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Ed's Comments

By Ed Won, President Diablo PCA

Hello to the best club members!

That's right! You guys are the best! I say this because I have met so many new faces this year. Thank you for coming out to the events and meeting your fellow club members. Just an observation by me around what's been happening lately.

The Walnut Creek Breakfast has been growing steadily and can be quite full even without a drive. All of our tours have had rapid signups. In the case of Canepa and the Crab tour, we setup two groups. Filoli and Moss Beach were also quick too. Bocce ball filled the court to the limits and had a great time with friendly competition. We had some folks with very precise hands, honed by many years of driving Porsche's no doubt. The upcoming Blackhawk Cars n Coffee has about 60 signups. Our track day had 97 folks run with us - the most ever for Diablo.

I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

Upcoming, we have the Annual Wash n Shine at the Danville Livery lead by our VP Brian Adkins! Like last year, Diablo participants and PCA participants will receive lunch at Luna Loca. Thank you again to Luna Loca for partnering with us on this event! Brian informed me that this year all participants will receive a keepsake from the event. Please come out and enjoy the great weather! Who knows, you may be walking away with a Porsche trophy for your class. All 100% of the proceeds will go to our charity for the event - The Sentinels of Freedom helping our wounded service men and women adjust back to civilian life. How appropriate for the Memorial Day weekend.

We have a lot of nice upcoming events for you. There's still room for the Mammoth Lakes Tour. You will be driving through some of California's most breath taking scenery. The CIA tour, keep your emails updated as the details will be coming soon. We also have the Mercedes club joint drive coming up as well.

If you have ideas or suggestions for tours or events you'd like to see, don't be shy; speak up. Please contact any board member or myself at DiabloPCA.president@gmail.com

If you just acquired a Porsche, show it off with a picture and something about yourself in the Porsche pride section of the Advocate! (You know somebody is going to ask) When I say acquired, I'm assuming through legal means.

I hope to see you all soon at an upcoming event.

Thank you everyone.

I hope to see you all soon.

Ed Won

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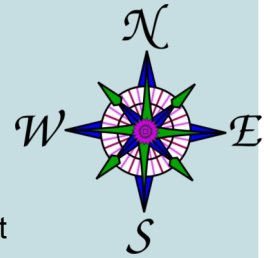
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A Note from the Tour Chair

By Carlos Bocanegra



Hello all Diablo members,

March -April has been a busy activity month. March kicked off with the first tour to Canepa. Thank you Marc Giammona for setting this up. Canepa eventually became two tours held on two separate dates. I want to thank Anton Girande for setting up the March Crab tour that also evolved into two tours – on the same day. I want to also thank Marc Giammona and Ed Won for leading the second tour to Half Moon Bay. Thank you, Ingrid French for bringing Diablo members to the fabulous Filoli Gardens. And then, thank you Susie George for the Moss Beach Distillery and Wine Tour. I want to also thank Brian Adkins for organizing and leading the second tour to Canepa coming up on April 25th. All in all – a great time was had by everyone. Thank you to all of these individuals and their helpers.

All these tours accomplished many things, Diablo made every effort to accommodate those that were blocked out due to the events meeting their quotas for attendees. Your Diablo Board worked diligently to make second tours happen. What is important and significant is that these events brought new Diablo members together and brought out old members and many old first time member participants. We also had attendance by members of the other regions in Zone 7. March and April were the essence of Diablo and the PCA.

Small bands of caravans were organized by club members on their journey to and from Thunderhill Raceway – thank you to all of you who organized these informal events.

Heads up on May. This month will be Tour light as the Poker Rally may have to be rescheduled and the Thunderhill Backroads tour will be rescheduled to July. June will be coming up with regional Mammoth Lakes 3 day tour – get online now. The Dry Creek Tour may still take place in June (more to come). You will get more information on these events in your email blasts and they are also mentioned here in the Advocate.

Questions of any sort may be directed to me. Please don't hesitate to contact me at cb3234@prodigy.net.

PCA Appreciation Breakfast Presented by Porsche of Fremont Saturday, June 13, 2015 9am—Noon

Hello PCA Diablo and PCA Loma Prieta Regions!

PCA members of both regions are invited!!

Porsche of Fremont is hosting an event we call PCA Appreciation. We are hosting a breakfast get together for the 2 regions we enjoy to support.

Please pass on to your membership.

Looking forward to a great event.

