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from the **EDITOR**

Ben Briggs

Happy New Year!!

The Heat Exchanger is looking forward to a great 2010 with members stepping up to show support with photos, articles, and advertising. Keep it coming - we truly appreciate all the neat stuff. If you're interested in the Member Moment please email me, and I will email the questions ([ptcircus1@comcast.net](mailto:ptcircus1@comcast.net)).

Thanks to All the Great Members,

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As the holidays pass and a New Year beckons, be sure to hold loved ones close and tell them they are loved, for it is they who sustain us. While it is Porsche's that bring us together, it is family that matters above all else.

The holiday party at Michie Tavern was a huge success. The snow from the day before was cleared from the parking lot and many drove their Porsches. It was great to see so many members, familiar faces and new ones. Be sure to check out the story and photos in this issue and also on our website.

Many, many thanks to Sherry Westfall and Jim Condon for their great efforts in bring this year's event to a successful conclusion. Also, thanks to vendors and advertisers who graciously contributed door prizes.

This morning (December 19th), we awoke to almost two-feet of fresh snow. **BB** and **Ferdinand** are safely in the garage, where they will likely remain until perhaps sometime in March! **PJ**, my '92 Mercedes Benz 500E is stuck in the driveway with two right-side tires just off the asphalt, while **Toby**, our '05 Chevy Trail Blazer is sitting at the top of the driveway covered in snow. We need to somehow get the driveway cleared by Monday so Jill can get to work. I can work from home in this mess. Maybe I should have bought a Cayenne last year or a Hummer H1!! If I only had a Porsche tractor and a snow blade!

Our region has had a great year, with autocross, RPM and our tours, plus Porsche's and Pastrami, our business meetings and so much more. Thanks to all of you for participating. I look forward to seeing so many more in 2010.

Our next meeting is an important one. It is the annual business and scheduling meeting, January 24th (Sunday), and will be held at Basil Mediterranean Bistro in

Charlottesville. Be sure to attend and bring your ideas to make our Region's activities the best ever in 2010. We will be discussing the 2010 activities and where they fit on our calendar.

Have a great New Year

*Bill Sanders*



BB the 928 GTS and Ferdinand the '09 Boxster wait for Spring

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## Report

Rhonda Dunbrack

December 2009

Primary Members .....	195
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Total Members .....	347

### *Welcome to the following new members*

Stephen & Shanna Winfree, Bumpass, VA, 1987 944

Greg Glassner, Ashland, VA, 1983 944

Bruce McDaniel, Midlothian, VA, 2009 911

Phill and Sue Noel, Woodstock, VA, 2008 Boxster RS60

Patrick Tolan, North Garden, VA, 2003 911 Cabriolet

### *Welcome to the following transfer members*

Roger Borsink & Gail Cook, Keswick, VA  
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1997 911 C4

# CALENDAR of Events

## January

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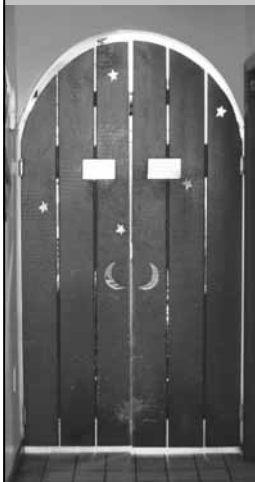
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All members are welcome to join the board for its annual planning meeting to set the club's calendar for 2010. We will start with lunch—courtesy of fellow-member Raif Antar. Afterward, we will talk about and select the activities we will host and participate in for the upcoming year. 2009 was an outstanding year for events and member participation. Let's make 2010 even more fun and exciting!

***Please RSVP to Sherry by Wednesday, January 20 at [vscapes@ystone.net](mailto:vscapes@ystone.net) or (434) 295-3955 to make your lunch reservation.***

Contact Sherry for more information or to submit your ideas, comments, and concerns in advance.

**Date:** Sunday, January 24, 2010

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Basil Mediterranean Bistro  
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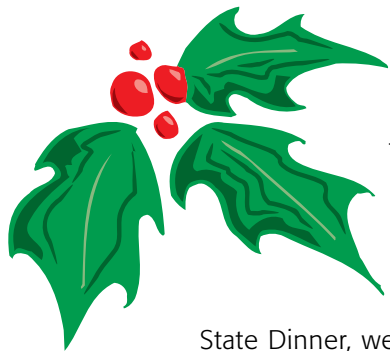
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# 2009 Holiday Party-Good Cheer, Great Friends & Fun. Priceless.

by Harry Kennison



A snow-covered Michie Tavern greeted 83 Shenandoah PCA members and guests to this year's Holiday Party (An unconfirmed report indicated that a couple resembling the Salahi's who allegedly crashed a White House

State Dinner, were turned away as they were driving a borrowed Lexus and had no PCA name tags. Otherwise, they would have been eating delicious fried chicken with all the fixings with the rest of us!).

