



Smoke Signals

News of Smoky Mountain Region PCA

SPECIAL DATES



9/12/10 Autocross at Pellissippi State

9/16/10 Thursday night at the Sonic, 8475 Kingston Pike, Knoxville

10/11/10 Club Membership Meeting at Mancino's Restaurant, Knoxville

Overnight Tour to Fall Creek Falls State Park -September 18 & return on 9/19

By Clyde Peery

We will be exploring the great roads of the Sweetwater Valley and the Sequatchie Valley along with the dramatic escarpments that rise and fall from the Cumberland Plateau as our tour leads us to our beautiful destination of Fall Creek Falls.

You may access their web site at: www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/FallCreekFalls/ .

We will meet at 8:30AM on Saturday morning, Sept. 18 at the Loudon County Visitor's Bureau, 1075 Highway 431 North, Lenoir City. If you are driving South on I-75 you will take Exit 81 and turn left on Hwy 321 toward Lenoir City. At the first traffic (Shoney's on right) turn left into the Visitor's Bureau parking lot. Don't forget to pack a picnic lunch. We will arrive at Fall Creek Falls in the early afternoon in order to select from activities such as hiking, golfing, relaxing, socializing or dare I say, watch the Vols play Florida. Their restaurant will be available for our meals on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. After breakfast we will continue to do some exploratory driving on our way home. For those that need to get home more quickly on Sunday, I can help you with a more direct route.

Please call for reservations at: 1(800) 250-8610. Ask for a room in the New/North building, which is overlooking the lake. The room rate is \$ 92.23 plus tax but you may inquire if you are eligible for any discount rates such as being a Senior or State employee. After you have made you reservations, please e-mail me at: cpeery@mac.com or call me (865) 719-6124. I will be providing everyone with a list of participants so I need to know: 1) the names of those in your car; 2) the make, model, year and color of you car; 3) the # of your cell phone that you will have with you; and for me, 4) your home address and e-mail address.

We always have a great time on our tours meeting new friends and reconnecting with old ones. Kathryn and I look forward to seeing you.



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is always OPEN!
Be sure to check it out.



Randy Pobst At Knoxville Performance

By Tommy Wilson

“My favorite Porsche is the 993. It is a great car and when you put a turbo on it you can go from the street to the race track.” “My favorite track is VIR. It is a great track.”

That was a couple of the responses to the many questions asked of Randy Pobst as he met with members of the Smoky Mountain Region at Knoxville performance Center on Monday, August 16. Pobst was the guest of , friend, Michael Grande, owner of Knoxville Performance Center. Grande’s performance center maintains Pobst’s personal 996 turbo.

Grande prepares a variety of Porsche race cars for the different race series around the country as well as racing his own Porsche. Grande’s friendship with Pobst started at the race tracks and grew into Pobst driving one of Grande’s Porsches for a while. “in fact, said Grande, Randy set a lap record at Lime Rock a few years ago in one of my cars.”

Pobst is the 2nd in wins among all active road race drivers. He has won the Daytona 24 hour twice, in 2001 and 2006.

Pobst’s friendly style kept the interest of the SMTR members as he told story after story of his experiences and evaluation of different race cars. Currently he is racing the K-Pax Volvo S60 with Andy Pilgrim in the World Challenge Series. The Volvo was a car which took a lot of work to make it a winner, said Pobst. That included the addition of a giant turbo. The 2.5 liter engine generates 500 hp with 26 lbs of boost.

He shared with the group that the series is constantly making adjustments to teams and cars if they are “too successful” by doing things like adding 200-250 pounds of lead to the cars, just to slow them down. He had that experience racing Porsches.

Pobst mentioned in a recent road test of the Audi R8, Jaguar XKF and the Porsche Caymen S, the Caymen was declared to be the best of the lot. He added, “with the PDK transmission, it is the perfect car. In fact it is almost boring to drive because it takes so little skill to drive at speed.” He finished that comment by saying the manual transmission with become a thing of the past and noted several cars with similar transmissions to the Porsche PDK.

HEARD ROUND THE REGION



Our Regions' Prez is going through a series of medical procedures to eliminate a nasty cancer. Our prayers and best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Fall events in our area are beginning to take shape. Why not take advantage of one (or more) of them? Drive-Out; Fall Autocross; Petit LeMans at Road Atlanta; DE at the Talladega Grand Prix track; and others to be announced. Look for event descriptions in your latest newsletter.

