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John and Nita Burrows' 1997 Boxster.

Photo courtesy of Randy Gabe.

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Dont forget to join us at our Member Breakfasts.

We'd love to see some new faces.

Guiseppe's 6065 S. Durango 9:00 AM

Cost: \$15 per person

The next breakfast is March 3rd.





Greetings once again! I hope that the cold January weather didn't keep you from enjoying your Porsches.

Get your engines ready for our next DE event at Spring Mountain Motorsports in Pahrump on March 17th and 18th. If you are not familiar with our DE events, you'll want to read Scott Mann's article on page 9. You may want to preregister for the event. This will save you time and money. A registration form was printed in the January issue or you may find it online at www.lvrpca.com.

Please continue to send me your pictures. I enjoy looking at them as does everyone else. Also, I am always looking for cars (and their owners) to be featured in Owner Spotlight. There are no specifications to meet - just being the proud owner of your car. Send me your pictures and your story. Nothing is more exciting than opening the mailbox and seeing your car on the cover!

Congrats to Ed Pasini for being featured in the February edition of Car and Driver magazine for his participation in 24 hours of Lemons. He makes a great looking judge!

I encourage you to enjoy all that our club has to offer. Please be sure to attend our DE events, tech sessions and member breakfasts. Hope to see you there!

Robyn Gabe

Calendar of Events - Las Vegas Region

Calendar of Events - Zone 8

29-31 Greene/Pasini No Frills

California Central Coast Tour

February	
3-4	SDR Zone 8 Time Trial
March	

3-4 Arizona Region Club Race/SDR Time Trial
4 Pomona Swap Meet
10 LA Lit and Toy Show for Porsche and Vintage VW
11 LA All Euro Swap Meet and Auto Sale
14-17 ALMS 12 Hours of Sebring
30-4/1 Zone 8 Speed Festival @ California Speedway
30-4/1 ALMS St. Petersburg Grand Prix

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Tony Zito



It's only February, and we have made a lot of ground in the first 31 days.

January was a busy month with a lot of behind

the scene changes taking place. I would like to start by by introducing the new board to everyone. Marc Robinson is our newly elected Vice President, Scott Mann, our Chief Driving Instructor, has also taken on the role as co-Chair for Driver's Education (DE). Dr. Bob Mohan has been appointed Club Racing Chair. Deb Bieniek is filling two roles this year, functioning as both Past President and Membership Chair. Randy Gabe continues as Club Treasurer and his wife, Robyn, along with Bobbi Miller, are Editor and co-Editor for the Sandscript. Jeff Wenger is our Webmaster and keeps www.lvrpca.com available for us 24/7. Currently we are looking for volunteers to fill the vacancies of Secretary, and Advertising Chair.

January saw the consolidation and streamlining of the Club's emailing process. Since emails have become the "de facto" method of communicating within the club, the Board has re-designed and centralized the Club's email database. This should help ensure effective communications for the future. Hopefully you have noticed some changes to the Club's website as well. Jeff has been adding to the website almost daily, and even more changes are coming. January's Member Breakfast had one of the biggest turn-outs we have had in a while, and the expectation is February's will be even larger. The first Zone 8 President's meeting of the year was also held this month. The event included seminars on Membership, Insurance, and Driving Events. Deb, Scott and I attended and brought back a wealth of information to share with everyone.

On the Club Race front, the Las Vegas Region is in the middle of an analysis to see if we can host a Club Race for 2008. Dr. Bob Mohan has agreed to lead the effort, and is currently working with Las Vegas Motor Speedway (LVMS) to secure an event date and define a working budget for the event. Several options are being considered, include joining forces with another region who is interested in co-hosting the event with us. If you are interested in working with the Club Race team, please give Bob or any of the Board members a call (Board contact information is on page 3).

Using the momentum generated in January, February continues to build excitement. We have our first tech session of 2007 on Driver Safety, being hosted at Renegade Hybrids. This will be the first in an on-going series. The club will also hold it's first country drive of the year. We are headed out to Furnace Creek Inn in Death Valley, CA for brunch and and beautiful scenery.

As the weather warms, the club calendar starts to fill up with drives, social events, and of course track time. Here are a couple of upcoming events: The Greene/Pasini No Frills California Central Coast Tour, our first DE event, the 2nd Annual Fire to Water Run, the 6th Annual Rally in the Valley (this is our year to host the rally), an Instructor's Clinic, plus much more. Be sure to check the website www.lvrpca.com often.



