

## Smoke Signals

## March News of Smoky Mountain Region PCA





*Ionathon Foulds on the course* 

## **AUTOCROSS SEASON STARTS MARCH 21**

By Tommy Wilson

The start of the 2010 Smoky Mountain Region autocross season is Sunday 21st at Pellissippi State Community College. Registration is 8.00 - 10.00 am. First car off at 11.00 am. Autocross school is on Saturday 4/3. Pre register for either event by emailing Chairman, Jonathan Foulds at <a href="mailto:jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com">jonathanfoulds@yahoo.com</a>.

The season promises to be an exciting one with a lot of participation by not just PCA members but also plenty of SCCA drivers as well. We know several new members giving it their first try and some others who have given it just one afternoon. Foulds and several experienced members have volunteered to act as instructors for those who might not be sure of their knowledge and skill. There are "loaner" helmets available for those who have not invested in that one piece of safety equipment.

There is no reason for people to shy away from autocross. It is an autosport with little danger of hurting you or your car. Most runs are completed in just over 60 seconds and almost all courses are designed so the driver shifts into second gear and never shifts again, allowing he or she to concentrate on driving the car.

To be ready when you arrive, a driver would want to take everything out of the car that would be considered "loose." The floormats on the driver's side should be removed so they do not get tangled around the driver's feet. All fluids should be topped off. The battery should be secure, so as not to move at all when the inspector pushes on it with his hand. Car should not have any serious leaks or be smoking to extreme. Lug nuts should be tightened to approximately 95 lb-ft. The safety inspector will do that for you if you do not have a torque wrench. Tire need to be in good condition.

Don't be shy! Come out and fine a great way to learn even more about your Porsche. Ask for an instructor if you do not know where to start. I will volunteer to be an "Autocross Buddy" for an entire season if that is something someone might think they need. I an sure others would do the same for you.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT JEFF RUSSELL

February has come and gone and with it some pretty harsh weather sandwiched around a great weekend that contained the Great Porsche Show Off. The weather was perfect, the cars were abundant (40+) and the Porsche people



were friendly and enthusiastic. Thanks to all of you who came and made this one of the best Show Offs ever.

March brings three opportunities for you Porsche fanatics to gather and have some fun. The St. Patrick's Day party on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeside Tavern in Concord is a great way to celebrate your Irishness even if you are only Irish for one day a year. The drive out on the 20<sup>th</sup> to Tommy Wilson's home in Athens will allow you to exercise those Porsches on some good roads after Tommy fills you up with grilled burgers. Finally, the first autocross of the season is scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> at Pellissippi State. As you can see, there is plenty of opportunity this month to gather with good people for a great time.

I want to thank Rick and Janis Berry of Eurotech Knoxville for agreeing to sponsor the autocross series this year. Rick and Janis are active participants in the club and are excited about working with Jonathan and other club members to make this year's autocross series a success. Word has it that Janis just got a 944S to run in the series.

A reminder that registration for the Porsche Parade opens on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This year it is in a resort area near Chicago; close enough for several of us to attend. It will be my first Parade and I'm really looking forward to it.

I hope to see many of you this month at one of the functions. You are a great group of people and you make any gathering a fun time.

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## **2010 SPRING THING**

The Smoky Mountain Region is pleased to invite all PCA members to the 36<sup>th</sup> edition of Spring Thing. This year the event will take place in Oak Ridge, TN with the Double Tree Hotel as the headquarter facility. Dates for the event are April 30 to May 2. The multi-region event includes a Concours on the grounds of the hotel, a Rally in the Cumberland Mountains to Buffalo Mountain, Windrock and Frozen Head State Park, and an autocross 15 minutes from the hotel

Hotel contact information is Double Tree Hotel, 215 S. Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (865) 481-2468. The room rate at the Double Tree is \$ 96.00. Cut off date for PCA pricing is April 13, 2010. If you are local you are not required to stay at the hotel.

There are plenty of activities in the Oak Ridge area besides Porsche fun. There are great museums, sightseeing opportunities, and great shopping.

Please see the registration form on our website at smtpca.org or in this newsletter and mail your registration form with fees to Vickie Marsh at 1541 Buxton Dr, Knoxville, TN 37922. We hope to see you in April.

