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Ed's Comments By Ed Won, President Diablo PCA

Hello Diablo Members!

For this month, I have Walt Lietz on my mind. I just learned that his cancer has returned after treatment and that he's in hospice care. We lost his wife Jacquie not long ago. Walt has opened his home and his heart with their friends and the members of this club over the years. For that I'm so grateful to him and the service of this club. Many of you already know this, but the new members may not. Walt is a Past President of Diablo before Doug Wiebe who I took over from. Since Doug moved to Denver, at times I rely on Walt's no nonsense "New York State of Mind" for advice which is usually direct and full of candor, exactly what I need. He's always been there balancing the needs of the club as a volunteer. Since he's been there, believe me if he has a comment, I'm all ears. I've known Walt as a Porsche guy for almost 5 years now. I'm so glad I got to know this side of Walt. For me this is Walt 2.0.

I actually met Walt a number of years back when we both worked at Clorox. I was a young IT engineer, a bit green and learning how to fit in corporate culture. It's a small world after all. Walt was a database team manager and one of my friends worked for Walt. I never told Walt this, but I found him a little intimidating. That was work Walt. The New York mindset was spooking this new politically correct Californian kid; I will not lie. With Walt 1.0, I knew Walt as what young engineers typically think, "He's a senior manager and will crush my career without much thought."

All joking aside, I'm so fortunate to know Walt and wish him well. I know many of you would like to contact him and Ingrid confirmed for me that he is indeed receiving emails. If you would like to drop Walt an email and let him know we all love him and appreciate what he's done for us and how much he touched our lives, send him an email at Walter_Lietz@yahoo.com

It's hard to switch gears but I do want to discuss how happy I am with turnout with our new members at the events! When I sent out the Werks reunion Caravan meet up a few days prior, I was certain we'd have maybe 5 cars. Well thanks for proving me wrong! We rolled down to Werks with over 20 cars. Similarly with the Picnic, I anticipate over 20 with 30 new members. Thank you all for coming out and meeting your fellow enthusiasts. (People with the same Porsche illness, please no cure)

Pease keep your attention to the website for details and signups for the Sparkling Coast tour lead by Carol Dixon and Susan George, Paso Robles Tour, the sequel led by Bob and Christi Hilton and the Grand Island tour led by Frank Duran. I will refrain from leading on this, I got lost leading the last group, which almost won me the Dummkopf award that year. I even had a navigator. However, the buffet was quite a spread, well worth the walk of shame past everyone.

I want to thank Brian Adkins our VP for setting up our first Sunday brunch. It was an overwhelming success and sold out. We ate at Bridges Golf Course and it was great. I believe this is a rotating venue, so please keep a look out for the next one. If you have a suggestion, drop Brian an email at Diablopca.vicepresident@gmail.com I hope he's reading the Advocate on time otherwise he'll be really surprised. I'm joking, he's aware.

We also have Diablo Elections coming up soon. Thank you to Arleigh Taylor for stepping up at breakfast to volunteer to help out with the elections! We have one board position opening for this year. Details are coming from eblast shortly.

Speaking of Eblast, we will soon email you with different headers to help identify Diablo Region emails from our Zone and National emails. We have been emailing you from the National email system, which uses the same header for everyone. Well no more, we will have our pictures of ourselves and our Porsches, in case you prefer to look at our Porsche's.

I hope to see you all very soon at one of our functions

Ed Won

PCA-Diablo Region Membership Chair Biography – André Boursse

I am André Boursse, the new Membership Chair of the PCA-Diablo Region.

I have been interested in cars all my life. My father, a chief fighter squadron mechanic in WWII European Theater, taught my 3 brothers and I the basics of automotive maintenance, tuning, and repair in the cars of our teen-age years.

For several years during my late adolescence growing up in Los Angeles, I raced Quarter Midgets and Karts, feeding my interest in engines, driving skills and racing, and the fellowship of other racers and their families. My first car was a 1960 Austin-Healey 100. That set the tone for my return later in life to enjoying my first new Porsche Boxster S and getting to know the friendly, helpful, and supportive members of our local PCA-Diablo Region.

