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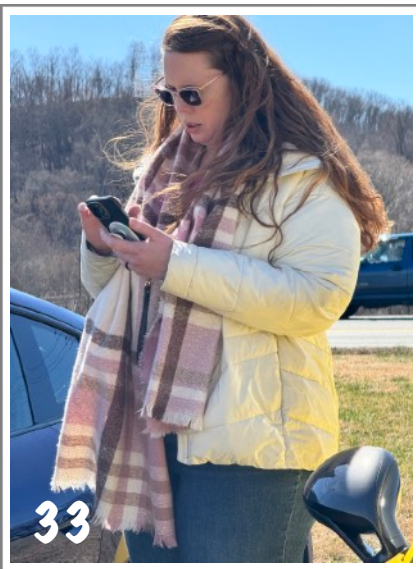




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President's Message

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Wildnispfad Newsletter! As the seasons change and the days grow longer, I want to extend my warmest greetings to each of you. Your passion and enthusiasm continue to make our region one of the most active and engaging in PCA Zone 3.

Despite a challenging winter and a hectic work schedule on my end, our club has already kicked off the year with four driving events and one social gathering—a fantastic start! I want to personally thank each of you who participated in these events. A special thank you goes to **Ryan Elswick**, our club's Vice President, for hosting and leading one of the drives while I was attending PCA Zone 3 Presidents' meeting in Atlanta (photo on the right). I also want to thank to all the lead cars who volunteered to guide our groups. Your willingness to step up keeps our club thriving!

Speaking of volunteering, I want to take a moment to recognize **Colby Hurd**, our former Treasurer, who has stepped down due to business commitments. Colby's dedication was instrumental in keeping our club finances in order, updating our non-profit status, and ensuring our tax filings were up to date. Next time you see him, be sure to thank him for his service! Colby's business, Red Door Agency, will continue support and sponsor our club. Red Door Agency assistance has

been instrumental on our club's growth.

Following a call for volunteers, we are thrilled to announce a decision has been made and the Board have selected a new Treasurer. You will know who it is in this Newsletter (page 10).

As we head into Spring and Summer, we have a thrilling lineup of events designed to bring us together and celebrate our shared passion for Porsche. An Overnight Weekend Getaway to West Virginia in May is one of the highlights of the season! This scenic journey will take us through breathtaking landscapes, offering the perfect mix of spirited driving, socializing, and relaxation.

We are hosting six Autocross events this year, giving members the opportunity to test their driving skills in a fun, safe, and competitive environment. Join us for regular social meetups, happy hours, and dinner gatherings—a great way to connect with fellow members over delicious food and engaging conversations. Tri-Cities Cars & Coffee, while not organized by us, this casual meet-up remains a fantastic way to start your weekend, admire some beautiful cars, and enjoy an optional drive afterward. Laura Lutz is planning another exciting Ladies' Event soon—stay tuned for more details!

Mark your calendars for July 11-13! We will be celebrating our region's 47th anniversary with a



Photo: Leo Anderson

special multi-day event. More details to come!

The success of our club is driven by the active participation and enthusiasm of our members. Whether you've been with us for years or are new to the club, we invite you to take full advantage of these events. Your presence, ideas, and contributions are what make WTR PCA so special.

If you have an idea of an event or place to go, let me know and we will make it happen. If you would be interested in hosting an event at your home, business or place, whether it is a cookout, a wine & cheese evening, watching a game or a race, contact me and we will make it happen.

As we continue our journey through 2025, I'm confident that together, we will create incredible experiences and lasting friendships. Thank you for your unwavering support, and I can't wait to see you on the road!

Warmest regards,

— *Leo Anderson* 🚗💨



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Wilderness Trail Region News



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Late last September, our community faced an unexpected natural disaster—one we never imagined would impact us so severely. Hurricane Helene brought devastating flooding to our region in just a matter of hours, leaving many families displaced and businesses destroyed. Among those most affected were the students at David Crockett High School, many of whom were already facing financial hardships. In response to this crisis, we turned to you—our Wilderness Trail Region PCA family—for support, and as always, you answered the call. Through our charity campaign, we successfully raised \$10,000 to assist these students in their time of need. Thanks to your generosity, 65 students received much-needed relief, reinforcing our club's commitment to giving back to the community.

Though the donation was made last year, we wanted to wait for the right moment to formally present it, allowing the school and affected families time to recover and rebuild. Finally, in early February, Richard Lutz and Josh



Photo: Joshua Kite

Hayes had the honor of presenting a \$10,000 faux check to David Crockett High School. The presentation took place during the school's Homecoming event, where the school's Athletic Director publicly recognized our club's incredible contribution.

The response was overwhelming. Throughout the event, there was a wave of gratitude and appreciation for the Porsche Club and the generosity of its members. Your support truly made an impact, and this act of kindness will not be forgotten by those whose lives you helped rebuild.

Thank you, WTR PCA members, for your compassion, generosity, and unwavering support. Together, we are more than just a club—we are a community that makes a difference.



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Wilderness Trail,

There are truly no words to thank you for your incredibly generous donation. You alone provided Christmas and food for over 165 students. They were so filled with joy - not only at getting gifts, but that there are people in their community that care this much about them.

We look forward to doing a formal presentation soon! You have changed lives this Christmas. Thank you for allowing us to steward this gift to our students.
Merry Christmas!