During the social hour partygoers enjoyed a variety of beverages, watched a slide show prepared by Jim Condon of Shenandoah's previous year of Porsche people and events, and toured the nearby Michie Tavern Museum.

Our master of ceremonies for the evening and president of the Shenandoah Region, Bill Sanders, welcomed us all to the Michie Tavern. Bill is still looking to pass on his trophy to another Shenandoah member who receives a speeding ticket going to or from a PCA event. Sorry Bill, so far, no takers. Note: This trophy actually passed to Bob Duntley officially last February when he revealed that he had gotten a speeding ticket during the Texas 1000 Road Rally the previous fall. Bob and Alex Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation of their adventures at the February Social/Business Dinner Meeting in Richmond.

Mel Brannan offered the invocation and thanked all those members who supported the Tanzania Health & Humanitarian Fund founded by Mel and his wife, Jeanette, which Mel was pleased to report is making a difference in helping the people of the poor, African country (go to [www.TanzaniaHHF.org](http://www.TanzaniaHHF.org) for more information).

All of us joined Bill in thanking all of the sponsors including Ben Briggs at PrintSource, Mark Cooke of Euroclassics Porsche, Porsche of Charlottesville, Johnny Johnson's Ace Autosports, Mike and Geoff Kilmer of Photoworks, Jeffrey Elmore's RennZenn, Colin Dougherty, Mackenzie Horn, Mark Francis, and Janet Bauer of CDOC, the Synergy Racing gang, Raif Antar of Basil's Mediterranean Bistro, Gary Hagar from Dirty Nelly's Pub & Wayside Deli, Foreign Affairs, AutoSport, Werkstatt, Lufteknic, Dan Ehrman from Dan's Landscapades, and all of the other sponsors who advertise in the Heat Exchanger and support our club events throughout the year.

Following dinner, Bill recognized several club members for their hard work and contributions including Alex & Gail Smith for heading up RPM as well as Howard & Leeanne Faunce, who hosted the Saturday RPM event at their Richmond home on the James River. He also congratulated Jim Condon, webmaster extraordinaire for winning 2nd Place in Class 2 for best PCA Websites; Sherry Westfall, Vice President, for her tireless efforts organizing the club's social events including all the arrangements for the annual Holiday Party; Phil & Susie Audibert for organizing the Fall Foliage Tour; Erik Boody-Safety Chairman; Rick Ebinger-Driver Education Chairman; Pam Ebinger-Secretary; Rhonda Dunbrack-membership chairperson; Bob Duntley-treasurer; Weldon & Phyliss Scrogam for hosting the "Garage Mahal" tour in July at their Waynesboro home and their longtime support of the club; Johnny Johnson-Advertising Manager for the *Heat Exchanger*; and Ben Briggs, the *Heat Exchanger* editor and his partner, Nancy Vetter for putting the newsletter together each month.

Rick Ebinger presented this year's Autocross honors to:

Mike Kilmer-1983 Porsche 911SC-PO3 Class  
for 1980-1994 Porsche 911's

Jeffrey "Speed Racer" Elmore-2000 Boxster S – PO5  
Class for Boxsters and Caymans

Emmett Richardson-2006 911 Carrera S-Class PO4  
for 1995 to present 911's.

Ebinger saved the Class IO1 top award for himself and his infamous 1974 914 which is a testament to Rick for even being able to climb into his diminutive machine let alone drive it astonishingly fast. For his amazing flexibility, he was given the 2009 Autocross Agility award. Cristina McCann, the Ladies Class winner, received a special, Autocrosser of the Year Award for her spirited drives and continual improvement in her father's 2008 Cayman. Congratulations to Cristina and all the class winners!

The evening ended on a high note when Bill Sanders and Sherry Westfall then "cleaned out the Shenandoah PCA "swag" closet with classy gifts for virtually every attendee. Can't wait until next year!