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2015 Quarterly Event Calendar

MAY

5/2 BLACKHAWK CARS & COFFEE W/LUNCH TOUR—ED/
MIKE

5/9 THUNDERHILL BACKROADS TOUR—CARLOS

5/24 WASH 'N SHINE

JUNE

6/19-6/21 MAMMOTH LAKES JOINT TOUR-ED

6/27 - CIA TOUR-KAY

JULY

7/5-MERCEDES TOUR-ED

7/11-THUNDERHILL BACKROADS TOUR-CARLOS

Monthly Events:

- Walnut Creek Breakfast: Every Saturday
7:30am
Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek
- Pleasanton Breakfast: 2nd & 4th Saturday
8:30am
5/9 & 5/23 Jim's Country Style Restaurant, 5400 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton
- Board Meeting: 2nd Monday
7pm
12893 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon
- Monthly Dinner: 3rd Thursday
6:30pm
Faz, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville

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.

Matt Brown

Purchased Date: April, 2015

Year and Type of Porsche: 2015 GT3

Outside Color: Sapphire Blue Metallic

Interior Color: Black with Silver Deviated Stitching

Transmission Type: PDK



Burke Ferrari

Purchased Date: March, 2015

Year and Type of Porsche: 2009 Carrera 4S

Outside Color: Meteor Grey

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments: First Porsche was a 912, then a 911SC (years ago) and now this. Have had a series of Audi's and been active in local Audi club. But this C4S is something else!



Edgar Licup

Purchased Date: February, 2015

Year and Type of Porsche: 2015 GT3

Outside Color: GT White

Interior Color: Black/Red Stitches

Transmission Type: PDK



Phil Luecht

Purchased Date: January, 2015

Year and Type of Porsche: 2015 991 GT3

Outside Color: Carreras White Metal Flake

Other Comments: First Time Porsche Owner



Barry Montgomery

Purchased Date: March, 2015

Year and Type of Porsche: 2002 996 Cabriolet

Outside Color: Black

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: Manual

Other Comments: Previously owned Porsches: 1998 Boxster, 1978 911SC. I owned the Boxster for a couple of years in the early 2000's. The 911 was mine from early 2000 until last November when I sold it as a consequence of relocating from the Boston area to Danville, primarily because of emission/smog uncertainty. The SC was a "fair weather friend", my daily drivers have always been BMWs. The 996 is now my daily driver.

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Monthly Dinner

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month to enjoy the company of Diablo Region members and have a good meal.

Where: Faz Restaurant

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Danville

Time: 6:30pm

Next Dinner: May 21, 2015

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FUN CLASS (Not Judged- ALL entries eligible; Voted on by Participants and Guests)
Best "Theme" (Decoration / car & driver other) & Coolest of the Cool

SHOW CLASS (Voted on by fellow participants)

Pre-Register at EventBrite www.eventbrite.com Complete info and pay \$25
Or Late registration (after Sunday May 17th) & on Event Day, \$30 Entry Fee

For Latest Wash 'N Shine Info: <http://diablo-pca.org>
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Let's Visit The CIA

(Culinary Institute of America)

June 27, 2015

We will leave at 9am from the Buttercup Pantry parking lot and head towards St. Helena, taking a scenic "Porsche-type" drive. Once we arrive at The CIA, we will have lunch, watch cooking demos (with sampling and wine pairing), and take a tour of the facility. We should be finished by 3:30pm.



Drive: 9-11:15

Lunch: 11:30-1pm

Browse the store & wine area: 1-1:30pm

Cooking Demo/Tasting: 1:30-2:30pm

Tour of Greystone: 2:45-3:15pm

Cost: \$55 per person

(includes, tax and gratuity, cooking demo with sampling & wine pairing and a tour of Greystone building and grounds).

Sandwiches/Salads Options:

The Parisian

- ♦ Mustard & Cultured Butter, Baguette, sliced Ham Gruyere Cheese

Cobb Sandwich

- ♦ Turkey, Avocado, Bacon, hard boiled Egg, Lettuce, Tomato & Blue Cheese on a Baguette

Ultimate Caesar Salad

- ♦ House-Made Caesar Dressing, Gaby Gem Lettuce, Herb Croutons & Grilled Chicken

Chicory Beet Salad

- ♦ Chicory Lettuce, Roasted Gem Beets, Shallots, Verjuice Vinaigrette, Candy Striper Beets & Herb Goat Cheese

Sandwiches served with a market green salad.

