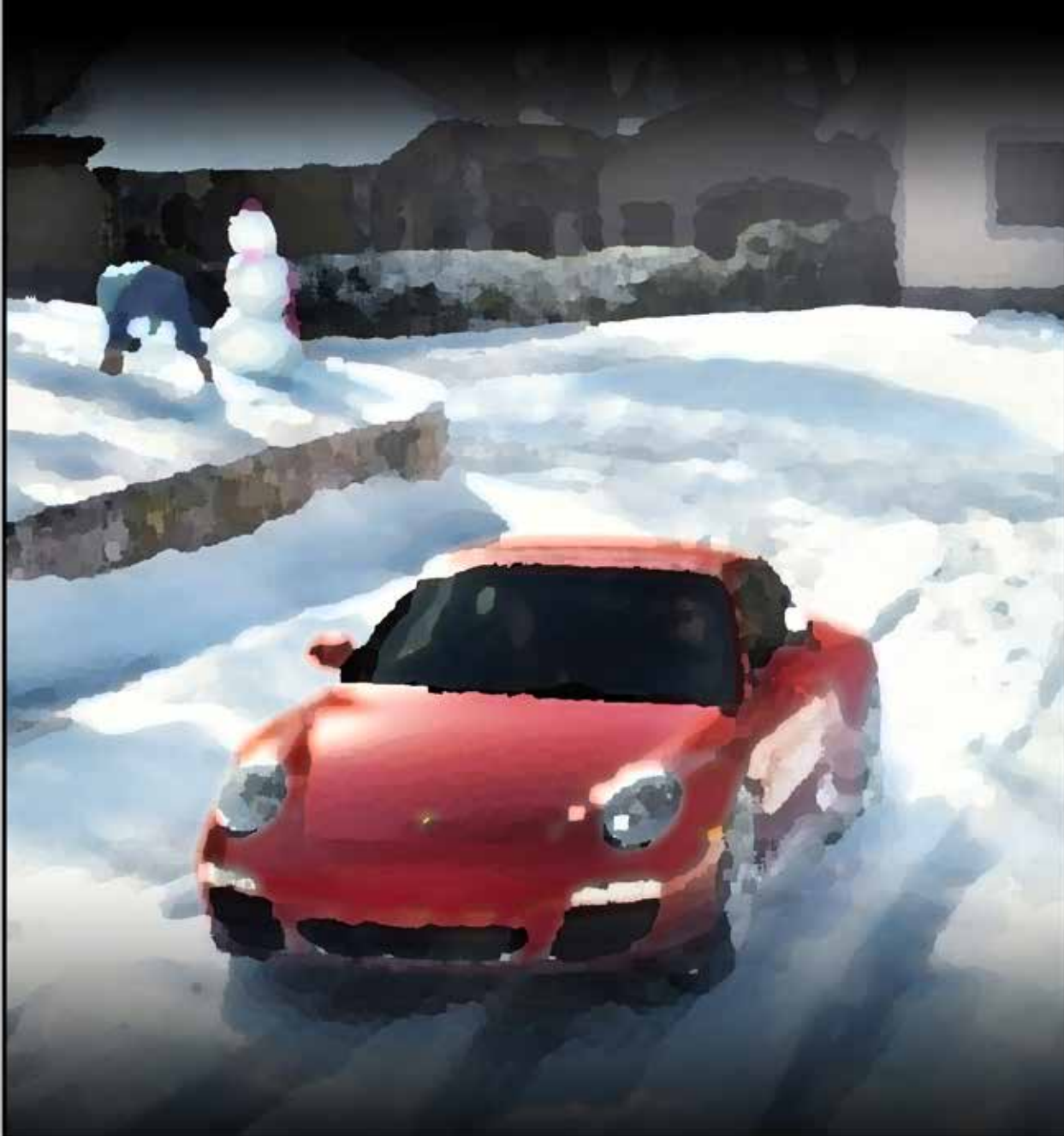


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FROM the PRESIDENT

December 31 ended both 2015 and my term as Region President – a position I have been privileged to serve for 2 years. I thank you all for this opportunity and for the support and help of so many of you. I need to say a special Thank You to my wife Carol for all her help, support, and encouragement. Thanks to Mike Parker, Suzan Bowman, Vic Rola, Clyde Peery, Bob Hutchins, Paul Burch - all long time members, as they all played significant roles in helping link this 'new guy' to past history and traditions of the club. Another great source of help and support has been those members who have served on the Executive Board and various committees during my time as President.

