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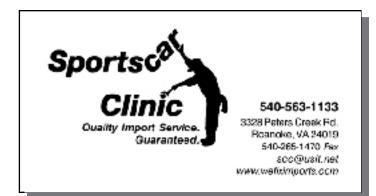
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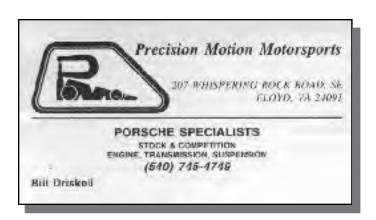
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Clip art from PCA. Uncredited photos by the editor.

*Blau Rain is a 17th century German translation meaning Blue Ridge.

Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Transportation Museum in Roanoke, and are open to the general membership. Please join us.

Cover: My last cover shows one of my favorite Porsches at speed on one of my favorite tracks taken by one of my favorite photographers; a 904 at Leguna Seca photographed by Bob Chapman.

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THE TOP LINE

BRR-PCA began 2006 with our Planning Brunch on Sunday January 15. A special thanks to Keith Martin for the use of his showroom, and to my wife Pat for cooking sausages, picking up supplies, and helping all day. And what a sight it was, with Jim Michaels' new cayman S on one side and Keith's Club Coupe out of its bubble garage on the other. Also, thanks to all who attended (about 26) and brought such good food to share. The pancakes also turned out to be pretty tasty.

The Club presented new Past President Dick Hatch and new Past Editor Jim Michaels with Porsche varsity jackets for their many years of service to the club, especially over the last two years. I want to thank all those who've agreed to serve on the Board of Directors for 2006. Any club is only as good as the effort its members are willing to put forth. Please read the "We Need You" article in this issue, as we still need a Historian to replace Eddie Fort, now serving as Vice President. Check out the Board listings on the inside front cover of this issue. There are some new names, and some old names have changed locations.

At the Planning Brunch, Social Chair Gary Templeton led our discussion that established most of the dates for our 2006 events, listed elsewhere in this issue. We agreed to try several new types of events this year, some of which should provide good fun for the whole family.

BRR has been accepted as one of the sponsoring regions for the annual Zone 2 three-day Driver's Ed track event at VIR. This year it will be held March 31 through April 2 (Friday-Sunday). Our club is responsible for sponsors and vendors and we'll have duties all three days plus Thursday evening, so please contact me to volunteer to help. Hopefully, we'll have a good showing from our club to help make it a profitable event, and thus receive a good monetary return on our investment. If you would like to drive the event, you can register at the Zone 2 website.

Our own Driver's Ed event will be July 15-16 at the new Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point, just northeast of Winchester, VA. Profits from these events allow the club to operate during the year and make donations to local charities.

Please remember that all members are invited to attend our monthly Board Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Our meetings are normally held at the Transportation Museum in downtown Roanoke, but we hope to try a few new venues this year.

That's All Folks!

Ed Clowser



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- -- 1987 Porsche 944. White/tan, 5-speed, Boxster wheels (7&8X17), MSDS Stage 1 kit, Colgan bra, orig. Blauplunkt, turbo valance, records. Great shape. \$5,400 OBO. Chris Morganheira 215-431-2968 or lukebusier@yahoo.com.
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- -- Porsche Racing Car Insurance. If you wish to explore the possibility of insuring your race car, learn all about it at www.ontrakrisk.com. Contacts are simon.parkhurst@allianz.de (phone 172-725-6165), or hubert.perauer@ allianz.de.
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EXHAUST NOTES

As far as I'm concerned the biggest recent news for BRR-PCA is that we have a new editor for Blau Rain. We are delighted that Dave Hogan of Evington, VA (near Lynchburg) has agreed to take on the job. His contact information is already on the inside front cover. I have but one parting request of club members, and that is that you support Dave's newsletter efforts by submitting articles (including your member profiles), photos, and other material for the newsletter. I request that someone attending each of our events volunteer to supply Dave a report for the newsletter. Just offer to do it; don't make Dave beg. Dave simply does not have the free time that I've had to write original articles, so if the membership doesn't provide material, the newsletter may be very thin. I intend to continue to supply material, but we need others to share the burden. As always, thank you for your support.

