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The President's Desk

The president's column summarizes who we are, what we do, and where we are headed. From the interface with Porsche Club of America national to the people we meet, the president represents each of us to the world. Everything starts with good leadership.

From the Editor

Blue Ridge Region usually prints the January issue of Blau Rain highlighting the activities of the past year. With so few 2020 events there was no printed edition. This issue describes events we held in 2021, and individual activities members attended.

Charities

Blue Ridge Region shares a lot with its community. One way is the support of various charities in the region. There is the annual donation to four charities in the region plus other support during the year as determined by the board of directors.

Cars 'n Coffee

Cars 'n Coffee is a very casual social event. Usually held ten months of the year, Blue Ridge Region members, friends, and invited guests get together for friends and food. Getting there in a Porsche is part of the fun too. There is nothing like a Porsche drive with friends, and having good food too.

2021 Events

2021 saw the return of events. The pictures and descriptions of some of the most fun events are in this issue. From the belated 40th anniversary celebration to Cars 'n Coffee, we were together again. Here's to 2022 events, may there be many and well attended. Happy New Year!

Other Member Activities

When PCA events are not scheduled, our members turn to other activities using their Porsche. Inside are pictures and descriptions of a few fun things members did like Cars and Coffee, Lake Pipes, and cruising the scenic highways and byways of our region and other regions.

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Cars 'n Coffee is always a popular event

Our Cars 'n Coffee events are well attended and enjoyed. The emphasis is on socializing and dining.





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Not PCA Events. What members did when no PCA events were scheduled

While most of us enjoy PCA events, there are many more car related things to do in the area.

There were numerous car shows, cruise-ins, and cars & coffee for people to attend.

Several Blue Ridge Region members participate in these events supporting local causes and businesses.



Photo: Laura Hogan

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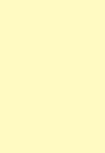
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From The President's Desk

Happy New Year to all of you across the Blue Ridge Region! The Blue Ridge Region PCA Board and I wish you all a great, wonderful, and fun year! As I write this column I am fondly remembering the best parts of the past year while enthusiastically looking forward with optimism and excitement for 2022. I do hope you read on to hear what is changing, what we accomplished last year, and the road ahead for this year.

The results of our annual election have been tallied and joining me as your officers for the year will be Bill Hume - Vice President, Beth Heinzelman - Secretary, and Troy Smith - Treasurer. Join me in thanking Beth for volunteering to take on the duties of our Secretary and to Bill and Troy for continuing to serve our region.

I also want to share my appreciation of Dan DeHart for serving as our Secretary for the past 3 years. It has been a pleasure to work with Dan during this period. For those who do not know, Dan also has served as Membership Chair for multiple years and President (2 years). He is also one of the first to step up to volunteer to help with any club need. On the behalf of the entire region - Thanks Dan!

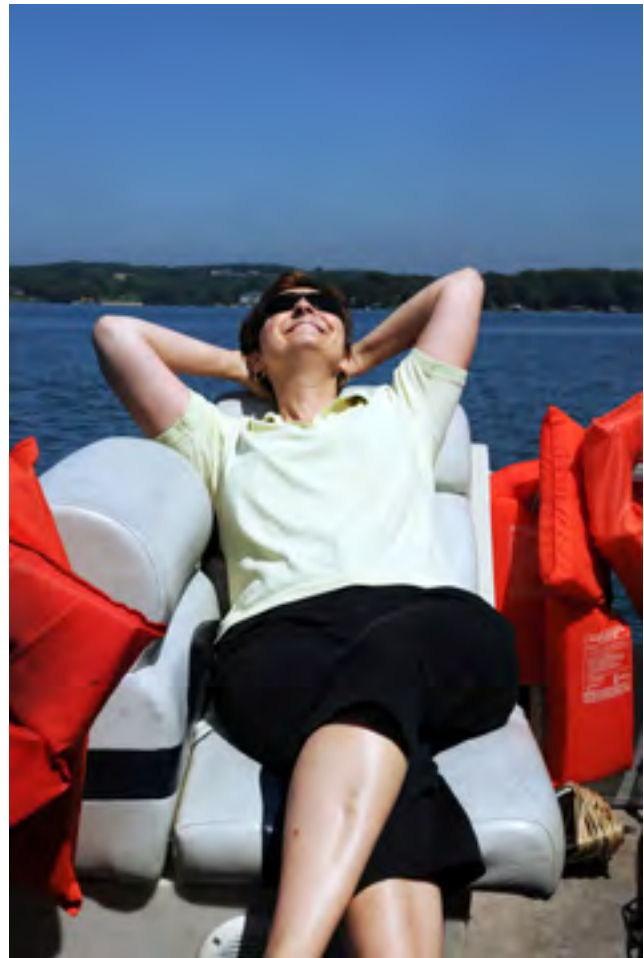
While our officers are elected and have the primary responsibility for the corporation, we also have 11 members who give their time as Chairpersons with responsibilities for our social activities, moving car events, safety, business operations, education, publications, website, social media and more. Be sure to visit BRR-PCA.org/contacts to see all the names and great pictures of all our Board members. Of course, thank them, as I do, for their dedication and work to make the region great!

