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Is Karla the only one hating the air horn???



We went to Drachenfest V and all I got to you was this pin!



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President's Message

As many of you know, I'm stepping into the role of President for the Wilderness Trail Region, and I want to begin by introducing our new Executive Board. Tammy Baergen will be serving as Vice President, Houston Haynes as Treasurer, Liz Watson as Secretary, and Leo as Immediate Past President.

Before looking forward, it's important to pause and recognize just how much this Region has accomplished under Leo's leadership. To be honest, I was a little hesitant to take on this role. Who really wants to be the person that follows a run like that? The growth, energy, and reputation of the Wilderness Trail Region today are a direct reflection of Leo's vision, dedication, and an incredible amount of hard work. In recognition of that impact, the previous board created a new award to celebrate those achievements, the Leo Anderson Legacy Award. This award will be given on occasion to a member who has made positive contributions to the club that will be felt for many years to come. It felt important to create something lasting that reflects the kind of leadership and commitment Leo brought to this Region. That said, I truly believe this board, and this Region, are ready for the next chapter. Wilderness Trail Region has grown significantly, and with that growth comes both opportunity and responsibility.

Our goal moving forward is to keep the momentum going while doing a better job of distributing the work across a broader team, so no single person is carrying too much of the load.

I want to sincerely thank the chairs who continue to keep this Region running smoothly. The time, energy, and care you put into your roles make a real difference, and the success of our events and programs would not be possible without you. At the same time, as the Region grows, we do have several open chair positions, including Sponsor and Outreach, Newsletter Editor, Dealership Liaison, and Social Media. Filling these roles, or even adding co-chairs, will help us stay organized, creative, and sustainable. If you've ever thought about getting more involved, I encourage you to reach out. Even a limited commitment can have a big impact.

Looking back at this past fall, it's hard not to smile. We had an incredible lineup of events, starting with our three-day "DrachenFest V: A Deals Gap Weekend Getaway" in Murphy, North Carolina, where we stayed at the Cherokee Casino. We welcomed 120

beautiful cars, 200 attendees, and 70% of participants came from other PCA regions, with 9 cars driving almost 1,000 miles and over 14 hours coming from Texas. That kind of turnout reinforces what we already know, people are willing to travel for a Wilderness Trail Region event.

Porsches at the Annual Allandale Car Show turned into a surprise hit, capped off by Colby Hurd's "Queen Bee" Spyder RS being awarded a trophy for European Special Display. Our 6th Macan and Cayenne SUV Day, Porsches at the Farm III, brought a fantastic mix of vehicles and visitors to our farm in Virginia for some fun and safe off-road shenanigans. I've said it before, but I'll say it again, my grandfather would have been so happy to see everyone out there enjoying nature and our cars together. Porsche Trunk or Treat in downtown Kingsport was a huge hit. We handed out candy to an estimated 6,000 people that day. With the support of our Gold Sponsor, Harper Porsche, we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the PCA, and we even managed to sneak in a post-Christmas drive at the last minute.

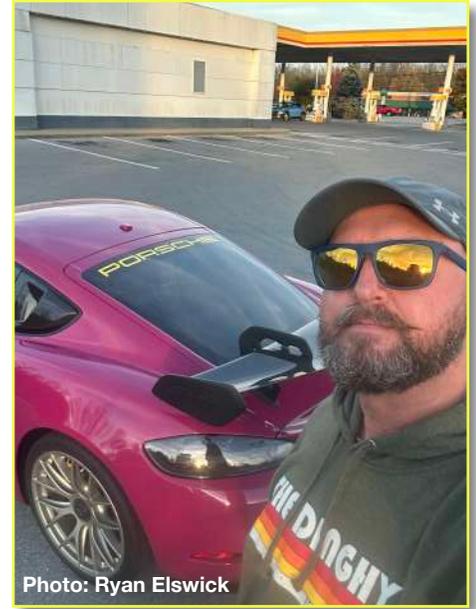


Photo: Ryan Elswick

I'm incredibly proud to serve as President of the Wilderness Trail Region. We are well positioned to solidify our place as the go-to PCA east of the Mississippi, and our focus remains clear, keep growing and continue being the most fun PCA out there.

I look forward to what's ahead for us in 2026!

— *Ryan Elswick*

President, Wilderness Trail Region PCA

Editor's Message

It has been a while since I last wrote to you in this space as Newsletter Editor rather than Club President, four years, to be exact. Before diving into the content of this issue, I want to start by thanking everyone inside and outside the club who has supported me and the club in one way or another over the past several years. Your encouragement, trust, and willingness to show up have meant more than you know.

As our club enters a new chapter of leadership, I want to share how genuinely excited I am about what lies ahead.

And as for me, I'm not going anywhere. I'll continue serving as Newsletter Editor, Region Driving Tour Chair, Social Media Chair, and now Insurance Chair (because why not?). I'll also remain on the Board as Immediate Past President and, unofficially, a part-time micromanager.

Now, back to the newsletter itself. The past 6 months of my personal and professional life have been some of the busiest I can remember and I don't expect it to slow down (another reason I am grateful for the new leadership in our club). I owe you all an apology for missing the October edition and for this edition arriving later than planned. On the bright side, you're getting six months' worth of content rolled into one newsletter, so let's call it a bonus.

I am also incredibly grateful for the generosity of club members like Clay and Steven Blankenbeckler, whose support proves that big things can happen even in small regions. One long-standing dream of mine was to see at least one of our newsletters printed, and thanks to them, that dream has finally become a reality. I am truly beyond words and cannot thank them enough.

Please take a moment to visit their website at getpulp.com, follow them on social media, and join me in thanking Clay and Steven for their kindness and support of our club.

One of the major highlights of the past six months was Drachenfest V, a four-day event in North Carolina at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. The event welcomed 120 Porsches and more 200 people from over 20 states and 27 PCA regions. In this issue, I'm excited to share details and moments you may have missed — and hopefully inspire you to join us for one of our upcoming weekend getaways this year. I am happy to share the write-up from other club members (Ryan and Tammy) as well as from PCA guests from other Regions (John Stanhaus and Wilson Hopkins) on the pages below.

You'll also notice a photo of me holding a rather special award, which you'll read more about in this edition. It was presented during Drachenfest V, in front of the attendees at our dinner in Helen, Georgia. The award reads:

*"The Leo Anderson Legacy Award
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I am truly humbled and grateful for that recognition.

One final note: unless stated otherwise, all articles and opinions shared in this newsletter are my own.

Warmest regards,

— Leo Anderson 🚗💨





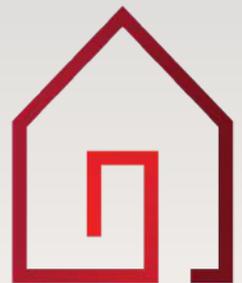
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Wilderness Trail Region News



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Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG (THE Porsche mothership in Germany) featured our region in an article this past Fall highlighting how we're attracting younger Porsche owners! Our strong sense of community, focus on safety, and dedication to keeping the Porsche Club of America thriving have not gone unnoticed. We were honored with an award in the Future Topics Awards 2024 program. By connecting with a younger audience, we're expanding the club's reach into areas not traditionally known for luxury car ownership, ensuring that the love for Porsche continues to grow with the next generation of enthusiasts.

Porsche A.G. has also recognized our club for our ongoing efforts to embrace diversity, openness, and inclusion. From day one, our goal has been to build a community where everyone feels welcome and together, we've created a vibrant, passionate group of Porsche enthusiasts that reflects just that. On the next pages, you will see exactly what Porsche have published and shared worldwide about us.





Porsche Club of America's Wilderness Trail Region: "Youthful Surge"

Porsche AG's Global Community Management presents the nine winners of the Future Topics Award 2024 in the "Future Topics Award Winner Series", accompanied by a virtual Q&A session with the respective winners. You can find the date at the end of the article.

In the eighth part of our series, we present the initiative "Youthful Surge" of the Wilderness Trail Region of the Porsche Club of America. For Region President Leo Anderson, being "open" isn't a campaign – it's the Club's steady state.

The last light lingers over the Tri-Cities in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. Off Highway 36, between Kingsport and Johnson City, a parking lot fills: classic 911s beside GT3s and GT4s, rear-engine next to mid-engine, two-doors and four-doors in easy company. A roll-call of Porsche history – but without a concours, without a jury. Instead, conversations that move from exhaust sounds to community. In the mix are students and younger Porsche fans, photographers and social-media voices. One student pauses at a well-kept 996, strikes up a conversation with the owner. He heard about the event because he follows the Region on Instagram. Now he's meeting the people behind the Stories – and maybe, before

the night is out, he'll get the chance to ride as passenger. One day he might be at the wheel himself. But right here, on this summer evening, his Porsche journey begins – because this night is exactly where community begins.



The Wilderness Trail Region finished second in two FTA categories in 2024 – “How to be more diverse” and “How to open up to new communities.” Thanks to its initiatives, the Region grew from under 100 to over 230 members in just under four years, with an average age younger than the PCA overall. How do you reach new communities? The Club answers with practice, not posture: “Be visible, create access, welcome guests – turn encounters into connections. That’s the whole point,” says President Leo Anderson.

As is often the case these days, the journey into the Porsche world begins digitally. Wilderness Trail region's Facebook and Instagram are calendar and experience feed at once: short reels, a clear visual language, a recognizable look and feel. Every post says the same simple thing: "Just come along." For a younger audience that decides visually and moves quickly, that first touchpoint matters.



'This is where community begins'

But feeds alone don't make a Club. Wilderness Trail goes where the scene already is: local car meets, dealer nights, the places that count in this region. A chat by a rear wing becomes an invite to the Breakfast Drive; a first ride becomes a second. "The path from digital follower to 'See you Saturday' is very short for us," Leo says. "If you're interested in the brand, you're welcome on our drives, at socials, at performance days – even without owning a Porsche." The Region makes the experience possible before the membership. Many who came to "just take a look" became participants – and participants became

members.

