

The devil's Advocate

April, 2014



Big Cats and Casino Tour



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2014 Event Calendar

April

4/5 –6-Blue Lakes Tour-Lillie

4/12-Bocce Ball-Kay

May

5/10-Luau-Debbie & Randall

5/25-Wash 'N Shine

5/31-El Dorado National
Forest Tour-Lillie

June

6/15-6/21-Parade





Ed's Comments

We sure had a busy March! It seemed like there was always something to do. I want to thank all our volunteers for working to make those events fire off seamlessly.

Speaking of volunteers, I want to thank all the folks that stepped forward to run for the one open board position, The Board has chosen Brian Adkins as the new interim board member to fill out the rest of this year. Congratulations Brian!

While I didn't get a chance to attend the Mystery dinner or the Mendocino Tour, I'm looking forward to their write ups to check out the fun they had.

We had another great DE day at Thunderhill Raceway a few weeks ago, We could not have asked for better weather. Thanks to Adam Cipriano, our new Track Chair, for all his efforts and also the DE team. We had a record of 20 instructors help train our beginners and intermediates. We also had some help from Heath Spencer, GGR registrar, instructing for us as well. Thank you! It was a great day to reconnect with many friends and meet new members. As someone that attends many events, I can tell you we have a lot of crossover with other activities and regions. We had some friends from Sequoia Region, Golden Gate and LPR attend. I also saw many folks on the track who I see regularly on our Diablo Tours. It was such a great time .

I came back in time to watch our Diablo ladies mix it up in Lemons racing at Sonoma. Paula Williamson organized an all ladies 5 member team including Diabloettes - Kelly Guglielmo and Eugenie Thomas. They raced for the 5150 Foundation benefitting Breast Cancer cure. They placed very well on their first race, placing 57th out of 170 entrants. Rock on ladies!

I also attended a GGR run group at Sonoma raceway. Tim Smith, GGR Track Chair put on a nice run for intermediates and advanced track folks. No instruction, but an opportunity to run at Sonoma with other Porsches. He's looking to do it again later in the year; we'll keep you posted.

Walt, thank you for putting on movie night. What a treat we had last night watching RUSH about the rivalry between F1 greats Nikki Lauda and James Hunt. While the roar of the engines puts a tingle in my spine, I loved watch Eugenie jump out of her seat with excitement. It was great!

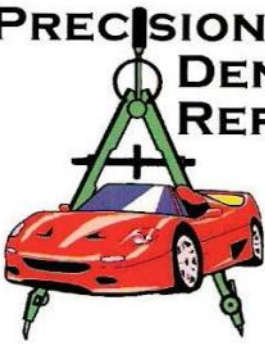
I'm looking forward to Lillie's next tour next weekend to the Blue Lakes resort for some R and R. That promises to be fun.

I see it's almost time for Bocce ball as well. We had a wonderful time last year, rematch, Ladies vs. men again?

Looking out a bit further, the Parade registration starts on April 1st. No kidding! I hope to see many of you there. It'll be my first Parade. Thanks to Kay Maloy, I forwarded our region logo stitch file to national. For participants of Parade, you can order a Parade shirt with our region logo. How's that for region pride? Lillie Echevarria and Carlos Bocanegra will be leading tours at Parade. Thank you both! Show them how Diablo does it!

Also please consider signing up for the Werks Reunion. Kay has put together information about it in the March Advocate. For 2014, PCA is NOT part of the Legends of the Autobahn that many of you have attended in the past. This year the Werks Reunion replaces Legends for us. It's on the same Friday and in the same location, but it's all Porsche groups and Porsche Cars of North America. If you have a Porsche, this is the place to be. I'm already signed up and hope to see you there!

