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FROM the PRESIDENT

August has been a month to regroup and get back into the swing of things. I am catching up on things around the house (did you know weeds do not take a vacation?) and also on Region matters.

As far as club activity goes, August has been another quiet month. Our social on August 12th had a grand total of eight people attending, two folks new to our Region, having recently transferred from another Region. Several of our members attended Rennfest, a Labor Day Weekend event sponsored by the Peachstate Region.

Coming up in September we have our Monthly Social on the 11th at Downtown Grill & Brewery, an Autocross on the 14 at Splash Country, and an over-night Driveout to Waynesville, NC on the 19th and 20th. I hope you can join us for these events.

We have finally nailed down the Autocross dates for the rest of this year. In addition to September 14,

we are planning one October 11 at Pellissippi State College and another November 9 at Splash Country.

Other activities for the rest of the year include Fall Fest November 8-9, Christmas Party December 2, and a Tech Session TBA.

All are invited to attend PCA's Escape to Orlando at Disney' Coronado Springs Resort November 8-9. This event has no competitive events; it is purely social in nature. You can go to www.pca.org for more information. Register by September 19th and you could drive home on a set of new tires (see website for details).

Happy motoring and see you soon..

Rich Neubauer

President

HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

- Lynn Sheeley III is finalizing his latest project. Just out of the paint booth is his 356 notchback in light ivory. First photos look great!
- Hans Joerg Goeritz's project build, a 1972 911ST, hit the streets of Knoxville about a month ago. Father and son, Cornelius, had been working on the car for over eighteen months.
- Peter and Paula Lepir couldn't stand being without a drop top so they recently added a very nice used Boxster to their stable. Had to put a garage lift in to accommodate the new toy.
- Rick Berry and I managed to conquer the entire rallye field at Rennfest this year, trouncing all en-

trants to a first overall!

- Interested in the Porsche 914? Drive out to Townsend on Saturday September 27 and check out over 40 914s during the car show portion of Okteenerfest. The show starts at 9:14am and will run until shortly after 10:30am.
- Three autocrosses this final quarter of 2014... You coming?

Vic Rola

Vice President

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From the Driver's Seat

For Porsche 914 fans everywhere, this month is special.

"Why?" you ask.

Never mind the usual celebration of the day

September 14th a.k.a. 9/14. This year the whole month is special since it is September 2014. Or, written another way, 9.14.

For me personally, this month is going to be extra special. My daughter is due any day now to give birth to a son, my first grandson.

I told her he will be my favorite grandson if he is born on 9/14.

Yes, I am a certifiable 914 nut.

But I am not alone.

Coming up September 25-27, nearly 70 other 914 afficianados from as far away as Texas, Florida, New Jersey and Wisconsin will gather to cruise the twisty roads of the Smoky Mountains.

Our Friday day drive will take us across the Foot-hills Parkway, the Dragon, a portion of the Moonshiner 28, from Cherokee to Gatlinburg via Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and, finally, Little River Road back to Townsend.

Consider this an invitation to come out to Townsend on Saturday the 27th for the Peoples Choice Car Show where over 40 Porsche 914s will be presented.

Of the 40+ cars, nearly a dozen will be the Limited Edition version produced by the factory in 1974. This could very well be the largest gathering of these rare 914s in recent times.

There is no admission fee. Just come out and enjoy the show.

Of course, the show starts at 9:14am :)

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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 concensus 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.

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

We'll have great fun as always,
Clyde & Kathryn Peery

Rennfest Report

by Vic Rola

Seven couples (the Frash's, the Lepir's, the Heiman's, the Peery's, the Berry's, the Cox's, and Carol and I) attended the annual multi event weekend sponsored by the Peachstate Region/PCA, over Labor Day weekend. The event was held for the fifth time at the Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, GA. The annual gathering attracted more than 85 Porsches, ranging from Len Turners' 356, to Christian Hellers 2015 Macan S.

The weekend started for most attendees, on Friday afternoon, arriving, checking into the Resort, and then the Concours participants began cleaning on their respective P cars. The registration opened at 4:00PM, and the room not only contained all of the registration tables, but some of the best 'heavy' hors'd ouveres we had eaten. The registration event continued into the early evening, as we renewed multiyear friendships with PCA'ers from all over the southeast. A rallye school was also held for the newbie's attending.

