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FROM the PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all,

Smoky Mountain Region had a great year in 2014! Activities included celebrating our 40th Anniversary at Spring Thing, drive-outs (including two overnights), autocrosses, socials, Fall Fest, Holiday Party, and more. Some of these events, most notably Spring Thing and the Holiday Party, saw significant increases in participation over prior years. These were great opportunities to see old friends, make new ones, talk about our favorite car, and do some networking.

Thanks to all who participated in our many events and especially those who volunteered to help make them happen. Thanks to last year's Officers and Board and to Steven Schleif who has served so faithfully as our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Speaking of Steve and the web site, be sure to check out the changes to our site at www.smtpca.org

The year ended with our annual Holiday Party at Seasons Innovative Bar and Grille in Knoxville with 66 in attendance. This year our gift went to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Tennessee Chapter – almost \$1,000 (which includes \$450.00 in matching funds from national PCA). Thanks to all who contributed.

Two awards were given - President's Award to yours truly and Enthusiast of the Year Award to Rick and Janis Berry of Eurotech Knoxville.

Special thanks to Harper Porsche for sponsoring the Concours at Spring Thing and all their support of our club in many various ways throughout the year. Special thanks also to Eurotech Knoxville for sponsoring our 2014 Autocross series and in many other ways throughout the year.

Thanks to those who have agreed to serve on the Executive Board for 2015. With the exception of Janis Berry and myself, this year's Board members are all new to the Board and fairly new to our club.

We are looking forward to an exciting fun-filled year. The kick off will be a Wine Tasting at Harp-

er's on Saturday January 10 and a Drive-out to lunch on January 31.

As we begin 2015, we also have a new Zone Representative none other than our own Vic Rola. We wish Vic the best as he starts a two-year term. He will be a busy guy as Zone 3 has 14 Regions and a geographical area covering 6 states. I look forward to working with Vic as Zone Rep and hope, in spite of his busy schedule, he will be able to attend some of our Region events.

The year 2015 promises to be another fun one for Smoky Mountain Region with a full schedule of autocrosses, a variety of socials, drive-outs, and more. One of the highlights of the year will be Spring Thing at the General Morgan in Greenville, TN again this year. See the Calendar of Events included in this newsletter for the schedule of events planned for this year.

Personally it has been a busy, but fun, year serving as Region President and I am looking forward to the coming year. My thanks to my wife Carol, the members of the Executive Board, and all the members for your help, support, and advice this past year. At the planning meeting in October we put together a schedule of events for 2015, but this in no way limits what we can do. If you have some ideas you would like to see or try, i.e. event settings, programs, etc., or ideas for currently scheduled events, please contact me or one of the Board members. This is YOUR club and we need YOUR input to make it enjoyable and informative for everyone. Thanks for your participation in 2014.

We as a Board look forward to working together, with your input, to make 2015 a fun and enjoyable year for all the members of the club.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events in 2015!

Rich Neubauer

President

HEARD 'ROUND the ~~REGION~~ *Zone*

• *As is credited to Plato - The beginning is the most important part of any work. I look forward to and have already made plans to visit with several Regions. See you soon!*

• *Events are coming up, and quickly... Tennessee Region's Winterfest is the first 'biggie'. A new venue for hotel as well as banquet are being introduced this year, along with the indoor concours at the VW Conference Center within the manufacturing facility in Chattanooga. Registration information not yet published (see page 6... ed.), but you can contact Alan Clark if need be at acespeedshop@gmail.com*

• *Two 'areas' within the Carolinas Region have petitions pending with PCA to be allowed to form their own and separate Regions. The western NC area, as well as the area immediately surrounding Columbia, SC, have both submitted paperwork to PCA for consideration.*

• *If you're going to the Rolex 24 Hour...*

I'll see you there! Porsche corral parking is going to be smaller than in years past, so get there early, and remember... to get into the Corral, you must be driving a Porsche!

• *The Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance is on again this year. March 13-15 are the days of the event. Sir Stirling Moss is the honoree, and the Porsche 914 is the honored marque.*

• *The winter board meeting of PCA's Executive Council is taking place the first weekend in February. It will be my first opportunity to represent you to the EC. Have something to offer to the EC? Let me know (zone3rep@pca.org).*

Vic Rola

Zone 3 Rep

FROM the DRIVER'S SEAT

Many of you may be wondering what happened to the December issue of Smoke Signals. Long story short... I simply did not have time or energy to put the issue together. We moved at the beginning of the month, I had a demanding workload at the office, and the holiday season was upon us.

This issue will be the last month using this particular layout for the newsletter. With votes showing a near unanimous preference for digital issues, I will reformat future issues of Smoke Signals to better fit a computer screen. I am currently looking into a way to make the layout flow to best fit the screen of whatever device you are viewing the newsletter on whether an ipad, Android, or other device.

The main reason for going all-digital is cost savings to the club. The money saved will allow the club to use those funds in other ways.

If you would prefer a printed issue (or know someone that does who may never see this message), let me know by sending an email to editor@smtpca.org

In addition to upcoming newsletter changes, I have begun reworking the SMT web site. I have

removed the forums due to lack of use, designed a new theme, and am in the process of reorganizing the content.

Info on upcoming events and other news will be found in the slider located at the top of each page. A click anywhere within that region will take you to the article.

In the right margin are links to important items such as Calendar of Events, national PCA and Zone 3 web sites, the most recent newsletters, and news straight from Porsche AG.

Across the top are the web site navigation links to pages of information about the club, different event types, newsletter archives, Der Market, and Goodie Store.

Be sure to visit Der Market to list your Porsche and related items you may have for sale or want to buy. And remember... your feedback is much appreciated.

Steve
Editor

LET'S DRIVE OUT FOR LUNCH (whadda ya say?)

