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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 previous year. More events were held in 2022 than 2021. This issue describes events we held in 2022 and some of the 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.

### 2022 Events

2022 saw a lot of events. The pictures and descriptions of some of the most fun events are in this issue. From the return of Street Survival and a Rally to Cars 'n Coffee, we were together again. Here's to 2023 events, may there be many and well attended. Happy New Year!

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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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## Tire Rack Street Survival held after a two-year COVID break.

Blue Ridge Region was finally able to sponsor a Tire Rack Street Survival event. Young drivers were taught driving skills in the car they regularly drive.



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## Year End Holiday Party

It was December and the end of the year. Our holiday party is always popular and well attended.



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# From The President's Desk

On behalf of the Blue Ridge Region Board, we wish our members a very Happy New Year! We are optimistic for 2023 and looking forward to many fun events. A few of our goals for the upcoming year will be to increase the value of being a member of the Blue Ridge Region and increase member engagement. Specifically with respect to having more members participate in events but also members stepping up to take on Chair roles and assist with putting on events.

The start of the New Year is also the time our region Officers could change. This year I am honored to assume the role of your President. Bill Hume will continue to serve as Vice President. Beth Heinzelman will continue to serve as Secretary and Jim Wallace has been elected as Treasurer. Join me in thanking Jim for volunteering to take on the duties of Treasurer and to Beth and Bill for continuing to serve our region.

As your new President, I would like to share a little about myself. I have been a member of BRR- PCA since 2017. I joined the club shortly after acquiring Dick and Caryl Hatch's 1968 912. Since that time I have served as the club's Treasurer the past 3 years. My wife Michelle and I have attended numerous events over the years and my son has joined me on several driving events. He typically drives my 1985 Carrera. I have a daughter Morgan who is in her first year at Washington & Lee and is a member of the swim team. I have a car hobby shop in Salem where I have a small collection of Triumphs, Land Rovers and a growing Porsche collection. For over the past 12 years I have been the President of Avis Construction Company as my day job. As with any club, the interest of the members varies. I look forward to getting to know more members throughout our region and others.

This year we will kick off the New Year with a Cars 'n Coffee at Famous Anthony's on Williamson Road on January 21st. (Thank you to Ed Clowser for agreeing to help with the CnC events!) Be sure to register on MotorsportReg.com BRR-PCA Cars 'n Coffee. Cars 'n Coffee events are gatherings about breakfast with friends and making new friends with members you may not know. The plan is to distribute a DRAFT Calendar of Events at this event in preparation for the Annual Planning Meeting

This may trigger some thoughts and allow us to make the most of that meeting.

Our Annual Planning Meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2023 at the Green Goat from 9:30AM - 12:00. We will conduct a brief Board Meeting before jumping into the planning portion of the meeting. Planning Meeting 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. You do not 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. The DRAFT Calendar of Events includes our monthly meetings and events, National PCA events and other region's scheduled events. It also includes other local events such as Roanoke Valley and Lynchburg Cars and Coffee events and Star City Motor Madness. I would like to have more driving events and even events with other regions and perhaps other car clubs. There is also a lot of interest in doing an Autocross. We will of course plan to do Tire Rack Street Survival again this year.

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](mailto: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 e-mail 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,  
Troy J. Smith

## In Print and on Social Media

We looked forward to 2022 with much anticipation and a little anxiety. With the pandemic restrictions being a lot fewer in 2022, we had more options for entertaining and enjoyable events. Another Street Survival was done, our first in two years, helping young drivers to be safer on the road. Cars 'n Coffee locations were harder to find as staffing and other issues made scheduling for us much more difficult. That resulted in two visits to The Green Goat and Old Oak Cafe. Both are member favorites and we much appreciate their willingness to host us. We are constantly searching for additional locations for Cars 'n Coffee, so if you have a suggestion let us know.

We look forward to 2023 with enthusiasm and anticipation. Our dedicated volunteers are already scheduling 2023 events.

Until 2023 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" icon at the top of the page. It is that easy to stay current on Blue Ridge Region events.

