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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

OCTOBER'10 NEWSLETTER

We welcomed guests Carl and Tabitha Justice from Jonesborough and Coty Breeding (Tracy Cook's brother) to our meeting. Carl and Tabitha are PCA members and we invite them to participate in our future activities with their beautiful Carrera.

Barbara Lang, treasurer, reported our current checkbook balance is \$12,068 after paying all expenses from our DE. The DE netted our club \$8,100, the most we have ever earned on an event and Greg feels it is because of the date change from Thursday to Friday, accommodating Top Gun to film an upcoming TV show. Should we do future DE events, we should consider Fridays and negotiate the track fees with VIR, since weekends are more expensive than weekdays.

Our DE went well with only a couple incidents. One involving a driver who had started in Novice and asked to be moved to Solo since he had previously been to DE events. He was granted to run Solo and asked to not 'drive over his head'. However, after going out by himself he crashed his car which involved some lip-service from his father. Fortunately Greg and Craig explained our situation and told the father that "the wheel was in his son's hands" and he had been cautioned to drive as though he did when the instructor was with him. The other incident was a driver who had run off the track 3-times and was asked to leave the track due to the previous 2-warnings. The driver was really upset he was asked to leave because he was driving a Ferrari.

Top Gun was at the track on Thursday as everyone arrived but would not allow us to enter the track until they were finished filming. They had several pre-selected participants to drive their cars, a 458 Ferrari and GT3 Porsche. The cars were turning times of 2:12 which was quite respectable. The episode will air in approximately 6-months. Later in the day GM was testing tire compounds on Corvettes.

Later this month several of our members are attending a Chin DE event at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, AL which is a fantastic track. In addition to numerous DE events, this facility hosts Porsche Driving Experiences, Indy Cars, ALMS series and many many motorcycle events during the year.

Professor Yates reported on his trip to the Goodwood Revival in Merry England. The days in London and Goodwood were glorious, because it did not rain!!! Alain DeCadenat and Derek Bell were hosts and guides for the group in London and at Goodwood. There were so many car collections plus racing of Vintage cars. After this event they went to Scotland to tour the 'malt distilleries' and visit Isle of Sky and Edinburgh. The trip was arranged by Steve Austin whose business is selling art and planning and arranging tours around the world. All in all a wonderful trip and he recommends the Goodwood Festival of Speed or the Goodwood Revival to anyone who likes cars. The event site is approximately 1 1/2 hours from London.



Dr. Ferdinand Porsche with son Ferry Porsche in their shop with #001 Porsche.

At our last meeting we voted to update our web site so Tracy Cook invited her brother Coty Breeding to our meeting, who is experienced in doing web sites. After our meeting Greg showed Coty our current web site and explained to him what we would like to have as well as continual maintenance. Coty will get back with us at a future date.

Greg brought up a fall party and felt we should have one similar to our spring party, but scale it down or be more frugal this time. Robert McQueen has offered his home again for the party, allowing us to have a very nice Concours due to the lovely spacious grounds. Everyone be thinking of a date and committees to assist in planning the event.

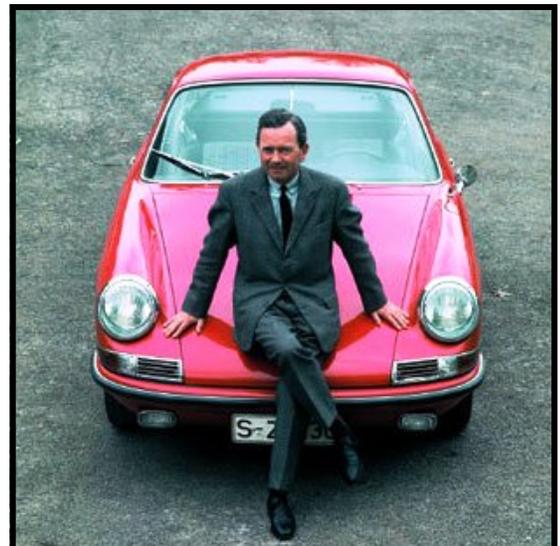
As reported in a bulletin a couple weeks ago, Greg resigned as our President at the meeting. Basically he feels after serving 3-years it is time for someone else to take over, per our by-laws stating that officers serve for 2-years. Greg stated he does not have the enthusiasm he

once had and feels a new President can take our club in another direction. The change will be refreshing and perhaps re-vitalize the club. Greg would like Craig Haltom, VP to lead the club until our elections in December and Craig has agreed to do so.

Concerning a new direction, Ed Yates explained that he and Susie has been participating in the Hurricane and Palmetto PCA Regions activities on the coast, since they spend a lot of time there in their second home. They have attended functions where 80 cars show up for several hours of touring, ferry rides, dinner and ice-cream runs. The two Regions work together and plan activities for everyone, which Wilderness Trail could easily be doing. Ed says these events are a great way to meet other Porsche enthusiasts, enjoy our cars and have a lot of fun.

Craig thanked Greg Miller for his service as President. Stating Greg has done an outstanding job by energizing the club, getting us involved in DE events and a very special thank you for the accommodations by he and Nicole, for inviting our club to their beautiful home on so many occasions for parties, DE meetings and other functions.

That's all for now folks!.....*Hugh Tackett*



Son Ferry Porsche relaxing on one of the new generation of Porsches