Randy Gabe

Featured this month is a very special 1997 Boxster owned by John and Nita Burrows. Why is it special? Well there are a couple of reasons. To begin with, it was one of the first Boxters sold in the United States. Perhaps more importantly, the story of this car exemplifies the passion John and Nita have for Porsches. When John first saw the Boxster concept on the cover of Autoweek in 1993 it reminded him of his dream Porsche, the 550 Spyder RS. When John found out that Porsche was actually going to build the Boxster he searched for a dealership willing to take an order so far in advance. His search yielded Hendrick Porsche in Charlotte, NC. John and Nita left a deposit and waited. And waited. And waited. Three years later they were notified that a brand spanking new Boxster was on its way from Germany with their name on it. When it arrived in January 1997, the Burrows flew to Charlotte and promptly drove it all the way back to Las Vegas. Along the way they encountered rain, hail, snow and a tornado – not exactly topdown weather. Since only a select few had ever seen a Boxter, the car drew attention across the nation. Curious drivers would gawk as they searched their brain for what kind of car they were looking at.

Think this car is only taken out for weekend cruising? Think again. Since arriving on our shore in 1997, this Boxter has made an appearance in six national parades. The Burrows even drove it cross-country and back to attend the parade in Hershey, PA. Nita has used the Boxter to compete in autocross competitions and driver's education events. In fact she was the national PCA Boxster Street Stock Class autocross champion. All told, John and Nita have racked up over 66,000 miles in their special Boxter.

Before the Boxster, the Burrows had several other Porsches. They joined the Las Vegas Region 30 years ago when they bought a 1971 911T. That was followed by a 1970 911T, a 914 track car and a 1978 SC Targa. Those cars have come and gone to make way for the Boxter and its stablemate, a 1999 Carrera. During their tenure as club members, each of them has generously volunteered significant time and energy to support the club at the local, regional, and national levels. Nita currently serves as the national Boxter Advocate. In the near future, the Burrows look forward to becoming more active in Zone 8 activities. Look for them at the next parade, I'm sure you will find them!





Photos courtesy of Randy Gabe.

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Membership

A big welcome to all of our new and transferred members. Please join us at one of our many events. We host socials, tech sessions, rallys, driver's ed events and member breakfasts.

We encourage your involvement and input. This is your club, and we welcome your participation and ideas.

Along with local events, please be sure to check out the Zone 8 calendar on page 5. There are many other events going on in our zone.

Please look for our calendar in each issue of the Sandscript, or log on to **www.lvrpca.com** for more information.

We hope to see you out and about and look forward to meeting you!



Welcome New and Transferred Members!

Trent Billingsley1984 911 **Ted Tennessen**2007 Cayman S

Lloyd Bordon Robert and Babette Mohan

1980 911SC 2001 996 1976 911

Robert Smith Transfer from Orange Coast

2001 911S

Total Primary Members: 298

What does LVRPCA have to offer?

Socials - Join us for one of our many social events. From cocktail hours to our annual Pig Roast stop by and say hello and get to know your fellow members. Log on to **www.lvrpca.com** for an up to date calendar.

Tech Sessions - Experts from local Porsche shops guide members through technical aspects of their Porsches. Topics include suspension, tires, brakes, and mechanical components.

Rallys - Buckle up and enjoy the ride! Join us on some very fun and unusual road trips. Road trips have included a beautiful drive through the Valley of Fire and the gorgeous scenery of Utah. Come out and enjoy a great day with your friends.

Driver's Ed Events - Driver's Ed events are held at Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch in Pahrump. Driver's spend time in the classroom as well as on the track. Instructors are provided to make the most of this day. Don't worry if you are not an expert, this event is made to accomodate all levels of driving. This is a fun and educational day.

Member Breakfasts - Member Breakfasts are held once a month at Guisseppe's at 6065 S. Durango. The cost is \$15 per person.

Scott Mann

Just that simple seven word question evokes a myriad of memories surrounded by strong emotions...mostly negative. Am I right?

This is going to sound like an infomercial, but what if the PCA could potentially reduce your chances of being in an accident? Honestly, considering the property damage, pain and suffering, and the insurance headache that seems to go on for months, what would you do/pay to reduce your accident risk?

Let's take it one step further. Have you ever been in a car with a close friend or a loved one that glared at you when you tried to offer some friendly driving advice? What about that close call when you exclaimed "BRAKE LIGHTS" just before they almost rear-ended the car in front of you?

Last one... Got kids? Are they driving? Do they know how to control a car in a skid...handle a panic stop...miss an object in the road...or even control a car with a flat tire?

