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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2022 was an amazing year for our club, wrapped with 45 events organized by our club, such as group drives, social gatherings, autocross, weekend getaways, social gatherings, charity, etc. We also saw another great growth in membership (and engagement) this year with 31 new members, taking us to a total of 187 main members and 112 co-members! To put this in perspective, 31 new members in a region of our size made our region #1 in percentage growth in our Zone 3 (among 16 regions).

Word of mouth is the most effective recruiting method to bring new members to the club. If you know someone who owns a Porsche but is not a member of the club, tell them about us or bring them to one of our future events.

I would like to share my appreciation for every club member that attended an event this year. You are the reason why this club is a success and we are having fun! I would also like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with our events in any way, whether as lead cars, sweepers, photographers, etc. I also would like to thank Richard & Laura Lutz once again for being the MVPs in making our autocross program a big success this year. And with that, I would also like to thank everyone who volunteered to help during the autocross, arrived early, did the heavy



Photo: Leo Nascimento

lifting by lying down and picking up the cones, etc., thank you so much!

Now, let's put 2022 in the rearview mirror and start thinking about what we can do to make 2023 even better!

We are starting 2023 with two new officers and a few role changes. The additional help is very welcome, and it will allow our club to continue to shine. More details on the new officers are in this newsletter.

Weather experts (if they exist) predict that this winter will be warm and dry, with temperatures in the mid-60s...Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for some good weather before spring!

I am also particularly excited to celebrate this club's 45th anniversary; Hope we can plan something special for that!

- *Leandro Nascimento*

E DITOR'S COLUMN

Please consider writing an article for our next newsletter. A technical article, a DIY, a review of a club event that you have attended, or any motorsports event that you have been to recently.

If you have printed material that is related to our club history, old trophies, any club memorabilia, photos, past event information, etc., I would like to have a copy of them. You can even mail it to me, and I will take care of copying or digitizing it and returning the originals to you.

Let me know what you would like to see in future newsletters, what you like or dislike about this newsletter, etc. Email us at: pcawtr@gmail.com

- *Leandro Nascimento*



R ENNSPORT REUNION VII

For the seventh time, life on the edge will be celebrated - from the boldest and most exciting Porsche cars yet created to the people responsible for designing them, to the drivers who took the cars right to their limits.

The event will be hosted in the historic track of Laguna Seca, California from September 28 to October 1, 2023.

The Porsche Rennsport Reunion 7: 4-Day General Admission and Paddock cost only \$205 but if you want to go VIP, the Legends Club pass is \$905

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WILDERNESS TRAIL REGION NEWS



Photo: Stuart Garage



Photo: Jaromír Kavan

The Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America became an official branch on July 9, 1978, and in 2023 our club will celebrate its **45th anniversary**. It all started with a petition that was circulated to determine interest in forming a new PCA region in the Kingsport area. At a meeting in April, the proposed region was named the Wilderness Trail Region, and eight people were selected to serve as the first Board of Directors.

Club officers and members are encouraged to share some ideas to make this year's celebration even more special!

45th Anniversary



July 9, 2023

The Porsche Club of America is fueled by volunteers, and I am happy to announce that we are having a few changes with new officers onboard.

The first change is in the **Treasurer** role, which is transitioning from Mitch Rainero to Colby Hurd. Mitch will continue serving in the following roles: Immediate Past President, Safety Chair, Insurance Chair.

Colby is the Broker and Owner of Red Door Agency in Kingsport. Managing 26 realtors in 2 states while being voted the Best Realtor & Best Real Estate Firm 3 years running in the Kingsport Times News Best of Contest. Customer satisfaction & attention to detail have been at the forefront of Real Estate, redefined his company's mission. Prior to real estate, Colby was the Director of Accounts for a multi-million-dollar fiber optic internet service provider. He oversaw the monthly billing and reconciliation process for thousands of customers, interfaced with accountants and consultants for internal reviews, and managed data retention for federal and state grants. In addition to all his work, Colby also enjoys playing. As the owner of a 2022 GTS 4.0 named "Fancy," he considers the PCA Wilderness Trail as a second family, enjoying the relationships and experiences the club has to offer.

The other change is in the **Activities Chair** role, which is moving from myself to Ryan Elswick. While I will continue to organize the group drives, Ryan will assist with activities in general, including the group drives but also other activities that are interesting to the club, including but not limited to Rally, Gimmick Rally, TSD Rally, Track Day, HPDE, Winery Visits, Brewery Visits, Charity Events, Tech Quiz, Poker Night, Picnic, Concours d'Elegance, Brunch, Breakfast, Cars & Coffee, Casual Experiences, Sophisticated Experiences, etc.

Ryan also volunteered to be the **Goodie Store Chair**, exploring opportunities to bring Wilderness Trail merchandise and products that are of common interest to our club members.

This year, we introduced two different T-shirt designs, and more than 180 T-shirts were sold. We also brought decals and enamel pins that you helped purchase them. Your support in buying our club's merchandise helped finance the acquisition of autocross equipment and other expenses necessary to organize some events. I think it is important to remember that while we have 185 main members, PCA National reimburses our club only \$4.30 per member each quarter. That's why we are always looking for opportunities to increase our club's cash flow, and selling merchandise to our club members is a great way to help the club.

