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FROM the PRESIDENT

Greetings Porschephiles:

I can't believe how fast this summer has gone so far. Parade was held over a month ago, and several people from our region attended and had a fantastic time. I believe a report will be elsewhere in this issue. Next year's will be at Lake of the Ozarks, Osage Beach I'm told. I am making plans to attend this one.

Since my last letter, we've had several socials, a drive out to Wheels Through Time in Maggie Valley, and a trip to the Porsche Experience Center. If you haven't been to either one of these, they're well worth doing. The PEC is an amazing place. Our club also had close to 50 cars at the Harper Cars and Coffee in July, and they have pictures on their Facebook page.

We also had a trip to Murphy, NC a few weekends ago, , as well as another Porsches and Pontoons party on Cherokee Lake that our zone rep Vic Rola put together. Good times were had by all!

Our next autocross is Sept. 17 at Splash Country. Treffen, a mostly social gathering of Porsche's, will be held in Asheville Sept. 20 – 24. Peachstate region's Rennfest will be Sept. 1 – 4 again, always on Labor Day weekend. This great event is similar to our Spring Thing, always a fun weekend.

Not too far away in October, we have our Driver Ed event at Talladega Gran Prix Raceway. For those not

going to that, Harper Porsche is having Leh Keen to the dealership! He will have one of his Safari 911 models to check out. Here is a short cut to a video of his:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeyveVjzR3A>

Please let me know if you can come to this so they may plan accordingly.

Just back from Murphy, fantastic time, and great roads! Thanks Vaughn for putting this together.

We have a lot of things going on, as I've said before, if you can help plan an event that benefits everyone. Please consider getting involved if you are able, we really have a lot of fun doing these things, but it does take effort to put them on.

See you at the next event!

Social September 19th!

See you soon

Rich McGowan

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Please visit smtpca.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 at Boyd's Jig and Reel

12 – Drive Out to Murphy, NC

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

SEPTEMBER

01-04 – Rennfest 2017 (Young Harris GA)

14-17 – Okteenerfest 2017

17 – Autocross at Splash Country, Details TBD

19 – Social at Tanasi Golf Course clubhouse

20-24 – Drive Out Treffen (Asheville, NC)

OCTOBER

12 – Social

21 – Board Meeting at Harper Collision

21 – Little Talladega Raceway

21 – Leh Keen will be at Harper's with a Safari 911

NOVEMBER

4-5 – Fall Fest: Sunday autocross at Splash Country

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...

Okteenerfest 2017 – the gathering of the 914 Faithful! September 14-17, 2017 ... For the past 4 years, 914 owners have gathered together to celebrate their cars and enjoy some of the best driving roads in the country. This year we travel to the Alpine village of Helen, GA during the town's 47th annual Oktoberfest celebrations! In addition to the driving, Okteenerfest features plenty of good eating, an awards ceremony, tons of giveaways from the most awesome vendors, a Peoples Choice Car Show, and some of the nicest people you will ever meet gathered in a single place. This year we even visit Jake Raby at Raby Engine Development! Whether your 914 is a beater, a daily driver, or garage queen, mark your calendar and make plans now to join other 914 owners for some fantastic driving, plenty of socializing, a bit of showing off, and a truckload of giveaways in a unique setting that you won't want to miss ... Details, registration and lodging information at www.okteenerfest.com.

Porsches' racing woes continued here in the States over the July 4th weekend, this time at Watkins Glen. The factory team 911RSR's finished sixth and seventh in the GTLM class, and the privateer 911GT3R's finished seventh and eighth in the GTD class.

And again at Mosport (Canada), where the RSR's could not fare any better than 4th and 7th (a BMW won GTLM). And in GTD...11th and 12th, with a Lexus RCF GT3 winning that division.

Then, at the Nurburgring, Porsche dominated. In LMP1, the #2 919 beat the #1 919. So, the 919's finished one-two in that class, trouncing the Toyota entries. In LM GTE PRO, the Porsche RSR's were beaten by the Ferrari 488GTE. In LM GTE AM, the Porsche RSR of Dempsey Proton Racing took the class win.

