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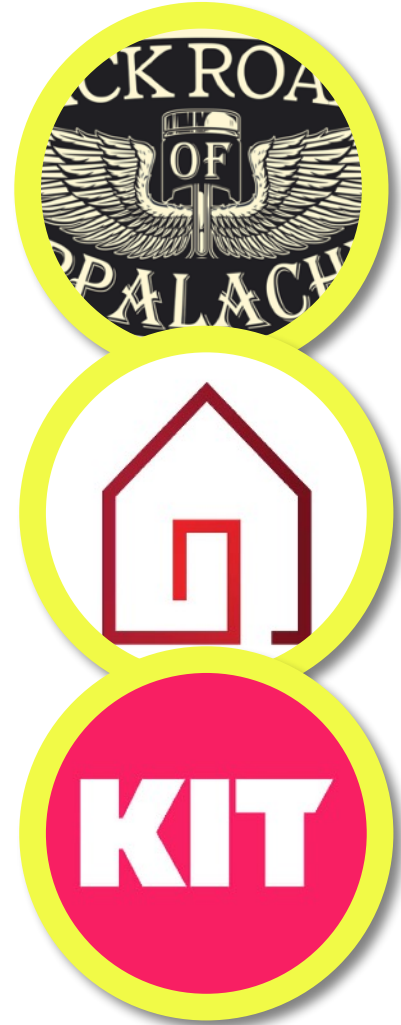
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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer has arrived, bringing with it a reminder of how swiftly time seems to be passing. As we navigate through 2023, it feels as if the year itself has taken the driver's seat of a Porsche, accelerating us forward with incredible speed. However, despite the rapid pace, I am thrilled to reflect upon the remarkable journey we have embarked upon so far.

In the first half of this year, we have had the privilege of hosting 24 extraordinary events. Moreover, we have proudly supported and participated in various other gatherings such as Tri-Cities Cars & Coffee, Harper Porsche 75th Anniversary, PCA WERKS Reunion, and more. The camaraderie and enthusiasm displayed by our members have made each event truly memorable. For those who have yet to attend an event in 2023, I encourage you to mark your calendars and join us at one of our upcoming events. The excitement awaits!



I am delighted to share that we have now reached an incredible milestone of 212 members. It is awe-inspiring to think that only 3.5 years ago, we were at 98 members. This growth is a testament to the passion and commitment each of you brings to our club. Together, we are creating something truly extraordinary.

This year has seen us accomplish some extraordinary feats. We welcomed members from 17 different PCA regions who joined us for a memorable weekend in Kentucky. It was a testament to the allure of our region and the incredible experiences we offer.

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Furthermore, we set a new record in attendance during our DragonFest event in June, with 60 cars and 82 individuals joining us to conquer the Back of the Dragon. These achievements highlight the vibrancy and energy that come out from our club.

As we celebrate our 45th year, we have planned a weekend filled with amazing events and opportunities for all of us to come together. I sincerely hope you can join us for some, if not all, of the planned festivities.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our club officers and volunteers. Their dedication and efforts are what make our club the thriving and enjoyable community it is today. Their commitment to ensuring our collective happiness is truly commendable, and I am immensely grateful for their contributions. I can't thank enough our lead cars and sweepers who are truly amazing and do an exceptional job on every drive that we have put together!

As we embrace the remainder of the year, let us revel in the experiences yet to come. The open road is inviting us to create more unforgettable moments. Together, let us continue to make Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America an unparalleled community.

- *Leandro Nascimento*

PORSCHE RENNSPORT 7 REUNION

September 28 - October 1
WeatherTech Raceway / Monterey, CA



WILDERNESS TRAIL REGION NEWS



Autocross HAS returned! After flirting with the Lee County Airport and having everything almost ready, we didn't get the final approval from FAA. Thankfully, the Washington County Department of Education was very receptive to our request to host four events this year at the David Crockett High School in Jonesborough. The lot is three times bigger than the lot we had last year at the ETSU.

A suitable autocross location should have several important requirements to guarantee that participants have a safe and fun experience. The location should have plenty of open area to set up the course scheme. A parking lot, an open field, or a closed road course can all be used. Obstacles such as curbs, light poles, and other fixed objects that could endanger participants should be eliminated from the area. The venue's surface should be smooth, reasonably flat, and free of potholes and other hazards. Well-maintained asphalt or concrete are ideal surfaces. Participants should have easy access to parking, restrooms, and other amenities at the venue. Because autocross events can be loud, the venue should be located away from residential areas or sensitive areas where noise concerns may develop.

All of this narrows down our options significantly, but once we identify it, there is another critical requirement... permission to utilize the venue. Since January, when we were advised that the ETSU parking lot would not be accessible this year, we began contacting various locations in the Tri-Cities area, and we were either denied in around 15 different places or never received an answer. We had an excellent interaction with Lee County Airport in March, but the FAA was not very supportive.

Then, on May 15th, we contacted the principal of David Crockett High School, who quickly brought the Washington County Department of Education into the conversation. Since day one, they have been incredibly supportive and easy to work with, and after reviewing the contract and agreement to use the facility, we have been permitted to organize four autocross runs this summer at the DCHS. The entire process took about two weeks, from initial contact to approval, and we are extremely appreciative for the collaboration with David Crockett High School and the Washington County Department of Education.

The first event was a success! Hosted on June 25th, we had 18 cars attending! Considering that ETR SCCA was hosting autocross in Bristol on that same day, we could not have asked for a better turnout. More details about the event on this newsletter.

The timing equipment that we were using last year was from the 80's, it was obsolete and ready to stop working at any time. Ryan Elswick did a lot of research for a new equipments, accessories and setup and we finally bought a new timing equipment that's widely used across SCCA Solo Autocross programs and PCA nationwide.

If you have never done autocross, come watch or register to one of the upcoming events.

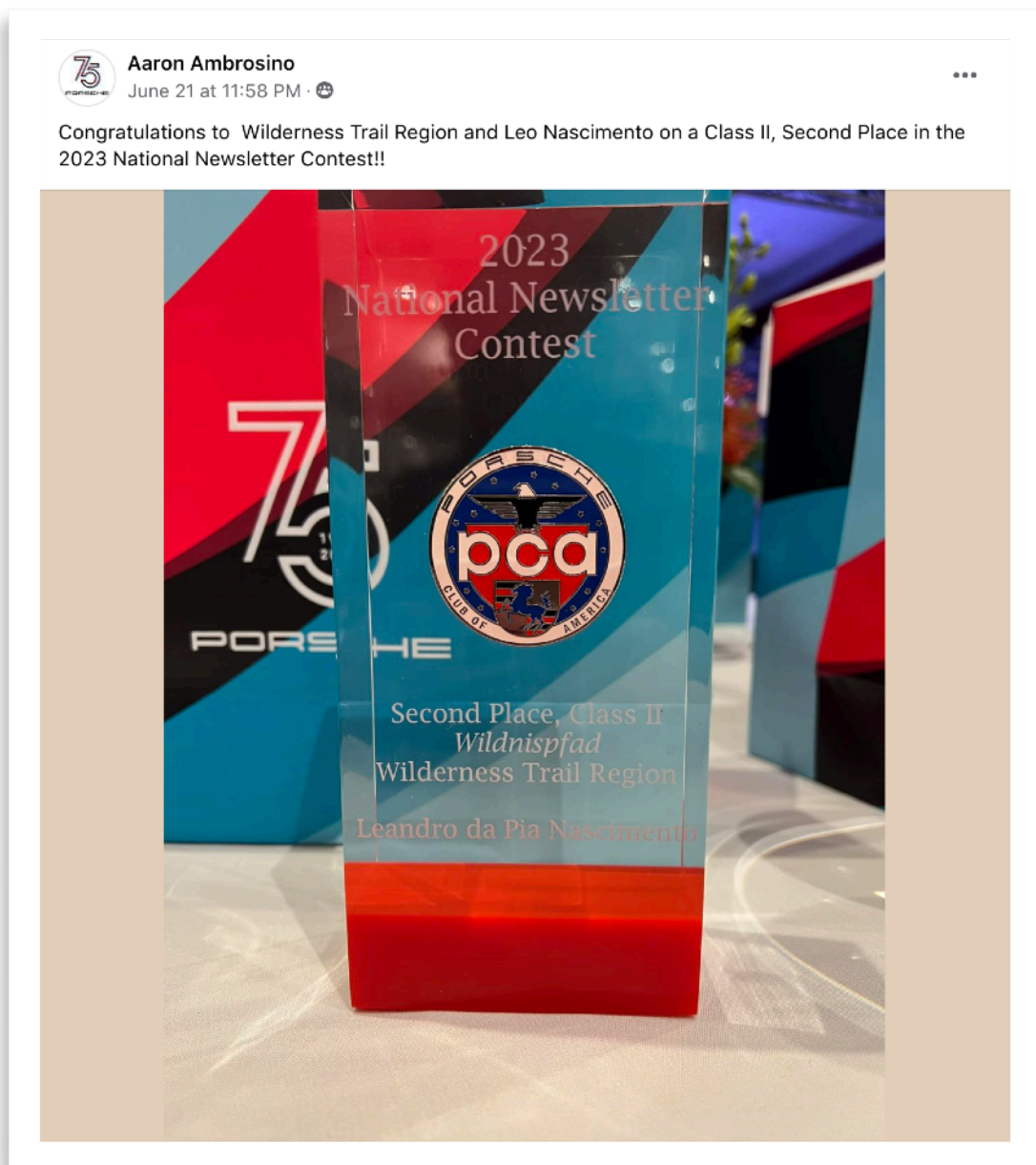
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WILDERNESS TRAIL NEWSLETTER AWARD

