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Who gave this guy permission to impersonate Leo?



Err... Not my best angle!



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President's Message

Can you believe it's already July? The year is flying by, and I hope you've been enjoying some quality seat time in your Porsche this summer!

I'm thrilled to share that we've already hosted 20 events in 2025, with many more exciting ones lined up for the second half of the year. One highlight I want to bring to the spotlight is our unforgettable West Virginia Weekend Getaway this past May. Before I go on to thank the volunteers, group leaders, sweepers, and all the amazing attendees, I need to give a big shoutout to Jeremy & Karla Stanley. They not only convinced me that a West Virginia drive was a must-do, but they also did the legwork to scout and plan some of the most scenic and thrilling routes we've ever driven.

The event brought together 75 cars from over 20 PCA regions, with more than 120 participants — and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. I heard nothing but glowing reviews, and we're already

looking at bringing it back next spring!

I also want to highlight the growing partnership with our Gold Sponsor, Harper Porsche. You'll find more details in this edition of the newsletter, but if you haven't already, take a moment to thank Shannon Harper and the Harper Porsche team for their incredible support — and don't forget to follow them on social media. We've got some great collaborations in the works! This past quarter has been fantastic for our region. In May and June alone, we welcomed 20 new members — most of them referred by you, our current members. That tells me you're enjoying the club and spreading the word, and I can't thank you enough for that!

As always, a quick reminder that this club runs on volunteers. If you've ever thought about leading a drive (don't worry, we'll coach you through it) or organizing any kind of



Photo: Leo Anderson

PCA-approved event, now's a great time to step forward. Looking ahead, we'll also begin taking nominations in October for our next executive board: President, Vice President, and Secretary. (Our Treasurer role is covered — thanks to Houston for stepping up earlier this year!)

Whether you've attended one event or a dozen this year, thank you for being part of our club's success. And for those we haven't seen yet in 2025 — we hope to see you soon!

Be safe out there and, as always, keep it between the mustard and mayo!

Warmest regards,

— *Leo Anderson* 🚗💨



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New Chapter: Harper Porsche Joins WTR PCA as Gold Sponsor.

By now, most (if not all) of you have heard that Rick Hill Porsche has closed its doors in Kingsport after 40 years of serving Porsche enthusiasts throughout the Tri-Cities and surrounding areas. As I've often said, in today's world, if you're not treating your customers the way you would want to be treated, it's tough to survive.

With that in mind, I'm proud — and excited — to announce that Harper Porsche, based in Knoxville, has officially joined the Wilderness Trail Region PCA as a Gold Sponsor!

Harper Porsche is one of the most respected and recognized Porsche dealerships in our region, known for its exceptional customer service, top-tier technical team, and commitment to the Porsche community — from sales to service and everything in between. This partnership is a major milestone for our club. It reflects



Harper Porsche

Harper Porsche's dedication to celebrating and supporting Porsche owners across East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia — and we're honored to welcome them into the WTR PCA family.

Thanks to their generous support, our club will host over 50 events in 2025 — and that's just the beginning. Together, we're working on exclusive member experiences, including:

- New model unveilings
- VIP test drive opportunities
- Tech sessions and behind-the-scenes dealership tours
- Co-hosted showroom events
- Porsche lifestyle content and member-only perks

This is far more than just a sponsorship — it's a true collaboration with a Premier Porsche Dealer that shares our passion for the brand, the drive, and the people behind the wheel.

We're grateful for the energy Harper Porsche is bringing into our club, and now, we're excited to share a personal message from Shannon Harper, Dealer Principal at Harper Porsche:

Dear Porsche Enthusiast,

I want to personally invite you to the Harper Porsche family.

It is a true honor for us to carry forward the Porsche legacy here in East Tennessee, and even more so to have the opportunity to serve you — our new friends and fellow Porsche lovers from the Tri-Cities. At Harper Porsche, we are driven by a simple philosophy: to deliver the finest ownership and service experience possible. Whether you're behind the wheel of a classic air-cooled 911, the latest Taycan, or anything in between, our team is passionate about making sure you feel right at home.

For over four decades, we've been proud to represent the Porsche brand, earning recognition as a Porsche Premier Dealer and building a reputation for honesty, excellence, and true Porsche passion. Today, I want you to know that your business is deeply appreciated — but more importantly, your trust means everything to us. While the Rick Hill Porsche facility has now closed, our doors in Knoxville are always open to you. We are fully committed to supporting you with Porsche-certified service, expert guidance, and an enthusiastic community of fellow Porsche owners who share your love for these incredible cars. We are also proud partners of the Porsche Club of America and look forward to offering you even more ways to enjoy the Porsche lifestyle through drives, events, and gatherings such as Porsche Plática.

Please feel free to reach out directly to me or anyone on our team. We are here to make sure you continue to experience everything that makes Porsche ownership so rewarding.

My personal cell phone number is (865) 384-1460 and I want you to feel free to contact me anytime.

With sincere gratitude,

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On April our club kicked off the 2025 Autocross Season with the 4th edition of the event getting an extra support from the local news. We got a feature in the Herald & Tribune!

Autocross brings high-speed race to DCHS



CONTRIBUTED/PHOTO BY TOM RAYMON

The Wilderness Trail Region of the Porsche Club of America will host its annual Autocross event on Sunday, April 27, at David Crockett High School:

By **KIMBERLY HARR**
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Autocross has become one of the most accessible and thrilling ways for drivers to test their skills, and its popularity continues to grow among both seasoned racers and newcomers.

The Wilderness Trail Region of the Porsche Club of America will return to David Crockett High School on Sunday, April 27, for its annual Autocross event, marking the third consecutive year at the high school and the fourth year of hosting Autocross in the Tri-Cities area.

The event will kick off at 8 a.m. on Sunday, with other dates landing on Saturdays throughout the summer and fall, including: May 31, June 21, Aug. 2, Sept. 28 and Oct. 19, located at David Crockett High School, 684 Old State Route 34, Jonesborough.

Building on previous years of growing participation and enthusiasm, organizers expect this season to bring even more drivers and spectators together for a day of fast-paced excitement.

"Anyone that is 18 or older with a valid driver license can join the

event," said Leo Anderson, president of the Wilderness Trail Region. "Attendees can expect an exciting, family-friendly event where both sports cars and everyday vehicles compete in a safe, controlled environment. There will be plenty of action and fun throughout the day."

Autocross is a timed motorsport where drivers navigate a cone-marked course, often making up to 20 major steering inputs in under 60 seconds. The event is open to all makes and models, and participants use their own street-legal vehicles. Certified instructors guide drivers throughout the day to promote both safety and skill-building.

To ensure that spectators have a great view and participants feel supported, organizers have made several on-site accommodations to enhance the experience.

"We'll have a designated spectator area for friends and family of the participants to enjoy the event up close," Anderson said. "Plus, complimentary pizza will be provided to all registered participants for lunch. It's a great opportunity to experience the thrill of Autocross

while connecting with fellow car enthusiasts."

Beyond just entertainment, the event is deeply rooted in the club's mission to educate drivers and promote road safety throughout the region.

"As a non-profit car club, one of our main goals is to promote road safety and responsible driving in our communities," Anderson said. "Autocross plays a key role in this mission by providing a safe, controlled environment where drivers can push their limits, improve their handling skills and gain confidence behind the wheel."

Anderson emphasized that the lessons learned on the Autocross course can have a lasting impact on everyday driving habits.

"Unlike traditional racing, Autocross emphasizes precision and decision-making, teaching valuable techniques like quick maneuvering, situational awareness and emergency vehicle control that are directly applicable to everyday driving," he said.

While competition and skill-building are key parts of the day, this year's event also continues a larger tradition of giving back to the community.

AUTO

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"This year, our Autocross fundraiser is dedicated to supporting students at DCHS who are experiencing financial hardship," Anderson said. "As a club that has proudly served the Tri-Cities area for over 46 years, giving back to our community is a cornerstone of who we are."

That support extends beyond the racetrack, with direct efforts aimed at helping students succeed in school despite financial barriers.

"For 2025, our goal is to provide meaningful financial assistance to help the DCHS students stay focused on their education without the added pressure of economic challenges," he added. "By supporting this cause, we aim to make a lasting impact on their future and show that our passion for driving extends to driving positive change in our community."

Looking to keep the momentum going, the club has added several updates to this year's Autocross

format to engage even more participants.

"This year, we're excited to introduce a couple of new features to enhance the experience for both new and returning participants," Anderson said. "We've expanded our team of driver instructors to better support first-timers, ensuring a more welcoming and educational environment for those new to Autocross."

Another addition is aimed at increasing season-long involvement and rewarding consistent performance across multiple events.

