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Cover photo by Kin 'Darren' Ho: Leo (left) and Ryan (right) getting the cars ready to the weekend!





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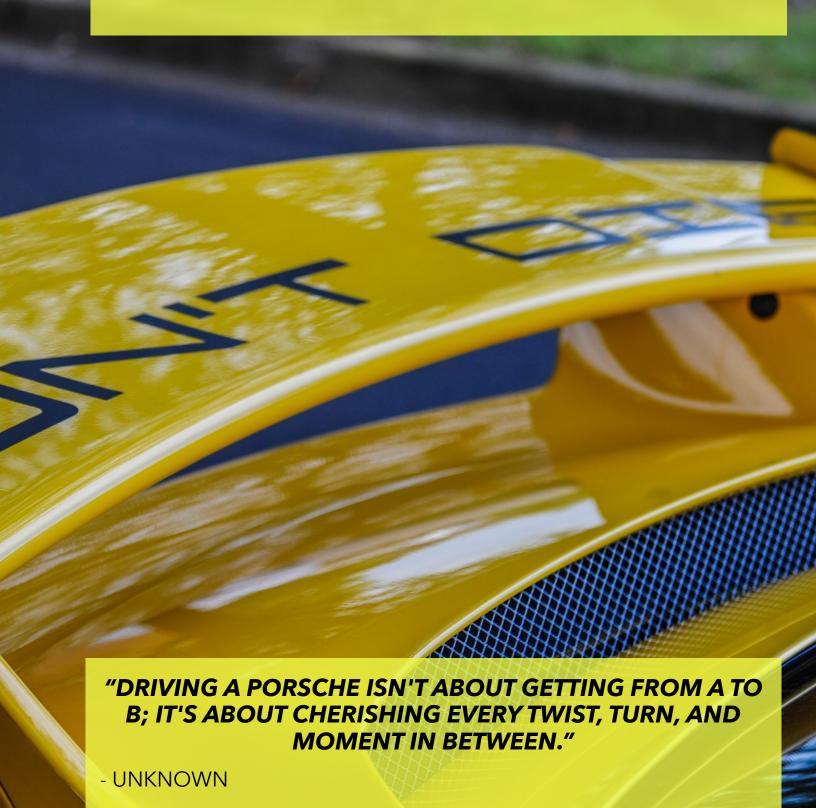


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## RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ur dedication to the spirit of Porsche was evident in the busy calendar we've had so far. This summer alone, we celebrated our shared passion through twenty unique events, making it a total of forty-three events for the year-to-date. Impressive, isn't it? If you haven't had the opportunity to join in on the excitement this year, I invite you to mark your calendars. We have an event scheduled to every weekend in October, with a few more adventures on the horizon for November, Whether it's the thrill of the drive or the camaraderie at our socials, I hope to see many of you there.

On a more personal note, an unforeseen health challenge prevented me from attending two events I had eagerly anticipated our Autocross event #3 at the DCHS and a weekend getaway in Kentucky. My heart was heavy, but I was quickly reminded of the strength and unity of our club. A heartfelt thank you to our club



officers and members who seamlessly stepped up, ensuring both events ran without a hitch.

Special appreciation goes out to Richard Lutz, Krista Lutz, Josh Hayes, Ryan Elswick, David Lively, Tom Raymond, Lia Ayoob, Daniel Wells, Dave McKenna, Tammy Baergen, and Antonio Abriola for their help during the Autocross event.

Similarly, I extend my deepest gratitude to Ryan Elswick, Tammy Baergen, Jeremy & Karla Stanley, and Jon & Sharon Clark for their unwavering support during the Kentucky Getaway.

Looking ahead, as we feel the chill of winter approaching, our driving events might be scheduled on shorter notice. If there's a forecast for a sunny weekend in the 50s, gear up for a potential driving event.

It warms my heart to see the growth of our club. This year, we've been privileged to welcome 40 new members to our club, and I express my sincere gratitude to every member who has renewed their bond with us. If you happen to know a fellow Porsche enthusiast who isn't yet a member of the Porsche Club of America, I encourage you to share the PCA experience or better yet, introduce them at one of our upcoming events.

I have just attended this past weekend the Rennsport Reunion VII (that also had 8 other Wilderness Trail members in attendance). The event celebrate also Porsche's 75th Anniversary and it was the largest gathering of Porsches enthusiasts in the world (over 90,000 people), but the details of this event will have to wait to a future newsletter.

As we approach October, we'll be commencing the nomination process for key roles within our Executive Committee - including President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. I urge you to take a moment to put forth your nominations. Further details on this can be found within this newsletter.

The holiday season is fast approaching! If you're interested in hosting a pot-luck or any other festive gathering for club members at your residence, please inform me. Additionally, if you'd like us to join you at your home at any other time throughout the year, we'd be thrilled!

Wishing you many happy miles ahead,

- Leandro Nascimento

## DITOR'S MESSAGE

ey there, it's me once more! All pages and articles in this newsletter was written by me. How about contributing an article for one of our upcoming newsletters? Whether it's something related to Porsche, a recount of your latest road trip, a DIY project, handy tips, or a detailed write-up of a club event you've attended - we'd love to hear from you.

Furthermore, we're on the lookout for photos featuring our club members alongside their cars. With the rapid growth of our club, it's become a challenge for many to keep track. Often, members recognize a car but draw a blank on the owner's name. To simplify this, we're crafting a photo album on our website and Facebook. It'll be a handy reference for all. So, send over your Porsche snapshots with you to pcawtr@gmail.com. If you'd like, add a brief intro - it's optional! And don't hesitate to include fellow passengers or family members in your shots.



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Lastly, we value your feedback on our Newsletter.

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- Leandro Nascimento

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## WILDERNESS TRAIL REGION NEWS





ollaborating with local enterprises, institutions, and government bodies has proven to be an effective strategy for enhancing our club's visibility among Porsche aficionados in the Tri-Cities and adjacent regions. We're proud to announce recent collaborations with three esteemed partners for joint events or discounts. We have partnered with Michael Waltrip Brewing to host their first Oktoberfest event on October 14th.

The event's group drive and car show will be Porsche exclusive and we count with your presence to make it a big show! Finally, we partnered with the City of Kingsport for the 2nd year to host a Porsche Trunk-or-Treat in Kingsport Downtown on October 28th. To this event, our club sponsor (and club owned) Red Door Agency, will donate all the treats, you just need to show up with your Porsche! We are expecting 1,000 kids this year!

You will find more information about those two October's events (and other events) on this newsletter.

One other partnership that I am proud of is the one we did with Discount Tire as we believe it adds significant value to your membership WTR. Club members will receive a 5% discount on any tire purchase at Discount Tire's Bristol, VA location. Located at 140 Colonial Dr., Bristol, VA. Discount Tire offers an extensive selection of high-quality tires that perfectly complement the performance and aesthetics of your Porsche.

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## ILDERNESS TRAIL AT PANORAMA

If you missed it, we made an appearance in the August issue of Panorama.

► "A measure of success to some is number of people. At Wilderness Trail, it's the smiles from people we meet. The variety of folks who all attended and grabbed time to speak to each other. The new faces I got to greet and talk with. A weekend well spent in Kentucky." —LEO NASCIMENTO Wilderness Trail Region





## FFICERS NOMINATION

Make your nominations for at: <a href="https://wtrpca.org/events/elected-officers-nomination">https://wtrpca.org/events/elected-officers-nomination</a> (Ps.: The button may say 'RSVP' - I can't find a way to say something else)

All nominations will be consolidated, with voting set to commence this November.

The Porsche Club of America is fueled by volunteers and Wilderness Trail Region, in accordance with our bylaws, is looking for nominations to Elected Officers who are also part of the club's executive council. You can nominate any club member that you think it would be a good fit for the role. You can also nominate yourself or a family member to one of the elected officer roles below.

Flected Officers / Executive Council

- President (current officer: Leo Nascimento)
- Vice President (current officer: Josh Hayes)
- Treasurer (current officer: Colby Hurd)
- Secretary (current officer: Michelle Umbarger)

Find in the next pages a summary of the responsibilities involved in the roles above.



**President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Council and the Board of Directors and shall perform the duties usually pertaining to the President's office. The President shall call at least 2 meetings of the Board of Directors per calendar year. The President may call meetings of the Executive Council as the President may see fit and shall call such a meeting at the request of any 3 members of the Executive Council. The President shall cause to be published in the Club's official publication a semi-annual report on the status of the Club, its plans and programs, policy decisions reached by the Board of Directors and other pertinent matters dealing with the affairs of the Club.

The President is a voting member of the National Board of Directors and participates in all National Board of Directors meetings. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Club, and with the support and assistance of the other officers shall be responsible for implementing the policies established by the Board of Directors. Presides over all Region meetings; prepares the agenda and directs the discussion thereof; acts as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and temporary committees except the Nominating Committee; executes all documents and correspondence in the name of the Region as authorized by the membership or the Board of Directors, or in the region bylaws. They may act as a signer or co-signer of region checks.

The incoming President is responsible for returning the completed annual PCA Region Report & Continuity Checklist Form and the completed Conflict of Interest Form to the National Office. Both forms must be completed, signed, and sent electronically online. See Section 2.12 Communication with National Staff - Annual Region Report Form for further detail. The President should familiarize themselves with the contents of their region's PCA Region Redbook and identify which region officers and chairs are responsible for the accuracy of the information contained therein. Make sure that the current completed document is filed in multiple secure and documented locations. The President should distribute to the Region Officers and the new Chairs, a list of duties, below, and this should develop into a specific discussion of what is needed and expected by both for the year.