This June, the Newsletter Award was presented at the 66th Porsche Parade in Palm Springs, California. Aaron Ambrosino, PCA National President, informed us that we had won an award. He broke the news on our Facebook Group, which threw me off guard!





WILDERNESS TRAIL AT PANORAMA

If you missed it, we made an appearance in the April, May and June issues of Panorama.

TAMMY BAERGEN



◀ ***“Wilderness Trail Region’s Porsche gals went out for a night of fun, food, and lots of laughter at the region’s Girls Night Out. It was a wonderful evening full of friendship and joy, and yet another illustration of how to create deep friendships both on and off the road.”***

—LEO NASCIMENTO
Wilderness Trail Region

TAMMY BAERGEN



◀ ***“During Werks Reunion at Amelia Island, Leo Nascimento (L), Wilderness Trail Region President, had an amazing encounter with Tom and Marlene Browney, legendary WTR charter members from 45 years ago. This coincidental clash of generations brought us great joy. Tom and Marlene are now proud members of the Gulfstream Region.”***

—GARY BERG
Wilderness Trail Region



▲ ***“Tammy Baergen (R), in front of her 2015 black Macan Turbo, proudly holds her gift card award for having the dirtiest car after 45 Wilderness Trail Region members drove to Linville Gorge forest to conquer the off-road terrain. Jen Casselman (L) from North Florida Region was the judge.”***

—LEO NASCIMENTO
Wilderness Trail Region

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FORMULA 1

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SPRING EVENTS

April 1st - 2nd Porsche SUV Day

On April 1st, we had a fantastic day out in the wilderness with our Macans and Cayennes! The combination of scenic roads and sweat-inducing curvy mountain roads, combined with the off-road adventure atmosphere, demonstrated just how amazing our cars are! The roads were wet in the morning, but that didn't stop us from having a good time! One group drove from Elizabethton, Tennessee, and another group came from Gastonia, North Carolina, and we both met at the Brown Mountain overlook to enjoy some spectacular views of the Pisgah Forest before embarking on the forest road!

We had visitors from Chattanooga, Tallahassee, Winston-Salem, and Roanoke, as well as regulars from the Charlotte metropolitan area and the Tri-Cities, Tennessee. It was great to see old friends and meet new ones!

We ended up with a great turnout and when we all met at the Overlook in the middle of the morning, we merged the groups. The rain had stopped, and the Sun was shining; temperatures were rapidly rising, and the roads were dry. The SUVs then went on some amazing adventures into the Linville Gorge Wilderness, while the low-ground clearance sporty Porsches took a paved route through the mountains and lakes.

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Photo: Louie Leach

I had previously run the unpaved forest road for recognition, and Dave Sample had done the same during the week to have a second set of eyes. We both agreed that the road was safe for all SUVs, as did everyone who drove it on this event! That was the most extreme most of us had driven our Porsches, but it was also the most fun we'd ever had with our Macans and Cayennes! The natural beauty that surrounded us as the Porsches snuck through the woods was breathtaking.

We drove slowly and carefully, and we originally planned to spend 45 minutes driving in and 45 minutes driving back, but we only needed 30 minutes each way, and we still managed to keep it safe, and we all had a good time!

We stopped at the Wiseman Overlook, and the view was spectacular! This is most likely the best location in the Gorge to see the entire Gorge and the surrounding geology. The lookout provides breathtaking views of the mountains of the Pisgah Forest. The gorge and river, Table Rock, Hawksbill, Chimney Rock, and even Brown Mountain can be seen in the distance. The trail is paved and wheelchair accessible.

After a short break and a group photo, we returned to our cars –another 4 miles through the forest! We came across two large mud puddles and everyone had the option of driving around them, but almost everyone chose to make a splash by driving through them! I wasn't sure if they were aware that the dirtiest car would receive a \$300 Fat Cat Customs gift card or if they were just having fun! I was filming while they went through (video on our YouTube channel), and I got mud sprayed! It made me laugh!

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We all arrive at the restaurant at the same time, including the sporty-Porsches, and with 45 people arriving at the same time, sending them everyone's pre-orders paid off! The restaurant quickly served our food! The service was excellent, the food was delicious, and the relaxed mood after the drive was contagious—everyone mentioned their favorite part of the journey!

Alan and Jen, who had driven from Florida, were in charge of finding the muddiest of all Porsches in the restaurant's parking lot, a difficult task. However, they concluded that Tammy's Macan Turbo was the dirtiest of all. She received the \$300 gift card! Tammy, congratulations!

The event was not yet over. We drove to Grandfather Vineyards after lunch. Every weekend, they have outdoor live music, and the setting is beautiful, with a stream running through and walkable vineyards. They have a lot of seating, including Adirondack chairs, covered patio areas, multiple levels of seating, and umbrella-covered tables. The wine is excellent, and the staff is efficient, friendly, and professional. It was the ideal way to cap off a fantastic day!

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SPRING EVENTS

April 3rd - Club Dinner -Americano Steakhouse

Our club's vice president, Josh Hayes, stopped at the Americano Steakhouse Restaurant for dinner a few months ago, and he left with a strong desire to host a club dinner there. He worked in collaboration with the owner to plan a private dinner on a Monday in April (the restaurant is normally closed on Mondays). They came with a special menu and a group discount, and we needed a minimum of 30 people to make the reservation.

I was thrilled to see some new faces and members I hadn't seen in a long time join us for dinner.

Inside the restaurant, they had hung on the wall a painting by a local photographer, Joseph Nitti. Jim Goodlett's 1978 Porsche 911 SC Safari Off Road was the subject of the photography art, and it caught the eyes of everyone who walked in.

We had no idea the artwork was for sale! Troy, the restaurant's owner and chef, reached everyone and explained that all of the artwork on the walls was by local artists and was for sale, including the \$425 1978 Porsche 911 SC Safari art.

The service at Americano Steakhouse was exceptional! The staff was very accommodating and attentive to ensure that everyone in our large group felt comfortable and enjoyed their meal.

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Photo: Leo Nascimento

Because of the restaurant's upscale yet relaxed atmosphere, it was a great place to unwind and enjoy a delicious meal.

The steak was delicious and perfectly cooked. The chef at Americano Steakhouse is clearly proud of his work. Each meal was prepared with the utmost care and consideration.

Everyone was in a great mood during dinner, so I took some time to talk with everyone and thank them for coming. I also reminded them of some upcoming events and where they could discover more about them.

Troy offered a \$25 and a \$50 gift card while dessert was being served. I was the one who drew the numbers from the hat to decide the winners! Vic won the \$25 gift card, and Dr. George won the bigger prize!

As we were wrapping up the night, I was informed that our friends and club members, Russ and Cary Johnson, had been talking about how amazing the art would look in their home even before they knew it was for sale, and guess what? They bought it!

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SPRING EVENTS

April 9th - Group Drive - Easter Drive

On Easter Sunday, we organized a driving event to bring the PCA family together for some fun on the road. Sixteen cars gathered at the Mountain Inn & Suites in Erwin, TN, with two coming all the way from Charlotte and one from Asheville. The sun was shining as the group met at 9:30 a.m. and began the drive at around 10:00 a.m., heading towards Hot Springs.

