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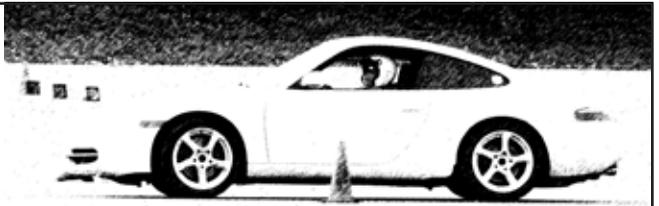
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# From the President



I hope everyone is having a good summer so far!

Porsche Parade is this month in Salt Lake City. I think a few members are heading out there so please be sure to take some pictures and maybe a short article for our next newsletter. I was fortunate enough to attend Parade last year and it is definitely worth the trip if you ever have the opportunity to go.

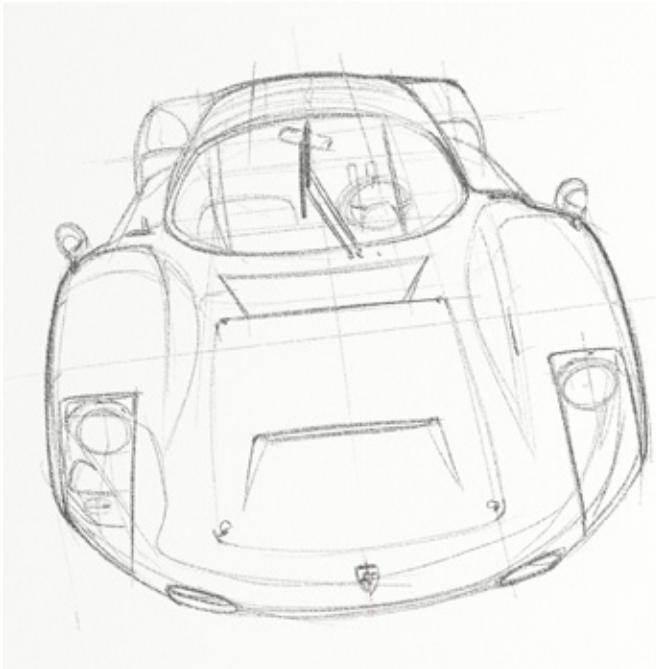
Due to Parade this month, our monthly social is being held the third Tuesday of the month.

Rich McGowan is coordinating a driveout on July 21st to the Greeneville, Tennessee area. The destination is Brown's Garage, which I have heard is a pretty neat place. It will be great to see you there.

I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Terry and Patty Ashworth on the loss of his father last month. You are both in our thoughts and prayers. We love you!

Keep cool this summer and I hope to see you at an event soon!

*Jamis*  
President



## Upcoming Events

### July 17 - Monthly Social / Dinner at Outback Steakhouse in Oak Ridge

Join us at 7:00pm for food and socializing with fellow PCA members at Outback Steakhouse in Oak Ridge.

### July 15 - TN Region Autocross

Contact TN Region for more information.

### July 18 - Board Meeting

6:30pm at Eurotech Knoxville. All members welcome.

### July 21 - Drive to Brown's Garage

Brown's Garage is a favorite tour destination for local automobile clubs. Once there, we can enjoy his cars and memorabilia at our leisure.

## HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

• Several members are heading to 'In Den Bergen' in the Carolina mountains in August. The Carolinas Region / PCA event is a Peoples Choice concours, held on the grounds of the Waynesville Country Club. Last year's event drew 60+ cars!

• Labor Day has several Region members heading south to the Georgia mountains... the Brasstown Valley Resort. Here, Peachstate region is once again hosting Rennfest - a four day event which includes a concours, TSD rallye, autocross (new site this year...), plus banquets and socials. This event is as close to a Parade as you're gonna get.

• Rich and Wendy McGowans' daughter has been accepted at Georgetown University, starting this fall. Congratulations, Shelby!!!

• Speaking of the McGowans... a family vacation in Italy provided an unexpected audio pleasure. Upon leaving the Ferrari factory, an F1 motor was being tested, and the sound of the engine permeated the air. Rich got the sounds on tape! Unbelievable...