My career has involved working with people, team building dynamics, and technology in the field of highway, urban, and air transportation. In 2012, I retired from a large metropolitan transportation organization. I currently provide engineering and construction, legal and project consulting services in the transportation field.

Now I have more time to continue my interests and enjoyment in playing the piano; flying in national airshows with my brother; exercising to keep fit as a paddler in 'Dragonboat Racing'; hiking; and on-going yard work at our house. My consulting work and travels also give me plenty of opportunities to keep in shape. Keeping in shape is important for me because I love to cook, eat, and enjoy dishes from around the world!

I am an Eagle Scout, having learned the principles of individual skill development; communication; teamwork; respect and taking pride in supporting the goals of a group. I believe my abilities will contribute to performing the duties of Membership Chair necessary to help the Diablo Region grow.

I look forward to serving as your Membership Chair.

André Boursse



2015 Quarterly Event Calendar

SEPTEMBER

9/13 - ORINDA CAR SHOW*

9/19 - CIA AGAIN TOUR-NANCY

9/20 - DANVILLE 'D ELEGANCE*

9/25-9/27—RENNSPORT V*

*NON DIABLO EVENT

OCTOBER

10/3—DRY CREEK/RUSSIAN RIVER TOUR-PATRICK/LINDA

10/4—ZONE 7 CONCOURS-LIVERMORE PORSCHE*

10/10—OKTOBERFEST—ROLF/JUDY

10/17—RUSSIAN RIVER CHAMPAGNE TOUR-SUSAN/CAROL

10/25—GRAND ISLAND MANSION TOUR-FRANK/JOAN

*NON-DIABLO EVENT

NOVEMBER

11/7—PLANNING PARTY

11/14-11/15—PASO ROBLES TOUR—BOB/CRISTI

11/23—LAGUNA SECA RACEWAY DE

Monthly Events:

Walnut Creek Breakfast: Every Saturday

7:30am

Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek

South Region Breakfast: TBD (If you would like to host a breakfast, contact Kay Maloy at

maloykay@comcast.net)

Board Meeting: 2nd Monday

6:30pm

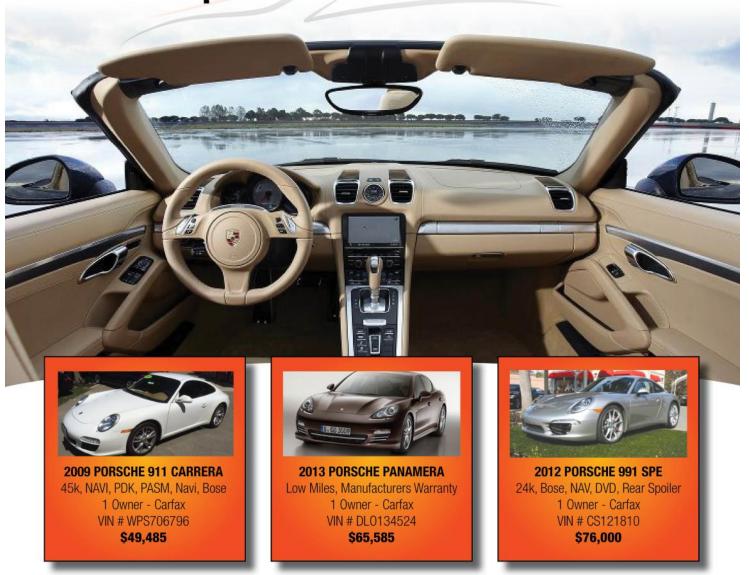
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Monthly Dinner: 3rd Thursday

6:30pm

Faz, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 6:30PM

Come out for some fun and enjoy Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Refreshments and, of course, the usual Diablo Region camaraderie!

Cost: \$10 per person

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

Please sign up on Diablo website <u>www.diablo-pca.org</u>.and click on the Oktoberfest button.

Where: Judy Huggins Residence 189 Emmons Canyon Lane Alamo

Cross street is Stone Valley Road. Exit 680 at Stone Valley Road East, continue about 5 miles and turn left on Emmons Canyon Lane. My home is at the end of cul-de-sac. Development is known as Bryan Ranch and is just beyond Monte Vista High School.