The Region President should also utilize the feature of the PCA eMailer program to communicate with the Region's membership whenever necessary to discuss issues, or significant upcoming Region events. The Region President must be an Active or Family Active Member if he/she is to be a voting member of the PCA National Board of Directors. The Board meets via a teleconference twice per year, typically in February and 2 weeks after Parade. Per the PCA Bylaws, 2/3 of all Region Presidents must be present to establish a quorum at the board meeting. Without a quorum, all items up for a Board vote must be deferred to the next Board Teleconference Meeting. For PCA business to continue to move forward, all eligible Region Presidents have a responsibility to attend the Board of Directors Teleconference Votes.

Conflict of Interest: No board member should participate in the discussion of, or vote on, an item in which he or she has a direct personal or financial interest not common to other members of the Club. However, members may vote for himself or herself when being Elected for an office, such as for the Audit Committee. Those with a conflict should abstain during the Board of Directors vote. Also, to submit a topic for New Business discussion at the board meeting, submit your request at least 2 weeks prior to the Board Teleconference Vote to the person noted below: • Region Presidents - contact your Zone Rep or EC member • National Committee Chairs - contact any EC member. Zone Presidents' meetings are arranged and conducted once or twice a year by the Zone Representative at a central location within the Zone. These meetings often include special guests and presentations by PCA National Staff members. It is the responsibility of the Region President to attend these meetings to interact directly with the PCA National Staff and be informed on PCA policies and procedures, as well as sharing ideas and discussing common issues with fellow Region Presidents.

Each Region President should also be aware of special awards given at the Parade. These include the President's Parade Trophy, the Betty Jo Turner Trophy (the PCA Newsletter Contest), the Lazar -Blanchard Memorial Trophy (PCA Enthusiast of the Year Award), The Porsche (PCA) Family of the Year Award, The Ferry Porsche Trophy (PCA Region of the Year), and the PCA Region and Zone Website Contest.

**Vice President:** The Vice President shall assist the President in the conduct of the administrative affairs of the Club and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Vice President by the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside, and act as President. In case of the President's death, resignation or disqualification, the Vice President shall become President. Acts in place of the President during his/her absence or when directed to do so by the President; assists the President and/or Board of Directors as may be directed. The Vice-President shall be responsible for overseeing those activities of the Club which do not fall within the assigned duties of the other officers, including but not limited to monthly events (such as the Annual Dinner, a newcomers meeting, technical sessions, and service reports), as well of the "Apparel Store".

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have responsibility for all monies, debts, obligations, and assets belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall cause all monies of the Club to be deposited to the Club accounts in a bank or banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Treasurer shall have direct control over, and supervision of, all Club assets and of all payments of Club debts and obligations. The Treasurer shall ensure strict compliance with these Bylaws in all matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the Club. The Treasurer shall cause to be published in the Club's official publication a full and correct report semiannually on the financial status of the Club. The Treasurer shall also give a full and correct report on the financial status of the Club at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall cause to be maintained books of account which shall properly reflect the true and correct financial status of all receipts, disbursements, balances, assets, and liabilities of the Club. All checks or other orders for the payment of monies in the name of the Club shall be signed by the Treasurer or by such other person(s) as designated by the Executive Council, and who is (are) overseen by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the financial books of the Region audited or reviewed quarterly by the Board. The Treasurer shall have custody or cause to be kept the financial records of the Club. Keeps and preserves the records and books of account reflecting the financial condition and operation of the Region; signs or co-signs all drafts on the accounts of the Region and any corporate documents which obligate the Region financially; prepares and files IRS information and state taxing authority returns as required. Upon the request of the President, Board of Directors, or Region membership, furnishes a report of the financial transactions, receives all monies paid to the Region, and deposits it to the bank designated by the Region.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Executive Council and the Board of Directors and shall keep full and complete minutes of the proceedings and of all votes cast thereat. The Secretary shall cause to be published in the Club's official publication notices of proposed and adopted amendments of these Bylaws and other matters relating to the proper conduct of the Club. The Secretary shall have custody of or cause to always kept the Club's National Charter and all non-financial records. The Secretary shall perform all duties appertaining to the Secretary's office required by law. Causes to be recorded and preserved the minutes of the meeting of the Region; presents and reads such minutes at the request of the President; prepares correspondence of the Region.

## 2023



## Race Calendar



**March, 5** Sakhir, BAH



**June, 4** Barcelona, ESP



**September, 17**Marina Bay, SGP



**March, 19** Jeddah, SAU



**June, 18** Montreal, CAN



**September, 24** Suzuka, JAP



**April, 2** Melbourne, AUS



**July, 2** Spielberg, AUT



October, 8 Lusail, QAT



**TBC** Tbc, TBC



**July, 9** Silverstone, GBR



**October, 22** Austin, USA



**April, 30** Baku, AZE



**July, 23** Budapest, HUN



October, 29 Mexico City, MEX



**May, 7** Miami, USA



**July, 30** Spa, BEL



**November, 5** Sao Paulo, BRA



**May, 21** Imola, ITA



**August, 27** Zandvoort, NLD



**November, 18** Las Vegas, USA



**May, 28** Monte Carlo, MON



**September, 3** Monza, ITA



**November, 26** Yas Marina, UAE



6 Races: Azerbaijan, Austria, Belgium, Qatar, USA (COTA), Brazil

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## **UMMER EVENTS**

## July 7th - July 9th - Wilderness Trail 45th Anniversary Celebration

ver the weekend, we commemorated our club's 45th Anniversary in a unique manner by organizing a weekend filled with exciting activities, consisting of eight different events from Friday to Sunday. The planning for this celebration weekend began just four weeks prior, and the response we received was astounding. We had a total of 115 individuals attending at least one of the eight planned events.

The turnout from our club members was incredible, and we were delighted to welcome visitors from Georgia, Alabama, New Jersey, and a few of our club members from Charlotte. To kick off the weekend on Friday afternoon, we embarked on a group drive through the picturesque Bays Mountain Area, followed by a journey along TN-66 to Sneedville and Kyles Ford.

During the drive, we divided into two groups, consisting of 23 cars, including Richard Daniels, our PCA Zone 3 Rep, and his spouse, Angel, who joined us from Georgia for this special occasion. Leo led one group, while Tammy stepped in to lead a drive for the first time with the other group. Both groups encountered some minor issues along the way, but ultimately everything worked out well. At the conclusion of the drive, we received positive feedback, and everyone had a smile on their face.

Our drive concluded at the Eastman Recreation Area by Bays Mountain, where other club members gathered to join us for a catered BBQ sponsored by Red Door Agency and catered by No Bull BBQ (formerly Broad Street BBQ). Nearly 70 people came together to enjoy delicious food, drinks, and a great time in the company of fantastic individuals and amazing cars. The BBQ spread included Brisket, Pulled pork, BBQ Beans, Cole Slaw, Banana Pudding for dessert, and an ice-cream bar. (CONTINUE)





With Friday's activities behind us, we prepared for the next day. On Saturday morning, we gathered for a group drive starting at the Bristol Motor Speedway, where a Cars and Coffee event featuring over 100 cars was taking place. We had 35 Porsches joining us for the drive, along with almost 60 individuals. We divided into two groups, led by Leo and Richard, respectively, with Krista serving as the navigator and facilitating communication within the groups. The drive began at 9:30, and our first exhilarating road was the Snake (US-421), where we made a stop at the Shady Valley Country Store. Many participants were experiencing this road for the first time and were amazed by the experience. After allowing everyone to explore the Country Store, we continued our drive along the Snake on US-421 south towards Mountain City, where we made a brief stop to regroup. From there, we proceeded towards the Grayson Highlands State Park. At one point, just before reaching US-58 N, we encountered a bear crossing the road in front of the lead car. The few cars following the lead car caught a glimpse of the bear. The US-58, also known as Mt. Rogers Scenic Byway, guided us to our destination, the Railroad Market & Cafe in Whitetop, VA. The restaurant staff and locals warmly welcomed us. The food was delicious, and the service was exceptional, with over 60 people being served promptly. With satisfied stomachs, we resumed our journey, making a quick correction after taking a wrong turn to avoid going off-road. We returned to US-58 N and continued towards Damascus, where we made another stop before heading to Abingdon, VA.

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In Abingdon, we organized "Porsches and Community," a Porsche display on a closed street near Main Street, which attracted more than 40 Porsches and drew the attention of the local community. The weather was perfect, providing relief from the heat of Friday and Saturday afternoons. Many of us lingered as long as possible or went to a restaurant on Main Street to cool down with refreshing drinks. We even had the opportunity to be interviewed by a TV news crew, and our story made the news that evening and the following day.

At 6:00 p.m., we made our way to Michael Waltrip Brewing in Bristol, where we concluded another amazing day surrounded by wonderful people, enjoying great beer and food.