Finally, at Lime Rock Park (CT), the much heralded 911 RSR won overall in a GT race. In GT LM, the #911 took first in class and first overall, beating the #912 by fourteen seconds. Porsche also won the GTD class in a 911 GT3R.

At Goodwood (England), Porsche debuted its latest attack vehicle ... the **911 GT2 RS**. What a monster! Read, and see the video, in the July 4th edition of PCA's 'eBrake News'. Quickly, it has 700HP (that's roughly 4+ times the HP of my '72 911E!), 513 pounds of torque, and with all of the cars weight saving features, all of those numbers propel the car to a top speed of 211MPH! The price of all this fun, is not for the faint of heart ... \$293,200.00.

This year's Parade in Spokane, attracted over 1,000 cars. Attending from Regions in Zone 3 ... Heart 'O Dixie – 1 registrant; from Palmetto – 1 registrant; from Smoky Mountain – 5 registrants; from Carolina – 11 registrants; from Peachstate – 5 registrants; from Coastal Empire – 1 registrant; from Hurricane – 3 registrants; from Mid South – 1 registrant.

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HEARD 'ROUND the ZONE (continued)

Congratulations to Mike Williford, his newsletter staff, and the Peachstate Region, for their second place finishing for the annual newsletter awards handed out at Parade. The Peachstate Presse is in class VI of newsletters, which is a very competitive class. Additionally, the Presse won the award for the best 'featured article' (about Leonard and Betty Jo Turner). Great job!!!

Congratulations on a job well done, to the following Zone 3 members, in the Porsche Parade competitive events...

Concours. In their respective classes ... Jim + Suki Cambron, 2nd in class; Alex + Gale Galloway, 1st in class; Joel + Lynette Duling, 5th in class; Dave + Fran Lumpkin, 2nd in class; Jim + Arlene Hoffman, 4th in class; Ed+ Joanne Muzzulin, 1st in class.

Finishing in the TSD Rallye, in the RO3/Unequipped Navigational Class, were Peachstates' Dick and Carol Kjellsen, in 22nd, and Ed and Joanne Muzzulinn from the Hurricane Region, in 41st. In the RO4/Unequipped Plus Class, finishing 1st in class were Carolinas Region members Eric and Anne Yeh. In the same class, from the Heart 'o Dixie Region, were Jim and Suki Cambron, in 19th.

In the Gimmick Rallye, out of 157 cars, Tommy and Lynn Williamson, finished 44th, while Matt and Teresa Fischer finished 63rd.

In the Autocross, finishing in their respective classes, were : Lake Speed, 1st; Eric Yeh, 2nd; David Lumpkin, 14th; Fran Lumpkin, 5th; Denny Payne, 3rd; Joel Duling, 1st; Jim Cambron, 2nd.

In the Technical and Historical Quiz, finishing in their respective classes, were: Joe Carastro, 1st; David Lumpkin, 11th; Alex Galloway, 1st; Gale Galloway, 5th; Jim Cambron, 5th.

Coastal Empire Region has a DE scheduled at Roebling Road in September, the weekend of the 16th. Check their website for additional information. The next DE at Roebling Road, is in October, sponsored by the Florida Citrus Region, on October 14-15.

If you're looking for a major concours to attend ... the **Hilton Head Concours d' Elegance** takes place on November 4-5, on the grounds of the Port Royal Golf + Racquet Club, Hilton Head Island, SC.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Are you planning to go to the Petit LeMans race at Road Atlanta, October 04-07, 2017? We're looking for volunteers to help staff the Porsche Platz in the infield. We're looking for parking assistants, and tent staff for both Friday and Saturday of the event. The more volunteers we get, the shorter the term of everyone's volunteer assignment. If you would like to volunteer then, contact our volunteer co-ordinator, Bob Kuchlenbecker, by emailing him for either additional information, or to let him know of when you'd like to volunteer your time. Bob's email address, is ... kootch@mindspring.com

See you at the next PCA event!

Vic Rola—Zone 3 Representative



What does the 911 R mean for the future of

Porsche and the car industry?

