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Cover Photo

It is back to the traditional cover photo with one or two Porsches in line with a dramatic and, in this instance, internationally famous setting.

Our Bay Tour & Sail leader, Jack Carpenter, made it very clear that this scene was to be a well organized photo op. Our driving directions back in Martinez included the instructions to park nicely and not to cover our cars until any and all photos were taken.

Not realizing that I had already taken four photos of the cars, the bridge and the participants fussing about, these same fussing drivers and passengers grumbled when I tried to clear the people from the cars. "It is not just the cars, it's the people" was heard amid other mutterings.

Check out the Bay Tour photo gallery <<http://homepage.mac.com/lepprd/PhotoAlbum26.html>> for more related photos. BTW, a careful look at the Boxster will confirm that it is not a Meridian 2002 S; it is Anthony Hsieh's 2000 Boxster.

Diablo Region Web Site:

<http://vista.pca.org/dia/>

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Veep Beat

by Patrick Schmidt, Vice President

One of the great things I have enjoyed about the Diablo Region and PCA is the awareness that if someone has a need, there are always people willing to step up and help. This month, our leader, Brian Cameron, happened to be out of town when the deadline for the *Advocate* loomed. Our Editor then asked me, as Vice President, to help fill Brian's space.



I want to first take this opportunity to thank all of the Diablo members that have previously stepped up to assist. Many wonderful people have helped me chair events over the years. Some of these were quite memorable including the Newlan/Far Niente Wine Tour, the Rutherford Hill/Olive Press/Viansa, the Indian Summer tour to Rutherford Hill and Cakebread in Napa, the Russian River Tour, a Palmares Canyon tour, and several Saturday drives. I have also had the pleasure of having great co-chairs for the St. Patrick's Day Cable Car SF Tour. My spouse, Linda, has been excited to host several events at our Dublin home. If you missed last year's New Year's Eve party, Linda and I are hosting it again this year. Watch for details in the November *Advocate* and RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

I have tried to list a number of events and happenings that have been very enjoyable. If you have not had an opportunity to attend, let this be an encouragement for you to check the calendar and pick a few events to start or increase your participation. Hopefully, you'll meet some great people as well. Who knows, perhaps you'll find yourself co-chairing an activity to a place you'd like to go with fine friends.

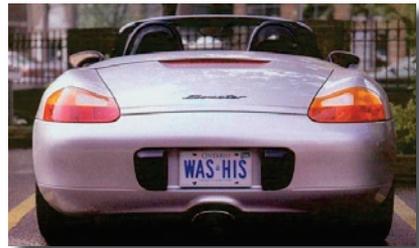
Speaking of Porsche friends, many of the questions I have asked about tires or upgrades on my Porsches, for example, have been well answered by these

members making my decisions easier although not always cheaper.

Be sure to stop in to our Saturday breakfasts or First Friday Pizza gatherings. That is a good way to meet others and ask about upcoming events or volunteer to help. Hope to see you soon. Cheers!

Potpourri
by the Editor

Some of my best friends are lawyers or working on being one. The latter, Howard Thomas sent the following lawyer photo: "Was His."



BTW, in my situation, the lawyer is still my friend, i.e., she got the Mustang, and I got the 911.



I suppose this validates that our Diablo President resides in an appropriate neighborhood. This (a 2004 Cayenne)

was parked two houses down the street.

Speaking of Cayennes, The "Cayenne Experience" at Alameda Point on September 5-7 was an extraordinary event, if you were lucky enough to be invited.





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	14
Transfers in	0
Current renewals	30
Multi-year renewals	9
Late/delete renewals*	12
Transfers out	3
Non renewals	19
Dual members	9

Total membership 606

**Previously deleted, now renewed*



**Judy Schreib,
Membership**

<jhschr@tdl.com>

New members this month (thru 9/4/03):