With five events successfully completed, we had three more to look forward to on Sunday. At 2:30 p.m., we gathered at the Bristol Motor Speedway, where 18 cars formed a convoy to The Virginian, heading towards the Nicewonder Farm and Vineyards. We made a stop at their Winery facility, where we learned about their wine production, from planting to bottling, and gained insight into their crops and processes. The knowledgeable enologist warmly welcomed us, providing detailed explanations and answering our questions. After the visit, we proceeded to the Nicewonder Farms & Vineyards tasting room, where we had an incredible time. With approximately 40 individuals, we sampled a variety of wines, including Viognier, Chardonnay, Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Cab Franc. These wines were harvested and crafted on their 13-acre vineyard, creating a relaxed yet sophisticated atmosphere for us to enjoy each other's company.

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After spending an hour and a half there, we made our way to the Nicewonder Inn, where we joined other club members and were directed to our private room for dinner. The Hickory Restaurant, led by Chef Travis Milton, promised to tantalize our taste buds, enchant our senses, and create memorable experiences among our fellow Porsche club friends. Chef Travis Milton did not disappoint. We savored a delightful 4-course meal, complemented by an open bar offering a variety of wines and beers. In case the all-inclusive open bar was insufficient, we also had access to a full bar where we could order a wide range of drinks. The dinner was not only a culinary delight but also a special occasion to enjoy each other's company. During the evening, some words were shared about the club and the weekend, leaving us all with smiles on our faces and a firm belief that we should celebrate our club's anniversary in this manner every year.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to every club member and guest who participated in one or more of the eight events we organized this weekend. I also extend my appreciation to all the volunteers, including Henry Bailey, who suggested that Nicewonder Farms and Vineyards would be the perfect way to commemorate such a special milestone!

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## **UMMER EVENTS**

## July 15th - Group Drive - Donna Yeomans Memorial Drive

On this event, we drove to honor the memory of our cherished friend and Porsche enthusiast, Donna Yeomans. Donna, known for her vibrant spirit and love for beautiful cars, tragically passed away doing what she loved most. Her impact on the club, particularly our friends from the Charlotte area, is lasting.

Our journey to honor Donna, just like last year, featured two groups. One started from Charlotte and the other from Tri-Cities. The Charlotte group met in Hickory, NC, at Donna's former place of work. The Tri-Cities group followed a route like the one we drove last year, featuring an array of scenic views and challenging roads butthe real highlight was our drive-up Roan Mountain, offering us a beautiful panorama of the nature. From the overlook at the top of the mountain, near Carvers Gap, we enjoyed breathtaking views while we drove by. The roads in this area are comparable to well-known drives like The Snake and The Tail of the Dragon, but without the high traffic or pressure of motorcycle tourism.

Post Roan Mountain, we headed to our lunch stop, the Orchard at Altapass, located along the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway, near Little Switzerland. At this historical apple orchard, we met with the Charlotte group and enjoyed some delicious Southern BBQ with an amazing scenic backdrop.



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Our route then took us to the Little Switzerland community, a unique and charming place that truly encapsulates the essence of western NC. From there, we ventured onto the Diamondback, a must-drive for those who relish curves and twists. With over 190 steep climbing curves in just 12 miles, it was a thrilling ride in between a lush green forest.

My personal favorite, the Devil's Whip (NC-80), was next. This road, rising 2000 feet in 12 miles, is a winding roller coaster filled with 160 curves and several switchbacks. The breathtaking elevation change comes with a warning: this road demands respect and caution.

Sadly, our smooth run was impacted by heavy traffic on NC-80. We then moved onto the Blue Ridge Parkway and took a break at the Singecat Ridge Overlook.

On this event, we not only honored Donna's memory but also celebrated the spirit of driving that she held dear. She may not have been with us physically, but her joyful, passionate spirit was a constant companion on every twist and turn.

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## **UMMER EVENTS**

## July 22nd - Car Show - Porsches at the Main (FunFest)

We made an appearance at Kingsport's 42nd annual Fun Fest Car Show. This event is open to car enthusiasts of all kinds to showcase their vehicles. While our Club had previously maintained a shy presence, this year, we decided on short notice to actively participate by inviting club members to attend. The call for participation was sent out to members just three days before the event, with no RSVP requirement. Despite the uncertainty of the turnout, I was surprised by the response, with a total of 15 cars, including a 911 Turbo S 992 from Asheville and a Cayman S from West VA, joined the convoy to Kingsport Downtown.

Arriving promptly at 9:00 am, the convoy of Porsches attracted attention from onlookers. Once at the event, we were able to park all together, creating an impressive display of Porsches. The Car Show featured a diverse array of cars, particularly classic automobiles, Rods and Trucks. The local community and spectators were drawn to the event to check the unique vehicles on display. At 11:00 am, our group headed for and enjoyed a great meal together. After lunch, we returned to the Car Show to find it even more crowded with enthusiastic attendees.

Our last-minute decision to participate in Kingsport's Fun Fest Car Show turned out

to be a success. Our convoy of Porsches added to the vibrancy of the event and allowed us to connect with fellow car enthusiasts, share our passion for Porsche vehicles, and enjoy a memorable day at the car show. We also got two new members joining the club after the event!

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### **UMMER EVENTS**

## July 23rd - 2nd WTR Autocross CUP - Event 2

Nearly a month has passed since we hosted our first autocross event of 2023 at David Crockett High School. Unfortunately, the turnout for that occasion was lower than expected, with only 18 drivers, partly due to an SCCA autocross event in Bristol held on the same day. However, the club's second event in July saw an impressive turnout of 38 cars, as there were no conflicting events.

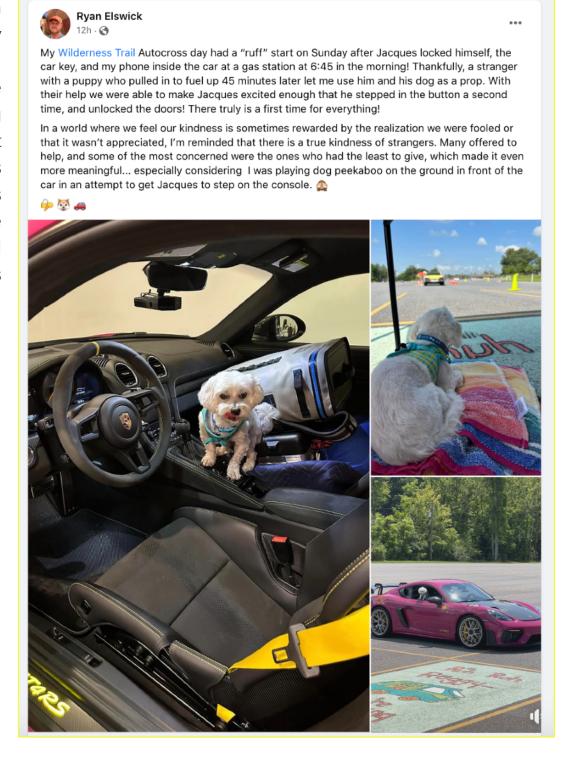
In the days leading up to the event, we were busy with various preparations. Richard Lutz focused on designing the course layout, while Tom Raymond assisted by inspecting the lot conditions ahead of an anticipated rainstorm and flooding. Ryan Elswick and Daniel Wells meticulously fine-tuned the time-score spreadsheet. In the meantime, other essential tasks were handled by myself, such as acquiring necessary supplies and accessories, as well as keeping all attendees informed about the event's plans, following up with volunteers and etc.

To ensure the smooth running of the event, we called for volunteers, and many responded, including Lia Ayoob, Michael Snoddy, Jeremy & Karla Stanley, Barry Lyttle, Cary Johnson, Tom Raymond, Laura Lutz, and Aline Santos (who thoughtfully prepared fresh muffins and brought coffee for everyone in the morning).



The event day started promptly before 7:00 am when Josh Hayes and Michael arrived to set things in motion. They began unloading equipment from the trailer while I was assembling the check-in and timing tents. However, just as

preparations were underway, an extraordinary incident occurred: Ryan, responsible for the timing equipment, got locked out of his car about 10 miles away from the venue. How? Read the story from his own words



Once Ryan arrived and set up the start and finish sensors, Josh assisted with the digital display. Attendees started arriving and checking in with Lia while Ryan made some last-minute adjustments to the time-score spreadsheet. The technical inspection of each car was carefully done by Scott Hubbard and Dave McKenna.

At 9:00 am, everyone was called for a drivers meeting, where Richard addressed important topics and emphasized safety guidelines. Following this, Art Truckenbrodt led a group of approximately 20 participants on a course walk, explaining the optimal approach, car positioning, braking points, and more. After the course walk, participants received their group assignments. Group 1 prepared for their runs and staged themselves, while Group 2 was assigned to various work assignments.

The parking lot, filled with an array of impressive cars, attracted the attention of locals and curious visitors, who were invited to sign waivers and observe the event from a designated safety area. The Washington County Sheriff made a brief visit to check the event but stayed in the paddock area throughout.

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At 10:00 am, the first car went onto the course, and one by one, the participants began their runs, acquainting themselves with the course layout. Richard managed the flow efficiently, releasing two cars at a time for subsequent runs, while Tom strategically positioned himself to capture cars in action. In just 90 minutes, nearly 20 cars from Group 1 completed eight runs each. At 11:30 am, Laura arrived with 18 large boxes of pizzas, providing a well-deserved lunch break for everyone.

