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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

MAY '09 NEWSLETTER

May '09—Kaffe Blue in Kingsport, TN Meeting called to order by President Greg Miller

We enjoyed the meeting and food at our new location, Kaffe Blue, however; they do not currently serve dinner (only open for lunch) but may be open for dinner in the future if we are looking for another venue for our meetings.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Barbara Lang. She reported our balance is currently \$11, 258.78 with no outstanding debts and all invoices have been paid for the D E.

The D E made around \$4,000 (net). We hope to make the same amount of money for our September D E as well. Please make note of this important date for our next session: Thursday, September 10th! We have already paid the deposit for the event.

We have talked about re-doing our web site. Greg had some input from Hilah (from Romania). She has looked at our site and feels we'll need to reconstruct everything from scratch. If anyone has any better ideas, please speak to Greg about it.

Since our D E was so successful, Greg thought we may want to purchase some club golf/polo shirts with our PCA logo. Depending on overall cost, the club may purchase.

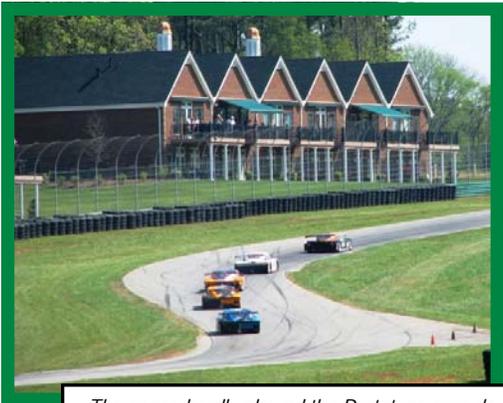
Greg reported on the Autocross. September 12th is the only date available. They require a minimum of 30 cars and we'll have to pay for two of their employees. We have decided not to do this event on our own and will check with the Smokey Mountain Region in hopes to partner with them.

Other miscellaneous reporting included : Greg Schuette is looking into a trip to Highlands but he has not yet reported back. Jerry Godsey reported on renovation at the Rick Hill Porsche Dealership and nothing has been done at this point. And last but not least—Look out on the roadway—Joe traded his Mercedes for a 2002 yellow 996 Carrera with low miles and in great condition! YOU CAN'T MISS HIM!

Hugh reported on the Rolex races at V I R. Hugh and Mark Finley attended. They enjoyed great weather. There were about three classes of open wheel formula cars that put on a good show and the Mazda Rotary Class were turning times under two minutes—very close to the Daytona Prototype Cars! The Prototype Cars put on an amazing show on areas of the track such as the "esses" where they didn't seem to be slowed down at all—it was like they were traveling around the track on rails! Having access to the drivers, the cars and the paddock was extremely nice (unlike other races, where you don't have access to the hot pits and drivers). Three drivers from TRG Racers Group (Andy Lally, Justin Marks and Craig Stanton) came over to talk to us at the Porscheplatz Parking and Tent where refreshments were offered and we enjoyed lunch.

Each of the drivers gave a brief summary of how they got started in racing and their experiences on V I R which was easy to relate to for many of us who have tracked our cars on V I R. They all stressed what a huge amount of physical conditioning each racer must commit to and you can never overdue it! Craig Stanton is so into working out and staying physically fit, that besides racing (cars) he participates in marathons—and, he'll be participating in a 24 hour mountain bike race in West Virginia in June! V I R was a favorite of all three drivers who spoke to us and at the end of their session there was a super Q&A.

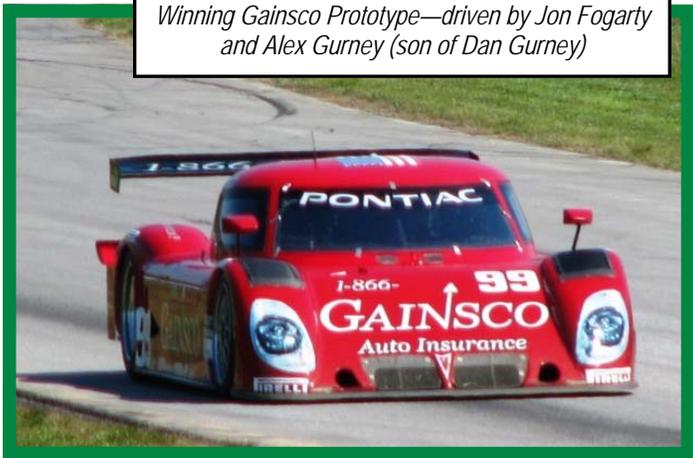
Hugh felt like these drivers were the best of all the sessions he's attended at the Porscheplatz. It was also a nice gesture for Kevin Buckler from TRG-The Racers Group to allow all of these drivers to make themselves available to us for that speaking engagement.



