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Ed's Comments

By Ed Won, President Diablo PCA

Hello Diablo Members,

This is my last column as your President. It's been a pleasure to serve as President for Diablo Region for the last 46 months and 2 months as the Vice President. In the last Four years, we have had quite a journey growing the club and offering a wide selection of activities. I couldn't have done any of it without the excellent support of the Diablo Board members and our Chairs!

I can't tell you how proud I am of our Drivers' Ed Track Program, our Tour Program, our volunteers that help bring you events large and small. Thank you all for helping us focus on our mission for the last 4 years- Fun, Camaraderie and Friendship.

Thank you to you, our members that attend the events and help make the PCA slogan, "It's not the cars, It's the People". While I'm looking forward to taking a break as the Past President, I'll still be here helping your 2017 Board continue the good work. It may take me a bit to transition back to regular Joe Member. I don't really remember too much before my duty on the board. I was a regular member for a little over a year before I got more involved and ran for the Board.

Speaking of Past Presidents, I'm extremely grateful to have had Doug Wiebe and Walter Lietz mentor me in this role. I haven't told many folks this story but during one of the breakfasts, I walked in with Walt to breakfast at the Buttercup. I said to him, "you're late today like me." Walt replied, "we had a gathering at my house last night and stayed up a bit late." I jokingly said, "Playing poker?" He said, "No, we were talking about you." Wait What? Walt told me they had a chat about me, as I was considering running for the board from a suggestion from Mike Roberts, the DE Track Chair at the time. I said to Walt, "What do I have to offer? I'm just another new guy with about a year of tenure in the club." He turned to me and said, "You are a young guy; you are the future of the club. You'll figure it out". That stunned me. I mention this story because there have been many times over the 4 years where I find myself in a tough position or buried with tasks. It may sound silly, but his faith in me and those simple words helped me keep my focus and resolve. Sure, I made some mistakes along the way, but he was right, you can figure it out.

In the process of figuring things out, I learned a lot about the club and about myself in the process. You wear many hats in this role, but the most important one is listener. I take great pleasure in meeting you all in person and hearing feedback about the club. I want to make our club better. That's right! Diablo is our club and should reflect your interests as well as mine.

I hope we have achieved some of that together. Please continue to reach out to the new Board of Directors and let them know. We have a fantastic new Board coming for 2017 and a few are fairly new members as well.

Diablo Region has changed demographically. Speaking with one of our founding members, Bill Packwood, he told me the club is so different these days and for the better. I think he was kidding when he told me the club was founded for guys to hang out and talk cars. But that's the perception may folks have including many members' spouses. I'm very proud that our demographic today includes many spouses coming to our events including families. I see you all as an extension of our Porsche Family. Family may seem like an odd term to use, but in my time with the club, I have seen so much caring and compassion our members show each other. Joining Diablo PCA has really changed my life forever.

As a PCA member, I met and made friends with a number of really awesome folks in other regions. I also had the pleasure to meet our executive National Board and chat to them about what they do at the national level serving all the Regions. The volunteer spirit is very strong in our club indeed.

While Volunteers fuel Diablo, our dealers are the Turbo boost. We are very lucky to have 3 Porsche Dealers in our Region. Most Regions have one or none. I'm proud of the relationship and partnership our region built with Porsche of Livermore, Porsche of Fremont and Porsche of Walnut Creek. Each of them have enhanced your experiences at our events. I had great pleasure in working with Kevin Hanschke and Terry Erdei (Livermore Porsche) Gunther Feldmeier and David Salcedo (Fremont Porsche), along with Mike Soria and Melissa Jones

(Porsche of Walnut Creek) A huge thank you to you all! I look forward to your continued partnership with Diablo Region.

In a few weeks, the new Board will take over, and I will move to the Past President role. The Past President is a Board member without voting rights. I will continue to attend Board meetings and help the new Board and continue to volunteer.

I hope to see you soon!

Ed Won



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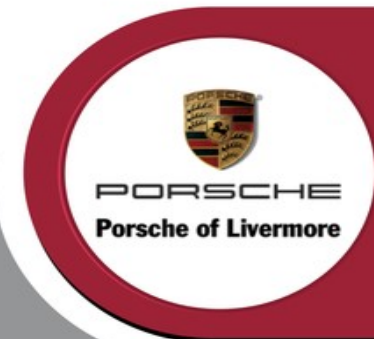


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Time: 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Boundary Oak Country Club
3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Come join us for the club's annual awards banquet and enjoy the company of other Porschephiles and hear what the club is doing in 2017.

Included:

A display of club member Porsches

10:30-11:30am~Club member arrivals

11:30am-12:30pm~Gourmet luncheon

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12:30 - 2:00pm~Guest speaker and award presentations.





