#### **Diablo Region**



## San Diego, Porsche Parade

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The Town and Country Resort in beautiful San Diego was the host to the 52nd Porsche Parade. The event was a great success and beautifully organized. The daily itinerary gave everyone something to do, including the kids! The event was from June 29th, through July 7th, 2007. Some of the highlights were the Zone 7 welcome party, June 30th/ Pirelli Welcome Party July 1/ Concours and Concours Banquet-July2nd/Gimmick Rally, TSD Rally, Ice Cream Social and Beach Party, with Mexican Banquet-July 3rd/ Autocross, Seaworld, with Buffet dinner- & fireworks-July 4th/Zoo trip, and USS Midway Victory dinner-July 5th/

Driving Tours/ Grudge Match Autocross– July 6th/ Driving Tours, and Cayenne off-road Tour, July 7th.

Every attendee we spoke with was very pleased with the event. The parking lot alone was impressive! (Over 1000 Porsche's will do it) **The fol-** lowing pictures were provided by Ron Leppke, Zone 7 photographer.

Here is his link to his web site:

http://web.mac.com/lepprd/ iWeb/Site/San%20Diego% 20Z7-3.html









Pireli Welcome Banquet





Zone 7 Welcome Party



**BEACH PARTY TUG—>** 





Walking the Autocross Course



Ted French -Autocross



Awaiting Autocross



Beach San Porsche Dealership-Zone 7





USS Midway , Victory Banquet

Photo taken by Ron Leppke



# "Drive your Porsche to Work" day

I have taken it upon myself to designate **Tuesday, October 2nd** as "Drive Your Porsche to Work Day." There is no particular significance to the choice of date (it is Gandhi's birthday though.) The idea is to create a simple event to engage as many club members as possible. All that is required is to drive one's Porsche to work that day. There are extra feel good points for waving at other Porsche drivers or flashing one's headlights.

Claude Leglise

President, Golden Gate Region

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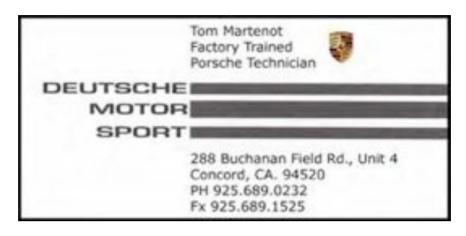
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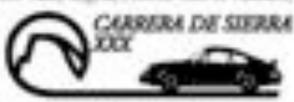
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Any picture or article you want to have published please send to the editor,

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Send picture in Jpg format and articles you have in Word format. I need pictures, especially since we are now starting "Picture of the Month"

Thanks, Maureen



## The Porsche of Fremont Thunderhill Driver's Education Event Notification and Invitation - Friday, August 3, 2007 at

http://www.thunderhill.com/index.html

### **Hosted by Diablo Region – Porsche Club of America (PCA)**

Sponsored by Fletcher Jones Porsche of Fremont http://porscheoffremont.com/

**Summary**: This Driver's Education (DE) event will be a non-competitive single day outing at Thunderhill racetrack, run under PCA National Drivers Education Guidelines expressly for Porsche cars and PCA members. We are also pleased to announce that local premier dealership Fletcher Jones Porsche of Fremont have returned as overall Sponsor for this 2007 event. The event's objective is to provide the opportunity for Porsche Club members, including those having little or no track experience, to safely learn the techniques of driving a high speed road course while operating under expert supervision and instruction. Only Porsche cars will be permitted on track for this event.

**Price Structure:** The "early bird" registration fee per driver will be \$180 (includes lunch) for those who register and pay before special "early bird" pricing ends July 6. Regular registration will then run from July 7 until July 27 with a fee of \$205 (includes lunch). After July 27, late fee pricing will be \$235 (includes lunch). The registration fee for qualified PCA Event Instructors (who also drive) will be \$80 before July 14. After July 14, Instructor registration will be \$100 (lunch included).

**Featuring**: This DE event comprises traditional Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced Run Groups. Openings for pure Novice drivers are expected to be limited, so Novice drivers are encouraged to register as early as possible. Per PCA guidelines, pure Novice Drivers will be paired with an Event Instructor/s until the Novice has demonstrated the skill sets necessary for solo track driving. Special Note for Novices: "Ground School", or rather the PCA requisite pre-event safety and procedures briefing, will be provided at the track the morning of the event. Novices, regardless of PCA affiliation, therefore are not required to have attended prior classroom activity before this track day.