Shifting gears to look in our rear view mirror I am proud of all we accomplished in 2021. The year began with the ongoing Covid concerns threatening to keep us in the pits. However, member input indicated a desire to become active as the situation improved and it did. We successfully and safely held the 2nd Annual Gary Bell Rally, four Cars N' Coffee events, an open house at Martin's German Service, joined with the First Settlers Region for the Smith Mountain Lake Charity tour, held our 40th Anniversary Celebration (attended by 96 members and guests) including a members' car show and silent auction, and closed out the events with a tour to Swannanoa! Along the way we raised and contributed \$4,000 to charities within our region and launched The Blue Ridge Blogger and our refreshed website.

So where are we going in 2022? Well, that depends on you, our members! Past surveys and feedback set the general direction: Cars N' Coffee events, driving tours, social dinners, and rallies. How about charity fund-raisers, autocross, technical sessions, organizing a group for HPDE, and Sim Racing? But! When, where and how many? What things would excite you and increase participation? Join us at our annual Planning meeting in February, reach out to any Board member and share your ideas, and/or respond to emails and surveys asking for your input.

I'm looking forward to chatting with many of you at our events throughout the year.
With best wishes,

Reid Kuder,
President



Our events involve, among other things, driving our Porsches, eating at good restaurants, and socializing.... Often there is time to relax and enjoy.... Well, just relax and enjoy. See you at the next Blue Ridge Region event.

In Print and on Social Media

In 2020 Blue Ridge Region was 40 years old, and with Covid-19 there was little chance to celebrate. BUT, on 17 October 2021 the celebration began. Better late than never!

2021 was a better year in Blue Ridge region. Socials, Cars 'n Coffee, and other events were scheduled and held. Some concessions to Covid-19 were required, but we were able to enjoy several Blue Ridge region activities. Cars 'n Coffee returned with members able to socialize and enjoy good food. A road trip, a rally, and a Porsche Corral were among the activities. All the activities were greatly missed in 2020, and members spoke often of being glad the activities were again able to be held.

We look forward to 2022 with much anticipation and a little anxiety. Our dedicated volunteers are already working on 2022 events.

Until 2022 events begin, our Facebook page and website are often updated with event information, photographs of Blue Ridge Region and other events, Porsche and other auto news, reminders, and changes. Go to our website and click the "Facebook" link in the "Important Links" at the bottom of the home page. It is that easy to stay current on Blue Ridge Region events.

Dave Hogan,
Newsletter Editor,
Social Media Coordinator

Charities 2021

Our club is a charitable organization. Each year we raise funds for charity with proceeds going to charities we select from our region. During 2020 we donated \$1500 to each of four charities across our region; Bedford Domestic Violence Coalition, West End Center for Youth, NRV Cares, and, CASA of Lynchburg. One charity is chosen from a different area in Blue Ridge Region. Additionally, we donate to

other charities during the year as voted by the board. The generosity of our members allows us to give back some of our good fortune.

Some members may have used one of our charities, some may use one in the future. Our donations allow the charities to help others during their tough time of need. We are happy to help our friends in need. Donations are welcome throughout the year. Thank you for your support.



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40th Anniversary Celebration

May 2020 was the 40th anniversary of Blue Ridge Region, but Covid-19 prevented any celebration. The Delta variant of 2021 threatened to delay the celebration again, but was unsuccessful. October 17, 2021 was selected as the date, and the celebration began.

