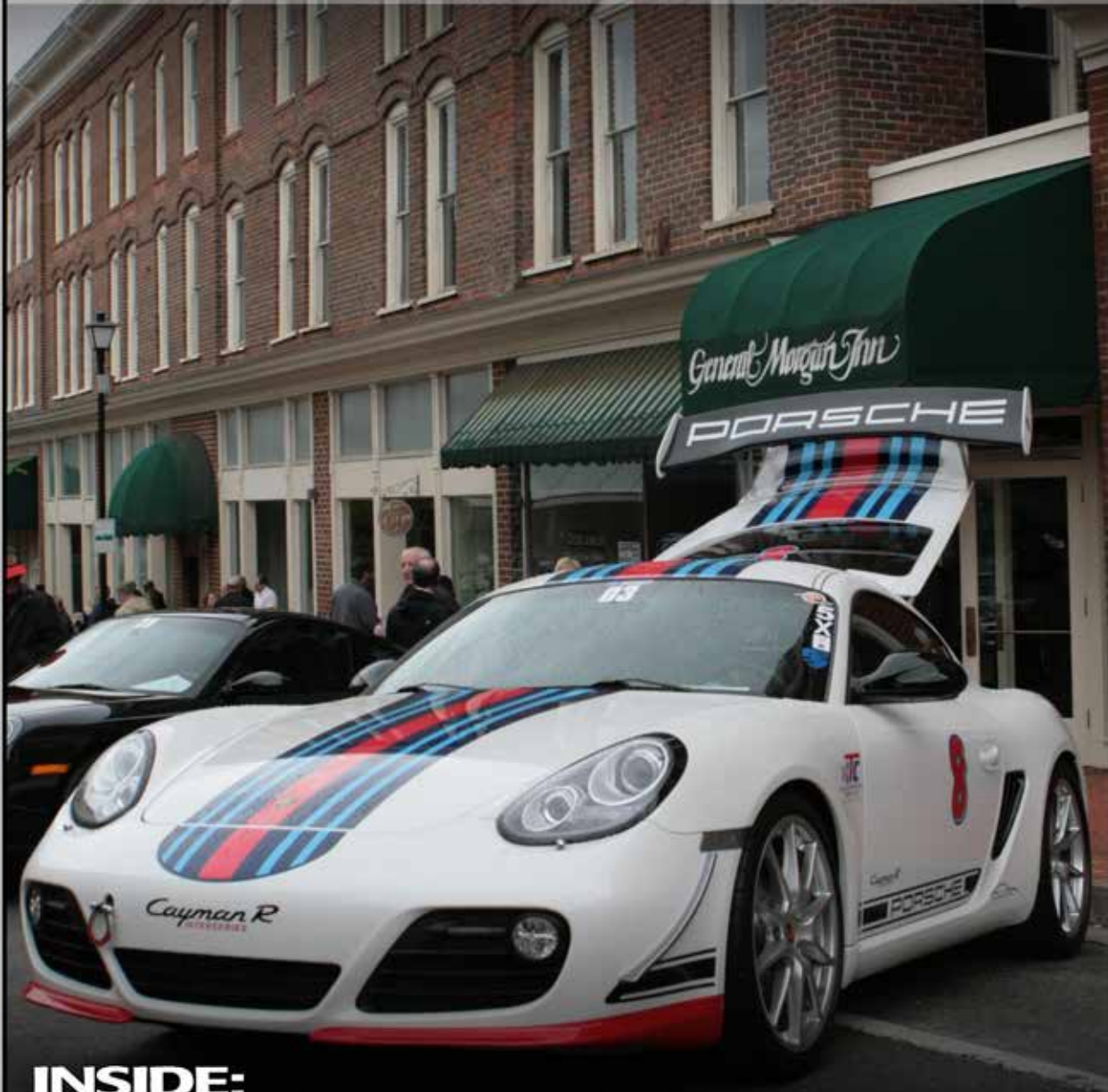


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## FROM the PRESIDENT

April is gone (how time flies) and Tax day is just a memory! Another successful Spring Thing is in the books.

Spring Thing, our biggest event of the year, is now history. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the event. We had 42 cars registered, and about 80 people.

