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Dinner & a Show
Once again with feeling...

By Nick Imperato

Yes, that's the theme for this year's MONTHLY MEETINGS. We were snowed out for our dinner meeting last month but we will try again. Dinner will be \$10-12 per person on the second TUESDAY of the month and there will be an interesting PROGRAM that is Porsche related. . Future Meetings will move around the region so we can sample the best food that our area has to offer.

We were able to meet some new members at our first event of the year which, was a drive out to Rogersville on Sunday January 22nd. And many thanks to Vic Rola for setting it up. I want to get to know all of you that live in the area and drive the best cars ever built. We had a good time without you but we know we will have a much better time if you are there.

There was a separate Executive Officers and Board meeting on a quarterly basis. It was held on February 1st. The thought here is to keep the Business & Planning part of monthly meeting as short as possible.

The second Meeting (O.K. it's the first actual meeting) will be on Tuesday February 8, 2011. The time is 7:00 for dinner and 8:00 for the start of the actual monthly meeting. If you can't make dinner then come at 8:00 and join us for the rest of the evening. Janis Berry is my capable vice president and has arranged for the first monthly meeting to be held at Angelo's Brick Oven in Lenoir City. (37772) 175 Kelsey and phone # is 988-9288.

We want both you and your spouse and to attend if possible. We also want your input on restaurants, programs, events or anything else you have to say. Please call me or send me e-mail any time. My cell-phone is 865-776-8097 and my e-mail is imperatofn@aol.com

I and the other members of the board hope to see you there.

SPRING THING 2011

Spring Thing, April 15-17, is just around the corner! This years' event will have a few changes from previous years. One...a different venue. Two...a committee has been put together for the events organization, rather than having an event chair.

Spring Thing is one of the longest running multi-event weekends in PCA. Heading toward its fortieth anniversary in a few years! The event has been in various locations every couple of years to give the membership an opportunity to see different parts of our Region. Oak Ridge was the event location last year but the host hotel could not be secured for a follow-up visit. A decision was made to return to the tourist cities of Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg since many successful Spring Things were held in that region years ago. The theme this year will be: Come early, shop-clean your car-shop-show your car -rallye - shop -dine, then autocross, shop again, and go home!

Suzan Bowman secured a great lodging venue, the Music Road Inn, in Pigeon Forge (www.musicroadhotel.com). The hotel is just off the main highway running through Pigeon Forge, close to shopping venues, immediate to roadways and away from the city for the rallye portion of the event. Rooms are being held for us, at the contracted rate of \$99, until March 15th. Make sure you get your reservation in (ph. 800.429.7700).

As of this writing, the concours will be held on the hotel grounds, Saturday morning. It will be a top only affair, with the vehicles under carriage not being judged. Cars are not judged on originality, but on the vehicles overall cleanliness. There will be multiple classes, grouping similar cars together. Peoples Choice and Judges Choice awards will also be decided here.

Our TSD Rallye will start at the hotel, Saturday afternoon. Roads in the immediate area are free of hotels, shops, etc., and should be quite a pleasure to navigate, with many nice vistas that the Smoky Mountains offer. Although, a TSD Rallye, our Regions' rallies are designed for the fun of the rallye team, and to encourage the team to try rallying again in the future. Our Saturday evening banquet will be in a facility across from the Inn. It will provide you an opportunity to meet with, and bond with other PCA members, not only from our Region, but the Regions that surround ours. It is an awards ceremony also winners in both the Concours and Rallye will be announced. A nice end to a busy day!

Sunday mid-morning you're invited to participate in our Spring Thing autocross. We have secured the fourteen acre Splash Country site, that we successfully introduced at Fall Fest 2010. It is a huge site, making for a great autocross, and is only minutes from the Inn. A great opportunity for both novices and old timers to 'show their stuff'. Awards will be presented on site. For a registration form, email Vic Rola at vicrola@hughes.net, or call him at 865.207.4303, and he'll email a form to you.

Save the Date!

St. Patty's Event – March 17

Join club members for a fun evening at the Calhoun's located at 10020 Kingston Pike. Time and details to be announced.

