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<p><b>Board meetings</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Cover:</b> BRR members' cars parked at New London Airport. This picture was taken before rain spotted the freshly cleaned cars.</p>	

### Newt's News

The Blue Ridge Regions Drivers Education event, which was to be held on July 15 & 16 has been cancelled due to lack of entrants. We made over \$6,000 on the Zone 2 DE event and the Board voted to limit our losses by canceling this event. I want to thank Mick Michelsen, Jerry Hampton, and especially Gary Bell for their work in trying to make this event happen. Hopefully, we will be able to get a future date for VIR or get in on the ground floor of a new track.

Our next social will be at the home of Manuel and Ann Sowers and cohosted by Keith and Wanda Martin. There will be a survival game AND this will be our annual Mexican Pot Luck. If you have never attended one of these, you really need to try it at least once. The food is outstanding and there is always great friendship. Look for more specific details this issue.

Several members were invited to attend the unveiling of the new Turbo (featured on/in June Pano) at Porsche of Roanoke last Friday evening in their new showroom on Rt 220 South. It was a very nice event and the car is very fast looking. The folks at POR really want BRR members to feel welcome, so please stop by and kick a tire. We understand there will be future events (possibly including a grand opening) to show case the Porsche portion of their business. We will keep you informed as best we can.

Drive the corners,

Ed Clowser, Jr.  
President

### SURVIVORS GAME

Our annual Mexican Dinner will be at Manuel & Ann Sowers on July 29, 2006. Cosponsors are Keith & Wanda Martin.

Social begins at 5:00 PM. The "Survivors Games" begin at 6:00 PM and we will be eating a Mexican Pot Luck Dinner @ 7:00 PM. (Please bring a Mexican Dish). **DIRECTIONS:** From the truck stop @ I81, Rt. 11, and Alt. Rt. 220, take Rt. 220 North, Go approximately 2 miles and turn left on Glebe Road. Right on Orchard Lake Drive. The address is 959 Orchard Lake Drive, The Sowers phone # is (540)992-1247. Please RSVP Keith & Wanda Martin @ (540)992-2192 by July 27, 2006.

Please come by and enjoy a great evening.



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-- 1974 Porsche 914 2.0L, Chartreuse/tan, 100,250 original miles. Excellent original condition. Non-working A/C, Stainless heat exchangers, & almost new Bridgestones. Drives extremely well. \$8,500. Call Jeff Wendell 540-982-8218 or 540-353 2536 (cell).

-- 1988 911 Cab. Turbo look body. Fresh engine, black paint, new top, 8 & 9X16" BBS wheels. 90k on odometer. \$27k. Bill Driskell, 540-745-4749.

-- 1987 Porsche 944. White/tan, 5-speed, Boxster wheels (7&8X17), MSDS Stage 1 kit, Colgan bra, orig. Blaupunkt, turbo valance, records. Great shape. \$5,400 OBO. Chris Morganheira 215-431-2968 or lukebusier@yahoo.com.

-- OEM 996 Turbo Wheels, Rear. 11 x 18, ET 45 (996 362 142 10). Blimish free with half used Michelin Pilots mounted. \$550 plus shipping, OBO. Dave Moore, 304-549-4523 (Charleston, WV), or email david.moore@wvwdsl.net.

-- Wanted: Two 16 X 6 Fuchs wheels. Round & not bent. Previously run on winning Porsches at LeMans, Daytona, or Franklin County Speedway a plus, but not required. Mick Michelsen, 540-981-0356, or chathamms@aol.com.

**EXHAUST NOTES**

The New London event was a success despite a rogue cloud which produced an afternoon shower. Most of the day was comfortably warm with ample sunshine. Fortunately no humorous, read potentially dangerous and/or expensive, incidents occurred although the brief rain succeeded in "spotting" the cars we spent hours preparing for the event. With a variety of cars and trucks to see, and airplanes to view and watch perform there was plenty to keep everyone entertained. I can say the hotdogs were good also.

Porsche continues an active racing and product introduction year. A new Cayman, JD Power quality award, and several winning race efforts have been good for Porsche. Success on the racetrack and in the showroom have brought Porsche back into the limelight. Recently announced improvements to the 2007 models should be good news in the showroom also. More power for the Boxster should provide an even more fun driving experience. The new Turbo with VNT will make the heads of turbo lovers spin too.