Saturday morning jumped off early with breakfast, followed by more Porsche touch-up and cleaning. I was asked to be a judge for the newly named PCA concours grouping...tour. Carol and I entered our 911 in that class, and she showed the4 car to the judges that examined it. Allan Cox, Clyde Peery, and Rick Berry showed their cars in the new 'street' class. Peter Lepir showed his coupe in the 'tour' class.

After a quick lunch, the TSD rallye began. Rick Berry and I chose to rallye together in the SOP class, as our wives decided to hang out at the pool. Allan and Rose Cox ran the rallye also. The roads chosen by the rallyemaster were superb Porsche driving roads. Some tricky sections were thrown in (as is typical of this event).

WSaturday evening, most of the SMT crowd gathered for dinner at a local steakhouse, which was then followed by an ice cream social during which we were invited to partake in a four page tech and PCA history quiz.

Sunday is autocross day at Rennfest, and Carol and I, Clyde Peery, Allan Cox, and Rick and Janis Berry participated. First car off was at 1015, and the final car ran at 145PM. The course was a 50+ second course on which we had four attempts. That evening, a great banquet, awards, and door prizes awaited all comers.

All SMT participants took home something. From a stuffed Porsche racing bears, to a Porsche design golf bag, and even a set of Michelin tires! Others took home awards for winning or placing in the weekends' competitive events.

If you're looking to get the feel of what a Porsche Parade feels like on a mini level, then this is the event you must try. They do it right, and have been doing it right since 1969!



Porsche Profile: Ken McCullough

By Ken McCullough; Photos submitted by Ken McCullough

I owned more than 60 cars prior to a Porsche, beginning in 1947 when I bought a stripped down 1929 Chevy for \$25.00. I was a car junkie!

My first Porsche was a 1972 914 which I bought new when I was completing a Ph.D. at Florida State University while also teaching literature and writing at Tallahassee Community College and the regional federal prison and running a small weekend construction business where I was chief laborer and occasional employer of fellow graduate students!

The 914 was one I had seen on display daily for a couple of months as I passed a dealership on my way to the FSU campus. It was silver metallic with a black corduroy interior, the appearance group, and special wheels. The price of \$5,000.00 seemed a far reach for me then, but I bought it and drove it for almost 200,000 miles. It was my daily driver.

I had it when I became a faculty member at the University of Tennessee in 1973 and when I joined the PCA Smoky Mountain Region in 1974, coming in with or soon after Warren Sylvester and Ralph Holterhoff. I put a two-liter engine in it in 1975 and the 914S shift design, making a huge improvement, not only in performance but in ease of shifting. I drove that Porsche in all SMR driving events well

into 1978, when I traded it in Atlanta for a beautiful red on black 1972 911T with the S instrumentation, wheels, and interior.

The 911 was a totally new driving experience. Going from an almost 50/50 weight balance from front to rear on the 914 to about a 40/60 balance on the 911 took a while to get used to. Though the T might have had a higher top speed, my old 914 would have taken it in the autocrosses.

I sold the T in 1980 and bought a ragged '74 914 which I used as my principal car and for driving events. I maintained it well, but it rarely got any cosmetic attention! It was just fun to drive.

I completed flight instruction in 1976 (having started twenty years earlier and never finishing) and bought my first airplane, a Piper Cherokee 140 which I flew throughout Tennessee to teach off-campus courses, including those required by students at the U.T. Medical Center in Memphis.

I sold that airplane and bought a Comanche 180 then a 250 which I used to go to national conferences or association meetings. I've owned five airplanes, including a Cessna 310, and have flown other airplanes, some antique, some experimental, and one P-51 Mustang which I had the extreme pleasure of flying over Connecticut and New York Harbor in 1983. Passion Wagon was her name, and I'll never



forget her!

My next Porsche was a modified 914-6 which I saw at the airport in Lynchburg, VA, after arriving in the Comanche 250 for a fuel stop. It was orange with black interior. Someone had lowered it and put a 2.7 911 engine in it, and I fixed the sloppy shifting.

I had fun with that car for a couple of years and then gave it to my oldest son in 1983 and quit Porsche driving until I bought Jim McKinney's great 914-6 in the early 90s. I traded it even for a motorhome in 1997 (believe it or not!) and that 914-6 ended up on display in Bob Freeman's car museum in Loudon, TN. I wanted to buy it back from him, but no deal.

