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FROM the PRESIDENT

May has been a fairly quiet month, a good break for me after being so busy in April with Spring Thing. Speaking of Spring Thing, people are still talking about it and looking forward to next year.

We were saddened at the passing of our friend and member Jim Marsh on May 11. Jim was a past President of Smoky Mountain Region and former Smoke Signals editor. I did not know Jim well, but have heard he was a very active member and leader in the club. Our condolences go to his wife Vickie and family.

We had an Autocross scheduled for May 18, but were forced to cancel it do a last minute notice that the parking lot at Pellissippi was not available. We are working with them to avoid such problems in the future and find other available dates on their calendar to schedule through the end of the year. We will let you know when we are able to secure some dates.

We just completed another overnight drive-out (May 31 – June 1) that took us to Marion, VA where

we drove the 32 mile 'Tail of the Dragon' to Tazwell and back. Twelve cars participated, the ride was most enjoyable, and the weather was great. Thanks to Vic Rola for putting a this fun event together.

Looking ahead to June, we have our monthly Social scheduled for June 12 at Drink, in Knoxville.

As I write this, Carol and I are getting ready to head to Monterey, CA for Porsche Parade (no Porsche, but our F 150 pulling the travel trailer). This will be our first Parade, we are very excited and looking forward to the many events. Following Parade, we are headed to the Northwest and plan to be gone about 2 months. If you need anything, I will be available by Email rnflga@gmail.com or you can contact our Vice President, Vic Rola vicrola1@gmail.com.

Happy motoring and hope to see you soon.

Rich Neubauer

President



HEARD 'ROUND the REGION

• *The Goeritzs' son Cornelius, is back from the left coast, after a stint with Canepa Motors there. He's helping his father on the rebuild of both family 911's. Welcome back sir...*

• *Newbies, Peter + Paula Lepir drove their concours winning Cayman to Chicago recently, returning with a black on red leather 2008 Carrera. Nice...very nice...*

• *Lynn Sheeley III is patiently awaiting the return of his 356 restoration project from the paint shop in Lenoir City. Car is going back to its original color... Ivory. But..going through the color red (previ-*

ous color of the 356) withdrawals, he went out and bought a red 911SC cabriolet. Can't wait to see it!

• *The Regions' Prez and his bride Carol are on a 7-8 week excursion to the left coast, including a stint at the Monterey Parade. They're towing their travel trailer. Should be fun! Have a safe trip you guys....*

Vic Rola

Vice President

From the Driver's Seat



June is here, school is out, weather has been fantastic... have you been enjoying your Porsche?

I drive my 914 every day to

work, rain or shine. And if it is not raining, the top is OFF! My commute from South Knox to Seymour is not made along the dangerous stretch of road known as Chapman Highway. Nope... I take the more fun, less travelled backroads to work.

The first mile or so of my drive along Neubert Springs is a fun, twisting section of road that leads me under Gov. John Sevier Hwy and on to Tipton Station.

I cruise along Tipton St. enjoying the crisp morning air until the junction with Pickens Gap. It is at this point I sometimes get to play a "game" with other motorists also turning onto Pickens Gap.

There is a turnoff that angles up to that road with a STOP sign at the end. As the other car travels that short segment, I continue to the actual intersection of the two main roads and, utilizing the great handling

characteristics of my 914, make the sharp right turn and accelerate past the other vehicle at the STOP sign. Of course, if I see they are going to blow thru the STOP sign, I let them. This usually doesn't happen but this morning... guy didn't even slow down!

Pickens Gap is an interesting bit of road. After a few miles of straights and sweepers, several sharper curves lead to a dwindling roadway - from well-marked two-lane to unmarked two-lane to narrow two-lane and then up and over a hill and through a rough patch of pavement and back to decent road again.

From here I generally follow Pickens Gap to Burnette Station and on to Black Oak Ridge a.k.a. the Lizard - a term coined by my granddaughter since it has the same curve density as the Dragon... 14 curves in half a mile.

A slow drive through a subdivision and I arrive at work ready to tackle the day.

Do you have a favorite drive or other Porsche-related story? Send it to me along with photos and I will publish it in a future issue of Smoke Signals.

