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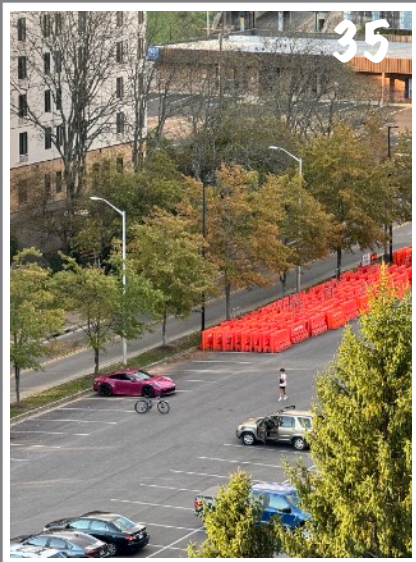
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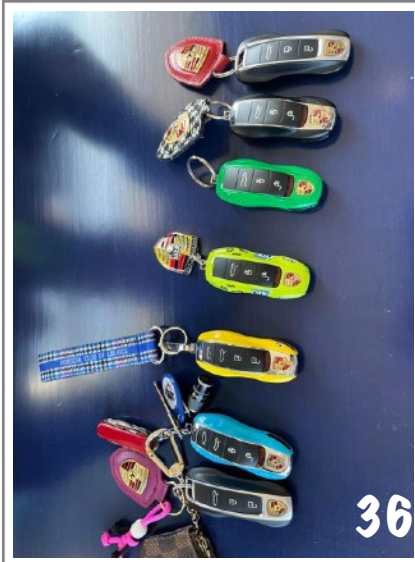
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President's Message

As we shift gears into 2025, let's take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences of 2024, filled with smiles, laughter, memorable drives, and the forging of new friendships. While the end of the year was quieter for our club due to Helene's Hurricane, the colder weather and some personal commitments, planning for an exciting 2025 has been in full swing.

We're thrilled to announce two fantastic weekend events for the coming year: May in White Sulphur Springs, WV, and September to Murphy, NC. More details about these events in this newsletter. Planning these gatherings requires significant time and attention to detail, and executing them successfully is equally important. We've become quite good at hosting these events, and if you haven't yet joined us for a driving event, whether a weekend getaway or a single-day drive, we sincerely hope you'll join us this year.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone, both within and outside our club, who supported our charity initiative for the students of David Crockett High School. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$10,000 for the school's Social Work program. These funds will provide much-needed assistance to student families who were already facing challenges before Hurricane Helene, which unfortunately aggravated their difficulties.

Looking back at 2024, we hosted a total of 43 events. While this is fewer than the 57 we held in 2023, it's still a significant number compared to other PCA regions of similar size. Our driving events covered nearly 4,000 miles! We also enjoyed six excellent autocross events, a valuable car clinic/control, and numerous social gatherings, including dinners, happy hours, breakfasts, and a cookout.

In 2025, we'll continue to build on this momentum, offering a variety of driving events, social gatherings, one or two charitable or community service initiatives, autocross competitions, and partnerships with our valued sponsors and community.

This year's Porsche Parade will be held in Oklahoma. While not exactly next door, it's certainly more accessible than a West Coast location. Due to prior commitments, I won't be able to attend, but please let me know if you're planning to go. For those seeking a truly immersive Porsche experience, the Amelia Concours d'Elegance week(end), which coincides with the PCA Werks Reunion, is an exceptional opportunity to see incredible cars and participate in numerous automotive events on Amelia Island, FL. I plan to be there and would love to connect with fellow WTR members. More details about these events are also included in this newsletter.



I urge you to support our generous sponsors. They play a vital role in supporting our club, and we can show our appreciation by following them on social media, utilizing their services and products, and recommending them to others. Your support is greatly appreciated. You will find who they are on this newsletter.

Lastly, if you have any interesting stories to share with the club, our Wildnispfad editor is always looking for fresh content. Feel free to reach out to us at pcawtr@gmail.com.

— *Leo Anderson* 🚗💨

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Wilderness Trail Region earns global recognition from Porsche AG!

Our humble club has achieved international acclaim in Porsche AG's 2024 Future Topics Award! This prestigious worldwide competition, open to over 700 Porsche Clubs globally, sought submissions addressing key areas for the future of Porsche Clubs: attracting younger members, promoting diversity, and reaching new communities.

In May 2024, Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG launched this contest challenging clubs to share their innovative approaches to these important topics. After submitting our initiatives, we eagerly awaited the results, which were announced five months later during the 6th Porsche Clubs Worldwide Town Hall.



Photo: Leo Anderson

The results were truly remarkable for our region:

Attracting Younger People

1st Place – Porsche Club España

2nd Place – Porsche Club South Africa, Cape Region

3rd Place – Porsche Club Sweden, Sverige Region

Promoting Diversity

1st Place – Porsche Club Great Britain

2nd Place – PCA Wilderness Trail Region 🏆

3rd Place – Porsche Club Argentina



Reaching New Communities

1st Place – Porsche Club Berlin

2nd Place – PCA Wilderness Trail Region 🏆

3rd Place – Porsche Classic Club Belgium

Out of 149 PCA regions in the United States, Wilderness Trail Region was the only region to receive global recognition from Porsche AG! We secured an impressive second place in two out of the three categories, competing against submissions from 22 countries. This is a tremendous honor and a testament to the hard work, dedication, and shared passion of our entire club in fostering diversity and inclusivity within the Porsche community. As a result of these achievements, we have been awarded €4,000 to support our ongoing initiatives.

Here's a summary of the key strategies that contributed to this outstanding recognition:



1. **Expanding Our Reach:** By focusing on attracting younger members, we are broadening our reach beyond traditional demographics and welcoming car enthusiasts from diverse backgrounds who share our passion for Porsche.
2. **Leveraging Social Media:** Our active presence on platforms like Facebook and Instagram allows us to connect with potential members where they are already engaged, sharing compelling content and showcasing the vibrant spirit of our club.
3. **Engaging with the Local Community:** Participating in local car meets provides valuable face-to-face interaction, introducing the Porsche Club experience to new audiences and building genuine connections with fellow car enthusiasts.
4. **Creating an Inclusive Environment:** We pride ourselves on welcoming everyone with an interest in Porsche, regardless of current ownership status. This inclusive approach fosters a strong sense of community and belonging, which is essential for attracting and retaining members.
5. **Ensuring Long-Term Growth:** By actively engaging younger members, we are ensuring the future vitality and relevance of our club, bringing in fresh perspectives, energy, and ideas that will help us evolve and thrive.

