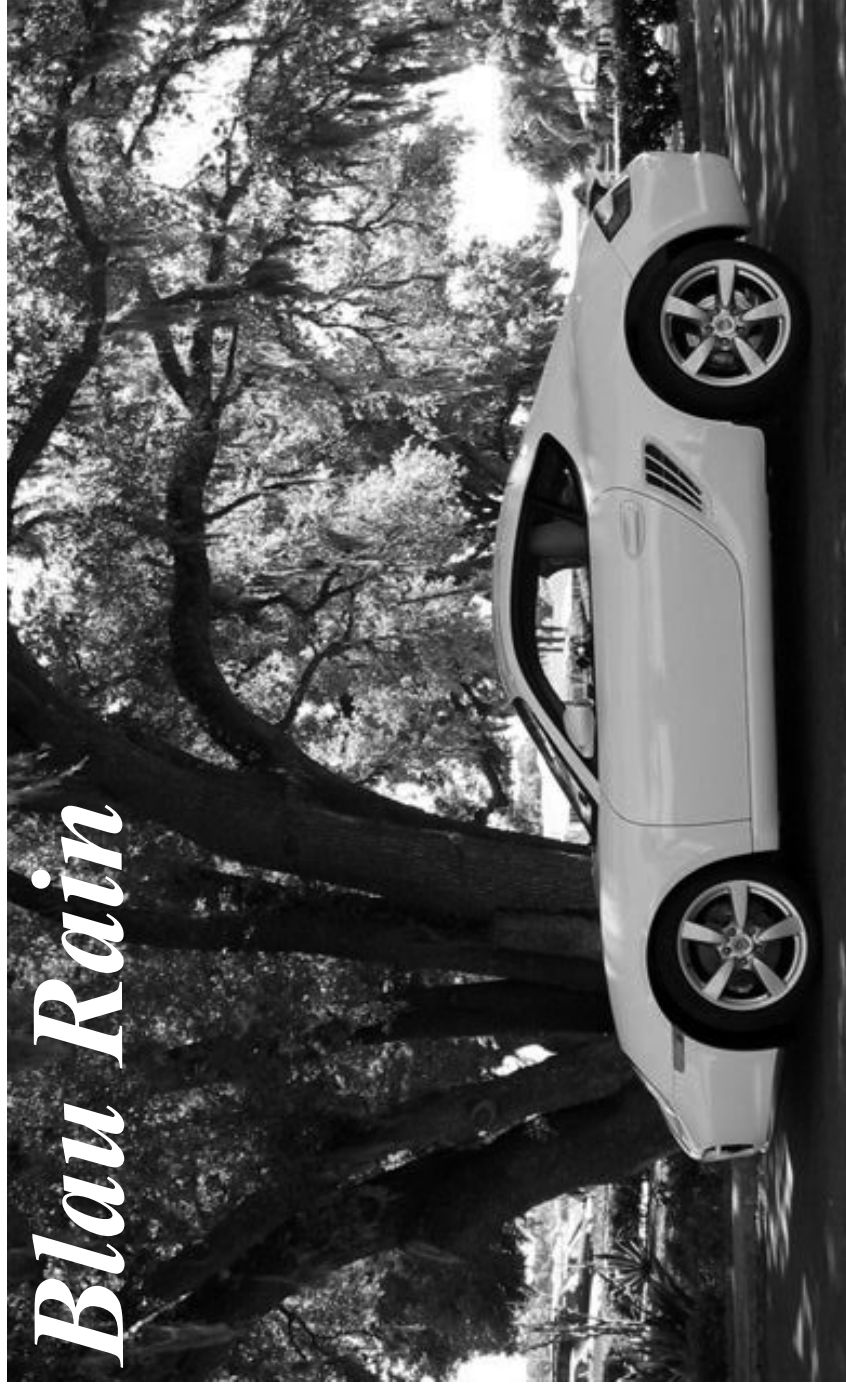


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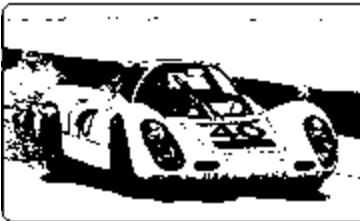
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<p>Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Porsche of Roanoke, 5070 Franklin Road, Roanoke, and are open to the general membership. Please join us.</p> <p>Cover: Maury's Caymen enjoys the good life under a large shade tree in Florida. Welcome back to cold reality, Maury.</p> <p>Photo: Maury Hamill</p>	

News

The annual Christmas Party was held December 9 at Corn Beef and Company. We had a very good turnout with about 35 members. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the food was very tasty. Look for pictures in this issue from Jerry Hampton. Eddie Fort gave a summary of the 2006 financials.

