

Smoke Signals

Smoky Mountain Region Porsche Club of America

May 2009

Spring Thing 2009

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By Vic Rola

Wow!!! What a Spring Thing!!!

Thirty-six cars registered...twenty-five cars in Concours...Thirty plus cars in the Rallye, and over thirty drivers in the autocross!!! Did I mention the weather? Spectacular!!!

The weekend started off with registrants arriving at the grand Vista Hotel in Vonore, as early as noon! Registration was handled very nicely, thank you, by Jim and Vickie Marsh, ably assisted by Carol Rola. At this time, concours participants were busily cleaning on their cars, for Saturdays judging. The Hotel provided an Italian buffet for us, and the cash bar was quite busy also!

Greg DeBord, the Concours chair started staging cars at 0800 Saturday morning. With cars in place, judging began at 0915. We were pleasantly surprised by the number of cars to be judged, so an additional team was hastily put together to judge the race cars only (there were five of them, including the 914-6 of Zone Rep Bob Saville, which has run the Targa Newfoundland twice). The event's big time winner was Peachstate Regions' Bob Kuchenbecker with his gorgeous red 911 Cabriolet. Not only did Bob win his class (handily I might add), but also took home both the Judges Choice, and the coveted Peoples Choice awards.

Clyde Peery was this year's rallymeister. The rallye was anonymously sponsored by a Region member, honoring the Men and Women of Our Armed Forces. The rallye took participants through the Sweetwater Valley, offering drivers some challenging roads, while providing both the driver and the navigator some great vistas. Bob and Nadine Saville won overall, while one of our sponsors, Rick + Janis Berry, owners of Euro-Tech, took home the beloved DALBF (Dead Ass Last but Finished) trophy. A great rallye on some great roads! Thanks Clyde, Allan Cox, and John Manner for all of your combined hours putting the event together.

Saturday night, at the Banquet, our guests were Caren Cooper, PCA's National Secretary, and Bob Saville, Zone III Representative. Both gave us a little insight into what's going on in PCA, presented Jim Marsh with a 35th Anniversary salute document from PCA, and provided the Region with some historical data which included the names of Mike Parker and Charles Gault on some of the original documentation starting up the Region...way back when. A truly great evening!!!

Sunday's autocross started five minutes later than scheduled (1030) with Peachstates' Dan Vess, first one on track. Local Boy Scouts brought in lunch for all participants.

at the track. At the end of the first run group, local Cub Scouts brought in lunch for all participants. The runs started up again. With absolutely phenomenal weather, autocross participants were treated to a fast, flowing, and long course. FTD perennials Jonathan and Bonne Foulds took their respective Fad's again! To show you how long the course was, Jonathan's FTD time, was 95.382 seconds! That's one minute and 35 seconds of autocrossing!

All drivers got two attempts at the course, and the event was stopped at two o'clock.

Another great Spring Thing behind us! The weather could not have been better (maybe a little cooler)...but no rain, and that's always good at Spring Thing. Same time next year, readers...Last weekend in April!

Spring Thing Concour d'Elegance 2009

Beautiful weather greeted the Concours participants at this years event. Those competing included Michael & Courtney Robbins, Mike Parker & Suzan Bowman, Tommy and Jill Wilson, Jim & Suki Cambron, Stuart & Kathy Bacon, Rick Brooksbank, Vic & Carol Rola, Bob & Nadine Saville, Charles & Jo Gault, Jeff Gordon & Annie Rayburn, Jonathan & Bonne Foulds, Greg & Patsy DeBord, Steve and Liz Baum, Jim & Vickie Marsh, Bill & Mary Blacklock, Bob Kuchenbecker, Big winner in the event was Bob Kuchenbecker, winning both Judge's Trophy and Peoples Choice awards. Congratulations to all participants.

Spring Thing 2009 Rallye

The rallye proved to be exciting and fun for everyone. People participating in the rallye included Mike Braunstein and Lynn Looney, Bob Southerland, Michael & Courtney Robbins, Newsom and Beverly Baker, Tommy Wilson & Steve Stal-naker, Jim & Suki Cambron, Stuart & Kathy Bacon, Tom & Sharon Huecker, Jeff and Shirley Russell, Bob & Nadine Saville, Danny Saxton, Charles & Jo Gault, Jeff Gordon, Greg & Patsy DeBord, Dick Kjellsen, Steve & Liz Baum, Lee & Suzanne Fowler, Caren Cooper, Ken & Linda Padgett, Bill & Mary Blacklock, Paul & Mary Hunt, Rick & Janis Berry, Bob Kuchenbecker, and Frank & Michelle Bushman.