These initiatives demonstrate the Wilderness Trail Region's commitment to building a dynamic and inclusive community for all Porsche enthusiasts, enjoying our cars the way they were meant to be enjoyed. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and grateful to all of our members who have contributed to our success.

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



▲ *"Captured at the breathtaking summit of Cherochala Skyway, this photo encapsulates the spirit of the IV DrachenFest. Hosted by Wilderness Trail Region, this event brought together 86 Porsches and 140 enthusiasts from 28 regions for a weekend of epic drives. Participants surround Josh Hayes' 2015 Racing Yellow GT3, one of our six lead cars."*

—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region

- - - - - This event was our largest driving weekend yet, featuring 86 Porsches and over 140 attendees from twenty-seven PCA regions, with cars coming from Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Kansas, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Louisiana, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Alabama. It was an absolute hit, and the positive feedback from our members says it all!

The terrain was ideal for - - - showing off what these SUVs can do, and we took full advantage—rock crawling, tackling hill descents, and splashing through muddy creeks. It was an adrenaline-filled day of exploration, proving that these Porsches are made for much more than just the asphalt.



◀ *"Jamie Benard, in his Pure Red 2006 Titanium Edition Cayenne S, crossed a muddy creek when Wilderness Trail Region unleashed the true off-road potential of Cayennes and Macans at Creek Bend Farm, a 278-acre playground for adventure that also includes rock crawling and hill descent control."*

—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region



◀ *"At the TriPride LGBTQ+ Parade, Olivia Hill (L) and I (R), Wilderness Trail Region President, celebrated equality and inclusion. With a vibrant 2023 PTS Ruby Star GT4 RS as a backdrop, this moment highlighted the club's commitment to diversity, showcasing that the PCA community is for everyone."*

—LEO ANDERSON
Wilderness Trail Region

- - - - - We opened the parade with eight stunning Porsches, three of which were cabriolets carrying the Parade Grand Marshals. Driving through State Street, we were met with enthusiastic support from parade attendees, receiving countless thumbs-up from the crowd.

P hoto Of The Quarter

- Christopher Klein - member since December 2009

Visiting the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart was a dream. Seeing my favorite car, the 1973 911 Carrera RS 2.7, was especially powerful. It reminded me of a childhood moment in the Black Forest.

As a boy, I saw one parked outside a bakery—a gleaming white car with green stripes and Fuchs wheels. An older gentleman saw my fascination and invited me to sit inside. The smell of leather and gasoline, his explanation of its racing pedigree, ignited a lifelong Porsche passion. In the museum, surrounded by incredible cars, it's this specific 911 that resonates most. It's not just about the car itself, but the memory of that kind stranger and the awe I felt—a single moment that shaped my life. - Christopher Klein

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Photo: Christopher Klein

I really hope Christopher's story motivate you to capture your Porsche moments! Whether it's with a camera or your smartphone, start snapping those photos. Email me your best high-resolution images at: pcawtr@gmail.com

Thanks, Christopher, for sharing it with Wildnispfad. Who's next? Could your shot be our next Photo of the Month? Let's see what you've got! —

Leo Anderson





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We're still ironing out the details for our Q1 2025 agenda – winter weather makes planning drives way in advance a bit of a gamble. So, while we don't have all the specifics for the next few weeks just yet, we wanted to give you a heads-up about two awesome weekend getaways we've got lined up for later in the year.

First up, we're heading to West Virginia for a three-day, two-night trip to the beautiful Greenbrier Valley in May. Our main digs will be a cool boutique hotel in White Sulphur Springs, with extra lodging available in Lewisburg. This event was so popular that registration opened on November 2nd and was completely full with 70 cars just two weeks later! If you're still interested, let me know ASAP so I can add you to the waitlist.

Next, we've got another fantastic weekend getaway planned for September in Murphy, NC. We'll be exploring the legendary Deals Gap roads, the Smoky Mountains, and the surrounding area. Registration for this one opened on December 23rd, and we're already close to 80 cars signed up! We're capping it at 100 cars, so if you want in on this action, you'll need to act fast – those last 20 spots won't last long!

Check out the details below for more info on both events.

This Event is at Full Capacity. Email pcawtr@gmail.com if you would like to be placed in waitlist. Join us for an unforgettable Weekend getaway to West Virginia, the state often called "almost heaven" for its rolling hills, scenic byways, and charming small towns. As the only state entirely within the Appalachian Mountains, West Virginia offers a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure, making it an ideal destination for our Wilderness Trail Region weekend escape.

From the breathtaking New River Gorge to scenic hilltop views and fun driving roads, this weekend promises history, great food, camaraderie, free time to explore local attractions, and of course, lots of Porsche fun! Our HQ for this event will be in the surroundings of White Sulphur Springs & Lewisburg. We will be staying in the unique The Schoolhouse Hotel, a thoughtfully restored boutique hotel transformed from a historic 1912 High School. Expect first-class accommodations with a modern touch, friendly staff, and a relaxing atmosphere.

In the evenings, unwind at The Rooftop bar, featuring handcrafted cocktails, wines, and small plates, or dine at The Varsity Club, where upscale southern classics like shrimp and grits await. Enjoy stunning views of the mountains and surrounding town as we gather and relax after our day of exploring.