• Trouble at the top? Rumor has it that long time Panorama editor Betty Jo Turner is stepping, or has been asked to step, down. On top of that, long time rising star Ruben Ledesma, currently VP, has resigned, and is not on the list of officers for PCA National for 2013. What up?

*Vic Rola*

## DRIVE OUT - July 21

NEWPORT/GREENEVILLE



Join us on July 21st for a midsummer driveout to the Greeneville, Tennessee area.

There will be two meeting locations so you may choose the one that is most convenient. The first group will meet at Puleo's Grille at Strawberry Plains exit and I-40 at 8:30 a.m. then travel to meet the second group, which will meet at the rest area 1.5 miles east of exit 417 on I-40 at 9:00 a.m. Once together, we will caravan on secondary roads on our way to Brown's Garage.

Brown's Garage is a favorite tour destination for local automobile clubs. Once there, we can enjoy his cars and memorabilia at our leisure.

A BBQ lunch will be catered at 11:30 a.m. There are tables on site and the cost for lunch will be \$10 per person.

Our trip back will be essentially "on your own" via interstate or roads of your choice.

Preregistration is required by e-mailing Rich at [rmcgowan@jenkins-insurance.com](mailto:rmcgowan@jenkins-insurance.com) or call him at 423-748-5778.

# UPCOMING ZONE 3 EVENTS

*From Zone 3 Rep Bob Saville*

**July 14-15**

**Carolinas Region: Drivers Ed at Atlanta Motorsports Park**

I may be wrong, but I think this the first OFFICIAL Drivers Ed for a PCA region at the new Atlanta Motorsports Park in Dawsonville, GA. (the Peachstate DE in May had to be postponed). From the video I've seen of this brand new track, it looks to be awesome to drive!! Registration is open, but please be sure to check the rules of the track before you sign up, especially the sound restrictions. Registration at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net)

**August 10-12**

**Carolinas Region: "In den Bergen" in Waynesville, NC**

People's Choice Concours on the golf course at The Waynesville Inn Golf Resort and Spa. This is a great, low key event in the beautiful mountains of western NC with some of the best roads in the country. Driving Tours, concours, golf tournament, wine and beer tastings, etc....IDB has become a premier event for the Carolinas Region...you don't want to miss it! Details at [www.carolinas-pca.com](http://www.carolinas-pca.com) and registration at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net).

**August 11-12**

**Peachstate Region: Drivers Ed at Road Atlanta**

Peachstate Region will be back at Road Atlanta for another great weekend on the track they'll be running Petit LeMans in October. Registration at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net)

**August 31-Sept 3**

**Peachstate Region: Rennfest**

The forth of the year, and one of the biggest Multi Event weekends in Zone 3, held at beautiful Brasstown Valley Resort. Concours, TSD Rally, RC Autocross, Tech Quiz, and regular Autocross (at a new 5 acre location!!). A weekend not to be missed, it has something for everyone. Go here for more information and to register: <http://www.peachstatepca.org/Articles/Article/287>

**September 22-23**

**Coastal Empire Region: Drivers Ed at Roebing Road**

Come down to a great laid back event at a very historic Southeastern track. And don't forget about the BBQ!! Registration at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net)



# SOLO DRIVE REPORT - June 2012

Article and photos by Terry Ashworth

I'm not retired yet but my oilfield job offers the next best thing, in that I work for two weeks then get to spend two weeks at home. For the math challenged that means I work half the year and the rest of my time is relatively free. Almost like a vacation every two weeks. While I was home most recently I decided to retrace some roads I'd ridden when I was a motorcyclist, only this time I'd be in the AWD Turbo instead of on my former BMW motorcycle.

The main part of the loop begins at Wartburg, TN. The roads between Knoxville and Wartburg are pretty boring especially now they've 4-laned most of 62 between Schoolhouse Corners and Wartburg. From Wartburg I took 29/27 north towards Elgin, TN. To those interested in "making time" pass any slow movers on the short section of 4-lane north of Wartburg. Once you pass the Hwy 62 turn-off you'll be stuck behind them for most of the way to Sunbright. The road is mostly double yellow lines except for a short section before Sunbright.

