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FROM the PRESIDENT

March is gone and with it our hopes of the first Autocross of 2014. Bad weather forced us to cancel the March 23 event.

April has us looking forward to Autocross School on the 6th and our premier event of the year, Spring Thing on the 25th through 27th.

The Autocross School on April 6 will be a good opportunity for those (like me), who have never done an autocross, to learn the basics and for veteran autocrossers to brush up on their skills.

On April 16 we are holding our New Member welcome, which will be hosted by Harper Porsche. Time is 6:00 – 8:00 PM and to adequately plan we are asking for an RSVP to rnflga@gmail.com or 407-491-3403 by April 13.

Spring Thing, our biggest event of the year, is almost here. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Smoky Mountain Region PCA and some special things are planned. Early registration points to a record attendance.

We are meeting at the historic General Morgan Hotel in Greeneville, TN. Our room block at the General Morgan is already filled and we are using the Hampton Inn for additional rooms.

The Concours will be on the street next to the hotel, a TSD Rally has been mapped out, and the Banquet at the hotel on Saturday is set.

On Sunday the Autocross course will be set up on the tarmac at the local airport.

It is going to be an exciting weekend! If you have not already registered, I encourage you to do so soon.

Looking ahead to May, we have an Autocross planned for May 18 and an overnight Drive-out May 31 – June 1.

Another item of note, for those planning on attending the Porsche parade this summer in Monterey, registration began on April 1.

Happy motoring and hope to see you soon!

Rich Neubauer

President

HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

• *As of 03.31.14, we have forty-four cars registered for Spring Thing, 2014. A new record! A few of those cars are coming in from Michigan, as well as Florida!*

• *Spring Thing plans are being finalized, even as you read this! The theme of the event is its 40th anniversary. Mike Parker, working in unison with Warren Sylvester and Paul Burch, are putting together both a slide show and a panel discussion about the events (and the Region's) early days. Should be truly neat!*

• *Bob Southerland, our Greeneville, TN member, has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to confirm our use of a city street for the concours, an artist showing at the Car Museum, proper local communication in the newspaper, as well as a lunch wagon at the autocross site, and the ever necessary 'porta-pottie' at the autocross site.*

• *Karl Miller, a long time Region member, has*

been making some rumblings lately that he's getting back into the Porsche club family again. He still has his '73.5 911 (that he autocrossed very successfully twenty+ years ago), and is building a hot street '66 Mustang, and plays with an International Scout when he gets the chance. Recently, he took a trip to look at a race-prepared 914/4. Keep us posted Karl!

Vic Rola

Vice President

From the Driver's Seat



As I write this, we are approaching the second tendar of April. Where does time go?

Since last month's newsletter, our

Region has held two events including an auto-cross school (see article below) and a social. I was really looking forward to the school but it fell on my granddaughter's 5th birthday. It's not too difficult to guess which event got priority that day :)

I had the opportunity to meet Karl Miller recently. He is looking to add a 914 to his garage and was directed to me for information (thanks, Vic!).

He met me after work one Thursday afternoon and we discussed all things 914 while he looked mine over. I then let him take it for a drive around the area roads. Even with some starting issues (bad relay board), Karl was impressed with the handling and feel of Porsche's mid-engine roadster. I am looking forward to seeing yet another 914 in the club :)

I still need entries for future Porsche Profile stories. This month features Mike Blizzard, a fellow 914 owner who recently joined the PCA ranks. Tired of seeing so much 914 coverage? Send me your profile info and I will be glad to feature YOU!

Steve
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Spring Autocross School

by Vic Rola

Weather is always a challenge in the spring... whether (no pun intended...) you're planting tulips, or having an autocross school. Sunday started out on the cooler side of things but warmed up nicely, and the sun even came out!

The school started off with a sit down classroom, and instructors Rick Berry, Carol Rola, and yours truly covered many aspects of autocrossing from tire and car prep, to safety in and out of the car, and a description of what was going to transpire during the course of the day.

Rick, Matt Garrett, and I set up a variety of exercises for the students to work through. The exercises included a launch pad leading into a braking/stop area; a slalom; off-set gates leading in to Chicago box; skid pad; and finally a

high speed sweeper leading into a sharp left hander.

The students were divided into small groups, and all rotated through the different exercises. Once all completed each section, we broke for lunch.

During the break, Rick, Matt and I put up an autocross, using all of the morning's exercises. At about 1:30PM, we held a quick drivers meeting and then lined up the students for an afternoon of autocrossing using all of things learned that morning.

Everyone had four attempts at the course, and true to form, everyone's times improved!

