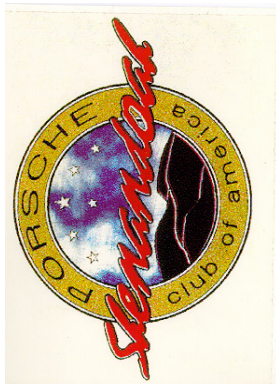


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Outgoing President, Bryce Jewett (left) graciously accepts the Captain Cone mantle from best friend, Alex Smith.
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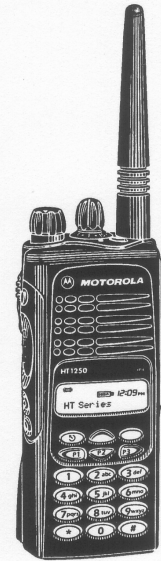
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- ◆ 81 percent are married.
- ◆ The average age of a Porsche owner is 49.
- ◆ Porsche owners have an annual gross income of \$289,000 (not THIS Porsche owner).
- ◆ 48 percent paid cash for their car.
- ◆ 33 percent have children in the household.
- ◆ 14 percent own their own business or are self-employed.
- ◆ 15 percent are managerial or director level employees.
- ◆ 45 percent are managing directors, presidents, or CEO's.
- ◆ 44 percent were involved in founding their own company.

Source: PCNA

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Calendar of Events.....

Jan. 16- Social/Meeting, Crown Motors, Rt. 250 East, Charlottesville, 7:00-8:00 PM

Mar. 20- Social/Meeting TBA

April 17- Social/Meeting

April ?- Autocross, Verona Government Center

May 15- Social/Meeting TBA

June ? - RPM

Aug. ? - Autocross, Verona Government Center

Sept. 18- Social/Meeting TBA

Oct. 16- Social/Meeting TBA

Oct. ?- Autocross, Verona Government Center

Nov. 20- Social/Meeting TBA

Dec. ?- Annual Christmas Party

All dates subject to wild and unreasonable fluctuation!

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President's Letter.....

Hello fellow Porsche enthusiasts. I am excited to be selected as your President for the next two years. I am looking forward to continuing the growth and fun we have experienced under Bryce Jewett's leadership, and I am expecting another great year. A special thanks goes out to Bryce for his service and support over the past two years. It will be a hard act to follow.



President, Rick Ebinger

I guess I should start with a little bit of background information on myself for those of you who do not know me. I have been a member of the club for the past five years and have served as the Driver's Ed chairman for the club for the last four. I enjoy autocrossing and the Driver's Education events at the track, and I really have enjoyed helping others and getting people involved with these types of events. I live near Staunton, Virginia and enjoy driving and fixing my 1974 914.

Our club will have our first get-together in January. This is when we will set our schedule for the year and get our calendar out there ASAP so people and other groups can set their events up without causing conflict. The worst thing that happens with my personal schedule is when I have two events the same weekend and nothing else the rest of the month. I am sure everyone can relate. We also have a rally series and an autocross series that spans through the summer so we want to get these schedules out soon.

Lastly, I want to make sure we continue to have the region grow and prosper as we have been doing. With a focus on fun, safety, and participation, we can't go wrong. To all of those new members, or members who have not come to an event recently, please consider making it to some of our events this summer. I invite all club members (especially new ones) to attend our meetings, as your new ideas, or what you may have seen from other clubs or groups, can really help us. When I first joined I wasn't sure I could fit in, but all of the members welcomed me and it has been great. No one held it against me that I drove a 914, (at least not out loud) and I did appreciate that more than anyone will ever know. I guess there isn't much left to say but "Let the games begin." Hope to see you in January.

Rick

Membership Report

December 2002 By Phyllis Scrogam

142 Members

Welcome to the following new members:

- **Ronald and Hampton Bargatze** of Richmond, VA 1997 Porsche Boxster
- **John Bryan** of Culpepper, VA 1987 Porsche 924
- **Carter and Ellen Elliott** of Charlottesville, VA 1962 Porsche 356
- **Mary Ann and Gary Schaffer** of Leesburg, VA 1994 Porsche 911
- **Harold Singh and Amber Williamson** of Richmond, VA transferred from Potomac Region 1986 Porsche

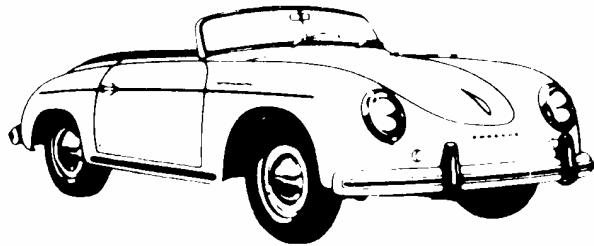
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Vince Shaffer and Fred Wood



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From the Editor's Desk.....



*What's good...
and not so good
.....about the Boxster*

I actually had a 911 owner come up to me at a party and say, "Well you know, your car isn't really a Porsche."

