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On The Cover: Just two of the many Porsches present at this year's Great Porsche Show Off.

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FROM the PRESIDENT

Greetings to all of the 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



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Upcoming Events

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.

HEARD 'ROUND the ZONE

• 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 Tennessee 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.

A meeting is in the process of being scheduled, to include me, folks from Peachstate, and PCNA. The core of the meeting is to come up with a for PCA pricing policy for visits to the Porsche facility in Atlanta. Stay tuned...

• 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.

• Looking for a national event in our Zone, or actually just across the border? Go to the Amelia Island Concours starting on March 10.



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.

PORSCHE... THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

FROM the DRIVER'S SEAT



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.



GREAT PORSCHE SHOW OFF REPORT

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 Porsche s from early air-cooled to late-model 911s, Boxsters, and Caymans graced the parking lot at Regal Cinemas Turkey Creek.

Photos by Steven Schleif





***Stock or Modified
- which do you prefer?***

BELOW:

***Something Old...
Something New***



SPRING T

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.



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Region PCA presents

MEETING 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

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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



REGISTER TODAY!

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.smt pca.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***

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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.

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.

CLUB POSITIONS OPEN

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.

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

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RS America Register

Keith Verlaque, Advocate

SUV Registry (Macan, Cayenne)

Randy Gananathan, Advocate

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***More information can be found on the PCA site:
<https://www.pca.org/special-interest-groups>***



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