"Additionally, we've implemented a new points system for each class, allowing drivers to accumulate points throughout the season," Anderson said. "At the end of the year, we'll celebrate the top performers with Class Champion awards."

As the season gets underway, organizers are optimistic that this year's series will not only build on past success but set new standards for participation and impact.

"For this year's Autocross, our hope is to see a strong turnout from

across the community, with drivers coming to experience the excitement of Autocross and deepen their understanding of their own driving abilities," said Anderson. "Our goal is to break past attendance records and show just how impactful this event can be. We especially hope that first-timers walk away with a sense of confidence, control and a new appreciation for their car."

Anderson said the event also offers an important space for experienced drivers to serve as mentors and role models.

"At the same time, we look forward to seeing veteran autocross drivers come out, share their knowledge, and inspire others by showing what's possible when experience meets precision," he added.

Registration is available at <http://msreg.com/WTRPCA-AUTOX14>. The cost is \$45 for PCA members, \$55 for non-members and \$65 for day-of registration.

Additional event details and future dates can be found at <https://wtrpca.org>.

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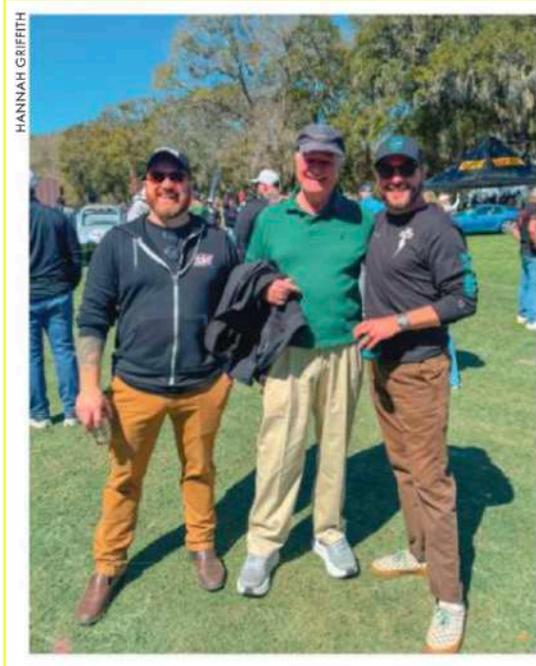
We made an appearance in the April and May issues of Panorama at the 'From the Regions section'. In case you missed it, here a recap:



◀ *“Wilderness Trail Region members Richard Lutz (L) and Josh Hayes (R) presented a \$10,000 donation to Charles Connor of David Crockett High School in Jonesborough, Tennessee. I emailed all Region presidents, and 19 contributed. The donation will support families of more than 50 students impacted by Hurricane Helene, providing much-needed assistance.”*
—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region

----- Thanks to this incredible generosity, 65 students received direct relief, allowing them to focus on their education without the added burden of financial stress during an already difficult time. The gratitude and appreciation expressed that evening reinforced what we already know—PCA is more than just a car club; we are a family that stands together in times of need.

Colville Griffith, ----- WTR club member had a blast in The Amelia and got to meet Martin Steger! Steger’s technical insight and passion for precision engineering left a lasting impact on Porsche’s racing legacy.



◀ *“Werks Reunion was the place to meet Porsche legends. Wilderness Trail Region members Jeremy Minamyer (L) and Colville Griffith (R) had an opportunity to chat with Martin Steger, whose Porsche journey began in 1962 under Dr. Porsche himself. He played a key role in building the engines for the first 917s.”*
—COLVILLE GRIFFITH
Wilderness Trail Region

After an incredible 48 years as PCA members with the Metro New York and Delaware Regions, Don and Barbara Coburn have officially transferred their membership to the Wilderness Trail Region PCA early this year — and we couldn't be more honored to have them join us!

Yes, they still live nearly 500 miles away in Delaware, but that hasn't stopped them from being amazing supporters of our region — always cheering us on, buying WTR merch, and sharing our events and energy with fellow PCA members across the country. I first met Don and Barbara at an event in Deals Gap a few years ago, and we've since crossed paths at Parade, Amelia Island's Werks Reunion, and more.

Recently, the Coburns took their iconic red 1993 911 RS America on a week-long road trip rally through the Northeast, and Don shared a fantastic day-by-day recap of their journey — filled with great roads, unexpected weather, nostalgic stops, and plenty of classic PCA rally fun. It's classic "Coburn style," full of wit and wisdom, and we're excited to share it with you.

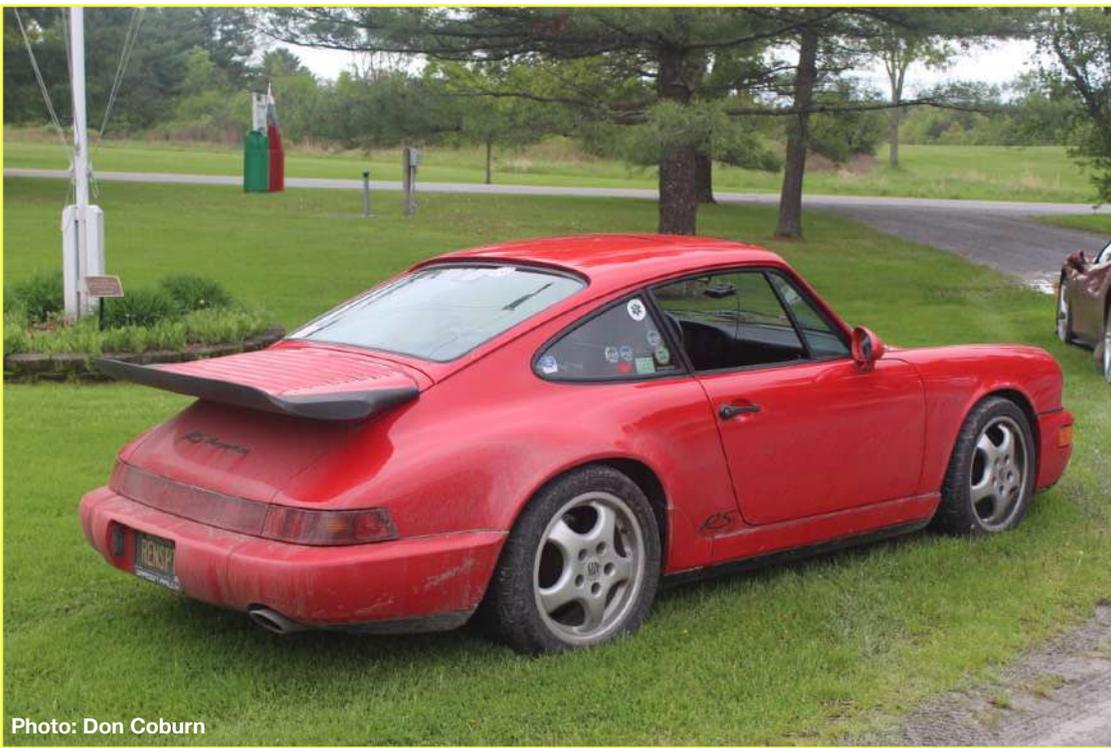


Photo: Don Coburn

“Loose Nuts” Road Trip Log – 1993 RS America in Action!

Day 1 – Lewes, DE to Queensbury, NY

400 miles in one day, averaging 27 MPG at 80+ MPH in a 33-year-old Porsche? Not bad at all. Bonus: 94 octane Sunoco is still a thing in NY!

Day 2 – Into Vermont

Rainy roads and rough pavement — but the RS ran like a champ. Lodged at the massive Lodge at Spruce Peak with a fogged-in mountain view and surprise visitors: PCA friends from Ontario dropped by to catch up!

Day 3 – Stowe to Manchester

Rain, rally navigation mishaps, and a few “slugs” on the road. But it ended strong with a perfect zero at the second checkpoint and drinks at The Equinox.

Day 4 – Manchester to Woodstock

Chilly, dry, and fast! 250 spirited miles without slug interference (even if a Ferrari 330 GTC and a '73 Carrera RS were rolling roadblocks). Three more zeros at the controls and a nostalgic return to Woodstock, where the Coburns camped for 15+ years. Bonus memory: Keegan Bradley’s dad used to carry Don’s golf clubs!

Day 5 – Woodstock Loop via Fort Ticonderoga

No rain and all the fun. Cable ferry crossing, musket demos, a Star Trek museum detour, and a return to Silver Lake State Park. Highlight: Seeing “Coburn’s Tonic” on the old Bentley’s building in town. Lobster bake to cap it off.



Photo: Don Coburn

Day 6 – Woodstock to Stowe

Another 200+ miles, three more zeros (making up for that Day 1 slip!), and lots of scenic detours. Waze didn’t help much — 15 miles of gravel roads later, they were back at the hotel, ready for a beer and a well-earned rest.

