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From the President



First, I would like to thank Vic Rola for the fine job of organizing our overnight driveout last month to The Back of the Dragon and Marion, Virginia. Rick and I had a wonderful time, and I think everyone who was in attendance would agree. We had nice accommodations, amenities, food and company! The roads and views were spectacular as well.

If Mother Nature cooperates, we should be able to finally have our twice-postponed autocross. Keep your fingers crossed! It should be a good one and I hope everyone can attend. Spring Thing trophies will be awarded for top honors in class.

Our monthly social for June is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 at Aubrey's in Powell. They have great food and drinks. With limited events

scheduled this month, I hope you can attend and visit with fellow club members.

Porsche Parade is coming up too-the last week of this month. We have some members going and I am looking forward to sharing their stories and pictures. It should be an exciting event!

I hope to see you at an event soon!

Janis
President

HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

• As I write this article, I note that Parade registration has now hit 800 cars!

• I'm also pleased to report that an electrical gremlin that Rick Berry (along with a cadre of experts from all over the USA) has been searching for, in my aging 911, has finally been found. Turns out I've had a bad distributor all along, but now the thing runs SUPER. Parade, here I (and Carol...) come!!! Thanks Rick... and Ed... and Skip... and Aaron... and soon Barry!!!

• Wow... for those of you who missed the drive-out to Marion... Was it fun!!! Yeah, a little damp on Saturday, but the overnight digs were unbelievable! Just ask the SMT ladies that were there. And Sunday was mostly sunny. And... in true SMT fashion... not only did we open the bar, but closed it as well!!!

• We need to keep in mind those SMT members who are having surgeries in June. They include Patsy DeBord and Wendy McGowan.

• A special welcome, and glad you enjoyed your first event, go out to Adam + Carrie Bolling, who took their new Cayman on the over-night drive to Marion.

• We're looking forward to seeing the new ride of Bruce Klassen, who sold his very nice red 944 Turbo and purchased a 911 Turbo.

• Webmeister Steve Schleif is putting on a fall event for the 914 arm of PCA. He's been busy securing a hotel, checking out drives, and looking for an autocross site. If you're into the mid-engine machine, the 914, contact Steve for more information about the event, Okteenerfest. (more info at <http://www.okteenerfest.com>)

Vic Rola
Vice President

The Promise of Rain

A Report on the Region's Overnight Drive-Out

By Vic Rola

First of all, let me tell you who showed up on a quite damp Saturday morning at the I-40 rest area just east of exit 417. Adam + Carrie Bolling; Debbie Cooper + Bob Berry; Clyde + Katherine Peery; Bob + Sue Southerland; Bob + Cathy Hutchins; Rick + Jannis Berry; Ron + Teresa Disney; Sue Groves + Loretta Roney; Bob + Jyme Heimann; Nick + Pat Imperato; Richard + Carol Neubauer; and Carol + I.

I had hoped that the promise of rain would not keep our crowd of twelve cars from shrinking. The crowd did not disappoint. The final arrivals were Bob + Debbie, and after a safety meeting, we headed to Marion, VA. Our first stop was the rest area on the VA line, where we took a 'pause for the cause'. We continued on to Marion, arriving at the General Francis Marion Inn at 11:30AM. The Inn allowed early check-in, which was followed at 12:00 by lunch.

Once checked-in, and lunched-up, we headed to the highway named by the Commonwealth of Virginia, as the Back of the Dragon. Highway 16 comes through Marion toward Tazewell, VA. Thirty-two miles of twists, switch backs, and elevation changes. We lucked out with the damp weather, as it kept bikers (and probably other car clubs) from running the Back. We actually did not see a single group of riders, although we spotted

members of the BMWCCA out for an outing. The Back was less damp, and about 2/3 of the way through, the roads were actually dry! We mozied around Tazewell for about 45 minutes, and got on the Back, heading for Marion. The roads had dried even more, allowing for a more spirited drive



back to the hotel.