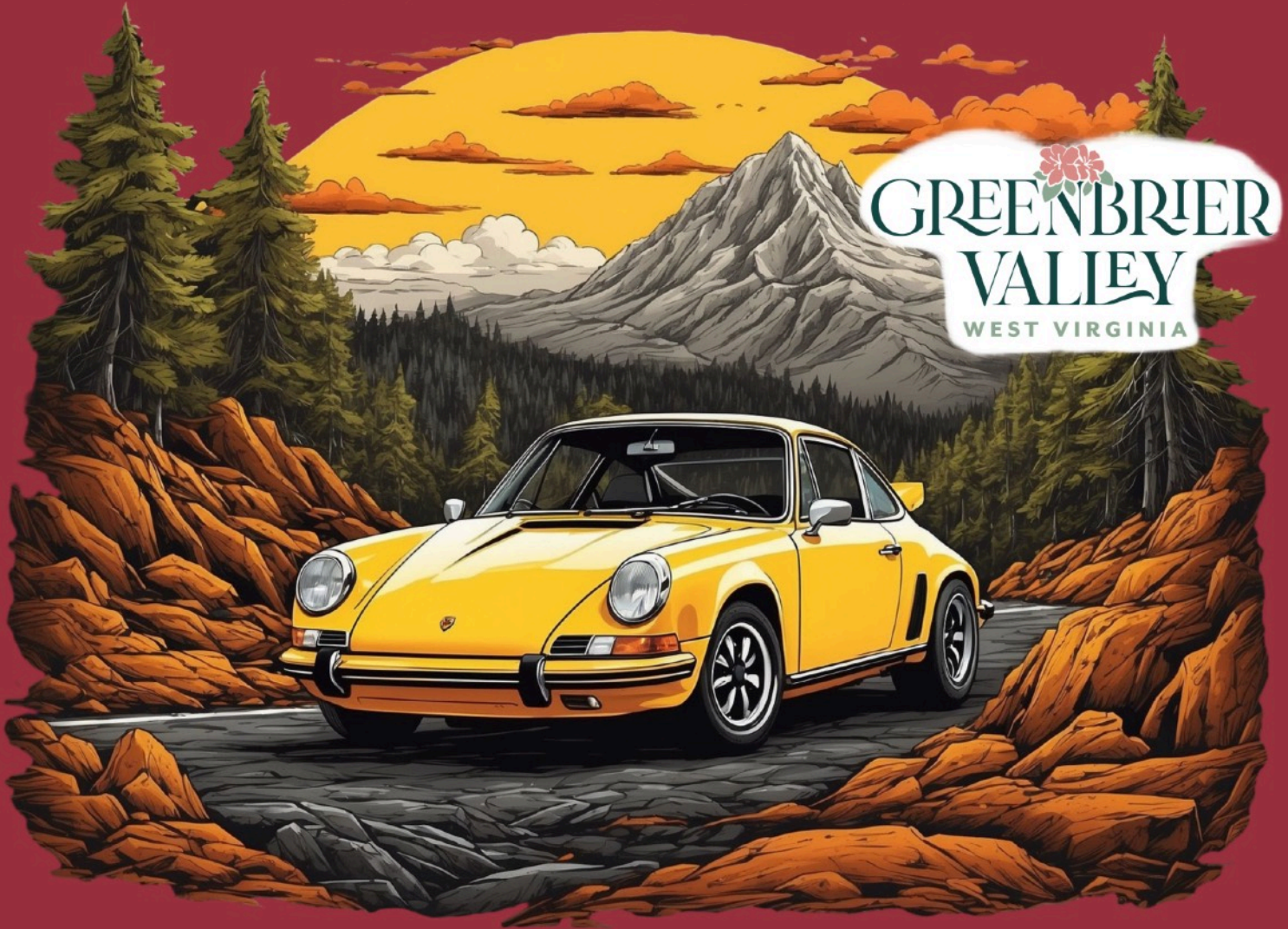
Carved by the rivers of the Greenbrier Valley, West Virginia's driving roads are filled with natural beauty—rolling hills, tree-lined tunnels, and scenic springtime blooms at their peak. Over this Friday-to-Sunday weekend, expect to cover about 650 miles of exhilarating driving. For those joining us, we'll depart from Bristol, VA on May 16th at noon, but if you prefer, you can meet us directly in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Schwarzer Berg VI is more than a weekend trip—it's a chance to strengthen friendships and create cherished memories with fellow club members.



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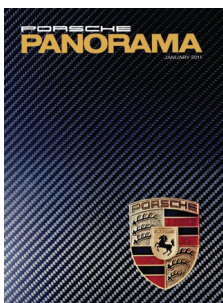
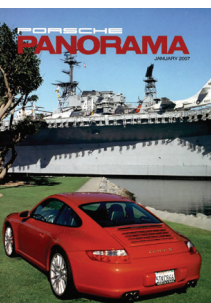
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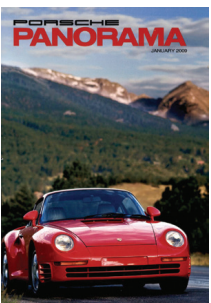
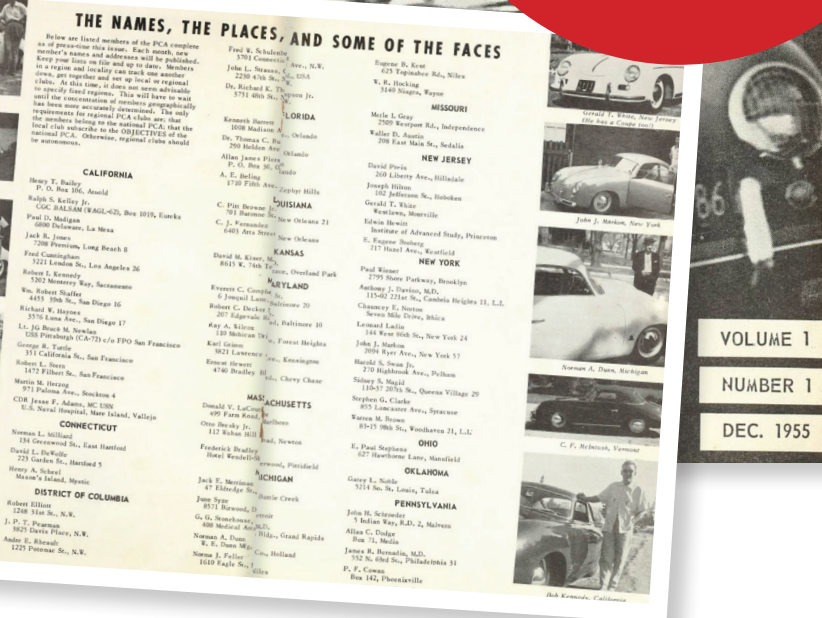
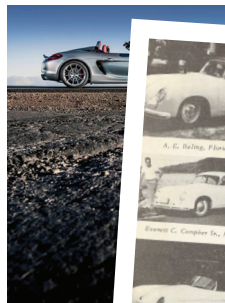
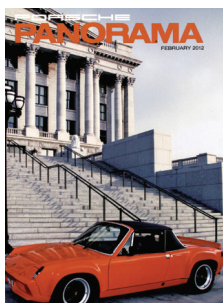
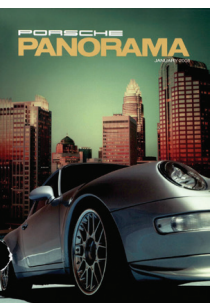
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This isn't just a driving event – it's four days and three nights of pure Porsche passion, connecting with fellow enthusiasts while conquering some of the best driving roads in America. From thrilling curves to breathtaking views, expect many miles of exhilarating mountain roads each day, hidden backroads and scenic routes, iconic must-drive legendary roads, including the Tail of the Dragon, Cherohala Skyway, The Hellbender, Foothills Parkway and the Chasing the Dragon Hillclimb.