Amanda White

Following a call for volunteers, we are thrilled to announce that Houston Haynes has been appointed as our new Treasurer. If you've attended our driving events, you're likely familiar with Houston. Alongside him is his wonderful co-pilot and daughter, Harlow, a proud member of PCA Juniors. Houston brings great energy to the club. Please join me in welcoming Houston to his new role and thanking him for stepping up!

— *Leo Anderson*

"I was born in Knoxville, TN but grew up just outside Nashville in the country learning to fish the South Harpeth river and spent my childhood outdoors. My family moved around a bit before finally settling in Northern VA where I graduated high school from Rappahannock County. Growing up I was mostly into trucks, jeeps, and old 4x4's and enjoyed off-roading, working on them and finding junkers to fix up including a 1978 CJ-5 and a 1979 International Scout II.



After 9/11, I enlisted in the Navy and deployed several times on two Spruance class destroyers (USS Fletcher and USS Elliot), before my final deployment on the amphibious assault ship, USS Tarawa.

After the Navy I attended the University of California, San Diego where I received my bachelor's degree in economics. Between work I spent most of my time surfing and traveling. Overseas I began to appreciate European sports cars and grew to love the early BMW models.

In 2013 I decided to move back to Nashville, TN to be close to family and I began my career in finance working in the healthcare industry then transitioning into manufacturing where I currently work as the finance director over capital for a large paper & packaging company based out of Atlanta, GA. Over the years I began spending more of my time enjoying spirited back road drives in the BMW but began to research more about Porsches. I ended up buying a 2012 Porsche Cayman manual, and have been a proud PCA member ever since, and have enjoyed meeting so many great people and Porsche enthusiasts. I was hooked after my first drive with the WTR and began driving from Nashville to the mountains here in east TN on a regular basis.

Early this year in 2025, I sold my house just outside Nashville and have moved to Greeneville, TN where I am extremely happy to be. I live with my border collie Billie, and my 6-year-old daughter, Harlow, who likes 911's over Caymans :). We have the NC mountains 15 minutes away for quick runs to The Rattler, and can access TOTD, Dragon Slayer, Back of the Dragon, The Snake, and many more great roads and regions all within 2 hours.

The current Porsche garage is a MA1 engine family and includes an Aqua Blue Metallic 2012 Cayman (6-speed) , Black 2009 Carrera S (PDK), and a Carrera White 2012 Carrera GTS with Aerokit (PDK)" — *Houston Haynes*

We made an appearance in the January and February issues of Panorama at the 'From the Regions section'. In case you missed it, here a recap:



▲ **"Wilderness Trail Region gathered at the iconic dragon statue. With Scotty Branson's 1984 Guards Red 911 Targa taking center stage, 30 cars hit the mountain roads to soak in the last of the fall colors. Low traffic, sunny skies, and winding roads made for an unforgettable November drive with our PCA family."** —LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region

Out of 149 PCA regions - - - - - across the United States, the Wilderness Trail Region was the only region to receive global recognition from Porsche AG! Competing against submissions from 22 countries, we proudly secured second place in two out of three categories—a remarkable achievement that highlights our club's dedication, passion, and commitment to fostering diversity and inclusivity within the Porsche community. As a result of this incredible honor, we have been awarded €4,000 to further support our ongoing initiatives. This recognition is a true testament to the strength and spirit of our club!

- - - - - The Back of the Dragon is 32 miles of pure driving nirvana—featuring 438 curves, thrilling switchbacks, and stunning Appalachian vistas. It's one of our club's most popular driving destinations and is conveniently closer to the Tri-Cities than other well-known roads like the Tail of the Dragon. The excitement and driving experience on this route surpass any other in the region, making it a must-drive for enthusiasts seeking the ultimate road adventure.



▲ **"I was honored to receive two trophies from Porsche AG on behalf of our incredible club. This global recognition reflects our members' passion and dedication, earning second place in two categories of the Future Topics Award 2024. This was a proud moment celebrating diversity, inclusivity, and our vibrant community!"**

—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region

Photo Of The Quarter

- Brad Smith - member since October 2022

A timeless Porsche in the heart of the city. Some photos are more than just images; they tell a story, capture a feeling, and transport us to a moment in time. This stunning shot of a black Porsche 911 Turbo (930) was taken on a quiet Sunday evening atop a parking garage in downtown Knoxville. The golden hour light perfectly accentuated the classic curves and aggressive stance of this legendary machine, making for a truly breathtaking capture.

The story behind the shot? It all started with a spontaneous evening drive. After a full day of winding through the mountain roads near the Smokies, I decided to make one last stop before meeting a friend for dinner. Knoxville's skyline, with its glassy reflections and modern geometry, seemed like the perfect contrast to the raw, air-cooled presence of the 911 Turbo. With the city winding down and only the hum of distant traffic below, the moment felt almost cinematic.

This car, a 1986 930, has been in my family for years—originally owned by my grandfather, who special-ordered it from Germany. Over the decades, it's been driven, cherished, and preserved, maintaining its place as one of the most exhilarating cars I've ever had the pleasure of driving.



Photo: Brad Smith

Seeing it here, framed by the city lights and the soft hues of dusk, reminded me why we all love these cars—not just for their engineering and performance but for the stories they help create. Porsche moments like these are why I enjoy spending my time behind the wheel, and I encourage every member to get out there, drive, explore, and capture their own stories.