Why does it work – and what would Leo pass on to other Clubs? “Lower thresholds create closeness.” Show up where young enthusiasts already are – on their digital feed, on a Friday night, in the diner lot – “and you become part of their world.” A contact becomes an invitation; an invitation becomes an experience; experience becomes belonging; belonging shapes identity; identity becomes ownership – and ownership drives growth.

In the end, Leo is reluctant to reduce the story to numbers. For him, it's a stance: to be open, accessible, and approachable – especially in a region without deep pockets. “How to open up to new communities’ isn't a campaign for us – it's the constant state of our Club,” he says. Social-media-first may be the starting point, but it always connects to a road, a place, a parking lot – the kind where encounters turn into relationships. Because the Porsche experience often begins with something simple, and powerful: an invitation.



Future Topics Award

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Q&A session with the Wilderness Trail Region of the Porsche Club of America

Leo Anderson and his team explain why a lifelong Porsche passion often begins with something simple, and powerful: an invitation. We look forward to your questions and an active exchange!

Thursday, 30th of October, 2025, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (CET)



Porsche Club of America's Wilderness Trail Region: Embracing Diversity

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In the sixth part of our series, we present the initiatives of the Wilderness Trail Region of the Porsche Club of America.

Embracing Diversity

Kingsport, part of the Tri-Cities Johnson City, Kingsport and Bristol, a region between north-eastern Tennessee and south-western Virginia. Home to the Wilderness Trail Region of the Porsche Club of America (PCA). In the last five years the region grew from 98 to 230 members and offers a wide range of activities: monthly club dinners, group outings, tours, charity events, barbecues, winery visits, weekend trips, autocross, track days, performance driving courses, and social activities. There is something for every Club member. "We are a very active Club here in the Wilderness Trail Region," explains Leo Anderson, President of the Wilderness Trail Region. "We know the unbridled joy that owning a Porsche can bring, and we have built a community in our region that conveys and allows people to experience exactly that feeling."



The American Porsche Club has won two FTA awards, which makes the team incredibly proud. "This recognition by Porsche AG is a great honour for the Wilderness Trail Region and reflects our Club's efforts to promote diversity and inclusion." Winning two prizes in the "How to be more diverse" and "How to open up to new communities" categories of the 2024 Future Topics Award makes it the only PCA region recognised by Porsche AG, and the only one to win two second places.

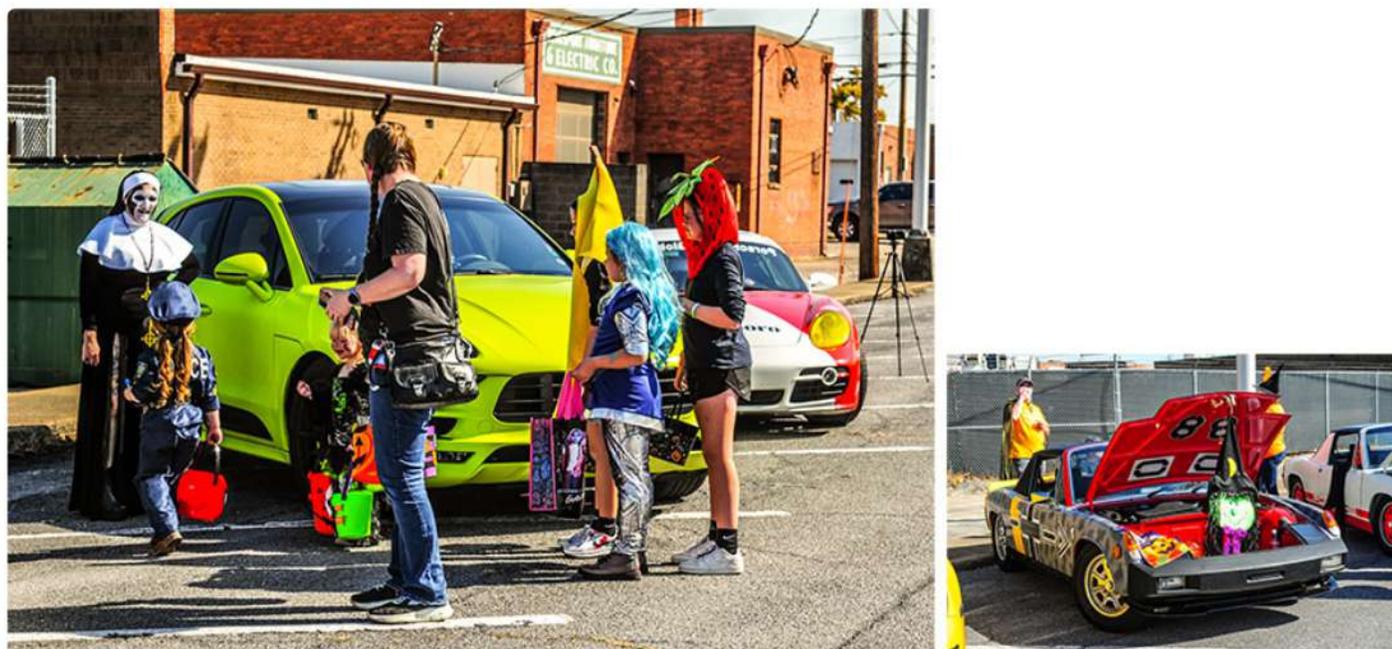
Diversity, inclusion, accessibility and social responsibility: the Club sees Porsche passion as a way of life that goes beyond a love for only the cars: "We align our initiatives with Porsche AG's principles of integration and social commitment," Leo Anderson explains. "Through our initiatives, we show that our Club is about more than just cars – it's about friendship and shared experiences that are enriched by diversity and inclusion." The aim is to create a Club culture that is strongly focused on building a supportive, inclusive and committed community. A Club culture that can appeal to different enthusiasts and is more open to diversity in every respect. "By welcoming people from different backgrounds, age groups, and interests, the Club expands its reach and relevance," explains Leo Anderson. "In addition, a diverse membership base means new perspectives, fresh ideas, and a stronger community identity."



In 2022, the Club proudly led the Pride Parade 'TriPrideTN'. "This event not only underscored our commitment to the LGBTQ+ community, but also increased our visibility and reinforced our message that our Club is open and welcomes everyone." Another initiative focuses on greater involvement of women in Club life: "In 2023, we introduced 'ladies-only' events, which have been very well received. These events offer women a space where they can exchange ideas, share experiences and live their passion for Porsche. This enriches our Club with diverse perspectives and strengthens our community." And the fact that accessibility can also be a central theme at Porsche events plays an important role at the Tennessee Club: "At one of our autocross events, we not only welcomed a physically disabled person, but also fully integrated him into the competition. His participation was a powerful reminder of how important inclusion is in all our activities."

"With the Wilderness Trail Region initiatives, we not only want to meet today's demands, but also lead the way," says Leo Anderson. "For a Porsche Club to remain vibrant and relevant in the years ahead, diversity, inclusion, and community involvement aren't just 'nice-to-have' values, they're essential pillars of growth and sustainability." With initiatives that not only cater to the passion for Porsche, but also promote a

supportive, inclusive and committed community. "And we are determined to continue these efforts. We will ensure that our Club remains a place where all Porsche enthusiasts are welcome, regardless of their background, identity or abilities."



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Q&A session with the Wilderness Trail Region of the Porsche Club of America

Leo Anderson and his team explain why it is important for Porsche passion to go beyond the vehicles in a Q&A session on Microsoft Teams. We look forward to your questions and an active exchange!

Tuesday, 7th of October, 2025, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (CET)

The Porsche Club of America is powered by volunteers, and Wilderness Trail Region is no exception. Over its 47 years of existence, countless hours of dedication and service have been invested to build the club we enjoy today. While I can only imagine the full scope of that effort over nearly five decades, I can say with certainty that in the past five years alone, an extraordinary number of volunteer hours have been dedicated to WTR. I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together during that time.

In accordance with our bylaws, Elected Officer terms are two years, with the possibility of serving up to two consecutive terms unless no qualified candidate is available. I am grateful that our club continues to attract members who are willing to step forward and dedicate their time, skills, and energy to serving in these leadership roles. Their commitment will help maintain and build upon the strong momentum we have created over the past several years.

For the 2026–2027 term, the membership has elected the following officers:

President – Ryan Elswick
Vice President – Tammy Baergen
Secretary – Liz Watson
Treasurer – Houston Haynes

All four are familiar faces who have been actively involved in almost every event we have hosted in recent years. Each has already been volunteering their time to the club, and three have previously served on the Board and I could not think of a better group of people to be leading our club for the next years.

Ryan transitions into the President role after serving as Vice President, where he provided valuable leadership, fresh ideas, sound judgment, and steady support during my term as President. His ability to lead, manage challenges, and keep the club moving forward has been evident, and he brings the skills needed to help Wilderness Trail Region continue to thrive.

Tammy moves into the Vice President role after serving as Secretary, where she played a key role in keeping the Board organized, coordinating meetings, and helping translate ideas into action. Her experience and attention to detail will serve the club well in this new position.

Houston stepped in to fill the Treasurer role last year and quickly brought stability and structure to the club's finances. As his official term begins in 2026, he will continue managing the club's financial health while staying on top of reporting and tax requirements.

Liz has been serving as Membership Chair and will continue in that role while also stepping into the Secretary position. She has consistently gone above and beyond to support members and assist the Board, and we are excited to welcome her to the Executive team.

Beyond their titles, one thing all four officers have consistently done is show up. They attend events, welcome new members and guests, and make sure everyone feels included and taken care of. That spirit of involvement and hospitality is what truly defines Wilderness Trail Region.



From top to bottom and left to right: Leo (top center), Houston, Tammy, and Liz, with Ryan front and center.