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Early Summer Drive Out or...

We Do The Back of the Dragon (again)

photo by Lynn Sheeley III



Porsches lined up along the street ready to take on the Back of the Dragon.

by Vic Rola

Last year, the Region staged the first overnight drive in quite a while, and boy was it a success! Well, if it worked well once, would it work well again? To find out, the Region scheduled another run on the Back of the Dragon.

The Back of the Dragon (so named by the Virginia DOT) is a thirty mile twisty stretch of Highway 16, from Marion, VA to Tazewell, VA. Extremely limited access by driveways, and no cross roads of any kind, make this a new 'go to' location for bikers and car enthusiasts alike. The General Francis Marion Hotel makes for a great jumping off point for the run on the BOTD.

We did a meet and greet at the rest area on I-40 East, at about mile marker 418. By a couple of minutes after 9:00AM our eleven cars were on the way. We picked up one more car around Greeneville and another at the Virginia state line rest area. Arriving at the Hotel in Marion a little after 11:00AM, we were allowed an early check-in, and then sat down for a lunch prepared for us by the staff.

We headed for the BOTD at about 1:00PM. Carol and I took the pack of Porsches through the many twisties that the BOTD offers, all the way to Tazewell. Once in Tazewell, the PCAers took a little time to walk

about the town, enjoying its quaintness. I'd tell you about Carol's adventure, but let her tell it to you the next time you see her.

The tour then went back to the BOTD for the return trip to Marion. The neatest thing about travel in both directions was that we were really the only ones there! We saw just a handful of cars and bikes, and only one law enforcement type. Beautiful views of both valleys and mountain ranges greeted us time and time again.

The PCA crowd gathered at the Hotel's watering hole, the Black Rooster, for a cocktail/social hour prior to sitting down to a pre-ordered banquet. Rich and Carol Neubauer, Peter and Paula Lepir, Bob and Cathy Hutchins, Ross and Brenda Spence, Bob Berry and Debbie Cooper, Jerry and Nancy Thompson, Janet Lanz, Bob and Sue Southerland, Lynn Sheeley III, Kim and Karoline Frasch, and Dean and Linda Perry, Carol and I, and Jonathan Nichols of Wilderness Trail all had a great time, living up to our Regions motto: Great Cars, Great Roads, Great Friends.

Sunday morning we all had brunch together and headed south on I-81 to Knoxville. Goodbyes were exchanged at the rest area just north of the I-40/I-81 split.

A really fun drive-out! Now the question... should we do the same run again next year? It's your call.

PORSCHE PROFILE: Cory Farrell

by Vic Rola

The year is 1974. I joined PCA right after buying my first Porsche - a 1972 914 1.7L; silver on black. I had been coaxed into a Porsche purchase by two friends with whom I autocrossed in the Tidewater Sports Car Club in Norfolk, VA. Both Andy and Don had Porsches (912 and 356) and were active in the First Settlers Region PCA. Each time they'd come back from an event, they'd go on and on about how neat it was. An opportunity presented itself, and the current daily driver (Toyota Celica) was traded on a 914 - my first Porsche.



Vic and Carol Rola travelled for two days to deliver "Shrek", a Zambezi Green '74 914 1.8, to Cory in North Dakota.

Jumping forward forty years - Carol's son Cory is a member of the USAF based in Grand Forks, ND. Earlier this spring, he began dropping hints that he was ready to buy a sports car. His first car was an MG Midget that he, Carol, and I prepared for him. Mechanical woes ultimately took their toll and he went on to other vehicles.

So, would it be another MG, or maybe a Porsche? He wanted the car to be something he could work on - not a prepared 'garage queen'.

After some debate with himself, it was decided to seek a 914. Several cars were looked at on Craigslist, EvilBay, The Samba, and Pelican. He had a budget, but really didn't want to spend that budgeted number. He decided on a Porsche in Georgia

that I was scheduled to go look at. Two days before the trip, another 914 popped up that piqued his interest - a 1974 1.8L model in Zambezi Green (the favorite color of his son Luca) - right here in Knox county, in Corryton. A couple of phone calls and two visits later, the 914 was purchased and Cory had his first Porsche.

