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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to take a moment to thank all of our club officers and volunteers who have donated time to help the club and the members in some way recently. We have had a great start of year filled with memorable events, and it wouldn't have been possible without your contributions.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the members who attended our events throughout the past months. Your participation and enthusiasm have made every event a resounding success, and it has been a pleasure to see so many of you enjoying your passion for Porsche with fellow enthusiasts.

For those who haven't attended an event lately, I would like to extend an invitation to come and meet us for dinner or drive with us in one of our upcoming



events. Our club is a community of like-minded individuals who share a love for Porsche, and we are always excited to share the road with our fellow PCA family members!

Looking ahead, we have an exciting calendar of events planned to the remainder of the year, including club drives, social gatherings, autocross, and other exciting activities. We will continue to strive to create events that appeal to all members, regardless of their interests or experience level.

Continue...

Although we wait for "true spring," we were lucky enough to take advantage of the few mild days in January and February and get out for a few drives. We've also been to some amazing social gatherings in January, February, and March, and we can't wait to see what's next.

We're celebrating the 45th anniversary of our club this year, and we're still searching for suggestions and help in doing something special to celebrate this historic milestone. Make it unforgettable, shall we?

I'm also looking forward to the future events and weekend getaways where we'll be staying overnight somewhere. This newsletter includes a list of these events, and I'm looking forward to meeting you all there. A fantastic one that we recently had in Deals Gap and Cashiers was a huge success.

Finally, I want to salute the amazing 22 persons and 15 cars from the Wilderness Trail that attended the PCA Werks Reunion in Amelia Island this year!

Please let me know if there is anything I could have done or said differently so that I can get it right the next time! I sincerely appreciate your membership in our club and hope to see you all at upcoming events!

- *Leandro Nascimento*

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DITOR'S COLUMN

In every edition of our newsletter, I enjoy highlighting the events we've hosted in previous months. If you've attended any of these events, consider volunteering to write a recap, with a word count ranging between 200 and 350 words. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Additionally, if you possess any club-related memorabilia - such as historical documents, old trophies, photographs, or past event information - we would love to have a copy. You can mail these items to me, and I will ensure they are copied or digitized and promptly returned to you. In this issue, we're featuring some incredible photos from the 1970s, shared by David Lively, a founding member of Wilderness Trail.

Your feedback is invaluable to us. Please share your thoughts on what you'd like to see in future newsletters, as well as any likes or dislikes about the current edition. Reach out to us via email at pcawtr@gmail.com

- *Leandro Nascimento*



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ENNSPORT REUNION VII

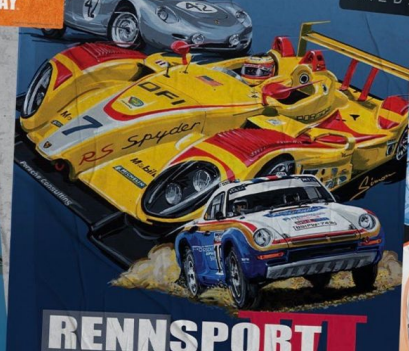
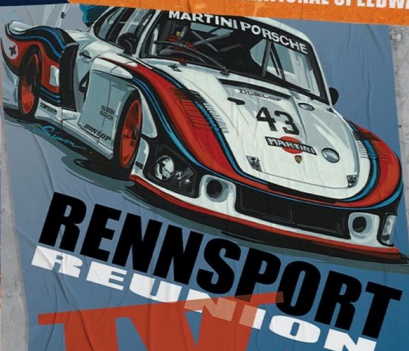
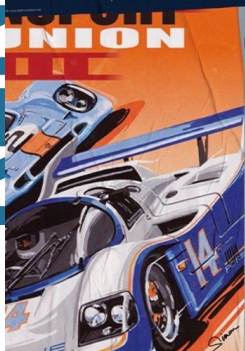
Rennsport Reunion VII is a prestigious, large-scale event that celebrates the rich heritage, racing achievements, and engineering marvels of Porsche. Held every three to four years, this gathering is organized by Porsche Cars North America and brings together enthusiasts, collectors, and motorsports legends from around the world. The event will be hosted in the historic track of Laguna Seca, California from September 28 to October 1, 2023. The 4-day General Admission and Paddock cost only \$205 but if you want to go VIP, the Legends Club pass is \$905

Tickets can be purchased at: porsche-ezentrum.us/rennsportreunion2023

Here are 5 reasons to attend the event:

1. **Rare and iconic vehicles:** The event showcases an extensive collection of rare and iconic Porsche models, including classic race cars, historic production cars, and one-of-a-kind prototypes. It's a unique opportunity to witness the evolution of Porsche engineering and design up close.
2. **Racing legends:** Rennsport Reunion VII attracts Porsche racing legends, past and present, who share their experiences, insights, and stories from the world of motorsports. Attendees have the chance to meet and interact with these icons in person.
3. **Motorsports action:** The event features exciting on-track action, with various Porsche race cars participating in exhibition races and demonstration laps. Fans can witness the performance and capabilities of these vehicles first-hand.
4. **Exclusive merchandise:** Rennsport Reunion VII offers a wide range of exclusive Porsche merchandise, memorabilia, and collectibles that are not available elsewhere. This is an excellent opportunity for fans to expand their collection of Porsche-related items.
5. I will be there :)

PORSCHE REUNION



WILDERNESS TRAIL REGION NEWS



Photo: Leo Nascimento



Photo: Leo Nascimento

Autocross has returned! In 2022, we had an incredible autocross season (after more than a decade without hosting autocross). Last year's five events brought in nearly \$6,000 in revenue, and after covering our expenses, they added a net profit of around \$3,800 to our club. When we contacted ETSU late in December to request permission to use their parking lot again this summer, we were denied and the search for a new venue started.