With that in mind, even before officially taking on the Goodie Store Chair role, Ryan came up with the idea of making some YETI products available with our club's logo. The communication and negotiations with the YETI commercial team were lengthy. But Ryan took care of everything and built a channel with them to order three different products with four different colors available. Thanks for that Ryan!

A full list of Executive Board members, officers, and volunteers can be seen on page 7 of this newsletter.



WILDERNESS TRAIL AT PANORAMA

If you missed it, we made an appearance in the October, November, and December issues of Panorama.

#PCATogether



▲ *"Wilderness Trail club members joined the Tri-Cities LGBTQ+ Pride Parade to show support, stand against gender discrimination, and make it known that PCA has a place for anyone and everyone. Colorful and decorated Porches opened the parade and got cheers from the crowd the entire route."*

—LEO NASCIMENTO
Wilderness Trail Region

#PCATogether



▲ *"Members of Wilderness Trail Region attended the 22nd Autumn in the Mountains in Mill River, North Carolina. The event had 40 Porsches displayed among more than 200 British or European carmakers. When asked who is the most skilled driver in the club, everyone pointed to me. Who am I to disagree?"*

—LEO NASCIMENTO
Wilderness Trail Region



◀ *"From daily drivers and outlaws to garage queens and concours winners, several 914s were present at Okteenerfest 2022, including Wilderness Trail Region members Tommy Collins (left), who won second place in the outlaw class, and Dave McKenna (right), who won first place in the custom class."*

—LEO NASCIMENTO
Wilderness Trail Region



BOARD MEETING

A board meeting was hosted on December 12th in Kingsport. Club members were invited to attend. Generally, two to three board meetings are hosted every year. Any member who wishes to discuss a topic but does not wish to wait for one of those meetings may do so at one of our monthly meetings (Social Gathering & Dinner).

Meeting minutes are available **HERE**, and a summary of topics discussed at the most recent board meeting follows:

- 2023 NEW OFFICERS' STRUCTURE
- PCA NATIONAL AWARDS
- 45 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
- POSSIBILITY OF SPONSORED EVENTS
- UPCOMING ZONE & NATIONAL EVENTS
- AUTOCROSS
- ZONE 3 REP
- MEMBERSHIP
- MERCHANDISE
- SUBSIDY OPPORTUNITIES
- EVENT IDEAS
- NEWSLETTER
- MISCELLANEOUS



WILDERNESS TRAIL RUN

- A BACKROADS OF APPALACHIA TRAIL

This past summer, we went back to Southeastern Kentucky to spend 3 days and 2 nights enjoying their roads and hospitality. The event was organized by our Club, and we once again had the support from our *man-on-the-ground* and club member, Erik Hubbard, and the Backroads of Appalachia, to help us with reservations, recommendations, roadblocks, entertainment, etc.

Almost 50 people attended this event with PCA members coming from Tri-Cities, Nashville, Charlotte, South Carolina, Ohio, Georgia, etc.

I was in charge of planning the routes, and although I was very familiar with the roads that we were going to run on Friday and Saturday, Sunday's route was not something that I was entirely familiar with. I knew bit and pieces of it but not the whole route. After driving many miles Friday and Saturday, when we stopped for lunch on Sunday, it was unanimous: 'This morning run was the best of the whole weekend' - everyone said.

I knew Friday and Saturday routes were amazing and if everyone was praising the route from Sunday morning, it was really something special. After the event was over and already at home, I went to the Backroads of Appalachia App (available for iOS and Android) and started looking on all of their routes to find out that this one was not a trail that they have mapped yet. I talked to Erik, and he was onboard on bringing this route alive and naming it **Wilderness Trail Run**, a homage to our club.

The **Wilderness Trail Run** takes you through 112 miles of a mixture of landscapes and roads that you won't forget! Start your run driving the adrenaline pumping KY-160 Dragon Slayer and then on a short drive between Appalachia and Norton to get your heartbeats back to normal rates, at least for a few minutes. The next 25 miles are full of curves, switchbacks, forest canopies, 90-degree turns, cambered corners, and beautiful nature views that would make you want to do a U-turn and do it again. As you stop at the Combs Overlook, look straight ahead at the horizon and you might see where you are going next! Don't let the lack of mountain hills of the next 25 miles of valley roads take you away; you won't be disappointed! Before you arrive at Breaks State Line Overlook to connect with nature and recharge, you will cross the fastest 5 miles of Southeastern KY. Before continuing down the road, take some time to visit one of the overlooks at Breaks Interstate Park (or all 7 of them). The final 30 miles will take you through the gorgeous Breaks Park Rd, VA80 descending the mountain and then to VA83 for another great set of mountain twisty roads until you arrive in Clintwood downtown. Now it is time to relax, enjoy some good food and think where you would like to go next!

The Route: <https://goo.gl/maps/VGhXuXwnPxnCKNS7>

You can also download their App 'Backroads of Appalachia' and find turn-by-turn instructions there. Search for Wilderness Trail Run once you have installed the App.



WILDERNESS

TRAIL RUN

LYNCH, KY



TO

CLINTWOOD, VA



ALL EVENTS

October 1st - Porsches & Football

It was cold, wet, and miserable. That wasn't a typical fall day, but the remnants of Hurricane Ian. When we planned this event, there was no way that we could predict the weather (even the weather guy can't do it!).