We were treated to stunning views of the mountains. The local traffic was cooperative, and we arrived at our first stop, the Trust General Store & Cafe, located at The Rattler (NC-209). The Rattler is a 25-mile run on NC 209 from Hot Springs to Ferguson's Market north of Waynesville, North Carolina, and is known for its heart-pumping twists and turns. The small communities along the way, including Bluff, Trust, and Luck, added to the wild west feel of the road.

After stopping for lunch at the Trust General Store & Cafe, we continued on NC-209 to complete The Gambler route and then we took on the exhilarating Crabtree Rd before stopping for gas in Canton.

The group then continued the drive towards Leicester to hit the NC-63, which was another new discovery for many of us. The mountain drive was full of twisty roads and stunning scenery, making for a memorable experience. The group was 45 minutes ahead of schedule and we made a final stop at the General Store before heading back to Erwin.

Overall, the driving event was a success. It brought members of the PCA family together on a day when not everyone may have had family around or could travel to see them. The scenic route, the thrill of the twisty roads, and the camaraderie of the group made for an unforgettable Easter Sunday.

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Photo: Leo Nascimento



SPRING EVENTS

April 14th - Club Casual Dinner - Santa Fe Grill

An incredible evening at Santa Fe Mexican Grill! We love getting together to chat, laugh, drink and eat just as much as we love driving our cars. Our monthly Social Gathering Dinners and Club Meetings have become a tradition, and we like to mix it up by rotating restaurants throughout Tri-Cities but last year, we started meeting mid-month for a more casual dining atmosphere at Santa Fe Mexican Grill, and after a long break, we got together again this past April..

Despite some typical spring weather with thunderstorms and rain early in the evening, 35 club members gathered on the restaurant's fully occupied outdoor patio, our private club Mexican villa, and we had a great time with our fellow club friends. The restaurant was busy with only two tables unoccupied. Even parking was a challenge with some members having to park in the restaurant next door! However, the restaurant staff provided excellent service despite the crowd, except for our club treasurer, who was the last one to have his meal served. He was still in a good mood though, and we suspect it might have been due to the margaritas, our presence, or his stunning brand new 2023 Porsche GT4 debuting on a club's event.

As we said our goodbyes, we reminded everyone of our upcoming driving events.

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Photo: Leo Nascimento



SPRING EVENTS

April 22nd - Group Drive - Wilderness Trail Run

This drive was named after our club and it covered one of the many routes in the Backroads of Appalachia territory, beginning at the Dragon Slayer welcome center in Lynch, KY. Prior to the start of the drive, club members met in Kingsport and had the opportunity to drive the Dragon Slayer twice. Despite the weather outlook being unfavorable with a 95% chance of precipitation, the drive went ahead as planned. Fortunately, the weather changed in our favor, and the drive started with no rain. The sun even made an appearance a few times, and the roads were dry by the time we arrived at the Dragon Slayer. After a brief visit and some shopping at the welcome center, we made our way to the Black Bear BBQ where we enjoyed excellent service and food. Following our meal, we continued our journey on more backroads in the Appalachians, which provided stunning scenery and exhilarating roads.

During a gas stop, we realized we were ahead of schedule and decided to make an unplanned stop at the Breaks Interstate Park. The State Line Overlook inside the park offered breathtaking views and was an excellent opportunity to relax and connect with nature. Around 3:30 pm, the sprinkles of rain began, but it didn't last long. A few miles down the road, the rain stopped, and the roads were dry again. The way back home was just as fun as the planned route, and we drove another enjoyable country backroad with low traffic and beautiful scenery. Overall, it was a fantastic day that we would have regretted canceling. Despite the initial weather outlook, the conditions turned out to be perfect for the drive.

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SPRING EVENTS

May 5th - Club Dinner - The Kitchen

In the beautiful countryside of Jonesborough, there is a fantastic farm-to-table restaurant called The Kitchen at Grace Meadows Farm. It provides a unique dining experience because to its use of locally produced food and rustic appeal. With a wide selection of meals, the cuisine is delicious, fresh, and nicely presented. Twenty of us gathered at the Kitchen on a Friday in May for our club monthly dinner. Compared to when we previously went to the restaurant in the fall, the evening's beginning was significantly different. It was warm and sunny, and the vibrant green of the beautiful East TN Spring shades was all about!

Precisely 6:00 p.m., we walked in and were directed to our seats. Regular members showed up, as well as those I've only seen a few times and a fresh face who was coming to see us for the first time. It was great seeing everyone. The restaurant operates so that you can choose from two of the five or six entrée options and five of the seven side options. For the entrée, we all chose steak and gravy and fried chicken, while the sides included a variety of green beans, carrot soufflé, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, and other things. They use locally sourced items, such as fruits, vegetables, and meats, which are either grown and raised on the farm itself or purchased from nearby farms. Everything was prepared to order. When dinner was finished, they served us dessert, which was also included in the fixed price of \$20.95! Some of us decided to take it home, while others saved room for desert.

We all gathered outside to take a group photo before we left. We looked fantastic in a picture taken in front of the lake on the restaurant grounds.

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SPRING EVENTS

May 13th - Group Drive - Macan Raffle Run

An adrenaline-pumping, engine-roaring Saturday morning. The Macan Raffle Run on its electrifying third edition! This annual group drive coincides with the Boys and Girls Club of Kingsport's Porsche raffle, a noble cause aimed at fueling their mission of supporting our promising youngsters in need.

Fourteen gleaming Porsches lined up on a crisp Saturday morning at the Meadowview Resort and Conference Center. The day couldn't be more perfect, not a hint of rain, just warm sunshine and dry pavement, promising a glorious day ahead. After a quick round of pre-drive housekeeping and formalities, we were off! Leading the pack were Jeremy and Karla, blazing a trail through the winding backroads surrounded by the majestic Bays Mountains.

We journeyed through serene, picturesque pastoral-farm roads, soaking in the breathtaking views of the valley, before venturing into the heart of the Goshen Valley. A fun road, crossing through cattle farms.

We drove then through the Pressman's Home Road, a spectacular 12-mile stretch linking TN70 to TN66 (Hwy 66).

And let me tell you, the TN66 is a joyride that can beat many well-known East Tennessee roads! The scenic route, framed by lush woods, quaint farms, and time-weathered buildings, offered a refreshing dip into the charming backcountry.

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Photo: Antonio Abriola

Despite a smattering of road blemishes, the road condition was a solid 9/10. It's a hidden gem, traffic-free, and the locals were absolutely thrilled to see our caravan of Porsches sweep by!

Before tackling the twists and turns of the TN31 towards Rogersville, we stopped for a quick pit stop in Sneedville. Then it was back on the road, where the mountainous pathway eventually expanded into two lanes, allowing us to overtake a truck pulling a trailer before we spoiled the fun. Lunchtime saw us at the amazing Amis Mill Eatery, but with an hour's wait (our fault! We arrived way too early to our reservation), we opted for a change in plans. We drove up to the Cowboy Steakhouse, located only two miles away from Amis Mill, and although they were caught on a surprise by our party of 14, they accommodated us with open arms.

Sure, the food took a bit longer than anticipated, but good company, laughter, and a round of drinks made the time fly. And when the food arrived, the verdict was unanimous - it was delicious! The Cowboy Steakhouse might just become a regular pit stop on our future drives, but next time, we'll give them a heads-up!

And there it was, another successful Macan Raffle Run, a day filled with incredible routes, camaraderie, and of course, our stunning Porsches!

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Photo: Leo Nascimento



SPRING EVENTS

May 19th - Club Casual Dinner - Santa Fe Grill

Just like the roar of a Porsche engine, our passion for the club ignited once again as we gathered for an enjoyable mid-month dinner at the Santa-Fe Grill in May, where we embraced a more relaxed and casual atmosphere that perfectly complemented the pulsating energy of our beloved Porsche community.

While a few of our regular members unfortunately couldn't join us due to unforeseen circumstances like a bout of illness or the stomach flu, it didn't dampen our spirits. The weather was clearly on our side, creating the ideal backdrop for indulging in refreshing Margaritas and ice-cold beers. We got outdoor seating at the covered patio, to see turning heads with our stunning Porsches showcased on the front lawn.

The Santa-Fe Grill, with the efficiency and warmth of a pit crew, the staff catered to our every need, ensuring that our drink orders were promptly taken and served with a smile. As the clock neared 6:00, they took our meal orders, and by 7:00ish, we were ready to leave but many of us decided to continue enjoying the camaraderie that only a gathering of Porsche enthusiasts can evoke by chatting around our cars at the front lawn.

