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training at the Markwell Center. "Peter can read and comprehend now. His speed in reading and writing has increased tremendously. What a great foundation for a life of success!" Peter's grades went up immediately after training and his reading comprehension scores on the Stanford Achievement test went from 36th percentile to 90th percentile after training. Another boy age 11 from the Sand Piper School in the Shores went from mostly B's and C's to mostly A's and B's. He improved his reading comprehension by 2 years!

One St. Charles Elementary' Mother had the following comments about her 7-year old son after his training at the Markwell Center. "After two years of tutoring in reading, the PACE Program was what gave us the key to unlock David's (Not child's real name) learning. David had been going to various tutors to no avail. In the initial screening David's learning problem was brought to the surface. David's confidence skyrocketed. He enjoyed all aspects of PACE Training and was able to finally believe that he was in fact smart and could master complex challenges with ease." David's grades went up in: Reading and Writing from Needs Improvement to Satisfactory and in Math from Satisfactory to Outstanding.

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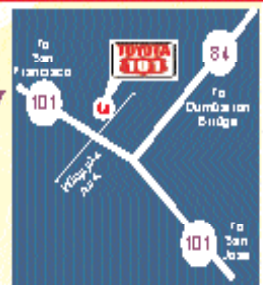
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# Holiday Tea Time!

December 6, 2003

For more information, or to R.S.V.P. please call Jenny Williamson at 631-9595 ext. 133. or [jenny@fullyalive.com](mailto:jenny@fullyalive.com)

# IN THE DRIVEWAY

By Calvin Yuen - Photo by Rick Schulze

## Cayenne Experience

A year ago I composed a preview of the family Porsche, the Cayenne SUV. Now with its release, Porsche took it on the road to venues throughout the country in the Cayenne Experience. I accepted the invitation to experience this latest Porsche in its elements; asphalt and track, sand and rock, mud and water. On a recent Sunday afternoon, fellow Redwood Shores resident Rick Schulze and I trekked to Alameda Point for our appointed "time to take the Journey", so stated German marketing.



reminded us of the Porsche Stability Management (PSM) system, or jokingly the "Driver Stupidity Management" system. PSM uses a series of sensors and information from PTM to assure the vehicle travels along its intended course by use of the braking system or engine power reduction. On the course the Cayenne S was adequately fast, but it is the Turbo that places it in the same performance category as the BMW X5.

Porsche was a gracious host. The Cayenne Experience Tent housed the registration, displays and gift shop. At another tent, guests were offered food and drinks at the buffet. Surprising, a formal presentation was not on the agenda, and we were left to our leisure to explore the Off-road course or the Performance course.

A review of the Cayenne specifications before we proceed. The first of two models is the Cayenne S with a 4.5-liter V8 developing 340 hp at 6000 rpm, and 310 lb-ft of torque at 5,500 rpm. This equates to 0 to 62 mph in 7.2 seconds for this 4,949-lb. vehicle. Excellent numbers for a SUV, but not a Porsche. Therefore, you must opt for the twin-turbocharged V8 developing 450 hp and 460 lb-ft at 2,250 - 4,750 rpm, rocketing the 5,192 lb. vehicle from 0 to 62 mph in mere 5.6 seconds. Now that's a Porsche!

To demonstrate its off-road capabilities, the off-road track was a little hill followed by a steep "skyview" up and down, then a 30° bank, some bumps, and a water trough. In normal driving, the Porsche Traction Management (PTM) permanent four-wheel drive feeds 62% of the engine power to the rear and 38% to the front wheels in the basic mode. A multiple-plate clutch operated by an electric motor and controlled electronically is then able to vary the distribution of power according to specific driving conditions, whenever necessary, feeding up to 100% of the engine torque either to the front or to the rear.

