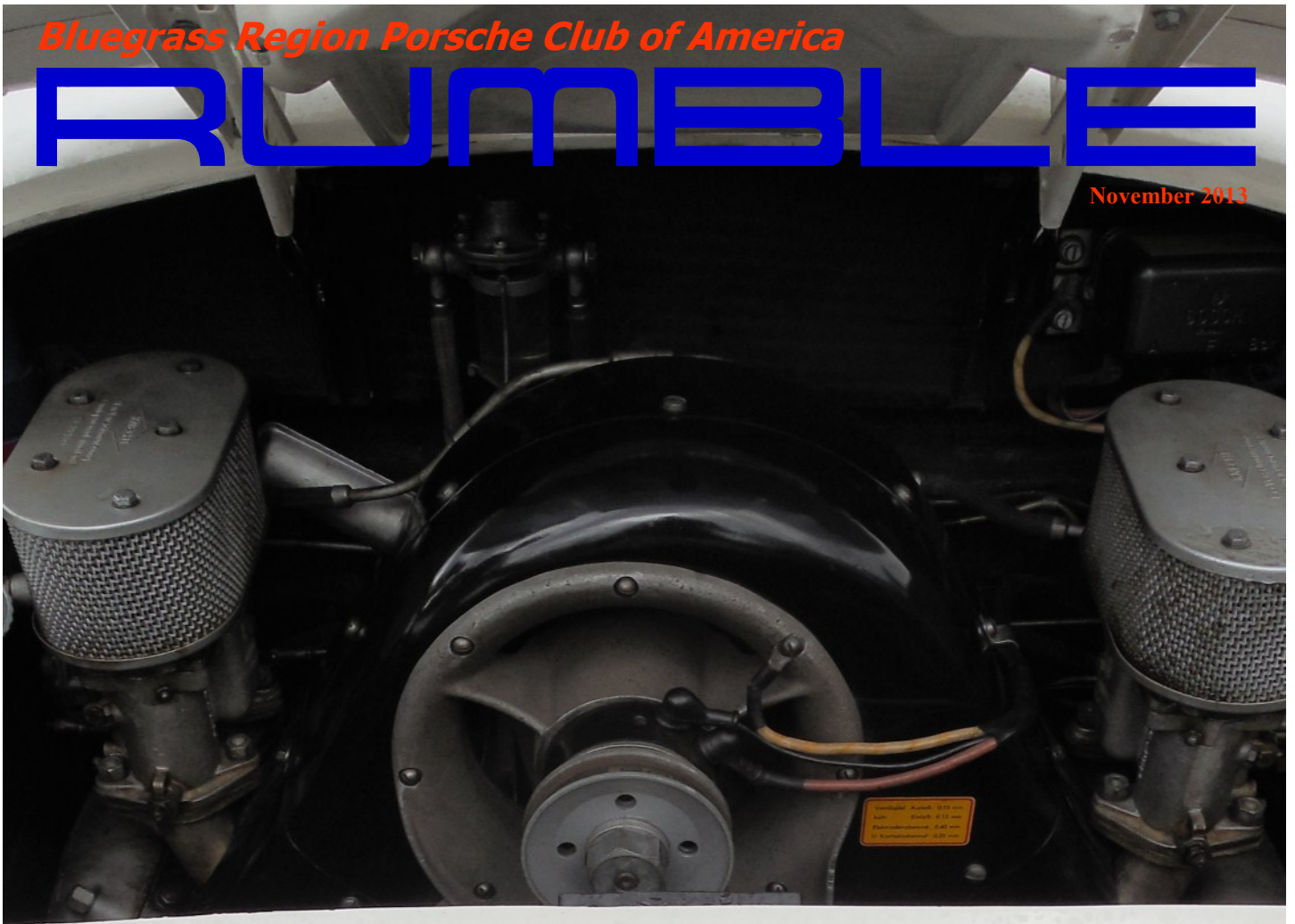


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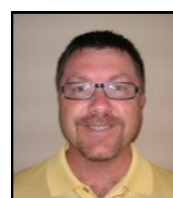
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President's Message

By Ed Steverson



What a Fun October!

