

Bluegrass Rumble

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Brian Kiser

Wow...all I can say is "Wow!"...What a wonderful month for the Bluegrass Region! I could only wish that every month could be this exciting. Hosting the National Executive Council meeting over the first weekend in October was a unique and fun-filled weekend. It was really neat to actually meet all the National Officers and their spouses. We had a wonderful weekend including seats at Keeneland, a tour of The Kentucky Horse Park, and dinner at Spindletop Hall. All the national PCA officers had nothing but positive things to say about (y)our club. I have already received many "Thank You" cards and calls stating that this was the best hosting they had ever seen!

I want to send this personal "THANK YOU" to everyone involved, without you, none of this month's festivities would have been possible. The weekend was a pivotal moment in the newly forming history of the Bluegrass Region. Once again...I can't say "Thank You" enough to everyone involved.

Secondly, another unique event happened this past month...The Bluegrass Region was invited by German Motors of Lexington to witness a Ruf Conversion done on a member's 996 Turbo. This was absolutely an amazing sight to behold. Meeting the Ruf Factory Engineer was another experience all in itself. Joseph Huber was the engineer who flew over from Germany to perform the Ruf Conversion. He was a man much like us... obsessed with the Porsche automobile. He loves working on the cars and honestly could not keep his hands clean as long as he was in the garage area... he wanted to fix everything! If you missed this event, you missed a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many "Thanks" to Dave and Bob from German Motors, and Dr. and Mrs. Jas Dhillon.

Lastly, our next big event is our Bluegrass Region Christmas Dinner. This year's event will take place at the Frankfort Country Club on December 7th, please stay tuned for details. I really hope everyone can join us, as it is sure to be an entertaining evening.

Thanks again for an unbelievable month!
Brian

UPCOMING BGR PCA ACTIVITIES: **PCA Fall Bonfire & Outdoor Cookout**

What we need to better enjoy the Fall season is a good old-fashioned bonfire and cookout! Everybody bring your Porsche to Vice President Greg Schickel's house in Georgetown on Saturday, November 1. (Address: 384 Sims Pike, Georgetown 40324;

Sims Pike is a road off of the main road around the Toyota plant, Phone: 502/863-5144.) We're starting the fire at 4:00 p.m. and will eat around 5:30 p.m.

A BGR/PCA activity fee of \$5.00 per person attending will pay for the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, plates, plastic ware and condiments. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. E-mail or call Adell Hold with the number attending and the appetizer selected. (E-mail: kendellhold@insightbb.com. Phone: 859/254-2817.) You may pay this fee to Region Treasurer Becke Cleaver at the bonfire. Don't forget to bring jackets, a blanket and folding chairs for sitting around the bonfire.

RECENT BGR PCA ACTIVITIES: Ruf 911 Conversion at German Automotive

by Ken Hold, Secretary

As a result of several moves, I've been a member of three PCA Regions. I've met several really neat people involved in PCA activities. Thanks to a recent activity where one of our Region members had a Ruf conversion made to his 911 Turbo, I met a true master mechanic. Joe Huber, who has been with Ruf for the past 29 years in Germany, did the conversion at German Automotive a local service shop. Ruf even flew Joe to the US from Pfaffenhausen, Germany to do the conversion!

Joe demonstrated his skills by having the entire engine and suspension conversion completed in two and a half days. During this time, Joe took time to demonstrate the differences between the standard factory 911 equipment and the high-performance Ruf replacements. A real testimonial to Joe's "do it right" approach was demonstrated when, on the second day, after Joe had the engine reinstalled in the car, he decided that the clutch just "didn't feel right." Joe's immediate decision was to *again* remove the transmission from the car. He was asked if he had time to take the entire transmission out and still get the job done. Joe's reply was that he would **not** leave the car until it was perfect, no matter how long it took or what parts needed to be flown in from Germany. After locating and repairing the problem deep inside the transmission, Joe re-installed the transmission, this time with perfect results.

At the "After Conversion" party, Joe explained the various changes he had made to the 911. He then answered several questions from various members about their personal Porsches. Joe looked at a number of member's cars and talked about the strengths and weaknesses of each model. Despite the fact that he had cleaned up for the party, he didn't hesitate to pull one Bluegrass Region member's car on the lift and proceeded to fix several defects under the car right then.

Joe's love for Porsches was obvious. His work ethic was energizing for everyone attending. His observations and experience with Porsches reaffirmed to us the quality and performance that comes with our cars. This was a wonderful experience for us and Joe was a very neat person to meet. Thanks Joe!

THE BLUEGRASS REGION GOODIE STORES:

- PCA Car Badges.** (Fired colored ceramic. Includes mounting nuts & bolts).....\$18.00
- PCA Decals.** (Foil, multi-colored, 2").....50
- PCA Decals.** (3.5", inside or outside).....1.50
- Cloth Patches** (3")...\$4.00; (4").....6.00
- Lapel pins** (1/2" cloissone)..... 3.00

For these items, contact **Cheryl Doty at **502/244-0478** or CAMDoty@aol.com to order. No shipping costs on smaller items.

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- Bluegrass Region, PCA large canvas duffle bag** with PCA silkscreen logo....\$35.00
- PORSCHE** script tee shirts, black or white.....\$15.00
- 20 Oz water bottles**, with BGR logo.....\$1.00

For these items contact **Becke Cleaver** at **859-273-0367** or b.cleaver@insightbb.net to order.

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BLUEGRASS REGION ACTIVITIES CALENDAR:

Mark your calendar for these events!