Questions: Contact: Judy Huggins, 925-788-0422, jahuggins@comcast.net



RUSSIAN RIVER CHAMPAGNE/TIMBER COVE TOUR



Date: Saturday Oct. 17 - Sunday, Oct. 18 (this can be a one day tour or

overnight)

Lunch: Main Street Bistro, 16280 Main Street, Guerneville, 12:00pm

\$10-\$20

Tour: Korbel Champagne plus free tasting, 2:00 pm

Dinner: Timber Cove Inn Alexanders Restaurant, Jenner, 6pm \$18-\$29

Lodging: Timber Cover Inn, 21780 Hwy 1, Jenner, CA 95450:

Ocean view \$215 plus tax

Forest View \$175 plus tax

Breakfast: \$10-\$19

Call Carol Dixon at 510-461-3967 to reserve a room. She has reserved a block of rooms under her name.

Tour Cost: Pay as you go, so bring some cash for lunch

Signup on Event Brite at www.diablo-pca.org.

Maximum number participants is 40. Sign up by September 30.



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Sunday Brunch At the Grand Island Mansion

When: Sunday, October, 25th

Time: 10:45 AM

Start Location: Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek

Destination: Grand Island Mansion, 13415 Grand Island Road, Walnut Grove, CA

Cost: \$42 (includes tax & gratuity)

Registration: Sign up on The Goodie Store at http://diablo-pca.org and click on

the Event Reg button

Maximum Attendees: 60 Be sure to sign up soon!!

Frank and Joan Duran would like to invite you to join them for an elegant Sunday Brunch at the historical Grand Island Mansion in Walnut Grove.

The Mansion was designed by J.W. Dolliver in 1917 for Louis Meyers and is a 58 room, 24,000 square foot villa. It has been featured in National Geographic, Sunset Magazine, Architectural Digest, Playboy Magazine, Victoria Secret and Macy's Furniture catalogs.

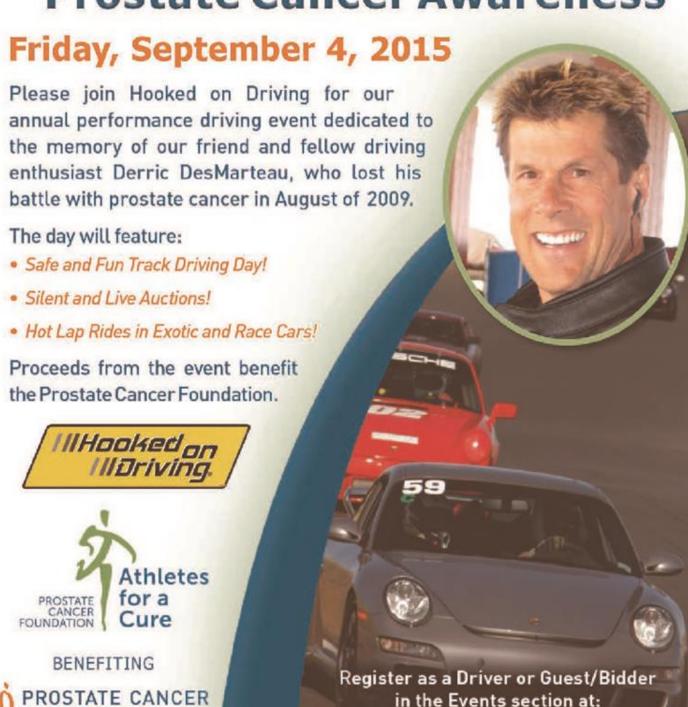
The infamous Buffet Champagne Sunday Brunch includes unlimited champagne, a Dessert Buffet, Prime Rib, Quiche, Eggs Benedict, Shrimp Crepes and more.

So, grab your keys and enjoy a short drive north for a taste of history and a sumptuous brunch.

If you have questions, please contact Frank or Joan at fnjduran@sbcglobal.net or 925-933-8817.



