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FROM the PRESIDENT

September saw an increase in club activity with a Social on the 11th at Downtown Grill & Brewery in Knoxville and an Autocross on the 14th at Splash Country. In addition, there was an overnight driveout to Waynesville, NC on the 20th and 21st. The weather was great and many of the participants expressed an interest in doing it again next year.

October is here –trees beginning to turn colors, leaves are falling, and roadside stands have pumpkins for sale. October is also the month we begin making plans for next year's activities. On Saturday October 18 we have a Board meeting, followed by our annual Planning Meeting to plan our calendar for next year. The meeting will be held at Harper Acura, 9739 Kingston Pike, Knoxville from 9:00 AM to noon. Attendees should park in the Sea Ray lot across the street, go to the Acura showroom, and ask someone to direct you to the meeting room upstairs. All members are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend, we would welcome your input via Email rnflga@gmail.com or Phone (407)491-3403..

Our Fall Fest is coming up November 8-9. We will begin on Saturday at 1:30 PM at Smokies Park with a "Driveout to Dinner" that will take us to Pachangas Grill on Lake Cherokee in Jefferson City for fellowship and dinner. Sunday we will run our Autocross at Splash Country Pigeon Forge. This will be an open event, meaning members from other car clubs will be participating.

Save the date! Our Christmas Party this year will be December 2 at Season's Café in Turkey Creek.

On a national note, PCA's Escape to Orlando at Disney' Coronado Springs Resort will be November 6-9. This event has no competitive events; it is purely social in nature. The Registration fee has just been reduced from \$240 to \$149. You can go to www.pca.org for more information.

Happy motoring and see you soon.

Rich Neubauer

President

HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

• *Three great 'non-PCA' Porsche events were held close by the weekend of 09.26-28.14.*

The 914 crowd had their fall event, Okteenerfest, in Townsend, with about fifty of the mid-engined cars showing.

At the Fontana Resort, close to the Tail of the Dragon, about two hundred 356s showed up celebrating their East Coast Holiday.

While up the road approximately five hours, in Snowshoe, WV, the RGruppe had their fall get together, Bergrennen. Forty plus early 911s showed for that one.

• *Mike Moody, President of the Musik Stadt Region (Nashville), underwent emergency surgery for stage three cancer on his prostate recently. When his wife arrived at the hospital, she collapsed and had to have an emergency surgery likewise, gall bladder I think. We wish both of them a full and speedy recovery.*

• *Several of the Region's members showed up at Road Atlanta for the running of the Petit LeMans this year.*

Although Friday was a tad wet (but not as bad as

forecast), Saturday was a Chamber of Commerce type day! Perfect for racing.

Porsche did well, with factory pilot Wolf Henzler bringing home the Falken Tire RSR first in GTLM, securing the manufacturers' championship for Porsche.

The factory backed entry, number 912, came in second in that class.

Region's members I saw included: Tom McConnell, Bill Johnson (Harper Porsche), Ross + Brenda Spence, Adam + Carrie Bolling, Alan Cox, and Rick + Janis Berry.

Also saw both Jim Cambron (Zone 3 Rep), and Manny Alban (PCA Prez).

• *Fall Fest, which includes a short Saturday drive to dinner as well as a Sunday autocross at Splash Country/Pigeon Forge, is coming up in early November.*

Why not put it on your planning calendar?

Vic Rola

Vice President

Overnight Drive: There and Back Again

Report by Clyde Peery

Our destination of Waynesville, NC, was the same as last year's overnighter, but new roads were found for getting there on Saturday and coming back on Sunday.

After leaving Puleo's Grill's parking lot, we drove on I-40 to Newport and picked up Hwy 25/70, following the beautiful valley of the French Broad River to Hot Springs, NC. There we picked up Hwy 209, which is a wonderful, newly-paved, twisty route toward Waynesville and Maggie Valley. If you have not driven this road, then give yourself and your Porsche a treat and do so. Above Maggie Valley, we picked up the Blue Ridge Parkway and drove on toward our favorite picnic destination, Water Rock Knob. After lunch, Cathy Hutchins presented an apple stack cake with candles for all to enjoy in celebration of Mary Neil Biehler's birthday.

We then took the short drive to Waynesville and the Oak Park Inn. For the rest of the afternoon it was socializing under the trees and on the porches at the Inn or a short walk to explore the shops of Waynesville. Dinner was across the street at Bogart's, and we all waddled back to the Inn for more socializing and a good night's sleep. The next morning, we found ourselves at none other than Clyde's Restaurant for breakfast.

After checking out of the Inn we returned to the Blue Ridge, traveling north and taking time to pull off at several vistas. Our next destination on the Blue Ridge was the Mt. Pisgah Inn for a wonderful lunch. We continued on the Blue Ridge for a short distance and picked up Hwy 151, which is a switch-back road off the mountain, ending in Candler, NC, near I-40 and our return trip home.

