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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

FEBRUARY '11 NEWSLETTER

Our new President Greg Schuette welcomed everyone to our new meeting place, the Chop House in Kingsport. He particularly thanked some long-time members Dow Strader and Todd Bohon. Dow has been a PCA member for a long time, he purchased a new Porsche 356 at the factory for a European delivery. We sincerely hope they will not stay away so long this time and attend our functions. Greg thanked everyone for their confidence in electing him President and said he will do his very best in carrying out his duties. He has updated all our forms at PCA National and our zone representative Bob Saville is very pleased they have been updated.

Greg said the most important form he filed was the Continuity Report, which makes sure we are following guidelines of all policies with PCA and IRS. He then introduced all officers to the club and explained their responsibilities.

Our guest for the evening Amanda, from Kingsport Boys & Girls Club, announced the 2011 raffle to raise money for the Boys & Girls Club. They will be giving away a 2011 Porsche Boxster and offered flyers for our membership. The car will be given away April 9th at the Meadowview Convention Gala. Anyone interested please contact the Kingsport Boys & Girls Club.

Greg thanked Wayne Treasurer, for the writicial reports. There was January to February as or expenditures leaving \$10,296.99.

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TRG #67 in Winners Circle with Team
At Daytona Rolex-24 2011

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2011 Greg would serious thought as trips, weekenders or one may be inter-way we can accom-wants, enjoy our great fun.

Craig Haltom reported we have June 3rd (Friday) confirmed with VIR for our DE and anyone interested can register at www.motorsportreg.com. Our Friday event last year was well attended and by increasing the number of registrants we made more money than any previous DE. Craig also said that VIR is one of the best tracks for anyone who has not done a DE. The track is very safe with lots of 'run-off' and a well run facility. Plus, we have some excellent instructors which any Novice will have to use, so no one can "drive over their head" and bring their trophy (personal car) back home in one piece. The cost of our DE is approximately \$12,500 (with corner workers, etc) and we should gross around \$14,500 (with 95 to 100 registrants) which should net our club \$2,000.

Greg would like to see the club maintain at least one DE annually but focus more on social events, such as weekenders or Sunday drives, to increase our social events overall.

Ed Yates reported that he, Greg Miller and Robert McQueen are working on a wine tasting event and drive to N C during the month of May. More to follow next month. Ed and Susie are going to The Greenbriar in White Sulphur Springs, WV for a few days. And will check out their facilities

for a possible club weekender. They offer outstanding golf courses, Casino, Spa and many many more amenities. Check out this web site for more information <http://www.roanoke.com/extra/wb/278222> Last month Hugh added many PCA events to our newsletter in hopes of getting more members involved in various PCA activities.

Greg has talked to Hugh's son Derek regarding the updating of our WTR web site. Derek has done one for his fathers business and is willing to pursue making our site more informational and user friendly. We have been unsuccessful for several years in getting the web site updated and Derek feels he can do what we need and be within our financial guidelines voted on a few months ago. Craig Haltom made a motion we employ Derek for updating our web site and Johnathan Nickels seconded the motion. Everyone voted to have Derek update our web site. Derek will report back next month after experimenting with our information and the internet format.

Our Zone 3 representative Bob Saville spoke to Greg regarding the club assisting non-profit charities. And told Greg that PCA will actually help the club financially hold an event. Everyone be thinking of a charity we could help and possibly do a different charity each year to show no partiality.

In 2011 we have five (5) months with five (5) Sundays. This would be a terrific time for driving our Porsches, breakfast, lunch or dinner and enjoy our membership and cars. Everyone come up with a destination and restaurant for next months meeting but we don't necessarily have to wait until May for the next 5-Sunday month, since we missed January due to our winter weather. ***As long as the weather is good anytime is great for a drive!!!***



All five (5) TRG cars—photo op before start of Rolex-24



Night pit stop and driver change for #67 TRG



Inside #67 car with maze of wiring Tubes/lines, etc.

