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FROM the PRESIDENT

Greetings once again:

Wow, what a spring this has been for our club. Several folks went to the always fantastic event put on by the Tennessee Region in Chattanooga, Winterfest. Please see the pictures and a write up by Peter Lepir in this newsletter. Our own Spring Thing, headed up by Matt Fischer, was an outstanding success again. We had a lot of new faces which is a wonderful thing to see, as well as the largest attendance ever. Eight regions were represented! We had great participation in all 3 events – Concours, Rally, and the Autocross. If you have never attended one of these events, you really need to plan on it next year!

Bob Baugh planned the drive out last May 13th to the Wheels Through Time Museum in Maggie Valley. We had a fantastic drive over the Smokies, a great time, and ask someone who went about the “Wall of Death...”

<http://americanwallofdeath.com/>

Peter is also putting on our next drive out June 3rd to McCloud Mountain near LaFollette. We'll have a nice lunch and enjoy beautiful views from high on the mountain. Details were sent out on this recently, or check the website.

If you haven't seen the revamp of our website, check it out. Matt has done an outstanding job in updating and adding new features to it. There is a lot of information, in an easy to navigate manner.

The next major event is a drive out to the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta, July 28-30. This is a world class center including a handling track, skid pad, an excellent restaurant, museum, restoration shop specializing in historic & significant cars, six simulators, as well as their North American headquarters. As a Porsche owner, you owe it to yourself to see and experience this facility firsthand, you will come away very impressed. Bob Baugh is organizing this event and you have received an invitation recently (again, check the website). Spaces are filling up fast, they can only accommodate 20 or so cars as the tour gets too cumbersome with too many people. I would encourage you to email Bob immediately if you are interested in going.

We have several autocrosses in the fall planned, a pontoon party at our Zone 3 rep's place in Jefferson City, as well as Harper's cars and coffee July 16. Stay tuned, and check our website for last minute information!

Spring is here, drive those cars!

See you soon

Rich McGowan

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Please visit smt pca.org for up-to-date information on events.

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Get to know other members during the monthly socials.
- Learn the handling characteristics of your Porsche at the autocrosses.
- Attend the Concours School to learn the ins and outs of Concours judging.
- Spend a weekend with other Porschephiles for socializing, driving, and lots of fun at Spring Thing.
- Help improve the club by participating at the quarterly Board Meetings.

JANUARY

10 – Social – Cru (141 S. Gay St.)
14 – Board Meeting at Harper Collision

FEBRUARY

4 – Wine Tasting
9 – Social

MARCH

14 – Social
18 – Autocross at PSTCC

APRIL

8 – Board Meeting at Harper Collision
13 – Social
28-30 – Spring Thing – Greenville, TN

MAY

9 – Social, Blue Slip Winery, cocktail hour from 6 – 7 then dinner
13 – Drive out to Wheels Through Time

JUNE

3 – Single day drive out to McCloud Mountain for lunch at the restaurant
8 – Social at The Crown and Goose

JULY

8 – Board Meeting at McGowan's at 2PM, cookout after
6 – 16 – Porsche Parade, Spokane, WA.
16 – Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee
11 – Social
28 – Drive out to Porsche Experience Center

AUGUST

10 – Social
19 – Pontoon's on Cherokee Lake (Vic Rola)

SEPTEMBER

01-04 – Rennfest 2017 (Young Harris GA)
11 – Social
20-24 – Drive Out Treffen (Asheville, NC)

OCTOBER

12 – Social
21 – Board Meeting at Harper Collision
21 – Little Talladega Raceway

NOVEMBER

TBD – Fall Fest

DECEMBER

7 – Social, Christmas party – Southern Depot

Please see the Calendar at smtpca.org/calendar/

for up-to-date information on Region and other events.

HEARD 'ROUND the ZONE

The Smoky Mountain Region is part of "[Zone 3](#)" of the Porsche Club of America. This zone covers 16 regions within the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and part of Virginia. You can keep up with all the Zone 3 doings with [their calendar](#). To get an overview of "The Zone" please see the [Zone 3 map](#).

