



Smoke Signals

April News of Smoky Mountain Region PCA



SPECIAL DATES



7/12/10, membership meeting at Mancino's Restaurant, 9209 Middlebrook Pike 6:30

7/15/10 Thursday night at the Sonic, 8475 Kingston Pike, Knoxville

7/18/10 Autocross Pellissippi State

8/15/10 Autocross Pellissippi State

8/19/10 Thursday Night at Sonic, 8475 Kingston Pike, Knoxville



1978 Porsche 911 Turbo Carrera - Jim & Vickie Marsh

Jim and Vickie Marsh found their 1978 911 Turbo Carrera through the online classified ads in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. They had previously sold a 1990 Carrera 2 and had been without a Porsche for several months.

Jim says what first attracted them to the car was the unique color combinations of the exterior and interior colors. After some research, they discovered that the car is really one of a kind, having been painted "Color To Sample".

The car was originally ordered by Mick Williams, former national PCA president and well known to many in the world of PCA. The car is one of only 734 produced in the model year 1978 for the US market. It was built in February of 1978, the 188th car of the production run.

The Marsh family first joined PCA in 1996 with the C2. They have shown the 930 at two Parades in the preservation class, taking second in class in Milwaukee in 2001, and third in class in Charlotte in 2008.

The car has never been repainted or upolstered and currently has 74 K miles. The Marsh's have also owned the 1990 Carrera 2, a 1974 911 track car, and a 1984 Targa parts car. The couple is active in the Smoky Mountain Region, both having served in several positions. Jim states, "We can honestly say that most of our best friends have come from PCA."

Future plans for the 930 include the possibility of putting it back on the autocross course and continuing to drive it for outings and other club events.

Tuning Your Tow Vehicle By Jim Marsh

Most of us spend a lot of time and money improving our cars but how many of us think to enhance the performance of efficiency of our tow vehicles? As many of you know I own a 1997 Ford F-350 Crew Cab pick up. The truck is powered by a 7.3 L Powerstroke diesel engine and weighs about 7,200 pounds. I have towed several cars on a hauler with the truck and it does a fine job. I also now tow a 32' Airstream Travel Trailer which weighs about 8,000 pounds. While the truck did a good job towing the Airstream, I felt it could do better.

Where does one begin? There is a multitude of aftermarket tuning components a person can add to any vehicle, whether it is a diesel truck or a car. I decided to consult the experts at Knox Performance and Dyne Tuning for some ideas. Mike and I decided we would add a K & N cold air intake system an adjustable tuning chip from Bully Dog, a 4" Turbo Back exhaust system from AFS and an Exhaust Gas Temperature (EGT) gauge from Auto Meter.

Now some of the numbers. The stock configuration of the engine is 225 HP and 390 Lb. Ft of Torque at the crankcase. To begin with, the engine had some minor modifications; namely a Banks Engineering "Git Kit". This includes a full 3" diameter turbine down pipe, not crimped. and an engine transmission chip for the computer. Dyno testing revealed that in its Stock position, the truck was delivering 160 HP and 327 Ft Lbs. of Torque to the rear wheels. Remember that you can expect to lose about 20% from the engine to the rear wheels. Considering this is a four-door truck with a 205" wheelbase, that figure may actually be higher.

After adding the new components, we now have the following: In the chip's 20 HP mode, the truck delivered 403 lb. ft of torque and 160 hp to the rear wheels; in the chip's 40 HP position, the engine delivered 403 lb. of torque and 177 HP to the rear wheels, and in the chip's 65 HP position, the truck produced 398 lb. Ft of torque and 181 HP to the rear wheels. How about fuel economy? In stock configuration, the truck delivers 15.2 MPG with no trailer and cruising at a maximum of 65 MPH. Towing the Airstream at 60 MPH yields 12.3 MPG. After modifications the truck delivered 16.9 mpg with no trailer. I have not had a chance to trailer test the MPG. The unloaded test was not exactly an identical test because I used the AC some in the second test.

