



SIGNALS

JAN 2009

From The President

Welcome to 2009. It does not seem possible that another year has come and gone. I would like to begin by saying a big thanks to Vic Rola for his service to the club. I am sure I will be leaning on him this year for advice and guidance. Greg DeBord is working hard on the web site and Tommy Wilson is busy putting this first newsletter of 2009 together. For the time being we will stick to the online newsletter. It will be emailed directly to each member for whom we have an email address. It is still a goal of mine, however, to return to a printed newsletter. As the economy improves, and it will, we can sell advertising and make the newsletter a profit center.

Let's talk about 2009. I am sure many of you have read the update I sent out recently. I believe in the committee approach to the club. That spreads out the work so no one person is overloaded. I did the autocross program for 5 years and had to hope that some one showed up early on Sunday to help me. That's not going to happen in 2009. The survey we did points me toward people that have an interest in an activity and an interest in working in that activity. If I don't hear from you, expect a call from me. Please trust in the fact that there will be no one person committees. If we can't get 3-5 people to direct an activity, that activity will just not happen. I will not burn out anyone. We are in this for fun, not to be worked to death. Also remember, it is OUR club, not mine or yours. Let's work as a team and we can all have fun with our cars and our friends. Some of the best friends Vickie and I have made in our lives are right here in the Smoky Mountain Region and PCA. I have a great team of officers and directors for 2009. Thanks to the membership for your support in the election.

Jim

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SPECIAL UPDATE !!

Upcoming Event: Sunday, January 18. Brunch at Mulligan's.

Join us at 11 AM for Brunch at Mulligan's Restaurant, 8923 Linksvue Dr, Knoxville. Linksvue Dr is west off Ebenezer Dr near Westland Dr. The restaurant has changes their opening time to 10 Am but we have set up the event for 11AM. If you get Mint Magazine in the mail, check out the Coupon in there for Brunch.

Date Change: The date for the Tech Session in the calendar is incorrect. The correct date is Tuesday February 3 at European Auto Garage at 6:30 PM. Join us for an interesting evening. A corrected calendar is in the newsletter and will be on the web very soon.

For those of you not in attendance at Monday's Meeting, PCA National has sent us a supply of special PCA decals that have Smoky Mountain Region on them and also have 35 years on the decal. These are the small window decals. If you would like a couple or so of these, drop me an email and I will put them in the mail to you.

Please look in the newsletter and take note of the open committee positions. Tom McConnell has agreed to serve on the Tech/Safety but we still need a chair. J. B. Baird needs a break from chairing this committee. Remember that the more people on a committee, the less every member has to do. Please considering helping out. The region needs your help.

NEWSLETTER UP-DATE

We apologize for getting the newsletter out so late. Tommy Wilson has experienced some time issues dealing with the newsletter, as well unexpected job related issues. Therefore, he will not be producing the newsletter for us, or act as our Pano correspondent.

We are then in dire need of a newsletter editor, as well as a Pano correspondent. We have the necessary software (Microsoft Publisher) to assist in the newsletters production. Please consider stepping forward to fill these very important communication positions. We rely heavily on the web site, but don't want it to be your single information source.

Please contact me if you can assist!!!

Jim Marsh

TENNESSEE REGION PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

WINTERFEST 2009

February 27 – March 1

We hope you will come be a part of this fun-filled, multi-event weekend at the historic Chattanooga Choo Choo, located near downtown. Competitive events feature Concours d'Élégance, Scenic Poker Run, Tri-cross, and R/C Autocross, all of which will be complimented by good friends, lots of Porsche talk, and fabulous cuisine. This location offers easy access to the world class Tennessee Aquarium, IMAX Theater, Creative Discovery Museum, Bluff View Art District and the fabulous designer shops of the famous Warehouse Row. Chattanooga, on the banks of the majestic Tennessee River, also offers points of interest such as the Incline to Lookout Mountain, Rock City and Ruby Falls.

