



War Bonnet Region

War Whoop

**News and Events from the Region
October 2019 - November 2019**

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

8 Poker Night

What's the buy in ? - 7 pm.

Matt Herndon's Poker Table.

9 Club Meeting

Breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Norman !

Starts at 9am.

13 Board Meeting

At Janie Tigert's Studio.

Be there at 7pm.

15 Ladies Night

Laura Swope.

Be there at 6pm.

16 Club Drive

Route 66 Tour.

Meet at 9am.

DECEMBER

6 Poker Night

So how much are the red chips worth? - 7 pm.

Matt Herndon's Poker Table.

14 Club Meeting

Breakfast at Eggington's in Edmond.

Be there at 9 am.

14 X-Mas Dinner

Stables Cafe in Guthrie.

Be there at 5pm.

20 Ladies Night

Dejuana Howie

Starts at 6pm.

JANUARY

1 Rally

New Years Day Gimmick Rally

Meet at 10am.

3 Poker Night

How many aces are in this deck? - 7pm

Matt Herndon's Poker Table.

8 Board Meeting

At Brian Swope's Home.

Be there at 7pm.

11 Club Meeting

IHOP in Bricktown.

Be there at 9am.

17 Ladies Night

Ann Costello.

Meet at 6pm.

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Photo by Glen Hoskins

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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - War Whoop Editor

I am now getting used to my son driving every day. The first day he drove the Porsche to school, I followed him all the way to school. I just wanted to make sure the car made it and he didn't have any trouble stalling out the engine while shifting gears. He made it fine and the car did well as well.

After about a week of following him all the way to the school, I now just follow him to the end of the block. He turns right and I turn left. He did call me once because he didn't know how to turn on the headlights, and once he asked what this blue light was on the dash and it turned out he was driving with the brights on.

It wasn't long though until he told me the steering was making noises when he turned the wheel and it turned out the high pressure steering line had sprung a leak and he was out of steering fluid. Off to Dumont's we went and they were able to fix him up and also even fixed the defroster motor so now he can have warm air blow on the windshield. That was a high tech repair. Mike Dumont stated he tapped on the motor and the defroster began to work.

He really enjoys driving the Porsche and I am hoping to one day next spring get him to drive the car at one of our autocrosses. I think he will really enjoy that.

It is hard to believe that we are already starting to work on the calendar for 2020 and planning the Christmas Dinner.

We have three board members that are rolling off the board. Randal Goodman, Janie Tigert and Steve Pistole. Janie and Steve are able to run again, but Randal will have to sit out a year until he can rejoin the board.

If you would like to be on the board, or know of someone you would like to nominate, let us know and we will be sure to add them to our nominations.

Have a great holiday season!

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President's Podium



Brian Swope - War Bonnet President

Just a few weeks ago, Porsche had sent out an exclusive invite to me. It was a good looking email. It had a beautiful car, lots of official language and it had me giddy that I was invited to something special and it was EXCLUSIVE meaning, in my head, that I was special. My mom had always told me how special I was so it was nice to see Porsche thought the same of me. As it turned out, the event was a little too exclusive and they asked me to round up more people that would likely come to the event.

This is when all of you heard from me on the E-blast when I invited ALL OF YOU, the War Bonnet faithful, to the Porsche Experience driving event at Hallett. Here is what you missed:

Porsche had sent a team of cars and SUV's along with a driving staff to the Hallett Raceway near Jennings Oklahoma. When I first arrived, I was warmly greeted by a lot of familiar faces from Porsche OKC and some of the driving instructors. A brand new red 911 was at the winner's circle and the new pavilion housed a fantastic dining area full of caterers and free food. Grub is good!

I was glad-handing all the peeps I know and just beaming with happiness. It was sunny with scattered clouds, the turkey burgers were very

tasty and I was happy...had the day off work too.

Beyond the food, the family, and the new car they wanted me to buy was a line of 8 Porsches. To be specific, there was a Cayenne, Panamera, Macan and a 718 convertible. Behind that first line-up sat another Cayenne followed by a Panamera, Macan and a 911 4S. Did I mention all the vehicles were the GTS variant save the first Macan which was just an S model?

