

# The diablo Advocate



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### Future Events

Jan 16 - DE at Thunderhill  
 Jan 30 - Annual Awards Dinner  
 Jan 31— Big O Tire Tech Session  
 Feb 7 - Super Bowl Party  
 Feb 13 - Tour to Dublin  
 Mar 13 - St. Patrick's Tour  
 Apr - 10 Filoli Tour  
 Apr 17 - Bocce Ball  
 May 1 - Porsche 101: Upfixin' der Porsche  
 May 8 - Newcomers BBQ  
 May 30 - Annual Wash N' Shine  
 Jun 12-13 - Feather River Tour  
 Jun 19 - Diablo Mille 3  
 Jul 15 - DE at Thunderhill  
 Jul 17 - Tech Session at European Auto Tech  
 Jul 31 - Golf  
 Aug 13 - Caravan to Monterey Historics  
 Aug 21 - Tour da Jour  
 Aug 28 - Movie Night #1  
 Sep 17 - DE at Thunderhill  
 Sep 25 - Oktoberfest  
 Oct 2-3 - Paso Robles & Parts South  
 Oct 23 - Haunted SF Tour  
 Nov 6 - Movie Night #2  
 Nov 19 - 2011 Planning Meeting  
 Dec 4 - Holiday Party  
 Jan 29, 2011 - Annual Awards Dinner  
 Feb 6, 2011 - Superbowl Party  
 Feb 12, 2011 - Black Hearts Tour

### Zone 7 Events

Feb 20—National Board Meeting & Awards Banquet @ SJ Marriott  
 Mar 6— Redwood AX @ Santa Rosa  
 Mar 7—Loma Prieta AX @ Marina  
 Mar 20 GGR AX @ Alameda  
 Mar 20 Loma Prieta 40th Anniversary  
 Mar 26-28 GGR DE & Club Race at Thunderhill  
 Apr 10 GGR AX @ Alameda  
 Apr 11 Loma Prieta AX @ Marina  
 Apr 17 Concours Judges School @ Niello  
 Apr 17-18 Redwood Zone AX @ Santa Rosa

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## *The Inside Line* By Walt Lietz

I am two months into the Diablo presidency and I am starting to feel Obama's pain. Problems with the club calendar not in sync, no Wash and Shine chairperson with Memorial Day fast approaching, and .... and ...

JUST KIDDING! Spring is about to arrive and it's time to put the top down on the Boxster and let the wind blow through my hair (or is it - Let the sun burn the top of my head!) Jacquie and I had a great time hosting the Superbowl party. About 35 members showed up but that was nowhere enough to eat all of Jacquie's chili. We now have a freezer full of the stuff. Not to mention the ½ keg of Heineken left over in the fridge.

**Patrick Schmidt** did a great job leading the Dublin drive on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We all met for breakfast at Marie Callenders in Walnut Creek and then headed up Mt. Diablo. There were 12 Porsches driving back down to Black Hawk where Jacquie and I joined the group. In Dublin we walked around Kassabian Motors where I found this great 2003 Carrera with 17K miles for \$35,000. I tried to convince everyone that it would make an excellent President's car for the club but no one had their checkbook with them. Most of us joined Patrick for lunch in Dublin after the tour.

Our **Saturday Breakfasts** are becoming a big hit. We have had 30 to 40 members at the last four and several new members showed up at each. Many board members are attending as well and **Doug Wiebe**, membership chair, is taking the lead introducing everyone to the newcomers.

The Diablo PCA Board of Directors had a monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Brass Door in San Ramon. The board accepted the resignation of Rick Davenport from the board and replaced him with **Rolly Smith**. We are looking forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Brass Door. Remember the meeting is open to all members so please attend if you can.

Other board business included the search for a **Wash and Shine** chairperson. **Warren Gardner** is leading the search so please let us know if you can help out. It was a great success last year but we really need someone to coordinate the effort. The board agreed to continue with local area breakfasts and proposed designating the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month as a time for members to organize breakfasts in Fremont, Pleasanton, and Benicia as starters. We need local members to find a place and lead these – So if you would like to lead a local breakfast let me know – even if you would like to host it in a different city.

I am looking forward to the **Zone 7 Presidents Meeting** on February 21<sup>st</sup> in San Jose and will report back on the meeting in our April Diablo Advocate. I want to discuss sharing auto cross events, driver education, and tours within the zone. We have the Zone 7 events listed in our calendar – make sure to look them up.

Drive with joy and care!

*Walt*

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## Part 1

### FISH OUT OF WATER

By Jim McClelland

#### Are You Serious??

It started out innocently enough. At a workout with the Walnut Creek Masters swim team, I overheard the team's head coach, Kerry O'Brien, conversing with a few other swimmers about a "lemons" race. Having read about one of the "24 Hours of LeMons" races in *Car & Driver* magazine, I perked right up at Kerry's comments, and asked if it was the 24 hour event that he was talking about. Yes, it was.