TSD Trophies were won by: 1st : Bob & Nadine Saville, 2nd: Michael, Courtney, and Ava Robbins, 3rd: Bob Kuchenbecker & Caren Cooper, and 4th Tom & Sharon Huecker. DAL Trophy went to Rick & Janis Berry. Congratulations to all!

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Upcoming Events

May 16: Quilt Festival, Lunch, Drive Out. See article for details.

May 17: Brunch, Lakeside Tavern. See article for details.

May 31: Autocross, Pellissippi State. See article for more information.



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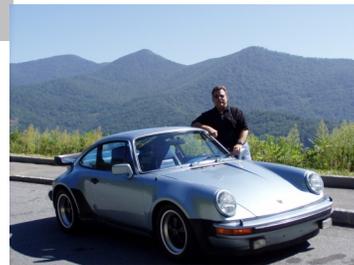
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From The President

What a busy month. We started off early in the month with a three event weekend. On Saturday, April 3 we had the Autocross school, chaired by Jonathan Foulds. He did a great job, setting up a course that proved to be fast and technical. With our new timing system, attendees were able to get in at least 14 runs, with focus moving from simply negotiating the course to planning ahead on how to drive the course. We had 22 + participants.



Saturday night, April 4, we had the Wine Tasting/ New Member social. This was also successful with Allan Cox doing an excellent job presenting the wines. We were fortunate to have 7 new members at the event.

Sunday, April 5 saw the first Autocross in the European Auto Garage Series of 2009. We had 36 cars in attendance, many from PCA and many from the SCCA. It was our first real test of the new timing system, which allows multiple cars on the course at a time, and it worked well. Participants got 6 runs and some fun runs for those wanting to stay.

Spring Thing 2009: We were blessed with fabulous weather for this years premier event. A very special thanks to Bob & Nadine Saville and Caren Cooper for attending. We would also like to take a moment and give a big thanks those businesses that provided sponsorship. These included Harper Porsche, Racer's Edge, European Auto Garage, Euro-tech Knoxville, Hagerty Insurance, Tire Rack, and Meguiar's. Without sponsors like these, events like this might not happen. Many Thanks.
We hope to see you at Spring Thing 2010. Jim Marsh

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Tech Corner

Classification: Wheels and Tires

Subject: grinding noise during pull away **Model:** Year: 2003

Total Mileage: 41,000 kilometers **Car Use:** Street only

Question:

I recently purchased my 2003 996 GT2 from my Porsche dealer. When I picked the car up I immediately noticed a slight grinding sound which appears to come from the front end. sounds like you are driving over loose gravel, but I only notice it when pulling away from a stop while making a turn in either direction, also, the noise appears to disappear after the car has been driven for a while, forty-five minutes to an hour. The dealer tech says nothing to worry about because it's intermittent and that it should work its way out. Can anyone offer any insights? I'm new to the club and look forward to any advice and ideas.

Regards, Mike B.

Answer:

Member Update: Here is the information that was provided to me from the Porsche technician who checked my car... the noise I'm hearing is normal due to some clutch system in the LSD (limited slip differential) which upon driving off sounds like the front end is chattering, he went on to say that the noise is quite common in GT2's, 3's as well as CGT's and that tracking the car or with heavy use the noise will eventually disappear suggesting that this would be a sign of wear.

Anyway that's what I took away from my discussion with the

Guard limited slip and makes similar but more and louder noise. the rear LSD at slower speeds and especially turning does this due to diff lock up".

Hope this helps, best wishes.

Reiser: I have a number of friends with 996 GT2 and GT3 models, I have been in their cars, and never heard anything like this. A few of the cars had upgraded diffs, one was done by Rodger Hawley of Orbit Tuning / Orbit Racing in FL, and it was quiet. Besides, you are describing a noise at the front of the car, and the diff is in back.

