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## Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

## MARCH '11 NEWSLETTER

President Greg Schuette welcomed our membership to our second meeting at The Chop House as well as guests. Greg would like everyone to step out and invite members back to the club, who have not been attending our functions for a while. And encourage them to participate in our events.

Derek Tackett introduced and demonstrated our newly revised web site to the club and everyone was quite impressed. Please try out our new site [www.wtrpca.org](http://www.wtrpca.org) and let us know what you think. There are events listed (click on a picture and you can navigate) going back a couple years plus a calendar of events for upcoming functions. One thing we would like for everyone to do, is visit our web site each month and tell us if you are attending our monthly meeting. This allows us to notify the restaurant of our totals so they can make sure their service is adequate. Derek asked for ideas on how the web site can be improved or for any changes. He has incorporated something to click on which will allow us to make comments anonymously.

**PLEASE CHECK OUT THE WEB SITE AND USE IT!!!**

Johnathan Nickels attended the Zone 3 Presidents Meeting in Atlanta recently. He met a lot of people from other regions and spent a lot of time with Heart of Dixie President Jim Cambron, who was very helpful in answering questions, etc. Jim invited Johnathan and all our membership to their Heart of Dixie 50th Anniversary coming up April 2nd. The TN regions were a part of the original Heart of Dixie Region. Greg & Becky Schuette & Hugh & Brenda Tackett will be attending the Anniversary, departing on Friday April 1st. (No this is not an April Fools joke!) The meetings were thorough and a review of policies and procedures we should be following with the PCA. They recommended we elect a VP on staff immediately, groom and train this individual for President. He learned we are a small region (under 100 members) and therefore qualify for subsidies for many things such as charities, etc. At dinner Johnathan discussed events such as DE's and Autocross with the Coastal Empire President. During the meeting the speakers stressed how important it is to file reports on what seem to be trivial things, such as tripping over an electrical cord. In the event someone files a complaint or lawsuit in the future we have a record of exactly what happened. The Parade was discussed, which is coming up the end of July and 1st of August, please see the PCA website for more information and to register before it gets filled up. For many years PCA has been renting a facility in Northern VA with hopes of buying their own property. With the recent downturn in real estate values they were able to purchase a facility in Columbia, MD (halfway between Washington & Baltimore) and are in the process of moving into the new home. The lower real estate values will even allow PCA to renovate the new facility for their needs. Columbia should allow the PCA to have more of a

presence in the Baltimore/Washington area as either city is approximately 20 to 25 miles away. PCA has a new CYA Presidents Manual and we should acquire a copy. Also they have new e-mail system which incorporates the I-Phone and Droid. If you go to the Zone 3 Web site there is a 'community-side' of the web site for Twitter and Facebook. Zone 3 highly recommends we review our by-laws and update them as necessary along with electing a Board of Directors. It was reported the PCA is a multi-million dollar non-profit corporation.

Our Treasurer is not present this evening so Wayne gave Greg our checkbook balance of \$10,448.99 which includes a \$200 reimbursement for memberships.

Greg reported he had visited Todd Bohon's business in Johnson City and was quite impressed with his facility for meetings, tech sessions, etc. Todd has invited our club to use this facility for various functions. It was designed for 60/40 use and Todd passed out brochures along with a preliminary information sheet for our WTR Concourse, he would like the club to do this summer.

Troy Parham revisited our possible trip to The Greenbriar in White Sulpher Springs, WV. He would like for our club to visit this great resort for the history, outstanding golf courses, Spa and other amenities.

Ed Yates reported he and Susie had recently visited The Greenbriar and was impressed with the new management and all the amenities. They enjoyed the Tamarack Welcome Center on the way which was full of crafts, art and entertainment. Ed spoke to one of the directors at The Greenbriar regarding our visiting and the person told him they were also talking to First Settlers Region in the VA Beach area. Perhaps we could plan our trip at the same time, get better rates and have a more enjoyable stay with more PCA members? Ed and Susie visited nearby Lewisburg and Snowshoe which involves more driving and we would have to determine exactly what our itinerary would be; driving or playing? The Greenbriar now has a Casino (private for guests and members only), pools, horseback riding, golf and a bunker tour. This is a bomb proof underground bunker for our federal government (built during the cold war) to operate during a crisis. The Greenbriar tour would be a 700 plus mile weekender. For a shorter trip involving gambling we could also plan a tour to Cherokee, N C and regardless of where we go Ed feels we need a minimum of 15 to 20 attendees, for any resort to put a program together for us—very understandable.

Tom Raymond announced the Speedsters Owners Group will again be using Asheville for their 2011 fall get-together. To be held on September 11, 12 and 13th. Last year Hugh participated with them with his Boxster and had a good time touring the area and participating in their activities

.Hugh reported on the Concourse he recently attended in Cincinnati at the Porsche of the Villages dealership. And has sent a link to everyone for slides of many cars that participated in this first class event.

The dealership had enough parking for 80 cars indoors and the quality of the cars was superb. Many GT2, GT3, Turbo (Hugh took his Turbo) and beautifully restored 356 cars. The Concourse was People's Choice, so only one car won and it was a stunning blue 356, with a chrome roll bar, etc. There were at least a dozen Porsche Cup Race cars, which were fabricated quite professionally, one owned and driven by a lady. All in all a wonderful event and great atmosphere from 5 to 9 on a Saturday evening with excellent food/drink, along with vendors. The theme was The Family Tree which Porsche has used in advertising. To commemorate this theme a large ice sculpture was made in the form of a tree with branches that had a circle at the end of the branches with a picture of a Porsche inside.



Porsche of the Village  
Family Tree II  
Ice Sculpture

Everything about the event was first-class and more members should put this event on their calendar for the end of February in 2012.

Johnathan requested that anyone with history of our club to please contact him or bring the information to our next meeting. We would of course like to safeguard this information and also use some of the information on our new web site. This could consist of member lists, formation information, events, etc.

Until next month,

*Hugh*