Besides ETSU, we also reached out to the following places:

- Northeast State Community College - Blountville - No answer
- Unicoi County High School - Unicoi - No answer
- Johnson County Airport - Mountain City - No answer
- Elk River Airport - Banner Elk - No answer
- Fort Henry Mall - Kingsport - No answer
- Liberty Bell Middle School - Johnson City - No answer
- Sullivan County Middle School - Blountville - Denied
- Sullivan South High School - Denied

While we were losing hope, Ryan Elswick was working in the background to secure a venue for us in the Lee County, VA. After almost 3 months of negotiation and reaching out the right people, the district officers agreed to discuss the subject on a public hearing at the Lee General District Court. After debriefing they decided unanimously in our favor and authorized the usage of the Lee Co. Airport in Jonesville to the following dates:

- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- August 13
- September 17
- October (TBD)



Wilderness Trail club members on a parade lap doing autocross (circa 1978)

Have not done autocross before? Here are some key reasons why autocross is an excellent choice for Porsche owners:

- **Vehicle capabilities:** Autocross events provide Porsche owners with a safe and legal environment to explore their cars' performance and handling capabilities. The tight, twisty courses test the agility and precision of both the car and the driver, allowing owners to appreciate the full potential of their Porsche.
- **Skill development:** Participating in autocross events helps Porsche owners develop and refine their driving skills. Navigating the challenging courses requires drivers to focus on car control, smoothness, and precision, ultimately enhancing their overall driving ability on the road.
- **Friendly competition:** Autocross is a timed competition that fosters a friendly, supportive atmosphere among participants. Porsche owners can challenge themselves and compete against others in a good-natured environment, with the focus on improving personal performance and having fun.
- **Networking and community:** Autocross events are an excellent opportunity for Porsche owners to connect with fellow enthusiasts, share experiences, and learn from one another. The camaraderie built within the autocross community often leads to lasting friendships and valuable connections.
- **Cost-effective motorsport:** Compared to other forms of motorsports, autocross is relatively affordable, making it accessible for Porsche owners with varying budgets. The low entry fees and minimal wear-and-tear on the vehicle make autocross an attractive option for those interested in getting into motorsports.



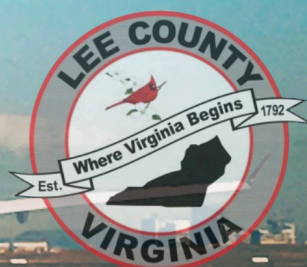
Tammy B. taking her Macan to the next level doing autocross (Aug. 2022)

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WILDERNESS TRAIL AT PANORAMA

If you missed it, we made an appearance in the February and March issues of Panorama.

TOM RAYMOND



▲ ***“Wilderness Trail Region’s Christmas 2022 celebration was a great way to wrap up another stellar year for our region. We were hosted by our dear friends and club members Jeffrey and Suzi Mckee at their beautiful house. We all enjoyed delicious food and drinks surrounded by laughs and the holiday spirit.”***

—LEO NASCIMENTO
Wilderness Trail

SCOTTIE VESTAL



◀ ***“I drove Wilderness Trail member Scott Hubbard’s 1986 911 to be featured on an episode of Motorhead Garage on MotorTrend TV! Dave Dobson (L) put his passion for twisting wrenches, tightening bolts, and mechanical knowledge to work in this show. I had a terrific time driving an air-cooled for the first time.”***

—LEO NASCIMENTO
Wilderness Trail Region

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- Full name
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- Their email address



INTER EVENTS

January 12th - Club Dinner - Gourmet & Co.

Gourmet & Co. has been on my must-visit list for quite some time, but despite my best efforts, I could never secure a reservation for a large group. That is until Colby Hurd stepped in and made magic happen - with his help, we managed to reserve a spot for 25 people this time.

As luck would have it, thunderstorms hit the region on the day of our dinner, and the rain continued to pour all night. But despite the less-than-ideal weather, it was heartwarming to see everyone come together - especially the new members who were attending their first club event.

Although it was my first time at Gourmet & Co., I quickly discovered that some of the other club members were regulars. The cozy and serene ambiance of the restaurant made me feel right at home.

It's no wonder Gourmet & Co. has been in business for over 30 years. The food was absolutely exquisite, with every dish carefully prepared to perfection. The staff was courteous, knowledgeable, and attentive - a true testament to the restaurant's high standards. I must say, the steak I ordered was one of the most tender and flavorful cuts I've ever had!

During the course of the evening, I took the opportunity to highlight upcoming club events that might pique our guests' interest. We also bounced around the idea of hosting a football game night party at the Westbrooks' with Josh Hayes, Jay & Christine Westbrook, and myself.

All in all, it was a night to remember - one filled with delicious food, great company, and endless possibilities.



Photo: Leo Nascimento

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INTER EVENTS

February 6th - Club Dinner - Brooklyn Grill

Typically closed on Mondays, the restaurant opens its doors exclusively to the Porsche Club, elevating our club meeting & dinner experience to new heights. As our membership is scattered across the Tri-Cities, we alternate between visits to Bristol, Kingsport, Johnson City, and Jonesborough, with only three visits to Bristol per year due. It's a

pity, really, as Bristol boasts an array of fantastic dining options that we'd love to explore. The Brooklyn Grill never fails to impress, and it's a shame we can't make it a more frequent haunt for our club.