They will need to check the car closely to determine what is causing this. If it only happens after rain or a carwash, it would be rust-welding of the brake pads to the rotors, very common, and goes away quickly by itself.

It could be a loose or bad suspension component. Peter Smith reports having seen a number of bad front shock thrust bearings. I think that is what you are dealing with.

I see you are in St Catherines Ontario Canada... if you don't know Auguste LeCorte, try him, he is a veteran Porsche tech of m any decades, with factory training way back when, and a hard worker too.



New Porsche Museum

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	COMMENTS
5/2/2009	Cars & Coffee	European Auto Garage 227 Sherway Rd Knoxville	9 AM to 12; Call 865-862-5270 for details
5/3/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check www.etrscga.org for details
5/16/2009	Quilt Festival, Lunch, Drive Out	Pellissippi State, Oak Ridge area	Contact Patty Ashworth at 865-483-0419 or PattySA@comcast.net to RSVP or for Details
5/17/2009	Sunday Brunch	Lakeside Tavern, Northshore Dr, Knoxville	Meet at 10:30 AM Off Northshore Dr
5/24/2009	SCCA Autocross	Walters State CC	Check www.etrscga.org for details
5/31/2009	PCA Autocross	Pellissippi State	Registration 8 AM-10AM, First Car Off at 11AM. Pre register with Jonathan Foulds at jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com
6/7,8/2009	Biltmore Overnight Drive	Asheville, NC	In Planning
6/14/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check www.etrscga.org for details
6/28/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check www.etrscga.org for details
6/29-7/4 2009	Porsche Parade	Keystone, CO	Registration March 3,4,5
7/12/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check www.etrscga.org for details
7/13/2009	Membership/Executive Council Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant 9209 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville TN	Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM, Arrive early to eat; All Members Welcome
7/25/2009	PCA Autocross	Pellissippi State	Registration 8 AM-10AM, First Car Off at 11AM. Pre register with Jonathan Foulds at jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com
8/2/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check www.etrscga.org for details
8/8/2009	PCA Autocross	PSTCC	Registration 8 AM-10AM, First Car Off at 11AM. Pre register with Jonathan Foulds at jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com
8/23/2009	SCCA Autocross	Walters State CC	Check www.etrscga.org for details
9/4,5,6 2009	Rennfest	Atlanta, GA	Peachstate Region Event
9/20/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check www.etrscga.org for details
10/4/2009	PCA Autocross	Pellissippi State	Registration 8 AM-10AM, First Car Off at 11AM. Pre register with Jonathan Foulds at jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com
10/11/2009	SCCA Autocross	Walters State CC	Check www.etrscga.org for details
10/12/2009	Membership/Executive Council Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant 9209 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville TN	Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM, Arrive early to eat; All Members Welcome
10/24/2009	2010 Planning Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant 9209 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville TN	Bring your ideas. All members attend, let's plan next year. 11 AM to 2 PM- Have Lunch
10/17,18 2009	Talladega DE	Talladega, AL	Jonathan Foulds
11/1/2009	SCCA Autocross	Pellissippi State	Check www.etrscga.org for details
11/14/2009	PCA Autocross	Pellissippi State	Fall Fest Autocross followed by Dinner, Site TBA
Jan-10	End of Year Banquet	Site TBA	Chair TBA

Spring Thing 2009 Cont'd

Spring Thing Autocross 2009: Vic Rola hosted another great autocross. Many Thanks.

Participants in the 2009 Spring Thing Autocross included: Mike Braunstein, Dan Vess, Michael & Courtney Robbins, Mike Parker & Suzan Bowman, Newsome Baker, Tommy Wilson, Jim Cambron, Stuart & Kathy Bacon, Tom & Sharon Huecker, Rick Brooksbank, Jeff & Shirley Russell, Vic, & Carol Rola, Bob & Nadine Saville, Clyde Peery, Danny Saxton, Lewis Whitfield, Charles Gault, Jeff Gordon, Annie Rayburn, Jonathan & Bonne Foulds, Greg DeBord, and Dick Kjellsen.