We made an appearance in the July, August, September, November and December* issues of Panorama at the 'From the Regions section'. In case you missed it, here a recap:

▶ **“Wilderness Trail Region took on the epic Back of the Dragon and cruised through the stunning Burke’s Garden in Tazewell, Virginia. Seventy-five Porsches from 11 PCA regions made it one unforgettable day. Flanking our group was my 2024 Ruby Star Neo 911 Carrera T (L) and Kim Browder’s 2023 Ruby Star Neo 718 Cayman.”**

—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region



LEO ANDERSON



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TOM RAYMOND

◀ **“Leo Anderson piloted his 2024 Ruby Star Neo 911T through the cones at Wilderness Trail Region’s autocross course on May 31. The series continues through the summer into late September.”**

—TOM RAYMOND
Wilderness Trail Region



▲ **“Robert Kaehler (R) took home the highest mileage award at Wilderness Trail Region’s ‘Revved for Rescue’ event with his 2002 Arctic Silver Metallic 911 C4S, proudly showing 164,400 miles. Stephen Callahan (L), owner of Tennessee Hills Distillery, provided the venue for the car show as well as the trophies. We raised more than \$2,300 for a local no-kill animal shelter.”**

—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region



▲ **“Wilderness Trail Region celebrated its 47th anniversary in style with an unforgettable drive through Kentucky’s best back roads to visit and support the brand-new Dragon Slayer Welcome Center in Lynch. We had incredible cars, stunning scenery, and the best crew around. Here’s to the next 47 years of friends, drives, and memories.”**

—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region

* The Panorama editor mixed things up and used the incorrect photo for November’s edition (bottom right)

Wilderness Trail at Panorama

The November's photo on Panorama was published incorrectly by PCA Panorama's editor and it should have looked like this:



▲ *“Wilderness Trail Region celebrated its 47th anniversary in style with an unforgettable drive through Kentucky’s best back roads to visit and support the brand-new Dragon Slayer Welcome Center in Lynch. We had incredible cars, stunning scenery, and the best crew around. Here’s to the next 47 years of friends, drives, and memories.”*

—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region

And then finally they got things right in December:



▲ *“Blue skies, twisty roads, and a whole lotta Porsche passion was on display when Wilderness Trail Region had an amazing day carving up Tennessee’s Roan Mountain and The Snake on a sunny Labor Day weekend. We had great drives, great people, and unforgettable views.”*

—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region

"Every once in a while, someone gives so much of themselves to a club that a simple thank-you just doesn't feel like enough. This past fall, Wilderness Trail Region had the opportunity to do something special to recognize one of those people.

The idea to formally recognize Leo Anderson came from our Chief Driving Instructor, Richard Lutz. As Richard put it, "I've been in multiple PCA regions over a long period of time, and I've never seen anyone work for the betterment of their region more than Leo." After conversations within the Region, it became clear that Leo's contributions deserved to be recognized in a lasting and meaningful way.

That idea led the board to create the Leo Anderson Legacy Award, an award that will be given on occasion to a member who has made positive contributions to the club that will be felt for many years to come. It represents the kind of leadership, commitment, and selflessness that helps shape a strong and enduring Region.

The award itself is carved out of aluminum, a deliberate nod to the cars that brought us together in the first place. The inaugural Leo Anderson Legacy Award was presented during our summer DrachenFest V trip while we were in Helen, Georgia, by me, then Vice President, Tammy Baergen, then Secretary, and Richard Lutz, Chief Driving Instructor in front of almost 200 participants. It was a powerful moment for the club, a chance to pause, reflect, and officially thank Leo for everything he has given to Wilderness Trail Region. There truly wasn't a dry eye in the room.

Leo's impact on this Region goes far beyond any single event or role. It lives on in the strength of our membership, the quality of our events, and the culture of enthusiasm and inclusion that defines Wilderness Trail Region today. The Leo Anderson Legacy Award exists to honor that kind of contribution, and to remind us all of what's possible when someone chooses to invest themselves fully in the club."



Tammy Baergen

There are drives you plan, and then there are drives that simply happen—the kind that remind you why Porsche ownership is more than a hobby. It's a way of moving through the world.

The day began with a quiet stretch of The Snake, the kind of morning when the mountains are still waking up and the road feels like it's waiting just for you. With Waylon, my little co-pilot, curled beside me, I kept the pace gentle—enough for him to settle in, but still true to the spirit of the car.

No traffic. No rush. Just the unmistakable sensation of a Porsche finding its rhythm.

Even at a relaxed speed, the car came alive. The steering communicated every nuance of the pavement, the chassis settling into each curve with that signature confidence. There's a moment on The Snake when the car stops feeling like a machine and becomes an extension of your intention—every camber, every slope, every banking corner translating directly through your hands. With "Simplistically Bliss" playing through the speakers, the drive felt almost meditative.

Shady Valley was still sleepy—one or two vehicles at the stop, nothing more. Then came the second section of The Snake, even more spectacular. Sunlight filtered through the trees, casting long shadows across the Esses, turning the asphalt into a series of mystical stripes guiding the car forward. It was Porsche driving at its purest: smooth, balanced, and deeply satisfying.



From there, I continued along the edge of Mountain City and headed to the Laurel Creek Trailhead to meet Lori. We hiked the river trail, where emerald moss and rhododendron covered the slopes like a living tapestry. The forest felt like a reset button—quiet, cool, and full of that subtle mountain energy that reminds you to breathe deeper.

Afterward, we made our way to Damascus for a warm-up at the Damascus Heritage Distillery. Good conversation, good company, and that small-town charm that always feels like home.

The drive back along Backbone Rock was a perfect encore. No traffic. Smooth curves. Sunlight dancing on the river like scattered diamonds, silver coins...I thought "THIS"! The Porsche glided through the bends with the same effortless grace as the morning, reminding me once again why these cars are built not just to perform, but to connect. And somewhere along that stretch, the realization settled in: THIS is a treasure.

Living in a place where a spectacular drive, a perfect trail, and an afternoon with a great friend aren't rare luxuries—they're repeatable joys. A life where you can hit "replay" anytime you want.

I arrived home just as the sun was beginning to settle far to the

west, slipping behind the very mountains I had crossed earlier in the day. The sky glowed in soft gold and fading rose, a quiet reminder that good days don't just happen—they're chosen, embraced, and savored.

The takeaway?

Make the most of the good days I arrived home just as the sun was beginning to settle far to the west, slipping behind the very mountains I had crossed earlier in the day. The sky glowed in soft gold and fading rose, a quiet reminder that good days don't just happen—they're chosen, embraced, and savored.

Make the most of the good days by doing the things you love. And if you can't... then for goodness' sake, make a change. by doing the things you love. And if you can't... then for goodness' sake, make a change!



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Photo Of The Quarter

- Michael Hart - member since January 2011

This striking image was captured by Michael Hart, a Wilderness Trail Region member who splits his time between Southwest Virginia and Northern California.

Michael shared the story behind the shot:

“I’ve been attending Estoril Classics events since 2017, photographing these machines whenever I can. I still carry a camera that looks older than half the cars in the paddock. This photo was taken early in the morning, before the crowds arrived and before the engines began to roar. The air still carried the scent of salt from the Atlantic, race fuel, and fresh coffee.

Inside the paddock tent sat the Porsche 917. Low, impossibly wide, and finished in Gulf blue and orange, it looked almost unreal in the soft morning light. The car was silent, resting on wooden blocks.

Before taking the photo, I didn’t circle the car the way most enthusiasts do, checking chassis numbers and details. Instead, I stood still and watched how the light moved across the nose, how the white stripe cut through the blue like an honest scar earned in competition. When I finally raised the camera, I waited. I always do.



Photo: Michael Hart

Cars, like people, reveal themselves when you don't rush them. Nearby, a father was quietly explaining the car's history to his daughter, speaking of endurance races, long nights at Le Mans, and drivers whose names are woven into racing history. I pressed the shutter once. Just once.

Later that day, while overhearing conversations fueled by cheap sandwiches and strong opinions, I ran into that same man again. This time, I introduced myself and asked about

the car. He explained that it was chassis #014, which finished P1 at the 1000 km of Spa in 1970 and P2 at the 24 Hours of Daytona the same year, driven by Jo Siffert and Brian Redman. Before I could even offer to buy him a drink, he disappeared."

— *Michael Hart*

Moments like these are a reminder that some photographs are less about timing and more about patience and that the stories behind legendary cars are often shared quietly, if you're willing to stand still long enough to listen. Thanks for sharing it with us Michael.



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Upcoming Events



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Our goal is to keep the calendar full of what we do best: great drives, social gatherings, autocross events, and plenty of Porsche fun. We have many events in the works and will be sharing full details soon. For now, we invite you to mark your calendars and start planning for these key upcoming events. RSVP information and additional details will be released shortly - check your emails or follow us on social media.

- o 28-Feb - Porsche Wine Hour at Inspire Wine Bar - RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- o 12-Mar - Club Dinner - Sapphire Social - RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- o 28-Mar - Harper's Porsche - Gen 5 Facility Grand Opening - RSVP: <https://shorturl.at/ybbyB>
- o 4-Apr - 5th WTR PCA Autocross Series - Event 1 - Register here: <http://msreg.com/WTRPCA-AUTOX20>
- o 25-Apr - LuftWasser - Appalachian Region PCA (registration March 15)
- o 2-May - Dragon Fest 4 - Back of the Dragon - RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- o 3-May - Porsche Plática - by Harper Porsche
- o 21-24-May - West Virginia Weekend Getaway - RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- o 19-21-Jun - SUV Weekend - Deals Gap - RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- o 22-Aug - Revved for Rescue
- o 1-4-Oct - Deals Gap Weekend Getaway

Some of those event's details in the next pages. More events are on the way. Stay tuned.

Group Drive: Dragon Fest 4 - May 2nd

Get ready for an unforgettable driving adventure as we return to the legendary Back of the Dragon for Dragon Fest IV. This 120-mile driving experience is the perfect opportunity to enjoy your Porsche on some of the best roads the Appalachians have to offer, while spending the day with fellow enthusiasts.

