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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

APRIL '11 NEWSLETTER

President Greg Schuette distributed his meeting agenda to members and stated he felt like this approach will give our meetings more direction, make them shorter and increase the social aspect of the meetings. Greg welcomed new member Rob Hamm who has a 2008 Cayman-s and will only be with us a couple months, then is relocating to FL.

Greg mentioned the passing of Don Hill and praised his accomplishments in the auto industry and community, as well as serving Gideon's International for so many years. Greg felt we should make a contribution to the Gideon's International, everyone agreed and the club will donate \$100.

The Parade this year is July 31 to August 6th and will be the last year on the east coast for several years. If you would like to attend this annual best of best Porsche outing please register fast as they will cut off the registration soon. The Parade is being held in Savannah, a great town for food and many of the activities will be on Hutchinson Island which is basically a race track. If you have not seen Roebing Road Raceway, this would be a great time to tour that facility as well, many DE events are held there annually along with lots of tire testing, etc.

Brenda, Hugh, Greg, Sr., and Greg, Jr. attended the Heart of Dixie 50th Anniversary recently and had a splendid weekend. The weather was perfect and there were 104 Porsches parading to a 152 year old estate where all the cars were parked in the front yard, under shade trees by year of the car. Magnificent display of cars from 1964 to 2011 with a nice picnic. Leading the parade back to the Marriott was a "police special", 996-911 Police car that was seized from a drug runner and now used for police work. The car was beautifully lettered with graphics and the officer was really nice and enjoyed himself. Saturday night featured a banquet involving several past presidents, many Zone 3 Representatives and Zone 3 Officers from various regions. Also past PCA president Kurt Gibson and current PCA president Manny Alban were in attendance along with our Porsche Regional Manager Dominec Calkins. Dominec informed us of many new things Porsche will be introducing and explained in detail some recent introductions but would not reveal any really new "hot stuff" down the road, as he said he was "sworn to secrecy". Jim Cambron, President of HOD region introduced the owner of Porsche of Huntsville & expanded on their awesome relationship over the years. He said all regions need to have this type of a relationship with your local Porsche dealer for both to prosper. Hugh reported that not only the Porsche dealership owner was there but his sales staff and service staff and manager. They also attend all functions of HOD region. Leonard Turner (former Zone #3 Representative) photographer of Panamera magazine was also in attendance and earlier did a seminar showing a lot of his work over the years, gave lots of photography tips and answered many questions from the audience on photography.

Our treasurers report this month shows some deposits from PCA on memberships with an ending balance of \$10,047.55. Thanks Wayne!

Last year we passed a resolution appropriating up to \$3,000 (plus monthly fees) to establish a new web site. Currently Derek has totally redesigned the web site, added many features and activities and his charge for all the work is \$400. Kerner Timmons made a motion we pay Derek the \$400 and Johnathan Nickels seconded the motion. We will ask Treasurer Wayne to pay Derek his fee for the web site redesign as well as monthly maintenance fees.

Johnathan Nickels has volunteered to be our club historian and would like for everyone who has old materials of any significance to bring this information to our next meetings. Johnathan would like to find one central place to store these materials and some of the information can even be used on our new web site.

May is a month with 5-Sundays and we have discussed previously about taking advantage of this 5th Sunday for a short tour or drive. Also July has 5-Sundays, 5-Fridays and 5-Saturdays. Everyone please come up with some ideas on where we might drive our Porsches, see some sights and have a good meal.

Craig Haltom feels we should delay our DE @ VIR scheduled for June 3rd until fall. It appears Rezoom has scheduled a DE at VIR the week before, since we will be catering to basically the same registrants, it may be hard to fill our spots? No one objected and Craig will check with VIR on a fall date and delay or postpone our DE to fall.

The Blue Ridge Boxster Summit is scheduled for June 1st thru 5th and has been relocated from Blowing Rock to Little Switzerland along the BR Parkway. There will be 75 to 80 Boxster/Caymans there from Canada to FL participating in the events. No rally, no autocross, just good times driving our cars all over the mountain areas with some great meals, fellowship and tech sessions. You can check their web site www.brbs.org for more information and sign their register. That list will be used to e-mail the official registration form in a couple weeks.

Our May 2nd meeting will be at member Todd Bohan's Service & Training Academy located at 1716 West Market Street in Johnson City. Our food will have to be catered so **PLEASE EVERYONE USE OUR WEB SITE TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE!!!** Or, if you do not want to use our newly designed web site, confirm to Greg, Derek or myself. All our e-mail addresses are on the front of this newsletter. We must have a confirmation so we will order enough food for everyone.

Spring Tip

Now that the weather is getting better and you can drive your Porsches. If your tires are a few years old and you have not driven your car much since last fall, (before you get real serious about driving high speeds for long distances) stop by your favorite tire dealer and have them check your tires for aging cracks, punctures and or side wall damage. With low profile tires on most all our cars, a winter chug-hole can seriously damage a sidewall, wheel or suspension part. If your Porsche needs tires make sure they are speed rated for your car/application so you can enjoy this super driving season coming up.

Hugh Tackett