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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

MARCH '12 NEWSLETTER

Our March meeting was held at the Chop House in Kingsport, since our Valentines dinner a few weeks ago they have renovated the meeting room with partitions and real glass doors rather than using drapes/curtains for more privacy and increased sound improvement. President Greg Schuette welcomed newly relocated PCA members from San Diego, John and Aileen Kressin and Zak Schuette (Greg's son) who is home on college break. Greg also invited John & Aileen to participate in our upcoming activities.

Coming up in July is the largest PCA annual event for the year in Salt Lake, Utah; the **PCA Parade**. Registration is open now and we highly recommend you register as early as possible, because they limit the number of registrants. The activities and events are:-

- Concours d' Elegance
- Road Rally
- Autocross
- Tech and Historical Quiz
- Art Show
- Golf Tournament
- 5 K Run/Walk
- Tennis
- Radio-Controlled Car Activities
- Many Children's activities and other events

The #44 Magnus GT winner at the 2012 Daytona Rolex-24 is based there at Miller Sports Racetrack and I am sure owner John Potter (PCA member) will be happy to have Parade participants visit his race shops.

There are so many things to visit in that area of our beautiful USA and the adjoining states of Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada are just 1 to 3 hour drives due to the northern location of Salt Lake. Don't forget to drive out and see where all the Land/Speed records are set at the Bonneville Salt Flats!!!

If your are taking an extended vacation and driving, the Grand Canyons are a days drive south or on over to Las Vegas for the slots or celebrity shows. See the Parade advertisement on page two or go to the PCA web site for more information - <http://www.pca.org/>

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THE 2012 PORSCHE PARADE



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JULY 8 - 14, 2012

PCA's Premier Event Of The Year!

- Autocross • Concours • Rally • Driving Tours • Tech Sessions
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Salt Lake City -
Mountains
Scenic Wonder
Crossroads
of the West

Registration
opens March 13,
2012 so start
planning now!
Register Early
to Join the
Fun!

Learn more and register at parade2012.pca.org

5th Sunday Drives

For the balance of 2012, 4-months have 5-Sundays for Touring, sightseeing and enjoying our Porsches. Greg will meet with a couple members and come up with a nice drive for April 29th. Everyone be thinking of other drives and places of interest for the other Sundays. These 5th Sunday drives were a lot of fun last year.

Web site Competition

Greg will obtain all the rules for the 2012 web site competition and would like for Derek to enter our web site. Many members had accolades on the outstanding job Derek has done creating and maintaining our web site and feels there is no other web site out there any better. We wish Derek luck in competition and thank him for his hard work and creations!!!!

WTR—PCA Business Cards

Included in your Agenda for our meeting is a business card Derek created (front and back) we could all use to invite potential new members to our club and meetings, etc. This could be given personally or left on the windshield of a local Porsche. Everyone agreed and would like for the club to purchase a small amount for invites or other uses.

Upcoming Events and Activities—See our website for more details, listings & registrations

April 2, Club meeting at Bonefish in Johnson City.

April 21, Porsche Swap Meet —Hershey, PA.

April 27-29, Smokey Mtn Region “Spring Thing” in Town send, TN.

May 7, Club meeting at Service & Training Academy in Johnson City.

May 20, Whitetop, VA annual Ramp Festival and Crafts Show (bring mouthwash) then to Shatley Springs, NC for a family style dinner.

May 26-28, Carolina Region “Sommerfest 2012” at South Carolina University in Columbia, SC.

May 31 to June 3, Blue Ridge Boxster Summit in Little Switzerland, N C on the Blue Ridge Parkway @ 4,000 ft.

June 4, Club meeting, location to be decided. Please go to our web site and click on Possible Meeting Locations (multiple choice) or write-in your ideas in box below.

Note: If you have not navigated our WTR web site please do so, there is lots of information and you can anonymously add comments or suggestions which we would really appreciate. This is YOUR CLUB and we would like comments on how we could do more FOR YOU or the club in general.

WTR TREASURY REPORT

Our balance as of 3-5-12 was \$4,620.62 which includes PCA quarterly membership rebates. One outstanding check to James Lewis for \$250. Last year when our May DE was canceled we refunded deposits and this gentleman has not cashed his check. If anyone knows James please ask him to cash the check or contact us. Thanks to Treasurer Wayne Thacker for this report.

Future Club Events per our Agenda

We have discussed an overnighter in N C to visit the Childress Vineyards for wine tasting. Also a Teen Driving Session and Charity Event. Would everyone who has been working on these events please finalize any details and report to us at our April meeting?

Greenbrier Resort, in WV

Wes Adams reported he and Jo had spent a weekender at the fabulous Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV. They had a marvelous time, food and service was top notch and the amenities are abundant. 2 or 3 Golf courses, Tennis, Croquet and the tour of the bunker for our country's leaders is worth the trip. Ed and Susie Yates has also visited this marvelous resort and we need to decide what weekend will work and make this happen. Wes also reminded us of the upcoming Ramp Festival and Craft Show in May which is listed in our upcoming events in this newsletter.

How To Buy An Entry-Level Porsche

Finding the right Porsche can be a great adventure but it can also be a little daunting as well. Here are some tips that will make searching for the right Porsche at the right price a little easier.

Tips on buying an 911 SC By Jim Schragar —

While you weren't watching, the 911SC has quietly become one of the greatest all-time Porsche bargains ever. Here's how to buy one.....

A 911SC isn't a second-rate Porsche. It was the mainstay of the line, with all the engineering excellence, attention to detail, and development you'd expect. In its day it was the car to own and the biggest seller by far. And if you haven't driven one lately, it delivers wonderful performance.

So how much to pay for a 911SC? A rough 911SC can be had for as low as \$5,000. There can be some great buys at those prices, but unless you really know your way around 911s, I don't suggest you start there. Really nice cars can start the mid-teens, say \$15,000 to \$20,000, the sweet spot to get a car someone has cared for, updated and is ready to be enjoyed by a new

owner. Above this price you can find exceptional cars in unusual colors with low miles but they don't make the best hobby cars. In between \$5,000 and \$15,000, you'll find all manner of 911SCs, some needing too much work and some that are great deals as long as you are willing to tackle some projects. It is often the projects that make a hobby car the great fun it is.

As you think about what car to buy, first some ground rules. This is not about winning a concours or a race, this is a car to drive and enjoy with the lowest possible expense and the highest possible fun. Next, be realistic about your priorities. Budget the time or money to do things that are important for the safety and life of the car, while letting other projects wait as resources are available. Third, don't worry about checking with the classifieds to see what your car is worth this month. It's just a car, so feel free to enjoy it as it was meant to be used.

A 911SC, properly chosen and prepared, will surprise you with the great fun you'll have driving it. They don't feel as light or tossable as a 356 or early 911, but are blessed with bountiful torque and that wonderful feeling of being built out of a single piece of steel so characteristic of the 356s and early 911s of old. Plus this car is seriously fast, and can handle all modern road speeds without breathing hard. So what projects lie ahead for the new 911SC owner?



The 911SC was the mainstay of the line between 1978 and 1983. Today it continues to deliver wonderful performance. Photo by Leonard Turner.

To be continued next month— Engine Issues, Transmissions and Brakes, Creature Comforts and News on Rust. START LOOKING!!! Enjoy*Hugh Tackett*