The festivities began with a car show with

entry and voting fees designated for the charities Blue Ridge Region supports.

A social hour followed with friends old and new catching up on the previous year's happenings.

The evening ended with buffet dinner and a speaker most members knew.



Something old and something new separated by something racy at the Vinton War Memorial. It was a beautiful day for a celebration.



Also in attendance was the newest member of our Porsche collection, a Night Blue Metallic Macan.

The Car Show



View from the porch of the Vinton War Memorial. Look at all those Porsches.

The car show raised money for Blue Ridge Region charities. Held in the parking lot of the Vinton War Memorial, there was even a class for non-Porsche vehicles. Suitable chastising was given to those drivers.

Did the owners of the entries vote for their own car? It was all in fun to raise money so there were no taxable prizes at stake. Everyone got the chance to view all the different Porsches and meet their owners.



There were several rows of Porsche cars so voting for the best 2-door was contested.



In the 4-door class there was only one Panamera, the rest were SUVs.

Dinner and Speaker



With dinner nearly finished, it was time for the guest speaker, Cole Scrogam.

Preceding dinner was a social hour. Old friends were reacquainted and new friends made. Blue Ridge Region is still growing with over 200 members and associate members.

The buffet dinner had a variety of foods to enjoy. A large roast beef supplied many members. Many members tried a variety of the foods giving a “fulfilling” experience. Deserts were well received as well.



More members and the beautiful room we were using for our event.



Guest speaker Cole Scrogam.

Afterwards



And just like that, it was over. Time for everyone to return home and anticipate the next great event. If you missed it, you missed something special.



Blue Ridge Region President, Reid Kuder, opens the inside festivities.



Night time in the parking lot as Porsches have left the building.



KMA Racing Porsche 911

PCA Corral at V.I.R.

Early Saturday morning there was a moderate mist falling at Virginia International Raceway. Just before Porsche Carrera Cup qualifying began, a steady rain started and lasted about 90 minutes. Track conditions were very slick and there were several off-track events resulting in several caution flags and a reduction in qualifying time.



The corner worker at turn 4 displays the green flag at the start of Saturday morning qualifying in the rain.

Sunday morning was still cloudy, but dry. With no weather issues, the day's events, on and off track, were better enjoyed by drivers and fans.

In The Tent

In spite of Saturday's early morning rain, the tent provided a dry place to watch the events. After Porsche Carrera Cup qualifying, the rain stopped and the track dried. Later there was a visit from Grand Marshal Ray Evernham, An IMSA Hot Pit Experience raffle, and a technical presentation from Michelin, along with a Michelin raffle. The afternoon included Carrera Cup Paddock Tour and a Michelin Tire Workshop Tour. Also an Austin Hatcher live auction for a Bill Patterson painting. Bill painted the picture in the tent while we watched. Shortly after noon the main event, the Michelin GT Challenge began, followed by race #1 - Porsche Carrera Cup. Sunday morning another busy day began with qualifying for the Michelin Challenge TCR series, followed by qualifying for the Michelin Challenge GS series. Later in the morning the much awaited Porsche Parade Lap registration and Mandatory IMSA Parade Lap Safety Briefing were held. The afternoon began with race #2 - Porsche Carrera Cup, and a IMSA Hot Pit Experience raffle. Porsche parade laps were held with only one Porsche SUV, the rest being Porsche cars. The last event

was the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge. It was a very interesting and busy weekend. Lets do it again next year.



Before the weekend events began, the hospitality tent was ready and waiting.



Blue Ridge Region member Laura Hogan has worked at the registration desk several years.

The Painting

Each VIR Porscheplatz/Hospitality Tent Bill Patterson comes to the tent to paint a picture for the year. After the painting is finished, it is auctioned with the proceeds going to charity.



Artist Bill Patterson in a 2018 photo.



The auction for the Bill Patterson painting begins.

Porsche Parade Laps



The Porsche Parade Lap cars lined to get onto the track.
Photo: Laura Hogan

In The Porsche Corral

The Porsche Corral hosted 100 Porsches. There were 78 Porsche cars and 22 Porsche SUVs. The popularity of Porsche SUVs increases each year, as indicated by the corral. Many owners have a Porsche car and a Porsche SUV. There were mostly modern era cars as few air cooled 911 models were observed. Of the modern era models, most were represented. Whatever your preference there is always a spot for your vehicle in the Porsche Corral and driving parade laps.

