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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 generally 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.

On The Cover:

Randy Gabe's 911 Carerra. Photo courtesy of trackday.net.





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From the Editor...

Everyone really enjoyed our DE event at the beginning of the month. If you have not yet had the opportunity to cruise out to Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch and let your car loose on the track, you should plan to do so. Beginners and pros alike enjoy the instruction and driving time.

Please be sure to read our section dedicated to Carl Young - page 12. As a founder of our club, his influence still lives on. Take time to read some of the stories submitted by his close friends.

If you have any pictures from any recent events - Furnace Creek Inn, the DE event, or any other event - please submit them to me. I did not receive enough pictures for a Member Picture page this issue, but I will continue to do so in the next issue. Also, we always have a classified section, so if you have a car you need to dust off and sell, please let me know. Classified ads run for free for three months.

Please come out and see us at any of our upcoming events. We'd love to see you!

Robyn Gabe

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March

28-30 Cars & Coffee & Euro Sunday in Southern California

April

20 Long Beach Grand Prix

May

2-4 LVR PCA Club Race
 24-25 Gasoline Alley's 9th Annual
 Birthday Bash @ The Cannery
 Casino and Hotel

Calendar of Events

Zone 8

11 53rd Porsche Parade Registration Begins

16 OCR Autocross

April

March

4-6 Speed Festiveal - Club Race and Time Trial

5 RR Speed Festival - Concours

12 SBR Rally School

18-19 Porsche Platz @ Long Beach Grand Prix

18-20 Long Beach Grand Prix

19 SBR Autocross School

20 SBR Autocross

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Tony Zito



The Fun has Begun!!

Let me start out by saying that those of you who had planned on joining us for the Sunday Brunch at Furnace

Creek in Death Valley, but changed your mind because you thought the weather wasn't going to cooperate, you missed out big time. As the group gathered around for our pre-drive briefing, a quick head count confirmed that 47 out of the rsvp'd 72 braved the dark clouds. And those brave 47 were rewarded. After the short 10 minute drive over the Spring Mountains, the dark clouds gave way to bright blue skies and warm sunshine. As my odometer clicked aways the miles, my car's outside thermometer clicked away the degrees - 58, 59, 60, all the way to 73.

The first planned stop was in Shoshone, California to re-gather the group and top off the gas tanks. This was on of the fastest mid-drive stops, I have ever experienced. One moment the parking lot was full of cars and I was buying lotto tickets, and the next, I found myself alone, having to run back to my car as the group started out without me. Thank God I own a Turbo!!

The drive through Death Valley was nothing short of amazing; seemingly we had the roads to ourselves, passing no more than a half dozen cars along the way. The group stopped at the lowest point in North America (223 feet below sea-level) so that we could stretch our legs and share our excitement with others. Our final "detour" before reaching Furnace Creek, was a scenic loop named "Artist Drive". This one-way, meandering ribbon of blacktop though Death Valley's red landscape can only be described as the cherry on top of the perfect sundae. The entire trip could have been based on driving this little loop to the middle of nowhere and not one person would have complained or felt cheated. Upon our arrival, the Furnace Creek Inn

staff welcomed our group with smiles, great service, and delicious food.

Now for those of you who were busy or just frightened away by the weather April is going to provide you a chance to redeem yourself. Saturday April 26th is the third annual Fire to Water Run. This year is extra special as our region is playing host to the Orange County Region as they come to our city for a weekend get away. So make sure to plan on being part of the fun.

March saw the Member's Breakfast at the beautiful Rio Seco Golf Course, and Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch hosted our first Driver's Education event of the year.

The Club's calendar is filling up with all kinds of activities so make sure you check it often and come out and join in the fun (www.lvrpca.com for details).