A charity auction was held to raise money for local organizations and we collected \$1,017. A big thanks goes to Rosie and Jerry Hampton for arranging the auction and to Jeff Wendell as the auctioneer. In addition to all the items our club members who brought items, I want to thank PD&M General Contractors, Porsche of Roanoke, CDOC, Sportscar Clinic, Precision Motion, Martin's German Service and John Norman Clothiers for their donations. As the Blue Ridge Region has numerous members outside the Roanoke area, the Board voted to donate \$500 to each of the following groups: West End Center in Roanoke, Good Neighbor Fund in Roanoke, DOVES, Inc. in Danville, and Lake Christian Ministries in the Smith Mountain Lake area.

If you are not on the EMAIL list to receive notification of special events, you can EMAIL Mick Michelsen at chathamMS@aol.com with your Email address and he will add you to his list.

The 2007 BRR Social Events Planning Brunch will be January 21 @ 10:30 am. in the showroom at Martin's German Service. Please put this on your 2007 calendar. The club will furnish drinks, pancakes, sausage and all the plates, etc. We ask each member to bring a breakfast or lunch type dish to share. This is a very important event as we plan for 2007.

I trust everyone had a great Holiday season and hope to see everyone at the planning brunch social on Jan. 21.

Drive the corners,

Ed Clowser, Jr.
President



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EXHAUST NOTES

This month we have a cover picture from sunny Florida. As you know, I am not a cold weather lover. It is with a little nostalgia and a lot of longing I remember the winter I spent working in Florida. Can someone be jealous of a car? Thanks to Maury for reminding us it is winter here.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Before those new year's resolutions fade into good intentions history, well, who remembers. Anyway, please resolve to attend the January planning meeting or send suggestions. The events for 2007 are about to be selected. Your ideas are needed.

I was in Mechanicsville the night of the Christmas dinner. While it looks like I missed a fun event, I had the grandchildren to enjoy. I am working to make them Porsche owners when they start driving no matter how much the insurance costs my son.

As 2007 begins I begin my second year as BR editor. I enjoyed the opportunity to create a good newsletter in 2006, but I am not satisfied with my results. Maybe I am too critical of myself knowing this is my first editor's job. I have learned a lot and I had excellent help. Thank you to my wife, Laura, for proof reading each issue. Previous editor Jim Michaels also added insight and good pointers, along with pictures and articles. The regular contributors sent their articles on time each month. Others sent articles and pictures. And no one was critical. I had three companies print BR during 2006. I hope to keep our current printer, a BRR member, so BR arrives about the same time each month and is a reasonable cost to the club. Picture improvement will come from the Canon DSLR I received Christmas.

This month we do not have a blue cover. While the blue cover is an excellent symbol of the BRR, it is not the best for images. At the suggestion of our printer I decided to try this month's cover color to see if you liked the improved visual image quality. I ask each of you to tell me if we should keep this cover or return to the blue one.

Know no rules.

Dave Hogan, Editor

Birth Announcement It's a Porsche



Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clouser would like to announce the delivery of their new (to them) 2002 Boxster S on December 21, 2006 at 12:31 PM. Their new baby, which is yet unnamed, is 170.8 inches long and weighs 2910 lbs.

Photo & caption: Eddie Fort

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

(Blue Ridge Region PCA Official Events in *italics*)

Jan 21 (Sun) Annual brunch/planning meeting

January 21, 2007 @ 10:30 AM at Martin's German Services, 3704 Brambleton Ave, Roanoke, VA. Pancakes, coffee, juice and sausages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. We'll eat first and then have the planning meeting. Be thinking of ideas for social/club events for 2007.

