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The board received thank you cards for recipients of our annual gifts to charity.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business other than what was covered under Track.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is February 13 at 7:30 PM in the showroom of Porsche of Roanoke. All Blue Region members are invited.



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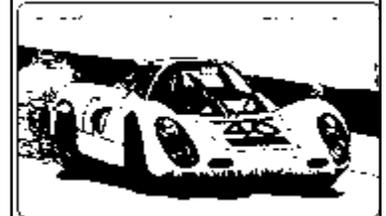
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Clip art from PCA. Uncredited photos by the editor.

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 German translation meaning  
 Blue Ridge.

**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.

**Cover:** The cover photo this month was used to make a new BR ad for Eddie Fort. Look for his ad inside and see if you recognise the cars.

Photo: Eddie Fort

## Newt's News

The annual Blue Ridge Region Social Planning Brunch was held Jan. 28 in the showroom of Martin's German Service. We had approximately 25 folks attend. Everyone feasted on Red Newt pancakes, sausage and numerous other goodies brought by the members. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the food was very tasty. Thanks to the Martin's for use of their facility and to the members who helped me pickup/deliver the table and chairs as well as the other who helped with the event setup. Last and not least, thanks to my wife Pat, who ran around to complete the shopping list of needed items.

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

Our next social is Feb 11, so please watch for the announcement in this issue and make your reservations accordingly.

Zone 2 (which BRR is a part of) will hold it's annual Drivers Education Event Mar. 16-18 at VIR. As one of the participating Regions, we stand to share some of the profits. This is actually our money-maker for 2007 and we need your help. The BRR Region is responsible for volunteers. Other Regions will help provide volunteers; however, we need to provide as many as possible. I do not know how many we will need at this time, but if you would like to help your Region, but make the short drive down any/all of those days and hopefully we will have a job for you. Just find any of the BRR members and they will help you find me.

Drive the corners,

Ed Clowser, Jr.  
President

## 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.



MARKT



### -- 944 parts:

Unique D90 16" wheels (front: 7.5 x 65 mm. offset; rear: 9.0 x 52 mm. offset), white with matching center caps; Michelin Pilot SX (MXX3-N2) 245/45x16 with 8-9/32 tread. \$750 plus shipping.

Front Koni yellow adjustable struts/springs/adjustable perches, matching rear Koni adjustable shocks. Front springs with 2 white and 1 yellow color code markings. \$550 plus shipping.  
Used interior parts (color LM3U).

Anti-sway bars: front 26.8 mm, rear 16 mm with rubber bushings - \$100 plus shipping. OEM rear torsion bars - \$75 plus shipping.

Phone or write Charlie Schlepner: [schleups@bellsouth.net](mailto:schleups@bellsouth.net); 910-686-6078. Charlie Schlepner, 8617 Bald Eagle Lane Wilmington, NC 28411, 910-686-6078 (home), 910-343-2516 x283 (office), 910-341-6580 (24 hour digital page), 910-262-6580 (cell phone).



## EXHAUST NOTES

I am sure you noticed the January Blau Rain arrived later than previous issues. The box containing BR was AWOL in Roanoke. We knew where it went but could not get it back. With the help of UPS, our printer, and Dave Snow the box was located and BR was sent on its way to us. A big thank you to Dave for going the extra mile to locate BR and get it to us.

January 21 we are received the first significant winter weather of 2007. The planning brunch was postponed so I threw another log into the stove and put a pan of beans on to cook. Outside the snow and ice swirl around like an evil veil, but inside the smell of cooking beans and warmth of the wood fire make inside a pleasant place to be. The Porsche is snug in the garage while sounds of snow shovels and 4x4s fill the air. Maybe my next Porsche should be a Cayenne! If the snow is not too deep, a C4 would also work. Wife dearest, can I trade the Boxster for a C4? Just as I thought. I can but I may not.

The cover photo looks like a magazine ad. That could be because it is a magazine ad. Smith Mountain Lake is a fitting backdrop to a beautiful house and 3 Porsches. I always say my success goal is to have more garage spaces than bedrooms. So far I am a little behind. At least I know we have a good builder in the club. Eddie, do BRR members get a 10% discount?

By the time you read this the 24 Hours at Daytona is over. As I am watching, the Porsches are having some early race difficulties. It was a scary moment early in the race when the Porsche hood flew up blinding the driver and causing an accident with the pole sitter and race leader. I also looked for Dick and Jerry somewhere in that huge crowd. No matter where our favorite car finishes, the 2007 season has officially begun.

With January behind us the event calendar has been completed. The light at the end of winter's tunnel is the spring sun. I hope to see everyone at a 2007 event.

Know no rules.

