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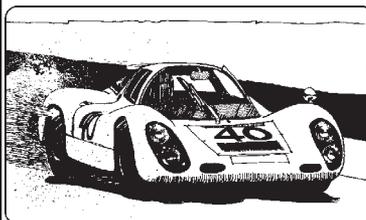
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Clip art from PCA. Uncredited photos by the editor.

***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 Porsche of Roanoke, 5070 Franklin Road, Roanoke, and are open to the general membership. Please join us.

Cover: Grand Opening of Porsche of Roanoke, September 21, 2006. Notice standing inside the showroom are BR members Jerry Hampton & Dick Hatch.

Newt's News

Porsche of Roanoke held their Grand Opening on Thursday evening, Sept. 21. I wish every member had attended as it was truly a fine event. Good fellowship around some very nice Porsches with good drink and excellent food. Don't forget they allow BRR members a 20% discount on parts and labor.

Speaking of Porsche of Roanoke, beginning Sept. 12 and the 2nd Tues. of every month, the BRR Monthly Board meetings will be held in their showroom. It is the last building at the south end of the Hammersley Auto complex on Rte. 220 south. Please join us in our new location.

The October social is Oktoberfest at Mountain Lake. If you have not been to Mt. Lake, like mountain views and good food, this is a trip you won't want to miss. Watch for more information in this issue. Also, the Grand Am Races are at VIR on October 7 & 8.

About 16 BRR members, etc. will be at VIR the weekend of 10/14 & 15 for a DE event with Car Guys, so if anyone wants to be part of that fast pace, we welcome you. You may even be able to bum a ride.

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 address and he will add you to his list

Drive the corners,

Ed Clowser, Jr.
President

Porsche of Roanoke Grand Opening

The grand opening of Porsche of Roanoke was September 21. BRR members and their cars assembled on the lot to show support for Porsche and its new dealer. With current Porsche models represented, everyone got to see and feel new Porsches. And with members' cars parked among them, everyone could see a rolling history of Porsche from 356 to date. Mick counted 31 PCA cars with all primary road cars represented except the 924. Inside, excellent food and drink, accompanied by a live band, provided a cordial atmosphere for everyone. Later, the service department was open for tours.

Among the dignitaries present was Michael Bartsch, Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer for Porsche Cars North America. He presented an award to Jim Walker, owner of Porsche of Roanoke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006

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

- Oct 6 Grand Am Races at VIR
Oct 7-8 *Octoberfest! Mountain Lake, VA. German food, beer,
(Sat or Sun) music, and dancing.*
13-15 Car Guys Drivers Ed at VIR
28-29 Synergy Racings Fall Fling at VIR
- 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 new Boxster sits outside the showroom at the Grand Opening of Porsche of Roanoke. The people inside were enjoying the fine food and music.

How to Use the BRR-PCA Website Forum:

By John Kuykendall, Webmaster and Forum Moderator

Several members have indicated they would use the on-line Forum at the BRR Website [<http://www.brr-pca.org/> then click "Forum" button] if they could just figure out how!

As noted in last month's Blau Rain, the on-line Forum contains the following discussion sections –

- Announcements
- Events
- Technical Discussion
- Off Topic
- Buy/Sell/Wanted Classified
- Feedback

So, how do you use the Forum? First, you can always READ the messages on the forum without registering simply by entering the Forum, clicking on the appropriate Forum section then clicking on the individual discussion "thread" you are interested in reading. The window at the right for each discussion group shows the subject of the most recent thread, along with the date and name of the last poster. If the thread is old (more than 30 days), you won't see anything unless you click the box where it says "the last 30 days" and make that a longer period (say 90 or 120 days) or say "from the beginning" and then click "go". If you want to post messages (in other words, write as well as read messages) in one of the discussion areas you will have to "REGISTER" as a user. The registration process involves clicking the "register" link at the top of the Forum where it says "Welcome Guest (Log in/Register)". Then, you enter a "user name" you choose, a unique password, and your Email address. Your Email address will only be accessible to the Administrator and others who have registered and been accepted. You do not have to share any other personal information. Currently, the "classifieds" section is only accessible to registered members.

We need to get more members to use the Forum to discuss Porsches, so it will become a lively, timely, and useful resource and a place to talk with other members about the Porsche cars we love and love to hate! Give the Forum a try!! Contact me at (webmaster@brr-pca.org) if you have any problems registering for or using the Forum, and we'll get it fixed! Let me know if there are any "glitches"!

BLUE RIDGE REGION BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2006

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

VISIT THE WEB SITE— www.brr-pca.org

ATTENDEES: Eddie Fort, Gary Templeton, Dave Snow, Gary Bell, Jerry Hampton, J.D. McClure,, Jon Grisenbeck, Dick Hatch, Ed Trottier, and Mick Michelsen.

In the absence of President Ed Clowser, Eddie Fort chaired the meeting which was the first one held in the showroom of the new Porsche of Roanoke.

