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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

JULY '07 NEWSLETTER

July '07 meeting—The Heart Center Called to order by President Kernie Timmons

Our meeting was held at the Heart Center, Barbara Lang, Treasurer, reported that we have a total of \$10,000 in our treasury of which \$8,818 is DE registrations. Without registrations the balance would be \$1,182. The lower than normal balance, reflects the substantial deposit we paid VIR for track rental.

Wes Adams reported on our Highlands trip in June. Five cars left Johnson City on Friday and after arriving in Highlands and checking in at the Hampton Inn, everyone dined at Wolfgang's Restaurant—the food and wine was excellent. After dinner we attended Scutters Auction which was very entertaining, as Mr. Scutter is part comedian and had us laughing all evening! They had some great buys on furniture, jewelry, painting and oriental rugs. Troy and Ruth Parham really liked the rugs and they bought several. They stated, the rugs were tremendous buys—they have seen rugs of the same caliber sell for 2 & 3 times the auction prices at Scutters. On Saturday night we had dinner at the Log Cabin Restaurant behind our Hampton Inn, and as always the food and service was superb. Allan and Rose Cox (PCA Zone 3 Representative) joined us on Saturday for a real treat. We sincerely hope they can participate in more of our future functions. Wes stated that we hope to make Highlands an annual event as both last year's and this year's trips were enjoyed by everyone.

Kernie asked how the DE registrations were going and Greg stated we had over 40 registered at this time and 10 instructors. Greg visited the company that is doing our T-shirts and said they are very attractive and everyone should be very pleased with them. The company is embroidering our logo on the front of all the shirts which Greg says looks really sharp and professional. Greg has spoken to Rick Hill recently and stated that Mr. Hill has agreed to sponsor our T-shirt cost, which is most appreciated. Rick Hill Imports will be on the back of the T-shirts as done previously. This is very generous of Mr. Hill.

Greg asked if everyone would use their contacts and e-mail information on our DE to PCA Zones near us for PCA distribution. Ed Yates suggested that we also contact all car clubs such as Corvette, Audi, BMW and other organizations such as SCCA and other fine organizations. Anyone who knows individuals in these organizations or has any pertinent e-mail addresses please forward our D E information to them. Overall, Greg is very pleased with the registrations at this point and looking forward to our event. One potential

problem with registrations is that we still have two club web sites. The original was supposed to refer interested parties to our new web site; however it has not been doing so. Ed and Stan will work out those details to close out the first site. Sandy Roberts asked for at least 3 or 4 volunteers to be available in Tech to check in cars and drivers equipment before they enter the track. We will also need at least 2 at the entrance gate for PCA waiver sign-offs.

Greg invited our DE committee and other members to his new home next Monday the 9th, to discuss these details and any other issues regarding our DE. Greg and Hugh will send the meeting time and directions to everyone via e-mail. Greg said he would like for us to consider doing another DE next year and perhaps move the location to Road Atlanta.

Greg reported on his trip to Indy for the F1 race last month. The weather and track were beautiful but it may be the last year for F1 in the U S, as they have not signed an extended contract with Indy. He showed some pictures he had taken on the projector, unfortunately the quality was somewhat questionable. He assured Tom Raymond that he will be keeping his "day job" as a surgeon and Tom has nothing to fear of him getting into photography.

Kernie thanked Greg for his commitment and the amount of time that he has devoted to our DE and also commended Rick Hill for his initiative and generosity with the printing of our DE T-shirts. Kernie recommended we have more of our meetings at Rick Hill Porsche.

Remember when we met recently to have photographs made of our cars? If you have'nt seen the photographs that Michael Hale took of our cars you should! You might want to have individual pictures framed or he can do a collage of pictures on a 16 x 20 or larger size frame. I recently met with Michael and was quite impressed with the photography and his creative skill with the display of his photos. He made a collage of my 2002 TT on "chrome paper" that is stunning!!! A frame shop is currently matting and framing his creation and I will try to remember and bring it to next month's meeting. If you would like to contact Michael, try visiting his web site @ www.michaelhalephotography.com or his cell @ 423-677-5648.



Mark Finley gave a report on his new project race car, that he has owned for 7-years and hopes to have on the track really soon. It is a Spec (Can Am) Racer designed and built by Carroll Shelby. Originally 75 were built although they had planned to build 200. Mark has the only car that is "virgin" in the sense that it has never been entered in a race. However, the previous owner had his driver make some practice runs and someone ran into the car, damaging the front suspension and some body components. Mark has repaired the damage and is currently waiting for his motor to return from the motor builder. The car, although small in size, weighs 1,820 pounds. This is due to the extra metals used for the protection of the driver. The car can run C & A Classes in SCCA and A Modified. Mark hopes to run the Historical Classes which should be a lot fun. We wish Mark the best and hope to see him out at a track by 08 in his new Can Am racer!

Our next meeting will again be at The Heart Center in Kingsport. The meeting date will be Monday August 6th, just 3 days before our DE. Hopefully this will give us an opportunity to "fine tune" our last minute plans before the DE. Thanks to Michelene (Mike) for arranging a great caterer for the August meeting. Pig-n-Chick from Surgoinsville will be serving pork ribs, pulled pork, grilled chicken with side dishes of cole slaw, potato salad and 'cowboy beans'. Plus iced tea (yes, it will be sweet) and two desserts; Death by Chocolate Cake and the best Banana Pudding Pie you have ever eaten!!! The cost will be \$17 per person and PLEASE advise Greg by August 1st if you plan to attend. If you plan to attend and RSVP, remember to attend this meeting as our club will be stuck with paying for no-shows. "Mike" says she has eaten their food many times and it is not food for the 'faint of heart'. The male club members will be eating with a big smile, *then letting their belts out a couple notches!!!*

See everyone on August 6th at the Heart Center in Kingsport. Please arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 to eat so we can start the meeting by 6:30.