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Happy New Year to All!

2016 was another great year for Blue Ridge Region members. We not only held a Tire Rack Street Survival for teens school, but figured out a way to have a two-wheels off exercise.

It was a bright, sunny day in October at the Salem Civic Center where members of the Blue Ridge Region, assisted by other local car club members, police, fire department, and many other individuals gathered to assist 35 teens as they spent the day working their way through the Street Survival School.

Teens attended classroom instruction, got practical experience in lessons learned through drills in threshold braking, skid control, distracted driving, semi-truck awareness, texting awareness, braking in corners, figure 8 skid control, slalom and two-wheels off.

We have some great sponsors who continue to support the Street Survival School. Thank you to Brogan Insurance Agency, City of Salem, City of Salem Fire Department, Fleetmaster Express, Gillespie Agency, Mac & Bob's, Phil's Towing, The Sportscar Clinic, State Farm (Holt Woodbury, Jr., Agent) and YOVASO, Inc.

The Blue Ridge Region continues to be committed to making the Tire Rack Street Survival School for teens its mission.

The Region continued their traditional activities at a variety of venues. There were drives that took us to Paint Bank, Appomatox, Rocky Mount, Shawsville, and Staunton. We had lunch at Mamma Maria's in Salem, dinner at Blue 5 followed by a play at the Mill Mountain Theatre, attempted a picnic at Claytor Lake that the rains changed, and drove to Staunton for breakfast at the Hometown Grill followed by Oktoberfest at the Frontier Culture Museum. Rains again changed the plans. However, a few hardy souls of Forest, VA., went to the Oktoberfest and enjoyed themselves in spite of the rain.

Again, a **big thank you** goes to Lynn Schleupner, our Social Chair, for making the arrangements.

Our 'backyard' was the scene of the Michelin GT Challenge race at VIR, which included a Porscheplatz. As the host region, members manned the Porscheplatz tent for the weekend and parked a lot of Porches. A deluge of rain interrupted the activities on Saturday. Seems rain was a consistent theme last year!

Those who volunteered to work the Porscheplatz were rewarded with great seats for the race, a Q & A session with the Porsche race team members, and volunteer shirts that were the envy of those who did not volunteer.

The highlight of our activities continues to be our monthly Cars 'n Coffee meetings. Different gathering spots are chosen each month. You get a nice drive and great food. It is a good time to enjoy each other's company and admire other member's cars. At times, there are even other activities that follow the Cars 'n Coffee (i.e. Oktoberfest). We have traveled to Bedford, Forest, Lynchburg, Moneta, Paint Bank, Roanoke, Rocky Mount, Rustburg, Salem, Shawsville, and Staunton.

Our year ended with a new member welcome and holiday party. It was great to welcome new members and see old friends. It also provided the Region with the opportunity to raise funds for charity. The Region collected over \$1250 for four local charities – Bedford Domestic Violence Services, Lake Christian Ministries, NRV Cares and West End Center. This can only highlight a few of the many and varied activities of the Blue Ridge Region.

Thank you to the board and officers for a great 2016. I hope you will join us in 2017 to help us continue these great activities!

Yours in fellowship,
Debbie Repass, President

Charities 2016

Our club is a charitable organization. Each year we raise funds for charity with proceeds going to charities we select from our region. During 2016 we donated \$4000 to four charities across our region. 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 blessings. 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 these tough economic times.

Thank you for your support.

Article & Photo: Dave Hogan



Notes 2016

2016 was a fun year in Blue Ridge region. Socials, Cars 'n Coffee, and track events gave some activity for everyone. And many participated in all three activity types. We do have something for everyone!

In 2017 the fun continues. Driver education events at VIR are planned by several groups. Our annual planning session is early January. Cars 'n Coffee continues each month.

We try to have something for most everyone, so whatever your favorite activity, please join us during 2017. You will be glad you did.

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Social Events 2016

Virginia Dare Cruise on Smith Mountain Lake

There are many places to visit in our area, and one of the biggest is Smith Mountain Lake. Water sports, fishing, camping, and homes dominate the lake, but there is one unique activity.

Built in 1989, the Virginia Dare is a 1800s replica side wheeler and can carry 100 passengers on 2-hour cruises around the lake. Blue Ridge Region members took a dinner cruise so we could

have a good meal and watch the sunset.

The weather was warm but not too hot so it was a pleasant drive to Virginia Dare Marina on Smith Mountain Lake. If you too arrive early, or want to stay late, the Portside Bar & Grill is open too. There was plenty of socializing before we boarded and all the passengers were in a festive mood. Soon we were easing away from the dock and

preparing for a delicious dinner with beautiful lake sights easing by.