Day 7 – Snow in Vermont & Down to Ocean City, NJ

Snow on the mountaintops, holiday traffic chaos, a Trump helicopter sighting, and 498 miles later — the Coburns made it to Ocean City just in time for a cold one.

Day 8 – Home to Lewes, DE

Smooth sailing on the Lewes Ferry. Grand total? 2,050 miles of driving fun, 14 miles of dirt and gravel, and zero issues from the RS America. As Don put it: “I think we just may have to do another!”

- by Barbara & Don Coburn

We’re incredibly proud to call Don and Barbara part of the Wilderness Trail family. Their passion, Porsche spirit, and kindness are exactly what makes this club so special. We’re looking forward to their visit to one of our events — and checking on that beautiful RS America!

Club members Colby Hurd, Riley Alison and Tammy Baergen had their beautiful Porsches featured at Kingsport Times-News on June 21st at the “Sweet Rides” section where readers share their sweet rides. I want to encourage each of you to do the same and fill their newspaper with our amazing cars! Send photos as well as your name, the make and model, and where you live.

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SWEET RIDES

Readers share their sweet rides

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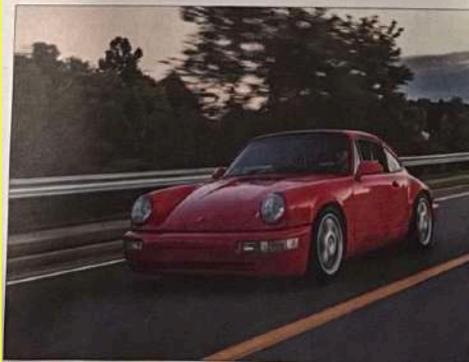
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Photo Of The Quarter

- Ethan Miller - member since May 2024

This quarter's stunning image, captured by our very own club member, Ethan Miller, perfectly embodies the raw, untamed spirit of a Porsche, even when standing still. But the story behind this shot is as captivating as the image itself.

It was a dreary Saturday afternoon in early March. The kind of day where most enthusiasts would tuck their prized Porsches away in the garage, safe from the elements. Ethan, however, had a different idea. He'd been meticulously detailing his 911 all morning, and as the first drops of rain began to fall, an idea sparked.

"I remember looking out the window," Ethan recounted, "and seeing the way the light was hitting the wet pavement, and how the rain was just starting to bead on the car's curves. It wasn't a downpour, just a soft, persistent drizzle. I thought, 'This is it. This is the shot.'"

He quickly grabbed his gear, carefully positioning his silver 911 in a quiet corner of his driveway, where the ambient light from the overcast sky created a diffused, dramatic backdrop. The goal wasn't to show the car in motion, but to highlight its sculptural beauty and the way it interacts with its environment, even in less-than-ideal conditions.

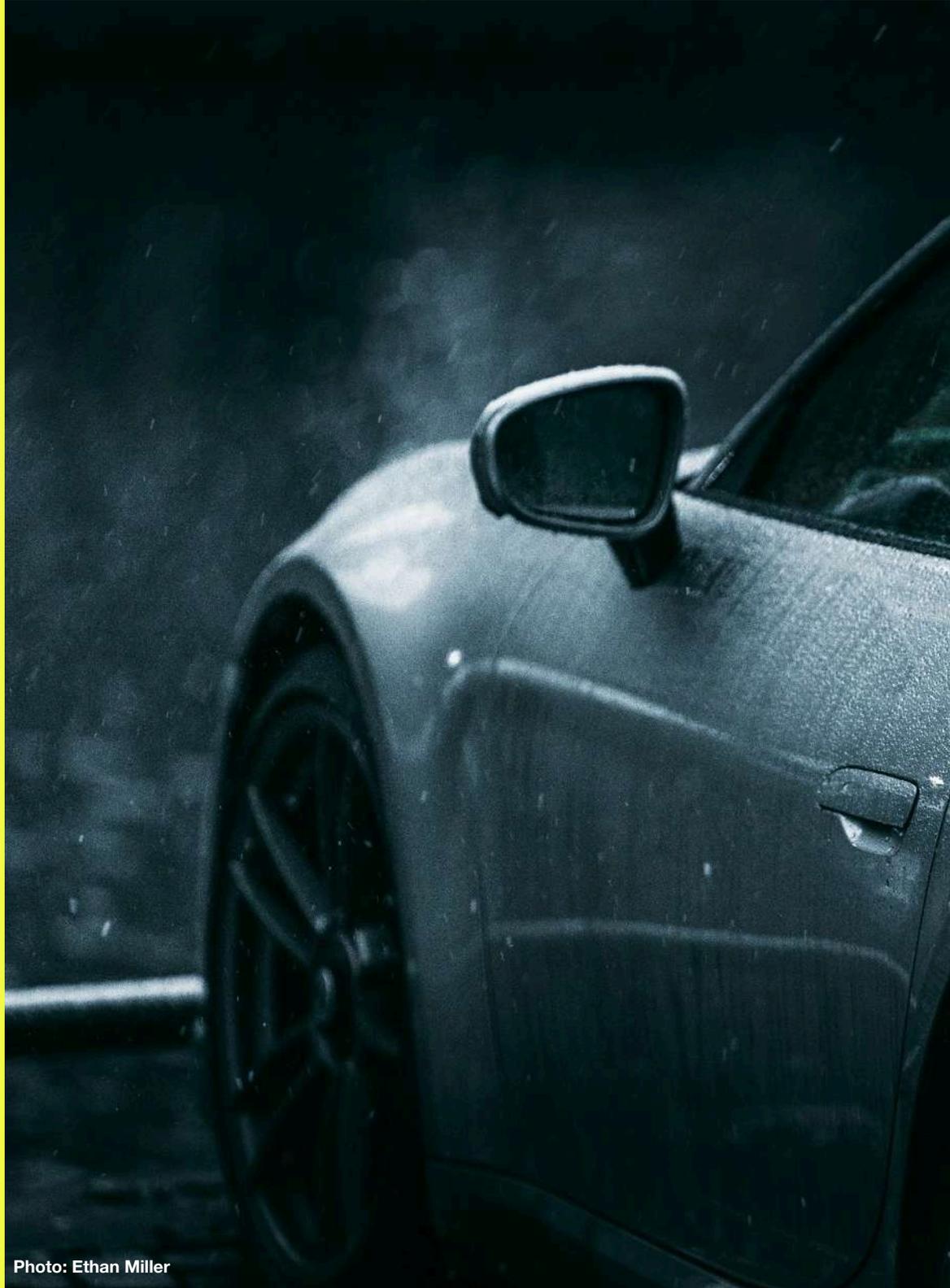


Photo: Ethan Miller

The challenge was keeping the lens dry enough to get a clear shot, but also letting the rain play its part, Ethan explained. "I wanted to capture that moment where the car almost looks like it's breathing, alive even when parked." The resulting image is a testament to Ethan's keen eye and patience. The subtle reflections on the wet paint, the perfect focus on the car's iconic lines, and the atmospheric mood all combine to create a truly artistic portrayal of Porsche ownership. It reminds us that the beauty of these machines isn't just in their performance, but in their presence, in every light and every weather condition.

— *Ethan Miller*

Camera: Canon EOS 5D
Mark IV

Lens: 190.0mm f/2.8

Exposure: 1/125s ISO: 2000



I hope Ethan'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

Let's see what you've got!

— *Leo Anderson*

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This event includes private guided Porsche factory tours in Stuttgart and Leipzig, a Porsche Track Experience on the Porsche Leipzig circuit, and four guided tours on exciting German country roads and highways in a mix of provided Porsche models, including 911 Carrera 4 GTS, 911 Carrera 4 GTS Cabriolet, and 911 Targa 4 GTS.

Unforgettable moments await you. In addition to spectacular driving fun in fascinating destinations and the latest Porsche vehicles, Treffen Stuttgart/Leipzig 2025 offers you a comprehensive program with enchanting stays, exquisite regional cuisine, and captivating accompanying activities that promise excitement.