With nine Porsches and 17 people, we arrived at the tailgate lot at 1:00 p.m. Under normal weather, the atmosphere is very different, but on that Saturday afternoon, there were a few brave people there to support the Bucs. Our cars got the attention of those who were out there, but my goal was to expose the Porsche Club to a larger crowd; maybe next time. Henry is a member of the Presidents Circle, and he got all of us in the Presidents Circle Tailgate, a covered area with catered BBQ (from Firehouse BBQ), Beer & Wine! That was an amazing treat for the club! I got to talk with ETSU President Noland, thanks to Henry again, and I tried to explain to him that our club is a driving club and we do social work, charity, etc. I told him if there was anything that the club could do in partnership with the university, we would do it. We had a good time eating and chatting while we were staying dry, and then we headed to the stadium.



The game started promptly at 3:00, and while we were there enjoying the game, our friend and Club member Tom Raymond was in the field photographing the game. We were caught by his lens (well, the ones that were in their seats when he clicked us). Most of us left the game after the 2nd quarter, given the weather and other commitments. We had fun, but we want to do it again when it is warmer. I hope more club members will join. So, get ready for the 2023 season-opening game!

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ALL EVENTS

October 3rd - Club Meeting & Dinner at the Freiberg's

Twenty-five of us attended the October Club Meeting & Dinner at the German restaurant Freiberg's in Johnson City! Their food and service are always so good!

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October 9th - Fork Gap, Hot Springs, The Rattler

Looking at the weather forecast for that fall morning, with temperatures in the low 40s, I would be happy if we had 15 cars show up for the drive. I knew that the weather was going to improve late in the morning (and it did), but I know that getting up early for a drive when it's cold is not motivating sometimes!

Our meeting time was scheduled for 9:00 am in Johnson City, and I was surprised to see 30 cars and almost 50 people there, ready for some fun! There were a few members who were driving with us for the first time or who had not driven with us in a long time. We also had a few Porsche owners who were not members of our region or PCA members at all. Some of our guests came from Florida, others from South Carolina and North Carolina. We started rolling at 9:30. The roads were perfect. The pavement was great throughout the whole 110 miles. It was sunny, and the roads were clear. We made our first stop at the Trust General Store (at the NC209 - The Rattler) and temperatures were a lot better at that time.



After everyone had used the restroom and had time to stretch their legs and check the cars, we continued on our way to Waynesville. This year, the leaves started to change earlier than expected, and it was a treat for our eyes! Driving through the Pisgah Forest and the Cherokee Forest, we saw beautiful fall scenery. Arriving in Waynesville around 12:45 pm was a bit chaotic! I underestimated that little town—or, more accurately, how little I knew about it when I planned the event months ago—but as the fall colors began to peak, all the tourists came to enjoy that beautiful day, and Waynesville was packed. Originally, we planned to end the drive at the Boojum brewery, but the place seems to be a hit, and the wait was over an hour. We quickly headed to an authentic pizza place nearby, and they were able to seat all of us and serve almost everyone in a timely fashion! That was the end of the PCA event. After having lunch, some of us took the fastest way back home, others decided to take the scenic route; and a few returned using the same route that we used to come in that morning.

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Add your *CO-PILOT* as a *CO-MEMBER*!

Co-members are welcome to share in your PCA experience at no additional cost; they are invited to PCA events and receive their own user account on www.PCA.org.

Co-members must be at least 18 years of age.



If you'd like to add a co-member, please send an email with the following information to membership@pca.org:

- Full name
- Relation to you (i.e. Spouse, child, friend, etc.)
- Their email address



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October 14th - Mid-month Club Meeting & Dinner at The Kitchen

The Kitchen by Grace Meadows was a recommendation from our friend Tom Raymond. Before telling me that The Kitchen was a good place for our club to host a gathering, he went to the restaurant to check their food and service and ask for the details for a group reservation. That helped me a lot. As soon as I made the reservation, I was anxious to go there. I looked online, and all the reviews were amazing, and the photos of the grounds were gorgeous.



Photo: Leo Nascimento

On the day of the meeting, we started getting there a few minutes before the scheduled time. I couldn't believe how busy the parking lot was. There were so many cars there already. Nothing wrong with that; I had an idea that the place was a hit, but I didn't expect to see so many guests there when we arrived. The parking lot is big, and although there were many cars, there was also room for a lot more. The hosts were smiling and welcoming; they told us that our table was going to be ready at 6:00 (that was our reservation time) and as I walked inside the restaurant, I was amazed to see how big the place was, and the many tables, reserved spaces and rooms they had there! They sure know what they are doing.

The place was busy, and still, they took care of our group very efficiently. They cook family style, and you can choose two from eight kinds of meat. Our tables were split in two, and at the table where I was sitting, we chose fried chicken and steak with gravy. The side dishes, I don't remember it all, but mashed potatoes, green beans, sweet corn, mac & cheese and I believe one or two others... Everything was all-you-can-eat! The food was delicious, I can't remember eating such delicious fried chicken before! Almost all of us saved room for dessert. Well, some didn't, but since it was included, we made an effort. It was great seeing everyone, and everyone seemed to have had a good time.

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October 29th - Porsches Trunk-or-Treat

For the first time in many years (possibly the first time in this club's history), we have partnered with the City of Kingsport to host an event during the Halloween festivities. Red Door Agency, our club sponsor, facilitated the communication and arrangements between the club and city officials.

We had a sunny and warm afternoon and we had 21 Porsches displayed in downtown Kingsport.