The Porsche Parade Laps are always popular. There was only one “Grocery Getter” i.e. SUV in the field. Try as they may, the cars could not outrun that Macan S. Do you think the pace car in front may have been the reason?

Being last in line, and at highway speeds, the Macan had no trouble keeping up with the cars. It is strange to see SUVs on the track, even at slow speeds. But we know Porsche SUVs are a breed all their own. And while they cannot compete with Porsche cars, they still give great



Some of the cars in the Porsche Corral, and the Hospitality Tent at Virginia International Raceway.

driving experiences.

Safely driving at highway speeds, parade laps give drivers a better perspective on the technical parts of driving in competition. Following the racing line through the turns helps fans understand some of the nuances of racing.



Headed down the front straight, the Porsches prepare for the Horse Shoe.
Photo: Laura Hogan

On The Track

The main event, the Michelin GT Challenge was run with the GTLM Corvettes finishing 1-2, and the Weather Tech Porsche 3rd. While the Corvettes and Porsche shared some paint, it was the off-track event for the Weather Tech Porsche that sealed its finishing spot.



The GTLM class winning #4 Corvette Racing Corvette.



The #79 Weather Tech Porsche RSR-19 keeping the #19 GRT Grasser Racing Team Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO behind.



The #9 Pfaff Motorsports Porsche GT3 R won the GTD class.

With The Starter

Have you been on the start stand during a race? It is a very interesting place to see the cars in action. The sounds differ from the sounds heard on the ground, and the view is vastly different. With a view of the start/finish line, the track, and pit out there is a lot to see all the time. With the view from above, identifying the cars is difficult unless you are familiar with the cars' colors. Even then, teams with multiple cars are nearly impossible to tell apart.

During the race there an incident on the track which brought out the full course caution. Photos like just below are not often seen from that perspective. As the cars slowed, there was a better photo opportunity due to the lower speed. Workers there are constantly alert to changing track conditions.



The #96 Turner Motorsport BMW M4 GT4 passes under the start stand.



The #40 PF Racing Ford Mustang GT4 leaves the pits and heads back onto the track.



The full course caution double yellow flags displayed due to an incident near NASCAR Bend.



The #65 Murillo Racing Mercedes-AMG GT GT4 leaves the pits and heads back onto the track.



The VIR Rapid Response Vehicle passes under the start stand headed for an incident.



Full course caution brings out the safety vehicles. Photo looking toward the Horse Shoe. Note the yellow flag at the corner.

Event Summary

The early Saturday rain put a small damper on fan experience, but the rain was short lived. Even though cloudy both Saturday and Sunday, the October temperatures were comfortable, and much more enjoyable than the usual August heat. Lets petition IMSA to make the later race date a regular event. The Porsche tent was well run and supplied. With two TVs to see the track action not visible from the tent, Porsche owners were able to follow the racing in comfort.



Zone 2 Representative Rose Ann Novotnak (L) and Porscheplatz/PCA Corral Coordinator Lynn Friedman (R) pause for a quick photo. It was difficult to get these two together at the same time. The Hospitality Tent was busy and so were they. Their hard work resulted in a great experience for PCA members and Porsche owners. It was a very enjoyable event.



After parade laps, everyone was left with smiles.

Remember When?



Cass Scenic Railroad, Cass, WV, 2015. Blue Ridge Region has been there twice and most want to go again. Located near Snowshoe and the Greenbank observatory, it is a great 2-day trip.



Porsche RS60 GTS unveiling at Porsche of Roanoke April 2008. Many Blue Ridge Region members attended. Blue Ridge Region members attended several events there before its closure.

Odds & Ends



The #47 Forty7 Motorsports LMP3 Prototype goes off track and needs to be pulled back to resume racing.



Crew members standing on pit wall waiting for their car to pit.



When all else fails, get a bigger hammer.



Part of the 78 Porsche cars in the Porsche Corral.



The line of the 22 Porsche SUVs in the Porsche Corral. That Cayenne color is very different.



The #88 Team Hardport Porsche 911 GT3.R.



Panoramic view from the start stand during the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge.



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Cars 'n Coffee

Cars 'n Coffee is our monthly casual social event. It is open not only to PCA members, but all Porsche owners, guests, and anyone willing to listen to us talk about our cars.