For the uninitiated (and by now, there are probably few remaining), the *24 Hours of LeMons* is a two day event promoted by Jay Lamm out of his office in Emeryville. It began as a true 24 hour race for cars where the purchase price cannot exceed \$500. Discernment after several all night events has led the organizers to limit the racing to daylight hours, thus the racing runs for eight hours on Saturday, and nine hours on Sunday.

\$500, you ask? How in the world can you find a running car for \$500? Believe it or not, there are plenty out there. Craig's List is full of them. For us Porsche freaks, and especially for those of us that have significant track experience, our brains will default to passing over numerous vehicle candidates because we think that they are not "track worthy" or "racy" enough.

But au contraire, mon ami. To be true to the concept undergirding the *24 Hours of LeMons* is to put aside all your preconceived ideas of what a proper "track car" is to be based on, and just go find some wheels. You will find, however, that the majority of vehicles entered in a *24 Hours of LeMons* race are indeed suitable for the anticipated task: lots of BMW 3's, Hondas and Acuras, Volvos, Crown Vics and the occasional Porsche 914 or 944.

#### Pay Attention

Even more important to the *LeMons* organizers than how "good" you are to win one of these contests is for you and your team to make a significant effort to come up with a team theme and execute it as extensively as you can. This is truly a Halloween party for cars. A Toyota MR2 was transformed to be a 3/4 scale version of George Barris' original Batmobile, and all the team members were dressed as the various Batman characters, including Catwoman, the Joker and a deliberately goofy walking guy as the Penguin. A metallic green Pinto Squire was all accessorized with luggage and mannequin on its roof rack in a very accurate portrayal of the Griswold's family station wagon. (Yes, a dog leash was tied to the back bumper.) The overriding objective of the organizers, however, is to provide an opportunity for us "plain folk" to participate in an endurance race, and not have to spend tens of thousands of dollars just to get to the track, yet be safe, and have fun.

To be sure, safety equipment is required. Roll cage, race seat, five or six point harness, and a fire extinguisher are the big items. Rated driving suits and shoes are required, as is a helmet restraint (collar or HANS). Even though the cost of these items will reach several thousand



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Dollars, each team is required to have a minimum of four and a maximum of six drivers, so the overall costs are incredibly reasonable on a per person basis.

Wheels, tires, brakes and reasonable suspension elements are also considered “safety equipment,” but it’s not a good idea to go too nuts on these things, lest the organizers and tech inspectors dock you with 25 or 50 “cheater” penalty laps before the race even begins!

### **The Purple Lemons Racing Team**

Our “fish out of water” team is comprised of the following crazy people:

- **Kerry O’Brien:** Kerry is our team captain. Kerry has been the Masters swim team head coach since the 1980’s, and under his guidance, the Walnut Creek team has been national champs 7 times and world champs at least once. Kerry is a part time motorhead, used to race 1/4 midgets as a youngster, and was chomping at the bit to race all day for two days.
- **Mike Heaney:** Mike is another of the Masters team’s excellent coaches, and somehow believed Kerry that hopping into a half baked “race car” to romp around with another 100 novices was going to be a good idea.
- **Steve Stahl:** Steve is another great coach for the Masters team. He was significantly more suspect of Kerry’s lobbying, but eventually threw his hands in the air and said, “Oh, what the heck?”
- **Chris Bond:** Chris is not a coach (but should be), yet is an awesome swimmer. Chris had never raced cars before, but has a lot of history with dirt bikes and jet skis. Good enough.
- **Penny Leach:** Another great swimmer. Never had been on a race track in her life. Harley rider. Succumbed to Kerry’s overtures just like Mike did.
- **Yours Truly:** Just couldn’t keep my nose out of other people’s business.

We began a series of team meetings in the spring of 2008, and immediately set out looking for a car. Looking for something lightweight, I lobbied for a VW Bug, in a model year of 1969 or later so we could have the CV joint rear end (as opposed to the Tarzan swing axles). We found one on Craig’s List in San Jose, belonging to a Mr. Telfer, who had another Bug that he raced on circle tracks. Skeptic that I was, I asked lots of questions, and came away generally edified about the capabilities of Bugs as race cars. Mr. Telfer’s race Bug had finished second to a 2 liter Ford Cortina eleven times, beating the Cortina only once. Cost of our candidate car, we came away with the car and a \$500 bill of sale.



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## **Attacking the Car**

The team immediately pounced on the car, scheduling a “barecue get together” which resulted in the interior stripped out of the car, the windows removed, th lights removed, every-thing. The next time I saw it, it was a mere carcass.

Purple being the team color for the Walnut Creek Masters swim team, the Purple Lemons team then artfully applied Sherwin Williams purple exterior semi gloss trim paint with Gene Hart’s Wagner sprayer. In keeping costs down, only a gallon was used. (We even have some left over for touch ups, if needed!)

Kerry’s brother, Mike O’Brien, is a dragster builder (top fuel and funny cars) in Sacramento. Mike was the next victim to Kerry’s salesmanship and agreed to build the roll cage for just the cost of materials.

Don’t be surprised, when you peek your head in a window to check it out, that as incredible as it is, it looks like a funny car cage!