**Instructors Needed:** Applications from interested and PCA qualified Instructors are solicited now. Instructor applicants may submit their driving and/or instructor related resume, Instructor application or bio directly to the attention of the Event Chairperson.

**Tech Inspection:** In accordance with PCA Guidelines, "the car owner must certify that their car is safe to run on the track and that the car has been inspected by a regionally approved person or shop within thirty days prior to the event. A regionally approved person need not be in the business of commercially preparing cars, but must have recognized skill in the preparation of cars that he/she inspects." Updated Tech Inspections from the year's earlier GGR Annual Tech inspection will be acceptable. Further guidance on Tech Inspection forms and requirements may be found on the Diablo website. <a href="http://dia.pca.org/">http://dia.pca.org/</a> Please direct comments, inquiries, and suggestions back to the Event Chairperson via e-mail, if possible, to the attention of:

**Event Chairperson** – Warren Gardner 510-440-1269 warrengardnerjr@comcast.net

Thank you very much, and we look forward to seeing you there!



Attending Diablo's Friday Driver's Education (DE) at Thunderhill this August 3rd? Make it a three-day weekend by attending GGR's weekend DE/TT too!

GGR's Porsche-only events are based on the same minimum standards that PCA National recommend for all regions and are open to PCA members from any region.

While GGR's Ground School is the usual (highly recommended) prerequisite for novices attending GGR DEs, we recognize experience gained in other regions too. So, if you attend Diablo's at-track classroom session on Friday August 3rd and have a successful day driving we will waive attending GGR's ground school for the purposes of entering our event. (This also applies to those Diablo members who attended our joint event on Friday March 30th.)

For more information, please visit this web site: <a href="http://www.pca-ggr.org/calendar.cgi?page=driversed">http://www.pca-ggr.org/calendar.cgi?page=driversed</a>

Tech Inspection, at Kahler's brought in 16 cars, with 20+ people attending on July 11th. Warren Gardner arranged the inspection, and Kahler's was also pleased with the results.



Hey guys, check out the cool aftermarket deep sump pan on this 996!!



Here's Steve, Richard, Jeremy, and Randy chatting with Munesh of Kahlers', trying to figure out how much it's going to cost to make Steve's 944 track ready!!

## **OKTOBERFEST-NEW/ ALLCOMERS Party**

**October 6, 6:30 PM** 

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NOTE: DO NOT turn on Walnut Blvd. Drive Ygnacio Valley past John Muir Hospital Turn right on Walnut Ave. (second light after hospital) Go one block and turn left on Belford Dr. Go another block, turn right on Dunblane Dr. (third house on right – white house with green shutters)

Come out for some fun and enjoy Bratwurst, sauerkraut, wine, German beer AND, of course, the usual Diablo Region camaraderie!!! Also door prizes.

Cost: \$15.00 per person (NO charge to Newcomers). Guests whose last names begin with A through M, please bring an hors d'oeuvre, salad or veggie dish. N through Z, please bring dessert.

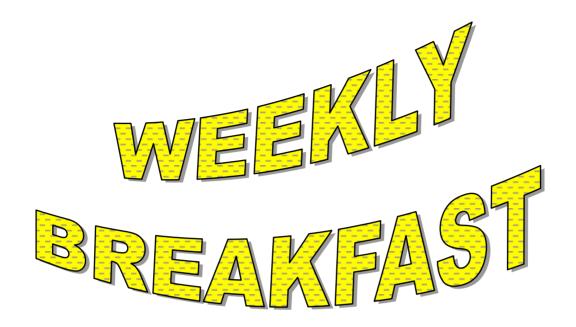
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Dear Editor,

I bought my first Porsche in the summer of 1997, and will celebrate ten years of PCA membership this Fall. Since I have recently become active in the Diablo region, I thought I would write and share the spirit that has always defined the club and its members for me.

In May 1998 I attended my first Drivers' Education event at Watkins Glen, NY. It rained off and on for two days, then picked up enough to cancel the third day. But by the time the second day was over my brand new Mintex front brake pads were down to the backing plate with almost no pad material left, and I was going to have a hard time getting home as I hadn't brought spares.