Red Door was providing the treats: 220 bags of sorted candies! All that we had to do was bring the cars and the Halloween spirit! In the first half hour, we saw a herd of ghosts, goblins, dinosaurs, monsters, aliens, and all sorts of creatures coming to check the cars and get some treats, but then we had a problem: Almost all the bags were gone! Red Door team quick thinking managed the situation... they refilled the candies bowl after running to the local grocery store!

One other great surprise during the event was that Red Door Agency "inaugurated" and donated a 10' x 10' canopy tent that beautifully displayed our club logo! That tent will be very handy for many of the events that we have planned for 2023 and the upcoming years.

We had more than 500 kids coming between 12:45 and 2:30 that afternoon, and then we were officially out of treats. The event was very well received by the community and city officials, and we can't wait to do it again next year, bigger and better!

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October 30th - Fall Drive to Blowing Rock & Banner Elk Winery

Blowing Rock is a charming mountain town that draws hundreds of thousands of tourists every fall and is only 55 miles from Tri-Cities.

We met in Elizabethton, with 18 cars (and four other club members met us along the way). Our journey began with beautiful twisty roads surrounded by Watauga Lake and ended with some crazy backcountry roads leading to Banner Elk.



Our first stop was a gas and restroom stop in Banner Elk downtown, and then we headed toward Grandfather Mountain, which supposed to be our next stop, but that quickly changed when we realized that it was too foggy and cloudy, so we wouldn't be able to see anything. We decided then to head towards Blowing Rock. The Blue Ridge Parkway was on our way, and on a typical fall day, we drove through fog. Not that it was bad; it added a Halloween/fall vibe to the drive, but we missed the beautiful views driving by the Linville Viaduct, for example.

Arriving in Blowing Rock, parking was a lot easier than I anticipated, but we split the more than 30 people into a few groups, as no restaurant could confirm a reservation that large during the peak season.

We all met at 1:30 in a grocery store parking lot nearby to regroup, and although we lost a few people who decided that they had enough fun in the morning, we had a good group of 11 cars headed to the last stop that we had planned for this drive, the Banner Elk Winery.

Once we got there, we had a warm and welcoming reception, and the setting was so relaxing! It was comfortably warm; we got our drinks and went to sit outside. The Banner Elk grounds are beautiful, and we stayed there for about an hour before heading home.

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ALL EVENTS

November 12th - The Snake Siege

On a cold, late-fall morning, 14 brave men and women came out in the morning for what could be the last group drive of the year. We met at the Bristol Motor Speedway, the same location where Tri-Cities Cars & Coffee is hosted. Cars & Coffee was shy, but that's understandable given the weather. The Porsches were there, in beautiful shapes and colors. I bet many people attending Cars and Coffee were asking themselves what all those Porsches were doing there! At 9:30, we started rolling heading to Shady Valley. Traffic was very generous. There was very little traffic in the mountains, and those who were there knew how to use the pull-offs! Yay!

We arrived at the Country Store at 10:00 for a restroom break and refreshments! There was no rain between Bristol and Shady Valley. A few minutes later, we all drove towards Mountain City and stopped to regroup at a church's parking lot. Still no rain! I wanted to do a group photo, and I was going for a sort of selfie with everyone in the background, but Tammy improvised a tripod, and the result was great! In Mountain City, we lost a few cars—5 of them had other plans, and the remaining 9 returned to Shady Valley, and then we made a left to drive the TN-91 toward Elizabethton and finally Johnson City.

We arrived at the Brazilian steakhouse at noon, and that's when the rain started. I am happy that we drove all morning through the mountains on dry roads!

Then it was time to relax, eat, and laugh ...

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ALL EVENTS

November 12th - Club Lunch at Rio de Brazil Steakhouse

If you have not been to a Brazilian steakhouse before, you're missing out! Every big city in the US has one or a few of them, and the restaurant in Johnson City is as good as any other. After our morning drive through the Snake, a few members headed to the restaurant for lunch. It's a meat and buffet all you can eat! The food was delicious, and the drinks were amazing.

Yes, it is a lot of food, but it is the kind of restaurant where they start serving the moment that you sit down at the table (no waiting for the food to be ready) and you take your time eating and enjoying each other's company. That's exactly what we did! We stayed there from noon to 2:00ish, eating and talking and laughing, while I was trying to explain why some meat was better than others.

They have a nice selection of drinks and wine but I couldn't resist trying the famous Brazilian drink 'Caipirinha'. A caipirinha is a traditional Brazilian cocktail that is made with a mix of muddled limes, sugar, crushed ice, and cachaça. Cachaça, pronounced *cachaza*, is a popular Brazilian sugar cane liquor, similar to rum and aguardiente.

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December 3rd - Christmas Party at the McKees

What a fantastic Christmas party at the McKees' house! There is no doubt that we love driving our cars but socializing with our Porsche family is even better! On December 3rd, almost 50 club members were welcomed at Jeffrey and Suzi McKee's home. I was the first to get there, and I was surprised by the weather being reasonably nice for this time of the year. I quickly walked into their home to drop off some food and drinks, and I was amazed with the Christmas decorations. It felt like we were getting ready to record a Home Alone scene with the McCallisters!



Photo: Tom Raymond

I walked back outside; I knew we were having more than 20 cars coming and I wanted to assist with parking.

Back inside, everyone was comfortably settled and hanging out with each other. There was plenty of food! Everyone brought something, and the table looked yummy! Not to mention the drinks! Beer, vodka, whiskey, scotch, bourbon, wine, etc.