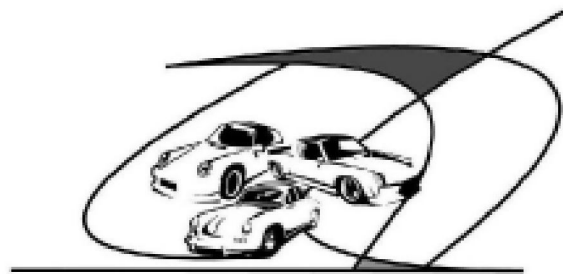
The Chattanooga Choo Choo / Holiday Inn offers a family friendly environment that includes a heated pool, 4 restaurants and a variety of shops on the premises. The Choo Choo has offered special event rates of \$79 per night. They also offer their special Train Car rooms for \$109 per night (for those who are romantically inclined). Free shuttle transportation is available to the Tennessee Aquarium, as well as a number of downtown attractions.

The registration fee is \$110/car (2 people), or \$80 for a single, **if registered by January 16th**. After January 16th, the cost is \$120/car (2 people) or \$90 for a single. It will cover: a welcoming party with beverages & finger foods/dinner, Concours, a Poker Run, R/C Autocross, Tri-cross, Tech Quiz, Awards Banquet, and Hospitality. Concours classing will be based on the current PCRs. Each class will be judged in two categories; Touring Full and Touring-Lite (Lite means no engine or storage compartments). We hope everyone not being judged will participate in the Concours by showing their cars. We have the use of Grand Central Station, a large heated indoor facility, for Concours preparation, overnight parking and in the event of poor weather conditions, the Concours.

The schedule of events includes the following: Friday – Concours prep, registration, welcome party and Tricross beginning at 8pm down at Grand Central Station. Saturday morning, in conjunction with the Concours, coffee and donuts will be down at Grand Central and the Tech Quiz will be given between 9-10 am. All this will be followed by the Poker Run, RC Autocross and evening banquet. Hospitality will be open most of the weekend at Penn Station, that is also where you can find registration on Friday!

Online registration and a link to the hotel website is available at our website <http://www.tr-pca.org>. Hotel reservations can also be made by phone at 1-800-TRACK29 (872-2529). Use reservation code PCB for special "Winterfest" pricing, \$83/night. Don't delay, deadline for registering is February 13th!!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Courtney Robbins, at (423) 894-9446 or mrobbins@vol.com.



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Preliminary Calendar for SMT/PCA Events—2009 Through July 4th

01.12	Membership Meeting Site TBA	
01.18	Brunch @ Mulligans Site : Mulligans on Ebenezer	Meet at 11:00AM
01.23-25	Rolex 24 Hour Site : Daytona Beach, FL	Clyde Peery is forming a drive down
02.03	Tech Session European Auto Garage	Host : JB Baird Meet at 6:30PM. Pizza + Drinks
02.14	Great Porsche Show Off (GPSO) Site TBA	Host : Bob Hutchins
02.21	GPSO (snow date)	
02.17 - 03.01	Winterfest Site : Chattanooga Choo-Choo	TN Region Event See flyer in this SS
03.14	Autocross School+ Autocross Site : PSTCC	
03.17	St. Pattys Day Social Site : Irish Times	
03.28	Car Cleaning Tech European Auto Garage	Host : JB Baird
04.11	New Members Social + Wine Tasting Concord Yacht Club	Hosts : Bob Hutchins + Allan Cox
04.13	Membership Meeting Mancinos	Starts at 6:30PM
04.24-26	Spring Thing Grand Vista Hotel—Vonore, TN	Host : Vic Rola Info on line and at pca.org
05.10	Brunch Mulligans	Starts at 11:00AM
05.15	Quilt Show + Wheel Tech Site : PSTCC	Information to follow
05.31	Autocross Site : PSTCC	
06.06-07	Tour de Biltmore Asheville, NC	Host : Brent Foley
06.20	Autocross Site : PSTCC	
06.29- 07.04	Porsche Parade Site : Keystone, CO	

Holiday Party Thank You

Thank you to all who attended the holiday dinner on December 7th.

In addition to sharing good food & a good time with friends our members shared generously with gifts & donations for Aid to Distressed Families Appalachian Counties. We received a letter from Susan Johnson, the Financial Director of the agency, expressing their thanks for "the support of your club. Through your generosity some of our less fortunate neighbors are helped."

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year,
Ron & Michele Brandenburg
Event Hosts



The Group



J. B. Baird, Cathy Hutchins, and Jane Baird



Susan Johnson



Clyde Peery, Jim Marsh, and Tommy Wilson



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ITS TIME FOR THE ROLEX 24 HOURS AT DAYTONA!!!