Hello all...

If you are planning on attending the Treffen in Asheville, at the Omni Grove Park Inn, September 20-24, May is when you register! May 24th at 3:00PMEST, is when registration opens. Be aware: PCA expects this event to sell out in a matter of hours!

Porsche in LMP1, gets beaten by the Toyota squad at the WEC opener at Silverstone. The new Porsche RSR's didn't fare any better... alas.

I had an opportunity to meet with the Ocmulgee Region folks a couple of weeks ago. Great turnout for a Tuesday evening dinner! The Region presented me with their new Region logo, which was presented to, and received approval from PCA National.



Peachstate Region has announced that their annual Rennfest (multi event weekend) will be at the Ridges Resort (706.896.2262) in Young Harris, GA. This Labor Day weekend starts on Friday with registration, Concours and TSD Rally on Saturday, and Autocross Sunday. Evenings are covered up with socials. Spoiler Alert ... The Ridges Resort has a limited number of rooms available. If you're going...book now!

Wolf Henzler has been confirmed as a co-driver in the Porsche RSR #912 for the recent IMSA Weathertech race on May 04-06, at the Circuit of the Americas (Austin, TX).



The annual Porsche Parade will be held this year in Spokane, WA, the week of July 4th, officially July 9-15. As of this writing, the number of cars entered, was approaching 1,000!

I was glad to see so many of you at Smoky Mountain Regions' Spring Thing this year. It was a record turn out, and the weather was great. Sorry about that stop sign...

Vic Rola
Zone 3 Representative



Spring Thing 2017...

Another Rousing Success

By Matt Fischer

We all descended on The General Morgan in Greeneville, TN, the weekend of April 29. After we prepared the registration room, got everyone registered, we then socialized for a while, and then put our Porsches to bed. This year's iteration (the 42nd) had record attendance, with 52 cars and about 100 attendees. We even got some good [press coverage in the Greeneville Sun](#) beforehand. The various event results follow the main article.



Saturday morning started off with the [Harper's Porsche Concours d'elegance](#), and we gathered our Porsches, shined them up, cleaned them out, and submitted them for the judges' approval. We had quite the range, from a 1955 Continental to a 2016 Carrera Turbo. They were all beautiful: thank you all for showing your cars. The public also took a keen interest, perusing our cars and asking questions. Again this year, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport brought their Annual Porsche Raffle Boxster 718 to show at the Concours, and quite a few tickets were sold.

After the Concours, there was lunch on the Terrace, and the Rally



ensued with the Workers' and Drivers' meetings, the lineup, and the send-off. Weather was gorgeous, and Clyde and The Gang designed and executed a fine course. Alas. There are Brickbats to The County for their last-minute New Stop Sign installation. But all returned safely, no divorce papers were filed, and a good time was had by all. Please see Clyde's sidebar for more Rally details.

After the Rally, The Saturday Social Hour ensued, and may be a nap or two. Later that evening we held the [Awards Banquet](#) on premises, to a good solid buffet meal. After presenting the trophies, many door prizes were raffled away, and everything was well appreciated. We need to thank our sponsors and Freebie Givers, and remember the best "thank you" is utilizing their services.

- Porsche Cars NA (Certificate of Authenticity)
- Harpers Porsche (Consours)
- Cruise Planners (Rally)
- Eurotech Knoxville (Autocross, and Goodie Bag Gift)
- Eckler's Automotive Companies (Gift Certificates)
- Chop House Restaurant (Gift Certificate)
- Lucas Oil (A Pallet o' Product)
- Restaurant Linderhof (Gift Certificates)
- Catalyst Coffee (opening up for us Sunday)

There is one award we need to correct: the Farthest Traveled. My original calculation was from a spreadsheet that did not include the car, so it was to be given to someone not in a Porsche, a guest of a member. That's just not cricket for a PCA event... So I madly reciphered it late Saturday afternoon (using Google Maps on my phone) and determined those truly having traveled the farthest.