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Cayman Update: One of the reasons I can't seem to get much else done these days is that I'm still trying to put break-in miles on the silver Cayman S, which now shows 1160 miles. And when I'm not driving it, I'm thinking about it. I've always had a problem naming my cars, but this one came easily. I saw the humpy roof, and the humpy rear fenders, and thought this car sure is a humpy wheeler. Humpy Wheeler, of course, is the business man who made Lowe's Motor Speedway what it is today; a booming business. Humpy Wheeler is also the name of my Cayman. I hope the human Humpy Wheeler doesn't mind.

Maury Hamill also has a humpy wheeler; a white one, which we won't get to see until he drives up from FL in May. Both of our humpys have PASM, Sport Chrono, and 3M clear bras now, and both will run in SCCA Super Stock autocross class. Two geezers head-to-head in identical new Caymans. I can hardly wait. Maury likes to say, "Be careful what you wish for." I don't care if he beats me; it's gonna be a blast.

My first Cayman test report can only echo the raves of other reviewers. It's at least as good as they claim; maybe even better.

Snoopy wanted to go for a ride in the Cayman, so off we went. Even at three-quarter throttle, I think I need a bigger dog. -Jim-



2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Blue Ridge Region - PCA Events

Feb 25 (Sat)	Tech Session at Martin's German Service starting at 4
	PM. Followed by desserts. Please bring a dessert to
	share and we'll have enough to make us sick.

Mar 31 - Apr 2 Zone 2 Driver's Ed event at VIR, now a BRR-PCA event. (Fri-Sun) VIR is located near Milton, NC, east of Danville, VA. We are now co-sponsors of this event, so lets' show'em.

May 7 (Sun)	Barboursville Vineyard Tour & Wine Tasting at noon.
	Three-course lunch at the Palladio Restaurant at 1:30
	DC/D

optional. RSVP required.

June 4 (Sun) Annual Aircraft & Car Show at New London Airport (10:30). Parade of Porsches & other vehicles at noon.

Aircraft rides and lunches available for purchase (12:30),

or bring your own picnic.

Jul 15-16 BRR-PCA Driver's Ed Event at the Shenandoah Circuit (Sat-Sun) at Summit Point, WV. Our first time at this new course.

Jul 29 (Sat) "Survivors Game" hosted by the Martins & Sowers. Pot

luck dinner follows for survivors.

August To Be Determined

Sep 17 (Sun) Bike Rides, Abingdon, VA

Oct 14-15 Octoberfest! Mountain Lake, VA. German food, beer,

(Sat or Sun) music, and dancing.

Nov 11 (Sat) Election Lunch, Peaks of Otter Restaurant, Blue Ridge

Parkway.

Dec 2 (Sat) Holiday Dinner & Charity Auction. Corn Beef & Co. in

beautiful downtown Roanoke. Could be Dec 9 instead.

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Non-BRR-PCA Events (Partial)

Aug 8

Feb 26 (Sun) BRR-SCCA Autocross #1. Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg, VA. Potomac Region PCA Driver's Ed at Summit Point, WV. Mar 11-12 Mar 12 (Sun) BRR-SCCA Autocross #2. Verona, VA. BRR-SCCA Autocross #3. Salem Civic Center. Apr 2 (Sun) Apr 22 (Sat) Annual All Porsche Swap Meet, Hershey, PA. Apr 22-23 Rolex Grand Am Races at VIR, Milton, NC. BRR-SCCA Autocross #4. Mercer Co. Airport, WV. Apr 30 (Sun) May 5-7 Potomac region PCA Driver's Ed at Mid-Ohio. Blue meets Gray 356 gathering, Shepherdstown, WV. May 26-28 May 26-28 Jefferson 500 Vintage Car Races, Summit Point, WV. BRR-SCCA Autocross #5. Lexington, VA. Jun 3 Jun 10-11 Potomac PCA Driver's Ed, Shenandoah Circut, Summit Point, WV. Historic Sports Car Races, VIR. Jun 10-11 Jun 17-18 BRR-SCCA Autocross School (Sat) & Autocross #6 (Sun) Mercer Co. Airport, WV. Jul 15-16 BRR-SCCA Autocross #7, Commonwealth Games at Danville Airport, Danville, VA. Jul 16 Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix. Jul 29-30 Potomac Region PCA Driver's Ed, Summit Point, WV.