Name	Affiliate	Porsche	Year	City
Frank A. Achim	Sigrid	911	1999	Clayton
Jimmy K. Auyeung	Han	911	2003	Orinda
Kirby Fong	Lisa	911	2003	Castro Valley
Lee M. Hilka		911	1996	Lafayette
Mark Janer	Christine	911	1973	Richmond
Marc M.Khristo		911	1997	Fremont
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Peter C. Koning	Michele D.	911	1996	Hayward
George H. Kulp	Linda	996	2003	Newark
Chris Paterno	Barbara	911 SC	1979	Benicia
Anthony Stithz		911	1988	Oakland
Karen S. Sullivan		Boxster S	2001	Walnut Creek
Frank Triteletti		Carrera	2003	Danville
Roger L. Westphal		911	1998	Lafayette

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From the Editor

by Ron Leppke <lepprd@mac.com>

In case you care about an editor photo, I do have a new logo cap but no photo of me in it. I would rather show the cap than me in any case.



I have been thinking about sponsor ads recently. I have been speaking with prospective new advertisers as other sponsors have left.

Paying for ad space in this newsletter is clearly motivated by making more money as members increasingly buy the product or service. Some businesses are, however, so "Porsche Community" minded that they see at least part of their ad expense as enabling us to have more coverage of Region events. The newsletter can increase the number of pages in proportion to ad income. This is merely another way to say the obvious: our share of the membership fees cannot support a 24-page newsletter on quality stock by a good printer.

I would like all of us to be mindful of the businesses that have stabilized our newsletter over many years. Please do not take them for granted and do verbalize or email your appreciation to them. Show this appreciation with dollars as well.

Yesterday, I made a store purchase when I could have gotten the same item online. My intention was to support the local store, and it was the fair thing to do as well. As some of you may have suspected (most of my toys are either Porsche or Apple products), it was the Apple Store and I spent more than 30 minutes picking the brains of the bright young sales people. I got some clarity on iPhoto resolutions from one, and found out how to get directly from an InDesign image to Photoshop from another. Making a purchase at the same place that where your get product advice is the fair thing to do.

Denny and Cindy Kahler are about to

celebrate their 30th year in business with much or all of those years defraying the *Advocate* expense. Please make the extra effort to show your appreciation to their business as well as to others whose record of support is similar.

I spoke recently to the owner of a business who had an ad in our newsletter for many years and may or may not return. His thoughts were that any potential or new Diablo customer probably is already familiar with the business name and thus he would not be getting any return from his ad expenditure. This former sponsor may, however, be willing to come back as an advertiser, but mostly to show his support for our region.

In any case, let's accept that sponsors burnout just as directors, editors and all volunteers whose efforts make a non profit organization stay vitally focussed.

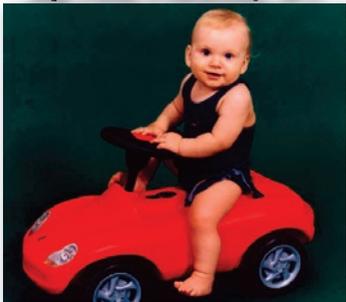
Even though you may not be able to show your appreciation by purchasing a sponsor's product or service, you can actively help all of us by word of mouth advertizing. You can also make an effort to thank them for supporting our newsletter. When Denny shows up at Blackhawk, shake his hand and say "Thanks." When you are at an Infineon or Laguna event, look for the Goodyear tire guys and thank Roger and Brandon.

By now, many will know that, once again, our Saturday breakfast restaurant has been changed. We have been "hooted" out of the Dublin Coco's and have moved to Denny's in Danville. This move is in spite of an underground effort by certain male chauvinists among us to petition the Hooter's restaurant chain to either remain open longer or to open sooner to accomodate our group in Dublin.

After the first paragraph was written, Jack Carpenter took my photo on the Bay showing the new Diablo logo cap.



My First Porsche, #7



The granddaughter of the Carpenters, Lily, gets a Porsche on her first birthday.

Perfect Porsche Parking



The Blackhawk upper center circle is an ultimate Porsche parking privilege.



Tanks!!

Tour the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation

October 25, 2003 (Saturday Drive)

If you haven't seen a tank up close, this is your chance. They are awesome.

Join the Diablo Region, PCA for a guided tour of the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (MTVF). Drive with us to the Portola Valley and see the largest collection of historical military vehicles in the world, including many dozens of light to heavy military tanks. Tour their special repair facility where the heavy machinery is maintained. Experience the M-4 Sherman turret trainer. Check current projects and inventory on the web site at www.milvehtechfound.com.

