

Smoke Signals

Smoky Mountain Region Porsche Club of America

October 2011

A Beautiful Day For A Drive

What began in Alcoa early on a Saturday morning in September ended in Knoxville after a great lunch and many miles of beautiful mountain roads and lovely weather in between. Clyde Peery once again did a marvelous job putting together a great fall drive out. This years event was a one day only event with no overnight. This did not detract from the quality of the event. We had a total of eleven cars in the drive, with three of those being new members on their first Smoky Mountain event. Those attending included Clyde Peery, Bob Hutchins and Mary Nell Biehler, Patty Ashworth, Derick Bailey and Steven Schleif, Frank and Michelle Bushman, Nick and Pat Imperato, Paul and Vickie Lee, Larry and Barbara Gard, Jim and Vickie Marsh, Vic and Carol Rola, and Tommy

pletely new territory for Vickie and me. We proceeded north on the parkway, with a couple of rest breaks, ending up at the Mt. Pisgah Inn for lunch. The food was very good and the portions were large. From here, the group seperated into two sections, with one planning to continue on to the Folk Art Center, and others catching I-40 at Asheville and heading back to Knoxville. This **gave us a chance to see Patty Ashworth's quilts on display at the center.** Fantastic work; she is really talented.

It was really fantastic to have the new people on the drive out. From their reactions, I believe they enjoyed themselves and hope they will make plans to join us in the future. Many thanks to Clyde Peery for putting together the route.



Here is why they are called the "Smokies"



The Views Were Amazing

Wilson and Jill Jordan.

Things got started with a brief orientation meeting in Alcoa. The weather was cool and a bit cloudy/foggy, but promised to clear up soon. We left Alcoa, proceeded through Maryville and on to Townsend. In Townsend we took Little River Road through the park to the Sugarlands Visitor Center.

We took a brief break at Sugarlands before heading up in the mountains; crossing at New-found Gap and stopping again at the Oconaluftee Visitor Center just west of Cherokee.

From Oconaluftee, we joined the Blue Ridge Parkway and headed north. This was com-

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From The President

We Need You!

Yes we do... We need you to tell us what you want the Smoky Mountain Region of the PCA club to offer its membership in the form of activities. That can be speed events, drive outs, tech sessions, concours, social events and /or anything else that is of interest to you. We can continue to offer what we have in the past or we can do new and different events of your choosing.

We need you to participate... We have approximately 300+ members and their associate members in the club. Simple math tells me that if we had only 20% of the membership joins us for any event that would be 60 participants. Usually we get half that number. What are we doing wrong?

Let us know... We want you to get more out of the club than a monthly magazine. There is an old saying "the more the merrier" and I believe that it's still true. I have been an active member of the club for over 42 years, 38 years in Reisetoter Region in eastern PA and 4 years in this region. I and my wife have built a great many memories over that time. We have built many long lasting friendships over the years and we continue to do so. You could be another friend who we just haven't met yet.

In the last quarter of the year there many events that have been scheduled and they are in many different areas of interest. Please check the schedule to see the ones that are of interest to you.

If you would like the opportunity to participate in directing the focus of the club There is a place for you on the executive committee . Please email me with questions, comments or suggestions to help at imperatofn@aol.com

2012 Planning Meeting

2012 is approaching quickly and will be here before we know it. The club needs to be ready with a plan. Please make plans to attend and participate in this very important meeting. Vetern or new member, it does not matter; in fact, the more new members we have at this meeting, the better. All organizations need a fresh perspective and we are no different.

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Never autocrossed? Great opportunity to be with Porsche friends, and learn. Done it before? Huge site, offering much fun.

PRE—REGISTRATION IS ABSOLUTELY
REQUIRED...to Vic Rola...vicrola@hughes.net

To Concour or Not To Concour

By Tommy Wilson:

It does not matter how long you have been watching something, there is always an opportunity to learn more. On the Labor Day weekend Jill and I attended Peach State Region's celebration of Porsches named, Rennfest. Much like our Spring Thing, it features a concours, a rally and an auto-cross. Vic will give the full report on that; so, back to my lessons.

Many of you know I am not much of a concours guy. I do like for my car to be clean, but if you are expecting me to have a case full of different kinds of brushes, cleaners, soft rags and a willingness to return the Porsche to showroom condition, you got to be thinking of someone else!