Dave Hogan



BRR members discuss 2007 events during the region's planning brunch held at Martin's German Service in Roanoke, VA.



It is always good to see good friends and eat good food. The Christmas dinner always provides plenty of both, as well as money for local charities.



Grand-Am President Roger Edmondson, Synergy Racing Co-Owner Cole Scrogam, Camp Boggy Creek Vice President Sarah Gurtis, and driver Michael Avenatti were on hand for the unveiling of the No. 71 Porsche 997 racing livery featuring Camp Boggy Creek and all the Hole in the Wall Camps. The No. 71 Porsche will compete in the KONI Challenge Series.

**Mark your calendars for our February Social Event**

*Valentine's Day Lunch*

On Sunday, February 11, 2007 at 1:00 PM 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 by Feb 7th to:

Gary or Donna Templeton at 434-525-2973  
or email us at: [social@brr-pca.org](mailto:social@brr-pca.org)

**Blue Ridge Region - PCA  
Profit & Loss  
January through December 2006**

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4100 - MEMBERSHIP DUES	
4110 - National	2,296.00
Total 4100 - MEMBERSHIP DUES	<u>2,296.00</u>
4200 - ADVERTISING	
4220 - Blau Rain	1,300.00
Total 4200 - ADVERTISING	<u>1,300.00</u>
4400 - DRIVER'S ED	
4420 - Other	6,665.00
Total 4400 - DRIVER'S ED	<u>6,665.00</u>
4500 - SOCIAL EVENTS	
4510 - Auction Proceeds	917.00
Total 4500 - SOCIAL EVENTS	<u>917.00</u>
Total Income	11,178.00
Expense	
6100 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	2,000.00
6120 - Bank Service Charges	21.19
6200 - BLAU RAIN	
6210 - Postage and Delivery	750.39
6220 - Printing and Reproduction	3,238.69
6230 - Other	450.00
Total 6200 - BLAU RAIN	<u>4,439.08</u>
6350 - MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT	
6360 - Entertainment	20.00
6370 - Meals	45.51
6380 - MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT - Other	150.00
Total 6350 - MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT	<u>215.51</u>
6400 - DRIVER'S ED EXPENSES	
6420 - Printing & Postage	226.35
6450 - Insurance	0.00
6460 - Other	52.50
6480 - DRIVER'S ED EXPENSES - Other	2,000.00
Total 6400 - DRIVER'S ED EXPENSES	<u>2,278.85</u>
6500 - OFFICE EXPENSES	
6520 - Other	50.00
Total 6500 - OFFICE EXPENSES	<u>50.00</u>
6600 - SOCIAL EXPENSES	
6610 - Food	110.00
	<u>TOTAL</u>
6640 - Other	0.00
6660 - Prizes	418.61
6680 - SOCIAL EXPENSES - Other	75.95
Total 6600 - SOCIAL EXPENSES	<u>604.56</u>
Total Expense	<u>9,609.39</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,568.61</u>
Net Income	<u>1,568.61</u>

**Blue Ridge Region - PCA  
Statement of Cash Flows  
January through December 2006**

	Jan - Dec 06
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income	1,588.61
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations: 1500 - Track Deposit	2,160.00
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	3,728.61
Net cash increase for period	3,728.61
Cash at beginning of period	10,640.03
Cash at end of period	<u>14,368.64</u>

Financial results are not official until approved by the board.



Spirited bidding during the Christmas Dinner auction provided donations for local charities. What am I bid for this rare.....

Photo: Jerry Hampton

**BLUE RIDGE REGION BOARD MEETING**

January 09, 2007

Draft minutes have not been reviewed by the board - Rev. 1.1

VISIT THE WEB SITE— [www.brr-pca.org](http://www.brr-pca.org)

**ATTENDEES:** President Ed Clowser, Dick Hatch, Robert Praemassing, Dave Snow, Gary Bell, Eddie Fort , Jerry Hampton, Gary Templeton, Ed Trottier, Dave Hogan, and Mick Michelsen.

**MINUTES:** There were no minutes from the December meeting, Christmas Dinner, and Auction.

**TREASURERS'S REPORT:** Eddie Fort gave a full report with complete profit, loss, and expenditure statements. The financial report of the club will be printed in the next Blau Rain for all members. Eddie reported the club entered 2006 with \$10,368.64 and ended the year with \$14,368.64. Of note, there was \$917.10 raised at the annual charity auction.

**WEB SITE:** There was no report as the Webmiester was unable to attend. (Sec. Note: following the meeting John Kuykendall brought up some web issues/concerns which were sent to all PCA-BRR members which the Secretary has an email address for. The board will make decisions using the membership comments)

**TRACK:** President Clowser reported we are still planning to be involved with the First Settlers Region on a track event. Nothing has been finalized at this point in time. The Zone II event has been moved to March by VIR. The board approved funding for our portion of the Zone II event.