So The Smoky Mountain Region of the Porsche Club of America wishes to bestow upon Frank & Kelly Samuelson of Prattville, Alabama the "Farthest Travelled to Spring Thing 2017" award.

After the banquet, we settled in for a casual evening in the lobby, and off to bed to prepare ourselves for Sunday's [Eurotech Knoxville Autocross](#). Again, the weather was beautiful, and we had 24 Porsches participate in this year's Autocross, representing many types, with both seasoned and new drivers. Top Dog kept us fed, improved his lap time from last year, and a good time was had by all. The course was a toughie, but we loved the challenge.

Again, it was wonderful time, good camaraderie, and great cars. Many thanks to all that helped (you know who you are), and a big thank you to all that travelled to Greeneville for this event. See all the pictures at the website: <http://smtPCA.org/photo-gallery/>.

Sooooooo, we are doing it again: Same SMTPCA channel, Same SMTPCA time next year. Spring Thing 2018 will be themed, so get your Hawaiian Shirts and Dresses pressed, we're gonna' have a Luau!!

- Matt

Spring Thing 2017 Rally

By Clyde Peery

First off, the Thank You's go to:

- Mike Parker and Allan Cox for designing and laying out rally.
- Dick & Carol Kjellsen and Danny & Cathy Saxton for coming up from Atlanta (Peachstate Region) a day early to run and check out the rally.
- A "No Thank You" to whoever installed a STOP sign at an intersection just before the rally started Saturday Morning.

The Kjellsen's and Saxton's reported after their test run that the roads, scenery and rally layout was one of the best we had ever done. Allan Cox and I agreed after our final check run Saturday morning. As best as I can determine, those folks that did not see or just ignored the newly installed STOP sign also thoroughly enjoyed the Rally. For the rest of you who acknowledged the unintended STOP sign and had a few choice words for the Rally Master, I hope you enjoyed the roads and scenery of the drive.

The "Trickster Rally Gods" had a great laugh but we'll try again next year. On the other hand, if we started having a controversy free rally then that would be the new expectation and I'm not sure I could handle that pressure. Again, thanks to all that helped, and thanks to all that participated. ==>

SPRING THING 2017 COUNCOURS RESULTS

| Car# | Porsche | Owner | 1 | 2 | Score | P |
|----------------|------------------|------------|--------|---------|-------|---|
| Street 2 | | | | | | |
| 9 | 1986 911 Carrera | McGowan | Rich | Wendy | 139.1 | 1 |
| 52 | 1994 C 4 WB 911 | Cate | David | | 137.9 | 1 |
| 7 | 1999 911 996 | Baugh | Robert | Penne | 138.2 | 1 |
| 13 | 2002 996 | Jones | Bob | Donna | 137.8 | 2 |
| 22 | 2015 911 Targa | Lepir | Peter | Paula | 139.8 | 1 |
| 17 | 2016 GT3RS | Williams | Dale | Janet | 139.4 | 2 |
| Street 3 | | | | | | |
| 48 | 2011 Spyder | Berry | Janis | Rick | 139.3 | 1 |
| 1 | 2016 Spyder | Herrmann | Harry | Teresa | 138.7 | 2 |
| 12 | 2014 Boxster | Parton | Jamie | | 139.2 | 1 |
| 21 | 2008 Cayman S | Heilman | ED | Tracey | 138.6 | 2 |
| 32 | 2006 Cayenne S | Sheely III | Lynn | | 138.4 | 1 |
| 23 | 2006 Cayenne S | Kjellsen | Dick | Carole | 137.9 | 2 |
| Touring GR 1 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 1965 356 C | Fowler | Lee | Suzanne | 233.8 | 1 |
| 39 | 1955 356 | Kehler | George | Susan | 231.7 | 2 |
| 42 | 1979 SC | Tacket | Hugh | Brenda | 230.4 | 1 |
| 45 | 1995 911 933 | Thompson | Jerry | Nancy | 233.4 | 1 |
| 36 | 1997 911 993 | Parker | Kenny | Anne | 229.1 | 2 |
| 16 | 2001 911 996 | Kiser | Delmar | Denies | 217.2 | 3 |
| Touring GR 2-1 | | | | | | |
| 18 | 2016 Turbo S | Cambron | Jim | Suki | 179.3 | 1 |

P.S. We are always looking for "New Blood" to help design and run the Rally, so if you are interested in learning the craft, please contact me at clydepeery@mac.com.

