

# *Smoke Signals*

***Smoky Mountain Region Porsche Club of America***

***March 2009***

## **Great Porsche Show Off Big Success**

Market Square Mall  
February 14, 2009

Despite a dismal weather forecast, 22 cars arrived and were displayed on Market Square Mall on Saturday, February 14, at the Great Porsche Show Off. We had three potential new members attend and display their Porsches, as well as a constant flow of curious onlookers.

There were also several photographers taking pictures, and more photographers kept arriving until there were photographers all over the Mall. As it turned out, they were from a UT photography class.

Beware Jane and J.B.!! There were two potential members displaying their 928's,

We were pleased to welcome our newest member, Trae Wieniewitz. Trae attended, along with his wife and young daughter, displaying one of his 993's.

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make this another successful Show Off.

Editors Note: Many thanks to Bob Hutchins for organizing this very important event. Great job.



## **European Auto Garage Tech Session**



Carl Poeltl Addresses the group about tire loading

We had an excellent turnout of 30 members at the first tech session of 2009. The session covered all things tires, from lateral loading to air pressure to how to balance the car using tire pressures to the actual balance of the car. Joe Hill had his Cayman S put on the scales and it was amazing how well balanced the car is from the factory. I think personally what I took from the session was that you would be surprised how much you can affect the times of your car in autocross by just changing the pressure in the tires.

Karl also spent some time explaining how a car is corner balanced using the suspension, especially when a race car can make use of adjustable coil over shock absorbers.

Excellent session, thanks to the folks at European Auto Garage for their hospitality. More pictures on the web site.



Club members learning about tires and car balance

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## Upcoming Events

### March Events:

**March 14:** PCA Autocross  
at Pellissippi State; First car  
off at 10 AM.

**St Patrick's Day Social:**  
March 17, 6:00 PM at Mulli-  
gan's Restaurant, 8923  
Linksvue Dr, Knoxville.

**Car Cleaning Tech Session:**  
European Auto Garage, 10  
AM. March 28.

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Pictures from the new Porsche museum

## From The President

Welcome to Smoke Signals,  
March 2009. This edition will  
be available online and in your  
mailbox as well. This will be  
the first printed edition in al-  
most two years. Please take  
the calendar out and stick it on



on your refrigerator. That way, you have no excuses for miss-  
ing any of our events.

Look on the cover page for March events. We have our first  
autocross coming up March 14 at Pellissippi State. The Auto-  
cross school has been postponed to allow us more time to pro-  
mote the event. We have a St. Patrick's Day social planned for  
March 17 at Mulligan's Restaurant.

We have a car cleaning tech planned for Saturday March 28 at  
European Auto Garage at 10 AM.

We have sent the autocross timing system back to FarmTek for  
updating to autocross software. This will allow multiple cars  
on the course at one time.

I would like to welcome Harper Porsche as Smoke Signals sup-  
porter. Please take a look at their ad and article on page 3.

**VERY IMPORTANT!!!**

I really need some help. Please take a look at the Job Market  
on page 7. I very much realize that we are all very busy but I  
really need some help. Please consider stepping up and help-  
ing. I am afraid some important things are going to fall through  
the cracks if I don't get some help.

J.B. Baird has done safety for years. This job is largely a pa-  
perwork issue. J.B. is extremely knowledgeable about the sub-  
ject and will provide training and guidance for whoever takes  
this job. He really needs a break. Help out.

We could use a couple of more people helping with autocross.  
Remember this is OUR club, without volunteers, the club does  
not run.

## Advertising Rates

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sary.  
Comments, suggestions, articles, and photos are welcome.

# Spring Thing 2009 is Coming

The time for Spring Thing is quickly approaching. Take a look at the flyer/registration in this newsletter. Make your hotel reservations soon, send in your registration now to assure yourself a spot in the event.

## New Advertiser

We are pleased to welcome Harper Porsche as a advertising partner with the Region and Smoke Signals. Please take a look at the very excellent ad below. Take particular note of the fact that they offer PCA members a 10% discount on genuine Porsche parts and service at the dealership.

