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## SPRING THING IN PIGEON FORGE, TN



The excitement of Spring Thing 2011 is starting to build as the event approaches and more people register for the three days of driving, shining, shopping, eating, laughing and some serious shopping. Held this year at The Music Road Inn in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, the committee has developed a schedule to keep everyone interested for the entire time.

Spring Thing is one of the longest running multi-event weekends in all of PCA. The 14year history of the event has given participants the opportunity to see most of the Region's territory. It has been a while since we visited Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg and it was always a favorite of participants. The theme this year will be come early, shop, clean your car, show your car, rally, shop some more, eat well, autocross, shop some more, and reluctantly drive back home.

The Music Road Inn ([www.musicroadhotel.com](http://www.musicroadhotel.com)) is just off the main highway as you enter Pigeon Forge. It is close to shopping venues, immediate to roadways being used for the rally leading out of the shopping area. Rooms are being held for us at the contracted rate of \$99 until March 15. Make sure you get your reservation in (ph-1-800-429-7700)

Concours will be held on the hotel grounds Saturday morning. IT will be a top-only affair with the bottoms of cars 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 TDS rally will start at the hotel, Saturday afternoon. Roads in the immediate area are free of hotels and shopping areas and should be a pleasure to navigate with many nice vista offered in the Great Smoky Mountains. Although a TDS rally, our Region's rallies are designed for the fun of the rally teams and to encourage the teams to try rally again and again.

Our Saturday evening banquet will be in a facility across from the Inn. It will provide participants the opportunity to meet with and bond with other PCA members from our Region and those surrounding ours. The awards for concours and rally will be presented as part of the banquet. It will be a nice end to a great day in the mountains.

Sunday, mid-morning, everyone is invited to participate in the Spring Thing autocross. We have secured the 14 acre Splash Country site we successfully introduced at Fall Fest 2010. Located just a few minutes from the hotel, this site is large enough to make for an exciting autocross. Awards will be presented immediately after the autocross and on the site.

Register by contacting Vic Rola at ([vicrola@hughes.net](mailto:vicrola@hughes.net)) or call him at 865-207-4303.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**St. Patty's Event – March 17 at 6 PM**

Join club members for a fun evening at the Calhoun's located at 10020 Kingston Pike. RSVP by March 14. See page 2 for more details on this event.

# CELEBRATE, CELEBRATE, CELEBRATE



## St. Patrick's Day Party Thursday, March 17, 2011

Calhoun's Restaurant Kingston Pike @ Pellissippi Exit  
We will meet in the balcony room above the main dining room.

**TIME: 6:00 p.m.**

**COST: \$24.00 per person (includes gratuity and tax)**

**Come join in on the celebration of the "Green" with your friends in the Smoky Mountain Region Porsche Club of America.**

### **The price includes:**

Hickory Smoked Roasted Pork  
Smoky Mountain Beans  
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Chocolate Chip Cookies

Farm Raised Catfish  
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**All alcoholic beverages are extra.**

**Please RSVP by March 14 to:**

**Cathy Hutchins** [hutchib@knology.net](mailto:hutchib@knology.net) 865-690-4811

**Mary Nell Biehler** [tndeb@charter.net](mailto:tndeb@charter.net) 865-980-0181

**Send checks to: Cathy Hutchins, 505 Jerdan Rd., Knoxville, TN 37919.**

**Look forward to hearing from you.**

## 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. Reduced to \$100 **Race tires**, two 205X50X17" A6 Hoosiers – scrubs with plenty of autocross/DE life left in them. \$120 pair.

**Boxster floor mats**, gray, "PORSCHE" embossed. \$50  
**1981 911SC Front valance** painted Pacific Blue Metallic with lights \$200

**Whale Tail**, 100% rubber from 911SC lid for \$450. All items call Tommy @ 423-333-5899 or [tommy.wilson@dailypostathenian.com](mailto:tommy.wilson@dailypostathenian.com)

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### 2007 Boxster S

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 TOTAL ORIGINAL MILES: 9,000, ASKING PRICE: \$44,950. CONTACT: George Manthey@690-7576 or [gmanthey@knology.net](mailto:gmanthey@knology.net)

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. Call 865-376-2720



## HEARD ROUND THE REGION BY VIC ROLA



**RUMOR HAS IT** that the race car of Jonathan Foulds 'done blown' at a recent DE at Sebring. What's the scoop Jonathan?



**SPRING THING!** The first entrants for this years Spring Thing are Steve and Liz Baum from Alabama. These guys are perennial Spring Thing attendees, and we welcome them once again! The first registrants from the Smoky Mountain Region are Dale and Mary Nell Biehler.