Now Cory was not new to the Porsche family. When Carol and I married some twenty years ago, Cory was introduced to Porsche, as there was a silver/blue 911T sittWing in our west Knoxville garage. That car was sold to Sam Bower and replaced with a yellow 914. That car is now running the HVRA circuit in the northeast, being replaced by black 944. It was that car that Cory was allowed to take to his senior prom. Side note here - his sister Katie was also allowed to take the 944 to her senior prom when it came up the following year.

As years went by, Cory joined the USAF and would come home on leave, allowing him to drive our newest acquisition, our 911E. As a matter of fact, two years ago, at Fall Fest, he trounced me at the autocross... and soundly, I might add!

So, with the background done, on to the 914. As you might guess, North Dakota does not overflow with Porsches. Mostly four wheel drive equipment, as the winters there are less than desirable. As a matter of fact, the only Porsche I saw in ND was a Cayenne. With that in mind, it was decided to allow Rick Berry and his merry band at Eurotech to go over the car to take care of any mechanical issues. Some items were found and quickly taken care of. Other issues were left for Cory to handle in his own garage.

The car had been owned by two previous caretakers, and some things were done, and others were left undone. A main seal seep had compromised the clutch; the battery had been moved to a



Cory and Vic spent three 14-hour days converting "Shrek" into a great looking driver.

new but poorly chosen location; and the rear hood had sprung on one side (a typical 914 malady). All of those issues were corrected. Although money was spent on these repairs, the total was still under Cory's budget number.

Carol and I packed up the car and northward we went with the 914 securely behind us on our trusty trailer. Twenty-two hours, and two days later... we arrived at Grand Forks. The fun had not yet started!

Cory was prepared for his new toy, purchasing a new carpet kit, tires, rubber trim, etc. After the prerequisite family time with Cory, wife Fanny, and son Luca, the work on the 914 started. Up onto jack stands the car went. Off with the wheels/tires, and to the tire store to shed the old shoes! Back with the wheels for a re-paint. Back to the store to mount

the new shoes. Off with the bumpers to remove the 1974 federally mandated bumperettes. Re-spray the bumpers, and then back on the car. Clay the body, then polish, then wax. Carol too got in the picture, as she cleaned, touched up, and installed new carpeting. She is the 'interior queen'. So, after three fourteen hour days, we arrived at the final product.

The 914 was ready for the road. A nice stance, lowered, retro 1972 look without the bumperettes, a little bling with chrome rings on satin black rims, a Sebring sport exhaust, and Euro look amber fog lights.

But, not so fast... as Cory and I headed out for a spin Memorial Day morning, the engine just quit. The motor would turn over, but nothing else. Plenty of fuel, but no spark. This is when friends chip in. A call to Rick (who was on the beach at Destin) and the problem was diagnosed as a faulty breakerless ignition piece in the distributor cap. Part ordered at a local parts house, but again... North Dakota... the part had to come in from... Milwaukee! Two days...

Cory and I worked on other concerns the rest of our visit and it turned out that he was, and is, no chicken to address issues on his own. The car is his and he needed to understand the many nuances of owning an older car, and a Porsche at that!

On our way back to Jefferson City, we kept in touch with him on the progress of the distributor. The part came in and was installed, some diagnostic help from Rick (again), and we got a text that read in part "...purrs like a kitten". We were so thrilled and relieved!

So the Zambezi Green 914 sits in Cory's garage. Shrek, as Rick has named the car, has already had a couple of father/son trips. Cory lives in on-post housing at GFAFB, so the neighbors are aware of its presence - thanks to the louder Sebring exhaust. A car show is coming up in a few weeks and Cory and Luca will be there (with probably the only Porsche there).

We are excited to have another Porsche in the family. It was thrilling to see the look of satisfaction on Cory's face as project after project was tackled with success.

Finally... thanks go out to our friends who helped with parts, advice, and technical knowledge. Rick Berry, Steve Schleif, and Greg DeBord. Thanks guys... without you, this Porsche Profile would never have been possible.



Cory and son Luca ready to take the renovated 914 for a spin.

2014 CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Jun 12	Monthly Social/ Dinner	Drink, Knoxville	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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