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# From the President



February is an exciting month for PCA! We have the first tech session of the year scheduled at Eurotech Knoxville, the 911 Launch with the folks at Harper's, and our Annual Great Porsche Show-Off. It is so much fun to see old friends and meet new ones at these gatherings. Our monthly socials are really increasing in attendance and I hope you will plan to attend some of those this year.

Planning is under way for our annual Spring Thing event, scheduled April 27-29, in Townsend. I am consistently (and persistently!) requesting volunteers for this event as we have PCA members from other regions as well as our own attending. This multi-event weekend has something for everyone from concours to rally to autocross with a few socials in between. If you are interested in helping, please send me an e-mail.

Special thanks to Vic Rola for the outstanding driveout in January. It's always an interesting event with lots of fine people and good food!

*Jamie*  
President

## Heard 'Round the Region

by Vic Rola

"Dang...is it cold" Heard from more than one drive out participant as we waited to leave on the first event of the season. But...it turned out great (article elsewhere + on line).

New cars... this time American!

Brought home my freshly restored 1948 Willys Jeep CJ2A. What a piece of American auto history!

Hansjoerg Goeritz...the guy who told several that he would not buy anything not Porsche or VW related... Chevy Silverado pick-up with a 350 and dual exhausts. Can you stand it?

New member Brus Klassen wrote an article for the September 2011 issue of Pano. Did you see it? Check it out, on page 69.

Congrats once again to a very deserving Bob Hutchins on winning the *Enthusiast of the Year 2011* award!

Spring Thing 2012...April 27-29. In Townsend, TN. Look for more information shortly! (pg.6)

## Upcoming Events

**February 4 @ 9:00am**

Tech Event at Eurotech Knoxville

**February 3-5 @ Chattanooga Choo Choo**

Tennessee Region's "Winter Fest"

**February 7 @ 7:00pm**

Monthly Social/Dinner

**February 16 @ 6:00-8:00pm**

Harper's Porsche 911 Launch Event at Hunter Valley Farms in West Knoxville.

**February 18**

Great Porsche Show Off

Regal Pinnacle Stadium 18 - Turkey Creek

\* Snow Date: Feb. 25

**March 17 @ 7:00pm**

St. Patrick's Day Social

Puleo's Grille on Merchants Drive, Knoxville

**March 24 @ 10:00am**

Autocross School

Splash Country in Pigeon Forge



## VIC + CAROL'S MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR (and wings)

14 January 2012

The morning was cold and windy but 32 hardy souls braved the chill weather to drive the back roads of east Tennessee in this year's "Magical Mystery Tour". This year's winter drive was the third such tour presented by Vic and Carol Rola. With a showing of 15 Porsches in the dead of winter, I would venture to say this will be an annual event for years to come.

As Porsches gathered at Puleo's Grill off the Straw Plains exit of I-40, the required papers were signed and Vic gave a quick instruction on what was ahead. With route information in hand, the drivers eagerly returned to warm cars and formed a line out of the parking lot. The pack was led by Vic in his vintage 911 (love that car!) with Rick and Janis Berry playing sweeper at the end of the line in their pristine 996. In between were a variety of Boxsters and 911s along with a 914, a 944 and a 968 convertible.

Out of the truck plaza, the route took us west a short distance on Straw Plains and then immediately onto back roads that led us south, east, and north. I have lived in east Tennessee for the past 25 years and I was lost after that first turn! Well, not completely lost... I knew the general area but we drove roads I had never before experienced. The McBee Ferry Bridge in Mascot was a pleasant surprise as I had never seen that bridge before

Though the roads were not filled with twists, turns, and elevation changes like a run through the mountains, the drive was relaxed and enjoyable. The further east we got, the more scenic it became with rolling hills and horse ranches. My favorite stretch of road was the couple miles or so before reaching our lunch stop at Black Oak Marina. A bit rough in parts but it offered some nice curves :-)

We eventually reached our lunch destination. After all the Porsches had pulled into the Marina parking lot, cameras were clicking away as people took pictures of the lineup of our favorite sports cars. The staff at Black Oak Grill had a room waiting for us so we all found a seat and settled in for an hour or so of socializing and good food.

With fifteen Porsches being driven, the "vintage" cars were outnumbered 4:1 by modern Porsches. Maybe I'm a glutton for punishment (I like to refer to myself as an enthusiast) but I was driving one of those vintage Porsches... with no heat!



