



# Smoke Signals

## January News of Smoky Mountain Region PCA

### January Poker Run

Do you feel lucky? The first Smoky Mountain event of 2010 will be a Poker Run Held on January 23.

Ever been on one? Many clubs put them on...motorcycle clubs, boating clubs, and of course car clubs. The premise is quite simple – a drive utilizing simple (i.e. you can't get lost) directions, collecting a poker hand along the way, from SMT course workers. The winning poker hand wins the event! It's that simple.

**The event will start next to Puleo's at Strawberry Plains, and I-40.** The route will take you north east of Knoxville finishing up at Planet Wings on Cherokee Lake, in Jefferson City. The estimated run time of event is about one hour and 45 minutes. We'll start at 11:00, and you'll get to Planet Wings just in time for a late lunch (+ adult beverage!).

We need your pre-registration please...to Heidi at 386.4431, or to me at 207.4303. Heidi's co-chair is Vic Rola.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to dust off your Porsche for a winter drive!!! Heidi and I hope to hear from you with your pre-registration!



### Porsche Show-Off February 20

**The Great Porsche Show-Off will be held February 20 at Ruby Tuesdays at Pellissippi and Northshore.** The event is another chance for Smoky Mountain Region members to showoff their cars and look over those of other members. Most of all, it is a chance for our region to recruit new members by sharing our experiences and knowledge's of these special cars.

Those planning to attend the event with their cars should arrive around 10 am and plan to stay for as long as interested car lovers are around. Remember, your cars will be there to be viewed by the public. Leaving your car unattended with valuables inside is probably not a good idea. Snow date is the 27<sup>th</sup>.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT JEFF RUSSELL



What a way to start the New Year, sub-freezing temperatures and chances of snow in the

forecast. I went out to the heated garage Saturday to see if one of the boys (two vintage 911s) wanted to get out for a drive and stretch their legs. They were huddled near the heat source and ignored my invitation. I would swear their headlights looked pleadingly at me not to raise the garage doors and let in the cold. Oh well, warmer days will be here soon, just in time for the Poker Run later this month.

As we start 2010 in the Smoky Mountain Region, I must say a word of gratitude and appreciation to those who served as officers this past year. Jim Marsh, as president, did an outstanding job leading the club and will be a hard act for me to follow. Thanks also to Mike Parker, Suzan Bowman, Clyde Peery and the rest of the board of directors for their leadership. I know that Mike, Nick, Jonathan and I will work hard to make 2010 a memorable year in the Smoky Mountain Region.

Opportunities to have fun with your Porsche start soon. The Poker Run put on by Vic Rola and Heidi Orme on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, should be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to get those Porsches out for a little road time. Check out the details about the Poker Run on another page in this newsletter and let Vic or Heidi know you are coming.

We still need leadership for this coming year, think about volunteering. There are a few jobs still open that require minimal effort but are important for the club to function as it should. It's a lot of fun being around the great group of Porsche people who make up this club, take some time to consider taking a more active role.

Have a great month, I look forward to seeing you at the Poker Run. Check the calendar for events in February and March, this should be a fun year.

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## OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

Many times we have members who have a loss in their family and we would like to express that special thoughts and heartfelt prayers are with them and their families during this time of sadness.

Suzan Bowman lost her sister, Shirley Hall on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sandy Carpenter, Tim Carpenter's wife, lost her Mom and Dad over the Christmas holidays. Vickie Marsh's father passed away on December 20<sup>th</sup>. He wanted to be with Vickie's Mom for Christmas, so after 62 years of marriage he went to be with her.

## 2009 Smoky Mountain PCA / European Auto Garage Autocross Series...

Came to an end with the final event for the combined series taking place in October. There were 5 combined events, and 2 additional Porsche only events for 2009. Spring Thing and Fall Fest were the two Porsche only events, with their own separate awards. Thanks go to all those that helped make the series a success, and particularly to European Auto garage for their support.

The Porsche event was a close run event, with Rick Brooksbank taking the honors, with Bonne Foulds first in the women's competition.

The European Challenge was also a close event, with the points leader seemingly changing every other event. The Trophy though goes to Scott Gibson in his BMW Mini Cooper S in first with 44 points, Bradley Allen was second in his Lotus Elise with 26 points, with William Davis a close third in his BMW 325ix with 24 points.

In the non-Euro event John Brown takes the Trophy in his STS Mazda Miata with a total of 38 points. Second with 20 points was Stuart Gibson in a Mustang GT and third place honors go to Shawn Gebbia with 16 points in the Subaru STi.

