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FROM the PRESIDENT

Well, we are finally home and our wonderful adventure is history. Carol and I had a great trip – 19 states, 2 Canadian provinces, 10,000 miles, 1 Porsche Parade, and all in 54 days.

The sights were spectacular, the people interesting and friendly, back roads (did you know some roads are really straight and flat, i.e. South Dakota?) provided more insight into how America lives, and the wine tasting along the west coast was most enjoyable. Having said this, it sure was fun when I got home to drive my Porsche after driving the pickup truck for 2 months.

It is good to be home!

July has been a quiet month as far as club activity goes.

A driveout to McCloud Mountain was held July 26,

after being rained out a week earlier. I saw a picture of the group on Janis' Facebook page and it looks like about 12 cars participated. The weather was great and I heard all had a good time.

I know Janis is working on Autocross dates, but have not yet been in touch with her to confirm Pellissippi has finally agreed to them. I will find out next week and let everyone know the status via Email.

A short article this month, but I am getting back up to speed after my trip and will have more on upcoming events in the weeks to come.

Happy motoring and hope to see you soon.

Rich Neubauer

President

HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

• *The Rick + Janis drive-out to McClung Mountain was a rousing success with thirteen Porsches participating. Even the weather co-operated (last year it rained). Thanks for putting this one on guys!!!*

• *Rennfest is Labor Day!!! This multi-event weekend draws close to 100 Porsches for concours, TSD rallye, and autocross. Looks like our Region will have seven cars there for the event at the Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, GA.*

• *Clyde Peery is still looking for participants in his annual Fall drive (09.20-21.14). This year's event will mirror last years, with Wytheville, NC being the over night. Interested? cpeery@mac.com*

• *Keep your eyes peeled on the calendar, as the*

Region has three autocrosses planned in the final quarter. Two of them will be at Splash Country in Pigeon Forge!

• *The 914 Registry event, Okteenerfest, is once again in our Region's area - Townsend specifically. Previous Zone Rep. Bob Saville and our own Webmaster/Newsletter Editor Steve Schleif are the event coordinators. September 25-27 are the dates. Interested in participating? smschleif@gmail.com*

Vic Rola

Vice President

RUMORS from the 'NET

Porsche is thought to be working on two new models to serve as bookends for the automaker's sports car lineup once the current 918 Spyder flagship is out of production. One will be an eight-cylinder supercar to rival the likes of the Ferrari 458 Italia and McLaren 650S and the other will be a lightweight speedster serving as a spiritual successor to the legendary Porsche 550 Spyder of the

1950s.

The latter is the focus of our latest report. The new speedster is expected to revive the 718 name last used on a Porsche race car in the 1960s, and just like the original it will be lightweight, mid-engined and powered by a four-cylinder boxer engine. Yes, the new 718 is expected to be the first model to

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From the Driver's Seat



Again, the monthly newsletter is greatly delayed (or perhaps it is right on schedule... mid month?)

The end of July and first

week of August were very hectic for me with my annual two-week trip to Las Vegas to shoot a pageant and the week back home recuperating!

I then flew to Illinois to pick up a "new" car from my cousin. Even though the '05 Jetta TDI has 160k, it appears practically new since my cousin took very good care of it from new.

The 10 hour drive home will probably be the longest I spend in the car for quite some time as my wife claimed it once I arrived in the driveway :)

That's OK, my 914 may not be as smooth or com-

fortable as the VW, but it is much more fun!

And speaking of fun... if you have a 914 or know someone who does, be sure to check out Okteenerfest coming up the last weekend in September.

With six weeks to go, we have 30 cars registered. We should easily reach the 40-car mark and may even hit 50 or more!

This year's event is special as we will be commemorating the Can Am 914s - the black/yellow and white/orange Limited Editions that were produced in '74. Looking to have the largest gathering of these rare 914s in the world.

Consider this an invitation to come out to Townsend on Saturday the 27th for the Peoples Choice Car Show where all the 914s will be presented. There is no admission fee. Just come on out and enjoy the show :)

Steve

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Overnight Tour - Sept. 20-21

The destination for this year's overnight tour will be Waynesville, NC, with drives on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Normally, we do not go back to the same location two years in a row, but I have had difficulty in finding a location that does not require a two-night minimum during this time of year.

Everyone who attended last year really enjoyed it, and the consensus was to return there. We will again be staying at the Oak Park Inn on Main Street, a short walk to the interesting shops and pubs in downtown Waynesville.

We will meet at Puleo's Grill parking lot - Exit 398/I-40 at the Strawberry Plains exit, at 8:45 am on Saturday morning. Our route will take us on I-40 to Maggie Valley and then onto the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Pack a picnic lunch, and we will eat at Water Rock Knob with its beautiful vistas. It is short drive from there to the Oak Park Inn, where we can check in after 1:00 pm.

