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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

JANUARY '12 NEWSLETTER

President Greg Schuette opened our meeting at Giuseppe's –Kingsport and thanked all the ladies for attending. Plus some long time members who have not attended in a long time, it was great to see everyone. Our meeting this month a week later than normal, (1st Monday of each month) due to the New Years Day holiday. The food and service was good and refreshing to return to Giuseppe's after a several month absence of trying out new venue's.

For our February meeting Greg would like to see even more of our ladies attend and has decided to forgo our meeting for a Valentines dinner only, to honor all our wives and or significant others. He has reserved the back room of the Chop House on Eastman Road in Kingsport for this event (same room we have held several monthly meetings) and has some special things for all the ladies. Please arrive on Monday February 6th between 6:00 and 6:30 PM for dinner and conversation only-no meeting. Also visit our web site www.wtrpca.org and register for this event so we can pass on to the restaurant our expected attendance.

Greg did a recap of events our club attended last year and thanked everyone for their participation, it was amazing how many events were on the list. We would like for members to volunteer and plan or select various events our club would be interested in participating in or having on our own. If several members will take an event each month for instance, there would be little burden on any one individual and make it a fun year. For now we would like all members to give serious consideration of the type of events you would like to attend or bring to our attention any planned events by other regions. Also interesting events before our meetings, such as the Borla plant tour last fall which many members attended and enjoyed before that months meeting. Please submit any requests or events to Greg, Hugh or Derek so these can be added to our web page and Newsletter. See their contacts under Officers.

Many members thanked Derek for his excellent work on our web site and were so surprised at the things he has created. Very user friendly, informative and after years of talking about a web site this one could not be better. THANKS DEREK!!!

Events discussed at the meeting for 2012 were a Rally (planned by Todd Bohon) and possibly a visit to Childress Winery and Childress Racing Museum in N C. The trip to N C could even be an overnigher if members are so inclined. If we do another BBQ like the one at Allandale Mansion last August, we should do later in the year for cooler weather.

Other events we could consider out of our area/region, the Simeone Car Museum in Philadelphia and Porsches at Oxford in Oxford, Ohio in late summer, where they have 500 Porsches downtown near Miami of Ohio University on brick streets. This a great setting/event and reservations need to be made early as this event is well attended.

Derek reported we have a place on our website for ideas or suggestions (of any kind) for future events and suggestions and you remain anonymous. So please give us your ideas as it will only make our club better.

Our treasurer Wayne submitted his monthly report, after all our expenses for the DE last fall our bank balance is \$4,357.65. We thanked Wayne for his hospitality a few Saturday's ago, for taking the Breakfast Posse to his new home and a premier showing of his new "high performance rides". The cars were fantastic, garage renovations outstanding and for letting us take pictures and sit in the cars—**only to dream we were driving them!**

Hugh reported on the European Trip with Ed Yates last fall. The weather was superb, rain only 2-days out of 23 days, road construction detained them a lot and did not allow as many No Speed Limit areas, but Ed's new CLS450 made everything much easier than the normal rental car. The day after arrival in Germany, Ed picked up his new M/B at the factory which gave us a factory tour and two free nights in motels of choice. The twin turbo V8 was a real performer and kept up with anything on the Autobahn. We traveled with Autobahn Adventures for 10-days and stayed in some outstanding 5-star hotels. The couple who operates this tour service does a great job and are a lot fun to be with. We visited the Porsche factory/museum in Stuttgart, Porsche factory in Leipzig and the Volkswagen factories in Dresden (glasshouse) and the World Headquarters in Wolfsburg. With Mr. Yates connections we received many upgrades to hotels making our stay much more comfortable and enjoyable-THANKS EDDY!!! While in Salzburg, Austria we learned the world headquarters for Red Bull was located at the airport. The next day we visited this unbelievable museum and glass hanger (can see all way through), had a great lunch and saw jets, planes, F1 cars, motorcycles and even a NASCAR Cup car. We would have never guessed Red Bull would have been located in Austria, but so glad we had the opportunity to see such a fantastic facility.

Hugh also reported on the Ingram Porsche Collection in Durham several members attended in early December. They started with a marvelous dinner on Friday night at the Angus Barn, a very popular restaurant in Raleigh. As everyone was entering the N C Tarheel basketball team was leaving and heading to KY to play the Wildcats, who beat them in the final four last year. These guys were huge and we are glad we did not have to pay for their meals!!! Saturday morning started early at a Cars and Coffee with probably 250 or more cars. Lots of Porsches, Corvettes, Ferrari's, muscle cars and even Honda's. On our way to the Seminar by Road Scholars (restoring or purchasing an old Porsche) we stopped by the M/B, BMW and Rolls Royce dealership to kick some tires. At the Seminar, Cameron Ingram was excellent with his very detailed descriptions of how they restored Hans Peter Porsche's 1949 Gmund, which won Pebble Beach last year and was the first Porsche to ever have won Pebble. Their crew did a masterful job on the car but the research on finding parts and how things were done 60 years ago was so impressive. It was obvious they had as much time in research as restoring the car. All of their crew at Roads Scholars are well trained, talented and very personal. After the seminar our group was invited to follow Mr. Bob Ingram (and his lovely wife) in his new 458 Ferrari to his Car Collection in Durham. This was somewhat difficult as he was weaving through traffic like a race driver with much more horsepower than any of our vehicles but fun. Mr. Ingram's car collection is like NO OTHER!!! So many of his cars were more rare than anticipated, most with less than 25 miles and at least 5 or 10 of the cars were only the 2nd or 3rd cars in America. There were probably 35 cars in this collection, his son Cameron has another 25 at his business in south Raleigh and they have another 25 in a warehouse. We are sorry more members did not have the opportunity to see these very fine specimens of Porsche rare cars. Hugh has sent Cameron at Road Scholars a letter of thanks for their invite to the seminar and very special viewing of the Ingram Collection of Porsches.

Jerry Godsey reported he had some Porsche and Mercedes calendars for our members after the meeting and will be bringing a new 911 (991) Carrera to our February Valentine's dinner.

Enjoy!*Hugh Tackett*