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FROM the PRESIDENT

April is finally over and what a busy month it was! During April I had plenty to keep me busy – Taxes, Planning for Spring Thing, Autocross School, New Member Welcome/Social, and finally Spring Thing. It has been a busy, but fun (except for taxes), month.

We had 12 cars for our Autocross School on April 6 and the weather was great. Those of us with little or no (like me) Autocross experience had an opportunity to learn the basics and then practice driving the course that some of our experienced autocrossers set up. Thanks to Matt Garrett, Rick and Janis Berry, and Vic and Carol Rola for serving as instructors.

On April 16 we had a fantastic New Member Welcome/Social, which was hosted by Harper Porsche. About 70 people attended, 20 who are new members. We want to thank Harper Porsche - Tom Harper, Shannon Harper, and Bill Johnson (club member) - for hosting the event. It was a great way to spend an evening.

Spring Thing, our biggest event of the year, is now history. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Smoky Mountain Region PCA and our celebration was one that will be talked about for years to come. We had 42 cars registered and, adding those who just drove in on Saturday from surrounding areas

in our Zone, ended up with about 95 people. The historic General Morgan Inn in Greeneville, TN was a great venue. Saturday was the Harper Porsche Concours followed by a TSD Rally. We ended the day with a great celebration Banquet. The weekend wrapped up on Sunday with the Eurotech Autocross at the Greeneville Airport.

Each event was well done and enjoyed by all. Thanks to my wife Carol, Vic and Carol Rola, Clyde and Katherine Peery, Bob and Jyme Heimann, Rick and Janis Berry, Frank Prout, Sue Groves, Dale Biehler, Mike Parker, Suzan Bowman, Bob Southerland, Lynn Sheeley, and Paul and Jody Burch for their part in making this event happen. There was even a story about the event, with a picture, in the Greeneville paper. It was an exciting weekend! Make sure you read the article in this newsletter.

Looking ahead to May, we have an Autocross planned for May 18 and an overnight Drive – out May 31 – June 1.

Happy motoring and hope to see you soon.

Rich Neubauer

President

HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

• *Karl Miller continues in his quest for a 914 auto-x/DE car. Anyone out there that can give him some hints?*

• *The turnout for our Spring Thing was one for the books! Forty-five cars, ranging from a 356 all the way to two Panameras. Ninety people sat down for lunch on Saturday, and for the banquet that night.*

• *Father + son duo, Rich + Travis McGowan, were busy trying to outdo each other at the Eurotech sponsored autocross at Spring Thing. After some 'agricultural racing' on the part of Rich, he was able to hold off Travis' best time. The Region's very own Janis Berry took the FTD Women's award.*

• *The Spring Thing rallye, designed by Allan Cox + Clyde Perry, did run into a small 'hitch', as several rallyists couldn't find the second checkpoint. Other*

than that, everyone was wowed by the roads chosen in Greene County.

• *Mike Parker and Suzan Bowman are to be seriously complimented on the Harper Porsche sponsored concours they managed. Over twenty six cars participated, requiring three individual judging teams.*

Congrats to Region members Greg DeBord (Judges Choice award), and Bob Southerland (Peoples Choice award).

Vic Rola

Vice President

From the Driver's Seat



It has been a busy couple of weekends for me filled with some wonderful cars. First, I attended Spring Thing on Saturday to witness

the concours and take pictures of rallye participants. I don't care what model it is, ALL Porsches are so cool - from the early 356 to the latest Cayman. And many of these were represented at the concours.

Congratulations to a fellow Teener for being awarded Judges Choice!

This past weekend was spent at Sevier County Fairgrounds in the company of well over 150 vintage Volkswagens. Mostly of the air-cooled variety, there were some remarkable cars at this show.

Perhaps the most unique was a custom-built three-wheeled vehicle crafted from an airplane fuselage. The canopy hinged to the side to allow driver and passenger to enter/exit the vehicle.

One of the coolest features (pun intended) was the "swamp cooler" consisting of bags of ice in the

"wings".

The owner and his wife drove this all the way from Ringgold!



On a totally different subject... I talked Vic through the purchase of a '74 Zambezi Green 914 that will be headed to North Dakota to be enjoyed by his stepson Cory. It wasn't much more than 24 hours from the time Vic asked me to help locate a 914 and finding (and purchasing) one locally that was a decent daily driver. Must have been fate :)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On April 16 we had a fantastic New Member Welcome/Monthly Social. The event, to welcome those who have joined the Smoky Mountain Region since January 2014, was hosted by Harper Porsche and held in their showroom on Kingston Pike in Knoxville. About 70 people attended, 20 of whom were new members.