After lunch, Group 2 staged themselves, ready to take on the course. Meanwhile, participants from Group 1 transitioned to their assigned roles for the afternoon. The cars resumed running, and instructors Dan Dazzo and Josh Smathers proved invaluable, offering guidance and assistance to those experiencing autocross for the first time, as well as those facing challenges.

Group 2 completed eight runs in about 90 minutes, officially concluding the event. As attendees packed up their cars or assisted in disassembling the course and loading the trailer, the scoring team collaborated with Richard to calculate the results and announce awards. Josh Smathers secured the fastest time of the day, while Josh Hayes stood out as the fastest among the Porsche participants, claiming the fourth fastest time of the day.

The event's wellorganized execution and the passion and support of participants and volunteers made it a memorable and enjoyable day for all involved.

Photos at: <a href="https://www.wtrpca.org/gallery/">wtrpca.org/</a>



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### **UMMER EVENTS**

## July 29th - Group Drive - Big Mary Stampede

We hosted this drive to remember a tragic event involving Mary, a five-ton Asian elephant known as Murderous Mary, who performed in a circus in Kingsport back in 1916. The drive covered an exciting 160 miles of curvy mountain roads! We all gathered at 9:00 am in Erwin, anticipating an amazing day. To our surprise, David and Kelly M., club members, showed up with their stunning new Maserati MC20, ready to join the adventure. In total, 22 cars participated in the drive, and we set off on a thrilling journey through picturesque locations like Lost Cove, Spivey Gap, Green Mountain, Unaka Mountain, Tiger Creek, Roan Mountain, Carvers Gap, and more. The views at Tiger Creek and Roan Mountain were simply breathtaking.

Throughout the day, the traffic was cooperative, and the weather couldn't have been better. It was a fun-packed day filled with laughter and enjoyment. The drive concluded at the Clinchfield Railroad Museum in Erwin, where we shared stories and memories of the fantastic experience.

A special thanks to Josh, Richard, Krista, Tammy, and Antonio for their help in

leading and sweeping during the event, ensuring the drive went smoothly and safely. The drive not only allowed us to appreciate our passion for cars but also brought us together as a community of likeminded enthusiasts. Looking forward to more such incredible drives in the future!

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## S UMMER EVENTS

## **August 3rd - Club Dinner - Freiberg's**

Our August club dinner was hosted at Freiberg's, a favorite gathering spot for our club over the years. Their array of beer choices and genuine German cuisine is on point. On the evening of the event, more than 30 of our members marked their presence, braving the afternoon summer thunderstorm. An interesting highlight was the addition of a new member, Christian. This young Porsche enthusiast spotted a collection of our parked cars outside the restaurant, which piqued his interest. After striking up a conversation with Jay, he was introduced to our community. Since then, Christian has participated in a few driving events, proudly showcasing his pristine white Cayman.

During the dinner, I took the opportunity to address any club-related concerns (of which there were none) and also provided reminders about our forthcoming gatherings. The evening didn't end with dinner. Some of our members chose to continue the festivities at a nearby bar, while others celebrated our treasurer's birthday over drinks at the Gourmet & Co. restaurant.

All in all, it was a memorable evening spent amongst cherished club members and friends. Looking forward to our next gathering! Photos at: <a href="https://www.wtrpca.org/gallery/">wtrpca.org/gallery/</a>



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## **UMMER EVENTS**

## **August 12th - Group Drive - High-Octane Lumberjacks Run**

In May, we ventured on this exceptional drive for the inaugural time. However, a few of our regulars were unable to make it. So, when the Axe Handling Distillery extended an invitation to our club for their Car Show, we couldn't resist the opportunity for a re-run. The High-Octane Lumberjacks Run offered a blend of familiar byways and newfound trails, covering a breathtaking 127-mile stretch. This drive took us through picturesque landscapes including Bays Mountain, Goshen Valley, Kyles Ford, Blackwater, TN-70, and US-58.

Our journey started at the Bristol Motor Speedway during their Cars & Coffee event. A good number of our participants had already arrived early, to check the vehicles on display. By 9:30, our group set off, catching the eyes of the many Cars & Coffee attendees. After a 2-hour exhilarating ride through mountainous and pastoral settings, we made a stop for lunch at Restaurant El Castillo in Jonesville.

Our next stop was at Axe Handle Distillery. Though their Car Show was in full swing upon our arrival, our convoy of Porsches definitely turned heads! The Distillery team warmly welcomed us, directing our vehicles to a Porsche-exclusive parking area. (CONTINUE)



Once settled, many of us indulged in the Distillery's refreshing beverages, with the upside-down pineapple being my personal favorite. During the show, a lucky Jeffrey McKee walked away with a gift card from the raffle.

Post-refreshments, many of us strolled around, appreciating the array of cars showcased. However, looming storm clouds had us and the Car Show organizers on edge. To beat the downpour, we advanced our departure to 2:00 p.m., a decision that proved wise. Our return route through the picturesque two-lane US-58 brought the day to a serene close. Thankfully, most of us made it home by 3:00 p.m., just ahead of the heavy rain.

For those who've yet to experience the Axe Handle Distillery, you're truly missing out! We're already looking forward to our next journey there. Stay tuned for future drives, as we might revisit soon!

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#### **UMMER EVENTS**

#### **August 27th - 2nd WTR Autocross CUP - Event 3**

Although I've been present at nearly 40 events this year, this particular event presented a unique challenge for me. While I was on-site during the early hours to assist with the setup, an intense pain forced me to leave after just an hour - but not before ensuring the tents were up and check-in was underway.

I must take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated officers, club members, and volunteers who were present and took charge in my absence. Special mentions go to Richard Lutz, Krista Lutz, Josh Hayes, Ryan Elswick, David Lively, Tom Raymond, Lia Ayoob, Daniel Wells, Dave McKenna, Tammy Baergen, and Antonio Abriola. Their collective efforts ensured a successful event, with a great turnout of nearly 30 cars for the autocross.

While I regret not being able to provide a more complete report to this event, I've received numerous messages and well-wishes. Many members checked on my well-being post-event, and I'm glad to report that after a challenging 10-day period, I'm feeling great.

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#### **UMMER EVENTS**

#### **August 31st-September 3rd - KY Weekend Getaway**

Unfortunately, I was not there at an event I had carefully prepared for more than five months for the first time since I began serving as an officer for the club. The joy of exploring new routes and the valuable moments we have after the journey make our weekend getaways some of my most favorite events in our busy calendar. These times, whether spent around a table or by a fire pit, are filled with memories, stories, and laughter.

Even though I wasn't feeling well, I made a quick appearance during the autocross the weekend before this event, but I was unable to participate in this year's Kentucky Getaway. We usually meet up at our Kentucky hotel on a Friday afternoon and drive all weekend. This time, we started our engines on Thursday instead of Friday. This time, they started the engines on Thursday instead of Friday. My recovery was slowly as the event got closer, and I became increasingly anxious as I realized I wouldn't recover on time to this event. However, it was encouraging to see that our outstanding club members, officers, and volunteers stepped up to the bar. A special thank you to Jon & Sharon Clark, Ryan Elswick, Tammy Baergen, Jeremy & Karla Stanley, and Tammy Baergen for their unwavering support and leadership.



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Although I am unable to provide a comprehensive review of the event, the following is a basic summary based on feedback and how the event was organized:

The Benham Schoolhouse Inn, an intriguing inn rich in history, served as the primary stay for our event. Being a former school, it has retained most of its original architecture, including the terrazzo floors and hallways lined with school lockers. It was initially established in 1926 and served the children of coal miners in Harlan County until converting to an inn in 1994.

The weekend's exciting mix of events left everyone feeling both fulfilled and wanting for more. The scenic regions of Southeast Kentucky, East Tennessee, and Southwest Virginia were traveled by the attendees. Some of the famous roads covered were the Dragon Slayer, Breaks Interstate Park Roads, Copperhead Road, Backbreaker, Copperhead Trail, Revenue Runner HWY 92, Wilderness Trail Run, Hayter's Gap, and a multitude of secret Appalachian Trails. There were stops at great restaurants like The Amis Mill Eatery, The Pine Mountain Grill, Black Bear BBQ, Moonbow Mercantile, and Rhododendron Restaurant at the Breaks Interstate Park.

The smooth way in which the weekend played out is a credit to the group efforts of everyone who participated, making it a highlight of our calendar. The temperatures were close to 90 degrees, yet spirits were unaffected.

Browse the photo gallery on our website for a visual tour of the event.



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#### **UMMER EVENTS**

#### **September 9th - Group Drive - Summer Farewell**

The Bristol Motor Speedway was the starting point for our Summer Farewell drive. An unexpected circumstance pushed us to the South Gate, which was only a short distance away, instead of the intended North Gate entrance meetup. BMS was hosting the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb.

As I didn't anticipate this change and only realized that when I got there, I started texting our 30 participants, directing them to the new gathering location. To my surprise, all members, including several newcomers, came out to the drive and didn't have trouble finding the new meeting point. We left the South Gate on time after our safety briefing and group assignments. The group one, led by Jeremy and Karla, and group two, led by myself, set out towards Shady Valley Country Store via US-421, also known as "The Snake". We were lucky to have a smooth drive with no traffic which translated into happy smiles when we arrived in Shady Valley. Jay couldn't resist the tempting offer from James' to drive his perfect 911 GT3 (992) during our little break in Shady Valley and took it out for a spin, returning absolutely in awe!

