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From the archive of the photographer

My Newsletter Covers Edition



One of my favorite covers. It has the Porsche cars and the people.

The Photographer's Desk

I have been Blau Rain editor since 2006, except for a few months while there was no Blau Rain. No longer a monthly printed or published newsletter, Blau Rain remains popular as a semi-annual publication. Join my journey through my tenure as editor.

Feb - Sept 2006 - Same

The first eight months as editor I used the cover design used on previous Blau Rains. October 2006 brought my first redesign of the cover. While black & white was still printed, some of the covers here are in their designed color.

Dec 2006 - Printed Color

The December 2006 issue was approved to have a color cover. I used my 1999 Boxster on the cover and designed what appears to be a video player to display it. Digital photography was not great then, but it was easier than film.

Jan 2007 - Jun 2009

Not much changed from January 2007 to December 2009. Digital photography improved, and my digital camera was upgraded. More people started using digital cameras so getting photographs for publication became easier.

Jul 2009 - Dec 2019

Beginning with the July 2009 issue the size of Blau Rain changed from half-page to magazine size. Along the way the number of issues was reduced from monthly to quarterly to semiannually. January issues are a recap of the previous year and are printed for distribution.

2020 - The Future

The current cover design started January 2020. The layout of the newsletter was also changed to create a more modern looking publication. Gone are even columns and perfectly spaced photographs. My current camera creates film quality photographs.

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I began as newsletter editor beginning Feb. 2006

My first cover photo was March 2006. I used the current cover template in Pagemaker and added my photograph. My tenure had started and I had no idea it would be still going on. Then Blau Rain was a monthly publication printed in black & white. Digital photography was getting started making editing much easier.

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The first Blau Rain cover printed in color, December 2006

December 2006 the first color cover was printed. I used my car photograph on the Blue Ridge Parkway and designed the border like a CD player.



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July 2009, size changed to "magazine" size.

July 2009 brought a layout change from half-page to magazine size. The layout inside stayed much the same.

Digital cameras had improved making the photos more like film photos.

Several members contributed photos each month, but all the cover photographs here are mine.

You better watch out for a person with a camera!



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From The Photographer's Desk



This year got off to a good start. Then, in mid March, the pandemic hit. What a change that was for everyone. All events were cancelled or postponed until it is safer to go out and be among people.

As of this writing, all car club events are cancelled through August. Many September events have been cancelled, only a few remain in other locations. Some local cruise-in events are happening, and they are well attended.

My Facebook page, PROfotography, is updated often with photographs of present and past photo shoots. The good news is you do NOT have to have a Facebook account to see my Facebook page. Find me at: <https://www.facebook.com/PROfotography>. Also visit my www.poetsvisions.com which also contains information and photographs. Dave Hogan



A drive alone is very relaxing, and scenic, on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