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Diablo Driver Education Program By Adam Cipriano, DE Program Chair



Hello again, Diablo track day enthusiasts. As you know, the Rennsport event at Laguna Seca switched dates on us and effectively put the kibosh on our reservations that same weekend in September to run at Thunderhill again this year. But, have no fear, your High Performance

Drivers Education team is here and ready to run our own date at Laguna Seca on Monday November 23, 2015. We'll open the event on Motorsportreg.com shortly so watch your e-mail.

Let me take the opportunity to welcome a new title sponsor for the event, Livermore Porsche. In our region, we are fortunate to have the support of three dealers and this time our friends in Livermore have signed on to bring their customers and guests many of whom are already in our club. Please take a minute when you see Kevin Hanschke, the General Sales Manager at Livermore Porsche to add your welcome and thanks for their generous support of our HPDE program.

The upcoming event at Laguna wouldn't be possible without the unwavering support of our track program from our Diablo PCA Board of Directors, our Chief Driving Instructor Jeff Urnes, our event Registrar / Event Organizer Kay Maloy, our sponsorship Chairs Jeff Kreutzer and Ed Won and the army of Diablo instructors and volunteers at our events. We are indeed so lucky to have such tremendous support. Thank you one and all.

We are actively working on dates for 2016 and have already secured two of the four we are searching for. As always, we are committed to putting on track day events that feature plenty of track time, plenty of track space, expert instruction and offer a low-key way to explore the performance potential of you and your car.

If you're a track junkie, welcome back. If you are just dipping your toe in the water, we'll be gentle. And if you are somewhere in the middle, we cant wait to see you again.

Lodging can be arranged at your leisure with many of us staying at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. Dinner the night before at the same hotel is always a social highlight so don't miss it. Further details to come in future communications.

Join us and learn more about our program at www.diablo-de.org.





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

600 Hartz Avenue

Danville

Time: 6:30pm

Next Dinner: August 20, 2015

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Paso Robles Touring

November 14-15

Saturday, November 14th

Depart: 8am from Safeway parking lot on Bernal in Pleasanton

- Enjoy a drive through San Jose and Hollister and the "back side" of Pinnacles State Park
- Lunch at Calcareous Winery, overlooking the coastal hills to the Pacific (\$15-\$20 pp)
- Visit more coastal wineries
- Dinner in Paso Robles (\$20-\$30 pp)



Sunday, November 15th

- Visit Estrella Warbird Museum/Auto Display or other wineries (your option)
- Light lunch
- Dinner at Rocky Point *\$20-\$30+ pp)
- Drive home via Highway 1







Reservations at the Holiday Inn Express in Atascadero (805-462-0200) should be made by October 14th. The rate is \$119.95 and be sure to mention the PCA Diablo Region. Breakfast is included.

All meals are pay as you go.

There are plenty of opportunities to buy your Holiday wines and goodies during the various stops.

Sign up at www.diablo-pca.org.

2015 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

January	July
1/17 – Go Carts-Brian/Malcom	7/5 – Mercedes Tour-Ed
1/25- Blackhawk Awards Luncheon- Elsie/Ingrid	
February	August
2/1- Super Bowl Party-Walt	8/10-8/16-Monterey Auto Week*
2/28 – Movie Night-Brian	8/14 – Werks*
	8/23– Brunch—Brian
	8/29 – Jamestown Journey Tour-Jerry Antolik
	8/30 – Annual Picnic
	*Not a Diablo event
March	September
3/7- Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted	9/13 – Orinda Car Show*
3/22- Half Moon Bay Crab Tour-Anton	9/19 – CIA Again Tour-Nancy
3/27 – Thunderhill DE	9/20 – Danville 'd Elegance*
	9/25-9/27—Rennsport V*
	*Not a Diablo event
April	October
4/4 – Filoli Tour-Ingrid	10/3—Dry Creek Russian River Area-Patrick Schmidt
4/11- Moss Beach Tour-Susan/Carol	10/4—Zone 7 Concours-Livermore Porsche* *Not a Diablo event
4/18 – Bocce Ball-Kay	10/10—Oktoberfest-Rolf/Judy
4/25 - Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted	10/17- Russian River Tour-Susan/Carol
	10/25 – Grand Island Mansion Tour-Frank/Joan
May	November
5/2 Blackhawk Cars & Coffee w Lunch Tour-Ed	11/7- Planning Party
5/24- Wash 'N Shine	11/14– 11/15- Paso Robles-Bob
TBD – Autocross & Tour-Brian/Malcom	11/23—Laguna Seca Raceway DE
June	December
6/19-6/21 Mammoth Lakes Joint Tour-Ed	12/12- Christmas Party-Bob/Cristi
6/27 – CIA Tour-Kay	



