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# FROM the PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow PCA'ers:

It has been a busy spring. Since our last newsletter (I apologize for this issue taking so long to get out) we have had Spring Thing, several socials at different locations, a concours judging school, a New 911 party at Harpers, a day drive-out, plus a number of events out of our region. Parade is happening in Vermont as I write this. I was hoping to go but other responsibilities prevented it this year.

We had about 50 cars for the Great Porsche Show Off at the end of February. We had some 356s to a new GT3. We were lucky on the weather as it was a perfect day. Lots of great cars and people!

A quick note on Spring Thing - there should be another article about that in this newsletter, but I wanted to thank Peter Lepir again for the fantastic job he did (Yes, you too Paula) putting that on. It is a lot of work, but Peter and his crew did an outstanding job again this year.

We took an informal poll, and the overwhelming response is to have it in Greeneville again next year. That

venue just works out so well for what we need, Greeneville is a great town to host Spring Thing.

Our next major event is a drive out to Blowing Rock, NC. on Aug. 20. It is a fun trip, with lots of beautiful scenery, great roads, and a wide variety of shops and pubs to explore. It is close to being full so if you want to go, check your emails for one from Vaughn Smith, you received the invitation a couple of months ago.

Our next autocross is set for Sept. 17 at Pellissippi State Community College, stay tuned for more details.

We know you can't attend everything, but try to come to one of our socials if you haven't yet. It's a great excuse to have a good meal and to meet new people. You all are the backbone of this club.

That's it for now,

*Rich McGowan*

President-Smoky Mountain Region PCA

## Upcoming Events

**BOARD MEETING - JULY 9:** There will be a board meeting Saturday, July 9 at 2:00pm. All of our meetings are open to the membership so please come if you would like to see how our region operates, or would like to offer some input into future activities.

The meeting will be held at my house: 3024 Wilshire Blvd. Morristown, TN.

After the business part of the meeting, which can last 2 hours or so, we will have a cookout with burgers on the grill. If you can come, please bring a side dish to share and let me know so I can plan accordingly.

**HARPERS CARS-N-COFFEE - JULY 10:** I would also like to let you know about Harpers' Cars N Coffee, the next day. It will be Sunday July 10 at West Town Mall. There are usually 2 to 3,000 cars there - it is really something to see. Harpers is having something special this time,

though: a new 718 Boxster will be present as well as last year's LeMans winning Porsche 919! That truly will be something special. I will not miss it.

I would encourage you to get there early however, 7 AM is NOT too early if you want to park in the area reserved by our PCA. We have folks there from 6:30 AM saving spots but it gets more difficult as the morning goes on. If you've never been to one of these, this would be the one to come to.

Please RSVP for the meeting to my email at rich@musfiber.com. You may also contact me if you have any questions.

And we have TWO drives coming up...  
**August 6 - Details Coming Soon** and  
**August 20 - Drive to Blowing Rock, NC.**

*Rich McGowan*  
President - Smoky Mountain Region

**Please visit [smtpca.org](http://smtpca.org) for up-to-date information on events.**

# HEARD 'ROUND the ZONE

Some wonderful news to report...

- Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) sent out a request to Zone 3, asking for a specific grouping of Boxsters to be displayed at their Atlanta, One Porsche Drive (OPD) facility, as a historical assembly. The idea was to show the 'growth' of the Boxster over the years to todays 718. Once the call went out through your Regions' presidents, six cars were chosen by PCNA.

The PCA members whose Boxsters were chosen are: Melissa Sprouse Brown (Three Rivers); Brian Powell (Carolinas); Ken Knight (Musik Stadt); Hugh Tackett (Wilderness Trail); Andrew Douglas (Peachstate); and Lewis Broyles (Peachstate). Congratulations to these folks on having their beautiful cars chosen for this 60 day display at OPD. If you by chance visit OPD, make sure you take this display in!

Thanks also go out to Ray Shaffer and Paul Gregor of PCNA who came up with the plan and saw it through to completion, as well as Andrew Douglas who was PCA's man in Atlanta helping out there!

- Had an opportunity in the merry month of May to visit with two Zone 3 Regions and taking part in two different concours events. One was Musik Stadt Region's now annual event – the Concours in the Park, and Palmetto Region's charity con-

cours at the veterans home in Walterboro, SC. Both events very well attended and executed! Good job guys!