This year saw a marked increase in overall attendance, both from Porsche and non-Porsche entries - a trend we would like to see continue!

For 2010, we have embarked on an ambitious schedule to include 8 autocross events, 2 autocross driving schools, and 2 track days.

Be sure to join us for the first autocross school to be held at Pellissippi State Community College Parking lot on 3/27/10. Spaces are limited, and we are taking reservations NOW. Email your reservation to [jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com](mailto:jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com).

The autocross school will be a whole day of one-on-one instruction, so space will be limited to the first 20 entries. Cost will be \$45.00 per person, and will include lunch and refreshments. A hint, attending the school will probably help you if you intend running the first PCA autocross the next date on 3/28/10, so book early!

Check out elsewhere in this newsletter, or online at [www.smt pca.org](http://www.smt pca.org) for the schedule of events for the rest of 2010. We look forward to another year of fun autocross and driving events.



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## SMT 2010 Events Calendar

| Date           | Event   | Location   | Comments   |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| 1/11/10        | Membership Meeting                            | Mancino's Restaurant; 9209 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville | Meet at 6:30, arrive earlier to eat.                         |
| 1/23/10        | Poker Run                                     | TBA  | Vic Rola 865-207-4303, Heidi Orme 865-450-5060               |
| 1/30-31/10     | Rolex 24 Hr at Daytona                        | Group Event  | Clyde Peery 865-719-6124                                     |
| 2/12-14/10     | Winterfest                                    | Chattanooga  | Watch Smoke Signals for details                              |
| 2/20/10        | Great Porsche Show Off                        | Market Square ?  | Bob Hutchins 865-690-4811                                    |
| 2/27/10        | Great Porsche Show Off                        | Snow Day   | Bob Hutchins 865-690-4811                                    |
| 3/13/10        | 24 Hr Sebring                                 | Florida  |  |
| 3/20/10        | cookout/backroad tour                         | Tommy wilson & Jill Jordan home                        | RSVP 423-453-5748  |
| 3/27/10        | SMT Auto X School                             | Pellissippi State CC                                   | Details TBA  |
| 3/28/10        | Auto Cross                                    | Pellissippi State CC                                   | Details TBA  |
| 4/12/10        | Membership Meeting                            | Mancino's Restaurant; 9209 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville | Meet at 6:30, arrive earlier to eat.                         |
| 4/30/10-5/2/10 | Spring Thing                                  | Double Tree Hotel, Oak Ridge, TN                       | Jim Marsh 865-356-9107                                       |
| 5/15/10        | Glenmore Charity Councour                     | Jefferson City, TN                                     | Vic Rola 865-207-4303  |
| 5/20/10        | Thursday Night At Sonic                       | Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike                     | Meet at 6:30 PM  |
| 5/22/10        | Auto Cross                                    | Pellissippi State CC                                   | Details TBA  |
| 5/28-5/30      | Porschefest Multi Event Weekend               | Charlotte, NC  | Details TBA  |
| 6/5/10         | One Day Drive Out                             | Cherahola and The Dragon                               | Frank Prout 865-675-7377                                     |
| 6/12/10        | SMT Auto X School                             | Pellissippi State CC                                   | Details TBA  |
| 6/13/10        | Auto Cross                                    | Pellissippi State CC                                   | Details TBA  |
| 6/17/10        | Thursday Night At Sonic                       | Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike                     | Meet at 6:30 PM  |
| 7/3-7/8/10     | Porsche Parade                                | St. Charles, IL  | Details in Panorama or online                                |
| 7/12/10        | Membership Meeting                            | Mancino's Restaurant; 9209 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville | Meet at 6:30, arrive earlier to eat.                         |
| 7/15/10        | Thursday Night At Sonic                       | Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike                     | Meet at 6:30 PM  |
| 7/18/10        | Auto Cross                                    | Pellissippi State CC                                   | Details TBA  |
| 8/15/10        | Auto Cross                                    | Pellissippi State CC                                   | Details TBA  |
| 8/19/10        | Thursday Night At Sonic                       | Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike                     | Meet at 6:30 PM  |
| 9/3-9/6        | Rennfest Multi Event Weekend                  | Atlanta, GA  | Details TBA  |
| 9/12/10        | Auto Cross                                    | Pellissippi State CC                                   | Details TBA  |
| 9/16/10        | Thursday Night At Sonic                       | Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike                     | Meet at 6:30   |
| 9/18-19/10     | Overnight Drive Out                           | TBA  | Clyde Peery 865-719-6124                                     |
| 10/2/10        | Petit Le Mans                                 | Road Atlanta   | Details in Panorama or online                                |
| 10/11/09       | Membership Meeting                            | Mancino's Restaurant; 9209 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville | Meet at 6:30, arrive earlier to eat.                         |
| 10/16-17/10    | Driver's Ed                                   | Talladega  | Details TBA  |
| 10/30/10       | 2011 Planning Meeting                         | Mancino's Restaurant; 9209 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville | Details TBA  |
| 11/13/10       | Fall Fest W Autocross, Dinner, & Casino Night | Autocross-Pellissippi State, Dinner location TBA       | May Nell Biehler 865-980-0181 or Cathy Hutchins 865-690-4811 |
| 12/4/10        | Christmas Event                               | Location & Time TBA                                    | May Nell Biehler 865-980-0181 or Cathy Hutchins 865-690-4811 |



