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Meetings

The Las Vegas Region Executive Board meets monthly on the first Wednesday after the member breakfast. 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.

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Ed Zub's 1991 911 Cabriolet.
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From the Editor...

The weather is getting warmer and it's time to experience some of those beautiful springtime drives. As I write this, I am looking forward to driving in the Annual Fire to Water Run. I know I don't get out much, but I am really looking forward to the wonderful weather, beautiful drive, and delicious lunch. I look forward to seeing those members that I don't see that often!

It is with regret that my last issue as Sandscript Editor will be the May issue. I have sometimes found it difficult to balance work, children, and the newsletter and I would really like to have a little more time for myself and my family. I have really enjoyed putting the newsletter together and am so appreciative of all of the people who helped - believe me there were a lot! Thank you to everyone who has sent me articles, pictures, calendars, and classifieds. There is no way that I could have put everything together without you. You have been a great help!

Also, I'd just like to thank Tony Zito for doing such a good job as president. Tony has a great enthusiasm for the club and he works very, very hard to make sure the club runs smoothly and that it has a lot to offer it's members. Thanks Tony!

Robyn Gabe

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April

- 16 Presentaion @ Gaudin Porsche
- 18-20 Long Beach Grand Prix
- 20 Free Car Show/Display @
Mountain's Edge
- 26 Third Annual Fire to Water Run

May

- 2-4 LVRPCA Club Race @ Las Vegas
Motor Speedway
- 24-25 Gasoline Alley's Ninth Annual
Birthday Bash @ The Cannery
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Calendar of Events

Zone 8

May

- 2 SAR Cinco De Mayo Welcome Party
- 2-4 LVR Club Race @ Las Vegas Motor
Speedway
- 2-4 LVR Lapping Days DE @ Las Vegas
Motor Speedway
- 2-4 LVR Las Vegas Motor Speedway Club
Race
- 3 SAR Concours
- 4 SAR Autocross
- 10 SDR Autocross Qualcomm West Lot
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- 17 GER Autocross
- 17 GPX Concours
- 18 SDR Golf Outing @ Bernardo Heights
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President's Message

Tony Zito



The Las Vegas Region is heating up !!

Wow... It's already April and three months of 2008 are already in the books.

Before I begin, and with the fear of missing someone, I want to extend a Special Thanks to all those who help to put our events together and keep the rest of us busy having fun.

Deb Bieniek who finds the time to plan wine dinners, evening socials and drives, while filling in as both Past President and Membership Chair. Scott Mann, our Chief Driving Instructor for his never ending commitment to make our Driver's Education Events the Best on the West Coast. Tony Mazzagatti who is willing to take on any task, no matter what it is. Robyn Gabe, our Sandscript Editor, who rarely gets to participate in the fun but quietly makes sure we have a newsletter every month. Jeff Wenger, our award winning Webmaster, who is never in a photo because he's the guy taking the photo. Ed Pasini who should be called "Mr. Rand McNally," because no one knows better driving roads then Ed. And, Paul and Jessie Broadway who ensure we are safe while we play out at the track.

Honestly, I could keep going on and on because so many people lend a hand to keeping us going and having fun. Like all of our instructors, who bravely get into our cars and calmly explain to us that jamming on the brakes in the middle of a high speed turn is probably a bad idea.

All of you, THANK YOU for making my job so easy and enjoyable!!

March was a great month with lots of activities and April and May will be even better.

April 16th LVRPCA and Gaudin are teaming up for a Product Knowledge Presentation. This will be the first in a series of activities that the club will do in conjunction with Gaudin. It is my hope that we can move to re-establish a mutually beneficial relationship between the dealership and the club. So the next time you find yourself at the dealer be sure to identify yourself as a LVRPCA member.

If it's not already on your calendar make sure to mark Saturday April 26th as a club day. It is the date of our third annual Fire to Water Run. The last two years have been simply amazing, with over 40 cars coming out and joining in the fun. This year we are playing host to the Orange County Region as they come to our city for a weekend get away so come out and join in.

The beginning of May (2nd, 3rd and 4th) holds one of the biggest events we have planned in a long time. It is our PCA Club Race. Not to be confused with a Lapping Day or Driver's Education event, a Club Race is a true wheel to wheel competition where club racers from all over the country come together and show what our beloved Porsches are capable of in the hands professionals. Make sure you plan on coming out to support the racers, the sponsors, and our club.

The end of May (dates to follow) will have the club on the road again for a weekend getaway to Mammoth Lakes, CA. We did this trip last year and it was so much fun that everyone who participated agreed we should do it again this year.

Looking ahead, LVRPCA members Scott and Jennifer Fritz have offered to host a 4th of July party at their spectacular home. Those members that attended the 2007 Holiday party can vouch for what a treat it is to be invited back for another party. So plan on attending. Thanks Scott and Jennifer !!

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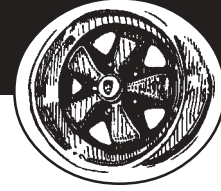
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Owner Spotlight

Ed Zub

Randy Gabe

The Porsche featured this month is special to me for three important reasons. It belongs to PCA member Ed Zub who happens to be my stepfather, it is the first Porsche I ever drove, and it's in perfect condition with only 34,000 miles on the clock. Ed is the second owner of this blue 1991 cabriolet. He purchased the car around 1997 from one of his close friends. This was an executive car, equipped with polished wheels, tiptronic transmission, light gray leather interior and color matching top. For several years it was driven to and from the office a few times a week with a ½ mile commute each way.