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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



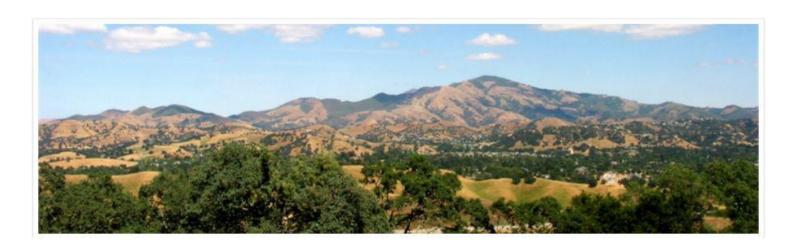
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CHANGES TO ALTERNATE BREAKFAST

In an effort to offer a variety of options to our members, the "alternate" Saturday breakfast is being changed to a Sunday brunch in various locations. There is no breakfast scheduled for September.

If you have a location you would like to host, please contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net.



The East Bay's Premier Bike Ride

September 19, 2015

Support our 2015 Charity - Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation -

The Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club and the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation will host the V3 Hopfest and the Veteran's Victory Velo on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 2600 Camino Ramon in San Ramon.

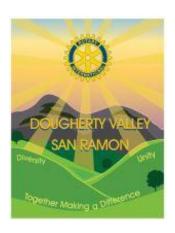
If you would like to enjoy a variety of food, music, fun activities and craft brews come to the V3 Hopfest at noon. If you would like to participate in the Veteran's Victory Velo bicycle rides for both serious and recreational cyclists there will be 3 different rides to choose from, a 30-mile recreational ride, a 60-mile intermediate ride and a 100-mile Devil Mountain Century Ride on Mt. Diablo. Registration begins at 6 a.m.

Proceeds from your contributions will be distributed between the DVSR Rotary Foundation and the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the V3 Hopfest or ride in one of the Veteran's Victory Velo bicycle rides go to the website: http://v3hopfest.com or call Gary Larson at (925) 365-1561.

Support our wounded warriors!







Welcome New Members!!

Primary Members: 764
Affiliate Members: 447
Total Members: 1211

	NEW MEMBERS
Chan, Johnny	2012 911 Carrera S, Aqua Blue Metallic
Clary, Debby	2000 911 Carrera, Guard Red
Cochrane, Michael	2015 Cayman S, Black/Luxor Beige
Cornelius, Alexander	2014 911 Turbo Cabriolet, Silver
Dowling, Patrick	2015 Cayman S, Yellow
Jorgensen, Kay	
Matlock, Larry	2006 911 Carrera S, Candy White
Pandurangi, Keshav	2014 911 Turbo, Sapphire Blue
Silva, Cyn	2014 911 Carrera 4, Guards Red
Treuge, Judy	2012 Cayman S, 3X Black
Vaisnor, Keith	2008 Boxster S, Signal Orange
Wang, Derek	2002 911 Turbo
ТОТ	TAL NEW MEMBERS: 12
	TRANSFERS IN
Fricke, Carl H.	2001 911 Carrera, Artic Silver
	TOTAL: 5



Diablo Region Wants YOU!!

It's that time of year again!

Nominations to fill 1 position on the Diablo Region Board will be needed prior to the October election.

Would you like to have input into the future direction of Diablo PCA?

Positions on the Board are for a 2 year term that will run from January, 2016 through December, 2017.