Dave Hogan,  
Newsletter Editor,  
Social Media Coordinator

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## 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 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 including The Bedford Boys Tribute Center in Bedford, VA. 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. It is always appreciated!

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## Cars 'n Coffee

Cars 'n Coffee is our monthly casual social event. Usually held at 9:30 AM in a different place within our area, it gives an opportunity for all members to meet and socialize. Due to seating limits, RSVP is required. Currently events are for members only. Weather permitting, a lot of socializing happens in the parking lot before and after the brunch. These events usually have numbers ranging 20-30 members.

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, Facebook page, and in our weekly blog. See you there!

## Cars 'n Coffee Acorn Hill

Our first Cars 'n Coffee in 2022 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 last 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.



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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.



Before going inside to eat, members looked at the Porsches in the lot and renewed friendships. The number of Porsche SUVs increases each year.



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## 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 page). 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 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 which arrived shortly, then 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.



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



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



Our very own Porsche Corral



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



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Ritz-Carlton St. Louis, MO 20 September - 24 September

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## Cars 'n Coffee Blue Ridge Bagels

One of our favorite stops is Blue Ridge Bagels in Lynchburg, VA. Locally owned and operated, it serves New York bagels with various toppings, and sub sandwiches. The large parking lot offers members plenty of room to socialize before eating. Customers were surprised and thrilled to see the Porsches there, and many spent time looking over the cars and taking



pictures. As we were leaving, a family with four children stopped to see the cars. Several members showed their car to the children, even allowing them to sit behind the wheel. Seeing their smiles was part of the fun.

Your editor is a frequent guest there, and is glad our members also enjoy eating there. Blue Ridge Region members support locally owned businesses.



What a difference 20 years makes. Left is a 2020 cabriolet and right is a 2000 cabriolet.





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## Cars 'n Coffee Peaks of Otter

After the drive and arriving at the lodge, it is time for parking lot socializing.





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





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The Peaks of Otter Lodge, located at 85554 Blue Ridge Parkway, is a frequent stop for Blue Ridge Region. It is a prime location for tourists and locals alike. Fall is the most popular time for visitors along the Blue Ridge Parkway as the leaf colors are often spectacular. Many Blue Ridge Region members are frequent travelers on the blue Ridge Parkway during fall leaf color days.

A leisurely drive along the back roads on the way to the peaks is an opportunity to avoid highway traffic, and enjoy the scenery of rural Virginia. As is often said, getting there is half the fun.

The Peaks of Otter Lodge restaurant offers a view of Abbott Lake and Sharp Top while dining. The lodge is a popular place to stay while traveling the many mile of scenic highway. In fall the view is even more beautiful with the addition of fall colors.



In the restaurant, friends enjoying conversation before the food arrives at Peaks of Otter Lodge.  
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## Porsche Corral & Hospitality Tent at VIR



The Porsche pace car leads the pack on the warm-up laps before the start of the Michelin GT Challenge.

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## Saturday & Sunday

Upon arrival early Saturday morning, the Prototype Challenge cars were already on the track for a practice session. Qualifying for the Mazda MX-5, Lamborghini Trofeo, and Prototype Challenge races completed the morning.

Afternoon activities began with Race 1 of the Mazda MX-5 series, then Race 1 of the Lamborghini Trofeo series. The main race of the day began late afternoon with a start time of 4:40 PM. The Virginia Is For Racing Lovers Grand Prix For The Michelin Pilot Challenge was full of action and close racing. This 2-hour race made for a full day of racing activities.

Sunday morning racing began with the Prototype Challenge, followed by race 2 of the Mazda MX-5 series, and Race 2 of the Lamborghini Trofeo series.

Afternoon began with the very popular Porsche Parade Laps. The track was busy after lunch with preparation for the main event, The Michelin GT Challenge at VIR for the IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship.

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## In The Hospitality Tent



Inside the Hospitality Tent there were additional activities for Porsche owners. Both mornings began with coffee and doughnuts.