The Inn opened their bar early for us, and we engaged their bar maids for over ninety minutes until our banquet room was ready at 6:00PM. The food served was

great, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Then... back to the Black Rooster bar. The socializing was just super, and the other bar patrons wanted to join in... and join in they did!

Sunday morning presented itself dry and partly sunny. Due to previous commitments, different members of the drive departed on their own or kept on I-81, as we veered off to travel through Damascus, Elizabethton, Erwin, and Greeneville. We stopped on several occasions to take a break, and concluded the drive at the rest area on I-81 South, at the two mile marker. Good byes were offered, and the remaining attendees headed home individually.

A very successful over-night drive. The first one in many years. We'll have to do this again!!!

Vic Rola

Vice President





Clockwise from Above: View from Hungry Mother State Park; PCAers enjoying the mountain roads; Carol Neubauer, Bob Hutchins, Vic Rola, Rich Neubauer, Carol Rola, Carrie Bolling, Adam Bolling enjoying the mountain hospitality; Smoky Mountain PCA members love to socialize (photos by Cathy Hutchins)
Opposite Page: Shot of Porsches on the Back of the Dragon.
 Photo taken by blindkenny.com and submitted by Debbie Cooper



PCA Escape to L.A. 2013

By Robert Friedman

For several years now the Escape has been one of the most sought after and exciting events on the PCA calendar. Consisting primarily of tours and social events, this non-competitive weekend is the perfect relaxing PCA holiday. Held each year in a different area of the country, this weekend is rich with regional flavor and draws a national audience that enjoys a long weekend of spending time with their Porsche cars, Porsche friends and participating in Porsche activities.

Escape to Los Angeles is the theme for 2013, and the Escape is headquartered at the elegant Sheraton Fairplex in Pomona, CA (just outside of LA). Officially the dates are October 24-26, but you are encouraged to come

early and stay late. There's a lot to do!

From Pomona we will radiate out on a wide variety of activities. You will find no shortage of things to do, places to go and food to eat. You will be among 500-600 other Porschephiles, seeing the best that Southern California has to offer.

Hard at work, the 2013 Escape team has been busy finalizing the various tour routes throughout Southern California. The Escape will offer a variety of tours of varying lengths and activities to satisfy the interests of every attendee. From a leisurely drive of the San Gabriel Valley highlighting local architecture, the Huntington gardens, or the Los Angeles Arboretum; to, for the drivers amongst us, exciting mountain tours such as the Angeles Crest Highway, Highway 18 to Big Bear Lake,



or to Mount Baldy along Glendora Canyon Road. Another option is an all day trip to Joshua Tree National Park with a stop in Palm Springs for dinner. There are even special tours planned of several unique museums; such as the Nethercutt and Mullen automotive museums, as well as a few intimate tours of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (a NASA nerve center for space exploration), and Space X (a private space exploration company). I'll get back to the activities with a bit more detail, but for a moment let's switch to banquets.

The Escape has two official dinners planned, starting on Thursday night with the opening Car Show and Drive-in Movie banquet. Remember your high school years of polishing up the car to show off to your friends, cruising to the hamburger stand and seeing the latest movie at the drive-in? While watching a classic movie (or socializing if you prefer), Escape attendees will munch on Kobe sliders, tacos, fries, margaritas, sodas, and milk shakes. The car show



Approach to Angeles Crest Tunnel.

will also include the ever popular "People's Choice" awards. Don't forget to pack your letterman's jacket and bring your girl!

On Saturday night, the closing banquet starts with a reception at the NHRA Museum. This museum, housed in a beautifully restored 28,500 square foot art deco Style 1939 WPA building, is home to the very essence of American Motorsports. More than 80 vehicles are displayed: everything from Ed Iskenderian's 1925 T roadster to Mickey Thompson's Challenger I, the first American car to go 400 mph. Hors d'oeuvres will be served during the reception. Afterwards, and just a short stroll away, the Gala dinner will be held in the newly constructed Sheraton Fairplex Convention Center. PCA will have exclusive use of the entire facility. Dinner will be three courses, specially prepared for the Escape. A no host bar will be available throughout the night as well as special guest speakers, exhibits, and of course some great door prizes. All this and more will be part of the Saturday night Gala Dinner.