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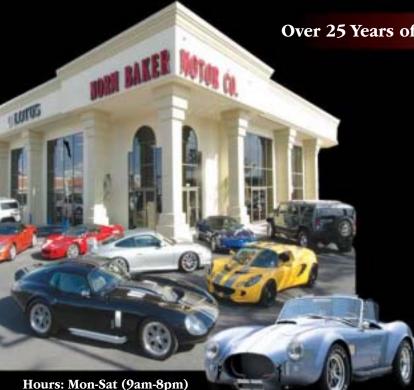
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Randy Gabe

Our March Owner Spotlight is yours truly and my 1987 911 Carrera. I purchased the car in August 2006 based on a classified ad posted on www.PelicanParts.com. The seller was located in Sacramento, CA, and my plan was to fly out there, inspect the car and drive it back. I crawled under the car looking for any signs of past damage and rust, I lifted up the carpet, inspected the engine and transmission, and ultimately drove the car around the block a few times. Everything checked out as advertised. It was an all-original 911 with 122,000 miles on the clock. Aside from nearly passing out from the stifling heat that turned the inland empire a crispy shade of brown, I drove the car from Sacramento to Las Vegas without incident.

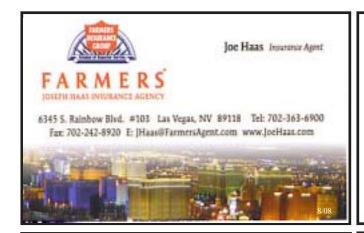
From that point on, the car and I had a rocky relationship. Like most enthusiasts who buy a 20 year-old car, I made a list of things that needed to be done in the interest of maintenance and safety. One reason I like the early cars, is that I can tinker with the car myself. If you are patient and have the right tools, a doit-yourselfer can do many projects at home in the garage. I changed all the rubber brake lines, installed Turbo tie-rod ends, replaced the stock ignition wires, cap and rotor, installed new shocks/struts, installed new front wheel bearings, changed the belt and replaced a number of miscellaneous items. Things went down hill when I rebuilt the front brake calipers. In a classic bone-head move, I allowed the master cylinder to go empty while I was bleeding the brake system. After that, no matter what I did, I could not get the rear brakes to function properly. Since there was a Drivers Education (DE) event the following weekend, I took the car to Carl's Place so they could sort out the problem. After a lot of troubleshooting by Porsche guru Gary Stanton, the master cylinder was replaced and the rear brakes were working again.

At that March 2007 DE, I made it around the track two and a half laps before the stock rubber-centered clutch gave up on turn one. I limped the car back to Las Vegas, without using the clutch, and set out to drop the engine and make the necessary repairs. To make a long story short, let's just say there were a number of things that were uncovered once the engine was out. Just over nine months later the car was back on its wheels and moving under its own power. Almost exactly one year to the day, I had the car out at the March 2008 DE. I'm very happy to report that the car performed perfectly. Since getting everything sorted out, my 911 has been completely reliable and now runs like a champ. I look forward to the "fun" projects like new sway bars, camber brace, larger torsion bars.....the list is never ending.





Photos courtesy of Randy Gabe.





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In Memory of Carl Young









Carl Young was one of the founding members of the Las Vegas Region Porsche Club of America. His contribution to our club was invaluable.

Below are some fond memories from his friends.

I was really sad today to learn about Carl's passing. He always held a special Porsche Parking Spot in my heart. Carl was my first POC instructor at Riverside Raceway. Before we went out on course, he quizzed me on my Porsche experience. He drove me around a couple of laps, pointing out apexes, hand position, throttle, etc all in a nice calm manner. He turned the car over to me and cinched his belts up tight as I took to the track.

We did a couple of laps, and he told me to go to the pit lane. "You know, you are showing decent car control, nice speed off the corners, but why are you staying to the right side of the track?!" I replied "Uh... I guess it's from my experience driving on the street?" His reply was short and to the point. "Well, you paid for the whole track. USE IT!"

The years went by and Carl and I were always on the same wavelength when it came time to race Porsches. Whether it was the POC events in Las Vegas (where he was the event master ohhh so many times - and his Air Force background kept us all in check), Silver State Races (where he helped run and enter), or the races in Mexico. His enthusiasm and style are so memorable

Carl is a true original and the Porsche community and the world are worse off without him.

