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On The Cover: A GT3 leads a 914 through the curves during the 3rd annual Okteenerfest. Photo by Ali Schleif.

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### FROM the PRESIDENT

September turned out to be an up and down month. We started with our Social on the 9th, a wine tasting at CORKS Wine and Spirits in Turkey Creek – great event! The following evening we were greeted with the sad news Carol Rola had been stricken with an aneurism and was hospitalized at UT Medical Center. Given this sad news and an iffy weather forecast, we canceled the Autocross scheduled for the 12th.

Our deepest condolences go to Vic and his family on Carol's untimely passing on September 12. She was a well-loved member of our club and will be sorely missed. A Celebration of Life was held September 19 at Vic's home. Many of Vic and Carol's friends, including many, many PCA friends, were able to attend. Our love and support go out to Vic and the family.

October is here –trees are turning colors, leaves are falling, and roadside stands have pumpkins for sale. October is also the month we begin making plans for next year's activities. On Saturday October 10 we have a Board meeting, followed by our annual Planning Meeting to plan our calendar for next year. The meeting will be held in the Lounge Area of the Harper Collision/Knox Detail Building, 115 Perimeter Park Drive, Knoxville (behind Harper VW) from 9:00 AM to noon. Attendees should park on the north end of the old Sea Ray property where Harper employees normally park. We would ask all attending the meeting to please be respective of this because there are two businesses operating out of the building and they are both open on Saturday. All members are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend, I would welcome your input via email rnflga@gmail.com or phone (407)491-3403.

Coming up in October we also have our Monthly Social/New Member Welcome on the 8th at Harper Porsche, 9768 Parkside Drive, Knoxville from 6-8 PM. Come join us for some great fellowship as we welcome new members who have joined since March 2014.

We have an Autocross scheduled for Saturday October 24th at Pellissippi State College.

Harper Cars and Coffee is set for Sunday October 25 at West Town Mall, Knoxville beginning at 8:00 AM. Come join the fun and see all the cars (over 2000). We will be there early to reserve a section for Smoky Mountain Region PCA, but space is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Hope to see you there!

Our Fall Fest is coming up November 21 - 22. We will begin on Saturday at 1:30 PM with a "Driveout to Dinner". More details on the Driveout to follow. Sunday we will run an Autocross at Splash Country, Pigeon Forge. This will be an open event, meaning SCCA members will also be participating.

Save the date! Our Holiday Party this year will be December 17 at Calhoun's on the River in Knox-ville. Details to follow.

Happy motoring and see you soon.

Rich Neubauer.

Rich Newbauer
President

# HEARD ROUND the REGION Jone

- Hello everyone... my favorite time of year... fall. Great driving weather... especially if you're still driving the air cooled Porsches! Get out and drive!
- First of all, I'd like to thank all of you for the outpouring of love and condolences in the passing of my wife, Carol. It was very, very sudden... passing from a fatal, massive, brain aneurysm. Please accept both my, and her childrens', heartfelt gratitude.

Wonderful events coming up:

- It's the Beech Party in Tulahoma, TN, on October 17th. The Heart 'O Dixie is the major force behind this one, with the Alabama Region and Musik Stadt joining in the fun, along with the Smoky Mountain Region. Should be nice, with many, many Beechcraft aircraft flying into the airport there.
- Then there's the Hilton Head Island Concours on October 30-31. The Coastal Empire Region will have several of their cars on display there, along with some gorgeous collector cars. I believe there will also be an auction taking place!
- The Carolinas Region is hosting a Club Race that same weekend at Charlotte Motor Speedway. I plan to attend that one, Thursday through Sunday, representing PCA's National Staff.
- In September, two of PCA's Registry Groups 914 and 356, held separate, but extremely well attended events. The 356 Registry had their gathering in Helen, GA. It was an important meet, as I think that the Registry did not hold their annual

'Holiday' meets this year. The 914 Registry held their fall event in our Zone again. Carolinas Region's Bob Saville, and Smoky Mountain Region's Steve Schleif are the organizers of this event which drew more than 60 of the mid-engined Porsches, to Banner Elk, NC.

• A special thank you, and Auf Wiedersehen, to Tammy Falkenstein. Tammy is the assistant and intern to Paul Gregor, Porsche's liason to the worldwide Porsche clubs, including PCA. Tammy is at the end of her internship with Porsche in the USA. She will be leaving for Germany soon, to continue her studies there. For those of us who worked with-Tammy, it's been great. She has helped us, and PCA, so much! We wish her the very best in her future, and hope sincerely that our paths cross again! •

Many Zone 3 members either drove or flew to the left coast for Rennsport Reunion V. Must have been one helluva show! Read the events live blog at pca.org.