Aaron Fellhoelter

For the 997 generation on the 911, Porsche put out some truly great drivers cars. They weren't about lap times or fuel efficiency - the only thing that mattered was the driver's experience. In fact, their cars from Porsche's brilliant GT department, like the GT2 RS and GT3 RS 4.0, didn't even offer a PDK double clutch gearbox. Those cars were truly brilliant and will live on forever in Porsche's history. The GT2 RS was just a wild animal with windscreen wipers and a heart of whiskey and testosterone. While the 4.0 was an elegant racer with an engine note of Pope's choir. I have posters of both in my room and I can recall any fact of their engineering magnificence. I will forever look up to them as examples of cars that got me addicted to Porsche.

And I'm not the only one. At the recent Amelia Island Action, the fortunate 1% of Porsche enthusiasts made their stake into these manual shifting legends. Both went for record breaking sales never before thought possible for 997 values. The GT2 sold for \$561,000 while the 4.0 went for \$748,000.

However, these values did not surprise me in the slightest. Those cars represented everything right with Porsche. They were examples of what great drivers cars were, and even more than that though, they were examples of a great 911. They were gorgeous and fast and most of all, involving. You were the most important aspect of the car. The car needed you to execute perfect heel-and-toe downshifts. You had to rev match correctly. You had change gears as quickly as possible. Your lap time depended on your ability to drive, and that's a beautiful and rare thing nowadays.

Then came the 991 generation 911's. They are great and rather handsome cars that show the world just how fast a 911 could be. The new GT3 and GT3 RS have a pretty face and have handling to back it up, but no manual options. However, the PDK gearboxes pushed what was previously thought possible for dual clutch transmissions. When you pull a paddle, the car transmits the power to half the gearbox and one clutch while the next gear is preselected in the second half of the gearbox - all within milliseconds. It is insane that that much technology is available in a road car anyone can buy. They beat the very best of Ferrari in this area. However, Porsche purists like me were in utter distraught over this. Gone were the days of being one with the car and essential to the driving experience. The best driver's car in the world had turned into a computer game.



Porsche soon realized the desperation by 911 purists for another great, involving sports car. Journalists and enthusiasts all across the globe shouted out their displeasure of the lack of a manual gearbox. To them it was equal to a nuclear holocaust. At the unveiling of the R in Geneva, Porsche's head of technology communications, personally called out a former 4.0 owner, Chris Harris, out by name as one of the journalists who felt like their beloved 911 was being betrayed.

In response, they made the ultra exclusive 911 R. Only 991 were made and if you were not a 918 owner it was virtually impossible to get your hands on one. Underneath, it had the naturally aspirated 4.0 flat six from the GT3 RS. Also carried over were the carbon ceramic brakes, the brilliant Michelin Cup 2 tires, the front splitter, and many other shared parts. However, the two cars couldn't be further apart. This 911 is very special because it was fitted with a bespoke manual gearbox made specifically for driver enjoyment, not lap times. It harked back to the past all while making the driving experience the number one priority. The car's computer the most vital driving mechanism, but instead it was replaced with the driver's ability and wit. It was a truly beautiful example of the pure 911 experience that is the first true worthy successor to the famous 4.0 liter's and GT2 RS's. And prices reflect how important this car is to the 911 illustrious history. Leaving the factory, a 911 R would have cost you \$184,900, but now they are selling for almost \$1.3 million dollars.

This appreciation record really proves the success of a manual transmission. It shows that the market is not as obsessed about lap times as manufacturers once believed. That a manual transmission is the new luxury of the car world, and most importantly, it reminds the world what the 911 is all about - A pure, raw, and truly unique driving experience.