Again this year, the historic General Morgan Hotel in Greeneville, TN served as our venue. We started Friday evening with a social get together in the hotel lobby. Saturday morning we woke up to some rain (or heavy dew as it was termed), but it stopped by the time judging began for the Harper Porsche Concours. The Concours included a diverse line-up of cars and was enjoyed by club members and local residents alike.

After lunch at the Car Museum, the sun came out for the Cruise Planners TSD Rally and Tour that saw 18 of 20 cars finish (only 4 or 5 finished last year). Saturday concluded with a celebration Banquet in the evening at which awards and prizes were given.

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 Spring Thing chair Peter Lepir, his wife

Paula, and all the many others for their part in making this event happen. It was an exciting weekend – catching up with old friends and making new ones!

Be sure to read the article in this newsletter for more details.

Looking ahead to May, our social will be May 14 at the German Restaurant Linderhof. On Saturday May 16, we have an Autocross scheduled at Pellissippi State College. We then have an overnight Drive – out planned for May 30 - 31. *(both the autocross and drive-out have been postponed ~ed.)*

May is going to be a busy month for us.

Coming up in June is a Coffee & Cars/Social event on Saturday the 13th. Cars will be displayed in the parking lot in the morning, followed by lunch at Lakeside Tavern, on the Tennessee River, in Knoxville.

Then the annual week-long Porsche Parade begins Sunday, June 21. It will be in French Lick, Indiana this year and to date we have 7 couples from our Region registered for the event.

Happy motoring and hope to see you soon!

*Rich Neubauer*

President

## FROM the DRIVER'S SEAT

April has come and gone, May is half over, and I didn't get to drive my 914 all that much. After an incident that resulted in a gearbox swap, I finally got that done only to be greeted by an electrical issue! Ugh...

Every time I turned the key to the ON position, fuse #9 would blow. The car would start and run fine. But... with no brake lights, tail lights, or turn signals, I am pretty sure the blue lights would have been flashing behind me if I attempted to drive it.

I disconnected bulbs, checked wiring, and even removed the steering wheel and signal levers to swap out the ignition switch. All this only resulted in a pile of burnt out fuses!

I posted my issue to 914world.com and got a great tip: hook up a light across the fuse terminals. As long

as the light was lit, the unknown ground was still active.

So the 914 sat in the garage for yet another week until I had a chance to dig in and troubleshoot. I studied schematics during the week to figure out what systems may be involved. At last, I hooked up my voltage tester set to audible beep and began the hunt.

The culprit ended up being the tach wire - a portion of it was bare and was grounding on the body. I taped that up and have been running ever since!

*Steve*  
Editor

# HEARD 'ROUND the ~~REGION~~ *Zone*

Can you believe it's May already!!???!!

- I know it's not in the month of May, but two June events you need to know about, ahead of time, are: first - Musik Stadt Region's Concours d'Elegance to be held June 06, 2015, in Nashville. Contact the Region's President Mike Moody for additional information, or register at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net).

And second - on June 13 (a week later), Dave Derecola has scheduled a drive through South Carolinas' low country. Stops are to include Sullivan's Island, Isle of Palms, followed by lunch and a tech session on the dreaded IMS bearing.

Contact Dave at [cup944@aol.com](mailto:cup944@aol.com) for additional info.

- Your Regions' Presidents sat in on a Zone 3 Presidents' teleconference on the last day of March. An upcoming Zone 3 Presidents meeting date was announced.

- Looking for an event out of your Region? Go to the Zone 3 website... [zone3.pca.org](http://zone3.pca.org)

- Looking for a huge event? One not to miss? How about the Hershey, PA PCA swap meet? I went there again this year (usually the 3rd Saturday in April). It is a huge event! Saw several Zone 3 members there. Over 100 Porsches for sale, and vendors galore!

- The folks at Trissl in Huntsville, AL held a non-PCA event on April 11. They report 118+ entrants, and that the Tennessee Region put on one heck of an autocross there!