For more info: www.pca.org/news/treffen-stuttgart-leipzig-2025



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Upcoming Events



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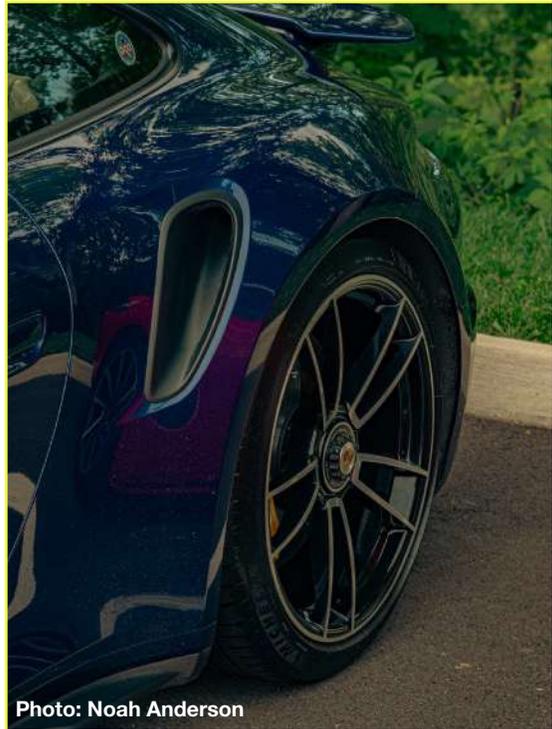


Photo: Noah Anderson

While our goal is to keep the calendar packed with drives, socials, autocross, and all the fun we love, the next few months are shaping up to be especially busy for me—both at work and personally. So if you've ever thought about hosting or leading an event, now's the perfect time to jump in!

Don't worry—we'll support you every step of the way to make sure your event is a success.

With that said, check out below and in the next pages to see what exciting things we've got planned! We already had 20 events on this first half of the year and we are planning more driving, autocross, social events, car shows, weekend getaway and more to the other half of 2025!

Celebrate Freedom with a Drive! Kick off your 4th of July with our Freedom Drive —a quick, spirited run to celebrate the road and the reason we’re free to enjoy it! We’ll cruise the legendary US-421, a.k.a. The Snake, from Bristol to Shady Valley, wind our way through Mountain City, and loop back to Bristol after a pit stop for lunch at the Country Store.

This holiday drive is the perfect excuse to stretch your tires, catch up with friends, and soak in some incredible mountain roads.

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Bonus reason to join: It’s the debut drive of “The Queen Bee” — a stunning 2025 Yellow Spyder RS making her first appearance on the road. Come see her shine!

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Join us as we celebrate 47 years of Porsche passion in the Wilderness Trail Region with an unforgettable anniversary drive through some of the most thrilling roads in the Appalachian Mountains!

We'll meet at the MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center before heading to Appalachia, VA and make our way through KY-160 (The Dragon Slayer)—a legendary stretch featuring 226+ heart-pounding curves, scenic mountain views, and Kentucky's highest peak, Black Mountain. After a quick break at the newly renovated Dragon Slayer Welcome Center, we'll continue onto Hwy-119 (The Slingshot), where sweeping bends, dramatic elevation changes, and roller-coaster-style fun await as we climb over Pine Mountain.

This route is ideal for both seasoned drivers looking to test their skills and newcomers excited to experience what Porsche driving is all about! Lunch will be at Pine Mountain Grill, and we'll wrap up the day with a celebratory stop at Gypsy Circus Cider Company in Kingsport, TN.

Bring your Porsche, your love of the curves, and help us toast 47 years of driving excellence. Let's make this anniversary one to remember!

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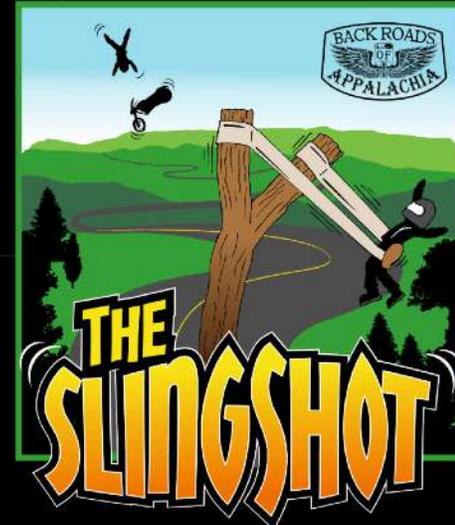
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Join them for a Harper Porsche Track Day on July 26h at Polecat Training Center in Lynchburg, TN. Harper Porsche's goal is to provide a fun, safe, low-stress track environment in conjunction with IMSA champion and track day host Owen Trinkler. Additional information including the track day schedule and run groups will be available soon.

Register - <https://drivinlife.com/register-here/ols/products/sold-out-track-day-with-harper-porsche-april-12th>

or use the short url: <https://shorturl.at/8FX4t>

General Information

- Personal helmets are recommended. There will be a limited amount of helmets available at the track to borrow.
- Catered lunch courtesy of Harper Porsche.
- Porsche only.
- Track photos available.
- Harper Porsche trackside support.
- (2) vinyl number plates supplied to track day

Track Inspections

Harper Porsche is now scheduling track day technical inspections for interested track day guests. Our team of certified technicians are ready to thoroughly inspect your Porsche vehicles to ensure they are safe, properly maintained, and ready for the rigors of high-performance driver education (HPDE) sessions. Harper Porsche highly recommends scheduling a track inspection.

These tech inspections are priced at \$125 before sales tax for active Porsche Club of America (PCA) members, \$150 before tax for non-PCA clients, and generally require 60-90 minutes from arrival to completion. The price of the inspection includes a physical copy of your inspection report filled out and endorsed by your certified Porsche or Porsche Classic technician and our service department. We ask that our clients please provide their own inspection forms.



The event is hosted at the DCHS - David Crockett High School in Jonesborough, TN and anyone is welcome: Club members, non-club members, Porsches, non-Porsches, etc.

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!

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 All cars makers, models and brands are welcome
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REGISTRATION FEE:

- ◆ \$45 - PCA Member
- ◆ \$55 - Non-PCA Member
- ◆ \$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.

Join us as we celebrate our amazing friend, longtime club member, Autocross Chair, and Chief Driving Instructor Richard Lutz, who's turning the big 6-0! And what better way to celebrate than with the thing Richard loves most — driving Porsches through the mountains!

We'll kick off the morning at David Crockett High School in Jonesborough, TN, before heading down some of the region's most scenic and exciting roads, including the legendary Rattler (NC-209) — a driver's dream filled with:

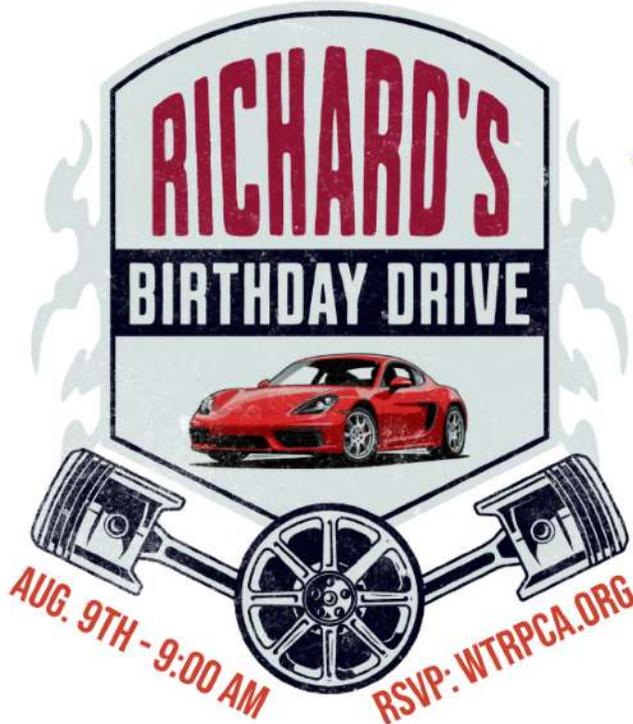
- Pastoral valley views
- Tight, twisty technical sections
- Thrilling climbs
- A stop in the charming town of Hot Springs, NC

Fun Fact from Richard's Birth Year – 1965:

- Porsche ended production of the iconic 356, after 17 years.
- The now-legendary 911 officially became Porsche's flagship sports car.
- Porsche introduced the 912, a more affordable alternative with the 356SC engine in a 911 body.

Let's honor Richard with a birthday celebration he'll never forget — full of good friends, great roads, and plenty of Porsche passion. 🍷

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ark Your Calendars – We're Bringing Porsche Pride to Downtown Kingsport!

Kingsport is throwing a huge celebration this August to unveil the all-new Main Street, following a multi-year, \$20 million revitalization project — and we've been invited to be part of the party!

While final details are still being confirmed, here's what we know so far:

- Festivities kick off at 4:00 PM and run into the evening
- Food trucks, live music, open bars, and great local energy
- A street festival atmosphere celebrating the new downtown vibe

Remember the incredible Tennessee Hills Distillery Porsche Car Show? This is our chance to do something just as spectacular — or even bigger! Downtown Kingsport is looking better than ever, and with tons of new businesses opening their doors, it's the perfect opportunity for our club to show up, show off, and support the community.

Let's make this a celebration to remember — for Porsche lovers, families, and the entire Kingsport community! More details coming soon — stay tuned!



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Help Celebrate PCA's 70 Years!



