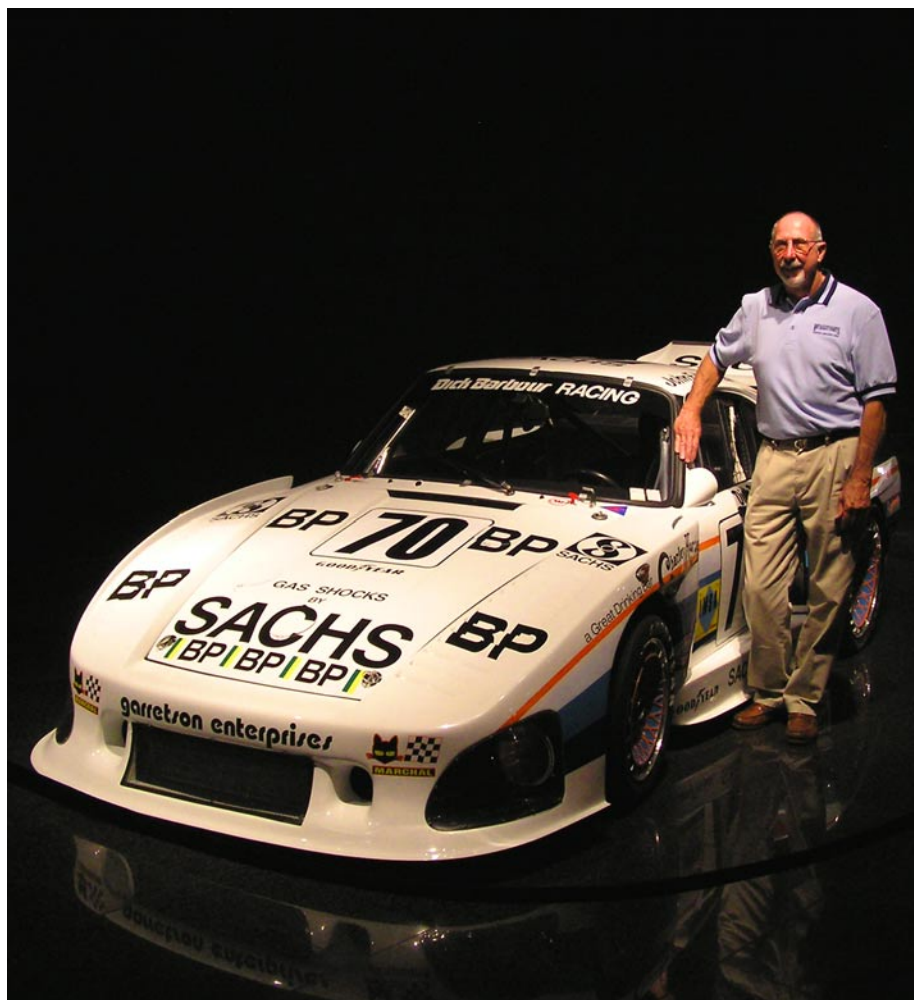


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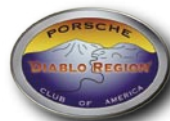
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Cover Photo

This cover is big time nostalgia for some of us going back to the IMSA glory days. This was the era when there was nearly an overnight transition from GGR members autocrossing at the Alameda County Fairgrounds parking lot to the glory and glamor of international competition at places such as Sebring and Le Mans.

The 1979 Le Mans 24-hour race saw Garretson Enterprises prepare and transport four 935s to Le Mans for Dick Barbour Racing. More tha 50 GGR crew members and associated groupies, your editor included, saw three of the red, white, blue, and yellow 935s finish in the top ten. Car #70 on the cover, came along the next year and, driven by John Fitzpatrick, became the champion of the US IMSA series. Standing next to this K2 Kremer 935, now at Blackhawk, is one of our 2003 Blackhawk Concours speakers: Bob Garretson.

Bob, one of the principals of Garretson Enterprises, drove in races at places such as Le Mans and Sebring, but also won the International World Endurance driving championship.

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Brian's Beat

by Brian Cameron, President

How time flies. I was on vacation at Lake Tahoe in September when my article for the October Advocate was due and I totally forgot about it. Fortunately, Ron covered for me and had Pat write an article. Thanks, to both of you.