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SPRING EVENTS

May 20th - Group Drive - High-Octane Lumberjacks

The High-Octane Lumberjacks Run, unveiled a mixture of familiar and uncharted roads spanning an incredible 127 miles route. Our fun drive, through both pastoral and mountainous routes, led us to explore stunning landscapes such as Bays Mountain, Goshen Valley, Kyles Ford, Blackwater, TN-70, and US-58.

Despite threatening weather predictions of rain, our motto remained unchanged - rain or shine, the drive must go on! The drive was anything but, marked by an atmosphere of spirited camaraderie. Our journey up TN-70 was especially exhilarating as we discovered new terrains.

Our lunch stop was at the town of Jonesville where we ate at the Restaurant El Castillo. The sight of our Porsche convoy certainly turned heads among the local community, unaccustomed to such a spectacle of beautiful cars. After lunch, we headed to the Axe Handle Distilling. We parked our Porsches in front of the distillery and took time to explore the place, sampling their drinks and shopping.

By 2:00 pm, we found ourselves ready to head back to the Tri-Cities, via the scenic two-lane US-58 route. Surrounded by nature's beauty, we concluded our unforgettable trip, cherishing the shared experience and looking forward to our next club drive.

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Photo: Leo Nascimento



SPRING EVENTS

May 21st - Cookout - Serata Italiana Con Porsche e Amici

Graciously hosted by Dr. George and Liz Watson to celebrate Dr. George's birthday was a remarkable evening. Twenty-five club members were present with our beautiful Porsches parked at the backyard. The dinner also counted with long-life friends of Dr. George, family and neighbors.

Our generous hosts, the Watsons, outdid themselves by providing us amazing food, drinks and hospitality. The night began with delicious appetizers, followed by freshly cooked Pizza, Spaghetti and Meatballs. All accompanied by a variety of fine wines as well as German (and American) beer. And who could forget the delicious homemade cheesecake?

It was yet another opportunity for us to revel in our shared appreciation for Porsche, by creating enduring memories in the glow of these stunning machines.

Despite of keeping his birthday as a secret until the night of the event, the club bought to Dr. George a Metal Print of his beautiful 992 911 Turbo S taming the Tail of the Dragon in March on one of the club's weekend getaways!

In essence, the Dinner Party was a wonderful way to usher in the early arrival of summer. It was a night of good food, excellent company, a shared passion for Porsche, and most importantly, shared memories that will continue to bind our community together.

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Photo: Tom Raymond



SPRING EVENTS

May 26th to 28th - KY Weekend Getaway - SCHWARZER BERG III

This Memorial-Weekend getaway was hosted in Pikeville, Kentucky and saw an impressive turnout of almost 80 participants from 17 different PCA Regions, each one keen for a memorable adventure and the opportunity to forge enduring friendships beyond a swift morning drive. Indeed, the whole weekend proved to be action-packed, leaving participants both exhilarated and satisfied, and the holiday Monday was certainly well received... we needed that extra day to recover.

Over the course of three days and two nights, we explored the picturesque roads of Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia. Our journey led us to some incredible restaurant, such as The Brickhouse, which reserved their entire outdoor patio for us. We enjoyed a remarkable meal at the Black Bear BBQ in Appalachia, VA, where the sight of nearly 50 Porsches parked on quiet streets was truly a spectacle. Dwelling Barrels Distillery deserves our special thanks for accommodating us at short notice after an unexpected cancellation, and the Sunday lunch at Wingo's Grill will certainly be remembered fondly.

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Photo: Nick Sexton

Our route showcased some of the most breathtaking landscapes, including Breaks Interstate Park Road (KY80/VA80), the Slingshot (US-119), the Dragon Slayer (KY-160), and the Ladens Trail (rt. 2010) – exclusively closed just for our group! We navigated miles of the lesser-known Backroads of Appalachia Trails, the historic Hatfield and McCoy's Feud roads, and the highlight of the trip – the 3,331-foot Dingess Tunnel. Thanks to the East Fork Fire Department, we managed to drive through the tunnel not once or twice, but three times!

Beyond the thrill of the open road and the pleasure of meeting incredible people, this weekend's event presented an opportunity to give back. Our participants generously donated to the Backroads of Appalachia and also to the East Fork Fire Department, a volunteer group doing exceptional work in the region.

The feedback post-event was overwhelmingly positive, especially from first-time guests. They expressed their admiration for our group and eagerly committed to future rides with us. We're already looking forward to revisiting Kentucky for another weekend event this coming September. It truly was a weekend to remember!

Photos at: wtrpca.org/gallery/



Photo: Sgt. John Hall



SPRING EVENTS

June 9th - Ladies Night - Juan Siao

This amazing event took place on a Friday evening and was attended by nine enthusiastic club members. An exclusive night out provided an unparalleled platform for these Porsche Club ladies to unwind, connect and create cherished memories.

The event began at 6:00 PM with an engaging meet-up at the well-known restaurant, Juan Siao. Here, the attendees enjoyed an array of delightful food and drinks, setting the tone for the remainder of the evening.

The event was filled with an ambiance of laughter and joy echoing into the night and there are plans to continue hosting such exclusive gatherings to foster deeper connections within our club girls and create more memorable experiences.

We hope to see you there in the next event!

Photos at: wtrpca.org/gallery/



Photo: Laura Lutz



SPRING EVENTS

June 12th - Club Dinner - Fusion at Ridgefields

On the evening of June 12th, we gathered once again at the Fusion at Ridgefields restaurant. Nestled within the Ridgefields Country Club, this restaurant offered us a great dining experience to the 41 club members that attended the dinner.

Normally closed on Mondays, Fusion opened its doors exclusively for our club, providing a private setting for our gathering. Before being seated, we congregated at the bar and I indulged in a refreshing Pineapple Upside Down, while my wife Aline savored the flavors of a 'Beetle Juice'. Jeffrey McKee opted for a smooth bourbon, and others in our group enjoyed their own preferred drinks.

We were then led to our table. For the entrées, the choices included the savory Pollo Enrollado, succulent Shrimp with a honey glaze, and delectable Beef Fajita Tacos. Many of our club members were experiencing Fusion at Ridgefields for the first time, and they were very impressed with the great food, exceptional service, and location .

After dinner, we made our way towards the parking lot, continuing our conversations and it was during this time that an unexpected surprise awaited us. A resident of the neighborhood drove up in a classic 911 Targa, that once belonged to his father. Though showing signs of age, with traces of rust and a charming patina, the vintage 911 was perfectly beautiful to most of us.

The Porsche Club dinner at Fusion at Ridgefields was a resounding success, bringing together club members in a setting that celebrated diversity through fusion cuisine.

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SPRING EVENTS

June 17th - Club Drive - Porsche DragonFest

Porsche DragonFest was an overwhelming success! The event brought together a stunning squad of 60 beautiful Porsches, representing various models and eras. A total of 82 participants from 10 different PCA regions joined Wilderness Trail for an exhilarating drive through the famous Back of the Dragon. The event was filled with excitement, camaraderie, and breathtaking scenery.

To accommodate the large turnout, two meeting locations and times were arranged. The first group, with approximately 40 cars, gathered at the Virginia Welcome Center in Bristol. It was a sight to behold! Following the check-in process and a thorough drivers' meeting, we set off towards Marion, where the second group of 20 cars awaited. We divided the participants into four groups, led by Ryan, Jeremy, Nancy, and Leo - all of whom did an outstanding job!

Our journey led us to the Back of the Dragon welcome center, tracing the exhilarating route along BOTD. We arrived there around 11:30 am, where the food truck was ready to for us. With 82 people to accommodate, we enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and appreciate our Porsches in the welcoming atmosphere of the parking lot. The time spent at the center allowed us to forge deeper connections with fellow enthusiasts.

As we prepared to the return, we received information about a truck stuck in a ditch along the BOTD route. This prompted some participants to choose an alternative way back home.

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Photo: Darren Ho

Those who decided to stick to the original plan were in for a treat - they practically had the Back of the Dragon all to themselves! Meanwhile, two large groups took the opportunity to take a detour and experience the thrilling VA-80 and the challenging Hayter's Gap. The ride over Hayter's Gap presented a series of intense curves that made the famous Tail of the Dragon seem tame in comparison. Furthermore, this route showcased the awe-inspiring Great Channels of Virginia, a geological wonder comprising vast sandstone boulders and eroded crevices. These impressive formations, dating back 400 million years, left everyone in awe.

