The Devil's Advocate March 2017



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Chat With Carlos

Hi Diablo Members,

February has been flying by for me. I had the opportunity to attend the PCA Winter National Meeting, first as a member of the Tour Standards Committee (DTC) and as Diablo President.

The National Meeting, held in Carson, CA, is work-work. There doesn't appear to be a way for the membership, and that includes Region Presidents, to attend the various committees. The sessions are closed. The Meeting is attended by the National Staff, various Committees, and all of the 13 Zone representatives. I was busy with the DTC, but attended all of the social events that included a visit to and dinner at the Porsche Experience Center (PEC). The PEC is very nice and open to the public (call ahead as there are many private events). You can contact me if you want to learn more about the meeting, but the DTC took up my Friday, Saturday and my Sunday morning. The highlight was sunshine on Sunday, so it was top down for the return trip home.

We had our first Driver Education day of the year this past Friday, Feb 17th. Let me say, that while this entails controlled driving on a race track, this skill was amped up from the massive amounts of rain many of us have never seen before. If you haven't participated in DE Days, you come to realize it is a very social event as well. Diablo has very good and fast drivers, but the heart of the program is the instructor pool for the beginner groups (Group A). We had 18 instructors available and we were able to offer instructors for Group B also. The disadvantage of a low turnout was a financial loss. On the other hand, we had lots of room on the track. A great wet-track day and full recognition goes to Adam Cipriano and his DE team as they made it happen.

So, how was it? We did have plenty of controlled fun with a few minor off-track incidents, all of which were laughed off and provided lots of chuckles during the Casa Ramos Friday night get together. It was great to have two women drivers from Diablo for the event – thank you Emily and Nancy. Thank you, Kay for the two trays of baked goodies. The baked goods disappeared quite rapidly. We did cut the afternoon short, as the track was puddling. The DE team called a safety meeting and they were talking to run groups as they came in – so safety first. Adam made the call and closed the track.

Changing topics: PCA needs newer generations being active in various roles to keep the Porsche Car Spirit alive. PCA offers the opportunity to start or have 16 / 17-year olds participate in the PCA Junior Participation Program (JPP). I will write about that in another article that addresses the program.

About children, minors that is, if attending a Tour, they must sign a different Waiver form titled "Minors as Observers" with a single parent signature. Licensed minors may not drive on a tour and there are other restrictions for other event types such as Gimmick Rallies, etc.

There will be a tour committee signup for a meeting to be held at Pavlov's on March 1st in San Ramon. There are tour and events being planned, so please visit the Diablo home page from time to time. If you can't remember the home page (<u>www.diablo-pca.org</u>) or don't like to save links, just browser search "PCA Diablo homepage."

The Diablo Bylaws Committee will continue to meet and so far, they have done great work. It has been a long but short month so far, however, I can't forget:

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Diablo PCA Drivers Ed Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca Sponsored by Porsche of Walnut Creek

Friday, April 7, 2017

Come join the Diablo Porsche Club and celebrate spring at this world famous racetrack.

- Register at <u>www.Motorsportreg.com</u>.
- Cost: \$335/driver \$50 for Instructors who drive Cancellation Fee: \$75
- Shared garage rentals are available on a first-come basis for \$50 a spot
- Lunch and bottled water provided courtesy of Porsche of Walnut Creek
- Deadline to register: March 31, 2017

It's a 90db sound limit day. You are responsible for ensuring your car can pass sound. No refunds will be provided for cars that don't pass.

Learn more and sign up for the day and a garage at www.motorsportreg.com by March 31st. Join us April 6 for a no-host dinner at Tarpy's Roadhouse in Seaside at 6pm. We have also reserved a block of rooms at Embassy Suites, 1441 Canyon Del Rey, Seaside. Remember to mention PCA to get the special rate when you call 1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779) for a reservation.