# Holiday Party 2009



Peach cobbler with ice cream for dessert



Michie Tavern manager and Boxster owner Sam Morris



Sherry Westfall drew names for the door prizes



# Holiday Party

Name tags for the record 83 guests



The buffet line



Michie Tavern's 18th century decorations

# 2009

President Bill Sanders speaking after dinner



Herb Distefano and Mary Whittle warm up by the fire



Table of door prizes handed out after dinner

# Holiday Party 2009



Gary Hagar and Jeffrey Elmore welcome the early arrivals



Rick Ebinger announced the autocross award winners



Bill Sanders and Sam Morris in the dining room

# Oh, What a Year! A Look Back at 2009

by Sherry Westfall

Shenandoah started off 2009 with its January Planning Meeting at the Northside Library in Charlottesville with a very large turnout. Thanks to the creative ideas of many members, we ended up with a great schedule of events.

In February, we met for a tech session at Werkstatt in Charlottesville where we learned what is involved in a tech inspection to ready a car for the track. We even got a demonstration on how to change and bleed the brakes.

Less than a week later we came together for a Social/Business Dinner Meeting in Richmond at Shackleford's Restaurant. The entertainment for the evening was a slide show by Alex Smith and Bob Duntley that gave us a glimpse of their adventures during the Texas 1000 Road Rally. Bill Sanders, our president, finally was able to pass on his "Speeding-ticket" trophy to Bob who was having a little too much fun on the rally.

Gary Hagar, owner of Dirty Nelly's Pub, came up with the idea of hosting "Porsches & Pastrami" on certain Sunday afternoons throughout the year. The idea was to meet at the Pub, have lunch and socialize, and then go for a short drive. The first one was on a cold, wet, and eventually snowy March afternoon. The drive was canceled but people huddled around a cozy fire, chatted away, and enjoyed each other's company. That one event set the stage for many more Sunday afternoons of Porsche camaraderie and spirited drives. We traveled by the old soapstone company towns in Alberene and Schuyler, visited the Walton's Mountain Country Store, explored the "Rolling Roads" of southern Albemarle and Fluvanna counties, and visited the Exchange Hotel Civil War Museum in Gordonsville. Gary's enthusiasm and relaxed venue has encouraged members who had never been to a Shenandoah event to try one. (I talked to one person who had been a member for five years and made P&P his first event. He's made it to several more since then.) A number of people enjoyed pitching in to create driving tours.

In mid-March Shenandoah track enthusiasts started off the season with a very cold and soggy weekend at the Zone 2 DE at Virginia International Raceway (VIR). As a club, we are not large enough to host a full-blown DE ourselves, but we do have a strong contingency that goes to Drivers Education events throughout the year that are hosted by other regions. DE's are a good way to learn how to drive fast on a racetrack and develop skills that are invaluable for everyday driving. The Potomac Region hosts two High Performance Driving Clinics at Summit Point each year. This is a great way to get your feet wet before moving on to a big track like VIR. I've done two and our own Paul Sponseller did his first in April. Also, Mark Cooke of Euroclassics Porsche in Richmond hosts a driver's education day that's enjoyable for both beginner and more advanced drivers.

Rick Ebinger and Erick Boody started off the autocross season in April and continued throughout 2009 with one challenging event after another. The piece de resistance was a course that was run one way for half of the day and then reversed for the other! Autocrossing is a fun and safe way to learn what your car can do while building up your driving skills.

In mid-April, Deane Parker organized and led a very enjoyable tour down to the Peaks of Otter. He didn't have much time to put it together because he was getting ready to leave the country. The PCA National web site was down at the time so we weren't able to send out notices about the event. Nonetheless, Deane persevered and ended up with a total of three Porsches and a beautiful 1969 Alfa Romeo Spyder whose owner had read about the event on our web site. The small troupe rolled down the curvy Blue Ridge Parkway and ended up at the Peaks of Otter Lodge. By coincidence a large British car club happened to be there at the same time. About six members from the Blue Ridge Region PCA joined the group for a leisurely lunch. Afterward, the three Shenandoah Porsches headed over to the World War II Memorial at Bedford. Upon arrival, our 996 started spewing steam. (Another failed coolant reservoir bottle!) We limped over to a nearby gas station, let the car cool off, refilled the coolant, and drove home very carefully. Brand new member Malcolm Hopker stayed with us the whole time to make sure we were okay. That's what makes Porsche people special.