DER MARKET

2011 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Porsche 911 SC seats, from a 1981 SC vinyl is in good shape but fabric is old and split. Sliders still work fine. \$199 **Race tires**, two 205X50X17" A6 Hoosiers – scrubs with plenty of autocross/DE life left in them. \$120 pair. **Boxster floor mats** "PORSCHE" embossed. \$50. **1981 911SC Front valance** painted Pacific Blue Metallic. \$200 **Whale Tail**, 100% rubber. Currently installed on 911SC lid. I keep the lid and you get the tail for \$450. All items call Tommy @ 423-333-5899 or tommy.wilson@dailypostathenian.com

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For Sale, '86 944 Turbo non-sunroof coupe. Only 25K of the 944 turbos were produced world-wide (all years) and a much smaller number (10 – 15%) came without the sunroof (called the 'sunroof delete' option). Same PCA owner for 12 years, all service up to date. The car was on the dyno on 2/12/09 and ran ~220 horsepower at the wheels. All books and records since new, including the original bill of sale, ~\$30K in 1986. PCA valuation form that I received in 10/08 had a range of \$8290 to \$14,970 and an average of \$11,630. Many modifications, but still looks and drives like a street car. Asking \$8500.

Track Tires - 2 new Toyo Proxes R888
225/50/ZR16 \$300. Michael Robbins 423-894-9446 or mrobbins@vol.com

HEARD ROUND THE REGION BY VIC ROLA

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are extended to Jill Jordan, and husband Tommy, in the passing of her father, Jack. Jack had attended several Spring Thing events as a guest of Tommy and Jill. The Region sent a donation to the families chosen charity.



Get Well Jim Marsh!

Jim is starting a series of medical procedures, taking him 'out of pocket' for eight or so weeks. We wish him all the best, and a quick return to his recently purchased Boxster.

CONGRATS!





Congratulations to JD Daniels and his wife, on the birth of their son Grayson. Grayson was born four weeks ahead of schedule. Everyone is doing fine!


Congratulations also go out to Suzan Bowman who has joined the ranks of being a grandmother. Daughter Rachel gave birth to twin girls...Lily and Sophia. Not too much sleep in those households for the foreseeable future!

There was a great turnout for 2011's first event of the season. Thirteen cars and twenty-six members participated in our Drive to Brunch!



It's not too early to begin planning on attending Spring Thing, held this year in Pigeon Forge, the weekend of April 15-17th.



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EDITOR'S EXHAUST

BY TOMMY WILSON

Every now and then I stumble across something to help those of you who are restoring a part or and entire car and this week it happened in one visit. Athens, TN has a business named Atlantic Coast Plating Inc. (423-507-9014) who does some of the finest chrome, heavy copper and nickel-plating you will find. In fact, they do a lot of work for the cars you see going through the RM Auction.

I dropped in there to see if they could help me strip my two sets of wheels. I have done that job in the past and had to ask forgiveness for the terrible things I uttered during the process. It is nasty work and the results are never as good as I envisioned when I started. So, owner, Al Papierski, told me stripping the wheels was not something he was setup for because of the alloy used to make them. However if you have steel, cast iron or the old "pot metal" parts, they are ready for you.

I did not leave empty handed or disappointed however. Nancy (the lady in the office) told me about Volunteer Fastner & Finishing in Vonore, TN. Their number is 423-884-2340. What they do is strip parts and anodize or powder coat them. That has some real possibilities!

Now some other new that came to me recently, is The Great Race, is starting in Chattanooga June 11 and will be passing through Athens. I assume they will also be in Knoxville, as was the case a few years ago. So, those of you who are like me,

(interested in anything with wheels) might keep your eyes and ears open for news on that event.

I am just not as tough as I once was. Actually I am not as stupid as I once was, and that is why when I got to the Strawberry Plains exit for the drive to Rogersville, I made the decision to return home and not continue. Life is about choices and I sold a perfectly good (warm) Boxster and bought a 1983 911SC with headers. That fact means I have no heat in said 911 SC. Back in the day I knew I was tough enough to make the drive no matter how cold it got. Let me tell you, after driving 1.5 hours from my house in the 21-degree weather I discovered two things. First, I am not as tough as I once was, and second, I am smarter than I once was; thus, not extending the trip. I am sticking with the headers for the performance advantage. Dropping 50 pounds off my middle would give me more of an advantage than the headers, but I have not seemed to be able to make that happen.

Last, but not the least, I want all of you to know how much Jill and I appreciated the flowers and contribution to the cancer fund in Jack Jordan's name. Jack was more to me than a father-in-law, he was my friend and I miss him. He really enjoyed the activities and the people in the Smoky Mountain Region and often spoke of your friendship and kindness.