— *Brad Smith*



I hope Brad's story motivate you to capture your Porsche moments! Whether it's with a camera or your smartphone, start snapping those photos. Email me your best high-resolution images at: pcawtr@gmail.com

Thanks, Brad, for sharing it with Wildnispfad. Who's next? Could your shot be our next Photo of the Month? Let's see what you've got!

— *Leo Anderson*



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Upcoming Events



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Our goal this year is to pack the calendar with as many driving and social events as possible. Whether you're a seasoned driver or just looking for a great time with fellow Porsche enthusiasts, there will be plenty of opportunities to hit the road and connect. One exciting event on the horizon is a club outing to watch together the Formula 1 Movie (coming out on June 27th). Whether you're an F1 fanatic or simply a motorsports enthusiast, this is a movie you won't want to miss—stay tuned for more details as we get closer to June!

We're also finalizing plans for our club's 47th Anniversary Celebration in July 11th-13th. That will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our shared passion for Porsche, reflect on our club's legacy, and create new memories together. More details will be announced soon!

Due to work commitments, I'm scheduling events as we go, so keep an eye on your inbox, Facebook, and Instagram for announcements. You can also check our club website's event section and calendar for updates.

Turn the page to see the exciting events we already have lined up—we hope to see you there!

Group Drive: Blowing Rock & Banner Elk - Apr 5

Join us for an incredible driving adventure through the Blue Ridge Mountains as we make our way to the beautiful towns of Banner Elk and Blowing Rock, North Carolina! After six months of intense recovery work following Hurricane Helene, these communities have reopened and need our support to continue rebuilding—so let's hit the road! Our drive kicks off in Johnson City, heading towards US-321, with breathtaking views of Watauga Lake along the way. We'll wind through the mountain roads to our first stop in Banner Elk for a quick break. From there, we'll continue along NC-221, enjoying the stunning scenery of Grandfather Mountain, before arriving in the charming town of Blowing Rock for lunch.

After lunch, we'll drive through Valle Crucis en route to Banner Elk Winery, where we'll wrap up our PCA adventure. Enjoy wine tasting, shopping, live music, and a relaxed afternoon with fellow members in a laid-back, scenic setting.

Don't miss out on this amazing scenic drive with stunning views, fantastic roads, and great company! Sign up now and secure your spot.



5th Macan & Cayenne Day - Apr 12

Ready to ditch the pavement and see what your Porsche SUV can really do? RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG and join us on April 12th for a day of pure off-road fun! We're combining our 5th Cayenne & Macan Porsche SUV Day with Porsches at the Farm II for double the adventure!

We're kicking things off at 9:00 AM at the MeadowView Conference Resort in Kingsport. From there, we'll hit some gorgeous backroads, winding our way through scenic Bays Mountain and towards Rogersville. Then, hold on tight, because we'll tackle the thrilling curves of TN-66 to Sneedville – an invigorating route even more technical than last year's farm route!

After a quick pit stop, we're heading to Kyles Ford along the Clinch River. Then, it's up, up, and away as we climb TN-70 towards Pennington Gap and Jonesville. Think narrow roads and even more twists and turns! Our destination? The stunning 276-acre Creek Bend Farm - an off-road paradise!

Once we arrive, Ryan and Colby will lead us on a tour of the property, including a peek at the renovated main house and a charming old farmhouse. Then, it's picnic time! Pack your lunch and a lawn chair, and get ready to relax in the beautiful surroundings.

But the real fun starts after lunch! Ryan will guide us on an off-road adventure, giving us the chance to put our Macans and Cayennes to the test! We're talking mild rock crawling, hill descents, and (optional!) splashing through muddy creeks! Don't worry, there are bypasses if you're not feeling the creek crossing. It's all about exploring the capabilities of our Porsches and proving they're built for more than just smooth roads. To top it off, we'll wrap up the day with a stop at Axe Handle Distillery, a family-owned gem in the mountains of Southwest Virginia, for some well-earned relaxation before making our way back to Kingsport with a quick stop at Rick Hill Imports, our local Porsche dealer.

Massive thanks to Red Door Agency and farm-owners Colby Hurd and Ryan Elswick for making this incredible day possible!



Club Dinner - Tennessee Hills Distillery - Apr 17

Mark your calendars, RSVP on our website and get ready for an unforgettable evening! Join us on Thursday, April 17th, at 6:00 PM for a PCA group dinner at the newly opened Tennessee Hills Distillery in Bristol, right across from The Pinnacle. Arrive before 6:00 if you want to kick things off at the Tennessee Hills tasting bar, where you can sample their incredible lineup of 16 different whiskeys, rums, vodkas, and creams—all at no charge. Then, we'll head upstairs to the Smokestillery for a fantastic dinner, handcrafted cocktails, and great company.

Why You Don't Want to Miss This:

- Stunning Venue – A beautifully designed two-story distillery with an upstairs bar, tasting area, and outdoor seating.
- Incredible Drinks – Expertly crafted cocktails and bold Appalachian flavors.
- Delicious Food – A menu curated for a top-notch dining experience.
- PCA Camaraderie – An evening with fellow club members, great conversations, and unforgettable memories.

What Others Are Saying:

- ★ "This started out as a work trip and turned into the most pleasant and memorable experience. The bartenders were phenomenal, the drinks were outstanding, and the entire atmosphere was magical!"
- ★ "Robin made our night truly special with her impeccable service and expert menu knowledge. Can't wait to return!"
- ★ "Beautiful place, friendly staff, great food – Tennessee Hills is a must-visit!"