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Jan. 9, 2009) – After eight test sessions earlier this week - seven during the day and one at night - for both classes of the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 at Daytona International Speedway, the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racers and Porsche-powered Riley Daytona Prototypes won more sessions than any other manufacturer. In fact, Porsche teams were fastest in seven of the 16 test contests, with Mazda second (with four fastest times) and Lexus and BMW tied for third with two fastest sessions. In both the Daytona Prototype and GT classes, however, Porsche teams turned the fastest overall times of the weekend.

Darren Law, from Phoenix, Ariz., and Dominik Farnbacher, from Ansbach, Germany waited until the final day to set the fastest laps of the "Roar Before the Rolex 24." Law, driving the No. 58 Brumos Racing Porsche Riley, led the Daytona Prototypes class in the Monday's conclusion of the three-day session with a lap of 1:41.733 (125.977 mph). He will co-drive with David Donohue, Malvern, Penn., Buddy Rice, Phoenix, Ariz., and Antonio Garcia, Madrid, Spain, in the 47th Rolex 24 at Daytona, which takes the green flag at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 24. Law also was fastest in the third session on the first day of the test event.

Farnbacher, who has won the Rolex 24 GT class before (2005), waited until the final 30 minutes of the closing session before running a lap of 1:50.881 (115.853 mph) in a simulated qualifying run in the No. 86 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racer which he will share with Eric Lux, from Jacksonville, Fla., Matthew Marsh, from Hong Kong, and Kevin Roush, of Upland, Calif.

"We've spent a lot of time with this car, and the team has done a good job with setup," Law said. "We've been inching up on it and it's getting there. We're pretty happy with the car. We're close to going racing now. Right now, we're running in race equipment, making sure that everything is working properly. Farnbacher turned the fastest time in the GT class in three of the eight practice sessions over the three-day test on the famous Daytona 3.560 combination oval and road-racing circuit. Farnbacher Loles Racing has five 911s entered in the Rolex 24.

"We had a good performance, and everything worked very well," Farnbacher said. "On our fastest lap, our setup was like what it would be for qualifying, and it worked pretty good. Also, we put new tires on and we wanted to see what the difference would be between old and new tires. It was not really a big gain. The Pirelli tires are very good and very consistent. I also did a long run to see how the tires would perform through the stint, and the Pirelli tires were very consistent. We are quite happy to have such good lap times."

Club Racing Update

The Racer's Edge/European Auto Garage race team had a busy and successful race season.

St. Simons Island, GA resident Dr. Chris Dooley took a 2nd place finish in the Sprint race at the Sebring Club Race in February along with a 3rd place finish in the Enduro. Dooley followed up with a 3rd place finish in the sprint race at Road Atlanta along with a 2nd place finish in the Enduro.

20 year-old Auburn student and Nashville resident Jade Buford raced in four events with the Racer's Edge/EAG team. Highlights of his race season included a top five finish at Road Atlanta driving the Racer's Edge prepared I-stock 996. He followed up with a 3rd place finish at Barber Motor Sports Park driving the Racer's Edge E-Stock 944 S2. Capping off a succesful PCA rookie season was taking three class wins racing the 944 S2 at VIR and also winning the Corner Worker's Award.

Buford used the PCA season as a springboard to race Koni Challenge in 2009. He will co-drive a Mini Cooper in the ST class with Owen Trinkler. Trinkler is a Master Porsche Driving Instructor, Grand Am Pro and also assists the Racer's Edge Motorsport Program.

David Hinkle, co-owner of European Auto Garage long with Karl Poeltl, took a 4th place finish in the enduro at Road Atlanta in his 993 RS. After an engine re-build by the techs at EAG, he had two 2nd place finishes at Barber Motor Sport Park in Arpil.

Karl Poeltl, owner of Racer's Edge and partner's with Hinkle at EAG made his long-awaited debut with his I-stock 996. He tested the car during practice at Road Atlanta and ran a 1:36:2, breaking Hinkle's class record. At the Barber event, Poeltl took wins in the sprint and enduro races. He again broke Hinkle's class record by running a 1:39:4. Poeltl finished his PCA season at Roebing with two class wins and a new track record of 1:17:3 and was awarded the Corner Worker's Award.

