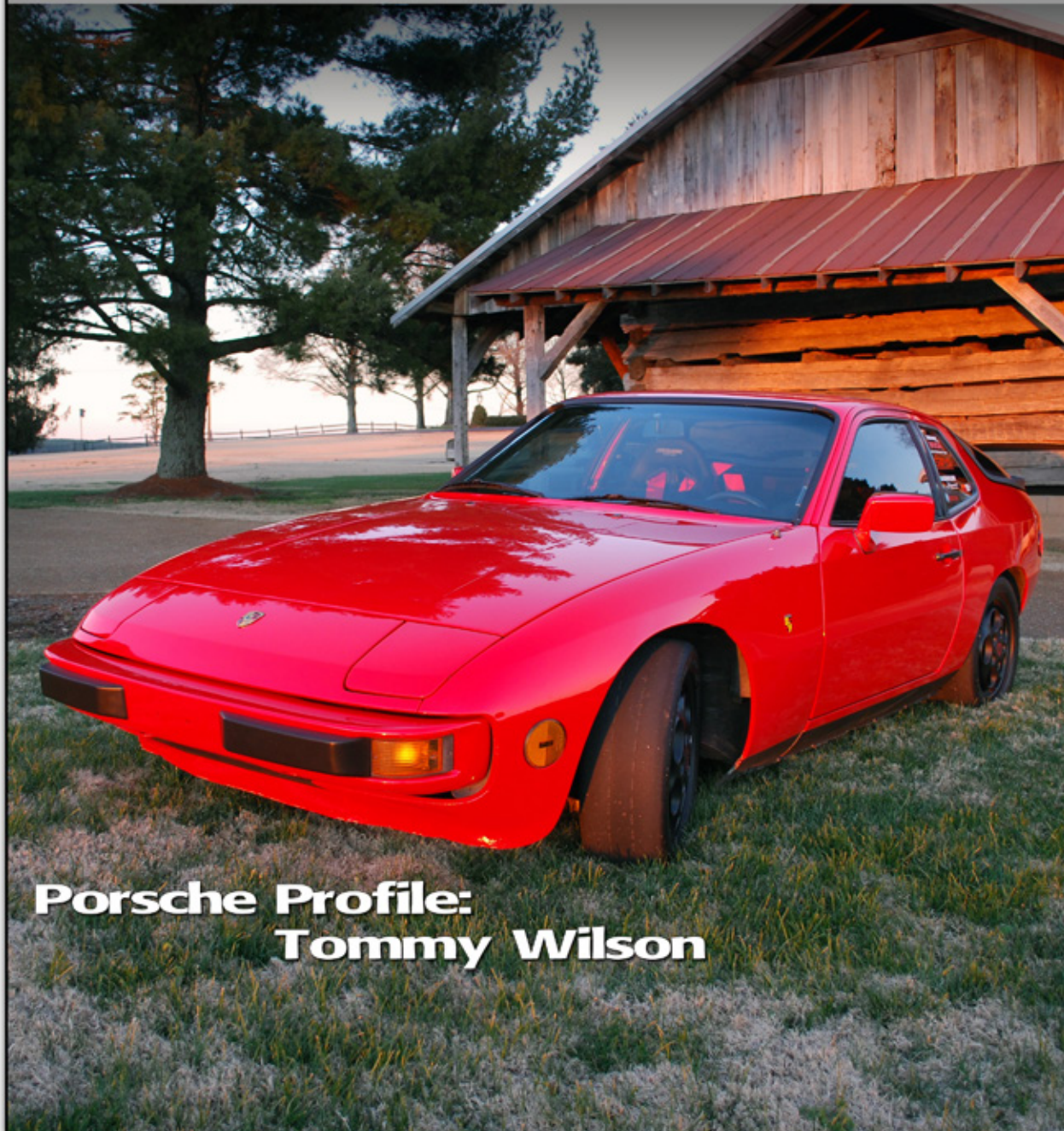


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# From the President



We have an exciting schedule planned for Smoky Mountain Region this year. It starts with a driveout in January, so get that Porsche out of the garage and do some driving!

Later this month, I will be attending my second Rolex 24 race at Daytona. Last year's race was so much fun and I've been looking forward to this for months. There's nothing like hearing those GT-3s!

Our first monthly social will be held at Outback

at Strawberry Plains exit. We always have a really good turnout and fun time at these events. It's a great way to meet other members.

I hope to see you at an event sometime soon.

Happy New Year!

*Janis*

President



## HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

• We start out the new year with some unfortunate news, I'm afraid... Herb Ogle passed away Christmas Day, after contracting double pneumonia, while dealing with other health issues. Herb was a good friend to our club, always showing up for drive outs, either with his lovely bride Beverly, or his good pal Bob Hutchins. Beverly...our heart goes out to you and the family. The Region is sending condolences.

• Regretfully, we also need to let the Region know that the mother of Nick Imperato (one of our past presidents) passed away during the holidays. Our deepest condolences go out to both Nick and Pat.