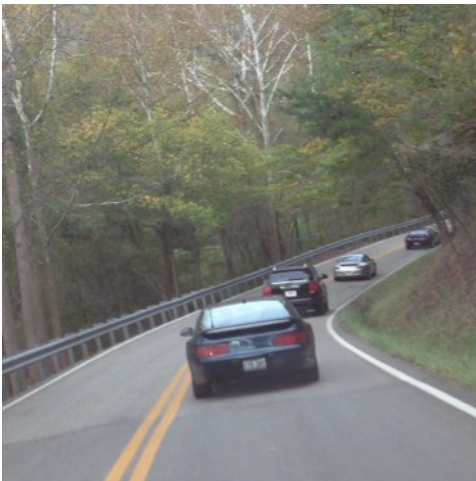
Not only did we have multiple events in October, but we had multiple outstanding events in October.

I'm telling you, each of these events were outstanding!

We started out the month with Cars & Coffee at the Clarion. Several club members left Cars & Coffee to start on the Fall Charity Drive. The drive was perfect. Weather was comfortable, roads were dry, cars ran well, and the scenery was exceptional. We raised \$1535 for Macular Degeneration.

Great job everyone!

Ann and Steve Womack hosted



us after the drive and served a delicious steak dinner with home-grown vegetables, and home-made apple pie. Nom, nom, nom... This is always a great event and does a nice job in raising funds for our charity. See article for more details and pictures

later in this Rumble.

The day after the Fall Charity Drive was Rallye Porsche Mariemont. This is an event that is put on by the Ohio Valley Region. Although this is only the second annual event, I really think this event will grow quickly.

Ken Hold led a drive up from Georgetown. Steve, Ann, and I left from Grayson and drove the back roads. Event is right down the road from Porsche of the Village in the historic Village of Mariemont. The Village shuts down the main street to display all kinds of Porsches. A neat event. This will be an annual event for BGR. Put it on your calendar for 2014!

With 2013 being the club's 10th Anniversary, I thought we should have a celebration, and we did just that. It was a beautiful day for a drive on some beautiful back roads. Weather was perfect. Nineteen cars were on the drive and we were met by many for the Celebration at Buffalo Trace. See my article for the 10th Anniversary Celebration later in this Rumble.

I would like to share my story of how I got involved with The Bluegrass Region. Although I'm not a charter member, let me explain how I got involved with the club in 2003. I had recently purchased my 968 and while searching and posting on a forum for the 968 I ran across fellow 968er Gary Hackney. Gary had been planning on doing a drive with Ken



Hold and invited me to come along. I did and I had fun. Touring the back roads with other Porsche cars was cool. I did it again and again. That then prompted a transfer to the Bluegrass Region, and it was just getting started. I had no idea of what was in store for me. The drives on our beautiful Kentucky back roads, the tech sessions, the DE's, cars & Coffee, the celebrations, the Parade! Fun, fun, fun. And with all this fun, I have met some of the most interesting and enjoyable people, to call my friends. It's not just the cars it's also the people.

You should come out soon!

Drive it,
Ed Steverson
President
Bluegrass Region Porsche Club
of America

BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 6TH 2013
MARIKKA'S – LEXINGTON
KENTUCKY



**David
Hafley**
Secretary

Board Members Present:

Ed Steverson, Neil Fisher, Mark Doerr, David Hafley, Jamie Donaldson, Bob Lovejoy, Mason Wilson, Jim Wilson, Roger Fisher

Members present:

Ken Hold

Meeting convened by President Ed Steverson at 5:41 pm

Minutes of the September Meeting:

September meeting minutes were prepared by Ken Hold. Motion made by Ed and seconded by Neil to approve minutes of the September meeting. Approved.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report, except a heartfelt thanks to Ken Hold for once again preparing meeting minutes.

Vice President's Report:

Mason Wilson nothing to report.

Ed Steverson distributed two 10th anniversary shirt samples and requested that orders be submitted to him. Ed and the group discussed options for the 2014 Holiday Party, including estimates of cost, availability and suitability. After discussion, Tim made a motion that the Holiday Party be scheduled for January 18th at the Clarion, who will also cater the event. Bob seconded the motion and it was adopted.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Lovejoy distributed the current check registry. Club assets are listed as \$5176.47. Expenditures for 10th anniversary mugs/glass are budgeted at

\$1612.50. Ed requested a check for \$50 for Hospice related expense. No discussion. Ed reported that additional advertising renewals are anticipated.

Tech:

As noted elsewhere, a carbon fiber session is under discussion. More information should be forthcoming.