We're thrilled to announce that this year's event will be the Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel in Murphy, North Carolina. This stunning location promises the perfect base for a weekend of camaraderie, adventure, gambling and unforgettable memories. We're taking care of every detail—from mapping out epic routes to securing the best dining experiences, so all you need to do is show up ready to drive and enjoy.

We will be at the Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel in Murphy, NC. Nestled amidst the stunning mountain scenery of Western North Carolina, this destination offers a perfect blend of comfort, luxury, and entertainment to complement your Porsche-driving adventure.



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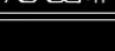





















































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With a little less than 80 days to the start of Formula 1 season, here is a mega calendar of the 2025 races so that you can always have at hand when and where F1 it's running with the support series, including Porsche Supercup series.

Talking about Formula 1, if you have not watched on Netflix yet, Senna is a 6 episode series that chronicles the triumphs, setbacks and personal journey of Brazil's three-time Formula 1 world champion Ayrton Senna, from his Formula Ford beginnings in England to his tragic accident at the San Marino Grand Prix in Imola. It's a must-watch to any motor racing enthusiast.

And on June 25, the movie Formula 1, starring Brad Pitt will be released in the United States, four and two days before the 2025 Austrian Grand Prix.

     									
2025 CALENDAR									
R1		14-16 MAR	AUSTRALIA						
R2		21-23 MAR	CHINA						
R3		04-06 APR	JAPAN						
R4		11-13 APR	BAHRAIN						
R5		18-20 APR	SAUDI ARABIA						
R6		02-04 MAY	MIAMI						
R7		16-18 MAY	EMILIA-ROMAGNA						
R8		23-25 MAY	MONACO						
R9		30 MAY-01 JUN	SPAIN						
R10		13-15 JUN	CANADA						
R11		27-29 JUN	AUSTRIA						
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Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the 30th annual Amelia Motoring Week, taking place from March 6 - 9, 2025. This prestigious event, set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Golf Club of Amelia Island and The Ritz-Carlton, is one of the world's premier automotive lifestyle concours. The Amelia Motoring Week kicks off Amelia Car Week, drawing together the global car community for a series of dynamic, enthusiast-centered events in collaboration with top automotive brands.

Tickets are now on sale exclusively at ameliaconcours.com. While there are a variety of events scheduled from Thursday through Saturday, I highly recommend focusing on Sunday's Concours d'Elegance. It's the highlight of the week and truly worth your attention. For those considering attending, feel free to reach out to me—I'm happy to share tips and help you plan your schedule! After attending the event for four consecutive years, I've gathered plenty of insights that can enhance your experience.

For members in the Tri-Cities, Amelia is just an 8-hour drive away, making it a perfect road trip. To give you a taste of what's in store, here's a glimpse of the high-level agenda from the 2024 event:

THURSDAY - March 6:

- 1) Gooding & Company Auction Display - Over 400 stunning vehicles, including rare Porsches and a Ferrari valued at \$20 million. 2024 entry fee was \$60, with tickets available at the gate.
- 2) RM Sotheby's Auction Display - Featuring around 300 incredible cars, including a Pagani Zonda, Bugatti Chiron, and Ferraris like the F40, F50, and a \$13 million Ferrari. 2024 entry fee was \$40, with tickets available at the gate.
- 3) REVERIE - Rev up the night with cars, live entertainment, and tons of fun. Enjoy the peak of food and beverage craftsmanship (Entry Fee \$395)

FRIDAY - March 7:

- 1) PCA WERKS Reunion - A must-see with over 700 Porsches on display, celebrating both the Porsche marque and the camaraderie among enthusiasts. More details on this event can be found on the next page.
- 2) Concours d'Lemon & Classic Motorsports - Main Beach Park - 1pm to 5pm
- 3) Broad Arrow Auction Display at The Ritz-Carlton - Free entry.

SATURDAY - March 8:

- 1) Cars & Community, Radwood, and Concours d'Lemons at The Ritz-Carlton lawn (\$35 entry fee).
- 2) BRUMOS Collection Tour in Jacksonville (\$25 fee). Tickets recommended in advance.

SUNDAY - March 9:

- 1) Concours d'Elegance - The main event with a \$125 entry fee. Tickets available at ameliaconcours.com



CA WERKS REUNION

WERKS REUNION is such a great event that it deserves a whole page explaining what the event is about. It only happens twice a year (in March during Amelia Concours weekend and in August during Monterey Car Weekend).

The event is organized and hosted by PCA National and brings over 700 Porsches on display. Registration is required for Porsche Corral placement (\$99 fee). Free for spectators and walk-ins. Non-Porsche Parking: \$40. Registration open at werksreunion.com

The event showcases a wide range of Porsche models, from classic to current, allowing attendees to see a vast array of Porsche cars in one place. This includes rare and historic models, latest offerings from Porsche, and highly customized examples. The event also features a judged field where Porsches are evaluated in various categories, offering a chance to see some of the best-maintained and restored Porsches (sold out). There's also a corral parking area where members can park their Porsches (\$99 fee), turning the parking lot itself into a show of the brand's diversity and evolution.

PCA WERKS REUNION is an excellent opportunity for Porsche owners and fans to meet and share their passion. There is also a range of vendors and sponsors, offering everything from Porsche merchandise to aftermarket parts and services. It's a great place to find unique items and services tailored to Porsche owners.

The event is a celebration of Porsche's history and evolution, offering a deep dive into the brand's legacy. It is a perfect opportunity for networking with fellow Porsche enthusiasts, sharing stories, experiences, and knowledge about various aspects of Porsche ownership and maintenance while seeing the range of models and customizations that can inspire you with ideas for your own Porsche.