What’s the most important system on your car? Los Frenos! We ordered and installed an EMPI four wheel disc brake kit, which turned out to be a great move. They worked great (albeit we only needed to use the brakes at turns 5 and 10), and they were absolutely awesome after the pads finally seated in on Sunday morning!

When we bought the Bug from Mr. Telfer, it came with those goofy 8 spoke wheels that every Bug and 914 used to have in the 70’s. Not being overly confident in what kind of cornering loads those wheels could withstand, and with the understanding that wheels and tires were “safety” terms, we scrounged up some stock steel VW wheels, including the purchase of one from EASY. I know what you’re thinking—4 1/2 inch wide wheels? Wouldn’t you rather gamble with those awesome 5 1/2 inch, painted-ten-times-over EMPI replicas? Ahhh, no. We took the steel wheels to Stockton Wheel (in, uh, Stockton) and had them slice out the stock centers and weld them into 7 inch wide rims for the front and 8 inch wide rims for the rear. These were fairly pricey (\$50 for the set) since Stockton Wheel has to certify them for highway use. The wheels were then painted rattle can semi-gloss black, then taken to America’s Tire in Walnut Creek.

The thinking behind the selection of tires included the objective of using only one set of tires- for the whole weekend. LeMons rules state that the minimum treadwear rating that can be used is 190. We ended up with some cheapo brand (anyone ever heard of Barum?), choosing 205’s for the front and 225’s for the rear. What was the treadwear rating on these Bar Room tires? 340!) Can you say “brick”?





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We loaned the Bug one of the seats and harnesses out of our 914-6 track car, as well as its fire extinguisher.

Instead of a net to the right side of the driver, we installed a section of competition swimming lane line (purple, of course!) This is about as much “theme” work we did to the car. We’re kicking around ideas for more accoutrements for the next time out, including bolting on a couple of swim starting blocks for a rear wing!



We should note to the reader that the Bug came sans engine or transmission. But not to worry—the 2 liter engine that came out of the 914 was hibernating comfortably on an engine stand in my garage, and we found a used transmission from a very pleasant young redneck up in Santa Rosa.

### **Teething Problems**

A lot of work (and a lot of contributions by folks interested in this crazy project) went into getting the engine ready for the car. A “type 4” engine doesn’t slide right into a Bug without converting to an upright cooling system. This was loaned to us by LaVere’s VW restoration shop in Concord, a nifty unit using a SCAT shroud and 911 fan and alternator. Chris Foley at Tangerine Racing in Connecticut (914 specialists) provided a 1 5/8 inch header system (complete with merged collector) for his cost. Kerry Hunter, a former 914 hot rod parts machinist (914 racing headers popular in the 70’s) and now an equestrian veterinarian, DONATED the adapter for the remote oil cooler. Tom Martenot at Deutsche Motor Sport donated a Mazda oil cooler, which we located over the transmission. My brother in law, John Kimack, who can fix or build or race any GM product, donated a very cool circa 1960, aluminum sugar canister, which we modified to be our crankcase breather tank. John also provided a ver muscle car-sh “Mr. Gasket” chrome breather cap. If anything said “LeMons: on this car so far, the breather tank did!



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Commitments to the day job, water polo coaching, GGR and Diablo PCA clubs prevented us from finishing the car in time for the December 2008 race at Thunderhill, so we regrouped and committed for the November 2009 race. The car was dutifully stored in a hangar at the Concord airport from December 2008 to September 2009.

In mid-October of 2009 (three weeks to go before the race), we deemed the engine installation ready to fire, including an extended period of cranking the engine without ignition to fill the oil system (and the remote oil cooler), so fire we did. The Facet electric fuel pump hammered away like Woody Woodpecker. The starter cranked away, and wa-la! A 2 liter, dual Webered, glass pack muffled engine sounds pretty good!

Or so it did, for about two minutes.

Reciprocating engines need oil pressure.

Yes, it doubled over with a mighty “wham!” and seized right before our eyes.

I said a bad word. I said it a few times.

Kerry's encouragement and support was to not give up. He found a 1600 dual port engine from a friend in San Ramon, so to San Ramon we went on the following Sunday afternoon (12 days to go) with the Suburban, looked at the engine, wrote a check and brought the engine home. We then determined that it had a 6 volt flywheel (as the engine came out of an old VW Bus). Back to LaVere's we went to buy a used 12 volt flywheel. It needed to be surfaced, so over we went to Tri Valley Machine to have that done (plus get it lightened—wink, wink). The engine was loaded into the back of the Suburban, and back we went to Tom Martenot's to set the end play and torque the gland nut.

Not willing to leave well enough alone, we bought an EMPI intake manifold center section to mount one of the type 4 engine's Weber 40 IDF carbs. New EMPI header, too, since this was a type 1 engine. Didn't need the ultra trick sugar canister anymore. Finally all installed and wired at the end of the week. Seven days to go.

When running a pair of Webers on a 2 liter engine, the jetting is understandably leaner than what's needed on a 1600 engine running one carburetor. This realization with just seven days to go prompted a panic phone call to CB Performance down in Visalia for new jets, overnighted for Saturday delivery. All is good. Engine runs fine. Engine keeps running fine!