Porsche DragonFest, was a memorable event that combined the thrill of driving with the camaraderie of fellow Porsche enthusiasts. The collective passion for Porsches and the breathtaking scenery we encountered along the way created an experience to be cherished. We extend our gratitude to all the participants, lead cars, and volunteers who contributed to the success of this remarkable event.

Photos at: wtrpca.org/gallery/



Photo: Leo Nascimento



UMMER EVENTS

June 24th - Club Drive - Wilderness Trail Run

On June 24, we returned to Lynch, Kentucky, for an adventure across the Appalachian Mountains' lovely mountain roads. Wilderness Trail Run, our club, inspired the route's name. On that Saturday morning, 15 cars gathered in Kingsport before proceeding to the Dragon Slayer welcome center to meet up with another 5 drivers. We got surprised on our way down Black Mountain by a Black Bear and three cubs playing on a tree along the KY-160's shoulder. We pulled over to enjoy the moment and take some shots (without leaving our cars). We arrived at the welcome center and met the drivers who drove from Northern Kentucky to meet us and ride with us.

We headed back through the adrenaline-pumping KY-160 Dragon Slayer. If you're not familiar with the Dragon Slayer, allow me to tell you: The Dragon Slayer 160 is one of the nicest roads we've ever been on, with a speed limit of 55 mph, fresh new pavement, no rumble strips, and over 226 turns and 24 technical miles of complete badassery!

After passing through the Dragon Slayer, we stopped for lunch at Black Bear BBQ in Appalachia, VA, and then continued on to Norton, VA, where the next 25 miles were filled with curves, switchbacks, forest canopies, 90-degree turns, cambered corners, and breathtaking nature views that almost made us want to do a U-turn and do it all over again.

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Photo: Whitney Barger

We stopped for gas and then drove another 25 miles on valley roads that did not disappoint. We eventually arrived at what we nicknamed the 'KY Autobahn' - the fastest 5 miles in Southeastern Kentucky! It's a 5-mile, 4-lane road that isn't connected to anything (yet). The bridge connecting to the rest of the highway has been under construction for nearly three years. This 5-mile stretch has no traffic at all!

The next 30 miles were filled with excitement as we drove through the beautiful Breaks Park Rd, VA80 descending the mountain, and then to VA83 for another amazing series of mountain curvy roads until we arrived at Clintwood downtown.

We partnered with city officials, and they welcomed our arrival with a party! They closed down a street and set up live music, a DJ, numerous food trucks, and numerous vendors/artisans showing their crafts and handiwork! As we crept through town, we were accompanied by police and directed to the main street, where we were surrounded by sellers and people from the area, who seemed to be having the time of their life with the view of 20 gorgeous cars displayed on their town.

Photos at: wtrpca.org/gallery/



Photo: Leo Nascimento



UMMER EVENTS

June 25th - Autocross - 2nd WTR Autocross Cup - DCHS - Event 1

After receiving approval to host an Autocross event at David Crockett High School, the highly anticipated Sunday morning of June 25th finally arrived, marking only twenty-five days since the approval. However, the days leading up to the event were hectic as we scrambled to finalize the remaining details. Ryan Elswick was busy testing the new equipment and quickly grasped how everything worked. Meanwhile, I was loading the trailer, which now contained 60 new orange cones in addition to the 200 green cones we already had, along with two brand new tents. Richard Lutz was in charge of finalizing the course layout and conducting a thorough inspection of the venue.

On Sunday morning, even before 7 a.m., Josh Hayes arrived at DCHS with the trailer (I was already there, joined by Drew Hierwarter, a guest and club friend, who brought his impressive Miata, ready to participate). At 7:15, Richard and Krista Lutz arrived, rolled up their sleeves, and began placing the cones. Meanwhile, I started assembling the check-in tent, which was an exceptional piece sponsored by Red Door Agency. It proudly displayed our logo, was sturdy, easy to assemble, and quite spacious. A few minutes later, Ryan arrived with the timing equipment, and other participants began to arrive as well. Lia arrived early to assist with the check-in process, while Scott Hubbard conducted technical inspections. By around 8:00, the majority of the cones were in position, and Richard made final adjustments.

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Photo: Leo Nascimento



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By 9:00, nearly everyone had completed check-in and technical inspections. We gathered everyone together for a driver's meeting and proceeded to the course walk, during which Richard provided important guidance for the novice participants.

At 9:30, the course walk concluded, and drivers were informed of their assigned driving groups (morning or afternoon). Those not driving in the morning received course work assignments, while the morning group prepared and staged their cars.

At 10:00, the first car began the course! The timing system worked flawlessly, and the new digital display added a fantastic touch. Thanks to the ample venue, we could have two cars on the course simultaneously, which accelerated the schedule. It wasn't even 11:00 am when everyone in the morning group completed their 12 laps.

At 11:00, Laura Lutz arrived with pizzas. Unfortunately, I had underestimated the appetite of the participants, as five pizzas proved insufficient. We enjoyed the meal at the convenient picnic area located at the back of the parking lot. To our surprise, the K-9 Unit of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, represented by Sheriff K. Harless, paid us a visit. (CONTINUE)



Photo: Leo Nascimento

The impressive display of cars at DCHS caught their attention, and the sheriff expressed interest in learning more about Autocross. His presence and interest in our event meant a lot to us, and we sincerely appreciate the efforts of the Washington Co. Sheriff's Office in promoting community and road safety. It was a pleasure to share our passion for cars with him and shed light on the Porsche Club's commitment to safe driving practices. Autocross is not merely about the thrill of speed; it also serves as a valuable means to enhance driving skills and contribute to safer roads.

Following our schedule, by noon, we began preparing the afternoon group of drivers and staging their cars. In the afternoon group, we had a few more first-time autocross participants and drivers who signed up for the "Ride Along" experience, which offered them two laps with a driver instructor in their own cars to get a taste of autocross. Billy Miller was assigned to this task and did an excellent job coaching them. As a result, Josh Glover, a first-time autocrosser, achieved the fastest time

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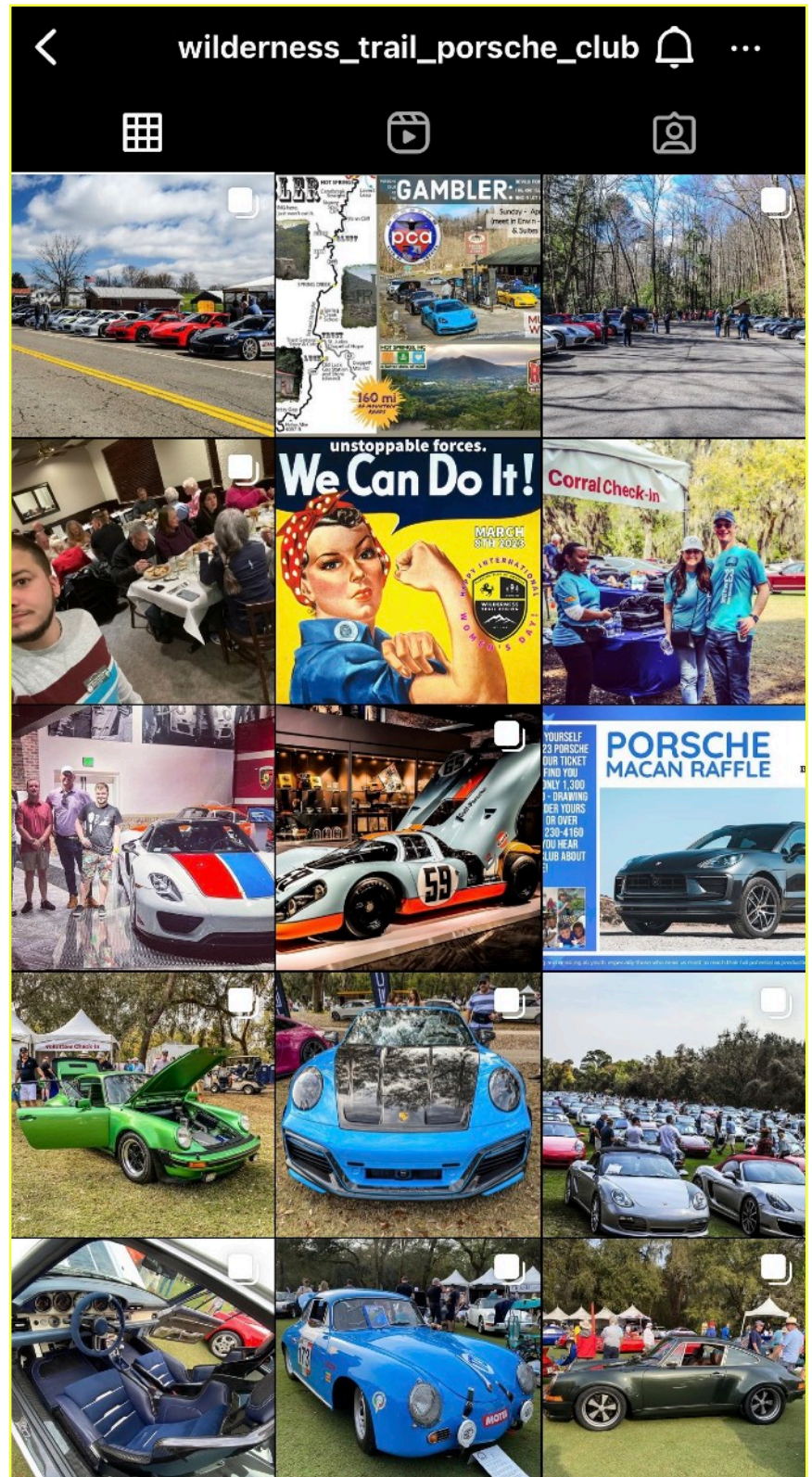
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INSTAGRAM CHANNEL