Check photos of 2023's event here: <https://wtrpca.org/gallery/03.04.2023-pca-werks-reunion>

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DRIVE ALL DAY, THEN RACE THE NEXT
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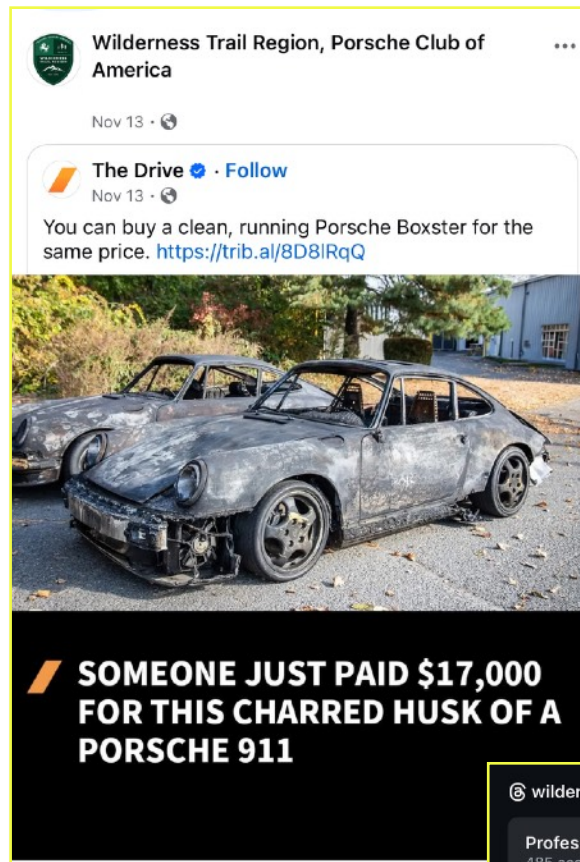
**"THE PORSCHE IS A CAR YOU EITHER GET OR
YOU DON'T. I GET IT."**

- JERRY SEINFELD

Social Media Channels

Are you on Facebook? Then join us for a world of exclusive Porsche content by following our club's page. You'll find cherished memories from past events, announcements for exciting upcoming gatherings, and even a few fun bloopers. Don't miss out! Connect with us on Facebook today:

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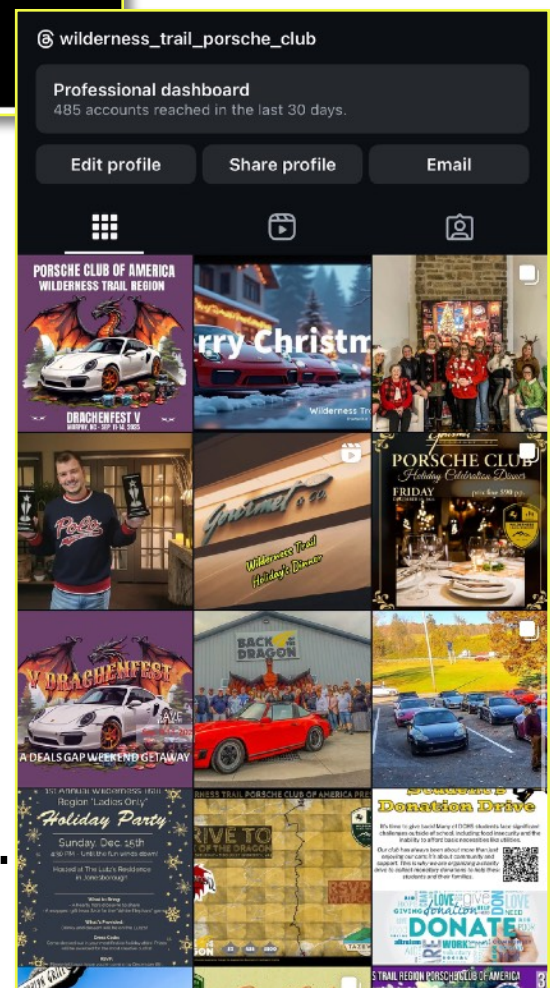


Have you scrolled through our Instagram lately? With over 800 posts, our feed is packed with everything from throwbacks to past events, sneak peeks at what's coming up, and even a few hilarious outtakes! Dive into the fun at instagram.com/wilderness_trail_porsche_club/ or just search:

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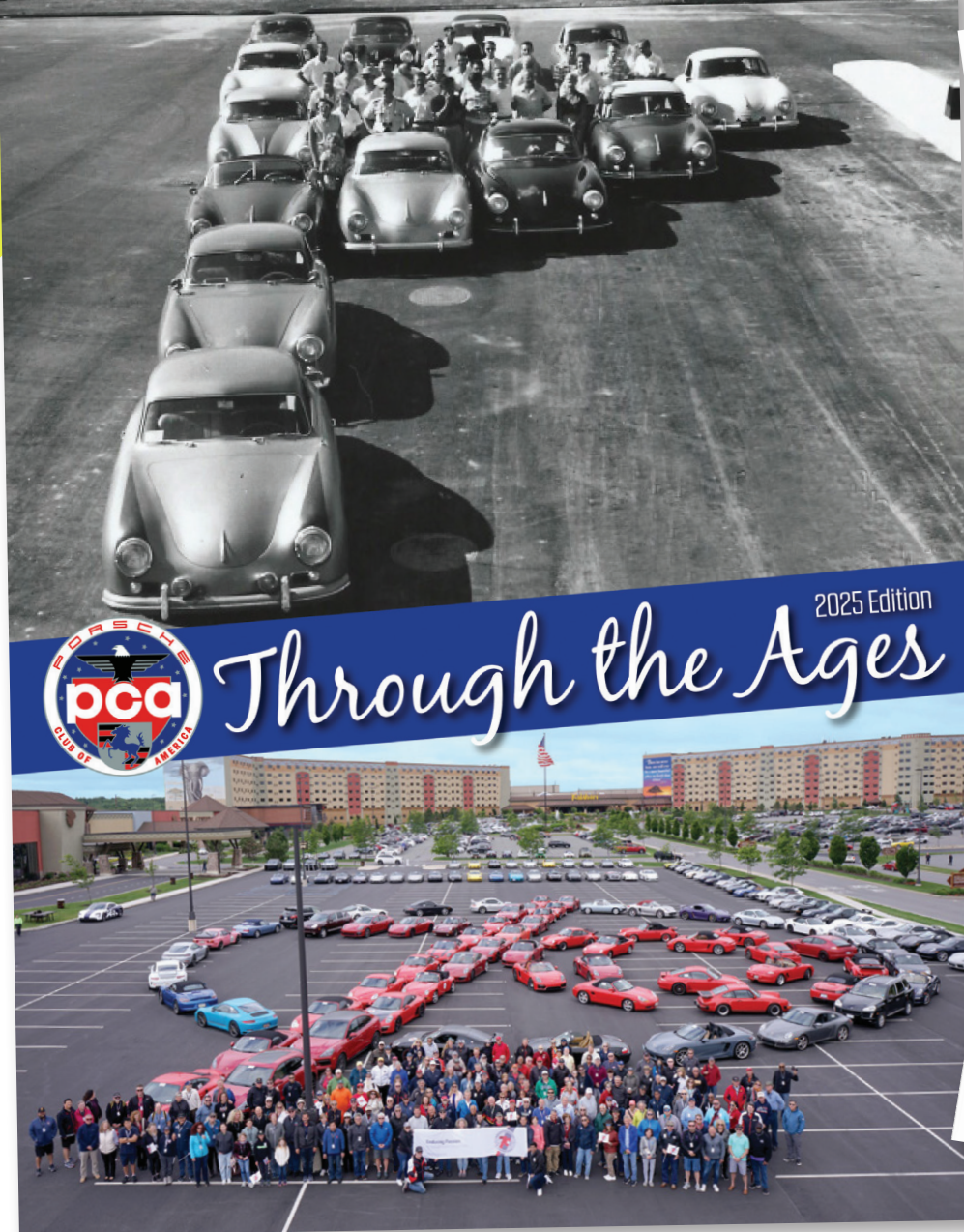


