

The Bluegrass Rumble

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Brian Kiser

Spring is here! I am sure you are just as anxious to drive your Porsche as I am. One of many benefits of your Porsche Club is a majority of the activities we host involve ***you, your family and your favorite car.*** Many of our most fun events are the weekend drives that are planned by random members. These drives usually consist of favorite country roads and a lunch destination. It is a great time for Porsche owners to build friendships, learn about their cars and become more familiar with its driving characteristics. Please watch the Yahoo Groups or the new website Forum for these events!

On April 17th, we have a great event coming up called the **Equus Run Vineyard Tour**. This 2nd annual event will involve a picturesque and relaxing drive through the Bluegrass countryside, ending up at the Equus Run Vineyards for a wine tasting and social gathering. Last year's event had 19 Porsches attending and was one of the year's best events! If you have any questions, please contact Larry Woods at glwoods@us.ibm.com. **(See article on page 3.)**

Another benefit of your local Bluegrass Region PCA is the knowledge base of fellow Porsche owners. We "tap into" this knowledge storehouse during our **Tech Sessions** geared toward involving **you, the Porsche owner**, with other Porsche enthusiasts, in a "hands-on" learning experience. If you have any questions regarding a problem with your Porsche, or just want to do some routine maintenance, please drop us an e-mail or come to an event and suggest it! These are great events that can involve the entire family....My 4 month old son attended his first "brake bleeding" tech session just last month!

By now, I hope all of you have had a chance to visit the new website. It is an attempt to make us a closer knit, more informed and interactive group. The new address is:

<http://www.pca.org/pcabgr/>

Our new Website has many new features such as:

- **Updated Information about the Bluegrass Region and PCA**
- **Online Newsletters (under "Events" tab)**
- **Online Meeting Notes (under "Events" tab)**
- **Contacts for all Officers and Board Members (under "About Us" tab)**
- **Real Time Forum (Please sign up!)**
- **Online Store**

Visit us on the web, and remember to mark us in your on-line bookmarks! If you have a Porsche Question, post it on the Forum or Yahoo Groups...I am sure someone will know the answer!

As always, please try and attend every Bluegrass Region event that you and your family are able to attend. You have my promise that will enjoy yourself, and you might even learn something new about your car!

Brian E. Kiser (bek1973@yahoo.com)

RECENT BGR ACTIVITIES

MARCH 13th DRIVE to SPRINGFIELD by Gary Hackney

Take nine cars (two 968s, a 951, a 930, a 986, and assorted 911s), eleven Porsche lovers, a sunny day, and 120 miles of mostly-empty, curvy roads and what do you have? Sounds like a good time? If you think so, you should have been there with us!

This event wasn't on the Bluegrass Region, PCA calendar, but rather was a semi-spontaneous tour that I organized in three or four days, using the Bluegrass_PCA_Chat email group; if you aren't on it, consider signing up so you'll get word of other informal drives in the future. Sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com>, or let me know and I can add you.

I don't want to brag too much about how good it was (since I was in charge) but I had a heck of a time! We went out Harrodsburg Road from Lexington and wandered through the back roads to Parnelli's Restaurant in Springfield, KY. Parnelli's is a perfectly good restaurant, but you normally wouldn't drive to Springfield just to go there. It just made a good half way break and it had lots of room, a large parking lot, beer and sweet tea.

The route was planned around KY 390 and KY 442; several other roads were fun and challenging, but they were just an excuse to get to these two. Traffic cooperated--by staying out of the way--pretty much everywhere. We got several long stares from the locals as we streamed by; not often they see nine Porsches in a row.

The drive leader gets to choose the route and drive at whatever speed is comfortable. I do the kind of tour I like, but that doesn't mean all our drives have to be like that. I enjoy leading them but I don't want to be the self-appointed club drive leader. Got a destination in mind? Set it up! It isn't much work and everyone enjoys the get-together.