I also have good news as the Webmaster vacancy has been filled. John KuyKendall has agreed to take over, with son Will acting as an additional resource. Since I have been doing double duty with BR and the web, I will have more time to devote to BR. We have discussed several additions to the site and retaining the newsletter on line. I put the June issue on our site as a test with the pictures in color. Thank you John and Will for taking this important project.

Finally, thank you to Harry and Eddie for laughing with us after they had their unfortunate incidents. We appreciate all you do.

Dave

**Welcome new members:**

Cynthia and Jim Cates from Wirtz with a 2006 911  
 Kevin Foster of Lynchburg with a 1995 911  
 Russell and Laura Reiter of Roanoke with a 1993 968  
 Eric and David Swisher of Roanoke with a 1988 911  
 David Tuck of Forest with a 2000 996.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006**

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

- Jul 3-4 Star City Motor Madness  
 Jul 15-16 *BRR-PCA Driver's Ed Event at the Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point, WV. Our first time at this new course. DE Event Canceled*  
 (Sat-Sun)  
 Jul 16 Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix  
 Jul 29 (Sat) "Survivors Game" hosted by the Martins & Sowers. Pot luck dinner follows for survivors.
- August 8 Historic Sports Car Races at VIR  
 August 17-20 356 Registry East Coast Holiday, Mystic, CN
- Sep 17 (Sun) *Bike Rides and other activities at Abingdon, VA*
- Oct 6 Grand Am Races at VIR  
 Oct 14-15 *Octoberfest! Mountain Lake, VA. German food, beer, music, and dancing.*  
 (Sat or Sun)
- Nov 11 (Sat) *Election Lunch, Peaks of Otter Restaurant, Blue Ridge Parkway.*
- Dec 9 (Sat) *Holiday Dinner & Charity Auction. Corn Beef & Co. in beautiful downtown Roanoke.*

A rogue shower "spotted" our clean cars. The sun quickly returned.



Driven for Alzheimer's

The Central and Western Virginia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association invites car club members and all lovers of automobiles to join its premier "Driven for Alzheimer's" rally on November 4, 2006. Assembling in Amherst (Routes 29 and 60) for lunch at 1:00 PM on November 4<sup>th</sup> while the cars are simultaneously prepped in the parking lot for the rally (each participating car will have an event-only vinyl "Driven for Alzheimer's" graphic installed on its windshield), the per car two-person teams will leave Amherst at 2:00 PM at one minute intervals. A fun and scenic driving route will take them up and down the Blue Ridge Parkway five times and will include one stretch of driving the Blue Ridge Parkway. Along the route the cars will make three required stops (near Wintergreen, Weyer's Cave and Madison) where essential clues will be obtained which will help determine the cars' final ranking for the rally. The rally's emphasis is on the driver and copilot using good mental ability and safe driving skills to traverse the fun but challenging course. All driving will be on well-paved county and state roads. The rally will end on and after 5:00 PM at King Family Vineyards in Crozet. The costs of the wine tasting, accompanying light hors d'oeuvres and vinyl windshield graphic are all included in the registration fee. Cars may be driven in honor or in memory of the Alzheimer sufferer of your choosing or we will be happy to provide you with the name of a regional Alzheimer patient, deceased or living. We want no one to be driving a car in this event without a human connection to this disease.

Registration cost: \$50 per car. Each additional passenger: \$25 per person (children 12 and under: free)

For additional registration information please contact Rick Randolph at the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Virginia ([rick.randolph@alz.org](mailto:rick.randolph@alz.org) or 434-973-6122). Route information will be provided

**Service note:**

This may be of particular interest to Lynchburg area owners. I have talked to Porsche of Roanoke about service at their facility, specifically the inconvenience of taking a car to Roanoke then driving back to get it during normal week day hours. They told me you can schedule a service appointment through Hammersley of Lynchburg and they will drive it to Roanoke for service. That may be an excellent time saving choice.

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**BLUE RIDGE REGION BOARD MEETING**

June 13, 2006

Draft Minutes Have Not Been Reviewed By The Board Rev. 1.1

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

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as published in the Blau Rain

TREASURERS'S REPORT: Eddie Fort reported we had assets of \$18,356.44 as of May 31, 2006. Income for the month was \$490 in membership dues. Expenses for the month were \$721.66 which was primarily for postage and insurance for the track event.

WEB SITE: No new information. Ed Clowser said we are still looking for a club member to serve as the web master. In the interim Dave Hogan is filling that role.