Held at 9:30 AM ten months a year in a different place within our area, it gives an opportunity for all members to meet and socialize. Weather permitting, a lot of socializing happens in the parking lot before and after the brunch. These events usually have the largest attendance of our events with numbers ranging from 20-30 people. Some of the places we enjoyed in 2021 are Blue Ridge Bagels in Lynchburg, Dale's Diner in Montvale, and Old Oak Cafe in Montvale. Each location has its own atmosphere and specialty. These brunches are not only an excellent social opportunity, but a chance to learn more good places to dine. Many locations offer other things to do after eating. So drive your Porsche and join us. Casual is the word and good friends are there with you. Dates & places are on our website and Facebook page, and in our weekly blog. See you there!

These are photos from the different Cars 'n Coffee venues in 2021.



Blue Ridge Region member cars at Blue Ridge Bagels



BRR kept Dale's Diner busy for a while.



Who brought this British car to a Porsche event?



BRR members talk after Cars 'n Coffee.



Time to go home. See you next time.

Second Annual Gary Bell Rally

Saturday was a great day for a drive in the countryside and we did drive. Over 100 miles over the mountains, twists and turns thru the valleys, along the streams, cross farm lands, in and out of parkland, thru forests cascading views of our beautiful Virginia, all at or below the legal speed limit. The rules were simple, follow directions like drive 9.2 miles to the intersection of Route 604, then turn left and answer questions along the way, like "How many gnomes are amongst the mushrooms?" or "How many slides on the play fort?" There were 30 questions to answer along the 100+ mile drive. And we were trying to match a time to complete the course based on driving the speed limit. If you came in too early, you were disqualified. It required careful driving and a good navigator to successfully complete the course. And the winners were:

1st place – Kamran Razvan and Bethany Teague 150 points \$50 Gift Cert. 2nd place –

– Al Durham and Beth Durham 145 points \$25 Gift Cert. 3rd place – Greg Micheal and Lauren Micheal 125 points \$10 Gift Cert.
Article by: Pete Kauffman

An advertisement for SportsCar Clinic. It features a row of three sports cars (yellow, red, and white) parked in a garage. A large gold circular logo with a scalloped edge is overlaid on the right side of the cars, containing the text "Celebrating 40 years" and "1976-2016". Below the cars, the website "www.wefiximports.com" is displayed. At the bottom, there is a yellow banner with the SportsCar Clinic logo (a silhouette of a person holding a car) and the text "Quality Import Service, GUARANTEED." followed by the address "3328 Peters Creek Rd. Roanoke VA" and the phone number "540-563-1133".

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Edelweiss & Swannanoa

Montvale Meeting

Early Sunday morning Blue Ridge Region members met at the Montvale Library to begin our trip north. Our trip began with a curvy back road with the destination of Natural Bridge, VA. The leaf color was near peak making the leisurely drive perfect for a little leaf viewing.