Free Tech Sessions

Pre-event tech inspections are to be done within 30 days of the event. Mention Diablo PCA for inspections at:

- Kahlers in Dublin—by appointment only
 Contact Ash Reddy at service@kahlers.com or by phone at 925-829-2050
- Porsche of Walnut Creek—by appointment only Contact the Service Dept. at 925-280-4363
- For questions, email <u>diablopca.dechair@gmail.com</u> and visit www.diablo-de.org to get the current Tech forms.



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Porsche Pride

Parsons, James

Purchase Date: March, 2013

Year & Type of Porsche: 2006 911 Carrera 4

Exterior Color: Silver

Interior Color: Black Leather

Transmission Type: 6 Speed Manual

Other Comments: My wife and I have loved the 911 since the early 70s and always wanted to own one. With the kids out of the house I began shopping for my 'mid-life crisis car'. After looking at many different cars I decided I wanted a car that could hold my skis or golf clubs and settled on a one generation old M3. When I told my wife of my decision, her reply was 'Oh - another BMW?'. Maybe it was time to re-think my decision. I'm sure glad I did. We love the car and have driven it all over northern California. One of our favorite drives is highway 35 off of 92 past Alice's Restaurant to Highway 9 down into Santa Cruz.

Shortly after I purchased the car I was going out of town and offered to loan the car to my parents (dad is a car guy, ask him about his '57 fire chief) for the week. I never did get the full story, but I know they took it to Tahoe and visited my son in San Luis Obispo. My mom passed away in November 2013 of lung cancer and my dad told me he thought that week in the Porsche was one of the last times my mom really felt well.

No skis or golf clubs but many good memories and I still smile when I open the garage door and see that crest on the hood.

Keep the rubber side down.

Peng, Johnny

Purchase Date: September, 2012

Year & Type of Porsche: 2007 Cayman

Exterior Date: Black Interior Black: Black

Transmission Type: 5 Speed

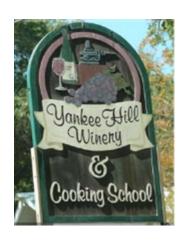
Other Comments: Fell in love with Porsche after watching "Risky Business." After I turned 50, it was now or

never.

For me, it's more about the balance and handling versus power. Chose the Cayman for the mid ship design and it did not disappoint. Perfectly balanced and excellent weight to power ratio. The chassis can always handle more power, but it's more than adequate for me.

Favorite roads are Hwy 1, Mines road for technical, and Santa Cruz Mountains.







Due to Popular Demand H Taste of Barcelona at Yankee Hill

Join us on Saturday, April 8th, 2017 Your Host: Ron Erickson - Winemaker, Chef and Instructor at the Yankee Hill Cooking School 11755 Coarse Gold Lane, Columbia CA

Yankee Hill Winery and Cooking School is located in the Sierra Foothills in the Historic Gold Rush Town of Columbia, CA. The winery is the oldest winery in the Sierra Foothills. It is a small winery and a cooking school with Ron Erickson as the winemaker, cooking instructor and Chef extraordinaire. The cooking school runs year round.

Our 2016 PCA Diablo Tour was very successful and many members asked for an opportunity to visit Yankee Hill. The school offers a variety of cuisines. The kitchen is well equipped and has large ovens for baking breads, pizzas and other wonderful savory and sweet items. Each item selected to prepare normally contains no more than seven ingredients. Natural ingredients are used and if you can't purchase the ingredients at your local supermarket, they will not be part of the ingredients used. The food is delicious and fun to cook. After preparing the food in class, the class is invited to partake of their creations. Attendees are invited to bring their own wine to pair with their creations, share with others or sample a side of wine that Ron may offer. No beer or other alcoholic spirits are allowed. Please note: This winery does NOT have a tasting room. This is a cooking class. Quote from Ron, "In class we have more fun than one should be allowed to have".