We are also very happy to announce that Harper Porsche has agreed to become the sponsor of the Spring Thing Autocross. This is a bit of a departure for them from past years but we welcome them as a supporter at our premier event.

Please stop by the dealership and thank them for their support of the region and PCA. They are a top flight facility staffed by professionals and are fully prepared to take the best care of our precious rides.

Many thanks to all the fine folks at Harper Porsche.

## Tech Corner

**Classification:** Electrical **Subject:** Battery charger

**Model:** **Year:** 1994 **Total Mileage:** 50000

**Car Use:** Street only

### Question:

This is the first year I have used a Duracell 2 amp battery maintainer while storing my 94 911T and want to make sure I am using it properly. My understanding is that this is a "trickle charger".

I left the battery in place with the cables connected. Connected the positive clamp from the charger to the positive battery terminal. The negative clamp from the charger to the metal on the hood lock. Closed the hood. Did not disconnect the vent hose. I considered removing the battery from the car and charging it in the basement. Connecting the Positive charger cable to the positive battery terminal and the negative charger cable to the negative battery terminal.

Leaving it in the car is more convenient. Is the method I described correct/safe?

### Answer:

Your method is correct and almost safe. Every time you charge a lead-acid battery it generates highly explosive hydrogen gas. So the best place for that is outdoors, or at least in a garage that gets the overhead doors opened every day. All this is covered in the trickle charger manuals, but I realize not everyone has time to wade through all the endless warnings.

Do not disconnect the vent hose. If any acid bubbles up, it should go in the vent, not onto your trunk floor, it would rust it in no time.

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## SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION CALENDAR 2009

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	COMMENTS
3/14/2009	Autocross	PSCC	First Car Off 10 AM
3/17/2009	St Patrick's Day Social	Mulligan's Restaurant 8923 Linksvue Dr	Meet at 6 PM; RSVP to Mary Nell Biehler at 980-0181 or tndeb@charter.net
3/22/2009	SCCA Autocross	PSCC	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
3/28/2009	Car Cleaning Tech	European Auto Garage	10 AM J.B. Baird
4/4/2009	Autocross Driving School	Pellissippi State	School begins at 9 AM.
4/4/2009	Wine Tasting/New Member Social	Concord Yacht Club Northshore Drive; 6 PM	Alan Cox/Bob Hutchins RSVP to Bob at <a href="mailto:hutchib@knology.net">hutchib@knology.net</a>
4/13/2009	Membership/Executive Council Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant 9209 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville TN	Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM, Arrive early to eat; All Members Welcome
4/18/2009	SCCA Autocross	Meco	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
4/24-4/26	Spring Thing	Grand Vista Hotel Vonore, TN	Vic Rola
5/3/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
5/10/2009	Sunday Brunch	Mulligan's Restaurant 8923 Linksvue Dr	Meet at 11 AM Off Northshore Dr
5/24/2009	SCCA Autocross	Walters State CC	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
5/31/2009	PCA Autocross	PSCC	10 AM Until
6/7,8/2009	Biltmore Overnight Drive	Asheville, NC	In Planning
6/14/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
6/28/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
6/29-7/4 2009	Porsche Parade	Keystone, CO	Registration March 3,4,5
7/12/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
7/13/2009	Membership/Executive Council Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant 9209 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville TN	Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM, Arrive early to eat; All Members Welcome
7/25/2009	PCA Autocross	PSCC	10 AM Until
8/2/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
8/23/2009	SCCA Autocross	Walters State CC	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
9/4,5,6 2009	Rennfest	Atlanta, GA	Peachstate Region Event
9/20/2009	SCCA Autocross	To Be Announced	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
10/4/2009	PCA Autocross	PSCC	10 AM Until
10/11/2009	SCCA Autocross	Walters State CC	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
10/12/2009	Membership/Executive Council Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant 9209 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville TN	Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM, Arrive early to eat; All Members Welcome
10/24/2009	2010 Planning Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant 9209 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville TN	Bring your ideas. All members attend, let's plan next year. 11 AM to 2 PM- Have Lunch
10/17,18 2009	Talladega DE	Talladega, AL	Jonathan Foulds
11/1/2009	SCCA Autocross	PSCC	Check <a href="http://www.etrscga.org">www.etrscga.org</a> for details
11/14/2009	PCA Autocross	PSCC	Fall Fest Autocross followed by Dinner, Site TBA
Jan-10	End of Year Banquet	Site TBA	Chair TBA



