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Meetings

The Las Vegas Region Executive Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Please check the website for location and times. An informal breakfast meeting is held on the first Saturday of each month. Check the website at www.lvrpca.com for locations. The meetings are open to all members that wish to attend. General Membership meetings and changes to the meeting place will be posted on the website.

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Dan Anderson's 2006 Cayman S.
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From the Editor...

Well, summer is almost upon us. That means great weather and great fun!

I heard that everyone had a great time on the No Frills Tour. The beautiful scenery and luxurious accommodations made for a memorable trip. The annual Fire to Water Run was also a big success. Nothing beats a gorgeous drive and a gourmet meal. Please take advantage of our scheduled events, as they are a place to meet new people and enjoy a spectacular ride.

As always, I am looking to feature more members in the newsletter. I am looking for an Owner Spotlight for the July issue. Please contact me if you are interested. Also, I am looking for members to contribute articles. This month we feature Gail Koster's piece on the No Frills Tour. If you are blessed with the gift of the written word, please send your piece my way. If you have any tips, tricks, or hints send those my way as well.

Please be sure to sign up for the next DE event, March 19-20, at Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch in Pahrump. This event accommodates all levels of driving. You do not need to be a "pro" to attend. Please check the website at www.lvrpca.com for registration information. Be sure to register early!

As always, I hope to see everyone out and about enjoying themselves and their Porsches!

Robyn Gabe

Calendar of Events

May

- 5 Member Breakfast @ Giuseppe's
- 19-20 Las Vegas PCA and SCCA DE Event @ Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch
- 26-27 Gasoline Alley Car Show @ Cannery Hotel and Casino

Las Vegas Region



Calendar of Events

May

- 4 SAR Cinco De Mayo Welcome Party
- 5 SAR Concours
- 6 SAR Autocross
- 7 OCR Autocross
- 12 SBR Rally
- 19 GER Autocross
- 19-20 LVR Driver's Ed - Spring Mountain
- 20 GPX Concours
- 24-27 Fiesta del Porsche

June

- 3 OCR Concours
- 16-17 SDR Time Trial - Spring Mountain
- 28 SBR Charity Tour to the Parade

Zone 8

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President's Message

Tony Zito



Wow it's already May. Time truly does fly when you're having fun.

March and April were just a blur. March held our first Driver's Education (DE) of the year, and it was an overwhelming success. Perfect weather and a great turnout were the right ingredients for a super weekend, giving club members a chance to put their driving skills to good use. We even managed to get the group photos without any major delays (kudo's to our Chief Instructor Scott Mann and Mike La Putt of Trackday.net for pulling it off). The photos are loaded on our website (<http://www.lvrpca.com/gallery.html>) and available for viewing and downloading.

March also hosted 2007's first over-night "No-Frills" trip. Roger Greene and Ed Pasini led the fortunate group through California's stunning Central Coast and, based on the photos, they must have had one heck of a time.

April may have brought "Tax Day" but it also hosted the club's annual Fire to Water Run. Led by Deb Bieniek, this year's Fire to Water Run proved to be another amazing road trip. Braving an early start and overcast skies, 28 members and 15 cars gathered at the Speedway Truck-Stop. Everyone was anticipating an adventure filled day. The group was rewarded for their efforts as the clouds broke and sunny skies welcomed them at the entrance to the Valley of Fire. Twisting roads and spirited driving guided the pack through the National Park and along the edge of Lake Mead. The trip ended at Lake Las Vegas with a delightful lunch at Luna Rossa.

That brings us to May. This month the club is back at Spring Mountain for our second track event of the year. If you still haven't made it out to Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch, here is your chance. Worried that you're not Richard Petty or Mario Andretti? You don't need to be. Our club DE's are just that, Driver's Education. We are not NASCAR and we do not trade paint. During our DE events we offer instructor lead exercises designed for beginners to help you get the most out of your car both on and off the track. We separate drivers into different groups based on driving skills, that way everyone can feel comfortable and focus on having fun.

Photos courtesy of Tony Zito.



Club Photo at Spring Mountain Motorsports.



Taking in the view on the "No Frills" tour.



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Roger and Ed's Excellent Adventure

Gail Koster

I will preface this story by stating my very obvious prejudice. I was born and raised at sea level. While I love the ocean and all things connected with it (well, maybe not sharks !) I am not a fan of steep, winding roads that hug the walls of mountains and have no guard rails. Having confessed this, I must tell you that I have to take the word of Roger and some of our fellow travelers that the scenery was beautiful. It is pretty hard to evaluate with your eyes closed.

