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MARCH '09 NEWSLETTER

March '09—Giuseppe's Restaurant Meeting called to order by President Greg Miller

Greg reported on the Rolex 24 and showed slides of many of the race cars. He and a friend from Jacksonville attended and were able to spend a lot of time with fellow member and racer Steve Johnson. Steve invited them into the FarnbacherLoles garage and introduced them to many of the team and drivers. Greg would like more members attend the Rolex next year and possibly rent a couple RV's so everyone could stay in the infield with facilities.

Barbara gave a treasurer's report, we have \$10,404 in the checking account, which includes \$3,939 and \$1,718 from Motorsportreg for our D E in April at VIR. We still have to pay the balance on our D E and will receive more funds from Motorsportreg as the applications are received. Each D E event costs us around \$10,555 which includes track rental, PCA insurance, corner workers plus two additional workers to manage the in and out lanes onto the track. Novice class is full and we have 6-spots left for instructors. By limiting the number of applicants to have smaller run classes, we will probably break even on the total costs.

Greg is working with a company in Charlotte on T-shirts for the D E event and showed everyone a couple graphic designs. He has checked with possible sponsors for the shirts but could not get any support. Consensus of opinion from everyone was that unless we find a sponsor we should hold off on the T-shirts and reconsider for our next D E.

Saturday March 7th we will meet at the airport Cracker Barrel for a drive to Tail of the Dragon (Deal's Gap). Everyone meet at 7:00 AM for breakfast and depart at 8:00 AM.

Hugh reported on the Porschefest Memorial Day Weekend event in Asheville, sponsored by Carolina Region. This event will have many venue's: Rally, Concourse and Autocross. Plus, pictures at the famous Biltmore of our cars and Touring. Please check your e-mail for the application sent recently and make reservations soon, because the host hotel is almost full. This event is just a little over an hour away and everyone should attend this wonderful PCA function and meet our new Zone Representative Bob Saville.

Greg has been talking to the owners of Café Blue on Broad Street in downtown Kingsport about having a monthly social dinner. This month he will try to come with a date to meet there for a Spaghetti dinner and will have a notice sent to everyone.

Later this month Greg will be attending the annual PCA Presidents and Zone meeting in the Atlanta area. If anyone would like to go you are welcome to go with him, please let him know.

Hugh asked about our Autocross and if we were still planning to have one. Craig said he will check with BMS on a date and get back to us. All the profits will be donated to Raceway Childrens Charity. BMS will supply all the equipment and some manpower for the event, however we will need several members to assist as well and expect some volunteers.



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Ed Yates reported that he and Susie along with Brenda and Hugh will be attending Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance in two weeks. This is being played as the Pebble Beach of the east and growing each year. Ed stated he would not be staying at the Ritz Carlton this year as the basic least expensive rate was over \$800, with taxes and travel fees over \$900 per night. He and Hugh will participate in the Porsche Experience and attend Seminars such as The Great Auto Customizers (with Chip Foose, George Barris, Darryl Starbird and Dean Jeffries) and The Great Roadster Drivers (with Parnelli Jones, Johnny Rutherford, Bobby Unser and Jim Rathman).

Greg and his friend from Jacksonville, after enjoying the Rolex-24, have decided to also attend the 12 Hours of Sebring later this month. Anyone wanting to go please get in touch with Greg. This should be an exciting event too and the diesels from Audi and Peugeot will be there in the Prototype class "duking it out".

Wayne enjoyed his ZR1 Driving Course experience at Ron Fellows facility in Nevada. He was there 3-days had a grand time in the ZR1 cars and said they also have driving instructions for a mini school, Lotus and Motorcycle schools.

—————*Hugh Tackett* WTR Newsletter Editor