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We continued on US-421, towards Mountain City where group one saw a change in command, with Antonio and Tammy taking over from Jeremy and Karla and driving us to the exciting VA-58 in Southwest Virginia's Mount Rogers area. Although the road promises a memorable journey, traffic was not as cooperative as we would have liked. The Railroad Market and Cafe in Whitetop, VA was our stop for lunch. Their service and food were excellent as always. After lunch we drove to Grayson Highlands State Park. During this leg, Dave informed us to a tire pressure warning in his dash, which turned out to be a false alarm after some members stopped to helped him.

When we arrived at the State Park, all we wanted was a group shot at the Overlook. We were allowed in without paying the regular fee thanks to Tammy's efforts explaining the security person at the gate that we were not staying in the park or hiking, etc. The 0.1-mile hike to the Overlook Trail provided us with magnificent mountain view as well as a gorgeous view of the valley's Christmas tree farms. After we finished the photos, we head back on VA-58, and it was significantly smoother, thanks to Antonio's quick decision to stay clear of a slow-moving truck and taking a shortcut. The Nicewonder Farms Vineyards Taste Room, our final destination, was a perfect conclusion. We engaged in a wine tasting experience, sampling five diverse varietals, with great weather matching the scenic farm. Their wines, combined with the crisp mountain air, delectable charcuterie, vineyard tales, and friendship among Porsche aficionados, perfectly rounded out our day. It was certainly an enjoyable and memorable day!



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#### **UMMER EVENTS**

#### **September 17th - 2nd WTR Autocross CUP - Event 4**

Rain or shine - that's the spirit we live by. And our recent autocross event, held at DCHS, was a testament to that commitment. Originally scheduled for September 24th, we rescheduled to September 17th to avoid clashing with SCCA's major event in Bristol. Predicting weather is always tricky, and as the week progressed, rain seemed inevitable. Yet, registrations flowed in, and we remained stead to our commitment.

At Sunday, 6:50 a.m., Richard Lutz and I arrived at the venue, greeted by persistent rain. Despite the downpour, our spirits were high as we began setting up, with Drew lending a hand. As I drove the trailer around to place the cones, Richard worked efficiently on the course layout. Despite the increasing rain, we pressed on. I was grateful for my rain poncho, though my feet weren't as lucky. Amidst the weather challenge, Daniel Wells managed to set up the timing sensors, using storage bags to shield them from the rain.

Richard, even with some back pain, showed his commitment with the program, completing the course layout before 8:00 a.m. Kudos to Scott Hubbard and Dave McKenna for ensuring a smooth tech inspection. (CONTINUE)



At 9:00 a.m., despite the heavy rain, Art guided everyone through the course walk. Many experienced autocrossing in the rain for the first time, embracing the added challenge.

With thunderstorms predicted for 1:00 p.m., we took the lead, starting the first run around 9:30 a.m. under light sprinkles. The wet course posed challenges, but no spins were recorded. Surprising and exhilarating! By 10:15 a.m., group one wrapped up their runs. A swift transition saw group two hit the course shortly after, with Tom Raymond capturing the action in his distinct style.

By 11:15 a.m., all runs were completed. A special shoutout to Tammy Baergen and Antonio Abriola for bringing lunch when our volunteer count was low due to weather. As lunch wrapped up at noon, we packed up while Daniel announced the winners. Andy took home the FTD Award with his Mazda, and Billy Miller, driving a 2001 Porsche Boxster, clinched the Fastest Time in the Porsche category.

The day concluded earlier than anticipated, with all participants appreciating the seamless management and the unique experience of autocrossing in the rain. The forecasted afternoon thunderstorms made their appearance, but by then, we were at home reflecting about a successful event. Here's to many more such spirited encounters!

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#### September 21st-23rd - 10th Okteenerfest

The much-anticipated Okteenerfest celebrated its 10th edition in Townsend, TN, and once again proved to be the hub for Porsche 914 enthusiasts. This annual assembly has seen various picturesque locations including Helen, Georgia; Banner Elk, North Carolina; and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The event's moniker, a fusion of Oktoberfest and the Porsche 914's pet name "Teener", echoes both tradition and passion. While Oktoberfest traditionally begins in September in Munich, "Teener" is reminiscent of the project name, "Fourteener", from the VW-Porsche agreement to construct the vehicle.

Though I personally couldn't make it to this year's rendezvous, our club members Scott Hubbard, Jon Clark, Jeff Weatherall, and Tommy Collins were present. Dr. George and Liz Watson also made a quick visit to the event on Saturday. They generously kept the club updated with photographs and highlights from the weekend. Before converging in Townsend, Wilderness Trail Region members joined fellow 914 owners from the Northeast. Together, they embarked on a scenic drive through local favorites - the Back of the Dragon, The Snake, and other exhilarating routes.



The four-day event was bustling with activities:

- Thursday: A serene 'sunset drive' showcased the Smoky Mountains' grandeur, culminating in a simulcast with attendees of the Red Rocks Classic in Utah.
- Friday: The day was marked by two exhilarating drives across the region's renowned mountainous terrains, notably the legendary Tail of The Dragon (US-129). Pauses for rest and meals transformed this day-long venture into a 914 enthusiast's paradise.
- Saturday: The morning highlighted the People's Choice Car Show, allowing participants a leisurely afternoon. Options varied from drives, witnessing the Pigeon Forge's famous "Rod Run", to unwinding before the evening's Awards Banquet. The banquet was graced by the mesmerizing performances of Terry Evanswood, a renowned magician with over 25 years' experience in Pigeon Forge. The day was sprinkled with additional sessions like Tech Sessions, a 914 Quiz, and more.
- Sunday: As the dawn broke, the unmistakable sounds of Porsche 914s signaled the end of the gathering, with attendees preparing for their respective journeys home.

Highlighting the Awards Banquet, our own Jon Clark (Right) secured the 1st place in the Stock Category, Dave McKenna (Left) clinched 3rd in the Custom Category, and Tommy Collins (Center) achieved 3rd in the Modified Category. A hearty congratulations to all winners! Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, many suggesting that the 10th edition surpassed its predecessors. The car show's venue was particularly

appreciated for its accessibility and the comfortable shaded spots it offered. The presence of many first-time attendees added a refreshing touch to this year's event, making it truly unforgettable.

Phyto: Scott Hubbard

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#### September 23rd - Porsches at the TriPride

TriPride's fourth annual festival and parade took center stage in Johnson City this past Saturday, drawing an impressive crowd of over 13,000 attendees. As society grapples with the challenge of promoting equality and diversity, our club members made a concerted effort this September to stand in solidarity with the LGBT+ community by attending the TriPride Parade. The diversity and Inclusion values are aligned with **PORSCHE** values, the brand that we all love.

The festival was a vibrant combination of vendors, organizations, and performers. Of course, our Porsches were a key attraction. Alongside our elegant vehicles, the parade showcased an array of floats and pedestrians, who distributed items to the enthusiastic crowd lining the streets. Proudly, this marks the second time the Porsche Club has participated in TriPride, following our presence at 2022's parade in Bristol.

We were honored with ten spots at the event and seized the opportunity to display our stunning vehicles. Our Porsches had the distinct privilege of leading the parade, drawing countless admiring glances from the attendees.

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Notably, two of our cars had the honor of transporting the Parade Marshalls. While the parade route was not long, our vehicles moved at a brisk jogging pace, carefully maintaining distance from the group following closely behind with a giant LGBT flag.

After the parade concluded, our cars were parked side by side in a reserved section near the event. This area, closed off to general traffic, allowed for a great display of our Porsches adjacent to the Founders' Park in downtown Johnson City, where the festival was hosted.

Following the parade, our members headed to Juan Siao for lunch. For many, it was their first visit, and the cuisine was exceptional. Afterward, some members went to check the festival activities.

In summary, our participation in the TriPride event was a heartfelt expression of our club's commitment to inclusivity and community engagement. We look forward to further opportunities to connect and celebrate diversity in the years to come.

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#### September 30th - 3rd Ladies Night

The Perplexodus Mystery Manor was the backdrop for a delightful evening where twelve Porsche-Ladies and friends gathered for the Dinner Theatre event "The Atoms Family: A Gothic Murder Mystery". This production was a captivating concoction of satire, humor, and unexpected plot turns, meticulously brought to life by a team of passionated actors.

Throughout the evening, the attendees engaged with a series of puzzles designed to challenge but not confound the intelligent group of women present. With the adept assistance of the actors, these engaging challenges seamlessly became part of an immersive experience for all participants, making the evening not just a visual delight but an intellectual one as well.

To accompany the visual and intellectual stimulation, food was served, ensuring the evening was marked by good cheer and moments shared amongst friends. The ambiance of camaraderie and excitement was palpable, making it an evening to remember for all who were fortunate enough to be part of it. A heartfelt note of gratitude extended to Laura, for organizing the event.