My session began with a brief instructor talk and then we were released to go down the hill to begin driving. I felt a little bad for running down there. Nobody else ran but I guess nobody else acts like a four year old. Nevertheless, I was more than ready. I even brought my own helmet. So what happened next was a little surprising. The photographer strolled up next to me and asked if he could put a microphone on me, "You're the President right?"

I said, "Yes, sure."

And so it was. He had chosen to mic me, a four year old getting ready to

drive three awesome cars.

The driving order was set by the instructors and the way it played out was like this:

Two people per car.

Go out for three laps.

When we came back in, we had to pit, swap to the car behind us and the passenger became the driver and vice-versa.

Vince Howie, your Vice-President was standing next to me during driver pairing so unlucky for him. He was gracious enough to let me drive first. Maybe he didn't want to see a four year

old cry but I didn't argue with him. Off we went.

The instructor was in the lead in a Cayenne and his pace was vigorous but well-controlled. As long as he felt everyone was keeping up, he would continue at pace, slow down or speed up accordingly. What a thrill! We were lapping the famous Hallett circuit in a brand new Panamera GTS and man, did that car howl and bark around that track! Although we were realistically at about 7/10ths effort, the straights were full on foot down fast. For even the briefest of time, I did go full throttle all the while trying to contain a smile and



some sense of calmness, like I had done this before ya know. Well, that wasn't the case. I was jibber-jawing away, laughing and do my best Top-Gear presenter's speak for the mic and letting the fun and thrill of it all show. When Vince had his turn to drive, he was focused and attentive and he allowed me to talk him through the apexes and do some general coaching. By the time the 718 GTS became ours, we were ready like cheesecake after a sirloin.

The Panamera GTS was great fun and handled like a sports car, just like Porsche had planned, the longer 911.

The Macan S had a much more pronounced understeer and the heft was doubly noticeable, like your wife had forgotten to tell you she put 12 bags of mulch in the trunk. The 718

GTS gave us a different first impression. Oh, the driving was great, standard Porsche sports car perfection but before you drive, you must start it. When the twist of the key kickstarted the crank and turned over the flat-4, we heard a Subaru but not just any Subaru. It was the WRX world rally edition. What else are we suppose to say it sounded like? When the symphony of the flat-6 has been replaced, there is no benchmark therefore a new comparison is made. Some might think hefty VW bug but I heard Subie warmed over by a serious tuner who wields 4 inch custom exhaust as fighting gear. Maybe I should be more direct. It sounded good at idle and even better at 7000 RPM.

After we had made the final turn into pit lane, we were asked to stick around



for a minute. The photographer wisely took pics before the event just in case lunch had appeared in other places, but he had come to get his microphone from me. I asked him to edit out the part when I went to the porta-pottie. The lead instructor gathered me and Vince up and we corralled Glen Hoskins, a super-long time Porsche Member, like from the days when gas was waaaayyyy under a dollar, and we went for a tour at full speed in the Panamera GTS. The instructor said "Hold" brief expletives by the passengers, "on" and we were gone. Its a weird sight to see the back of your eyelids when you know you never closed them. I mean we were gone. We apexed turn 1 just right and as we were climbing the hill, I proclaimed "I bet he can't hit 100". As if to beg him, chide, goat, a dare. He hit 101 MPH! It's hard to do that and brake for the harsh left hander at the bottom of the hill in a racecar so this was astounding. He further amused us by tossing the beefcake bruiser GTS completely sideways at the corner known as another way to call a female dog and before we knew it, that was the end of the experience.

A super huge "THANKS" goes out to Porsche OKC and Porsche as a company for giving us this day. They give us a lot and if you don't take

advantage of it, well, there's just no other way to say it except that you are missing out on something special. Like Ferris Bueller said, "Life moves pretty fast, you don't stop to look around once in awhile, you could miss it".

Look forward to next year's events as I will be pushing for us as a club to be involved at Hallett with a driver's education event. This is where you get to drive your car at your speed and comfort level on a real racetrack. I will need lots of support and commitments from you as they don't like me enough to give us a day for free.

It's time to ask yourself, "Why did I buy a Porsche?"

"Will I look fondly upon all those commutes to work or that one time I conquered Hallett?"

Let's create some rocking chair memories together.

Thanks and happy motoring.