SPRING THING 2017 AUTOCROSS RESULTS

| Name | Car | Time | Win |
|------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| Brian Hatten | 2011 Cayman S | 49.647 | P4 - 1st / FTD |
| James Cambron | 2016 911 Turbo S | 50.856 | P5 - 1st |
| Peter Burman | 2012 911 | 50.921 | S2 - 1st |
| Rick Berry | 2011 Spyder | 51.813 | S3 - 1st |
| Deems Riddle | 2012 911 | 51.999 | S2 - 2nd |
| Bonne Foulds | 1995 911 | 53.843 | S1 L - 1st / FTD |
| Dale Williams | 2016 911 GT3RS | 54.105 | |
| Rick Brooks-bank | 2005 911 S | 54.29 | |
| Matt Fischer | 2009 Boxster | 54.473 | S1 - 1st |
| Rich McGowan | 1986 911 | 55.031 | P2 - 1st |
| Suzan Bowman | 2015 Macan S | 55.108 | S1 L - 2nd |
| Danny Saxton | 2001 911 | 55.531 | |
| Newsom Baker | 1995 911 | 55.744 | S1 - 2nd |
| Paul Burch | 2015 Macan S | 66.722 | |
| Mike Parker | 2015 Macan S | 56.014 | S1 - 3rd |
| Bob Baugh | 1999 911 | 56.292 | |
| Jamie Parton | 2014 Boxster | 57.739 | |
| Bruce Wachter | 2000 911 | 58.774 | |
| Vaughn Smith | 2013 Boxster | 61.601 | |
| Teresa Fischer | 2009 Boxstet | 62.033 | |
| John Austin | 2014 Cayman | 62.114 | |
| Harry Herrmann | 2016 Spyder | 65.21 | |
| Lawrence Reid | 2015 911 | 72.814 | |
| Teresa Herrmann | 2016 Spyder | 73.374 | S3 L - 1st |

SPRING THING 2017 RALLY RESULTS

| Driver | Navigator | Place |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Rally SOP | | |
| Jonathan Foulds | Newsom Baker | 1st |
| Rich McGowan | Wendy McGowan | 2nd |
| Rick Berry | Janis Berry | 3rd |
| Rally Tour | | |
| Henry Rogers III | Sandra Rogers | 1st |
| Larry Reid | Donna Reid | 2nd |
| Dale Williams | Janet Taylor | 3rd |
| Dead Ass Last Finish (aka: Most Coveted) | | |
| Peter Burman | Jane Burman | 1st |

Winterfest 2017

Smoky Mountain Region Takes Home

The Hardware

by Peter Lepir

The Tennessee Region held its annual Winterfest Event February 17-18. It was a great, fun weekend held inside the Volkswagen Plant outside Chattanooga. In all, there were 48 cars from surrounding states, Georgia, N. Carolina and Alabama. Smoky Mountain Region was well represented with 7 cars (more on that later). For those who have never gone to this one, you should mark it for next year. It is a relatively low key Concours and fun drive out thru the area roads. Their membership does an outstanding job keeping everyone happy with plenty of food and drinks at the plant on Friday and Saturday- most of it homemade favorites prepared by their members. I suggested to Deems Riddle, the event Chairman, that they should rename the event Winter "Food Fest". It is all that good! And even though it is in February, the weath-



social time followed by a catered German-style buffet with all the trimmings. After dinner, the awards were presented for the Concours and Tech Quiz.



Smoky Mountain cleaned up with the following winning trophies. Congratulations to all of you. Great job!