EAG/Racer's Edge offers full-service race prepartion from the basics to prepare for an autocross event or DE to building fully-developed race cars for PCA,

Membership Update

As of Jan. 1 2009, we have 166 primary members, 128 affiliate members for a total of 294 members. We had a growth of 22 members in 2008. I would like to welcome new transferees – Charles and Polly Ellis, Sevierville, TN to our region. They are transferring from the Northeast region. Their e-mail address is pefromtn@aol.com, please drop them a note to welcome them to the club. They own a 2007 911 c4s in silver. Hope to see them at upcoming events. Welcome to our region! Bob Hutchins, Tim Carpenter, and Suzan Bowman have stated interest in serving on the Membership committee, anyone else interested, let me know.

Vickie Marsh-Membership Chairperson

Brunch at Mulligan's

Join us Sunday, January 18 at Mulligan's Restaurant for Brunch. Mulligan's is located at 8923 Linksvue Dr in Knoxville. This is just off Ebenezer Rd near the intersection of Westland Dr. There is a coupon in Mint Magazine for a Buy one Brunch, get one Free. We are scheduled to join up at about 11 AM, but they actually begin serving brunch at 10 AM. The food is excellent and they have a great variety. We look forward to seeing you Sunday.

GREAT PORSCHE SHOW OFF

Join us on Saturday, February 14 for the Great Porsche Show Off. This is an excellent event to show off our fine automobiles as well as a recruiting tool for new members. If you know of Porsche owners that are not members, please give them a call and invite them. There is no cost to show off your car. The event will be held in Market Square in downtown Knoxville. Let's try to have our cars in place by about 10 AM. There are a number of restaurants in the area so we can hang around for lunch. It's Valentine's Day so bring your Sweetheart!

Bob Hutchins-event contact 865-690-4811

Smoky Mountain Region Porsche Club Executive Committee/Membership Meeting January 12, 2009

Attending

Vic Rola
Bob Hutchins
Clyde Peery
Jim Marsh- President
Vickie Marsh
Janet Lanz
Mike Parker
JB Baird
Karl Poeltl
Jonathan Foulds
Brent Foley
Hansjoerg and Gisela Goeritz.
PJ and Frank Prout
Greg De Bord
Tom McConnell
Suzan Bowman

President Jim Marsh called the meeting to order at 6:40 at Mancino's, Pizza Parlor, Middlebrook Pike- Cedar Bluff.

Vickie Marsh reported on Membership

13 renewals

1 transfer out to KY

Total membership 166: 166 members and 128 affiliate members.

Increase of 22 members in 2008.

Jim gave out PCA 35 year anniversary window stickers to members present.

Jim reported that Don Ramsey paid \$350 for the Autocross Series and Advertising for the year 2008. To ensure sponsors agree on costs this year, we will have a form for the agreements. You can obtain the form from Jim.

Committees:

Autocross-s Rick Brooksbank, Tommy Wilson, Dick Clark, Jonathan Foulds.

Club Meeting Minutes...cont'd

Driver's Ed- Jonathan Foulds and Rick Brooksbank

Drive Out- Bob Hutchins, Vic Rola

Membership- Vickie Marsh, Bob Hutchins, Suzan Bowman, Tim Carpenter,
Tech and Safety Committee- Tom McConnell will serve on the committee
but does not want to be chair.

Goodie Store- Tim Carpenter Discussion about buying some mechanics
gloves. Jim will ask Tim to investigate and make a recommendation to the
Executive Committee.

Newsletter- Tommy Wilson

Technical Articles on our Web site- Janet Lanz

Spring Thing- Vic Rola, Greg, Clyde

Wine Tasting- Allan Cox, Janet Lanz

Publicity Committee- vacant

Social Committee- organizes social opportunities and recruits people. Va-
cant

Social Activity upcoming:

*There will be a Sunday Brunch at Mulligan's Restaurant on Sunday January
18 at 11:00. There is a coupon in the Knoxville Mint advertising magazine
for buy one get one free.*

Website- Greg De Bord. New website is up and running. Information is
grouped together better. Have some banners for our advertisers. Need to
get advertisers to pay for the opportunity to be on our website.

Treasurers Report:

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