Although the used axles I bought from LaVere's in 2008 had been cleaned and repacked in 2008, they were stored on a shelf in my garage while the car was stored in the hangar. (Who needs axles if you don't even have an engine installed?) These were the final driveline elements to make the car mobile. So, on the same Saturday that the jets came, we installed the axles, fired the engine, stuck it into first gear, and went backwards toward the door into the house. What the?

There is no confusing the first gear shifter position for reverse position in a 4 speed Bug. Reverse is down and “under” second gear. Let's try second. Backwards. Let's try third! Backwards! FOURTH! BACKWARDS!! Is this really happening? Six days to go and my redneck trans has its ring gear on the wrong side? How do I break this news to Kerry?

Back to Craig's List. Found a '73 Ghia transmission in Oakland. (Where was this guy a year ago?) Monday night. Four days to go. Another \$150. This thing was hideous. This trans case was ribless, or so it seemed since it was all caked over in an inch thick layer of greasy, ooey gooeey dirt. Tuesday morning (I am now taking the entire week off to get this beast ready) finds me with a wood chisel (not to chisel, however tempted, but to scrape), parts

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Brush, elbow high rubber gloves and (since you can't get petroleum based parts cleaner any more) 2 gallons of gasoline and a few cans of spray brake cleaner. An hour later, I declare the trans all spiffed. The curse of Tom lives. (I'll explain some other time.)

By 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, the Ghia trans is in. Axles attached. The engine follows within a half hour, and upon start up, all is right with the world.

Miscellaneous wiring and other "stuff" on Wednesday. Two days to go.

**Part 2 to be continued in next month's Advocate. Be sure to read the next phase of this exciting race.**

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## **Bocce Ball Challenge**

**April 17, 2010**

**Players and Cheerleaders are all welcome to sign up and attend**

Come join us for a fun evening of Bocce Ball at Campo di Bocce in Livermore!

**3:30–4:30:** We'll plan on meeting at a local winery in Livermore for some wine tasting. The final destination will be announced soon. This will also be an opportunity to purchase a bottle of wine to enjoy at dinner.

**5–6:** We will then venture over to Campo di Bocce for a game of Bocce Ball.

**6–7:30:** Enjoy a sit-down 3 course family-style Italian meal with friends.

**Cost:** \$40 per person (A \$15 dollar corkage fee may apply)

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RSVP: Paula Ciopyk at [pciopyk@comcast.net](mailto:pciopyk@comcast.net)

**Deadline:** April 5

There may be a limitation of participants due to court availability so signup soon.

### **NOTE:**

Need to know more about the game of Bocce Ball? Check out this link:

<http://www.campodibocce.com/Livermore/bocce/index.html>



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## Annual Awards Dinner

What a fantastic turnout at the Brass Door in San Ramon for our Annual Awards Dinner for 2009. Lots of warm, friendly conversation combined with tasty food provided an enjoyable night for all. Several awards were given out, including a couple of new categories. There were even multiple awards given for one category, as it was too difficult to determine one specific winner. We were also entertained by our guest speaker, David Ray with many track-related stories, even some involving Diablo Region members.

### Categories and Winners

President's Award for Outstanding Achievement	<b>Kelli and Rick Camara</b>
Vice President's Award for Outstanding Contribution	<b>Linda Bartolomucci</b>
Rookie of the Year	<b>Lillie Echevarria</b>
Enthusiast Family of the Year	<b>Mike, Paula and Mark Ciopyk Jack and Cathy Kuhn Luis and Kathy Soler</b>
Enthusiast of the Year	<b>Kay Maloy</b>
Event of the Year	<b>Wash &amp; Shine Charles Rooks and Eugenie Thomas</b>
Program of the Year	<b>Driver's Education Luis Soler and Mike Ciopyk</b>
Sponsor of the Year	<b>Porsche of Fremont</b>
Dummkopf Award	<b>Toshi</b>

On the next few pages the criteria for the awards are listed so you can understand what you can do to be considered for an award for 2010. The President and Vice President Awards are up to the President and Vice President's discretion.

There are also several pictures of the winners and attendees provided by Howard Thomas.



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## **Annual Award Criteria**

### **Rookie of the Year**

- a. Actively, visibly and enthusiastically involved in club activities during the year.
- b. Preference generally given to previously unrecognized/unawarded member.
- c. Demonstrated consistent enthusiasm and energy toward the club and the cars.
- d. Individual has potential for greater club involvement to include Board participation.

### **Enthusiast Family of the Year**

- a. Multiple family members visibly involved in club activities during the year.
- b. Family hosted at least one (1) event during the year.
- c. Family participated in a variety of activities during the year.
- d. Family served in a volunteer capacity for other events during the year.
- e. Preference generally given to new members versus old.