**Have you registered for this years Spring Thing?  
How about the Porsche Parade?**

## CONGRATULATIONS!


to Alabamas' Heart O' Dixie Region for reaching a milestone fiftieth anniversary. Several SMT'ers are heading down for the celebrations!




REGISTER now for Spring Thing, held this year in Pigeon Forge, the weekend of April 15-17<sup>th</sup>.



**Heard there is a used 2011 911GT RS for sale locally (175 miles on the ODO).**






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# EDITOR'S EXHAUST

BY TOMMY WILSON

I am starting to see some things fade from view when it comes to my beloved Porsches. I started this PCA journey back in 1992 when I purchased a 1973 2.0 blue 914. Then, I purchased most of my parts from Automobile Atlanta and Performance Parts. Most of the ideas I got for improving the 914 came from Excellence magazine and Panorama. Yea, there was the expert advice I got from Skip Trammel and Kevin White at then local shop called German Auto.

At this point in my Porsche obsession, I have owned the 914, two 911SC's, a 944, and a Boxster. What I have seen start to fade from sight is the continuing information of the pre-1990 cars and the available parts for those cars. There was a time I could almost build a brand new 911SC from the parts sold through Vertex and a couple more companies. Now, it ain't so easy. I had a little misfortune with the wiring harness in the SC earlier this year and discovered

replacement was not such a sure thing. Porsche no longer provides a wiring harness for a 1983 911SC. Some fellow up North sold me a used one through e-bay.

I could also buy from a large selection of air dams, fender flairs and spoilers; but now, I have about three choices, if that many. The articles in the magazines are directed to cars from the 1990's and up. I will admit, many of those cars are approaching 20 years old but then I submit my 28 year old 911 is more likely to need parts and the 64 year old owner more likely to need technical advice.

So here's the deal. Maybe we need to start a resource list of suppliers and services offered to cars over 20 years old. That might make a good feature for the newsletter. I started last month with sources for chrome plating and anodizing parts.

Did you know Auto Zone sells a roll of black carpeting that is almost a perfect match for the carpet in the older Porsches. For about \$20 you can't beat it.



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## Basic Terms from Autocross and Driver's Education Events

**CONE PENALTY:** An addition of 2 seconds to the time of a run for each cone knocked down or completely out of the marked box.

**CONSTANT RADIUS TURN:** A turn where the radius of a turn's exit is the same as the turn's entry.

**CORNER ENTRY:** The point at which the car starts its turn to enter the turn. This is the first phase of the driving line through the corner. It is often defined as the line from the turn-in point to the apex of the turn.

**DIVE:** The pitch of a car under braking. The nose of the car will drop toward the pavement.

**DNF:** Did Not Finish course. Obviously, not completing the course gets the driver a DNF but also, missing a gate or section of the course will award a DNF.

**EARLY APEX:** This is when the turn line intersects the inside of the curve BEFORE the geometric apex. Note that the sharpest part of the turn happens at the end. Early apex is usually NOT a good thing.

**LATE APEX:** A late apex involves placing the car at the point on the inside of the turn that is past the midpoint of the turn. This is usually a good thing.

**ESSES:** A series of turns in the shape of an "S".

**OVERSTEER:** Oversteer occurs when you are turning and the rear of the car slides towards the outside of the turn. The rear end of the car will feel light, and the rear tires lose traction before the front tires. Can be caused by lifting off throttle, braking, or accelerating too early, while negotiating the turn. This is a natural tendency for Porsches with their engines in the rear.

**UNDERSTEER:** A situation that occurs when you are turning the steering wheel but the car will not turn enough and continues to go forward. Front wheel drive cars will often tend to understeer. Most production cars are designed to understeer. Boxsters, Caymans, 944's, 968's, would be examples of Porsches with the tendency to understeer.

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# GREAT PORSCHE SHOW-OFF AT RUBY TUESDAYS

The Great Porsche Show Off was held February 19, 2011, at Ruby Tuesday's at Pellissippi Parkway and Northshore. Although the morning started off cool and windy, the afternoon became more comfortable.

There were 23 cars participating from Panamera to late Model 911's, Classic 911, 914, 944, and 356's.

Suzan Bowman provided membership applications along with Pano's at the membership table. There were other inquiries of membership and one inquiry regarding buying a car.

People's Choice was awarded to Jim Johnston with his immaculate 356 Cab. Jim was involved in establishing a local 356 Club called "ThunderRoad Tubs," and is also involved in the "Nashville Tub Club."

Thanks to Jim and Vickie Marsh for providing car and owner identification cards, plus the certificate for People's Choice. We missed you!



**The winner of the People's Choice Award, owner Jim Johnston.**



**Future PCA member Dylan DeBord**





## 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	



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# 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](http://www.smt pca.org)

## Happy St Patty's Day



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