Did you check out our Instagram channel? We have over 500 photos and images showcasing different club events and topics of interest! You'll find a mix of past event memories, upcoming event announcements, and even some entertaining bloopers.

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SOCIAL WORK - SURVEY

This past month, I spent an afternoon volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank in Kingsport, assisting in sorting and packing thousands of bags of food. The organization distributed 13,369,324 million pounds of food in 2022, providing 11.1 million meals for individuals in need. I spent four hours with 20 co-workers, feeling fulfilled and inspired to join a similar volunteering opportunity for Porsche Club volunteers. I request your participation in the survey to determine if we can commit to this initiative. Together, we can make a substantial impact.

Head to <https://wtrpca.org/events/> to answer our Survey!



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During the 2022 fiscal year Second Harvest distributed 13,369,324 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 11.1 million meals for the hungry in Northeast Tennessee.



Are you interested in joining other Porsche Club Members and donate half-day in September to help?
<https://netfoodbank.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Photo: Leo Nascimento

We have hosted 24 amazing events this year already and we have many more planned to the second half of 2023. If you have not attended an event this year yet, please try to come to at least one of our driving events or social gatherings (dinner). We have been organizing events that cater to all tastes such as group drives, weekend getaways, dinners, cookouts, picnics, autocross, winery & brewery visits, charity events, social work, etc. If you have a suggestion for an event that would be fun to the club and/or you would like to volunteer to help on an event, let us know!

Talking about volunteering, our upcoming Autocross event on July 23rd will be a big one! We are expecting a big turnout. If you would like to help we have the following opportunities to help: Event setup (from 7:00 to 8:30), Event check-in (from 7:30 to 9:30), Timing assistant (9:30 to 11:30 or 12:30 to 2:00), Course worker (9:30 to 11:30 or 12:30 to 2:00), Event disassembling (1:30 to 3:00), Photographer (10:00 to 1:00), Technical Inspection (7:30 to 9:30).

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- 7-Jul - 45th Anniversary Drive - *RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG*
- 7-Jul - 45th Anniversary BBQ - Sponsored by Red Door Agency [**Full**]
- 8-Jul - 45th Anniversary Drive - *RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG*
- 8-Jul - 45th Anniversary Porsches Display - *RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG*
- 8-Jul - 45th Anniversary Michael Waltrip Brewery [**Full**]
- 9-Jul - 45th Anniversary Drive Winery Visit [**Full**]
- 9-Jul - 45th Anniversary Drive Tasting Room [**Full**]
- 9-Jul - 45th Anniversary Drive Dinner - *RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG*
- 15-Jul - Group Drive - Donna Yeomans Memorial - *RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG*
- 23-Jul - 2nd WTR Autocross Cup - DCHS - Jonesborough, TN

Register at msreg.com/WTRPCA-DCHS-2

- 29-Jul - Group Drive - Big Mary Stampede
- 12-Aug - Group Drive - High-Octane Lumberjacks Run & New Members Welcome
- 26-Aug - Group Drive
- 27-Aug - Autocross - 2nd WTR Cup - DCHS Jonesborough
- 31-Aug - 3-Sep - Kentucky Weekend Getaway - *RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG*
- 23-Sep - Porsches at TriPride Parade
- 24-Sep - Autocross - 2nd WTR Cup - DCHS Jonesborough
- 7 - 8-Oct - Blue Ridge Pkwy - South - TBC
- 21-Oct - 3rd SUV Day Group Drive
- 29-Oct - Trunk-or-Treat

More dates to be announced soon.

July 7-9 - WTR 45th Anniversary Celebration

We're revving up to celebrate 45 incredible years and we've arranged a truly exhilarating anniversary weekend, from July 7th to 9th. We'll drive through the most stunning backroads and mountain roads, share stories over delicious food and beverages, and bask in the heritage that our beloved marque embodies.

As we take a pit stop to celebrate four and a half decades of memorable drives, lifelong friendships, and the shared passion that fuels us, we would be delighted if you could join us. So, gear up for a jam-packed weekend in the Tri-Cities area and its beautiful surroundings.

We have a thrilling lineup of events planned, from group drives around Bays Mountain, Rogersville, Kyles Ford, Sneedville, Snake, Mt. Rogers Scenic Byway, Grayson Highlands, etc. to a display of Porsches at the Abingdon downtown block-party.

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WILDERNESS TRAIL REGION
45TH ANNIVERSARY
WEEKEND
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JULY 7-9, 2023

RSVP AT
wtrpca.org

1. FRIDAY AFTERNOON DRIVE
2. FRIDAY EVENING Red Door Agency Sponsored BBQ
3. SATURDAY MORNING DRIVE
4. SATURDAY AFTERNOON ABINGDON PORSCHE DISPLAY
5. SATURDAY EVENING Michael Waltrip Brewing
6. SUNDAY NICEWONDER FARM WINERY VISIT
7. SUNDAY NICEWONDER FARM TASTING ROOM
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July 7-9 - WTR 45th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday's drive is something that you don't want to miss! Join us for an exhilarating driving experience on The Snake (US421). With its heart-pounding "489 curves, 3 mountains, and 1 valley packed in 33 miles," this road is ranked an impressive #4 among Tennessee's 68 driving routes. Prepare to be amazed as we navigate the breathtaking Cherokee National Forest, where awe-inspiring views await at every turn. Ascending over the mountain ridge, we'll conquer the region's most thrilling twists and turns. Our journey will take us from the beautiful South Holston Valley Lake, immersing us in its pastoral beauty, before venturing into the Shady Valley. We'll rev our engines and roar our way up to Mountain City, and to our next destination: the enchanting Grayson Highlands State Park, a driving haven that will leave you breathless. As we navigate the Mighty Python (Mt. Rogers Scenic Byway), also known as the Rt. 58/US-58, prepare to be mesmerized by an enchanting set of scenic curves and captivating changes in terrain. Along this stunning route, the road dances alongside the Virginia Creeper Trail, treating us to magnificent views reminiscent of the renowned Blue Ridge Parkway. Brace yourself for tighter turns and thrilling moments as we conquer the valleys and mountains that lay in our path, with Mount Rogers providing a jaw-dropping backdrop.

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WILDERNESS TRAIL REGION
45TH ANNIVERSARY

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Saturday, July 8th
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm



Remsburg Dr, Abingdon, VA
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Visit the Porsche Club at: WTRPCA.ORG

July 7-9 - WTR 45th Anniversary Celebration

We've also got a BBQ sponsored by Red Door Agency, an evening at Michael Waltrip Brewing, a visit to the Nicewonder Farms Winery, and a sumptuous private dinner at the Hickory Restaurant. Some of the events are at capacity now but as you RSVP, you'll be able to pick which of these events you'd like to attend - one, a few, or all of them!

This is an excellent opportunity to connect with old friends, make new ones, and share our love for everything Porsche. So, save the dates and prepare to join us on this extraordinary journey!

Porsche Club of America & Michael Waltrip Brewing presents:

JULY 8TH - 6:30 P.M.




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July 8th - 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.