### **Enthusiast of the Year**

- a. Actively, visibly and enthusiastically involved in club activities during the year.
- b. Hosted at least one (1) event during the year, ideally more than one.
- c. Participated in a variety of activities during the year.
- d. Served in a volunteer capacity/ies for other events during the year.
- e. Preference generally given to previously unrecognized/unawarded member.
- f. Their participation provided a unique and/or lasting contribution to the club.
- g. Demonstrated consistent enthusiasm and energy toward the club and the cars.

### **Best Event of the Year**

- a. Widely attended with better than normal/historical participation.
- b. Event had unique character and was highly memorable.
- c. Event was well organized and well executed.
- d. Event was financially responsible and ideally revenue positive.
- e. Event offered multifaceted activity with engagement for both drivers and passengers.
- f. Preference generally given to new club members versus old.

**Program of the Year** and **Sponsor of the Year** will be decided by the Board members.

## PCA-Diablo Photo Scavenger Hunt Contest 2010

The rules are:

1. Photo has to be shot between Feb. 1 and Oct. 31, 2010
2. Your car or part of it has to be in all photos. Shadows of your car are acceptable as long as they are recognizable.
3. Submit your best 10 photos from the list below. Please include a description of each photo to help the judges.
4. Winner will be selected by the Board based on a combination of:
  - o Creativity
  - o Composition
  - o Exotic location or distance from Bay Area
5. You may submit one bonus entry (for fun and tie breaker)
6. **All photos submitted will become the property of PCA-Diablo Region.** We shall select some of the photos to make a calendar for next year. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars will be donated to charity under the club's name.
7. Entry deadline Nov. 15, 2010
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  - o Mail to PCA – Diablo  
Attn.: photo contest  
P.O. Box 30667  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

**Please include Name and membership number with your submittal.**

- 8.** You must submit 10 photos. Photos may be color or black and white, should not be significantly edited or altered (except bonus entry), and must be in high resolution jpg or tif format.

### 2010 Scavenger Hunt List:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Abandoned building</li><li>2. Summit sign</li><li>3. National Park landmark or sign</li><li>4. Fall foliage</li><li>5. Lake or river</li><li>6. City population sign (lowest no.)</li><li>7. Winding road sign (longest stretch)</li><li>8. Large Live animal</li><li>9. Baby/child</li><li>10. Ocean</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. Gas pump</li><li>12. Old church</li><li>13. Art or sculpture</li><li>14. Billboard</li><li>15. Snow</li><li>16. Bridge</li><li>17. Historical landmark</li><li>18. Track</li><li>19. Rainbow</li><li>20. Law enforcement officer or vehicle</li></ol>
Bonus Entry: One Photoshopped creation with your car– your most creative interpretation	

## A Glance At the Annual Awards Dinner



Award Winners: Linda Soler, Kathy & Luis Soler



Award Winners: Cathy & Jack Kuhn



Award Winners: Mike, Paula & Mark Ciopyk



Guest Speaker, David Ray telling a story about Kari and Dale Miller.



Award Winner: Kay Maloy



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Award Winner: Eugenie Thomas



Award Winner: Toshi

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**WHEN:** Saturday, April 10th  
9:30—4:00

**COST:** \$38 (includes lunch and guided tour)  
Make your check payable to PCA Diablo and  
send to: Ingrid French, 1107 Delta Way,  
Danville, Ca 94526

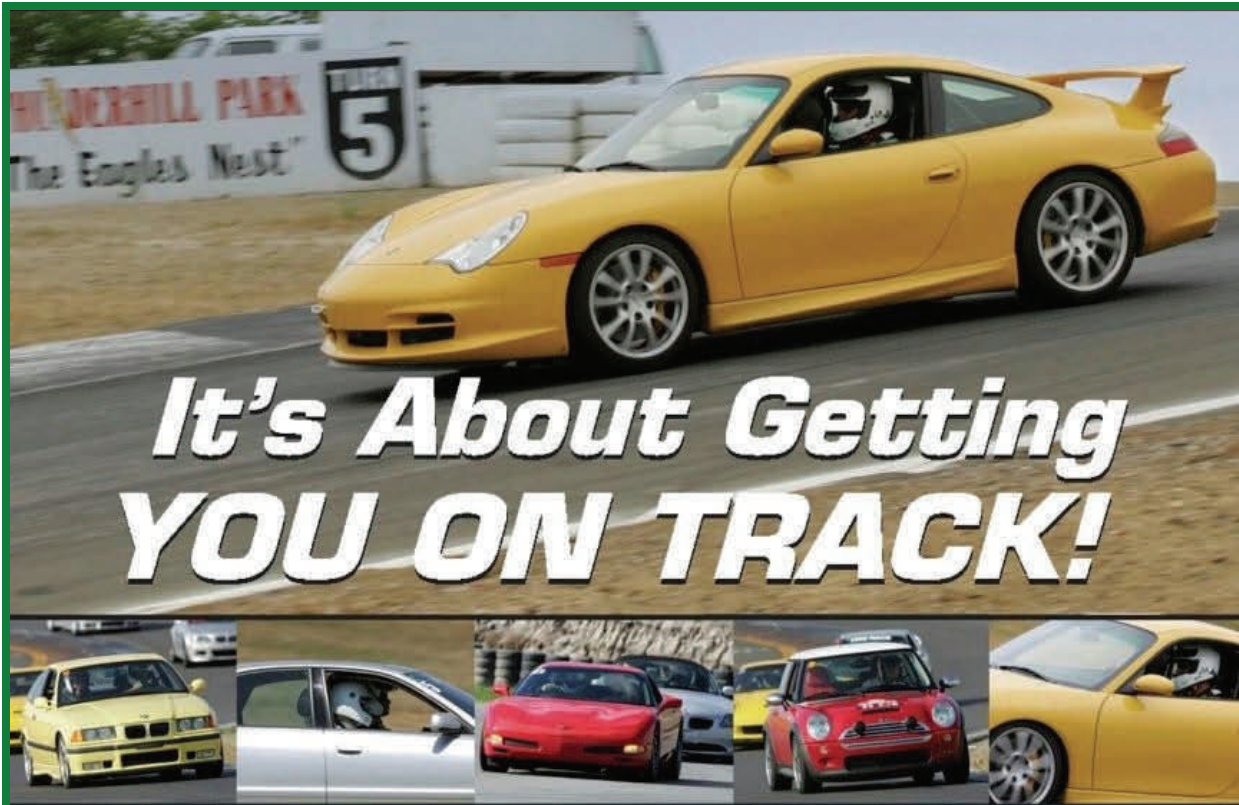
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### New Members