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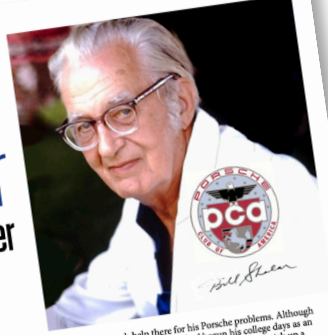
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Through the Ages

2025 Edition

Bill Sholar PCA Founder



RJ Wilmoth
PCA National Historian 2011-2021
Photos: PCA Archives

Bill was a successful commercial artist in his mid-fifties when he formed PCA. He had an interesting life before and after his time with the club, living in New York City, earning money as a dancer in Broadway shows and as a part time bootlegger. He met his wife of fifty-six years, Virginia, the Ziegfeld Follies. As he said in an interview for Panorama, "What fun we did have in the roaring twenties!" By the fifties, the Sholars had moved to Alexandria, Virginia. Bill taught art and opened an advertising art business. Virginia taught music and dance.

much help there for his Porsche problems. Although he was an artist, he had begun his college days as an engineering student. He wasn't afraid to pick up a wrench.

In early 1955 he placed flyers on every Porsche he saw in the area inviting owners to a meeting at his house in Alexandria Virginia to "exchange information on Porsche characteristics, operation, service, parts, etc."



THE FIRST PORSCHE PARADE, WHAT'S IN A NAME?

It's been written many times in PCA history and lore, there was a parade of Porsches and the name stuck. So, let's go back to December 1955 and the first issue of Panorama.

The first mention of what would become the Porsche Parade is in Pano #1. The membership is asked if it would like a "National Rally" and a few suggestions are offered.

NATIONAL RALLY

To date, most of the members of the Porsche Club of America are concentrated on the East Coast. In the Central States, Lakes region and in California, is the National Porsche Rally - either a central location or a traveling rally. In other regions, where there may be enough members to justify it, what is the best place to hold a rally? If the rally is to be a "stay away" of chasing the course, are the roads good? If the rally is to be a "stay away" of chasing the course, are the roads good? If the rally is to be a "stay away" of chasing the course, are the roads good?



Updated PCA History Book Online Now!

Through the Ages now features the latest club events and programs

New for 2025, the Porsche Club of America History Book contains an overview of the club's history, followed by individual sections covering specific detailed items. Some sections were designed for use as standalone articles for region newsletters. Individual chapters and page numbers can be "clicked on" from the contents page. Major National Awards are also included.

Take a look: <https://ww2.pca.org/pca-history>



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

Rinderrouladen are thin slices of beef, rolled up with bacon, onions, mustard, and pickles, then braised in a rich gravy. They are a hearty, comforting dish, perfect for a cold winter evening, often served with red cabbage and potato dumplings (Kartoffelklöße).

Ingredients:

- 4 thin slices of beef (about 150-200g each), from the top round or sirloin
- 4 slices of bacon (smoked or unsmoked)
- 1 large onion, finely diced
- 4-8 dill pickle spears (depending on size)
- 4 tbsp German mustard (medium-hot is best)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil or clarified butter
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- 500ml beef broth
- 200ml red wine (optional, but adds depth of flavor)
- 1 bay leaf
- 2-3 juniper berries (optional)
- 1-2 sprigs of thyme or marjoram (optional)
- String or kitchen twine, or rouladen needles

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Beef: Lay each beef slice flat on a cutting board. Lightly pound them with a meat mallet to tenderize them further and make them slightly thinner. Season both sides with salt and pepper.
2. Assemble the Rouladen: Spread about 1 tbsp of mustard evenly over one side of each beef slice. Place a slice of bacon on one end, followed by a small pile of diced onion and 1-2 pickle spears (cut in half lengthwise if they are very thick).
3. Roll and Secure: Starting from the end with the fillings, tightly roll up each beef slice. Tie them securely with kitchen twine or use rouladen needles to keep them closed during cooking.
4. Sear the Rouladen: Heat the oil or clarified butter in a large, heavy-bottomed pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Sear the rouladen on all sides until nicely browned. This is important for developing flavor. Remove the rouladen from the pot and set aside.
5. Make the Gravy: Add the remaining diced onion to the pot and sauté until softened and translucent. Stir in the tomato paste and cook for 1-2 minutes, stirring constantly, to lightly caramelize it.
6. Deglaze and Simmer: Pour in the beef broth and red wine (if using), scraping up any browned bits from the bottom of the pot. Add the bay leaf, juniper berries (if

using), and thyme or marjoram (if using). Bring the liquid to a simmer.

7. Braise the Rouladen: Return the rouladen to the pot, making sure they are mostly covered by the liquid. If needed, add more beef broth. Reduce the heat to low, cover the pot, and simmer gently for at least 1.5-2 hours, or until the beef is very tender. The longer they simmer, the more tender and flavorful they become.

8. Thicken the Gravy (optional): If the gravy is too thin after the rouladen are cooked, remove the rouladen from the pot. Mix 1-2 tablespoons of cornstarch with a little cold water to create a slurry. Whisk the slurry into the simmering gravy and cook for a few minutes, stirring constantly, until the gravy thickens to your desired consistency.