Hugh reported on his phenomenal experience of assisting TRG in the #67 pits during the Rolex-24. He has known Kevin Buckler (owner of TRG) for sometime and asked if he needed help during the Rolex. Kevin said they did and they would be delighted to have Hugh assist. On Friday he spent most of the day in the garages getting to know the crews and watching the cars being completed. Saturday the team manager asked Hugh to help where needed and after getting over to the pits it seemed like more help was needed on the #67 team so he stayed with them during the 24-hours. Hugh was so impressed with owner Kevin Buckler as he worked the consoles of all his main 4-teams, going back and forth and talking to all the engineers and crew chiefs during the race. After the clutch went out on the #67 car at midnight, things did not look good and then after a botched brake change later in the night the team got about 4 or 5 laps down. All the drivers drove the car "gingerly" after the clutch blew and one driver elected not to drive any more stints as he feared he might spin the car, which would be disaster since the car could not start from a dead stop on its own. In spite of the problems by noon on Sunday #67 had made up the laps and by the end of the race at 3:30, #67 won by almost 2-laps. After being up 35 straight hours Hugh said he never felt so good after the #67 car received the checkered flag. Particularly after starting last, due to a very minor violation of the rear wing after qualifying #1 and getting the pole. Hugh was also quite impressed with driver Andy Lally who qualified #67 on the pole and did a double stint Sunday to be in the car in the event the car won. During the night each time Andy would do a stint he would pick up a lap which undoubtedly allowed #67 to get back on the lead lap and eventually winning the GT class. Hugh said he had the experience of a lifetime and going to Victory Lane the first time, plus being in the "hot pits", was so very very special. He will always be grateful to TRG for giving him the opportunity to assist in their winning efforts.

Everyone be thinking of restaurants we can hold our meetings. Greg would like to change meeting places every 3-months but keep them in the Tri-Cities area for convenience. We will meet at the Chop House the next 2-months and hope members will have checked out more restaurants with meeting rooms, for the club to decide on the next quarter.

Both Craig Haltom, VP and Greg Schuette, Pres., will not be able to attend the Regional Presidents meeting in Atlanta the end of the month due to prior commitments, so Johnathan Nickels has volunteered to attend. We look forward to Johnathans report next month.

Todd Bohon offered a training facility adjacent to his business for the clubs use, for a tech session or other training? There is a classroom with video and car lift for any demonstrations and located in Johnson City near Market and State of Franklin. Mark Finley will call Dave at Rick Hill Porsche and see if they can put together some training or a tech session so everyone can learn more about their cars.



#67 Drivers Spencer Pumpelly and Brendon Gaughan checking the computer lap stats



What race would be complete without the NOS Umbrella girls???



TRG owner Kevin Buckler posing for media before race

Eddie Seabolt communicated with Rick Hill Porsche regarding how we could work together and increase membership while hopefully keeping those PCA members returning to RHP for service and cars. Rick Hill Porsche will call former members (who may have allowed their membership to lapse) as well as potential new ones and invite to our meetings/functions. RHP and WTR to share 50/50 the 1st year of annual membership for these individuals and pay for their dinner at our next meeting. If a Porsche sale was involved the salesperson at RHP will accompany this potential new member to our meeting. We hope these actions will create a warm welcome to potential new members while allowing the opportunity of working with RHP for the betterment of our relationship and future.

Enjoy our newsletter and pictures, until next month.....*Hugh Tackett*



Porsche 907 LH—First 24-hour Victory for Porsche in 1968 Daytona 24-hour race



Hurley Haywood Brumos Porsche



Class of the field In DP—Flying Lizard Set pole and new track record



Speed Reporter Justin Bell in for refreshments



Former driver for TRG “health-nut” Craig Stanton. Craig, Andy Lally & 2-other drivers won the 24-hour Mountain Bike race in WV last year over professional bike racers.



Hugh with #67 ace driver Andy Lally