We'll take on 32 miles of pure driving nirvana, featuring 438 curves, technical switchbacks, elevation changes, and sweeping mountain views. With more than 70 Porsches expected, this event is more than just a drive—it's a true celebration of driving and camaraderie.

Adding to the experience, we'll detour to Burkes Garden, a breathtaking hidden valley often referred to as "God's Thumbprint" and "Vanderbilt's First Choice." Expect rolling green hills, scenic overlooks, and a stop at the local Amish-run general store (cash only).

Meeting Options

Option 1

- 8:30 AM – Bristol, VA Welcome Center - 66 Island Rd, Bristol, VA (I-81 North, Mile Marker 1)

Option 2

- 10:00 AM – CITGO, Marion, VA - 1121 N Main St, Marion, VA

Agenda & Route

Bristol to Marion (49 miles)

8:30 AM – Meet in Bristol

8:50 AM – Groups 1–5 depart (2-minute intervals)

9:45 AM – Arrive at Marion CITGO/Ingles (restrooms available)

Marion to Tazewell / Back of the Dragon (32 miles)

10:15 AM – Groups 1–5 depart (3-minute intervals)

11:00 AM – Arrive at Back of the Dragon Welcome Center

Lunch Stop

11:00 AM–1:00 PM – Lunch at Dragon Fired Pizza

Tazewell to Burkes Garden (23 miles)

1:10 PM – Groups 1–5 depart (3-minute intervals)

1:45–2:05 PM – Arrive at Burkes Garden General Store (park on shoulder; cash only)

Burkes Garden to Tazewell (13 miles)

2:30–3:15 PM – Return to Back of the Dragon Welcome Center (restroom stop)

Back of the Dragon to Marion (32 miles)

3:30 PM – Depart for Marion

4:00 PM – Arrive at Marion CITGO/Ingles (PCA event concludes)

Dragon Fest 4 promises incredible roads, stunning scenery, great food, and the kind of driving experience that keeps us coming back year after year. Mark your calendar, RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG and get ready for a fantastic day on the road.

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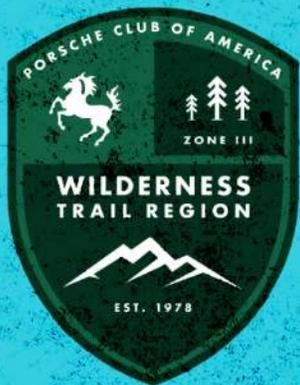
Schwarzer Berg VII, our Weekend Getaway in the Appalachian Mountain will take place from May 21st through May 24th in West Virginia. We know many of you are eager for the details, and we are just as excited to share them. Full event information RSVP and registration details, discounted hotel rates, and all the thoughtful touches you've come to expect from our Wilderness Trail Region weekend getaways available at WTRPCA.ORG. Every aspect of the event, from drive planning to dining reservations is being carefully prepared to ensure a smooth, well-organized, and memorable experience for everyone.

This unforgettable weekend escape takes us to West Virginia, often called "Almost Heaven." As the only state located entirely within the Appalachian Mountains, West Virginia offers rolling hills, scenic byways, charming small towns, and some of the most enjoyable driving roads in the region. From the breathtaking New River Gorge to sweeping hilltop views and winding roads, the weekend promises great driving, local history, excellent food, camaraderie, and plenty of time to explore.

Our event headquarters will be in an amazing location, perfectly suited for both relaxation and adventure. You will not be disappointed.

Schwarzer Berg VII is more than just a weekend trip. It is an opportunity to strengthen friendships, create lasting memories, and share what brings us together: our love for driving and the Porsche experience.

This is a driving event, not a bingo evening!



Wilderness Trail Region - SCHWARZER BERG VII



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One of the most popular and fun events on our calendar is SUV Day, an experience dedicated exclusively to Macans and Cayennes. Officially, we've hosted six of these events (seven if you count an "unofficial" one – it was a SUV Day but we called something else), and each has pushed the boundaries of what a Porsche SUV can do. We've tackled twisty mountain roads, explored forest and service roads, climbed mountains in search of snow (there! The unofficial one), and turned a 274-acre farm into our personal playground with creek crossings, downhill descents, and more.

You asked and we're delivering: SUV Day 7 is going big. This time, it's a multi-day, overnight adventure in Deals Gap. That's right. We're bringing our "bulky" Porsches to legendary roads like the Tail of the Dragon, the Cherohala Skyway, The Foothills Parkway and other iconic routes. But before the pavement thrills, we'll take on a few carefully selected service roads in the Smoky Mountains for an off-the-beaten-path experience you won't forget.

Details on the host hotel, discounted rates, and registration at WTRPCA.ORG

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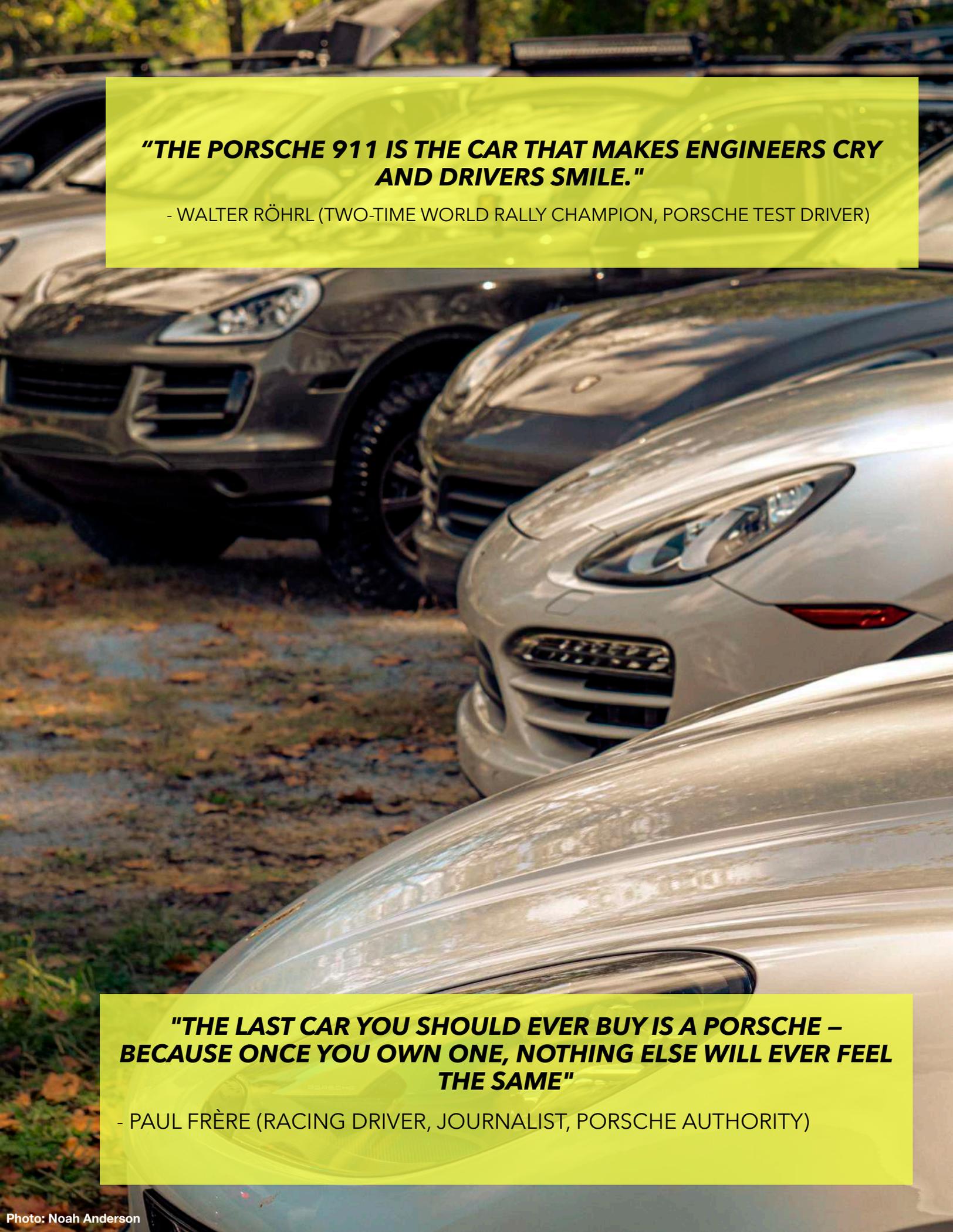
DrachenFest VI is more than a weekend getaway; it's an opportunity to build lasting friendships and create memories that stay with you long after the engines cool. This adventure takes you deep into the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains, Nantahala, Cherokee, and Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, covering approximately 915 miles of stunning scenery and world-class driving roads. It's a true mountain escape designed for those who love to drive.

This is not just a driving event. It's four days and three nights of pure Porsche passion, shared with fellow enthusiasts while experiencing some of the best roads in America. Expect daily drives filled with thrilling curves, breathtaking overlooks, hidden backroads, and legendary routes, including the Tail of the Dragon, Cherohala Skyway, The Hellbender, Foothills Parkway, and Chasing the Dragon Hillclimb.

Every detail is being carefully planned—from route design to dining reservations—so all you need to do is arrive ready to drive, explore, and enjoy the experience. Registration details will be shared soon via email and our social media channels.