The above image is available as a high res file suitable for an 8x10 print. If you would like a copy to help commemorate this event, please contact me at [smschleif@gmail.com](mailto:smschleif@gmail.com)



# It's not too early to make plans to attend **SPRING THING 2012**

at Valley View Lodge in Townsend, TN



**APRIL 27, 28, 29**  
**CONCOURS**  
**RALLYe**  
**AUTOCROSS**



If you are not familiar with Spring Thing, it is one of the PCA's longest-running multi-event weekends (second only to Peachstate's Rennfest). Multi-event weekend means there is something for everyone: Concours event for showing your car, Rally event for viewing some excellent East Tennessee roads (either competitively or noncompetitively) and Autocross (timed runs through a course of pylons in a closed environment). We also have a welcome social and dinner banquet with awards and prizes. You don't have to compete in the three events if you don't want to. It's still a great time to just visit with Porsche people and talk Porsche and enjoy the Smoky Mountains.

PCA members from other regions across the South come to Spring Thing annually and it is one of Smoky Mountain Region's biggest events.

Because Spring Thing is such a big event, we need volunteers to assist. Don't worry if you aren't sure what you could assist with, we will be able to point you in the right direction (Rally Workers, Autocross Workers, Registration). You'll also meet some really fun people along the way too!

If you are planning to attend this year's Spring Thing, please consider volunteering and send a message to me at [janisberry@frontiernet.net](mailto:janisberry@frontiernet.net). Once we have gathered some volunteers, you will be contacted to attend a short planning meeting.

Thanks for your help. We hope this year's Spring Thing is the best yet!

*Janis*  
President



## **Great Porsche Show Off**

February 18, 2012 @ 10:00am to 2:00pm  
Regal Cinemas @ Turkey Creek  
Come Join the Fun!



We have been invited by Harper's Porsche to attend the  
**911 Launch Event**

being held at Hunter Valley Farms **Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6-8 p.m.**  
There will be special parking for PCA members to represent the 911 heritage. ***If you have a 911, please bring it to the event!*** Wine, beer and food will be served. If you missed the February 1 deadline to RSVP, please let me know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to attend by sending a message to [janisberry@frontiernet.net](mailto:janisberry@frontiernet.net). *Thanks!*

## FIRST PHOTOS: 981 BOXSTER

Article from PCA web site

January 12, 2012

Porsche has released the first photos of the long awaited next generation Boxster. Touted as the most comprehensive generational change in the mid-engined roadster's history, the Type 981 Boxster has a longer wheelbase and a wider track, is lighter, more fuel efficient and has electromechanical steering. Sound like something else you just read about? No surprise, the 981 has incorporated many of the technical and some of the styling features of the 991, the "new 911."

In addition to a new lightweight body, the Boxster chassis is said to have been completely revamped. There has been a redesign of the top, which now folds into place as its own cover in the fashion of the 911 cabriolet. Inside the more spacious interior there is a continuation of the Carrera GT rising-console theme.

The harder core elements of the Boxster's evolution include changes in engine displacement for the basic model, which is reduced to 2.7 liters, but with added direct injection and a ten horsepower increase in output at 265 hp. The S, with displacement unchanged at 3.4 liters, gets five more horses for a total of 315. Both deliver their power through either the standard six-speed manual or the seven-speed PDK, the latter producing both the best acceleration and economy by Porsche's testing. Zero to 60 times of 5.4 and 4.7 are claimed for the Boxster and the S respectively.

Again taking a page from the 991's engineering sheet, "dynamic transmission mounts"—using technology similar to the magnetic engine mounts in the GT3 and 991—are now part of the optional Sport Chrono package, and torque vectoring with mechanical rear axle differential lock is a Boxster option for the first time.

Expected to be in dealer's hands early this summer, base prices have increased to \$49,500 for the Boxster and \$60,900 for the Boxster S.



# PORSCHE PROSE

Personal Stories About Your Porsche Experience

## The Mythical 916

Being a huge fan of the Porsche 914 for the past three decades, I have always been enamored of the 916. With only 11 prototypes built by Porsche in 1971-72, the 916 is indeed a rare car. Based on the 914/6, the 916 sported new aerodynamic front and rear bumpers, a fixed steel roof, wider wheels, a double grilled engine lid and 914/6 styled GT flared fenders. Two engines were available; the 190hp 2.4 from the 911S and the 210hp 2.7 from the Carrera. 7-inch wide Fuchs, ventilated disk brakes and a mid-engine version of the 915 transmission were also used. Only one 916 was built to US specs. This car was delivered to Brumos Porsche where it was fitted with air conditioning. With the 190hp 2.4S engine, the 916 was the fastest accelerating road sports car Porsche built at the time and was capable of a top speed of 145 mph. It wasn't until the introduction of the 1975 911 Turbo that this speed was eclipsed!