At 6:30, we were all ready to eat! I ended up making three trips to fill my plate because there was so much variety. At 7:30, I called everyone for a group photo. I asked Tom Raymond to help with the photo setup; I had no idea where and how to fit everyone on a group photo inside the house, and I knew that outside it was too dark for any photo to look good! Tom, of course, knew what to do, and we all followed his instructions. But before the photo was taken, I took the opportunity to thank everyone for supporting the club and recognized the presence of some senior members, such as the Raymonds (32 years), the Timmons (33 years), and Randy Still, club member since 1978!

We also thanked Jeffrey and Suzi for opening their doors to us and for helping to make that night very special. The rest of the night was filled with more food, drinks and laughs! Jeffrey was making sure that a lot of us were tasting his famous Irish coffee! Delicious and warming!

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ALL EVENTS

December 16th - Year-End Celebration Dinner at J Frank's

Our year-end celebration dinner was hosted at J. Frank's in Bristol. J Frank's offers a unique, top-quality dining experience, and the restaurant is located in a beautifully restored 1850 Victorian home.

With 30 club members in attendance, we got one of their big private rooms reserved for us on the top floor. We all started getting there at 5:40 p.m. Before heading to our reserved room, some of us made a stop at the bar to get a drink.

They offered a reduced menu, a common practice for large groups, with a choice of steak, pasta, or fish accompanied by a choice of salad.

Billy, the restaurant general manager got involved in a car accident a few weeks ago, and he is still recovering. The staff did very well taking care of everyone, and we barely missed his presence, but I am sure that Billy's absence adds extra work and pressure to everyone working in the restaurant.

The food and service were great, but the people are what made the evening so special!

What a year we had! 45 events, many new members joined Wilderness trail during the year. Old members are returning to events after a long absence... and we have an exciting year ahead of us! That's why we celebrate!

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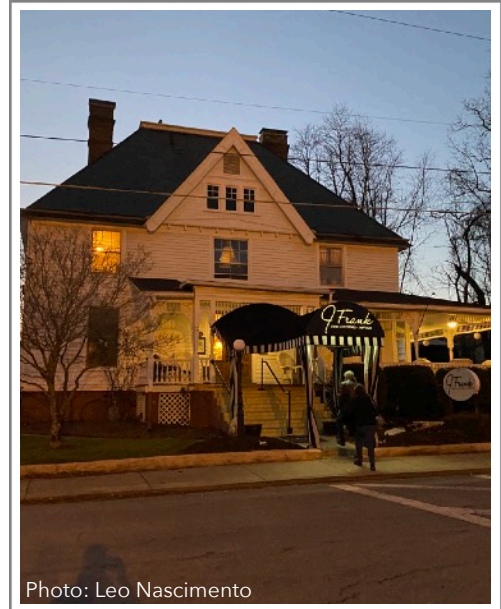


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INTER EVENTS

December 30th - Goodbye 2022 Drive

Who would have thought that after Christmas' weather tried to kill us, we would have a nice warm Friday afternoon just a week later? No complaints! When we saw the forecast saying that the temperature would be in the 60's, we rushed to get the word out and organized the drive! Tom Raymond set us up with a reservation at the "new" Southern Craft BBQ restaurant in Watauga Lake (what a view!). With 15 people showing up for lunch, we had a great time! I was happy to see new faces, make new friends, and see members that have not been to an event in a while showing up! From the restaurant, we convoyed to Mountain City, surrounding the lake, and then we finally hit the US421 - The Snake! We made a stop at the country store in Shady Valley before heading to Backbone Rock Campground. We made a quick stop there and returned to Shady Valley to continue on US421 towards Bristol! Roads were dry in some spots and dumpy in others; traffic was great! Our cars were properly dirty at the end of the drive. We arrived in Bristol near 4:00 and ended the drive! What a great day!

Photos at: wtrpca.org/gallery/





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A photograph of a person's hands on the steering wheel of a Porsche car, showing the dashboard and the steering wheel with the Porsche logo. The person is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and a gold watch.

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INTER GOLF SEASON IS HERE

With temps dropping, daylight waning, and Christmas trees being erected, it can mean only one thing – winter is coming. For some, that might mean the clubs are being stored away in the back of the closet until spring, but for others, it's the beginning of a whole new season: winter golf.

The Crockett Ridge Golf Course is our club sponsor! If you are a club member Golf Player, please, show them some love! They are offering a **\$3.00 discount on an 18-hole round to PCA members** (bring your PCA Member card, if you don't have one, you can go to this link and screenshot to your phone (or print it): <https://www.pca.org/members/temp-membership-card> or you can request PCA to mail you a replacement card at no cost: <https://www.pca.org/members/replacement-membership-card>

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Photo: Leo Nascimento

Winter is here, and so is our hope for warmer days so that we can go on a group drive! If you thought that 2022 was a great busy year for our club, buckle up—the best is yet to come!

In this new year, you can expect events like those we had in 2022 as well as new events or events that we have not done in a while. Our goal is to have a mix of everything and something for everyone! Here are some examples of activities that we would like to plan and execute: Tour Drives on the best roads in the Appalachian Mountains, Cherokee Forest, and surrounding areas; winery visits; SUV-Day group drives; ladies-only drives; social events and gatherings; club social gatherings (with guest speakers); BBQ & Picnic Events; Autocross; Car Control Clinic; HPDE (High Performance Driving Education); Charity Events; impromptu meetups; cars & coffee; breakfast and drive; bourbon tasting; poker night, gun range, golfing day, year-end celebration, pizza night, sim racing; Porsches at the FunFest Parade; Porsches on display on Main Street in Kingsport, Bristol, Johnson City, etc.