## HEARD 'ROUND THE REGION

By Vic Rola

Looks as though the 'baton' has been successfully transferred to Jeff from Jim, as President of our little Region. Jeff...You've got my, and I hope everyones, support as you take over!

Not the best of Holiday Seasons for three of our families, as the Marsh's, Suzan Bowman, and Bob Berry, all lost a close family relative. Our deepest condolences to all.

Not to be lost in the Presidential transition at SMT, is a new (for the second time, I might add) newsletter editor. Tommy Wilson will do a wonderful job for us in this area, as it is his field of expertise, he dearly loves our Region, and of course drives a Porsche!

Consider the following events in your 2010 schedule. Our own of course, starting with the Poker Run...But Tennessee Regions' Winterfest, Valentines Day weekend, in Chattanooga, at the Choo-Choo...the PCA National Parade, this year just west of Chicago...and the list goes on and on.

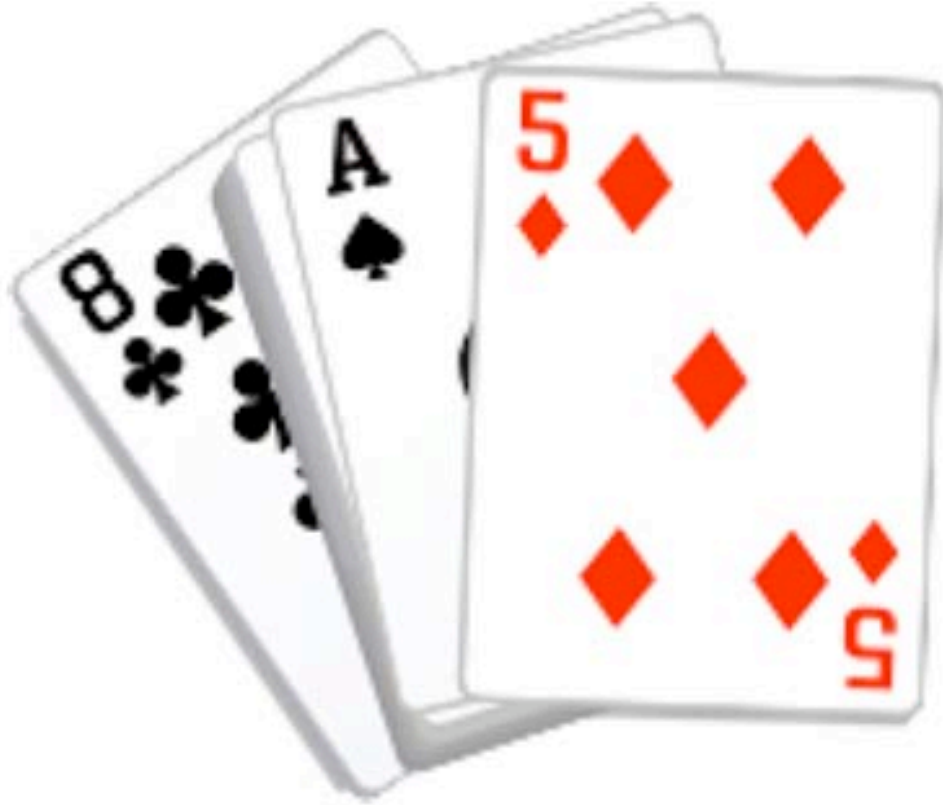
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January 23rd, 2010**

**A Poker Run is a 'pseudo rallye', with very simple road instructions,  
during which contestants draw from a deck of cards  
at various points during the event.**