If you want to have a meal at the Harrow Road Café in Rugby, TN you'll stay on 27/29 north of Sunbright until you get to Elgin, TN. This whole section of 27/29 is nicely paved, free of potholes and is a delightful sinewy piece of asphalt. If you don't want to eat in Rugby it is possible to take Burrville Road which turns off Hwy 27/29 at the north end of Sunbright. (It's the yellow road that isn't named on the map. Warning, although this road is fun on a motorcycle, it's a tad narrow so you'll need to keep a weather eye out ahead for oncoming traffic.

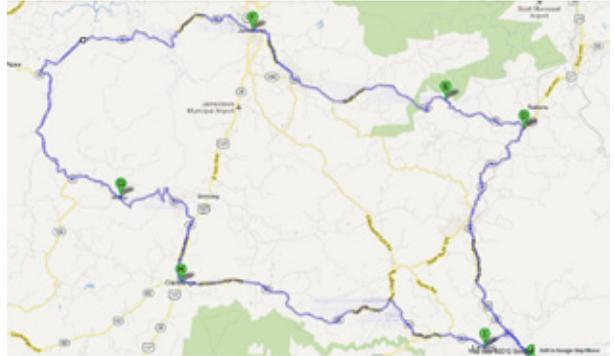
Anyway, on a previous run through the area I'd spotted a potential picture location so today I would be following the roads to Rugby. In Elgin, turn left onto Hwy 52. The early part of this road is also a fun ride until you see the road works sign. It looks like there is going to be a bypass for Rugby eventually, because shortly after the road works end you'll see the 45 mph speed limit signs marking your arrival at the historic town of Rugby.

Speaking from experience, the breakfasts are quite good. I've never sampled the fare later in the day. They do allow Porsches to park, strictly DIY, so you can leave your valet key at home. LOL!

Shortly after exiting the west end of Rugby, TN you'll see a sharp left turn. Choices, choices! Do I speed up and see how much faster than 25 mph I can go or do I stop and take a picture. Today I stopped for a picture. The R.M Brooks store is a little short on supplies. The Gulf pumps were removed long ago, there are enough holes in the roof that the dry goods are probably good and wet by now. I didn't see any groceries on the shelves. But if you have a notion to stop for a picture they can provide a background for that.

Referring back to the map we are located just past the "E" where Hwy 52 bends to the left. Shortly after R.M. Brooks store there is a three way (destined to become 4 way) stop. Hwy 52 goes to the right and it appears that the Rugby bypass I alluded to earlier will rejoin 52 at this intersection. Going straight at the intersection will dump you on a series of back roads and it is possible to wend your way onto Burrville Road. However, I don't know why you'd do this as the back roads are not very good.

Anyway, pressing along Hwy 52 towards Jamestown one will pass through Alhardt. Home of the Giant Pumpkin and



For those with an appetite you might want to stop here.



host of the October Great Pumpkin Festival, the town was founded by Frederick Allardt and Bruno Gernt who brought a group of Germans from Michigan to the area to settle it. LOL! It took longer to type all that than it did to pass through the metropolis of Alhardt.

The next town on Hwy 52 is Jamestown. Having missed breakfast in Rugby I was looking for a MacDonalds. PCM 3.0 pointed me in the right direction, unfortunately MacDonalds were closed for remodelling. An icing covered cinnamon and raisin biscuit at Hardees would have to suffice. They weren't kidding either! That biscuit had ONE raisin in it!

Fueled up, I continued west on Hwy 52. Just west of Jamestown is a roadside table set in a rather large cave. The geologist in me noted the harder sandstones provided the roof of the cave while the softer shales had eroded away leaving the sandstone overhanging. That's why I'm not actually parked in the cave. One can never tell when that sandstone roof may decide to fall in. I don't know if Griots Garage and Mike Parker's detailing class have a solution for that kind of paint problem!