After dinner it was time to go onto the deck, which has two levels. Sunset that evening was beautiful, as the picture below shows, and we were not disappointed. Many sunset pictures were taken by passengers. The water was smooth and the weather perfect for cruising. Let's go again!



Sunset over Smith Mountain Lake from the deck of the Virginia Dare during a dinner cruise.

Article and Photo: Dave Hogan



Charlie and Byron enjoy dinner and the view. Leaving the dock to begin our cruise.

Photo: Dave Hogan

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Swinging Bridge Restaurant

Article & Photos: Dave Hogan

Another of our favorite places is the Swinging Bridge Restaurant in Paint Bank, VA., on Rt. 311 near the West Virginia line. 2016's visit was just as enjoyable as our previous trips. The combination of roads fit for Porsches and a great restaurant make this event popular.

Leaving Roanoke on Rt. 311

begins an approximately 30 mile run through the Virginia mountains. The driving is spirited while staying within the speed limit. There are two hairpin curves to challenge even expert drivers. And if you can safely look while driving, the mountain views are spectacular, especially in the fall when we like to go. The weather this time was perfect for driving and viewing.

The long, curved road reflects only a small portion of Route 311. The road can be driven slowly or spirited, depending on the driver's mood, and the mountain views are spectacular. Two switchbacks keep the driver sharp.

This is one trip many members eagerly await every year. We hope to see you there next year.



Blue Ridge Region members gathered for conversation in the parking lot to see the fall colors showing around us. We were a little late for peak colors, but some remained. More color was seen on the drive up the mountain.



Blue Ridge Region members sitting at one of our tables waiting to order. The unknown attendee at the end of the table watches intently. Possibly waiting to see if anyone orders bison.

Street Survival

Again in 2016 Blue Ridge Region sponsored a Tire Rack Street Survival session, teaming with the BMW Car Club of America. Street Survival offers students real-world driving experiences not covered in normal driver education training.

From the classroom to the driving course, students learned how avoid potential accident situations by learning how their daily driver car reacts and handles, and how each driver can best use the learned skills to control their car.

Dry road and wet road (top left picture), going straight and turning, the students practiced their new driving skills with an experienced instructor beside them in the car. Important “two wheels off the road” experience (top right picture) helps avoid often deadly over correction accidents.

Experience texting while driving in a safe and controlled simulation gives students the reality of distracted. Actions as simple as a radio, heat, or eating cause too many accidents

and deaths.

What can you see from the driver’s seat of a tractor-trailer? Once inside you cannot see much if cars are too close (lower left picture).

If you have a young driver, give the gift of more driver education and take them to a class near you. For more information see www.streetsurvival.org.

Thank you to the Salem Civic Center and Salem Fire Department, and our many dedicated volunteers.



From a foggy start to graduation class, there was much to learn.

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Meeting before the activities begin.
Photo: Jerry Hampton



Braking experience at Street Survival
Photo: Jerry Hampton

Driver Education

Article: Dave Hogan

Driver Education is a popular event with Blue Ridge Region Members. Driver Education gives members an opportunity to experience near race conditions on the same tracks used by professional drivers

in the world's top race series. Close to home for many Blue Ridge Region members, the Virginia International Raceway is scheduled by several east coast PCA regions as well as Zone 2.

But Driver Education is not just for drivers. There are volunteers needed to run the track. So whether you like to drive or just be around cars, A Driver Education event has a place for you.

Pictures from 2016 Events



Our group and reflections of our cars.
Photo: Dave Hogan



Sunrise at Virginia International Raceway.
Photo: Dave Hogan



Porscheplatz at VIR

Article and photos: Dave Hogan

The August WeatherTech Sportscar Challenge at Virginia International Raceway is eagerly awaited each year. The 2016 a Porscheplatz was in the same location as usual and offered a spectacular view of a curving section of track. Porscheplatz cars were allowed on the track for parade laps. Some said the speed on the track was too slow. But whatever the speed, touring laps are fun.



Cars 'n Coffee

Article and Photos: Dave Hogan & Laura Hogan

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

Held at 9:30 AM each month in a different area within our region, 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 15-25 people. Some of the places we enjoyed in 2016 are Mac & Bob's in Salem, Peaks of Otter Lodge in Bedford, Colonial Restaurant in Rustburg, Old Oak Cafe in Moneta, The Roanoker in Roanoke, and Hale's Restaurant in Shawsville. Each location has its own atmosphere and

not only are these brunches 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 Monday Morning Porsche Piddlings.



Some of our group at the Colonial Restaurant in Rustburg, Virginia.



Coming to Hales Ford Bridge in Moneta, Virginia, crossing Smith Mountain Lake.