Schedule a Region event on September 13 to join the celebration!

PCA has big plans in 2025 to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the world's largest Porsche club. Why not join the fun? On September 13th, PCA's founding day, every PCA Region is encouraged to hold an anniversary event in your hometown. Schedule a concours, driving tour, cars & coffee, or any other PCA event and share the excitement on social media using #pca70.

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



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DrachenFest V is not just a weekend trip; it's an opportunity to forge lasting bonds and create cherished memories. This adventure will take you through the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains, Nantahala, Cherokee, and Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, covering about 750 miles of picturesque landscapes and exhilarating roads, an unforgettable mountain getaway.

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, Cherochala 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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Appalachian Adventure '25 is the Appalachian Region annual three-day, multi-event extravaganza being held this year at the Marriott MeadowView Resort in Kingsport, Tennessee. The event runs September 18 - 21, 2025 and includes driving tours, a People's Choice Concours, a Porsche trivia quiz, socials and an award banquet.

The Marriott MeadowView Resort provides a great jumping off point for driving tours. There will be four driving tours to choose from, including the exciting Back of the Dragon, The Snake, a Long "Dam Tour" or a picnic on top of the famous Roan Mountain.

The Adventure starts on Thursday evening with a welcome social on the terrace overlooking the golf course. Friday morning features the concours with an afternoon tour and parade laps at Bristol Motor Speedway. The driving tours are scheduled for Saturday. The Saturday night banquet will recognize the Concours and quiz winners.

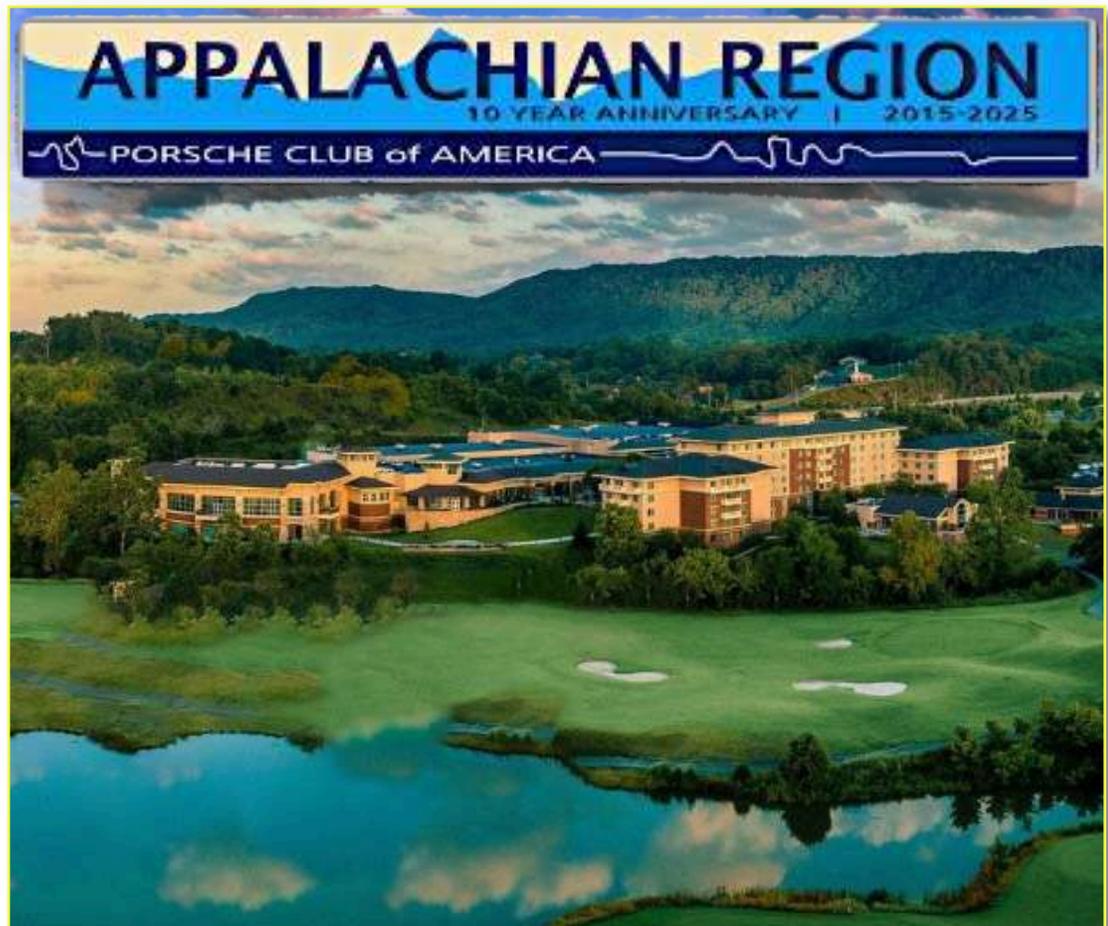
Hotel Registration is closed as rooms are sold out now but being a Tri-Cities event, I don't think any of our club members would need lodging. Event Registration for anyone not needing a hotel reservation will open on or about July 31, 2025 at <https://apr pca.org/356B/> or using the direct link below:

<https://apr pca.org/356B/index.php/events/appalachian-event/1491-appalachian-adventure-250905>

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Paligraf or MaryLou Miller, event co-chairs at paligraf@comcast.net

Event Cost:

The cost of the event is \$190 per person



We're excited to announce that the Dan'l Boone Car Club's 2025 Allandale Car Show will feature European manufacturers as the spotlight theme — and the Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club has been invited to showcase our cars in a dedicated Porsche Corral on the beautiful Mansion Lawn!

Event Details:

- Date: September 21st
- Location: Allandale Mansion, Kingsport, TN
- Theme: 2025 Specialty – European Manufacturers

Pre-Registration (through Sept 8): \$15

Register now: <https://danbooneregion.aaca.com/allandale-pre-registration/>
After Sept 8 / Day-of Show Registration: \$20

Spectator Donation: \$3 (Kids 12 & under free)

Highlights Include:

- Special Manufacturer Displays on the Mansion Lawn
- Dash plaques to the first 300 registered vehicles
- Top 25 Awards + Many Special Plaques
- Free Hot Wheels for Kids + Model Building with Appalachian Scaler Modelers
- Door Prizes + Limited Edition T-Shirts by Bortz Graphix Plus
- Delicious food all day by West Ridge High School Band Boosters
- Event support by West Ridge High School JROTC (Donations accepted)

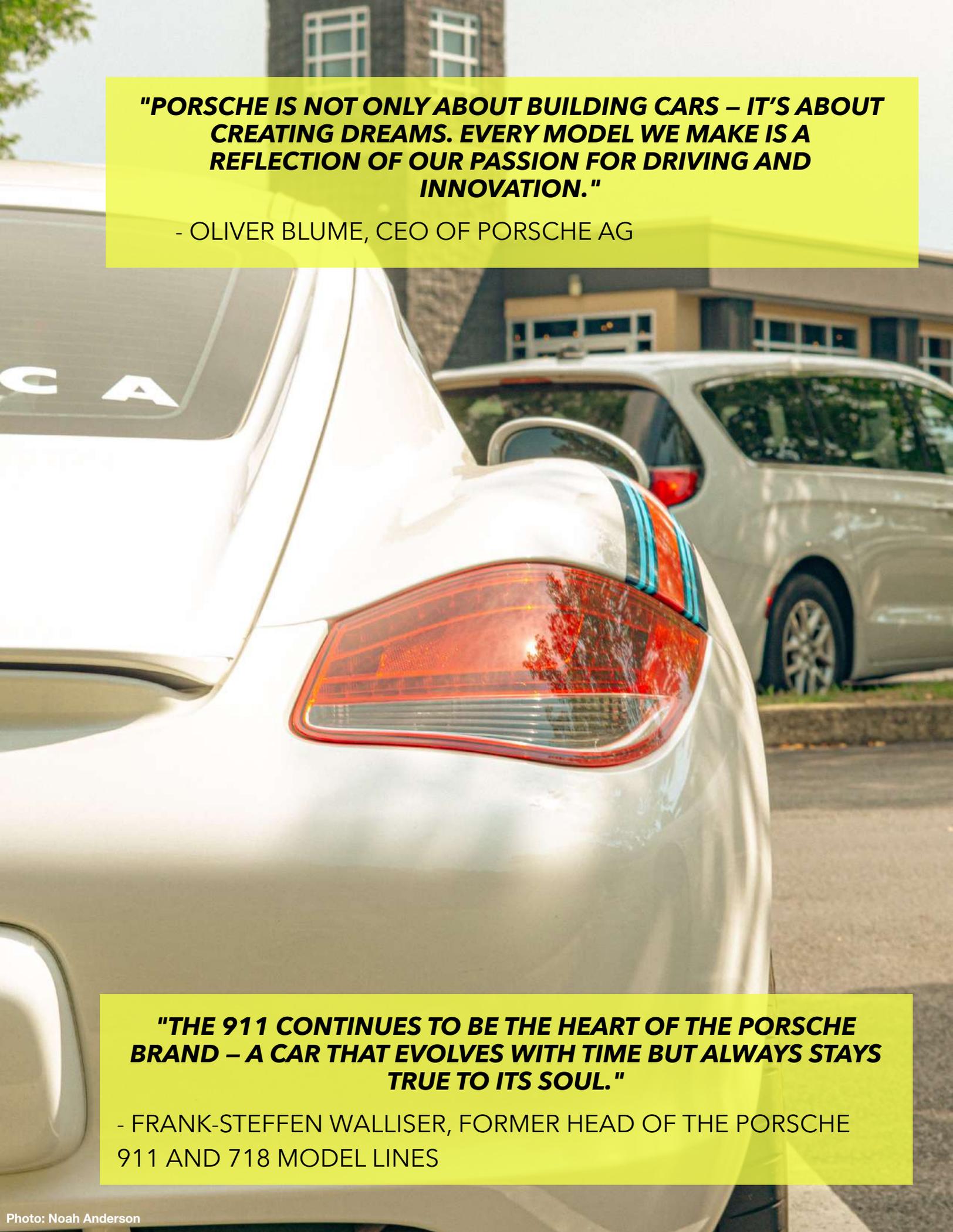
Vehicle Types Welcome: Everything from brass era to EVs — classic cars, muscle, rat rods, imports, trucks, motorcycles, tractors — you name it!

