

Smoke Signals

Smoky Mountain Region Porsche Club of America

December 2011

BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME...

By Vic Rola

I guess that's how that saying goes. Well, we did, and you did!

Historically, Fall Fest in the past years had fallen on hard times. From an event that drew many, many participants over a two day event years ago, the event became an autocross only, and then only a one day autocross. The Regions' Executive Council brainstormed the idea of a multi-event, PCA only weekend, and this years Fall Fest was born.

Saturday started out in the parking area next to Calhoun's On The River, at the Riverboat. Bob Hutchins working with Clyde Peery were the 'tourmeisters' for the first event of the weekend. Seventeen + cars showed, and included everything Porsche from a Speedster 'kit car', to a brand new Cayenne Turbo. The weather was perfect for those wanting to 'drop the top' on their favorite top less Porsche. I'd guess that all the convertibles had their tops down! The route took us away from downtown along the river, on country roads through Kodak, with a lunch stop in Sevierville. Once we got going again, the route took us over the Holston River, and back towards the start point. Great roads...congrats and kudos to our 'tourmeisters'.

Saturday evening, thirty-four PCA'ers (and a few children) boarded the Riverboat, for our 'dine and cruise' portion of the weekend. The Riverboat left its moorings promptly at 6:00PM, and headed out for a two hour cruise. We were all seated together, which provided a great opportunity to converse, and have a good time. The buffet was great, and the friends even greater! Thanks and kudos go out to Janis Berry for her efforts in putting this part of the weekend together for us.

Sunday was part three...autocross. The final, Eurotech sponsored, autocross of the season was upon us. We headed to the 14 acre expanse of tarmac, which is Splash Country, USA in Pigeon Forge. By 0830, the

course was being laid out, and numerous PCA types stepped up to tweak the course layout for flow, fun, and foremost safety. By 1000, a drivers meeting was held, and at 1030+, the first car was off. Twenty-one drivers showed up for the event. All drivers had six runs at the course, with the first two not counting for time...practice runs only. With the entire drive group broken down into two run groups, one worked, and the other played. By Rick Berry's' ODO, the course was one mile long! By 230 the event was in its final stages, then came course breakdown, and trophies to the 1st place finishers in each category (using PCAs' PCR's as a guide). Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. No rain...good. Fair temperatures...good. The cars...great.

Autocross Results follow: See Page 3 ! !



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Spring Thing
2012 in Town-
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From The President

To All Smoky Mountain Region Members:

It has been a privilege to be the president of our region for the 2011 year. I hope you enjoyed your membership activities as much as I did. I ate, I drank, I auto crossed, I participated in the in many other events as well. I did all these things with friends who just happened to share my many year passion with the mark of PORSCHE. It doesn't get any better than that.

I want to thank all members of the Executive Committee who made all these events possible. For without them none of them would have been possible. I could name all the names -- but you already know who they are and many of them will continue to serve the club in the future. I want to thank all the members who also helped and attended the events as well.

We will have a new Executive Committee as of January 1st. I will have a new job on the committee and it is the best one -- PAST President.

I hope to see you all at the Holiday Party.

Thanks Again,

Nick Imperato

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Fall Fest Autocross Results; from Page 1

P1	JONATHAN COLEMAN	
P2	CORY FARRELL	93.532
	VIC ROLA	95.220
P2L	CAROL ROLA	98.672
P3	RICK BROOKS BANK	97.309
P4	BOB BERRY	106.006
P5	TOMMY WILSON	93.666
	BOB FUTTRELL	104.063
P6	TERRY ASHWORTH	90.143
	RICK BERRY	90.958
	RYAN PROUT	92.603
	NEWSOME BAKER	96.879
	CHUCK PROUT	108.072
P6L	JANIS BERRY	95.836
P8	MIKE MORGAN	102.320
	FRANK PROUT	94.859
I2	BOB SAVILLE	87.193
I2L	NADINE SAVILLE	95.980
M2	JEFF GORDON	86.058
	MILES SLATTERY	91.951
	MATT GARRETT	92.740
	LARRY SLATTERY	99.823
FTD-L	JANIS BERRY	
FTD-M	JEFF GORDON	

Subject: Rolex 24 hour Race

It's time to make plans for the Rolex 24 ,
Jan 26(Thurs) thru Jan 29 (Sun) check-out. This is the 50th anniversary of the race. You can order you 4 day Super Ticket on line - \$ 90 or just wait and buy it there. www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/