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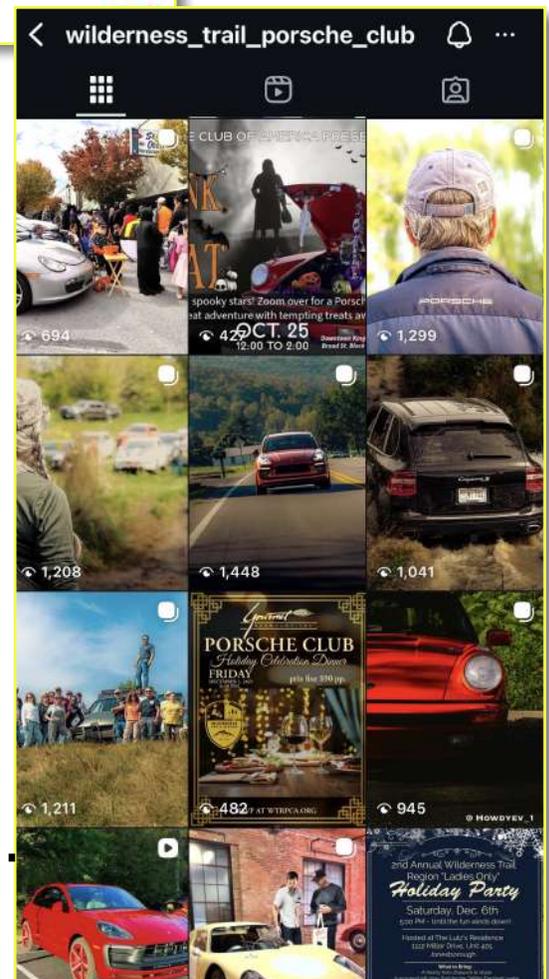


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Past Events



Photo: Leo Anderson

Here is a list of the events we hosted from July to December:

- 5-Jul - Group Drive - Freedom Drive
- 19-Jul - Group Drive - WTR 47th Anniversary
- 26-Jul - Group Drive - The Snake Siege
- 2-Aug - Autocross at DCHS Jonesborough
- 9-Aug - Group Drive - Hot Springs
- 16-Aug - Group Drive - Back of the Dragon & Burke's Garden
- 22-Aug - Club Dinner - Freiberg's Biergarten
- 30-Aug - Group Drive - Roan Mountain & Snake
- 11-14-Sep - Drachenfest V - Deals Gap Weekend Getaway (Murphy, NC)
- 21-Sep - 47th Annual Allandale Car Show
- 10-Oct - Porsches & Pour Oktoberfest at TN Hills Distillery
- 11-Oct - 6th Macan & Cayenne SUV Day | Porsches at the Farm III
- 25-Oct - Porsches Trunk-or-Treat in Downtown Kingsport
- 28-Nov - Group Drive - Black Friday Drive to Back of the Dragon
- 05-Dec - WTR PCA Annual Holiday Celebration Dinner
- 06-Dec - 2nd Annual Wilderness Trail Region Ladies Only Holiday Party
- 27-Dec - Group Drive - Christmas Drive to the Snake

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

July 5th - Group Drive: Freedom Drive

What started as a spontaneous idea just five days before turned into a fantastic club drive! Despite being right after the holiday weekend — when many members were still traveling or with family — we were thrilled to see 20 Porsches roll into the Bristol Motor Speedway parking lot for a morning of mountain carving on US-421, The Snake.

We kicked things off in the shade of “The Last Great Colosseum,” with sunny skies, warm temps, and the kind of energy that only comes from driving great roads with great people. One of the highlights of the day? The debut of Colby’s stunning new 2025 718 Spyder RS in Racing Yellow — an absolute showstopper. Not only did it look incredible, but Colby also led one of the groups with confidence that made it hard to believe it was his first mountain outing in the car. It looked (and sounded) phenomenal on the curves.

Ryan and Colby each led a group, while I drove ahead to a scenic pull-off on The Snake to catch some rolling shots of everyone coming through. I could hear Ryan’s car long before I saw it, and Colby’s followed shortly after, echoing through the switchbacks with that unmistakable RS tone. After capturing both groups, I jumped back on the road and made my way to another photo spot just before Mountain City, where I was lucky enough to catch both Ryan’s group heading out and Colby’s heading in — same backdrop, two great perspectives.

After linking up with Colby’s group, I fell in right behind him for the drive to Shady Valley General Store, and wow — he was flying. Let’s just say someone forgot they were in their break-in miles! The car looked planted, balanced, and quick, and Colby looked like he’d been driving it for years. It was a blast being in the pack and just enjoying the roads without having to lead.

We all met up for lunch at the General Store, where a few more friends joined us, and we had plenty of time to relax and take more photos. With everything running ahead of schedule, Colby tossed out the idea: “Let’s run The Snake again!” And just like that — they did. A bonus round on one of our favorite roads.

It was a short drive by our usual standards, but an unforgettable one. Great cars, good people, amazing roads — all just a short hop from home. We’re already looking forward to the next one!



Photo: Leo Anderson

July 19th - Group Drive: WTR 47th Anniversary

On Saturday, July 19th, nearly 40 Wilderness Trail Region members came together to celebrate our club's 47th Anniversary with an epic drive through some of the most iconic roads in the Appalachian Mountains.

We kicked off the morning at the MeadowView Conference Resort in Kingsport under warm, cloudy skies. With a few new faces in the group, Leo gave a quick rundown of the day's plan and safety guidelines before we sorted into drive groups led by Ryan, Colby, and Leo.

Our journey began through Gate City and Weber City, where a light drizzle had us wondering if we'd be tackling the Dragon Slayer in the rain. Luckily, the skies cleared by the time we reached our first stop at the Exxon in Appalachia, VA. Spirits were high as we headed onto KY-160 (The Dragon Slayer)—and as always, it didn't disappoint. With minimal traffic, tight curves, and misty mountain views, it was Porsche driving at its finest.

A highlight of the day was our visit to the newly remodeled Dragon Slayer Welcome Center, where we received a warm welcome and captured a great group photo. From there, we continued on to US-119 (The Slingshot), a thrilling stretch of road that hasn't seen a club drive in years. It brought smiles all around and got us to our lunch destination at Pine Mountain Grill right on time. The food hit the spot, and despite the size of our group, we stayed on schedule.

After lunch, we tackled The Slingshot in reverse, making a scenic stop at Hogg Overlook for another group photo—thanks to Tammy for capturing it! Then it was back to The Dragon Slayer, this time headed the other way. And true to tradition, bears made an appearance—it wouldn't be KY-160 without them!

We made a final quick stop at the Appalachia gas station before heading down US-23/VA-58 back to Kingsport, where we wrapped up the drive at Gypsy Circus Cider Co.—a perfect spot to relax, raise a glass, and share stories from the road.

This 165-mile route delivered unforgettable curves, beautiful scenery, and great camaraderie—everything that makes our region and community so special.

Here's to 47 years of Porsche passion in the Wilderness Trail Region—and many more to come!



Photo: Whitney Weeks

August's Autocross will go down as one for the books! We had our largest turnout since we began hosting annual events in 2022, with 40 cars registered and an incredible mix of familiar faces and first-timers.

Organizing an event like this is no small task—it takes a team of dedicated volunteers, and we couldn't have done it without them:

- James Pierce – for storing our Autocross trailer.
- Billy Miller – for picking up the trailer Friday and delivering it bright and early Saturday.
- Richard – for designing a fantastic course and keeping the event running smoothly.
- Antonio & Tammy – for managing timing start to finish.
- James Benard – for sweeping the course with a gas-powered leaf blower.
- Jacob Kooser – for helping with check-in and timing equipment setup.
- Liam Donohue – for assisting with course layout.
- Scott Hubbard – for handling technical inspections.
- Our outstanding instructors – Dan Dazzo, Jacob Kooser, Matt McBee, Joshua Hayes, Ross Smith, and Ryan Elswick. (And a special thanks to Ryan again for returning the trailer to storage!)

I would also like to recognize Tom Raymon, who was unable to attend this event but has volunteered his time at many others, photographing our cars and sharing his incredible work with the club.

We kicked things off at 9:00 AM with the novice course walk. When Richard asked who was autocrossing with us for the first time, nearly half the group raised their hands. Even more impressive, a large number had never autocrossed before! After a detailed walkthrough of the course and rules, group assignments were announced and we rolled into our parade laps—an invaluable step in helping drivers avoid DNFs.

Group 1 got 5 runs (instead of the usual 7–8) due to a forecast calling for heavy rain at 1:00 PM—spoiler: not a single drop fell. By 11:00, the last Group 1 driver crossed the line, just in time for lunch. Laura arrived like a hero with 18 boxes of hot pizza, and after a quick recharge, Group 2 hit the course at 11:45.

Another round of parade laps helped the newcomers get comfortable, and then it was full throttle. We saw steady improvement from many drivers as the day went on, with run times dropping lap after lap.

By 1:30 PM, we had results for all classes. The coveted Fastest Time of the Day went to Bill Graves in his stunning 1963 Chevrolet Corvette. Close behind, Josh Hayes took 2nd place—autocrossing his 718 Cayman for the first time, and putting in a truly impressive performance.

With the checkered flag waved, everyone pitched in to break down the course and pack the trailer—another reminder that this event's success comes from the passion and teamwork of our volunteers and attendees.



Photo: Leo Anderson

Bigger, Bolder, and Better Than Ever! Drachenfest V was an outstanding success and once again proved why it is the flagship event on the Wilderness Trail Region calendar. Each year it continues to grow, and this edition raised the bar yet again. We welcomed 120 Porsches and more than 200 participants representing 27 PCA regions across 20+ states, making it one of the most diverse and far-reaching gatherings we've ever hosted.

Events of this scale do not happen without significant planning and an incredible team effort. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, everything ran smoothly from start to finish. For 2025, our home base was Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Resort in Murphy, North Carolina, an excellent venue that comfortably supported an event of this size. A highlight for many was having the entire fourth floor of the parking garage reserved exclusively for our Porsches.

While many participants began arriving on Wednesday, the action officially kicked off on Thursday. Prior to the afternoon drive, a full check-in operation was set up in the garage, where participants completed waivers, picked up badges, shirts, merchandise, and received final drive instructions. With everyone ready, the group was divided into eight driving groups, led by Ryan, Lennie, Dan, Colby, Jeremy, Tammy, Richard, and Leo.