West of Jamestown Hwy 52 is a roller coaster and generally downhill almost all the way to Alpine. TNDOT are working on straightening the road and making new bridges on this stretch, so watch out for workers, loose gravel and road works towards the Jamestown end. There is only one traffic light associated with the highway work. Any unladen logging trucks you encounter will be moving pretty quick because they know the road. If you do this route in reverse, then you'll be following laden logging trucks generally uphill into Jamestown.

Just before Alpine get ready to take a left turn onto Hwy 85. You'll see this on your right shortly after the turnoff

This is part of the Plateau oil field. Relatively viscous oil and no gas or aquifer drives to push the oil to the surface results in the need for the pump jacks. If you do this drive in the spring or fall with the windows open you'll be in no doubt where the wells are. The smell of crude oil is, well, crude. That's enough work for me, so on with the drive.

The map doesn't really do justice to Hwy 85 (aka Wilder Highway and Wilder Road) which is a largely super bit of road which winds over two ridges so there are hair-pin turn sections at the Alpine end and then again at the Clarkrange end. In the flatter part of the valley before getting to the first section of hair-pin turns some of the bends are tighter than they look, so be wary.

No photos of this part of the drive. I did take a video of the section of road from Wilder down the gorge to where Big Laurel Creek joins the Obey River. LINK: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGxKIXVWMBI>

There is a section of this road where the gorge seems to be undermining the road (see the concrete dividers in the video). This section is narrow particularly heading from west to east so be ready for oncoming traffic. Some of the asphalt in the gorge area is deteriorating and it results in a fine gravel on the road surface. This is like driving on marbles especially if you encounter any of it in a corner. Once you cross the Obey River the road surface is less broken up.

Once out of the gorge it's a pretty straight run back to Wartburg. Hwy 85 will intersect Hwy 127. I turned right (south) and followed 127 down into Clarkrange. Not that I needed any, but there is a Sunoco (100% gas no ethanol) station in Clarkrange at the intersection of 127 and Hwy 62 (aka Nashville Highway). Turn left onto 62 and stay on this Hwy until it intersects Hwy 27/29 (sound familiar?) just north of Wartburg. The Lancing end of this highway is definitely more interesting than the Clarkrange end. So get your passing done near Clarkrange on the straight section of road with good sightlines so you're not stuck behind anything slow once the road gets interesting... Interesting, this was the only section of the drive where I encountered Officers of the Law and neither were shooting radar that day.

Make a note of the intersection with Hwy 298 (joining you from the right). This road was the one I drove back along from the Crossville driveout in May. It, too, is a wonderful section of road, well worth a drive along.

Depending on how much you stop and how leaden your right foot is (the Turbo managed 22.3 mpg), I'd allow a healthy four or five hours for this drive, possibly even longer depending on where about in Knoxville you start.



One more Turbo love. OK, I fess up, I didn't see the red graffiti hearts until after I took the photo.

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This is the Suncoast Porsche kit selling on their site for \$359. Never installed. (I sold the car before I finished modifying it). The kit is complete, all parts are present and unused. I only opened the box to check the parts list and insure everything was included when I received it.

**Fitment:** According to Suncoast this kit is sold for 987 Cayman or Cayman S 2006 – 2008 MY

**Note:** this radiator is already installed in Tiptronic equipped cars so this kit is for manual transmission cars only.

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**Contact:** Terry at TJA1@comcast.net (865)483-0419

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<http://www.porschemesh.com/cayman.html>

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# 2012 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Time
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
July 21	Drive Out	Newport area	8:30am
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	Knox Performance & Dyno	9:00am
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 3	Tech Event	Eurotech Knoxville	9:00am
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

## DRIVE OUT to BROWN'S GARAGE - July 21 (see pg. 4)

### *Monthly Social/Dinner Events*

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

July 17 - Outback @ 7:00pm - Oak Ridge



## **AUTOCROSS NEWS 2012**



### **SEE YOU IN THE FALL!**

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

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