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# From the President



Thanks to Rich McGowan and Vic Rola for coordinating the driveout to Brown's Garage last month. Everyone seemed to have a good time and was amazed at the memorabilia collected by Roger Brown. The drive was very scenic and the catered barbeque was excellent, too!

A big thank you to Nick and Pat Imperato for hosting about 28 members last Saturday for their famous Italian dinner. It included baked ziti, Italian meatballs and sausage and Cesar salad. The dinner and company were fabulous. I think everyone had a fantastic time. Hopefully we can do this again next year!

This month we have a detailing seminar scheduled, which will be instructed by Mike Parker and should be very informative.

Plans are under way for our region's annual Fall Fest event so please mark your calendars to attend. This year's date is November 10-11. Fall Fest includes a driveout on Saturday with dinner to follow and an autocross on Sunday. It's always one of my favorite events!

Hope to see you at an event soon!

*Janis*  
President



## UPCOMING ZONE 3 EVENTS

*From Zone 3 Rep Bob Saville*

### August 10-12

**Carolinas Region: "In den Bergen" in Waynesville, NC**  
People's Choice Concours on the golf course at The Waynesville Inn Golf Resort and Spa. This is a great, low key event in the beautiful mountains of western NC with some of the best roads in the country. Driving Tours, concours, golf tournament, wine and beer tastings, etc....IDB has become a premier event for the Carolinas Region...you don't want to miss it! Details at [www.carolinas-pca.com](http://www.carolinas-pca.com) and registration at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net).

### August 11-12

**Peachstate Region: Drivers Ed at Road Atlanta**  
Peachstate Region will be back at Road Atlanta for another great weekend on the track they'll be running Petit LeMans in October. Registration at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net)

### August 31-Sept 3

**Peachstate Region: Rennfest**  
The fourth of the year, and one of the biggest Multi Event weekends in Zone 3, held at beautiful Brasstown Valley Resort. Concours, TSD Rally, RC Autocross, Tech Quiz, and regular Autocross (at a new 5 acre location!!). A weekend not to be missed, it has something for everyone. Go here for more information and to register: <http://www.peachstatepca.org/Articles/Article/287>

## Upcoming Region Events

### Aug 18 - Detailing Your Car

Presented by Mike Parker at Eurotech Knoxville. Check web site for times.

### Sept 11 - Monthly Social / Dinner

Join fellow PCAers at 7:00pm at the Turkey Creek Calhoun's for good food and conversation.

### Sept 15 - Tech Event

Mark your calendars for this tech event being held at Knoxville Performance & Dyno.

### Sept 29 - Day Drive Out

Enjoy an autumn drive in the Smokies. Route still to be determined but, hey, if it's got twists and turns and you are in a Porsche, it's gonna be GREAT!

*Turbo*



# JULY DRIVE-OUT to BROWN'S GARAGE



**Above:** Welcome Sign leading to Brown's Garage

**Below:** Roger Brown

*Article by Rich McGowan; Photos by Suzan Bowman and Tommy Wilson*

July 21 started out as a beautiful day, and did nothing but get better. The first contingent met at Puleo's, meeting up with the 2nd group at mile marker 418 rest area. From there, 14 cars proceeded to a private collection outside of Greeneville, TN. A beautiful, even partly shaded route was followed down Rt. 160, and north up Rt 321, then over to the base of the nearby Appalachian Mountains.

An incredible collection of over 50 years' worth of memorabilia was viewed – signs, parts, restored cars, trucks, campers, gravity feed fuel pumps - you name it, it was there, including a re-creation of a 50's diner. We were also able to see Roger Brown's extensive woodworking shop. He has several projects underway, with more waiting in the wings.



**Left:** Vic Rola and Mary Madison touring the Garage.

**Above Left:** Wendy McGowan gets a hug from James Dean in the Soda Shop.

**Above:** Suzan Bowman and Barbara Joanne enjoying the Garage tour.

## FACING PAGE...

**Upper Left:** Taking in the sites at Brown's Garage are Doug and Mary Madson.

**Upper Right:** Vintage service station display.

**Center Left:** Tommy Wilson and Jonathan Foulds holding the bench down outside Brown's Garage.

**Lower Left:** Taking a rest between a pair of vintage gravity-feed gas pumps.

**Lower Right:** Bruce Klassen, grandson Sage, and Orlando Currasco pose in the Garage.

As Roger's is a high end shop, he does numerous projects for affluent clients, among them *The Band Perry*. The car/memorabilia collection of 4200 pieces is his "hobby".

A BBQ lunch was brought in and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The club would like to thank Roger and his wife Sally, and several of their friends who were there to help out. His collection is truly unique, and this was a wonderful opportunity to see it. Thanks Roger!





