments, and, of course, the usual

Diablo Region camaraderie!!!

COST: \$15 per person (**NO** charge to Newcomers [members less than a year]).

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre, salad or veggie dish. Dessert will be served.

DEADLINE: September 20.

RSVP & pay on the Goodies Store located on diablo@pca.org

Reserve your spot **NOW**.



4th Annual

Derric's Day at Thunderhill: Prostate Cancer Awareness

Friday, September 6, 2013
Thunderhill Raceway | Willows, CA

Our friend Derric DesMarteau lost his battle to prostate cancer in August of 2009. Join Hooked on Driving and friends and family of Derric as we remember and honor Derric by doing something he was passionate about—driving fast on an adrenaline-fueled race track. The focus for this day will be remembering Derric and raising awareness with contributions directed to the Prostate Cancer Foundation and Athletes for a Cure.



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Register as a Driver or Guest/Bidder at
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in the Events Section.

www.pcf.org/derrics-day | 1-800-757-CURE (2873)



An Introduction to Ross Bentley

Ross Bentley's name is familiar with many car enthusiasts and has offered to write a few columns for our newsletter.

In addition to racing cars for over 30 years, Ross Bentley has devoted himself to the study of the art and science of performance and race driving, from the physical technique to the mental game perspective. Having raced production-based cars to Indy and Prototype sports cars, and instructed and coached drivers from rank novices to elite-level pros, Ross has had the opportunity to learn about, test and refine what makes drivers perform better. He's written extensively about the technique and mental aspects of driving through his series of *Speed Secrets* books. And now, along with contributions from an amazing and diverse group of drivers, coaches, engineers and others, Ross is publishing and writing *Speed Secrets Weekly*, an inbox magazine for anyone interested in being entertained while learning to be a better driver. Check out www.speedsecretsweekly.com for more information, and to subscribe to get your weekly dose of driving passion and information. You can also learn more about Ross at www.drivercoach.net.

On the following pages read the first of several articles from Ross that we will publish over the next few months.

Food and Friends Monthly Dinner

Come join the fun, festive conversation with fellow Diablo members and delicious food on the 3rd Thursday of each month at:

Faz
600 Hartz Avenue
Danville, CA

The group starts gathering at 6:30PM.

Mark your calendars today for **Aug15th!!**

What Makes a Great Driver?

By Ross Bentley

What makes a great driver? And don't say, "Greatness!"

Before I begin to give you my answer I want dispel the myth that great drivers are born great, that they popped out of the womb with natural driving talent. If you consider the hundreds of millions of years that mankind has evolved, and think about the fact that the automobile has only been around for a little over a hundred years, it's kinda hard to imagine that our DNA has adapted much to the art and science of driving, let alone performance driving. We may have developed the ability to run from saber-toothed tigers (and the more modern-day versions of that type of danger), but I find it hard to believe that our minds and bodies have evolved in a way to keep up with our cars.

If we had, we would have three feet so we didn't have to use one foot to do two things during heel and toe downshifting! In fact, we've adapted our cars faster than we've adapted our bodies, building cars with semi-automatic (with automatic throttle blippers) to make up for our shortcomings with downshifting.

Another point of proof of how we haven't evolved to drive cars is what we do with our vision. I've read that humans are designed to process information visually at no more than 12 MPH. See? When was the last time you traveled at just 12 MPH on a racetrack?

I would suggest that one of the things that make a great driver, especially what I'll refer to as a performance driver (anyone who appreciates the art and science of driving, and especially participates in sport driving activities such as autocross, track day events, HPDE, and racing), is how they use their vision.

I won't go into great detail since I plan to write more about these in future articles, but the keys to performance driving vision are:

- Looking far enough ahead.**
- Looking where you want to go, and not where you don't want to go.**
- Having the ability to process visual information that is coming at you at far more than 12 MPH.**
- Having the ability to mentally see what you want to see, when you want to see it (even if you can't physically see it).**

Again, I'll come back to these points in future articles, but for now I'm simply planting a seed to allow you time to think about them.

Perhaps the most important attribute of a great driver has little to do with a physical ability, and more with a mindset or attitude.

In my experience, what separates the great from the not-so-great drivers is their attitude towards their development as drivers.

After thirty-something years of racing, instructing, coaching, writing about and talking about performance driving, the attitudes of drivers still amazes me. To sum these attitudes up in the most succinct way... the best drivers know they have so much more to learn, and the worst drivers seem to think they know it all.

I love it when I meet someone who has a strong belief in themselves. This confidence is a strong predictor of how successful they will be. The Henry Ford saying, "If you think you can or think you can't, you're probably right" comes to mind. Without a strong inner belief in oneself, it's unlikely you'll ever be as good as you could be.