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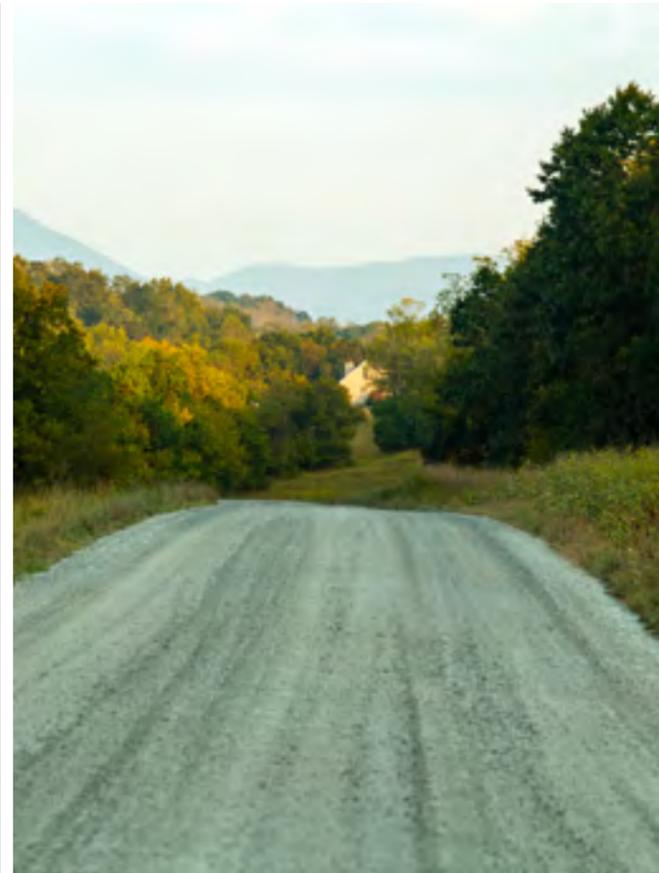
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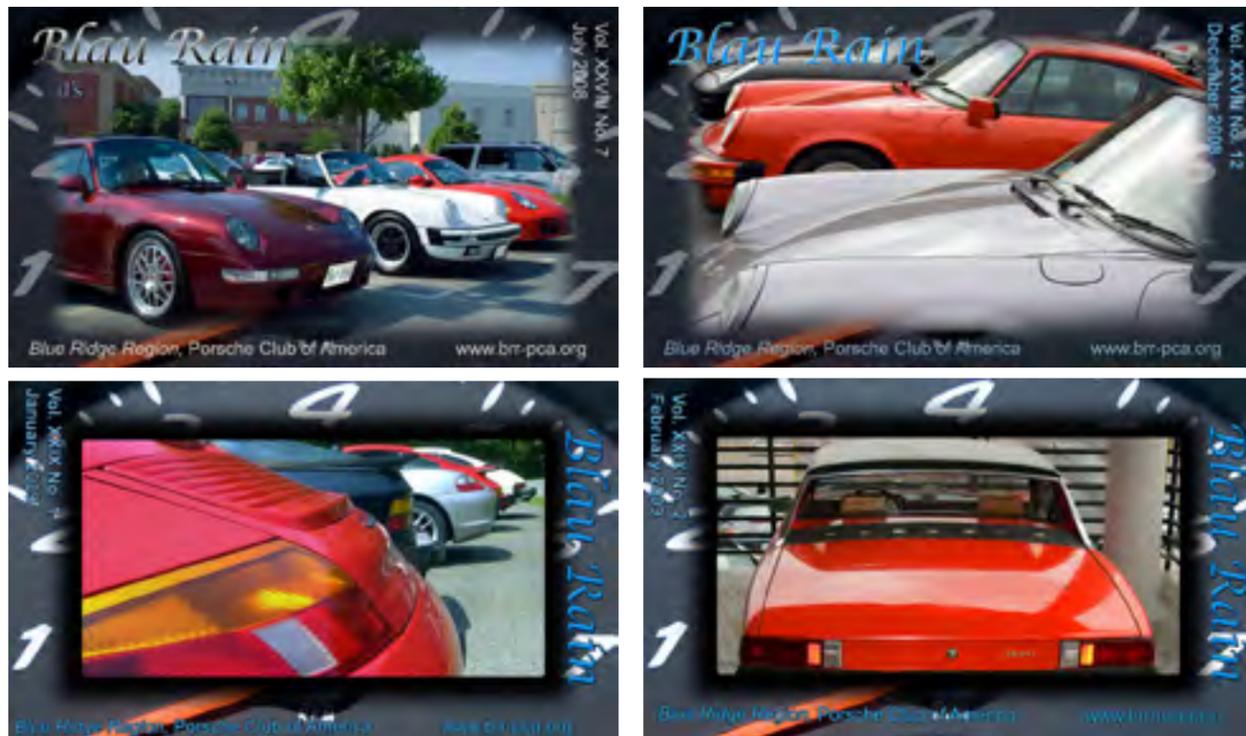
Sometimes I like to take the road less travelled.



