Greetings to all PCA members of the Smoky Mountain Region. This is my first letter and I will keep it brief.

Yes I am a little nervous overseeing such a great group of people, and making sure that the events this region is known for are carried off as well as they have in the past. The events don’t just happen, there are a lot of people behind the scenes that make it happen.

A little background - We bought our car in 1991, and joined PCA that year. Before kids, we were very active. We had lots of adventures – 4 parades, autocross’s, track days, numerous driveouts, learned about over-steer, kids puking in back seat (ask Wendy about that), chance meetings with some of those who protect and serve, we’ve had a lot of fun, but more importantly met a ton of really nice, caring people.

I would like to remind you this is your club. And our officers didn’t get here by accident; they volunteered. I would encourage you to get involved – get involved yourself, with your kids or grandkids if possible. They are the future of the PCA.

Our calendar is almost complete—we’re planning several overnight drive outs, social events, autocrosses etc. The dates may change on our monthly socials due to availability, but most other dates are firm. Hats off to Steve Schleif by the way, he takes care of our website and newsletter, not an easy job! Thanks Steve. We’ll have an event or 2 at Harper’s, they’ve been really supportive of our club so let’s all remember that and support them when we can.

If you have an idea, get in touch with one of us, or our zone rep, Vic Rola. If you can help put it together, that makes it a really great idea.

If you’re asked to help out, please say yes. You will not be alone, there are a lot of veterans who have done a lot of planning, and it involves some work. For example, on the drive outs, we try to look at dates so as not to conflict with a major event, availability of lodging at the destination, and whether they require a 2 night minimum stay, what route will we take that provides driving fun – and is there any construction on those roads, are they heavily travelled. These are just a few of the factors that go into a drive out.

Eurotech has agreed to sponsor our autocross series again this year. Thank you to Rick & Janis Berry, they have been incredible supporters of the club over many years.

Lastly, if you don’t have time to get involved, and I fully understand that, please try to come to several events to meet new people, learn a little bit more about the fine automobile you have, and enjoy some fun fellowship. You will not regret it!

Rich McGowan
President-Smoky Mountain Region PCA

Join other PCA members at one or more of the events held each month. See some great cars and meet the people who own them.

March 8 @ 7:00pm
Social - Sullivan’s at Rocky Hill
Cocktails at 6:15pm, Dinner at 7:00pm

March 12
Concours Prep School - learn what it takes to become a PCA Concours judge.

March 19
Autocross School - learn the limits of your Porsche.
• Sorry about being tardy with this month’s HRTZ… I was at the Rolex 24 in Daytona, and actually saw several of you there! Not thrilled about the Porsche results, but the race had its moments, including the last sixty minutes. Good stuff!
• Some exciting news for one of our Zones’ members… and a many year good friend of mine, too. Tom Morgan, a Carolinas Region member, was alerted by PCA that he was one of the winners of the latest 911 coupe raffle. Tom, of course, is beside himself with anticipation of a new car! Tom is the second Zone member to win a PCA raffle. Congratulations!!!
• Winterfest kicks off another great year for Tennesse Region this year. Heart ‘O Dixie is celebrating their 55th in April. Jim tells me over 150 cars have registered… should be fun!
• Club Racing is a large part of PCA. This year, first weekend in April, Peachstate is hosting their Club Race at Road Atlanta. The big story here is that the new Cayman R spec series will run for the first time. Will be interesting!
• Congratulations to the Appalachian Region in a re-design of their logo. Sweet! Check it out on their website.
• A non-PCA, but just as entertaining, is the Uber Region Fest on April 16 at Trissl Sports Cars in Florence, AL. Check the firm’s website for additional information.
• The Carolinas Region is hosting a DE at Kershaw, SC, at Carolina Motorsports Park. There will be a PCA National Instructor Clinic going on, too.

See you at the next event!!!

Vic Rola
Zone 3 Rep

EVER WONDER JUST HOW FAST YOUR PORSCHE COULD TAKE A CORNER?
WANT TO KNOW HOW QUICKLY YOUR PORSCHE BRAKES?

Find out this and more at the March 19 “AUTOCROSS SCHOOL” to be held at Pellissippi State Community College. This is not just for those interested in autocrossing but is designed to teach Porsche owners the limits of their cars.

Check the web site for more information.

Please visit smtpca.org for up-to-date information on events.
Only a week left in February... guess it’s time I wrap up the February newsletter!