My name is Scott Mann and I am the Chief Driving Instructor for LVRPCA. I have traveled back and fourth to California at least three times a month over the last seven years now. In one trip to LA, I will use virtually every fundamental skill I preach without fail. Unfortunately, many others I see do not.

The PCA offers opportunities for touring, parties, racing, vacations, social gatherings, tech sessions, car shows, time trials, and a whole bunch more. What many of you don't know is the PCA actually can teach you driving skills that might save your life!

Enough of the heavy stuff for a moment. Let's have a little fun...

You are in moderate Vegas traffic. (It must be Sunday late evening if it's moderate!) Your high school traffic school teacher told you "For every 10 miles per hour, add one car length to your following distance." Remember that one?? The only thing that does is open a huge hole for every 'self-serving idiot' that wants to take 1.5 seconds out of his commute.

So, by necessity, you close the gap between you and the Buick in front of you. Carefully you watch the back bumper of that Buick making sure you are not too close, but also waiting for the inevitable brake lights to illuminate.

Suddenly...brake lights...and the Buick has managed to get all 5000 lbs. to stop on a dime. Your right foot hits that brake pedal so hard, you would swear you could leave a dent in the floorboard. With the anti-lock brakes buzzing under your foot, your chest crushed under the weight of your body against the

the seat belts, and your face pushed firmly against the inside of the front windshield (cartoon reference...good visual), you manage to bring your \$100k Porsche to a stop within one inch of the Buick's slightly rusted rear bumper!

Later, a thought crosses your mind as you review the incident several times. "If I were driving my SUV just then, I would have an air bag planted firmly on my face instead of just a little egg!"

"OK, chief driving instructor...what would you do? Too much gap, I get 'the finger!' Too little, I get high blood pressure."

First of all, your teacher was right. Keep a safe following distance in front of you so that you have plenty of time to react to a sudden stop. BUT, here is a secret. DO NOT watch the bumper directly in front of you, look ahead...way ahead. If your reaction to hit the brakes is dependent upon the 4th car up the line, your braking distance is much greater. You can allow your peripheral vision to keep track of the Buick. Furthermore, the bad driver behind you will also appreciate your little trick because he will avoid coming in contact with your back bumper during your more gradual stop.

I watch for "the wave" of brake lights to occur in traffic much like the spectators in the stands at a sporting event. Every once in a while, one set of brake lights back in the pack illuminates way to early to make a perfect "wave," and I think to myself, that person was watching ahead! ...One of my students???

Homework assignment... The next time you get behind the wheel and you are following another car, ask yourself where are you looking. Keep analyzing where your eyes will go with every bit of congestion. I would make a bet that you are a bumper watcher just like the rest of us...even me from time to time.

Well, are you a bumper watcher? Do you know one? Do you think we might be able to break a few bad habits in your family? Time to enroll in a PCA Drivers Education event called a "DE" for short. They are truly a blast...and I will personally guarantee you will leave your first DE a much better driver.

Quite simply, here is what you need... A car...any car...even a truck...we don't care. We would prefer that you use a vehicle that you are quite familiar with.

Register a few weeks in advance, pay a reasonable fee, and show up the Saturday morning of the event at the designated location (usually a track) ready to learn. We will run your vehicle through a tech inspection verifying its integrity and safety.

A long-sleeved cotton shirt, long pants, and closed toed shoes are a must, and I would recommend that you consider using shoes

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that are relatively trim on the sides like a walking shoe.

Since we stress the highest level of safety, we are requiring helmets for all DE events. The PCA will have a limited amount of helmets available, the track may have some to rent, and many of the other advanced participants will have spares. (For more safety equipment requirements, please refer to the LVRPCA website).

The morning session will alternate between classroom instruction and low speed exercises in a parking lot (believe it or not). Slowly you will be able to experience controlled maneuvers that will illustrate the abilities of your car and the driver! I will review each run and give you instant feedback on your exercise.

The afternoon session brings the classroom to the track. With an instructor on board or close at hand, you will follow a lead car through several laps on the track at less than freeway speeds. The idea is to show you the smoothest way around the track while emphasizing safety and technique. This is where the "look ahead" technique really comes into play.

By the end of the day you will be grouped with other beginners, rounding the track at a pretty decent but safe speed, practicing your skills, and getting continuous feedback from any number of our qualified PCA instructors. The goal of the day's activities is for you to discover what it feels like to be completely in control of your vehicle no matter what situation we put you in. We use the track and the surrounding areas as our "lab" and we use our many years of racing experience to teach.