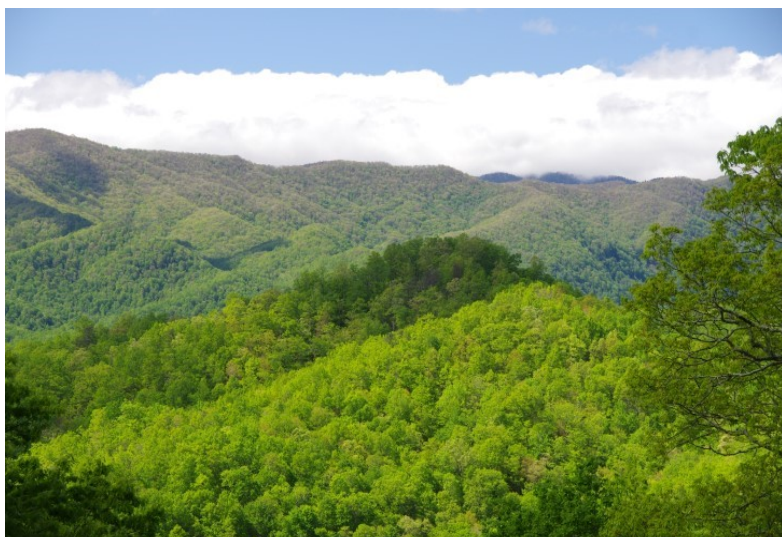
Drive Out to Wheels of Time

May 13, 2017

We met early one dark and almost stormy Saturday morning in Alcoa, planning to cross the Smokies and head to Maggie Valley to see the Wheels Through Time Museum. Almost twenty Porsches showed, a lot of the “usual suspects”, some members who had been absent for a while, and one new couple (Welcome Aboard!). After the safety and logistics briefing, we were off for an obscure and twisty route to Sugarlands Visitor Center on 441. The fog and rain made for interesting scenery.



After meeting up with some “stragglers” at Wears Valley, our leader took us through windy and hilly back road into the National Park, along some very scenic streams and rocky roadcuts. After a “refresher” at Sugarlands, time to cross the Smokies. It was very wet and foggy on the north side, but cleared on the south side as soon as we peaked the mountain chain. Second refresher at Oconaluftee Visitor Center then onto the Blue Ridge Parkway, which we owned.



We toured the Blue Ridge Parkway for about twenty minutes, and it was rife with fun roads and turkeys. Lots of gobblers. We then exited the parkway and made it to Wheels Through Time for our pic-a-nic lunch... and the rain. We ate, some in our cars, then caught the “Wall of Death” Motordrome Show before we toured the museum. If you ever get the chance, catch the “Wall of Death”.

The Museum was a wonderful exhibition of American motorcycles since their inception as glorified bicycles with motors attached, focusing mostly on old racing bikes. Quite the collection. Every now and then, they randomly fire one up. There also were some very cool cars: V12 Lincolns, huuuuuge Cadillac convertibles, and a few things we never heard of.



Once the tour was over, we all split off and made our way homeward on our own. It was a very nice trip, well planned, and with a nice mix of vistas and attractions and roads.

Thanks to Bob Baugh for setting this up. Nice trip!

See more pix at <http://smtpca.org/photo-gallery/>

Drive Out to McCloud Mountain

June 3, 2017—Peter Lepir

On Monday, the weather forecast for the Saturday, June 3 drive out to McCloud Mountain indicated a 100% rain. Not to be discouraged with this, we plowed ahead finalizing the route and sending messages to all 21 cars signed up. Each day during the week the rain chances decreased and as it might be expected in East Tennessee, Saturday arrived with nothing but sunny skies. The drive out started at the Ingles



on Emory Rd. in Powell. It was great to see such a variety of Porsches on the drive. In attendance we had a 944 Turbo, a Boxster Spyder and a few 911 Turbos, along with pretty much all other Porsche models in between. It was like a rolling car show. The route planned, with multiple hills, curves, switchbacks, consisted of two different drives, one going over Norris Lake heading to La Follette-McCloud Mountain for



lunch, and returning back thru Rocky Top, Clinton to our original starting point after lunch. There were many comments made about the curvy roads taken, some good & just a couple not so much by



those with sensitive stomachs! It was suggested that it helped to squeeze the passenger door handle real tight while enduring the twisty sections! Not sure if this works, but apparently everyone sur-



vived without an “upset.” Thanks to Janice Berry for the route which essentially was the same one she developed three years ago.

In total, we had 43 members and guests for lunch. The view from 2,700 feet atop the McCloud Mountain was terrific. The observation deck outside the restaurant attracted most of the group to take in the scenery below and snap a few pictures. Apparently on the clearest days you can see all the way to Knoxville. The food and service at the restaurant was great as was the fellowship during lunch. It was really nice to see several new faces in attendance as well as some folks not seen recently.