Dave Bouzaglou

"I don't know if there was or is A Worlds Greatest Fighter Pilot, but Carl was right up there with the best of them. So take your last flight in peace, old stick buddy, and may your spirit live on forever."

Don Emigholz

Carl's Place in the beginning.



Here I am lapping the Pahrump track during a DE in the afternoon in my high fa'lootn '01 Turbo feeling that I had really improved since the morning session and was beginning to get things "right." About this time a Mini-Cooper begins to appear in my mirror and, inexplicably, it kept getting closer. Damn! Then I realized that it was Carl behind the wheel. This after his accident that left his left arm relatively useless from a driving perspective. So, not only was he beating me in a car that had vastly less horsepower (and presumably everything else "less" than what makes a Porsche a Porsche), he was also for all intents and purposes driving with one hand! Being a good DE driver, I "let him pass" (I say that to salve my ego) only to see him drive off in relatively short order out of my view.

This, too me, characterizes Carl about as well as I can say it: an improbable real-life character covered with some pretty crusty and rough elements to him (did I mention the ever present Coors beer and cigarette and a conversational style not shy of punctuating a point with a cuss word or two?) but who unequvicably loved Porsches and seemingly, others who did as well.

I feel privileged to have known him, wish I could be more like him in many (but maybe not all) ways, and will miss him dearly. It will be impossible for me to ever seperate the Las Vegas Region of the PCA and Carl Young. My heart goes out to his family and loved ones who cared and will miss him more than I.

Dean Macomber

When I received the call about Carl Young's passing, my immediate thoughts were for his family and how sad a time this is for them. For me personally it's difficult to be sad because I've had many great conversations with Carl, some of them not more than two sentences.

I tried to think of the many stories that best summed up Carl; from the first time I encountered him, when he was artfully informing a mechanic that perhaps he wasn't the most appropriate person to answer a less than well thought out question, to which the answer should have been obvious, or years later at a PCA track event when I left a pass a touch late. Upon my return to the pits he stopped by the car to inquire as to the exact cause and nature of my transgression. I simply replied that it was rather difficult to make out the passing zone markers with my face shield snagged on the back pocket of my driving suit and that I'd get a pry bar out of the truck and remedy the problem. Carl simply walked away, perhaps taken aback by my total honesty.

However amusing all the various stories are, for me there is one that speaks of the true impact Carl had on the world. Circa 1992 we were helping a friend with a Gumball style rally. Carl along with some other PCA members had entered the event. Midway through the first day, just off I-15 at the Overton turnoff, one of the Porsche entries had a minor issue which unfortunately required a tow back to Vegas. Naturally several of us stopped to check on the car, so it wasn't long before the small gathering attracted the attention of La Policia. After maybe 10 minutes a Highway Patrol car pulled up, the trooper checked to make sure everything was okay and then a brief but friendly interrogation ensued.

"This morning there was some guy blasting up the Mormon Mesa on I-15. He must have been going 170 mph. He isn't with your bunch by any chance?"

Naturally we were as forthcoming as possible, and completely denied all knowledge of who could possibly engage in that sort of behavior.

The trooper simply pointed at his patrol car and said "Well there was no way I was going to catch em in the old grocery getter and by the time I could have radioed it in he'd be long gone"

On the surface this doesn't seem like much of a legacy but upon deeper thought it occurred to me that some 25 years after the incident the trooper's grandson will be sitting around with some friends talking about all the great stories his Grandpa told.

"There was this one time some madman was driving his Porsche, 170 maybe 200 mph across the desert, he was so fast ole gramps gave up then and there"

Such was Carl's influence that even people who'd never even met him have great stories to tell.

Tom Grossman



Carl's practical jokes were legendary. In 1999, Carl surprised Matt Cooper with the "Prize Patrol." Matt returned the favor by "selling" Carl's Turbo in the Panorama for a bargain price. To add insult to injury, Matt distributed it to the Airmen at Nellis Air Force Base.



Carl at the LVRPCA 25th Anniversary Party.