After the tour, we will drive to the Stanford Shopping Center for a lunch at Max's.

We leave at 9:00 A.M. from Denny's in Danville at 803 Camino Ramon. Join us in the back room for breakfast at 8:00 if you wish. The drive is approximately 1.5 hours. We will take the most scenic routes practicable. There is no charge for the tour.

RSVP: Call Mike at 925.944.9172 to reserve your place (The MTVF limits tours to no more than 30 people)

Zone Calendar: 2003-04

Date	Region	Event	Zone	Event Title	Location
10/5/03	Zone 7	Club Race		U.S. Invitational	Laguna Seca
10/11/03	GGR	Rally	Rally #6	Monte Carlo Rally	Burlingame
10/12/03	SVR	Swap Meet		Regional Swap meet	Silverstar Motors
10/12/03	LPR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Marina
10/12/03	RR	Autocross		Region Autocross	Santa Rosa Airport
10/18/03	SQR	Autocross	Auto-x #7	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
10/19/02	YOS	Autocross	Auto-x #8	Zone Autocross	Millerton Lake
10/19/03	GGR	Time Trial #5		Time trial	Thunderhill
11/1/03	GGR	Autocross		Region Autocross	TBD
11/8/03	Zone 7			Zone President's meeting	TBD
1/17/04	Zone 7	Banquet		Awards Banquet	TBD



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Diablo Calendar: 2003

October

- 3 Pizza and Porsches
- 7 Board Meeting
- 16 Thursday Dinner Out
- 18 Saturday Drive: Sunol
- 25 MVTF (Tanks) Tour
- 25 Oktoberfest

November

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

December

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



An engine rebuild goes through inspection at a final Dublin breakfast.

January 2004

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

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



Slideshows are now a frequent side dish at breakfasts—one of the last in Dublin.

New Location! Saturday Breakfast

8 A.M. at Denny's,
803 Camino Ramon, Danville
On 680, exit to Sycamore Valley
East; Camino Ramon is the first
right turn.

Pizza & Porsches

1st Friday, 7 P.M.
Pavlo's Pizza
2408 Twin Creeks,
San Ramon

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Thursday Night Dinner Out

3rd Thurs., 6:30 P.M.
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Driving Events & Racing

by the Editor

Tim Stewart won the Ni class at the Marina GGR autocross #6 on August 24 and now is in second place the the class standings.



Al Armellini was fourth in his first try in the GGR N class.



Alan Kingsley took second in his class and, after the #7 event, is first in the season standings. Anthony Hsieh was busy on the Bay Tour after scoring in the T class earlier in the season.

Milo Dorr (#73 below) had a late start in Dm and appears to be destined for 2nd place. Michael Sondel has a chance to tie for first if he wins the remaining events. Mike Quinn is apparently headed for the K stock championship.



Howard Thomas, Vern Thomas, Dave Zachry, Mike Vorkapich, and others have not scored point lately but Vern remains first in her class—sort of. She is now in a tie for first in the TL class.

Once again, Sonnen Porsche invited us to have a look Porsche race cars at their excellent facility. This time it was

the two PK Sport ALMS GT3 Rs that were being prepared for the upcoming Laguna Seca ALMS event.



Based in England, the PK Sport team apparently has a nomadic existence as they they make due following the American Le Mans Series about the US.



Francisco Cabrita and Phil Eskildsen

Typical of this sort of adventure, the transmission (below) needed new bearings.

It was the Labor Day weekend, the Porsche customer support truck was not expected to be in CA before Tuesday, and the only hope was TRG at Infineon Raceway. I drove to TRG, finally found a race crew member, but to no avail. TRG transmissions are exchanged with an East Coast shop and no parts were available.





Bay Tour & Sail

by
Jan & Jack Carpenter
August 24 2003
San Francisco Bay



Tour Du Jour

by Aaron Waldon

August 24th was a beautiful day for driving a Porsche over open roads with a favorite companion in the navigator's seat.

