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The Editor's Desk

I have been Blau Rain editor since 2006, except for a few months while there was no Blau Rain. No longer a monthly printed or published newsletter, Blau Rain remains popular. Join me in the journey through my tenure as editor.

Feb - Sept 2006 - Same

The first eight months as editor I used the cover design used on previous Blau Rains. October 2006 brought my first redesign of the cover. While black & white was still printed, some of the covers here are in their designed color.

Dec 2006 - Printed Color

The December 2006 issue was approved to have a color cover. I used my 1999 Boxster on the cover and designed what appears to be a CD player to display it. Digital photography was not great then, but it was easier than film.

Jan 2007 - Jun 2009

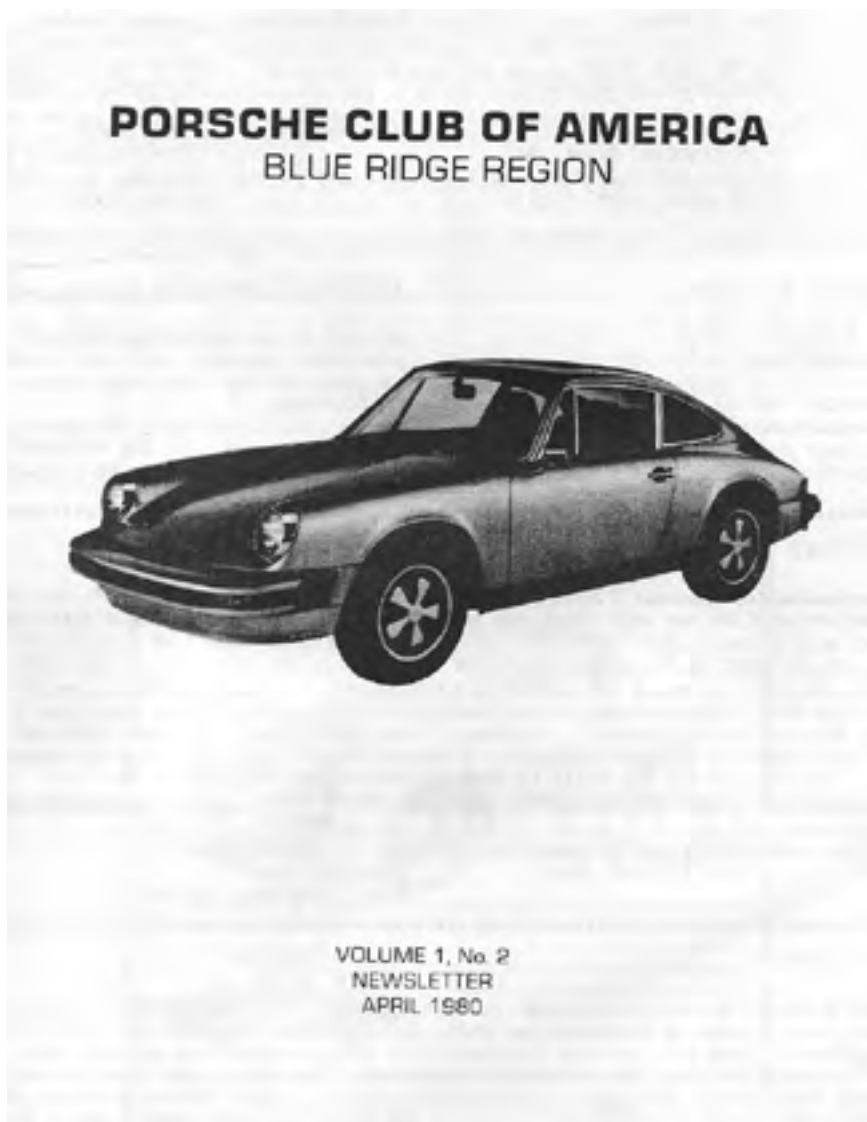
Not much changed from January 2007 to December 2009. Digital photography improved, and my digital camera was upgraded. More people started using digital cameras so getting photographs for publication became easier.

Jul 2009 - Dec 2019

Beginning the July 2009 issue the size of Blau Rain changed from half-page to magazine size. Along the way the number of issues was reduced from monthly to quarterly to semiannually. January issues are a recap of the previous year and are printed for distribution.

2020 - The Future

The current cover design started January 2020. The layout of the newsletter was also changed to create a more modern looking publication. Gone are even columns and perfectly spaced photographs. My current camera creates film quality photographs.



First Blau Rain cover, 1980. Number one had a cover sheet.

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I began as Blau Rain editor in 2006



February 2006 was my first Blau Rain. I had been interested in being editor so, with the help of the outgoing editor, I began. Then Blau Rain was a monthly publication printed in black & white. Digital photography and desktop publishing was getting started making editing much easier.