Since I have only had the current Boxster for a couple months and the former owner had a "thing" about everything being perfect, I thought I could maybe make a good showing this time.

The plan was for me to clean a different section of the Porsche each afternoon for about two weeks. That did not happen. I did do some work and used the new Dr. Color kit to cover some road blemishes. Giving the interior a couple good cleanings gave me a bit of confidence and had me feeling pretty smug about my chances to at least trophy.

I did not, however, get around to cleaning the engine. The fact is, the only reason I know there is an engine is, I drove the car. Nope, never looked at it (my Dad would take me to the woodshed for that).

With that in mind I entered the "French" Concours. I assumed that referenced the old "French shower." The judges could not look at the engine or rub white gloves over your car looking for road grit inside the wheel wells. They could only look for dust and dirt on the outside and in the interior. I knew I had them. I had even gone over the top with masking tape to get the lint off and had given the carpets a once-over with a portable vacuum cleaner. "Got ya, boys!"

When the inspection is over they do not tell you if you placed. That is not shared until the banquet on the final night. But, if the judges know you well enough, they might make a comment or two while they finish up their score sheets. I waited for that comment just to confirm I would need to make room in the car for a trophy.

A judge I knew well called me over to the car and started with, "Tommy you have a nice car here." I knew more praise was coming. He continued, "BUT (I hate the dreaded "BUT") there are a couple specks of grass between the seat and the side rail and there is dust in the side pockets." Drats! That grass must have come out of

hiding when I shut the door and the dust in the side pocket? Who thinks of that? I guess the people placing first, second and third thought of that.

Lessons learned: if you do not have time to give your Porsche a complete physical, don't enter; and, if you think you will get clean by entering the "French Shower," think again. Another reason not to trust the French!



Wilson-Jordan Boxster being Judged at Rennfest. Grass was found in the side pocket. Obviously the work of sabetours

Address Change

Please make a note of an address change. Jim & Vickie Marsh are changing their primary email to the following: jmarsh180@gmail.com. This change is already in effect so please send any submissions for the newsletter to that address. The old address will be active for a time but use the new address if possible. My phone number has not changed. I can be reached at 865-356-9107. Thanks. Jim Marsh



2012 Election of Officers Ballot

Please mark the ballot with your choice or Write In your selection

President

Janis Berry _____ Write In _____

Vice President

Bob Hutchins _____ Write In _____

Secretary

Open _____ Write In _____

Treasurer

Vic Rola _____ Write In _____

Board Members (Vote For Three (3))

Jim Marsh _____ Write In _____

Heidi Orme _____ Write In _____

Newsome Baker _____ Write In _____

Please mail your completed ballot to Bob Hutchins at: P.O. 10806

Please mail by October 20, 2011

Knoxville, TN 37939

Please note that Bob Hutchins has accepted the V.P. nomination at the urging of 2011 board members.

The following is Required:

Member Name: _____ PCA Member # _____

Affiliate Name: _____ PCA Member # _____

Rennfest 2011 ... A Mini-Parade!

By Vic Rola

Last month, I wrote to tell you about the experiences we had at the Porsche Parade in Savannah. This month, let me tell you about the great experience that is Peachstate Regions Rennfest.

For the fifth (if not sixth) year now, Rennfest has been held at the Brasstown Valley Resort in the quiet north Georgia mountain community of **Young Harris**. This **'get away' location couldn't be better for a Porsche weekend!** Bob Kuchenbecker (a good friend of our Region for many years) was this years event chair. A great job by him and his volunteer team!

The event started Friday, with early arrivals coming in by trailer, and driven in. The concours site had already been set up, so you could park your car on the prepared spot, and work on it, then show it, without moving it. Cars ranged from a 356A coupe, to a 2009 GT3RS!

Friday evening was on your own, and Carol and I headed to our favorite Italian restaurant in town. We dragged Rick and Janis Berry, and Tommy and Jill Wilson with us.

Saturday comes early if you're a concours participant. So, after breakfast in the hotel, it's out to the concours area for final prep and judging. I was asked by Jeff Frye, their concours chair, to assist in judging, which I gladly did. Tommy and I both showed our cars, and he and **Allan Cox showed in 'French', while I did the full.** The concours was over by 1100AM, allowing plenty of time for lunch, before the 200PM start time for the Rallye. Allan placed the best out of the three of us, with a first place showing in French.