We were treated to another outstanding tour in mid-May by Pam and Rick Ebinger. They led us through the scenic, winding roads of the Shenandoah Valley that took us to the Taylor & Boody Organ Factory in Staunton. Our own Erik Boody (His father is the Boody of Taylor & Boody.) gave us a personal tour of the unique business that builds German tracker-style organs. You definitely don't get to see something like that every day! Afterward we drove down to the Osceola Inn in Steeles Tavern for lunch in a quaint mill building. To top that off we ended up at Rick and Pam's house in Vesuvius where Rick's infamous 914 was undergoing surgery in his garage. Across the street, we got to visit their neighbor's beautiful waterfall and gardens. What a great day!

In May, Johnny Johnson hosted our Social/Business Dinner Meeting at Pace Real Estate in Charlottesville. The weather was so nice that we decided to hold our meeting outside while looking at the fine assortment of Porsches that showed up. Our president, Bill Sanders, played spin-the-bottle for us for door prizes. A delicious dinner was provided courtesy of fellow-member Raif Antar, owner of Basil Mediterranean Bistro. As the light of evening dimmed, we moved into the comfortable, home-like surrounds of the office and visited with our friends.

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The first Saturday in June started off with RPM (the Richmond Porsche Meet) at the home of Howard and Leanne Faunce on the banks of the James River. Rain the night before threatened to put a damper on the event, but the sun decided to shine. Eighty plus cars showed up for the concours car show that was held on the lawn. Afterward, people were treated to a catered lunch, a tour through the countryside, a tech session at Euroclassics Porsche, and a banquet, awards presentation, and talk by representatives from PCNA at the end of the day. On Sunday people and Porsches headed over to Southside Speedway for an autocross prepared by Rick Ebinger and Erik Boody. RPM is Shenandoah's largest event, and many thanks go to Alex and Gail Smith for putting it together.

The Zone 2 Club Race was held the end of June at VIR. Even though Shenandoah is a relatively small club, we do have some club racers who are quite good. This is driving at the extreme. In addition, there was an advanced DE that a number of our members drove in. For others that were not at those levels yet (me), there were many opportunities to volunteer. I helped with registration and getting waivers signed. Even though I wasn't driving, it was exciting to be in the middle of all of the action.

In Mid-July we had the ultimate experience—the Garage Mahal Tour. Weldon and Phyllis Scrogam of G&W Motorworks opened up their newly constructed garage for all of us to see. Cameras were clicking away at the Carrera GT, the 1959 356 that son Cole shot in the door with his BB gun, a Porsche Indy car, a rare six-cylinder Porsche 904, and quite a variety of others. After refreshments and an hour or two of Porsche lust, a large part of the group caravanned over to the Augusta Government Center in Verona for a very enthusiastic autocross. There were lots of drivers as well as spectators cheering on their favorite cars and drivers. Those who didn't autocross went over to the Andre Viette Daylily and Wine Festival or just headed back home.

Ben Briggs, our newsletter editor and co-owner of PrintSource in Charlottesville, hosted the August Social/Business Dinner Meeting. We enjoyed looking at all of the cars in his ample parking lot and then moved inside one of his buildings for a brief meeting and a dinner from Belmont Bar-Be-Que—compliments of Ben. He unveiled the Shenandoah Region PCA posters he and his shop created for the club and gave them out to all in attendance.

September was our first official joint event with the Blue Ridge Region PCA. Raif Antar, owner of Basil Mediterranean Bistro and soon-to-open Semolina, welcomed us to his restaurant again for another outstanding lunch at his expense. He even arranged for us to have free parking! Shenandoah and Blue Ridge members mixed and mingled and got to know each other while eating their fill. Afterward, we headed across Charlottesville to Werkstatt

to learn about their Spec Boxster Racing program. Kenny Shreves and Scott Leopold had Boxsters in various stages of preparation so we could see what it takes to build a Spec Boxster.

New members Lou Giusto and Stephanie Sheridan did their best to try to host our anniversary party the end of September. However, Mother Nature did not cooperate, and we had to cancel the event because of heavy rains. Many thanks to Lou, a professional chef, and Stephanie for offering to open up their nice home near the Shenandoah River in Woodstock.

Our final Social/Business Dinner Meeting was held at Euroclassics Porsche in Richmond. We got to see the new Panamera up close and personal. People examined the cars from top to bottom and enjoyed sitting in the comfortable seats (Even the biggest guys seemed to fit easily!), pushing and pulling the myriad of buttons and knobs, and looking at all of the fancy features. Afterward, a small group headed over to Carrabba's Italian Grill for dinner and a brief meeting.