Class Winners were: SO1M: Mike Parker, SO1W: Suzan Bowman, SO2M: Tommy Wilson, PO2M: Danny Saxton, PO3M: Vic Rola, PO3L: Caren Cooper, PO4M: Newsome Baker, PO4L: Courtney Robbins, PO5M: Sturat Bacon, PO5L: Kelly Bacon, PO6M: Jim Cambron, PO7M: Peter Burman, PO7L: Jane Burman, IO1M: Dick Kjellsen, IO2M: Rick Brooksbank, MO2M: Jonathan Foulds, MO2L: Bonne Foulds.

FTD Winners for the day were Men's: Jonathan Foulds with a time of 95.382 and Women's: Bonne Foulds with a time of 100.266.

These times give you an idea of the length and speed of the course. Our hats off to all who worked the course and assisted in putting on this event. Special thanks to Vic Rola for supplying an excellent course which provided both speed and technical challenge. See you at next year's Spring Thing.



Dan Vess at Spring Thing 2009 Autocross



Mike Braunstein's 996 TT at Spring Thing

A large advertisement for Eurotech Knoxville. The top half features a close-up of a white car's front end with the "EUROTECH KNOXVILLE" logo overlaid in large, bold, black letters. Below the logo is the website "www.eurotechknoxville.com". The bottom half of the ad has a black background with the text "EUROPEAN SERVICE & TUNING" in white, followed by "AUDI • BMW • MERCEDES • MINI • PORSCHE • VW" and the phone number "865.938.3876". On the left side of the bottom half is the ASE Certified logo.

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This will insure we have your correct information on file. It's simple and just takes a minute or two.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. If you have any problems, give me a call. JM

Quilt Show, Lunch Drive Out May 16th

On May 16th Saturday, the Smoky Mountain Quilt Show is at the Pellissippi State Technical Community College in the Student Recreation Center. That is behind the main buildings; use the 3rd entrance off Hardin Valley. There will be signs out for that. There are 3 levels of parking. We can meet in the lower level. Drop off the ladies in the upper level to see the quilts. Admission is \$4. More information about the show is on www.smokymtnquilters.com

The Wheel Doctor will arrive in the lower parking lot between 9 and 9:30am. Mark McKinney will explain what he can do to your wheels, and have before and after pictures. He will show you the truck and answer your questions.

Lunch will be at the Buffalo Mountain Grill at 203 Oak Ridge Turnpike, in Oak Ridge. They serve buffalo burgers, and ostrich burgers, as well as regular burgers, salads, and sandwiches. I have told them to expect about 20 people, so please let me know if you are coming for the lunch time. You order off the menu, so I'm not collecting any money. If you want to skip the quilt show and meet up there, that's fine. They open at noon, and I told them it was for the Porsche Club. They have 2 dining rooms.

Directions to there from the quilt show are... From Hardin Valley, get onto the Pellissippi heading north to Oak Ridge. Go through Solway (place with all the gas stations, you may want to fill up there). Over the bridge, and go right onto Edgemoor road. Go all the way down to the traffic light. It is a right turn to loop around and get onto Melton Lake road (which is actually the left you need to make). Do not go over that bridge. Do not pass the Bull Run Power Plant. (Turn around and go back to Melton Lake road and head north). Go all the way up Melton Lake to the light on Oak Ridge Turnpike and turn left. Take the first left onto Science way, and IMMEDIATELY turn into the parking lot at the right. First building is one restaurant; we are eating at the second one. The Buffalo Grill phone number is 481 0515.

After lunch we will drive the Devil's Triangle which is north of Oak Ridge. My son has driven it at least twice and come home with a big grin. Mike suggests going counter clockwise because of some broken pavement on the other side of the road. I will make copies of the map for people who request one. (And, NO, I did not let him take my car....)

Any questions? Patty Ashworth at 483 0419 or cell 804 3604. I would like to know how many will show up for lunch and need a map print out. Or go to <http://home.comcast.net/~blueflames/DevilTriangle.rtf>

Tech Corner

Classification: Engine

Subject: 2004 996tt Oxygen sensing left bank

Model: Year: 2004 **Total Mileage:** 10,100

Car Use: Street only

Question:

Car has typical k24 mods, including awe exhaust, diverters, and GIAC programming. Car/Mods have been working perfectly without any CEL issues for a couple of years now. No further mods have been done. After a routine oil change the CEL started to light up after about two cycles. It may be cleared but always comes back on after two cycles with the "oxygen sensing left bank" fault. Car has been extensively checked and no leaks, damaged hoses, sensor wiring damage, etc. have been found. The MAF was changed also and made no difference. The CEL always comes on at idle after normal highway driving for about 20 minutes like when stopping at a traffic light; never has initially appeared with the engine under load. My question is if such a fault results in any power (mixture, boost, ignition, etc) adjustments by the computer. The car has not been dynoed to determine differences before and after the fault but I don't feel a change while driving except for the typical "mental" concerns and "I think I feel..." that bother all car enthusiasts. The only performance variation I can comment is sometimes slight hesitation when going WOT from mid-range rpm but I cannot assure is due to the CEL (spark plugs are still factory originals...). What specific sensor should trigger the "oxygen sensing left bank" fault. Can you direct us to any specific device or check.

If the fault doesn't directly affect performance, I'm about ready to give up on the issue before continued "troubleshooting" of the car results in new problems being created by the techs... the car really feels great aside from the CEL remaining lit.

Answer:

The fault is declared by the ECU based on its sampling from all four oxy sensors. One possibility is that you have a bad sensor, but more likely you have one cat that has gone bad, at least enough to affect the idling emissions



New Members Janis & Rick Berry leave on the rally

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Der Market

For Sale...Stainless steel (B+B) exhaust system for '76-'89 911 turbo. No issues...replaced it with original system for concours purposes. \$1,000.00. Contact Jim Marsh @ 865.356.9107

For Sale...'S' type fiberglass bumper for '69-'73 911. Bumper only-no trim. TN orange in color. \$150.00. Contact Vic Rola @ 865.207.4303.

For Sale...1994 Porsche 968 Tiptronic Black/Gray. 106K well maintained miles. Great Driver (everything works). Could use some cosmetic TLC and have many extras for car. One set gray leather seats for 968-Excellent Condition. One set black vinyl seats for 924-Excellent condition. Various mm sway bars for 924/944. (used for autocross). Tires: Bridgestone 205/50 ZR17 (S-02) & 255 40 ZR17 off 968, 50% wear. 4-15" 5 bolt Spider Web wheels mounted with 4 Yokohama A-008R 225/50 ZR-15 tires used for autocross & Street off 924. Contact Janet Lanz-Pasha (865)986-0931



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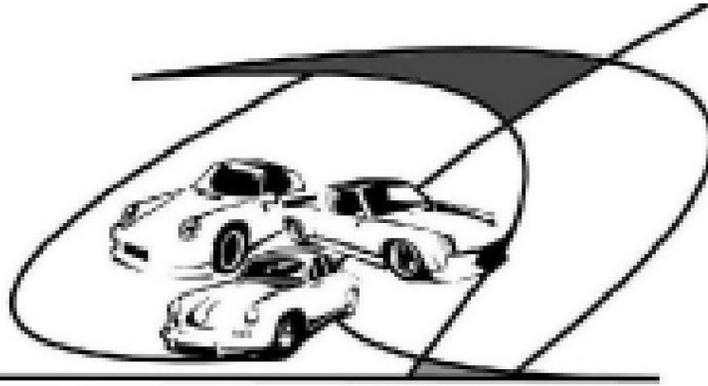
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Bob & Nadine Saville's 914



National PCA Secretary Caren Cooper Receiving Award from President Jim Marsh at Spring Thing 2009



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Membership Report

May's membership is up; our club is growing !! We have 175 primary members, 135 affiliate members for a total of 311 members. Every time you see a Porsche car and driver you should give them one of our club's card and ask them to join us for a drive-out, autocross or a tech session.

New Club Members:

Carol Dockery of Knoxville at cdockery@ettonline.com. Carol has a 2004 Silver Cayenne S.

William Raleigh Johnson, Knoxville at billjohnson@harperdealerships.com. Bill has a 2003 seal grey Carrera.

Dean Norman of Harriman at deannorman@comcast.net. Dean owns a 2001 seal grey Boxter.

Please e-mail our new members and make them feel welcome.

Anniversaries this month are: Ron Brandenburg 10 yrs, Valentino Constantinou 5 yrs, Bob Manor 5 yrs, Karl Miller 10 yrs.