The Board meets once a month to discuss financial issues, upcoming events, impacts to members, as well as how to ensure members are getting a variety of selections from the monthly calendar.

The Region runs strictly on volunteers and the generosity of giving that precious commodity—TIME to continue to grow and be a successful Region.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact either Arleigh Taylor at araylot@pacbell.net or Frank Duran at fnjduran@sbcglobal.net or Bill Packwood at 914gt1@sbcglobal.net.

Feel free to attend a Board meeting to find out more information. The meetings are held the 2nd Monday each month at 6:30pm at C&J Fencing, 12983 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon.





Diablo Region Board Elections

The time is quickly approaching for all Diablo members to vote for their candidates to fill the upcoming vacant Board positions.

Very soon all members will receive an email blast containing a link to access the voting site. Be sure to check your SPAM or Junk Mail folder in case the email was sent there.

You will need to enter your name and PCA member number. Then follow the directions and vote for the candidates of your choice.

Voting will begin October 12th and end October 30th.

It is time for you to do your part in helping run the Diablo Region.

Porsche Pride

As we continue in our series of highlighting members who have recently purchased a Porsche or joined Diablo Region, this is a reminder to contact our Editor, Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net.

Bob and Cristi Hilton

Purchase Date: May, 2015

Year and Type of Porsche: 991Targa 4S

Outside Color: Royal Metallic Blue

Interior Color: White

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments:

Picking up "Blue" (a 991 Targa 4S) on May 18th at the Porsche Factory and driving 2,200 miles through Germany, Belgium, the wine regions of France, over the Alps through Montreux to Lake Constance and back to Stuttgart was my "Bucket List Item".



Porsche introduced the 911 in 1963. It is that design that remains to this day the heart of Porsche. Just two years into this model, Porsche introduced the 911 Targa. "Targa" means "shield" in Italian - an appropriate name for the rollover bar that provided a "protective shield". It was a unique approach to open-air driving, with its Targa bar roof structure. The bar provided structural integrity that ensured that Porsche standards of handling could be achieved. It also provided a unique design element that enhanced the original 911 concept. In 1975 the silver bar was replaced with a black one and in 1987 the 964 series saw the first all-wheel-drive 911 Targa.

The 991 Targa 4 represents the newest interpretation of this iconic design. It has an innovative "clam shell" roof technology that incorporates the open-air driving sensation of the original Targa. Engineers call it "a fully automatic roof system with innovative kinematics". The materials used for the roof are two flat magnesium elements and a rear window of weight-optimized laminated safety glass that maintain the unmistakable 911 silhouette.

Mine is a Royal Metallic Blue 991 Targa 4S with a 3.8 liter direct fuel injected engine and the Carerra S Powerkit option, dynamic engine mounts, sport exhaust, reduced ride height, 20 inch wheels and a seven speed PDK transmission that results in 0-60 performance of 4.1 seconds with a top speed in excess of 185 miles per hour. (This beats the GT4!) Its Sport Design front fascia and side mirrors provide an aggressive style, befitting its performance. This Targa is not for racing but touring so it has 18-way adaptive all leather sport seats that provide support during performance driving and comfort for touring. To see where you are touring at night, LED head-lights create illumination that is very similar to daylight and a camera detects on-coming vehicles and automatically turns off the high beams.

Enough about objective information. My feelings about this car are best expressed when remembering my visit to Porsche Leipzig. There was a 918 in front as I entered the center building of the Porsche facility. The 918 reminds me of Gwyneth Paltrow: beautiful, classy, fragile, perpetually on stage - note quite real - of another world. "Blue" reminds me of my wife: I've marveled at her since her 356-childhood, celebrated her amazing 930 young-adulthood, cheered her 996 GT3 motherhood, and now find myself blessed in the company of a sophisticated and beautiful woman, confident in her and our ability to handle whatever lies before us. The applause of the tour group entering the factory as I drove out of our "Garage" felt pretty good too!

What's on your "Bucket List"?