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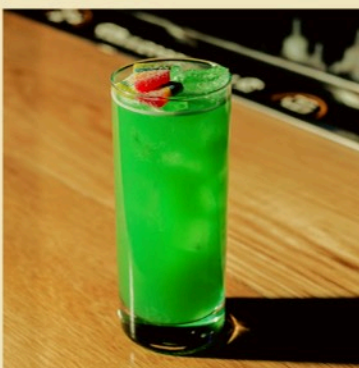
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Get ready for an unforgettable adventure! We're invading the legendary Back of the Dragon on April 19th for Dragon Fest 3! This 150-mile drive is your chance to unleash your Porsche's full potential and connect with fellow enthusiasts.

Imagine this: 70+ Porsches conquering 32 miles of pure driving nirvana – 438 curves, switchbacks, and breathtaking Appalachian views. This isn't just a drive; it's a test of your skills and a feast for the senses! But wait, there's more! We're also detouring to the enchanting Burkes Garden, a hidden valley known as "Vanderbilt's First Choice" and "God's Thumbprint." Picture lush hills, stunning overlooks, and a charming general store run by the Amish community (cash only!).

The BACK OF THE DRAGON: This premier riding road is perfect for Porsche drivers and enthusiasts, as it offers thirty-two miles of driving excitement, with 438 curves that will challenge drivers' skills. The Back of the Dragon is the ultimate road driving experience, crossing three mountains from Marion to Tazewell, VA, and featuring dragging curves, switchbacks, limited access, and elevation changes that no other route can offer. The Back of the Dragon (VA-16) is a 32-mile stretch of road that runs through the Appalachian Mountains in Southwest Virginia. It is known for its scenic beauty, tight curves, and challenging switchbacks, making it a popular destination for motorcycle and sports car enthusiasts. Back of the Dragon was designated a Virginia Scenic Byway in 2015, which recognizes its unique scenic, historic, cultural, and recreational resources.


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The event is hosted at the DCHS - David Crockett High School in Jonesborough, TN. Autocross is a thrilling activity that allows drivers to maneuver their car around a course of cones at a moderate speed while competing with other drivers for the best time of the day. But it's not just about speed; it's about handling and driving skill, with 15 to 20 significant steering inputs in a minute or less. At autocross events, safety is our top priority, and we provide a controlled and safe environment for drivers to push themselves and their vehicles to the limit. Autocross is a perfect opportunity for those who have never tried it before to correct their relationship with their car, improve their driving skills, and have a blast in a fun, social environment.

Our autocross events attract some of the most amiable automotive enthusiasts you'll ever meet, and the friendships formed between drivers are a unique and incredibly enjoyable aspect of autocrossing.

So if you're looking for a fun and safe way to experience autocross and meet other passionate car enthusiasts, come join us at the DCHS for some unforgettable competition and camaraderie. We can't wait to see you there!

REGISTRATION FEE:

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\$65 - Pay-at-the-gate

\$15 - Ride Along: Valid ONLY for PCA members that never attended Autocross before: For those who are interested in autocross, but unsure if they want to try it (or just plain curious), we offer a "Taste of Autocross." For \$15, you will have the opportunity to ride with our instructors (in your Porsche) for up to 3 runs and experience the thrill.

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This Event is at Full Capacity. Email pcawtr@gmail.com if you would like to be placed in waitlist. Join us for an unforgettable Weekend getaway to West Virginia, the state often called "almost heaven" for its rolling hills, scenic byways, and charming small towns. As the only state entirely within the Appalachian Mountains, West Virginia offers a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure, making it an ideal destination for our Wilderness Trail Region weekend escape.