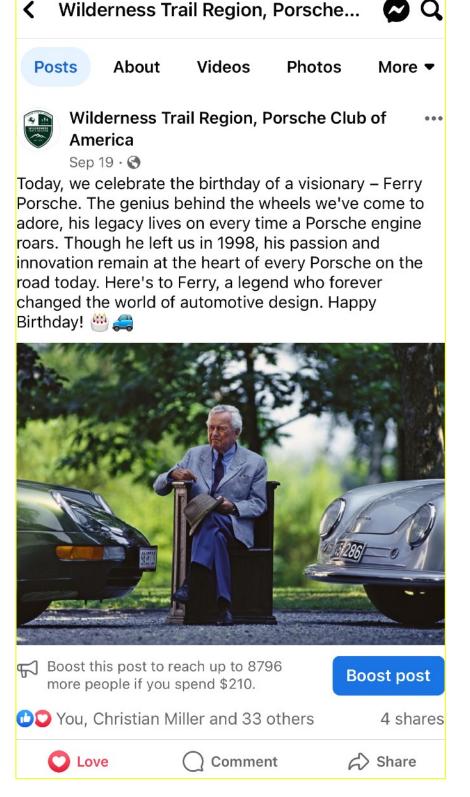


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#### **ACEBOOK CHANNEL**

Are you on Facebook? Then dive into a world of exclusive Porsche-related content by following our club's Facebook page. From cherished memories of past events to announcements of exciting upcoming gatherings, and even a sprinkle of delightful bloopers - we've got it all. Don't miss out! Connect with us on Facebook today: <a href="https://">https://</a> www.facebook.com/ WTRPCA.ORG or search Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club on Facebook.



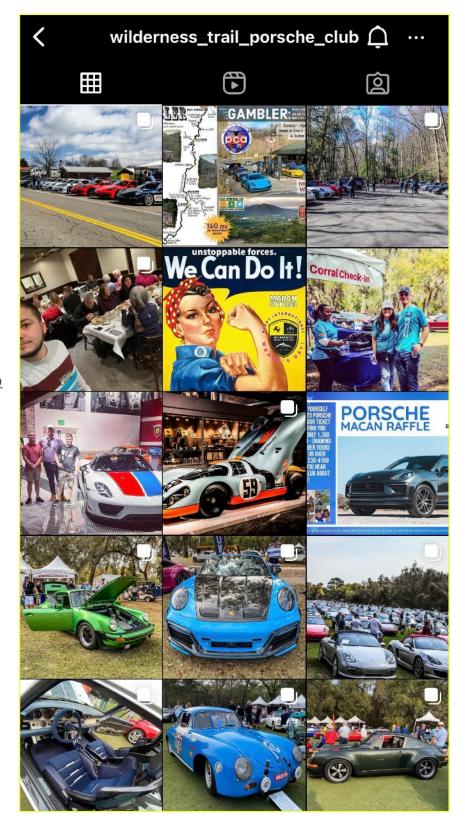


#### **NSTAGRAM CHANNEL**

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.

Join us by visiting instagram.com/
wilderness\_trail\_porsche\_club/ or search

@wilderness\_trail\_porsche\_club
on Instagram.





ime flies in the fast lane! It's hard to believe the year is nearing its end.

Doesn't it feel like Christmas 2022 was just a moment ago? It surely does to me!

While the year is almost ending, our club doesn't plan on taking its foot off the gas. October is packed with excitement - we've got five spectacular events on the horizon (and possibly a sixth, so stay tuned). However, as we approach November and December, we'll have to navigate carefully. Our events during these months will be contingent on the weather. Given that most of us sport summer tires, safety is paramount - we won't be organizing any group mountain drives if temperatures dip below the 50s.

Mark your calendars for our end-of-year celebration dinner on Sunday, December 10th at 5:30 p.m. More information will be revving its way to you soon.

If you haven't had the pleasure of joining a club event this year, there's still time to shift into gear. We'd love to see you before 2023 rolls in. For a glimpse of what's to come, check out our upcoming events listed below.

#### **Upcoming Events & Important Dates**

5-Oct - Club Dinner - The Black Olive - Jonesborough

7-Oct - The Shiners Run Group Drive - Hot Springs, Rattler

14-Oct - Porsche Oktoberfest Group Drive and Car Show

21-Oct - 3rd SUV Macan & Cayenne Day Group Drive

28-Oct - Porsches Trunk-or-Treat in Kingsport

6-Nov - Group Dinner - Brooklyn Grill

RSVP to any (or all) the events above at WTRPCA.ORG

10-Dec - End of Year Celebration Dinner

10 - 12-May, 2024 - Kentucky Weekend Getaway

1 - 4-Aug, 2024 - Deals Gap Weekend Getaway



#### 5-Oct - Club Dinner - The Black Olive - Jonesborough

n October 5th at 6:00 PM we will meet at The Black Olive in Jonesborough for dinner (arrive a little earlier to start entering your order). Beware that this is the **JONESBOROUGH** restaurant, located at 125 E Jackson Blvd Suite 8, Jonesborough, TN.

If you have never been there, the restaurant has 4.6/5.0 starts out of more than 1,600 reviews on Google! The club met there at least once a year in the past 3 years and we always had an amazing experience!

If you would like to know more about the restaurant or check their menu, head to their website: https://theblackolivetn.com/

#### RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG



#### 7-Oct - The Shiners Run Group Drive - Hot Springs, Rattler

Join us on October 7th at 9:30 am for the spectacular Shiners Run, a 125-mile loop through the breathtaking Hot Springs area and its picturesque surroundings.

Get ready for a thrilling ride as we cruise through the twisty, scenic, and rolling hills of The Rattler, US 25, TN 107, NC 208, NC 212, TN 352, Old Asheville Highway, Big Laurel Rd, Walnut Creek Rd, Baileys Branch Rd, and NC 63. It's a magnificent blend of stunning landscapes, quaint towns, and incredible vistas.

Here's what you can expect: A beautiful tour through diverse terrains, Unforgettable scenic views, The joy of cruising with fellow Porsche lovers, Plenty of photo opportunities for memories that will last a lifetime.

#### RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG



#### 14-Oct - Porsche Oktoberfest Group Drive and Car Show

e're excited to invite you for an unforgettable Oktoberfest experience in partnership with two-time DAYTONA 500 champion, Michael Waltrip!

#### What to Look Forward To:

- Porsche Corral Display: Show off your Porsche and appreciate others in our specially reserved Porsche parking zone.
- Oktoberfest Festivities: Dive into the authentic German experience with Bavarian delicacies, themed games, and more.
- Exclusive Beer Launch: Celebrate Oktoberfest in style with the launch of a special beer crafted just for this occasion at Michael Waltrip's Brewing.
- Live Music: Later in the evening, let the rhythm take over as you enjoy live music, perfect to set the mood for a memorable evening.

#### **Special PCA Group Drive at THE SNAKE:**

For those of you who love the open road as much as we do, join us for a thrilling group drive at 1:00 p.m. through the US-421, The Snake (we will meet at the Bristol Motor Speedway for the Group Drive). If the drive isn't for you, meet us straight at the brewery by 3:00 p.m.

Whether you're coming for the cars, the beer, the camaraderie, or all of the above, this promises to be an event like no other. So, mark your calendars, and let's make this a day to remember!

RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG



#### October 14th - 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-Cites Cars & Coffee' to see if plans have changed.



#### 21-Oct - 3rd SUV Macan & Cayenne Day Group Drive

orsche is globally renowned for models like the 911, but did you know the Macan and Cayenne SUVs are among their best sellers? It's probably because they perfectly blend luxurious performance with spirited dynamism in the SUV range.

Calling all Porsche Macan & Cayenne owners, along with their families, children, pets - everyone is welcome! Sports car owners with models like the **914**, **911**, **Cayman**, and **Boxster**, don't feel left out! You can join in the excitement. While SUVs will lead the convoy and traverse the forest roads, sports cars will venture on an alternate route, reuniting later for a communal lunch.

We will go on a thrilling 74-mile drive, with 8.0 miles on scenic, unpaved forest roads. Immerse yourself in the picturesque views of the Pisgah Forest, especially vibrant during the peak fall colors. Our route also includes the Old NC-105, celebrated for its breathtaking views of the Linville Gorge and Table Rock Mountain.

We will then have lunch at the Linville Falls Winery. You can also bring your own food to enjoy with their wines.

RSVP at:

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#### 28-Oct - Porsches Trunk-or-Treat in Kingsport

e partnered with the City of Kingsport and <u>Red Door</u>

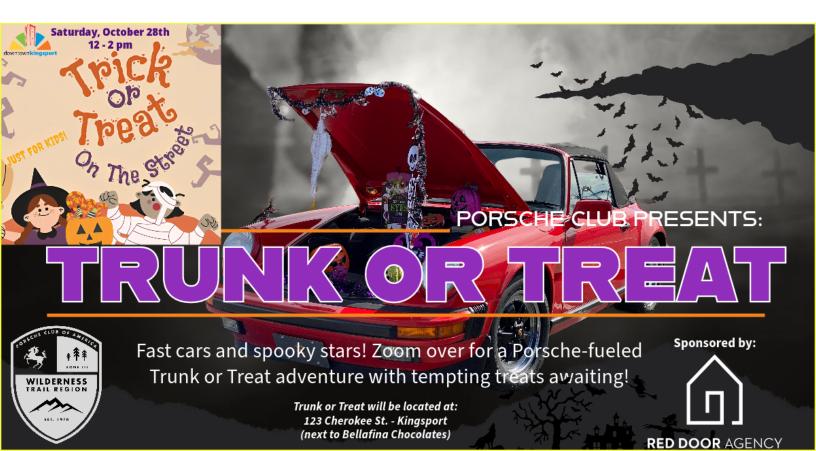
<u>Agency</u> to host a Porsches TRUNK-OR-TREAT in Kingsport Downtown.

