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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

JANUARY '10 NEWSLETTER

Our January WTR PCA meeting was held January 11th at Giuseppe's in Kingsport. As usual the service and food was very good and they had set up a screen for us but we had no projector, as Greg had a medical meeting. VP Craig Haltom did a 'very smooth' job of conducting our meeting, he shows excellent qualifications for President!!!

Barbara gave a treasurers report and stated our bank balance was \$11,976.20 which included some last quarter rebates from PCA on memberships.

It was reported that our former meeting location Kaffe Blue is closed, supposedly they could not come to terms with their landlord on some issues. Owner Michelle was reported to have said, they are looking for another location.

Our next DE is coming up March 25th and we will have another one on September 16th. You can register for either by going to www.motorsportreg.com. So far we have ten (10) already registered for our March DE. For those of you who have never participated in a DE, you of course will have to enter the novice class but will have an instructor to show you the lines and special points of the track. The best part is that you can drive as fast as you want to enjoy your car without kids in the road, police or SPEED LIMITS. There is no better place to enjoy your car, particularly a Porsche, than a great road course. VIR is one of the best in America today, quite safe and beautiful. The setting is very relaxed and properties well maintained. If you have never been to VIR you will be impressed.

Joe K reported that a friend, Rick Houser, has purchased a 911 and although he could not make the meeting tonight is looking forward to joining the PCA and getting involved with WTR. Many members are already acquainted with Rick and know he will always give Joe a 'run for his money' in having the most detailed Porsche in our club.

Since our Christmas Party was canceled due to weather, Greg would like to reschedule in February. More to follow.

Craig asked everyone's on ideas and topics for trips and events this year with our club. Many members had some great ideas from a seafood buffet at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville or P F Chang's also in Asheville, following with a movie at the Cinema next door. Other ideas were visiting covered bridges, tours to N GA (Johnathan will look into) and wine tasting at Johnathan's home, then alternating wine tasting at other members homes. Members will look into many of these ideas and report back at our next meeting.

Joe K also suggested visiting the BMW plant again in Greenville, S C. Everyone seemed to have a good time before and manufacturing is always interesting.

Please give Hugh the information on any events, tours or other plans for the club and he will e-mail to the membership for consideration.

Justin Cook recommended visiting the USF1 race facility in the Charlotte area near Mooresville. Hugh also suggested visiting the TRG race shops as well since they are also located in that same area. Hugh will contact Kevin Buckler, owner of TRG in Sonoma, and see if he can arrange a visit and also try to find the location of USF1 and contact them for the same reasons.

Justin and Tracy are planning a trip In June to attend the F1 race in Montreal and invited others to attend. They plan to be there for practice on Friday and spend the weekend. Several other members expressed interest in going and will co-ordinate arrangements with the Cooks.

Johnathan suggested we charge a small fee for the wine tasting events we plan to have and donate the money to a charity.

Craig suggested members be looking for a restaurant meeting place. There are many new facilities in the area, however, it is important that we have a separate room and that the menu prices are not increased as some restaurants do. Unless someone finds something better than Giuseppe's we will more than likely be here again in February. The great thing about Giuseppe's is the central location, easy to access, good food, private quiet room with reasonable service and screen/electrical for slides or movies. Starting next month Johnathan is selecting a new wine menu for the owner of Giuseppe's, if it "ain't no good" we know who to blame!!!

See everyone next month unless we have a Breakfast Posse or Ice Cream social later in January. We will let everyone know via e-mail.

—*Hugh Tackett*