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July 15th - 2nd Donna Yeomans Memorial Drive

On July 17th, 2022, Donna Yeomans died doing what she loved most: Driving her beautiful cars. She was an amazing happy woman, and she will be missed by many. Donna was introduced to the Wilderness Trail Region through our club members, guests, and friends that lives in the Charlotte area. She rapidly became a friend. On this drive we will honor her life and memories driving a similar route that we did last year while she joined us.

We will have one group coming from the Charlotte area and another group from Tri-Cities. Both groups will meet for lunch at the Orchard at Altapass and from there we will drive the Little Switzerland, Diamondback, Devil's Whip, Blue Ridge Parkway and finally arrive at the Mt. Mitchell.



July 23rd - 2nd WTR Autocross Cup - DCHS - Event 2

Autocross is a perfect opportunity for those who have never tried it before to correct their relationship with their car, improve their driving skills, and have a blast in a fun, social environment. Our autocross events attract some of the most amiable automotive enthusiasts you'll ever meet, and the friendships formed between drivers are a unique and incredibly enjoyable aspect of autocrossing. So if you're looking for a fun and safe way to experience autocross and meet other passionate car enthusiasts, come join us at the DCHS for some unforgettable competition and camaraderie. We can't wait to see you there! Register at: <https://msreg.com/WTRPCA-DCHS-2>

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40 - PCA Member, \$50 - Non-PCA Member, \$60 - Pay-at-the-gate, \$10 - Ride Along: Valid ONLY for PCA members that never attended Autocross before: For those who are interested in autocross, but unsure if they want to try it (or just plain curious), we offer a "Taste of Autocross." For \$10, you will have the opportunity to ride with our instructors on your Porsche for 2 runs and experience the thrill.

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2ND WTR PCA AUTOCROSS CUP



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LOCATION: DCHS - DAVID CROCKETT
HIGH SCHOOL - JONESBOROUGH, TN



July 29th - Group Drive - Big Mary Stampede

Big Mary's Stampede is a 167-mile drive through the mountains of Tennessee, commemorating the tragic tale of Mary, also known as Murderous Mary. The route winds through breathtaking mountains, including Lost Cove, Spivey Gap, Green Mountain, Unaka Mountain, Tiger Creek, Roan Mountain, and Carvers Gap. The drive ends in Erwin, where the Clinchfield Railroad Museum provides a fitting end to the eerie journey. Mary, a five-ton Asian elephant, performed in the Sparks World Famous Shows circus and was known for her tragic incident in Kingsport, Tennessee. In 1916, she killed a trainer, leading to her gruesome demise.

The circus owner, Charlie Sparks, decided to publicly execute Mary, deciding to hang her by the neck using a railcar-mounted industrial crane. On September 13, 1916, Mary was transported by rail to Erwin, Tennessee, where a crowd of over 2,500 people, including many children, gathered in the Clinchfield Railroad yard to witness the grim spectacle.



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 **JULY 29**

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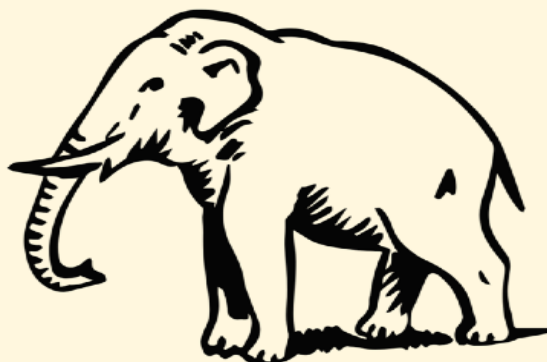
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August 31st - 3rd September - KY Weekend Getaway

The SCHWARZER BERG IV will take place from August 31st to September 3rd, shortly before Labor Day. Schwarzer Berg means 'Black Mountain' in German. With a summit elevation of 4,145 feet, Black Mountain is the highest mountain peak in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Dragon Slayer (KY-160) travels through Black Mountain from Appalachia, Virginia to Lynch, Kentucky. The history of Black Mountain is inextricably linked to the coal mining of the surrounding region. Lynch, Kentucky, was formerly one of the country's major coal mining communities. Coal firms have claimed that mined coal veins merge beneath Black Mountain's peak, causing the summit to fall.

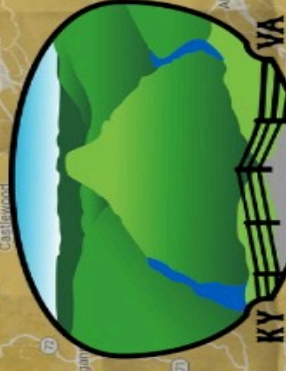
The Benham Schoolhouse Inn, founded as a school in 1926 and acting as an inn since 1994, is the main hosting hotel for this event. On Thursday evening, we check in and meet for dinner before driving on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It will be the longest weekend event we have ever put on. Multiple runs through the Dragon Slayer (KY-160), Copperhead Rd, Axe Handle Distillery, Amis Mill, Little Shepherd Trail, Pine Mountain Grill, SCCA Hillclimb Road, The Backbreaker, Moonbow Mercantile, Copperhead Trail, Revenue Runner WHY 92, Black Bear BBQ, Wilderness Trail Run, Breaks Interstate Park, Hayter's Gap, Abingdon Vineyards, and tons of backroads and mountain roads are among the highlights of this event

WILDERNESS TRAIL PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA PRESENTS:

SCHWARZER BERG IV
AUG 31 - SEP 3
BENHAM, KY



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Slayer



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MOUNTAIN AND BACKROADS...



APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE - BY APPALACHIAN REGION PCA

Appalachian Adventure '23 is scheduled for September 7-10 at the Waynesville Inn Golf Club



The weekend includes driving tours, a People's Choice Concours, a tech quiz, socials and an award banquet.

The Waynesville Inn & Golf Club has just undergone a \$27 million renovation and we will be one of the first groups to be able to use this fantastic new facility as our base for events.

This year's Waynesville location provides a great jumping off spot for driving tours, a quaint Waynesville downtown for shopping and eating and

a beautiful setting for the concours and social events of the weekend.

The four-day, three-night event consists of:

Day 1: Welcome Reception on Thursday evening

Day 2: Driving tour options to four different locations, a tech quiz and group dinner

Day 3: Concours in the morning and a special event to be announced in the afternoon. Awards banquet with a nationally-known guest speaker on Saturday night

Day 4: Continental breakfast together to say goodbyes until next year.

Registration for Appalachian Adventure will be a two-part process similar to Porsche Parade. You will need to first register for the hotel to gain the code that will then let you register for the event on July 1. Watch your email in the coming days for announcement that hotel registration for Appalachian Adventure 2023 has opened.

Complete details on the event can be found at: www.Appalachian-Adventure.com

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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.



Mastering the Art of Washing, Cleaning, and Detailing Your Porsche for Concours d'Elegance



Photo: Tom Raymond

For Porsche owners and enthusiasts, preparing a pristine vehicle for a prestigious event like a Concours d'Elegance requires meticulous attention to detail. Properly washing, cleaning, and detailing your Porsche is crucial to ensure it shines with unparalleled brilliance on the show floor. In this article, we will dive into the step-by-step process of achieving concours-level cleanliness, focusing on both the exterior and interior of your cherished Porsche.

I. Gathering the Necessary Tools and Supplies:

Before embarking on the cleaning journey, gather the following tools and supplies to achieve optimal results:

- High-quality car shampoo
- Soft microfiber wash mitts
- Grit guard for your wash bucket
- Wheel cleaning brush
- Soft microfiber towels
- Non-acidic wheel cleaner
- Detailing clay bar
- Polish and polish applicator pads
- High-quality car wax or paint sealant
- Glass cleaner and microfiber glass towels
- Interior cleaner and brushes
- Vacuum cleaner with brush attachments
- Leather cleaner and conditioner (if applicable)



Photo: Tom Raymond

II. Washing the Exterior:

Pre-wash: Begin by rinsing the Porsche thoroughly to remove loose dirt and debris.

Two-bucket method: Fill one bucket with clean water and another with the recommended amount of car shampoo. Use the wash mitt to apply the soapy water in straight lines, starting from the top and working your way down. Rinse the mitt in the clean water bucket after each pass to prevent dirt from scratching the paint.

Wheels and tires: Use a non-acidic wheel cleaner and a dedicated wheel brush to clean the wheels thoroughly. Pay attention to the inner rims and brake calipers. Rinse and dry the wheels before moving on.

Detailing clay: After washing, use a detailing clay bar and a lubricant to remove any embedded contaminants on the paint surface. This step helps achieve a smooth, glass-like finish.