Vickie Marsh



Bob & Nadine Saville going Rallying

Autocross School April 4

Our first driving event of the year was an autocross school, held at Pellissippi State. We had great weather and the school turned out 22 students. Jonathan Foulds conducted the school. It was also our first test of some new timing software and a finish light, all of which worked great. The format for the school consisted of setting up a course and then systematically making runs both with instructors and without. After lunch, the emphasis turned to better course management. As the management improved, the times went down. I believe when the day ended, students got at least 14 runs. Many thanks to the instructors; Jonathan & Bonne Foulds, Tommy Wilson, Clyde Peery, and Jeff Gordon. I believe we generated more interest in autocrossing because of the school. I have heard many positive comments on the school.

Open Autocross April 5

We had our first Smoky Mountain Region/European Auto Garage autocross of the season at Pellissippi State On April 5. Great weather and 36 divers. Times were fast and the new timing system allowed for two cars on track at once. This meant each driver got 6 runs. Jonathan Foulds was FTD in the Porsche class.

Karl Poeltl brought his Racers Edge race car to the event and set up a very nice display. Eric Helton drove the car in the autocross event and Racer's Edge allowed some members to drive the car on track after the event concluded.

A great time was had by all. We hope to see you at the next event. Many Thanks to European Auto Garage.

Wine Tasting/New Members Social

We had another successful Wine Tasting/New Member Social at the Concord Yacht club. Allan Cox did a fabulous job presenting the wines and the food was excellent. We had a total of 22 people in attendance, including 7 new members. This is the big idea for having this event. Many Thanks to Allan Cox, Mary Nell & Dale Biehler, and Bob & Cathy Hutchins.



Allan Cox Pours a glass



Allan addressing The group

Smoky Mountain Region/European Auto Garage Autocross

We will be holding our second autocross of the series on May 31. Registration opens at 8 AM, closes at 10AM. First car of at 11 AM. Cost will be \$ 25. Register to insure you have a spot with jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com.

April 5 Event



Dan Vess on Track at Spring Thing Autocross

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All Three Panamera Models Deliver High Performance and Low Fuel Consumption

The Panamera is Porsche's fourth model line, joining the 911, Boxster/Cayman and Cayenne model series. It is the first premium car with an automatically shifting double-clutch transmission to feature an engine start/stop system that saves fuel and reduces emissions by turning the engine off when it is not needed, such as sitting at a stop light, for example. All engines have advanced and fuel-efficient Direct Fuel Injection (DFI), as well.

Initially offered in three versions – the 400-horsepower two-wheel drive Panamera S and all-wheel drive Panamera 4S, and the 500-horsepower, twin-turbocharged all-wheel drive Panamera Turbo – the new Panamera will provide Porsche performance and quality and a level of comfort that has been absent among true high-performance cars. All U.S. Panamera models feature a seven-speed Porsche Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK) double-clutch gearbox delivering a dynamic driving experience, ultra-fast gearshifts without the slightest interruption of engine power, a very high level of comfort for four, and outstanding fuel efficiency when compared to a conventional automatic transmission. The Panamera S, for example, consumes just 10.8 liters/100 kilometers (equal to 26.2 mpg imp) in the New European Driving Cycle (EPA fuel economy figures are not yet available).

"I always believed that Porsche would build a car like the Panamera – a car where the Porsche experience could be shared with more than just the co-pilot," said Detlev von Platen, president and CEO of Porsche Cars North America. "Just like with the Cayenne, we found another chance to forge a new path and create a car that did not exist: a sports car for four. Our dealers are excited because this will bring new customers, and the list of hand raisers is growing every day. Despite the tough economy, I am confident the Panamera will be a success."

Porsche Engineers Resolved Conflicting Design Priorities

From the beginning, the Panamera project raised significant technical challenges for Porsche as it presented several engineering conflicts of interest; it had to have silhouette of a coupe, yet offer four full-size seats with a generous interior space and luggage room; it must set the performance standard in its class, yet offer best-in-class fuel efficiency; it should provide Porsche driving dynamics and performance and the com-

fort of a luxury sedan; and it had to have a driver's cockpit typical of a sports car and a top-quality and luxurious interior with the equipment expected in the premium sedan segment.