Former Treasurer's Tid-Bits



Glen Hoskins - Ex - Treasurer

The non-official treasurer's report from the not official treasurer, WBR has a little less than four grand in the checking account. No recent major purchases or changes.

Porsche Parade 2019 was held in Boca Raton, FL this year. My wife Jeanette was under the impression for some reason that it might be hot in south Florida in July, and she was right! She elected to sit this trip out and remain at home. That meant I had an open passenger seat. Conveniently, my brother and his wife live in Montgomery, AL and that is great half-way stopping point on my trip to Boca Raton. My brother Mike filled the passenger seat and we had a chance to spend a week together. With Mike living so far away, the only times we see each other is family- gatherings, and we always have friends and family around. We had not spent a week together, just the two of us, since 1976. So after 11 hour of driving, I arrived in Montgomery, and 11 more hours the next day, we arrived in Boca Raton.

The hotel was the Boca Raton Resort and Club. It is a private resort not open to the public. It was an amazing and expensive place for Porsche Parade. A bottle of water from the room was 8 bucks. We did not touch their water,

and bought our supplies from the Publix just across the street from the hotel grounds.

At every Parade, the first full day, Monday, is the concours. As always, it was a fantastic showing of cars. I will not even try to describe it, as the Panorama and the PCA web site do a better job of that that I can.

The next day, Tuesday, we went on a club-organized tour to Jupiter, FL to see the fantastic collection of Larry Wilson. He has a very nondescript industrial building from the outside. On the inside is a wonderful collection of over 200 cars. He has five 4-cam Porsche engines. Three are in 356s, one is in a 904, and one in a 550 Spyder, the type of car James Dean was driving when he was killed. One entire wing is German cars, mostly Porsches. One wing was Italian cars, mostly Ferraris and Alfa Romeos. One entire section was American iron, with a split window Corvette, and an original Ford GT40. One wing was British cars, and the engine room and mechanics shop was huge with a staff of six men that were top professionals. For a car lover, it is a



place easy to spend an entire day. They are finishing up building a ground-up replica of the Porsche 804 GP car. They acquired some drawings and photos of the original, and built it from scratch.

The next day, Wednesday, we went on another club tour to an over-the-top astonishing car museum, the Revs institute. We drove across Alligator Alley to Naples, FL. Please, do yourself a favor and check out their web page at www.revsinstitute.org. It holds the collection of Miles Collier.

The car that fascinated me the most was not one of the several cars that won overall at Le Mans, or the many stunning cars, but just an old 1964 911. Serial number 300-128. It became the first 911 to win a road race anywhere in the world, the 1966 24 Hours of

Daytona, in the 2.0 liter class. The only other production-based car to finish in front of him, in a very different class, was the Roger Penske-entered L-88 Corvette with a 7.0-liter V-8 and 540 horsepower. Go to the Revs institute web page and search for Porsche 911. They also have a 1967 911R, but it never won at Daytona. They have 23 Porsches in the collection ranging from 917s and 904s and 356s, and more. The overall collection is just astonishing, and the building is a wonderful museum. They even have a Cisitalia, the make of the car that Ferry Porsche designed to make enough money to bail his father out of the French jail after WW2. He was in French jail and was to remain until his "fine" was paid to the French government. So the type of car that was designed to get the

Porsche AG company started is on display.

If you ever have a chance to get to Florida and can spend a day at the Revs Institute, do yourself a favor and make reservations to have a tour. They have the first Maclaren F1 road car I had ever laid eyes on. Bugatti was well represented, and the history of the car can be seen in a wonderful display. I don't have enough superlatives to use to describe the museum.

On Thursday we began a journey outside of Parade to visit a former old-time War Bonnet member, and former editor of the War Whoop, Bob Hess and his wife Andy. They live in Big Pine Key, FL. We spent the night with them, and had a great time laughing and eating Florida Keys shrimp. Bob & I

have been friends since the 1970s when he was a War Bonnet member. He found my brother to be almost as shy and retiring as I am, and they got along great, with a quick bond of friendship. Andy is total car chick, and very involved in Bob's racing and in the SCCA club.