See you at the next event...

Vic Rola

Zone 3 Rep

### FROM the DRIVER'S SEAT

My youngest child has her permit and is learning to drive. She is actually doing quite well but the thought of letting her go on her own is still scary. And she is still six months away from her license!

Since my 914 is not the easiest car to shift, she has not yet had the chance to learn how to drive a manual transmission. I am in the slow process of bringing my son's beat-up '02 GTI back to life. I plan to drive it as my winter car while I park the teener for some badly needed repairs. The GTI with its smooth 5-speed should be a perfect car for Ali to learn the needed skills of driving a stick.

If you know me and my family, you realize that

we are definitely a German car family. Besides my 914 and the project GTI, my wife drives a Jetta TDI as does my oldest daughter. And the influence shows with Ali's "dream car" - a New Beetle Convertible in dark blue.

So the search began and ended within a week. At a local VW show this past weekend, there was a NB Convertible for sale that "needs work". Long story short... I bought it. Now I have THREE projects. Wish me luck :-)

Steve - Editor

### **BOARD/PLANNING MEETING**

Dear Fellow Members,

As the motto says, "It's not just the cars, it's the people", and "people" is what this club is all about. We have opportunities to come together around a common interest - "Porsche" - making friends, sharing resources, and having fun with our cars. This is YOUR club and we want YOUR input as we begin to plan for 2016.

Our Board/Planning meeting will be held Saturday October 10 from 9:00 AM to noon and all members are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at Harper's, Knoxville, with the location TBD because of current construction.

To assist us in the planning process, your leadership would very much like to hear your thoughts and ideas regarding club activities for next year. Some of the activities and related questions we will be considering are listed below.

Monthly Socials - Day of Week (currently Tue, Wed, or Thur)? Location? Meal? Drinks/Appetizers? Other?

Autocross - Scheduled at Spring Thing and Fall Fest; How many additional? Location (Splash Country, Pellissippi State College Other)?, When (Saturday or Sunday)?, How many open to other Sports Car Clubs (currently 2 events)?

Driveouts - When? Where? Overnighters? Tech Sessions - Where? Topics? Hands-on/interactive?

Spring Thing - scheduled for April 29 - May 1, 2016 in Greeneville, TN; Thoughts or ideas on changes or how to make this better?

Fall Fest - Thoughts or ideas on changes or how to make this better?

Great Porsche Show Off - Do you like it? Should we do more than one per year? How do we best publicize it?

Other - Any other ideas or suggestions (dream big) you want to put out for consideration?

If you are unable to attend, but would like to comment, please Email me at rnflga@gmail.com or call 407-491-3403 prior to October 10 with your input.

It is YOUR club and we want YOUR input!

Thanks.

Rich Newbauer

Club President

### **UPDATED CALENDAR of EVENTS**

Oct 8 Monthly Social/New Member Celebra	ration - 6-8pm Harper Porsche
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- Oct 10 Board/Planning Meeting 9am, Harper's
- Oct 17-18 Overnight Drive-out to Jack Daniel's Distillery
- Oct 24 Autocross 9am Pellissippi State College
- Oct 25 Harper Cars & Coffee 8-11am West Town Mall
- Nov 12 Monthly Social TBD
- Nov 21-22 FALLFEST Saturday Drive-out and dinner;

**Sunday Autocross at Splash Country** 

Dec 17 Holiday Party - 6pm - Calhoun's by the River

### **Okteenerfest 2015**

By Steven Schleif

After two years being held in the Smoky Mountain Region, the 3rd annual Okteenerfest (a 914 Register event) was held in beautiful Banner Elk, NC. The roads in that area are phenomenal. Many attendees were heard commenting that the roads were as good as or even better then the fabled Dragon!

For those who have never heard of Okteenerfest, it is a multi-day event designed especially for 914 owners and their mid-engine Porsches. With check-in on Thursday afternoon, the first official event is a day drive beginning promptly at 9:14am on Friday. This year's drive took at-

tendees along 130+ miles of beautiful mountain roads encompassing everything from technical twisties to scenic stretches.

The drive was broken up with scheduled stops including lunch in Spruce Pine, NC and an optional hike to Linville Falls. Once back to the hotel, attendees rested, washed their 914s, performed parking lot repairs, and socialized. Dinner was

served followed by parking lot socializing.