MEMBERSHIP: Ed Clowser reported several new members. Cynthia and Jim Cates from Wirtz with a 2006 911, Kevin Foster of Lynchburg with a 1995 911, Russell and Laura Reiter of Roanoke with a 1993 968, Eric and David Swisher of Roanoke with a 1988 911, and David Tuck of Forest with a 2000 996.

SOCIAL: Gary Templeton reported a number of changes in our social schedule. The next social event will be at the Martin's in Roanoke on July 29 hosted by the Martins and Sowers.

The August Mexican Potluck at the Swopes has been canceled. Several alternatives including going to a Drive-In Movie in Lexington and Sunday brunch at Natural Bridge were discussed.

The date for the annual Christmas Party and Charity Auction has been set for December 9 at Corned Beef and Company in Roanoke.

TRACK: Track Chairman Gary Bell reported on developments for the Driver's Education Event at Summit Point, July 15-16.

Bell reports at this point the event is seriously under subscribed. This matter is serious as the Region could be at risk for as much as 6 to 7 thousand dollars if we continue. After considerable discussion, the Board voted to cancel the event and return all fees received.

Due to the reservation fee on the track, we will still suffer a loss of approximately \$2000.

The only sponsor check received was from Hendrick Porsche. That check will be returned.

**BUSINESS MANAGER:** Jerry Hampton reported he had received payment from Sports Car Clinic for advertising in the Blau Rain.

**HISTORIAN:** No Report

**SAFETY:** No Report

**EDITOR'S REPORT:** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ed Clowser reported Jim Michaels could not be at the meeting due to illness, but had reported on his discussions Porsche of Roanoke sales manager Mark Patterson and Josh Shreeman.

Patterson told Jim the Blue Ridge Region was welcome to meet in the new Porsche building and asked for additional PCA applications, especially with some local contact information.

Ed also noted Jim Michaels offered the Regions services to provide a display of various street, vintage, and race Porsches owned by members for the Grand Opening of Porsche of Roanoke.

Jim reported Mark Patterson and Mark Morrison, Porsche of Roanoke mechanic, are building a 944 track car.

**NEW BUSINESS?** No new business

The next scheduled Board Meeting is July 11 at 7:30 PM at the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke. All Blue Region members are invited.



you can understand my concerns for his safety. Fortunately, I had put street tires on the bars so his tractor would not be turned over. There was plenty to see and do. There was also time for friends and talk.

The Potomac group did a good job of running the event. They divided the participants into groups of 8 and alternated between classroom instruction and the track exercises. The rain was coming down so hard there were numerous places on the track where there





CTS Fahrzeug-Dachsysteme GmbH and its 900 or so employees are now part of Magna International Inc., Aurora, Ontario. The sale took effect in the second half of the 2005/06 fiscal year. Investments in the Porsche Group in the first ten months – including those in its financial services division – totaled 814,3 million euros (previous year: 805,8 million euros), a high level once again.

### Outlook

For the full fiscal year 2005/06, Porsche is set to post new all-time records in terms of sales, turnover and profit. It is anticipated that a total of substantially more than 90,000 vehicles will be sold; the figure last fiscal year was 88,379. Turnover will also reach a new high, although admittedly certain factors, such as the sale of CTS, must be taken into account. Moreover, a high level of investment in the development of the Panamera sports coupe will have repercussions well beyond the current fiscal year.

In the 2006/07 fiscal year, Porsche anticipates added momentum from the new 911 GT3 and the basic version of the Cayman, both of which are to be launched successively on markets around the world as from this summer. These expectations apply particularly to the new 911 Turbo, which will be available from European dealerships as of June 24, 2006. It will then be launched in the US and elsewhere on July 8, 2006. Porsche is expecting the top model in its sports car range to sell 6,000 units worldwide in the next fiscal year.

from: [www.porsche.com](http://www.porsche.com)



A rogue shower also “spotted” this 356 C. The sun quickly returned.

### New London Air & Car Show

The New London Airport hosted the 37th annual fly-in Sunday June fourth. With excellent weather and a lot of Porsches, there were planes and cars everywhere. The large crowd of spectators added to the success of this family event. It seems this event grows larger each year.

Upon entering the parking lot at New London Airport one was met with several lines of cars. Vehicles from the 30s to the present were represented. One group was hot rods, another British cars. Of course BRR members and others had several Porsches parked together. Old and new, stock and custom, there was something for all to see. There was even an old Norton ridden on the parade lap by an unknown daredevil (see picture in the June issue). The rider, dangerously standing on the seat going down the runway, had spectators guessing his identity. BRR members had their guesses but I think Gary Templeton was correct. We also bet the driver of the WWII army Jeep, complete with .30 caliber machine gun, did not have any road rage issues. A passing shower had the open car owners running to cover their cars or drive them to shelter. So much for the clean and polish work on the two cars I brought. Many spectators found shelter under the multitude of wings positioned around the facility. The rain was brief and the sun soon returned. Some dried their cars while others continued the day’s events.