Mark your calendars for our February Social Event

Valentine's Day Lunch

On Sunday, February 11, 2007 at the Millstone Tea Room, 9058 Big Island Highway (Route 122, halfway between Bedford and Big Island). Bring your sweetie or just join up with a bunch of friends at this restored home, turned into a sweet little place to eat. After lunch we will have an optional trip to Emerson Creek Pottery in Bedford, VA

To insure seating at the restaurant, we ask that you RSVP to: Gary or Donna Templeton at 434-525-2973 or email us at: social@brr-pca.org


Tech Tip

Use the PCA web site to ask and research technical questions about your car. Model specific questions and answers are emailed to you.


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2007 Star City Motor Madness

The City of Roanoke will keep SCMM downtown. SCMM will begin with the Cruise-in (same route as previously) on Friday evening, June 29. SCMM will be the Saturday before July 4th (June 30) from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Features include downtown parking, restaurants, and attractions, and grassy and shady areas. A movie (TBD...car theme) will be shown. Registration at (old?) downtown Fire House (if new Fire House to be completed prior). The projected capacity is 450-500 cars and motorcycles. A new feature is a SCMM select featured marque. The featured marque would include a few "special" examples of the marque, with special (roped off?) central display, parking area, and docents(?). A blind drawing was held among the SCMM clubs and Porsche slip was drawn. More details will be available after the next SCMM meeting January 9.

Mark your 2007 calendar for another fun SCMM.

Eddie Fort



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2007 Porsche Rennsport Trunion III

Porsche Cars North America and Daytona International Speedway announced the Porsche Rennsport Reunion III will be at Daytona the weekend of November 2-4, 2007. This year's event features two Porsche racing models, the Porsche 917 and Porsche 956/962. Details will be published on Porsche's press web site, www.press.porsche.com, Intercontinental Events web site, www.rennsport2007.com, and the Daytona International Speedway web site, www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com. Ticket information is available by contacting Daytona International Speedway at 1-800-PITSHOP.

Excerpted from PCNA press release.



There is a new Porsche dealer in the Lynchburg area. Maybe they have a *model* you want. Stop by and see for yourself.

Car Care and Your Water: What's the Connection?

Your car and how well you maintain it have a significant impact on the lakes and streams near you. Cars carry many different hazardous fluids and require natural resources to run. How efficiently or inefficiently our cars use these resources and carry these fluids has a direct impact on our environment. When a vehicle is poorly maintained, and the maintenance activities are carelessly conducted, chemicals may spill or drip onto the pavement and, eventually, are carried by snow melt or rain into our streams and lakes. A well-maintained vehicle uses less gasoline and runs more efficiently without dripping chemicals onto the pavement or spewing excess exhaust into the air. Follow these simple guidelines to reduce the impact your car has on our streams, lakes and rivers – and save yourself money, too!

Car washing

While washing your car, the water collects soap, detergents, residues from exhaust fumes, gasoline and motor oils. Eventually, the water washes off the car and onto the pavement, collecting additional debris and pollutants before flowing down to the nearest storm drain. Unlike the treated water that comes out of a faucet in your home or at work, water that goes into storm drains flows directly to the lakes and streams near you with everything it has collected along the way!

TIP: Use water friendly soaps!

Many commercial grade soaps contain non-biodegradable detergents and acids. If you wash your car at home, try buying soaps that are labeled “non-toxic”, “phosphate-free”, or “biodegradable”. The safest products for the environment are vegetable-based or citrus-based soaps.

TIP: Prevent the water from reaching the storm drain!

Minimize the amount of water running into a storm drain by washing your car on the lawn instead of the driveway. This will not only give your lawn a watering, but the grass and soil will naturally filter out some of the harmful chemicals or fluids. Remember, whenever possible, shut off the hose to prevent wasting water.

Car fluids

Vehicle fluids include any fluid normally used during operation, such as

engine oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid, and radiator fluid. When these fluids leak or drip out of the car onto the pavement or are improperly disposed, even in small amounts, they eventually run off into storm drains, lakes, and streams where they can contaminate water supplies and kill fish and other aquatic life. In some cases, if a drinking water supply is contaminated, it can be costly to correct and poses a health risk to humans. The cost to treat this contaminated water is passed onto consumers. If your drinking water is supplied by a well, the possibility of contamination may even be greater. Proper vehicle maintenance and good housekeeping when conducting vehicle maintenance activities can help protect your water resources and your wallet, too.