The next day, Friday morning we headed to Key West. I wanted to get a picture of me driving my 911 past the monument at the furthest southern point in the lower 48 states. The southernmost monument is just about 1,700 miles from my house. Since I had my brother there, I set him up with my camera, showed him where I wanted him to stand, and put it in rapid fire mode and asked him to fire away. He thought he shot 30 or 40 photos, but It





was 138. The photo you see is the best angle and the perfect photo for what I wanted. Thanks Mike!

Very recently I was driving my 911 west on Wilshire Blvd from Eastern and at the intersection of Kelley Ave. On the north side of Kelley which is also Route 66, the asphalt has worn away enough to see and drive over the cobblestone bricks of the original Route 66. So the tires of my car were in contact with old Route 66. A few weeks later, I was driving past the southernmost point in the states, outside of Hawaii.

I rolled past 174,000 miles on the odometer of my 911 before I got home. Many people are incredulous when they hear me talk about driving a 34 year old car with 174,000 miles on it, on a 4,000 mile journey. This was my 17th

Porsche Parade. I have taken three trips to California, another trip up into all of the New England states and even crossing into Canada for lunch. My wife rode with me to Michigan and even into the upper peninsula of Michigan and another trip to Savannah, GA in August.

I do have a picture of my 911 in Maine at Acadia National Park, which is in far NE Maine, within a few miles of the furthest east possible to go in the lower 48. I plan to get to all of the lower 48 states in my Porsche. I believe I am at 40 states right now.

The 2020 Parade is to be held in Palm Springs, CA. It will be my fourth trip to California in the 911. I am contemplating driving down to International Friendship Park, at the Mexican border, next to the ocean just

to get the picture I failed to get it when I was there back in 2007. I did not have a smart phone back then, and forgot to bring my camera. It is a 3 hour drive each way, so a full day of driving, just to get the picture, but I think I will have to do it. It looks like one route is a lot of mountain passes and winding roads. Golly that would be tough to spend some time of curvy mountain roads driving my 911.

The air-cooled 911s are certainly not know as cars with great air conditioning. I have upgraded the air conditioning in my car by adding two more condensers, so I have 4 condensers on my system. The AC simply works. Mike and I laughed several times when we would get out of the car and our glasses fogged as we stepped out of the car. The cold air blowing on us was wonderful. On the trip home driving due west on I-40 the afternoon sun was shining through the

windshield, right onto my chest. I had the AC cranked to max, and the air was so cold, I had to divert the air from blowing directly on my face as it was uncomfortably cold. It was 95 degrees and very humid with a heat index well above 100 degrees. I remained totally comfortable, and even turned down the blower at one point.

I want to thank my brother for riding along. It was great to get to really know each other again. Mike is a long time VW guy, so he is car guy, and his daily driver is a 1955 VW bug, and his other car is a 1978 VW Westfallia Camper. He has had both of them since 1978. We are much alike, and he can talk to anyone anywhere. I knew he was not going to be a shy wallflower and I think he really enjoyed the trip.

Get out there and drive your Porsche!