Drying: Dry the Porsche using soft microfiber towels, starting from the top and working downwards. Pat dry instead of rubbing to prevent potential swirl marks.

III. Polishing and Waxing:

Paint correction: Inspect the paint for swirl marks or minor imperfections. If necessary, use a polish and applicator pad to gently correct these issues, following the manufacturer's instructions.

Wax or sealant application: Once the paint is corrected, apply a high-quality car wax or paint sealant to protect the finish. Use a foam applicator pad or a dual-action polisher for even distribution. Allow the product to cure as directed before buffing it off with a microfiber towel.

IV. Cleaning the Interior:

Vacuuming: Thoroughly vacuum the interior, including the seats, carpets, and floor mats. Use brush attachments to reach tight spaces and crevices.

Interior surfaces: Clean the dashboard, door panels, and center console using an appropriate interior cleaner and microfiber towels. Pay attention to any leather surfaces, using a dedicated leather cleaner and conditioner to maintain their supple condition.

Glass and mirrors: Use a quality glass cleaner and microfiber towels to clean the windows and mirrors, ensuring a streak-free finish.

Conclusion:

Preparing your Porsche for a Concours d'Elegance requires meticulous attention to detail, both inside and out. By following the steps outlined in this article, you can ensure your prized possession maintains its pristine condition, boasting a flawless exterior and a meticulously cleaned interior. Remember, patience and dedication are key to achieving a concours-level finish that will impress judges and enthusiasts alike.

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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

Meeting minutes can be found [here](#).

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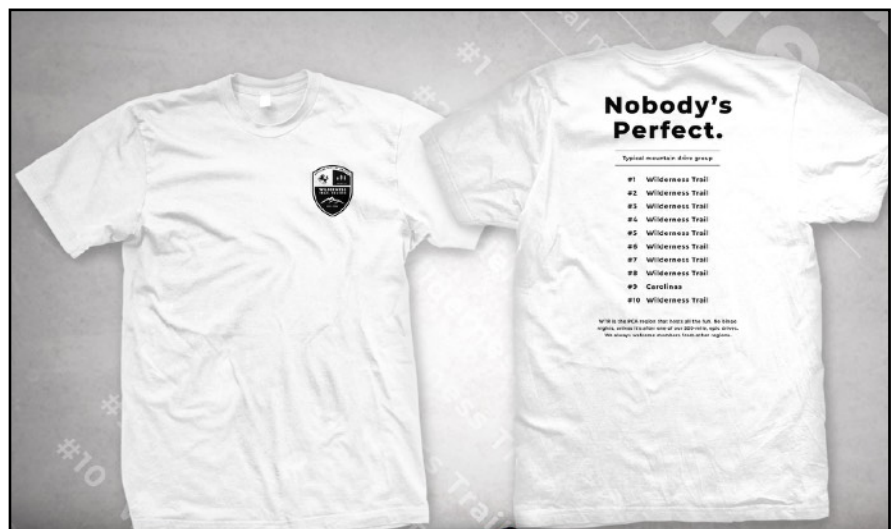


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We have a limited number of Black and White T-shirts on limited sizes available. Email pcawtr@gmail.com to inquire about availability. They are \$30 (mailing fee is \$5).

The "Nobody's Perfect" T-shirt in sleek black and also white. This T-shirt is inspired by Porsche's near-total dominance at the 1983 Le Mans race, where they claimed all but the 9th spot in the top ten finishers. The design celebrates the driving spirit of Wilderness Trail Region, where 9 out of 10 cars on a picturesque mountain drive are driven by passionate WTR club members.



MOTORSport NEWS



Photo: Porsche AG Media

Two Porsche 911 GT3 R finish in the top 5 at Spa-Francorchamps (02/07/2023).

In the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps race, the new 911 GT3 R narrowly missed a podium spot. Porsche drivers Kévin Estre, Laurens Vanthoor, and Julien Andlauer fought for third place until the last lap but fell short by 0.879 seconds. Another Porsche team, Rutronik Racing, finished fifth with drivers Thomas Preining, Dennis Olsen, and Christian Engelhart. Out of the 14 Porsche racing cars in the race, 12 reached the finish line. The race is considered the biggest event for GT3 cars worldwide and counts towards the GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup and the Intercontinental GT Challenge.

The three Porsches in the Pro class had a disadvantage as they were crewed by three drivers instead of four, which meant they had to skip the first segment of qualifying. Despite this, Manthey EMA's 911 GT3 R made it to the top-20 Super Pole and started the race from P14. They briefly took the lead but received penalties for track limit violations. Rutronik Racing's 911 GT3 R performed well and stayed in contention throughout the race. Dinamic GT Huber Racing faced difficulties but briefly led the race before being spun out by a rival car, resulting in a twelfth-place finish.

Huber Motorsport's 911 GT3 R, which had the best time in the Super Pole, started from pole position and defended the lead until the first driver change. They finished 13th overall and won the Bronze Cup. Car Collection Motorsport secured second place in the Pro-Am division, finishing 23rd.

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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 Weldon's Carrera, 356-A getting in line for Autocross at the Banner Elk Airport, 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

PORSCHE LAUGH



A man was reading the paper when an ad caught his eye: \$500 Porsche!New! The man thought that it was very unusual to sell a Porsche for \$500, and he thought it might be a joke, but thought it was worth a shot. So he went to the lady's house and sure enough, she had an almost brand new Porsche.

"Wow!" the man said. "Can I take it for a test drive?" Unlike what he expected, the man found that the car ran perfectly and took it back to the lady's house.

"Why are you selling me this great Porsche for only \$500?"

"My husband just ran off with his secretary, and he told me I could have the house and the furniture as long as I sold his Porsche and sent him the money."

Credit: Scouser

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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 212 main members and 131 Co-members. Year-to-date: 29 new main 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 Ayoob - 2007 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
 Chris Widner - 2019 Macan
 Vic Koenig - 2008 911 Carrera
 Chandler Drake - 2014 Cayman
 Kristy & William Davis - 2019 911 Turbo S
 Scott Matters-on - 2000 911 Carrera Cabriolet
 Daniel & Chae Wells - 2017 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
 Gerald & Dianne Sherrill - 2022 718 Boxster S
 Darrell & Sharon Duncan - 2023 Macan
 Robert & Kim Kaehler - 2002 911 Carrera 4S
 Bill Darling - Test Drive member
 Josh Glover - 2018 911 GT3
 Rick Barger & Kelley Crewey - 2023 911 Turbo S Cabriolet
 Daniel & Elaine Wilcox - 2012 911 Carrera S Cabriolet
 Charlie and Tracy Goforth - 2016 Cayenne
 William & Denice Chris-man - 2016 911 GT3 RS
 David Widener - 2020 911 Carrera
 Tim & Lynn Chambers - 2018 Macan
 Chris Clear - 2015 911 Turbo S

Jim & Jaina Shafer - 2019 911 Carrera 4S (Transfer in from ARPCA)
 Mark Salesian - 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)
 Irv & Linda Johnson - 2019 718 Boxster S (Transfer from OVR)

CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ed Yates - 42 years
 George Booze - 46 years
 Ed Yates - 43 years
 John Dellis - 41 years
 Scott Arnold - 41 years
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 Kernie Timmons - 33 years
 Scott Hubbard - 32 years
 Michael Roberts - 31 years
 Wes Adams - 31 years
 Mark Finley - 29 years
 Tim Loy - 29 years
 Richard Lutz - 28 years
 Jerry Smith - 27 years
 Joseph Brown - 24 years
 Randy Moore - 23 years
 Ted Koehner - 23 years
 Jerry Godsey - 22 years
 Frank Saylor - 21 years
 Jaye Cornett - 20 years
 Robert Scales - 20 years
 John Kressin - 19 years
 Wayne Thacker - 19 years
 Paul Straub - 17 years
 Gregory Miller - 17 years
 David Kreshek - 16 years
 David Miranda - 16 years
 Greg Schuette - 15 years
 Howard Cummings - 15 years



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 Grady Moore - 13 years
 Jim Holmes - 13 years
 Gary Poe - 12 years
 Parker Smith - 12 years
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 Scott Cole - 11 years
 Gary Umbarger - 11 years
 Mike Lamb - 11 years
 Paul Jaynes - 11 years
 Carl Justice - 11 years
 Tom Kwasigroch - 11 years
 Mark Slauson - 11 years
 Garrick Ho - 10 years
 Steven Blankenbeckler - 10 years

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

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

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

Download the Backroads of Appalachia app for iOS and Android!