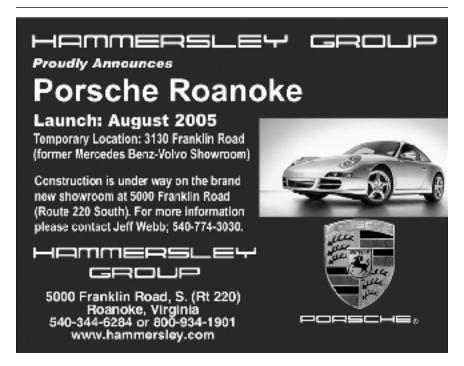
TECH SESSION WITH BAR-B-Q

Historic Sports Car Races at VIR.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Please join us at Martin's German Service (3704 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke) at 4:00 PM for bar-be-que and fixins. At 5:00 we'll pick our teeth while Porsche wizzard Keith Martin reveals the many mysteries of OBD II (On Board Diagnostics, second generation). Around 6:00 we'll ravage the pot luck dessert table. Don't forget to bring a dessert to share, or that part will flop.

RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 22 to Gary or Donna Templeton 434-525-2973





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DAYTONA PICS

The #36 TPC Racing Porsche GT3 Cup lifts an inside front on its way to a GT win at the 2006 Rolex 24-Hours of Daytona.



The #81 Porsche GT3 Cup of Blue Ridgers Danny & Steve Marshall takes a break in the hot pits at Daytona.

Daytona photos posted on rennlist. com.



MICHELIN BENDS THE RULES ON WHEELS AND TIRES

It's okay. No harm done. These are the new ultra low profile tires, or rather wheel/tire combinations, from Michelin. They consist of a very thin treaded shear band around flexible spokes and a deformable wheel. This must be the ultimate in low profile tires. Be the first in your neighborhood to have them.

-Photo from Michelin-



BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1/10/06

Attendees: President Ed Clowser, Dick & Caryl Hatch, Dave Snow, Gary Bell, Eddie & Steve Fort, Ray Welch, Jerry Hampton, Mike Roberts, and Mick Michelsen.

Minutes: Gary Bell read the minutes of the December meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Ray Welch gave his last Treasurer's report. We began December with \$13,729.47 and ended 2005 with \$10,565.68. Expenses for the month were \$3894.29, including two \$1000 donations to charities and a \$2160 deposit for our part of the Zone 2 VIR event. Income included \$735.50 from the charity auction and \$25 from a late garage payment from our 2005 track event at Rockingham. It was noted that having heavy hors d'oeuvres instead of a sit down dinner saved the club about \$1000. Our thanks to Caryl Hatch for arranging such a fine event at a greatly reduced cost.

Website Report: Mike Roberts reported that he will soon update the website. Our website may become more important for communication due to the loss of Jim Michaels as editor of Blau Rain.

Track Report: Ed Clowser reported that we had been selected as a participating region in the annual Zone 2 VIR Driver's Ed event March 31 through April 2. Our region will have responsibility for sponsors and vendors in the pits and paddock areas.

Gary Bell reported that we had secured the Shenandoah Circut at Summit Point for our driver's ed event July 15-16. Our total cost for this event will be about \$13,000. There will be a meeting of those interested in helping with the event at the Clowser's January 19. Other BRR members wishing to help with the event are urged to contact Ed or Gary. Membership: Ed Clowser reported that we had one new member. Please welcome Ted Jeffery Beahm of Christiansburg with a 1989 911. Business Report: Jerry Hampton reported that he had already mailed out invoices to our current advertisers for 2006. Due to the possibility that Blau Rain may become a quarterly publication, the Board voted to reduce the rate to one-third of the current rate. Jerry will re-issue the invoices. Mike Roberts said that he could place the ads on our website, and the Board voted to do that at no charge to the advertisers. Social Report: New Social Chair Gary Templeton stated that his aim is to have events that provide the opportunity to exercise our Porsches, followed by a social event. Gary noted that some months of 2006 are already locked-in with events. Gary has a lot of new ideas to be proposed at the Planning Brunch at Martin's German Service in January.