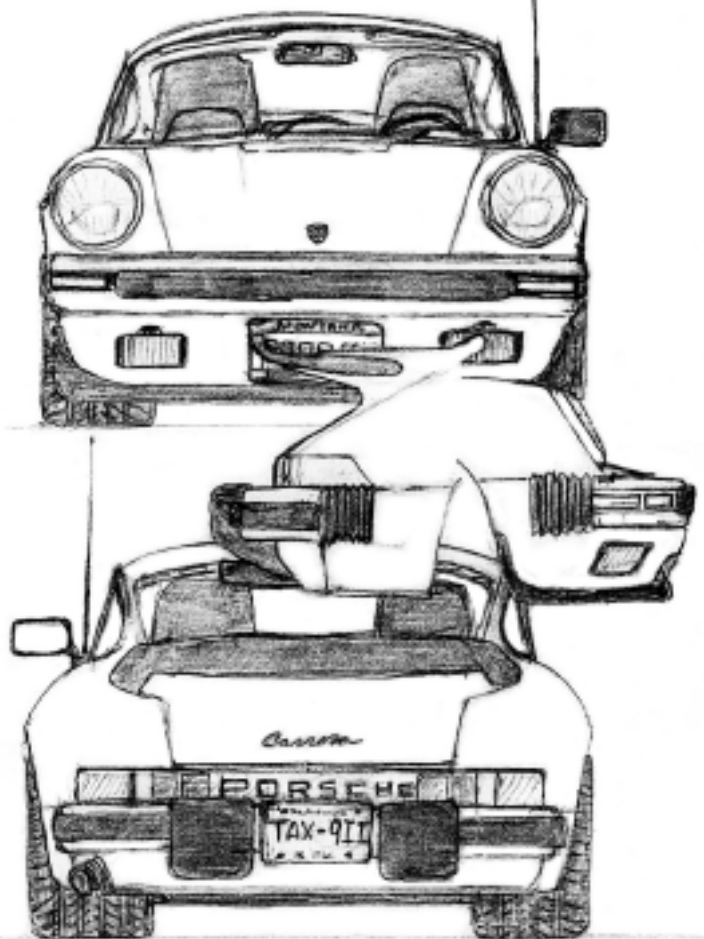


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Board Meeting

Start: 7:11pm.

Attended by: Randall Goodman, Chad Goodman, Bob Wilson, Eric Costello, Ann Costello, Steve Hintze, Glen Hoskins, Laura Swope, Brian Swope, Vince Howie.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Officer report outs:

- President- Reported that we have put in 2 subsidies requests to our Zone 5 president for approval. We have received no response and appears these subsidies were denied. Brian Swope will follow up with Zone rep to inquire why.
- Vice President- Nothing to report
- Treasurer- Books are up to date
- Autocross Chair- Not present however we have were updated that our timing equipment is still not working properly despite getting a firmware update. The display does not work either wired or wireless.
- Webmaster- No news to report
- Social Media Chair- No new news to report
- Social Chair- Nothing to report
- Tour Chair- fall drive is full

Discussed upcoming calendars:

See inside cover of this issue for calendars.

- New Business discussed:
- Discussed success of obtaining sponsors for our monthly postcards. These are going well, and we continue to get sponsors.
- Brian Swope discussed possibility of reaching out to the Edmond Fire Training Center to inquire about rate change.
- Discussed speaking to our National Insurance contact about our autocross security. Will discuss concerns about our paid security also participation in the

autocross. Is this allowed or a liability? Eric will report out as soon as we receive an answer.

- Email blast was sent out asking members for nominations to our board. Two nominations have been submitted but we need more. Ballots for voting will be included on the Christmas Dinner Registration Form.
- Social Chair will get with Stable's to get a menu of all the items that are included in our Dinner Buffet to include on the registration. Cost is \$30 per member and this includes meal, drink, dessert and tax.
- Vince Howie volunteered to assist in folding and stamping the ballots and Christmas dinner registrations.
- Any articles written for our next War Whoop need to be submitted to Brian Miller by 09/20/2019
- Ann Costello and Laura Swope requested to add a monthly ladies social get together to our calendars so that we can get more women involved and get to know each other. These will be hosted by a different person each month. First ladies Night In will be hosted by Ann Costello. This was approved by the board and added to our calendars.

Business was called to an end at 8:34

Christmas Dinner BBQ Buffet – ALL YOU CAN EAT- \$24.60/each tax included

Ribs

Chicken

Sausage

Fried Okra

Corn

Pinto Beans

Bread

Cobbler

Sheet Cake

Water/Tea/Soda

Roster Report

We currently have 226 primary members and 113 affiliate members giving us a total of 339 total members of the War Bonnet Region. This is an increase of about 20 members over the last two months which consists of our new members and some members that has renewed their membership after the expiration date.

Everyone who has a membership about to expire will receive a notice from National that their membership is about to lapse. Be sure you renew on time. There is no grace period even if you do eventually renew. I will get notice of a member lapsing and then next month I will get notice that a member renewed late. Although it all works out, National will send notice that you have expired and did a late



Brian Miller - Membership Chairman

renew which then adds you back on the database.

Our new members for this issue is Dale Neikirk who has joined in a 1995 911. Another new member is Daniel Starley in a 2016 Macan. Our newest members are Jason Delosche in a 2007 Boxster, Tristan Shutt in 1991 911 and Kenny Wood in a 2017 Macan. I would like to welcome all of them to our club! We hope to see all of you at one of our events in the future!



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