Included are some pictures of the event. Check out the four-legged participant, helping Peter Lepir-Tour Leader, with the briefing prior to the drive. Steve and Linda Wise brought their sweet dog “Daisy” along for the ride in the back seat of their 911 Cab. Top down of course! Many thanks to Rich McGowan and Vaughn Smith for providing assistance in keeping everyone together during the drive. See more pix at <http://smtPCA.org/photo-gallery/>

Pssst... Wanna \$300 Porsche 911 GT3 RS?

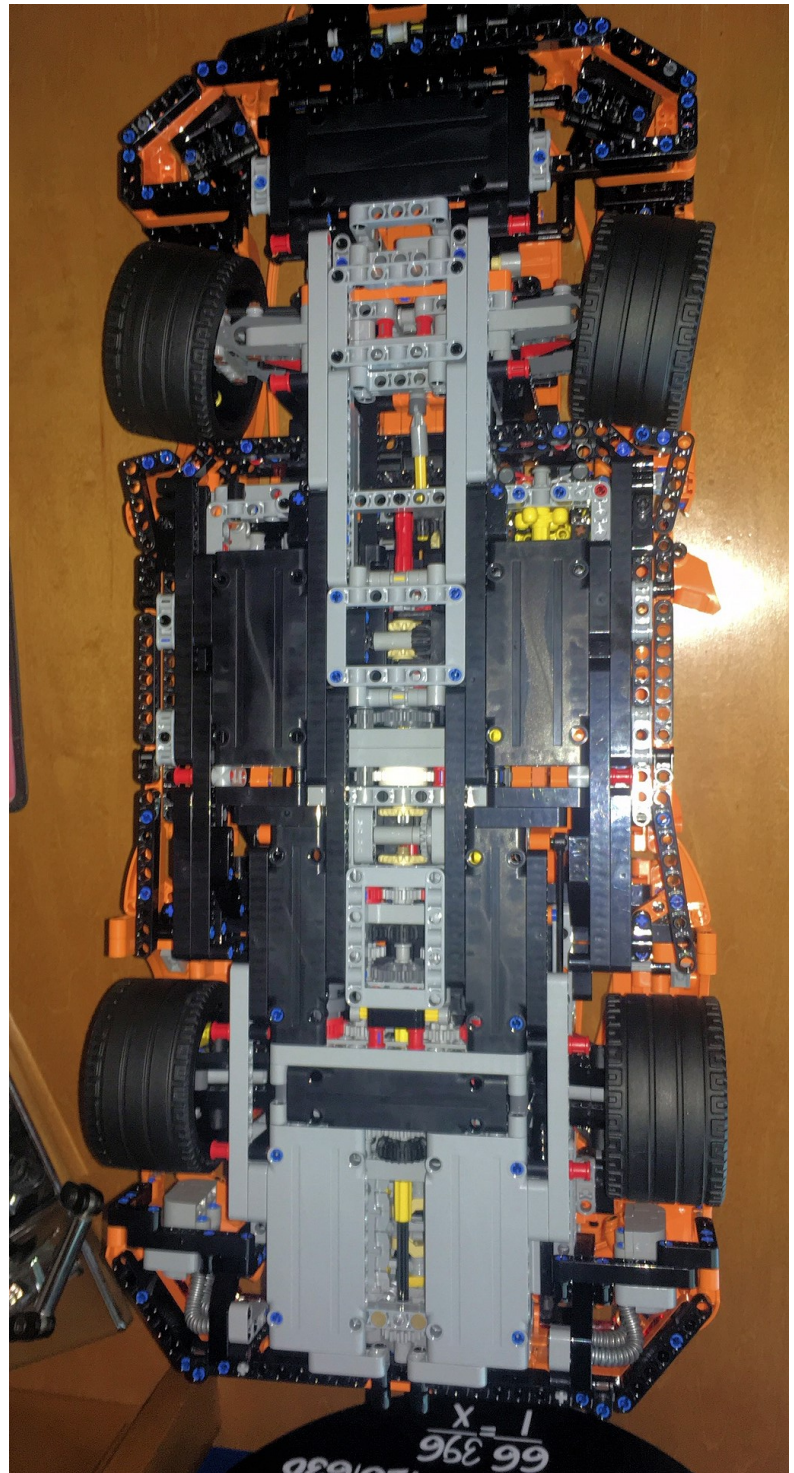
Rich & Travis McGowan



So, want Porsche 911 GT3 RS but can't stomach the \$175,900? Then [Lego has the answer for you!](#) For \$175,600 less, you can build your own! Rich and Travis did just that last Christmas, and here are the results. Some factory features include:

- aerodynamic bodywork
- adjustable rear spoiler
- headlights and taillights
- original-design rims with RS emblem
- detailed brake calipers
- low-profile tires
- working gearbox
- working steering wheel with gearshift paddles
- detailed seating
- glove compartment with unique model serial number
- opening doors
- opening hood containing a suitcase
- opening rear lid operating flat 6 engine.

(Please note this Porsche includes over 2,700 pieces)



Summer Board Meeting — JULY 8

Sunday July 8th, PCA board members et al., descended on the McGowan's place for an afternoon of Smoky Mountain Region planning, discussing, and general board meeting stuff. After business, cookout and fun!! Thanks to all that attended, and those that did not, please check your emails for your 2018 assignments.



Yep, we stacked them in like cordwood!



Che Reechard grilled some meat



Discussing important stuff...
"Will Tennessee beat Florida again?"



Louise handled The Salad



Porsche Parade 2017 - July 8-14

Matt & Teresa Fischer

This being our first Parade, we were slightly apprehensive and very excited. All apprehension slipped away when our experience reinforced that it is “not the cars, but the people”. We flew out, not wanting to add 5,000 miles to either of our cars, but Hertz misunderstood us when we said “Cayman” and gave us a Camry. “Bessie” served us well, yet lacked a certain allure and snap in her step.

Having an ulterior motive to visit the family wheat farms, we found the Washington State natives very friendly, helpful, and pleasant. Travelling the countryside well beyond Spokane gave these two geologists plenty of eye candy, on par with that at the Parade.

SUNDAY – Our first Parade task, other than registration and the well-stocked Goodie Store, was a volunteer stint at the Gimmick Rally registration table. Ellen and Don and Taxi were the best mentors, and appreciated our task-oriented mindset, and we instantly had new friends. Toward the end of our stint, Ellen brought us a bottle of Cab to celebrate, and we promptly dumped our conflicting Distillery Tour tickets and joined the Gimmick Rally for Thursday.

That evening was the Pirelli Welcome Party, an open air dinner on the river. Welcomes were made, and the new GT3 was introduced, and we made a whole table of new friends. At that time, Matt’s Quest for a Porsche Hawaiian Shirt was becoming more real (such a beast apparently does not exist). The Hawaii Region had a set of Region/PCA/Parade Hawaiian shirts embroidered up, and were seemingly willing to sell him one. Alas, it came not to be...

MONDAY – Concours was a short time for us, as this was Farm Day for the Fischers. We spent about an hour and a half “power touring” a great set of Porsches, including a Sonauto Turbo, a tractor, and 550 Spyder. Teresa spent some time in The Freebie Line, then the rest ogling the 356s in their row. Then it was off to the country, dining on a fine homemade roast beast, touring the wheat, kicking the dirt, discussing “falling numbers”, and learning how to ID four different strains of wheat at 60 miles per hour. We also toured the Coulee Dam before returning just in time to make the President’s Banquet (thanks Rich!). We sat with Danny and Cathy Saxton, and made new friends with the rest of that table.

TUESDAY – In the morning we toured the Freebie, I mean Hospitality, Room and met many fine folks and vendors, learned and earned many things. We reported for our next Volunteer duty, ice and water hauling, with grand visions of commanding a golf cart and slaking the thirst of the masses. It amounted to moving three bags of ice and two cases of water to the 3rd Floor Garage “Tech Inspection” area, and done. Tourist TIME!!

We drove about Spokane, visiting some parks, photographing cool bridges, paying our respects to the long gone Fischers at the family plot, and Hiking Palisades Park. The Palisades gave us a command-

ing view of Spokane, and a close look at some really cool Cenozoic Basalts. After dining at the Hipster Friendly Garageland (amazing Salmon Fish & Chips) we called it an early night.