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Photos from last year's event



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SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION 2011 CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	COMMENTS
01/11	MEMBERSHIP Meeting	Mimi's Café-Turkey Creek	Topic-Porsche Parade
01/22	PCA drive to Rogersville	Puleos to Hale Springs Inn	8 am Puleos @ exit 389
01/27-30	Rolex-24 Hour	Daytona, FL	Clyde Peery leads
02/08	MEMBERSHIP Meeting	Angelos Brick Oven Pizzeria, Lenoir City 865-988-9288	Topic- Autocross
03/4-6	Tenn. Region Winterfest	Chattanooga	
03/12	Autocross	Splash Country, Pigeon Forge	
03/17	St. Patty's Social Event	Calhoun's 10020 Kinston Pike	Details TBA
04/12	Membership Meeting	TBA	
04/15-17	Spring Thing	Pigeon Forge, TN	
04/28-05/01	The Mitty	Road Atlanta	
05/10	Membership Meeting	TBA	
05/14	Autocross	SplashCountry Pigeon Forge,	
06/04	Autocross	Pellissippi State Campus	
06/14	Membership Meeting	TBA	
06/25	Autocross	Pellissippi State Campus	
07/12	Membership Meeting	TBA	
07/16	Autocross	Pellissippi State Campus	
07/31-08/1-6	Porsche Parade	Savannah, Georgia	
09/2-5	Rennfest Peach State	Brasstown Resort, Georgia	
09/13	Membership Meeting	TBA	
09/17	Fall Driveout (one-day)		
09/24	Autocross	SplashCountry, Pigeon Forge	
10/11	Membership Meeting	TBA	
10/15	Autocross	SplashCountry Pigeon Forge	
11/12-13	Fall Fest	Pigeon Forge	
11/15	Membership Meeting	TBA	
12/13	Membership Meeting	TBA	

6th Annual Winterfest in Chattanooga March 4-6

Join the Tennessee Region for this event held at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. For more details go to TR-PCA.ORG

Sorry 'Bout That

By Vic Rola

A poet once wrote... 'the best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray'. Well, that happened 1/3 of the way through the return trip from our brunch at the Hale Springs Inn in Rogersville, TN. More on that later...