There are numerous museums in the area such as, the Huntington Library, Tournament of Roses House (Wrigley Mansion), Tournament of Roses Float Barns, the 1908 Greene & Greene Gamble House, the Mullin Automotive Museum, the Nethercutt Collection, the Norton Simon art museum and the L.A. County Arboretum.

The Escape will feature two historic architectural tours, one based around the Pasadena/San Marino area, and the other showcasing the La Verne, Claremont and Pomona area (including the old Kellogg's Ranch, now Califor-

nia Polytechnic College). Did you know that of the 211 registered Historic Sites listed in Los Angeles County, 119 of them are in the city of Pasadena? We have assembled 30-35 sites in the greater Pasadena, South Pasadena and San Marino areas for a self-guided tour designed for you to spend as much or as little time as you'd like enjoying these wonders of a bygone era.



NHRA Museum.

Turning our attention back to cars, I think you will enjoy the Nethercutt Collection, which houses several hundred exquisite old cars in an early 20th Century automobile salon setting (lots of marble). This array of Concours winning cars (Pebble Beach, Amelia Island, Palos Verdes, Dana Point and other prestigious events) will make your head spin. It is certainly one of the best car collections in the country. While you are there, you will also see an amazing collection of hood ornaments (Mascots - does Lalique ring a bell?), brass gas lamps,

horns and other automotive items. Additionally, the Nethercutt's did not limit their interests to merely automobiles. Amongst the artistry of the vehicles, you will also find an incredible collection of musical instruments (the largest collection of Orchestrons in the world), listen to an amazing recording of George Gershwin (that is, an actual recording of George Gershwin) playing Rhapsody in Blue

on a reproducing piano, listen to one of the world's biggest pipe organs, and see a collection of incredible 18th & 19th Century furniture. On top of all this, there is a fabulous collection of David Winter cottages, dolls, coins and crystal figurines.

One of the more renowned museums in the San Gabriel Valley is the Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens. Arrangements have been made for a private tour of the grounds and museums accompanied by

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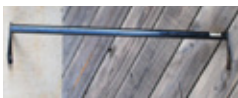
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PCA Escape to L.A. (from page 7)

morning tea.

For you drivers, you'll definitely see the twists, catch some incredible vistas, have some great food and see some of Southern California's rural beauty. You'll get a little appreciation of what living in LA means - being able to visit the ocean, snow, desert, mountains and forests in an hour or less (OK, OK, traffic permitting...).

If you are fortunate enough to drive a Cayenne to the Escape, we have a tour just for you. We know that you have heard that every Cayenne was designed to be a competent off road vehicle, and some of us actually take our Cayenne's off road. Our

tour is designed for the NOVICE off-road driver, as we help you learn off-roading and build your confidence. Technically, this is an "off paved road" tour; it is not truly "off road."

As you can see, you have plenty to look forward to in Escape 2013. Did I forget to mention Rodeo Drive, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, air museums (pick one of many), Griffith Park, the Reagan Library, the California missions? The list goes on and on. Registration opens soon, so mark your calendars and keep your eye on our website and PCA's eBrake News for more information: <http://escape2013.pca.org>



Mount Wilson Telescope.

PORSCHE... THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

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>GPSO Snow Date</i>	Regal Cinema/Turkey Cr.	10:00am
Mar 13	St. Patrick Social/Dinner	SmokyMtnBrew/M'ville	7:00pm
Mar 24	Open AutoX - postponed to 4/7	Splash Country	9:00am
Apr 3	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Eurotech Knoxville	6:30pm
Apr 7	Open Autocross	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	Pellissippi	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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