	<i>FIRST</i>	<i>LAST</i>
<i>Rich Neubauer</i>	<i>87.745</i>	<i>78.694</i>
<i>Matt Garrett</i>	<i>55.595</i>	<i>54.181</i>
<i>Sue Groves</i>	<i>80.729</i>	<i>71.655</i>
<i>Bruce Klassen</i>	<i>65.134</i>	<i>64.998</i>
<i>Bruce Klassen, Sr</i>	<i>75.069</i>	<i>DNS</i>
<i>Travis McGowan</i>	<i>72.301</i>	<i>64.652</i>
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<i>Kevin Brinkman</i>	<i>62.872</i>	<i>59.100</i>
<i>Nick Imperato</i>	<i>71.685</i>	<i>66.159</i>
<i>Pat Imperato</i>	<i>84.451</i>	<i>68.267</i>
<i>Rick Berry</i>	<i>58.314</i>	<i>55.610</i>

A good time was had by all!

Here We Go Again...

(an overnight drive coming up...)

by Vic Rola

Last year, we experimented with an overnight drive out in the late spring. The drive was to Marion, VA, and the drive was the Virginia DOT named highway – ‘Back of the Dragon’. We had about twelve cars do the drive, and it’s been decided to do it again. So... Here We Go Again.

This year’s drive is scheduled for Saturday May 31/Sunday June 01.

We’ll meet at 0830, Saturday morning, at the I-40 Rest Area, one mile east of exit 417. Once we get everyone in place and go over safety items, we’ll head out.

Our first stop is the Virginia state line rest area. From there, we’ll continue another forty-five minutes to the Francis Marion Hotel, in Marion. They will be allowing us to register early, and they’ll serve us lunch at 1130.

After lunch, we’ll run the Back of the Dragon. The drive is over thirty miles in length (one way), terminating in Tazewell, VA.

The roads are like those of our own Tail of the Dragon, but twice as long! We had a great time on

the roads last year, even though they were damp in some areas.

We’ll take a short break in Tazewell before heading back to Marion.

Once back, we’ll try to get the Hotel to open the Black Rooster bar a little early, and have some social time before our dinner there at 600PM. After dinner, it’s time to relax at the Black Rooster again.

Sunday morning, the Hotel will be opening their dining area early for us for their new brunch.

In a little change from last year, after brunch we’ll get together again and head home via the interstate system instead of the previously used secondary

roads. That’ll allow everyone to get back to Knoxville a little after mid-day.

So... interested?

Registration is required! RSVP with me at vicrola1@gmail.com.

Make your Hotel reservations directly with them, at 276.783.4800.

If you’d like to see what the Hotel looks like, go to www.gfmhotel.com.

Should be a great opportunity to be with your PCA friends again. Can’t wait to hear from you!

Drive-out to Marion VA

**Back
of the
Dragon**



Porsche Profile: Mike Blizzard

Mike Blizzard may be new to the Smoky Mountain Region PCA (he just recently joined), but he first began dabbling in the “poor man’s” Porsche back in 1987. With the purchase of a ‘71 914 that he describes as “a mess” due to large amounts of bondo and primer, Mike enjoyed the fact that, as he drove around in his truck, he could say, “My other car is a Porsche.”

Growing up working in his father’s machine shop, Mike was heavily influenced by American muscle cars and the typical approach to making a car “go fast”. Wanting to make something special out of his 914, Mike figured more displacement and compression would make a faster car. In his own words:

“It was a disaster. It ran at times but it would routinely spit parts out the tail pipe or the side of the case to express its displeasure with the approach. I eventually learned enough about the way the car worked to get it running and running well. We figured we were at about

145 HP and it was fairly drivable. But because I had cut open the muffler and removed all of the baffles, it was very loud. Eventually I went on to restore a number of 914s and even build one with a super charger. It melted down, of course, but it was a wild ride.”

When I first built the motor in the 1971, I had the timing 180 degrees off. Of course, it would not start but it would sputter a bit. So I concluded it was a fuel starvation problem and proceeded to pour fuel down the throttle body of a fuel injected car. Not bright so don’t try this at home!

We had not installed the muffler yet so when it did catch and run a bit from all of the excess fuel, it shot 20-foot flames out the heat exchangers! A cool display of fireworks, but my mother was within about 15 feet of the car and she was not happy. From that point on, Porsches were dangerous to her.

Fast forward to today and you will find Mike and his wife enjoying a beautiful 1975 Ancona Blue 914. For many years Mike had dreamed of getting another 914 and the dream was finally realized in 2012. In much better condition than his ‘71, Mike is slowly improving this 914 and doing it right. So far he has rebuilt the engine to 2056, replaced dual carbs with original D-jet fuel injection system, rebuilt the transmission, and replaced the interior.

When you see him at an event, ask him about the LED gauge lighting he has installed. Not only does it make the gauges much easier to see at night, but the color change at redline is pretty trick.

Still on the to-do list are suspension, wheels, and paint.



LEFT: Rebuilt drivetrain ready to install. With 96mm P/Cs, displacement was bumped to 2056.





ABOVE: Mike and wife Kim enjoy a drive on the Dragon with fellow 914 owners.

Photos submitted by Mike Blizzard

BELOW RIGHT: Mike and Kim pose with their '75 914 at Okteenerfest 2013.