That can only be possible with your help, volunteering to assist in any way and/or coming to the events!

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- 12-Jan: Club Dinner @ Gourmet & Co. – At full capacity, RSVP for waitlist.
- 6-Feb: Club Dinner @ Brooklyn Grill – RSVP NOW at WTRPCA.ORG
- 18-Feb: 4th Hugh Tackett Memorial Drive – RSVP NOW at WTRPCA.ORG
- 3-Mar: PCA WERKS Reunion - Amelia Island, FL – Registration open at werksreunion.com
- 11-Mar: Tri-Cities Cars & Coffee - Bristol Speedway
- 11-Mar: Group Drive - Snake
- 25 & 26-Mar: Winter's Farewell - Deals Gap Overnight
- 1-Apr: SUV Day Group Drive
- 8-Apr: Tri-Cities Cars & Coffee - Bristol Speedway
- 15-Apr: Autocross - McCreary Airport
- 22-Apr: Group Drive
- 29-Apr: Luftwasser, Brevard, NC by APR PCA – Registration opens March 15th

Dates & Planning subjected to changes.

January 12th - Club Dinner at Gourmet & Co.

Come to enjoy great food and a soft, peaceful atmosphere with your club friends at Gourmet & Co., a gourmet gem hidden in Johnson City!

If you have not been there before, you're missing it! Gourmet & Co. have been in the business for over 30 years. Their food is locally grown and raised, and their dishes are both flavorful and delicious without any one flavor overpowering the next overall.

Not only is the food excellent, but so is the service! The waitresses are always delightful, very nice, polite, and helpful! This is without a doubt one of the best restaurants in the Tri-Cities area.

This event is at full capacity! RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG to be placed in waitlist as other people's plans may change.



February 6th - Club Dinner at Brooklyn Grill

This February 6th we will gather at the Brooklyn Grill in Bristol at 5:30 pm.

The Brooklyn Grill restaurant is rated 4.9 of 5.0 on majors online review platforms. The menu includes appetizers ranging from \$10 to \$14 and entrees from \$18 to \$34 as well as many options of salads, desserts and drinks for all tastes. The restaurant has a great atmosphere and we are looking forward to see all of you there. RSVP NOW on our website! WTRPCA.ORG



February 18th - 4th Hugh Tackett Memorial Drive

The club's official kick-off to the driving season is the Hugh Tackett Memorial Drive. A yearly event that started in 2020, it takes us on a group drive and lunch at the Amis Mill restaurant to celebrate, remember, and honor Hugh's life on the anniversary of his death. Hugh was one of the most enthusiastic members of WTR, and his bond kept this club together. Hugh Tackett left us in 2018. RSVP NOW on our website! WTRPCA.ORG



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4TH HUGH TACKETT MEMORIAL DRIVE & LUNCH

FEBRUARY 18TH
MEETING 10:00 AM AT RICK HILL PORSCHE



Amis Mill Eatery

March 3rd - PCA WERKS Reunion - Amelia Island

PCA WERKS Reunion brings more than 1,000 Porsches on display to Amelia Island in March and many hundreds more to the streets on that weekend.

Registration is open at <https://www.werksreunion.com>

Corral Parking (Porsche only) early registration is \$75 per car, includes a WERKS event bag, reserved parking space, and automatically entered into raffle contests. Spectator parking fee is \$40 per car. Must be a PCA member to display your Porsche, but anyone can attend the event as spectator.

The PCA WERKS is on March 3rd and the great thing about that weekend is that it is also the Amelia Concours d'Elegance weekend. I attended the event for the first time in 2021 and I went back in 2022. I am already registered to attend 2023 (we have more than 10 other Wilderness Trail cars going this year). If you would like to go, let us know so that we can share some extra details with you. Contact us at pcawtr@gmail.com



March 11th - Group Drive - US421 - The Snake

The Snake (US-421) is said to have "489 curves, 3 mountains and 1 valley packed in 33 miles". It is considered by many, better than the legendary Tail of the Dragon and it is ranked #4 among 68 driving routes in Tennessee (according to the "motorcycleroads.com"). The ride goes through the Cherokee National Forest with some great views as you ascend over the mountain ridge on some of the best twists in the area. The climb over the second ridge is as good as the first with more twisting/turning roads that will leave you exhilarated.



March 11th - Cars & Coffee Tri-Cities @ Bristol Motor Speedway

It doesn't matter what you drive. Come out, have a coffee, maybe a donut, and talk with a bunch of like-minded "Car Guys". Car Guys are as defined by Barry Meguiar - "Anyone with an interest in cars" So ladies bring YOUR car and come out too. In case you were wondering, the "car hobby" is a form of an incurable "disease", and this "disease" is also genetically inherited.

Cars & Coffee Tri-Cities is almost year-round, every second Saturday of the month (unless Nascar schedule is on their way) and it is hosted at the Bristol Motor Speedway from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

As dates may change, we recommend checking the Facebook group 'Tri-Cities Cars & Coffee' to see if plans have changed.