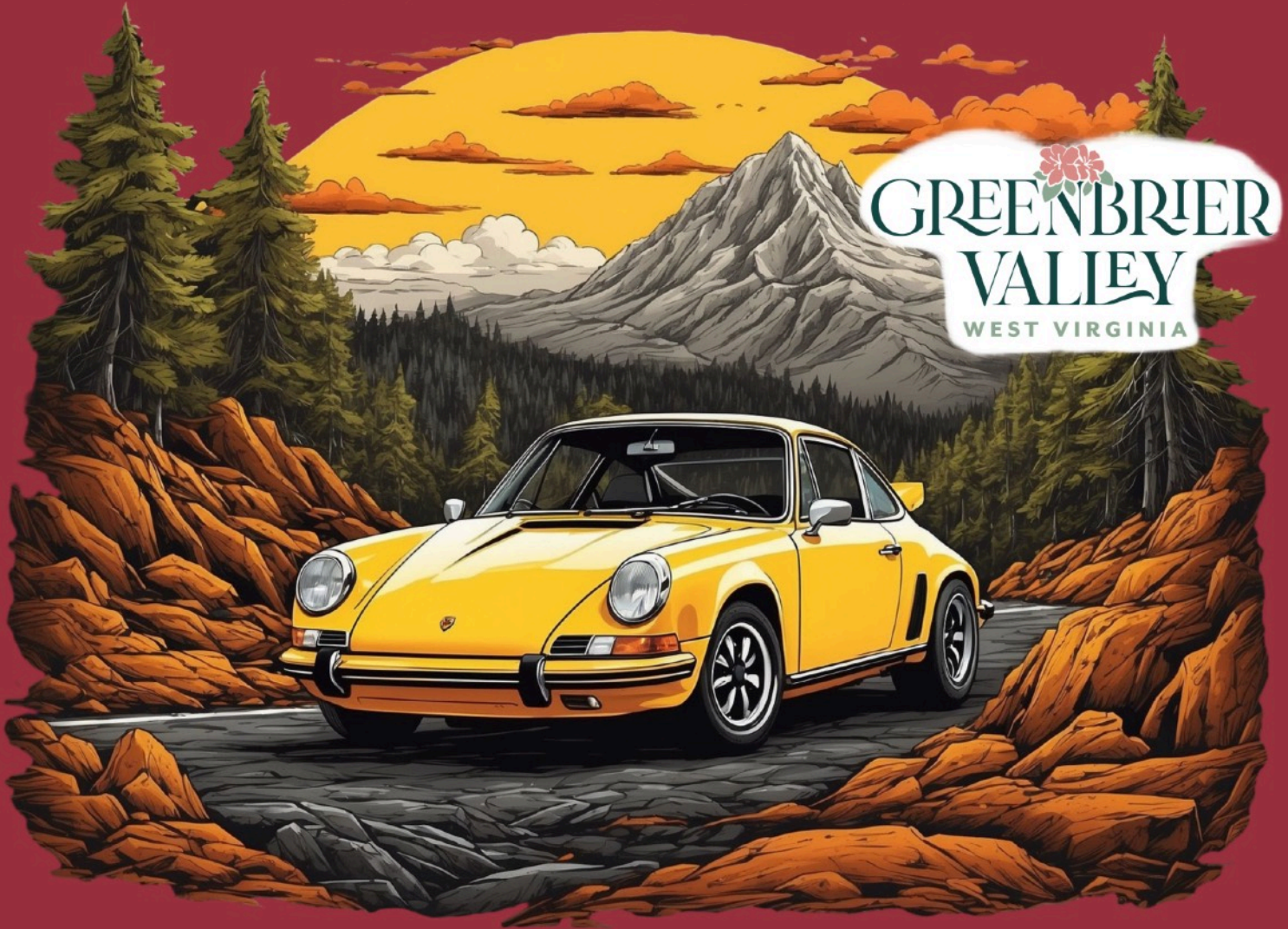
From the breathtaking New River Gorge to scenic hilltop views and fun driving roads, this weekend promises history, great food, camaraderie, free time to explore local attractions, and of course, lots of Porsche fun! Our HQ for this event will be in the surroundings of White Sulphur Springs & Lewisburg. We will be staying in the unique The Schoolhouse Hotel, a thoughtfully restored boutique hotel transformed from a historic 1912 High School. Expect first-class accommodations with a modern touch, friendly staff, and a relaxing atmosphere.

In the evenings, unwind at The Rooftop bar, featuring handcrafted cocktails, wines, and small plates, or dine at The Varsity Club, where upscale southern classics like shrimp and grits await. Enjoy stunning views of the mountains and surrounding town as we gather and relax after our day of exploring.

Carved by the rivers of the Greenbrier Valley, West Virginia's driving roads are filled with natural beauty—rolling hills, tree-lined tunnels, and scenic springtime blooms at their peak. Over this Friday-to-Sunday weekend, expect to cover about 650 miles of exhilarating driving. For those joining us, we'll depart from Bristol, VA on May 16th at noon, but if you prefer, you can meet us directly in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Schwarzer Berg VI is more than a weekend trip—it's a chance to strengthen friendships and create cherished memories with fellow club members.



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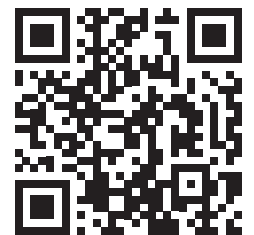


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PCA Video Celebrates 70 Years!

2025 marks Porsche Club of America's 70th anniversary, so PCA decided to create a video to share our celebrations with the automotive enthusiast community at large. With club community scenes captured on video as far back as the 1950s through today, we hope you enjoy looking back and recognizing how far our members have taken the club.



Watch the video: [PCA.org/news/pca70](https://pca.org/news/pca70)



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This isn't just a driving event – it's four days and three nights of pure Porsche passion, connecting with fellow enthusiasts while conquering some of the best driving roads in America. From thrilling curves to breathtaking views, expect many miles of exhilarating mountain roads each day, hidden backroads and scenic routes, iconic must-drive legendary roads, including the Tail of the Dragon, Cherohala Skyway, The Hellbender, Foothills Parkway and the Chasing the Dragon Hillclimb.

We're thrilled to announce that this year's event will be the Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel in Murphy, North Carolina. This stunning location promises the perfect base for a weekend of camaraderie, adventure, gambling and unforgettable memories. We're taking care of every detail—from mapping out epic routes to securing the best dining experiences, so all you need to do is show up ready to drive and enjoy

We will be at the Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel in Murphy, NC. Nestled amidst the stunning mountain scenery of Western North Carolina, this destination offers a perfect blend of comfort, luxury, and entertainment to complement your Porsche-driving adventure.