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**Open House scheduled for March 21, 2009 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.**

### Tech Corner

**Classification:** Engine

**Subject:** 2007 Turbo Keeping the balance **Year:** 2007

**Total Mileage:** 10K **Car Use:** Street

**Question:**

In the past you raise what I consider a crucial issue when considering modifications. I refer to trying to keep the engine design "balance" as you make changes. More power (e.g. ECU changes) = more heat & stress on the engine re it's original design. Where are the safe limits, if any? My question is: when changing the exhaust and or air intake do you place a new demand on your engine (e.g. 997TT) similar to new ECU chips (and therefore possibly pushing the reliability and durability issues)? I'd like to think that exhaust and air intake changes do not put any more such demands (e.g. heat) on the engine but this may not be the case.

I would like some advice from an expert. It's a tough question given all the variables involved. My '07 TT is my daily driver (all year, including our Canadian winters - I'm addicted I guess), I take long road trips (10 days or so), and put in about 20 days at the track - DE courses and lapping nights/days. I'd like to install a "620" kit from a well known and reputable US company that includes exhaust, headers, ECU reflash (GIAC), and intercoolers.

**Answer:**

A few years ago I finally took the Bruce Anderson & Jerry Woods Engine Rebuild School. Someone asked this question to Jerry, basically would making more power shorten the life of the engine. He made that big Jerry smile and simply said, YES. Given your program, I would start lining up a spare motor or a really good Porsche mechanic.

I would recommend against the kit upgrade, because I think you will push the engine too far, given the amount and type of use

you put on it. A modern turbo race motor should be overhauled every 50 or 100 hours at the latest. An "hour" in that context is on-track and above 3500 rpm, idling and light cruising is irrelevant.

Meantime the best thing to do is change the oil often, and carefully inspect the outer pleats of the filter cartridge for metal. When you see much more than a few bits, it will be time to start planning for the first overhaul.

**Classification:** Cables and Controls

**Subject:** Clutch & pedal adjusting procedure

**Model:**

**Year:** 1978

**Total Mileage:** 59,000

**Car Use:** Street only

**Question:**

What is the correct clutch and clutch pedal adjusting procedure for a 1978 930? The clutch lever has the horseshoe spring but does not have the coil spring to the short lever arm. The clutch pedal will 'pull back' about 1" but does not spring forward from that position on it's own. Instead of 1.2 mm and 1mm adjustment gaps I use 1mm and .8mm for the set bolt on the arm. The clutch had been not releasing completely as when going into reverse. Thanks,

**Answer:**

The adjustment is the same as a late 915 clutch. You should have the coil spring on the short arm, or at least be sure that the short arm has been pushed forward until it stops. Then tighten the clutch pedal sheath until the long arm just starts to move off of the stop, then release until it goes back to the stop. This will raise the pedal to the top of its travel. Now screw the bolt in until it touches the short lever, and back off 1/2 to 3/4 turn. If the clutch still does not disengage, then you may have another problem, either with the clutch splines or the pressure plate.

## Heard 'Round The Region

We were disheartened to hear that Exclusive Motors in Charlotte, NC, and owned by our Zone Rep, Bob Saville, is closing. Our first two 'signees' for Spring Thing are from the Heart O Dixie Region (Alabama).

Carol Rola wants all to know that her son, Cory, got married on February 24<sup>th</sup>, to Fanny Voss, in Cochem, Germany. Cory is stationed there, as a sergeant in the USAF.