How about cost. Prices vary depending on the model of vehicle and what modifications you wish to perform. It would be meaningless for me to quote prices. Suffice it to say a person could spend as little or as much as you want. My goal is to increase the pulling ability of the truck while improving the MPG. Using the Bully Dog Chip in the 20 HP position seems to produce the most added torque so I would assume it would be the best towing position. I'll let you know when I have a chance to mileage test it with the trailer. Mike and the people at Knox performance and Dyno can advise you on what is best for your application.

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News From the Other PCA Regions

We are celebrating "Rennfest" this Labor Day weekend, and would like to invite anyone from your Region who might like to attend. Please join us, the Peachstate Region, at "Rennfest", a multi event weekend at Brasstown Valley Resort in the beautiful and cool north Georgia mountains. We pack a concours, an autocross, an RC autocross, a rally, and a techquiz competition all into one action packed weekend. Rennfest is a great opportunity to enjoy old Porsche friends and make a few new ones, too.

We welcome other PCA Regions to join our friendly competition. Included in your \$125.00 per person registration is our hospitality suite Friday evening and Saturday, dinner Saturday evening, and the "Awards Banquet" Sunday evening. Registration also includes all those multi event activities that you choose to participate in. Brasstown Valley enjoys beautiful mountain weather this time of year. Brasstown offers golf, biking, hiking, sightseeing, all the mountain activities you care to squeeze in around our Porsche events.

Mark your calendar, and contact Brasstown Valley reservations at 800-201-3205 and tell them you are with Peachstate PCA. You will get the special room rate of \$112.00 per night with NO resort fee. Reserve your room by August 3 to take advantage of the special rate. You can see the resort at www.brasstownvalley.com. The event registration form is at www.peachstatepca.org.

Here are a few reminders of the goings-on in Zone 3 in the upcoming months. Please forward these out to your region members so they can find things going on in and around Zone 3.

June 26 – Palmetto Region Annual Welcome Home Party. Details and registration at <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/>

July 12-13 – Carolinas Region DE at VIR. Yes, this is a Monday, Tuesday, but it's a great chance to ditch work for a few days and drive one of the nicest tracks in the Southeast.

Registration and details at www.carolinas-pca.com. THE REGION IS REQUESTING PEOPLE TO SIGN UP SOON – REGISTRATION IS WAY DOWN.

July 17 & July 31 – Magnolia Region Drives and Tours. Details coming soon at <http://www.magnoliapca.com/>

July 24 – Carolinas Region BBQ & Pool Party. Spartanburg, SC. Detail at www.carolinas-pca.com

August 6-8 - Carolinas Region, "in den Bergen" (in the mountains) Concours/ Special TRG Guest Appearances - Waynesville Inn, Golf Resort and Spa, Waynesville, NC. Details at www.carolinas-pca.com

August 7 – Mid South Region Annual Pool Party. Details coming soon at <http://www.pca-msr.org/>

August 14-15 – Hurricane Region DE at CMP. Details at <http://hur.pca.org/>

Sept 3-5 – Peachstate Region Rennfest – one of the largest multi-event weekends in Zone 3 at beautiful Brasstown Valley Resort in the North Georgia Mountains. The hotel could sell out, so make your reservations soon. Details at <http://www.peachstatepca.org/>

Also, **Smoky Mountain Region** is holding a bunch of Autocrosses, as is other regions.

For a complete listing of all the happenings in Zone 3, please go to <http://zone3.pca.org>



HEARD ROUND THE REGION

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The May 22nd Eurotech sponsored autocross was well attended with thirteen of the twenty-nine cars there, being Porsche. Congrats to Jonathan for again staging a successful autocross!

Several local members of RGruppe gathered recently at the Rolas' home in Jeff City, welcoming a couple of RGruppe members from Holland, who came to the US to pick-up a made for them Beck 904, in Atlanta. They visited overnight, drove the Dragons Tail, and headed to the left coast to take care of some business, and to ship the 904 back to Holland. Arjen Bosman, and his

friend Bas made some new friends here locally!

The charity concours, Gathering at Glenmore, was not as well attended as had been hoped, but the quality of cars was top notch, notwithstanding.