Every Saturday 6 – 9pm: Parkette Drive-In, New Circle Road, Lexington:
Sports car club's informal gathering. Come out and see the sports cars that everyone talks about: Mini Coopers, Cobras, and, of course, Porsches from our Region!

Saturday 11/1/03: Bonfire at Greg Schichel's Georgetown home. See details above.

Sunday 11/09/03: Monthly Board and membership meeting at Treasurer Becke Cleaver's home, 629 Rolling Creek Ln., Lexington 40515; Phone: 502/273-0367.

Sunday 12/07/03: Holiday party hosted by President Brian Kiser at his community's Clubhouse & Restaurant, Frankfort, from 6:30pm until 9:30 pm.

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MEMBERSHIP by Ken Partymiller, Membership Chair: Remember, if you see a Porsche parked somewhere, don't be afraid to go to the owner(s) and talk to them. Membership Report: 66 Members, 2 new members: **GARY JENNINGS** and wife **Connie, 1973 911**, Lexington; and **DUELL L. STURGILL, 1980 911**, Paintsville. Welcome!! Don't forget to send any address changes to me at Partykm@aol.com.

PORSCHE TECH By Phillip Doty: "Synthetic Gear Lubricant." As the weather turns colder, members will start to notice that their gear shift lever will require more effort to shift. This is usually due to the presence of the mineral oil gearshift lubricant in the gearboxes, which thickens as the temperatures drop. One option, besides going slower with the shifts, is to change out the lubricant to a synthetic formula. I recently did this on my '87 911 and discovered that it made a BIG difference in the first-to-second shifting when cold and as a side benefit, made shifting the other gears smoother. Changing out your gear oil is not complicated, but does require pre-planning. Determine your car's transmission fluid viscosity rating (something like 75W90), and its capacity (usually 3-4 quarts/liters) from the owner's manual. (While I prefer **Valvoline's synthetic transmission fluid**, I had to use Mobil 1 for my 911, since my parts place did not carry it. I have since been told it **is** available at NAPA dealers.) You will need four ramps, not the usual two, since the car must be level to drain and replace the fluid. You will need the appropriate hex head tool, either a 10 or 17 mm, depending on model (to open both transmission case plugs), a fluid pump (available at Advance, PEP Boys, etc.) and a catch basin for the old fluid. Drive the car about 10 minutes to warm up the fluid. Drive the car onto the four ramps, set the brake and turn off the engine. Use the hex head to remove the side and bottom plugs. Allow the warm (possibly HOT!) fluid to drain for 30 minutes or so into the catch basin. Wipe the lower drain plug clean, as some have internal magnets to catch metal shavings from your last missed shift. Hand-tighten the lower plug. Insert the fluid pump in the quarts of synthetic fluid and **slowly** fill the case through the side opening, until the fluid just starts to run out the bottom of the fill opening. Give it one more squirt and quickly reinstall the side plug. Check that the quantity added is the correct amount. Torque both plugs to specs (**18-22 ft. lbs.** for most 911s up to 1989), and you're done

The Bluegrass Region PCA Mart:

FOR SALE: 1990 964 (911) Grand Prix White, partial blue leather interior: No rips, cracks; Zero mile 993 motor from Nevada Porsche Tech Training Facility installed 10K miles ago; Current mileage is 99K. Euro Cup lightweight flywheel & clutch. Momo racing wheels, New Yokohama AVS; A/C needs charged; Great car; **NADA:** \$26,800, selling fairly at \$23,900. Also, 1995 Mercedes E320 sedan 4-dr.; Dark Blue, Gray Leather, sunroof, auto, 95K miles, loaded, A/C blows cold; **NADA:** \$14,700, selling for \$13,900. **Laszlo Simonyi**, simonyi@bellsouth.net, PH502/225-0232 (LaGrange)

2002 Yellow Boxster S, 6800 miles, 6 spd., \$60k sticker including Factory Sport wheels, Zenons, Pirelli's, etc. For more info, see ad for \$45k + at cars.com. **Tom Lingeman**, 859-273-6557.

Help me clear out Phil's Porsche junk! New Porsche parts: **944 Fuel Filters (2)**, List price for one: \$19.20, both for \$20.00; **944 Oil Filter**, with oil drain seal, List: \$8.30, yours for \$5.00. Make offer. **Cheryl Doty**, 502/244-0478 CAMDoty@aol.com

Excellence Was Expected: The 2003 Edition

Special offer to Bluegrass Region Members: Porsche: Excellence Was Expected: The Comprehensive History of the Company, Its Cars and Its Racing Heritage, (also known as the "Porsche Bible"); Bentley Publishers, 2002

Bluegrass Region members can purchase this book, only through the Region, for **\$170.00**, which is far less than the list price of **\$235.00**. Our special BGR price is delivered to Ken Partymiller's home in Georgetown, or to a BGR event. Look no further for that special Christmas gift for that special enthusiast in your life! Send your check, for \$170.00 to **Ken Partymiller at 5326 Paris Pike, Georgetown 40324**. Contact him at Partykm@aol.com for more details. Don't delay, as this is expected to sell out quickly, as did the first edition.

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"The Rumble" is the official newsletter of the Bluegrass Region, PCA. Our deadline is the 30th of each month. Ads submitted sooner than the 25th stand a better chance of being included, as does any article sent to us electronically in Word 2000 format. We welcome articles on your Porsche experiences. Send your articles and advertisements to Cheryl Doty at CAMDoty@aol.com by the 30th.

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is a two syllable word.**

**Bluegrass Region PCA Fall Cookout & Bonfire, set for Saturday, November 1st in Georgetown.
Details inside on page 1!!**