Display Sponsors:

- Mercedes-Benz Owners
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- Porsche Club of America

Let's show off our Porsches and represent the Wilderness Trail Region in style — join us for a fantastic day of cars, community, and fun!





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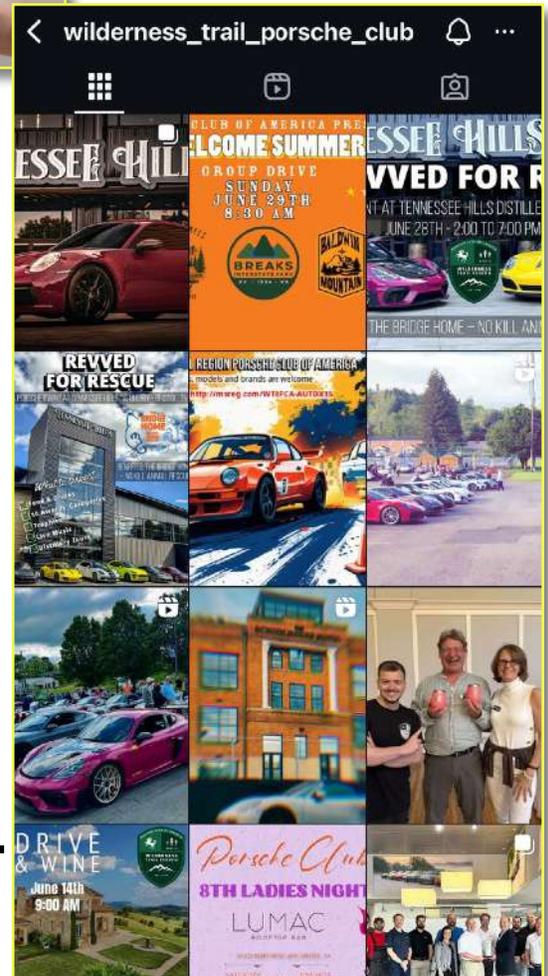
Social Media Channels

Are you on Facebook? Then join us for a world of exclusive Porsche content by following our club's page. You'll find cherished memories from past events, announcements for exciting upcoming gatherings, and even a few fun bloopers. Don't miss out! Connect with us on Facebook today:

facebook.com/WTRPCA.ORG or search for Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club and click 'LIKE' and 'FOLLOW'.



Have you scrolled through our Instagram lately? With almost 900 posts, our feed is packed with everything from throwbacks to past events, sneak peeks at what's coming up, and even a few hilarious outtakes! Dive into the fun at [instagram.com/wilderness_trail_porsche_club/](https://www.instagram.com/wilderness_trail_porsche_club/) or just search: @wilderness_trail_porsche_club on Instagram.



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H ave a general question about the Porsche Club of America? Contact PCA.org: Phone: (410) 381-0911| Fax: (410) 381-0924. Mailing address: PCA National Headquarters - P.O. Box 6400 - Columbia, MD 21045

Past Events



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e have done a lot this past quarter! Lets recap some of the events below:

- 5-Apr - Group Drive - Blowing Rock, Banner Elk
- 12-Apr - Group Drive - 5th Macan & Cayenne SUV Day
- 17-Apr - Club Dinner - Tennessee Hills Distillery Bristol
- 19-Apr - Dragon Fest 3 - BOTD
- 25-Apr - 7th Ladies Night - Wine Inspire Bar & Kingsport Theater (Cinderella)
- 27-Apr - Autocross at DCHS Jonesborough
- 8-May - Club Dinner - Bayou Boys Johnson City
- 16-18-May - West Virginia Weekend Getaway
- 31-May - Autocross at DCHS Jonesborough
- 14-Jun - Club Drive - DRIVE & WINE - The Snake
- 14-Jun - 8th Ladies Night - Lumac Rooftop Bar
- 21-Jun - Autocross at DCHS Jonesborough
- 28-Jun - REVVED FOR RESCUE - a Porsche Event at Tennessee Hills Distillery
- 29-Jun - Group Drive - Back of the Dragon & Hayter's Gap

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

April 4th - Group Drive: Blowing Rock, Banner Elk

On April 5th, a group of our PCA members embarked on a scenic and meaningful drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains, heading toward the charming towns of Banner Elk and Blowing Rock, North Carolina. The event was not just a driving adventure—it was an opportunity to support communities still recovering from the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene.

A huge thank-you goes out to Ryan Elswick, who stepped up to host and lead the drive in my absence, and to Tammy Baergen, who co-led the event and guided our cruising group. The turnout was smaller than usual—possibly due to short notice or a well-deserved break after several back-to-back weekend events—but the quality of the day and the company more than made up for it. The route took the group past Watauga Lake, through winding mountain roads, and into Banner Elk for a brief rest and fuel stop. From there, the group continued on to Blowing Rock via NC-221, where the roads were in much better shape compared to the earlier stretch.

The most challenging part of the drive was the section leading up to Banner Elk. The lingering effects of Hurricane Helene were clearly visible—rough pavement, landslide remnants, piles of debris, and household remnants lined the roads. It was a sobering reminder of the power of nature and the resilience required to rebuild.

As Tammy Baergen put it: “Driving through the backroads of Northeast Tennessee and Northwest North Carolina, the beauty of the landscape is undeniable... But beneath the surface, the scars of Hurricane Helene remain.

The roads tell the story first... piles of debris—household items, broken furniture, remnants of lives once whole—line the roadside for miles, a stark reminder of the disaster that tore through this region... Despite the destruction, life moves forward. Some homes are being rebuilt, some communities pulling together, determined to restore what was lost.”

The lunch stop was at Timberlake Restaurant at the Chetola Resort in Blowing Rock, offering a welcome break and great food in a peaceful setting. After lunch, Ryan reviewed the remaining route and made last-minute adjustments to avoid further road issues. The group then headed toward the final destination—Banner Elk Winery, where members enjoyed wine tasting, live music, and a relaxed atmosphere surrounded by friends and fellow enthusiasts.

The return trip to Tri-Cities was replanned too, taking US-421, including a run through The Snake and a stop at Shady Valley Country Store. While Leo originally planned the full route with hopes of supporting local businesses affected by the hurricane, the condition of the roads made it clear: we may need to wait until further recovery before returning to some areas.

This drive was more than just a club event—it was a reminder of the long road to recovery many families and small towns still face. As Colby noted, it was shocking to see entire valleys that had been underwater, with damage far beyond what most of us imagined.

Thank you again to everyone who came out, supported the cause, and helped keep our club spirit alive. Let’s continue to combine our passion for driving with a commitment to the communities we travel through.



Photo: Skip Weill

April 12th - 5th Macan & Cayenne SUV Day

The 5th edition of our Macan & Cayenne SUV Day joined forces with the 2nd Porsches at the Farm event to deliver an unforgettable day of adventure, connection, and off-road fun!

Despite four consecutive weekends of temps in the 70s, the morning of April 12th greeted us with crisp low 40s weather as 25 Macans and Cayennes gathered at the MeadowView Conference Resort in Kingsport. As guests rolled in, we spotted familiar faces and several new ones from other PCA regions — and made sure everyone felt like part of the family from the start.