But there's a fine line between having a strong belief and having an ego that's getting in the way of learning and being as good as you can be.

Great drivers have an open mind to learning. More than that, they have a burning desire to get better; they love to improve their performance. If I had to pick just one thing that separates the great from the not-so-great, it would be this open mind to both learning and constant improvement.

With that said, I'm hoping that you'll keep an open mind to what I write here in future articles. Here's to being a great driver!

Ross Bentley

For more of Ross' writing, along with articles by other famous and not-so-famous contributors, go to www.speedsecretsweekly.com. He can be reached at ross@speedsecretsweekly.com.



**3rd Annual Diablo PCA
Newcomer & Family Picnic**
Sunday, August 25, 2013
11am to 2 pm

Where?

- Hap Magee Ranch Park - Picnic Area
- 1025 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA 94526

Food:

- Burgers, hot dogs, drinks provided.
- Pot luck – bring your favorite side dish!
- No alcohol allowed in park.

Activities:

- Bring the family, kids: 2 children's playgrounds
- Water play area
- Restrooms, picnic tables, parking
- Wear your name tags – be eligible for prizes!
- *RSVP by clicking the Store button on Diablo Region web site at <http://diablo-pca.org/> by Aug. 17, 2013. Indicate how many people and what side dish you are bringing.*

Questions?

Contact: Elsie Lum at ewklum@yahoo.com

Muscle Milk Tour

By Joe Mariscal

Ted and Ingrid French hosted this day's tour of the Muscle Milk Motorsports home base facility in Benicia. 30+ cars met in the parking lot of The Buttercup Pantry in Walnut Creek. I am still a "new guy" to the Diablo Region crowd, so I must apologize for not recognizing most of some familiar faces, but I do remember two of the many Porsches in the lot: those two very fine pristine Porsches 993 4S, my personal favorites. The check-in duties and rollout couldn't finish quickly enough to beat the heat, as my thermometer was registering 89F as we turned right out of the parking lot at 930AM.

Sorry, but I did hear our host's name at Muscle Milk, but he really put on a wonderful show. A brief outline of what Muscle Milk Motorsports is all about:

Muscle Milk Motorsports (known as Muscle Milk Pickett Racing in ALMS) is a motorsports group from Benicia, California. The team was founded in 2007 by [CytoSport](#) co-founder and former [IMSA GT Championship](#) driver Greg Pickett.



Since 2007, Pickett's team has competed in the [American Le Mans Series](#), the [24 Hours of Le Mans](#) and the [IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge](#) (Thank you, Wikipedia).

Our main points of interest were the Porsche RS Spyders, raced by Muscle Milk in 2009-2010. We saw one complete version and parts of 2 others. These race machines are museum quality examples of LMP2-class race cars: Powerful, beautiful, hi-tech, examples of winning cars that are still current in their technology and performance.



Muscle Milk changed to Aston Martins, Hondas, following 2010 (We did not see these...they may have been behind the “do not enter” barrier.). The one complete Spyder is magnificent: it was truly breathtaking to closely examine this car up close, from the non-turbo Porsche V-8 powerplant to the modular dash, steering wheel, and suspension components. It seems like the entire car could be disassembled by removing about 20 bolts!



Additionally, one of the Pickett grandsons offered information about the 4 racing Karts, as hi-tech as the Spyder. And more tasty motoring treats were on display across the room: a 1968 Camaro Z28, the real deal; and a 1963 Corvette Stingray split-window coupe...double wow! Nice to see that

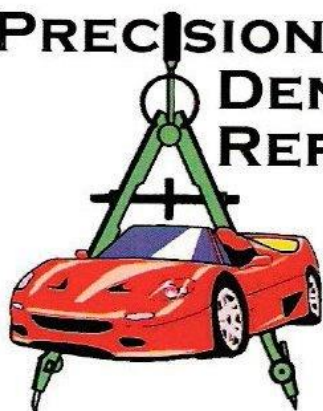
Mr. Pickett is also a Chevy fan. Oh yes, a V-12 MBZ twin-turbo monster, too.



Two hours evaporated in a wink, but we grabbed sample packets of Muscle Milk products, drank their appreciated soft drinks, and headed to downtown Benicia and the *First Street Cafe* for lunch. 30+ Diablo folks shared a fine lunch of gourmet sandwiches, salads, and dessert. I first heard of this cafe while cycling through town but never stopped. This cafe is worth the trip to Benicia...good food and excellent service. Dede and I wandered through this picturesque town a bit, down to Suisun Bay. Benicia has a good vibe: a good mixture of old architecture and modern culture. Again, worth a visit (I promise that I am not on the Benicia Chamber of Commerce!).

Pictures provided by Ed Won, Terry Eaton, Ken Wu and Frank Cunningham.

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