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The first Blau Rain cover printed in color, December 2006

In December 2006 the first color cover was printed. I used a photograph of my car on the Blue Ridge Parkway.



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July 2009, size changed to “magazine” size.

July 2009 brought a layout change from half-page to magazine size. The layout inside stayed the same.

Digital cameras had improved making the photos much like film photos.

Most of the cover photographs are mine, but several members contributed photos each month.



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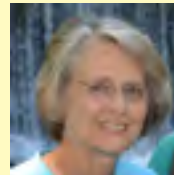
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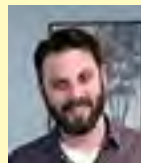
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From The Editor's Desk



This issue of Blau Rain contains the covers of all the issues I have published, from the start in February 2006 to January to June 2020.

In 2006 Blau Rain was published, printed, and mailed monthly. The desktop publishing age was growing and Adobe Pagemaker was used. By 2006 Adobe had replaced Pagemaker with Indesign so in 2008 I began using Indesign which I use today.

Along the way I did not contribute much of the photography. Thanks to many people, members

and non-members, I collected enough photographs for each issue. Soon I was bitten by the photography bug and my photograph contributions continued to increase. Today the majority of photographs in Blau Rain are mine.

This year got off to a good start. There were several events which were well attended. Then, in Mid March, the pandemic hit. What a change that was for everyone. All events were cancelled or postponed until it was safer to go out and be among people.

Our April 40th anniversary celebration has been postponed until later this year (hopefully). The Street Survival was cancelled. With September Treffen in our back yard, we are hopeful it will not be cancelled.

Our Facebook page is updated constantly with event information, photographs of past events, Porsche and other auto news, reminders, and changes. The good news is you do NOT have to have a Facebook account to see our Facebook page. Find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/BlueRidgePCA>. Also visit our [website](#) which also contains information and photographs.

Dave Hogan,

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Our 30th Anniversary celebration at the Roanoke Country Club, May 2010.

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Monthly Color Covers started Feb. 2007



The first color cover, December 2006, was popular (see page 8). Blau Rain covers began to have color printed covers in February 2007 and has continued. Now the newsletter is printed once a year in full color. While still expensive to print, it produces a more professional looking publication.

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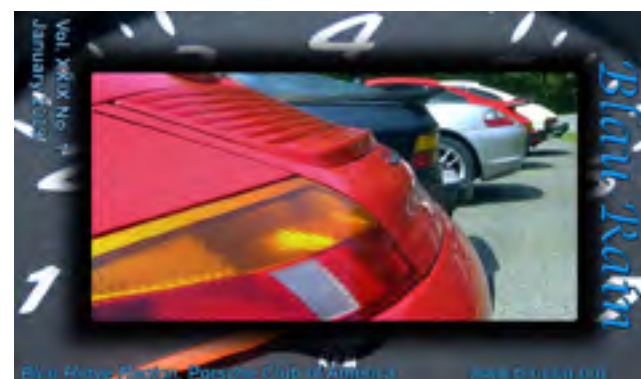


May 2010 Blau Rain cover (page 16) celebrating the 30th anniversary. Publishing and photography had changed a lot in 30 years as seen in the covers on this and other pages.

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Cover Photo Credit: Jerry Hampton



July 2009 began magazine size

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Blue Ridge Region, New London Fly-In 2006

Cover Photo Credit: Mike Paris



Cover Photo Credit: Jerry Hampton



Closeup of a Carrera engine lid, a 356 somewhere in the Colorado Rockies, A Porsche powered ariplane propeller, and a racing 911 make interesting cover photos.

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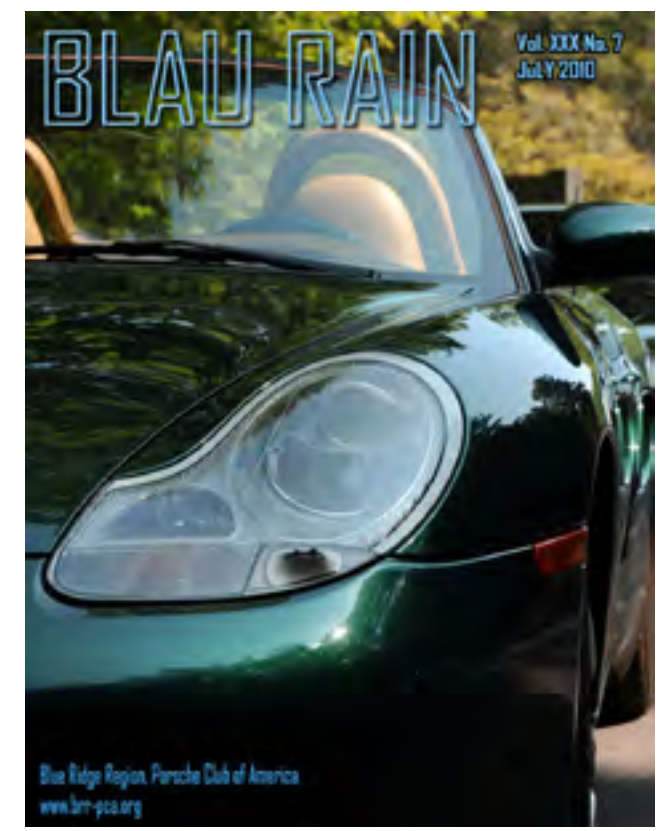