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2014 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>1/26-Blackhawk Awards Luncheon-Elsie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>7/25-7/27-Mammoth Lake Tour (Joint) 7/12-Sequoia Moonlight Drive-Dave</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>2/2-Super Bowl Party-Walt TBD-Movie Night 2/22-Big Cats & Casino Tour-Lillie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>8/3-Mercedes Benz Tour-Ed 8/15-Werks Reunion-Dave TBD-New Member Picnic 8/30-9/1-King's Canyon & Sequoia National Park Tour-Lillie</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>3/1 Tesla Tech Tour/Test Drive-Ed 3/8-Mystery Dinner-Kay 3/14-16-Mendocino-Vern Thomas 3/21-Thunderhill DE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>9/20-Monterey Whale Watching-Lillie TBD-Oktoberfest 9/26-Thunderhill DE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>4/5-6-Blue Lakes Tour-Lillie 4/12-Bocce Ball-Kay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>10/4-San Luis Obispo Tour-Lillie 10/11-12-Groveland Overnight Tour-Susan 10/18-CIA Cooking-Kay</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>5/10-Luau-Debbie & Randall 5/25-Wash 'N Shine 5/31- El Dorado National Forest Tour-Lillie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>TBD-Veterans' Dinner TBD-Planning Party</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>6/15-21-Parade</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>12/6-Christmas Party-Linda & Patrick</p>



Blue Lakes Tour

The Casual Tourist Series - Tour #2 led by Lillie Echevarria

April 5-6, 2014 (2-day Tour)

After a long cold winter and taxes almost done, it's time for colorful backroads and fun in Butte County!

Our tour will start from the Buttercup Restaurant (660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek) with driver's meeting at 8:15 am and departure at 8:30 a.m.

Heading north, we cross wine country backroads, smelling the fresh spring aromas to our special lunch location hidden up in the mountains passed Napa Valley. Afterwards, we contour Clearlake for a stop at boutique winery before arriving to our accommodations for the night.

The Lodge at Blue Lakes is holding all rooms for us until March 19th.

The Lodge has different room configurations: some rooms have beautiful views of the lake, or perhaps one with a Jacuzzi, kitchette, bathtub or shower. First come first serve, so sign up early and reserve by calling 707-275-2181 - \$250 couple; \$185 single. Mention Diablo Porsche Club to get the package rate which includes: accommodations, electric yacht short sunset cruise with champagne, dinner (buffet: tri-tip, lemon herb chicken, penne arrabiata, rosemary potatoes, green salad, mini cheesecake w/ice cream, coffee, tea and bread); breakfast (scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast, Danish, bagel, bread, fruit, waffle, cereal, OJ, decaf or tea). Check: <http://thelodgeatbluelakes.com/?redirect=false>

On Sunday, we will continue our adventure thru more twisty roads through Boonville, stop at an Italian restaurant for lunch in Geyserville (Cost TBD) and a stop at Francis Ford Coppola Resort where you can admire some Godfather memorabilia before heading home.

Tour Cost = \$25 per person Includes: Lunch Saturday. Wine tasting on Saturday/Sunday and lunch on Sunday are optional and payable at location. Tour cancellations after March 31st will incur a \$10 charge. Contact hotel for cancellation policy. **Registration will close by Thursday, April 3rd**

To register, go to the Diablo PCA Event registration link at

is http://diablopca.clubstore.us.com/product_info_2.php?cPath=500000&products_id=500036

For questions, please contact Lillie Echevarria at (925) 549-5454 or lillie62peru@sbcglobal.net



It's Bocce Ball Time!!

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Players and Cheerleaders are all welcome to sign up
and join in the fun!

Don't miss the most competitive event of the year. Come join
us for another fun evening at Campo di Bocce in Livermore.

3:00—4:00 pm - Private Barrel Room tasting at Rubino Estate Winery They will be offering reserve wines, barrel tasting and light snacks. A 10% discount will be available for any wine purchases made.

4:30—6:00 pm - Bocce Ball at Campo di Bocce (**Extended time**)

6:00—7:30 pm -Italian Family Style Dinner - includes Salad, two Pasta dishes (one meatless), dessert platter and non-alcoholic beverages.