Took a long deserved vacation at the end of January to visit my parents in Florida. As a bonus, I took a side trip to the 24 Hours of Daytona. I have never been to that facility and I must say... it is HUGE!

If I go in future years, I definitely will be getting a photographer’s pass (so I don’t have to shoot through the fencing) and might even do some tent camping. This time around I was there for the start of the race until a few hours after dark. Of the hundred or so photos I shot, I ended up with only a handful that are what I would consider “good”.

I had better photography luck at my dad’s house. Situated on a small lake, wildlife is attracted to the area. Sandhill cranes, boat-tailed grackles, red-winged black birds, a couple turtles and an alligator all graced the shores at one time or another.

Even with two solid days of rain, we managed to have a great time visiting with family. My dad is the one who got me hooked on Porsches with his ‘75 914 he owned in the early ‘80s. While I was there, he found a box of negatives with a shot of his 914 pulling a Hobie Cat!

Dad later had an ’83 944 that he gifted to my son when he was 17. It needed work but we got it running and my son drove the wheels off of it. He couldn’t afford the repairs so ended up selling it. He now drives a Civic. Yeah... he misses the Porsche!

Steven Schleif
Editor

ABOVE: A Sandhill crane stands watch at the water’s edge.
LEFT: #912 races toward Turn One at the 2016 Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona.
February 20th dawned cool and cloudy but that didn’t stop several dozen Porsche owners from showing off their German machinery.

Arriving right at the designated 10:00am start time, the parking lot was already filled with two rows of vintage and late model Porsches. I took my place next to a red 911SC Targa and, moments later, a beautiful red 356 Super 90 pulled in to my left.

The Show Off was quite a success with over 50 Porsches showing up throughout the event which lasted until 1:00pm. As usual, a number of models were represented from vintage aircooled to the latest modern water-cooled cars.

If you have never been to a GPSO, you are missing out on seeing some great cars all in one spot. From the seldom-seen garage queens to the daily driven modern Porsche, it is fun to compare the new with the old. Even though so much has changed over the years, traditional Porsche cues can still be seen in all the cars.

**ABOVE: Turbo!**

**BELOW: A variety of Porsches from early air-cooled to late-model 911s, Boxsters, and Caymans graced the parking lot at Regal Cinemas Turkey Creek.**

*Photos by Steven Schleif*
Below:

Something Old...
Something New

Stock or Modified
- which do you prefer?
Smoky Mountain Region PCA presents
SPRING THING 2016

Join other Porsche fans from around the Region and beyond at Smoky Mountain Region’s 41st annual premier event being held this year in beautiful Greeneville, TN. This multi-event weekend includes Concours - Street and Touring, TSD Rally or Tour, a Saturday night Banquet, and a Sunday morning Autocross.

The host hotel is the historic General Morgan in Greeneville where a block of rooms has been reserved for the event.

Don’t miss this great weekend of fun, friends, and Porsches! Mark the date on your calendar now.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Peter Lepir
plepir@msn.com
for more info

Register On-Line at
www.smtpca.org

Or Mail this form to:

Peter Lepir
154 Oostanali Way
Loudon, TN 37774
865-458-3303
Smoky Mountain Region PCA presents
SPRING THING 2016

Host Hotel is the Historic General Morgan Inn (1884) - a proud member of the National Trust Historic Hotels of America.

$89.00 per night.

Make your reservations with the hotel and mention PCA to get the special rate. Deadline is April 4, 2016

www.generalmorganinn.com
423-787-1000
1-800-223-2679
SPRING THING 2016 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY APRIL 29
3:00-8:00pm - Registration
6:00-8:00pm - Welcome Reception in the Hotel Lobby

SATURDAY APRIL 30
8:00-10:00am - Registration
9:00-11:00am - Concours
11:30am-1:00pm - Catered Lunch
1:00-4:00pm - Rally
6:00-7:00pm - Social • Cash Bar
7:00pm - Banquet and Awards

SUNDAY MAY 1
9:00 am  Autocross at Greeneville Airport
10:30 am First Car Off
Registration Form

Entrant __________________________________
Co-Entrant _______________________________
PCA Region ______________________________
Address__________________________________
City __________________________ State ____ Zip _______
Phone ___________________________________
E-Mail ___________________________________

Porsche:   Year _____ Model ____________________
Concours Touring or Street (Circle)
Entrant#1 ________________________________
Entrant #2 ________________________________
TSD Rally or Tour (Circle)
    Driver _____________________________
Navigator _____________________________
Autocross
    Driver # 1 _____________________ Class ______
    Driver # 2 _____________________ Class ______

Register On-Line at www.smtpca.org

$165.00 for two-people/one car
$110.00 for one person/one car
Extra Banquet Tickets $35.00
Late Registration $180.00 after April 11

Make checks payable to SMT PCA

Mail check to:
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    154 Oostanali Way
    Loudon TN 37774
    865-458-3303

REGISTER TODAY!
As we look ahead to the new year of 2016, 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, 2016.