I stayed in town for the "Blackhawk Concours" to help out Frank Cunningham, check out the cars and spend a fun day with PCA friends. Then, it was off to Tahoe. The Boxster was a joy, top down, lots of sun and a wonderful drive. Driving time just over three hours to Kings Beach, great fun.

Unfortunately, I missed the September 13th Tech Session at Roger Kraus Racing. It must have been very informative. Brandon Kraus is an expert on Porsche suspension and setup. I am sure all that attended learned a lot and enjoyed themselves.

I went to Mexico, Cabo San Lucas, on September 26th, and returned just in time for the October 11th Tech Session, Dyno Day at Dyno-Labs in San Ramon. It was very interesting. I had looked forward to find out the horsepower of my Boxster. (Ed.: see page 14)

We all had fun at the Tank Tour. Who knew that tanks were so big.

November brings us the election and we have three (3) Director positions open. Please cast your vote. Please also consider serving your region in any of the open positions, such as Historian.

December will be the Christmas Party/Train Tour hosted by Brian and Gloria and Bill and Jo. It will include all the usual fun holiday stuff. Sign up soon. See the announcement on page seven in this newsletter.

Potpourri

by the Editor

On the left, Brian mentions the Kraus tech session and, coupled with the Dyno experience, non attending members have missed some very high quality technical presentations using our Porsches as the demonstrations. Add in the one-to-one Q & A time, and these free events are literally priceless.

The temptation to exhort, moralize or otherwise attempt to cajole more participation is very strong, but that approach is neither pleasant nor effective. The question, however, remains: what can be done so more members utilize these valuable resources?



The rumor that a well respected Porsche owner (a more specific description would give away the

identity of this high profile person) uses zip ties to hold his car together has been confirmed with a photo.

The Cayenne continues to receive rave reviews by journalists. Rexx Taylor, writing in the October 4 *San Francisco Chronicle*, lauds the Cayenne with the phrase "this thing wails!" Under the headline, "Brilliantly Brute Force," he adds that it exceeds any expectation of the cross-breed of a sports car and a SUV.





Membership

Welcome: New members

Please visit us at our weekly breakfasts or monthly dinners so we can get acquainted. It will be delightful to meet you in person.

After all, it's not just the cars. It's the people.

Diablo Region Board of Directors

New Members	4
Transfers in	3
Current renewals	21
Multi-year renewals	11
Late/delete renewals*	4
Transfers out	0
Non renewals	15
Dual members	9

Total membership 602

**Previously deleted, now renewed*



**Judy Schreib,
Membership**

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New members this month (thru 10/7/03):

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	City
Jerry Y. Chin	Moirea K.	911	1978	Berkeley
Theodore P. Ganio	Cathleen	911	1988	Martinez
James A. Manalisay	Karen	928 S	1985	Dublin
Brian C. Simpson	Lindsay	Boxster S	2003	Antioch

Transfers in this month (thru 10/7/03):

Kenneth S. Granader		996	1999	San Ramon
Mark Mathis	Kim	930	1977	Fremont
Thomas R. Niedernhofer	Shelley	356	1951	Oakland

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From the Editor

by Ron Leppke <lepprd@mac.com>

It was great to have Patrick Schmidt and Aaron Waldon writing for the last edition; both did a top level job.



Speaking of the previous mailed edition, it was late to your homes mostly because there was a mechanical problem with the printer's feeder to the folding machine. Obtaining a Heidelberg fix is expensive in both costs and time.

For those who felt that a late Advocate caused them to miss events, may I gently remind any who have internet access that there are two major sources of Region events information: the Region web page (see lower right on page 3) and my homepage file sharing folder (<<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/FileSharing3.html>>). Look for a folder that says "Advocate" in combination with the desired month.

Regardless, of any other consideration, the online version of this newsletter is now always in color and available weeks ahead of the printed copy delivered by the Post Office. This colored PDF *Advocate* is typically posted between the 15th and the 20th of the month.

I have often expressed my pleasure in sharing photos with members, friends, and relatives. It is therefore a marvelous feeling to see that there were more than 1020 visitors to the homepage galleries before an error sent all the counters back to zero. Credit, if there is such a thing, for this big number mostly goes to the over 750 GGR and Zone 7 autocross visitors although having many relatives (my mother is 1 of 17 brothers and sisters) also helps.

The monthly membership numbers on page five are showing a slight dip which may or may not match up with the slowing economy. Fewer Porsches being

sold and less money for items such as PCA membership fees are entirely logical explanations for fewer new members.