Couldn't make it to our annual Great Porsche Show Off, due to a family situation, but did hear that 20+ cars did. Good job, and a pat on the back, to Bob Hutchins who put it all together! Looking for that elusive 100% gasoline? No ethanol? The Conoco station at 8311 Kingston Pike sells 100% gasoline. Switched my 911 fuel purchases to them.

## Membership Report

We had a great February with 6 new members. Our club now has 172 primary members and 130 affiliate members for a total of 302 members.

Welcome to; Rachel Bowman (Suzan's daughter) her email is [rachelbowman@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelbowman@yahoo.com). 1993 964

Eric Broerman with his 1986 Black 911, his email is [e\\_broerman@msn.com](mailto:e_broerman@msn.com),

Roger Gilbert and wife Karen own an orange 2008 Boxster S, their email is [gilbertlawfirm@prodigy.net](mailto:gilbertlawfirm@prodigy.net).

G. Turner Howard III and Jane own a 2006 Silver Pearl Carrera S their email is [gturnerhoward@bellsouth.net](mailto:gturnerhoward@bellsouth.net).

Trae and Amber Wieniewitz owns a 1997 Black 911, their email is [plan@traew.com](mailto:plan@traew.com).

We had one transfer in-William Blacklock from Southeast Michigan. William and Mary reside in Greenback they own a 1996 993 and their email is [fast930@aol.com](mailto:fast930@aol.com).

Please contact all our new members with a smoky mountain welcome. Kudos to Constantinos Constantinou the clubs Number ONE recruiter, so far he has recruited 3 new members, working on #4. Great Job!!!

Anniversaries in March are: Richard Cawood 10, Lloyd Davis 5 Let's all try to recruit one new member this year. Vickie

## Update Your Records

Have you changed phone numbers, moved, or have any changes in your information?

Log into [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org), log in and update your membership information.

This will insure we have your correct information on file. It's simple and just takes a minute or two.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. If you have any problems, give me a call. JM

## Eurotech Knoxville Plans Open House

Eurotech Knoxville is planning an open house on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They specialize in Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Mini Cooper, Porsche and VW. Mark your calendar to stop by and meet Rick and his staff. They are enthusiasts who welcome the opportunity to meet new people and their cars. Eurotech Knoxville is located at 7329 Morton View Lane, in Powell. For more information, call 938-3876 or visit their website at [www.eurotechknoxville.com](http://www.eurotechknoxville.com). Map with directions are on website.

## Club Racing Update

The Porsche Club kicked off the 2009 racing season with a three-day event held at Sebring International Raceway, located in Sebring, Florida the weekend of February 6-8<sup>th</sup>.

Smoky Mountain Club Member Karl Poeltl, noted racer and owner of Racer's Edge and European Auto Garage, had a very successful weekend. Karl broke the I-Stock Sebring PCA Club Record during the Sprint Race qualifying session. Poeltl turned a 2:21:6, eclipsing the old record of 2:23:4 set by Grand-Am driver Barry Ellis. Ellis set the record in 2005 in 993 RS later acquired by Poeltl's business partner and club member David Hinkle. Poeltl ran a 2:21:1 during the Thursday practice session. Poeltl won the I-Stock Class Sprint Race by almost a full minute.

Karl raced his 944S2 during the enduro (90 minutes). He out qualified legendary sports-car race and former Trans-Am Champion Jack Baldwin who was also driving a 944S2 taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in class behind Mark Huffer driving a 911. Baldwin and Poeltl had quite a battle and Karl finished the race as he qualified, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class behind Huffer. Attached are two links from Karl's in-car video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWY3e-GmGtc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bq86kVEncAU>

European Auto Garage and Racer's Edge are sponsoring our Autocross Series this year. Karl will have at least one of his race cars at each event for participants to view.