Monthly Color Covers started May 2007



2008 - June 2009 had no changes



July 2009 began magazine size



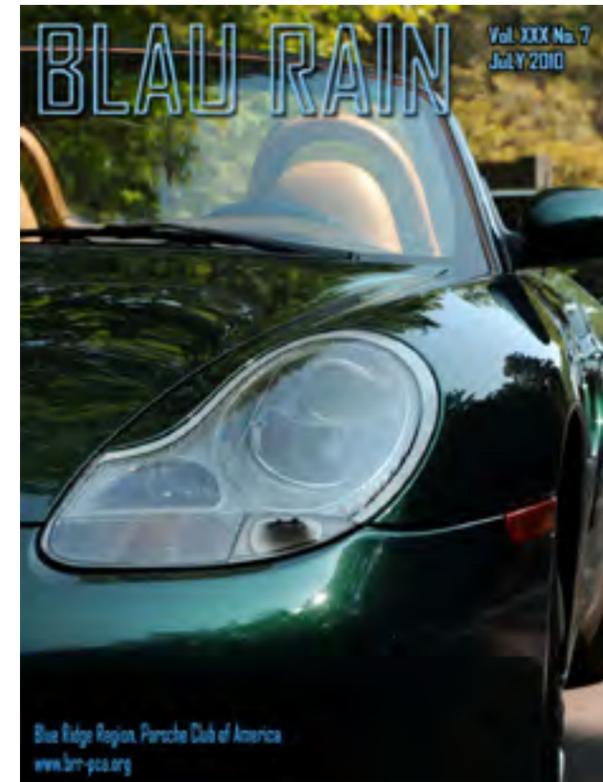
Close-up of a Carrera engine lid, a GT3 in the showroom, Porsche 928, and a racing 911 make interesting cover photos.



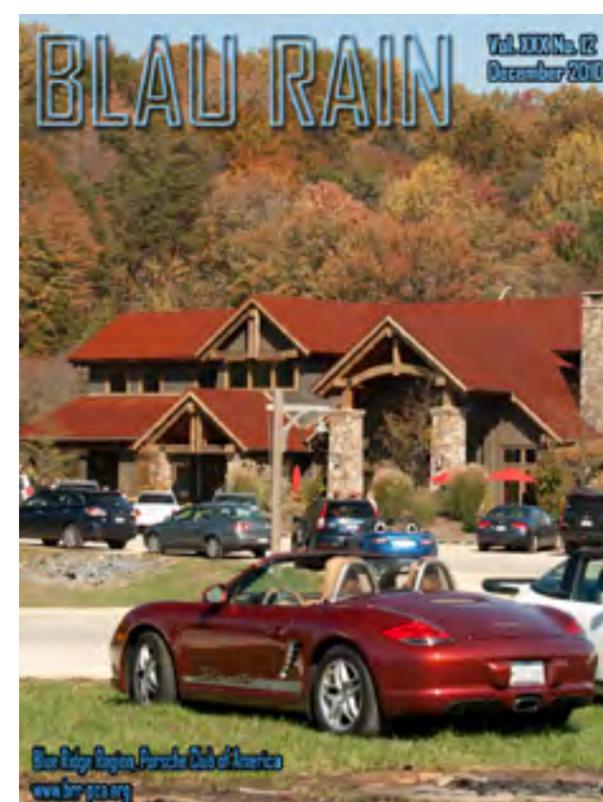
This Porsche Macan looks like a monster with those LED daytime running lights.

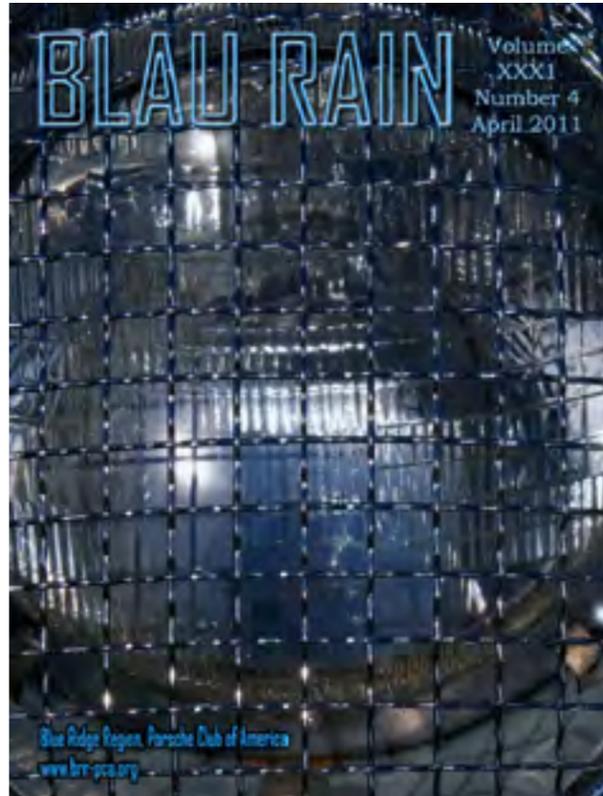


The 986 Boxster races at VIR, member cars parked at an event, The 30th anniversary cover in 2010, and a TRG Porsche racing at VIR.