9. Serve: Remove the twine or needles from the rouladen. Serve hot with red cabbage and potato dumplings. The gravy should be generously spooned over everything.

Tips and Variations:

- You can add a carrot, some celery root (Knollensellerie), or leek to the braising liquid for extra flavor.
- Some people add a small piece of smoked sausage to the filling of each roulade.
- If you don't have red wine, you can use more beef broth or a splash of red wine vinegar.
- For a richer gravy, you can use a combination of beef and veal broth.

Guten Appetit!





Photo: Leo Anderson

It was a slow quarter, October events were impacted by the Hurricane Helene that brought destruction to East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, impacting families, businesses, and entire towns. We were faced with some tough decisions and many of our planned events had to be canceled out of respect for the emergency crews, volunteers, and families still recovering, as well as the road conditions that made access impossible. Then November and December the weather didn't help much and when it did, I had personal commitments to attend. With all of that we were able to keep some events to our calendar between October and December:

- 4-Oct - First Fridays Happy Hour - Lumac Rooftop
- 12-Oct - Porsches at TriPride
- 9-Nov - Group Drive - Back of the Dragon
- 13-Dec - Holiday Dinner - Gourmet & Co.
- 15-Dec - 1st Annual WTR Ladies Only Holiday Party

Photos of all events available at WTRPCA.ORG/GALLERY/ Turn the page for a detailed recap of each event.

Lumac Rooftop offers Bristol's first rooftop restaurant and bar, with stunning 360-degree views of the Appalachian Mountains and the city below. It's the perfect spot for great conversations, live music, and enjoying hand-crafted drinks like small-batch brews and barrel-aged whiskeys, all while soaking in the mountain air.

While several of our regulars couldn't make it, as they were still dealing with the aftermath of the hurricane, it was great to connect with those who could attend. I arrived a bit early, ordered a Dirty Hendrick's Martini, and grabbed a seat in the outdoor lounge, enjoying the perfect weather—sunny but not hot. Not long after, more club members arrived. Dicky, who joined the club earlier this year and drives a '79 Red Targa, surprised me with another martini (cheers!) and handed me the latest issue of Classic Porsche magazine, which exclusively covers air-cooled Porsches.

As we settled in, Debbie, Dicky's wife, shared how the heavy rain, winds, and fallen trees from the hurricane had caused stress-related health issues for their horses, while Bill and Darlene, thankfully, fared a bit better. It was great to catch up, even though the rooftop kitchen was still dealing with hurricane-related issues and couldn't offer hot meals. After our drinks, we headed out to find another place to eat.

As the sun set, painting the sky with a calm and peaceful glow, it was the perfect way to wrap up the evening—a little escape from the chaos, enjoying good company and beautiful views.



Photo: Leo Anderson

Fostering equality and diversity is a significant challenge facing society today, and as Club President, I believe it's essential to lead by example. Regardless of who or how you love, self-acceptance is key. On October 12th, for the third year in a row, our club had the honor of participating in the TriPride LGBTQIA+ Parade, opening the 2024 parade once again. TriPride is a regional organization dedicated to building a stronger, more inclusive community in the Tri-Cities of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

With club members proudly identifying as part of the LGBTQIA+ community, it was important for us to show up and offer our support. The parade took place on Bristol's Main Street, right along the state line between Virginia and Tennessee. We arrived at the staging area early, allowing us enough time to prepare our cars, which featured custom Wilderness Trail Region decals created for this special event. It was also an opportunity to connect with Parade Marshals, organizers, and fellow participants.

In a memorable display, we opened the parade with eight stunning Porsches, three of which were cabriolets carrying the Parade Grand Marshals. Driving through State Street, we were met with enthusiastic support from parade attendees, receiving countless thumbs-up from the crowd. Although our portion of the parade seemed to fly by, completing the route in under 20 minutes, it left a lasting impact.

Following the parade, we gathered for lunch at Cootie Browns, reflecting on our participation. By being part of this event, we sent a powerful message—that our club is for everyone. As society continues to navigate the challenges of promoting equality and diversity, our participation in the TriPride Parade demonstrated our solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community. These values of diversity and inclusion are closely aligned with the core values of Porsche, the brand we all love.



Photo: Leo Anderson

What a fantastic day! With over 45 Wilderness Trail Region members and more than 30 Porsches, we took on the legendary Back of the Dragon on a sunny, warm Fall Saturday. The drive was everything we could've hoped for and more—perfect weather, low traffic, and plenty of camaraderie.

Our journey began at the Virginia Welcome Center in Bristol, where everyone gathered at 9:30 a.m. After signing waivers and a quick drivers' meeting, the convoy hit the road with Jeremy and Leo leading two groups. We made a quick stop at the Ingles in Marion but everyone was ready to tackle the 32-mile stretch of 438 thrilling curves that make up the Back of the Dragon, so we didn't lose time and resumed the drive. Crossing three mountains from Marion to Tazewell, VA, the route challenged our driving skills with its tight turns, steep switchbacks, and elevation changes. And, as always, the Appalachian views were breathtaking.

The group enjoyed a well-earned lunch in Tazewell, giving us time to relax and refuel.

After lunch, we regrouped at the Welcome Center to start the second leg of the drive back down the Back of the Dragon. Spirits were high as we carved our way back through the curves, enjoying the light traffic, clear skies, and dry roads.

Thanks to everyone who joined and helped make this outing a memorable one! It was a perfect day on the road with our PCA family, proving once again that the Back of the Dragon is an unmatched experience for Porsche enthusiasts. Until next time, happy driving!



Photo: Richard Lutz

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GARAGE

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Holiday Dinner Celebration at Gourmet & Co. on Friday, December 13th! We had a fantastic turnout with 30 members in attendance, creating a truly festive and enjoyable evening.

From the moment we arrived, the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and holiday cheer. The pre-dinner mingling at the bar was a great opportunity to catch up with familiar faces.

Gourmet & Co. truly lived up to its reputation. The food was amazing, with each dish showcasing the quality of local ingredients and the culinary expertise of the restaurant. The service was equally outstanding, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable dining experience for everyone.

The evening wasn't just about delicious food and great company. We also had some exciting announcements from myself.

A particular highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the Future Topics Award trophies presented to our club by Porsche! It was a proud moment for all of us to see these prestigious awards in person and celebrate our global recognition together.