Thursday afternoon launched Drachenfest V with a spectacular drive from Murphy to Helen, Georgia, a Bavarian-style town nestled in the North Georgia mountains. The route included Brasstown Bald, Georgia's highest peak, a stop at Smithgall Woods State Park, the Russell-Brasstown Scenic Byway, and a thrilling run over Blood Mountain. The day concluded with dinner at Hofbräuhaus Helen, where the entire outdoor patio was reserved for our group. A memorable highlight of the evening was the surprise presentation of the Leo Anderson Legacy Award.



Photo: Leo Anderson

Friday delivered 222 miles of some of the finest driving roads in the country. The day began on US-129 toward Robbinsville, followed by lesser-known mountain backroads, Fontana Dam, and the technical curves of the Hellbender. Then came the moment everyone was waiting for: the Tail of the Dragon, with its legendary 318 curves in 11 miles. After lunch, the group climbed the breathtaking Foothills Parkway, descended back down, tackled the Dragon once again, and returned through the Hellbender before cruising Moonshiner 28 back to Murphy. It was a full day of intensity, precision, and unforgettable scenery.

Saturday's drive focused on elevation, views, and flowing curves. Heading once again toward Robbinsville, participants enjoyed a double run on the Cherohala Skyway, climbing from 2,660 feet to over 5,300 feet at Santeetlah Overlook, with multiple scenic photo stops along the way. After lunch at Iron Works Grill, the group completed a second Skyway pass before looping Lake Santeetlah and attacking the thrilling Chasing the Dragon Hillclimb. The day concluded through Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest and US-129, totaling 206 miles of pure driving enjoyment.

Sunday saw a smaller group as many began their journeys home, but those who stayed were rewarded with some of the weekend's most engaging roads. The route wound through Nantahala National Forest via Wayah Road, followed by Ellijay Road and Tilley Creek Road, offering quiet, technical forest driving at its finest. After lunch in Sylva, the group tackled the Wolf Mountain area in Pisgah National Forest and finished with the scenic and dynamic NC-215. The event officially concluded in Canton, where final goodbyes were shared among those who made it to the very end.



Drachenfest V once again delivered four days of exceptional driving, camaraderie, and shared passion for Porsche. In the following pages, we are also pleased to include an event recap from Wilson & Cathy Hopkins of the Milwaukee PCA Region, originally published in their regional newsletter.



Drachenfest V

Article & photos by Wilson & Cathy Hopkins

If you like driving scenic and curvy roads at a brisk pace, this may be an event you will want to attend.

This year Cathy and I, along with friends from the Milwaukee Region PCA, attended a driving event put on by the Wilderness Trail Region called “Drachenfest V.” The Wilderness Trail Region is based in Kingsport, Tennessee. However, this event started in Murphy, North Carolina. The event headquarters was at the Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel. The hotel allowed us to take over the entire 4th floor of the parking garage. Additionally, they gave each registered PCA guest \$40 in free slot play. The full event was planned on more than 750 miles of pure driving pleasure. It was advertised as “four days and three nights of pure Porsche passion, connecting with fellow enthusiasts while conquering some of the best driving roads in America.” Drives were planned for Thursday through Sunday. I believe there were in excess of 100 vehicles at this year's event.

At every driver's meeting, it was stressed that keeping your car between the “Mustard” and the “Mayo” was a must! If you are wondering what that means, they were referring to the yellow center lines and the white edge of the road paint. We were also warned of the many motorcycles that would be in the oncoming lane, and that they would frequently be in their lane, but their helmets would be at mirror height in our lanes because of the lean angles. The hosting club was adamant that we stay in our lane, and if someone was not doing, so that driver would be asked to leave!

The Thursday tour highlighted the area of Blood Mountain, the Richard B. Russell Scenic Highway and the GA-17 mountain



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4th floor of the parking garage.



road to Helen, fantastic roads with picturesque landscapes for the passengers to observe as the drivers' full attention was on the roads. Also note that the club had made advance arrangements with restaurants, and each group was asked to visit a specific location to spread the load.

The Friday tour was a long day of driving through areas such as Yellow Creek Rd, Voldemort, Hellbender (twice), Tail of the Dragon (twice), Foothills Pkwy (twice), and a visit to the Fontana Dam. The Tail of the Dragon is a very popular, and therefore, very busy route. It seems it is a bucket list item for all brands of motorcycles and car clubs. We observed several clubs like the Corvettes, BMWs, Miatas as well as a group of Nissan Zs. The other routes were not as popular as the Tail, but were great driving roads as well, maybe even more fun.

The Saturday tour included the Cherochala Skyway (Twice), the Joyce Kilmer Forest (Twice), and The Dragon Hillclimb (up and down). Again, as promised, the roads were great fun to drive, and the scenery awesome for the passengers.

We passed on the Sunday driving to make it home by Sunday evening. This event certainly kept its promise to provide thrilling curves and exhilarating drives. I thoroughly enjoyed the event, and would highly recommend it as a destination drive. However, be aware that if you are uncomfortable with driving fast on unfamiliar roads, you may want to reconsider. There were at least 8 run groups of 14 to 18 cars, and each group was led and trailed by Wilderness Trail Region members that were very familiar with that area.

The Tail of the Dragon is a popular and very busy route.



Another Porsche line up in a picturesque spot with outstanding roads ahead.



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For those in the club who have not yet attended one of these events, we'd like to share what fellow participants had to say about their experience.



DRACHENFEST V

@Tammy Baergen Thank you for letting our Classic 968 run as the "new for today group 3" sweeper. We had a great time on every run this weekend. Look forward to next year.

Lisa

@Lennie Holland Thanks for letting hop into group 2 😊. I really appreciate the welcoming environment & hair blown back pace. Looking forward to next time.

Kathy

Thanks Wilderness Trail and especially Leo our group eight leader! We'll be back next year with Kirt and Cathy and a brand new bolt for his Boxster!



DRACHENFEST V

Lynn

Group 5 sweepers echo @Jeremy Stanley and @Karla Kay Bloomer Stanley sentiments! Truly fabulous event! Jeremy and Karla are incredible leaders and ever single car between them and us were a joy! See you at the next incredible Wilderness Trail event!! 🗡️ Lynn & @Tim Chambers

Fond memories of group 8 😊
Leo you are the BEST and also have the best looking car which was confirmed by the bartender at Ramseys Kitchen last night 😂



Wilderness Trail Region, Porsche Club... ✕

Craig Winkelmann · 12m · 📷

So happy to have spent the 70th anniversary of the PCA with a wonderful group of people and a first-class event put on by WTR!! Thanks for letting me be a part of it. We are doing what we are supposed to be doing - driving our cars.



Lisa Pahutski Weill

[Leo Anderson](#) we all appreciate you more than we can fully express. Your work talent and enthusiasm for wilderness trail brings people from all regions together and has a lasting impact on our community. You are truly gifted in all that you do. Thank you for contributing to help us meet new friends and grow this Group more every year!

Susan

Thank you Leo and your group for organizing such a fun filled weekend!



Wilderness Trail Region, Porsche Club... ✕

Jay Westbrook · 7h · 📍

Thank you to the club for organizing a wonderful weekend! Also thank you to our group deive leader, [Ryan Elswick](#), did a excellent job!

You, Danny Smith and 17 others



Love



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DRACHENFEST V

Mike

Thanks for making WTR the best region of any. Glad we are close enough to participate semi regularly

Thanks again for a wonderful weekend. It was so well organized. We are really lucky to have you. See you on a drive soon.

Chaz

First timer here, my dad and I had a blast! We appreciated how well everything was communicated and organized. Thank you to all the Leaders, especially Lucky group 6's Tammy. We will be back!

Heidi

Thank you to Leo and the rest it has been an amazing weekend.

This has been yet another incredible event. Thank you

Thanks for a great weekend Ryan with lots of fun and no tickets! 👍



Cesar · Edited

Another successful event. We are home safe and sound. Thanks again to all the leaders and organizers. Job well done!! Can't wait for future dates to put on our calendar.
Great Venue!

Paul

We got home just an hour ago. Was so fun and our first event with y'all! Will definitely be talking to our group! And look forward to doing some more with yall as well.

I did! Great event, man. Well done. Happy to assist from afar next year if you need it.



**DRACHENFEST V**

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Lisa

They dynamic duo has made it to the homeland of NC. Thank you for the smiles hugs laughs, enthusiasm spirit that is Wilderness Trail Region. This was the absolute best event ever. I don't know how you did it, but you even dialed in the weather to perfection. Wilderness Trail Region 🙌

Michelle

Jeff and I are home! We wanted to thank all who volunteered to help out with this event! We know how much work it is and want to make sure you all feel the love from those of us who benefit from that hard work! You are greatly appreciated! Thank you! Thank you!

Jon

Sweep Team Lancaster has peeled off and have headed out. We had an amazing time, and feel fortunate to have met, driven, and dined with such excellent folks and to hopefully forge lasting friendships. It was great to spend time with existing friends in such a great environment, all while we're all doing something we truly love.

Because, as we know, it's not about the cars, it's about the people.

See you all down the road - Jon & @Meghan Lancaster

Jack Harding

It was Epic! Thank you for hosting such a great event. 🙌

Frank

Thank you @Leo Anderson and @Ryan Elswick for putting together a wonderful time. Enjoyed it very much and meeting many new friends along with hanging out with existing ones. The family keeps expanding. Thank you.

Lisa Pahutski Weill

Thank you Colby Hurd and all the other officers and volunteers who organize this event. Are they believe it's the best one I've ever been to. I know we've only been coming to the events for a couple years, but this was by far the most amazing one. You just leave us wanting more and more more. Jobs?? What jobs 😊. A little birdie mentioned that I might get to drive your spider if I'm a good girl. 😊

Alex

Thank you to all of the leaders, co-pilots and sweepers for looking out for all of us! You are all amazing!!!!



Pat Parr is with Kim Browder at Smoky Mountains.

