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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

MAY'11 NEWSLETTER

Our meeting for May was held at Todd Bohon's training facility on Market Street and President Greg Schuette thanked Todd for his hospitality, free 'adult beverages' and arranging Main Street Caterer's in Jonesborough for our delicious food. Greg also welcomed new members Mandy and Steve Wetsell (2007 Cayman) & Tom Dutton who attended our Christmas dinner last year.

Greg also thanked Tom Raymond, our 'in house' professional photographer, for his time to meet our officers at Hugh's garage one Saturday morning to take officer photo's for our web site and other uses. This months meeting at Todd's training facility will allow our members to see how equipped the building is for doing tech before a DE or to do tech sessions on maintenance or perhaps compare Porsche chassis models, as one training room is equipped with a lift. Starting next month we will find a restaurant to use for the next quarter and then another to use for the 3rd quarter, so we can rotate the meetings for members convenience and sample other restaurants.

Last weekend Greg, Becky, Brenda & Hugh drove to Middlesboro, KY to arrange a visit to the museum there on May 29th, (our 5th Sunday in May) and to visit Cumberland Gap National Park where you can see into several states. Middlesboro is the only U S city built in a meteor crater and samples of rock are displayed in the museum along with pictures and a video of Glacier Girl. A war plane from W W II that was dug up from over 250 feet of ice in Greenland after it was landed when low on fuel. This plane was brought up piece by piece and transported to the Middlesboro airport, where it was re-assembled and flown again after years of preservation in ice. This will be a great 5 to 6 hour drive with lunch at the Gondolier Italian restaurant (fabulous desserts), starting at Rick Hill Porsche and returning to Kingsport at one of the ice cream stores.

July and October also have 5-Sundays, so everyone be thinking of more short drive destinations, to take advantage of the opportunities and enjoy our cars.

Last May Robert McQueen invited our club to have a party at his lovely home which turned out extremely well. Lots of property for our 'hot rods' and a Concours. Greg would like to do another party this year on a similar scale and will look into the Allendale Mansion as a possible site and report back.

Our web site is working well, Derek continually maintains the site with new additions and links to PCA National as well as Rick Hill and others. If you have not tried our new web site please do so @ www.wtrpca.org.

Todd would like for our club to do a Concourse in the fall and has contacted a British car club and hopes we can contact other car clubs to make our event large and with great variety. If there is an interest Todd will pursue this event, anyone interested in assisting Todd or displaying their car please get in touch with Todd @ 423-676-6602. The Con-

course could make this a wonderful social event, allowing us to see what other clubs are doing for drives /events and include a BBQ dinner.

The Greenbrier trip was discussed again and Ed feels like we need to make this a weekender as the drive is over 200 miles one way. He also hopes we can combine our trip with First Settler's Region in the Tidewater area of VA, as they have also shown interest in going to the Greenbrier. Troy will look into the exact costs involved and get back to us next month.

Ed, Greg Miller and Robert McQueen had fully a trip to N C to visit several wineries. with them but they have not responded posi-fall and Ed will need some volunteers to as-our visit. Members please step up and assist catering everyone's palette to different wines. and VA so lets do some research and plan a



planned a wine tasting for this year. Hope-However, Ed has tried to discuss the event tively. We can still do this drive/event in the sist in locating the wineries and arranging Ed as this could be a lot of fun as well as edu-There are even wineries in TN and nearby KY very nice fall drive and wine tasting.

The trip to Highlands is also another weekender doable if we will start planning. The motels there have to be booked weeks in advance, as tourism is very strong there in the summer. Also Highlands is a great place for weddings and we will undoubtedly run into a few of those. Ed stated that if any of the trips mentioned herein are interesting, we may have to prepay and secure/guarantee the rooms and sometimes even guarantee dinner reservations, depending on the venue. Strategic planning is a must for these trips.

The Rod Group in Carter County who have the Saturday night rod runs in Elizabethton are planning their 2nd annual car show in July, at Borla Exhaust just off 26 in Johnson City. Borla will be having plant tours and there will be several hundred cars on display.

Tom Raymond reported on the Great Race that will be starting in Chattanooga and ending in Vermont during the month of June. All cars entering must be pre 1969 and on Saturday June 11th they will be stopping over in Maggie Valley, N C for the night. They will be arriving between 3 to 5 PM at Wheels of Time and this would make a great drive while getting to see all the cars and have dinner later in Asheville. Some may choose to stay over on Saturday night, the new Hilton off 26 in Asheville is a very nice facility and there are several really nice restaurants nearby along with a Cinema movie theatre. If anyone would like to show their car contact Borla.



The weather is getting better, there are many drives we can enjoy and lots of events that are being planned with other groups in Highlands and Waynesville, N C this summer. Many opportunities to enjoy our Porsche cars that we enjoy and are so proud of owning. Everyone please be thinking of destinations and volunteer to assist Greg, Ed (or whoever) plan these events to make them a reality. Enjoying our cars that we all work very hard to purchase (and pay the insurance), rather than allowing them to be 'garage queens' is where it is at!!! Going places, whether PCA events or not is a great place to meet people. PCA events are just awesome, enabling us to see other Porsches and participate in their functions.

Treasurer Wayne reported after deposits and payments last month our bank balance is \$10,452.55.

Safety Tip:- If you have not had your brakes and tires checked for the 2011 hot summer driving season, please do so (safety is #1), maybe even get a tune-up at your favorite service facility. Last weekend at VIR in the Porscheplatz Corral parking, one member had to use his spare because his rear tires were wearing on the inside, were down to the cords and caused a tire to go flat. Luckily he was near a gas station because his Porsche inflator would not pump up his compact spare. Good luck!

Enjoy.....*Hugh Tackett*