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Diablo Thunderhill DE

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Event: Diablo PCA High Performance Driver Education

HPDE November 21, 2016

Article by Mark Imbertson

Owning a sports car is a wonderful thing. Being able to use the designed-in capabilities is even better. Porsche's racing history is focused on developing high performance automobiles. The technology built into the cars far exceeds what can be exercised on public streets. I have wanted the chance to get on a closed course to understand and learn how to use my Boxster.



Here we are at dinner the night before where preregistration and greeting each other was done for those who came down early.

Early morning preparation at Laguna Seca garages, pit area and hot pit lane.

The track crew is out getting the pavement ready for Diablo PCA to start the day.



As a new person to track days I didn't know what to expect. The club does a great job of getting information out and helping with the integration of new attendees. Drivers' Education covers many aspects of driving skills; methods for reading the line on a track, (braking, turn in, apex, and tracking out). All was very useful to hear and very different to actually experience in real life.



Safety and organization is priority 1, right along with having fun.

Having safety inspections already completed at shops makes it easy to know the cars are safe for the event.



The forms are double checked, helmets inspected for proper safety certification, and all loose articles removed from the vehicle.



The smiles are plentiful with Fellow track day attendees as we are getting ready for the first session of the day.



With all the inspections complete, everyone is ready to start.



It is time for the drivers' meeting.

Safety procedures and other critical information was reviewed, it gives me a clue of what to expect.

2016 Laguna Seca DE
in 2016 Laguna Seca DE



Location of flag stations and explanation the flags were covered.

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With all the anticipation and preparation behind us...it's time to learn how to drive the line...



One of the important skills we learned was safe passing with a **"Point By"** for each car.

What did I find? The instructors were great. The Diablo program gives as much information as I needed for a safe track session. The program information also gave me content to reflect on and desire to improve & learn more.

Did I drive the line? Only a couple times, but at least I was recognizing when I didn't. As such in the later sessions, I decided to fight my emotions and focus on the new driving skills; reading the course, driving the line, implementing the advice from my instructor. The instruction I received added to my driving capability making me aware of better ways to drive as well as capabilities of my Porsche. Does this aid in daily driving? Well yes. My steering has smoothed out and anticipation of conditions ahead has improved.

With 4 groups of 25 cars sharing the track there needs to be a lot of coordination for the event to operate. I observed (and overheard comments on) how well run the sessions were.

In addition to the time on the track, instruction, good friendship, we had very nice raffle prizes, lunch, & on track photos taken. My thanks and praise goes out to the sponsors, Walnut Creek Porsche, Kahler's, partners from Hooked on Driving and all the other volunteers involved for this event.

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2016 Quarterly Event Calendar

DECEMBER

12/4 Holiday in the Vineyard—Paul
12/10 Christmas Party—Bob
12/15 Diablo Dinner

JANUARY

1/22 Annual Awards Luncheon

2016 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>1/23 – Drive to Go Carting- Malcolm</p> <p>1/24-Awards Luncheon-Marc</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>7/17 – Diablo Sunday Brunch</p> <p>7/16 Tail of the Diablo Tour-Carlos</p> <p>7/16-17 GGR DE @ Thunderhill</p> <p>7/17 LPR Carmel Valley Concours</p> <p>7/31- Member Picnic/Car Show</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>2/7-Super Bowl Party-???</p> <p>2/20 DE Golden Gate TH (Instructor instruction)</p> <p>2/27 Diablo Detail Clinic</p> <p>2/27 Zone 7 PCA Awards</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>8/7 GGR Concours @ Carlson Porsche</p> <p>8/18 – Diablo Dinner</p> <p>8/19-Werks Reunion-Marc</p> <p>8/21- Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>3/5 - Movie Night</p> <p>3/9 – DE 101/201</p> <p>3/12-13 GGR DE @ Thunderhill</p> <p>3/25 –Diablo DE @ Thunderhill</p> <p>3/26-27 AX School and Event @ Marina</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>9/3-4 GGR DE Location TBD</p> <p>9/7-11 Treffen Lake Tahoe, Resort at Squaw Creek</p> <p>9/24-Oktoberfest</p> <p>9/16- Diablo DE @ Thunderhill</p> <p>9/18 – Redwood-Ledson Concours</p> <p>9/18 – Diablo Sunday Brunch</p> <p>9/24-25 Zone AX @ Marina</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>4/2 Movie Night</p> <p>4/16-17 Zone AX @ Marina</p> <p>4/23 Bocce Ball - Kay</p> <p>4/29 – 5/1 Porsche Platz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>10/2 Grand Island Tour –Frank</p> <p>10/20 Diablo Dinner</p> <p>10/29 Horses not horsepower Golden Gate Fields- Brian</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>5/13-15 Zone CRAB Event</p> <p>5/14-15 GGR DE @ Button Willow</p> <p>5/21-22 Zone AX Redwood</p> <p>5/29-Wash 'N Shine- Brian</p> <p>5/30 (activity) Bombers @ Livermore Airport- Naomi</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>11/5-A Taste of Tuscany in the Sierra Foothills</p> <p>11/17 Diablo Dinner</p> <p>11/20 Diablo Sunday Brunch</p> <p>11/21 Diablo DE @ Laguna</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>6/5- -Diablo Sunday Brunch</p> <p>6/5 Parts Heaven Concours</p> <p>6/11 Gimmick Rally Paul and David</p> <p>6/11 -12 GGR DE @ Laguna</p> <p>6/11 – SVR Concours @ Niello Porsche</p> <p>6/17-19 – Mammoth Tour</p> <p>6/19-26-Parade Jay, Vermont at Jay Peak Resort</p> <p>6/25 Wine tour and chocolate - Kay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>12/4 Holiday in the vineyard - Paul</p> <p>12/10-Christmas Party – Bob</p> <p>12/15 Diablo Dinner</p>