- Rose Cox- Tech Quiz. Allan helped with the Concours judging.
- Joel and Lynette Duling
- Paula Lepir- Peter did whatever Paula commanded to prepare the Boxster.
- Ross and Brenda Spence
- Bob Southerland

Harry and Teresa Hermann were also entered with their beautiful Boxster Spyder but with the very deep competitive field in their class, did not win this time. Likewise for Clyde Peery, who helped with judging duties as well.



er is really not a factor because the cars are inside Friday and Saturday.

Saturday morning was the Concours judging followed by a terrific BBQ lunch. Afterwards, even though there was a steady rain outside, it looked like about 20 hearty souls ventured out for the afternoon drive. Everyone I talked to enjoyed the local scenery, and fortunately, the rain stopped during the afternoon which made it much more enjoyable for the participants.



Saturday night was the awards banquet held inside the Chattanooga Porsche dealership which was across the street from the hotel. Again there was plenty of beer and wine to enjoy during the

Our Zone 3 Rep, Vic Rola took time from his extremely busy travel schedule to join the group for the awards banquet and presented some of the latest Zone happenings. Its always good to see Vic.

All in all, it was a fun filled weekend to kick off 2017 and a great opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. See you at an oncoming Smoky Mountain event.

- Peter



TRISL Sports Cars 2017

Uber Region Fest IV, May 5-6

By Peter Lepir



Some of you may have heard about the relatively new event in Florence, Ala. called [Uber Region Fest](#). It is an all-Porsche weekend sponsored by TRISL Sports Cars and owner Thomas Trissl. We heard about it from Ross and Brenda Spence who have attended in previous years and had great things to say about it. We put it on our bucket list for this year, and the four of us took off on Friday morning. Unfortunately, it rained pretty much the entire 5-hour drive so we were not able to fully enjoy the great roads that Ross had mapped out for the trip. As we arrived in Florence at the Marriott Shoals hotel, of course, the rain ended and the rest of the weekend was sunny and mild.



The event has grown tremendously in only 4 years. This year there were about 250 Porsches of every year and model you could imagine, and I saw cars from as far away as Ohio. No doubt this will become a premier event in future years. The central focus is the Porsche collection of Thomas Trissl. He has an amazing collection (I would est. 80-90 cars) of rare and exotic Porsches in his two main buildings. I have included a few pictures, but you really should go to his web site to get an appreciation for what he has in his collection. The business of TRISL Sports Cars is purchasing and selling Porsche high-end cars. You can see his "for sale" inventory on the web site.



It was a terrific weekend with a welcome social on Friday evening, and then auto-cross and car show on Saturday at TRISL's location in Florence. Included were goodie bags, t-shirts, multiple live bands, awards, and free food and drinks. The event is free, except they request voluntary contributions for 2 local charities. Also, on Saturday afternoon, they provided free rides with experienced drivers in some of the exotic cars, i.e. GT-2, GT-3 and GT-4. I know Brenda really enjoyed her ride!

If you have not been to Florence, it is a great little town in northern Alabama just west of Huntsville on the Tennessee River. The downtown is very vibrant and has numerous interesting restaurants. Just wish we



may want to consider the Uber Fest.

had more down time to explore the area. For the golfers, it is adjacent to one of the Robert Trent Jones Trail courses. So next year, if you are looking for a nice driving opportunity with Porsches galore, you

- Peter



Spring Autocross—April 9, 2017

Here are the times for the Autocross held April 9 at Dollywood. Many laps and good times were had in the parking lot there. We started the day with some "fine points" exercises, then we morphed those exercises into an overall course. Many thanks to Rick and Janis at Euro-tech for setting this up, and to all those that assisted in the many ways that made it smooth. And many thanks for coming out!!!

| First | Last | Lap Time |
|----------|------|----------|
| Brian | H. | 44.774 |
| Rick | B. | 47.206 |
| Miles | S. | 48.17 |
| Denny | P. | 48.703 |
| Tim | R. | 48.775 |
| Matt | F. | 49.344 |
| Bo | W. | 49.492 |
| Rick | B. | 49.653 |
| Karl | M. | 49.909 |
| Ron | D. | 50.72 |
| Lee | F. | 51.111 |
| Erin | S. | 52.036 |
| Bruce | W. | 52.049 |
| Jonathan | C. | 52.274 |
| Bob | B. | 52.76 |
| Steve | S. | 53.129 |
| Joel | L. | 54.261 |
| Dan | L. | 55.431 |
| Niki | B. | 57.794 |
| Larry | S. | 58.89 |
| Gene | G. | 66.702 |