Evans, Richard S.	1975 911S
Harrison, Michael E.	1978 928 - Black
Leung, Wilson W.	2000 Boxster S—Blue
Olsen, Robert C.	2006 Carrera
Porfido, Michael	2001 911—Blue
Swanson, Brian T.	2005 Boxster—Black
Walton, Kenneth	1986 944
Woodson-Mendoza, Maiko	2003 Carrera 4S—Black

Total New Members—8



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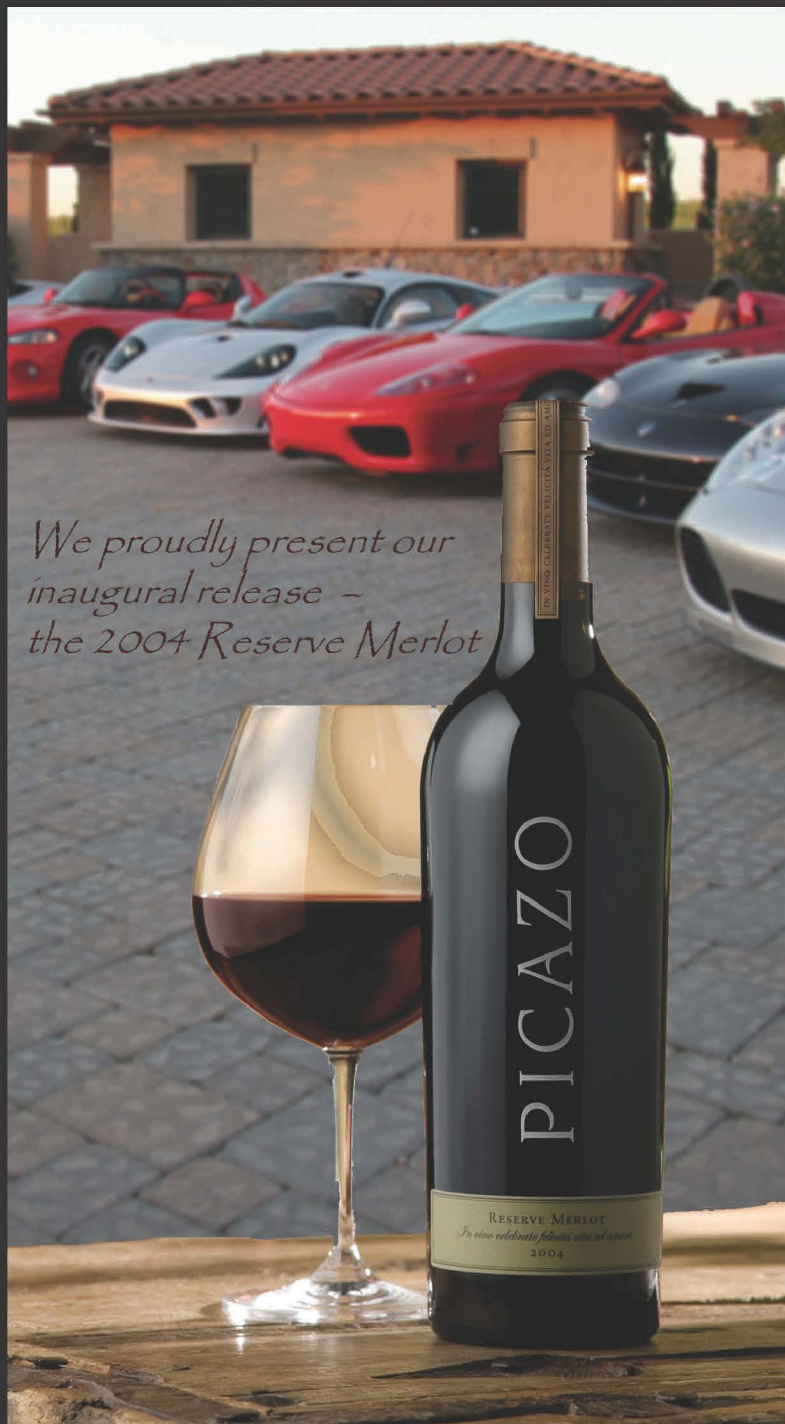
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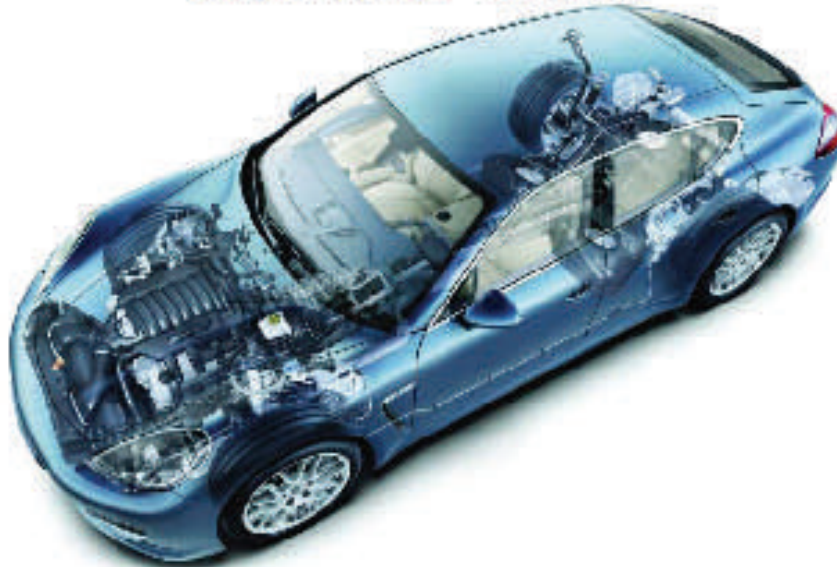