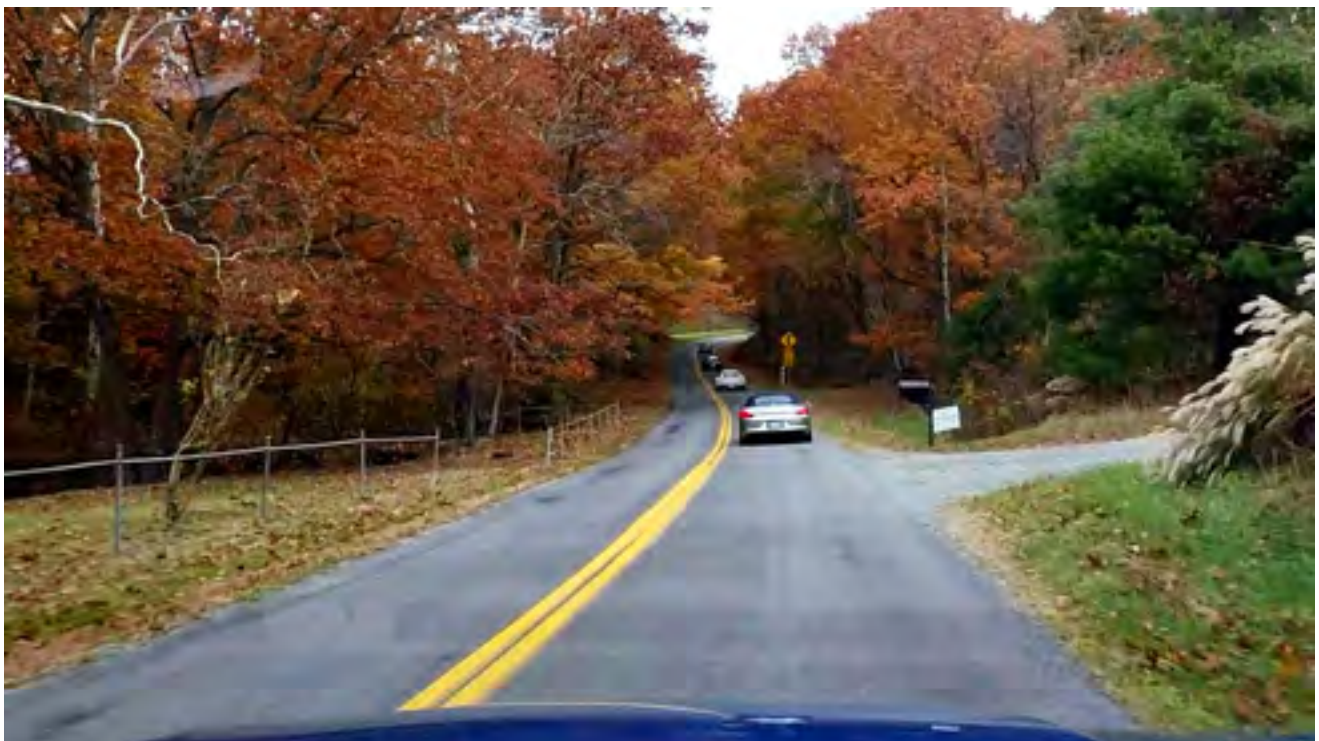


On To Natural Bridge



The weather was dry with mostly cloudy skies. The road was Porsche perfect. The scenery was fall finest. The pace was leisurely. All that made the drive to Natural Bridge perfect. No one was in a hurry, making this drive very relaxing. The absence of reds in the leaves

detracted from the viewing only slightly. There were plenty of curves to be safely fun, and not get the heart rate too high. Watching for deer was also important this time of year. Several were seen at the edge of various highways likely hit by vehicles. Stay alert!



At Natural Bridge

At Natural Bridge Visitor Center there was time for stretching legs and browsing the various items inside. Of course, there was significant socializing in the parking lot.

With thoughts of German food, the group continued on toward Staunton and Edelweiss restaurant. It had been a few years since Blue Ridge Region went there, so expectations were high, and anticipation plentiful.



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Treffen Spring 2022

PCA and AMR are pleased to announce Treffen at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs is scheduled for Spring 2022 from 27 April to 1 May.

Treffen Fall 2022

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At Edelweiss

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Edelweiss had a large tent, with several heaters running, ready for our large group. We were a bit short of space, but everyone managed to get a seat.

The service was very good, and the food was great as usual. The one good German restaurant in Lynchburg closed, so this was a special event for Lynchburg area members.

At Swannanoa

Swannanoa is an Italian Renaissance Revival villa built in 1912. It sits above Rockfish Gap on the border of northern Nelson County and Augusta County, VA. It is slowly being restored to its former glory, and there is much left to be done.

Blue Ridge Members walked the grounds taking in the architecture and scenery. Others went inside to see the opulence of a former generation.



Photo: Jerry Hampton



Photos: Jerry Hampton



The Conclusion

Due to Covid-19 it had been a long time since Blue Ridge Region had an all-day drive and dine event. It had also been a while since Blue Ridge Region had gone to Edelweiss. Most people had never been to Swannanoa, so this event was much anticipated and well attended.

Whatever the “new normal” becomes, Blue Ridge Region members are ready to rejoin the events which can safely be held.






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Welcome,

Events not Sponsored by PCA

There are many cruise-in and cars & coffee events in the area. Blue Ridge Region members often attend these events, sometimes traveling a long distance.

Since many organizations hold these events, there are often many event choices. Most of the time you will find Porsche owners together having fun.



September brought the Hagerty Cars & Caffeine car show at VIR. Some of the Blue Ridge Region members in attendance stopped for a photograph. Photo: Unknown



Cars and Coffee Lynchburg sponsors an event every two weeks (spring to fall) in a shopping center parking lot. It is popular with Lynchburg area Porsche owners and Blue Ridge Region members.



