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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 prints the January issue of Blau Rain highlighting the activities of the past year. The January 2022 issue has a printed copy and an electronic copy (pdf) posted on the website. This issue describes events we held Jan-Jun 2022.

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.

2022 Events

2022 saw the return of events. The pictures and descriptions of some of the fun events are in this issue. From Cars 'n Coffee to a charity and New Member event, we are together again. Here's to the rest of the 2022 events, may there be many and well attended. Happy Mid-Year!

Blast From the Past

Pages 18-21 in this issue have a few of the dozens of photos from past PCA events in the archives. Our members have enjoyed a variety of places and things over the years. Cruising the scenic highways and byways of our region and other regions is but a small part of our activities.

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A Blast from the Past, Photos of Previous Events

The photos show a small part of the events done in the region. Take a look and enjoy the variety of the variety of things we have done.



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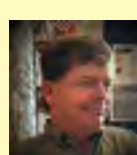
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From The President's Desk

Greetings to all Blue Ridge Region members and prospective members! I hope all of you are enjoying the summer and, of course, experiencing the pleasure of driving your Porsches as well as all your other favorite vehicles. In this column, I will be sharing an update on what has been going on in our club this year as well as what is to come through year-end.

As is our tradition, we started off the year with our Annual Planning Meeting. For those who missed out, this is mostly a social event where we also take some time to kick around ideas about our club. The ideas help us shape activities to meet the interests of our members. If you missed this one, be sure to keep an eye out for the early 2023 event. Of course, you don't need to wait for the meeting to provide input. Whenever you think "Gee, I wish the club would do X.", you should share with others in the club at any of our events, send an e-mail to any Board member, or post a message on our Facebook page.

Have you been to any of our "Cars 'n Coffee" events? If not, you are missing a great way to socialize with other members. These gatherings are really about breakfast and friends, with a side of car stuff. Yep, not the stereotypically gear heads hanging out in a dusty parking lot with muddy, cold coffee! So far this year we have had 5 "Cars 'n Coffee" gatherings and each was held at a different location. There are 2 more on our calendar and rumors have it 1 or 2 more may be added. Thanks to Gene Reed for arranging these fun and highly successful events.

Our region also had a fantastic summer picnic in the Smith Mountain Lake area attended by 57 members, of which 16 were new to our region. Thanks to Jeff and Jennifer Coston for hosting the event and to Beth Heinzelman, Reggie Pugh, and Gene Reed for working to make the event such a success.

Also coming up is our leadership of a Tire Rack Street Survival school, which prepares teen drivers with skills not taught in a typical driving class. The knowledge gained may help teens avoid dangerous driving situations and to safely recover when things go wrong. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the day. See our club calendar or e-mail StreetSurvival24153@gmail.com for more info.

As always, keep an eye on our event calendar, which is on our website, in our weekly blog

(electronic newsletter), and Facebook page as events are added throughout the year. Fall is coming and is a great time of year to do a driving event. Maybe a driving tour combined with a social event, a rally, or dare I suggest an autocross. All it takes is a volunteer or two to help make things happen!

It was great seeing many of you at our events, but it seems I just don't see everyone in the region even with a year of events. What can we do to increase your participation? I would like to hear from you so drop me a note at President@brr-pca.org.

Every fall we also hold our annual election of our club officers for the next year. Yes, your vote counts! So, please respond to the ballot when you get the email notification. Any member in good standing may step-up to be added to the list of officer candidates. Members can also volunteer to be a Committee Chair, which takes less commitment than being an officer. Want to know more, just reach out to me or any Board member.

I am looking forward to your ideas and, most importantly, chatting with you at our events!

With best wishes,
Reid Kuder,
President



Upcoming Events

20 August - BRR-PCA Cars 'n Coffee - Peaks of Otter Restaurant.

26-27 August PCA [Porsche Corral at Virginia International Raceway](#).

17 September - BRR-PCA Cars 'n Coffee - Dale's Dinner.

16 October - BRR-PCA TRSS Volunteer Registration

RSVP required for all Blue Ridge Region events.

In Print and on Social Media

2021 in Blue Ridge Region was the beginning of almost normal events. Fewer Covid restrictions enabled more events and a more relaxed atmosphere.

We looked forward to 2022 with much anticipation and a little anxiety. Our dedicated volunteers worked their magic on 2022 events, with more to come.

2022 has been even better than 2021 in Blue Ridge region. Socials, Cars 'n Coffee, and other events were scheduled and held. Restaurants have limits on guests, but Cars 'n Coffee has returned with members being able to socialize and enjoy good food. Along with Cars 'n Coffee this year, there has been a road trip and a picnic among the activities. All the activities were greatly missed in 2020, and members speak often of being glad the activities are again being held.