Non-renewals, however, are always a worry and I would like to use this concern for a positive spin. With three Director positions up for election and four other positions (Historian, Rally, Advertising and Tech) unfilled, it is a golden opportunity to add some zest to our Region.

My own example may be appropriate in this context. I was beginning to get a little down when I saw what I thought were my really fine photographs turn out quite poorly in the *Advocate* as previously printed. The non-digital work flow, less expensive paper and rather ordinary printing equipment all contributed to masking the quality of these digital photos.

It would have been easy to lose interest or even end my membership, but I became more active (a serious understatement since being an Editor is a huge job) and the Region is, I hope, stronger as a result.

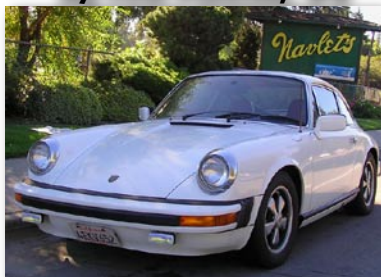
I was able to move into the Editor role because I truly enjoy graphic design and photography. If you get your batteries charged by working with our region's history, or cooking up challenging rallies (to name just two areas), then spice up how the Diablo Region does things by contacting Brian to volunteer.

If your skills are more toward leadership and efficiency in management, then get elected as a Director.

There are Zone 7 Regions that have over 100 members at their dinner meetings and there are others that are barely surviving. The Director election and the open positions are ideal opportunities to accelerate our Region.

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My First Porsche, #8



In spite of a day job with a Chevy dealer, Steve Pierce bought this '76 911S about five years ago.

Perfect Porsche Parking



Having been duly warned that #2002 S would return with no new submissions from others, it is here again (Crowne Plaza, Foster City).

Christmas Party & Holiday Lights Train Tour

Saturday, December 6, 2003

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Meet at the Sunol Train Depot at 6:30 P.M. The **Holiday Lights Train Tour** is from 7:00-8:00 (Limited to 40 passengers. If sold out, you are invited to join the **Christmas Gift Exchange**. The gift exchange (approx. \$20) and dessert/drinks will be at Jo/Bill Melton's residence at 7580 Driftwood Way, Pleasanton.



Train Tour: \$20/person
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Zone Calendar: 2003-04

Date	Region	Event	Zone	Event Title	Location
11/8/03	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Infineon Raceway
11/8/03	Zone 7			Zone President's meeting	TBD
1/17/04	Zone 7	Banquet		Awards Banquet	TBD



Row one, Zone 7 Porsche Corral at the October 5, 2003 Road & Track U.S. Sports Car Invitational at Laguna Seca



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Diablo Calendar: 2003-04

November

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Pizza and Porsches
- 15 Ryde Hotel Tour
- 20 Thursday Dinner Out

December

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Pizza and Porsches
- 18 Thursday Dinner Out

January 2004

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Thursday Dinner Out

New Location!



Once again, Porsches dominate a new breakfast parking lot.

Saturday Breakfast

8 A.M. at Denny's,
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Pizza & Porsches

1st Friday, 7 P.M.
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San Ramon

Board of Directors Meeting

First Tuesday, 7 P.M.
Mostly at Brian's home

Thursday Night Dinner

3rd Thurs., 6:30 P.M.
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* Rocco's features 29 entrees,
including pastas, in addition to Pizza.



Phil Lindner and Steve Pierce are newcomers at Denny's.

February 2004

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Pizza and Porsches
- 19 Thursday Dinner Out

March 2004

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Pizza and Porsches
- 18 Thursday Dinner Out

April 2004

- 2 Pizza and Porsches
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Thursday Dinner Out

May 2004

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Pizza and Porsches
- 20 Thursday Dinner Out

June 2004

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Pizza and Porsches
- 17 Thursday Dinner Out



Our newest Saturday breakfast
location: Denny's in Danville.

Autocross Update

by Ken Jones

Many more people, than previously thought, who have either tried AX this year or have been regular competitors without our region knowing about it. Part of the difficulty is in not finding out who is competing in GGR or Redwood Region events. I recently tried to match our latest roster with the GGR website AX results, and was pleasantly surprised to see how many people have taken a crack at it.