Rallyemaster Chris Gellner went back to a previous Rennfest rallye, and put in some tweaks taught him by rallye aficionado Jack Baker (with **probably some help from Jacks' wife Kathy**). **Tommys' bride, and mine, decided to pass up the rallye, favoring a local salon for hand and foot manicuring. I then became Tommys' navigator.** We thought we had the rallye in hand, until the **'tweaks' caught up with us. The biggest one was my fault (sorry Tommy...).** We ended up somewhere in the lower end of the pack. I'm not sure where the Cox rallye group (Allan + Rose) ended up. **Partaking in the rallye also, but in the 'tour' group, were Rick and Janis Berry.**

Saturday evening was an 'on your own' affair, with the SMT Region group ending up at the same local eatery. Peachstate hosted an ice cream social at 730PM, followed by the showing of the movie **LeMans** in the hotels' movie room.

Sunday means autocross at Rennfest. Bob Axt, their autocross chair, coerced long time autocrosser **Bob Clark to design this years' course.** **They've used the same site each year, it's on the small side because it's so difficult to find a large lot to use in the mountainous area there.** Bob came up with a decent design, three laps in **length, with the FTD time being in the mid 48's** (Grant Davis-Cayman S). I managed to beat Allan in our class. Carol won her class, and Janis won her class. Tommy and Rick got beat in their respective classes.

Sunday evening offered up the 'final' (as MC Dick Kjellsen called it) banquet. One of the highlights of the evening was Chuck Beck showing off two of his repro cars. A 550 Beck Spyder, and **a Beck 904. Now...if you think repros are junk...** Think again when you see these cars! Ask Carol. **Chuck allowed her to take a seat on the drivers' side of the 904, to get a feel for the car.** Believe it or not she got out asking me if we should buy **one! It is a gorgeous piece of work, and it's now offered with Vintage Air.** Although the banquet lasted an hour longer than I would have liked, trophies, and door prizes were handed out, and a speaker from PCNA gave the group a peek of what the new 991 will look like, and behave like.

A super weekend, with the bad weather holding off until midnight Sunday, providing all north bound travelers with a lot of wet roads to **contend with. All SMT'ers got home safely!**

If you're looking for a super multi-event PCA weekend, then this is the one! Mark your calendars for next years' Rennfest, Labor day weekend.



Vic Rola puts on the final touches before the Concours judging.

New Member Social

Join us in welcoming new members to our region at the New Member Social at Harper Porsche.

Let's get together at Harper at 7:30 P.M. on October 19 for refreshments and socializing. A great place to meet people all interested in the same thing, Porsche automobiles.

All region members are invited, especially those members joining or transferring into the region in the last year. For more information contact Suzan Bowman at 865-

Update Your Records

Have you changed phone numbers, moved, or have any changes in your information?

Log into www.pca.org, log in and update your membership information.

This will insure we have you 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

Pitch in and Help

As you all hopefully noticed, Bob Hutchins is chairing the nominating search committee for 2012 officers for the region. Please consider volunteering some of your time and effort to the betterment of the Smoky Mountain Region. You would be surprised how little time some of the positions in the region actually require. Granted that some, such as President, Autocross chair, and newsletter do require some more time and effort that others, the results for you and the club will be worth the effort.

In talking with Bob recently, he tells me he has already found a candidate for President, VP, Treasurer, and the three Board positions. This is great but still leaves a very important elected positions available, namely Secretary, still open.

We have many skilled people in this club and now is the time for you to step forward and

PCA Anniversaries

September 2011

Jeffrey Ashin	3 years
Tom Clary	2 years
Charles Gault	40 years
Ron Graves	4 years
Matt Hall	2 years
John Houvenagle	16 years
James Johnston	30 years
Aaron McFarland	9 years
Courtney Michaluk	2 years
Michael Malloy	6 years
Heidi Orme	2 years
Jay Povlin	4 years
Marwan Saliba	1 years
Lynn Sheely	26 years
John Steenbock	20 years

October 2011

Hansjoerg Goeritz	4 years
Jerry King	2 years
David Long	13 years
Doug Madson	3 years
Herbert Tamer	4 years
Robin Vann	12 years
Donald Werner	10 years

We offer a hearty congratulations to all these Smoky Mountain Members on their anniversaries and wish them many more. A very special congratulation to Charles Gault, a founding member of the region, on his 40 years in the club.

