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# From the President



First off, I want to give a big thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended Spring Thing. Although the weather was marginal, everyone had a wonderful time. I heard so many positive comments from attendees that it makes all the work worthwhile. I was fortunate enough to be able to meet some members for the first time this weekend and really enjoyed it. That's what this club is all about!

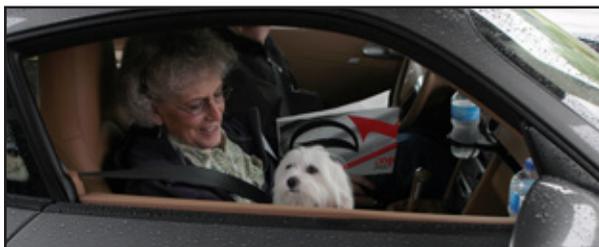
Our first overnight driveout in over a year is coming up this month. I hope many of you will be able to attend. Vic's driveouts always leave members with fabulous roads to enjoy and good company! Please be sure to contact him via e-mail to let him

know you are going.

Lastly, when I run into someone driving a Porsche, I always invite them to join our club. I would encourage you all to do the same. It's so much fun meeting new people and sharing our common bond - Porsche.

I hope to see you at an event soon!

*Janis*  
President



## HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

• *The damp weather did not dampen the spirits of the Spring Thing participants this year! We had thirty-seven entrants, which is a little above average. Cars from year 1972, to 2011. Air cooled and water cooled. Non turbo, single turbo, and twin turbo. We even had a total of five... count 'em five... Cayenne trux!!!*

• *The kids of our and sister Regions are beginning to recognize each other... Overheard at Spring Thing was Michael and Courtney Robbins' daughter, Eva, shouting ... "There's Dylan!" Dylan being the son of Greg and Patsy DeBord.*

• *Multiple Regions showed up for Spring Thing... our own, of course; Tennessee Region; Peachstate Region; Musik Stadt Region; Ohio Valley Region; and Heart of Dixie Region.*

• *Next years' site for Spring Thing? The General Morgan Inn,*

*Greenville, TN, the weekend of April 25, 26 + 27.*

• *The revenge of the 944s? Greg DeBord and Vic Rola both put one of these Porsche types in their stables in April, adding to the one that Lynn Sheeley put in his stable last year, and the one that Jonathan Foulds started racing the year before that!*

*Vic Rola*  
Vice President

# ... AND IT RAINED (a Spring Thing 2013 Report)

By Vic Rola

Spring Thing has been a southeast tradition and a Smoky Mountain Region core event for over thirty years now. A minority of those have been held in wet conditions. Unfortunately, the 2013 edition of the event fell in that 'wet' category. The event organizers knew of the wet nature of the weekend, going in, but what are you going to do? Several adjustments to the weekend were made, and on we went.

The event started at mid-afternoon Friday, as event participants began arriving at the Valley View Lodge in Townsend, TN. The weather on Friday was nice, with no indication that it was soon to turn gray and wet. Our registration area was manned by SMT volunteers, with car numbers, registration packets, and gift bags being handed out. At about 6:00PM, Rich and Carol

Neubauer started preparing a hot dog dinner for all comers. Rich and Carol live in Townsend and were more than eager to pitch in. Thanks guys!

Saturday morning, our own Tom Sullivan provided bagels and breakfast sweets... yumsters! It didn't rain Saturday until fifteen minutes before the concours started. A back-up plan to parking the cars on the grass for inspection was using the Lodge's portico drive through to stage each individual car and have the judges inspect each car as it was presented there. Mike Parker was the chief judge for the weekend, and his handpicked judging crew went to work. About fourteen cars braved the scrutineering, with some very nice examples being shown, including the 'garnet red metallic' 928 of Greg and Lynn Gratkowski, the 996 of Jerry Thompson, and the C2 of our very own Bob Southerland. Results of the concours follow the article.

Immediately following the concours judging, Clyde Peery held a pre-rallye 'school'. The school was held in the same section of the Lodge where registration was the previous evening. As a matter of fact, the entire event revolved around that area. Once the school was complete, lunch was served to the event participants, courtesy of Subway.

