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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

JUNE '11 NEWSLETTER

Our June meeting was held at Alta Cucina Italian restaurant on Roan Street in Johnson city. Great food and good parking for our 'rides' to tire-kick after the meeting. President Greg Schuette welcomed Rob Hamm and Landon Jackson. Rob confirmed he would be relocating to FL and transferring his PCA member ship there. We wished him well and invited him back when in the area.

July is the next month with 5-Sundays, everyone be submitting ideas to Greg for a Sunday drive. In May we had a very nice drive to KY, perhaps we could take the backroads to Asheville for lunch? Where is your favorite Sunday drive?

Wayne submitted his monthly Treasurers report and after depositing reimbursements from PCA we have a \$11,338.86 balance. Certainly enough for a summer social!!!

Greg & Hugh reported on the Blue Ridge Boxster Summit held in Little Switzerland last weekend. Little Switzerland was perfect venue, closer to the Blue Ridge Parkway (than the previous Blowing Rock venue) and in the middle of the 226 & 226-A loop, which are phenomenal sports car roads. There were 85 cars (primarily Boxsters with a few 911's) and 150 registered participants. Dinners were done at the host Little Switzerland Inn. Excellent meals and spectacular views in many directions.



Thursday was Boxsters at Bristol Motor Speedway. A tour of the facilities, Parade to the infield, laps on the track and a spectacular lunch in the Bruton Smith Suite. Then a visit to Hugh's Garaj Mahal. This event gets larger and more fun every year. Put May 31st to June 3rd 2012 on your calendar for next year.

Greg reported Derek has added many past and new events to our new web site and if you have not taken a few minutes to check it out you need to do so. The web site is a wonderful medium for

upcoming events, registering and a great way to "stay in touch" with Wilderness Trail Region events. Don't forget if you have ideas to add or improve our web site you can leave an anonymous message for Greg Schuette.

Our officers recently met at Rick Hill Imports Conference Room (along with The Professor) to discuss future events for the rest of 2011. Thanks to Rick Hill for a very quiet and nice meeting room. Since our party last spring at Robert McQueens was such a success we will visit the Allendale Mansion after the meeting to see if exactly what they have to offer. After meeting there we found two barns are available, a large picnic area outside one barn (with Gazebo for music) and the Mansion itself is available. Greg will check with

the Allendale on rates and availability. Greg did call them and their barn venues are quite affordable at a few hundred dollars. There is lots of parking and grassy areas for a Concours. He has reserved the main barn with adjacent outside picnic area for Sunday August 7th, will look into finding a band and would like for the picnic time to be from 3 PM to 8 PM. Should weather be an issue requiring barn use, we will need to get a permit and have a Fire Marshall to use the main barn indoors.

Craig reported he had confirmed our DE at VIR on October 20th (Thursday) and that weekend is an SCCA event which might add some entries to our event. Craig invited anyone who has not experienced a DE to register for our event. The track is great for someone who has not been to the track before with lots of run off and safety features built-in. We all own performance cars and doing a DE is a unbelievable place to enjoy your car the way it was designed to be driven with safety factors. Go to www.motorsportreg.com and register. Due to our canceling the May DE, there were 6 or 7 people already registered which we refunded their registration fees, so Craig will offer those individuals a discount on our October DE.

Wayne recommended CMP in South Carolina as another track we could use for a 2nd DE this year. The rental is about half or 2/3 rds of the VIR rental and may offer our members and registrants another venue. Wayne and Randy have done DE's there and like the track.

Mark Finley said he has not finalized a tech session for a future meeting at Todd Bohon's Training Center. He may consider calling one of our members who is knowledgeable in detailing for a future meeting and will report back to us.

As another suggestion for a meeting topic, Greg wondered if members could speak about their travels. Both Ed Yates and Tom Raymond have traveled extensively and we are sure could make the meeting very entertaining with their experiences around the world. Ed Yates also suggested we could use Wayne Thacker's vast knowledge of specifying cars and his relating about all the cars he has owned. On second thought that may not be a good idea as this could be a meeting lasting several hours!!! Just kidding Wayne, we would love to hear about all your "hot rods", let us know when you are ready and we hope you have slides too.

Troy suggested having a technical individual familiar with how to increase performance in a late model 911 at a meeting. With a good, better, best method of improving your car. From something as simple as re-flashing or replacing the computer with a new exhaust system to things of more serious nature such as turbo charging/supercharging and even making a track car. As you can see there are some great ideas from our membership for some interesting topics.

This coming Saturday June 11th we are meeting at the N C Welcome/Rest Stop @ 1:00 PM so we can travel as a group to Wheels of Time in Maggie Valley and view the Hemmings/Coker Great Race entries. Approximately 70 pre 1969 cars. They will be leaving Chattanooga Saturday morning and will end up in Bennington, VT next weekend. After visiting the museum and seeing the Great Race entries we will drive to Asheville for dinner at P F Changes at 6:45 PM.

Ed returned to The Greenbrier last week and sent a 2-hr drive map of the area covering a nice drive to our officers. It is 200 miles to the Greenbrier from the Tri-Cities, while there lots to do such as Casino, golf, tour the "cold war bunker" and shopping. There is also trout fishing, skeet shooting and the food is the best anywhere. The cost for a golf weekender will be \$850 including meals. This would make a nice fall trip to keep in mind.

July 8th and 9th is the annual Car Show at Bora Exhaust on route #26 in Johnson City. Members could register to participate in the car show or just go as a spectator. Greg will call Borla to see if factory tours are available.

July 11th will be our next meeting (due to the 1st Monday being the 4th) and we will meet at Todd's Training Center (see our web site) and basically have a cook out for hamburgers and hot dogs. We may not have a 'formal meeting' but rather do a lot of tire-kicking and enjoy everyone's company. Todd has a deck in the rear of his building and there is plenty of seating and A/C if needed.

Our August meeting will be on Monday August 1st. No location has been selected at this point. More later.

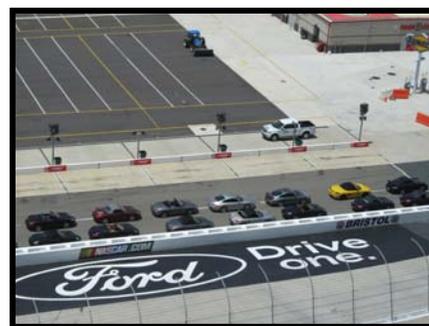
Our September meeting will be on Monday September 12th due to Labor Day being the first Monday on the 5th. Please put these dates on your calendars. You will always be able to check our web site www.wtrpca.org for any information regarding meetings or events.....*Hugh Tackett*



Boxsters-entrance to pit road-BMS



Boxsters in middle of pit road-BMS



Boxsters at end of pit row-BMS