- The Blue Ridge Boxster Summit takes place

in our Zone on May 27-28. That same weekend is the famed Carolinas region Sommerfest (check out the Carolinas website for more info), this year near Pinehurst, NC. We have two DEs the same weekend - Memphis and Road Atlanta are the venues.

- The Parade registration is at close to 900 entries the last time I looked. Many of the Zone 3 Regions are sending folks to attend, with fourteen of the sixteen Regions sending cars. A total of eighty-three cars are heading to French Lick from Zone 3, with the Carolinas Region sending the most at 23! These quoted numbers are subject to change.

- Carol and I attended Smoky Mountain Region's Spring Thing again this year. The folks there put on a great show. You really should put this one on your 'bucket list'.

- Are you a numbers type of an individual? Current PCA Membership: Primary members 71,178; Supplementary Members 41,359; Total Members 112,537.

- And last but not least ... do you enjoy FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) racing? The Porsche 919 competes against Toyota and the Audi E Tron.

*'Til next time...*

*Vic Rola*

Zone 3 Rep

**Both the Autocross and Drive-out Originally Scheduled for May have been postponed. Watch for an email or check the website for updates.**



# SPRING THING 2015

Smoky Mountain Region held its 40th annual "Spring Thing" in Greeneville, Tennessee. For the second year in a row, the historic General Morgan Hotel was headquarters for the three day multi-event with 42 cars registered.

Saturday morning started with a bit of rain, or "heavy dew" as described by event chairman Peter Lepir. However, despite a threatening forecast, the skies cleared and the Concours judging started on time for Street and Touring classes with more than half of the entrants participating. Along with spectators and sponsors who were enjoying the diverse lineup of cars being judged, a local area Boys and Girls club representative sold tickets for a new Boxster which will be raffled off for the benefit of that fine organization.

After lunch, a two hour TSD Rally and Tour through the beautiful countryside of East Tennessee took place with numerous cars participating in this very popular event, including several first-timers. In the evening, the hotel served up some great food for the awards banquet where trophies and door prizes were presented.

On Sunday morning, the event moved to the nearby Greeneville airport where about 20 entrants tested their skills around a challenging course set up on the tarmac. After a break for lunch, the last rounds were run and trophies were presented to close out the weekend.



# Concours Results - Street

## Street C 1

Paul and Donna Webb	143.9	2014 Cayman
Payne and Jonathan Cave	144.2	2010 Panamera
Ed Heilman	144.5	2008 Cayman
Russ Spence	144.6	2006 Cayman S
Bob Southerland	144.5	2006 997
Lee Fowler	144.6	2009 911
Joel and Lynette Duling	144.7	2007 997

## Street C 2

NONE

## Street C 3

Rich and Wendy McGowan	142.9	1986 911
Mike Roberts	140.8	1988 928
Ron and Billie Housel	142.7	1991 964



*Photo by Steven Schleif*

# Concours Results - Touring

## Touring 1

Peter Lepir	233.9	2008 997S
Jim Cambron	230.4	2012 Cayman R
Mary Hill & Bill Caldwell	232.8	2012 997.2 Black Edition

## Touring 2

Jerry Thompson	234.1	1995 911
Danny Saxton	228.2	2004 GT3
Dottie and Steve Kidd	230.3	2004 GT3

## Touring 3

Hugh Tackett	231.9	1988 944
Bowman Parker	229.8	1993 964
Vic Rola	229.8	1972 911E



*Photo by Steven Schleif*



# TSD Rally Report

*Submitted by Allan Cox*

There were 20 Rally entrants covering a 2-hour route through the scenic countryside of East TN.

## SOP Results

1st            506 points  
2nd            602 points  
3rd            635 points  
4th            729 points  
5th            828 points  
DALBF       1,332 points

Barry & Deborah Brown  
Tom Eisenman & Deborah Neighbors  
Rich & Wendy McGowan  
Greg & Patsy Debord  
Mark & Bill Caldwell  
Joe & Rebecca Preston