Lunch (prepared by the student chefs) includes dessert and bottled water.

Sign up today on The Diablo website at www.diablo-pca.org Click on the Tour Button.

Enter your lunch selection for each person.

There will not be any Wait List for this tour.

MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS IS 30. Sign up early if you want to go.

- ♦ **Questions: Contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or 510-410-1481.**



6th ANNUAL 2015



Experience the open roads and breathtaking scenery of The Eastern High Sierra in your Porsche with other Porsche enthusiasts.

When: Friday June 19, Saturday June 20 and Sunday June 21, 2015

Who: All PCA members, all Regions invited.

Where: Mammoth Lakes, CA. in the scenic Eastern High Sierra www.visitmammoth.com

Registration: There is no registration or fees. This is a "pay as you go" event.

Lodging:

1. Lodging has been arranged at Juniper Springs Resort at a group discounted rate of \$119.00 per night plus 13% TAX and a \$20 resort fee (per night) same as the last 5 years. You can make reservations by calling 1-800-626-6684 (1-800 MAMMOTH) and referencing "Porsche Club of America" booking #20398.

These are beautiful 1 bedroom (sleeps 4) condominiums with full kitchens, dining area, fire place and private balconies. Resort amenities include, heated pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, weight/work-out room, BBQ and underground private parking. www.mammothmountain.com click on lodging and then click on Juniper Springs Resort (JSR).

2. Lodging has also been arranged at The Westin Monache Resort at a reduced group rate of \$159.00 (deluxe studio suite) per night plus 13% TAX. The resort fee of \$25 (per night) has been waived. Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-627-8154 or 1-760-934-0454 referencing Mammoth Porsche Tour or e-mail micaela.castranova@westinmammoth.com. www.westin.com/mammoth

The Westin Monache Resort is located in the middle of town, within walking distance to The Village. These are also individual beautiful condominiums with full kitchen, dining room, fireplace and balconies. Resort amenities include: heated pool, Jacuzzi, weight/work-out room BBQ, underground parking. The White Bark restaurant and bar.

For more details on the events for the three days, go to: <http://www.mammothporschetour.com>

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to email me at: Coronado@npgcable.com.

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Saturday Breakfasts

Diablo Region offers members a choice when it comes to breakfast on Saturdays. What a great way to start the day!!

There is a breakfast gathering **EVERY SATURDAY** in Walnut Creek.

Where: Buttercup Pantry
660 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive.

Time: 7:30am



OR

Another choice would be to attend breakfast in Pleasanton on the **2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS**

Where: We are trying out Jim's Country Style Restaurant, 5400 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton

Time: 8:30am

Next Scheduled Breakfasts: **May 9 and May 23**

Fun way to get to know your fellow Diablo members and find out what is happening or coming up. There are even spontaneous drives that happen. Wear your name tag and join the fun!



BREAKFAST HOST AND LOCATION WANTED

If you know of a great location for the Region to have breakfast in the Tri-Valley area or if you would like to host a breakfast, please contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or call 510-410-1481.

2015 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>1/17 – Go Carts-Brian/Malcom</p> <p>1/25- Blackhawk Awards Luncheon- Elsie/Ingrid</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>7/5 – Mercedes Tour-Ed</p> <p>7/11—Thunderhill Backroads Tour-Carlos</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>2/1- Super Bowl Party-Walt</p> <p>2/28 – Movie Night-Brian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>8/1- Virginia City Tour-Jerry Antolik</p> <p>8/10-8/16-Monterey Auto Week</p> <p>8/14 – Werks</p> <p>8/29 – Wine Tour-Ted/Diane</p> <p>8/30 – Annual Picnic</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>3/7- Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted</p> <p>3/22- Half Moon Bay Crab Tour-Anton</p> <p>3/27 – Thunderhill DE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>9/13 – Orinda Car Show</p> <p>9/19 – Cheese Tour-Nancy</p> <p>9/20 – Danville 'd Elegance</p> <p>9/25-9/27—Rennsport V</p> <p>TBD – Thunderhill DE</p> <p>TBD - Rock 'n Weekend-Anton</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>4/4 – Filoli Tour-Ingrid</p> <p>4/11- Moss Beach Tour-Susan/Carol</p> <p>4/18 – Bocce Ball-Kay</p> <p>4/25 – Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>10/17- Russian River Tour-Susan/Carol</p> <p>10/25 – Grand Island Mansion Tour-Frank/Joan</p> <p>TBD - Zone 7 Concours-Livermore Porsche</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>5/2 Blackhawk Cars & Coffee w Lunch Tour-Ed</p> <p>5/24- Wash 'N Shine</p> <p>TBD – Autocross & Tour-Brian/Malcom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>11/14- Planning Party</p> <p>11/15 - Paso Robles-Bob</p> <p>11/24- Laguna Seca Raceway DE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>6/19-6/21 Mammoth Lakes Joint Tour-Ed</p> <p>6/27 – CIA Tour-Kay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>12/12- Christmas Party-Bob/Cristi</p>