MINUTES: The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as printed in the Blau Rain.

TREASURERS'S REPORT: Eddie reported the club has \$18, 179.08 in the bank. Income was 750 dollars from membership dues and advertising. Expenditures were 854.82 for two months printing and distribution of the Blau Rain.

WEB SITE: While the Kuykendalls were unable to attend the meeting, they have made extensive changes to the website and sent a “virtual” report.

They are updating the events section and request members send them copies of events they would like to have posted. The Board unanimously agreed that event postings by Blue Ridge Members did not have to be specific to Porsche. If this becomes a problem in the future, it will be revisited.

They also request members send them digital pictures of themselves and their Porsches along with a brief bio/description for the “Members” section.

They have also written a couple of articles for the Blau Rain concerning this and use of the “Forum”. These will appear in future issues.

MEMBERSHIP: In Ed Clowser's absence, Eddie presented the membership report. There are three new members. Karl and Amy Gelles of Bedford with a Silver 1985 944. John and Patricia Linberg from Lynchburg in a Seal Grey 2003 Boxster, and Dexter and Vareni Shears with a Tan 2006 Cayenne hailing from Roanoke.

It also should be noted J.D. McClure and his wife just acquired a 944-S2 which is destined to be a track car, and Sharon Mitchell after a long Porsche absence has been spotted recently in an Arrest-Me-Red 1980 Targa.

SOCIAL: Gary Templeton reported the next social event will this weekend for the combination tour, bike ride, theater al la carte trip to Abington

Gary said the Oktoberfest date at Mountain Lake had to be changed to October 7/8 due to conflicts with Tech football games. It was noted this also places it the event in conflict with the Grand Am races at VIR. Information about the event will either be in a flyer or published in the Blau Rain

TRACK: Track Chairman Gary Bell reported we are continuing to explore putting on an event with First Settlers.

BUSINESS MANAGER: Jerry all advertisers were current. He noted he had received a request from VIR to advertise the Historic Races. He will contact them to see if they would like to have a paid ad.

HISTORIAN: No Report

SAFETY: No Report

EDITOR'S REPORT: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: With the move of the meeting to the Porsche of Roanoke showroom, the Board voted unanimously to gift the custodian at the Virginia Transportation Museum the same amount at Christmas as we have in past years.

NEW BUSINESS: Eddie reported that the Parade at Hershey showed a surplus of over \$21,000 dollars. The Zone 2 co-chairs are going to add additional funds to this and donate \$22,000 to a Pennsylvanian children's hospital.

Dick Hatch reported that the Motor Madness event will be moved to the last week of June from July 4th. This is a great event for members to meet other car people in the area. Contact Dick if you would like to attend the next meeting on September 26.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is October 10th at 7:00 PM at the Porsche of Roanoke Showroom, on 220 south. All Blue Region members are invited.

The 2006 Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series

Number 23 Ruby Tuesday Championship Racing Team Porsche Crawford driver Mike Rockenfeller won the Future Rookie of the Year Award. With two victories and seven podiums Rockenfeller and co-driver Patrick Longe provided Porsche excitement in the 13 races. The number 23 team and the number 17 SAMAX Porsche GT3 team won the Performance Drink Endurance Challenge Award given to DP and GT teams with the best average finish in the three 2006 Rolex Series endurance races.

Also, Porsche provided the most exciting finish of 2006 in VIR 400, in which the number 23 Ruby Tuesday Championship Racing Team Porsche Crawford went from third to first with three turns remaining on the final lap. That finish was named the Rolex Moment of The Year as determined through fan voting on the official web site of the Grand American Road Racing Association.



“Through the Looking Glass”. With reflections of new Porsches on the outside, people “reflect” on the good food.

TOP TEN REASONS TO USE THE BRR-PCA.ORG WEBSITE:

By John Kuykendall

- 10.** Want to know about all the latest Blueridge Region PCA announcements, events and other happenings? They are there on the website under the “EVENTS” button and are available to you anytime and any place you have net access.
- 9.** Want links to your OTHER favorite Porsche websites, race tracks, vendors and our club sponsors, and other PCA websites? They are right there under the “LINKS” button!
- 8.** Looking for another Porsche, or parts for the one you already have? Look under the “CLASSIFIEDS” button to see items for sale by our members. We’re in the process of updating this right now, so send in your ads. Ads from Blau Rain will be included here. We’re always culling “dead links” and adding new ones.
- 7.** New to the area and looking to join PCA and/or the Blueridge Region? Just click the “JOIN US” button to get access to a PCA On-Line Membership Application!
- 6.** Looking for the e-mail address or contact information for one of our Officers? Just click the CONTACT US “balloon” and you’ll have direct access to their names, phone numbers and hot-links to the e-mail address of the appropriate officer.
- 5.** Looking for a bit more information about the Blueridge Region PCA and it’s History? Click the ABOUT US balloon and you’ll learn all you ever wanted to know and more.
- 4.** Want the latest news about the Porsche world, new Porsche models and other things Porsche-related? Just click the NEWS balloon and you’ll get all the latest news that is fit to print and include on our website (or at least everything we’ve been provided by our members and obtained from other sources!).
- 3.** Want to know what’s been discussed or decided at the BRR-PCA board meetings or otherwise what is happening with the club, but don’t have the time to attend the monthly Board Meetings? Well just click the MINUTES balloon and you’ll get the latest minutes, as well as links to several previous minutes from our board meetings.
- 2.** Want to read one of those brilliant articles from the latest Blau Rain, and just can’t seem to locate this month’s copy? Look on the