Our adventure began on Thursday March 29 under the very watchful eyes of our tour guide and scout Ed Pasini. There were 8 cars in our little caravan. A mix of Porsches and other cars. We were joined by two couples from the Mercedes club and by the end of the trip at least one of them was considering buying a *REAL* car.

We had a leisurely breakfast at Peggy Sue's diner on 115 about 2 hours outside of Vegas and then headed to Keene, California. With great anticipation we arrived at the Tehachapi Loop to see an engineering marvel, built in 1870, that allows trains to traverse the mountains by making a 360 degree circle and passing themselves. The weather was clear and the grass and trees were a delightful change from the landscape of Vegas but the trains did not cooperate. We did see a train coming up the mountain while we were heading down, old Murphy was reinforcing his law! Our destination on Day 1 was Morro Bay where we stayed at a motel that over looked the water and had dinner in a lovely restaurant where we were able to watch the sunset.

Friday morning the group split up and we were able to personalize our itinerary for the day. A few of us went to Hearst Castle while the rest

of the group explored one of those wonderful scenic California roads. Most of us did get to see the seals at Peidras Blancas and enjoy shopping and dining in the lovely town of Cambria. We ended the day sipping wine outside our rooms at the Ragged Point Inn taking in a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean.

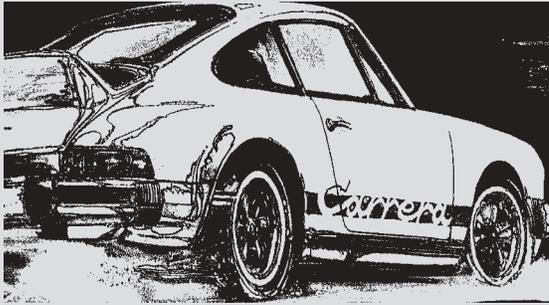
Saturday morning we were up with the chickens to meet in the dining room where Ed had arranged a very nice buffet breakfast which we ate quickly so we could be on the road by 8:15. We traveled north on Rt 1 before turning east onto Nacimiento-Fergusson Rd to cross the mountains. While on this road we drove through Fort Hunter Liggett, an active military post. The base is on land that belonged to the Hearst family at one time so we were able to see the Hearst hunting lodge and use the facilities before heading out on the final leg of our journey. We drove thru the Paso Robles wine country where our scout managed to get us lost but we were soon on the right path again. Was it really a defective GPS !?!?!? Our final stop before heading back to Vegas was Jack's Ranch which is adjacent to the James Dean memorial and has many pieces of memorabilia which talk about the accident that ended his life at 24 years old.

We covered almost 1,000 miles in three days, saw some magnificent sights and had a wonderful time. New friendships were forged and old ones were strengthened and we look forward to the next big adventure. Special thanks to Ed Pasini and Roger Greene for the great itinerary and all their hard work.

See some of Gail's pictures on page 13.

**Welcome
New and Transferred Members!**

Salomon Braun	1999	911
Edward DiRocco	2007	911
Nicolas Hunziker	1968	911
Jake Hyytia	2001	Boxster S
Russell Kolber	1983	911 SC
Arnold Sapiter	1985	944
Bev Armitage	1995	



Total Number of Primary Members: 287

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Owner Spotlight

Dan Anderson

Randy Gabe

Featured this month is a fantastic 2006 Cayman S owned by PCA member Dan Anderson. In October, 2006, Dan received his car as a gift from his wife Ginger. It was wrapped in a big red bow and boy was he surprised. Earlier Dan and Ginger had been looking at a Cayenne as a possible replacement for Ginger's BMW X5. While at the dealership, the Cayman caught Dan's eye. After a quick test drive he was hooked.

Ginger selected a Basalt Black Metallic model with black leather interior. The 3.4 liter six-cylinder produces 295 hp and 251 ft/lbs of torque. The engine of this Cayman S is mated to a six speed manual transmission. This combination propels the Cayman S to sixty miles per hour in 5.1 seconds on its way to a top track speed of 171 mph.

This is Dan's first Porsche. Before this car, his fun vehicles were exclusively BMWs. When asked what he liked most about the Cayman he replied, "It's simply a joy to drive." And drive it he does. Since October, 2006, he has racked up over 9,000 miles. The car is his daily driver and it frequently makes weekend trips to Lake Havasu and other fun getaway locations. In February, Dan joined other club members for the Death Valley tour. He had a lot of fun following some of the more "sporting" drivers as they carved through the various turns on the route.

When asked about the future, Dan mentioned that he was thinking about purchasing an older 911 to use as a daily driver and preserving the Cayman for pleasure cruising. This is further proof that Porsche ownership can be addictive. Dan's son Stephen turns 16 on May 31 – I'm sure he thinks a second Porsche is a great idea as well.