TIP: Check for leaks!

Have your vehicle checked for leaks at least once every three months. If you change your own oil, be sure to dispose of the used motor oil at an oil recycling center and not on the ground or down a storm drain. Many facilities that sell and change oil will accept your used oil, including quick lubes, Wal-Mart and Murray's Auto Center. Call your local businesses to find the most convenient place for you to dispose of your used fluids properly.

TIP: Clean up spills!

It is always a good idea to use an oil pan when working on your vehicle to prevent accidental spills. If you do spill, pour cat litter, sawdust, or cornmeal to absorb the spilled materials. Let this dry for a few hours and then sweep up the absorbents. If the spill is less than one gallon, place the absorption grains in a heavy-duty garbage bag and dispose with your trash. Otherwise, take the material to your local household hazardous waste drop-off site.

Michigan Department of Transportation Storm Water Management Plan
www.mdot.state.mi.us/stormwater.

CEL (Check Editor Light)

The table of contents was wrong and the January event description was incomplete. I sent revisions to the printer but the old revision was printed. In the future I shall take every opportunity to proof BR.

Please send corrections to BReditor@verizon.net

Reverse Turning Gray with Age

Evan was ready to take the next step by attending his first DE, but there were a couple of things we needed to do first. He needed to learn to drive a manual so with the patience of our neighbors we started driving the 944 back and forth in the neighborhood. He was able to pick up the basics pretty quick but understanding when and how to correctly downshift as well as the first gear take off were presenting some challenges. A recent article in *The Hear Exchanger* described a different product used to keep trim black. Named Forever Black, this product is a dye and is usable only on porous surfaces. Multiple coats may be required for heavily "graved" surfaces. The container has an applicator. Cotton swabs will be a necessary item for smaller areas. The product does not affect painted surfaces but just to be safe, use some low stick masking tape. Application usually lasts 2-4 years. At about the same time a fellow PCA member from the Potomac Region mentioned their club, which is much larger than ours, has a driving clinic as a precursor to actually attending a regular DE. We signed Evan up and when the time came drove up to Summit Point for his event. Unfortunately the weather gods decided not to cooperate as there was a torrential downpour most of the day. Under normal circumstances this would be challenging enough in your first track event but add in the fact that I had removed the door windows on the car (to save weight) and you can understand my concerns for his safety. Fortunately, I had put street tires on the car so his traction wouldn't be further compromised.

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Though it is harder to see in black & white than in color, there is a reflection of a red Porsche beside this blue one. Along the side toward the front is the skyline and high clouds. If you look closely you can see the Porsche dealership on the rear bumper with me right on the bumper corner standing holding the camera.

New Porsche museum takes to the air

Stuttgart. 450 days after the ground-breaking ceremony, the shell of Dr. Ing. h. c. F. Porsche AG's new museum in Stuttgart Zuffenhausen is largely completed as 2006 draws to a close. An important construction phase is thus concluded: the underground car park, ground floor, first floor and central girders, the "cores", made from reinforced concrete have been constructed. At total of 21,000 cubic meters of concrete have been used. The around 100 employees – partly thanks to the mild weather of recent weeks – have made rapid progress, even during the cold season. Many night shifts were arranged to lift major parts of the construction into place by crane, and on several occasions Schwieberdinger Strasse (B 27) was closed on one side during the night when there was little traffic on the roads.

Lift shafts, stairwells and service channels are now in place in the three building cores. These also serve as heavy load-bearing supports for the exhibition area, which will cover 5,600 square meters and hover over the first floor as a building in its own right. Employees are currently pulling eight inch-thick steel wires through one of the Y-shaped supports. Each of the 22 meter-long wires is secured as an abutment and must be pre-stressed with a tensile force of 300 tons using a special apparatus. The technology being used is derived from bridge construction and is required on static grounds – to provide sufficient support for the audacious architecture of the new Porsche museum. Once completed, the exhibition area will weigh 35,000 tons and will house 80 valuable museum vehicles and 200 further exhibits from the history of the Zuffenhausen-based car manufacturer.