Airplane activities included children “bombing” a target with bags of flour. Always enjoyed by the children, several were heard asking parents to sign them up. Some planes buzzed the runway while others flew in formation. A skydiver floated around the area making a perfect landing near the crowd. Stunt craft, antique craft, and even a hi-tech experimental craft were on display and performing. There was a raffle for a hot air balloon ride too, though no BRR members were lucky enough to win it. The unpredictable wind, which threatened to be too strong for small airplanes to fly, cooperated by remaining below FAA maximum while giving the crowd a cooling breeze.

As always the day ended too soon. Reluctantly BRR members folded the tent and headed for home, another fun event was over. I got to meet members I had not met before. I made new friends and renewed friendships with members not from my area. That is what makes these events fun and successful. See you next time.

## Porsche to increase stake in VW

**Stuttgart.** Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, is intending to acquire a further 3.9 per cent of the ordinary shares of Volkswagen AG. To this end, the company has filed an application to the German Federal Cartel Office to request its approval of the planned increase of its stake. Acquisition of the shares would increase the sports car manufacturer's holding in VW from the present 21.2 per cent to 25.1 per cent of the voting rights, meaning that it would obtain a controlling minority in the Group.

The Stuttgart company anticipates that the Cartel Office will approve its plans without delay. Porsche would be able to implement the intended stock purchase as soon as approval is granted. Notwithstanding, a decision as to when the measures to increase its stake will be put into place has not yet been made.

Porsche AG has been contemplating raising its stake since autumn 2005. In order to prevent any price risks, the company has concluded forward-rate agreements, which enable the ordinary shares to be purchased at a fixed price. Even without exercising this option, the sports car manufacturer is the largest single shareholder in Volkswagen AG.

From [www.porsche.com](http://www.porsche.com)



Gary Bell drives the parade lap at New London. Note pipe in hand. I wonder if he can he drive, smoke, and shift gears at the same time?

## Porsche YTD Results

**Stuttgart.** Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG of Stuttgart, Germany, will post new record figures in the current 2005/06 fiscal year (ending July 31). In the first ten months of the year under review, the manufacturer of sporty premium cars succeeded in increasing production, sales and turnover. From August 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006 Porsche Group's turnover was up 15.3 per cent, at 5.96 billion euros, compared with the same period the previous year. Profit has also risen once again.

### The new Cayman S is a worldwide success

In the first ten months of the current fiscal year, the Group's unit sales rose by 14.2 per cent to 79,564 vehicles (previous year: 69,685 units). Above all, this positive development reflects the successful introduction of the new generations of sports cars, which have met with an outstanding response from customers the world over. At the end of May, sales of the Porsche 911 were up 21.4 per cent to 27,896 vehicles. Sales of the Boxster series increased by 87.8 per cent to 22,846 vehicles, including 10,883 of the new mid-engined Cayman S coupe, which was only launched on the international market in November 2005. Another 353 high-performance Carrera GT sports cars, the production of which was phased out in May, were also sold (previous year: 549 units).

The Cayenne again reported excellent sales figures in the first ten months of the 2005/2006 fiscal year: at 28,469 units, sales of this sporty all-terrain vehicle were a mere 16.3 per cent below those for the same period the previous year. Unlike many of its competitors, Porsche achieved this level despite not offering ex-works discounts to boost sales.

### Significant production increases

Porsche's production volume also increased again. In the first ten months of the current fiscal year, a total of 85,160 vehicles were produced (plus 16.8 per cent). A total of 29,905 Porsche 911s were built (plus 29.8 per cent), while the figure for the Cayenne was 29,711 units (minus 12.2 per cent). Production of the Boxster series rose by 63.1 per cent to 25,254 vehicles – including 12,887 units of the new Cayman S. Of the Carrera GT, 290 units were built (previous year: 571 units).

As a result of this growth, the Porsche Group once again created more jobs. Corrected to take account of the sale of CTS Fahrzeug-Dachsysteme GmbH, Bietigheim-Bissingen, the number of staff rose by 367 compared with the same period the preceding year to reach 11,149.