Cost: Wine Tasting \$10 per person (waived for Gem members) **Pay at the winery**
Bocce Ball and Dinner - \$47 per person. Send your check Payable to Diablo PCA
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San Ramon, CA 94583-1676

To Register: Contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or call 510-410-1481

Deadline: April 4, 2013

Maximum number of Bocce players is **16**, so **SIGN UP SOON!**

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51-50 Foundation Race4Cure



The awesome Team: Sandrine, Mary, Paula, Eugenie & Kelly.

The 51-50 Foundation Race4Cure Team had a great day by beating 2/3rds of the entrants at the 24 Hours of Lemons. They placed 56th out of 171 cars entered without a single penalty stop both days. They raised money for Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa. Next race will be at Thunderhill Raceway in Sept. Check them out!

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Thunderhill Spring Fling

If you weren't among the lucky ones at Thunderhill on Friday, March 21st to watch the sun creep over the horizon, slowly exposing the track, you missed a beautiful beginning of an awesome day.

The fun started the night before at Casa Ramos with those in attendance registering early and getting into the spirit of the evening. There were several new drivers who were welcomed by the more experienced ones. The noise factor continued to rise as more drivers arrived.

The next morning, the 50+ drivers gathered at the paddock to prepare their cars for the day's driving experience.



The event was sponsored by Michael Stead Porsche. Melissa Jones, Stead's Service Manager, hit the track with the excitement of a true Porsche enthusiast. Their support furnished a delicious lunch, a continuous water supply and an impressive amount of raffle prizes. Thank you **STEAD!!**

We were fortunate to have sufficient Instructors to benefit the Beginner group and even some of the Intermediates who wanted some advanced guidance. A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers



who helped make this a successful event!

Check out pictures taken by Debbie Suttikus.



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Welcome New Members!!

New Members

Jarvis, Robert	2007 Cayman, Black
Simpson, Shan	2004 Cayman, Blue

Total New Members: 2

Transfer In Members

Buckley, John *Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)* 2011 911 Turbo, Blue

Ke, Winny *Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)* 1999 Carrera, Silver

Silva, Todd *Transfer from Cal-Inland (CI)* 2004 Carrera, Gray

Stark, James, *Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)* 1999 Carrera 911
1999 Boxster

Wall, Kirk *Transfer from Golden Gate (GGR)* 1988 928 S4
1999 911

Total Transfer In Members: 5

Primary: 686
Affiliated: 439
Total Members: 1125





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 Pleasanton and join a few hungry members at Strizzi's. We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30AM.

The next breakfast is scheduled for **April. 12th** and again on **April. 26nd**. We hope to see you there. We have tables reserved in the rear of the restaurant.

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Werks Reunion, A Porsche Gathering Coming to Carmel Valley, CA August, 2014

The Porsche Club of America is set to begin a new tradition in 2014 with the inaugural Werks Reunion. The new, premier Porsche event will take place on Friday, August 15, during the world famous “Car Week” on California’s Monterey Peninsula.

In years past, PCA co-hosted Legends of the Autobahn at the Rancho Canada Golf Club. For 2014, the club will host a dedicated event to celebrate Porsche automobiles on the very same fairways. Expect a breathtaking array of Porsches, from rare classics to customs, race cars, current models, and everything in between. PCA will host the event with participation from Porsche Cars North America. National PCA Sponsors will also be present with exhibits and displays.

Werks Reunion is open to all and tagged as “A Porsche Gathering?” for a reason: PCA is inviting other Porsche clubs to join in the fun! Werks Reunion is intended to be a new way for all Porsche owners to mingle during Monterey’s annual auto extravaganza. As a result, the Porsche Owners Club, Porsche Racing Club, 356 Registry, 356 Club, Early 911S Registry, R Gruppe, 914 World, and all Porsche clubs and registries are welcome. Membership in PCA is not required.

Porsche owners looking to compete will have the choice of entering their cars in either the people’s choice or concours categories. Special, one-of-a-kind trophies are being made just for this event. Other Porsche owners will have the opportunity to include their car in the display only Porsche corral. All will be treated to a stunning display of more than 500 Porsches, access vendors, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow car enthusiasts. The 2014 show will feature the latest Porsches special vehicle presentations, celebrity guests, and a surprise or two.