The City of Kingsport will host many other Spooky events as part of Halloween Festivities on that same day. We are one of them! Around 2,000 kids are expected to be trick-or-treating in Kingsport Downtown that day.

We want to have as many Porsches as possible there. Bring your Porsche! Costumes and car decorations are optional! **Red Door Agency will be providing the treats!** When the event is over, we can head to one of the nearby breweries or bar to grab some drinks.

The event starts at 12:00 p.m. to the public; we are asking the Porsches to arrive 11:45 a.m. (or sooner) so that we can setup the display!

RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG



#### 6-Nov - Group Dinner - Brooklyn Grill

eet up with your Porsche club social friends and enjoy a dinner and beverages at a great restaurant. On November 6th, we will gather at The Brooklyn Grill in Bristol at 5:45 p.m. for dinner.

The Brooklyn Grill restaurant is rated 4.9 of 5.0 on major online review platforms. The menu includes Appetizers ranging from \$10 to \$14 and Entrees from \$18 to \$34 as well as many options of Salads, Desserts and Drinks for all tastes. The restaurant has a great atmosphere and we are looking forward to see all of you there.





he Amelia's 29th annual motoring week will offer an unforgettable experience when it returns to the breathtaking ocean-side Golf Club of Amelia Island and The Ritz-Carlton, from February 29 - March 3, 2024. The Amelia, one of the world's most recognized lifestyle concours, kicks-off The Amelia Car Week bringing the global community together around the love of cars. This includes partnering with the automotive industry's leading brands to offer the most engaging enthusiast-centered experiences.

Tickets are now on Sale! You can buy it here: ameliaconcours.com

I do not recommend buying anything else that the link above offers for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, only the Sunday Concours d'Elegance. I can suggest better (and cheaper) events to attend the other days

Let me know if you're planning to attend and I will give you some tips and help your with the agenda! I have attended the event for the past 3 years and in 2023 we had 15 cars from Wilderness Trail and 22 people in attendance!

Amelia is a *short* drive from Tri-Cities: 8 hours. To give you a general idea of the event, here is a high-level agenda of events we attended in 2023:

**THURSDAY**: 1) Gooding Company Auction Display (+/- 400 amazing cars on display - in 2023 we saw everything from amazing rare Porsches to a 20 million dollars Ferrari) - \$60 to attend

2) RM Sotheby's Auction display (+/- 300 amazing cars - in 2023 they had some amazing cars such as Pagani Zonda, Bugatti Chiron, Ferrari F40 and F50 and a 13 million dollars Ferrari). - \$40 to attend

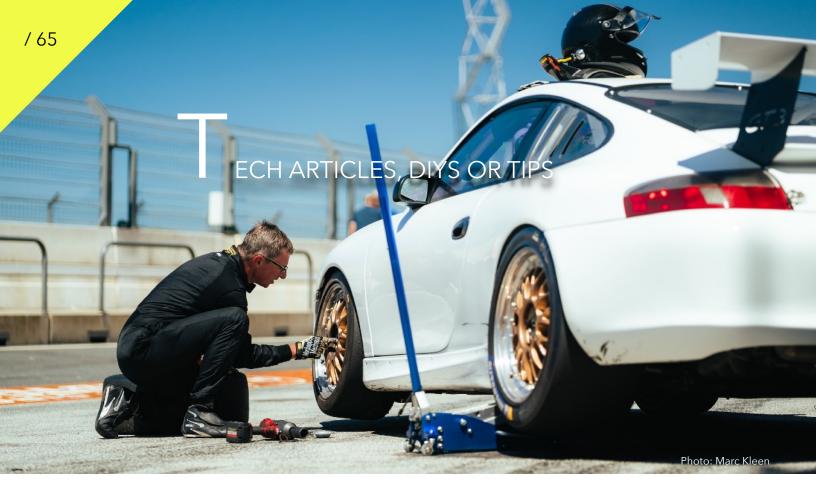
**FRIDAY**: 1) PCA Werks Reunion (700+ Porsches) - Pre-Registration required for car placement at Porsche Corral (\$75). Spectator and Walk-in: Free. Non-Porsche Parking: \$40 (those were 2023 amounts...)

2) Broad Arrow Auction display at Ritz Carlson (Free)

**SATURDAY**: 1) Cars & Community, Radwood and Concours d'Lemons - At Ritz-Carlton Golf Course (\$35 to attend)

2) BRUMOS Collection tour in Jacksonville (\$25 fee)

**SUNDAY**: 1) Concours d'Elegance (\$125 fee)



Particle 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.

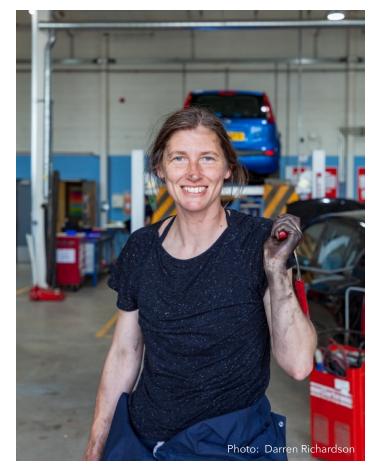
#### **DIY: Oil and Filter Change**

Changing the oil and filter in your Porsche is one of the easiest and most crucial maintenance tasks. Regular oil changes keep the engine running smoothly and prevent potential damage caused by old or dirty oil.

#### Step-by-step process:

- 1.1. Gather the necessary tools and supplies: a suitable oil drain pan, a wrench, a new oil filter, and the appropriate engine oil.
- 1.2. Position the drain pan under the oil drain plug and remove the plug using the wrench. Allow the oil to drain completely.

- 1.3. Locate the oil filter and carefully remove it using an oil filter wrench. Dispose of the old filter according to local regulations.
- 1.4. Lightly coat the gasket of the new filter with a thin layer of fresh oil and screw the new filter onto the engine. Tighten the filter by hand.
- 1.5. Replace the oil drain plug and tighten it using the wrench.
- 1.6. Refill the engine with the recommended type and quantity of oil.



1.7. Start the engine and let it idle for a few minutes to circulate the new oil. Check for leaks and confirm the oil level using the dipstick.

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#### **OLD MATERIAL HUNTING**

Everyone who has old materials of any significance, please bring this information to our next meetings or email them to me. If it is a printed material, and you are not coming to any meetings soon, you can mail me, if it is digital, please send it to wtrpca@gmail.com and we will make it available on our website and future newsletters.

#### **EVENTS**

We would like for our members to come up with some new ideas for events we could do as a club in 2024-2025. 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.

#### TREASURER REPORT

Colby Hurd reported on October 1st a balance of \$ 14,124.03.

#### **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

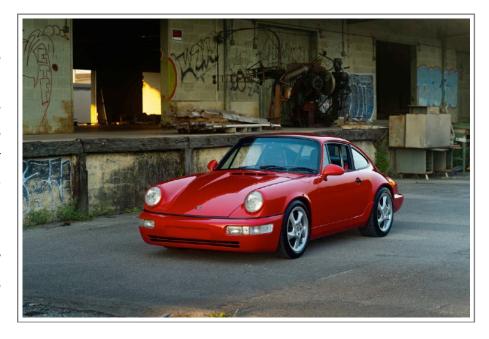


### CLASSIFIEDS

Club members can announce Porsche-related items for sale at no cost on our Facebook page and in our Newsletter. Experience the vibrant reach of our social media platform; not only does it connect with our club members but it also taps into the wider Porsche community. While advertising in our Newsletter has proven effective, please note that it is issued quarterly, making the medium less frequent than our dynamic Facebook posts. Don't miss this chance to showcase your items to a passionate audience!

#### Modified 1979 Porsche 911 SC - \$72,500 - Seller: Riley Alison

This meticulously crafted and impeccably maintained 1979 Porsche 911 SC has been transformed into a stunning lightweight 964 RS tribute. This vehicle is equipped with a 3.0-liter flat-6 engine, believed to be original to the car, and has undergone a top-end rebuild approximately 25,000 miles ago. This legendary engine is paired with a 915 5-speed



transmission, which is believed to have been replaced with a period-correct used unit. While the odometer displays approximately 219,500 miles, it's noted that, like most older Porsches, it is exact mileage is unknown. The speedometer has been replaced with a 170MPH unit and has been rebuilt with a replacement odometer cog. (...)

More photos and additional details at: <a href="https://shorturl.at/acdsR">https://shorturl.at/acdsR</a>

### CLASSIFIEDS

Today, I am thrilled to shine a spotlight on one of our own - a passionate Porsche aficionado and an artist behind the lens, Kin 'Darren' Ho. Not only is Darren an integral part of our community, but he's also an outstanding individual who serves our town dutifully as a police officer. His commitment to service is unwavering, and we're truly grateful for his service.

But when he's not in uniform, Darren channels his creativity through his remarkable photography skills. You probably have seen some of his work in this Newsletter's edition. His unique style, coupled with his keen eye for detail, transforms every Porsche into a masterpiece on film. Each shot he takes has a unique ambiance, capturing the essence of the vehicle and the surroundings. Check out on the next page once of his most recent photo-shootings.