With Cayenne's electronically controlled air suspension system, there are six levels of ride-height, ranging from a low racetrack position to a maximum height for extreme off-road ground clearance. Porsche Active Suspension Management works with the air suspension to help the Cayenne adapt to changes in terrain and suppresses the pitch and roll that can occur under hard acceleration, braking and cornering. The driver has the option of manually adjusting chassis setup to one of three damping modes: Comfort, Normal or Sport.

On the performance lap, guests were invited to "asphalt tearing" driving in the Cayenne S and the Cayenne Turbo. We maneuvered a high-speed straight, a 180° turn, a series of slaloms and simulated quick lane changes. Our in-vehicle factory representative

With a double wishbone front, and multi-link rear suspension, the Cayenne stayed firmly planted throughout the course. The rack and pinion power steering was precise, and the brake pedal provided firm feedback. Its front cup holder even held my bottle water.

Now, Junior can brag to his Sandpiper buddies that he's chauffeured in a Porsche.

Please feel free to email me at [QbranchCars@comcast.net](mailto:QbranchCars@comcast.net).

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## ON MY SOAPBOX - Continued from page 32)

BEFORE taking your test—there are still some trick questions. They called me a few days ago to ask where why there was only one swan coming to her house and had something happened to the other one. I told her that single one is actually the one I call Little Girl, who showed up at my dock on Monday. Don't know how long she will stick around this time as the two males are still chasing and harassing her. I'll let you know if she goes back to the reservoir area.

About two weeks ago some people came to my gate threatening to sue me because they claim Redwood City has no leash and pooper-scooper law (which was enacted in late 1985). I am printing the enforcement code along with the trespassing code AND the telephone numbers to call when you see anyone either not picking up after their dog or if it is off leash. The other telephone number is the complaint line and if you know the violator's address they will be visited by the Animal Control people and possibly fined. Please clip these out and put them by your telephone. Thanks, The Swan Lady @ 591-5455

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See you next month ...

## PERSONALIZING YOUR HOME II

One of the biggest challenges after you move into a new home is to make your current furnishings look good in a new environment. This can be a daunting task if your decorating style is radically different from the previous homeowners' or if the architectural style of the new house is not congruent with your furnishings.

Adopting a new color scheme for the interior of the house is the quickest way to infuse the house with your personality. Choose a color palette that enhances your current furniture regardless of the architectural style of the house. For example contemporary furniture can look smashing in a Victorian home with lighter, brighter wall colors. By having the walls painted the color that you enjoy you won't feel so rushed to buy new furniture. Adding throw pillows in colors similar to the wall color will pull the room together and create visual balance.

Fewer pieces can make a greater impact especially when you scale down to a house with less square footage and for a house with smaller rooms. Selling redundant or oversize furniture pieces at furniture consignment stores or giving them to someone who is setting up housekeeping for the first time will alleviate guilt. Don't dispose-recycle. There are always charities who 'll be glad for the donations if you want a tax write-off.

Some of your favorite art pieces may not work in their previous room settings. Re-framing or re-matting may help them work in different locations in your new house. You may be surprised how moving a favorite piece of art to a new location may give it a greater impact. Banging that first nail into a wall is such a defining moment in "claiming" a new house as truly "yours".

An oversized area rug can "swallow" up a room. If the rug is a solid color you may be able to have it cut down to a better proportion for the room and rebound for about \$1.50 per linear foot. An area rug placed in the center of the room with the furniture surrounding it will make the room seem smaller than placing all the furniture on the rug. Either way, the area rug will help to absorb the white noise in the room. If you have hardwood or tile floors, make sure that the area rug you're using leaves about 12 to 18 in. of border of the flooring showing around the periphery of the room. Corners of the rug should not jut out into major pathways. If opening the door snags on the top of the rug, you'll either need to trim the bottom of the door, or use a rug with smaller

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dimensions. When you move into a new home, deciding where to spend your decorating dollars first can be a source of frustration. Taking the time to plan and prioritize will ensure that the house looks better with each new addition. After adopting an appropriate color scheme that enhances your furnishings you'll have the backdrop to make the next set of improvements.