Diablo Meets Downton Abbey

By Bob Hilton

April 4th found Lord and Lady French (Ted and Ingrid) leading two groups totaling forty people from Pleasanton, through Niles Canyon, across the Bay to Woodside and the early 20th century Georgian English country estate Filoli. Built by William Bourn, who arrived at the unusual name from his credo: Fight for a just cause; Love your fellow man; Live a good life” – what could be more “PCA-like”.

Pulling into the parking lot were more than 20 Porsches ranging from Bill Packwood’s early 356 Cabriolet to Frank Duran’s recently acquired 991 Carrera S. They rived the beauty of the tens of thousands of beautiful tulips in bloom in Filoli’s garden! After a gourmet boxed lunch at the reception building, we set out in two groups to visit the 36,000 square foot house and then the more than 600 acres of gardens. From the entry courtyard, through the reception rooms, to the main salon, dining room and kitchen, we went upstairs and downstairs and heard the history of the house, which rived the PBS blockbuster!



Just when we thought we could not be more impressed, we went into the gardens that could have been the subject of a Monet painting. At the end of the tour, we weaved our way back to the East Bay fulfilled with a great drive, good food, a beautiful estate and best of all the companionship of wonderful people.



Seventy Years Behind the Wheel

By Jack Carpenter

When you turn back the clock in your memory you will undoubtedly miss some significant happenings.

In my case, I had three activities that also influenced my love for all things "CARS.". At Castlemont High School in Oakland, California, I elected to take a fairly heavy college prep program, but it still allowed me to take two auto shop classes in my senior year. The basics of automotive repair were presented in a hands-on manner and I realized I could save money and enjoy myself in the process.



My teacher was Mr. Ankunding, who owned a new pristine 1948 maroon Mercury Club Coupe with the mellowest pair of twin pipes I had ever heard. He had been a Ford Dealer Service Manager for a number of years and he thought he would find less pressure teaching high school auto shop. The Castlemont kids may have changed his mind, but I learned a lot from him. I not only did brake and other jobs on my folk's 41 Ford, but I enjoyed working on my dad's 34 Ford coupe that was his commute car. It had an early flat head V8

[85 HP] but we lived on one of the steepest hills in Oakland, 82nd Ave .Starting at the stop sign at MacArthur Blvd and 82nd, you could go through the gears [3] and climb the hill like it was merely a speed bump. The most fun I had coming down 82nd was in my Grandfather's 28 Buick Roadster. It had a yellow body with black fenders, wood spoke wheels and a rumble seat. I most often drove it with the top down and the windshield folded flat. The neighbors probably hated me because I



would retard the spark [control on the steering wheel] and it would back fire loud enough that I wondered why the muffler was staying in one piece. Shortly after the start of WWII, my Grandfather bought this beautiful old Buick from a kid in lone CA. He was in his 80's when he sold it and both my Grandfather and the car were still in great shape. I wish I had it now.



Gramps and Gram had four boys, no girls and the whole Carpenter Family was raised in the Motherlode, lone. One of my dad's brothers stayed there after the rest of the crew left. Herb was the town barber, not a car person. However, after the war he bought one of

the first available Studebaker Commanders.

It was the biggest sedan they made. I'll never forget that after one holiday dinner, Hal, my younger cousin, and I joined four adult men to see how fast the Commander would go. No seat belts, but a flat well paved road without intersections near lone. We all looked on with amazement as the Speedometer approached 100 and then slightly exceeded it. I never thought much again about speed except when it could result in a ticket or leaving the road or track.

Jan and I have always been lucky when it comes to drawings. At a Porsche Parade a few years back and about the third year of Autobahn Adventure she was very fortunate to win \$1,500 off the price of the trip. We had wanted to do this very special Porsche trip and that incentive pushed us over the top.