Saturday activities had registration for the Michelin Tire Workshop Tour and Pfaff Motorsports Team Transporter Tour, along with a raffle for a Hot Pit Experience. The Pfaff Motorsports driver Q&A gave us insight into how they intended to win their class, which they did. Thankfully there were plenty of cold beverages to help with the heat of the day.

Sunday activities included a Mobil 1 Technical Presentation, a Michelin Technical Presentation and a Michelin raffle.

It was a very interesting and busy weekend. Let's do it again next year.



View of the Hospitality Tent from track-side.

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## In The Porsche Corral

The Porsche Corral hosted mostly Porsche cars and an increasing number of 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 Porsche in the Porsche Corral and driving parade laps.

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## In The Paddock



Prototype Challenge cars being prepared for their next event. Lots of work is taking place.



A Lamborghini Trofeo is ready and waiting to go.



How much is that BMW in the paddock?

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## On The Track



Prototype Challenge cars on their pace laps prior to the Prototype Challenge race.

What type of racing do you like? If it is sports cars, Virginia International Raceway is the place to be in August. With most major brands participating, every sports car lover should have an opportunity to see a favorite make in action. With the Prototype cars race added, there is even more interesting racing to be seen.

Even the parking area is worthy of a visit. Porsche, BMW, and Corvette have corrals, making a walk through the corral almost mandatory. Many vintage cars are scattered around the parking areas. Sunday's Open Grid/Fan Walk allows spectators to walk along pit road with cars and drivers there for driver autographs and photos.



GT Daytona Porsches at the start of the race. The blue #16 Wright Motorsports Porsche GT3 R finished 5th in class, the #99 Team Hardpoint Porsche GT3 R finished 10th in class.



GTD cars at the start of the race. There are Porsche, Mercedes, Acura, Lexus, Corvette, and others. There are many cars racing close together.





## Porsche Parade Laps



Start/Finish line at Virginia International Raceway.

One of the highly anticipated events is the Parade Laps. Driving on the track at low speeds allows the driver and passenger a chance to experience being on a real racetrack and do a little sightseeing from a different perspective. Each year there is no shortage of participants. Some have dash cameras, others have a passenger with a camera.



Roller Coaster at Virginia International Raceway.

One may desire to go faster, but safety comes first. The rules are well explained at the driver meeting. The consequences of not obeying the rules could get one denied parade laps, or worse, cause a safety issue.

As the photographs show, speeds are not high. The view from the track always gives new participants a very different perspective added to their fan experience.

# Afterthoughts

Though the weather was August Virginia hot, the racing was hotter. All races were tightly contested with the usual bump here and there. For race fans it was a near perfect weekend with no rain and plenty of activities to go along with the action.

Below, the trucks that bring the race cars to the track. Several major brands were parked in the paddock.



A Prototype Challenge car during morning practice. Fighting the direct sunlight must have been a challenge.

## Cars 'n Coffee Dale's Diner

Blue Ridge Region supports local businesses. One way that is done is by having Cars 'n Coffee at local restaurants, and Dale's Diner is no exception. Located about halfway between Roanoke and Lynchburg, VA along US 460, it offers views of our namesake mountains, the Blue Ridge (see photo below).

Good food is a given as Dale's Diner is on our event list each year. There is plenty of time for socializing both in the parking lot and at the table. These events are fun and end way too soon.



With brunch finished, Jim and Dave enjoy the conversation and a last cup of coffee.



Porsche talk in the parking lot before brunch is an every event happening, weather permitting.



One of our tables, full of Blue Ridge Region members.



And just like that it was over. Rich and Jo head home.

## Cars 'n Coffee Green Goat Two

Everyone enjoyed our first visit to The Green Goat, so we decided to go again.

The day was fall perfect, sunny and unseasonably warm, as we drove to The Green Goat in Roanoke, VA for brunch. The weather was perfect for the usual parking lot socializing. Only the lure of good food and friendly people could lead us inside.



The weather was perfect for socializing before brunch. Checking the Audi R8 was part of the fun.

Nicole greeted us at the door, eager to make our visit an outstanding experience, and outstanding is the only way to describe it.