Activities Report:

David Patrick not present. Ed Steverson reported the following on behalf of David:

Cars and Coffee and the Fall Charity Drive were successful. Dinner at Womack's very good with approximately 9 cars participating in the event. Several club members traveled to the Marymount area the following day for car show, which had approximately 200 entries.

The 2013 Fall Charity Drive raised \$1535.

The Board discussed location options for monthly board meetings in 2014. It was agreed by consensus to continue meeting at Marikka's.

The November social will be at Mi Mexico restaurant on New Circle Road on November 17th, and will begin at 5:30.

The tentative topic for the November Tech Session will be on carbon fiber; Benson Miller will be contacted to lead the session.

Old Business:

Ed reported the following:

Two board positions will be open for 2014. Nominations are encouraged. Tim and Mark will be coming off the board.

Tim will run again for the board. Mark is relocating to Louisville. All wished

him well and Godspeed.

Safety Report:

JW Wilson present. A general discussion of insurance ensued. Ken Hold noted the availability and quality of insurance, including event coverage, loss of work, property damages and personal injury.

Newsletter Report:

Neil reported that members continue to provide articles, but more are always welcome. The latest issue of Rumble should be available soon and will be approximately 25 pages in length. Photos provided by Ben Pruitt at the Watkins Glen Event will be featured. Neil expects the November issue to be large due to the large number of fall events. Communications should be to Neil Fisher. nrfisher@outlook.com.

Membership Report:

Two new members have joined: James and Martha Howard (2001 Boxster) and Lucian Moody (Panamara). Additional new members in 2014 are expected. Total membership (all classes) is 191.

Historian:

Julie not present. Ed continues to seek information for the 10th anniversary event, such as awards received, money raised, etc. This information will be shared at the 10th year event.

General Information:

Ken reported that KET will run Keeneland Concours program in 2014. A private screening will take place in February with general broadcast in May and July. The Concours event raised more than \$25,000 in 2013, and the 10-year total is approximately \$550,000.

Adjourn:

Motion by Ed with second by Mason to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Approved.

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TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

The last few months, we have discussed a number of technical topics associated with high-performance track driving. This month, I'd like to talk about professional racing, pro series, and how they fit together. I get a ton of questions regarding what types of racing I like best, and which series I watch and dream of participating in one day.

Ok, this should be fun, and I'll throw in the caveat that this is my perspective, and I may be completely wrong with regards to the specifics, but most certainly I'll be wrong with regards to my value judgments. Get your email pens warmed-up because this is bound to cause controversy (or complete boredom).

Generally speaking, there are 3 principle forms of pavement, track-based auto-racing (I'm excluding trucks, drag racing, hill-climbs, and many other large and small scale legitimate forms of racing). My 3 primary categories include stock cars, open wheel racing, and sports cars. Stock cars are most commonly perceived as NASCARs Sprint Cup or Nationwide Series cars. Open wheel racing is characterized by the IZOD IndyCar Series and Formula One racing. Sports cars round out the group with ALMS, Grand-AM, Pirelli World Challenge and other race series around the globe.



Last Generation IndyCar

Of the three, Porsche is least involved in *Stock Car Racing*. Stock car racing grew up from illegal moonshine runners in the prohibition era. The France family formed NASCAR in 1948 to organize and standardize stock car racing, and still runs the sport today. Top caliber races

range from 200 to 600 miles in length on primarily oval courses (though road courses are becoming more common). While we are familiar with the pinnacle of the sport the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and the Nationwide Series, there are number of junior series with various car types that feed drivers to the sports 2 premiere venues. NASCAR is one of America's most watched and attended sporting events, but as Porsche fans that's about all we'll discuss regarding NASCAR.

Porsche does have some history in open wheel racing. Porsche began experimenting with Indy car development following great racing success in the 1970s. In fact, Porsche began developing an Indy car in 1977, and had a running prototype in 1979 and 1980. In the end, the Porsche Indy car never ran. Today, IndyCar is a successful series. The cars are built by Dallara, and run either Honda or Chevrolet engines. The IndyCar series runs a combination of oval, road and street courses. One of my personal dreams would be to run an IndyCar at Barber Motorsports Park.