- Well, it's Parade month! There is a small group of folks travelling to Parade from Zone 3. Historically, we've been able to bring back our fair share of goodies from Parade including (in past years) class and divisional wins in concours, Top Ten finishes (overall) in the TSD rally, and class wins in both the mens and womens autocross contests.

Best of luck to all Zone 3 participants at Parade. Safe travels to and from Jay Peak, VT, and... I hope to see you there!

- As the summer goes forward, I am formulating travel plans to visit the remaining Regions in Zone 3 that I've not been to in 2016. Bear with me as I develop those plans. One large event I need to mention is Rennfest (Peachstate Region). If you're planning to go, hotel rooms are filling fast! Check Peachstate Region's website for more information.

See you at the next event!!!

*Vic Rola*

Zone 3 Rep

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Gus Brocksen  
Becky Chae  
Micah Clark  
Jack Gillette  
Taylor Hays**

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Dan Lovett  
Bill Merwin  
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## FROM the DRIVER'S SEAT



After something like four years in the works, I finally have replaced my worn out 2.0L with a brand new 2056cc built by the wizard of Type 4s, Jake Raby. With its balanced and blueprinted internals, reworked

heads, dual Weber 44 IDFs and Mallory ignition, this engine dyno'd at nearly 150HP with peak torque of 150 at 6500RPM. Yeah, it's a blast!

I've put over 2000 miles on it driving it every day to work the past couple months. And with the beautiful weather we've been having lately, the drives have been open air.

Now that I have the engine in, my next project is dealing with the brakes. The front disks and pads were replaced a couple years ago but the rears were not touched. The rear pads finally wore down to where they needed replaced. Started working on them and couldn't get the pistons pushed back out to install the new pads.

For those who have no idea how the rear calipers on the 914 work, let me just say it is not normal. No pushing the piston. Instead, there are adjustments on both the inner and outer pistons that tend to "stick" due to years of corrosion.

Lucky for me, a friend of mine a few blocks from the house has quite a collection of 914 parts. He gave me a set of NOS rebuilt calipers! Now I just need to order new rear disks and I will be ready to install. Might even replace the soft lines while I'm at it.

Another friend who is a long-time VW fan recently purchased a 1972 914. Though he purchased it to fix up and drive, his situation has changed and he is putting it up for sale. So if you are interested in a '72 914 with 1.7 engine that is in good driver condition, let me know and I will pass along your contact info.

The 914 needs a bit of body work and has a couple of rusted areas. As far as body and rust are concerned, it is in better condition than my 914! Has new tires and new front brake calipers. Runs great.

I'd like to end here with a HUGE thank you to Peter Lepir and Vaughn Smith for submitting articles for the newsletter and Damon Lowney for some great photos. (And my continued thanks to Vic for his monthly Zone report and to Rich for his President's report.) Without these items, this newsletter would not have been possible.

In addition, due to my inability to devote the proper time necessary to put together the club newsletter over these past several months, I hope to be passing the editor's hat to someone else soon. Rich has been in contact with someone willing and able - we just need to work out the details.

As always, if you have pictures from an event, a Porsche story you'd like to share, a favorite road you enjoy driving, etc... don't hesitate to send to [editor@smtpca.org](mailto:editor@smtpca.org) for inclusion in a future newsletter.

*Steven Schleif*  
Editor

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**PORSCHE... THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE**

# SPRING THING 2016 REPORT

by Peter Lepir

Our 41st Annual Spring Thing in Greeneville, Tn. was a great one. By all accounts, the 44 entrants from 8 different PCA Regions had a fun filled weekend. Although the weather forecast was threatening, the limited showers that did happen were not a factor in any of the planned events.

Saturday morning was the Concour on Depot St. adjacent to the hotel with 35 cars entered. We had some beautiful shining Porsche's represented from the 60's all the way to 2016. As usual, Mike Parker and Suzan Bowman did an excellent job organizing the event. In the afternoon, the Rally and Tour had more than 20 participants. Allan Cox, along with help from Clyde Peery, developed a challenging route around the Greeneville countryside which was a highlight for participants not familiar with our scenery and winding roads in East Tennessee. The day ended with a social followed by the awards banquet at the hotel. Trophies were presented for the Councour and the Rally. What a fun gathering to end the day! There were 90 people in attendance,

and the General Morgan did a fantastic job with the Italian buffet, as well as all the other catered functions during the weekend.