# RENNLINE TOW HOOK GoPro CAMERA MOUNT MOD

Article and photos by Terry Ashworth

For those of us using GoPro cameras to capture our epic autocross or trackday adventure, some, like me, may have tried the Rennline tow hook mount. (*pictured upper right*) What isn't shown in the catalog picture (but is alluded to in the product description) is that the camera is pointed off axis (right of center) of the car. This is a result of the curved front of our water pumpers and that the tow hook hole is drilled off center of the bumper cover. (*see center image at right*)

In right hand turns this gives a great look ahead at what's coming but in left turns one is left wondering "isn't there a little more to this?"

Tired of left of center movies, I toyed with having a new mount machined that incorporates a 15 degree angle between the tow hook axis and the axis of the camera view. Oh, yes I got out my trusty protractor and adjustable square to check it out. The issue with machining a fixed mount is it only works one way and it wouldn't be possible to flip it upside down to lower the camera angle if one was so inclined.

Then I saw the GoPro tripod mounts and an eight dollar solution presented itself. Well, sixteen dollars actually because you need two of them. The picture below shows all the component parts of the modification. You'll need:

- 2 x GoPro tripod mounts.
- 1 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in stainless steel (SS)  $\frac{1}{4}$  x coarse thread set screw.
- 1 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in SS flat washer.
- 1 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in spring style lock washer.
- 1 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in coarse thread brass or SS nut.
- Some Loctite or similar thread lock.



The parts are laid out in the order they're assembled. The bolt in the left hand GoPro tripod mount is provided in the Rennline kit. The  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in set screw in the center is loctited to the mount on the left. This will become the stationary (non-adjustable) mount that attaches to the Rennline mount. (*see image at right*)

The flat washer reduces wear on the plastic part of the tripod mount. The brass nut and lock washer provide jamb-nut effect on the upper tripod mount to allow it to be locked in place. The length of the set screw is important. Too long and there will be too much thread to allow the top tripod mount to be secured. Too short and you won't have enough threads to secure the upper tripod mount securely.

The picture to the immediate right shows the lower section assembled and attempts to show how many threads you need to engage the upper tripod mount. The goal is to bottom out the threads then back off just enough to align the camera then lock everything in place by turning the brass nut to the left.





Not shown in the pictures: I drilled a 1/16-in hole in the camera housing to allow me to safety wire the camera to the tow hook. Thus if anything comes loose it won't become on-track debris and spoil someone else's day. Because of the added weight and moving the camera further away from the center of the tow hook, I added another Rennline spacer to the tow hook shaft in order to allow me to torque the tow hook tighter than before. The

pictures do not show the tow hook loop for clarity. Do not run like this because the tow loop anchors the mount to the shaft and prevents it sliding off.

All the standard cautions apply. Neither I nor SMPCA will be responsible if you make one of these and it scratches your car (or worse).

**Left:** top view attempting to show angle offset

**Right:** front view showing the complete assembly attached to the Rennline mount and attached to the car



## HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

- Hot off the Tennessee Region's presses... Winterfest 2013 is on! The site of the event will be split between the new Volkswagen plant and Chattanooga Porsche. Event dates are 02.15-17.13. I've only missed one of these (and regret doing that) and plan on going in 2013. Why don't you start making plans also?
- Hospital report ... Seems as past president of our Region, Jim Marsh, was hospitalized the week of 07.16.12, with possible pneumonia. More information as it becomes available.
- Bob Southerland has a decal fetish! Just take a look at the recent 'add-ons' to his Carrera 2S. Looks good...real good!
- A couple of SMT members went to the Salt Lake Parade as did our good friend Bob Kuchenbecker from Peachstate region who took his class, and division, at Parade, and just missed getting overall! Good job Kootch!!!
- Speaking of Parade... A non 914 actually took FTD! A 2005 GT3! (ed. note: according to my sources - "The only reason the GT3 at parade got TTOD was that the 914/6 didn't wait 5 minutes between runs, even though the AX officials were telling us that they were not enforcing that rule due to time constraints. The 914/6 was almost a full second faster than the GT3." Gotta give credit to the 40 year old Porsche that still rules the autocross course!) Also in the autocross, in the Cayenne class, there must have been at least a dozen participating!
- The drive to Greeneville, TN, and Brown's Garage went off without a hitch due to the efforts of tour organizer Rich McGowan, with some able assistance from wife Wendy. Kudos guys!!! The roads were very good and Rogers' place is probably worth another visit, as I don't think any one of the dozen + cars and thirty + PCA'ers had the time to take it ALL in!
- Well, now that the Parade in Salt Lake is behind us, it's time to plan on going to the 2013 Parade, whose location is going to be quite a bit closer!!! 07.23-29.13, in Traverse City, MI, at the Grand Traverse Lodge ([www.grandtraverseresort.com](http://www.grandtraverseresort.com)). Looking at a couple of maps, two options are for those wishing to make the run north...First eight hours puts us in Ann Arbor, MI for the night, continuing the final four hours the next day...or...leave at 0600 the first day, arriving at the Parade site at approximately 8:00PM (fourteen hours which includes lunches, fuel stops, etc.). Let's get a battle plan going. Carol and I will be there!