• Drive out ... don't forget the year's first event is January 19th. Contact me (865.207.4303) to register, or email me at vicrola1@gmail.com. The drive is to the General Morgan Inn in Greeneville for brunch, and then on to the City Garage in Greeneville for a tour of that museum.

• The Region donated over \$500.00 to the local Sertoma Center, chosen by the Region to receive a charitable contribution on behalf of the Smoky Mountain Region's membership. This was done at the holiday party.

• Are you ready for the Rolex 24 Hour? Several members are heading down for the twice 'round the clock event. Not going? Try Speed TV...They're probably going to cover it...flag-to-flag...

• Per our man in Greeneville, Bob Southerland... "Saw NHRA Pro Stock 2012 Champion Allen Johnson on Saturday and he stated he would join us on Saturday, January 19 around noon at the City Garage in Greeneville." Another reason to join us for the first (driving) event of the 2013 SMT season!!!

• Don't forget...The Traverse City Parade registration opens Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Watch for your February 2013 issue of Panorama for all the details!

*Vic Rola*

## Upcoming Events

Join other PCA members at one or more of the events held each month. See some great cars and meet some great people!

**January 9 @ 7:00pm**  
Monthly Social/Dinner  
Outback in Straw Plains

**January 16 @ 6:30pm**  
Board Meeting  
(All Members Welcome)  
Eurotech Knoxville

**January 19 @ 9:00am**  
Vic's Drive  
See page 5 for details.  
Greeneville, TN

**January 24-27**  
Daytona / Rolex  
Daytona, FL

**February 13 @ 7:00pm**  
Monthly Social/Dinner  
Calhoun's at Turkey Creek



# PORSCHE PROFILE: Tommy Wilson

I have been in the Porsche Club since 1993. I started with a 1973 2.0 L 914 which I managed to turn into a street-legal race car. Since that time I have owned a 944, two 911SCs, a 924S and two Boxsters. I started with SMR/PCA autocross events at 411 Speedway and later added driver's ed with some pushing from members Jim and Earline Frazier. It took a couple years but I was later asked to instruct at several tracks around the south.

In December of 2011, I was doing my usual evening cruise of the Internet looking at Porsches for sale. I do that search just to be doing it. At the time we owned the 2000 Boxster S we drive now and had come to the conclusion that it is such a nice car that I did not want to put it on the track. The last time I put a nice Boxster on the track there were these little specks on the air dam paint caused by the sand and grit from the track.

I came across this red 924S. This is a car I had never considered owning but a model I had gained some respect for after a couple meetings with one on the track. The "S" model will move right along and handle very well. The 924S has the 944 running gear and the lighter, more aerodynamic body than the 944.

A fellow in Middle Tennessee bought the car and spent considerable money turning it into a track/autocross car. He even painted the entire car. After reading the long list of repairs and improvements, I started to get interested. He actually was asking much less than he had in it.



**... MO30 sway bars, Koni coilover adjustable struts, three inch exhaust pipe with Flowmaster muffler, reclining race seats with harnesses ...**

photo submitted by Tommy Wilson

*Race inspired interior includes reclining race seats with harnesses and aftermarket steering wheel.*

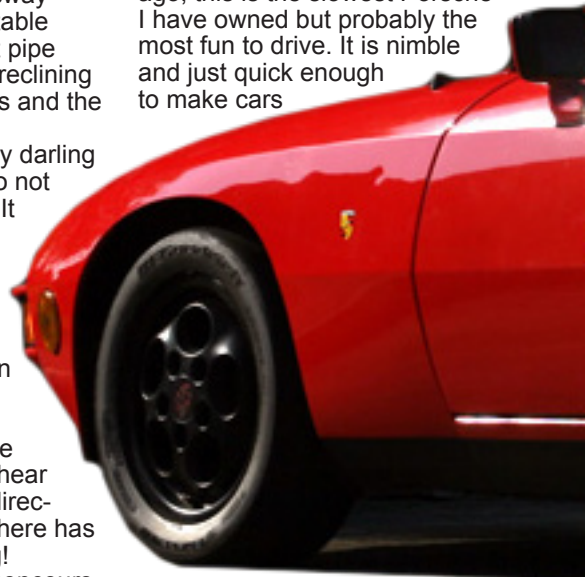
awards and several autocross class trophies. I have to admit, except for the 914 I owned 15 years ago, this is the slowest Porsche I have owned but probably the most fun to drive. It is nimble and just quick enough to make cars

The car has the MO30 sway bars, Koni coilover adjustable struts, three inch exhaust pipe with Flowmaster muffler, reclining race seats with harnesses and the list goes on.

With the blessings of my darling wife, I bought the car. I do not think she got the words, "It might not be a bad idea," out of her mouth before I had the trailer hitched to the truck and was on my way.

A hint to you guys: When your wife says things like this, DO NOT ask, "what did you say?" Assume she said what you wanted to hear and start moving in that direction. She will stop you if there has been a misunderstanding!