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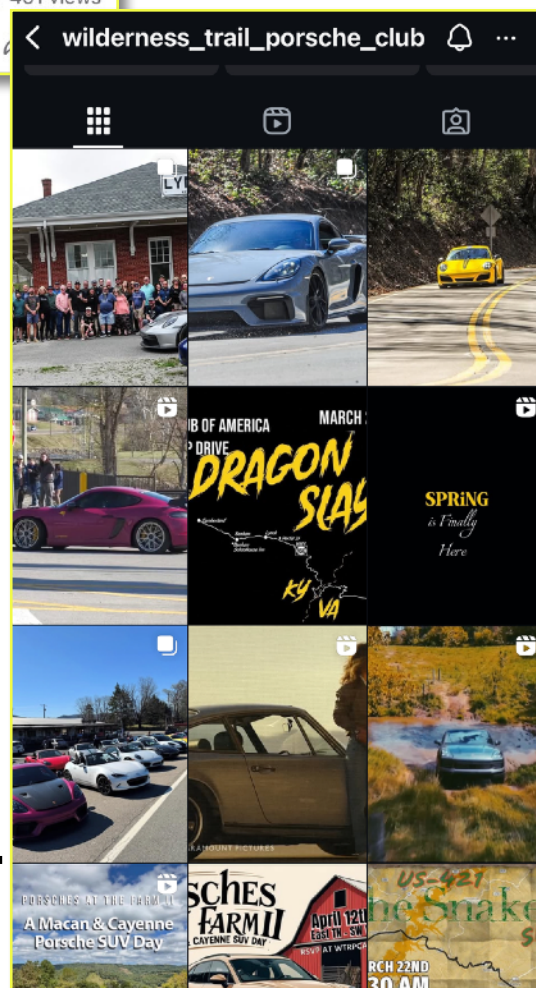
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Past Events



Photo: Whitney Weeks

We've had an incredible start to the year! Despite a tough winter and my own busy schedule, we've already hosted four successful driving events and a social gathering, all with fantastic attendance.

Here are the events we had hosted so far:

- 2-Feb - Group Drive - US421 The Snake
- 1-Mar - Group Drive - TN66, TN33, TN31
- 15-Mar - Group Drive - SW VA Adventure
- 22-Mar - Group Drive - The Snake Siege
- 27-Mar - Club Dinner – Giuseppe's
- 29-Mar - Group Drive - The Dragon Slayer (KY-160)

Photos of all events available at WTRPCA.ORG/GALLERY/ Turn the page for a detailed recap of each event.

After nearly three months without a club drive, the long, harsh winter finally gave way to a surprise forecast—sunshine and temps in the low 60s! ☀️ That was all the reason we needed to call for an exhilarating cruise along The Snake (US-421), a legendary route boasting 489 curves, 3 mountains, and 1 valley packed into 33 miles. Many say it rivals even the famed Tail of the Dragon, ranked #4 among 68 driving routes in Tennessee.

We met at 1:00 p.m. at Bristol Motor Speedway, where 20 cars and more than 30 enthusiastic members reunited, ready to hit the road. After a safety briefing meeting, reminding everyone to stay in their lanes and respect the mountain roads, we set off toward Shady Valley Country Store for a break after conquering the first set of twists and turns.

The second half of The Snake didn't disappoint, delivering even more thrilling curves and breathtaking views through the Cherokee National Forest. A quick stop at a church in Mountain City marked our turnaround point, and we got to drive the whole extension of The Snake again on our way back. We wrapped up the adventure with a group photo at the 421 Bridge Boat Ramp at 3:30 p.m.

The smiles, spirited conversations, and shared passion for the drive made this outing unforgettable. What a fantastic way to kick off the season—cheers to more drives ahead!



Photo: Leo Anderson

Sometimes, the best drives are the ones put together at the last minute, and this one proved just that! With a great sunny day ahead of us, a group of 16 club members met at MeadowView Conference Resort for a fun mountain drive through breathtaking backroads in the region. After a quick drivers' meeting, we hit the road, winding through the beautiful Bays Mountain area with its rolling hills and peaceful farmland scenery. It felt amazing to shake off the winter blues with our first spring-like drive of the year!

By 11:20 AM, we arrived at Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant in Rogersville, where we enjoyed lunch. Some of us may have indulged in a few too many tacos, but we knew we had plenty of exhilarating roads ahead to keep us focused. Post-lunch, the real thrill began as we tackled the curves of TN-66 to Sneedville, stopping for a quick gas & restroom break. Local kids in town couldn't believe their eyes when a lineup of Porsches pulled in—they had never seen so many in one place! From there, we cranked up the fun even more, taking on TN-31's twisties before heading back to Kingsport via US-11, wrapping up an amazing drive!

The drive back to Kingsport via US-11 was a good cooldown, as we cruised along enjoying the last bit of sunshine and reflecting on an amazing day behind the wheel.

This last-minute drive turned out to be an absolute blast! It was a perfect mix of spirited driving, great company, and scenic roads, and we couldn't have asked for a better day.

A huge thank you to Jeremy & Karla for leading Group 1, and a special round of applause to Louie & Heather for leading (Group 2) for the first time! They did a phenomenal job keeping the group safe, on route, and setting the perfect pace. Radio communication was spot-on!



Photo: Leo Anderson

For the past four years, I've had the privilege of attending the PCA WERKS Reunion in Amelia Island, and I had every intention of going again this year. Lodging was booked, tickets were secured, and my agenda was set. However, life had other plans—I unexpectedly lost my nearly 15-year-old dog on March 3rd. It was a heartbreaking loss, and I just wasn't in the right place to make the trip. That said, Wilderness Trail Region was still well represented! A few of our members attended, taking in the incredible display of Porsches and the electric atmosphere of WERKS Reunion. While I don't have a full event recap this year, I'll share some of the Griffith's photos:





What an incredible day the club had on March 15, as 20 Porsche enthusiasts gathered for a driving adventure through the stunning backroads of Southwest Virginia!