The other primary open wheel racing series is Formula One. Formula One is perhaps my favorite racing series to watch. The scale of the sport is massive, and arguably it's the highest-technology form of racing on the planet. F1 draws about 600 million viewers per race, and is broadcast to over 200 countries. F1 drivers usually traverse careers from karting, to Formula Ford, Formula 3, GP2, and ultimately to F1. In 2006, the eleven teams in F1 spent over \$29 billion US dollars. Today, Sebastian Vettel and the Red Bull Racing team are dominant in F1. Vettel is about to close on his 4th consecutive drivers title at a ripe old age of 26. If you have the opportunity, I'd watch an F1 race; if for no other reason, to witness Sebastian Vettel (it's like watching Michael Jordan in the NBA). Porsche has a lackluster history in Formula One, but has provided engines on a few occasions.



TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM



Porsche Powered Formula One Car

Finally, we'll talk about *Sports Car Racing*. Porsche shines in sports car racing (both road cars and prototypes). In the US, the top tier series include the American Le Mans Series (ALMS), Grand-AM Road Racing, and the Pirelli World Challenge. In sports car racing, multiple classes of cars compete together. ALMS pits prototype racers and GT cars against one another. Grand-Am runs GT cars and Daytona prototypes, and the World Challenge runs multiple classes of GT cars. The same France family that runs NASCAR also owns Grand-Am. In 2014, the ALMS series and Grand-Am will merge to become the Tudor United Sports Car Championship. It remains to be seen how this merger will fare for sports car racing, but we fans are hopeful of a quality series.



2011 Porsche GT3 RSR ALMS Car

In Europe, sports cars run in a number of series including DTM (a prototype only series), Le Mans Series, GT1 championship, VLN Series and many others. Traditionally, the European racing series have been governed by the FIA, and ALMS was the best opportunity to see the best of Europe and America compete. There has been talk of including European GT classed FIA cars, DTM prototypes, and Le Mans prototypes in the coming TUDOR series. I hope we get to see the best of the world merged into one field.



2010 Porsche RS Spyder Prototype Car

As for my favorites, I love the spectacle and technology of Formula One racing. I believe the best drivers in the world compete in F1 at the height of their careers. Next, I am a sports car racing fan, and I have truly enjoyed the ALMS series for years. The Pirelli World Challenge is growing on me as of late, but mostly I am hopeful for a successful launch of the Tudor series in 2014. Stay tuned and we'll see what happens.

If you have interest in joining us at any upcoming event, or would like more information on PCA DE events and what is required to join-in, please feel free to contact me:

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Tim
McNeely
Membership
Chair

195 members!

Two new members this past month. Please join me in welcoming:

Michael Bailey of Salyersville
2006 Cayenne S

Michael & Arria Hines of Horner, WV
2006 911

Our membership is at 115 Regular Members and 80 Family & Affiliate Members, making our total membership 195. Running out of good weather....come out and join us for a fall event!!!

Also, please recognize the following Member Anniversary dates:

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| Bob Dawson | 1991 |
| Greg Schickel | 1995 |
| Lisle Dalton | 2001 |
| William Baker | 2009 |
| Ched Crouse | 2009 |
| Bill Reynolds | 2012 |

RUMBLE

Editor's Note

There were several great club events to attend in October and I hope you enjoy the articles and pictures presented in this month's Rumble. Since this is our Club's 10th anniversary I thought I would share with you how I came to the club.

I would have to say my interest really started back about 12 or 13 years ago if memory serves me correctly. At that time I had a 1993 40th anniversary Corvette and was a member of the Corvette Club. I was losing interest in some of the things that club was doing and decided to look for some alternative car socials that I could attend to see what else was happening. I decided to check out a Cars & Coffee event on Saturday nights at the Tate's Creek Center. There used to be a Wine &

Coffee bar that hosted a sports car event on Saturday nights. I thought it was kind of neat because you never knew what would show up. There was always a mix of great cars including Vettes, Porsches, BMW's, Maserati's, Ferrari's, Jag's, you name it. It sounds a little like our current Cars & Coffee only it was a little smaller. Maybe 5, 10, or 15 cars. This is where I met Ken Hold for the first time and I really liked his Slant Nose (The car of course). Anyhow, I had always been interested in Porsches as well as Corvettes growing up and knew one day I would probably wind up with a Porsche. After I got the Corvette bug out of my system, I purchased a new 2006 Boxster. The Corvette guys thought I had flipped out trading a Vette for a Boxster. I can tell

you that for me there was no comparison. The Vette was quicker but the Boxster was far more refined and the driving experience was unmatched. It felt like it was on rails in the corners where the Vette felt vague. I also liked that I could see the road in front of the car instead of a long hood that I couldn't tell where the end was. I was hooked. I joined the BGS Region Porsche Club and 4 different Porsches later the rest is history. There really is no other car club in the world like the PCA. The people are fantastic and the variety of cars Porsche has made over the years makes everything else pale by comparison. There is no substitute.