Photo: Matt Smith (IG: halftorqued)



IKES PEAK ROAD TRIP

We are planning a road trip to Pikes Peak, Colorado this Summer. Let us know if you're interested as planning and reservations needs to be done in advance.

Planning that to the last week of July, three days driving & stopping along the way, three days driving in Colorado, exploring the roads and driving to Pikes Peak, then we will have the option to drive back on your own pace or flatbed our cars back home and fly out on the 7th day.

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EVENTS

We would like for our members to come up with some new ideas for events we could do as a club in 2023. Please report on DE's, Concours shows, tours/drives, racing, autocross and anything which might interest our members for more camaraderie and a good time.

BOARD MEETING

Board meeting was hosted on 12/10 in Kingsport. Meeting minutes can be found [here](#).

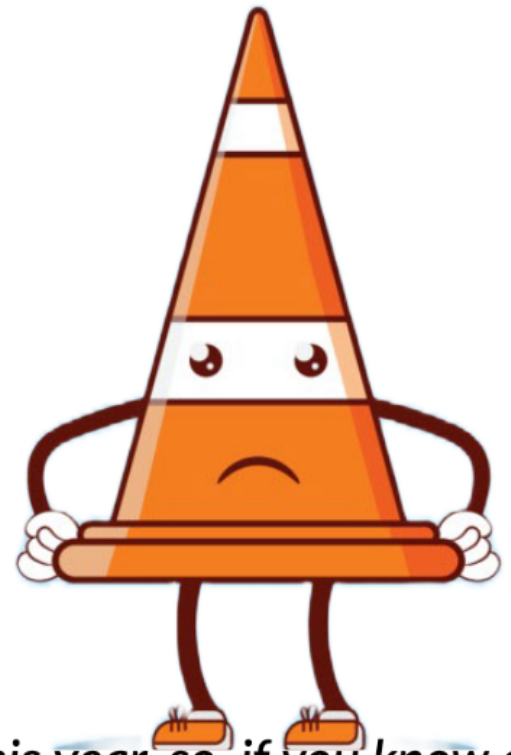
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We won't be able to use ETSU parking lot this year, so, if you know of any empty lot, church, mall, school, airport, etc. that could allow us to host a few events this year, please let us know. We are looking for at least a 3-acre paved area with minimum light posts and other obstacles. As a 501(c)3 charitable organization, we take civic responsibility seriously and strongly believe in improving general driving safety to make our roads safer, and autocross has a major contribution to helping drivers handle their cars in adverse situations. We would provide all the logistics, advertising, and insurance coverage (up to 9MM dollars) to run this event.



ATTENTION

The club is in need of buying a laptop, but before we do that, we would like to check if any member has a laptop that is not being used and in good condition to donate. Your generous computer donation will help us save club money, and it will be used in competitive events in the club.

Contact LEO if you have one to donate!



WILDERNESS TRAIL GOODIE STORE

The NEW WTRPCA YETI drink-ware has arrived! Direct from YETI, there are 3 models and 4 colors to choose from (Black, Mint Green, White, and Racing Yellow)!

Each model has TWO engraved logos: the Wilderness Trail logo on the front and the PCA National logo in the back! We have some limited units in stock, but if your order is not immediately available, we will place an order with YETI for you!



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THIS MONTH'S EVENT

SOCIAL



WHAT: A social get-together at Ole Bigun's house. The social will consist of appetizers and drinks. Since it is hard to guess what everyone wants, please plan on bringing your own drinks of choice, and enough of your favorite appetizer for everyone to sample. That way if everyone brings one thing, we will have plenty of munchies. I will have set-ups available with plenty of ice. Also please bring a folding chair or two if you can, it sure would help alot. There will also be a tape of the third Porsche Cup race for those who want to view it. Come on out and see "Project 914" as it is nearing its final stages before the engine is installed.

WHERE: The social get-together will be held at Rick Giddish's house in Amersham Subdivision (Behind Ridgefields) in west Kingsport. To get there start off from Rick Hill Imports, get on Stone Drive (11W) heading west, turn right before the fifth stoplight onto Highway 36 South. At second redlight, turn right onto Center Street. After passing under railroad tracks, turn at your first right onto Netherland Inn Road. Take your first left onto Ridgefields Road. Go 270 degrees around traffic circle, exit, and turn right immediately onto Chippendale Road (Small wooden signs from here on out). Follow Chippendale across railroad tracks and take your first right onto Malvern. (You should be entering Amersham Subdivision at this point.) Take your fourth right onto Ambleside. Take your first left onto Longreen. Take your first left onto Michelham. It is the last house on the right. Tan with blue shutters (Cape Cod). If you get lost call (245-5558) and we will come on a search and rescue mission to get you.

WHEN: The social will take place on Sunday, June 26th. It will start at 4:00pm and last until?????

One final note: if you plan on drinking, please bring a designated driver! We want you all to return home safe and sound!

T IME TRAVEL

I found this photo from August 2018, just a little before my time, where members of our club went on a visit to Sierra Nevada. I recognize some faces, but not everyone. If you are in this photo, let us know at pcawtr@gmail.com

Looks like we could go back to Sierra Nevada in Asheville for a visit this year. What do you think?



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ORSCHE LAUGH



A dumb guy driving a 911 sees another dumb guy with a 911 broken down on the side of the road. He stops to see if he can help.