## Spring Thing Autocross Action



*Photo by Tom Raymond*



# Spring Thing Autocross Action



# Spring Thing Autocross Results

Travis McGowan	41.312
Bob Clark	39.187
Janis Berry	41.591
Suzan Bowman	42.113
Dottie Kidd	41.889
Danny Saxton	40.999
Rebecca Preston	45.534
Rich McGowan	41.034
Jody Burch	48.600
Mike Parker	43.061
Jim Cambron	38.034
Rick Berry	40.163
Steve Kidd	37.131
Brian Hatten	37.964
Rick Brooksbank	40.338
Vic Rola	41.604
Joe Preston	47.632
Paul Burch	43.700

## Class Winners:

<b>P2</b>	Vic Rola
<b>P3</b>	Rich McGowan
<b>P6</b>	Brian Hatten
<b>P6L</b>	Janis Berry
<b>P8</b>	1. Steve Kidd 2. Danny Saxton
<b>P8L</b>	Dottie Kidd
<b>S1</b>	Mike Parker
<b>S1L</b>	Suzan Bowman
<b>S3</b>	Bob Clark
<b>S3L</b>	Rebecca Preston
<b>IO2</b>	Jim Cambron

**Men's FTD:** Steve Kidd

**Ladies FTD:** Janis Berry

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Leo & Susan Varnner	2016 Cayenne
Patrick McGuffin	2013 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
Bonita Kincaid	2015 Cayenne
Joe Wang	2015 Macan S
Leigh Burch	2015 Macan S
James Hudgens	2015 Panamera
Richard & Bette Bryan	2015 Cayenne
Leslie Klein	2015 Panamera



*Photo by Tom Raymond*



*Photo by Tom Raymond*



# Porsches + Pontoons

Vic + Carol Rola, and Rich + Wendy McGowan  
invite you to beautiful Cherokee Lake, on  
Saturday, August 15  
For

## A Day at the Lake



Lake Life is Ruff!

- 0900 Arrive at Cherokee Lake at the Black Oak Marina, 2511 Black Oak Road, Jefferson City, for brunch at the Marina Grille
- 1030—'til We'll have four pontoons for our all day use on Cherokee Lake
- 'til Back to the Marina Grille for some lake food, adult beverages, and music

**\$30 per person covers pontoon rental, and brunch. The evenings food and beverages are on your own.**

**Pre-Registration REQUIRED at [vicrola1@gmail.com](mailto:vicrola1@gmail.com)**

# PCA REGISTER PROGRAM

**Giving members an opportunity to network with owners of specific Porsche models.**

The PCA Register program was established in 1995 to encourage closer relationships within register groups in PCA. The program allows PCA members to network with others in their specific area of interest. Sharing of information fosters restoration and maintenance of member's automobiles. A register can potentially provide a new resource for historical displays at Parades and other PCA events, along with information for articles in Porsche Panorama.