**The car with the best 'hand' wins!!! It's just that simple.**

**Your events chairs are Heidi Orme(386.4431)  
+ Vic Rola (207.4303)**

**Pre-registration is required**

**The event will end at a sit down eatery, offering adult beverages.**

**THE HOLIDAYS WILL BE OVER, AND SOME 'P' CAR IS GOOD...  
JOIN US!!!**

## Smoky Mtn. Region Meets All Member Interest

By Tommy Wilson

What do Porsche owners want from their club? Not everyone is interested in performance driving or cleaning his or her car with a Qtip. No, some like driving over our country roads and enjoying the precise handling of their Porsche, with stops along the way to take in the finer points of the countryside in East Tennessee and western North Carolina. Almost everyone likes the opportunity to socialize and talk about his or her car or learn more about events they have not participated in.

A high percentage of the Smoky Mountain Region members do not participate in some events because they really do not know what is involved or think the level of expertise is higher than it really is. Nothing could be further from the truth. If members have the slightest interest in the variety of events they have yet to experience, all they need to is attend and ask a few questions.

Actually there are a better variety of events in the Smoky Mountain Region than most in the country. While this region is one of the smallest in the country, there is more variety offered in our calendar than almost any region.

We have a **social event** almost every month. The Great Porsche Showoff is social and a chance to meet the membership. The monthly stops at Sonic are a fun social opportunity. In fact, You will find the monthly member meetings have a social aspect to them. The **driveouts** are social and, obviously, a chance to drive your Porsche over our great roads with old and new friends. Entering **concour** events offers the chance to appreciate every little corner of your Porsche and, if nothing else, give your "baby" a good cleaning. **Autocross** is an event to push your driving skills to higher limits while never getting out of second gear and not threaten your health or your Porsche's health. **Driver's Education** is a chance to put you and your Porsche on a real road course (race track) but with instructors and a controlled and safe environment. Come on Smoky Mountain members, take advantage of the great opportunities to get your money's worth from that automotive "investment" named Porsche!

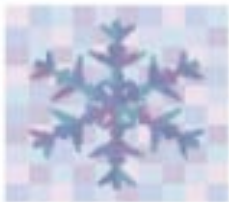
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The Chattanooga Choo Choo / Holiday Inn offers a family friendly environment that includes a heated pool, 4 restaurants and a variety of shops on the premises. The Choo Choo has offered special event rates of \$83 per night. They also offer their special Train Car rooms for \$139 per night (for those who are romantically inclined). Free shuttle transportation is available to the Tennessee Aquarium, as well as a number of downtown attractions.

The registration fee is \$110/car (2 people), or \$80 for a single, if register by January 22nd. After January 22nd, the cost is \$120/car (2 people) or \$90 for a single. It will cover: a welcoming party with beverages & finger foods/dinner, Concours, a Poker Run, R/C Autocross, Tri-cross, Tech Quiz, Awards Banquet, and Hospitality. Concours classing will be based on the current PCRs. Each class will be judged in two categories; Touring Full and Touring-Lite (Lite means no engine or storage compartments). We hope everyone not being judged will participate in the Concours by showing their cars. We have the use of Grand Central Station, a large heated indoor facility, for Concours preparation, overnight parking and in the event of poor weather conditions, the Concours.

The schedule of events includes the following: Friday – Concours prep, registration, welcome party and Tricross beginning at 8pm down at Grand Central Station. Saturday morning, in conjunction with the Concours, coffee and donuts will be down at Grand Central and the Tech Quiz will be given between 9-10 am. All this will be followed by the Rally, RC Autocross and evening banquet. Hospitality will be open most of the weekend at Penn Station, that is also where you can find registration on Friday!

Online registration is available at <http://www.clubregistration.net>. Hotel reservations can be made by phone at 1-800-TRACK29 (872-2529) or at [www.choochoo.com](http://www.choochoo.com). Use reservation code PCW for special "Winterfest" pricing. Don't delay, deadline for Winterfest pricing on room is January 22<sup>nd</sup>!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Courtney Robbins, at (423) 894-9446 or [mrobbins@vol.com](mailto:mrobbins@vol.com).



## 2009 Holiday Party by Suzan Bowman

Our annual party was held this year on Saturday, December 5 at Rothschild's in west Knoxville. This year it was decided to have the party at lunch instead of dinner. The day greeted us with a perfect snow; the kind that makes everything look beautiful and white and none of it sticks to the roads. We entered the luncheon destination with a wonderland of white outside and exited with all the wonderment melted.