The car has won three concours





autocross photos by Steven Schleif

*Tommy has won several autocross class trophies in his 924S.*

with much more horsepower pay attention. The suspension, with good tires, makes it a great autocross car.

*Tommy Wilson*





# FIRST EVENT OF THE YEAR

On Saturday, January 19th, 2013, we'll meet at the Rest Area on eastbound I-40, approximately one mile east of exit #417. Our meet starts at 0900, and we will be departing the rest area at 0930. We will travel the interstate system north to exit #23, continuing northeast to Greeneville, TN. Once there, we will have breakfast/brunch at the General Morgan Inn. The General Morgan is one of the premiere hotels in east Tennessee, and we've had more than one Spring Thing there! Breakfast/brunch will not be a buffet, but rather an order for yourself style. At about noon we'll caravan to the other end of Main Street to tour the City Garage (www.citygaragecarmuseum.com), courtesy of one of its directors, and Smoky Mountain PCA member... Bob Southerland.



We'll run some back country roads on the way home.

For more info or to register, contact Vic at 865-207-4303 or vicrola1@gmail.com.



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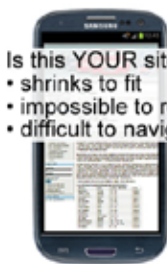
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Front L&R grilles only (pair) - \$70 plus shipping  
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I'll ship via carrier and shipping speed of your choice.

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## 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.

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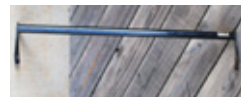
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# 2013 CALENDAR of EVENTS

| Date          | Event                                | Location                      | Time    |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Jan 9         | Monthly Social/Dinner                | Outback/Straw Plains          | 7:00pm  |
| Jan 16        | Board Meeting (Members Welcome)      | Eurotech Knoxville            | 6:30pm  |
| Jan 19        | Vic's Drive                          | Greeneville, TN               | 9:00am  |
| Jan 24-27     | Daytona / Rolex                      | Daytona, FL                   | Weekend |
| Feb 13        | Monthly Social/Dinner                | Calhoun's/Turkey Creek        | 7:00pm  |
| Feb 15-17     | Winterfest                           | Chattanooga, TN               | Weekend |
| Feb 23        | Great Porsche Show Off               | Regal Cinema/Turkey Cr.       | 10:00am |
| Mar 2         | <i>GPSF Snow Date</i>                | Regal Cinema/Turkey Cr.       | 10:00am |
| Mar 13        | St. Patrick Social/Dinner            | Sullivan's/Maryville          | 7:00pm  |
| Mar 23        | Open Autocross                       | Splash Country                | 9:00am  |
| Apr 3         | Board Meeting (Members Welcome)      | Eurotech Knoxville            | 6:30pm  |
| Apr 6         | Autocross School                     | Splash Country                | 10:00am |
| Apr 10        | Monthly Social/Dinner                | Bel-Air Grill/Halls           | 7:00pm  |
| Apr 26-28     | Spring Thing                         | Townsend, TN                  | Weekend |
| May 4         | Autocross                            | Splash Country                | 10:00am |
| May 8         | Monthly Social/Dinner                | Don Pablo's/East Town         | 7:00pm  |
| May 18-19     | Overnight Drive / Back of the Dragon | Marion, VA                    | 8:30am  |
| May 25-27     | Sommerfest                           | Carolina's Region PCA         | Weekend |
| June 12       | Monthly Social/Dinner                | Aubrey's/Powell               | 7:00pm  |
| June 23-29    | Porsche Parade                       | Traverse City, MI             | Week    |
| July 10       | Monthly Social/Dinner                | Latitude 35/Downtown          | 7:00pm  |
| July 20       | Drive Out                            | TBA                           | TBA     |
| July 24       | Board Meeting (Members Welcome)      | Eurotech Knoxville            | 9:00am  |
| Aug 14        | Monthly Social/Dinner                | Grill Don Gallo/Hardin Valley | 7:00pm  |
| Aug 30-Sept 2 | Rennfest                             | Peachstate PCA                | Weekend |
| Sept 11       | Monthly Social/Dinner                | TX Roadhouse/East Town        | 7:00pm  |
| Sept 28       | Drive out                            | TBA                           | TBA     |
| Oct 5         | Board Meeting (Members Welcome)      | Eurotech Knoxville            | 9:00am  |
| Oct 5         | 2014 Planning Meeting                | Eurotech Knoxville            | 10:00am |
| Oct 9         | Monthly Social/Dinner                | Wok Hay/Turkey Creek          | 7:00pm  |
| Oct 19        | Concours                             | Mike Parker's House           | 9:00am  |
| Nov 13        | Monthly Social/Dinner                | Puleo's/North Knox            | 7:00pm  |
| Nov 16-17     | Fall Fest                            | Knoxville TN                  | Weekend |
| Dec 7         | Holiday Party                        | TBA                           | TBA     |



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