Photo: Leo Nascimento

Despite a few last-minute cancellations, the dinner was still graced by the presence of 37 guests, which was truly a delight. I made it a point to visit each table, basking in the convivial atmosphere and updating everyone on upcoming events. After relishing my meal, I stepped out to the restaurant's lot, which was teeming with impressive Porsches. The Turbo S, Caymans, Boxsters, 914, 911 Air-cooled, Panamera, and a fleet of SUVs including Macans and Cayennes, which left me excited for the upcoming SUV Day event on April 1st. A special thanks to Dr. Wes for securing the reservation at the Brooklyn Grill. As I pondered our delightful evening, a thought crossed my mind: why not hold club dinner meetings more than once a month? We might explore it in the future.

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INTER EVENTS

February 12th - Super Bowl LVII Game Night

I was absolutely thrilled when Jay and Christine offered to host a club party in their beautiful home. We brainstormed different topics and they came up with a brilliant idea - a Super Bowl party! We finalized the date, and menu, and what could be more fitting for a Super Bowl



Photo: Leo Nascimento

party than hamburgers and hot dogs? The excitement was building up, and we still needed someone to grill the mouth-watering feast. That's when Josh Hayes came to mind, and it was an easy decision to make. Not only is he the Vice President, but he's also a phenomenal chef, and if you're not already following him on Facebook, you're missing out!

During our January club meal, we ran the idea past Josh, and his enthusiasm was infectious. The countdown was on, and we had only four weeks to get everything sorted, from invitations to RSVPs and purchasing all the necessary items. We reached out to the guests for assistance, and the response was overwhelming. We had a fantastic potluck of baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, and desserts from everyone who came, and we were grateful for their contributions.

Jay and Christine were incredibly accommodating, making the organizing process a breeze. All I had to worry about was managing the RSVPs and coordinating with them on what to bring to avoid

duplication. They took care of everything else, which made my job easy.

The day of the party, East Tennessee's unpredictable winter weather kicked in, with cold and rainy conditions. But that didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Around 40 club members came together to enjoy the warm and cozy hospitality of the Westbrooks' beautiful home. Josh was grilling up a storm, but just when he was about to start cooking the hot dogs, he realized he had left them at home! Sam and Jessica Henry came to the rescue and drove to meet Josh's mother halfway to get the hot dogs.

Jay also created a fun betting game where we could place our wagers. It was a hit, with 70 participants by the end of the game. The highlight of the night was the game itself, and even though I almost won in the second quarter, the Eagles didn't do me any favors. By the end of the game, we had devoured almost all of the 45 hamburgers and 40 hot dogs. It was an unforgettable night, full of good food, laughter, and bonding with fellow Porsche enthusiasts.

We owe Jay and Christine a huge debt of gratitude for opening up their home and hosting a fantastic party. I hope we can do it again soon and create even more unforgettable memories.

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INTER EVENTS

February 17th - Ladies Night - Dinner and Comedy Club

The Porsche Club of America is known for its passion for Porsche cars and for the community of Porsche owners it fosters. But the Club is much more than that. It is also about friendship, camaraderie, and shared experiences. On that Friday evening, eight female members of the Porsche Club of America went out for a lady's night out, and they had a fantastic time together.



The evening started with dinner at a nice restaurant in town. They enjoyed a good meal and a few glasses of drinks and the company of each other. After dinner, they headed to a nearby comedy club for a stand-up event. They sat together, enjoying the humor and the witty banter of the comedians. They laughed 90 minutes straight, one of them said, and enjoyed the electric atmosphere of the club.

The night out was more than just a chance to have fun; it was a reminder of the importance of friendship, community, and support.

In the end, the night was a great success. The women had a fantastic time, enjoyed each other's company, and made memories that will last a lifetime. It was a night of laughter, camaraderie, and friendship, and it was a testament to the power of the Porsche Club of America to bring people together. As the women left the comedy club and headed back to their cars, they knew that they were part of a community that was more than just a car club. They were part of a family.

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INTER EVENTS

February 18th - 4th Hugh Tackett Memorial Drive

Joining the Porsche Club of America is more than just owning a Porsche; it's about being part of a community that loves everything Porsche. On a beautiful Saturday morning, 23 cars and 34 people gathered at Rick Hill Porsche to take part in a drive to honor the memory of a beloved former member, Hugh Tackett, who passed away five years ago.



The day started with warm welcomes and delicious coffee and donuts, as members caught up and shared stories about their cars. The sense of camaraderie and friendship was evident, and it was clear that the Porsche Club is more than just a car club; it's a family.

After going over the safety meeting, we took off on a drive through the picturesque backroads of Kingsport to Rogersville. The winding roads were perfect for putting our Porsches to the test, and the exhilaration of the drive was matched only by the stunning scenery. As we drove, we could hear the roar of the engines and feel the amazing handling of our cars, reminding us why we love these cars so much.

As we pulled into the Amis Mill Eatery for lunch, we were greeted by the friendly staff who had prepared a delicious meal for us. Over lunch, we shared stories about our favorite drives, our favorite cars, and our love for all things Porsche. It was clear that we were all united by our passion for these amazing machines, and the sense of belonging was palpable.

The Porsche Club of America is more than just a group of car enthusiasts; it's a community of like-minded individuals who share a love for the Porsche brand. Whether you're a long-time owner or just getting started, the Porsche Club welcomes everyone who shares this passion. From drives like the one we took to honor Hugh Tackett, to autocross, social events, and even technical workshops, there's something for everyone in the Porsche Club of America.

If you're a Porsche enthusiast, consider joining the Porsche Club of America. You'll find a community of like-minded individuals who share your love for all things Porsche, and you'll get to participate in amazing events like the one we enjoyed today. Being part of the Porsche Club of America is an experience like no other, and we hope to see you on the road soon!

