



You Don't Have to Be *Rich* to Drive and Have Fun in a Porsche



Life is short. Buy the Porsche you dreamed of and drive! It's even better when you can enjoy with friends!

I've wanted to buy a convertible sports car ever since I was a passenger in one when I was about 17. So, this is not really a mid-life crisis thing... it just took me 47 years to get around to it!

At the same time, one of my friends was also in the market for one. It took me around 3 years until I finally settled on the make of car (after my wife's approval) and then waited for the right car to show up. My friend took a little longer and finished up buying a much newer model.

The price of a new Porsche can make your eyes water but an older one is now actually within reach of many people, for example:



The price of a 986 Boxster (a Porsche declared classic) starts from around \$10,000 - \$12,000



A 987 Boxster starts from around \$22,000 (the price of a base model Corolla)



A Porsche 911 starts from around \$34,000

The Boxster is amazing; it's the best handling car I've ever driven. It can be docile, forgiving and can be enjoyed driving sedately around town or "if given its head", it can be like a wild horse straining at

the bit. Driving with the top down is addictive. Your senses are heightened with all the sounds, the smells and a breeze over your hair. It's like riding a motor bike... but even better.

My friend and I both joined the Porsche Club of WA at the same time. It's one of my best decisions ever. The club is really good value. Everyone at the club is friendly and talk centres on our common interest of cars (you also get a 10% discount on parts and service at the dealer and some specialist service centres).

We have monthly meeting at the Cottesloe Surf Club, in summer we start off with a BBQ with some amazing German sausages and reasonably priced beer, wine and soft drinks. In winter, our meetings are held in doors with high end finger food, beer, wine and soft drinks.

Each month we have social drives into the country finishing with a lunch at some outstanding wineries and other such places. The other month we had a joint drive with the Ferrari club ending in the Swan Valley and this month we have a weekend down south in Bridgetown.



Above photos are from the Ferrari/Porsche social run (my friend's Boxster is on the right)

For those who want to explore their car's potential at much higher speeds, there are regular track days as well as hill climb events.

One thing I truly like about the club is that you have people from all walks of life – from every day workers to high end executives to retirees. At the club, you are all just members and everyone is treated equally. No one talks about work, what you do or if their car is more expensive than yours. There is no snobbery. All Porsches are welcomed no matter their model, age or condition. Everyone's car is appreciated, and everyone is welcome.

Benefits: If you enjoy driving and talking about cars, you will have the best time ever. The person who owned my car before me used it as a daily driver, but for me it's a weekend fun car. You will also meet a lot of friendly people from very diverse backgrounds. You will enjoy a lot of new experiences not found elsewhere.

If you haven't bought a Porsche yet, but maybe thinking about buying one, come and check out the club. The committee and members are very helpful, and importantly... it's a good idea to get it checked by a Porsche specialist before buying.

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