Attendees roamed the showroom enjoying refreshments, visiting with fellow members, and viewing the new Porsches on display. Joey Collins, from their staff and a club member, gave us product information on two cars on the showroom floor - a 2014 Cayman and a 2014 911. Also, throughout the evening Joey was busy fielding questions about Porsche products.

We wish to thank Harper Porsche - Tom Harper, Shannon Harper, and Bill Johnson (club member) - for hosting the event. We had a great time and look forward to doing more events with Harper Porsche.



Spring Thing: Celebrating 40 Years

by Vic Rola

The Smoky Mountain Region not only takes in a fair portion of East Tennessee but is known for the friendliness of its membership and of its hosting of the multi-event weekend "Spring Thing". All of this is merged into the Region's motto : Great Cars, Great Roads, Great Friends.

The Region celebrated its 40th anniversary by putting on a very special Spring Thing. The host hotel was the regionally celebrated General Morgan Inn, initially built after the Civil War, and totally renovated fifteen years ago. Forty-five cars began showing up as early as Thursday, with Mike and Sharon Minster from Michigan being the first on the scene. On Friday, cars began to quickly roll in. Registration opened up at three in the afternoon, with Carol Neubauer and Carol Rola ably handling the horde of participants, by far the largest crowd ever at a Spring Thing. The hotel lobby overflowed with PCA'ers, as everyone enjoyed not only the registration welcome party, but also a slide show of previous Spring Thing events compiled by Warren Sylvester, Paul Burch, and Mike Parker (all original members of the Region).

Saturday morning, with not a cloud in the sky, Mike Parker and Suzan Bowman (event chairs) began staging cars on Depot Street, adjoining the Hotel, for the Harper Porsche sponsored Concours. Twenty-eight cars came under the scrutiny of three judging teams chosen by the event chairs. The new PCA introduced Street Class proved to be the popular place to show your car. The Hotel's coffee shop overlooked the Concours area and made for a neat gathering place for old friends and newly found acquaintances. Top honors were taken by Greg, Patsy and Dylan DeBord's 1973 914/6 conversion which was awarded the Judges Choice trophy, while the much admired 2006 Carrera S of Bob and Sue Southerland took the Peoples Choice award.

Immediately following the Concours, TSD Rallye Chairs Clyde Peery and Allan Cox held a rallye drivers and navigators meeting at the Hotel. Once all of the rallye procedures and safety items were discussed, the crowd was moved two blocks from the

Hotel to Greeneville's Car Museum. The museum is of local cars, race cars, and collector cars. A great venue on its own, the ninety PCA folks not only enjoyed the cars but lunch there also.

The TSD Rallye also started at the Museum. The checkpoint workers went out first and the rallye's first car left out at 1:00pm. Allan worked the start while Clyde monitored the checkpoint activities. A miscue on checkpoint #2 made for some scoring issues at the rallye's end, but the quality of the roads traversed coupled with the gorgeous weather enjoyed by the participants made up for it. The rallye winners were Dick and Carol Kjellsen, while the highly coveted DALBF (Dead Ass Last But Finished) trophy went, for the second year in a row, to Jerry and Nancy Thompson.

The Region's banquet was Saturday evening after a social hour in the Hotel's lobby. Not to be outdone by the food served, or the door prizes won, or the trophies awarded, was a panel of PCA'ers - Dick Kjellsen, Paul Burch, Bobby Vann and Mike Parker moderated by Suzan Bowman - who offered many stories of past Spring Thing events. During dinner, a Power Point presentation was offered showing past events from the Region. Outstanding! Zone Rep Jim Cambron spoke to the crowd and presented the Region with letters and awards from the PCA Executive Staff.

Sunday morning came too quickly but without a cloud in the sky... *It's autocross time!*

The Eurotech sponsored autocross was held at the Greeneville Airport. First car off was at 10:30AM. All drivers had five attempts on the forty-plus second course put together by Rick Berry and Vic Rola and assisted by Jim Cambron and Peachstate's Bob Clark. By 1:00pm, when the last run was completed, the men's FTD was held by Jim Cambron and the ladies' FTD was held by Janis Berry. Ray and Suzan Morgan's daughter, Katie, had the most improved times, improving by over seventeen seconds!

Another one for the books! If this looks like something you'd like to do in 2015, then join in as we've already booked the Hotel for April 24, 25 and 26, 2015. Join us!



The 2014 Spring Thing Concours D'Elegance was held at the Greeneville Depot Street. Twenty-three cars participated in the event - eight in Touring Class and fifteen in the Street class. Touring cars had the exterior, interior, storage compartment, and engine compartment judged. Street cars had the exterior and interior areas judged.