<u>Driver's meeting at 8:15AM at IHOP 4567 First St. in Livermore.</u> <u>We will leave IHOP at 8:30 AM with a break at the Denny's in Oakdale. Arrival ~11:30-11:45</u>

The \$48 fee will include the ~3 hour cooking lessons, food ingredients and gratuity to our instructor and staff at Yankee Hill Cooking School. Parking instructions will be given at the Drivers' Meeting.

Please Note: This is approximately a three-hour class and is **NOT Gluten-free**. Those with dietary restrictions may not want to participate. Not all participants are required to cook, but are encouraged to cheer, observe (or heckle) their partner or fellow PCA member. No food fights allowed.

Due to facility size and parking constraints, this event will be limited to <u>40 participants</u>. The cost will be <u>\$48</u> and will be <u>non-refundable</u> once you sign up (unless a waiting list develops). (\$20 for Children 12 and under)

This event is being organized by Jerry & Ilona, Suzie & Tom, Al & Peggy.

Details to follow.

We are excited that this repeat tour will provide PCA members another intimate and relaxing social gathering in our beautiful Gold Country. I am confident that our host Ron will provide an educational and entertaining event. I expect it to fill up fast, so look for official E-Brite sign up soon. The Historic Gold Rush Town of Columbia is a few blocks away for those that want to extend our visit to tour and walk off our indulgence that Ron had us prepare. If you have not been to Columbia, I highly encourage you to visit it.

On this particular tour, the PCA Diablo participants will be learning how to prepare various Barcelona-style cuisines.

Final Barcelona Menu items are still being defined with Ron

Sample appetizers: Tapas & Ensalada Mixta

Sample Main Dishes: Paella w/Chicken, Sausage, Shrimp & Spanish Vegetables

Sample Dessert: Chocolate Dessert

Save the Date - PCA Diablo Porsche Yankee Hill Event April 8th, 2017

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We Need A New Trophy

Are you creative? Got good ideas? Diablo needs your help to design a new Dummkopf Trophy.

Each year the club honors one member with the Dummkopf Award for doing something that can be frustrating at the time, but funny after the fact, like being a tour leader and getting lost even with a map and navigator in the car! Running out of gas. Driving your car into a ditch while texting – don't text and drive!

Our trophy has run out of room for recipient names. The exclusive Dummkopf membership is always growing!

Design Competition Guidelines:

- 1. Picture or hand drawing of what the trophy will look like
- 2. Detailed description of materials used to make the trophy
- 3. Trophy must have enough space to engrave 10 names
- 4. Submit designs to Kay Maloy (maloykay@comcast.net) or Naomi Siu (horizontrekkers@comcast.net). They will confirm that all essential information is include with each submission and that the trophy is feasible to make
- 5. Accepted designs will be posted on Diablo website for members to vote for their favorite design
- 6. Winning design will win a 2-year membership to PCA
- 7. Submission deadline: April 1st









Diablo Knit (Craft) Night

Meet: Every other Tuesday (3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, etc.)

Location: Panera's in Alamo

Time: 6:30 – 9 pm.

Knitting for Better Health and Wellness!

The knitter as a polite grandmother sitting in her favorite rocking chair, surrounded by yarn, home-made cookies, and too many cats to count is the stereotype of yesteryear! Today's knitter is younger, more active, male and female, and likely to have more tattoos than age spots! Why? Knitting has been linked to better health and wellness!

Betsan Corkhill, a British physiotherapist, addresses why knitting is good for your health and promotes knitting as a therapeutic practice (http://www.stitchlinks.com).

Knitting and similar crafts like crocheting....

- Facilitates Mindfulness Meditation: Repetitive rhythmic movements of knitting keeps us in the present, not distracted by the past or fear of what the future will bring. Knitting is relaxing and calming which is known to bring down blood pressure, heart rate, and prevent stress-related illnesses.
- **Boost Your Memory**: Studies show that side to side eye movements for 30 seconds every day can boost memory by 10%.
- **Constructive Addiction:** Knitting can replace smoking, binge eating and other habits. Knitting does not require expensive equipment or artistic ability. Anyone can knit, the proof is on YouTube!