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.

All too soon we had to start home.



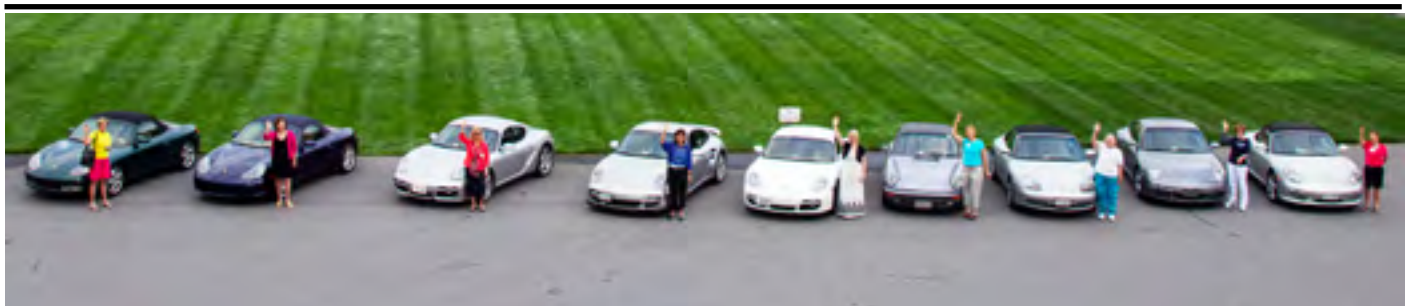
Nicole makes your experience at The Green Goat extra special.



Mike awaits his made-to-order omelet.



There was plenty for everyone to eat, and the atmosphere was very pleasant.



Members gather around their cars at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC, May 2012

## Cars 'n Coffee Old Oak Cafe Two



Which do you like: small, medium, or large?

Our last Cars 'n Coffee of 2022 was in November at Old Oak Cafe in Moneta, VA. This location is always a favorite for Blue Ridge Region members, and was our second visit of the year. The weather was unseasonably warm so parking lot socializing and top down driving were the order of the day.



Gene makes the announcements for the last time as social chair. Great work, Gene. Thank you.

Our next Cars 'n Coffee will be January 2023. Over the winter we will need suggestions for 2023 Cars 'n Coffee organized by a new social chair.

Thank you, Gene. We appreciate your hard work. We look forward to seeing you at a 2023 event.



Members gather around their cars to talk about Porsches and many other things.

## Street Survival

Well, last Sunday, we held our Street Survival event. It is hard to imagine it has been three years since we last did the event. There was a lot of rust under the surface, but the team did a fantastic job, I might even say our best event ever. It was a great success, although we had only 27 students. The wait list disappeared quickly in the last weeks and the days before COVID struck several students. But we persevered. Rusty Daily did the classroom. It takes talent and personality to entertain and educate a group of young adults at 9 AM in the morning, but they enjoyed it. I was in the classroom at 5 PM and they were still asking questions. Kudos.

On the field, we had a new experience. No water for our skid pad. Salem put the brakes on free water. We never realized how much we used nor what the cost was. So, we went to cracked corn. Cracked what, you say? Cracked corn. It has been used by several regions who lack water. You spread it out on the skid circle and the tires grind it into the pavement creating a slippery surface. The students reported it worked well. We had 1000# of cracked corn. And we had to clean it up at the end of the event. Amazingly, the corn was ground into dust and while there was some effort required to clean it up, it was not as bad as we expected.

Our two-wheels off event, one I believe is the



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most important event we do, was reworked by Marc Wilson. He changed the direction and increased the speed of the cars. I spoke to a student afterwards and he said he really could feel the effort required to correct the car direction. Interestingly, his dad was taking him up on the Blue Ridge Parkway where he had a patch of road safe to practice two-wheels off. The student could explain all the aspects of the correction requirements. It was nice to see engaged students (and parents).

The braking exercise was downhill and the cars could lock them up. You could see the different methods of ABS on car makes. Those Hondas were the best. Very little lock up. Straight braking.