## **356 Register**

Skip Shirley, Advocate

## **911 Carrera 1973 Register**

Brian Fryar, Advocate

## **911 Carrera 1974-1975 US Register**

Bob Westmoreland, Advocate

## **911 Carrera 1988-1989 US Club Sport Register**

Craig Crease, Advocate

## **911 Carrera 3.0 1976-77 Register**

Milliard Beatty, Advocate

## **911 Speedster Register**

Blake Carlson, Advocate

## **911SC Register**

Thomas Westfall, Advocate

## **911T 1969-1973 Register**

Bryson Kiser, Advocate

## **912/912E Register**

Rick Becker, Advocate

## **914-914/6 Register**

Bob Saville, Advocate

## **924/931 1976-1982 Register**

Bob Dodd, Advocate

## **928 Register**

Adam Birnbaum, Advocate

## **930**

Bud Szurek, Advocate

## **944S/944 S2 Register**

Craig Seko, Advocate

## **968 Register**

Jeff Coe, Advocate

## **997 Club Coupe Register**

Gerry Curts, Advocate

## **1992 Carrera Cup USA Edition Register**

Richard Winne, Advocate

## **Boxster 986/987 Register**

John Novotnak, Advocate

## **Cayman Register**

Michael Souza, Advocate

## **GT3 / GT2 / GT3 Cup Register**

Bryson Kiser, Register Coordinator

## **RS America Register**

Keith Verlaque, Advocate

## **SUV Registry (Macan, Cayenne)**

Randy Gananathan, Advocate

## **Wide Body/Turbo Look (M491)**

Hank Weil, Advocate

***More information can be found on the PCA site:  
<https://www.pca.org/special-interest-groups>***



**60th PORSCHE PARADE**  
JUNE 21-27, 2015  
FRENCH LICK, INDIANA

***[parade2015.pca.org](http://parade2015.pca.org)***





***Come to Escape to Rushmore and enjoy Rapid City and the Black Hills for awesome sites and drives October 1, 2, 3.***

Escapes are lots of fun!! Zone 10 and Nord Stern are excited to invite Porsches across the nation to come to ***Escape to Rushmore*** in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

- Rapid City, South Dakota, is the ***Escape 2015*** headquarters. When you come here, you have surprising variety in activities, challenging drives, and many things to see and do. You'll have good places to stay, eat and shop, too. Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza and the City Park adjoin the Civic Center and are headquarters for most activities.
- Mount Rushmore is just 24 miles away; this inspiring patriotic symbol has 60 foot faces of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln. You can walk around the National Memorial alone or on guided tours. You'll see impressive views of the sculpture that have national and international recognition and reputation and you can take spectacular pictures.
- Crazy Horse Memorial is an internationally-known mountain carving that will be 641 foot long and 563 feet high when finished. You'll visit a representation of Crazy Horse, a strategic tribal leader in the Battle of the Little Big Horn. You can spend time in a beautiful museum of artwork.
- This area has internationally popular tourist geography and you have an amazing range of touring and driving opportunities. You can enjoy significant geography changes from the Badlands in the east to the Black Hills and Rapid City in the center to the natural Devil's Tower in the west.

Here are a few of many things you can choose from when you come to ***Escape 2015***:

- Great tourist attractions, tours, drives and group activities in a limitless variety of geographies with scenic touring and enthusiastic driving in ever-changing geography and on some very hilly, twisty roads
- Eight or more organized drives and activities to select from each of the 3 days
- An informal car show competing in a beautiful park where participants select winners
- Technical classes with leaders from a variety of Porsche backgrounds

With everything available in the Black Hills area and Rapid City, this ***Escape*** offers you lots of opportunities in socialization, tourism and challenging driving.

Find more and ever-changing information on the [escape2015.pca.org](http://escape2015.pca.org) website. Registration will open in July shortly after the Parade in French Lick, Indiana.

***Put Escape 2015 on your calendar now and come to the Black Hills October 1-3.***

*Jim & Arlyce Lillegaard, Co-Chairs*  
[lillescape15@gmail](mailto:lillescape15@gmail.com)

# Smoky Mountain Region PCA 2015 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>MAY</b> 16	Autocross (Open) - POSTPONED	Pellissippi	
30-31	Overnight Driveout - POSTPONED	TBA	
<b>JUN</b> 13	Member Show Off/Social	TBA	9:00 AM
21-27	PCA Parade	French Lick, IN	
<b>JUL</b> 7	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	6:00 PM
7	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
11	Autocross (Open)	Pellissippi	9:00 AM
<b>AUG</b> 1	Tech Session	TBA	9:00 AM
15	Porsche Pontoon/Picnic	Cherokee Lake	1:00 PM
<b>SEP</b> 4-7	Rennfest		
9	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
12	Autocross (Open)	Pellissippi	9:00 AM
26	Tech Session/Concours	Parker's	9:00 AM
30	PCA Escape	Black Hills, SD	
<b>OCT</b> 1-4	PCA Escape	Black Hills, SD	
8	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
9-10	Renn Sport		
10	Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	9:00 AM
10	Planning Meeting (Members Welcome)	TBA	10:00 AM
17	Autocross (Open)	Pellissippi	9:00 AM
24-25	Overnight Driveout	TBA	9:00 AM
<b>NOV</b> 7-8	Fall Fest (Autocross PCA)	TBA/Pellissippi	
12	Social	TBA	7:00 PM
<b>DEC</b> 5	Holiday Party	TBA	6:00 PM

## JOIN US!

*A view of Vic Rola's 911  
as seen through the open  
hatch of Jim Cambron's  
Cayman R*



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