“HOMEPAGE” (first screen) and you’ll see “August 2006 Newsletter” in red type, which is a “hot link” to the August issue of Blau Rain (IN COLOR!!). We’ll strive to always the current and last month’s BR accessible on the website, for your reading pleasure!

And Finally, the **Number 1. Reason to visit the BRR Website:** You can Click the “FORUM” button, register your username (see instructions elsewhere in this newsletter), and begin your on-line bench-racing sessions with other BRR and Porsche enthusiasts from the comfort of your own computer! Discussions such as “Why does the Cayman S cost more than a convertible Boxster S?” are always good for a lively exchange of opinions!!

So, **USE the BRR-PCA website!!** It’s a member benefit there for you!

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Oktoberfest 2006

If there's a weekend dedicated to our German Cars, this is it! Join us on October 8th at Mountain Lake, Virginia for a celebration of Fall, with good friends, great cars, and feasting. Several of you have asked about this event, and here it is.

We will gather at Pinkerton Chevrolet, (From I-81, take the route 419 exit to Pinkertons) in Salem at 9:00 am, on Sunday October 8th. We will travel through some of Virginia's best mountain roads to Mountain Lake, Virginia to attend the best Brunch in the area. Our reservations are for 11:00 am. If you plan to drive there on your own, please be there a little early so we can all gather together. The cost of the brunch is \$25 per person. Hope to see you all there!

In order to have enough seating, we need a pretty good head count, so please **RSVP** to Gary or Donna Templeton if you plan to attend the brunch on Sunday, October 8th, by calling **434-525-2973, by October 4th**.

For those of you who want to experience the festivities of a German Beer Hall complete with authentic German food and Oompah Band, you may want to consider staying at the Mountain Lake Lodge. The weekend of the 7th and 8th are considered Holiday rates by the lodge so they are requiring a two night minimum stay. Their rates include lodging, dinner and breakfast (unfortunately, they are considering Sunday Brunch as LUNCH and it is not included in their packages.) The website for anyone interested in this is www.mountainlakehotel.com.

Stuttgart. Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, is intends 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.

From: www.porsche.com

Welcome New Members

Karl and Amy Gelles of Bedford with a Silver 1985 944.
John and Patricia Linberg of Lynchburg in a 2003 Boxster.
Dexter and Vareni Shears of Roanoke with a 2006 Cayenne.



Grand Opening of Porsche of Roanoke



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BLUE RIDGE REGION – PCA 2007 OFFICERS BALLOT

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Member Signature

Family/Affiliate signature

Each member and family/affiliate mark the ballot on the line provided for one position. Write in candidate name where required. Mail by November 10 to: Mick Michelsen, 225 N. Maple, Vinton, VA 24179 or bring to the Election Dinner at Peals of Otter Restaurant November 11.

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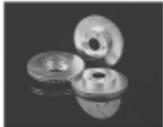


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EXHAUST NOTES

Last issue had reports and pictures from events in which BRR members participated and enjoyed. I had other articles to include. Unfortunately I had an editor's dream and nightmare, deciding which articles to include. That means I am receiving a lot of good articles and pictures. That is a good problem to have and I appreciate each one.

The 2006 Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series is over. Porsche did not do as well as expected though there were some great moments. For me, a major part of the auto racing season is over. I will now turn my fan attention to the various open wheel series. Since I am not a fan of other sports, the long winter season of auto racing deprivation soon begins soon. Thank God for Speed Channel and repeat broadcasts.

Some members have asked about color in BR. I asked our printer the cost of a color cover. That would add \$150 per month to the printing costs. It looks like B&W in print and color on the web is the way we will stay.

Know no rules.

Dave Hogan, Editor





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-- **R12, 14oz can.** One can of R12, one can of R12 oil, and two R12 hoses to install. All for \$25. Dave Hogan, 434-525-3458 or poetsvisions@verizon.net.

-- **911s, White or pink.** Two Barbie 911s. These were produced in the 90s as Barbie's car. Both are complete and have seen little use (no track time or accidents). The pink one has working headlights, the white one does not have that feature. I do not know the scale but they are 21 inches long. \$20 each or both for \$35. Dave Hogan, 434-525-3458 or poetsvisions@verizon.net.

-- **914 lug socket and bar.** Free to a loving home. Includes a small container of 914 hardware. Dave Hogan, 434-525-3458 or poetsvisions@verizon.net.

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