Johnny Chan

Purchase Date: July 2015

Year & Type of Porsche: 2012 911 C2S

Outside Color: Aqua Blue Metallic

Interior Color: Two-tone: Platinum Grey / Black

Transmission Type: 7spd PDK

Other Comments: I always wanted a 911 so I felt it was time. This is my first Porsche. I enjoy golfing,

cycling, photography, snowboarding, poker, computers, video games, movies, gadgets.

Will Paine

Purchase Date: December 2014

Year & Type of Porsche: 2004 Boxster S

Outside Color: Seal Grey

Interior Color: Black

Transmission Type: 6 Speed Manual

Other Comments: It is my first Porsche and I had always wanted one after years of owning other sports cars. I just think it's a sharp car and one of the best performing handling cars out there. My favorite place to drive is any curvy road preferably near the coast. I also drive it every day.

Larry & Colene Matlock

Purchase Date: July 2015

Year & Type of Porsche: 2006 Carrera S (997.1)

Outside Color: White

Interior Color: Cocoa Brown, all leather

interior Color. Cocoa Brown, an leather

Other Comments: We are déjà Vu Porsche owners. My first Porsche was purchased brand new in San Francisco CA, with money earned by working at KFRC...a very big deal in contemporary music at the time, with MTV and videos still in the future. The car was a 1976 912E, and Peru Red. We drove it for 25 years, sold it, and moved on to Mercedes Benz. Two months ago, I tired of the SL500, and purchased my present Porsche.

This is a local car, purchased from Niello Porsche in Rocklin, and owned by a Vacaville resident. The car has been driven to Orlando to visit Disney world, and very little else. Showroom new everywhere.

We did show the car in the Werks reunion last month in Carmel, in the full Concours d Elegance class. Received a compliment from the judges…"very clean car sir", but out of 700 Porsches, no ribbon.

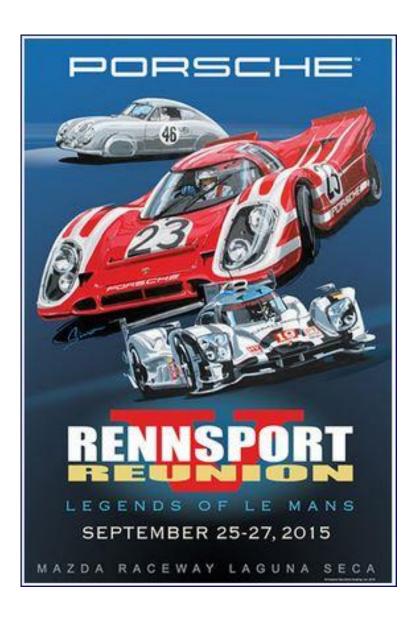






Porsche Rennsport Reunion V is the preeminent gathering of Porsche race cars and drivers, collector vehicles, historic Porsche models, Hosted by Porsche Cars North America, it will showcase the widest variety of Porsche's most historic racing models, from the nimble 550 Spyder of the mid-'50s through the mighty 917 and 956/962 of the '70s and '80s to the highly successful RS Spyder of the last decade.

As the fifth Rennsport celebration since 2004, Porsche Rennsport Reunion is the event of the year for Porsche enthusiasts, as well as for racing and car collecting enthusiasts. A special Porsche Concours will also be held that presents some of the globe's finest road-going Porsches in one location.



Seventy Years Behind the Wheel

Remembering Pebble Beach and All Things Concours

By Jack Carpenter

I find it hard to spend six days of Car Week on the Monterey Peninsula without thinking back many years to the early days of Concours and Racing at Pebble Beach. We

all know how the price of a good ride has risen over the years, but so has everything else. A program for the 1st race at Pebble in 1950 was 50 cents and adults were one dollar a head and free parking was available. On that same day, Sunday, November 4th, the first Concours was also held on the Pebble Golf Course.



The big race winner was Phil Hill in his new XK 120 Jaguar. Phil had been a very good mechanic, but his natural talent as a driver in this event launched him on a racing career that would lead him to the World Driving Championship. Meanwhile, over at the Pebble Golf Course, Best of Show prize for the Concours went to Sterling Edwards and his 1950 Edwards Special R-26.