## BMW Club Needs Instructors

The BMW Club coordinates the Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving Program ([www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org)) each year. They are looking for instructors to help. The date is April 25, 2009. For more information contact David Hinkle at European Auto Garage at 865-862-5270

## Der Market

**For Sale...**Stainless steel (B+B) exhaust system for '76-'89 911 turbo. No issues...replaced it with original system for concours purposes. \$1,000.00. Contact Jim Marsh @ 865.356.9107

**For Sale...**'S' type fiberglass bumper for '69-'73 911. Bumper only-no trim. TN orange in color. \$150.00. Contact Vic Rola @ 865.207.4303.

**For Sale...**1994 Porsche 968 Tiptronic Black/Gray. 106K well maintained miles. Great Driver (everything works). Could use some cosmetic TLC and have many extras for car. One set gray leather seats for 968-Excellent Condition. One set black vinyl seats for 924-Excellent condition. Various mm sway bars for 924/944. (used for autocross). Tires: Bridgestone 205/50 ZR17 (S-02) & 255 40 ZR17 off 968, 50% wear. 4-15" 5 bolt Spider Web wheels mounted with 4 Yokohama A-008R 225/50 ZR-15 tires used for autocross & Street off 924. Contact Janet Lanz-Pasha (865)986-0931

*Der Market is a free service to PCA members. Send your ads to either the club president or newsletter editor.*

## Job Market

The Smoky Mountain Region currently has several important positions open. Short hours and top pay. Current positions available include:

**Technical Coordinator:** This position involves the scheduling tech sessions on behalf of the region. Top Pay and short hours for the right person.

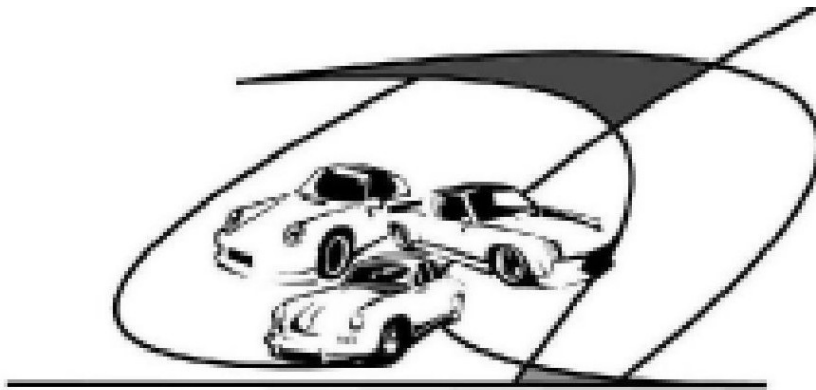
**Newsletter Editor:** This person would be responsible for editing the Smoke Signals Newsletter each month.. There are several people in line to assist with the actual assembling of the newsletter. The newsletter template has been completed and the editor would be responsible for placing articles, ads, and other items in the newsletter. The editor would be rewarded with a pizza and drinks (?) session when a printed version is assembled. This is probably the highest paying job in the region.

**Pano Correspondent:** This individual would be responsible for communicating club events to PCA National and getting same listed both online and in Panorama.

**Awards Chairperson:** The region is in need of an individual to order and secure various awards for region events. Several sources are already known, it is just a matter of a person taking responsibility for securing the awards. This person would work with sponsors on the awards to be given for various events.

**Publicity Chairperson:** This individual would be responsible for securing publicity for various club events, such as Spring Thing, drive outs, and other functions. Top pay for the right person.

**Contact Jim Marsh For Details on these Opportunities!!!**



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### Spring Thing '09 Just Around the Corner

Spring Thing, Smoky Mountain Regions' premier annual event is well into the planning/formation stages! This annual event will be highlighting the Regions 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as part of the Porsche Club of America. The event is one of the remaining few annual events around the US!

The event has moved around our geographical area, including Gatlinburg, Knoxville proper, and Greeneville. This year we're doing our second year at the Grand Vista Hotel, Vonore, TN. The Grand Vista offers a secluded setting, with the hotel being almost 100% sold out for Spring Thing. You can make reservations with them at ... 423.884.6200.