New window treatments may be beyond the budget of some homeowners the first few months after their home purchase. If you are fortunate enough to already have window coverings, you may be able to modify them to suit your taste. A band of fabric that coordinates with your furniture can be added to the valance. Valances with pleats or ruffles can be remade in new designs using the same fabric. Cornice boards (wooden fabric-covered valances) can be cut into new shapes and recovered with a more appropriate fabric. Inexpensive pleated paper shades (about \$12.00 for 36" wide X 72" long) can provide privacy until your budget allows for the purchase of the window coverings you really want. Having window film applied at a cost of about \$10.00/sq.ft. is a wise first investment in covering those windows which admit a great deal of direct sunlight. With tinted windows you'll decrease both the glare and the entrance of damaging ultra violet rays into the room which fade your furnishings.

If the counter surfaces are a color or substrate you don't like, but you can't replace them immediately, use a trick used by stagers of homes for resale: add bright-colored accessories (cannisters, towels, etc.) to draw your eyes away from the counter surface and thereby decrease its visual impact on the room.

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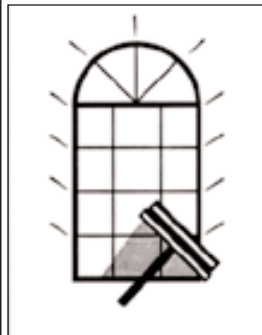
Having trouble imagining how to arrange your furniture in your newly configured rooms? Before you move in put tape on the floor in the outline of the proposed furniture lay-out. Now check to see if you can easily walk from one side of the room to the other. Are the doorways easily accessible? If you see a problem it's easier to move the tape than to move the furniture!

Live in the home for three to six months before you embark on any major renovations. You may discover that the things that really annoyed you when you first moved in aren't all that significant any longer. Conversely, a small inconvenience may be the impetus to begin a remodeling project of removing a wall, enlarging a doorway or constructing built-in storage.

Many people get bogged down with the fear that any changes they make to a home will negatively affect it's future re-sale value. Relax. It's your home now. Make the changes you want now, so you can have maximum enjoyment of the house for the years you live in it. Now when you open your front door you can say with conviction, "Welcome to our home. We love it!"

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**RSTC - Tournament News**

On a blazing bright super-hot Saturday, the Hogwarts wizards of Redwood Shores (and the outer provinces) played team tennis. Taking their names from J. K. Rowling's famous college "houses," our headmasters selected their wizards for a titanic battle of wits and skill. Using pace, drops, slams, volleys, and overheads, the wizards played ninety-six games in blistering heat (did I mention that?) until, at last, victory was at hand. In the end the heavily favored Gryffindor, lacking their usual last-minute extra points from the Grand Pooh-Bah (and not having a John Jordan as a team member), lost to little-heralded Ravenclaw. Jay Muzio, Ravenclaw's headmaster, was awarded a magical cap and his wizard team of Annette Vernon, Dennis Murphy, Kristian Nergaard, and Robin George received special potions for their fine effort in winning by a substantial margin. Gryffindor placed second by a slim margin over Slytherin and Hufflepuff. Headmaster Cynthia Hunton of Gryffindor was awarded a magical cap (slightly less potent than Jay's) and her team of Karen Brodersen, John Bartel, Dawn Delzio and I received the potions. Although a mere twenty wizards participated in this team tourney, each played well and had a lot of fun. The other wizards on the sidelines this season should come out for the October tournament (it will not be a Hogwarts event). October promises to be an exciting event pairing men and women with others of similar skill levels to make the competition very exciting. Depending on the turnout, there will be a separation of skill levels, with A and B flights for our stronger and weaker players. Hopefully, this can



*From left to right Ted Cohen and Jay Muzio*

lead to a fun men's and women's "ladder" for next year in addition to the usual monthly tournaments and open play.

Thanks to all who participated.

*Ted Cohen, Tournament Director*

*Correction from the September Pilot. The lady in the picture in the RSTC news was Dawn Delzio not Monique Siebel*



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