While we handled the usual check-in items (waivers, photos, staging), drivers mingled and got to know each other. At 9:15 AM, we held our drivers' meeting and split into three groups:

- Daniel led Group 1 in his Silver Macan Turbo
- Tammy led Group 2 in her Agate Gray Macan Turbo
- Leo took Group 3 in his head-turning Shock Yellow Macan S

From there, we set off on some beautiful backroads — winding through scenic Bays Mountain toward Rogersville, then taking on the exhilarating, twisty TN-66 to Sneedville. With temperatures climbing into the 50s, spirits were high, and tires were warm.

In Sneedville, we picked up a guest all the way from Atlanta before cruising along the Clinch River through Kyles Ford. The ascent up TN-70 toward Pennington Gap and Jonesville had everyone wide-eyed — narrow roads, steep climbs, and tight curves made for an unforgettable drive.

We eventually arrived at our off-road destination: Creek Bend Farm, a 276-acre playground of rolling hills and rugged terrain. Ryan welcomed us with a quick safety briefing and updates to the route, as recent rains had added a few extra challenges.



Photo: Leo Anderson

We then drove over to the main house for a well-earned picnic lunch. The sun broke through the clouds just in time, creating the perfect setting for relaxing, connecting, and preparing for the second half of the day.

Then, the real fun began. Led by Ryan, we took our Macans and Cayennes off the beaten path — navigating rocky terrain, muddy trails, and climbing to the top of the farm for epic views. One Macan got temporarily stuck in the mud, but Ryan in his support vehicle handled the recovery with ease — a testament to the team spirit and capability of our group.

At the summit, Ryan treated us to a local legend: The Tale of Bouncing Bertha, a ghost story involving a mysteriously shaking bed that once captivated national media. With a chill in the air and the story lingering, we descended into the next phase of off-road excitement.

After regrouping at the main house, we tackled the ridge climb to the other side of the property. From the top, the views were breathtaking. We took a short break, then activated Hill Descent Control and made our way down — a favorite moment for many.

Though our original plan included a creek crossing for those feeling adventurous, the rain-swollen waters made the entry and exit points too soft for most. But that didn't stop Bucky's 957 Cayenne, fully outfitted and fearless, from charging through the creek — not once, but four times! The crowd enjoyed watching the Cayenne master the water crossing and climb back to the top like a champ.

After more than three hours of off-road fun, we made our way to Axe Handle Distillery, a family-run gem nestled in the mountains of Southwest Virginia. It was the perfect spot to relax, share laughs, and reflect on the day's excitement with a glass in hand. Some attendees said their goodbyes here, heading home after a day well spent.

The final stop was Rick Hill Imports, in Kingsport. There, we were welcomed with refreshments and a surprise raffle — 2 tickets to the NASCAR race the following day. The drawing was fair and square... I won the tickets! 😊

Massive thanks to Red Door Agency and farm owners Colby Hurd and Ryan Elswick for making this incredible experience possible. We truly can't wait for the next Porsche SUV adventure!



April 19th - Group Drive: Dragon Fest 3

The 3rd annual Dragon Fest proved to be our biggest and best yet, drawing 75 Porsches from 11 PCA regions for a day of exhilarating driving, incredible camaraderie, and unforgettable mountain scenery.

We kicked things off Friday night with a casual pre-meet at Tennessee Hills Distillery in Bristol. What started as an informal get-together quickly turned into a Porsche takeover, with nearly 30 members sharing food, drinks, and excitement.

Saturday morning, nearly 50 cars met at the Bristol Welcome Center, where our amazing volunteers Liz and Karla handled waivers while we organized cars into five groups. By 8:45 AM, the drivers' meeting was underway, and by 9:00 AM, the first group was rolling out—smooth and well-coordinated thanks to the group-based parking system.

After a scenic 47-mile cruise up I-81, we met the rest of the group—another 25 cars—in Marion, VA. Following a quick drivers' briefing and restroom break, we tackled the day's main event: The Back of the Dragon (VA-16), a 32-mile stretch with 438 thrilling curves that delivered everything we hoped for and more. With perfect spring weather and no traffic, it was truly Porsche paradise.

Lunch at the Back of the Dragon Welcome Center was a hit: fresh wood-fired pizza straight from the oven, a quick and tasty buffet for just \$20. While some opted to explore downtown Tazewell for lunch, most enjoyed the ease and camaraderie at the welcome center.



Photo: Leo Anderson



Photo: Darren Ho



Photo: Darren Ho

In the afternoon, we made our way to Burke’s Garden, a hidden gem also known as “God’s Thumbprint.” The drive there was filled with twisty, scenic mountain roads. After a visit to the Amish General Store and a group photo opportunity, we headed back through the Dragon—this time in reverse—and wrapped up the day early in Marion with plenty of smiles and stories to share.

This event wasn’t just about the roads—it was about the people. From the incredible volunteers and group leaders to every attendee who joined us from near and far, Dragon Fest 3 was a shining example of what makes the Porsche community so special. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, and many first-timers said it was one of the best club events they’ve ever experienced.



Photo: Darren Ho



Photo: Leo Anderson

The 4th season of the Wilderness Trail PCA Autocross Series is in full swing — and what a thrilling ride it's been so far!

Event #1 – April 27th

We kicked off the season at David Crockett High School with nearly 30 cars ready to tear up the course. Setup began bright and early at 7:00 AM, with Richard, Leo, Jacob, and Tammy laying out the course and prepping check-in and timing. As drivers trickled in, Dave McKeena got to work performing tech inspections, and by 8:30, the course was ready for the walk-through. Special thanks to Art, who led a fantastic novice course walk that drew nearly the entire field! The first group of 14 cars hit the track at 9:30, with Dan Dazzo and Art coaching our first-timers. Group 2 ran in the afternoon with 13 cars, where Matt McBee and Jakob provided driving instruction. Thanks to tight organization, each participant got 8 runs! Big shoutout to Laura for delivering pizza, and Antonio, Tammy, and Tom Raymond for keeping timing on point and capturing the action. A personal highlight? It was my first time autocrossing my 911 and to my surprise, I ended the day as the fastest Porsche on the course!

Event #2 – May 31st (Our First Saturday Autocross!)

Hosting on a Saturday drew a fresh crowd, including folks who can't usually attend on Sundays and the energy was amazing! 26 cars were split into two groups of 13, and once again, everyone got 8 runs. This course was a bit more technical (as planned), but that didn't stop our many first-timers — most from WTR PCA — from giving it their all. Tom returned to snap amazing shots again. The surprise of the day? A highly modified 1968 Chevy C10 set the fastest time, with James Benard less than three-tenths behind. Thanks to two-car launches, we wrapped by 2:15 PM, always appreciated by those traveling from afar. Special thanks to Tammy and Antonio for timing and Dave McKeena for tech inspections!



Photo: Tom Raymond

Event #3 – June 21st (Hot Weather, Hot Laps!)

Our third autocross of the season brought out 30 cars and the most technical course yet. While this led to more DNFs (46 out of 182 runs vs. 26 in the previous event), the challenge was welcomed, not frustrating. Everyone embraced the learning experience! With temps soaring, we kept things efficient and wrapped by 1:30 PM. A 2021 Mazda Miata RF took top time of the day, with WTR PCA member Trey Range close behind in his 911 T. Huge thanks to James Pierce for towing the trailer, Tammy and Antonio for another flawless job on timing, and Dave McKeena once again for tech inspection.

Next Up: August 2nd – Event #4

We're back on the course Saturday, August 2nd! Don't miss out — sign up today at: <http://msreg.com/WTRPCA-AUTOX17>



Photo: Tom Raymond

Whether you're a seasoned driver or new to the sport, there's a spot for you. And thanks to Harper Porsche, returning drivers can use coupon code HARPERPORSCHE50 for 50% off your registration — just our way of saying thanks!



Photo: Noah Anderson

Every year, we aim for two epic weekend getaways—one in the Southeastern Kentucky area and one in the Deals Gap (NC/TN) region. After five straight years of heading to Kentucky, Jeremy and Karla convinced me to mix things up and give West Virginia a shot this year... and I'm so glad I listened! This year's adventure brought together 75 Porsches and 120 PCA members from 18 different regions for an unforgettable weekend of rolling hills, scenic byways, charming Appalachian towns, and miles of pure Porsche joy. It was the perfect blend of excitement and relaxation.

Our headquarters for the weekend was the incredible Schoolhouse Hotel—a beautifully restored 1912 high school turned boutique hotel. First-class accommodations, welcoming staff, and a relaxing vibe made it the ideal home away from home.