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INTER EVENTS

March 2nd to March 5th - Amelia Island Concours d'elegance weekend

Over the first weekend of March, the Wilderness Trail Region organized an exciting trip to Amelia Island, which saw the participation of more than 15 cars and almost 30 people. The event provided numerous car-related experiences during the Concours d'elegance weekend.



Attendees had the opportunity to participate in several exciting events, such as the Gooding Co. and RM Sotheby's auction, where rare and unique vehicles were on display. Another event that proved popular was the PCA Werks reunion, where more than 700 Porsches were present. In addition, guests also enjoyed the Cars & Caffeine, Concours d'Lemons, and Radwood events held at the beautiful golf course at the Ritz Carlton.

The highlight of the weekend was the big show on Sunday, the Amelia Island Concours d'elegance, which featured the presence of celebrities and showcased some amazing cars. The weekend was a great opportunity for car enthusiasts to indulge in their passion, surrounded by a beautiful beach vibe, delicious restaurants, and the company of friends old and new. For some attendees, the beach was a highlight of the weekend, while others were fully focused on the car events and didn't step foot on the sand at all. Overall, the 8-hour journey was well worth it, and everyone left the event with unforgettable memories of the stunning supercars and the many exciting experiences.

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INTER EVENTS

March 10th - Club Dinner - Giuseppe's

Our March club meeting and dinner have been held at Kingsport's charming Giuseppe's Italian restaurant. Despite a few last-minute cancellations from our original reservation of 30 people, we were delighted to have 26 club members in attendance. It was great to see old and new faces join us for the evening!

The excellent service and delicious food elevated our experience, and the cozy private room added a touch of exclusivity to our special night. Although the cold weather prevented us from spending as much time as usual admiring the cars in the parking lot, I did catch a glimpse of some stunning vehicles. I can't wait to see them in action at our upcoming driving competitions!

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INTER EVENTS

March 11th - Group Drive - Snake Siege II

On a cold and windy Saturday morning, we gathered at the Cars & Coffee Tri-Cities event hosted at the Bristol Motor Speedway. Despite the chilly weather, the turnout was impressive, with 25 cars and over 40 people in attendance. After meeting up, the group went on an exciting drive through some scenic backroads near the Snake Road (US-421), enjoying some exhilarating



twists and turns. The drive took us to the Backbone Rock Campground, where we made a stop to rest and enjoy the picturesque surroundings.

Next, the club made a stop at the Shady Valley Country Store, a favorite spot for many car enthusiasts in the region. From there, the group headed to Mountain City and then to Watauga Lake, where we drove along the beautiful lake road, taking in the stunning views.

The drive culminated in a group lunch at the Southern Craft BBQ restaurant, where the members were treated to not only fantastic food but also a breathtaking view of the lake. The service at the restaurant was exceptional, making for a perfect end to an exciting day. For those who were unable to attend the event, they missed out on a fantastic opportunity to explore some of the region's most beautiful backroads and enjoy some delicious food at Southern Craft BBQ restaurant.

The event was a great success, and all members who attended had an amazing time, forging new friendships and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

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SPRING EVENTS

March 25th - March 26th - Weekend Getaway Group Drive - Deals Gap & Cashiers

The Deals Gap and Cashiers Porsche Club Weekend Getaway kicked off on a sunny Friday with temperatures reaching the low 80's F, signaling the official end of winter. While the event was scheduled to start on Saturday, March 25th, most participants arrived in the Smoky Mountains area the night before. Some attendees gathered for dinner at the Blackberry Farm Brewery in Maryville, which boasts an impressive selection of beer and a cozy atmosphere. Despite the limited food options, the menu at the brewery featured tasty favorites such as burgers, nachos, and wings.

Come Saturday morning, our Porsches were damp from the overnight rain, but our spirits were high. With the sun making a welcome appearance, we all gathered at the 129 Hub at 9:30 am, 45 cars and 65 people strong. After checking in and signing waivers, we reviewed safety notes before splitting into four groups. Our first destination was the Tail of the Dragon, and while the roads were wet, we all took extra care. We then headed to the Dragon Hillclimb, an exhilarating uphill road with no outlet. A stop at the Maple Springs Observation Deck, which offered a stunning view of the Nantahala National Forest, was the perfect spot for a breather and a group photo. With the sun shining bright and the temperature rising, we continued our journey towards Cherohala Skyway. To our surprise, the roads were dry, allowing us to enjoy a smooth and traffic-free ride.



Photo: Tammy Baergen

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After 40 miles of stunning views in the Skyway, and hitting more miles of pastoral backroads, we stopped for lunch at Smoke N Bonz BBQ restaurant in Vonore, where the staff took great care of us. Following lunch, we drove through the entire extension of the Foothills Parkway, which offered breathtaking views of the Smoky Mountains (Did you know that The Great Smoky Mountains are among the oldest mountains in the world, formed approximately 200-300 million years ago? Crazy!!!). We then made our way towards Newfound Gap and the Smoky Mountain Expressway, eventually arriving in Cashiers. After a long and exciting day of driving, it was time to check into the hotel and unwind.

As evening fell, attendees scattered off to enjoy different dining experiences. Some went to Grand Olde Station at Lake Toxaway, while others visited a nearby brewery. Some even opted for Mexican cuisine and tequila within walking distance. After dinner, a group of 20 spent the evening around a firepit, enjoying drinks and sharing stories.