Phil and Susie Audibert led our last driving tour of 2009. Rain threatened to dampen our day but a spirited group of Porsche owners hung in there. We started in Gordonsville with a tour of CDOC and Paul Overstreet's new shop, Overstreet European Motors. We even got to have an anniversary cake! As the rain continued to fall, the smaller-than-usual entourage headed for the mountains. About half way through the tour, the sun came out as we were driving the twisties Phil and Susie are so famous for including on their tours. We ended the afternoon with a very filling fried chicken buffet at Graves Mountain Lodge.

We ended the year with a record 83 people at our Holiday Party at Michie Tavern—despite the wintry weather the night before! Party goers socialized with their friends, toured the Tavern Museum, watched a slide show of 2009 Shenandoah Porsches & people, and filled up on a Southern buffet of fried chicken, ham with raisin sauce, lots of sides, and peach cobbler for dessert. We completed the evening with autocross awards and the ever-popular door prizes.

Shenandoah had an outstanding year in 2009 because of our members. You! So many people came forward last year with ideas that blossomed into great events. It just takes a little seed of an idea to grow into an activity we all can enjoy. If there's something you would like to see the club do, come to the Planning Meeting on Sunday, January 24 and let your voice be heard. We'll be having another "free lunch" at Basil, too. If you want to submit ideas in advance, please email me at [vscales@cstone.net](mailto:vscales@cstone.net).

# TREASURER'S Report

November 18 through December 20, 2009

	Income	Expenses	Balance
<b>Sweep Account</b>			
Previous Balance		\$1489.05	
No activity this month			
Ending Sweep Account Balance			\$1489.05
<b>Checking Account</b>			
Corrected Beginning Balance		\$10,151.33	
11/13/09	Alex Smith - RPM expenses	69.60	
11/21/09	Ovation Builders LLC - HE ad	216.00	
12/6/09	Mitchie Tavern - Christmas Party		3,325.38
12/9/09	W.D. Sanders, LLC - HE ad	216.00	
12/11/09	State Corporate Tax		25.00
12/17/09	Christmas Party - Door Prizes		150.00
12/17/09	PrintSource - print & mail		755.59
Checking Account Totals	432.00	4,325.57	
Ending Checking Account Balance			6,257.76
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b> (2 Accounts)			7,746.81

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If you would like to join the group, go to the LINKS page, click on "Shenandoah Region Forum," and then click on "Sign in and apply for membership," click on "create an account", and fill in the blanks. Google will send me an email with your request, which Jim Condon will approve if you are a member the Shenandoah Region PCA. After you have become a group member, you can log in to read or post messages at any time by clicking on the "Shenandoah Region Forum" link.

Thanks to Jeffrey Elmore for suggesting the forum, which we hope will help our members get together for small impromptu events. If you have any questions or comments about the forum, send Jim an email at [jcondon@nrao.edu](mailto:jcondon@nrao.edu). THANKS JIM!

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## MEMBER MOMENT: Al Favilla

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1. How old are you, where do you live, and what is or was your occupation?

*I'm 46, live in New Market & I'm an audio/video technician*

2. Tell us about your first automobile.

*My 1st auto was my Fathers' 74 914 LE, which turned out to be mine w/out my knowledge. When he bought it, May 1st 1974, he put it in my name; at the time I was 11. I didn't find out till after he passed away.*

3. What made you choose a Porsche?

*I didn't, my Pop did and what 11 yr old boy is going to argue with his Pops sports car decision?*

4. What was your first Porsche?

*The 1974 914 LE "creamsicle".*

5. What is your current Porsche and why did you choose it?

*I still own the 74 but I also own a 70 914-6. I chose the 70 because I always wanted to hot rod my Pops*

*car, came to the conclusion that to mess w/ a limited edition would be foolish & the six had already been mostly hot rodded for me.*

6. You won the lottery, which dream Porsche would you buy and why?

*A 916- they really handle well, are very sturdy when compared to the 914 & they don't leak. I'd follow that up with a Carrera GT & then a 550 Spyder. I like mid engined Porsches.*

7. Any non-Porsche hobbies?

*Guitars, photography, travel, working on my motorcycle or truck or my other cars.*

8. Ever name a pet after a Porsche?

*No.*

9. What do you listen to when driving your Porsche?

*"Ramblin' Man" by the Allman Brothers.*



Al at age 13 washing his Porsche



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