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## Tech Session at **PORSCHE** of Fremont

**Date: Saturday March 27, 2010**

**Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**



**Details:** Please join us for the first tech session of 2010 at Porsche of Fremont on Saturday, March 27 from 9-11 am. Gunter Feldmeier, Service Manager, will discuss some of the technical highlights of the most radical Porsche in decades, the new 2010 Porsche Panamera. Coffee and bagels will be served.

**Place:** Porsche of Fremont  
5740 Cushing Parkway  
Fremont, CA 94538  
(510) 623-1111

**Cost:** Free

**Directions:** Visit [www.porscheoffremont.com](http://www.porscheoffremont.com) and click on the "contact us" link.

**RSVP:** Blair Hankins- [blair.hankins@att.net](mailto:blair.hankins@att.net)



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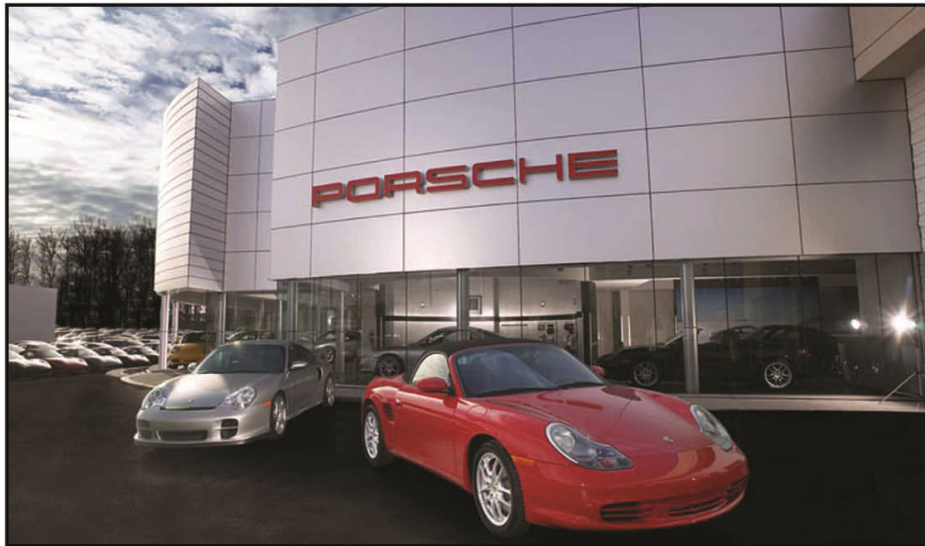


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The Saturday Morning Breakfast is held every Saturday at 8 AM at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek at 1101 S. California Blvd.

The 3rd Thursday Dinner is held the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM at Strizzis in Danville at 3456 Camino Tassajara



Photos of Saturday Morning Breakfast provided by Doug Wieb.