THE BLUEGRASS REGION GOODIE STORE

Bluegrass Region, PCA large canvas duffle bag with PCA silkscreen logo..... \$35.00
PORSCHE script tee shirts, black or white.....*New shipment is in.....* \$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

UPCOMING BGR PCA ACTIVITIES

Second Annual Bluegrass Region Equus Run Winery Tour, Saturday, April 17th

Come join other Bluegrass Region members and friends as we once again take our Springtime drive over some of the most scenic and beautiful roads in central Kentucky! Our destination will be the **Equus Run Winery**. Our leisurely drive will take us through some of the thoroughbred industry's most beautiful farmland. At our destination, we will sample some of the limited production wines offered by Equus Run from their vineyard. Once we have become wine connoisseurs, we will then travel on to Midway for a relaxing early evening dinner with your fellow Porsche Club members. More details will be available in next month's Rumble but, mark your calendars, NOW! We will meet Saturday, April 17th at 2:00 PM in Frankfort, at Franklin Square, behind the new Starbuck's Café. Last year's event was very well received by everyone attending, so don't miss out on a wonderful time this year!



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2004 BLUEGRASS REGION ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for these events!

April 12, 2004: Monthly Meeting at the Java Bean/Bean & Leaf Café, Tates Creek Center, Tates Creek Road and Man o' War, Lexington. 7 to 9 PM

April 17, 2004: Second Annual BGR Tour to the Equus Run Winery. Larry Woods and Tim McNeely will co-chair this event. See information above.

April 17 & 18: Driver's Ed training, Ohio Valley Region, PCA at Mid Ohio Raceway.

May 10, 2004: Monthly Meeting at the Java Bean/Bean & Leaf Café, Tates Creek Center, Tates Creek Road and Man o' War, Lexington. 7 to 9 PM

May 16, 2004: "Dinner with the Dawson's" Bob and Sarah Dawson have graciously agreed to let us use their clubhouse for dinner. Dinner will start around 5pm. There will be preferred Porsche parking. This is a good time to meet new members and see old friends you have not seen in a while. There will be food, drinks, fun and, of course, lots of talk about cars.

May 30, 2004: Memorial Day. Thank an American veteran for your freedoms.

June 13, 2004: Concours d' Elegance @ Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio. We will meet at the Wal-Mart in Georgetown at 7:30am to caravan to the event.

June 14, 2004: Monthly Meeting at the Java Bean/Bean & Leaf Café, Tates Creek Center, Tates Creek Road and Man o' War, Lexington. 7 to 9 PM.

July 3 –10th: The 49th Porsche Parade, Ft. Worth, TX. Registration is still open.

The monthly meetings of the Bluegrass Region are held on the second Monday of each month, at the Java Bean/Bean & Leaf Café in Lexington. **For more information about the events list above, contact Wesley Collins, Activities Chair, 222 Valley Forge Ct., Georgetown 40324 502/863-9188.**

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MEMBERSHIP by Gary Hackney, Membership Chair

Our Region membership has remained unchanged at 64 members.

Remember, if you see a Porsche without a PCA decal or membership grill badge medallion; ask the owner if he or she is a member. If not, get that person's name and address, forward it to me at ghackney@iglou.com or call me at **859/294-8143** and I will forward membership information. Invite them to visit the national website www.pca.org or visit our Region website www.pca.org/pcabgr/

Recent PCA membership surveys have shown that the overwhelming source of new members are current members, just like you, telling other Porsche owners about the benefits of belonging to the world's largest, single marque sportscar club in the world.

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PORSCHE TECH... from the PCA website

Q: The electric antenna in my 1984 911SC cabriolet remains in the up position. When I turn the radio on, I can hear a single "clicking" sound from the antenna motor, but no movement, as The mast just stays up. How can I fix this?

A: The good news is it isn't a wiring issue. The bad news is the antenna will more than likely need to be replaced. The original German antennas can still be ordered from the dealer and other places. There are also many suitable aftermarket versions that will work as well. If you go this route, expect them to be in the \$30.00 range. The OEM German versions are over \$100.00. You might check with some high-end audio stores as well for a suitable replacement.

Also keep in mind that you do not have to replace it with a power version.

Q: My 911 has only 2580 original miles on it. Of course the A/C does not work, and hasn't since I purchased the car 2 years ago. When I turn it on the compressor slings oil onto the engine lid. My question is, since the car has such low mileage, and the chances of the compressor being worn out appear slim, can I replace the seal on the compressor, recharge with R 12 and be done with it? Or, should I just replace the compressor and filter and start all

over? Of course I'm assuming that a pressure test will yield positive results after the seal replacement. My mechanic suggested adding a sealing product to further prevent leaks. I'm not thrilled about that since, once it is in the system it would be impossible to remove, short of replacing everything: hoses, compressor, connectors etc. Are the compressor seals readily available and are they easy to replace?