Attending the weekend drive were: Dale and Mary Neil Biehler, Adam and Carrie Boling, Joel and Lynette Dueling, Sue Groves, Ed and Tracey Heilman, Ron and Billie Jean Housel, Bob and Cathy Hutchins, Peter and Paula Lepir, Rich and Wendy McGowan, Frank Prout, Vic and Carol Rola, Bob Southerland, Ross and Brenda Spence, and Clyde and Kathryn Peery.

Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying the beautiful weekend, driving on great roads, and enjoying our fellowship with old and new friends.

If anyone would like to host a future day or overnight drive, please let me know, and I will be glad to help you plan it.

Just two of the many beautiful vistas experienced during the drive to Waynesville, NC.

Photos by Sue Groves



Happy Birthday, Mary Neil Biehler!

The group stopped at Water Rock Knob for a picnic lunch and birthday celebration.

Photo (left) by Sue Groves; Photo (below) by Clyde Peery



LEFT: Ron & Billie Jean Housel at an overlook stop.
Photo by Sue Groves

RIGHT: An abundance of Porsches take up the parking area at Water Rock Knob.

Photo by Clyde Peery



Okteenerfest 2014: CanAm Reunion

by Steven Schleif

Germany's Oktoberfest is the world's largest annually held funfair. Running from late September to the first weekend in October, it is a 16-day festival drawing over 6 million people from around the world.

Though nowhere near as large as Oktoberfest, Okteenerfest doubled in size in just its second year. The annual gathering of 914s and their owners counted over 80 attendees and 50+ 914s throughout the three day event held the last weekend of September in Townsend, TN.

With event check-in beginning Thursday afternoon, it didn't take long before the parking lot was filled with colorful 914s. Travelling from as far away as Texas, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and Florida, registrants completed check-ins and socializing ensued.

Morning dawned with fog covering the mountains and the varied notes of 914 engines being fired up in preparation for the drive.

Beginning with a run on the many sweepers of the Foothills Parkway atop the ridge line, the 914s regrouped beside Chilhowee Lake before entering the Dragon.

Cresting at the TN/NC state, the route then took the drivers past Deals Gap and the Tail of the Dragon onto Moonshiner 28 headed to Fontana Dam.

A quick break at Fontana Dam allowed for refreshments, gift shopping, and stretching. Once back on the road, the group followed Moonshiner 28 to the Great Smoky Mountains Expressway and on to Bryson City for lunch.

With no single eatery large enough for the group, 914s were seen parked along the streets throughout the small town as lunch was eaten at various establishments. Drivers and 914s eventually regrouped and headed toward Cherokee, NC and the entrance to Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

For many who had never been to the Park, this was a picture-perfect day for them to not only enjoy the drive in their Porsches, but to take in the beauty of the Smoky Mountains as well.

The final leg of the drive was Little River Road just before reaching Gatlinburg, TN. With its many sweeps and bends, this road lead drivers back to the event hotel in Townsend.

The drive was followed by a BBQ dinner outside under a big tent. A swap meet area was set up and swapping of parts for money soon commenced.

Saturday morning, 914s began filling up the field for the People's Choice Car Show. By 9:14am, nearly 50 914s were lined up in four classes: Stock, Custom, Modi-





Photo by Steven Schleif

Nearly 50 914s participated in the unique group photo.

fied, and Limited Edition. There were even five non-registered 914s that showed up which were allowed to enter the show area.

After ballots were cast, it was time for the group shot. With the cars being called out by color and carefully directed into place at one end of the field, it was not apparent what the organizers had in mind. The result was 914s in the form of the 9-1-4 logo with extra cars in line across the top.

With no planned activities following the group shot, attendees found lunch on their own and then went driving,

sight-seeing, or stayed in to rest. Organizers counted ballots and prepared for the evening's banquet and awards presentation.

After chowing down on a country-style buffet, it was time for door prizes and awards. Thanks to the many generous sponsors of Okteenerfest, there was an abundance of prizes to give away. From gift certificates to hard parts, many attendees went away with items worth more than the cost of admission.

For more information concerning this event, visit Okteenerfest.com on the web.



Photo by Steven Schleif

The rare factory Can Am cars (only 1000 produced in 1974) were represented by four Bumble Bees and four Creamsicles.



It took a handful of helpers on the ground directing the cars into place and a photographer 60' in the air to capture this unique group shot of nearly 50 Porsche 914s.

Photo by Steven Schleif

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
Oct 18	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Harper Acura	9:00am
Oct 18	2015 Planning Meeting	Harper Acura	9am - Noon
Nov 8-9	Fall Fest Drive to Pachanga's Grille	Smokies Park to Jeff. City	1:30pm
Nov 9	Fall Fest Autocross	Splash Country - Pigeon Forge	-
Nov 13	Monthly Social/Dinner	Don Pablo's	7:00pm
Dec 2	Holiday Party	Seasons Cafe@Turkey Crk	7:00pm

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