After Ed bought the car, he was kind enough to lend it to his stepson to take his girlfriend (now wife) out on a date. I thought I had gone to heaven. Up to that point I had only driven muscle cars and my sole measure of performance was how much rubber I could lay down. I quickly learned that carving up corners was much more rewarding than leaving black stripes on the pavement (though that's fun too). It was simply astonishing how well the car handled, stopped, and cruised at triple-digit speeds. This also marked the first of many times over the last twelve years that my wife has reminded me to slow down. I had always liked Porsches before, and now I was absolutely hooked. Several years later I sold my 1965 Mustang and purchased a 1986 911 Targa.

Ed and I joined PCA at the same time and we were looking forward to attending club activities together. Sadly, not long after his 56th birthday he suffered a serious heart

attack which left him completely disabled. These days the car mostly sits in the garage with the battery tender plugged in. Despite long periods of inactivity, when called upon it's always a willing playmate. Aside from a broken distributor belt and a few broken cables in the power top, the car has never had a problem. There is a good chance I will drive this car on April 26 for the Fire to Water run. It will be a great opportunity to blow out some of the cobwebs. I hope to see you there!






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Robyn Gabe



Member Pictures - Cars and Coffee Tour



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Silly Boys! Fast Cars Are For Girls Too!

Dana Crane

About a month ago, my very good friend invited me to attend the PCA Drivers Education training course at Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch in Pahrump. I was apprehensive to say the least, but decided to go anyway. It was an opportunity I wasn't sure I would ever see again. So, onward I went. I acquired a helmet, "SA 2000 or better," rounded up my courage, and jumped in headfirst. Its okay, I was wearing the helmet!

As we headed out to the track, racecar in tow, my excitement mounted. The drive from Las Vegas to Pahrump seemed to fly by, and in no time we were entering the gates to the track. I took a moment and perused the assortment of people and their vehicles that were in attendance. One of the first things I noted was the lack of females in attendance and then I realized that I was one of only two women drivers. I was also the only female driver that did not have any experience driving in more than just commuter traffic.

Now the pressure was on. I was in a man's world with my ego to keep intact. Cars, racetracks, barbeque, and testosterone would be my company for the next two days. Although it was a PCA event, there were plenty of people with vehicles other than the illustrious Porsche. Cars of many makes and models were represented: Alfa Romeo, Chevy, Ford, Nissan, and BMW all with the same goal. Driving fast!

Before we could sport our helmets and start the engines, we had to take care of important matters; an introductory drivers meeting and then classroom driving instruction. We were given explanations of safety, flag meanings, vehicle handling and track layout. Now we could go on the track, right? Wrong! Off to avoidance maneuvering and braking, and the skid pad. For

me the skid pad was the most nerve-wracking portion of the weekend. For some reason, spinning out in that confined area had me very nervous.

All right ... now we get to fire up the engines and drive on the track! As a student driver, we were assigned an instructor who would guide us through the course, explain how to handle turns on the track, and drive the fastest and safest line. Lucky for me, I have a pretty close connection with the Chief Driving Instructor, Scott Mann, and was given the opportunity to have him instruct me. (Was that a test on the nerves? Talk about intimidating!) But, Scott was very patient and understanding, and he gave me great direction and input on how to improve my driving, and maneuvering skills. He also allowed me to make mistakes and corrections on my own. Scott's positive attitude and constructive criticism helped me to improve at every session, and on every lap. Soon, I was not only feeling more comfortable, but I was driving a lot faster as well.

By midday, I was really starting to get comfortable with the car and with my improving abilities. Then I attempted my first downshift using the "heel-toe" technique Scott had shown me prior to our visit to the track. Did I mention what a brave man he is? My attempt did not go quite as intended and the back end swung to the left. Although I was able to keep the car on the blacktop, this incident reminded me of the importance of listening to your instructor, your car, and most importantly, your instincts. So, my Saturday ended with a somewhat frightening, but adrenaline pumping, event.

Sunday dawned with the anticipation of another day on the track. I was so excited. I could barely sleep the night before! I just wanted to drive again! So, after a refresher driver's meeting,

we took to the cars for another fun day.

I was told that it is important to drive with different instructors, so I was assigned to a new instructor, Brad Zucuroff. Brad pointed out some things that I could improve on, and reinforced the ones I had already learned. Again ... another instructor, with a positive attitude, and encouragement at every turn, to guide me. (No pun intended!)

My next session was coming up and I was told that Tony Mazaggatti was going to be my instructor. Now I was intimidated! I had heard about Tony. He was touted as one of the best, if not the best, driver out there! ... And he was going to instruct me? As he got in the car I attempted to relax and just do what Scott and Brad had told me. Of course, I had no reason to be nervous with Tony at all. He was just as the other instructors had been, absolutely positive, with nothing but constructive criticism, and he was very complimentary towards my limited driving ability.

I could not have had a better experience as a first time visitor to a PCA event. Everyone associated with the club: Tony Zito, Andy McCardle, Soloman Braun, Scott Mann, Randy Gabe, and every one of the instructors that I worked with, were so gracious and inviting. It would be hard not to like them. Plus...they are all great drivers as well. After learning so much from all of them, I can only hope that it will transfer to my daily driving. I can't wait to have another opportunity to spend time with the wonderful personalities and talent that make up the Las Vegas Region PCA ... and hopefully get the opportunity to drive again!

If you have any pictures from the Third Annual Fire to Water Run, or any other event, please send them my way for next month's issue.

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