Distracted Driving was a student favorite. Students navigate the course, two others in the back seat while the instructor in the passenger seat orchestrates the distractions.

As usual, the 18-wheeler was a success. We had a brand-new Freightliner with less than 20 hours on it. It had adaptive cruise control, radar on the front and sides and cameras around. The kids and parents got up into the truck and were amazed.

The amount of effort for this event is tremendous and focused on the 27 students. But every one of them had a life changing event. They will be better drivers from the experience. Thanks to all who helped with the event.

Article & Photos: Pete Kauffman



The 18-wheeler was a standout! It was a brand new Freightliner. It had adaptive cruise control, radar on the front and sides and cameras around. A very different perspective for students to see and experience.

## Rally

We had a wonderful Fall Rally put on by Jim Wallace and Jim Laub. The starting point was across the street from Cave Spring Middle School on Route 221, Cave Spring, VA. (Some of us missed that small detail, “across the street from” but Jim chased us back across the street.) We had 9 cars participating in the rally. The route was approximately 71 miles taking approximately 90 minutes to complete. The route went up Bent Mountain, an awesome stretch of roadway, double lane, thru some beautiful curves with a spectacular Fall view off to the left. Then we headed down Shawsville Pike though Allegheny Springs down to Shawsville and back east on RT 460. Then as if that was not enough, we headed through Bradshaw and up to Mason’s Cove, ending at Parkway Brewing in Salem on Kessler Mill Road.

It was a “gimmick” rally with a question component and time component. Some of the questions were: a patriotic display, what is it? Mailbox with a barn on the top, the color of a star located along the roadway, the Panda

Snack (bamboo); whose name on the wildlife park; facility for future Olympians, a place to take your bounty (deer processing plant), etc. Trying to find these places while keeping your car on the road created some interesting interactions in the cockpits of the cars!

The time component was to match the time driven by Jim Laub when setting up the course. Jim did not exceed the speed limits, but was driving aggressively, I suspect!

Anyway the winners were:

- Bob and Cathy Pinkard 1st
- Daniel and Samantha Janko second
- Gavin and Amber MacBrien tied for third with Pete Engel

Amazingly a tie for 3rd with over 100 possible points. And Pete Engel drove as a single. How he solved these questions, maintained his speed and did not end up in a ditch is a question to be solved. 1st place received \$100 gift certificate with \$50 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd. And nothing for the poor Audi driver who got lost at the end!

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Rally participants braved the cold temperatures and posed for a group photograph.

Below their cars wait silently for the drive home, free of in-car disagreements.



## Holiday Party

And just like that, we were down to our last event of 2022. We had an active year with Cars 'n Coffee at several different locations, the Porsche Corral at Virginia International Raceway, and other interesting events.

Our evening began with time to meet old friends and make new ones while enjoying the hors d'oeuvres. With about sixty people in attendance, there were many interesting conversations taking place. Our room at the Vinton War Memorial was large enough for easy moving around and expertly prepared for our group. Beautifully decorated tables added to the enjoyment of our event.

Following the social hour, a business meeting was conducted. While the yearend does not require many items to be covered, all are important to the function of Blue Ridge Region. Officers for 2023 was one important announcement.

Time for dinner, and oh what a dinner it was. From salad to main course the selections were plentiful and delicious. Then, if you saved room, there were deserts. With the winners of the silent auction announced, it was time to say goodbye and plan for 2023.



Beth, Dave, and Al pose for a photo during the social hour. The smiles were shared by many members.



Our venue was the Vinton War Memorial in Vinton, VA. Our dinner was prepared by a Blue Ridge Region member and was delicious in every way. The left of the photo, members inspect items in the silent auction with proceeds going to charity.





Night at the Vinton War Memorial as our Porsches wait for their passengers and the drive home.



It is interesting to know a 2020 Macan screwdriver works on a 1962 356.

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Porsche of Roanoke was very new in this 2008 photograph.

# Finish Line

2022 was a better year in Blue Ridge Region. COVID restrictions and canceled events were gone, and that made events possible.

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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