Watkins Glen is a motorsports town, but it still isn't easy to find Porsche brake pads on a Sunday. I talked to one of the event organizers, who let me make a plea for help over the public address system. Within a few minutes I had received several offers of help and a set of the correct pads from Paul Dudley.

Paul and I stayed in touch for many years after that, sharing paddock spots, tools and supplies, and a few adventures unrelated to our cars. He never would accept so much as a beer in return for the loan of the brake pads, but we agreed that I would always take a spare set of OEM pads with me to the track in case someday I could help somebody else in need. And to this day you will find a spare set in my track box.

I've seen this kind of support and camaraderie often over the years. It's not at all uncommon to see a dozen club members come together, jack somebody's car up, and perform a minor miracle when the owner thought they would need to call AAA for a long tow home. And it's that spirit of cooperation and support that really makes it the kind of club I want to be involved with.

I look forward to meeting more Diablo members at upcoming club events. And if you see a Porsche coming towards you on the road some time, don't forget to give 'em a quick flash of your fog lights!

Yours, --Steve.

Steven M. Jones Berkeley, CA



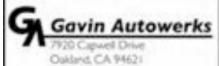
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# Picture of the Month

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Paul Jorgensen – 2002 911 C4S- Seal Grey

Ranyon Lee- 1999 911 C4- Silver

Phillip Lobsinger 1976 911S-Red

Vinny MaNguyen- 1996 993- Arena Red

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## Zone 7 rules at Parade 2007

Larry Sharp

My report on this years Parade begins with the bad news: the Zone 7 team failed to repeat its performance in winning Zone 7 Challenge crown as it did at Portland in 2006. The Zone 7 team had fun making the Neillo Porsche Dealership sand castle, competing in the tug of way, and participating in the Frisbee contest. But at the end of the Challenge, our efforts were not sufficient. Nevertheless, as good Porsche friends, we had a good time.

Now for the really good news for Zone 7: there were three major wins by Zone 7 members. Dave Darling of Loma Prieta Region had the top score in the Porsche Design Technical and Historical Quiz, J. and Jessica Toney (Sacramento Valley Region) were the overall winners of the Yokohama Tire TSD Rally, and Stephan Nieslony (Sacramento Valley Region) had TTOD (top time of day) in the Michelin Autocross.

Since San Diego was the first-ever five-day Parade, finding a time for the traditional Zone 7 party was a challenge, given the constraints imposed by the week's abbreviated schedule. Thanks to Ted and Ingrid French and my wife KC, we arranged to have a Mexican fiesta on the Saturday before the formal start of Parade. Nearly all of the Zone 7 members who arrived in San Diego early were able to attend. It was an impressive gathering and it took place on the lawn in front of PCA President Prescott Kelly's hotel room.

At the Porsche AG/PCNA Concours d'Elegance on Monday, many Zone 7 Members subjected their cars to rigorous inspection by the National PCA Concours judges. In the Performance touring group, Paul Seidel-Smith and Nancy Bishop (LPR) won their class with their stunning 914-6GT Jagermeister racecar. In the Preservation group, Paul Scheffel (MBR) won with his 1973 911T. In the battle of almost-perfect cars, Grover (Joe) Hartman (GGR) with his 1974 911 Carrera won over Ed and Jon Dugan of LPR, who were (unfortunately) forced to move up a class. Joe also won his division. Long-time Zone 7 top competitors Rick Berberich (GGR) and Ken Rinehart took second in class with their 1968 911L. Rich and Cindy Wyett (SNR) were enhanced their enjoyment of their first ever Parade by easily walking away with a first-place trophy in the Preparation/Touring class with Cindy's 996. (Cindy also autocrossed her car at the Grudge Autocross held on the day following close of Parade.) Paul Czopek (YR) placed firstin his class with class PP13T. Yan Feng and Frank Noock from Redwood Region entered a great-looking Boxster in the Preparation/Full group and took home class honors.