Smoky Mountain Region Website

The Smoky Mountain Region webpage has turned over a new leaf! Check it out, and see what you think: <http://smtpca.org/>

Things we have updated or changed:

- Reconfigured the opening page to be more of a "Welcome" than just a calendar. ~Two months' upcoming events will be listed also.
- Added "Search the site" link and hit counters.
- Introduced a "recent stuff" slider at the top.
- Tightened up, reconfigured, and updated info on the club pages under "SMT PCA" menu item.
- Did the same under the "PCA EVENTS" menu item.
- "SMOKE SIGNALS": We changed the file thingy into simpler "by year lists".
- Added a "PHOTO GALLERY": much of the event pix were buried in posts, so we moved them to event pages that link off the photo gallery index page. Also, we added a bunch of pix.
- "GOODIE STORE": We hid it for now, there were no goodies.
- Added a "READ POSTS" page. Much of the site's content were one-off posts that had no easy means to get to. The "READ POSTS" page lists all posts in reverse chronological order, paginated and prev/next linked.

So from now on, we will announce new events as "posts" with details (along with the usual email), add links to the calendar, and they should automatically get added to the "recent stuff" slider at the top. When we have events, we will generate a picture page for the gallery for all to see.

ENJOY! And stay informed!!

<http://smtpca.org/>



And don't forget our Zone and National websites!



A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS...

Take a moment to note our sponsors, and to thank them by utilizing their services. Many of these fine folks are continuing sponsors, and some helped sponsor the 2017 Spring Thing.



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PORSCHE NEWS AND TIDBITS

LEGO Porsches

If you ever wondered “wouldn’t it be great if I could just build a real car out of Lego?” Ummm, No. [This crash test](#) reminds us why we don’t build cars out of LEGOs. See the [full report here](#).



Porsche Milestone: Car No. 1,000,000

One-millionth 911 rolls off the production line

It is the archetypal sports car for everyday driving, and a style icon that is unmistakable as both the face and heart of the Porsche brand: the 911. In Zuffenhausen on May 11, 2017, the one-millionth model rolled off the production line. [Official Press Release](#).

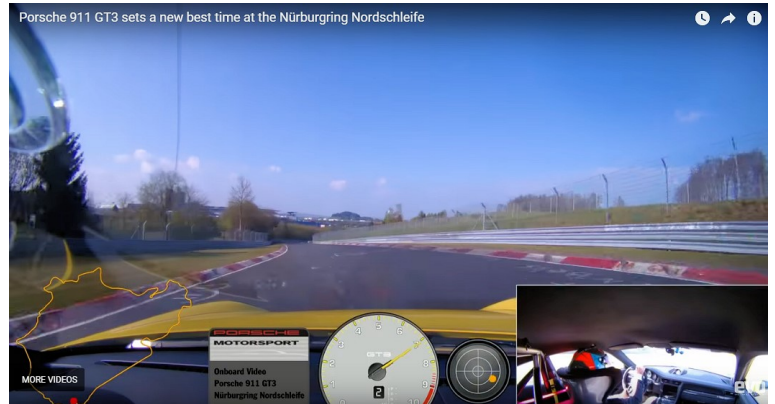


Porsche 991.2 GT3... at Nurburgring

Quicker than Ferrari 488 and GT3 RS

Everyone expected the new Porsche 911 GT3 to be fast, but this fast? The new generation 991.2 GT3 beat the Nürburgring Nordschleife lap time set by its predecessor by 12.3 seconds!

[Watch it online](#).



Porsche 911 evolves over 54 years

As part of its celebrations around the building of the one millionth 911, Porsche has put together a [fascinating ‘morphology’ slide show](#), showing how the shape of Europe’s longest-running sports car has evolved over the years.