Overall, the Holiday Dinner Celebration was a resounding success. The combination of fantastic food, excellent service, a lively atmosphere, and exciting announcements made for a truly memorable night. Thank you again to everyone who attended and made it so special. We look forward to celebrating with you again soon!



Photo: Leo Anderson

Show off your Wilderness Trail pride with our amazing WTR PCA Merchandise! We have several items listed at the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/dfa0287c-e086-4bef-87eb-fe90c39056ab> or you can use the short URL <https://tinyurl.com/WTRMERCH> to order! See below some of the items you will find available to order.



Emotional Support Club - Static Cling: Are you #TeamWTR? Then show it off with our unique "Emotional Support Club" static clings! Measuring a perfect 3" x 3", these high-quality stickers are designed to firmly adhere to any glass surface, inside or outside your car window, and they are adhesive free. These clings are a fun and stylish way to declare your love for your Porsche and your favorite club - they are a satire of a very famous 'Emotional Support' Porsche decal. They're durable, easy to apply and remove, and won't leave any residue. Available for a limited time only. Order now and be the proud display of your passion and club spirit! \$5 (mailing cost is included)!



WTR Key Chain: Add a Touch of Porsche Elegance to Your Keys with Our Wilderness Trail Region Keychain! Special Offer: Sold in sets of 2 for only \$15, including shipping! The stylish and durable acrylic keychain, featuring our club's logo. Perfect for club enthusiasts looking to accessorize their keys with a piece of Wilderness Trail PCA pride!

- Vibrant Design: Printed in full color on one side, showcasing the elegant Wilderness Trail Region PCA logo.
- Quality Craftsmanship: Made from sturdy acrylic, ensuring durability and a sleek look.
- Convenient and Secure: Assembled with a clear snap closure and a robust stainless-steel key ring.



"Nobody's Perfect" T-shirt: 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. This shirt isn't just a piece of clothing, but a testament to the true Porsche passion that lies in conquering the twists and turns of the great outdoors. WTR's logo at the chest level (left side) 4" tall. Embrace your inner Porsche enthusiast and proudly proclaim your allegiance to Wilderness Trail with this bold T-shirt. Order now and hit the open road in style!

Membership News



ur club continue to grow strong! We are now at 217 main members and 129 Co-members. Year-to-date: 30 new main members!!!

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

Alex Doyle - Test Drive Member
 Colville Griffith - 1983 911 SC Cabriolet - Transferred from Carolinas
 Brian Dobben - 2012 Panamera
 Matt Ford - 2017 Macan GTS
 Thomas & Heidi Barnes - 2016 911 Carrera S Cabriolet
 Alex Tilson - 1986 944 Turbo - Transferred from Smoky Mountain
 Erick & Beth Bulawa - 2014 Cayman
 Kimberly Cowden - 2017 Macan Turbo
 Tony & Alina Purrinos-Perez - 2019 911 GT3
 Dick and Debbie Mott - 2006 Boxster
 Andy Harman - Test Drive Member
 Micah Roberts - 2014 Cayenne GTS
 Alan Ragsdate - 2011 Boxster
 Scott Turner - 1973 914 1.7
 Todd Norris - 2017 Panamera Turbo
 Chris Rademacher - 2018 718 Boxster GTS - Transferred from Smoky Mountain
 Kimberly Browder - 2023 718 Cayman GTS 4.0 - Transferred from Appalachian
 E Phillip Smith & Susan Smith - 1987 911 Carrera - Transferred from Tennessee
 Will & Lisa Weill - 2021 911 Carrera S Cabriolet - Transferred from Carolinas
 James & Tracy Benard - 2006 Porsche 911 - Transferred from Alaska
 Stephen Evans - 2022 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
 William & Ann Traer - 2020 Cayenne Turbo
 Ben Mcanly - 2016 718 Cayman
 Clinton Sutherland - 1977 911 Targa
 James Myers - 2004 911 Carrera
 Tom Soike - 2024 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
 Cade Lane - 2019 Cayenne
 David Thomas - 2007 Cayman S
 Tracy Bernard & Jamie Sandberg - 2006 Cayenne S - Transferred from Alaska
 Wade Kinsman - 1999 911 Carrera Cabriolet - Transferred from Blue Ridge Region

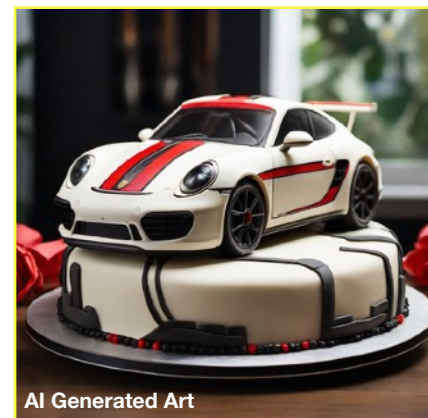


ongratulations on your Membership Anniversary!

Ed Yates - 45 years
 Scott Arnold - 43 years
 John Dellis - 39 years
 Kernie Timmons - 35 years
 Tom Raymond - 34 years
 Wes Adams - 33 years
 Scott Hubbard - 33 years
 Michael Roberts - 32 years
 Tim Loy - 31 years
 Mark Finley - 30 years
 Jerry Smith - 29 years
 Richard Lutz - 29 years
 Ted Koehner - 25 years
 Joseph Brown - 25 years
 Jerry Godsey - 24 years
 Randy Moore - 24 years
 Bill Griffith - 23 years
 Jaye Cornett - 22 years
 Robert Scales - 22 years
 Frank Saylor - 22 years
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 Derek Guske - 10 years
 Dave Sample - 10 years
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 Kenny Parker - 9 years
 Ira Deere - 9 years
 Mitchell Rainero - 9 years
 David Neese - 9 years

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



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Membership Anniversary Recognition

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

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

- 25 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin
- 30 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate
- 35 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate
- 40 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Name Badge
- 45 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Name Badge
- 50 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin and Name Badge
- 55 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin and Name Badge
- 60 years - Letter, Decal, Certificate, Pin and Name Badge

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

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!





PCA Celebrates 70 Years!

Porsche Club of America started in 1955 with 190 charter members. 70 years later, PCA has grown to over 167,000 members, across the United States of America and Canada, in 14 Zones and 148 Regions with thousands of events annually! PCA has big plans for our 70th anniversary including special events, activities and announcements!

Save the Date: September 13, 2025



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