WEDNESDAY – That morning was our final Volunteer Opp, corner working the Michelin Autocross. Nice 40-50 second course, though not as challenging as Rick’s. It was dangerously amusing that even with the Baseball Chalk Line outline completely defining the course we still had to run a little to avoid some “course explorers”. We almost had a “Hurley Moment” with a seagull pecking at a bit of something in the middle of the course.

We lunched at the local Co-op for our first healthy meal of the trip, then that afternoon were off to the Dinner Cruise on Lake Coeur d’Alene. Again, made new friends there, sampled some local vintages (“Buy the bottle, it is more economical at this rate”), and saw some nice lake houses, boats, and parasailers. The bus ride afforded us the chance to take in the landscapes.

THURSDAY – Skipping the walking/stumbling tour of the breweries and distilleries in downtown Spokane, it was Gimmick Rally time! This one was the “Doozie of a Floozie”, and amounted to a Poker Run, with various tie breakers: a Yahtzee Die Roll, mileage accuracy, and finally matching all the Floozies we met at the checkpoints to the descriptions on the rally instructions. It was great fun, beautiful scenery, and no papers were filed.

We lunched at The Snake Pit in The Middle of Nowhere, one of the Floozie Checkpoints, and ended up in Wallace, Idaho, the self-proclaimed “Center of the Universe”. It is a quaint old mining town, now fully dependent on tourism. The town rolled out the red carpet for the Parade folks, and we had over 200 cars make it to town. We took the interstate back after a Sampler Flight at the Wallace Brewing Company, then went on exasperating search for dinner back in Spokane. Who would of thought that 2,500 PCA members could fill the place up so quickly? But it ended well with Flat Bread and Fish Tacos at The Onion Grille.

FRIDAY – Alas, all good things must come to an end, and we had to depart a little early for business reasons. Spent the morning sleeping in, packing slowly, finding more rocks, and a fine final local meal of Mongolian Barbeque (which is neither local, Mongolian, nor barbeque), and then returned Bessie to her rightful owner with our car number still in place, and mounted the 737 for home.

We made into our bed by 0430 Saturday, EDT, with a cat very happy to see us, after the commensurate berating for abandoning him for a week. It was a great trip, we had a really good time, met up with some old friends (Denny “Third in Class Autocross” Payne, the Saxtons, the Kjellsens, Jim Cambron, Vic, and others), made many new friends. We have already blocked the time off for Porsche Parade 2018 in Missouri. See you there!

See lots of pix at <http://smtpca.org/photo-gallery/>

Harpers Cars & Coffee—July 16, 2017

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Harpers held their quarterly Cars & Coffee on, and it was a bumper crop this time. Smoky Mountain Region had over 45 cars in our corral, packed in like sardines. Many thanks to those who brought their cars out, and many thanks to all that set this up and helped make it flow.



Porsche Experience Center – July 29, 2017

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The club went to the PEC in Atlanta using PCAR Touring Group with a number of other folks from around the zone. Many of us travelled down Friday, then on Saturday we all met at the PEC for a fun day of Things Porsche. Our visit included:

- Time on their driving simulator
- Lunch at 356 Club
- Shopping!!
- A guided tour of One Porsche Center, including the historic collection and the classic service facility
- And Hot Laps!!!
- A good time was had by all... in spite of the Atlanta traffic!

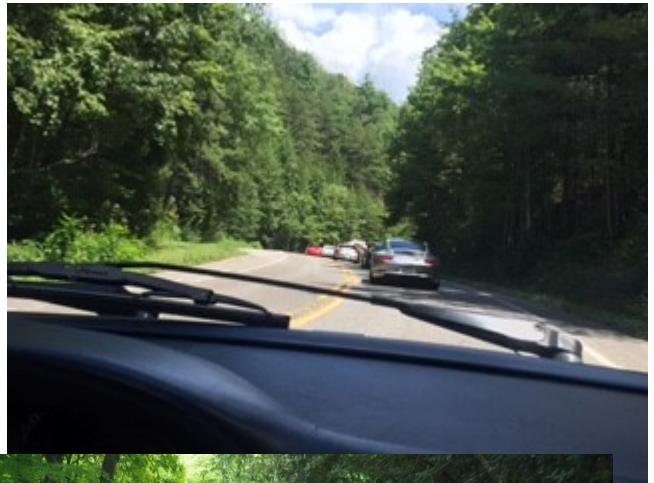


Drive Out to Murphy North Carolina—July 12-13, 2017

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Vaughn & Louise arranged another outstanding drive out, but broke his perfect record by not having any rain this time (YEA!). Mark and Bonnie had us up for dinner at their mountain cabin just outside of Murphy, and we all “potlucked” it for some fine victuals. Many thanks to Vaughn & Louise and Mark & Bonnie for making this happen.