The Lake Pipes sponsors a Cars & Coffee every two weeks in the Smith Mountain Lake area. There are many Blue Ridge Region members in that area.



Above: A fan favorite, this 1953 Jaguar. A beautiful white paint with tan leather made this car a fan favorite. The jaguar standing beside the car was a nice added feature.

Above Right: Back straight as seen from an in-car camera during parade laps. While speeds are kept at highway level, it is still a fun event. The different cars made interesting viewing for the fans in attendance.

Oak Tree Turn is not the same since the old oak tree was destroyed in a thunderstorm.

Photo: Laura Hogan



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Fall colors reflected on the roof of a Macan.



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Blue Ridge Region member cars at a Lake Pipes event in Moneta, VA



Photo: Dan DeHart

A Fall Drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway

Lake View Restaurant

A good way to start the day is a good breakfast in a relaxing atmosphere, and Lake View Restaurant delivers. We began with a large mug of hot coffee to sip while we waited for our food, and an opportunity to see the fall colors around Abbott Lake and on Sharp Top. Other diners took the opportunity to take photographs from the dining area, and so did I. It was a good choice to wait until late October to go leaf viewing. The reds were lacking this year, but other colors were bright and colorful. Our trip ended at Big Island, VA so other areas may be more colorful.



Though hard to see here, his phone display of the lake is visible in the original photo.

From: Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Abbott Lake

Behind the restaurant building is Abbott Lake. The photographs are often the subject of articles and albums. A stiff wind and temperature of 39F degrees did not deter the several photographers we saw.

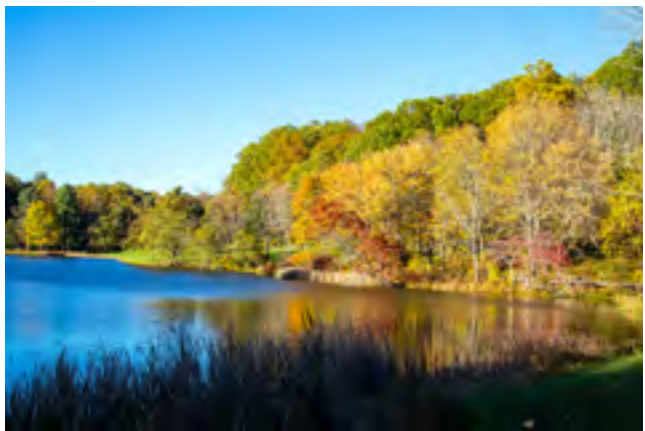
Abbott Lake is a 24-acre impoundment located along the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway in Bedford County and part of the Peaks of Otter Park. Fishing, hikes, and picnics are part of the park.



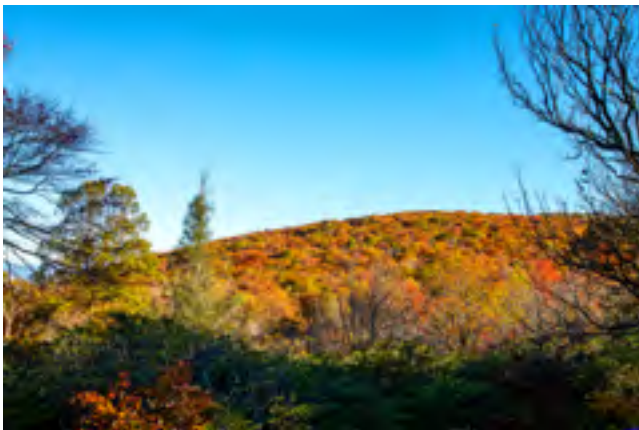
Sharp Top across Abbott Lake from the Peaks of Otter Lodge registration and restaurant building.



Above, The lodge rooms at Peaks of Otter with Abbott Lake views. Below, views of Abbott Lake.



Scenic Blue Ridge Parkway Overlooks



Event Flashback



Fall colors at the Swinging Bridge Restaurant in Paint Bank, VA. (2014)



Porscheplatz at Virginia International Raceway. (2016)

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Night has arrived and it is time to go home.

Finish Line

2021 was a better year in Blue Ridge Region. Covid restrictions and canceled events were fewer, and that made events enjoyable.

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