On Sunday morning, we all gathered in the parking lot, and as we lined up our cars, a beautiful rainbow appeared in the sky. Despite the overnight rain and damp roads, our Porsches handled the drive through the Pisgah National Forest with ease. After lunch at a Mexican restaurant in Franklin, North Carolina, some participants headed home while a smaller group continued on to the Moonshiner 28, Hellbender, and the legendary Tail of the Dragon. As the weekend came to a close, it was unanimous that we had an amazing time with other Porsche enthusiasts and the PCA family. Smiles on our faces, we were grateful for the memories made and the exhilarating drives we experienced.



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WING INTO SPRING

Spring is finally here, and there's no better time to get back on the greens and enjoy the golf! As the days get longer and warmer, we are excited to remind you that our club sponsor, Crockett Ridge Golf Course, is the perfect destination to rekindle your passion for this delightful sport.

Crockett Ridge Golf Course offers an exclusive \$3.00 discount on an 18-hole round for PCA members. To redeem this special offer, simply present your PCA Member card at the golf course. If you don't have one, no worries! You can quickly get a temporary membership card by visiting this link and taking a screenshot on your phone (or printing it out): <https://www.pca.org/members/temp-membership-card>

Alternatively, you can request a replacement card at no cost by visiting this link: <https://www.pca.org/members/replacement-membership-card>

Come to hit the links with friends and fellow golf enthusiasts and take advantage of the stunning scenery and well-maintained greens at Crockett Ridge Golf Course, and experience the joy of golf this season. Dust off your clubs, polish up your skills, and show your support for our club sponsor, and enjoy the camaraderie, competition, and fun that golf brings.

Visit their website for rates and details: <https://www.crockettridgegc.com/>






OUTUBE CHANNEL

Have you seen our YouTube channel? We have 60 videos that are related to various club events and related club matters! From our first Hugh Tackett Memorial Drive in 2020 to Scott Hubbard's 1986 911 featured at the Motorhead Garage show on Motortrend TV.

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LUB OFFICER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for a Social Chair Volunteer to assist us until the end of 2024.

In general, the Social Chair is in charge of organizing and coordinating social events such as club meetings and social gatherings (aka dinner), but it can also include picnics, holiday parties, and other activities designed to bring members of the Porsche community together in a social setting that do not involve a driving event, group drive, tour drive, etc. The Social Chair will plan events with other club officers or committees and may oversee logistics such as event locations, catering, and entertainment.

Overall, the Social Chair plays an important role in nurturing a sense of community and camaraderie among Porsche Club of America members, as well as in creating opportunities for members to enjoy their shared passion for Porsche automobiles.





Photo: Leo Nascimento

Spring and Summer are the absolute best seasons for driving Porsches and experiencing all the exhilarating fun that comes with joining the Porsche Club events! With Winter in the rearview mirror, you can look forward to a diverse range of events on our Agenda. Our aim is to offer a mix of activities that caters to everyone's interests, so if there is something that you would like to do with the Club, let us know!

We have some exciting plans in the pipeline, including Tour Drives on some of the most stunning roads in the Appalachian Mountains, Cherokee Forest, and neighboring areas, winery visits, SUV-Day group drives (in April and another one late in the Summer), ladies-only events, social events and gatherings, club social gatherings with special 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, and much more!

However, we can only make these events a success with your help. So, we encourage you to lend your support by volunteering to assist in any way possible, or simply by attending the events and joining in the fun!

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- 1-Apr: SUV Day Group Drive – RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- 3-Apr: Club Dinner - Americano Steak House – RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- 9-Apr: Group Drive (Easter Sunday) - The Gambler - RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- 22-Apr: Group Drive - Wilderness Trail Run KY/VA
- 23-Apr: Group Drive - Cars, Trucks, and Bucs @ ETSU
- 5-May: Club Dinner: The Kitchen at Grace Meadow Farms – RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- 7-May: "Hanging Mary" Group Drive (Sunday)
- 13-May: Group Drive - Macan Raffle Run
- 21-May: Autocross - Lee County Airport (VA) - Event 1 - Register at <http://msreg.com/WTR-2-Event1>
- 26 - 28-May: 3-DAY WEEKEND GETAWAY, Kentucky – RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG
- 10-Jun: Group Drive
- 17-Jun: Group Drive - Back of the Dragon - PorscheFest
- 18-June: Autocross - Lee County Airport (VA) - Event 2
- 1 - 2-Jul: 2-DAY WEEKEND GETAWAY Blue Ridge Pkwy - North
- 8-Jul: 45th WTR Anniversary Celebration
- 9-Jul: 45th WTR Anniversary Drive
- 14-Jul: Porsches at FunFest Parade
- 15-Jul: Group Drive - Donna Yeomans Memorial
- 16-Jul: Autocross - Lee County Airport (VA) - Event 3
- 29-Jul: Group Drive
- 12-Aug: Group Drive
- 13-Aug: Autocross - Lee County Airport (VA) - Event 4
- 26-Aug: Group Drive
- 1 - 3-Sep: 3-DAY WEEKEND GETAWAY

April 1st - SUV DAY - Macan and Cayenne going off-road

How about a Porsche SUV Mountain Drive through forest roads and a stop on a summit with gorgeous views? While vehicles such as the 911 have established Porsche's reputation across the globe, the two best-selling models in the Porsche lineup are the Macan and Cayenne SUVs. That might be because they combine the right balance of performance luxury and spirited performance in the SUV segment.

Bring your MACAN, CAYENNE, TAYCAN or PANAMERA. Bring the family, kids, grandkids, pets, everyone! We will drive 88 miles where 8 of them are made of "forest road" (no asphalt) in one of the most scenic trails on the east coast. The *surprise road* has views that are matched by very few places east of the Mississippi, taking you in the breathtaking scenery and gorgeous views of the Pisgah National Forest.