The motel that Bob Southerland, Chip Allen and I stayed in last year currently has rooms available:

The **Best Western Aku Tiki** on the beach has non-smoking rooms with 2 queen beds or 1 king for \$110.00 per night + tax (AAA or AARP rate). It may be slightly higher for a ocean view. Call them directly for reservations **(386) 252-9631**. I have made my reservations and if you reference my name maybe they can get our rooms on the same floor. They will make a one night deposit on your credit card but you can cancel up to 7 days before Jan 26. I recommend your making your reservations very soon. Some of you may be wanting to buddy up in a room. I just talked to Chip Allen and he is making his reservations. If there is enough interest in those wanting to drive down we could plan on meeting at my house on Thursday morning for those who want to caravan down. **If you plan on driving or if you need to ride with someone let me know.**

You may have another place to stay and if so let me know. I talked with Rick and Janice Berry at the SMT/PCA meeting this week and they plan on driving their motor-home down. Last year it was just Bob Southerland and myself, so we flew down and Chip Allen picked us up at the airport next to the track. That wasn't a bad way to go.

Let me know if you are going and where you are making your motel reservations.

If you know anyone who I didn't send the e-mail to who may be interested in going, forward this info to them.

If you have questions, let me know.

Clyde Peery



Bob Berry at Fall Fest Autocross



Porsche is introducing two new cabriolet versions of the recently unveiled seventh-generation 911 Carrera. These new models, the 911 Carrera Cabriolet and 911 Carrera S Cabriolet, will go on sale in the United States in the spring of 2012. Like the coupe, the 2012 911 Carrera cabriolet features innovative aluminum-steel construction with the addition of an all-new convertible top design, which preserves the typically sleek 911 coupe roof line. Intelligent lightweight design that includes extensive use of aluminum, magnesium and advanced high strength steel ensures lower vehicle mass and lower fuel consumption while offering improved driving dynamics and additional comfort. As with the 911 coupe models, the new Porsche open-top models are significantly lighter than their predecessors.

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Heard 'Round The Region

Warren Sylvester, and his lovely Judy, attended the 50th Anniversary gala put on by the Tennessee Region/PCA. Warren was one of the guests of honor at the event, having been one of the original founders of the Region (and ours too I might add). As a sidebar, Warrens' 911 Targa was voted as one of the Chattanooga Porsche dealers favorite cars at the events initial part of the weekend.

Overheard at the recent Fall Fest autocross...Bonnie Foulds won the first HSR race she entered with the new to her 'bug eye' Sprite. Way to go Mrs.!!!

Also at Fall Fest..."One of the best recent autocrosses held..."

Per Bob Saville, our Zone Rep ... Fall Fest could not have been better. A great drive out, a great setting for the social/dinner part, and of course Splash Country for the autocross!

At the social/dinner at Fall Fest, Clyde Peery and I ran into Tom McConnell's' daughter, Angela. Talk about a grown up young lady! Boy... I sure can tell I'm getting old!
Vic Rola

They will be continuing their budget Porsche story in upcoming Grassroots Motorsports issues and are offering PCA members a free trial of Grassroots to introduce them to the magazine and the Budget Porsche series.



Spring Thing 2012



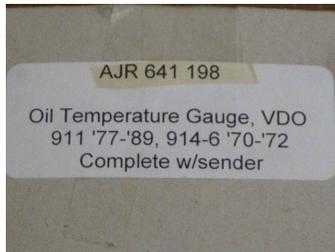
That's Right !!! Spring Thing 2012 will be here before we know it. Join the Smoky Mountain Region for the 36th edition of this spring classic.

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 the Valley View Lodge in 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.*



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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>>>>



1983 Porsche 944:

New red paint job with body work complete; Interior is also finished with black carpet and new dash pad. The car has A/C but does not work. The clutch is also slipping. The car runs but needs tuning to run better. Asking \$ 2,000. Also have another 944 parts car. Call James, owner, at 423-667-1438 or John, Dad, at 423-365-5406, or 423-884-2678: Patty.



Harness bars. Weldmaster. One for 911 SC's and 1980's Carrera. One for 944's. Both in excellent condition. \$50 each. Tommy Wilson 423-333-5899

Many Thanks, and...