Rob Aldenhuisen (below), after a brief hiatus (had injured his hand) has returned to active in the challenging L



group. David Anderson (L group), who was a past regular, came to an event at Golden Gate Fields with his son, Nathan (see photo across) and immediately gobbled up a first place – just like previous seasons. Al Armellini and Tish Gleason are very active with the zone AX series and like to travel to and enjoy all the distant sites.



Milo Dorr (above) is a very experienced and regular competitor and has come on strong in the Dm class. Anthony Hsieh participated in the 1st two events this year in a very competitive category–T (T stands for tough). Alan Kingsley may end up owning the M

category this year. Jerry Labson competed twice in that competitive (lots of participants) category–the L group. Ron Leppke entered once this year, but has shown up to many of the GGR events to capture some of our regions participants with photos. Randy Orem got a first in Dp for the 1st event of the year. Bill Patton participated in event #7 recently in B class. Mike Quinn is about to capture the K title after being an active participant almost all year. David Rowney competed in that “T” class. Dieter Schultz came to the first event (Dieter has been very active in some prior years). Michael Sondel has been at every event this year in Hi and is currently 2nd. Tim Stewart competes in another tough group–Ni. Eugenie Thomas, the friendly greeter you all see at AX registration, may have a car ready by next year. Howard and Vern Thomas along with Mike Vorkapich get out when they can in “T” class. David Zachry came to compete in event #2; he is another driver who has been more active with AX in prior seasons.



As a former editor, I used to rag on the group for not coming out to play more. The preceding paragraphs confirm that there are many more than we thought. I'll bet a nickel that all those that tried it, enjoyed it. I've gotten such a charge out of AX that I sometimes forget about my meager first attempts. I've had a blast and I'm still trying to learn how to time that “turn-in” and carry speed out. For those who haven't tried it yet, look at the list above and realize we all started somewhere. If you're new and come out to an event, look me up and I'll be happy to help any way I can—you ride with me and I'll ride with you. There are also lots of other instructors very happy to help. Hope we see you there.

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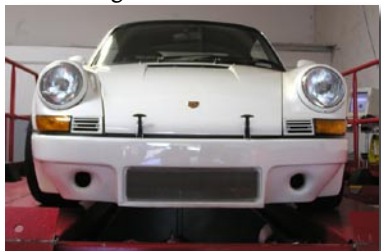
Dyno Day Tech Session

by Brian Cameron

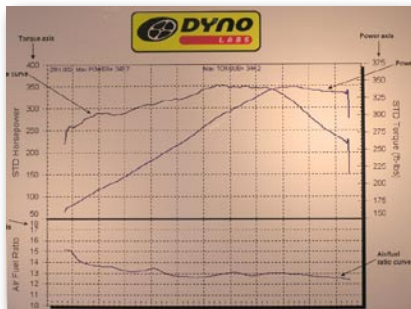
After breakfast on Saturday, October 11, a group of members made the short drive to Dyno Labs in San Ramon. Ray Razon, the owner, described his facility and its capabilities to us. After the talk and tour, we had the opportunity to have our cars run on the Dyno-jet Chassis Dyno.



Sergio Meza went first with his 911 time trial car. Sergio wanted to make sure it was not running too lean since he was running it on the track for the first time the following weekend.



I put my Boxster on the machine next, just to see what kind of power it made. It wasn't as powerful as I had hoped, but the power band was strong and flat from 3000 R.P.M. all the way to 6,000 R.P.M. Three runs were made in third and fourth gears and they were nearly identical.



At noon, Ray's brother came in and fixed a barbecue lunch for all attendees. It was an interesting, informative, and good time for all those that attended. It was a great introduction to the availability and possibilities of Dyno-tuning.



Editorial Notes

Owner Ray Razon earned our attention and respect for his expertise with careful attention to safety details, patient explanations of the technology, and his extensive array of championship auto-cross trophies. Consecutive year SCCA championships in the ultra competitive Bsp class makes a strong case for Ray's real world knowledge of high performance technology.

It was interesting to see how Brian's supercharged engine resulted in power and torque curves quite different from those of the other Porsches.

Many thanks to our President for arranging such a "dynamite" session.



Driving Events & Racing

by the Editor

At the GGR Coyote Run III, Al Armellini and Rik Larsen took first place in the Expert Unequipped class.



Patrick Long, the only American driving for Porsche (UPS Junior team) in the German Carrera Cup series, has earned some recent pole positions and podium finishes. It also announced that Patrick will drive for The Racer's Group at the Petit Le Mans ALMS race.