April 3rd - Club Dinner atAmericano Steakhouse

Americano Steak House won the Best Steak House in the 2022 Readers Choice Awards. Americano Steak House is located in beautiful Roan Mountain, Tennessee and they serve hand cut steaks, fresh seafood, Italian pastas, local craft beer and award winning desserts.

Josh Hayes, our club's vice president, visited the restaurant a few weeks ago and he was amazed with the service and food quality. Josh knew that we had to take the club there! The restaurant is located 25 miles from Johnson City and it is worth the drive! People drive from farther away to eat there!



PORSCHE CLUB DINNER AMERICANO STEAK HOUSE

Monday - April 3 - 6:00 PM
Roan Mountain, TN

RSVP at
WTRPCA.ORG



April 9th - Easter Sunday Group Drive: The Gambler

Hey there! Can't travel to see the family and don't want to spend Easter alone? We've got the perfect solution for you! Join us for an epic adventure on the road on Sunday Easter. We'll take you on a scenic route that's sure to make your heart race and your spirit soar. Plus, you'll get to spend the day doing something you love - driving! Come experience the thrill of the open road with your adopted family, the PCA family! Let's make this Easter one to remember. Need to be back at home earlier? Fine! You can break off when we stop for gas in Canton, NC.

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THE RATTLER (NC209), CRABTREE GAP
AND A LOT MORE

Sunday - April 9th - 9:30 am
(meet in Erwin - TN - Mountain Inn
& Suites I-26 Exit 40)

MUST RSVP at:
WTRPCA.ORG

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April 22nd - Group Drive - Wilderness Trail Run KY/VA

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!





ETSU CARS, TRUCKS AND BUCS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD 2PM-6PM

ETSU STUDENT PARKING GARAGE



CAR SHOW

TRIVIA

CAR SMASH

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

PRIZES



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April 23rd - ETSU Cars, Trucks and Bucks

Come support the event that is being organized by ETSU students (including myself). This event is not a PCA event. We are still working with ETSU trying to get authorization to use their lot during the summer break to host a few Autocross events; showing support to the event below may help facilitating the negotiation.

The event is open to the general public and registration is free. Register (free) here: shorturl.at/lwAL1

Find below the event's schedule:

CARS, TRUCKS, AND BUCKS
SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD 2PM-6PM

2:00PM	EVENT BEGINS
2:00PM-5:15PM	CAR SMASH
EVERY 30 MINS	TRIVIA QUESTIONS
2:45PM-5:15PM	CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
3:00PM-5:00PM	JUDGING
5:30PM	AWARDS
6:00PM	END OF SHOW

ETSU
CARS, TRUCKS AND BUCKS

May 5th - Club Dinner - The Kitchen at Grace Meadows Farm

Located on the beautiful farm at Grace Meadows, in historic Jonesborough, Tennessee, The Kitchen offers a unique experience with authentic home cooking. Owned by former Washington County mayor, Dan Eldridge and his wife Tammy.

Food is family style, and delicious. Price fixed at \$20.95 pp., including desert. And its.....all you can eat..... no alcohol (but I invite you to visit the Johnson City Brewing - Boones Creek with me after dinner (located 3 miles away).

The club went to this restaurant last Fall and we all had great time. The food and service was amazing! The restaurant is spacious and beautiful!

Porsche Club Dinner The Kitchen at Grace Meadows Farm

**May. 5th (Friday)
6:00 PM**



RSVP- WTRPCA.ORG



May 13th - 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)

May 21st - 2nd WTR Cup - Event 1

Autocross is a thrilling activity that allows drivers to maneuver their car around a course of cones at a moderate speed while competing with other drivers for the best time of the day. But it's not just about speed; it's about handling and driving skill, with 15 to 20 significant steering inputs in a minute or less.

At autocross events, safety is our top priority, and we provide a controlled and safe environment for drivers to push themselves and their vehicles to the limit. Autocross is a perfect opportunity for those who have never tried it before to correct their relationship with their car, improve their driving skills, and have a blast in a fun, social environment.

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MAY 21
JUNE 18
JULY 16
AUGUST 13
SEPTEMBER 17
OCTOBER (TBD)

May 26th - 28th - Kentucky Weekend Getaway

Are you ready for an epic adventure? Get ready to create memories and lasting friendships that will surpass those of a quick morning drive. This weekend, we've got an action-packed itinerary that will leave you feeling exhilarated and fulfilled! Plus, Monday is holiday... you get an extra day to recover. We'll be spending two nights exploring the incredible scenic roads of Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia, driving through some of the most stunning landscapes you've ever seen, including Breaks Interstate Park Road (KY80/VA80), the Slingshot (US119), the Dragon Slayer (KY160), the Ladens Trail (rt. 2010) - closed just for our group! - the 3,331-foot Dingess Tunnel (also closed just for our group!), the River Dragon (KY15), the Back of the Dragon (VA16) and miles upon miles of undisclosed Backroads of Appalachia Trails. And let's not forget the epic Hatfield and McCoy's Feud roads! This is your chance to experience the thrill of the open road, connect with amazing people, and create memories that will last a lifetime. So, pack your bags, fill up your gas tank, and get ready for an unforgettable weekend with us!