Congrats to grandpa x 2, Tommy Wilson, on the birth of a grandson, Hatcher, to Tommys' daughter, Blayne. Mother and son are doing just fine, thank you...

Several local folks are heading to the Porsche Parade in St. Charles, IL, the first week of July, from our Region. We wish all of them safe travels to and from, and success in any and all the contests they enter!

Congrats to our Regions' Prez for taking a first place trophy at the Carolinas Region Porschefest autocross over Memorial Day. Lady friend Shirley Campbell took a second in the same event, held in Asheville.



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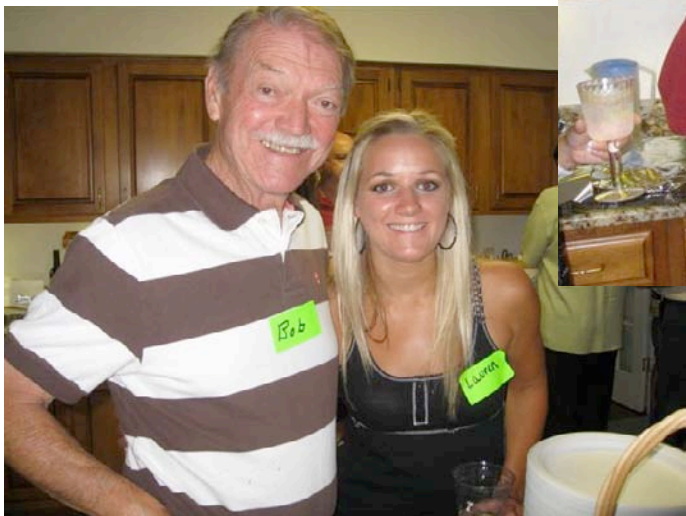


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SMT 2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

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	Cherohala 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

Italian Dinner June 25 at Nick & Pat Imperato's House



SONIC PCA OUTING



Porsche Parade Report

We will have an updated report in the coming weeks but as of 7/9/10, the attending Smoky Mountain Region members and our friends in the Tennessee Region, have done very well in the Parade events.

In the concour event, Vic Rola and Carol Rola placed third in their class. The Rolas entered the rally and took pleasure in the fact that they finished in what was reported as a "rough" course.

Smoky Mountain Region did very well in the autocross. Region President, Jeff Russell took first in class in his Boxster turning one of the top times for the event. In the same Boxster, Shirley Campbell finished first in class. Vic Rola placed fourth in the class for his '72 E finishing well ahead of the fifth place car in what was a very competitive class. Carol Rola finished 1st in her class in the 1972 E as well.

Some of the others we know from surrounding regions did well. Jack and Kathy Baker of Peach State Region took fourth in rally and second in class in concour. Grant Davis took first in class in his autocross class and first in concour. From the Tennessee Region Jeff Gordon won first in class and Division in concour with his 928. Jeff's daughter took 1st in his and Annie's Boxster. In the autocross, he and Annie placed first in their respective classes in the same 928.

This report is not complete. We know there are others from the Tennessee Region coming home with trophies.



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Gathering at Glenmore

A charity concours was held on May 15th, supporting the Alzheimers Association. All European car clubs were invited by the Smoky Mountain Region, hosting the event.

Iffy weather kept quite a few participants at home, but in Jefferson City (site of the event at Glenmore Mansion), it was blue sky, shady trees, green grass, and fourteen cars. The mansion had staff on duty for tours, taken by many of the ladies present.

The event started at around 9 am and the Peoples Choice ballots were turned in at 12:30, for count, and award presentation. Five Peoples Choice awards were presented. They were:

1988 Lotus Espirit shown by Don and Kathy Zerrip

1954 Jaguar XK120 shown by Larry and Cathy Slattery

2006 911 Carrera 2S shown by Bob Southerland

1972 Porsche 911E shown by Vic and Carol Rola

1990 Porsche Carrera 4 shown by Bryan Lawson

Once all awards were presented, the crowd moved

over to the Morristown home of Rich & Wendy McGowan, who graciously hosted a 'beer + brats' social. The hosts were supreme, the food great, and everyone enjoyed a social topping off a great day of friends, and their cars.