I had to set him straight. Just as the mother of his 911 is the 356, the mother of the Boxster is the 550 Spyder, and you can't get any purer Porsche than that!

So, with that out of the way, let me move on to the main topic of this month's column, which is what I like and what I don't like about the Boxster. Pet peeves come first.

Pet peeve #1- I did not buy this car to listen to music, but the stereo system is a joke. Actually, from what I've heard, it's a joke on all Porsches. It is so complicated you need an electronics/physics degree to operate it. Besides that, it defies logic. Now here's the kicker: it sounds awful.

Mine actually went on the blink within a year and has since been replaced under warranty. It still sounds awful...distorted at mid volume, barely able to pick up mid distance radio stations. All I have to say is, if you're getting a Boxster, order it without a radio. I'm serious. Have the car delivered with a big gaping hole in the dash, and then go fill it at Crutchfield's

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with a piece of equipment that makes sense and sounds decent.

Pet Peeve #2– There is an annoying whistle when driving down the road with the top down. It is wind/air generated, and it seems to be coming from the driver’s side sun visor, but I can’t be sure. It drives me nuts!

Pet Peeve #3– There are two, possibly three separate controls for the defroster. I’m not exactly sure, but one is all I need.

Pet peeve #4– Why in the world can’t Porsche get with the program and adopt one of the greatest automotive developments to ever come out of Japan in recent memory. I’m talking about the variable speed intermittent windshield wiper. On my Boxster, there is only one choice of speed for “intermittent.” We all know that “intermittent” rain falls at different speeds and intensities, from mist to drizzle to downpour. The windshield wipers should be able to match this raindrop for raindrop.

Pet Peeve #5– I probably should have gotten a Boxster S. This came painfully clear to me at VIR. On the straights most 911’s just blew on by me. Then on the corners, I’d get all over them like a cheap suit. Fifty more horsepower would’ve been perfect.

Okay...enough whining and moaning. Now for the good stuff.

Good stuff # 1- The Boxster is way fun to drive. It is almost perfectly balanced fore and aft (47% to 53%) and it is as nimble as a cat. You don’t get that awful feeling that you’re going to swap ends, like you do sometimes in a 911. I have spun it only once...the rest of the time it has held with me no matter what. It’s a great autocross car and is a blast to drive on a mountain road.

Good stuff #2-You’re not going to believe this, but it is also the most comfortable car I’ve ever driven! Maybe it’s just me, but those seats fit my 6’1” frame like a tailored suit. We’ve driven it to Springfield, MO and Fort Walton Beach, FL, and after eight, ten, 12 hours on the Interstate, we’ve climbed out feeling not the least bit stiff. I can only last three hours in the SUV!

Good stuff # 3- 911 passengers, take note: there’s a ton of leg room, especially on the passenger side Also, for a sports car, there’s an impressive amount of trunk space. The forward boot can hold a huge cooler, plus some bags, and the rear one is deceptively roomy as well. I can fit a guitar in there!

Good stuff # 4-The Boxster has the best headlights I’ve ever seen. I mean those things some kind of shine on down that road...way better than my big ole SUV.

Good stuff # 5- The climate control system is awesome. Of course there’s not as much air to heat or cool in that small cockpit. But still, in the wintertime, that heat comes roaring out of those vents sooner than any other car I’ve owned.

I could go on and on with good stuff, but I’m running out of room. Do I like this car? No...I love it. Would I buy this car again? Nope again, because I’m not getting rid of it. Would I buy this car again if I wrecked it? If I’m still standing, you bet I would...but maybe make it an S.

Editor Phil

Year end Treasurer's report.....

Balance on Hand January 1, 2002 **3,734.97**

INCOME

RPM 2002 income	9,831.00
Autocross income	1,485.00
National & dual memberships	2,016.00
Newsletter ads	540.00
VIR Driver's Ed	1,567.45

Total 2002 Income **15,439.45**

EXPENSES

RPM 2002 expenses	6,802.21
Autocross supplies, prizes	255.46
Newsletters (11) print and mail	2,784.27
Zone 2 meeting expenses	223.74
Zone 2 - Driver's Ed expenses	500.00
Club meeting expenses	227.23
Other printing & postage	242.14
Autocross equipment	2,320.00
Christmas party & invites	1,938.93
Officer gifts	815.43
Government Center plaque	56.83
RPM 2003-plaques	52.28

Total 2002 Expenses **16,218.52**

Balance on Hand December 28, 2002 **2,955.90**

Membership elects new Board

At the annual Christmas Party, Dec. 8th, those in attendance followed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and unanimously elected a new Board of Directors for the Shenandoah Region PCA.

The new President is Rick Ebinger of Vesuvius, VA. Rick is best known for his work as Driving Event Chairman, and he and Safety Chairman, Erik Boody are primarily responsible for organizing and running the club's highly successful autocrosses and the Driving Event at VIR this past fall. Although Rick is stepping up as President, he'll still share Track and Safety duties with his best friend, Erik.