Also consider volunteering for one of the appointed positions, such as the autocross committee, the social committee, or agree to work on a drive out or tour. Help will also be needed with the Safety/Technical Committee and the Spring Thing Committee. Thanks ed.

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Mark November 12 + 13th on your calendars for this years Fall Fest!

Are you ready for this?

Three events are planned to entertain your ... touring side ... your cruising and dining side ... and your autocrossing side!

Clyde Peery and Bob Hutchins are planning a four hour **scenic tour** ending at about three in the afternoon, Saturday.

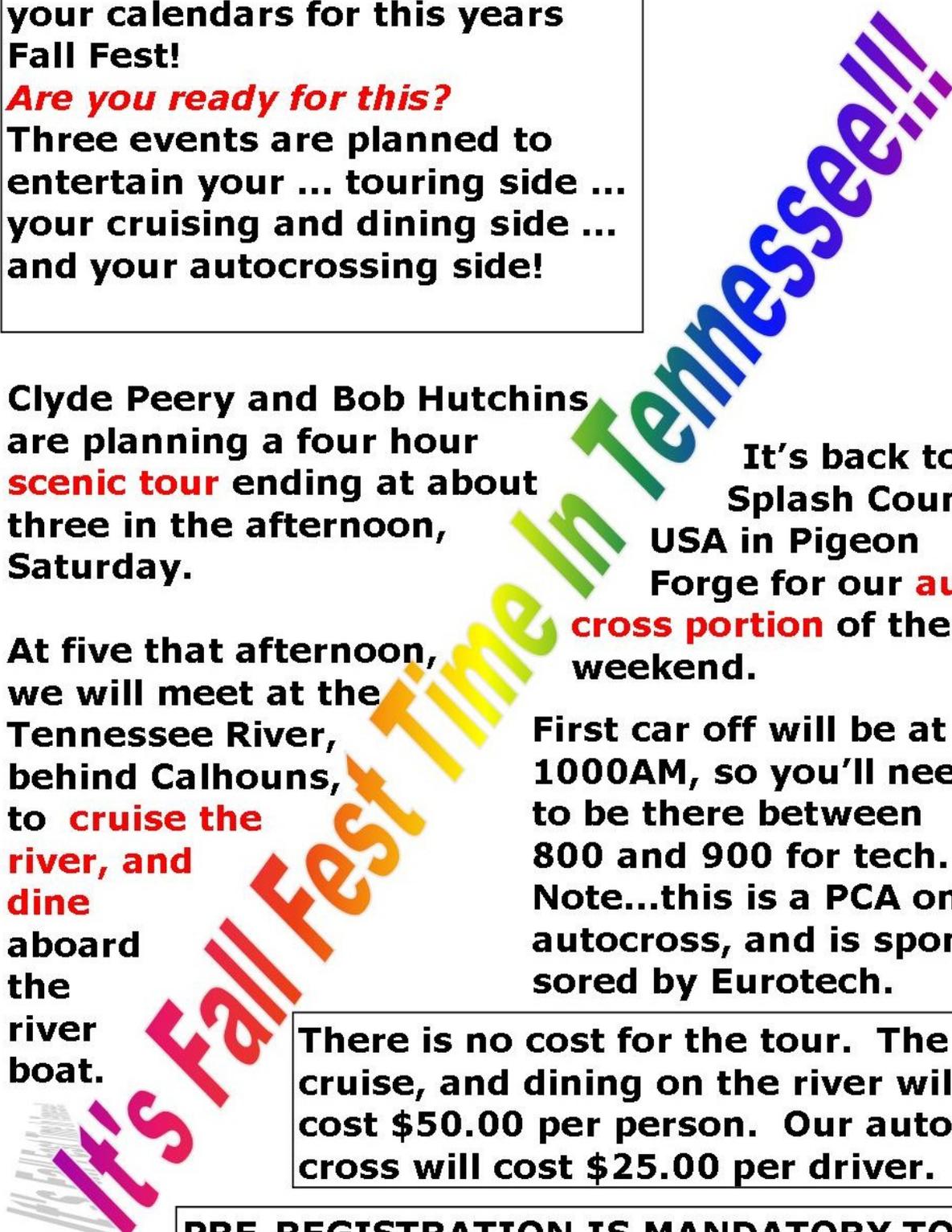
At five that afternoon, we will meet at the Tennessee River, behind Calhouns, to **cruise the river, and dine** aboard the river boat.