Dan wanted to thank his wife Ginger for such a thoughtful gift. Maybe Porsche should change it's tag line to "The gift that keeps on giving."



Photos Courtesy of Dan Anderson.

A Good Time Was Had By All

Roger Greene and Ed Pasini

Boy, did ya'll blow it by not participating in the No Frills Tour of California's Central Coast. Twelve brave and fearless Porsche Club members and 4 Mercedes Benz Club members left chilly Las Vegas at the crack of dawn on Thursday, March 29. After a robust breakfast of biscuits and gravy, omelets, bacon, sausage, juice and tons of coffee at Peggy Sue's in Yermo, off we went to watch the trains circle themselves at the world famous Tehachapi Loop. Pasini PROMISED that trains went by every 10-12 minutes.

Now after 3 cups of coffee, Grand Wizard Pasini and Pooba Greene decided to stop at the rest area at Boron. It of course was closed. So, on to Tehachapi looking for the first gas station we could find. In the nick of time we made it. On to the Loop. One Mercedes was left at the gas station to catch up later, a brand new S550.

Well, Carol and I have stood beside the road overlooking the Loop twice for a total of at least 4 hours (well, maybe 45minutes anyway) and no trains. Of course with Murphy at the wheel as we descend off the Loop here comes a train. I pulled over and consulted with Charlie and Gail Koster. We agreed that trying to turn around 8 cars to return to the Loop was going to be like herding cats and just as we got there the train would be leaving the Loop.

So, off to Ollie's in Taft, a real life drive in with car hops. After a gourmet lunch of fast food, but great company and conversation, we headed off for Alex Trebek's stud farm. (Easy ladies, this is for thorough bred horses.) Now to get there we were forced to take a great windy road. I convinced Carol to ride with the Koster's so I could enjoy the road. I did! After seeing the Stud Farm we moseyed on over to Morro Bay for our first night's

stop. Our timing was perfect. We arrived at 5:05 PM and the shops closed at 5. A fabulous dinner was devoured by all at the Windows on the Water restaurant. At dinner we learned that one of the MB's was a diesel. The owner, Salomon Braun, said he gets 600 miles to the tank around town and hoped to get 750 on this trip!!!!

The next morning the Koster's and Brauns headed off to Hearst Castle while the rest of us "found" a real "interesting" shortcut to Avila Beach for breakfast, See-Prefumo Canyon Road. Carol rode with me on this one as I promised to go slower than I wanted to, but a tad faster than she would have liked. Two things slowed us down. The first? As I rounded a curve a car was coming at us in our lane!!! Fortunately, I was driving at my usual very conservative pace...or was it because the GT-3 has remarkable brakes? The second? As we rounded a sharp uphill right hander we found several cows in the middle of the road. Now these must be some of those contented California cows we hear so much about, because they graciously meandered off to the side of the road so we could amble through. The view from this road was superb as we could see Morro Rock and miles up the coast.

Breakfast at the Custom House in Avila Beach was great. Did you all know John Burrows likes biscuits and gravy for breakfast? Carol and I had oatmeal!!!! One unique thing about the Custom House are the hand dryers in the bathrooms. They apparently went to the Navy surplus store and got used F-14 Tomcat jet engine starters. These babies can skin a goat; they are so loud and furious. They must put out 12 million cubic feet of air per minute. While some of us wandered around Pismo Beach, Ed Pasini heads back to Avila Beach and goes up to the door of a house for sale. He

explains to the owner how he has come save him from Al Gore's global warming disaster of the seas raising 23 feet, 4 and ¾ inches. Ed offers to take the house off the guy's hands for \$100,000 even though the asking price was \$550,000. The owner waved good bye with only a single digit.

Now it is off to Cambria and Ragged Point. By now it is just the Burrows, the Bussians and Carol and I. We have plenty of time so we take another "short cut" on a couple of winding roads. The first half was wonderful but the second half was another story. I had driven this route last year during the No Frills Iron Bottom Motoring Tour in Ed's 356 and had a great time. Unfortunately, Mother Nature raised havoc with the condition of the pavement and by poor old GT-3 bottomed out something awful several times, even though we were traveling at my usual sedate pace. Or maybe the 356 has more ground clearance than my GT-3? Bussian commented he had no trouble with the Cayenne. Duh. Must just be me.

Carol and I met a college roommate and his wife for lunch and gossiped and caught up with each other. Wonderful time. Oh yes, I graduated from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, about 12 miles from Morro Bay.

To say that Ragged Point Inn is "just" romantic is a dramatic understatement. Our rooms overlooked the Pacific Ocean for miles and miles. Fortunately, one of the group was thinking. The Kusters just happened to have a few snacks and libation which they graciously shared with others. Note to self: do not ever do another tour without planning cocktails and snacks. As Ed points out this then becomes a One Frill tour.