Historian's Report: A new club Historian is needed, as Eddie Fort has been kicked upstairs to serve as Vice President. Anyone interested in serving as Historian is urged to contact President Ed Clowser. Editor's Report: Jim Michaels was unable to attend, but has agreed to edit one more issue of Blau Rain following the Planning Brunch to report our 2006 schedule of events. We are continuing to seek someone to serve as newsletter editor. In the interim, Dave Snow has offered to assist in putting out a newsletter on a quarterly basis. It may be located on our website rather than mailed out to each member. The website will become a more important source of information in the future. Old Business: The Board reviewed a final proof of an alternate BRR logo presented by Ed. The logo was approved with a minor change in front of the word Porsche.

New Business: We discussed our responsibilities at the Zone 2 DE event and the need for those wanting to drive in the event to register quickly as the event fills up quickly. Those staying in the area may want to look to South Boston or Roxboro for more affordable rooms, as the NASCAR race at Martinsville that weekend drives up hotel prices.

The Board agreed to publish the PCA Code of Ethics and Conduct in the next newsletter as requested by national.

The next Board Meeting is February 14 at 7:30 PM at the Transportation Museum in Roanoke. All members are invited.

Respectfully submitted,

Mick Michelsen, Secretary

PLEASE CHECK YOUR NAME/ADDRESS LISTING

Please check your name and contact information in the membership list you recently received. If there is an error in your listing, please report that to me so I can make a correction. Phone me at 540-989-0949, or email to LDH912@aol.com. Rest assured that only BRR-PCA members received the membership list. There have been complaints about people using a membership list for business gains. Please remember that this list is for club and personal use only.

-Dick Hatch-

DAYTONA 24-HOUR RACE RESULTS

The 2006 Rolex 24-Hours of Daytona was won by the #02 Target Chip Ganassi DP Lexus Riley; with drivers Dixon, Wheldon, and Mears covering 734 laps with an average speed of 109 mph. Second place went to another Lexus Riley; the #60 of Michael Shank Racing. But things are looking up for Porsche, as the 3rd and 4th place DP cars were both Porsche powered. Finishing 3rd was the #23 Porsche Crawford of Alex Job Racing, and 4th was the #58 Red Bull Brumos Porsche Fabcar.

The GT class was won by the #36 TPC Racing Porsche GT3 Cup driven by Pobst, Levitas, Bass, and Pumpelly for 691 laps at an average speed of 102 mph. The #65 Pontiac GTO.R of The Racers Group finished 2nd in GT, and the #82 Farnbacher GT3 Cup finish 3rd.

Blue Ridgers Danny and Steve Marshall drove their Synergy Racing Porsche GT3 Cup to 17th place with fellow co-drivers Pew and Prewi.

A Porsche also won the somewhat shorter Daytona Grand American Cup Race. It was the #44 GS Porsche 996 of Team Sahien, covering 57 laps at an average speed of 86 mph. Second place was the BMW M3 of Turner Motorsports, while Mustang GT's took the next 4 positions.

Overall, not such a bad weekend for the Porsches. I'm particularly encouraged by the new potential for the Porsche motors in DP. -Jim-

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PCA is not a political organization. It exists for the benefit of its members to further their enjoyment of their cars. In the performance of this mandate, it must operate under the rule of law, adhering to the laws of the various countries and jurisdictions under which it exists. This means that illegal behavior is not tolerated, and that close attention is paid to the requirements of the law in the actions of all involved, national and regional officers, individual members, and those within the national office.

Beyond this, we accept the obligation to do what is right. An ethical system is based on the mutual benefit of the involved parties; the corollary of this is that we treat neither fellow members nor non-members in a way that is demeaning, embarrassing, derogatory, or otherwise inappropriate. Our natural competitiveness does not extend to taking unfair advantage of others, be they individuals, clubs, or businesses. Actions and words about which there may be some question are undertaken, when possible, only after careful thought and perhaps consultation.