Mary Nell Biehler and Cathy Hutchins were our hostesses for this year's party. They arranged for hors d'oeuvres and a wonderful selection of Rib-eye steak and Pecan crusted breast of chicken. In addition we donated a table full of canned food to a local food pantry.

Vickie Marsh, Membership Chairperson and President Jim Marsh, greeted us at the door. The hall was warm and cozy decorated with a holiday theme at each table. Members were laughing and reconnecting with old friends, and making new ones. The bar was outside the room and provided an easy way to get your favorite beverage and partake of the before-lunch snacks. Our friends from Eurotech provided a table gift of chocolate Porsches (bite size). Kudos to Janice for a tasty favor! As lunch began, we were served a delicious salad of mixed greens with sliced apples, Gorgonzola cheese and roasted nuts with citrus vinaigrette dressing and country ranch on the side. It was delicious! Next we were served with our choice of Rib-eye steak or Pecan crusted breast of chicken with sautéed leeks, mushrooms, and herbs. Each entrée was served with twice stuffed baked potatoes and grilled veggies of yellow squash, zucchini, peppers, broccoli florets along side of fresh baked yeast rolls and for desert, a Pecan pie with whipped cream or Red Velvet cake with cream cheese icing -YUM!

The hall was quite as everyone enjoyed our bounty. While finishing our deserts with a warm cup of coffee, President Jim Marsh welcomed everyone and recapped some of the accomplishments and awards for 2009. The awards for Smoky Mountain Region European Garage Autocross Challenge Champion for 2009 went to Bonnie Foulds and Rick Brooksbank. Congratulations!

The 2009 Enthusiast of the Year Award was presented with lots of clapping and adulation to Jonathan Foulds for his constant dedication to the autocross and track program in 2009. Congratulations Jonathan and Thank You for all you do for the Smoky Mountain Region. Jim Marsh also presented gifts of appreciation to Mary Nell Biehler and Cathy Hutchins, Social Chairs, for their hard work to set up several social events in 2009 (and past years as well).

Next, Vic Rola and Heidi Orme invited everyone to attend the first PCA event in January 2010- a Poker Run rally on January 23. Our new President, Jeff Russell, greeted guests with the promise of another great year.

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## The Rolex 24 hours of Dayton coming January 28-31



As usual a group of Smoky Mountain Region members, and a few who wish they owned a Porsche, will be making the trip to Daytona Beach Florida for the 24 Hours of Daytona race. Organized by our own Clyde Peery, the group will be going down to see the practice and walk through the pit area and touch the cars and meet a driver or two.

In addition to the race there is always a large variety of things to do while in area of the famous speedway. There is even a 5K run and fun walk and a chili cookoff. Always there is a display of cars which have played a critical part in the history of this world famous race. There are carnival rides; not that our group participates in such and live entertainment going on most of the time.

One can purchase tickets at the track if making a last minute decision to make the drive. Editor, Tommy Wilson, will not be able to leave for the track until Friday morning, if there are those who would like to hitch a ride.





## Autocross, fun in second gear

By Tommy Wilson

We have the cars, why not drive them, push them, and **learn** how to be a much better Porsche driver?

Autocross is your chance to learn to be as good a driver you always thought you were, and never getting out of second gear. Most people think you have to own a racecar and be some sort of race driver to be an autocrosser. That is just not so.

You do not even need a helmet to start autocrossing. The Smoky Mountain Region will provide "loaner" helmets. Beyond that, all you need is an automobile (we assume that will be a Porsche if you are reading this). Do not worry that you do not know one thing about the sport; the chairman will provide you with an instructor for as long as you think you need one. Personally, I will be at most autocrosses and will be glad to be instructor or advisor for anyone who wants to learn and feel more comfortable.

Before you arrive make sure your battery is secure, tires are inflated to about 5-6 pounds over the recommended pressure, all loose objects are out of the car (floor mats included), brakes are solid, no serious fluid leaks, and lug nuts are tightened to about 95 pounds. We will take care of the lug nuts if you do not have the proper wrench.

Show up and introduce yourself as a novice to Jonathan Foulds and ask for an instructor. They're several members qualified and willing to help you.



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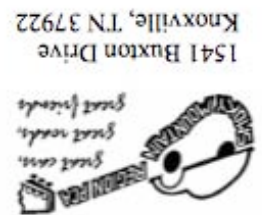
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