Members chat before our election lunch at Peaks of Otter Lodge.



Some of our cars at The Hub in Rocky Mount, Va.

New Member/Christmas Party

A record turnout of over 50 people gathered at Dave Snow's home in Fincastle to celebrate the holiday season December 17th.

After a slippery morning around the region, warmer temperatures prevailed and everyone was able to arrive safely. Guests from as far away as Forest, Catawba, Smith Mountain Lake, and North Carolina brought treats and goodies to fill the waiting tables.

Juanita Hughes surprised

her husband, Dick, with a festive cake to celebrate his 80th birthday. A rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to You" briefly supplanted the traditional Christmas songs as everyone wished Dick the best.

Four local charities were the beneficiaries of the generosity of Club members again this year. NRV Cares, The West End Center, Lake Christian Ministries, and the Bedford Domestic Violence Shelter each received a check for \$1,000. Debbie Repass later

reported the director of the shelter was especially overwhelmed and grateful. Our donation enabled them to make needed repairs immediately instead of waiting until the new year.

Many thanks to Dave Snow and Ellen Flora for being so gracious in hosting the party. Members, old and new, were welcomed warmly and enjoyed a truly memorable evening.

Lynn Schleupner



Blue Ridge Region members gathered on the path around Lake Abbott. An after brunch walk is restful and beautiful. The Peaks of Otter rising above the lake shows why so many stop.

Photo: Dave Hogan



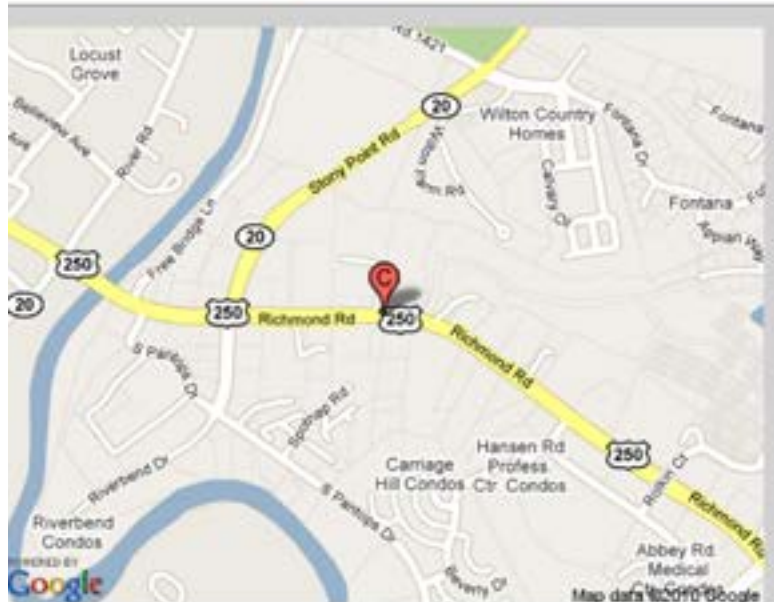
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Continuing from past years we have selected the "Best Of" awards for 2016. Some are humorous and some are serious, but all are our people having fun. If you see yourself here, congratulations (I think). If not, just wait. I have *my* camera ready and so do others.

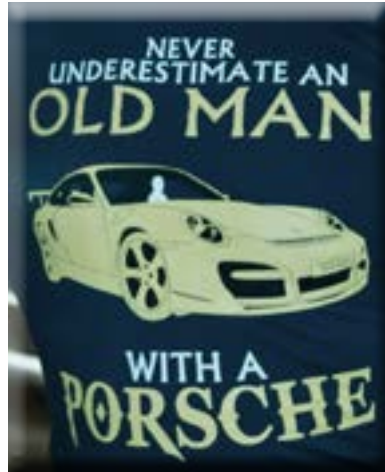
Best Lunch View

Our view from the sun room at Peaks of Otter Lodge during the election lunch.



Best T-shirt

It says a lot for many members.



Best

Schwimmwagen

Newest version plowing through the water at Sebring.



Best Porsche Drive

There are many to choose, but the Blue Ridge Parkway remains a favorite.



Best Car Collection

Waiting for parade laps to start.



Best Bridge

The drive to Paint Bank, Va. and inside the Swinging Bridge Restaurant, is the famous rope swinging bridge. Here members test the strength of the bridge.



Best Street Survival

Helping our young people to become better, and safer, drivers.



Best Lawn Mower

The Porsche with a grill full.



Best Car Corral

The Porscheplatz at Virginia International Raceway.



Best PCA Region

In my opinion anyway. A great group of people. Join us and see for yourself. You'll be glad you did.