If you - your husband - your wife - your son - or your daughter, pilot a vehicle to get from point A to point B, we would like to change the order of your alphabet and insert the letters D and E within your journey.

Questions? My e-mail: scott@Renegadehybrids.com or call 805-857-4001.

Please join us at our next DE event.

March 17th and 18th Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch - Pahrump

Pre-Registration: \$200 per day or \$350 for both Registration at the Track: \$225 per day or \$375 for both

Registration form in January Sandscript check the events section at www.lvrpca.com



Member Pictures





Toy Run 12/16/06









Alan Zack braves the rough Henderson winter to pose with his car!

Dr. Robert Mohan

Auto racing, bull fighting, and mountain climbing are the only real sports...all others are games.

- Ernest Hemingway

Sports are activities governed by rules or customs and often engaged in competitively. Used by itself, sports commonly refer to activities where the physical capabilities of the competitor are the sole or primary determiner of the outcome, but the term is also used to include activities such as motor sports, where equipment quality is a major factor. Competitiveness is part of human nature, so it's no surprise that motor sports began when the second automobile was built in 1894.

A month after its completion in 1948, Porsche 356 No. 1, the first Porsche of all, won its class in a street race in Innsbruck, Austria. In 1951, the Porsche 356 Aluminum Coupe achieved the first Le Mans class victory with impressing lap averages of 91 miles per hour. This marks the beginning of pure motor sports passion at Porsche. To date, Porsche lists more than 28,000 race victories in almost every motor sports series worldwide. In the process, *Porsche* has become synonymous with *sports car* and *motor sports*.

After too long a sojourn, the Las Vegas Region is embarking on its own return to motor sports. *Motor sports* means many things to many people, and there are a number of motor sports events sanctioned by the Porsche Club of America, including gymkhanas, rallies, autocrosses, time trials, and club races, to name a few. Like the cars we love to own and drive, the journey from where we are as a region to where we want to be is a complex one, with a lot of moving parts. So here's a breakdown of our very own *Porsche Sports* program:

Tech Sessions – Our first of a series on personal safety equipment and car preparation for beginners in sporting events will be hosted by Renegade Hybrids, on Saturday, February 10, 9:00-11:00 AM. A key topic will be helmets. We will have demonstrations of \$10 helmets (for \$10 heads) and more valuable helmets for more valuable heads. There will be more tech sessions as the year progresses. Stay tuned to the Sandscript and the LVR website for future announcements.

Group Buys – We recognize that Porsches are expensive and motor sports are expensive, so we're going to do what we can to reduce those costs for our members. Our first group buy for PCA-approved helmets will be managed by the great folks at Carl's Place. Sign-ups will begin at our first tech session where we will have helmets available for test-fitting. We will be organizing more group buys for safety equipment throughout the year, through the support of our Sandscript advertisers.

Drivers' Education – Before you can drive your car competitively, you must be able to drive it safely. So, the region is planning three driver's education (DE) weekends in 2007. The first one is March 17th and 18th at Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch in Pahrump, NV. Driver's Education is your opportunity to learn to drive your Porsche the way it was meant to be driven: on the track at the limits of performance. Further, DE provides that opportunity in a safe, legal, controlled, and fun environment, with classroom academics to prepare you and skilled instructors to mentor you. Every driver needs on-track DE with a qualified instructor before he or she can apply for a time trial or club race license. Watch the Sandscript and the LVR website for details on upcoming DE weekends.

Instructor Clinic – The foundation of a quality driver's education program is a cadre of quality instructors. LVR will host an instructor certification class on Friday, May 18th in conjunction with the season's second DE weekend at Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch in Pahrump, NV. The class will be taught by Chief Instructor Steve Tremper from PCA National. This course is by invitation only to LVR's current and potential new driving instructors. LVR's own Chief Instructor, Scott Mann, has a number of exciting initiatives under way to promote, develop, and maintain professionalism and quality of instruction within the region's instructor ranks, so stay tuned!

Time Trials – Through the support of the San Diego Region (SDR), we will be sponsoring two Zone 8 Time Trials at Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch in Pahrump, NV in June and September. Time trialing is the next step up from autocrossing and one step below club racing. Time trialing has all the excitement and technical challenge of on-track competition, without the "anxiety" of wheel-to-wheel action for those not quite ready for it yet. Time trial days do count toward club race license requirements, and LVR will be working with SDR to develop opportunities for DE with instruction during these weekends.