A: You can still get the seals. I would go this route first, change the drier then vacuum down the system and see if it holds. I might also consider replacing all the O-rings in the system. Chances are since it has not been working and has been idle, the seals will leak. Once these are replaced, the system should hold, unless a hose is not well

I am leery of adding any type of sealants as they may clog or shorten the life of the compressor or other. In most cases the replacement of the barrier hoses or in later cars the o-rings will yield good results. I would also check the corner of the condenser where the lines come out. There are often hairline cracks here that are often overlooked.

Q: Someone told me that there is a version of 911 intake air box which do not need the "pop off" valve, since they have been reinforced. They also said that these improved air boxes could be recognized by the use of Phillips head screws, rather than flat head screws.

A: Unless the box is the no longer made, metal version, ALL the plastic intake air boxes should have a pop off valve. I have witnessed boxes shatter at places other than the seam. If you are installing a new air box, invest in a pop-off valve.

CONCOURS IN THE BLUEGRASS by Ken Hold Our direction for the Concours in the Bluegrass has taken a significant change. In a recent planning meeting for the Concours, we discovered that one of our BGR members, Tom Jones, has had significant experience in organizing Concours d'Elegance events on the West Coast. Tom was actively involved in organizing and conducting eight concours events at Cottage Grove, Oregon. The Cottage Grove Concours was a feeder for entries to the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours. When Tom learned of our efforts to start an annual concours in Lexington he offered to provide leadership in accomplishing our task.

Tom developed a concours proposal that was presented at the March 7th BGR Board Meeting. Key elements of the proposal were:

- 1-Upgrade the event to a Concours d'Elegance that would include Ault Park-quality cars and official judging.
- 2- Create a section 501 C3 organization to manage the concours ongoing.
- 3- Expand the concours to a full two-day event to include, dinner with guest speaker, auction, tours of a horse farm and a distillery.




The sixteen attendees at the Board Meeting voted unanimously to proceed with Tom's proposal. For Bluegrass Region, this means:

- 1-This concours will no longer be a PCA sponsored event.
- 2-Serious judging will be done on concours level cars with several paddocks available for car clubs to have individual car shows of member cars.


3-The marquee car for 2004 will be Porsche and presentation will be on an evolution theme.

If you have questions, contact Ken Hold at kendellhold@insightbb.com or 859.254.2817.

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FOR SALE: 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, Ph. 502/225-0232 (LaGrange)

WANTED: One pair of 16 x 9 1979 - 1989 Fuchs 911/930 Alloys OR one pair of 16 X 8 1979 - 1989 911/930 Fuchs Alloys. Please contact **Brian E. Kiser** 502/695-3364 or bek1973@yahoo.com.

Porsche 1978 911SC Targa - \$11,500, Silver - 127,353 miles, only 1729 of this model were produced; located in Lexington. **Brian Young**, Ph. 859/223-4804 (Home after 5:00pm), 859-219-2729 (Work), E-mail: brian.young@verizon.com

FOR SALE: Complete set of **Excellence** Magazines, from #1 to date. \$500. Set is in Lexington. See what you have been missing! **Mark Gutzman**, 859/272-7804 (after 5:00pm)

BGR Member Survey: U.S. Postal Service or e-mail? The choice is yours!

Bluegrass Region PCA receives a limited amount of money from PCA National per member to cover our expenses for the entire year. One of our biggest monthly expenses is the **Rumble** newsletter mailing, you know, the piece of mail you are reading right now! In an effort to reduce expenses we are asking if members would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, instead of by US Mail. Using the Internet to deliver the **Rumble** would reduce the cost of printing, stamps, and address labels.

If you would like to receive the **Rumble** in the future, via the Internet, send a note to Larry Woods at GLWoods@us.ibm.com. The choice is yours! If you would prefer to receive the **Rumble** via the US Postal Service, no action is needed by you at this time.

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