At Sebring, the rain turned the parking area into a swamp. I wonder if rain tires also work in the soft sand. Fortunately, none were lost due to the rain and water.

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The way to Paint Bank, VA. is a fun Porsche drive in the mountains west of Roanoke, VA. This year's leaf viewing was not as good as past years as we missed the peak color week.

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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 and each organization, contributors to our success in 2016. Without you we are not a club.

Here's to 2017. May it be as grand as 2016. Blue Ridge Region hopes to see each of you at a meeting and an event.

Lastly, Porsche Club of America with its organization and support make Parade, Treffen, DEs, and many other events possible. Whether your participation in PCA goes from Panorama reader to attending all our events, a large team and many hours go into planning and execution.

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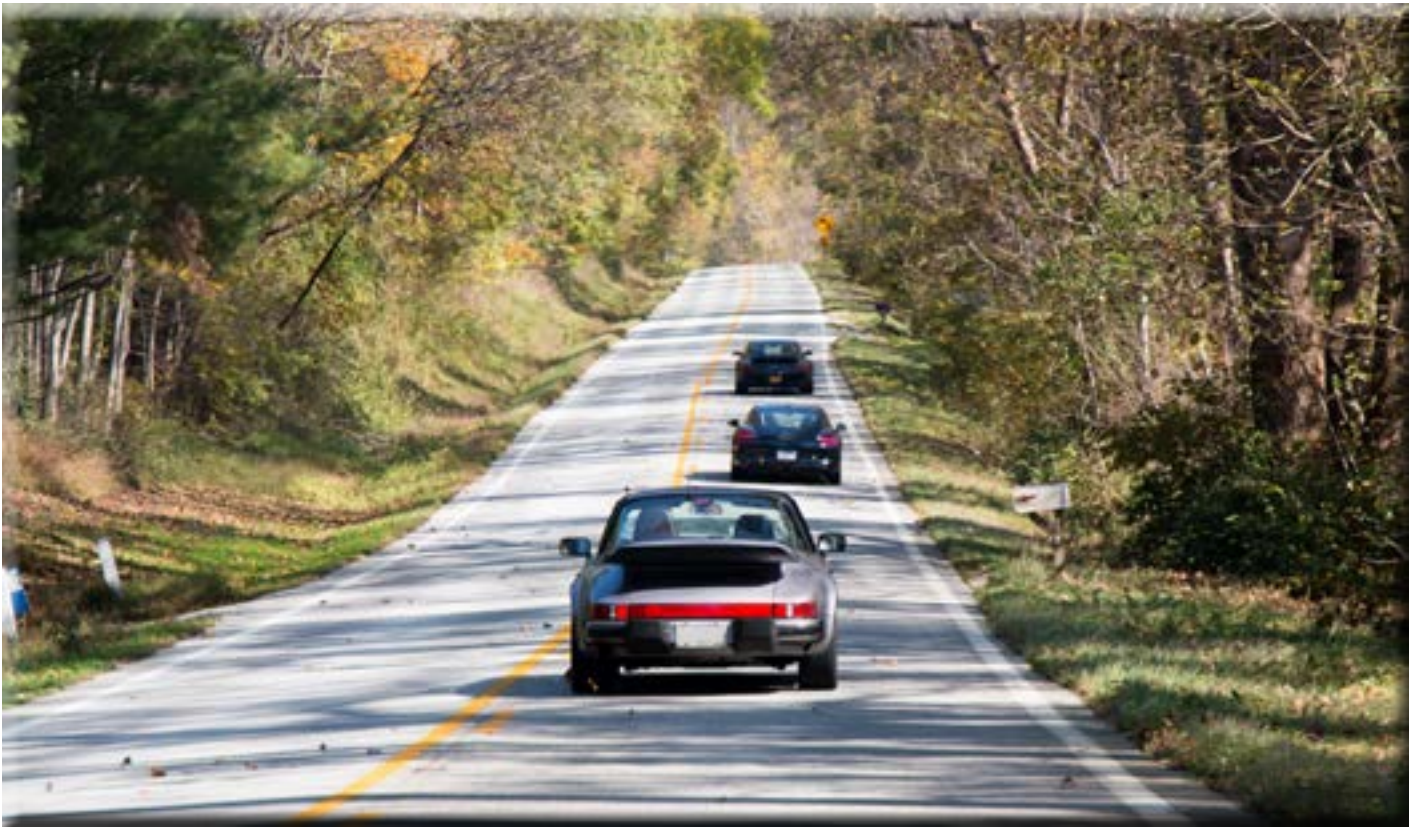
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The straight before the next curve on route 151 in Virginia.

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