It's back to Splash Country USA in Pigeon Forge for our **auto-cross portion** of the weekend.

First car off will be at 1000AM, so you'll need to be there between 800 and 900 for tech. Note...this is a PCA only autocross, and is sponsored by Eurotech.

There is no cost for the tour. The cruise, and dining on the river will cost \$50.00 per person. Our autocross will cost \$25.00 per driver.

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Heard 'Round The Region

First the sad news ... We are saddened to hear of the passing of Debbie Coopers' Mother, who lived in Berea, KY. We had the pleasant opportunity of meeting her on a few occasions. Our hearts and prayers go out to you Debbie, your Father, and the whole family. For our new members Debbie is a past President of our Region, and continues to contribute art work, etc., for us.

And there's more ... You might remember an SMT member named Lee Kent. Years ago, Lee was an avid autocrosser with us, as was his brother Lionel. Lionel took up racing in SCCA, and Lee moved to Florida for his employer, and took up water sports, his final purchase was a 31' Boston Whaler. In mid-August, he took his boat out for a fishing trip, by himself. His friends and family lost contact with him, and the US Coast Guard was called in, but they found nothing. Last week the Mexican Navy found the craft, with no one aboard, drifting about 100 miles from the Mexican coastline. His whereabouts, or what happened, are not known. We can only wish for good news.

Additionally ... Greg DeBord (our webmaster) called to tell me that his sister had passed away after fighting cancer for many years. Greg... we're with you in prayers and thoughts. Greg was also a past President of our Region, and has worked hard for a nice looking, and up-dated web site.



WHEW. . .

Several members took Labor Day weekend to go to Rennfest ... Peachstate Regions' (and maybe PCA's) longest running multi-event weekend. Look for an article elsewhere in the newsletter.

We're holding our breath for good weather for our final two autocrosses. Why not come out, support the Region, run your car, and be with your Porsche friends? Check the calendar and Flyers for more information! Pre-registration is mandatory!!!

We need officers! If you have a knack for management, let us know, as we're looking to fill all of our volunteer posts for 2012.

Christina and Katie Cox have already told their Dad, Alan, that they want to go to the Salt Lake City Parade in 2012, after attending this years' event in Savannah.



Spring Thing 2012

That's Right !!! Spring Thing 2012 will be here before we know it. Join the Smoky Mountain Region for the 36th edition of this spring classic.

This multi event weekend PCA celebrates the cars and the people. With so much going on, you decide what to do with your weekend.

Scheduled for April 27,28,29, 2012 for Townsend, TN.

Watch the newsletter for more details as next April draws closer.

Der Market



Oil Temperature Gauge for sale. This came out of my 1978 930. It comes with a sending unit but I am not expert enough to know if it is the right one. \$ 25. Jim Marsh 865-356-9107

1989 Porsche Carrera Cabriolet For Sale. \$ 29,500. Car has 71,500 mi. new top, seats professionally redyed- last of the torsion bar cars - G50 5-speed trans **Call SMT President Nick Imperato for more details.**



Der Market is a free service to PCA members. Send your ads to either the club president or newsletter editor.

Rare Porsche

1986 rare Porsche 911/930, guards red, black interior. 70% factory diff. Stainless steel headers and exhaust. New distributor. New intake system. Aftermarket larger intercooler. New style front air dam. 81,000 miles, beautiful car.

Contact

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COOKIE CUTTERS 15X7 with 205/40/15 Kumho (front) and 225/40/15 Toyo (rear) race tires. Tires have a lot of autocross tread left and a couple DE's. The Wheels are dirty from track days but are balanced. \$450. Tommy Wilson 423-333-5899.



Porsche 18" Twist wheels from my Boxster. Excellent condition. No center caps. Two have 265/40 Michelins on them with about 5,000 miles left in them. \$850.