Neil Fisher
Newsletter Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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Nov 16th Tech Session at Foreign Affairs Autowerks. Topic is IMS bearing issue. 10:00 am

Nov 17th Membership Social, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Mi Mexico, 818 New Circle Road

Dec 2nd Board Meeting at Marikka's, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Dec 7th Cars & Coffee, 9 - 11 am, Tom Jones's Toy Box, Contract Street, Lexington

Jan 4th Cars & Coffee, 9 - 11 am, Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

Jan 6th Board Meeting at Marikka's, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Jan 18th Holiday Party, 5:30 - 8:00 pm, Place TBD

Feb 1st Cars & Coffee, 9 - 11 am, Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

Feb 3rd Board Meeting at Marikka's, 5:30-7:30 pm

Feb 16th Membership Social, 5:30-7:30 pm, place TBD

Mar 1st Cars & Coffee, 9-11 am, Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

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Fall Charity Drive 2013

By: Ed Steverson, President

What a great drive we had, the weather and roads were PERFECT!

We started our drive at the October Cars & Coffee. We head-



ed toward the Gorge and enjoyed the beautiful scenery that the Red River Gorge provides. A stretch of our legs and refreshments were enjoyed at Sky Bridge Station and then on for a couple of more hours of curves and horsepower. Late afternoon we arrived at Steve and Ann Womack's for a terrific steak dinner.

We raised \$1535.00 for Macular Degeneration. Macular Degeneration was our chosen charity again this year. Macular Degeneration is a medical condition, which usually affects older adults and results in a loss of vision in the center of the visual field because of damage to the retina. Macular degeneration can make it difficult or impossible to read or recognize faces, although enough peripheral vi-



sion remains to allow other activities of daily life.

This is always a huge amount of fun!

I want to thank Steve and Ann Womack, and Aaron and Mikki Eldridge (Ann & Steve's daughter) for the over the top hospitality that they provide every year.

Thanks to all that contributed to this great drive for a great cause.

I can't wait till next year!



Steve and Ann Womack and their 991 Cabriolet

Rallye Porsche Mariemont

By: Ken Hold

Rallye Porsche Mariemont

I've got a question for you. What do you call too much of a good thing? Well when it comes to the weekend of October 5/6, I called it a FANTASTIC good time. Saturday started out with beautiful weather and a brief gathering of Porsches at Cars and Coffee at the Clarion Hotel in Lexington. We then took a brisk Porsche drive through Eastern Kentucky to Grayson, KY, ending with a great dinner at the home of our BGS members, Steve and Ann Womack. After dinner Adell and I made a late drive back to Lexington to finish preparations for an early Sunday morning drive to the Rallye Porsche Mariemont (RPM).

Well we used up all the beautiful weather on Saturday. It was a small but enthusiastic group who met under cloudy skies at 7:00 a.m. for our Drivers Meeting in Georgetown. Neil Fisher (996), Scotty Rowe (986), and I (930S) made an on time departure and beat the rain till we passed Dry Ridge, KY. Neil said that it was appropriately named since we had nothing but wet road the rest of the way to Cincinnati!

This was my first visit to RPM which is the Ohio Valley Region (OVR) PCA's signature event. The village of Mariemont proved



Scotty Rowe, Paul and Maureen Elwyn, and Neil Fisher staying dry at Starbucks

to be a scenic venue with pleasant neighbors with mature trees and a picturesque downtown. The village closed their entire downtown square and used it for staging Porsches. The area was quite comfortable for us even with the intermittent rain showers. Our parking was on paved streets and we were able to take any needed shelter in several local businesses. There were Starbucks for coffee, Graeters for ice cream, a beer garden forlunch and German music. Ed Stevenson, Steve and Ann Womack drove in from Grayson, KY. Paul and Maureen Elwyn, and David and Patricia Patrick drove up later from Lexington.