Decisions affecting PCA should be either self-obvious or readily explained. Particular attention should be paid to potential conflicts of interest involving special treatment or gifts from individuals or companies possibly hoping to gain something in return. Other potential conflicts of interest, in which an officer, employee, or member must weigh his immediate and personal potential for gain against the best interests of PCA, require special thoughtful attention. Transparancy in all actions is desirable. Nothing must be allowed to compromise the integrity, credibility, and the best interests of PCA in the making of decisions that affect the club.

The culture of the club is founded on doing the right thing to the best of our ability. Without this we lose our self-respect both as an organization and as individuals, a price that we will not pay. Non-adherence to these principles will not be tolerated; behavior or actions damaging to PCA will be dealt with by the established club Bylaws, and may result in permanent loss of membership.

PANCAKE PLANNING BRUNCH

By Jim Michaels

On January 15th about two dozen Blue Ridgers met at Martin's German Service in Roanoke to plan our event schedule for 2006.

Our drive down from Blacksburg was JoAnn's first ride in the Cayman, which I had brought home from Porsche of Roanoke just four days before. Keith had reserved the covered patio next to the showroom as a display perch for the Cayman, and the little croc drew quite a crowd as we pulled in. I opened the car up at both ends and sides and became the spokesman for the star of the show.

I finally made it inside just as new President Ed Clowser was presenting new Past President Dick Hatch with a one of those fine Porsche varsity jackets shown in the Porsche Driver's Selection catalog. Then Ed called my name, and I got one too! It's an apparel that I've admired (Dave Snow wore his to the event), but would not buy for myself. Thus, it was the perfect gift for the out-going newsletter editor; much appreciated, and will be worn proudly.

We were soon digging into hotcakes, sausage, and all the fine side dishes Blue Ridgers had brought. I wanted to take a nap afterward, but new Social Chair Gary Templeton had other ideas. He passed out all sorts of flyers and other materials, including a calendar we could write on. I don't think we've ever before been this prepared to determine our events for the year, thanks to Gary's background work. The results are shown on page 3.

After we got home, and in the house, JoAnn said those all important words I so much needed to hear; "I really like the car."



JoAnn and Jim Michaels arrive in the Cayman. -Photo by Eddie Fort-

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New Past President Dick Hatch accepts Laguna Varsity Jacket (p. 27 in your Porsche Design Driver's Selection catalog) from new President Ed Clowser. -Photo by Eddie Fort-

WE NEED YOU

In my view, all clubs are established for the benefit of their members, and our club is certainly no exception. In order for members to benefit from the club, we need members to take an active role in running the club, as well as attending functions. With that said, we now have but one position remaining to be filled for 2006; Historian. Eddie Fort was very active as a relatively new member in his role as Historian; so much so that he is now our Treasurer. Thus, we now need to fill the position of Historian with someone who could attend events, take photos, and make these available for viewing through various media, such as our website and newsletter. If you think you'd like to serve the club in this way, please give me a call. Almost all current Officers and Board Members have held numerous positions in the club over the years. We need some newer members with new ideas and energy. Please become involved and make a difference. -Ed Clowser, Jr.-

ANNUAL ALL PORSCHE SWAP MEET

The annual all Porsche Swap Meet sponsored by Central Pennsylvania Region will be held at Hershey Park, Hershey, PA on Saturday April 22. This event (held rain or shine) is hailed as the largest gathering of Porsches and Porsche parts in the USA. Gates open at 7:30 am and close at 4:00 pm; admission is free, but parking (for over 900 Porsches) is \$8. Food and beverages are sold on site, major sponsors will be there, and the People's Choice Concours awards nice trophies. The feature model for this year is the 356; that means a special parking section and a special vendor area for the 356'ers. Need an autocross fix too? The autocross is held the next day (Sunday the 23rd) on the same site. Autocross registration is available on line at www.CentralPaPorsche.org.

Pre-registration for vendors (\$30) ends March 25. After that, the price jumps considerably (\$40 for space, but also a \$25 Township Fee). Space size is 9' X 19' and gate opens for vendors at 6:30 am. On line registration is available at www.CentralPaPorsche.org. For more information, contact our local swap meet guru Mick Michelsen at 540-981-0949. -Jim-