Club Race Committees – LVR has formed a club race planning committee, with a charter to plan a PCA club race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in the Spring of 2008. Yours truly has volunteered to chair the committee. The committee has six volunteer members already, but certainly welcomes more. As the event draws near, LVR will form a club race execution committee to manage the busy and exciting weekend of racing. To volunteer for either committee, contact me at robert.mohan@cox.net or call me at (702) 306-4338.

Club Race Licensing - PCA Club Racing was established around the guiding principle that racing is to be fun, safe, and clean. PCA ensures it remains that way as it grows with new racers by maintaining the most thorough licensing procedure in the world of motor sports. Every driver needs twelve (12) days of on-track DE with a qualified instructor within a 24-month period before he or she applies for a club race license. When applying for a PCA club racing license, each driver must present evidence of twelve (12) or more completed days of race track driving training and experience at DE events, time trials, race schools or equivalent events, along with a signed certification from his/her region's Chief Instructor. If you plan to apply for a competition license, contact the LVR Chief Instructor, so he can track your DE days for that all-important chief instructor certification letter. For those of you who attended LVR DE weekends in 2006, the Chief Instructor can assist you in providing the necessary documents to receive credit for those events.

Race Clinic – OK, so now you've got a few DE weekends under your belt; the Chief Instructor has signed you off to go solo; and maybe you've done a time trial or two, and the stopwatch says you know how to hustle a Porsche around the track faster than the average bear. But, is driving the line and being fast the same as driving in a crowd and being first? LVR is planning to conduct a

race clinic later this year in conjunction with a DE weekend, to give those drivers pursuing their club racing techniques and tactics specific to wheel-to-wheel racing. LVR will host this invitation-only event for club members who have signed up with the Chief Instructor for club race licensing, and club members who already hold PCA club racing licenses. Current licensed club racers are invited to this event to provide the students with a realistic wheel-to-wheel training environment, and to polish their own racing skills. Club members with past or current PCA club racing licenses, and who would like an invitation to the clinic, are encouraged to contact me at robert.mohan@cox.net or call me at (702) 306-4338.

Club Racing Team – There are already more than a dozen PCA-licensed club racers in the Las Vegas area; some active and some inactive. In addition, there are a number of drivers who could apply very soon for their PCA club race licenses. For this group of licensed racers (and we hope this group continues to grow), LVR is establishing a support network to improve communications; enabling racers to share resources, reduce costs, assemble enduro race driver teams, organize caravans to away races, etc. The LVR club race planning committee is organizing the region's participation in the club races at the California Speedway, Fontana in March and October; the Portland International Raceway, Portland in June; and the Miller Motorsports Park, Salt Lake City in September. LVR members with PCA club racing licenses, active or inactive, who would like to be on the club racer contact list are encouraged to contact me at robert.mohan@cox.net or call me at (702) 306-4338.

Las Vegas Club Race – This is it; what we've all been working towards. Club racing is the most exciting, most challenging, and fastest growing activity in the Porsche Club of America! Make no mistake; even though LVR is leading this effort, every PCA club race is a national event, controlled by a PCA National Steward, and fully supported by the hosting region's respective PCA Zone staff. By hosting a PCA club race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in the Spring of 2008, LVR will rejoin the ranks of the elite group of regions that host Porsche Sports events at world class race tracks.

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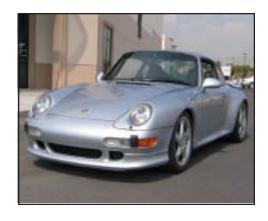
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For Sale: 2001 Silver 911 Turbo Coupe. Tiptronic auto trans, AWD, multi CD, premium sound, navigation system, parking sensors, full blue supple leather, aluminum package, never wrecked, never raced, all original, 25,000 actual miles. Excellent condition. 2007 Turbo arrives in March. Must sell \$73,995.00. **Contact Gene Stalians at 363-2314.**

Looking for something fun to do in March? Then join the Greene/Pasini No Frills Central Coast Tour.

Enjoy a 2 day, 3 night tour of the California Coast.

Day 1: Destination: Morrow Bay. Travel some beautiful roads and stop for wonderful meals along the way.

Day 2: Destination: Avila Beach and Hearst Castle.

Day 3: Destination: Hunter Liggett military facility and James Dean Memorial. Travel the Naciemiento/Fergusson Road with it's breathtaking views.

Leave 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 29 and arrive home on Saturday, March 31.

For more detailed information, including hotels and routes, check the events section of our website at www.lvrpca.com or contact Roger Greene at 450-7165/email rcgreene1@cox.net.

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