In 2010, the "Mid US Ramble" (MUSR), an annual event co-sponsored by the 914

Special Interest Group, was held in east Tennessee. This was quite a departure from the previous ten events which were all held much further west in states such as Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Unfortunately, my 914 was not running at that time (had a '75 2.0). So I packed my bags and took the hour or so trip from Sevierville to Vonore in a Honda (yeah, I know). I was eager to spend a weekend running around in a 914 with fellow "teeners". Only problem... I had to find someone with an empty passenger seat. Ended up, I was given a 914 to drive all day Friday and on Saturday found an empty seat. But I am getting ahead

**What really caught my eye was the Silver car being unloaded from a trailer – a real 916!**



of myself.

As I crested the hill entering the parking lot, the variety of colors that met my eyes was stunning. The colors available on the 914 are so bright and fun. Yellows, reds, blues, greens, oranges... looked like a parking lot full of Skittles or (my favorite) M&Ms. But what really caught my eye was the Silver car being unloaded from a trailer – a real 916! I remember thinking "Wonder who the lucky guy is that will have to babysit that car while every one else is out driving the Dragon."

What I didn't realize at the time is that I would be a passenger in that very rare car for an entire day! Running on vintage tires at speed on twisty roads may not be the brightest idea but it sure was fun. I figured if George felt safe, it was. So I held on and enjoyed the ride. I even got some video footage of a few runs. After MUSR, the 916 returned to its home at Automobile Atlanta in Marietta, GA. It had been several years since it was driven on the road. I am guessing it will be several years again before George brings it back out.

It is still hard to believe I rode in such a rare Porsche and something I will not soon forget.

Though the "mythical" aspect of the 916 has been dispelled, I consider myself lucky to have experienced firsthand such a unique part of Porsche history.



**TOP:** 916 VIN 9142330012

**ABOVE:** Leather dash of the 916

**LEFT:** Riding in the 916 on the Dragon

*Story & photos by Steven Schleif*

# TECHEVENT

Join us at the new location of Eurotech Knoxville for our first tech session of 2012! Rick has a new state-of-the-art alignment system from Hunter Engineering and is eager to discuss proper tires and alignment setups for our Porsches. Doughnuts and coffee will be served. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 4, at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!



## Monthly Social/Dinner Events

*It's not the cars, it's the people.*

**Feb. 7** - Don Pablo's @ 7:00pm  
East Towne Mall (Knoxville Center)

**Mar. 17** - Puleo's @ 7:00pm  
Merchants Drive in Knoxville

**Apr. 10** - Sullivan's @ 7:00pm  
Maryville



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# AUTOCROSS NEWS 2012



All 2012 Autocrosses will all be held at Splash Country in Pigeon Forge, TN

**March 24th** - Autocross School. Activities are set to begin at 10:00am.

**April 29** - part of Spring Thing 2012 festivities. Autocross will be held on Sunday.

**May 19** - Saturday autocross

**November 11** - final autocross as part of Fall Fest 2012. Autocross will be held on Sunday.

For the most up to date info on autocrosses and other Smoky Mountain Region events, please visit the web site at <http://www.smtPCA.org>

## Harper Infiniti Press Release

From: Bill Johnson, Marketing Manager, Harper Dealerships

Harper Infiniti is pleased to announce that the Red Bull Formula 1 World Championship winning race car, sponsored by Infiniti, will be on display Saturday February 4th. at Harper Infiniti, 9737 Kingston Pike. The Red Bull Formula 1 Team has won the last two Formula 1 World Championships for both constructors and drivers. The car will be on display all day and everyone is invited to come to Harper Infiniti to see this rare racer. Enjoy free refreshments will be served in the showroom and register for free door prizes to be given away.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see the Formula 1 World Championship winning Red Bull racer Saturday February 4th at Harper Infiniti, 9737 Kingston Pike.



# DER MARKET

## Oil Temperature Gauge

This came out of my 1978 930. Includes 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

71,500 miles. New top. Seats professionally redyed. Last of the torsion bar cars. G50 5-speed. \$29,500

Call Nick Imperato for more details 865-776-8097



## 1983 Porsche 944

New red paint job with body work complete. Interior also finished with new black carpet and new dash pad. Car has A/C but does not work. The clutch is slipping. The car runs but needs tuning to run better. Asking \$2000. Also have another 944 parts car.