Dr. Ferry Porsche once said: "Life itself is a race, marked by a start and a finish. It is what we learn during the race and how we apply it that determines whether our participation has had particular value." Carl lived the race and made his mark on everything and everyone he touched from start to finish. Carl lived his life the way he wanted and enjoyed it to the upmost. Along the way, he touched many of us and brought friendship and value to our lives

Carl possessed the quality of a 100% sportsman. He accepted victory without a sneer or a strut, and defeat (which was seldom) without a whimper. He also loved to see others win and would often be the first to congratulate them.

Carl was the first person we met in the Porsche Club. He welcomed us and encouraged us to become active. Carl thought if you owned a Porsche, you had to be active with the club. He was the ultimate Porsche fanatic. Carl not only became a Porsche buddy but a true friend. While Carl never failed to point out your shortcomings, he also always was quick to point out your abilities. Sometimes he saw a lot more talent and capabilities in us than we saw in ourselves. He always expected you to achieve more than you thought possible and would push, help and encourage you do that. Defeat wasn't a word Carl knew or would allow his friends to know. He truly felt that you could achieve anything you put your mind to. All it took was determination and hard work.

We will miss you Carl. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. You filled our lives with friendship for 30+ years. We will never again see a can of Coors, eat Chili Verde, watch a Super Bowl, see a race, or hear a Porsche engine revving up without thinking of Carl. Carl, you were truly one in a million. During our life time, many people will walk in and out of our lives, but only true friends leave with a big piece of our heart and you our friend have done that.

John and Nita Burrows

What's in a Logo?

The Scene: Las Vegas Region PCA Meeting

The Time: Around 1999

Primary Subjects: A new computer to facilitate the production of "Sandscript." A new logo for the region.

Discussion: "What the hell is wrong with the current logo?" Answer: "It's old and doesn't depict the current 911 model." Rejoinder: "@#&%! It depicts the 356, the model most of us were driving when the club was founded. Damn it, I designed that logo and the club adopted it. That should be the end of the discussion."

Well club meetings being what they are, the discussion went on for the better part of an hour. Finally this old guy with a can of Coors wrapped in a Coke label asked, "How much will the new computer cost.?" Upon hearing the answer he said, "OK, I'll buy the computer for the club if the Board will approve use of the existing logo in perpetuity."

Motion made, seconded, carried unanimously.

That's my favorite recollection of Carl Young. His defense of his logo showing a 356, with leather hood tie down straps, and a pair of rolling dice with the numbers 3, 5 and 6 prominent. It says, at a glance, that we are a region with roots that go back to the first commercially sold Porsche, from a town where people remember the past and are willing to roll the dice on the future.

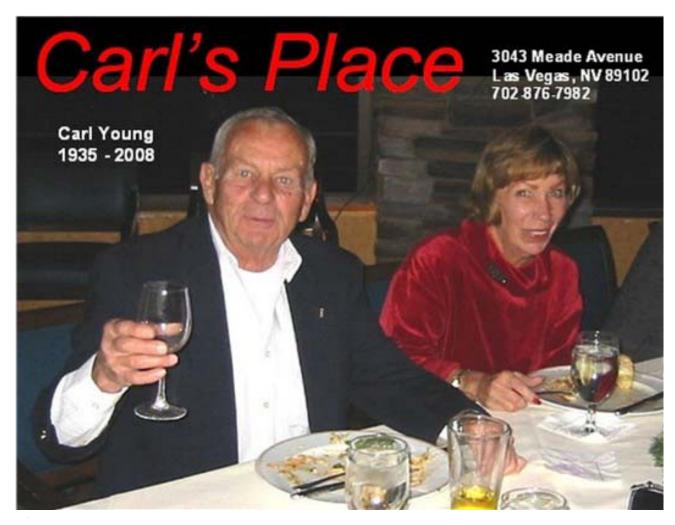
As a salute to Carl his logo should always appear on our name tags, our shirts in the "Sandscript" and on our web site. As Carl would say, "That ends the discussion, now let's go have a beer."

Ed Pasini

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