Jeff Russell is in the midst of a busy fall, with a list of officers for 2011 being on the list, as well as planning 2011 events. Want to help? Get in touch with him...he'd love to hear from you!!!

Welcome to another 'long hood' owner...Orlando Carrasco, who is showing up at a lot of our events in his...new to him...'72 911 Targa. Welcome Orlando, and your family!

Fall is a great time for drive outs. Have you Checked-in with Clyde Peery about ours?



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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

PEACHSTATES' RENNFEEST SHINES DURING A WELCOME BREAK FROM THE SUMMER HEAT

By Vic Rola

Frank and Michelle Bushsman, Clyde Peery, Alan and Rose Cox, as well Carol and I, made the trek this year to Peachstate Regions' 44th annual event they call Rennfest. This was actually my 25th+ Rennfest, and Carol's and mine fifteenth trip to this event.

The event is about as close as you'll get to a Parade, on the east coast, or at least in the southeast. With the event scheduled on Labor Day weekend, the calendar allows for ease of travel to and from. Most attendees begin arriving Friday early afternoon, as we did. The Brasstown Valley Resort, in Young Harris, GA, has been used by Peachstate as the events venue for several years now, and does have many of the features you look for when hosting an event of this size. Over 75 cars showed for the event this time around!

Friday night was on our own, and 50-degree temperatures met us for Saturday morning's concours, where thirty-four pristine Porsches were on display both for judging, and for contestants to look at. From 356's, to Cayennes...most were represented. Judges Choice went to a very nice 928GTS, and Peoples Choice was won by Bob Kuchenbecker showing his 356 cabriolet, as he did at our Spring Thing earlier this year.

Saturday afternoon we got a chance to run a Jack and Cathy Baker TSD rallye. For those of you who don't know this couple, they are avid rallyists, finishing 1st in the unequipped class (4th overall) at this years' Parade. Jack will also probably be the rallye chair for next years' Savannah Parade. The rallye was tough, and even rallye aficionados like Alan + Rose, as well as Clyde, had issues. Don't even get me started on how Carol and I did...The overall winners were Danny and Cathy Saxton. Saturdays' festivities ended with a Mexican buffet dinner, and the guest speaker was racecar driver David Murry, who provided the crowd with some great race related stories.

Sunday morning started cool also, but the autocross track was already up when we got there. The site is a rather small one, making it difficult for the organizers to put on a truly great autocross. Anyhow...the event started on-time, and unfortunately, there were many DNF'ers. Clyde, Alan, and I ran in the same run group, in the same class. The class was won by perennial hot shoe, Bob Clark, driving David Lumpkins 911E. The overall FTD for men, was Chattanooga's own Jeff Gordon, and for women, it was my wife, Carol!

Sunday ended with a formal banquet, and the Smoky Mountain contingent were able to sit together, and enjoy the evening together. SMT finished up as follows:

Tech Quiz	Ladies 1 st Place	Rose Cox	
Concours (French)	1 st Place	Alan + Rose Cox	
Concours (Full)	1 st Place	Frank + Michelle Bushman	
	2 nd Place	Vic + Carol Rola	
Autocross			
	2 nd Place	Clyde Peery	Class C-Men
	3 rd Place	Vic Rola	Class C-Men
	4 th Place	Alan Cox	Class C-Men
	1 st Place	Carol Rola	Class C-Women* (*FTD Women)