Sunday morning, we woke to cloudy skies and a bit of rain. However, by 10:30 AM the Autocross at the Greeneville Airport got off to a roaring start right on schedule. We had several first time autocross participants with about 17 men and 6 ladies running the course. Rick and Janis Berry, with the help of Vic Rola and others, put together a fun course and the event ran very smoothly. By 1:30 PM, the trophies were presented and everyone was saying their good-byes and looking forward to Spring Thing 2017.

We were fortunate and honored to have in attendance Damon Lowney, Digital Media Director for PCA. He and an assistant videoed much of the weekend activities and took photos for use by PCA in developing material for a "Why Join PCA" video. Spring Thing was selected to highlight the social aspects of PCA. Other events around the country will be used to provide material on the technical and driving activities within PCA. The video,





when completed, will be shown at Parade and will be made available on the YouTube PCAhq channel. No doubt this will give more positive exposure to Smoky Mountain Region as well as to Spring Thing.

It was gratifying to see so many new faces in attendance this year. Of course, there were many of our old friends from past Spring Things, but to have so many new participants who were trying Concour,

Rally and Autocross for the first time is encouraging for the future of our event. This is a terrific event with a considerable history. So if you have not participated in the past, we hope to see you in 2017.

I had an amazing time being Chairman of the event the past two years and want to again thank all of the people who helped make this one a huge success.



# SPRING THING 2016 AWARDS



*All Spring Thing photos by Damon Lowmyer*



## SPRING THING 2016 AUTOCROSS



# MORE FROM SPRING THING 2016



# My First (but certainly not last) Autocross

by Vaughn Smith

Since I am a relatively new Porsche owner and PCA member, I am learning about a lot of new things. Concours, autocrosses, TSD rallys and the like are activities with which I am not familiar. My enjoyment of our Boxster consisted of driving to the mountains and enjoying drive outs and curvy roads. I enjoy driving and the Boxster just increases the pleasure of it.

Rick Berry, Mike Parker, Bruce Ellison and a couple of others planned and conducted an autocross school at Pellissippi State on Saturday, March 19. They did an excellent job. I attended thinking that I would learn something about autocrossing but, probably not participate. Did not want to damage my car or embarrass myself. HA!!

Rather than classroom activities where we learned rules, procedure and the like, Rick used orange cones to develop exercises teaching us about our own cars. GEEZ, the school was about driving including braking, circles and skids, reflexes, and we had to drive OUR OWN CARS through the exercises. Well, I wasn't about to chicken out in front of all these other people. After completing the exercises and running an abbreviated autocross set

up by Rick, we went to lunch and returned to run a real autocross that he and his group of assistants organized. I figured that I would not have to run since I had no helmet. SURPRISE...the club has helmets that you can borrow.

We ran the course four times. I did not go very fast the first run just trying to learn the course. On the second run, I ran a little faster, however, I missed a gate on the first two runs and scored a DNF on each. By the third run, I was starting to have a really great time and get to know the course and on the fourth run, I had a ball throwing the car through the gates and curves on the course. WHAT FUN!!! The maneuvers on an autocross course are very close together so you cannot go very fast. I never left second gear and you spend all your time accelerating, braking, and turning. I have no idea how fast I went because I was afraid to look down. There was no damage to the car. There might be some tire wear...I can't tell. If so, not very much with such a few runs.

My first autocross will definitely not be my last. I am marking my calendar now for the next one. I encourage other SMTPCA members to do so as well. You will not regret it and have tons of fun.



*Vaughn Smith negotiates the cones in his Boxster at the Smoky Mountain autocross school held in March.*

*Photo by Steven Schleif*

# OKTEENERFEST 2016

**Thursday, September 22, 2016 to Sunday, September 25, 2016**



This year's theme is "End of an Era - Celebrating the Porsche 914 1970-1976" in honor of the entire production run of the Porsche 914. This year marks 40 years since the final model year of the 914 and to commemorate this "End of an Era", Okteenerfest 2016 will feature a selection of the best stock 914s in attendance. In addition to the standard categories of Stock, Modified, and Custom, a special group of 914s representing each model year will be on display at the car show.

After two years being held in the Smokies of east Tennessee, the event was moved east into the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina in 2015. Due to popular demand, we return to Banner Elk for a second year in 2016. This year's route features portions of last year's drive with some added surprises including a small but exciting segment of The Diamondback. As usual, the day drive includes not only a ton of twisties, sweepers, and ear-popping elevation changes but plenty of stopping points to get out, stretch, and enjoy the scenic splendor of the mountains. The lunch stop this year will be in Blowing Rock, NC.