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

## IT STARTED WITH THE LADDERBACK 500

When I was a kid I would wait with excitement for the latest edition of the Sears & Roebuck catalog. That excitement came from knowing the latest in toy engineering was going to be shown in those colorful pages. My brother, Gary, and I were country boys and did not get a regular opportunity to visit the stores in town, and, besides, no store could carry all the toys displayed in the bible of toys. Being from a family of modest means (okay we were poor but classy) the ability to purchase more than one of the toys was nearly impossible. The purchase was always modest.

Gary and I would get a set of six-shooter cap pistols and maybe a cowboy hat for Christmas but the real treasurers to me were the little cars. They were of all varieties but simple; Hot Wheels had not been invented yet.

The regular game we played inside the house was "racecars." We would take two of the old ladder back chairs, and put them together in some fashion that, in our minds, resembled race cars, as we knew them. Our father had gained access to a couple discarded fiberglass helmets from his work place. They resembled the ones we would see in magazines and in movies. Actually, they looked much like the hard hats we see on constructions sites today.

With the chairs lined up side by side, we were always on the front row of the Indy 500 (the only race we knew of in the 1950's) and would battle neck and neck for at least an hour before the first pitstop for Koolaid.

Today, I search for the latest catalog from Sears to see what tools I need to work on the latest Porsche I have under the carport. The car (toy) is still a modest purchase but it puts that same smile on my face.

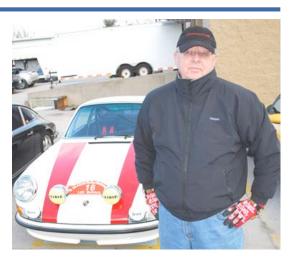
Now, I often sit in that driver's seat, put my helmet on, and while waiting for the autocross starter to signal the beginning of my run, think of Gary and I battling and bumping fenders in the Ladderback 500.

## **HEARD 'ROUND THE REGION**By Vic Rola

Clyde Peery reports that he is coming along nicely thank you, after his recent shoulder surgery. No manual transmission shifting for a while yet...

The Tennessee Region folks were not amused when Mother Nature threw a major winter storm on the menu of events for Winterfest. Attendance was nearly cut in half, and included yours truly. Next year we'll try again.

Tommy Wilson took delivery of a silover Euro 911SC to replace his yellow Boxster. As the SC has headers rather than heater boxes, he's waiting for a little warm weather to do some driving. Nice car Tommy...



Jim and Mike are trying out electronic registration for this years Spring Thing. <a href="https://www.clubregistration.com">www.clubregistration.com</a> Carol and I are registered..R U ?

Speaking of registration...Porsche Parade registration is open the morning of 03.09.10. I hope to be accepted, and head to Illinois, with the 911E in tow. You going?

Own an older 911, and looking to go to an event for that type of Porsche? The Spring Meet (named...Kurven von Georgia) of RGruppe takes place the first weekend of April in Helen, GA. Interested? Contact (207.4303) me for details/information.

Interested in European FIA Pro Rallying? Well, HD Network will tape delay all of the FIA pro rallies for 2010. Check with your cable/satellite provider for schedules.



Date	Event	Location	Comments
3/13/10	24 Hr Sebring	Florida	
3/20/10	Cook Out	Tommy W & Jill Jordan' Home	Details TBA
4/21/10	Auto Cross	Pellissippi State CC	Register with Jonathan early or day of 8-10 AM; first car off at 11 AM
4/3/10	SMT Auto X School	Pellissippi State CC	Register at 8 AM day of or email johnathanfoulds@yahoo.com. See web for more details
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
5/28- 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	See Website for details
6/13/10	Auto Cross	Pellissippi State CC	See Website for details
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	See Website for details
8/15/10	Auto Cross	Pellissippi State CC	See Website for details
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	See Website for details
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

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The hotel for the event is the Oak Ridge DoubleTree, 215 S. Illinois Avenue Oak Ridge, TN 37830 (865) 481-2468 Doubletree.Hilton.com/OakRidge Cut off is April 13 for PCA Pricing-\$96.00.

The Secret City, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Porsche: Model	Year	
Name: 1	Concours	
2	Entrant	
Address:	Co-entrant	
City:	class	
State:Zip:	Rally	
PCA Region:	_ Driver	
PCA Member number	Navigator	
Telephone		
E-Mail:		
Double \$135.00 Single \$80.00		
	class	
Extra Dinner Saturday @ \$32.00 each	T shirt sizes and	
Total enclosed \$		





#### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### Friday April 30

Registration at Hotel 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception in Lobby 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

#### Saturday April 31

Breakfast on your own

8:00 am Concours Staging
9:00 am Concours D' Elegance Judging begins
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch-- on your own
12:30 pm Rally Drivers Meeting -Entry Portico
12:45 pm Rally First Car out
4:00 pm Tech Quiz
6:00 pm Cocktails and Social Time
7:00 pm Dinner and Awards

#### Sunday May 1

Breakfast on your own.