After retiring for the evening, and a rousing breakfast of Waffle Omelette Samiches, we took a scenic route to Fontana Dam, then to Tapoco Lodge for lunch. For dessert, we hit The Dragon on the way home, with two of us relinquishing our Porsches to our brides. They did an outstanding job, inflicting a little revenge... “Oh, who wants that Five Point Harness now? MuHAHAHA!”



Porsches and Pontoons – August 19, 2017

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By Vic Rola

A glorious day presented itself Saturday morning, August the 19th, for a most non-traditional PCA event...Porsches + Pontoons.

Nineteen SMT Region members began gathering at Jefferson City's Black Oak Marina. A continental breakfast was set up for all to enjoy, while the four pontoon boats were readied for a day's enjoyment on Cherokee Lake. Once the breakfast activities were tidied up, we all boarded the four available pontoons.



We took a tour of the west end of the lake, the Cherokee Dam, and the north side of the lake. We then retreated to the cove which my neighborhood views. The four pontoons were tied together, an anchor was set, FM radios aboard all tuned to the same station, and the social aspect of the day started in earnest.

For the next couple of hours, there was a great social atmosphere, with much conversation, snacking, and of course swimming! We ultimately pulled anchor, and set out for more lake exploration. After a bit of cruising, we took advantage of a 'boat free' lake to once again enjoy the inviting waters of Cherokee Lake to go swimming.

The group ended up at the marina's restaurant ... Off The Hook, for some late afternoon dining, socializing, and an adult beverage (or two).

A great time was had by all there, and I was already being asked ... same time next year?

Why not?

- Vic

PCA MONTHLY SOCIALS

Our Socials are always a big hit, allowing members to mingle, chat, eat, and introduce newcomers to the club and our members. Remember: it's the people, not the cars!



In May, we went to the Blue Slip Winery for a catered event. The venue was amazing, especially for us Train Buffs, and the food was good. We even had a birthday to celebrate.



In June we hit the Crown and Goose, and took over the outside patio. We had a bumper crop show up.



Then in July, Blackhorse Pub & Brewery hosted us, and in August we were off to Boyd's Jig & Reel. Again, another birthday!!

REMEMBER: Please RSVP for the socials. On occasion we've had to scramble to make room for the "Bumper Crops" we've had.

PORSCHE NEWS AND TIDBITS...

[You're Never Too Old...](#)

Apparently, a 79-year-old woman Boxster GTS went out for a drive... a fast drive... A 149 mph drive. "I had no idea I was driving so fast. But it's not a problem. I agree with the fine imposed on the Public Prosecutor," she said.

[PCA e-Brake News](#)

Catch the August e-Brake News, read about the 2018 Cayenne, the Werks Reunion Monterey, 911s take on the Baja Mexican 1000, and so much more!

Harper Porsche eZine Preview

Catch up on the [latest at Harpers Porsche](#), including Porsche plans to enter Formula E, Porsche Quality, and the latest trade-ins!!

Smoky Mountain PCA Driver Education

The Smoky Mountain Region Drivers Education (DE) Event has had an outstanding response to our call for interested members. The event will be October 21st 2017 at Little Talladega Grand Prix Raceway in Munford, AL. This 1.4 mile road course offers a challenging and safe venue for the club. Rick Brooksbank is heading this up, and the novice slots are sold out, but we do have a few spaces left for intermediate or advanced drivers. Please let Rick Brooksbank know if you can make it, you'll be glad you did!

1971 Porsche 917K for Record \$14,080,000

Steve McQueen's ride from the movie "Le Mans" just brought a record price during Monterey Car Week. A 1971 Porsche 917K (chassis number 917-024) used in the iconic racing film smashed the previous record for most valuable [Porsche sold at an auction](#).