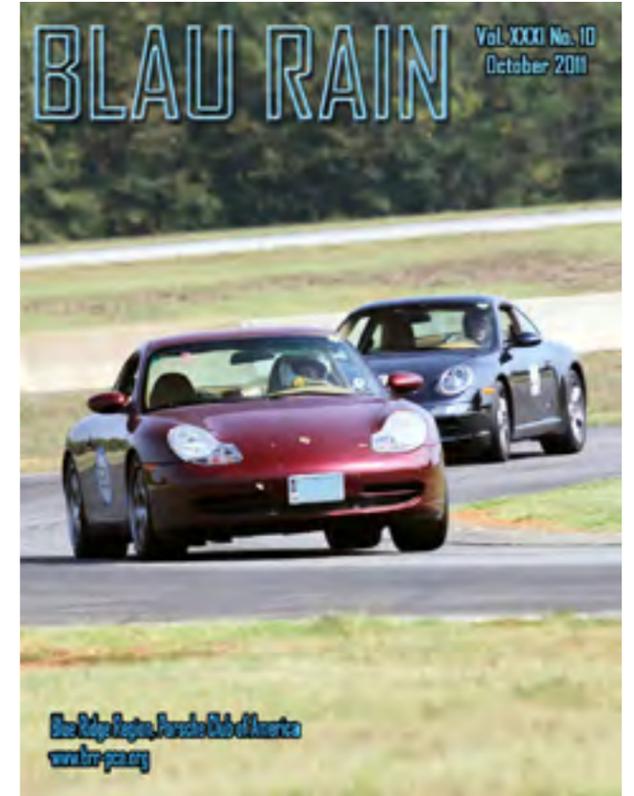


Ed's green with tan Boxster. A vintage racing 911 in Sunoco colors, a mountain scene in Nelson Co., VA, and the Roanoke Porsche dealership during an event.

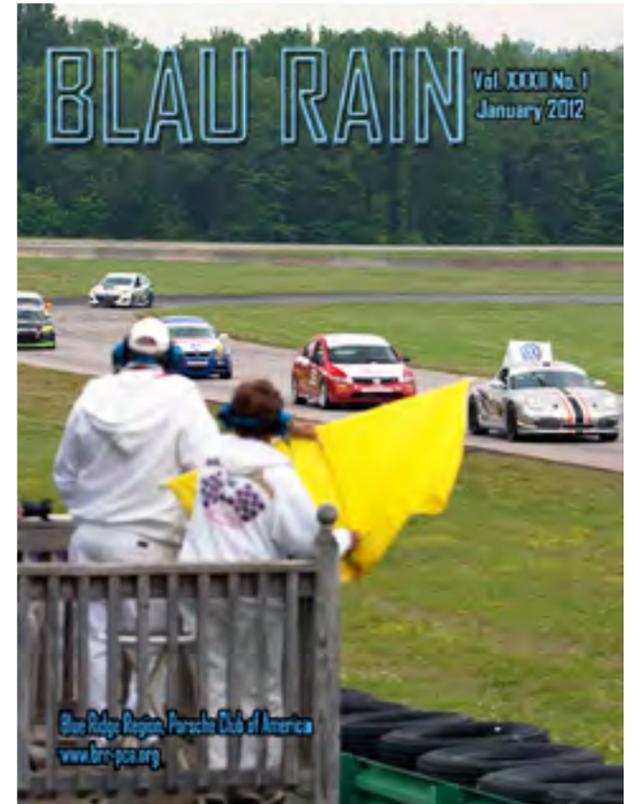




A 359 headlight grill, a pause for relief on pit lane at a DE, two wide in the wet does not work on this turn, same turn but with a spin this time.