BELOW: Flag mirrors from a late model Porsche are just one of many custom touches found on this 914.



Race Debut for the Porsche 919

Stuttgart. The season-opening race of the sports car World Endurance Championship WEC at Silverstone on 20 April marks the return of Porsche to top-level motorsport. On the storied British race track, the newly-formed Porsche Team campaigns two Porsche 919 Hybrid vehicles in the LMP1 class. In the GTE-Pro class, the Porsche Team Manthey squad fields a pair of Porsche 911 RSR. Silverstone hosts the first of eight WEC rounds this season, with the Le Mans 24 Hours as the ultimate highlight in June.



The single electric motor distributes its power to the two front wheels via a differential as needed. The highly advanced energy management unit for the battery is located near the centre of the vehicle.

The Porsche drivers

Six works drivers contest the LMP1 class on the Silverstone Circuit with the 919 Hybrid: Romain Dumas (France), Neel Jani (Switzerland) and Marc Lieb (Germany) share the cockpit of the number 14 vehicle, with Timo Bernhard (Germany), Brendon Hartley (New Zealand) and Mark Webber (Australia) teaming up in the number 20 prototype. Six works drivers tackle the GTE-Pro class with the Porsche 911 RSR: Joerg Bergmeister (Germany), Patrick Pilet (France) and Nick Tandy (Great Britain) in the number 91 vehicle with Marco Holzer (Germany), Frédéric Makowiecki (France) and Richard Lietz (Austria) in the number 92 sports car.

The Porsche race cars

The newly-developed Porsche 919 Hybrid is the most complex race car Porsche has ever put on wheels. Because the LMP1 regulations have stipulated a decrease in the allowable fuel quantity available per lap by around 30 percent compared to 2013, the vehicle has been designed for extreme performance and efficiency. With the combination of two different energy recovery systems and a downsized turbocharged engine, it also serves as a research platform for fundamental technology for future production models. The Porsche 911 RSR campaigned in the GTE-Pro class is based on the seventh generation of the iconic 911 sports car. The 470 hp winning racer from Weissach celebrated its race debut last season and promptly scored a brilliant double victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. For 2014, the 911 RSR received improvements in many areas. This season it has already clinched victories at the long distance classics at Daytona and Sebring.

The schedule

The six-hour race in Silverstone starts on Sunday, 20 April, at midday local time (13.00 hrs CEST) and is broadcast live on the internet under www.fiawec.com. Eurosport airs the final hour of the race live from 18.00 hrs CEST.

Sports prototypes and GT vehicles contest the sports car World Endurance Championship WEC in four classes: LMP1 (eg. Porsche 919 Hybrid), LMP2, LMGTE-Pro (eg. 911 RSR) and LMGTE-Am (eg. 911 RSR and 911 GT3 RSR). They all compete together in one race but are classified separately.

The 2014 races

20 April	Silverstone/Great Britain
03 May	Spa-Francorchamps/Belgium
14/15 June	Le Mans/France
20 September	Austin/USA
12 October	Fuji/Japan
02 November	Shanghai/China
15 November	Sakhir/Bahrain
30 November	Sao Paulo/Brazil

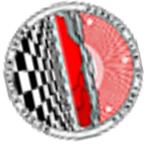
Article and photos from porsche.de



ABOVE: The Porsche 919 Hybrid is an example of extreme lightweight design. The chassis and all key body parts are made of carbon fiber.

BELOW: 2014 Porsche 919 Hybrid being chased by the 2014 Audi R18 e-tron quattro





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General Morgan Inn, at 423.787.1000*

2014 CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Apr 16	New Member Welcome/Social	Harper Porsche	6:00pm
Apr 25-27	Spring Thing	Greeneville, TN	Weekend
May 9	Monthly Social/Dinner	Sullivan's Maryville	7:00pm
May 18	Autocross	Pellissippi	9:00am
May 23-26	Sommer Fest	Carolinaz Region	-
May 31-Jun1	Overnight Drive	Marion, VA	-
Jun 12	Monthly Social/ Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
Jun 15-21	Porsche Parade	California	Week
July 7	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	TBA
July 9	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
July 19	Drive-out	TBA	-
Aug 12	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	6:00pm
Aug 23	Tech Event	TBA	7:00pm
Aug 29-Sep 1	Renn Fest	Peachstate Region PCA	-
Sep 11	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
Sep 13	Autocross	TBA	TBA
Sep 20-21	Overnight Drive	TBA	-
Oct 5	Concours OR Drive	TBA	-
Oct 8	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
Oct 18	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	TBA
Oct 18	2015 Planning Meeting	TBA	-
Oct 19	Autocross	TBA	-
Nov 8-9	Fall Fest	TBA	Weekend
Nov 13	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
Dec ??	Holiday Party	TBA	7:00pm

Calendar - as a member, YOU can help shape the club events.

Show up at the next Board Meeting and voice your ideas.

ALL members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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