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Membership Report

Membership Summary
Primary Members: 859
Affiliate Members: 448
Total: 1307

NEW MEMBERS

Anthony, Ariem	2004 Cayenne S, Lapis Blue
Arnold, Benjamin	2009 911 Turbo, Cabriolet Silver
Coyle, Michael	2016 Cayman GT 4
DuRee, Danny	2013 Boxster, Silver
Farrell, Robert	2014 Cayman
Ho, Bobby	2002 911 Carrera 4S, Black
Louie, Harlan	1989 911 Carrera
McGehee, Stewart	2017 718 Boxster
Parlette, Jim	2009 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet, Ruby Red
Perrella, Victor	2005 911 Carrera S, Silver
Schafer, Jeff	1987 944S, Guards Red
Scott, Dennis	1988 911 Carrera Cabriolet, White
Tsang, Ken	2013 911 Carrera S, Black
Woodward, Sean	
Zabaneh, Christopher	2008 911 Turbo, black

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS: 15



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Where: Buttercup Pantry

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Walnut Creek

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The backroom is where you will find the fun brewing.

Time: 7:30am



Diablo Region Dinner

Join other Diablo members on the 3rd Thursday of each month to enjoy good food and conversation. A great way to spend an evening!

Where: Faz Restaurant

600 Hartz Avenue

Danville

Time: 6:30pm

Next Dinner: December 15, 2016



A Taste of Tuscany in the Sierra Foothills

Destination: Yankee Hill Winery and Cooking School, Columbia CA

Tour Leaders: Jerry & Ilona Antolik, Susie and Tom and Al and Peggy

Article by: Mark Imbertson

We all gathered early at IHOP.



After the driver meeting at 8:15, we split into 2 groups and headed to the foothills.



The route that was set up was a wonderful drive, starting with the Livermore vineyards.



Then heading out Tesla road past Carnegie Park where there were many partaking in a different motor sport, motorcycle hill climbing.

The day was already very nice, so we did need to watch for the groups of bicyclers. There was a little bit of freeway to get back to Hwy120. From there, a drive past the almond orchards and on to Oakdale for a short break.



At the rest stop, the next set of cards were collected for the Poker run.

Heading on from the break, we had pleasant driving roads with foothills in the horizon.



We then found a nice back road that cut over to Columbia. The destination was a scenic set of buildings on a narrow driveway.



Jerry had already figured a great way to back the cars one at a time in the space.



It did take a team to control the entry and parking in such an orderly fashion.





Inside, we met our Instructor Chef Ron Erickson. He has a great presentation and was able to organize the group and keep us actively engaged.

There were several stations and tasks for all. Of course, there was also the chance to visit with each other and catch up on Porsche conversations as well as other topics.



As always ,the biggest pleasure for me was meeting new people and finding many common threads as well as continue on with conversations from past events.



The food... words won't do this justice. Chef Ron gave great instructions and set individuals to work preparing and cooking.



Others were busy with the vegetables, and diced tomatoes. This was set out for us as a tasty appetizer

Shortly, a team was pulled in the other room and the pasta making began. It was unbelievable to see the homemade pasta and how well this was done.



When the pasta was rolled and sliced it was properly cooked for us as we lined up buffet style for this fantastic meal we had collaboratively prepared.



Seating was set family style on 2 tables. Very appropriate for the Diablo Porsche family I thought.



You would think this would be enough food, but the 2 youngest attendees had been in the back with Chef Ron and prepared a chocolate cake that melted in your mouth.

At the end, we all thanked Chef Ron and started our way out. Cynthia & I had decided to spend the night and discover the area, so for us, it was a short 5 minute drive to close out another special moment with the club.

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