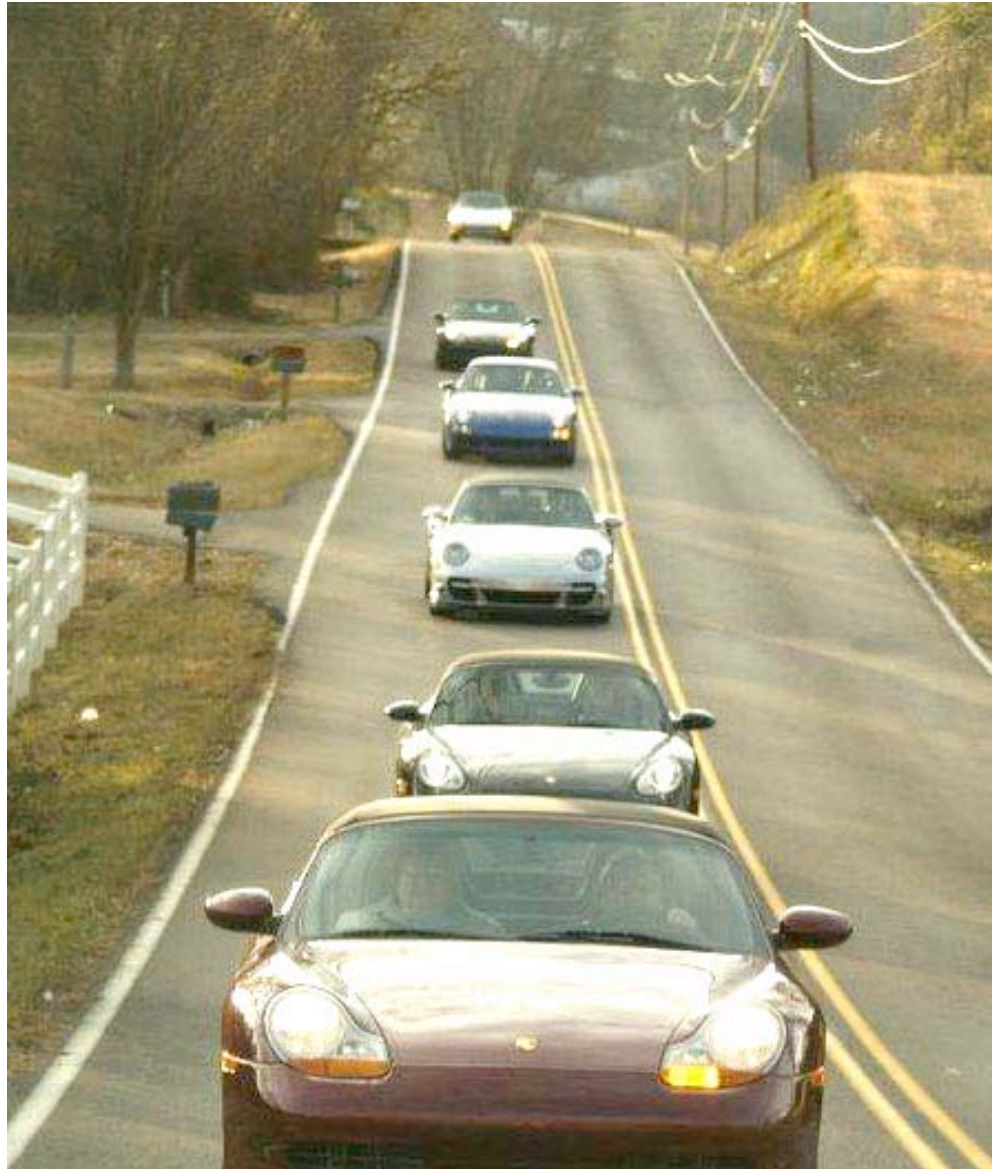
When Carol and I arrived at Puleos Strawberry Plains, most of the participants of the drive were already there, waiting on us. Not bad for 8:00AM, Saturday morning, in the middle of winter. Waiting on us were (in no particular order): Rick + Janis Berry; Nick + Pat Imperato; Bob Berry + Debbie Cooper; Sid + Polly Ellis; Rich + Wendy McGowan (joined us in Bean Station); Herb + Beverly Ogle; Bob Hurtchins; Dale Biehler; Jim + Vicki Marsh; Terry + Patty Ashworth; Craig + Karen Stanley; Mark + Susan Mobley; Charlie + Mary Jane Taylor. Tommy Wilson was there also, but without heat in his 911, he headed home. Once the appropriate PCA paperwork was disposed of, and directions were handed out, we were on our way.

A variety of back Knox County roads got us onto Hwy. 11 through Blaine, Rutledge, and Bean Station, into Rogersville, arriving at the Inn at 9:50AM. The trip there, proved quite nice with the sun breaking through, dry roads, and very little traffic.

Once in Rogersville, the folks at the Inn had our room prepped with two fireplaces providing the protection against the mornings chill. Brunch was served buffet style...and quite tasty indeed! Once brunch was over, there was a short tour of the Inn, along with a history lesson of the Inns' significance. Three Presidents stayed here...Jackson, Johnson, and Polk.

Once we got everyone back to the cars, the tour started back. Three cars took different paths home, which turned out to be good ideas. The remainder of the flock followed the merry Pied Piper, me. All went well, until that nasty little 'Wheeler Road'. Now, when I initially laid out the trek home (in my trusty Ford Taurus), I checked out Wheeler Road, and its ugly twin, Guthries Gap Road. They didn't seem all that bad. Paved, but maybe a tad too rough. The two roads took their toll on the meandering bunch on Stuttgart mobiles. The gap between the cars unfortunately did not allow for course following, and the first three cars pulled away from the remaining pack. That pack made an incorrect course turn, and that was it! No way to put both packs back together again! Via cell phone it was determined that the groups would go their separate ways, thanking each other for the day, and wishing each other God speed home.

I should pay more attention to our reigning tourmeister Clyde Peery, who probably would NOT have chosen Wheeler Road! Anyway...the first half to the Inn, and the initial third of the return trip were fun! As to the final two-thirds ...Sorry 'bout that! See you next time!



Get Involved

Be sure to go to the monthly meetings to learn more about the club and events. Information is available online at the club's

website 24/7 **www.smt pca.org**

Happy Valentine's Day



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