Taking over as Vice President from a grateful Susie Audibert is Phyllis Scrogam. Phyllis is best known as the behind-the-scenes power broker at G & W Motorwerkes. She has served the past several years as Membership Chairman.

Phil Audibert will continue as Secretary and Newsletter Editor, and Gay Jewett has agreed to continue on as Treasurer.

Other committee appointments include: Mike Shetty for another term as Social Events Chairman, and Mel Brannan as the new Membership Chairman. Also, Alex and Gail Smith have agreed once again to host and organize the club's signature annual two-day event, the Richmond Porsche Meet (RPM), usually held in mid June.

The new Board will hold its first social/meeting at Crown Motors on Rt. 250 East, Charlottesville, January 16th at 7:30 PM. At that time the Board is expected to set the club's calendar for events and meeting schedule for the year. The membership is strongly encouraged to attend and participate.

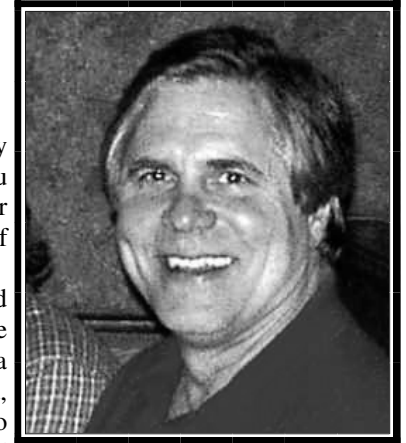
Mel Brannan, the host with the most!



PCA's New NATIONAL President, Tom Bobbitt came to our little club's Christmas Party, claiming that "WE KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN."



Bryce says, "Bye y'all....."



I hope you all enjoyed a happy and safe holiday season. I also hope you are ready to embark on another great year personally and with Shenandoah Region of PCA.

I would like to thank Mel and Jeanette Brannan for opening their home for our Christmas party. It was truly a wonderful time with outstanding food, drink, and company. We were fortunate to have both Zone II rep Manny Alban and President elect Tom Bobbitt on hand for the occasion. Tom made some brief remarks and announced that our own Alex Smith will be joining the national board working with promotion of PCA. Congratulations to Alex!

Outgoing Shenandoah Region President, Bryce Jewett

Our club continues to gain momentum and strength as exemplified by the outstanding new officers that will assume their posts this month. (See the list on page 8) I am sure the enthusiasm and leadership of Rick Ebinger will take us to new heights over the next two years. I look forward to working with our new officers to make our club even stronger going forward.

It has been a true pleasure serving as your president the last two years. Working with fun people who enjoy marvelous automobiles has been my good fortune. I am happy that I leave the leadership of our club with more members, more money, and more participation than when I began. All the credit goes to you all who have worked and participated to make our region a truly outstanding region for our size and longevity. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you as president.

Happy Motoring!!!!!!!! Bryce (AKA Captain Cone)



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Scenes from the Christmas Party.....



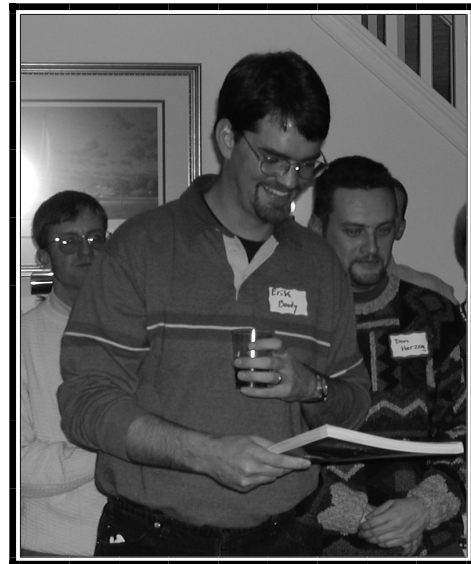
Deer in the headlights? No, just Howie Dunbrack (right) surprised to learn he was points leader in his autocross division. Howie also shared a three-way tie for most points for the season.



The reality sinks in as outgoing President, Bryce Jewett, AKA “Captain Cone” comes to terms with his new moniker. Bryce was honored (?) as the hands down best autocross cone buster in the club.

Cone’s cape and conical cap were put together by arch rival Alex Smith and presented to the hapless ex Prez at the annual Christmas Party at Mel Brannan’s house, Dec. 8. A horde of onlookers bore witness to the embarrassing moment as Cone broke down and blubbered for forgiveness. On the back of Cone’s Cape are embroidered the words, “Keep back 500 feet!”

Safety Chairman, Erik Boody graciously accepts his award as points leader in his autocross division. Erik also had the fastest combined time for all four autocrosses held in 2002!



Mike: “Did you see that guy go for seconds on the stir fry?”

Wendy: “Yeah, and if he makes a move for mine, I’m gonna deck him!”