33m · 🧑

Being able to take part in DRACHENFEST V was an honor. This was such an incredible event! Thank you Kim for letting be your navigator. We slayed the dragon twice, hit Hellbender head on twice and Kim killed it each time. Enjoyed the Foothill's Parkway's beautiful sweeping curves. And booked it through Valdimore like we owned it! Made new friends saw amazing cars. What an incredible day 🍷🍷

Our 6th SUV Day delivered exactly what it promised: great roads, capable Porsches, and a full day of fun. The event drew 30 Macan and Cayenne owners, including club members and guests from other PCA regions, making it one of our most engaging SUV-focused gatherings among all editions.

We kicked off the morning at MeadowView Conference Resort in Kingsport, where participants gathered early and ready to drive. From there, the group set out on a carefully planned route that showcased some of East Tennessee's most entertaining roads. Highlights included the scenic farm roads around Bays Mountain, the famously twisty TN-31 and TN-66, a drive by the historic Pressmen's Home, and the more switchbacks of TN-77, which kept both drivers and SUVs fully engaged.

By midday, the convoy arrived at Creek Bend Farm, where the event shifted from pavement to dirt. After a relaxed picnic lunch in the covered outdoor area, participants explored the property under the guidance of farm owners Colby Hurd and Ryan Elswick. The off-road portion featured mild rock crawling, hill descents, and optional creek crossings, with bypass routes available for those who preferred to stay dry. The variety of terrain highlighted just how capable Macans and Cayennes are when taken beyond the asphalt. The day wrapped up with a casual stop at Axe Handle Distillery in Virginia, giving everyone a chance to unwind, and reflect on a full day of driving and fun times. A special thank you goes to Red Door Agency, Colby Hurd and Ryan Elswick for opening up Creek Bend Farm. Events like this are a reminder that the Wilderness Trail Region isn't just about sports cars and mountain roads, it's about community, versatility, and enjoying Porsches in every environment.

On the following pages, you'll read the story of John Stanhaus, who has been traveling across the United States in support of a great cause. Since he started, John has raised over 55k to support Men's health. One of the meaningful stops along his journey was joining us for our SUV Day event. To understand John's cause better, follow the link below:

<https://www.paperlesspost.com/go/rkp3xG3UdE7gMPCWAzeR5>

<https://www.gentlemansride.com/fundraiser/JohnStanhaus412811>



John Stanhaus

THE SECOND ITERATION OF THE GRAND TOUR BEGINS

For my Fall 2025 Tour instead of riding to the BMW gathering in Birmingham, I figured I'd try something different. Although I finally completed my BMW Motorcycle off & on-road training earlier in August, I realistically don't believe I'll take the time to regularly practice the necessary off-road riding skills. Seeing as I still want to travel out west and into Canada, and there will likely be lots of miles, many of them unpaved roads, I've been exploring options.

I decided on Porsche's smallest SUV which should give me the best of both worlds. It turns out that a local Porsche Club in Tennessee was having their Sixth Porsche SUV Day the weekend of October 11th, so I at least had a start for the Tour. Making an overnight stop at the Derby Casino hotel in Louisville, I arrived just in time for the following night's dinner gathering of the Wilderness Trail Porsche Club at the Tennessee Hills Distillery in Bristol.



The evening turned out to be a mini car show with club members bringing out their cars and SUVs for the evening. Favorite take aways from the 24 hour experience:

- Lots of true “car guys and gals. Seems that most folks owned multiple vehicles, mostly Porsches, with a number of Ford Raptors and Rivians thrown in.
- Met a young father who was a genuine mountain street racer. He liked running the Tail of the Dragon between 2 and 5 AM to avoid traffic - Actually very smart.
- The ride leader appreciated that some folks might not be comfortable with the G-forces the driving pace might generate, so suggested that drivers should let him know if their “passengers” are feeling uncomfortable/experiencing motion sickness - even if the vehicle doesn't have a passenger, no judgments here.
- The road portion of the day was a two hour 115 mile run through the Tennessee and Virginia hills. The ride leader divided the vehicles into two groups based upon anticipated expertise, so I brought up the back of the second group - sweep. This was perfect as I had no experience driving my vehicle on twisty roads, but by the end I was starting to experience the g-forces and capabilities that I last experienced on the track at the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta a year ago. Such fun.
- The off-road vehicles were similarly divided with the unmodified Macans like mine separated from the modified Cheyennes, Raptors and Rivians. I did all of the hill climbs and descents, but like most of the Macan owners passed on the water crossing - next year.

Thanks to all of the club members for making my first 72 hours of Porsche ownership, in 50+ years, as well as my first Porsche Club of America event such a great experience. The Wilderness Trail Region plans on holding as many as three of these SUV drives a year, including one which may include running the Tail of the Dragon. I'd first like to do an autocross day, to become more familiar with my vehicle, but I'm sure I'll be back again.



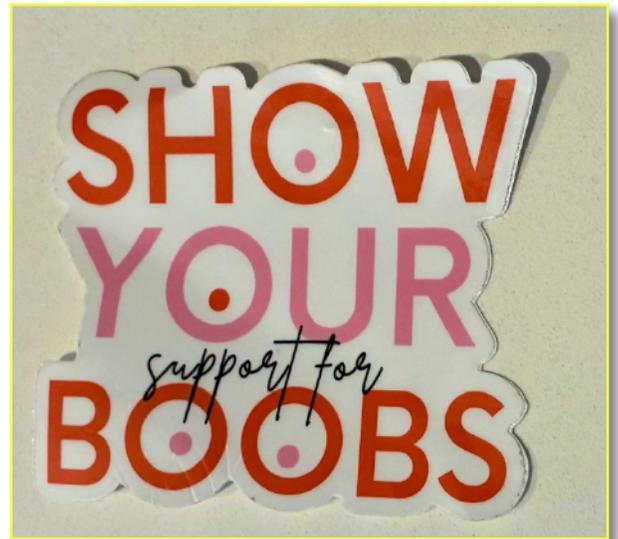
Lots of Vanity Plates at the Friday night gathering, this guy says he adds a quart of oil every 750 miles, but the motor has a 10 year warranty. It will take a few more weeks to add my OGDG plates, then I'll be right with them.



Golden Retriever riding shotgun with a Pug bouncing around in the backseat through the twisties. Fun folks.



We went up and down that steep path on the other side of the Farm, at that point a piece of cake for every one.



I saw a couple with the man wearing a Show Your Boobs t-shirt - didn't realize the fine print until a day later.

This reminded me of the first time I walked into Motorworks in Chicago and saw a flyer about the Trans Wisconsin Adventure Trail - TWAT. I immediately knew I'd like both groups.

John, thank you so much for making the drive all way from Chicago to spend the day with us and sharing your story! It's testimonials like this that keep us motivated to continue organizing events that are fun to everyone.

Every so often, the holiday season surprises us with a perfect spring-like day, and 2025 delivered exactly that. On December 27th, we woke up to clear skies and a sunny 68°F day, far too good to waste. With only 6 days' notice, we quickly organized a drive, unsure how many members would be able to attend given holiday travel and family commitments.

To our surprise, more than 30 cars gathered that morning at Bristol Motor Speedway. Between club members and guests, we even welcomed two cars from the PCA Alaska Region. From freezing Alaska to sunny Tennessee, that alone set the tone for a memorable day.

We divided into three groups, led by Jeremy and Karla, Christian and Christine, and myself. After waivers and a brief drivers' meeting, we headed toward US-421, better known as The Snake. Early on, one of the air-cooled cars in my group experienced a mechanical issue. Several members stopped to assist while the rest of the group continued at the owner's request. Knowing the car was in good hands, we pressed on.

With it being the off-season, traffic was light and the mountain roads were wide open. By the time we reached the Shady Valley Country Store for our first stop, it was pure driving bliss. Just minutes later, we were happy to see the air-cooled group roll in as well, fully sorted and smiling.

From there, we continued toward Mountain City, enjoying more twisty sections of US-421 before regrouping and heading onto TN-91 and VA-58. VA-58 remains one of my favorite roads in the region, and for several participants, it was their first time driving it. Despite some gravel in a few sections, the compliments kept coming once we arrived at our lunch stop.

At lunch, Jeremy discovered a flat tire caused by a rock strike earlier on the road. Thankfully, one of our guests driving a Cayenne had a jack, and with the help of several members, especially Jason Bullis, the tire was successfully repaired. When asked if they planned to continue with a sidewall-repaired tire, Jeremy and Karla did not hesitate. They were determined to finish the drive.

After lunch, we stayed on schedule and continued through scenic country roads before merging back onto VA-58. Some roads are simply too good to drive only once. We then headed toward Damascus and Backbone Rock, with one group making a brief campground stop before rejoining the others at the country store.

That is when another challenge appeared. A first-time attendee's Carrera 4S developed a significant oil leak, and once again, club members immediately stepped in to help. After few calls and searching for a reliable tow, our friend Terrance offered an incredible solution. He drove home, about 40 minutes away, got his trailer, and returned to transport the car safely. Terrance gave up a large portion of his day to help a fellow member, and his actions perfectly captured what this club and the broader car community represent.

Moments like these are when the Porsche Club truly shines. We look out for one another, on and off the road.

We hope to see everyone again soon. And while we always hope for incident-free drives, it is reassuring to know that when challenges arise, this community comes together and takes care of its own.