Touring Class 240 points max

- T1 Steve and Liz Baum with 229.0 points. 2004 911
- T2 Jerry and Nancy Thompson with 232.2 points. 1997 911
- T3 First Place - Ray Morgan with 233.2 points. 356
- Second Place - Vic and Carol Rola with 232.3 points. 1972 911 E

Street Class 140 points max

- S1 911 Carreras and Turbos
- First Place - Bob Southerland with 139.7 points. 2006 911 Carrera S
- Second Place - Lee and Suzanne Fowler with 139.1 points. 2009 911 Carrera
- S1 Boxsters
- First Place - Sal and Lois DeTraglia with 136.9 points
- S1 Panamera
- First Place - Robert Cave with 139.1 points
- S1 Cayman
- TIE for First Place - Paula and Peter Lepir with 139.6 points
- TIE for First Place - Jim Cambron with 139.6 points
- S2 968
- First Place - Dale and Mary Nell Beihler with 137 points
- S3 911s 1954-1993
- First Place - Bob Lawrence 1987 930 Turbo with 138.4 points



RIGHT: Porsches and enthusiasts filled the street outside the General Morgan Inn in Greeneville, Tn. for the Harper Porsche Concours.



photos by Steven Schleif



LEFT: Jim Cambron not only tied for 1st Place in S1 Cayman but also took Men's FTD at the autocross on Sunday in this beautiful Cayman R.

See a LOT more photos from Spring Thing online at smtPCA.org



***Many models of Porsches were represented on the rallye...
from the luxury of a Cayenne to the sportiness of a Box-
ster and the pure sports-car feeling of a 356.
And, of course, many years of 911***



SOP Rally results:

Place Driver/Navigator
1st Dick Kjellsen/Carole Kjellsen
2nd Peter Burman/Jane Burman
3rd Greg Debord/Patsy DeBord
4th Don Hand/Linda Hand
5th Steve Baum/Liz Baum
6th Tommy Williamson/Lynn Williamson
DLABF Jerry Thompson/Nancy Thompson

Tour results:

Place Driver/Navigator
1st Lee Fowler/Suzanne Fowler
2nd Bob Clark/Bonnie Clark
3rd Bob Southerland/Shelby Sullivan
4th Del Burch/Ann Delatte
5th Bob Southerland/Cathy Hutchins & Sue Southerland

Big Thank You to Check Point Workers:

Check Point 1: Paul & Jody Burch, Jim Cambron, Kathryn Peery
Check Point 2: Mike Parker, Lynn Sheeley, Bob Vann & Donna Huffaker
Check Point 3: Rick & Janis Berry and Dick & Helen Lane
Rally Masters - Clyde Peery and Allan Cox



TSD Rally

Spring Thing Autocross Results

DRIVER	CAR TYPE	CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
Janis Berry	2001 911 P6L	45.961	DNF	42.056	42.302	42.003+1	
Rick Berry	2001 911 P6	40.572	41.056	DNF	40.324	40.553	
Suzan Bowman	Cayenne	S1L	49.189	43.684	43.471	43.770	44.567
Rick Brooksbank	2005 Boxster	P6	44.331	41.854	42.066	41.539	40.841
Del Burch	2007 Cayman	S2	43.166+1	43.408+1	42.695	43.425+1	42.645+1
Peter Burman	Cayenne S1	47.688	45.672+1	44.716	44.015	43.563	
Jim Cambron	2012 Cayman R	I2	41.075	40.226	39.422	39.223	39.600
Bob Clark	1986 944T	P3	44.228	42.268	41.952	41.671	41.539
Greg DeBord	1973 914/6	I2	44.487	43.524	42.558	42.771	41.371
Jeff Gordon	1976 911 I2	43.647	43.417	42.642	41.933	DNF	
Sue Groves	2010 911 Cabrio	S3L	53.888+1	DNF	DNF	50.627	50.960
Tom Huecker	1986 911 P3	DNF	49.470	DNF	47.998	46.109	
Bruce Klassen	1973 914/2.0	MO1	44.970	44.943	DNF	44.485	43.078
Rich McGowan	1986 911 P3	DNF	43.389	42.091	42.223	42.038	
Travis McGowan	1986 911 P3	44.494	43.919+1	43.356	43.498	43.708	
Katie Morgan	1963 356 P1	66.432	56.441	52.222	50.162	48.708	
Ray Morgan	1963 356 P1	50.575	49.068	47.442	45.640	46.379	
Rich Neubauer	2003 911 Cabrio	S3	DNF	DNF	58.747	55.140	53.115
Mike Parker	Cayenne S1	44.002+1	43.695	43.867+1	42.804+1	43.900	
Clyde Peery	1979 911SC	P3	DNF	43.269	42.063	41.332	41.229
Carol Rola	1972 911E	P2L	50.869	49.410	46.393	44.663	43.827
Vic Rola	1972 911E	P2	42.594	41.500	41.778	41.085+1	41.077
Danny Saxton	2001 996 S3	DNF	44.395	43.258	41.859	41.267+1	
FTD MEN	Jim Cambron		39.223				
FTD WOMEN	Janis Berry		42.056				
MOST IMPROVED	Katie Morgan		17.724				



Here We Go Again...