Ken Jones has a review of Diablo members who have autocrossed this season on page ten. These photos by David Leong provide visual documentation of Ken's text.



Top to bottom: #535 is Michael Sondel; #76 is the next generation, Mikaleagh, from the Stewart clan; and #560 is Mike Quinn.

See page ten for more details.



Blackhawk Concours Results

356 Full

911/912 Full

Gary Lieber	248.5
Chris Roman	246.75
Lisa Fitz	248.5

Boxster Full

Comp & Spec Interest

Tom Trudell	238.75
Rey Alamares	236.5

356 Street

Jim Dittig	245.75
Peter Langraf	243

911 Street (early)

Alan Berman	247.5
Don Durant	243

911 Street (late)

Dean Tanaka	248
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Water Cooled Street

Tom & Jude Sisson	247.5
Norm Swanberg	246.5

914 Street

356 Wash & Shine

Bill Goodwin	197.5
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Water Cooled Wash & Shine

Robert Haitsma	194.25
Aaron Waldron	186.75
Mimi Dobrich	196
Tom Michiels	198.25
Robert Lee	197.25
Scott Zeilinger	199
Brent Morgan	197.5
Don Clark	199

911 Wash & Shine

Phil Lawrence	199
George Vaccaro	198
Jun Ignacio	197
Jonathan Roman	196.5
Ken Presant	197
Vic Raziano	197.5
Pat McCann	196.5

914 Wash & Shine

Blackhawk Concours

by Frank Cunningham

Blackhawk Concours was the billing and we were ready. The planning had been done and two Field Directors, Mike Vorkapich and Francisco Cabrita, were primed and ready to make it a great show. Jon Hart of the Blackhawk Museum had his staff and docent volunteers lined up to open the doors and parking lot. My wife and friend, Clar, and I arrived with our truckload to start setting up the event site. Shortly, Diablo's main man and President, Brian Cameron, pulled in with his truck loaded with all of the club's gear. Event people mostly get to drive trucks to these types of events. Hey, Porsche AG, are you listening? We don't need no st...g SUV's. We need a Porsche truck; some real load haulers! Oops, sorry I digressed.

The Diablo volunteers were still running around the parking lot trying to tape off the site, set up the tent and sweep away the water from the sprinklers when the arriving Porsches started to get fussy about having to do their prep work in the adjoining parking lot. We even had Jon Hart, Director of the Museum, pushing a broom and shoving water into the drain to save getting the entrants' shiny tires wet. In hindsight, I don't recall anyone getting up out of their lounge chairs in the temporary parking lot to help set-up or clean-up so that we could get started sooner.

On a positive note, the Zone 7 Chief Judge Dean Tanaka and his lovely wife Gail were ready to start signing people in and getting the show started. Dean and Gail were the most well organized and efficient team to date at this event. Thanks for all their hard work. And they do this many times during the year. Judging done and points needing to be tallied leaves time to kill. We at Diablo, however, like to have our cake and eat it too as they say. So it's off to the world famous Blackhawk Museum poised just above the wonderful pack of Porsches in their parking places. It's a short walk past more Porsches displayed in front of the Museum and into the gleaming showcase of some of the most wonderful cars in the world. The Museum has been changing its mix of cars. This year there were many race cars on the floor. These included a 935 of Bob Garretson, the 1981 FIA World Endurance and Sports Car Champion (see cover page and story).

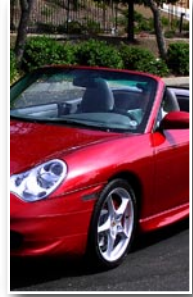
The inner sanctuary of the Blackhawk Museum is the site of fabulous parties and gatherings and Diablo Region is allowed to take our humble Concours Event into this wonderful space. I mentioned Bob Garretson's 935. As our guest speaker, it was the man himself. Bob graced us with stories from famous races and answered questions covering his life racing Porsches. And if Bob's wonderful stories were not enough, we had Miguel Cela, SCCA and Vintage Race Car driver, 1998 Class Winner at Monterey Historics and owner of AutoAffair in Danville, give us a humorous talk about his views on being involved in racing. Needless to say, this made the wait for the judging to be tallied go quickly. Next it was back outside to receive the awards.