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Safety is Paramount

Ryan Elswick

With many new members in our club, our driving events continue to be well attended. While we cover the basic for a safe event on our driver's meeting, it is not possible to go over the details sometimes. Before coming to a drive, please take a moment to review and familiarize yourself with these guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants:

1. HAVE FUN and remember, it's a driving event, not a race!
2. KEEP IT BETWEEN THE MAYO AND THE MUSTARD - Motorcyclists come around curves incredibly fast, leaning into the curve with their heads often over the double yellow. If you cross, you will decapitate them. Anyone who crosses the yellow can have their photo taken by someone (a local driver, a photographer, a motorcycle driver, etc.) and posted online for everyone to ridicule. Sometimes social media jockeys track people down just to tell them how stupid they are. No amount of experience or visibility will make this okay. Just don't do it. If you insist on breaking this rule, we don't want you to be associated with this event. Sorry not sorry.
3. DO NOT SIT ON YOUR RADIO – YOU WILL BLOCK ALL COMMUNICATIONS. If a radio is blocking communications, the leader will turn on their blinkers. When you see blinkers on a car in your group you should (1) Check your radio to make sure you aren't the problem and (2) Turn on your blinkers. (NOTE: blinkers are southern for hazard lights if you're a Yankee)
4. USE THE PULL-OFFS. At some point you may find yourself unable to keep up with the car ahead. Sometimes it's experience, but often it's the car, sometimes it's the weather. Whatever the reason, we respect those that pull off instead of creating a gap that let's slow vehicles get into the group and break us up.
5. MIND THE GAP - DON'T GET TOO FAR BACK. Keeping a distance between cars for no reason creates an opening for cars to get in the group and break us up. Keep only a few car lengths between yourself and the car ahead.
6. GROUP POSITIONS in the drive are not set in stone, but you will negotiate them with respect and courtesy while always following the PASSING AND REARRANGING rule below. If someone asks to drive in front of you, we promise it will not diminish your experience to allow that to happen, and in fact, you'll find that you'll make greater friendships by being inviting to let others try some lead positions, and swapping spots should become second nature when it is allowed.
7. PASSING AND REARRANGING
 - A. Passing / rearranging is only allowed when the leader says it is safe
 - B. DO NOT PASS JUST BECAUSE IT'S "LEGAL," even on dotted lines. Group driving does not always lend itself to typical rules of the road.
 - C. LET ANYONE WHO BREAKS THIS RULE MERGE SAFELY. Let the lead car know privately so that they can deal with it. Making it your job to punish them by blocking them from re-entering the correct lane magnifies their mistake and puts everyone at risk of a severe accident.
 - D. DO NOT REARRANGE AFTER A SHORT STOP such as an overlook. These pull offs are narrow, and we will be packed in tightly at times for photo opportunities. Attempting to rearrange at these locations causes confusion when our goal is to shoot out of the overlook quickly.
 - E. PACE WILL VARY – EMBRACE IT. We will do our best to make sure it's a happy average. There are three situations where drivers get especially anxious and do something ill advised.
 - o Scenario 1: We are behind a slow driver (usually a Harley) who refuses to pull off
DO NOT HELP the leader deal with the situation. Generally, if they are doing it on purpose, the harder you try, the worse you will make it. Be patient.
DO NOT STOP TO CREATE SPACE FOR A "FAST RUN" (i.e. SLINGSHOTTING). Drivers think that it is a good idea to stop and let the slow traffic move ahead so that they can "get in a quick fast run." This backs up the rest of the group and allows for potential rear-ending when other drivers come up on us from behind.
 - o Scenario 2: We are out on an open four lane that looks too good to pass up
DRIVE THE LEADER'S SPEED – That is when the leader will take it easy and let the group catch up and get back together
 - o Scenario 3: LEFT TURNS ARE DANGEROUS BECAUSE YOU FORGET TO LOOK!
USE CAUTION. When you are following another car for many miles, the temptation is to keep following it through the stop sign and not look left and right. Keep your head about you, and we will do our best to not lose everyone by going slow until we are together, so do not "panic speed."
9. DECIDING THE GROUP PACE IS NOT WHAT YOU WANT OR YOU WANT A DIFFERENT LEADER IS PERFECTLY OKAY! If you would like to move, please ask the lead car, and we will do our best to work with other leaders to accommodate your wishes.
10. IF YOU ENDANGER YOURSELF OR OTHERS BY BREAKING THESE RULES, YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUP.

Membership News



Our club continues to grow. We now have 227 primary members and 136 co-members. In 2025, we have welcomed 44 new primary members. Below is the list of our new members who joined us in 2025:

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
 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
 Garrett Deloach - 1994 928 GTS
 January Cassidy - 1998 Boxster
 Walter & Beverly Thompson - 2022 Cayenne
 Trisha & Harry Hughes - 2012 Cayenne S
 Kurt Ick - 2017 Macan
 Harry Hughes - 2013 Cayenne GTS
 Kevin & Caleb Woodley - trans. from Palmetto - 2024 Spyder RS
 Kari Elliott - transf. from Tennessee Region - 2016 Cayenne
 Jose Morales - transf. from Carolinas - 2025 911 Carrera Cabriolet
 Billy & Heather Floyd - 2016 Cayman
 Evan Meade - 2023 Macan
 Timothy & Laura Stevens - 2014 Boxster S
 Kathie & Daniel Johnson - 2024 Macan S
 Barney Johnson - 1980 911 SC
 James & Madison Botts - 2017 911 Carrera 4S
 Stephen Hallman - 2015 911 Carrera 4S
 Jonathan Coward - Prospective Member

A Fond Farewell to Ed Yates

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e shared this sad news on our Facebook page earlier, but waited to communicate more broadly until additional details were available.

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Ed Yates, a cherished member of the Wilderness Trail Region for more than 45 years. Ed passed away peacefully at home on the morning of December 18.

Ed was a devoted Porsche enthusiast and a longtime, active presence in our club. Although health challenges limited his participation in recent years, his passion for Porsche and his contributions to the club were never forgotten.

There will be no funeral service. Ed will be cremated, and a celebration of life will be held later in the spring.

Ed's obituary may be viewed here:

<https://www.farrisfuneralservice.com/obituaries/eddy-yates>

Please keep Susie Yates and the entire Yates family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Ed will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



Leo, Ed, Sue



Congratulations on your Membership Anniversary!

D. Donald Coburn - 50 years

Ed Yates - 46 years (in memoriam)

Scott Arnold - 44 years

John Dellis - 41 years

Kernie Timmons - 36 years

Tom Raymond - 36 years

Scott Hubbard - 35 years

Wes Adams - 34 years

Michael Roberts - 34 years

Tim Loy - 32 years

Mark Finley - 32 years

Richard Lutz - 31 years

Richard Dunlap - 28 years

Joseph Brown - 27 years

Ted Koehner - 26 years

Otha Weaver - 26 years

Jerry Godsey - 25 years

Bill Griffith - 25 years

Frank Saylor - 24 years

Robert Scales - 23 years

Jaye Cornett - 23 years

John Clark - 23 years

John Kressin - 22 years

Gregory Miller - 20 years

James Myers - 20 years

David Miranda - 19 years

David Kreshek - 19 years

Howard Cummings - 18 years

Greg Schuette - 18 years

Broughton Jolley - 17 years

James Benard - 17 years

Jim Holmes - 16 years

Grady Moore - 16 years

Gregory Chudzik - 16 years

Landon Jackson - 16 years

Dennis Bellamy - 15 years

Parker Smith - 15 years

Gary Poe - 15 years

Kari Elliott - 15 years

Tom Kwasigroch - 14 years

Mark Slauson - 14 years

Paul Jaynes - 14 years

Phillip Smith - 14 years

Scott Cole - 14 years

Mike Lamb - 14 years

Steven Blankenbeckler - 13 years

Jerry Smith - 13 years

Garrick Ho - 13 years

Ryan Elswick - 12 years

William Traer - 12 years

James Boles - 12 years

Tracy Benard - 12 years

Jason Carter - 12 years

David Fagerburg - 12 years

Robert Davis - 12 years

Dave Sample - 12 years

Patrick Morrison - 11 years

James Maxwell - 11 years

William Campbell - 11 years

Mitchell Rainero - 10 years

David Neese - 10 years

Ira Deere - 10 years

Kenny Parker - 10 years

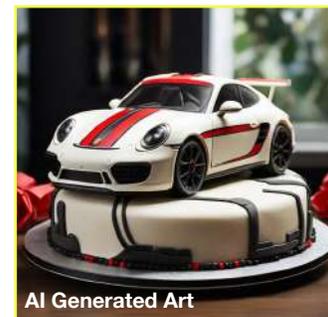
Amy Stevens - 10 years

Lawrence Reid - 10 years

Christian Miller - 10 years

Edward Hidalgo - 10 years

E Randy Still - 10 years





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

If you have not received your membership anniversary materials for a previous anniversary, please send an email to anniversary@pca.org with your membership number and full name.



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Backroads of Appalachia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the Appalachian region through motorsports-driven tourism and economic development. Headquartered in Lynch, Kentucky, a historic Harlan County coal town that has faced significant economic challenges, the organization is focused on creating new opportunities where they are needed most.

By leveraging motorsports tourism, Backroads of Appalachia works to promote economic growth, job creation, and workforce development across underserved areas of Appalachia, including parts of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio. From mountain peaks to winding valleys, Appalachia offers breathtaking scenery, and just as importantly, some of the warmest and most welcoming communities you will ever encounter.

The organization maintains a growing network of 50+ curated driving and riding routes, spanning thousands of miles of scenic backroads and connecting travelers to local points of interest. These routes are designed to encourage visitors to explore small towns, support local businesses, and fully experience the natural beauty and culture of the region.

In addition, Backroads of Appalachia hosts a variety of events, including endurance rallies, scenic drives, and waypoint challenges, all aimed at attracting motorsports and adventure tourism while generating meaningful economic impact.

Participants are encouraged to stop along their routes to eat locally, shop small, and stay overnight. Supporting these businesses helps create jobs, reduce poverty, and improve quality of life throughout Appalachian communities.

Backroads of Appalachia uses tourism and motorsports as powerful tools for community revitalization, bringing visibility and opportunity to the region's scenic backroads and small towns. They are also a proud sponsor of the Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America.

Be sure to download the Backroads of Appalachia app, available for iOS and Android, to explore routes, events, and destinations.





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If you'd like to add a co-member, send an email with their **full name, relation to you (i.e. Spouse, child, friend, etc.)** and their email address to membership@pca.org



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