Call James (owner) 423-667-1438 or John (dad) at 423-365-5406 or Patty at 423-884-2678

## Harness Bars

Weldmaster.

One for 911 SCs and 1980s Carrera. One for 944s.

Both in excellent condition.

\$50 each.

Tommy Wilson

423-333-5899



Der Market is a free service to PCA members. Ads will run in both the printed newsletter and on the website at [smtpca.org](http://smtpca.org)  
Send your ads to Steven Schleif at [smschleif@gmail.com](mailto:smschleif@gmail.com)

## COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING RATES

### PRINT ADS - annual fee

\$250	Full Page ~8x6.5
\$200	Half Page ~4x6.5 or ~8x3.25
\$150	1/4 Page ~4x3.25
\$100	1/8 Page ~2x3.25

Inside front cover: Add \$100 to above rates

Inside back cover: Add \$100 to above rates

Back cover (half page): Add \$100 to half-page rate

All print ads include a FREE text link on the web site

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### WEB SITE ADS - annual fee

\$25	Link on web site "Links" page
\$75	Banner Link on web site (includes text link on "Links" page)

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Help make **Smoke Signals** the best it can be. Submit your:

**Articles**

**Photos**

**For Sale items**

to Steven Schleif at [smschleif@gmail.com](mailto:smschleif@gmail.com)

# YOUR AD HERE!

An advertisement for Steven Schleif's services. It features a colorful, abstract background. On the left is a logo for "PHOTO DESIGN" with a stylized "S" and "D" intertwined. To the right, the text lists services: "Graphic Design • Digital and Print • Apparel • Photography • Photo Restoration &amp; Manipulation • Web Design • Hosting • Management • SEO". Below this is the name "Steven Schleif" in a script font, followed by the email "steven@stevenschleif.com" and the phone number "865.660.2481". At the bottom, the website "www.stevenschleif.com" and the address "914 Chris Haven Dr N • Seymour TN 37865" are listed.

# PORSCHE... THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

# 2012 CALENDAR of EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Jan 4	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	6:30pm
Jan 10	Monthly Social/Dinner	Abuelo's/Turkey Creek	7:00pm
Jan 14	Vic's Magical Mystery Tour	Puleo's Grill/Straw Plains	10:30am
Feb 4	Tech Event	Eurotech Knoxville	9:00am
Feb 7	Monthly Social/Dinner	Don Pablos - East Town Mall	7:00pm
Feb 18	Great Porsche Show Off	Regal Cinema - Turkey Crk	10:00am
*Feb 25	Show Off Snow Date	Regal Cinema - Turkey Crk	10:00am
Mar 17	St. Patrick Social/Dinner	Puleo's/Merchants Dr.	7:00pm
Mar 24	Autocross School	Splash Country	10:00am
Apr 10	Monthly Social/Dinner	Sullivan's - Maryville	7:00pm
Apr 18	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	6:30pm
Apr 27-29	Spring Thing	Townsend, TN	TBA
May 5	Tech Event	Harpers Porsche	8:30am
May 8	Monthly Social/Dinner	Latitude 35 - Downtown	7:00pm
May 19	Autocross	Splash Country	TBA
June 12	Monthly Social/Dinner	Aubrey's - Middlebook Pk	7:00pm
June 23	New Member Social & Drive Out	TBA	TBA
July 8-14	Porsche Parade	Salt Lake City, UT	
July 17	Monthly Social/Dinner	Outback - Oak Ridge	7:00pm
July 18	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	6:30pm
Aug 4	Nick's Italian Dinner	Nick Imperato's House	TBA
Aug 18	Detailing Your Car	Mike Parker's House	TBA
Aug 25	Day Drive Out	TBA	TBA
Aug 31-Sept 2	Rennfest	Peachstate/GA	
Sept 11	Monthly Social/Dinner	Calhoun's - Turkey Creek	7:00pm
Sept 15	Tech Event	TBA	TBA
Sept 29	Day Drive out	TBA	9:00am
Oct 9	Monthly Social/Dinner	Cafe 4 - Downtown	7:00pm
Oct 17	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	6:30pm
Oct 20	2013 Planning Meeting	TBA	9am-noon
Nov 6	Tech Event	TBA	TBA
Nov 10-11	Fall Fest 2012	TBA	
Nov 13	Monthly Social/Dinner	Angelo's - Lenoir City	7:00pm
Dec 8	Holiday Party	Jubilee Banquet	7:00pm



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