PCA is about people and the concours is about people and their Porsches. The awards recipients drove their Porsches up to the viewing area where Chief Judge Dean Tanaka and Denny Kahler gave out the awards. Denny interviewed the owners and discussed their Porsches to the delight of the spectators. Diablo Region makes a special effort to expand the awards to include Porsches and owners that are not necessarily part of the regular Zone 7 competition group. The Club sponsors a "Chairman's Choice Award." One of the two Porsches on the final list for this fine award was eliminated by driving off early. The finalist and award recipient was thus Phil Eskildsen for his stunning 911 Millennium that was in the "Display" section.

In addition to the Region, honors, the Museum sponsored the "Essence of Blackhawk" and the "Spirit of Blackhawk" (an original/unrestored car) awards and each came with a Family Membership to the Museum. Two tied for the "Spirit" trophy and Tom Sisson won the "Essence" category. All three owners and their cars can be seen across the page.

The event ended was an open invitation to the after-the-event dinner in the Blackhawk Center. This is always a great way to rest, unwind, and enjoy good food and conversation before heading home. This year there was still one more special treat in that Bob Garretson was our dinner guest. His great stories and special insight continued throughout the dinner.

Thanks to all who helped. We will see you all next year.



Blackhawk Concours d'Elegance Awards



"Spirit of Blackhawk" (1 of 2) to George Vaccaro for his Slate Gray 1967 912 coupe.



"Spirit of Blackhawk" (2 Of 2) to Doug Roberts for his white 1964 356C coupe.



"Essence of Blackhawk" to Tom Sisson and his red 2002 996 Targa (right).





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The Diablo Region/PCA Board members are called Directors and serve two-year terms. The candidates and their statements are as follows:

Ted French:

My wife Ingrid and I have owned our little 67-912 for over 30 years and after letting her sleep for 12 years, we felt that nap was long enough. Having awakened her, we are again enjoying the pleasures she affords us. On a personal note, I have lived in the Danville area for over 40 years. In those years, 25 of them was in business for myself owning and operating a retail lumber yard in Walnut Creek. The last 15 years I have been in the wholesale end of the lumber industry; ten years with Georgia Pacific Corp. and the last five in the lumber brokerage aspect of the business. My primary reasons for running for the board are:

To serve with enthusiasm and with constructive ideas and comments.

Increase attendance to all functions both social and technical.

Assist in increasing the membership with active members.

Promote the submission of articles to be published in the Advocate.

Develop a fun rally to be run only by the ladies with prizes geared to their tastes.



Mike Vorkapich:

Mike has been a PCA member since 2001 and is currently serving as an appointed Director and Secretary for the Diablo Region Board. He is having so much fun, that he would like to continue serving on the Board as a Director for 2004 and 2005.



Rob Haitsma:

Though I have only been a member of PCA for a little over a year now, I have been interested in motor sports for as long as I can remember. I still have all of my old Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars that I received many years ago and successfully raced all around the world...in my mind. Apart from my car, one of my other main hobbies is building scale models and have been a member of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) for the last 13 years. I also do the website for the local IPMS chapter, IPMS Mt. Diablo.



I drive a 1989 Silver Metallic 928 S4. To me, she is everything my other "sensible" automobile is not—loud, powerful, and is a complete blast to drive. I have found a tremendous community of friends and acquaintances through having this car, both in PCA and on the Internet. The willingness to help each other and sometimes just to get together and talk about these great automobiles we get to drive is fantastic.

Voting Instructions

A ballot on a separate sheet has been inserted in this November *Advocate*. Please cast three votes for every primary and affiliate member in your household, not to exceed six total votes. Write-in votes are welcomed.

After indicating your Director selections, please fold the page as indicated by the markings, attach postage, and mail to the printed address.

Please insure the health and vitality of our Region with these thoughtful considerations and your voting participation. Voting is also an excellent way to show your thanks to those who volunteer their time and energy on your behalf.

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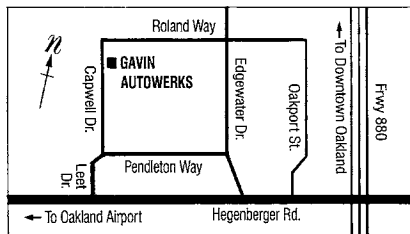
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please call me in advance for info if interested.

Please RSVP no later than Nov. 12th to:

Katherine Sheppard

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