The 968 once belonging to a long time Blue Ridge Region member, Boxsters on the track at VIR, an event somewhere in the region, and a parade photo in Colorado.

Cover Photo Credit: Jerry Hampton



Cover Photo Credit: Jerry Hampton



Blue Ridge Region charter member, Dick Hatch, at our 35th Anniversary celebration.

Porsches at VIR, Ed,s green with tan Boxster, the first GT3 hybrid, and a timeless parade photo, all making a variety of photographs showing Porsche life.

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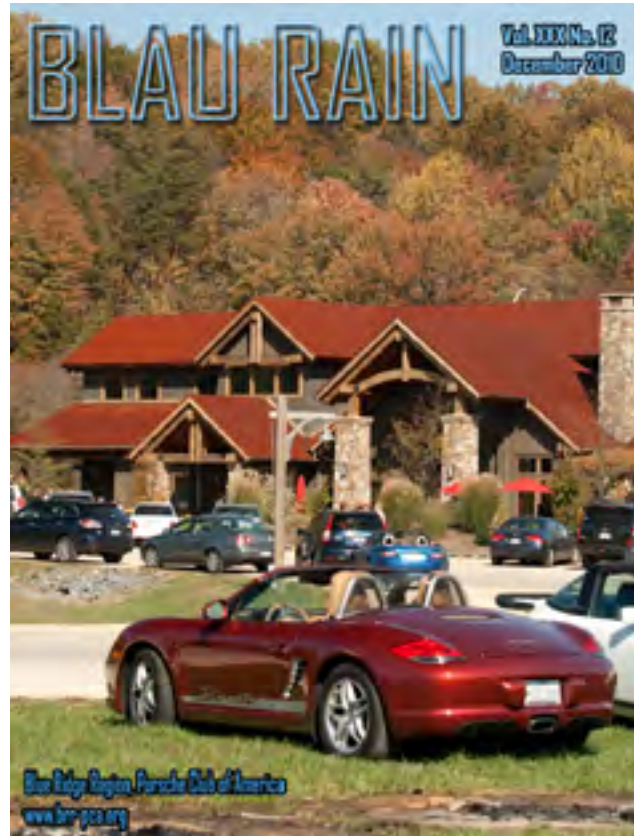
Do you know what car is featured on the October 2010 cover of Blau Rain? See if you can guess. The December 2010 view of Devil's Backbone is very different today.

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From an event at Porsche of Roanoke to a DE at VIR, photos come from many people and from many locations. Have you shared photographs with me. How many locations do you recognise?

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Two views above of Prototype action at VIR. Prototypes no longer race in the August IMSA events, but there is plenty of action from other types offering interesting photographic opportunities.



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Cover Photo Credit: Jerry Hampton



Racing is a huge part of Porsche cars and their owners. Whether HPDE or DE many members take to the track. Even charity laps and parade laps are fun. Many of the cover photographs in this publication are from the racetrack. Others are from the various events scheduled each year. The only requirement for a cover photo is it must contain a Porsche.

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A Cayman R, caution at VIR, a Magnus Racing 911, and 911 at parade.

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The "Old Green Car" being restored.