Our opportunity to set our personal land speed record came a few months later while we were on a divided ten lane section of the Autobahn with light traffic and our Avis owned 911S easily reached 162 MPH. Race track

speeds are pretty fast but few have long enough straights to reach that speed. As for our Avis Rental, it hugged the road and felt like we were going half that speed. The group drove our fourteen black 911's all over Germany and Switzerland except at the North Course of the historical Nuremberg Ring. For this four hour endeavor, we drove "Rent a Race Cars".

In my case, it was a speed tuned late model Volvo with a roll cage and competition seat belts. Not much danger of breaking the lap record, but was it fun! I thought I was holding my own until I was passed by a couple of late model Ferraris and later on one of the steeply banked concrete turns by a couple of motorcycles that were ten feet or more above my head. Although nothing about the Autobahn adventure is cheap. The wonderful hotels and meals included extras like the "Ring", Porsche Museum, and many other things that will make this your favorite trip ever, except for maybe your Honeymoon.

On a closing note for this installment, I would like to get back to Mr. Ankunding. I was reading the paper one Sunday morning after a couple of days of heavy rain, when I spotted a man sweeping the water out of his shop on Monument Blvd in Concord. The shop and the person in the photo both belonged to, you guessed it, Mr. Ankunding. Who else would have that name? Jan and I had our Porsche, but we also had a new Red Ford Taurus SHO as a family car. I couldn't wait to pay him a visit when his shop was open. So Monday morning, I went to thank him for his teaching skills that had given me both repair knowledge and money saving ability. His reaction to my praises overwhelmed me. This tough old bird started to cry and said that no former students of his had ever bothered to tell him how much they appreciated his efforts and he would never forget my visit. It so happens that his small one man shop specialized in older fords and he asked me to come in anytime and use his rack or other equipment. I had hoped to take him up on his offer, but I read his name in the paper again, three or four months later and this time it was in the obituaries.

Be careful out there, Jack

Wash 'N Shine Volunteers Needed

As you know events are successful because of all the fantastic volunteers who help. The Wash 'N Shine is a great fun-filled event, but requires lots of support. We need folks to assist with:

- **Registration**
- **Parking lot Set Up and Attendees**
- **Raffle Prize Solicitor and Set Up**
- **Raffle Ticket Sales**
- **Vote Tabulation**
- **Many other tasks**

If you want to sign up or have questions, contact Brian Adkins, Vice President at 510-695-5030.

Be sure to register your car too!

Half Moon Bay—Moss Beach Distillery

Saturday, April 11, 2015

By Jerry and Ilona Antolik

During Prohibition, the San Mateo Coast was an ideal spot for establishments which sold illegal booze to thirsty clients. One of the few remaining establishments is the Moss Beach Distillery located off scenic Highway 1. The legend has it that the Moss Beach Distillery has a resident ghost named the “Blue Lady”. With so much history and mystery, it was the perfect destination for the Diablo Chapter PC Club to visit this scenic and historic site. Many thanks to Susan George and Tom Geary for organizing this wonderful trip.

It was a beautiful spring morning that members enjoyed a quick breakfast and gathered at IHOP restaurant in Livermore, CA. The PCA Diablo Chapter welcomed fellow PCA members from the Loma Prieta Region (LPR) and the Golden Gate Region (GGR). It was fun meeting George and Virginia Jansen, John and Angie Ree, Jim Davis and Chuck Bloom. The mystery of the “Blue Lady” and the beautiful Coastline was too enticing to pass up.

After our drivers meeting, we proceeded through downtown Livermore that once was the old State Route 84 Highway. We followed the historic scenic Route 84 pass the Sunol Water Temple through Niles Canyon. It was here in the early 1900’s that Charlie Chaplin filmed his iconic silent film “The Tramp”. We carved our way through the canyon following the abandoned Sunol Aqueduct that in the 1920’s provided half of the water to San Francisco before it was replaced by the Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct. As much as our cars hated to leave the curves of the canyon, we were soon driving through the historic town of Niles and crossing the Dumbarton Bridge. The earlier bridge opened on January 17, 1927 and was the first vehicular bridge to cross San Francisco Bay. The original bridge was built with private capital and then purchased by the state for \$2.5 million in 1951, a bargain compared to the new Western Span of the Bay Bridge.