Clyde Peery, ably assisted by both Mike Parker and Allan Cox, laid out a TSD rally on the neat roads that surround Townsend. The rally started at the Lodge at 1:00PM Saturday, as the rain

continued. Unfortunately, the rain scared off about half of the scheduled participants, so the remaining twelve participating cars went forward. Clyde had secured multiple checkpoint teams, and they waited for the arrival of the cars. Weather contributed negatively to the outcome, with fewer than half of the entries making the full rally. Results follow the article.

Our banquet Saturday night was packed... not only with event participants, but with great food (thank you Suzan Bowman + Miss Lilly's Catering), and with a whole host of door prizes! Jim Cambron, our Zone Rep, spoke to us about the goings on not only at PCA, but Porsche, also. Looks as though some exciting times are ahead... Several members were recognized during the evening, including Rick + Janis Berry, for supporting the clubs activities through their firm, Eurotech; Cliff Killion for his behind the scenes work at the event; and Steve Schleif for his work as our web guy.

Another great Spring Thing is in the books. Next year's event will be at the General Morgan Inn in Greeneville, TN, the last full weekend in the month of April, 2014.

This years' autocross at Spring Thing was cancelled due to weather concerns.

*Vic Rola*

Vice President

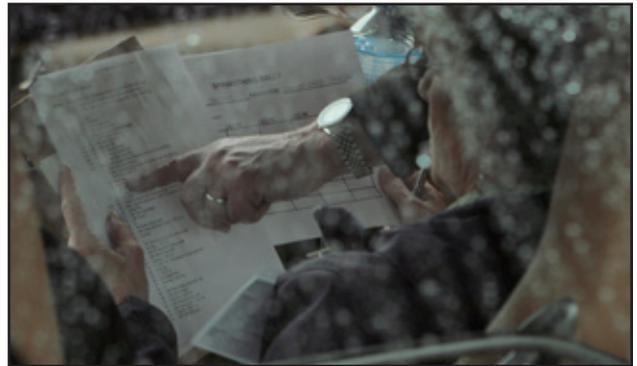


# SPRING THING '13 PHOTOS



**Clockwise from Above:** Concours Judges listen to the owner of this Carrera S 3.8 tell his story • Judge Bob Hutchins reaches into the engine bay in search of dirt as he judges Jim Cambron's Turbo • Last minute Rally instructions • The DeBord family during safety inspection before the Rally • Vic Rola safety checks a 911 Cab as the driver prepares to begin the first leg of the Rally • Judging begins on a Boxster ("sorry, Bob... there won't be engine bay judging on this one.")

All Photos by Steven Schleif



# SPRING THING '13 PHOTOS



**Spring Thing 2013...  
A near washout with  
rainfall breaking a 24  
hour record that was set  
exactly 139 years ago.**



*Above: Wet Porsches awaiting their turn to be judged.  
Left: "und der Haifisch hat der Zahne..." Greg Gratkowski  
does some quick cleanup to his 928 before judging begins.  
Below: Looking down at the judging area under the  
motel's drive-thru portico.*

*All Photos by Steven Schleif*



# SPRING THING '13 RALLY RESULTS

Reported by Clyde Peery - Treasurer

**17 cars** registered for the rally but almost half elected not to venture out.

**9 cars** made it to the ODO and the 1st check point.

**6 cars** made it to the 2nd check point.

**4 cars** made the 3rd and 4th (final) check points.

In addition we had 4 cars participating in the tour version of the rally and it is hoped that they will feel confident enough to register for the rally next time.

Much thanks to the following Rally workers who supported the four check points throughout the wet and cold afternoon.

**Starters:** Allan Cox, Rick and Janis Berry

**Tech Check:** Vic Rola

**Check Points 1 & 3:** Dale and Mary Nell Biehler, Bob Hutchins, Clyde and Kathryn Peery

**Check Point 2:** Rich and Wendy McGowan, Lynn Sheeley III, Mike Parker

**Check Point 4:** Allan Cox, Rick and Janis Berry, Jim Cambron, Nick Imperato

Results	Driver	Navigator
1st place	Peter Burman	Jane Burman
2nd place	Michael Kennedy	Mary Kennedy
3rd place	Tom Huecker	Sharon Huecker
4th place (DALBF)	Jerry Thompson	Nancy Thompson

## LOOKING FOR A DRIVE-OUT?

By Vic Rola

R U hankerin' for a drive-out... just to enjoy the car... enjoy the roads... and be in the company of other Porsche enthusiasts? Well buckeee... Here you go...