Saturday morning was foggy and damp. After a breakfast buffet, most of the folks headed North up Rte 1 to Nacimiento-Fergusson Road. This road goes from Rte 1 over the mountains to Hunter Liggett military reservation. It is a spectacular

drive to say the least. Then lunch at Jack's Ranch and a visit to the James Dean Memorial.

Carol's sister and husband had come down on Friday and joined our group. We stayed over, toured Hearst Castle, ate more great fish and came home on Sunday.

By the way, Salomon only got 720 miles out of his tank of diesel. However, the good news is he and his lovely wife, Jackie, were so enamored with our Porsches that they are seriously considering buying one.

Now, Carol and I were not sure how pleasant a 3 night, 2 day 1064 mile trip would be in the stiffly sprung GT-3 with racing seats. Well, we did get bunnitis after about 2 hours of driving, so we stopped, relaxed a bit and all was well. We got 23.5 MPG despite flogging the car for a mile or two. And after checking under the car when we got home, did no damage to the machine in the bottoming out incident.

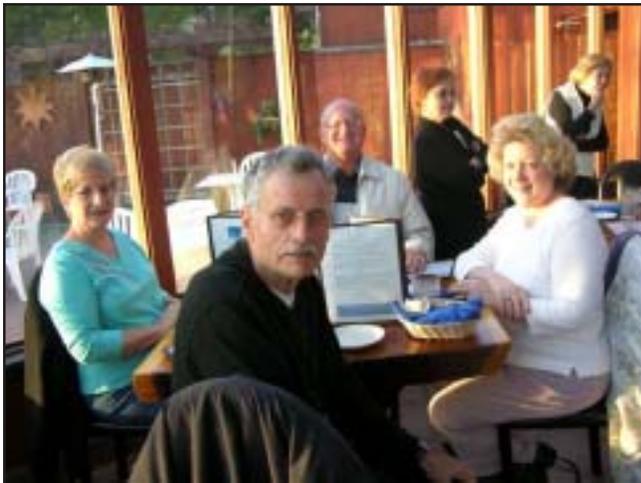
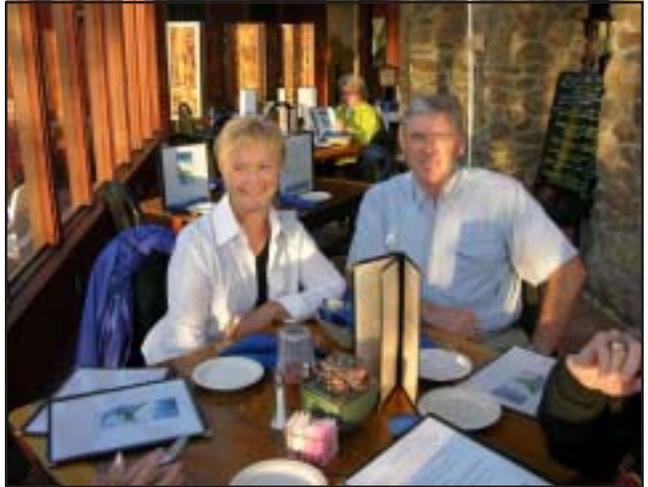
Every single participant wished that they could have stayed longer. The weather was perfect, the company fantastic, the food fabulous and the California coast was stunning.

A great time was had by all.



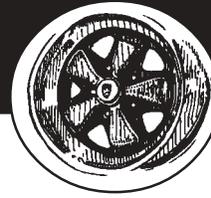
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Member Pictures - No Frills Tour



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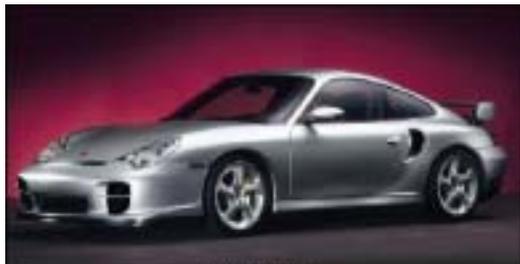
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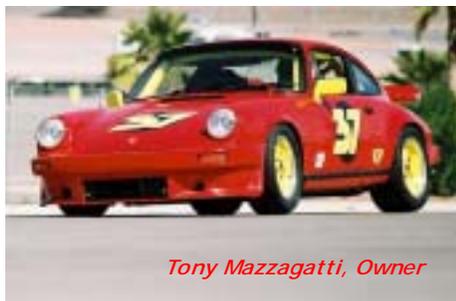
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