With our cars demanding more curves, we took a quick breather at Denny’s in Redwood City. With the morning sun warming up, it soon became a topless day...for those vehicles so inclined to do so. Before long we were passing through the town of Woodside where I suspect a few 918 Spyders in 6-car garages were jealously watching our caravan head to the coast. Soon enough, our happy cars were carving up the La Honda Road Grade sharing the sunlight with the majestic redwoods. Certainly a beautiful stretch of road all Porsche owners must place on their bucket list and we were living it up. We soon reached the crest of Skyline Boulevard and the ever popular Alice’s Restaurant teaming with kamikaze spandex-clad and leather clad aficionados alike



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Not sure if our cars' smiles matched those of their owners, but we were soon heading north on scenic Cabrillo Highway (also known as Highway 1) with no fog in sight. It was as though the "Blue Lady" was beckoning us to visit so she could check out the fine machinery.



As we paraded through the town of Half Moon Bay, we turn off Highway 1 through a very narrow residential street. It made some of us wonder where were we going to park so many cars? My fears proved unfounded as a large parking lot appeared with the best coast side parking amenities one could ask for. A very special gathering after a beautiful journey for Diablo PCA.

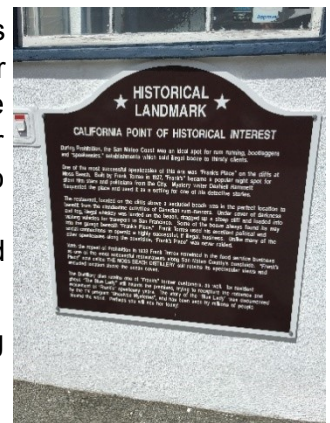
One could sense the "Blue Lady" floating around us admiring the cars like we all were. Memorable moments like these make us realize how blessed we are to live in California.



By now, our tummies rumbled and the “Blue Lady” invited us into the Distillery, which was once called “Frank’s Place” founded by Frank Torres in 1927. “Frank’s” became a popular nightspot for silent film stars and politicians from the City and we soon realized why. The restaurant located on the cliff above a secluded beach was a perfect location for Canadian Rum runners. Fog and darkness allowed easy loading of illegal whiskey into waiting

vehicles for transport to San Francisco. Ironically, with Frank’s excellent social and political connections. Frank’s Place was never raided during Prohibition. Go figure?

The “Blue Lady” must have anticipated our visit as we were escorted to a beautiful dining room area overlooking the amazing coastline.



With our appetites well endowed, the “Blue Lady” bid goodbye to us all. Smiles were bountiful all around. Some folks continued up the coast taking advantage of the beautiful weather. Some others took advantage of a private wine tasting Susie arranged at the Barterra Winery in the quaint downtown of Half Moon Bay. The food, wine and ambiance were wonderful and a great time was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Susie and Tom for hosting a memorable and historically rich trip to our treasured coastline. We can assume the “Blue Lady” will lure us back in the near future.

Bocce Ball Playtime

You could feel the excitement in the barrel room growing at Rubino's Estate Winery as the time for our very quick drive up the road for the bocce ball games drew near. Everyone was chatting, laughing, sharing stories about their favorite cars as they sipped one of the local wineries samplings. Suddenly, it was time to grab our keys and jump into our cars No time to dally! Game time was on!



As the teams were being formed and the games began, it was evident we had some skilled players in our group. Ringers, maybe, you say. I was amazed at the ability to get the balls so close to the pallino (target) ball. Several different types of strategies were applied, some more successful than others.



The excitement helped work up our appetites for a family-style feast of pasta and salad. Of course, we all saved room for the large marble platters of desserts that were placed on our tables. Need I say more.



A big "Thank You" to Paula Ciopyk for heading up the very first Bocce Ball event years ago! It has now become an annual event we all look forward to attending.



Check out the pictures taken by Ed Won and Ken Krieg.

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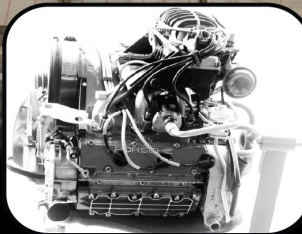
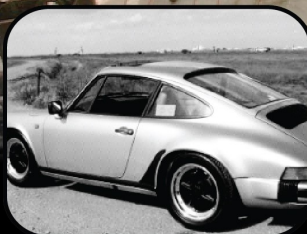
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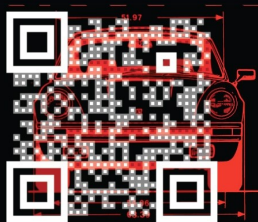
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