**MAY
26-28**

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Black Bear BBQ | Backroads of Appalachia | Dragon Slayer |
Ladens Trail | Dingess Tunnel (3,331 ft.) | River Dragon |
Loaded Goat Steakhouse | Wingo's Grill | Hatfield's and
McCoy's Trail | Back of the Dragon

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The objective of a PCA Rally is to follow a course from point to point, usually on public roads, to the precise detail specified in the rules - it can be competitive or for fun. Competitive Time Speed Distance (TSD) Rallies dictate a certain time schedule for the checkpoints along the way. Points are deducted by arriving at the checkpoint either early or late. Gimmick Rallies, also competitive rallies, may include a Gimmick (Poker Rally, regional interest). Part of the challenge with a Gimmick Rally is to discover the intended route, which may require other skills such as solving a puzzle. PCA Parade TSD Rallies use the Richta app for scoring and no expensive rally equipment is necessary ... all you need is a mobile phone. New to Rallying? Parade is a great time to give it a try!



June 18-24, 2023
La Quinta Resort & Club
Palm Springs, California
www.porscheparade.org

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ECH ARTICLES, DIYS OR TIPS



Photo: Oli Woodman

Routine maintenance is essential to ensure the longevity and performance of your Porsche. While certified Porsche mechanics are the preferred option for complex repairs and maintenance, there are several routine tasks you can perform at home to keep your vehicle in peak condition. In this article, we'll discuss five maintenance procedures that you can undertake without the need for a certified Porsche mechanic.

DIY: Air Filter Replacement

Replacing the air filter is another simple task that can improve your Porsche's performance and fuel efficiency. Step-by-step process:

1. Open the hood and locate the air filter housing.
2. Remove any clips, screws, or fasteners securing the housing.
3. Carefully lift the housing and remove the old air filter.
4. Clean the air filter housing with a damp cloth, removing any debris or dirt.
5. Place the new air filter into the housing, ensuring it sits correctly.
6. Reassemble the housing and secure it with the clips, screws, or fasteners.



TECHNICAL ARTICLE

The Engineering Marvels of Porsche Vehicles

Porsche vehicles are renowned for their performance, style, and innovative engineering. Combining cutting-edge technology with meticulous craftsmanship, these automobiles represent the pinnacle of automotive design. In this article, we'll explore the technical aspects of Porsche vehicles, examining their powertrains, chassis, and advanced features that set them apart from the competition.



Powertrain and Performance

Porsche vehicles are synonymous with powerful engines and thrilling driving experiences. Their powertrains are meticulously designed to deliver exceptional performance, efficiency, and reliability.

1. Engine Technology

Porsche engines are often characterized by their unique flat (boxer) configuration, which provides a low center of gravity and improved handling. These engines utilize advanced technologies such as direct fuel injection, variable valve timing, and turbocharging to maximize power and efficiency.

2. Transmission Systems

Porsche vehicles are equipped with advanced transmission systems that provide rapid gear changes and precise control. The Porsche Doppelkupplung (PDK) is a dual-clutch transmission that offers lightning-fast shifts and an intelligent design that adapts to driving conditions for optimal performance.

Chassis and Suspension

The chassis and suspension systems in Porsche vehicles are designed to deliver outstanding handling, stability, and ride comfort.

1. Lightweight Construction

Porsche utilizes materials such as aluminum and composite materials to create lightweight chassis designs. This weight reduction improves handling, acceleration, and fuel efficiency, while maintaining structural rigidity for safety and performance.

2. Suspension Technology

Porsche vehicles feature advanced suspension systems that provide exceptional handling and ride quality. Active suspension systems, such as Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM), adjust damping force based on driving conditions, ensuring optimal performance and comfort.

Aerodynamics and Design

Porsche vehicles are known for their distinctive design and aerodynamic efficiency, which contribute to their performance and visual appeal.

1. Aerodynamic Features

Porsche employs innovative aerodynamic features such as active rear spoilers, air curtains, and underbody panels to reduce drag and improve high-speed stability. These features also enhance fuel efficiency and reduce wind noise for a more comfortable driving experience.

2. Iconic Design Elements

Porsche's design language is instantly recognizable, featuring elements such as the sloping rear roofline, wide fenders, and round headlights. These design elements not only contribute to the vehicle's visual appeal but also serve functional purposes, such as enhancing aerodynamics and optimizing weight distribution.

Advanced Technologies and Features

Porsche vehicles are equipped with cutting-edge technologies and features that enhance driving dynamics, safety, and convenience.

1. Porsche Communication Management (PCM)

The PCM system serves as the central control for infotainment, navigation, and vehicle settings. It features a high-resolution touchscreen display and integrates with smartphones for seamless connectivity, allowing drivers to access music, messaging, and other functions while on the road.

2. Driver Assistance Systems

Porsche vehicles are available with a suite of advanced driver assistance systems designed to improve safety and convenience. These technologies include adaptive cruise control, lane-keeping assist, and parking sensors, which help to prevent collisions and improve overall driving experience.

3. Porsche Traction Management (PTM)

PTM is an advanced all-wheel-drive system available in select Porsche models. It continuously monitors and adjusts the distribution of torque between the front and rear wheels, providing optimal traction and stability in various driving conditions.

In summary

Porsche vehicles represent the epitome of automotive engineering, with their high-performance powertrains, advanced chassis systems, and innovative technologies. By combining these elements with their iconic design, Porsche vehicles continue to set the benchmark for performance, style, and driving enjoyment.

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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 2023-2024. 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](#).

UPDATE YOUR PROFILE

Go to <https://www.pca.org/user> and update your profile info. Once you logon, click on EDIT, then Account and update the information on this screen. Then click on MEMBERSHIP and update the information there as well.