Saturday morning saw a string of 914s headed into the main "town" of Banner Elk to assemble for a Peoples Choice car show. The 914s were parked in three groups: Stock, Custom, and Modified, plus a special setion for GT cars.

This year's Okteenerfest theme was "914-6 GT: the Giant Killers" and there were some rare and unique GTs on display. The first factory 914-6 race car campaigned by Max Moritz was there as were a tribute Ralph Meaney racer and two very rare M-471 optioned 914-6s - one owned by George Hussey, owner of Auto Atlan-

ta, and the other owned by Steve Gaglione of Tampa. In all, there were nearly 60 914s gracing the field this year.

Saturday afternoon was free time for the attendees to do as they wished - drive the area roads, take in some scenic spots, or just rest up. Meanwhile, the promoters were hard at work preparing for the awards banquet to be held that evening.

With votes counted, souvenir photos printed, and door prizes in place, it was finally time for the weekend's finale. Over 110 people enjoyed a wonderful buffet and then the awards and door prizes were given out.

This year the vendors came through with

nearly \$10,000 worth of goodies. Yes, you read that right... 10 thousand! Lucky winners went home with items such as a new dash, steel GT flares, reconditioned LED gauges, a \$500 gift certificate, and so much more.

The breakfast room Sunday morning was filled with attendees saying good-bye to 914 friends new and old. As with the previous two Okteenerfest events,

the gathering was a resounding success and we look forward to next year's event. With attendance in both people and cars more than doubling since the first event only two short years ago, it will be interesting to see how big Okteenerfest grows in the future.

If you have a 914 stashed away, why not pull it into the daylight and bring it back to life. Once back on the road, you will wonder why you ever let it sit dormant for so long. And then mark your calendar for the end of September 2016 and join other teeners for the nation's premier 914 event. You won't regret it!



#### **PEOPLES CHOICE WINNERS:**

Stock 3rd: Brad & Paula Mayeur

Stock 2nd: George Hussey Stock 1st: Jay Weikel

**Custom 3rd: Robert & Sue Blackmon** 

**Custom 2nd: Bill & Luz DeWitt** 

**Custom 1st: Kelvin & Donna Knight** 

Mod 3rd: Bill & Ali Dunster Mod 2nd: Theron & Kim Colvin

**Mod 1st: Bob Bischoff** 

GT 3rd: Steve Limbert GT 2nd: Peter Hussey

**GT 1st: Steve & Jane Gaglione** 







photo by Ali Schleif

ABOVE: 914ers driving the curvy roads of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

RIGHT: Sharp curve? 20mph? A 914 can easily double that! BELOW RIGHT: Stunning vistas were just one part of the Friday drive.



Earliest VIN: Bob Bischoff Latest VIN: Lewis Broyles Jack Stand: Don Russell Newbie: Jim Milton

**Iron Butt: Ray Nadda** 

**Spirit of Okteenerfest: Brad Mayeur** 







### **Harper Auto Square Cars & Coffee**

Harper Auto Square is holding a Cars and Coffee event on Sunday, October 25th at West Town Mall located in Knoxville, TN!

The Cars and Coffee event is a great way to meet other car enthusiasts, enjoy free refreshments, and check out sweet rides of all makes and models.

This has been the largest Cars and Coffee event in the state of Tennessee and the October event will be no different! Cars and Coffee begins at 8 AM and ends at 11 AM.

All makes and models are invited and we urge you to invite your fellow car enthusiasts, friends, and family.



#### **Event Details:**

Harper Auto Square Cars and Coffee October 25th, 2015 : 8AM - 11 AM

Location: West Town Mall (7600 Kingston Pike) Knoxville, TN

**NOTE**: Due to the size of the event, Harper personnel can no longer hold spaces for us, but they will allow our club to hold a block of spaces until 8:00 AM. (We need about 4 -6 volunteers to be there about 6:30 AM to hold spaces for our club members. Email me rnflga@gmail.com or call 407-491-3403 if you would be willing to help.)

You will need to get there early to get one of these spaces. Let's fill them up!



### **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

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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

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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

# **2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOT**

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□ (write in)	
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□ (write in)  DIRECTORS: vote for three □ Peter Lepir □ Adam Boling □ Steve Wise □ (write in) □ (write in) □ (write in)	An online ballot is also available in PDF form that you may download, fill out, and email to hutchib@knology.net or mail to the above address.
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