The event starts Friday afternoon with registration in the adjacent building to the hotel proper. The hotel is serving a hot meal that evening also (no co\$ to you). Plan to arrive anytime after 1:00PM. Our early registration manager is Mikee Braunstein, and our ladies, Carol Rola and Vickie Marsh will relieve him mid-afternoon.

Saturday morning, Greg DeBord will assist you in staging your car for the 'preparation class' concours. This years concours is once again sponsored by our good friends at in Knoxville. Greg is putting together a set of judges who will be reviewing the cars, while you're having breakfast at the hotel, taking pictures, or socializing with other participants.

After lunch on your own, the TSD rallye, sponsored in remembrance of our men and women of the armed forces, will start at the hotel. Clyde Peery is our rallye master, ably assisted by John Manner, and Alan Cox. The route will meander through

the scenic roads of east Tennessee, around the communities of Vonore, Madisonville, and Sweetwater.

Once you return, Jeff Gordons' tech session will await you. Jeff, from the Tennessee Region, puts together a great tech session, with both easy and tough questions. You will enjoy it!

Our social hour and banquet will be on the hotel grounds. A great opportunity to meet other PCA'ers who share your passion for Porsche! Concours, Rallye, and Tech Quiz results and awards will be presented at the banquet. We're also expecting a staff member from PCA's National Office to address the crowd.

Sunday morning, while you're having breakfast at the hotel, our slick autocross crew will be setting up our autocross, at Pellissippi State Community College, about a forty-five minute drive from the hotel. Our PCA style course will be long and quick! Our autocross committee of Rick Brooksbank, Jonathan Foulds, and myself guarantee a good time.

So...Plan now to attend! The registration form is on-line at [www.smtpca.org](http://www.smtpca.org). If you have any remaining questions, call me – 865.207.4303.

See you there!!!

Vic Rola

Event Chair

Spring Thing 2009





**SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION  
PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA**



**2009 WINE TASTING AND NEW MEMBER SOCIAL**

**A New Member is anyone joining or transferring to the region after May 1, 2008**

**WHERE: CONCORD YATCH CLUB**  
Northshore Drive north of Concord Rd.

**WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M.**

**COST: \$ 20 PER PERSON, NEW MEMBERS ARE FREE.**

**Please join us for a fun evening, learn what to look for in wine, what wine goes with what foods, meet new friends. Alan Cox will present the wine.**

**This event hosted by Bob Hutchins and Alan Cox  
R.S.V.P. to Bob at [hutchib@knology.net](mailto:hutchib@knology.net)**





# SPRING THING 2009



April 24th ~ 26th

Grand Vista Hotel  
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\$135.00 per car (two people)



**TSD RALLYE**

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## SPRING THING 2009 ... REGISTRATION

ENTRANT : \_\_\_\_\_

CO-ENTRANT : \_\_\_\_\_

P C A REGION AFFILIATION : \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE : \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL : \_\_\_\_\_

PORSCHE INFO : YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GUESTS AND / OR CHILDREN : \_\_\_\_\_

### **EVENTS YOU ARE PLANNING ON ENTERING:**

CONCOURS (PREPARATION ONLY)

ENTRANT #1 \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRANT #2 \_\_\_\_\_

RALLYE

DRIVER \_\_\_\_\_ NAVIGATOR \_\_\_\_\_

AUTOCROSS

DRIVER #1 \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER #2 \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration fee is \$135.00 per car (double), or \$90.00 per car (single). Add \$40.00 for a second car.

Add \$25.00 for each additional guest for the Saturday night banquet.