In spite of the fact that I overslept, we got to the IHOP in Martinez at 8:00 A.M. I picked up Francie a little late, and still had to get fuel and cash. I was able to make up the time with a judicious application of Porsche speed and handling capabilities. I did, of course, observe posted speed laws at all times (Ahem) although the interchange off-ramp from 680 to Hwy. 4 was taken a little too enthusiastically (Sorry Francie).

After breakfast, Jack reminded us of safety considerations, such as watching for bicyclists along Paradise Drive. As we all know, bicyclists like the same kind of roads that we do, and they are awful hard on your paint.

After the briefing, we lined up to leave. I was unaware of any protocols or traditions pertaining to a queue. I just waited until someone made a "no, please, after you" gesture, and got in line.

We made one or two stops along the way. I think we did so to await stragglers who had been caught behind lights. I would probably know for sure why we stopped if I had remembered to bring one of the radios that I have specifically for car club events. (I am a longtime member of the BMW club). Every so often, I would find myself getting far behind the car in front of me while waiting for the one behind me to come back into view.

Eventually, we made a planned rest stop at a park somewhere in Marin for a few minutes. The lot was completely full when we got there (Murphy never sleeps). Judging from the clothing on the children and the slogans on the mom-mobiles and SUVs, it was a soccer thing.

Once on the road again, we went through several stoplights and had to stop to regroup. Then it was off through the roads of Marin, on our way to the marina. It got nice and twisty. We were being wary of cyclists behind whom we would find ourselves. Every so often the road would be shaped so that we could see through a pair of curves, which we would straighten out to get around the bikes.

Once at the marina, we lined up our cars

along a parking area facing the Golden Gate Bridge. What a view! We had a short meeting, along with a photo op. Being in the second sailing, Francie and I went into the clubhouse to chat and watch the water and the boats. An hour and a half or so later, it was our turn to sail. We boarded the boat and headed out.

The boat ride was about an hour long. We pretty much just sailed across the Gate and back a couple of times, passing under the bridge on our first return crossing. One or two of our number expressed concern over the proximity of a pair of fairly large commercial vessels that passed by us.

Returning to the cove, we circled in the harbor while the skipper flaked and secured the sails. Then he kicked out the fenders. One of them, as it turns out, was not tied to the boat. We made a couple of passes to try to retrieve the fender and were unsuccessful. So the skipper told us that it would float back to the dock, and that he was not worried about it.

Once back on dirt, we were told that several people were going to meet at Tiburon Sam's for a late lunch/early dinner. Alas, Francie and I both had prior commitments, and had to leave. We were even late getting away, at that point. Telling someone that we were late, I was given a favorite piece of advice that I had not heard in years. You know what we say about Porsches; "drive it like you stole it."

On the way home, Francie and I talked about what a great day it had already been. Between the beautiful, sunny day, the good company of my fellow club members, the natural beauty of the Bay Area, and a little sailing time with good wind thrown in, we are truly some lucky people.

At breakfast the following Saturday, Jack asked me to write something about the tour for the Advocate. It seems that they like to ask all new PCA members to do so after their first club event. Oh, good, I thought; a car club that assigns homework. But, this way, I get the opportunity to extend, on behalf of everyone who participated, a much-deserved Thank you to Jack and Jan Carpenter for their efforts in putting together this tour.

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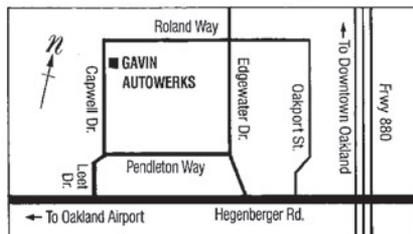
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All makes of cars are welcome

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Scream at the Lake IV

Zone Autocrosses #7 and #8

October 18 and 19, 2003

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area, Friant, CA

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and from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Grid and tech from 8:00 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.

Fee: \$30.00 per driver per day (includes lunch)

Directions: From Highway 99, take Herndon exit and proceed east on Herndon to Highway 41 (seven miles). Take the Highway 41 North ramp, then the Friant Road exit toward Millerton Lake. Keep right at ramp and merge onto N. Friant Road (becomes Millerton Road). The State Park entrance is approximately eleven miles from Highway 41.

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