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Big Cats & Casino Tour

By Brad Stampa

Driving Tours are not usually the most memorable adventures in the life of a seven year old. The PCA Diablo Chapter's weekend Big Cats and Casino Tour dissolved this notion. The following recounts this Tour through the eyes and palates of seven year old twin girls seated in the back of a 1988 911 Targa.

The day began early on a Saturday with the alarm ringing sooner than even a school day would beckon. Bribes of syrup and powdered-sugar coated pancakes lured Ava and Bella (A&B) out of slumber and into the back of "Pint," a Black & Tan '88 Targa.

Upon reaching Buttercup Restaurant in Walnut Creek, the Pint tucked in among a row of beautiful Porsche Brethren. After the first bribe installment was



paid in the form of Pancakes and French Toast, our fearless leader, Lillie Echevarria, led the group to the parking lot to deliver the pre-Tour game plan. While the East Coast dug out of the latest winter snow storm, twenty gleaming Porsches from several evolutions of design, prepared to drive over 200 miles to Oroville, CA. For what? For the fun of it!



CA-160 offered up a stretch of scenic turns along the Sacramento Delta. The latter part of which allowed for some spirited throttle pops and suspension compressing turns. Our caravan of German

machinery looked to be more a scene from Bavaria than NorCal.

The first stop at Starbucks rewarded the group with a fresh cup of Joe and A&B the chance to top off their own tank with sweets. The top was lifted off the Targa and A&B constructed their well-rehearsed blanket cave in the backseat to withstand the anticipated windstorm.

The group navigated through another sixty miles of CA blacktop on I-5 and CA-70, arriving at the Barry Kirshner Wildlife Foundation (4995 Durham Pentz Rd, Oroville) for the much anticipated tour of their big cat facility. The tour did not disappoint, spotlighting the great appreciation, care and love the resident animals receive from their guardians.



According to A&B, the top prize went to the Liger who's lack of a growth control gene can propel their frame to over 1,200 lbs. Runners-up were Mr. Duck Duck, the sleeping and wrestling bears, ocelot, fox and jaguar.

With stomachs grumbling, we headed to Hof Brau to top off our own tanks. A variety of great sandwiches, soups and salads was punctuated, to the elation of A&B, with cookies the size of plates.

Stomachs on Full, we fired up our engines and headed up the twisty Oroville Dam Blvd to the Lake Oroville Visitor Center. We were treated to an enlightening but sobering presentation from the Dam docent (no disrespect intended) regarding the dire state Northern California's water reserve. We all left motivated and empowered with resources to initiate conservation measures in our homes and communities.



The Dam Tour continued with a stop at a scenic overlook to view the level of Lake Oroville and continue dialogue regarding this amazing engineering feat. The highlight, as seen through the mouths of

A&B, were the Cherry Candy Balls generously offered by a fellow driver.

With a personal escort, we paraded our German machines across the Dam for some Panorama Magazine worthy photos and another perspective on the Lake.



And where there's fresh mountain water there are fish so off we rolled to the Feather River Fish Hatchery. With the Cherry Balls wearing off and a 200 mile return trip still ahead, the "Pint" and A&B were loaded up for the hot shot back to the shadow of Mount Diablo. The

remainder of the group pushed on to the Feather Falls Casino to stable their Porsches and enjoy the evening.



An educational itinerary was met with stunning weather and punctuated with a great group of drivers and co-pilots. Special thanks to Lillie for organizing and coordinating this event. Until the next adventure, cheers and safe travels.



Pictures taken by Ed Won and Lillie Echevarria.

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:

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Porsche Pride

As we continue in our series of highlighting members who have recently purchased a Porsche, we want to remind you if you have purchased a Porsche in 2014, contact our Editor, Kay Maloy at editor@diablo-pca.org.

Terry O'Connor

Purchased Date: 1979 (sitting in the garage under a cover for the last 10 years)

Year and Type of Porsche: 1977 911S

Outside Color: Guard Red

Interior Color: Black/Red

Transmission Type: Manual 5 Speed

Other Comments: Rare plaid upholstery and less than 37,000 original miles



Pre-Parade Concours Prep School

Saturday, April 26, 2014
From 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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If you have never entered a Parade Concours d'Elegance but would like to, here is your chance to learn from the pros.