**Celebrate**



## **St. Patrick's Day in Dublin**

**When: Saturday, March 13, 2010**

**Time: 9:30 (after breakfast) to 11:30**

**Where: Marie Callendar's in Walnut Creek**

To mark Saint Patrick's Day there will be a tour from breakfast in Walnut Creek to the annual street fair in Dublin. They throw a fun party in Dublin each year, so come on out and enjoy!

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**Contact: Patrick Schmidt at [Schmidt.patrick@comcast.net](mailto:Schmidt.patrick@comcast.net) or 415-260—9110**

**Check out the details of the festival on line:**

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Amenities include: two swimming pools, beach side bar and grill, small boat dockage, business center. Use of: bicycles, hobie cat, kayaks, canoe.

Restrictions:

- 4 person maximum
- Redeemable between May-Oct, 2010
- Based on availability only
- Make reservations 30-days in advance
- Not redeemable for cash.

Not Included: Airfare, food, additional amenities (boat rental, diving, etc).

Note: Current airfare SFO-Belize City about US \$450 roundtrip; Airfare Belize-City to San Pedro \$120 or boat \$25.

The Raffle will take place on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Marie Calender's Breakfast meeting. No need to be present to win. **100 chances available - \$20 each (no limit per person).**

Purchase your raffle entry by:

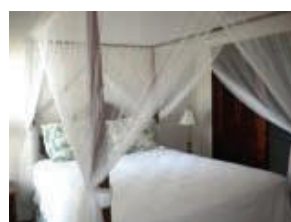
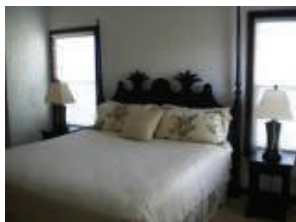
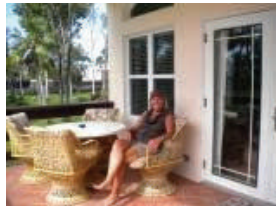
- Sending a check made to:  
"PCA-Diablo", Reference: Raffle  
P.O. Box 30667, Walnut Creek, CA 94568-9667
- Online from our website using Paypal (no need to have account) at :  
<http://dia.pca.org/raffle-2010.html>

At this time, we are developing a program with 'Boys and Girls Club of America.

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***Lillie Echevarria – Fundraising Chair***

...(some pictures I took while visiting Sueno on January, 2010.)



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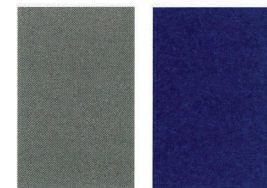
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Thanks, and I'll see you at the track!

John Tavernetti

GGR Member & PCA Instructor



- GGR's 2010 Track Event Schedule is as follows:
- March 26-28: Thunderhill Raceway (DE, TR & Club Race)
- May 22-23: Buttonwillow Raceway (DE, TR & Club Race)
- July 31 – Aug 1: Thunderhill Raceway (DE & TR)
- September 18-19: Thunderhill Raceway (DE, TR & Club Race)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010**

**9 AM – 11 AM**

**Mimi's Café, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin, CA**

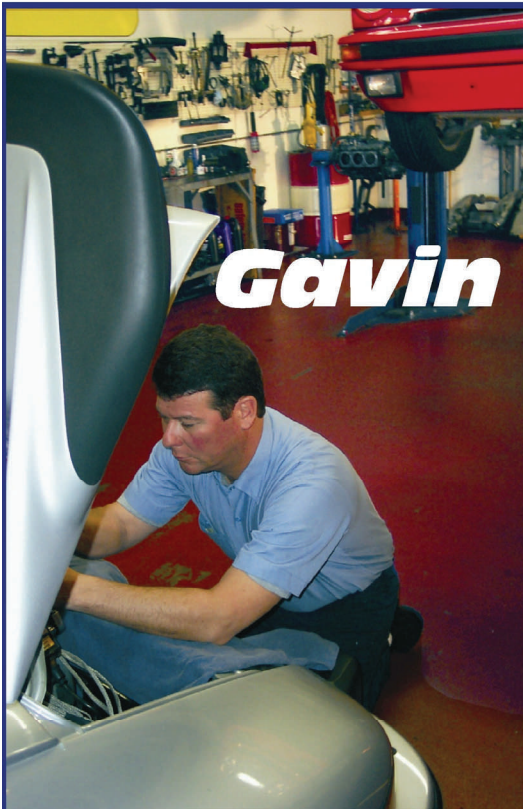
Greg Calo, of Dublin Exotics, and Walt Lietz, President of the Diablo Region Porsche Club of America are hosting a breakfast for club members interested in seeing how the other half drives. Mimi's Café in Dublin has a large parking lot and is right off of I-580, next to the I-Max theater. The restaurant needs a headcount so please RSVP if you are interested....

Thanks... Walt

RSVP by March 17 to:

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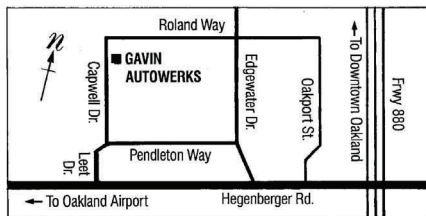


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