The drive from the Bristol area to West Virginia started strong—twisty roads, stunning views—until we hit a wild summer thunderstorm just north of Virginia. Visibility dropped to nearly zero, and the day turned to night. But our lead drivers navigated safely, sometimes crawling at 15 mph. After 30 minutes, the skies cleared and the sun came back out, leaving us with a glistening landscape that felt straight out of a movie.

We arrived at the hotel around 4:30 PM, just in time to freshen up before our welcome dinner. With drinks in hand and finger foods flowing, nearly everyone gathered in the hotel ballroom for an evening of socializing. We also held a silent auction for a set of special edition pink WTR PCA 10oz YETIs, generously bid on by Christian Wienands and Cynthia Waddell for \$500—all donated to breast cancer research through Susan G. Komen (thank you, Lynn Chambers, for coordinating!).



Photo: Leo Anderson

Saturday morning kicked off early at a nearby playground lot where we staged all five driving groups. With 120 people circled around, I held our traditional drivers' meeting and welcomed both familiar faces and many first-time participants.

Huge thanks to our group leaders: Daniel, Ryan, Jeremy, Richard, Christian (and myself)! Also, shoutout to the White Sulphur Springs Police Department, who helped safely coordinate our departure with all 75 cars rolling out without interruption.

Unfortunately, Richard's '99 911 had a mechanical issue shortly after we began. He safely pulled off, and thanks to the amazing teamwork, Christian and Christine Miller stepped in to lead his group on the fly—and they nailed it!

The roads? Absolutely spectacular. From sweeping curves to open mountain views, it was Porsche heaven. The Highland Scenic Highway was a standout, and our lunch stop went off without a hitch. We made it back to the hotel by late afternoon, giving everyone time to unwind before heading to the rooftop for drinks and laughs under the stars.

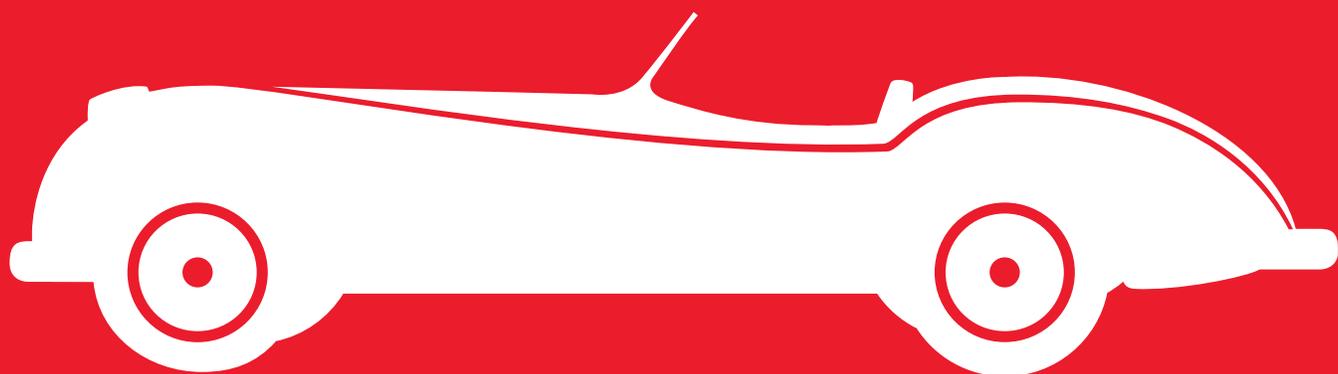
Sunday morning, we regrouped at the playground lot and—once again with police assistance—hit the road toward New River Gorge Bridge. The views from the overlook were jaw-dropping. From there, we cruised to Beckley, WV for lunch, with plenty of great options and fast service to keep the drive moving.

The final leg took us back into Virginia, wrapping up the weekend in legendary style with a run through the Back of the Dragon. We returned to the Tri-Cities by early evening, already dreaming of next year.



Photo: Christian Miller

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GARAGE

What an unforgettable day! The Wilderness Trail Region PCA partnered with Tennessee Hills Distillery for a brand-new community event with a purpose — and Revved for Rescue did not disappoint!

Despite an early hiccup caused by a storm-induced power outage at the distillery the night before, everything came together beautifully. By the time we rolled in, the venue had reopened, and our volunteers were already hard at work. A huge thank you to Tammy, Keith, and Tina, who helped set up the check-in tent and keep everything flowing smoothly, while I directed traffic and parking.

We had nearly 50 Porsches on display, including about 8 local Porsche owners who hadn't RSVP'd but joined in after hearing about the event — a fantastic surprise! Not only were they impressed with the show's organization, many expressed interest in joining our club after experiencing the camaraderie and passion in person.

The energy at the event was electric. Over 80 PCA members showed up, and visitors from the distillery and community kept the display area buzzing. Guests were invited to vote for their favorite cars in multiple People's Choice Award categories — and vote they did! With over 100 ballots collected, it was clear how engaged and excited everyone was.



Photo: Noah Anderson

Our goal was to raise funds and awareness for The Bridge Home – No Kill Animal Rescue, and the heart of this event truly shined. The rescue brought six adoptable dogs with them, and countless guests stopped by to learn about their mission. But one interaction stood out: our club member Doug Rich met a beautiful pup, now named Tahoe... and by the end of the day, Tahoe had found his furrever home with Doug. 🐾💙 We also raised over \$2,300 to The Bridge Home during the event!

While the summer heat nudged many into the distillery to cool off and enjoy food and drinks, the parking lot remained the main attraction. Local photographers captured stunning images, the band kept the vibe lively, and Liz and Tammy made sure every visitor got a ballot and a raffle ticket for our prize giveaway — a signed Tennessee Hills Green Label Bottle.





Photo: Carl Markland

We also hosted a Rev Battle for the Loudest Porsche, judged scientifically with a decibel meter thanks to George! And of course, the distillery team, led by owner Stephen Callahan, joined in by selecting their favorite for the Distiller's Choice Award.

And the Winners Are...

- Cleanest Porsche – Dave Sample, 2024 Boxster S (Chalk)
- Dirtiest Porsche – Craig Winkelmann, 2007 997 Turbo (Speed Yellow)
- Best Color – Ryan Elswick, 2023 718 Cayman GT4 RS (Ruby Star PTS)
- Loudest Porsche – Ryan Elswick, 2023 718 Cayman GT4 RS (Ruby Star PTS)
- Distiller's Choice – Jerry King, 2022 Taycan 4S (Mamba Green)
- Best Classic (pre-1990) – Steven Blankenbeckler, Carrera RS (Yellow)
- Best New Porsche (2016+) – Otha Weaver, 2025 911 Turbo S (Arctic Gray)
- Fan Favorite – James Pierce, 2022 911 GT3 (Nardo Gray)
- Highest Mileage (Overall) – Robert Kaehler, 2002 911 C4S (Silver)
- Highest Mileage (2020+) – Shaylen Gardner, 2020 Macan S (White)

Raffle Winner:

Keith Sluss – Congrats and thank you for volunteering!

To everyone who helped make this event a success — from our volunteers and photographers to the amazing team at Tennessee Hills Distillery — we are incredibly grateful. And most of all, thank you to every Porsche owner and community member who came out to support The Bridge Home Animal Rescue. Together, we combined passion for cars with compassion for animals — and we can't wait to do it again.

Membership News



Our club continue to grow! We are now at 232 main members and 136 Co-members.
Year-to-date: 27 new main members!!!

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

January to March:

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
 Sultan Malik - 2024 911 Carrera 4S
 Mark & Matthew Jackson - 2012 Cayenne
 Ryan Thayer - 2002 911 Carrera
 John Clark - transf. from Carolinas - 1987 911 Carrera

April to June:

Clayton & Morgan Blankenbeckler - 2024 911 Carrera T
 Michael Parker - 2024 911 Carrera T
 Michael Foess - transf. from Carolinas - 2025 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
 Louis Valk - transf. from Northeast - 2009 Boxster
 David Cooke & Peggi Houston - 2001 Boxster S
 Randolph & Amy Ash - 2008 Cayenne S
 Julie Barnette - 1985 944
 Kevin King - 2016 911 Carrera
 Shawn Carr - 2012 911 Carrera S
 Jon & Jill Danzig - 2015 911 Carrera GTS
 Daniel Krenk - 2022 Cayenne
 Benny Broyles - 2011 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
 Aaron Couch - 2022 718 Cayman T
 Robert and Shari Davis - 2009 Boxster S
 Jose Morales - 2025 911 Carrera Cabriolet
 William Astin - 2025 718 Boxster S
 Austin & Shaylen Gardner - Macan S
 Johnny Morelock - 2016 Cayenne S E-Hybrid
 Andrew Waller - 2014 Cayman S
 Wesley & Jennifer Bradley - 2003 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

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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!





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