As 2022 events began, 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 2022

Our club is a charitable organization. Each year we raise funds for charity with proceeds going to charities we select from our region. During 2022, we will donate \$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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Cars 'n Coffee

Cars 'n Coffee is our monthly casual social event. 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.

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!

Cars 'n Coffee Acorn Hill

Our first Cars 'n Coffee this year was in February at [Acorn Hill Lodge](#) in Lynchburg, VA. After a winter break from club events, everyone was anxious to get together again.



Our friendly group enjoyed the food and company.



Cars 'n Coffee Old Oak Cafe

Our next Cars 'n Coffee this year was in March at [Old Oak Cafe](#) in Moneta, VA. This location is always a favorite for Blue Ridge Region members.



On the way, the Lynchburg area group proved Porsches do not melt in the rain.



One member thought it was OK to drive a Miata to a Porsche event. He is now on probation.



Four member cars at Old Oak Cafe. The earlier rain sprinkles went away so everyone had a dry drive home. Unfortunately, it was a little too cool to have the top down.



It is time to eat. Better hurry so we can talk more before the food arrives.



Gene makes announcements before brunch. Our 2022 events are coming together.



Arriving at Old Oak Cafe to see several Porsches already there.

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Cars 'n Coffee Green Goat

The day was windy and unseasonably cold as we drove to The **Green Goat** in Roanoke, VA for brunch. Fortunately, the “unseasonably cold” is not too cold for the usual parking lot socializing. Warmth inside and knowing the food was ready, meant everyone did not

stay outside very long.

The socializing moved inside until the brunch bell rang. After opening announcements, the buffet started. Breakfast foods were abundant, omelets were custom made, and fresh fruit was plentiful. It was a very enjoyable event for everyone.



In the parking lot at The Green Goat, members looked at the various Porsches and greeted friends. Old friends and new friends enjoyed the warmth of being together again.



Inside the restaurant, the smells of food made everyone ready to eat.



The buffet had something for everyone. It was obvious everyone was enjoying the food and drink.

Cars 'n Coffee Hale's Restaurant

The morning was partly cloudy as we began the drive to [Hale's Restaurant](#) in Shawsville, VA for brunch. Fortunately, the rain showers held off so we could enjoy the usual parking lot socializing. The Lynchburg area group first stopped to pick up the Snowman who now has a new living arrangement.



Arriving at Hale's Restaurant to see several Porsches already there.



Our first stop was to pick up the Snowman at his new living quarters.

The atmosphere at Hale's Restaurant was festive and lively. As always, the food was delicious and the people friendly. Members look forward to each visit. The drive there was a big part of the fun. After the event ended, some members continued to Christiansburg to visit Duncan Imports and Classics where there are over 700 cars to view and possibly purchase.



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Welcome,

Member Porsches at The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia



Charity & New Member Greeting

Saturday started with a drive to **The National D-Day Memorial** in Bedford, Virginia where our Porsches were parked and displayed (photo on the preceding pages). Kenneth and Linda Parker, founders of the **Bedford Boys Tribute Center**, were there to explain their mission and to accept a donation from Blue Ridge Region.

Leaving Bedford and taking the road less traveled, AKA scenic route, to Smith Mountain Lake and the home of members Jennifer and Jeff. We parked in a real Porsche Corral and took a short walk to see a private collection nearby.

The walk back seemed a lot longer than the walk there as the route was uphill a long distance. Arriving at the house with tired feet and legs, we were able to relax while we sat in the shade and awaited the arrival of lunch.

Lunch arrived shortly and everyone got quiet. Food and drink were plentiful as everyone enjoyed the afternoon and socializing.



Porsches arriving at The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia.



One of the many statues at The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia.



Blue Ridge Region Members at The National D-Day memorial for the donation presentation to the Bedford Boys Tribute Center.



Ken and Linda Parker from the Bedford Boys Tribute Center tell our group about their charity.



Our very own Porsche Corral



This Macan was only "grocery getter" in the group.



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Blue Ridge Region at the Biltmore Estate, 2012

Finish Line

2022 is half over, and Blue Ridge Region is still dealing with COVID, although many restrictions have been lifted and canceled events are mostly gone. By being careful, we can enjoy our events and protect everyone including ourselves.

Our club exists because of its people. Dedicated volunteers make it possible. Our sponsors, advertisers, and supporters contribute both money and time to make us successful. Please remember to support those who support us.

Thank you to each person, organization, and contributor to our success in 2022. Without you, we are not a club.

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Whether your participation in PCA goes from Panorama reader to attending all PCA events, a large team and many hours go into planning and execution.

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