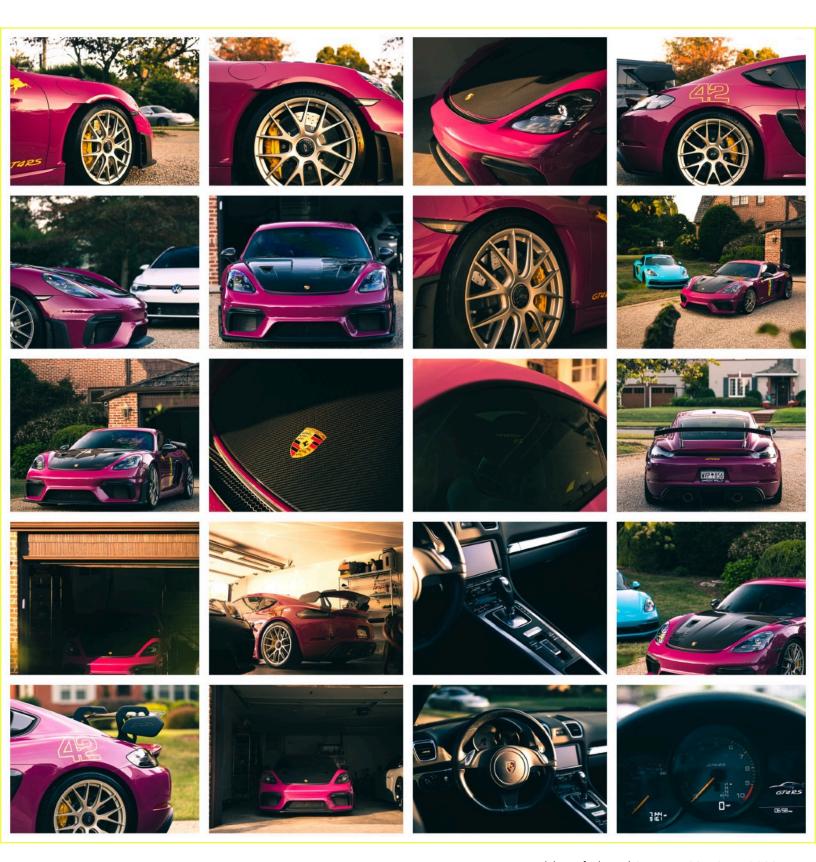
For those who have been searching for that perfect shot to encapsulate the beauty and spirit of your Porsche, this is your golden opportunity. Darren is offering his photography services to fellow club members on a great deal. If you've ever wanted your Porsche to be immortalized in a stunning frame, now is your chance.

To collaborate with Darren and bring your vision to life, reach out to him to discuss the specifics of the photoshoot. He is on Facebook (www.facebook.com/reagan.darrenho) or reach out to me and I will get him in touch with you.

This is a chance to not only have an amazing memento of your beloved vehicle but also to support a fellow club member in his artistic pursuits.

Contact Darren and let your Porsche shine through his lens.

#### **All photos below by Kin 'Darren' Ho:**



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Bastian Buus won the 31st driver's title in the Porsche Supercup, claiming victory in the season finale at Monza. Despite finishing in 13th place in the turbulent final race, the 20-year-old Porsche Junior from Denmark secured the overall win with a five-point advantage over Larry ten Voorde. Driving for GP Elite, ten Voorde finished second in the race, while Harry King, Buus's teammate at BWT Lechner Racing, finished first. This win also helped BWT Lechner Racing secure its 13th team classification title in the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. The rookie title was clinched by Frenchman Alessandro Ghiretti, despite not finishing the race.

Buus faced significant challenges, including a collision and a stall, but ultimately secured the title, becoming the youngest Supercup Champion in history. In the end, the title fights in the finale were extremely close, with only minor seconds deciding the outcomes in both the overall and rookie categories.



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**CLUB MEMBER-OWNED BUSINESS** 



A 17-year-old boy who works part-time at Pizza Hut drives up to park in front of the house in a beautiful Porsche.

Naturally, his parents know that there's no way he earned enough with his after-school job to buy such a car.

"Where did you get that car?" his mom and dad screamed in shock.

"I bought it today," replied the teen calmly.

"With what money young man?" his mom demands. "We know how much a Porsche costs and you cannot afford it!"

"Well, it's used and I got a good deal" says the boy, "This one cost me 20 dollars."

"Who on earth would sell a car like that for 20 dollars?!"

"The woman up the street," the boy replies. "I don't know her name-she just moved in.

She ordered a pizza and when I delivered it to her, she asked me if I wanted to buy a Porsche for 20 dollars."

The boy's dad and mom hurry over to their new neighbor's house, ready to demand an explanation. Curiously, their new neighbor is calmly planting flowers in her front yard.

"I'm the father of the kid you just sold a sports car to for \$20," the dad says. "I need an explanation from you!"

"Well," the woman says, not looking up from her garden. "This morning I got a phone call from my husband. I thought he was on a business trip in Florida, but it seems he has run off to Hawaii with his secretary and doesn't intend to come back."

"What on earth does that have to do with selling our son a Porsche for \$20?" The boy's mom asks, utterly perplexed.

The new neighbor smiles very big, and pauses for a minute. "Well, my husband asked me to sell his new Porsche and send him the money.

So I did.

### M<sub>EMBERSHIP NEWS</sub>

Our club continue to grow strong! We are now at 221 main members and 133 Co-members. Year-to-date: 40 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 & Chai 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 Ketch - 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)

### M<sub>EMBERSHIP NEWS</sub>

Tony & Lora Previtera - 2008 Cayman S
James Wallace - 2021 Macan S
Scott Matney - 2017 911 Targa 4S
Christian Clay - 2015 Cayman
Ross Smith - 2008 911 Carrera S
Steve Torres - 2017 911 Turbo
Tim Brent - 2006 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

Dee Dee Davis - 2018 911 Carrera (Transfer in from CAR)
Chris Schneider & Tonya Goodwin - Cayman S (Transfer in from BRR)
David Hunt - 2002 Boxster S (Transfer in from CAR)
Brad & Jill Seitzinger - 2006 911 Carrera Cabriolet (Transfer in from SEM)

#### **CLUB MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Ed Yates - 44 years

Scott Arnold - 42 years

John Dellis - 42 years

Kernie Timmons - 34 years

Tom Raymond - 33 years

Scott Hubbard - 33 years

Wes Adams - 32 years

Michael Roberts - 32 years

Tim Loy - 30 years

Mark Finley - 29 years

Richard Lutz - 28 years

Jerry Smith - 28 years

Joseph Brown - 24 years

Ted Koehner - 24 years

Randy Moore - 24 years

Jerry Godsey - 23 years

Frank Saylor - 21 years

Robert Scales - 21 years

Jaye Cornett - 21 years

Wayne Thacker - 20 years

John Kressin - 20 years

Gregory Miller - 18 years

Paul Straub - 18 years

David Miranda - 17 years

David Kreshek - 16 years

Howard Cummings - 16 years

Greg Schuette - 16 years

Broughton Jolley - 15 years

Jim Holmes - 14 years



Grady Moore - 14 years

Gregory Chudzik - 14 years

Dennis Bellamy - 13 years

Landon Jackson - 13 years

Joseph Kozakowski - 13 years

Parker Smith - 13 years

Gary Poe - 13 years

Tom Kwasigroch - 12 years

Mark Slauson - 12 years

Carl Justice - 12 years

Paul Jaynes - 12 years

Scott Cole - 11 years

Mike Lamb - 11 years

Gary Umbarger - 11 years

Steven Blankenbeckler - 11 years

Garrick Ho - 11 years

Ryan Elswick - 10 years

Richard Dunlap - 10 years

Congratulations on your Membership Anniversary!

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



### Membership Anniversary Recognition

Porsche Club of America recognizes membership anniversaries in five-year increments. Five- to 20-year anniversary materials are available upon request. Members can request anniversary materials by clicking <a href="https://www.pca.org/anniversary">www.pca.org/anniversary</a> (must be logged onto PCA website to use link). Members will receive a letter, certificate and decal commemorating their anniversary.

Materials for 25- to 60-year anniversaries (soon to be 65) are mailed quarterly depending on the anniversary date. Members celebrating these anniversaries will receive the following:

25 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin

30 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate

35 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate

40 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Name Badge

45 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Name Badge

50 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin and Name Badge

55 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin and Name Badge

60 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin and Name Badge

If you have not received your membership anniversary materials for a previous anniversary, please send an email to <a href="mailto:anniversary@pca.org">anniversary@pca.org</a> with your membership number and full name.

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!





EMBARK ON A DRIVING ADVENTURE OF APPROXIMATELY 700 MILES THROUGH THE LEGENDARY ROADS LOCATED IN THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS, NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST AND CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS AREA: TAIL OF THE DRAGON, HELLBENDER, MOONSHINER 28, CHEROHALA SKYWAY, THE CHASING THE DRAGON HILLCLIMB, AND FOOTHILLS PARKWAY, NOT TO MENTION HELEN (GERMAN TOWN) AND AN ARRAY OF UNDISCLOSED AND NEW-TO-US MOUNTAIN BACKROADS! YOUR JOURNEY WILL INCLUDE OVERNIGHT STAY AT A LOVELY RESORT IN YOUNG HARRIS, GA FOR A TRULY DELIGHTFUL MOUNTAIN GETAWAY.