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Mystery Dinner Winners!



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Zone 7 members are requested to donate two to four hours of time.

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3-DAY FLAGROOM

\$350/\$80 youth* per person

Canopied tent located by Turn 5. Includes 3-Day Admission, Paddock Access, Hospitality (Breakfast/Lunch and beverages on Saturday and Sunday, beverages included are beer, wine, soda and water), light snacks served on Friday. 1 Preferred Parking Pass issued up to 3 tickets ordered. *Youth (ages 5-12 years old) does not include a parking pass.

Price per person.	ADVANCE	GATE
3-DAY GENERAL ADMISSION & PADDOCK (Friday/Saturday/Sunday)	\$75	\$90
2-DAY GENERAL ADMISSION & PADDOCK (Saturday/Sunday)	\$65	\$80
FRIDAY GENERAL ADMISSION & PADDOCK	\$35	\$50
SATURDAY GENERAL ADMISSION & PADDOCK	\$45	\$60
SUNDAY GENERAL ADMISSION & PADDOCK	\$55	\$70

General Admission & Paddock is free for Children 12 and under with a paying adult. General Admission Tickets include a stub to redeem for a Souvenir Program.

PREFERRED PARKING – Limited

\$30

Located in Green Parking – valid Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

CAR CORRALS – Mazda, Aston Martin, Audi, Corvette, Porsche, VW (BMW sold by club)

ADMISSION NOT INCLUDED – MUST PURCHASE SEPARATELY

\$25

PARADE LAP

TO BE DETERMINED

Escorted lap on the track in your own vehicle.

PREMIER CAMPING

\$175

Track View or Hook-up Site, 3 night minimum (Thursday/Friday/Saturday)

RESERVED CAMPING

\$150

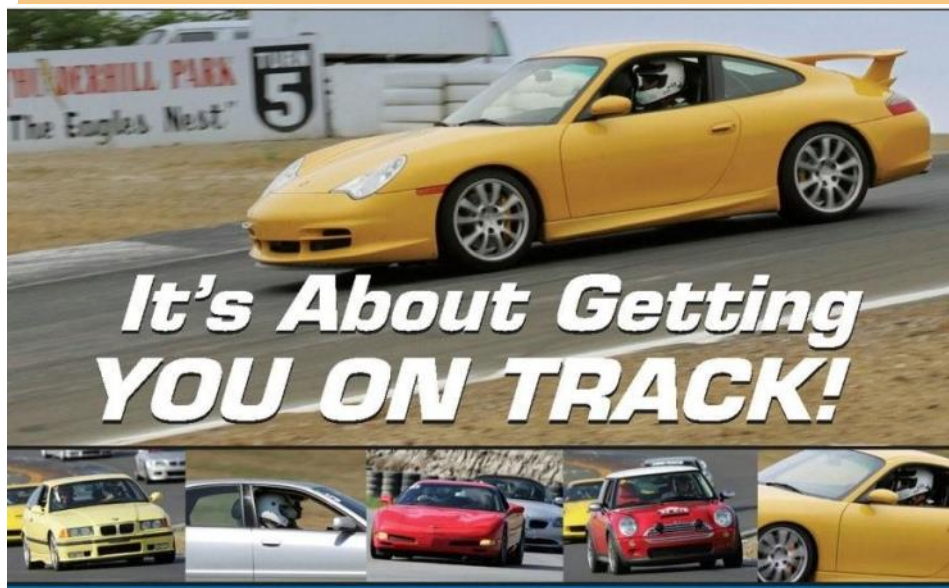
No Track View or No Hook-up Site, 3 night minimum (Thursday/Friday/Saturday)

GENERAL CAMPING

\$40/nt

3-nights=Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 2-nights=Friday, Saturday; 1-night=Saturday

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS (except children 12 and under) MUST HAVE AN ADMISSION TICKET FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT.



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