The tour is in mid-May. May 18th + 19th to be exact. This tour will be an overnigher, so you'll have to pack a toothbrush!

Meeting at the rest area one mile east of exit #417 on I-40 East, we'll leave the rest area at 0900. Our first stop will be the Virginia state line rest area and then on to Marion, VA.

We'll lunch in Marion, after which we'll tour the recently named ... 'Back of the Dragon' ([www.backofthedragon.com](http://www.backofthedragon.com)), to Tazewell, VA.

The BOTD is 32 miles long,



and takes about sixty minutes to traverse. We'll spend ninety minutes in Tazewell to shop and look around their neat downtown area, and then return to Marion, via the BOTD. Marion is neat also, and we'll be staying at the General Francis Marion Hotel ([www.generalfrancismarionhotel.com](http://www.generalfrancismarionhotel.com)), so make your reservations there.

The Hotel is neat, and we've

managed a great rate for our stay. Parking is ample and some of it is even covered. We will have a catered buffet there, and a bar is also available to sip your favorite libation.

Our return roads will be less interstate and more of the two lane variety, leading through Damascus, VA, then Greeneville, TN, and home.

So, if you long for a tour... Here it is... To register for the event, contact me at ...

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*Vic Rola*

Vice President

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These are for a Generation 1 Cayman (2006 – 2008 MY).  
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# 2013 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Jan 9	Monthly Social/Dinner	Outback/Straw Plains	7:00pm
Jan 16	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	6:30pm
Jan 19	Vic's Drive	Greeneville, TN	9:00am
Jan 24-27	Daytona / Rolex	Daytona, FL	Weekend
Feb 13	Monthly Social/Dinner	Calhoun's/Turkey Creek	7:00pm
Feb 15-17	Winterfest	Chattanooga, TN	Weekend
Feb 23	Great Porsche Show Off	Regal Cinema/Turkey Cr.	10:00am
Mar 2	<i>GPSO Snow Date</i>	Regal Cinema/Turkey Cr.	10:00am
Mar 13	St. Patrick Social/Dinner	SmokyMtnBrew/M'ville	7:00pm
Mar 24	Open AutoX - postponed to 4/7	Splash Country	9:00am
Apr 3	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	6:30pm
Apr 7	Open Autocross	Splash Country	10:00am
Apr 10	Monthly Social/Dinner	Bel-Air Grill/Halls	7:00pm
Apr 26-28	Spring Thing	Townsend, TN	Weekend
May 4	Autocross	Pellissippi	10:00am
May 8	Monthly Social/Dinner	Don Pablo's/East Town	7:00pm
May 18-19	Overnight Drive / Back of the Dragon	Marion, VA	8:30am
May 25-27	Sommerfest	Carolina's Region PCA	Weekend
June 12	Monthly Social/Dinner	Aubrey's/Powell	7:00pm
June 23-29	Porsche Parade	Traverse City, MI	Week
July 10	Monthly Social/Dinner	Latitude 35/Downtown	7:00pm
July 20	Drive Out	TBA	TBA
July 24	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	9:00am
Aug 14	Monthly Social/Dinner	Grill Don Gallo/Hardin Valley	7:00pm
Aug 30-Sept 2	Rennfest	Peachstate PCA	Weekend
Sept 11	Monthly Social/Dinner	TX Roadhouse/East Town	7:00pm
Sept 28	Drive out	TBA	TBA
Oct 5	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	9:00am
Oct 5	2014 Planning Meeting	Eurotech Knoxville	10:00am
Oct 9	Monthly Social/Dinner	Wok Hay/Turkey Creek	7:00pm
Oct 19	Concours	Mike Parker's House	9:00am
Nov 13	Monthly Social/Dinner	Puleo's/North Knox	7:00pm
Nov 16-17	Fall Fest	Knoxville TN	Weekend
Dec 7	Holiday Party	TBA	TBA



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