The weather was definitely a negative factor for attendance. Of over 215 registered participants there were only 70 who decided to face the rain. But

there were some outstanding cars that challenged the weather. It was fun to show our cars next to some very neat Porsche examples. Neil was next to Dick Weiss and his very cool 1958 356A Speedster. About 10 vehicles down was Mike Valentine's eye-popping yellow Carrera GT. The folks from OVR were very welcoming and our group was able to make some new friends as well as renew old acquaintances. I definitely put this event on the list of my next year's activities, Rain or Shine!

Ken Hold

Rallye Porsche Mariemont

By: Ken Hold



Scotty Rowe getting some historical perspective from Dick Weiss



Maureen and Paul Elwyn, Ken Hold and Constance Carr (Spouse of Ron Carr, Zone 4 Representative)



Tom Cole's 1968 912. Winner of "Best Preserved" award



Mike Valentine's Carrera GT

Rallye Porsche Mariemont

By: Ken Hold



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By: Ken Hold



Membership Appreciation 10th Anniversary Celebration

Article by: Ed Steverson, President
Photos by : Neil Fisher & Ed Steverson

10th Anniversary Celebration

Wow, our club is ten years old
and we celebrated!
Our day started with a country



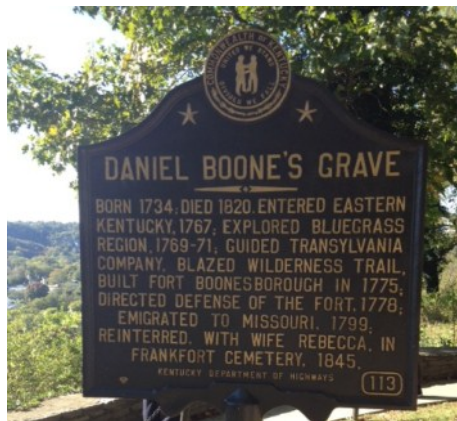
drive from Lexington down Old
Frankfort Pike enjoying the
beautiful horse farms. From
there we traveled to McCracken
Pike and passed the old and
abandoned Old Crow and Old
Taylor Distilleries. Our first stop
was at the



[Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#). The blue-gray granite
plaza of the Memorial contains
the names of Kentucky's 1103
citizens who died. Each name is
precisely located so the shadow
of the sundial pointer touches
each veteran's name on the an-
niversary of his death. Really, a
cool memorial that was cleverly
done.

Next stop was [Daniel Boone's](#)

[Grave](#) in Frankfort Cemetery
with a magnificent overlook of
the Kentucky River and our
[State Capital](#). We drove through



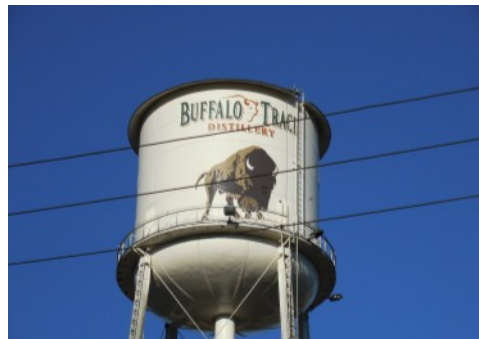
the Capital Grounds, past a
[Frank Lloyd Wright home](#) and
through downtown before arriv-



ing at [Buffalo Trace](#).

Once at the Trace we had a pri-
vate tour of the distillery, and no
we did not see any Pappy. Then
a private tasting in the club-
house where we enjoyed, and
no they did not have any Pappy.
The club provided a BBQ meal
prepared by [Staxx BBQ](#) in
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After a short program, hundreds
of dollars of door prizes were
given away!

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prizes and each are always sup-
portive of the Bluegrass Region
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The club also purchased mugs
to give away to all attendees.
The mugs did not make it in time
for the celebration, but we have
them now. I have a roster and
everyone that was there has a
mug with their name on it! I can
either get them to you at the
next event or you can reach me
to arrange a time to get yours.

I would like to thank everyone
for attending this daylong event.
The turnout was incredible with
19 cars on the drive and 72 peo-
ple in attendance at the celebra-
tion. This was the largest attend-
ed event in club history.

It was a blast all day long!

Happy 10th Anniversary Blue-
grass Region!

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