Diablo Creations











Porsche Pride

Sullivan, Rich and Donna

Purchase Date: January, 2013

Year & Type of Porsche: 2013 Boxster-S

Exterior Color: Platinum Silver Metallic

Interior Color: Carrera Red w/red top

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments: We had a 2000 Carrera w/a 6 speed and wanted a convertible w/ an automatic (not to mention, more comfortable seats, better radio, nav, more power, etc.). We weren't in any sort of hurry, but when we saw the Boxster at the dealer, we loved the color and bought it that day. As Boxster owners know, the driving dynamics are fantastic. We enjoy the backroads of Contra Costa and Marin with an occasional jaunt up or down the coast. I sometimes join my motorcycle buddies for a Sunday morning breakfast ride down Lucas Valley Road, Hicks Rd, Chillino Valley Rd to Occidental. It turns out that great motorcycle roads are great Porsche roads too.

We've been tied up lately w/ projects, but look forward to participating in Diablo PCA events and getting to know some "PCA buddies."

Withrow, Floyd

Purchase Date: October, 2016

Year & Type of Porsche: 2017 Macan Turbo

Exterior Color: White

Interior Color: Black / Aluminum / Red accents

Transmission Type: PDK

Other Comments: This is my first jump in to the Porsche brand. I'm a long time BMW M3, X3's, and Corvette owner. I've always admired the brand and the various forms of the 911 and classic 356's always kept my interest. I wanted to join PCA to learn more about the Porsche experience, have the opportunity to participate in social and driving events, as well as get my first taste of the Porsche experience by starting with the Macan. Following 4 months of enjoying some of best commute and day trip drives I've had in recent years, I'm not disappointed! I look forward to meeting the members of the PCA and knowing more about their cars.





The Cobra Experience Tour 3/25/17

The Cobra Experience is a 25,000 SF museum located in Martinez, CA, and showcases original Cobra's, Shelby Mustangs, Daytona Coupe, GT40, King Cobra, Sunbeam Tigers and a Lotus. Currently there are 24 cars on display, but this number fluctuates month to month. There are engine and wheel displays, posters, photos and a shop scene as it was at Shelby American in the 60's. Unique to the museum is a 40-seat surround sound theater which features a HD film about the cars and about the Ford and Shelby American story.

The tour will include a drive through the East Bay beginning at the Walnut Creek Buttercup at 9am and concluding at the Cobra Experience facility. The club will be exclusive at the site during our event and will have a reserved parking area for vehicle display.

The tour includes:

- the drive
- facility entrance
- guided presentation by docents, movie passes and lunch

Lunch menu includes:

Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Green Salad, Roasted Mixed Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls, Beverages

Minimum # of 30

Cost per person is \$55 (includes, meal, beverages, facility docents and movie passes)

Sign up at: www.diablo-pca.org.

Deadline to Signup: March 16, 2017



It's Bocce Ball Time!! Saturday, April 22, 2017

Players and Cheerleaders are all welcome to sign up and join in the fun!

Don't miss the most competitive event of the year. Come join us for another fun evening at Campo di Bocce in Livermore.

2:45—4:15 pm - Private Barrel Room tasting at Rubino Estate Winery They will be offering reserve

wines, barrel tasting and light snacks. A 10% discount will be available for any

wine purchases made.

4:30—6:00 pm - Bocce Ball at Campo di Bocce (Extended time)

6:00—7:30 pm -Italian Family Style Dinner - includes Salad, two Pasta dishes (one meatless),

dessert platter and non-alcoholic beverages.

Cost: Wine Tasting \$20 per person (waived for Gem members)

Bocce Ball and Dinner - \$53.25 per person.

To Register: <u>www.diablo-pca.org</u>

Questions: Contact Kay Maloy at <a href="mailto:mai

Deadline: April 13, 2017

Sign up for both events or just Bocce Ball and dinner. Your choice.