Tommy Wilson 423-333-5899>>>>



Historic Race Porsche-Jonathan Foulds



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SMTPCA Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
October				
Tuesday	10/11	7:00PM	Monthly Dinner	Café 4/Market Square
Saturday	10/15	10:00 AM	Autocross	Splash Country; Pigeon Forge
Wednesday	10/19	7:30 PM	New Member Social	Harper Posche
Saturday	10/22	9:00 AM	2012 Planning Meeting	Mike & Suzan's House
November				
Saturday	11/12	TBA	Fall Fest Tour	E. TN
Saturday	11/12	5:00 PM	Fall Fest Dinner Cruise	Downtown Knoxville
Sunday	11/13	9:00 AM	Fall Fest Autocross	Splash Country; Pigeon Forge
Tuesday	11/8	7:00 PM	Monthly Dinner	Aubrey's/Cedar Bluff
December				

2012 Planning Meeting

Come share your ideas for the activities of your club in 2012 at the annual planning meeting.

This is the time when the framework for next year's activities are laid out and your input is important and needed.

What kind of activities would you like to see the club offer in 2012? Where do you want drive outs to go? Where would you like major events held? Let your feelings and ideas known.

The meeting will be held Saturday, October 22 at 9:00 AM at Mike Parker and Suzan Bowman's home at 3717 Maloney Rd in Knoxville.

Need Directions? Give Mike a call at 865-579-9001.

We look forward to your input ! !

Petit Le Mans @ Road Atlanta Fri. Sept. 30 – Sat. Oct. 1, 2011

I'm sure you have heard of endurance sports car races such as the Rolex 24 hour in Daytona; the 12 hours of Sebring and the 24 hours of Le Mans (France). If you have ever wanted to see this type of world class racing then you will have the opportunity at Road Atlanta the first day of October for the 10 hour Petit Le Mans, Yes, these are the same cars that you may have watched on TV earlier this year at Le Mans. Porsche will be campaigning the GT3 RSR. Check out the Road Atlanta website: <http://roadatlanta.com> for more info. If you drive your Porsche you can park in the PCA run Porsche Platz. which is a fun venue in itself. My son, Ashley, and I will be going down Friday afternoon and will be returning Sunday. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn in Commerce, GA which is about 20 minutes from the track. If you are going or have any questions feel free to call or e-mail me. cpeery@mac.com or (865) 719-6124. Clyde Peery



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50th Anniversary Celebration November 19, 2011

Please join us as the Tennessee Region celebrates 50 years of Porsche enthusiasm! We will begin by checking in at the Chattanooga Porsche dealer where we will be greeted with coffee and Danish. Check in begins at 8:00 AM but our out of town guests can arrive at their leisure.

We will have a “show-and-shine” static display of our cars at the dealership. We are working with the dealership for a tech session or other Porsche activity at the dealership who is also providing our lunch.

Following lunch, join us for a scenic tour of the beautiful Tennessee mountains and other attractions.

After returning from the tour, enjoy some “down-time” as we prepare for our anniversary banquet at the Tennessee Aquarium. We will dine on a German buffet and attendees will have access to the Aquarium!

We have reserved a block of mini-suites at -----the Sheraton Read House for the special rate of \$99 + tax. Make your reservations at <http://tinyurl.com/3cifyyk>. Parking is \$15. For an additional \$20 you can add special access to the Club Lounge. A relaxing, upscale space, the Club Lounge offers complimentary breakfast, afternoon hors d'oeuvres and a variety of beverage options. The special rate available until October 20th.

Price is \$60 per person, \$30 for kids 6 – 12, and under 6 free.

Register on clubregistration.net and send checks to:

Jeff Gordon
4127 Caine Lane
Chattanooga, TN 37421
Make checks payable to TN PCA

Registration dead line is 11/3/2011



Fall Drive
Out: Heading
into the
Mountains

Fall Drive
Out:
Driving in
The Great
Smoky
Mountains
National Park





Please join us for the annual Christmas party which will be held on Friday, December 16, 2011, at Jubilee Banquet Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (www.jubileebanquet.com).

Dinner will include tossed salad, turkey/dressing, beef tenderloin, smashed potatoes, broccoli amandine and dessert of strawberries and chocolate mousse or fruit cobbler. (Alcoholic beverages are extra.)

Please bring an unwrapped child's toy so that we may donate to Toys for Tots (please indicate whether it is for a boy or girl).

Entertainment will be provided by Knoxville DJ's.

Cost is \$30 per person.

Please RSVP (before December 1) to:

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Come celebrate with your friends in the Smoky Mountain Region Porsche Club!



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