*Vic Rola*

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- ☐ Clyde Peery  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (write in)

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☐ Mike Parker  
☐ Nick Imperato  
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Please send completed ballot to:  
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**Jim Marsh 865-356-9107**



## Cayman Radiator Front vent grills in black

These are the Porsche Mesh.com Front mesh grilles in Black.  
<http://www.porschemesh.com/cayman.html>

Front Sides and Front Center (center is for Tiptronic) grilles. Never mounted (I sold the car before I finished modifying it). These are for a Generation 1 Cayman (2006 – 2008 MY). Front L&R and Center Grill mesh - \$150 plus shipping  
Front L&R grilles only (pair) - \$70 plus shipping  
Center grill only - \$65 plus shipping

I'll ship via carrier and shipping speed of your choice.

**Contact:** Terry at TJA1@comcast.net (865)483-0419

## 6x15 Flat Fuchs

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[greg@debordsystems.com](mailto:greg@debordsystems.com)



## Harness Bars

Weldmaster. One for 911 SCs and 1980s Carrera. One for 944s. Both in excellent condition. \$50 each.

**Tommy Wilson**  
423-333-5899



## Porsche Cayman Gen 1 Third Radiator Kit.

This is the Suncoast Porsche kit selling on their site for \$359. Never installed. (I sold the car before I finished modifying it). The kit is complete, all parts are present and unused. I only opened the box to check the parts list and insure everything was included when I received it.

**Fitment:** According to Suncoast this kit is sold for 987 Cayman or Cayman S 2006 – 2008 MY

**Note:** this radiator is already installed in Tiptronic equipped cars so this kit is for manual transmission cars only. Cost \$300 plus shipping.

I'll ship via carrier and speed of your choice.

**Contact:** Terry at TJA1@comcast.net (865)483-0419

## 1988 Porsche 924S

This is a street-legal track car in nice enough shape to win two first place show awards in the last four months. It has race seats with race harnesses mounted to a harness bar. The 2.5L Porsche engine runs great and has no leaks or smoke. The suspension has been upgraded and has Koni adjustable shocks. The car sounds great going through a 3" exhaust and a Magnaflow muffler. There are 15" Porsche wheels with good BF Goodrich R-1 DOT race tires. Air conditioned and has a working sunroof. In fact, everything on the car works but the clock. There is no rust and a almost new red paint job. \$7,000 **Call Tommy @ 423-333-5899**

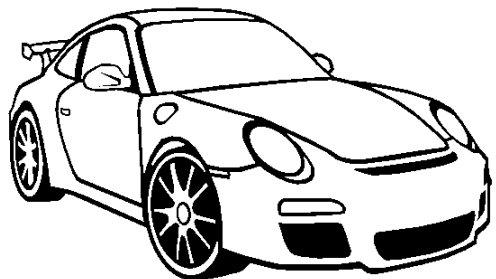


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# 2012 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Aug 18	Detailing Your Car	Eurotech Knoxville	TBA
Aug 31-Sept 2	Rennfest	Peachstate/GA	-
Sept 11	Monthly Social/Dinner	Calhoun's - Turkey Creek	7:00pm
Sept 15	Tech Event	Knox Performance & Dyno	9:00am
Sept 29	Day Drive out	TBA	9:00am
Oct 9	Monthly Social/Dinner	Cafe 4 - Downtown	7:00pm
Oct 17	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	6:30pm
Oct 20	2013 Planning Meeting	TBA	9am-noon
Nov 3	Tech Event	Eurotech Knoxville	9:00am
Nov 10-11	Fall Fest 2012	TBA	
Nov 13	Monthly Social/Dinner	Angelo's - Lenoir City	7:00pm
Dec 1	Holiday Party	Jubilee Banquet	7:00pm

## Monthly Social/Dinner Events

*It's not the cars, it's the people.*

Sept 11 - Calhoun's @ 7:00pm - Turkey Creek

## AUTOCROSS NEWS 2012



### SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

**November 11** - final autocross as part of Fall Fest 2012. Autocross will be held on Sunday.

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