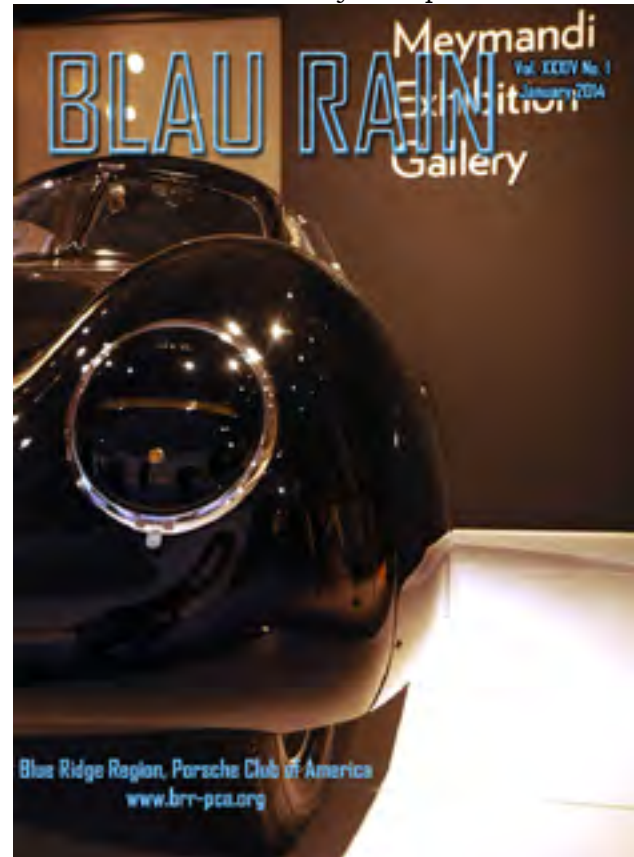


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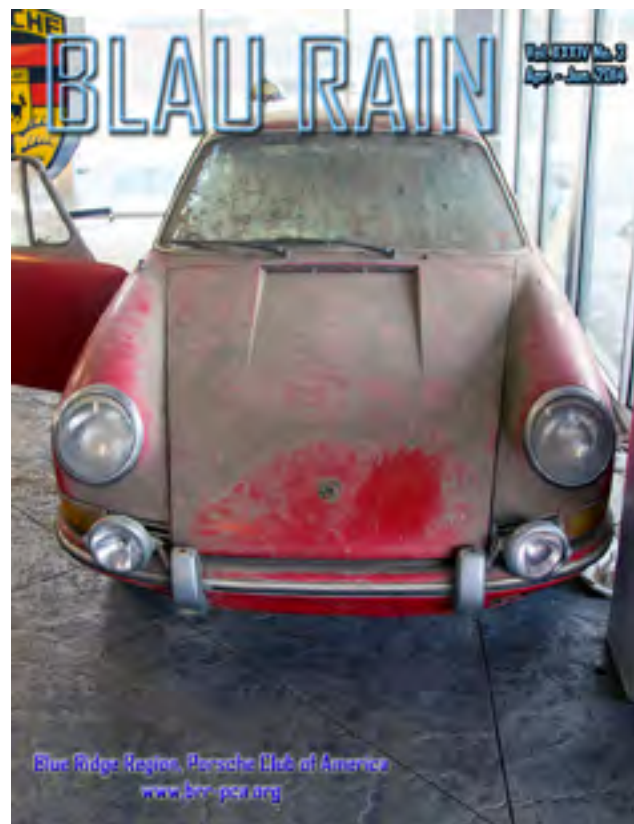
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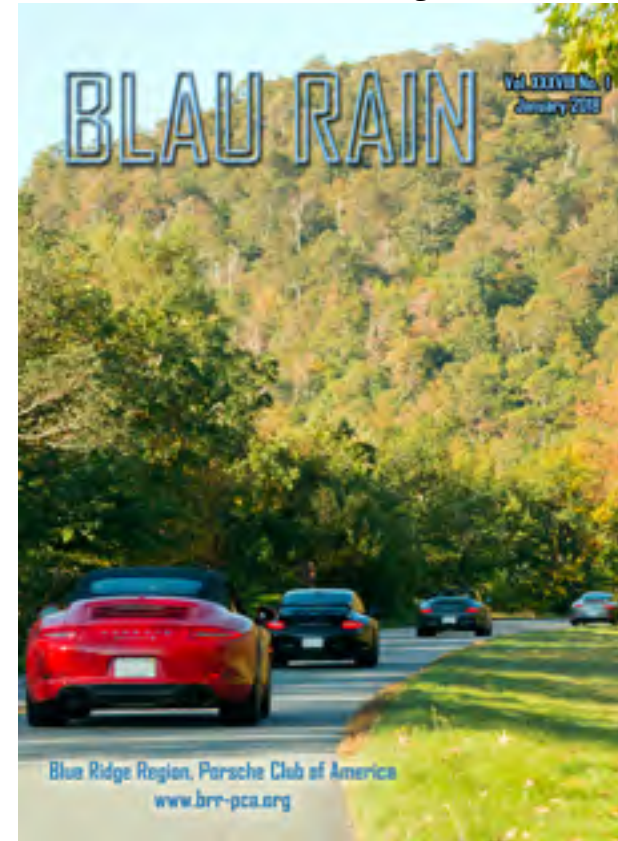
I unknowingly used the same photograph twice, one year apart, but the wet targa is super.



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Watching Williamson Rd. cruising in 2004.

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2020 began with a new Blau Rain layout then corona virus. Some changes are good, others very bad.

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A Porsche corral, left, or a mountain drive, right, or maybe a Porsche drive somewhere else.



Is this a picture painted on the side of the trailer, or it it a real Porsche inside the trailer?



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