We kicked off the morning at 9:30 AM, meeting at the MeadowView Conference Resort. From there, the group embarked on a scenic 100-mile journey, expertly led by our local driving guru, Ryan Elswick. A huge thank you to Ryan for stepping up to host and guide the attendees while Leo was attending the Porsche Club of America Zone 3 Presidents' meeting in Atlanta. We also owe a big shoutout to Richard Lutz for leading one of the groups and keeping the convoy rolling smoothly.

The route was nothing short of spectacular! Cruising along Bays Mountain, passing through Rogersville, and then tackled the legendary TN-70 North—a thrilling stretch of twists, hairpins, and elevation changes that left everyone grinning from ear to ear. The mountain-top views were absolutely breathtaking, and the roads were a Porsche driver's dream. The adventure continued through Blackwater and Jonesville, VA, with every mile delivering more curves and stunning scenery.

By 12:30 PM, the group rolled into Gate City for a well-deserved lunch, capping off an exhilarating morning of driving perfection. The weather was ideal, the company was fantastic. Whether you were pushing your Porsche to the limit or simply soaking in the views, it was a day to remember.

Thank you to everyone who joined for this epic outing—it's the passion of members like you that makes our club so special.



Photo: Ryan Elswick

What an incredible day we had on Saturday, March 22nd, as we kicked off attending the first Tri-Cities Cars & Coffee followed by an unforgettable Porsche drive! The day started bright and early at 8:00 when members started arriving at Bristol Motor Speedway for Cars & Coffee. Despite the chilly 32-degree weather, the sunny blue skies welcomed an amazing turnout—over 500 cars were on display, marking the largest attendance we’ve ever seen at this event! Our club made a strong showing, with 27 Porsches joining the drive that followed. As we lined up to depart, our sleek lineup turned heads and set the tone for an amazing day ahead. We split into three groups, led by Ryan, Jeremy, and Richard, and hit the road. Leaving Bristol Motor Speedway via TN-394, the temperature climbed to a comfortable 55F, making the drive even more enjoyable. Our route took us onto US-421, where we detoured through Little Oak Campground for a thrilling start. After regrouping at the campground entrance, we continued to the Shady Valley Country Store. The ride through Cherokee National Forest offers some of the best twists in the region as we ascended the mountain ridge. At Shady Valley, we made a quick restroom stop, and I positioned myself a few miles down the road to snap roller photos of everyone driving by. The three groups then tackled the second half of The Snake toward Mountain City. After everyone drove by and I clicked everyone I rushed ahead to another pull-off, capturing more shots as the groups returned to Shady Valley for lunch. Thanks to pre-ordered food, we were an hour ahead of schedule by the time we finished eating.

After lunch, we set off toward Damascus via TN-133, passing through the Backbone Rock Tunnel—the shortest natural tunnel in the U.S.—and continued through the backroads of Denton Valley and Jacobs Creek Range in the Cherokee National Forest. The twists and turns kept the adrenaline pumping, and the day concluded at the brand-new Tennessee Hills Distillery in Bristol. Taking over the 2nd-floor outdoor patio, we unwound with craft cocktails, BBQ, and great company. This drive was everything we’d hoped for—scenic

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routes, secret
twists, and the
camaraderie of
P o r s c h e
enthusiasts
who love great
roads and great
cars.



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GARAGE

After missing club dinners in January and February, our March gathering at Giuseppe's was a fantastic way to kick off our social events for the year!

With 35 club members in attendance, we filled the private dining room at this well-known Italian restaurant in Kingsport, making for an evening filled with great food, great drinks, and even better company.

The fixed menu featured five delicious entrée options, and judging by the clean plates and satisfied smiles, Giuseppe's delivered on its reputation for authentic Italian excellence. Fun fact: When asked to select five dishes for the menu, I turned to AI for help! That's right—after uploading the full restaurant menu, AI picked a well-balanced selection that best represented the restaurant's top dishes. And based on the feedback, AI might just have a future as a food critic!

It was wonderful to see everyone again and spend the evening catching up. Thanks to all who attended and made it such a great night. If you missed this one, don't worry—plenty more social events are coming up! Stay tuned, and we'll see you at the next one!



Photo: Leo Anderson

What a day! 29 Porsches and 1 Lotus (driven by our club's Technical & Safety Chair, Scott Hubbard) gathered at MeadowView Conference Resort for an unforgettable run through Southeastern Kentucky's Dragon Slayer (KY-160). With three groups led by Ryan, Houston (his first time leading a WTR drive!), and Leo, we set off towards Virginia, cautiously navigating Gate City's heavy police presence before opening up on the VA-58—cruising comfortably at just 5-10 mph over the limit. Our first pit stop was at an Exxon gas station in Appalachia, VA, where 29 thirsty Porsches (and one Lotus!) nearly drained the station's 93 octane supply. After fueling up and a quick restroom break, it was time for the main event—Dragon Slayer! With dry roads, minimal traffic, all three groups had a phenomenal run. Leo and Robert Kaehler spotted a full-grown black bear! Startled by the roar of our engines, he dashed back into the woods. Our next stop was Lynch, KY, where we were warmly welcomed at the Depot by Whitney from Backroads of Appalachia, who helped us capture a fantastic group photo. Then, it was back to Appalachia, VA, retracing Dragon Slayer in the opposite direction. At Black Mountain's pull-off (Kentucky's highest elevation at 4,145 ft), we took a quick breather before rolling into Black Bear BBQ for lunch. Our Porsches lined the main street, turning heads and drawing plenty of attention! The restaurant staff handled our 40+ group like pros, serving up a delicious and much-needed meal. After lunch, we hit the road again for more Appalachian backroads, enjoying twisty, cambered corners and scenic forest canopies. Traffic picked up towards the end, but nothing could dampen our spirits. We wrapped up the day at Rick Hill Porsche, where Cade Lane greeted us with an open showroom and plenty of car talk. Another unforgettable WTR driving event in the books!