I heard that it was sold, however, to some very persistent buyers from North Carolina. I hope they give it a good home.

I gave up Porsche for good after that and owned a number of other cars, including a great 1999 six-speed C-5 Corvette "Bubba" coupe, again red with black interior.

After selling the Corvette, I slowed down to motorhomes, pickups, an MGB roadster (which made my wife, Jan, and I active in the Blount British Car Club) and a couple of Buicks for family cars, but the Porsche memories lingered on.

With no intention of doing so, in April 2014, Jan and I bought a concourse-ready black on black 2003 911 Turbo with fewer than 17,000 miles on it, fitted out with the EVOMS GT 700 performance package! I actually did not know exactly what I bought until I met Mark Nagle at Harpers. He describes it as a Porsche 996 Turbo Carrera all-wheel drive with the EVO kit, giving it more than 700 HP, perhaps 725 HP.

I can't guess what its top-end is or its acceleration rate, but I do know it's a few times beyond legal! "Fritzi" (her name) and I

are getting used to each other. We have an agreement that we won't hurt each other, and we are very wary of gawkers, tailgaters, and the distracted drivers who seem to gather closely around us.

Driving the American roads is more dangerous than all the flying I ever did, in my opinion, mostly because the typical driver is doing so many more things besides driving! The worst driving and driving conditions I've seen are in India and parts of South America. I've seen better in England and the U.K, but the best drivers I believe are in Germany. They are disciplined, fast, and safe. It would be nice to have Fritzi in Germany, but that is not in the cards.

I officially retired in 1998 after spending almost forty



Ken McCullough and "Fritzi", his 2003 911 Turbo, on the Foothills Parkway.



years in all levels of education, including years as Tennessee's Executive Director of Adult and Community Education and as an assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

After some few years in associated consulting and testing work, I retired completely, and Jan retired as a school teacher in Sevier County. We now give most of our attention to grandchildren, travel, hobbies, and community activities. We enjoy our home in the Wal-land area of Blount County, not far out of Townsend, the "Peaceful side of the Smokies."

It's good to be a returning member of the PCA Smoky Mountain Region.



A peek under the hood and closeup of the EVO kit.

For the 60th Anniversary Celebration in 2015, the Porsche Club of America is contemplating a 218 page coffee table book available for sale exclusively to its membership.

Edited by famed Porsche author Randy Leffingwell and a prestigious team of writers, the book will be a tribute to the people, the cars, the events, and the times of the Club. The book will not be a boring chronology or a lightweight coffee table piece of fluff. Rather, it will contain 12 chapters, each a snapshot of the unique character and enthusiasm of PCA, and each illustrated with amazing photographs from some of the best graphic artists in the sports car community. Chapters will detail the Club's phenomenal growth and relationship with Porsche; contain background and insights into some of PCA's most enduring leaders, members, and their cars; cover the gamut of events to include Parades, Treffens, and Escapes; and provide a few surprises- like famous celebrities and motorsports heroes who were Club members.

The book will be commissioned by PCA and only sold through the National Office. It will not be offered through the retail book market. The anticipated price of the book is \$59.95 and will be available in the fall of 2015- just in time for that favorite person on your holiday shopping list.

The question is, will YOU buy one?

Bottom line: Before turning the writing and publishing team loose, PCA need to measure the interest level from the membership.

YOUR INPUT PLEASE

So if you're interested in owning a piece of PCA history, please fill out the survey and let them know. Your response to this survey does not obligate you to buy the book. Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DPTHFM2>

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2014 CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Sep 11	Monthly Social/Dinner	Downtown Brewery	7:00pm
Sep 14	Autocross	Splash Country	TBA
Sep 20-21	Overnight Drive	TBA	-
Oct 5	Concours OR Drive	TBA	-
Oct 8	Monthly Social/Dinner	Outback, Oak Ridge	7:00pm
Oct 11	Autocross	Pellissippi Hardin Valley	-
Oct 18	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	-
Oct 18	2015 Planning Meeting	TBA	-
Nov 8-9	Fall Fest	TBA	-
Nov 9	Fall Fest Autocross	TBA	-
Nov 13	Monthly Social/Dinner	Don Pablo's	7:00pm
Dec ??	Holiday Party	TBA	7:00pm

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