If you have not been to an Okteenerfest in the past, mark this one on your calendar. Last year over 100 people attended representing 60+ 914s making Okteenerfest the largest 914 gathering in the U.S. in recent history! We expect those numbers to grow in 2016.

Visit the Okteenerfest web site at [www.okteenerfest.com](http://www.okteenerfest.com) for more information.

In addition to the driving, Okteenerfest features plenty of good eating, an awards ceremony, tons of give-aways from some very generous vendors, a Peoples Choice Car Show, and some of the nicest people you will ever meet gathered in a single place.

Okteenerfest will be hosted this year by the Best Western Mountain Lodge in Banner Elk, NC.

Best Western Mountain Lodge - Banner Elk  
1615 Tynecastle Hwy, Banner Elk, NC 28604  
Phone: 828-898-4571

We have 50 rooms blocked for Okteenerfest - all together toward the back of the building. Room rates are \$79 Thurs, \$99 Fri/Sat plus tax. Rooms will be under "Okteenerfest". A wash station will be available and every registrant will get a towel to use for their car! Breakfast is free each morning.

**In 1988, Enzo Anselmo Ferrari, after living a full life, died. When he got to heaven, God was showing him around. They came to a modest little house with a small Ferrari flag in the window.**

**"This house is yours for eternity, Enzo," said God. "This is very special; not everyone gets a house up here."**

**Enzo felt special, indeed, and walked up to his house. On the way up the porch, he noticed another house just around the corner. It was a huge mansion with a carbon fiber sidewalk, a 50 foot tall flag pole with an enormous Porsche flag, and in every window - a Porsche crest.**



**Enzo looked at God and said, "God, I'm not trying to be ungrateful, but I have a question. I was a good manufacturer; my cars won Le Mans and F1 championships. Why does Ferdinand Porsche get a better house than me?"**

**God chuckled and said, "Enzo, that's not Ferdinand's house... it's mine!"**

# **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 Porschesfiles for socializing, driving, and lots of fun at  
Spring Fling.

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

## **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

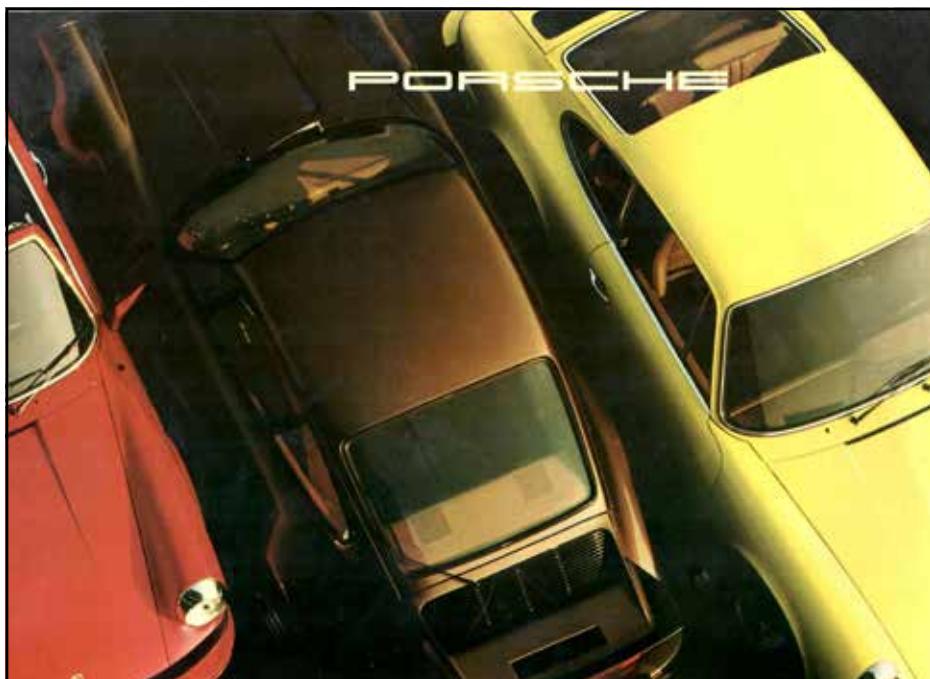
## **DECEMBER**

- TBD – Christmas Party

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**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.

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Craig Crease, Advocate

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