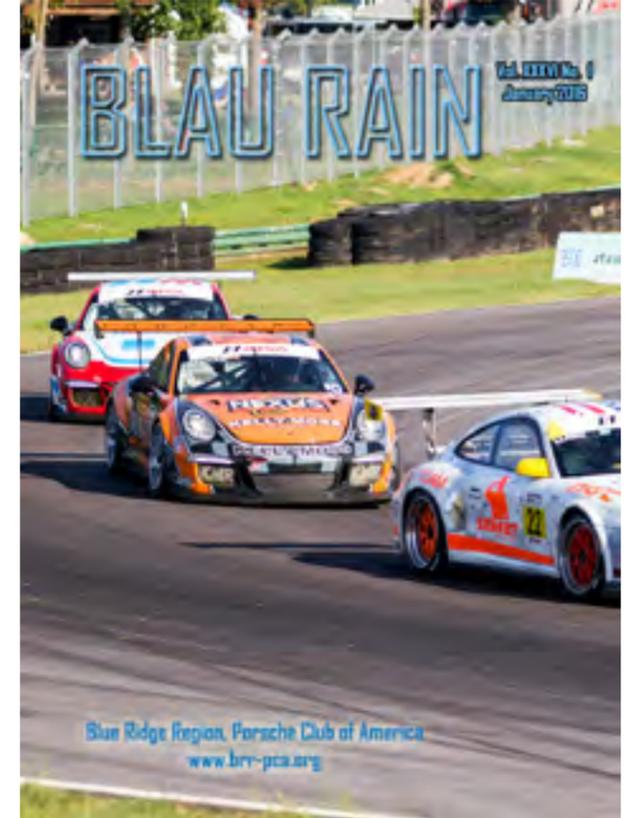
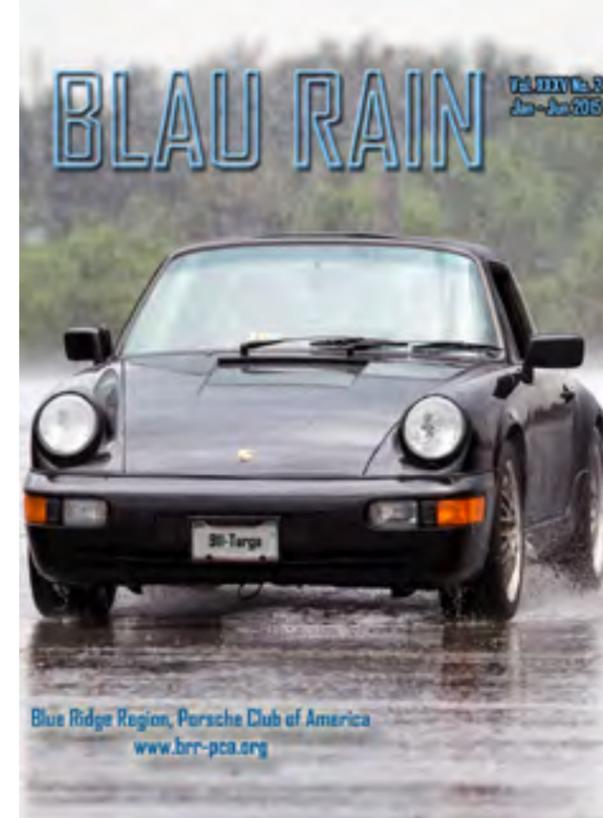
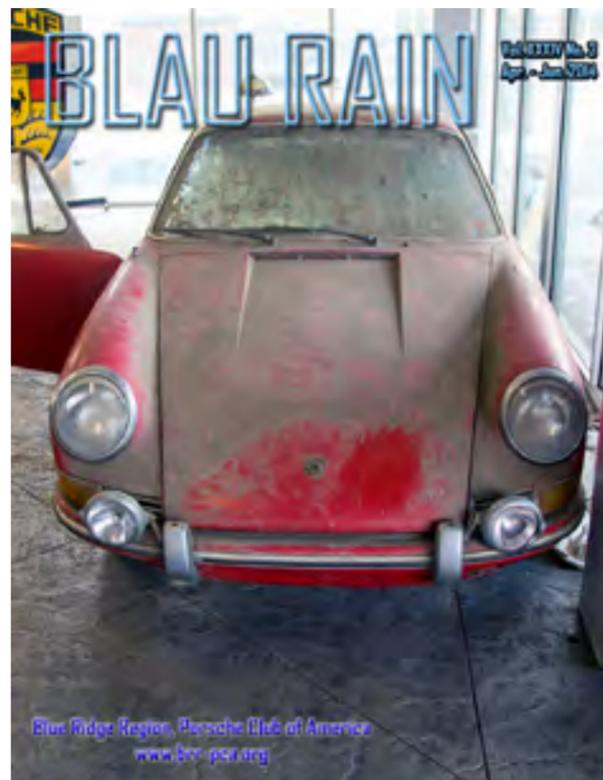


Cloud reflection on a shiny hood, fun at a DE, a Cayman R, and full course caution due to rain during a race at VIR.