(an overnight drive coming up...)

by Vic Rola

Last year, we experimented with an overnight drive out in the late spring. The drive was to Marion, VA, and the drive was the Virginia DOT named highway – 'Back of the Dragon'. We had about twelve cars do the drive, and it's been decided to do it again. So... Here We Go Again.

This year's drive is scheduled for Saturday May 31/Sunday June 01.

We'll meet at 0830, Saturday morning, at the I-40 Rest Area, one mile east of exit 417. Once we get everyone in place and go over safety items, we'll head out.

Our first stop is the Virginia state line rest area. From there, we'll continue another forty-five minutes to the Francis Marion Hotel, in Marion. They will be allowing us to register early, and they'll serve us lunch at 1130.

After lunch, we'll run the Back of the Dragon. The drive is over thirty miles in length (one way), terminating in Tazewell, VA.

The roads are like those of our own Tail of the Dragon, but twice as long! We had a great time on the roads last year, even though they were damp in

some areas.

We'll take a short break in Tazewell before heading back to Marion.

Once back, we'll try to get the Hotel to open the Black Rooster bar a little early, and have some social time before our dinner there at 600PM. After dinner, it's time to relax at the Black Rooster again.

Sunday morning, the Hotel will be opening their dining area early for us for their new brunch.

In a little change from last year, after brunch we'll get together again and head home via the interstate system instead of the previously used secondary roads. That'll allow everyone to get back to Knoxville a little after mid-day.

So... interested?

Registration is required! RSVP with me at vicrola1@gmail.com.

Make your Hotel reservations directly with them, at

276.783.4800.

If you'd like to see what the Hotel looks like, go to www.gfmhotel.com.

Should be a great opportunity to be with your PCA friends again. Can't wait to hear from you!



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You can browse the site and see photos, events calendar, and more. And if you register as a user, you will be able to do a lot more such as post pictures, comment on other posts, submit stories, post for sale items, and interact with other PCA members on YOUR web site.

2014 CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Time
May 8	Monthly Social/Dinner	Sullivan's in Maryville	7:00pm
May 18	Autocross	Pellissippi	9:00am
May 23-26	Sommer Fest	Carolinas Region PCA	-
May 31-Jun1	Overnight Drive	Back of the Dragon	-
Jun 12	Monthly Social/ Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
Jun 15-21	Porsche Parade	California	-
July 7	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	6:00pm
July 9	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
July 19	Drive-out	TBA	-
Aug 12	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
Aug 23	Tech Event	TBA	TBA
Aug 29-Sep 1	Renn Fest	Peachstate Region PCA	-
Sep 11	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
Sep 13	Autocross	TBA	TBA
Sep 20-21	Overnight Drive	TBA	-
Oct 5	Concours OR Drive	TBA	-
Oct 8	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	7:00pm
Oct 18	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	6:00pm
Oct 18	2015 Planning Meeting	TBA	10:00am
Oct 19	Autocross	TBA	TBA
Nov 8-9	Fall Fest	TBA	TBA
Nov 13	Monthly Social/Dinner	TBA	7:00Wpm
Dec ??	Holiday Party	TBA	7:00pm

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2002 Porsche Boxster

• Green with black top and camel interior, Tiptronic Transmission, 88,100 miles, 17 inch wheels, Bose sound system, 6 CD changer, good condition. Located in Townsend, TN. Asking \$12,500. Rich Neubauer (407) 491-3403 or rnflga@gmail.com



DER MARKET

WHEELS

• Set of 17x7 and 17x8.5 twist boxster wheels that are painted orange with hoosier A6s on them. I'm not going to use them anymore and thought I'd pass them along. \$300.

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Pair of seats from a 911 SC

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Set of 13 factory shop manuals for early Boxsters ('98 to 2002) \$30.00 or best offer.

Janet Lanz at 865-986-0931 or japasha@aol.com

1982 Porsche 911SC

Grey w/black interior, lowered and has wider, custom 3 piece wheels & tires. Less than 2,000 miles on a complete rebuild by Eurotech (Engine, Trans, Clutch), plus new tires, Bilsteins & brakes. Over \$21K in receipts. Good condition with a few non-standard items (Momo steering wheel, wheels, 964 front fascia, racing bucket seats, no rear seats, stereo with subs). Asking \$25K.

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