PCA STORE: Looking for official PCA apparel or merchandise? PCA Web-store has what you need: clothing, lifestyle products, Club Racing exclusives and more. Soon we will have WTR Official merchandise listed there too. Order today and show your PCA pride: pcawebstore.org



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YETI DRINKWARE

Looking for high-quality drinkware that not only looks great but also keeps your drinks at the perfect temperature? Look no further than the WTRPCA YETI drinkware collection!

With three models and five stylish colors to choose from (Black, Seafoam/Mint-Green, Carrara White, Python Green and Racing Yellow), you're sure to find the perfect fit for your style. But what really sets these products apart is their outstanding performance. Made from durable, high-grade 18/8 stainless steel and engineered with double-wall vacuum insulation, these cups will keep your drinks icy cold or steaming hot for hours on end. With the added engraved logos - the Wilderness Trail logo on the front and the PCA National logo on the back - you'll be showing off your support for our community with every sip.



Order now at and drink in style with WTRPCA YETI drinkware:

<https://wtrpca.org/events/yeti-wtr-pca-drinkware-pre-order>



MOTORSPORT NEWS



Photo: Kmorebi

Porsche Motorsports recently made headlines with their successful participation in several high-profile racing events. One of the most notable events was the 2023 Rolex 24 at Daytona, which took place in January. The Porsche 911 RSR-19 dominated the GTLM class, taking both first and second place on the podium. The winning car was driven by Earl Bamber, Laurens Vanthoor, and Nick Tandy, while the second-place finishers were Neel Jani, Frederic Makowiecki, and Mathieu Jaminet. The victory marked Porsche's fourth win in the GTLM class at the Rolex 24.

Porsche also had a strong showing at the 2023 Bathurst 12 Hour, held in February in Australia. The team fielded two 911 GT3 Rs, which finished in second and fourth place in the Pro-Am class. The drivers of the second-place car were Matt Campbell, Dirk Werner, and Jaxon Evans, while the fourth-place finishers were Marc Lieb, Timo Bernhard, and Romain Dumas.

In addition to these successes, Porsche announced that they will be returning to the FIA World Endurance Championship in the LMDh category in 2024. The LMDh class allows manufacturers to compete with a combination of hybrid power and combustion engines, and Porsche has a rich history in endurance racing with their 919 Hybrid program.

Fritz Enzinger, Vice President of Porsche Motorsport, said in a statement, "We are really excited to announce our return to the FIA World Endurance Championship with an LMDh car. Porsche has a long history of success in endurance racing, and we are looking forward to competing with the top manufacturers in the world once again."

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CLUB MEMBER-OWNED BUSINESS

T IME TRAVEL

David Lively, charter founding member of Wilderness Trail and active club member of our club, shared with us many photos from the our club's early days... The photo below for example, shows Don and Judy Womack detailing their car. Don was Wilderness Trail first president, 45 years ago...

If you want to see more photos like that, go to our website, gallery section and enjoy the time travel! Photos at: wtrpca.org/gallery/



Photo: David Lively

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ORSCHE LAUGH



I got pulled over on the way back home from grabbing McDonald's with my niece. I was going 12 mph over the speed limit. 🚓 As the officer started walking up to my car, I rolled all of my windows down. My adorable and apparently INCREDIBLY smart 7 year old niece started screaming from the backseat "It's coming out! I can't hold it any longer! It's almost here!!!" Now the trooper is HEARING her scream this and he leans in the window and asks her "What's going on here???" She looks him DEAD IN THE FACE and says "I've got poop coming outta my butt!!" He started laughing! 😂 I was shocked and embarrassed! He asked how far I had to go, which was about 3 miles home. He told me to drive safe and get Miss Pupu Butt home to do her business. He could NOT stop laughing! 😂 As soon as we pulled away I asked "What was that about???" 😳 My niece smirked and said "I saw it on YouTube but I didn't think it would work." I said "So, you're not pooping?" She said nope and you're not in trouble either. This lil girl is my hero!!!

Credit: Shalonda Lewis

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EMBERSHIP NEWS

In the last three years, our club has grown much faster (87 new members) than in the previous six years (22). Word of mouth is the most effective recruiting method. Bring a friend who owns a Porsche but isn't a member of the Porsche Club of America to one of our monthly social meetings or any of our driving events.

	Main Members	Growth	5 vs 3-Year	% Growth	5 vs 3-Year
Dec 2014	77	~		~	
Dec 2015	88	11	22	14.28 %	28%
Dec 2016	82	-6		-6.81 %	
Dec 2017	92	10		12.19 %	
Dec 2018	102	10		10.86 %	
Dec 2019	99	-3		-2.94 %	
Dec 2020	123	24	87	24.24 %	70%
Dec 2021	150	27		21.95 %	
Dec 2022	186	36		24 %	

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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 195 main members and 116 Co-members. Year-to-date: 13 new members!!!

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

Vicki McClurg - 2007 911 Carrera 4S

John Delafuente - 2018 911 Carrera T

Russell & Cary Johnson - 2023 718 Boxster GTS 4.0

David Babb - 2019 Macan S

Kin Ho - 2000 911 Carrera

Lia Ayooob - 2007 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet

Chris Widner - 2019 Macan

Vic Koenig - 2008 911 Carrera

Chandler Drake - 2014 Cayman

Jim & Jaina Shafer - 2019 911 Carrera 4S (Transfer in from ARPCA)

Mark Slauson - 2017 Macan GTS (Transfer in from GGR)

Leslie Kelch - 2010 911 Carrera S (Transfer in from SMT)

Joshua Alvarado - 2016 Cayman GT4 (Transfer from BRR)

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

Congratulations on your Membership Anniversary!

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

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

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

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

Download the Backroads of Appalachia app for iOS and Android!