This will give us plenty of time to socialize and explore the town. I will locate a place for us to eat on Saturday evening and Sunday morning for breakfast.



On Sunday we will return to the Blue Ridge Parkway and travel north to have lunch at the Mt. Pisgah Inn, then take I-40 for our return trip home.

This is what you need to do:

1) Log on to the Oak Park Inn website, www.oak-parkinn-waynesville.com and check their new website, which includes room options.

2) To make your reservations, call the Inn as soon as possible at (828) 456-5328. Let them know you are

with the Smoky Mountain Porsche Club. They will take your credit card number but will not charge it until Sept. 20.

3) E-mail me at: cpeery@mac.com and let me know the following:

Your name and the name of your passenger

Make, model, year and color of your car

Your cell # (s)

How many reservations for dinner Saturday, breakfast Sunday and lunch Sunday.

I will contact you when I get your information. I will also send additional information about the trip as we get closer to that time.

If you have questions, call me at (865) 719-6124 or e-mail me.

We'll have great fun as always,

Clyde & Kathryn Peery

The Art of Stealth Driving

(posted on the Early 911S Registry Forum by Registry member Haasman)

I started writing this several years ago. I thought with the recent discussion on police radar detectors it might be a good thread. This is what I have written so far

Why would you want to drive in an unobserved way? Because you have somewhere to go and you don't want to be delayed, or you want to avoid interactions with state and local authorities and possibly you like stepping out on the highways and not always observing the posted speed limits.

Stealth means unseen, ideally undetectable, a surreptitious procedure. Is it possible to actually speed down the road and not be caught or observed? Yes, believe it or not it is.

First The first rule in Stealth Driving is to always let a faster car pass you. Aside from emergency and police vehicles that have the right to overtake and pass you by law, there are major advantages to let the vehicle filling your review mirror go by you. For one, let them get the ticket. Even if they don't get caught since they are faster than you the likelihood of them being noticed is much greater. Let 'em by. For road ragers, cars that don't let them by is one of the primary fuses to inciting their rage.

Second Don't hang out in the left lane. Most if not all highways have at least two lanes going in each direction. Once you've gone

around someone pull back into the right lane. Police always will look to the left lane for faster cars first.

Third Read traffic. If you notice that the cars ahead of you are bunching up, there is probably a good reason. Maybe a very slow vehicle ahead, rough road conditions, a speed trap, an accident. Watch what the traffic is doing constantly, not only ahead but also behind you. Watch traffic patterns going the opposite direction.

Fourth Constantly scan the road, the road surface, and the sides of the road, behind you and in front of you. Drive your car like you are riding a motorcycle where the surface quality matters. Matters so much that knowing what the surface quality and conditions are could save your life!

Fifth If you were a cop, where would you look for speeders?



2014 CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Aug 23	Tech Event	TBA	TBA
Aug 29-Sep 1	Renn Fest	Peachstate Region PCA	-
Sep 11	Monthly Social/Dinner	Downtown Brewery	7:00pm
Sep 13	Autocross	TBA	TBA
Sep 20-21	Overnight Drive	TBA	-
Oct 5	Concours OR Drive	TBA	-
Oct 8	Monthly Social/Dinner	Outback, Oak Ridge	7:00pm
Oct 18	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	6:00pm
Oct 18	2015 Planning Meeting	TBA	10:00am
Oct 19	Autocross	TBA	TBA
Nov 8-9	Fall Fest	TBA	TBA
Nov 13	Monthly Social/Dinner	Don Pablo's	7:00Wpm
Dec ??	Holiday Party	TBA	7:00pm

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feature Porsche's new four-cylinder boxer engines. Additional models will include next-generation versions of the Boxster and Cayman.

Underpinning the 718 will be the same platform as that found in the Boxster. But the car will be devoid of most luxuries, finally giving certain Porsche fans the purist sports car they've been seeking. Note, the 718 isn't expected to be much cheaper than what you'll currently pay for a Boxster; instead, expect pricing of the Boxster and Cayman models to slowly creep upwards.

According to CAR, the target weight for the 718 is 1,190 kilograms (2,623 pounds), which is around 120 kg (264 lbs) lighter than the Boxster. The weight savings are said to be brought about by the smaller engine plus a stripped-out cabin, Perspex rear window and manual-fitting canvas roof.

As for the powertrain, the 718 is expected to feature in base trim a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder good for 286 hp and 295 lb-ft of torque. A larger 2.5-liter unit will also be available, offering 360 hp and 347 lb-ft. A six-speed manual will be standard, with a seven-speed PDK dual-clutch offered as an option.

In the styling department, look for retro cues from the 550 Spyder and original 718. The wheelbase is said to be the same as that of the Boxster, but the overhangs made shorter. Finally, a pair of rollover hoops are said to sit behind the seats.

The launch of the 718 is said to happen sometime in 2016, with the launch coinciding with the arrival of facelifted versions of the Boxster and Cayman.

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