Photo: Leo Anderson

Membership News



ur club continue to grow! We are now at 219 main members and 130 Co-members.
Year-to-date: 7 new main members!!!

Here is a list of the year-to-date new members:

Brandon Finney - 2014 Boxster S

D. Donald Coburn - transf. from Metro NY - 1993 911 RS America

Adam Hardin & Danjing Zhao - 2023 Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid Sport Turismo

Sulleman Malik - 2024 911 Carrera 4S

Mark & Matthew Jackson - 2012 Cayenne

Ryan Thayer - 2002 911 Carrera

John Clark - transf. from Carolinas - 1987 911 Carrera



Congratulations on your Membership Anniversary!

D. Donald Coburn - 48 years

Ed Yates - 45 years

Scott Arnold - 43 years

John Dellis - 39 years

Kernie Timmons - 35 years

Tom Raymond - 34 years

Scott Hubbard - 34 years

Wes Adams - 33 years

Michael Roberts - 33 years

Tim Loy - 31 years

Mark Finley - 30 years

Richard Lutz - 29 years

Jerry Smith - 29 years

Joseph Brown - 25 years

Ted Koehner - 25 years

Randy Moore - 25 years

Jerry Godsey - 24 years

Bill Griffith - 24 years

Frank Saylor - 22 years

Robert Scales - 22 years

Jaye Cornett - 22 years

John Kressin - 21 years

Gregory Miller - 19 years

James Myers - 19 years

Paul Straub - 19 years

David Miranda - 18 years

David Kreshek - 17 years

Howard Cummings - 17 years

Greg Schuette - 17 years

Broughton Jolley - 16 years

James Benard - 15 years

Jim Holmes - 15 years

Grady Moore - 15 years

Gregory Chudzik - 15 years

Landon Jackson - 14 years

Dennis Bellamy - 14 years

Parker Smith - 14 years

Gary Poe - 14 years

Tom Kwasigroch - 13 years

Mark Slauson - 13 years

Paul Jaynes - 13 years

E Smith - 12 years

Scott Cole - 12 years

Mike Lamb - 12 years

Gary Umbarger - 12 years

Steven Blankenbeckler - 12 years

Garrick Ho - 12 years

Ryan Elswick - 11 years

William Traer - 11 years

James Boles - 11 years

Tracy Benard - 11 years

Jason Carter - 11 years

David Fagerburg - 11 years

Dave Sample - 10 years

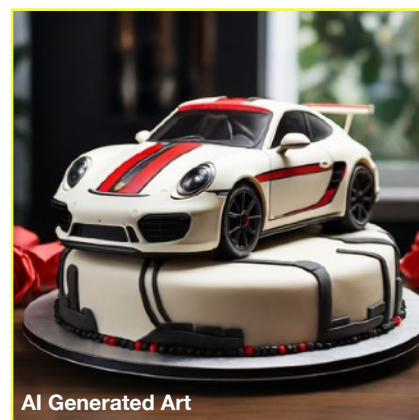
Derek Guske - 10 years

Patrick Morrison - 10 years

James Maxwell - 10 years

William Campbell - 10 years

Check on www.pca.org/anniversary details of Membership Anniversary recognition.



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Membership Anniversary Recognition

Porsche Club of America recognizes membership anniversaries in five-year increments. Five- to 20-year anniversary materials are available upon request. Members can request anniversary materials by clicking www.pca.org/anniversary (must be logged onto PCA website to use link). Members will receive a letter, certificate and decal commemorating their anniversary.

Materials for 25- to 60-year anniversaries (soon to be 65) are mailed quarterly depending on the anniversary date. Members celebrating these anniversaries will receive the following:

- 25 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin
- 30 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate
- 35 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate
- 40 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Name Badge
- 45 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Name Badge
- 50 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin and Name Badge
- 55 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin and Name Badge
- 60 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin and Name Badge

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Backroads of Appalachia is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a passion for the Appalachian Region. They are based in Lynch, Kentucky, in Harlan County — one of the poorest counties in Kentucky. The town once boomed with 10,000 people but now has fewer than 500 residents. There are scores of distressed former coal towns just like Lynch all along the winding Appalachian backroads.

Through motorsports-focused tourism, they work to drive economic development, job training, and opportunity in the poverty-stricken areas of Appalachia. From peak to valley, the Appalachian Mountains offer awe-inspiring natural beauty. The people of Appalachia are warm and welcoming – you won't find friendlier folks anywhere else.

We encourage you to explore the communities along your route to grab a bite to eat, do some shopping, or stay the night. They need your support of local businesses, which provide jobs, relieve poverty, and improve the quality of life for the people of Appalachia.

Download the Backroads of Appalachia app for iOS and Android!