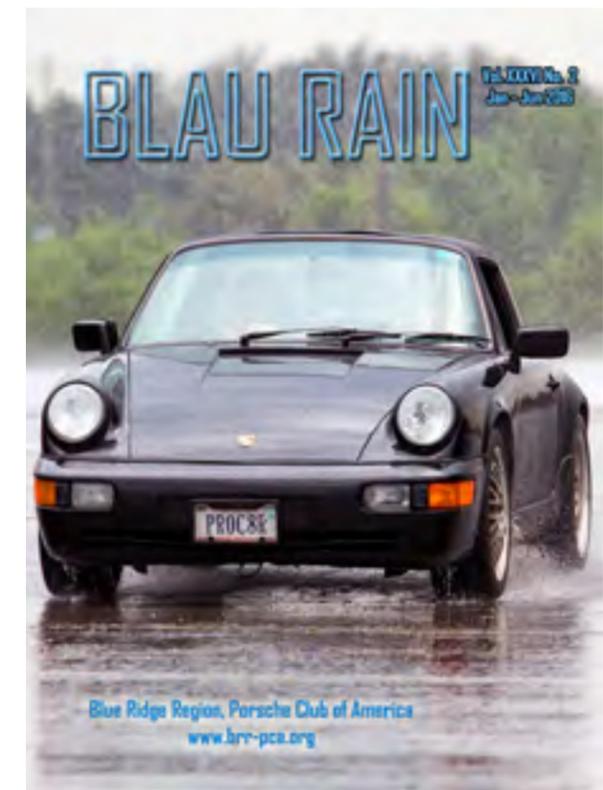


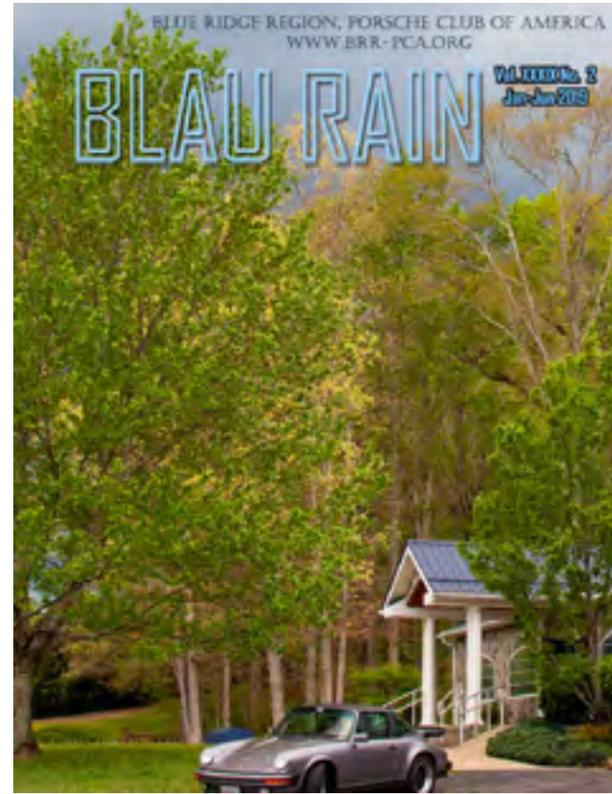


A 911 being restored, a 356 restored, a line of 911s, and another 911 being restored as found.



I unknowingly used the same photograph twice, one year apart, but the wet targa is super.





2020 began with a new layout, then corona virus. Some changes are good, others very bad.



Final Shot

It has been a fun and exciting tenure as Blau Rain Newsletter Editor. From February 2006 until today I have been busy with Blue Ridge Region PCA functions.

Dedicated volunteers make our lives possible. Our local businesses, emergency personnel and store workers contribute time and risk their lives to make us successful. Please remember to support those who support us. Thank you to each person and organization that contributed to our lives during this pandemic. Without you we could not survive.

I am not just an automobile photographer. While I do not do formal photography like portraits, I am always on the outlook for the unusual, different, or funny. Be careful, you may be in my next photograph.

Lastly, as we continue to navigate in these uncertain and dangerous waters, please be kind, patient, and understanding. Most people are as stressed out as you are, maybe more.