The open positions are:

- AWARDS
- PUBLICITY
- HISTORIAN
- SAFETY/TECHNICAL
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- PANO CORRESPONDENT

For more information, contact Rich McGowan at rich@musfiber.com or 423-748-5778.

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 9th Executive Board Meeting.

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**2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS**

Make your plans now to join fellow PCAers at many of the Region’s yearly events.

Get to know other members during the monthly socials.

Learn the handling characteristics of your Porsche at the autocrosses beginning with an Autocross School in March.

Spend a weekend with other Porschefiles for socializing, driving, and lots of fun at Spring Fling.

Help improve the club by participating at the quarterly Board Meetings.

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**MARCH**
- 8 – Social
- 12 – Concours Prep School
- 19 – Autocross School @ PSCC

**APRIL**
- 9 – Board Meeting
- 12 – Social
- 29-5/1 – Spring Thing – Greeneville, TN

**MAY**
- 1 - Autocross (part of Spring Thing)
- 10 – Social
- 21 – Great Porsche Show Off @ Regal Cinema Turkey Creek

**JUNE**
- 11 – Autocross – PSCC
- 14 – Social
- 17-26 – National PCA Parade – Vermont

**JULY**
- 9 – Board Meeting @ Harpers
- 12 – Social
- 16 – Autocross @ PSCC

**AUGUST**
- 9 – Social

**SEPTEMBER**
- 2-5 – Rennfest @ Peachstate Region
- 17 – Autocross @ PSCC
- 10 or 24 – Driveout
- 22-25 – Okteenerfest @ Banner Elk, NC (914 Special Interest Group)

**OCTOBER**
- 8 – Board Meeting @ Harpers
- 11 – Social
- 15 – Autocross @ PSCC

**NOVEMBER**
- 19 – Fall Fest

**DECEMBER**
- TBD – Christmas Party

*Dates and events subject to change as details are finalized.*
PCA REGISTER PROGRAM

Giving members an opportunity to network with owners of specific Porsche models.

The PCA Register program was established in 1995 to encourage closer relationships within register groups in PCA. The program allows PCA members to network with others in their specific area of interest. Sharing of information fosters restoration and maintenance of member’s automobiles. A register can potentially provide a new resource for historical displays at Parades and other PCA events, along with information for articles in Porsche Panorama.

356 Register
Skip Shirley, Advocate

911 Carrera 1973 Register
Brian Fryar, Advocate

911 Carrera 1974-1975 US Register
Bob Westmoreland, Advocate

911 Carrera 1988-1989 US Club Sport Register
Craig Crease, Advocate

911 Carrera 3.0 1976-77 Register
Milliard Beatty, Advocate

911 Speedster Register
Blake Carlson, Advocate

911SC Register
Thomas Westfall, Advocate

911T 1969-1973 Register
Bryson Kiser, Advocate

912/912E Register
Rick Becker, Advocate

914-914/6 Register
Bob Saville, Advocate

924/931 1976-1982 Register
Bob Dodd, Advocate

928 Register
Adam Birnbaum, Advocate

930
Bud Szurek, Advocate

944S/944 S2 Register
Craig Seko, Advocate

968 Register
Jeff Coe, Advocate

997 Club Coupe Register
Gerry Curts, Advocate

1992 Carrera Cup USA Edition Register
Richard Winne, Advocate

Boxster 986/987 Register
John Novotnak, Advocate

Cayman Register
Michael Souza, Advocate

GT3 / GT2 / GT3 Cup Register
Bryson Kiser, Register Coordinator

RS America Register
Keith Verlaque, Advocate

SUV Registry (Macan, Cayenne)
Randy Gananathan, Advocate

Wide Body/Turbo Look (M491)
Hank Weil, Advocate

More information can be found on the PCA site:
https://www.pca.org/special-interest-groups
Get online and list your FOR SALE and WTB items online at smtpca.org/der-marketplace It’s easy and free!

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