Put Saturday, 01.31.15, on your Porsche calendar. Carol and I are putting on a short drive for lunch. After all, if you want a good Smoky Mountain Region event, just mention food!



The Inn is opening for us exclusively so we should have great seating!

Once finished with our meal, we'll run

some back roads to I-81 and end the drive at the Rest Area at about the two mile marker, just before I-81 merges into I-40.

It'll be a short run in both directions but should be fun. We're hoping for decent weather, but as always, if it is inclement, we'll cancel the event.

If you'd like to join your friends on this drive, please pre-register with me, at vicrola1@gmail.com

Our destination is the Hale Springs Inn (www.halespringsinn.com) in Rogersville, TN. The Inn will open for us at noon and that's about the time we'll be getting there.

We'll meet at the Rest Area on I-40 East, about one mile east of Exit 417. Our meet time is 10:00am. Once we sign off on PCA's required docs, followed by a short safety meeting, we'll be off. We'll run I-81 north to Exit 23, and then head toward Bulls Gap, and then north toward Rogersville.

See you then!
Vic Rola

PORSCHE... THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

WINE TASTING SOCIAL

Our January Social is a Wine Tasting Event Saturday January 10, 2015 beginning at 6:00pm. It will be at Harper's detailing building (former Sea Ray Boat store) located at 115 Perimeter Park Drive, which is behind the VW dealership on Kingston Pike.

Allan Cox, one of our members, will be hosting the Wine Tasting for us. He has selected nine different wines that range in price from \$20.00 – \$50.00 per bottle. Wines will include both reds and whites.

The cost is \$25.00 per per-



son which includes the wine and Hors D'Oeuvres. Each participant should bring 2 wine glasses for their personal use.

Please RSVP to me at rn-flga@gmail.com or (407) 491-3403 by January 7.

Payment will be taken at the door and checks should be made out to "SMTPCA".

Come join your fellow Porsche lovers for fun and conversation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Happy New Year to all,
Rich Neubauer



Join the Tennessee Region
for our annual Winterfest
multi-region event!

February 20 & 21, 2015

We will be back at the Volkswagen Conference Center for registration, reception and Concours (a special thanks to our friends from the Peachstate Region for assisting with the Concours!)

Hotel reservations will be at the Embassy Suites just north of Hamilton Place Mall. Details coming on discounted room rates.



Porsche of Chattanooga will be providing a shuttle between VW and the hotel.

Our Banquet will be at the Car Barn, an auto-themed venue for a unique time together!



Of course we'll have plenty of time for socializing, and getting reacquainted. We'll have a driving tour of beautiful southeastern Tennessee and all the activities you learned to expect from Winterfest.

Registration information coming. See you in Chattanooga!!!

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION PCA 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
JAN 6	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	6:00 PM
10	Social - Wine Tasting	Harper's Porsche	6:00 PM
31	Driveout to Lunch	TBA	9:00 AM
FEB 10	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
20-21	Winterfest	Chattanooga	
28	Great Porsche Show Off	Regal Cinema	9:00 AM
MAR 4	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
21	Autocross/Driver school (PCA)	Pellissippi	9:00 AM
28	Social - Italian Dinner	Imperato's	7:00 PM
APR 7	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	6:00 PM
11	Tech Session	TBA	9:00 AM
24-26	Spring Thing (Autocross PCA)	Greeneville, TN	
MAY 7	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
16	Autocross (Open)	Pellissippi	9:00 AM
30-31	Overnight Driveout	TBA	
JUN 13	Member Show Off/Social	TBA	9:00 AM
21-27	PCA Parade	French Lick, IN	
JUL 7	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	6:00 PM
7	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
11	Autocross (Open)	Pellissippi	9:00 AM
AUG 1	Tech Session	TBA	9:00 AM
15	Porsche Pontoon/Picnic	Cherokee Lake	1:00 PM
SEP 4-7	Rennfest		
9	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
12	Autocross (Open)	Pellissippi	9:00 AM
26	Tech Session/Concours	Parker's	9:00 AM
30	PCA Escape	Black Hills, SD	
OCT 1-4	PCA Escape	Black Hills, SD	
8	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
9-10	Renn Sport		
10	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	9:00 AM
10	Planning Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	10:00 AM
17	Autocross (Open)	Pellissippi	9:00 AM
24-25	Overnight Driveout	TBA	9:00 AM
NOV 7-8	Fall Fest (Autocross PCA)	TBA/Pellissippi	
12	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
DEC 5	Holiday Party	TBA	6:00 PM

CLUB POSITIONS OPEN

As we look ahead to the new year of 2015, we have a number of appointed positions that need to be filled. We are looking for folks who might be interested in serving in one of these positions for a one year period ending December 31, 2015.

The open positions are:

AWARDS
PUBLICITY
HISTORIAN
SAFETY/TECHNICAL
PANO CORRESPONDENT

For more information, you can contact me at rnlfga@gmail.com or (407) 491-3403.

If you are interested in serving or know of another club member that might do well in the position, I would appreciate hearing from you. Some of these positions may be filled at the January 6th Executive Board Meeting.

Thank you,
Rich Neubauer
President, SMTPCA

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Guitar Logo



Round Logo



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Vice President Peter Lepir
Secretary Diane Cowin
Treasurer Ross Spence
Directors Adam Bolling, Joel Duling, and Vaughn Smith
Appointed Chairpersons:
Autocross - Rick Brooksbank
Newsletter and Webmaster - Steven Schleif
Spring Thing Committee headed by Peter Lepir

And welcome to our newest Porsche club members:

Eric Ange - 2015 Macan
Michael McDonald - 2015 Boxster GTS
Tim Stephens - 2007 911 Carrera
Jerry & Kristie White - 1999 911 Carrera



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