The Panamera body is the synthesis of lightweight technology typical of a sports car, superior comfort, generous spaciousness, and efficient aerodynamics. To create its lightweight structure, Porsche employs advanced production methods and all kinds of steel grades, light alloys like aluminum and magnesium, and plastics. In the case of the Panamera S, the result is a car that weighs just 1,800 kg, or a just over 3,990 lbs. This structure allows for two full-size, perfectly contoured rear seats that set new standards in the luxury performance class in terms of both comfort and adjustability. The Panamera also comes with a highly functional, variable luggage compartment. The rear seat backrests tilt forward individually, providing up to 44.6 cubic feet or 1,263 liters of luggage capacity.

One further visible highlight of the overall aerodynamic package and another innovation is the active four-way rear spoiler on the Panamera Turbo. Through its efficient management of control angles and surface geometry geared to driving conditions, the rear spoiler optimizes both the car's aerodynamics and performance.

Suspension Technologies Deliver On-Demand Sports Car Performance and Premium Sedan Comfort

The Panamera chassis and suspension is not a compromise between sporting performance and superior comfort, but rather a combination of the two. In its basic setting it offers a very high level of driving comfort, yet at a touch of the Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) button, it turns into a thoroughbred sports suspension.

Another highlight is the adaptive air suspension that can provide extra air volume on demand. An absolute innovation in automotive technology, it offers an even greater variation of sporting and comfort features and is standard on the Panamera Turbo and optional on the other models. The optional Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC) system with its two active anti-roll bars can further enhance driving dynamics and comfort.

Through the Sport Plus button, the optional Sports Chrono Packages enable the driver to choose at the touch of a button the high-performance configurations for the engine, drivetrain and suspension systems, including Porsche Traction Management (PTM) with its fully-controlled all-wheel drive. PTM is standard on both the Panamera 4S and the Panamera Turbo. The Panamera goes on sale at authorized U.S. Porsche dealers on Oct. 17, 2009. The manufacturer suggested retail price (MSRP) for the Panamera S is \$89,800, while the Panamera 4S and Panamera Turbo retails for \$93,800 and \$132,600, respectively.

Spring Thing Concours Chief Greg DeBord and the boss take off on the rallye.



Spring Thing 2009 Photos



Our Host Vic Rola. Great Job Vic



The 2009 Smoky Mountain European Auto Garage Autocross Challenge

Join us in 2009 for an exciting autocross challenge series. We will be crowning a Porsche champion and a European car champion. Non Porsche cars will utilize the SCCA PAX system to level the field. This will place the challenge on the driver, not just the car. Here is the schedule:

Date	Event	Location
April 4	PCA Driver School	PSCC
April 5	Open Autocross	PSCC
April 26	Spring Thing Autocross	PSCC
May 31	PCA Autocross	PSCC
July 25	PCA Autocross	PSCC
August 8	PCA Autocross	PSCC
October 4	PCA Autocross	PSCC
November 14	PCA Fall Fest Autocross	PSCC

Other dates may be added, watch your email and the web site for more information.

Cost will be \$ 25 per event, except for the Spring Thing Autocross, which is part of a multi event weekend. SCCA PAX timing will be used for European autos and a new handicapping system will be used for Porsche cars. We have upgraded the timing system which will allow us to have multiple cars on the track at a time and we have added an LED display which will show times as you pass the finish line. Times: PCA Autocross registration will open at 8 AM, close at 10 AM, first car off at 11 AM. AM. Register early with Jonathan Foulds at jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com



National Secretary Caren Cooper and Zone 3 Rep Bob Saville present Region President with plaque commemorating the 35th year anniversary of the Region

Brunch at Lakeside Tavern

Join us for Brunch at Lakeside Tavern on May 17th at 10:30 AM. Lakeside Tavern is located at 10911 Concord Park Drive. Cost of the brunch is \$ 18.95 per person but there is a \$ 5 coupon in the school coupon book. Please R.S.V.P. to Mary Nell Biehler at 980-0181 or tndeb@charter.net by May 15 so she can give the restaurant a number of attendees. Hope to see you there.



Vickie Marsh working Spring Thing Registration



Danny Saxton and Dick Kjellsen head out on the rally



Upcoming May Events

May 16: Quilt Festival, Lunch, Drive Out

May 17: Brunch at Lakeside Tavern

May 31: Smoky Mountain Region/ European Auto Garage Autocross