SIGN UP SOON! ONLY Room for 32 Players

Note:

Want to know more about the game of Bocce ball? Check out this link:

www.campodibocce.com/livermore/bocce/index.html





- Watch for eblasts in the near future! There are many events coming up that could fill up quickly.
- Make sure your email address with PCA National is correct and current so you receive all PCA and Diablo emails.
- Check our website for updates too diablo-pca.org



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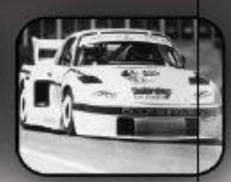
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2017 Event Calendar

Diablo Events in RED

July		
7/6-16-2017 Parade-Spokane, WA		
7/8-Tail of Diablo		
TBD-Member Picnic/Car Show		
August		
8/12-GGR Concours @ Carlson Porsche		
8/15-21-Monterey Car Week & Pebble Beach		
Concours d' Elegance		
September		
9/2-Mercedes Benz Tour-Ed		
9/20-24-Treffen-Ashville, NC		
9/29-DE @ Thunderhill		
TBD-Oktoberfest		
October		
TBD-Livermore Porsche Concours		
TBD-Grand Island Tour		
10/21-22-Paso Robles		
November		
11/18-Planning Party		
11/20-DE@Laguna Seca		
December		
TBD-Christmas Party		

Join Us For Breakfast!

Start your Saturday with good food and conversation!

There is a breakfast gathering EVERY SATURDAY in

Walnut Creek. Meet other Diablo members and get your day Porsche powered!

Where: Buttercup Pantry

660 Ygnacio Valley Road

Walnut Creek

Located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive

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: March 16, 2017



LIFE BEYOND YOUR CAR

We have so many fascinating club members with talents and interests beyond driving their Porsches, as hard as this is to believe, it is true.

We added this new section for diversity, connecting members with similar interest, and a way to get more members involved with the Advocate! We hope you will enjoy reading and participating in Life Beyond Your Car.



Mark Imbertson



I grew up in a place where winter was long, so I learned how to play in the snow. I love to snow ski (and years ago, one of my ski friends introduced me to Porsches). Over the years, my interest have changed from skiing to coaching little league baseball and back to skiing. I did try golf (50 rounds a year for 12 yrs & am still a double bogey golfer) but gave up.



One thing I truly enjoy now is visiting and playing games with my grandchildren. The phase "seeing the world through a child's eyes" now has a real meaning to me. Hearing a 3 year old say "GRANDPA, keep your eyes on the ball" is priceless. It is so fascinating that a child's imagination and simple activities lead to, in their words "another new game".



Having just retired last summer, it is wonderful to have family & friends to spend the time with. A few Banana muffins... Add in tours with PCA friends and all is good!



Ed Won



My Porsche passion does take up considerable time. But when I'm not dreaming Porsche, I have a couple "other" hobbies. I love to collect pinball machines. I have limited room so that's my controlling factor. There's something simple and random to this truly American pastime that almost vanished in 2000 when Williams Entertainment closed it's doors, leaving just



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one last manufacturer. The pinball machines I have include Terminator, first movie licensed game including Arnold Voice. Star Wars Phantom

manage, pinball meets Video game in a hologram type play field. Baby Pacman, yep Pacman meets pinball a video game and flippers. And lastly, a Wizard of Oz, the machine was the first machine from Jersey Jack pinball, a relatively new company signaling the return of Pinball. They brought the old Pinball technology up to date with LCD monitors, subwoofers and a full PC driving it all. I find the artwork fascinating along with the complexities of fabricating these

machines. Like your Porsche, you do have to learn how to maintain the Pinball machines. Like the Air cooled Porsche, finding guys to work on the older mechanical machines is getting tough. I'm sticking to the ones with a computer inside.

