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Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

JANUARY '09 NEWSLETTER

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

Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending the Christmas Party at his home. The Troutdale's performance was excellent in terms of service and food, although a little pricey with our club paying the difference and the Miller's donated the drinks and entertainment.

Barbara reported the invoice for dinner was \$3,761.95, we have checks to deposit from members for about two-thirds of this amount. Currently we have \$6,385.12 in our bank account which will increase to approximately \$8,500 with members checks to deposit. We have to send a deposit to VIR for our April D E.

Stan Mosley will start the internet registration this week for our first '09 D E in April at VIR. We will note on the registration that the number of entries will be limited, so there can be more run times with less cars on the track. Many participants have given us very positive feedback in the past that they enjoy this format and want to return.

At our party, Greg asked that more members become involved in WTR for planning and organizing drives, tours and other things of interest. Naturally, we will need better weather than we have had recently but he wants everyone to be thinking of various events or places we could visit in '09. If anyone has ideas, please contact him or report these ideas at our next meeting. Johnathon volunteered to organize a drive to N. GA, similar to one he assisted the Audi club with last year and will report back.

We received an e-mail from Wes stating the Lott's would not be available this June for annual trip to the Highlands. Hugh said it would be very disappointing not to have the Lott's hospitality and fellowship, but there are a lot of things to see and do in the Highlands area and it should not be a deterrent for the Highlands trip. We could still attend the auction and perhaps travel to N GA touring.

Greg asked if we should seek sponsorship for our D E events outside the Tri-Cities of our local Porsche dealer. After discussion, everyone agreed we should seek some assistance to aid our event. In the past, it was very difficult collecting for the sponsorship locally of our D E; plus, there issues of our local dealer not meeting the requirements from Porsche North America (with respect to their building, signage, etc.) In spite of these challenges, we trust our local dealer will be able to retain the Porsche dealership as this would be a great disservice to our membership and club, not to speak of the Tri-Cities!!!

This Saturday January 10th we will meet at the airport Cracker Barrel for breakfast @ 8:00 for our first D E meeting. Greg encouraged the membership to be thinking about serving on the D E Committee. The following meeting will be at his home and we will notify everyone.

Since there is no change in officers for '09, Greg returned the Presidents report to PCA with a statement that there are no changes.

A couple members asked if we were still considering doing an Autocross this year, Craig confirmed that we are and he would check with BMS on a date for the near future.

Several members said they would check out other venues for our meeting and get back to Greg in time for next months meeting. Should we decide to change locations, we will notify everyone.

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