TOTAL ENCLOSED : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to the Smoky mountain Region PCA, and sent with a completed registration form to: VIC ROLA, 8912 CHIMNEY POINT, KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## ...and That's Why They Call it Winterfest

I'm sitting at my computer, Sunday...late morning, after breakfast with Carol, reminiscing about the Tennessee Region event just attended. Fourth one, mind you! The Tennessee Region, once again, staged a great social. Oh by the way...there was also a dinner served by the TN Region ladies Friday night, a tricycle autocross (they call it a tri-cross) after dinner, a concours d'elegance Saturday morning, followed by a poker run that afternoon, a tech quiz, and a banquet that evening. But most of all it was a great weekend social. With all the activities (including the concours) being held indoors, at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, no one had to be concerned about the weather. Even the afternoon poker run was run in the semi-dry. Our good friend Peter Burman was the event chair, with some super support from folks like Jeff Gordon, Joe Wilson, Chris Farrell, Deems Riddle and a score of others! Six Smoky Mountain Region cars showed up...JB and Jane Baird in their very nice ivory 928 (2nd in class concours); Clyde Peery in his upgraded 911 Targa; Jim Marsh, our Prez, in his well known and revered 930 Turbo; Jonathan and Bonnie Foulds in their silver 996; Greg DeBord, wife Patsy, and son Dylan, brought along his very nice 914-6 (1st in class concours; 1st place-tech quiz; 2nd in the rallye; 2nd in the tri-cross; and winner of the overall out of region award...whew...2nd year in a row for the overall!); and Carol and I drove down our venerable 911E, bringing home a first in class concours, and the Peoples Choice award. Forty-seven cars showed up in all...From Georgia, Alabama, central and eastern Tennessee. Four Regional presidents were there also. Readers...the TN folks have got themselves a sure fire winner in this event. We wish them Godspeed in doing it again and again. True to form for every one of the four events they've held so far...it snowed. It did hold off until Sunday morning, as we're were heading out. ...and that's why they call it Winterfest! Vic Rola



Judges look over Greg's car, the overall winner



Carol Rola giving her all in the Tri Cross



Greg found a speck of dust he missed



## The 2009 Smoky Mountain European Auto Garage Autocross Challenge

Join us in 2009 for an exciting autocross challenge series. We will be crowning a Porsche champion and a European car champion. Non Porsche cars will utilize the SCCA PAX system to level the field. This will place the challenge on the driver, not just the car. Here is the schedule:

Date	Event	Location
March 14	PCA Autocross	PSCC
April 4	PCA Only Driver School	PSCC
April 26	Spring Thing Autocross	PSCC
May 31	PCA Autocross	PSCC
July 25	PCA Autocross	PSCC
August ?	Night PCA Autocross	PSCC
October 4	PCA Autocross	PSCC
November 14	PCA Fall Fest Autocross	PSCC

Other dates will be added, watch your email and the web site for more information.

Cost will be \$ 25 per event, except for the Spring Thing Autocross, which is part of a multi event weekend.

SCCA PAX timing will be used for European autos and a new handicapping system will be used for Porsche cars.

We have upgraded the timing system which will allow us to have multiple cars on the track at a time and we have added an LED display which will show times as you pass the finish line. Times: PCA Autocross registration will open at 8 AM, close at 9 AM, first car off at 10 AM. Driving school will start at 9 AM. Register early with Jonathan Foulds at [jonathan-foulds@yahoo.com](mailto:jonathan-foulds@yahoo.com)

## St Patrick's Day Social



Join us for a great old Irish Time at Mulligan's Restaurant on March 17. Mulligan's is located at 8923 Linksvue Dr, Knoxville. Plan on dropping by for refreshments and food beginning about 6 PM. As you know, restaurants are very busy on St. Patrick's day. We tried to do this at Irish Times, but they told us that if we wanted a seat we need to arrive about 4 PM. We thought that was a bit early.

This is not too formal an event but we do need to ask one favor. So we can give the fine folks at Mulligan's a little better notice, we ask that you RSVP to Mary Nell Biehler so we have a better count on the people attending. You can call Mary Nell at 865-980-0180 or email her at [tndeb@charter.net](mailto:tndeb@charter.net). Should be a fun time. We can all act Irish even if we are not. Hope to see you there. MNB



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## Coming Events:

- Driving School - 3.14.2009 *see inside for details*
- St. Patricks Day Social - 03.17.2009
- Car Cleaning Tech - 03.28.2009



## Great Porsche Show Off on Market Square

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