The guy with the broken Porsche tells him, "I just had a look under the hood, and there's nothing there. Somebody must have stolen the engine while I was driving!"

To which the other guy replies , "Oh, no problem, I have a spare in the back of my mine."

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EMBERSHIP NEWS

Our club continue to grow strong! In January 2020 we were only 98 main members and 60 co-members. We are now at 187 main members and 112 Co-members. Year-to-date: **47** new members!!!

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

Granwel Esteban - 2012 911 Carrera
 Mark & Kim Witherspoon - 2005 Boxster
 George Watson - 2022 911 Turbo S
 Eddie Redmond - 2008 911 Carrera
 Phyllis & Gary Weaver - 2005 911 Turbo Cabriolet
 Jody Dixon - 2022 Macan S
 Brian Estep - 2011 Cayenne S
 Jerry Kirk - 2000 911 Carrera Cabriolet - Silver
 Hunter Carrier - 2014 Cayman S - Red
 David Tibol - 2020 718 Cayman GT4 - Gentian Blue
 Nancy Nix - 1987 911 Carrera Cabriolet - Red
 John Ward - 2003 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet - Seal Gray Metallic
 Michael and Cressa Mast - 2011 911 Carrera S Cabriolet - Black
 Emile Hamm - 1985 944 - Red
 Brenda & Tony Alvarado - 2021 Macan S - White
 Brad Lich - 2022 Taycan GTS
 Allen Hurley - 2020 718 Cayman GT4 - White
 Craig Hillyer - 1987 944 Turbo
 Chris Davenport - 2022 718 Cayman GT4
 Michael Snoddy - 2022 718 Cayman T - Red
 Paulette & Nathan Manis - 2018 Macan S

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EMBERSHIP NEWS

Erik Hubbard - 2015 Macan S
 Craig Parrish - 1998 Boxster - Gray
 Barry Lyttle - 1998 Boxster Guards Red
 Bernie & Jayne Sargent - 2011 911 Turbo Cab
 David Lively - 2007 Cayman Red
 William Harr - 2022 718 Cayman S
 Mark Brewer - 2012 Cayman R
 Steve Hopkins - 2020 718 Cayman GT4
 Brian & Carla Seroka - 2017 Cayenne White
 Aaron Blake - 1979 911 SC
 Sherry Blake - 2017 911 Carrera Cabriolet
 Ethan Grossman - 2019 911 Carrera T (Transfer in from CAR)
 Paul Bauschka - 2001 911 Carrera 4 Cab (Transfer in from CAR)
 Landon Jackson & Ashley Huffman - 2002 911 Carrera (Transfer in from Palmetto)
 Michelle Buckley - 2013 911 Carrera S Cab (Transfer in from CAR)
 Hubert Alistair & Laura Wallace - 1982 911 SC (Transfer in from CAR)
 Denny Brummett - 2019 911 GT3 RS (Transfer in from BGR)
 Jose DiBernardo - 2004 911 Carrera (Transfer in from CAR)
 Dale Zirkle - 2011 911 Turbo S (Transfer in from CAR)
 Douglas Rich - 2015 911 Carrera GTS Cab (Transfer in from CAR)
 Jon Clark - 1972 914 1.7 (Transfer in from FSR)
 Brendan & Derrick Nankoo - 1991 944 S2 (Transfer in from Metro NY)
 Peter & Svetlana Gallo - 2015 911 Carrera S (Transfer in from CAR)
 Richard Dunlap - 2001 Boxster (Transfer in from MOR)
 Jesse Sparks - 2018 911 Carrera T (Transfer in from CAR)
 Michael Cesena - 2017 Macan GTS (Transfer in from Potomac)

CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ed Yates - 42 years
 John Dellis - 40 years
 Scott Arnold - 40 years
 Robert Scales - 39 years
 Kernie Timmons - 33 years
 Tom Raymond - 32 years
 Wes Adams - 31 years
 Scott Hubbard - 31 years
 Michael Roberts - 30 years
 Grady Moore - 28 years
 Jerry Smith - 28 years
 Mark Finley - 28 years
 Tim Loy - 28 years
 Richard Lutz - 27 years
 Joseph Kozakowski - 26 years
 Gregory Chudzik - 26 years
 Amy Stevens - 24 years
 Ted Koehner - 23 years
 Joseph Brown - 23 years
 Brian Estep - 22 years
 Tom Kwasigroch - 22 years
 Jerry Godsey - 22 years
 Randy Moore - 22 years
 Jaye Cornett - 20 years
 Frank Saylor - 20 years
 James Myers - 18 years
 Gregory Miller - 18 years
 John Kressin - 18 years
 Wayne Thacker - 18 years



Willie Chaffin - 17 years
 Paul Straub - 16 years
 Jared Robertson - 15 years
 Jerry Milhorn - 15 years
 Greg Schuette - 15 years
 David Kreshek - 15 years
 David Miranda - 15 years
 Jerry Arwood - 14 years
 Broughton Jolley - 14 years
 Howard Cummings - 14 years
 Wayne Culbertson - 13 years
 Jim Holmes - 13 years
 Derek Guske - 12 years
 Carl Justice - 12 years
 Landon Jackson - 12 years
 Dennis Bellamy - 12 years
 Gary Poe - 11 years
 Parker Smith - 11 years
 Steven Blankenbeckler - 10 years
 Scott Cole - 10 years
 Mike Lamb - 10 years
 Paul Jaynes - 10 years

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