This will be my last newsletter for the foreseeable future. Future issues will be produced by someone else, I think either Steve or Cliff. At any rate, please support them by sending them pictures and stories. I have received great support from the membership and I am really grateful. The newsletter editor cannot be at all events so he or she needs the members to be the eyes and ears of the club. This is one of the main communication vehicles the club has with it's members. I do not know the fate of the newsletter either at this time. I am not sure if there will be any printed, mailed out editions or not. I would strongly urge the members of the club to continue printing and mailing the newsletter at least 4 times a year or more. With a little paid advertising and the dues rebate we receive from PCA national, the newsletter will not cost the club a cent. For those of you that do not know, all regions receive a quarterly dues rebate whose primary function is to help reduce or eliminate the cost of a printed newsletter.

and make Sure it is printed in B & W. The cost of color is too much and no other region in the country prints a color newsletter. At any rate, I believe the newsletter is very important. I hope you do as well. Many thanks for your Help and support.

Jim Marsh



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SMT/PCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
January					
Wednesday	1/4/2012	6:30 PM	Board Meeting(Members Welcome)	Eurotech-Knoxville	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Tuesday	1/10/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social Dinner	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Saturday	1/21/2012	TBA	Winter Drive Out	TBA	Vic Rola;vicrola@hughes.net
February					
Saturday	2/4/2012	TBA	Tech Event	Eurotech-Knoxville	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Saturday	2/11/2012	TBA	Valentine Social Dinner	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Saturday	2/18/2012	TBA	Great Porsche Show Off	Calhoun's (?)	Bob Hutchins; hutchib@knology.net
Saturday	2/25/2012	TBA	Show Off Snow Date	TBA	Bob Hutchins; hutchib@knology.net
March					
Tuesday	3/13/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social Dinner	6:30 PM	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Saturday	3/17/2012	TBA	St. Patrick Day Social	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Saturday	3/24/2012	TBA	Autocross And Autocross School	Splash Country	Vic Rola;vicrola@hughes.net
April					
Tuesday	4/10/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social Dinner	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Wednesday	4/18/2012	6:30 PM	Board Meeting(Members Welcome)	Eurotech-Knoxville	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Friday-Sunday	4/27-29/12		Spring Thing	Townsend, TN	Suzan Bowman;suzanbowman@gmail.com
May					
Tuesday	5/8/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
TBA	May	TBA	Tech Event	TBA	TBA
Saturday	5/19/2012	TBA	Day Drive Out	TBA	TBA
June					
Tuesday	6/12/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social Dinner	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Saturday	6/23/2012	TBA	New Member Social & Drive Out	TBA	Suzan Bowman;suzanbowman@gmail.com
July					
Saturday	7/8-14,2012	TBA	Porsche Parade	Salt Lake City, UT	PCA
Tuesday	7/10/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social Dinner	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Wednesday	7/18/2011	6:30 PM	Board Meeting(Members Welcome)	Eurotech-Knoxville	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
August					
Saturday	8/4/2012	TBA	Family Picnic	Concord Cove	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Tuesday	8/14/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social Dinner	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Saturday	8/18/2012	TBA	Detailing Your Car	Mike Parker's Home	Mike Parker; rmp964@comcast.net
Saturday	8/25/2012	TBA	Day Drive Out	TBA	TBA
Friday	8/31-9/2,12	TBA	Rennfest	North GA	Peach State Region
September					
Tuesday	9/11/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social Dinner	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
TBA	TBA	TBA	Day Drive Out	TBA	TBA
October					
Tuesday	10/9/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social Dinner	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Wednesday	10/17/2012	6:30 PM	Board Meeting(Members Welcome)	Eurotech-Knoxville	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
Saturday	10/20/2012	TBA	2013 Planning Meeting	TBA	TBA
November					
Tuesday	11/6/2012	TBA	Tech Event	TBA	TBA
Sat/Sun	11/10,11	TBA	Fall Fest 2012	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	11/13/2012	6:30 PM	Monthly Social Dinner	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
December					
Saturday	12/8/2012	TBA	Holiday Party	TBA	Janis Berry; janisberry@frontiernet.net
This is the first draft of the 2012 Calendar. Final plans will be announced as soon as possible.					



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 Knoxvegas DJ's.

Cost is \$30 per person.

Please RSVP (before December 1) to:

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Upcoming Events:

December 16: Christmas Party-Jubilee Banquet Hall