****PLEASE NOTE EVENT DATES HAVE CHANGED****

SMOKY MOUNTAIN PCA's ANNUAL DRIVER'S ED.
TALLADEGA GRAN PRIX RACEWAY
SUN. October 3, 2010

- ◇ Talladega Gran Prix Raceway, Talladega, AL. 1.4 mile road course.
www.tgprace.com
- ◇ Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced and Instructor Groups. Group assignments will be based on documented experience level.
- ◇ Classroom training and on-track instruction for all beginners/novices.
- ◇ Pre-event safety inspection required for all cars; Tech at the Victoria Inn (Anniston, AL) in the parking lot 5.00-7.00pm Saturday Oct. 2nd, final tech at the track on Sunday, 7.00 -7.45 am.
- ◇ Fun learning experience, NOT a competition event.
- ◇ Saturday accommodations can reserved at the Victoria Inn, Anniston, AL. Rooms are limited. <http://thevictoria.com> or call 1-800-260-8781 for reservations. Contact us for other hotel options.
- ◇ Complementary Saturday Social at Jonathan & Bonne's room at the Victoria Inn, second floor, overlooking the side Parking Lot.
- ◇ Event fee: \$195 per driver includes: 1 day Event and social
- ◇ 4-5 runs per group, 20-25 minutes per run expected.
- ◇ Entries will open on August 1st. Entry forms will be available on SMTPCA web site at <http://smt.pca.org> or email to the address below. Limited to first 50 entries. Register by mail and/or online at www.clubregistration.net.
- ◇ Qualified instructors discount. Qualified instructors that instruct at the event receive a discounted rate of \$50.00 are encouraged to register early to guarantee your place!
- ◇ No cancellation refunds after September 15, 2010.

CHANGES TO THE TALLEDEGA EVENT

The Driver's Ed, scheduled for October 2-3, is open as a two-day event but only the second day is a The Smoky Mountain Region's PCA sanctioned event, explains Jonathan Foulds, event chair.

Foulds said the region did not have enough pre-registrations to justify the expense of a two-day event and had to request the track owners limit it to Sunday only. The owners offer the option of them sponsoring the Saturday session but it could not be a PCA sanctioned event.

Foulds reports the fee for the two-day event (\$315) will be the same but those who want to do Sunday only will pay \$195. He added they have had to eliminate the tee shirt, originally advertised.

Instructors will be required to pay \$150 for the Saturday session.

So, bottom line is: the DE is still a two-day event. The fee is the same but the second day is the only day sanctioned by the Smoky Mountain Region PCA.



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Event starts at 9:00am on Saturday, September 25, 2010.

Knoxville Performance and Dyno is the leading performance shop in Knoxville TN and this is a great time to look around the garage and also chat with fellow sports car owners.

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CARS, FOOD, GAB AND FUN AT SONIC

BY JIM MARSH

The August Meet at the Sonic happened August 19. We had 4 cars and 5 people in attendance. I suppose the reason for the low turnout was the lack of communication and advertising. Please remember to check the club schedule. This is a fun event.

No, we don't exactly go for the haute cuisine, we go for the people, like manor most other PCA events. We will try to improve the communication. Last year on this event we averaged about 22 cars per event. This year the weather for all Sonic events has been fabulous. Remember, we sit at picnic tables under cover. Hope to see you at the September 16th event. Thanks.



Enjoying a fun evening at Sonic. left to right: Blank, Mike Parker, Vickie Marsh, and Janet Pasha



Needs For Driver's Ed -- A Short List

The needs list for participating in a driver's education (DE) event is a fairly short list when it comes to having you and your car ready to go. Many think they have to have their car race prepared but nothing could be further from the truth. Basically, your car has to be safe for the highway and interstate speeds.

Yes, you are going to be driving faster than you normally would on a road with some curves on it, and there will be others cars in your general vicinity, but never fear it will be fine. Those with little or no track experience will have instructors (not optional). Those instructors are going to show the drivers the best way around the track, known as "the line." That will be the fastest and the safest way around the track. There will be assigned passing zones which will probably be the three straight sections of the track. No one passes another car without getting a signal from the car in front, which is another safety factor. As for the car's check list, there are several things you will need to look over before you leave home.

1. Tires must have ample tread on them. They do not have to be new but they cannot be in question as far as it being time to replace them.
2. Tire pressure is important. Make sure you have a tire pressure gauge and your pressures are about five pounds above the recommended street pressure. You can always let air out but do not count on an air compressor on site.
3. Make sure your lugs are properly torqued at 90-95 pounds. We can do that for you if you do not have the proper equipment.
4. There should be a check of all fluids, making sure they are all topped off and there are NO leaks.
5. Make sure your battery is secure and tight.
6. All belts must be in good condition.
7. All loose items must be out of the car while on the track and that includes floor mats. I usually leave the mats at home so I do have to keep up with them. You might bring some sort of bag to put those things in.
8. A clean windshield is helpful
9. Brakes **MUST** be in good shape and pads are not worn enough to weaken your stopping power.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the September tech session scheduled for Eurotech Knoxville is being cancelled. If the event is rescheduled, we will advise you. Thanks for your cooperation.