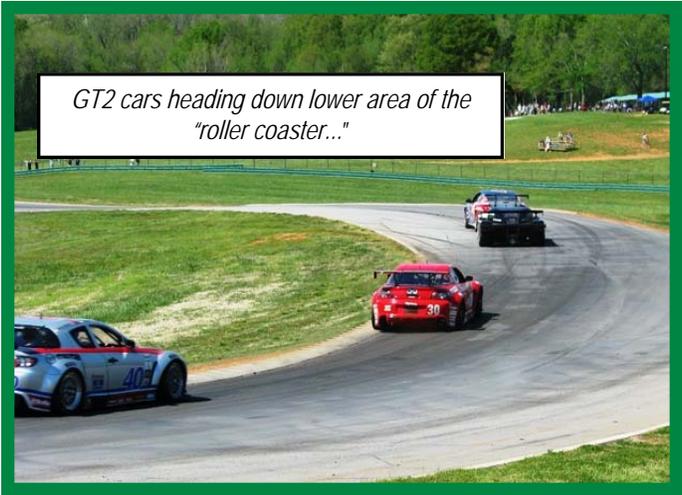
The esses hardly slowed the Prototype cars down!



Prototypes heading down the "roller coaster"...



Winning Gainsco Prototype—driven by Jon Fogarty and Alex Gurney (son of Dan Gurney)



GT2 cars heading down lower area of the "roller coaster..."



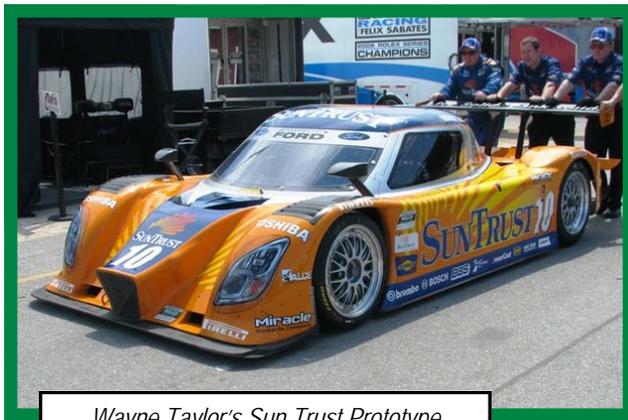
Prototypes near the end of the south straightaway ...Probably approaching 180 mph!

There are more photos on page three as well as a special message from Mark Finley. See you in June!

Regards,
Hugh
 Hugh Tackett
 Newsletter Secretary



GT2 cars leaving the NASCAR turn areas

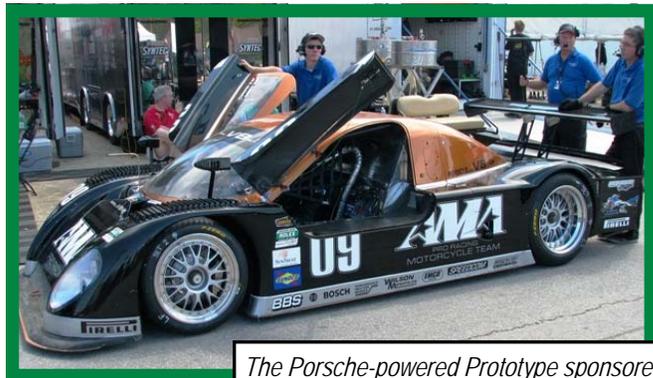


Wayne Taylor's Sun Trust Prototype



Hurley H. Haywood (Brumos Porsche)—Atop the pit box making pre-race notes

One of the TRG GT2 cars in their Paddock



The Porsche-powered Prototype sponsored by American Motorcycle Association (AMA)



From the desk of Mark Finley...

This is a thank you from your Chief Driving Instructor and Tech Adviser to Wayne Thacker, Randy Moore, Justin Cook and Broughton Jolley for enduring the "pressure cooker" environment in teching seventy-five cars prior to our DS event. The importance of this team cannot be overstated for the well-being of the participants and the lessening of liability to the club.

Sincerely, Mark