(Sec. Note: Following the meeting we received notification VIR has verbally and in email approved the contract for this event. Registration begins Monday January 15. Dates for the event are March 16-18. Our portion of the funding for the event will be \$1000 at risk).

After discussion concerning VIR, Summit Point, and other tracks, with the difficulty of gaining track access on reasonable dates, the Board voted to not attempt to schedule a solely Blue Ridge Region sponsored Track Event at this time.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ed Clowser reported we had three new members. Phillip Eisen and Marguerite of Elkins, WV with a white 1980 928; Purnal and Patricia McWhorter of Daniels, WV with a black 2006 Cayman S; and David Rubio of Beckley, WV with a black 1994 Carrera 2.

**BUSINESS MANAGER:** Jerry Hampton reported he had already sent out billings to current advertisers for 2006. He has also sent informational packages regarding advertising to several other businesses who have indicated interest.

**SOCIAL:** Gary Templeton was commended for the great list of event in 2006. The board requested a larger location for the annual charity dinner and auction this coming year.

There will be a discussion of ideas and planning of events at the annual planning Brunch on January 21, 2007. This will again be held at Martin's German Service on Brambleton in Roanoke.

Gary also announced he has scheduled a luncheon in February at the Millstone Tea Room as the planning brunch would be too late to schedule an event. The tour/lunch will be on February 11. Details will follow.

**HISTORIAN:** No Report

**SAFETY:** No Report

**EDITOR'S REPORT:** Dave Hogan noted there is one new advertiser, Brian Bongard. The new printer who is also a Blue Ridge PCA member is doing an excellent job. There was discussion of changing the bulk rate to regular postage and a decision will be made following cost data. It would remove several logistical obstacles to change to regular postage.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The board has turned down the offer from the Star City Motor Madness for Porsche to be the featured marquee in 2007. We will participate fully in the expanded event and retained the right to be the featured marquee in 2008.

Dick Hatch noted the financial report was being shown on the web site. The board had voted in the past to not post this information on the web. It should be deleted in all future postings.

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**March Track Event**

Ed Clowser 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 P with the option of a 5 speed. Drivers are started driving the 944 back and forth in the neighborhood with his wife. He was able to pick up the basics pretty quick but understanding when and how to correctly down-shifts as well as the final gear takeoff were presenting some challenges. As you know, in a track event, the car should be second nature as you have other things to concentrate on. Eventually he became more comfortable with his skills. Clowser @ 1-540-992-1499 if you can help.

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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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007**(Blue Ridge Region PCA Official Events in **bold**)

NOTE — Events subject to change as events are confirmed.

## FEBRUARY

**11 Luncheon/Tour at the Millstone Tea Room  
and Emerson Creek Pottery**

## MARCH

3-4 Carolina Region Drivers Ed, Carolina  
Motorsports Park

**16-18 Zone II Drivers Ed at VIR**

23-25 Historic Sports Car Races at VIR

## APRIL

12-15 AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway

**22 Tech Session hosted by Martin's German  
Service**

28 All Porsche Swap Meet — Hershey, PA

## MAY

4-6 First Annual 356 Spring Fling — VIR

**20 Tour to Popular Forest**

25-27 First Settlers Drivers Ed at VIR

## JUNE

1-2 Air Show, New London, VA

**9 Hot Fun in the Summertime. Tour to Stuart  
Virginia**

8-10 Gold Cup Historic Races at VIR

7-10 Boxster Summit at Blowing Rock, NC  
26- July 1 356 East Coast Holiday - Harbor Springs, MI

29-30 Star City Motor Madness  
30- July 5 Porsche Parade — San Diego

## JULY

**28 Pot Luck and Survivors Game hosted by the  
Martin's and Sowers'**

## AUGUST

**?? Tentative Tour to Weldon's in Staunton**

3-5 Car Guys Drivers Ed at VIR

16-19 Vintage Sports Cars at Summit Point

## SEPTEMBER

3 Dr. Ferdinand Porsche's Birthday 1875

**?? Tentative Porsche Corral at the Driskell's**

13-16 AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway

28-30 SVRA Vintage Races at VIR

## OCTOBER

5-7 PCA Club Race at Summit Point

**21 Tour and Brunch at Mt. Lake Lodge,  
Oktoberfest.**

## NOVEMBER

2-4 Porsche Rennsport Reunion III at Daytona

**?? Election Dinner at Peaks of Otter**

## DECEMBER

**?? Annual Charity Auction and Christmas Par-  
ty**

**?? Laps for Charity at VIR**