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Membership Report



Membership Summary Primary Members: 878 Affiliate Members: 446

Total: 1324

NEW MEMBERS			
Clothier, Michael	2007 911 Carrera 4S, Black		
Fisher, Ted	2005 Boxster, Silver		
Halverson, Lee	2007 Cayman S, Black		
Jamison, Clark	2016 Cayenne S, White		
Kajioka, Jeff	2003 911 Turbo, Silver		
Kirkman, John	2013 Cayenne Turbo, White		
Norton, Barry	2014 Cayman, Red		
Oller, Arthur	2017 Boxster, Graphite Blue Metallic		
Singh, Atish	1986 944 Turbo, Alpine White		
Weaver, Michael	2017 911 Carrera 4S, Black		

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS: 10

Transfer In Members			
Casabat, Antonio-Transfer from Riverside, CA	2014 911 GT3, Black 2013 Panamera S, Yachting Blue		
Corzine, Phillipp L-Transfer from Yosemite, CA	2014 Cayman, White		

TOTAL TRANSFER IN MEMBERS: 2

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS: 12

Diablo DE at Thunderhill

The thrill and excitement of driving on the track is always something you can count on, but was recently heightened with the severe storm that hit Northern California. The drive to the track the day before was absolutely gorgeous-blue sky, warm temperatures, perfect conditions. Overnight, everything changed, drastically.

Sometime during the night, rain began falling, slowly increasing to a consistent downpour. Mother Nature was angry about something. The drivers' meeting focused on slowing down and caution was the directive of the day. Those of us who have been going up to Thunderhill for a few years, had not seen that much water before.

There where a couple of spinouts with no injuries or harm to the vehicles. Always concerned about the safety of our drivers, Adam Cipriano, our DE Chair, went out on the track to assess the driving conditions. By this time, all driving groups had completed three sessions and had lunch. No one had any issues when the announcement was made to end the day due to track conditions. Actually, everyone was happy to be able to drive home in the rain in daylight.

During the day, there had been many highlights and lessons on driving in the rain. Even though the day was cut short by two hours, drivers seemed satisfied with their individual results and looking forward to April 7th at Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca.



Dinner at Casa Ramos the night before



Drivers' Meeting



Staying Dry Under the Tarmac



Flooded Interstate 5 Near Williams



Attention!!

Do I have your curiosity peaked?

Are you ready for this special reminder?

May 28th is Diablo's 33rd annual Wash 'N Shine /Car Show. Now is the time to let Brian Adkins know you are ready to volunteer your help to make this event a success.

If you are unaware what this event is about, ask any member at breakfast or dinner or at any other event.

This is a day full of fun, beautiful cars on display and open to the public to browse and admire the Porsche brand. There are usually 70-75 cars parked by model type. Quite a sight to see!

It takes many volunteers to make this happen and is very satisfying.





Porsche Experience Center—Los Angeles, CA

Diablo Region's President, Carlos Bocanegra recently spent a few days at the Porsche Experience Center and love to share his visit details with the membership. When you see him, ask him all about it.

Located in the heart of Southern California, this one-of-a-kind facility showcases a commitment to both design and functionality and serves to provide an incomparable experience anywhere. Beyond its captivating architecture, the Porsche Experience Center Los Angeles (PEC LA) invites customers, business partners and brand enthusiasts to celebrate every aspect of Porsche. The PEC LA is also home to a Porsche Motorsport North America, a Retail Center, Porsche Exclusive – Personal Design Studio, Driving Simulator Lab, the Porsche Driver Selection Store, the Speedster Café and Restaurant 917 for the ultimate fine-dining experience.

Location

- City of Carson in the heart of Los Angeles County
- Adjacent to the 405 Freeway and 110 Freeway
- This 53-acre facility is conveniently located for all Southern California enthusiasts

Investment

Approximately \$60 million dollars

Facilities at a Glance

- 50,000 square foot building
- Shared space with Porsche Motorsport North America
- 53-acre complex includes: 27.7-acre complex includes: Driver Development Track Business Center Fine
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