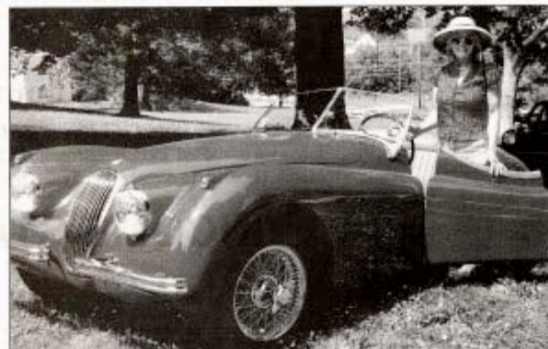
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STANDARD BANNER



Glenmore hosts car show

Glenmore was the site of a European Car Show May 15, hosted by the Porsche Club of America, Smoky Mountain Region. Vic Rola of Jefferson City was the event chair. Among the many entries included several Porsches, a BMW, Audi, Lotus and a Jaguar. A portion of the proceeds from the show were donated to Glenmore with the remainder being donated to the Alzheimers' Association. Peoples Choice award winners received a crystal Glenmore souvenir. Winners and participants (pictured in front, from left) were Bob Southerland, Don Zerrip, Bryan Lawson, Kathy Slattery, Carol and Vic Rola and Rich McGowan. Standing, in back, from left, are Shirley Campbell, Jeff Russell, Ginger Zerrip, Jo Baird, Jim Marsh, Vicki Marsh, Lany Slattery, Jeff Boyd, Pat Boyd, Mary and Bill Blacklock, Janis and Rick Berry. In the photo at right, Kathy Slattery stands with her 1954 Jaguar XK 120. (Staff photo - Ronnie Housley)



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A Ride in Our Country

By Vic Rola

We've all heard and read the comment..."it's not the cars, it's the people". It applies to our club, to our region, and to us!

As many of you know, Carol and I not only belong to PCA, but also to the Early 911S Registry, and to RGruppe. Recently, I was asked by an RGruppe officer to assist a European RGruppe member, who was coming to the US to take delivery of a Beck 904. After corresponding with Arijen, an RGruppe officer in Holland, the deal was struck on roads to travel/enjoy, including our famous stretch of road, the Tail of the Dragon.



Arijen, and his best friend Bas, arrived in Atlanta on Sunday, June 6th, and were then taken to the Beck shops in Atlanta where their 904 tribute car was waiting. Monday morning they headed to Knoxville, using the back 'less travelled' roads of northwestern Georgia, and then on to Robbinsville, NC. From there the guys headed to Deals Gap, and the Dragon. The new car performed flawlessly until that point. The fuel pump seized about $\frac{3}{4}$ distance into the Dragon. A roll-back had to come in, and get them back to Robbinsville, where the task became finding a suitable 12v. fuel pump.

The technical issue, along with the ride on the back of a roll-back, plus the install of the new pump, took the guys well into the early evening, leaving Robbinsville around 7:00PM.

We had hoped that they'd be at our Jeff City home around 5:00PM, and that's what our other guests were told. Folks in our region who are RGruppe members, such as Hansjoerg + Gisela Goeritz, the Lynn Sheeleys' III + IV, John + Jonathan Acker, Tommy + Jill Wilson...they were all invited to meet the guys from Holland, and see their new toy. All that went down hill, as it became apparent that it would be late.late...when they would finally make it in.

They did arrive at 9:45PM (much after most folks left). The expected 'how de do's' along with photos were made. Dinner was served (brats + beer). The Goeritz's stayed to the bitter end, and the guys from Holland were duly impressed with our version of Southern Hospitality.



Tuesday morning they followed me to I-40, and then on to Nashville, St.Louis, and Kansas City. And now, I can say that I drove a Beck 904...what a ride...lightweight car with a 3.6L eating away the asphalt!

We hope that Arijens' and Bas' exciting adventure continues with no more technical issues, as they head to the left coast and San Francisco!



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