In the meantime, the futuristic museum with its striking contours is now beginning to take shape. The actual exhibition area is being constructed as a steel shell. 500 of a total of 6,000 tons of steel are already in place. The imposing frame construction – similar to those used in ship and aircraft construction – sketches the future silhouette of the museum, which is located directly adjacent to the parent factory and is expected to be completed in the second half of 2008.

"The steel girders have a span of up to 60 meters and are bridged between the supports. This design creates the impression that the exhibition hall is hovering above the rest of the building," remarks Christina Becker, project manager for the new museum construction. The steel

is being continued section by section from east to west (from the S-Bahn overpass in the direction of Porscheplatz/ Porsche showroom) and is expected to be completed in 2007, when the facade will be complete and the interior construction can begin.

“We would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely the many car drivers on Schwieberdinger Strasse for the patience they have had to display at times in area of the construction site: However, their future reward will be an architectural masterpiece that will form a gateway to the city of Stuttgart and significantly enrich Zuffenhausen,” remarked Anton Hunger, Head of Public Relations at Porsche AG, who is also responsible for the new museum. Stuttgart will gain even further appeal thanks to the construction of the Porsche and Mercedes-Benz museums. Car enthusiasts from all over the world will travel to the Swabian city to gain a fascinating insight into the history of car construction.

The new museum building covering 24,000 square meters, which was designed by the Viennese architects Delugan Meissl, also houses the Porsche archives and a special workshop for historic vehicles. The workshop, which is home to the 300 vintage cars from the Porsche depot, can also be used by private customers who want to restore or service their valuable vehicles. On completion, the museum will also boast a coffee bar, a museum restaurant and conference area, and an exclusive restaurant operated independently of the museum.

From: Porsche Cars North America

Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona

While we endure the coldest part of winter things are heating up in Florida. Preparations are well underway for the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona January 27-28. With events scheduled for January 25-26 leading up to the 24 hour event, the dead of winter ends with the sights and sounds of motorsports. Brumos Porsche has added four experienced drivers and will enter two Porsche Rileys. Two time class champion and 2003 overall winner TRG will enter five Porsche 997 cars.

NASCAR champion Richard Petty will be the Grand Marshal.

Also, mark your calendar for April 26-29 when the series comes to VIR.

Successful production start for the new Cayenne

Stuttgart/Leipzig. Production of the second generation of the sporty SUV Cayenne has got off to a successful start in the Leipzig factory of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG. Following the production of exact 150,371 units of the predecessor series in less than four years, series production of the new Cayenne model started in December. “The production start of the follow-up model has progressed to our full satisfaction,” confirmed Siegfried Bülow, factory manager at Porsche Leipzig GmbH. “The generations merged seamlessly.”

Porsche sold 34,134 vehicles of the all-terrain vehicle in the 2005/2006 financial year (to July 31). Despite the model change, Bülow is confident of matching the previous year’s sales in the current financial year: “Following sharp lifecycle-related falls in production in the last few months, we are very confident about the new vehicle generation. We will have raised Cayenne production back up to 180 units per day by the end of February.”

As with the first generation, the bodies of the new Cayenne model will be manufactured in the Volkswagen factory in Bratislava, while the majority of engines will be delivered from the Porsche parent factory in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen. Assembly and quality inspection is performed at the Leipzig factory. The manufacturing concept used to date has proven exceptionally successful and it has only been necessary to optimize a few cycles. Thus, for example, employees on the inspection line now benefit from newly developed axle measuring technology, which uses a light projector to generate three-dimensional scans of the surface of the wheels. This high-quality measuring process makes it possible to generate measurement results even more quickly, which are then used to implement an exact chassis setup for the Cayenne.

The second-generation Cayenne model stands out thanks to newly developed fuel injection engines that deliver higher performance together with lower fuel consumption. Fuel savings of up to 15 percent are possible in on-road operation. In future, the basic version of the sporty SUV will be driven by a 290 bhp (213 kW) six-cylinder engine. With a V8 aspirated engine with an increased cubic capacity of 4.8 liters, the Cayenne S delivers 385 bhp (283 kW). The Cayenne Turbo’s eight-cylinder engine, which is powered by two exhaust turbo chargers, delivers an engine output of 500 bhp (368 kW). The new Cayenne will be at Porsche