9:00 am Course opens for walking 10:30 am Safety Meeting 11:00 am First Car out Awards will be given at end of Autocross

## The Secret City

The OakRidge and Anderson County area is as diverse a region as Tennessee has to offer. From WWII history to Coal Mining disasters to where the Atomic Bomb was made, your visit will prove both educational and entertaining. Area attractions include:

American Museum of Science and Energy, International Friendship Bell, Secret City Excursion Train, University of Tennessee Arboretum, Museum of Applachia and the Coal Miners Museum. Another secret is the vast number of Antique dealers in OakRidge, Oliver Springs, and Clinton. And Knoxville's premier mega shopping complex, Turkey Creek, is only 13 miles from our hotel.



## CHARITY CONCOURS PLANNED BY SMT



The Region is planning a concours for charity on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Dubbed a European Car Concours, being named a Gathering at Glenmore, the charity will be the Alzheimers Association.

The event will be held on the grounds of the Glenmore Mansion in Jefferson City, TN. All European car clubs have been invited, and there is hope to see Ferrari, Lamborghini, Jaguar, Mercedes, BMW, Citroen, and Porsche represented. The event will run from 1000AM to 200PM, on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The vehicle judging will be done by all event participants, choosing their five favorite cars of the event. Fifteen percent of all participants will trophy. The event is designed to enjoy the





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## **DER MARKET**

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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



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## A Parade of Thoughts, or Thoughts on Parade

The first Porsche Parade I attended, was held in Reston, VA. I can still remember my disbelief that so many Porsches would gather at one spot at one time! The last one we went to was in Charlotte. I've attended many Porsche events over the years, where the number of cars, and their quality, was absolutely astonishing (did you go to Rennsport Reunion III?).

Parades, however, are different animals. It's an opportunity to show your Porsche at a world class concours...an opportunity to try a rallye, both TSD (Time..Speed...Distance) or gimmick...an opportunity to autocross against some of North Americas' best...and an opportunity to get involved in a myriad of tech sessions, and classes, not only on Porsche but also on PCA. Parade locations are also not to be missed...The grass at Ashevilles' Biltomore...The beaches of the left coast at the Parade in SanDiego...The vistas of the Parade at Mont Treblant in Quebec!!!

The social aspect of a Parade is not to be dismissed. The 700+ cars and their owners, from all over (and not just the USA), are anxious to look at your Porsche, and to chat with you about theirs or their escapades in PCA, and to generally make a new friend. Friends? Some PCA friends only see each other at Parade! Friends I email with all year long, end up in my autocross class at Parade! How about an opportunity to meet PCA Staff, or even better, a member of the Porsche family? Ask Carol about her conversation with Peter Porsche at the Charlotte Parade!

This years' Parade is in St. Charles, IL, as many of you know (full information on line at parade2010.pca.org). Ten/twelve hours north west of Knoxville. My thoughts are already on the Parade. Carol and I will enter our car in Concours, run the TSD Rallye, and Autocross. We'll do a couple of the social functions as well. What about you? Is there a Parade in your future? If not this years, how about next years..in Vermont!!!

Just thinking...

Vic Rola



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Great Porsche Showoff People's Choice Winners – Rick and Janis Berry pictured with Jeff Russell

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Adjustments	Decrease Understeer	Decrease Oversteer
Front Tire Pressure	Higher	Lower
Rear Tire Pressure	Lower	Higher
Front Tire Section	Larger	Smaller
Rear Tire Section	Smaller	Larger
Front Wheel Camber	More Negative	More Positive
Rear Wheel Camber	More Positive	More Negative
Front Wheel Toe	Toward Toe-Out	Toward Toe-In
Rear Wheel Toe	Toward Toe-In	Toward Toe-Out
Front Wheel Caster	More Positive	More Negative
Front Springs	Soften	Stiffen
Rear Springs	Stiffen	Soften
Front Anti-sway Bar	Soften (Thinner)	Stiffen (Thicken)
Rear Anti-sway Bar	Stiffen (Thicker)	Soften (Thinner)
Weight Distribution	More Rearward	More Forward