Tuesday was the day for all the rallyists to do their thing. KC and I had fun on the gimmick rally while the more serious members of our group participated in the (TSD) Time-Speed-Distance rally. J. and Jessica Toney (SVR) easily outdistanced the field in the Equipped Class with a total score of 59 (a total error of just a little over thirty seconds) for all six legs. Not only were they first in class, they were first overall for the rally. Joe and Claudia Budro from Diablo Region came in fourth in that class. In the Navigational Class David Bunch and Sharon Neidel (Redwood) took home 11th place. Jim and Rhonda Ronin (Yosemite) took home 17th, and Sue Kemper and Cameron Warren (SNR) took the 20th spot. In the Unequipped-Plus Class, the team of Larry and Greg Adams (GGR) took home 3rd spot, closely followed by Dave and Betty Pollack (GGR) in 5th place. Long-time SVR members Tom Sisson and Darlene Byerley placed 9th. All-time Zone 7 Favorites Bud and Mary Ann Behrens, who failed to read the general instructions closely, took home modest 22rd place honors. Top-notch CPA and Golden Gate region member Olen Creech and his son James got an honorable mention with a 29th place finish. The unequipped class seemed to be the class most of the Zone 7 members entered. At the top of the Zone 7 pile in the Unequipped Class were Barry and Suzette Pangrle (LPR) in 3rd place, followed closely by Mike and

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Emily Willis (SVR) and Tim and Ryan Fleming (SVR) in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> spots respectively. Richard Wetzel and Delores Mckinnon (SVR) earned 20<sup>th</sup> place, with autocrossers Chris Hamilton and Andrew Blyholder (GGR) trying to not be greedy by taking home 24<sup>th</sup> spot.

San Diego Region members took their autocross expertise to a new level. The course walk they presented to us on Tuesday night seemed to take hours to complete. I walked the course two times, and it took me a hour and a half to complete it. The course was about 1.25 miles in length and contained uphill, downhill, banked, and off-camber turns that few other sites in the country could provide. To me, it seemed that some of the members of Zone 8 were exhibiting a certain cockiness during the course walk. Since they autocross at this venue year around, maybe they thought their familiarity with the terrain would give them the upper hand. The cars from Zone 8 were very sweet looking; most of them had all the latest and best equipment. And maybe they thought they would show the country how to put on and how to drive a great autocross, which they did. However, the results, as far as the driving was concerned, proved differently. With all of the big names driving the big-time 6-cylinder cars and trying their best, they couldn't keep up with the smallest car in the Modified class field. Steve Nieslony (SVR) in class M01 barely squeaked past Tom Provasi (LPR) to take TTOD (Top Time of the Day). (For historians, Bill Newlin (GGR) driving another 4-cylinder 914 won TTOD when San Diego Region hosted the 1992 Parade.) The list of Zone 7 Class winners is long and impressive:

#### First Place Winners

M05L

Class Driver S03L Lavergne Thomas (DR) **S06M** Brad Zucroff (GGR) S07L Tish Gleason (DR) S08L Mary Ann Behrens (SVR) **S12M** Greg Adams (GGR) Kim Nelson (SVR) (by over 20 seconds) **P01M P01L** Rachael Johnson (SVR) P<sub>0</sub>2L Lisa Laforge (LPR) **P05M** Miles Smith (GGR) P06M Terry Zaccone (GGR) **P07M** Ray Fiore (RR) Dave McGuigan (GGR) **P09M** P09L Carol McNamara (GGR) P15L Rebecca Cranfold (RR) **P17L** Kiska Icard (GGR) **I01M** Ted French (DR) I<sub>0</sub>2L **Juli Shelton (SVR)** M01M Steve Nieslony (SVR) M01L Joy Sease (SVR) M<sub>0</sub>2M Andrew Blyholder (GGR) M04L Sharon Neidel (RR) M05M Tom Provasi (LPR)

Sandy Provasi(LPR)

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#### **Second Place Winners**

S03M	Mike Lommatzcsh (LPR)
S08L	Christie Bacchus (DR)
S12M	Larry Adams (GGR)
S12L	Kay Gardali (YR)
P01M	Ray Johansen (SVR)
P10M	Larry Sharp (GGR)
P15M	Mike Willis (SVR)
P17M	Ron Halfhill (GGR)
M03L	Nancy Bishop (GGR)

To these and to all the rest of the Zone 7 drivers who participated in the Parade autocross: GOOD JOB! We all were a part of a very special day for Zone 7.

It has only been a few days since KC and I have returned from San Diego, and I am still smiling. How much fun it was to spend 5 days in San Diego with the special group of people in Zone 7.

Till our next meeting, have a safe journey.

## Larry