Skipping forward eight years, Jan and I got up enough nerve to enter our 1956 AC-Ace in the 1958 Pebble Beach Concours. The competition was tough and even back then a lot of entrants paid professional detailers to prepare their cars and then trailered them to Pebble. Jan

and I drove to Pacific Grove on Saturday and spent the night at the still existing Butterfly Lodge. Each cabin at that time had a small attached garage that gave a good place to take care of our detailing. Our class was European Sports Cars \$4,500 - \$10,000. Needless to say our car was at the low end of this range and we were

extremely lucky to receive a third place in a class of ten cars.

During that same time period we entered a number of other concours put on by our Highland Touring club on lawns around Lake Merritt in Oakland. On one particular occasion, held across the street from the Grand Lake Theatre we were fortunate enough to recruit a number of Consulates as honorary judges. When Jan and I drove up to the reviewing stand to collect our trophy we were approached by a very nattily dresses grey haired Italian Consulate, who asked us in broken English "Is it a Maserati?"



A couple of weeks ago

at Carmel, Pacific Grove and Laguna Seca I saw enough AC Cobras and Cobra Replicas to make a pretty good load in a car ship. Such was not the case when we owned the 1st AC in Northern California. Even then, before Carol Shelby I thought about putting a small block Chevrolet V8 in my car, but would look again at my 1923 designed fire pump engine with its polished aluminum valve cover and chromed steel exhaust headers and say why would I want to change this? As Chief Turn Marshal for SCCA I was offered and accepted the use of a new 289 Cobra for four days to use as a course car for the races that were held around Candlestick Park in San

Francisco. What an experience that was. However, I still liked the look of my AC better.

Be Careful Out There,

Jack





Welcome to Danville d'Elegance

As the East Bay's premier Concours weekend of fundraising events, and the 2015 "Danville Charitable Organization of the Year," the Danville d'Elegance Foundation enters its 11th year, looking to surpass the \$2 million already raised to benefit Parkinson's research and patient care.

Set in the historic town of Danville, California, 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! For 2015, the weekend of September 19-20 will bring an unparalleled variety of activities to Danville, creating a superb gathering of street and racing cars along with some other exciting vehicle surprises, and great food - all in the setting of a small town jewel. More details to come...

Our Tour d' Elegance enters its fifth year, and will start on the morning of Saturday September 19th. It includes an organized scenic drive on some of the North Bay's famed country roads and a special lunch stop. Modern day and collector cars from our entrants will fill the trail, with additional exotic and luxury cars provided by manufacturers and local dealers to partake in our "Thrill Ride."

Fast becoming a major tradition in East Bay community culture, the annual Dinner d'Elegance and Live Auction to benefit Parkinson's causes, will be held at the world famous Blackhawk Museum on the evening of Saturday September 19th.

On Sunday, September 20th, the historic town center of Danville transforms into the Danville Concours d'Elegance, with an impressive assembly of classic, vintage, and exotic pleasure and racing vehicles displayed by their owners, offering a unique opportunity to see them up close, and chat with the people who own and maintain them. Admission is free for visitors, though donations to support the fight against Parkinson's are encouraged.

We look forward to seeing you in Danville on the weekend of September 19-20, 2015.

This & That

- ♦ Beutler Carrosserie turned closed 356s into open ones completing its first custom cabriolet in 1947, three years before Porsche came to America and a full seven years before the 356 Speedster was introduced.
- ◆ The Porsche logo/crest was designed in 1952 on Dr. Ferry Porsche's napkin as he sat opposite U.S. importer Max Hoffman in a New York restaurant.
- ◆ The Porsche Club of America was founded in 1955, only five years after Porsche was introduced to the United States.
- ♦ In 1967, a Targa version of the popular-selling 911 model was introduced. It included a stainless-steel rollbar to provide a solution to suspicions that the United States would outlaw open-top convertibles.
- ◆ Porsche's 914/4 model was sold as the "VW-Porsche" in Europe but only had the Porsche crest in the United States.
- The correct pronunciation of Porsche is "Porsch-eh."