Over these past two years our membership has grown over 20%. Thank you to our Membership Chairs Carol Dockery (2014) and Bob Hutchins (2015) for their efforts in making this happen.

A big thanks to Harper Porsche - Tom Harper, Shannon Harper, Bill Johnson – for our growing strong relationship, their sponsorship of Spring Thing Concours, other help and support, as well as hosting many events in which club members participated.

A big thanks also to Eurotech (Rick & Janis Berry) for sponsoring our Autocross series and for their help and support in so many other ways.

Our 2015 Holiday Party was December 17th at Calhoun's on the River in Knoxville. Numbers were down due to illness and other commitments, but those in attendance shared a great evening with delicious food and lots of good conversation. Thanks to Suzan Bowman for organizing the Party.

Our Charity in 2015 was the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge. Our members' gifts, supplemented by a subsidy from National PCA, totaled just over \$1,000. Thanks to all for your support.

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Congratulations to both of our award winners!

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting 2016 for our club. A variety of activities, including Socials, Drive – outs, Tech Sessions, and Autocrosses, are being planned. Spring Thing will again be in Greeneville, TN April 29 – May 1.

With the New Year comes a new Executive Board with Rich McGowan serving as President.

My personal thanks to all who served on the 2015 Executive Board; to Steven Schleif who has served as our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster; and to all those who have been a part of our various events - both as workers and participants.

Hope to see you at many of the 2016 events.

A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Rich Neubauer

Rich Neubauer

Past President

January Events

Join other PCA members at one or more of the events held each month. See some great cars and meet the people who own them.

January 9 @ 9:00am

Board Meeting - all members welcome

January 12 @ 7:00pm

Social - check back for location

January 29-31

Rolex 24 Hour at Daytona

HEARD 'ROUND the ZONE

• Right out of the box ... Happy New Year! Here's to wishing you the happiest and most prosperous of New Years!

• My Christmas week's travels took me to visit long time friends + family. The new to me Cayenne truck did quite well, thank you...

• The action doesn't stop, just because the New Year is upon us...

The Rolex 24 Hour at Daytona
The Amelia Island Concours
Kiawah Island Motoring Retreat
... are just three of the non-PCA events in the first part of 2016!

• PCA events are happening in each of our Zone 3 Regions also. Here are a few:

- Winterfest in the Tennessee Region on 02.19-20

- The 55th Anniversary Bash in the Heart 'O Dixie Region on 04.01-03

- A PCA Club Race at Road Atlanta on 04.01-03

- Spring Thing in the Smoky Mountain Region 04.28-05.01

... be sure to check your Region's website for all events close to you!

• Newly formed Appalachian Region has announced their first formal large event - Appalachian Adventure - to be held close to the Tail of the Dragon at the Fontana Village Resort on August 08.12-14.16. I'll see you at that one for sure!

• At the national scale of PCA events, the Porsche Parade will be at the Jay Peak Resort, in Jay, VT. Only six miles from the Canadian border (bring your passport) and 1.5 hours from beautiful Montreal, PQ. Save the date... 06.19-26.16. On the other side of the USA, Treffen Lake Tahoe taking place on 09.07-11.16.

• The winter PCA Executive Council's Board Meeting is in our Zone this year in Atlanta in January. More about this later.

• The newly formed alliance between Porsche and PCA, in the formation of the Cayman GT4R racing series, has its first installment at the PCA Club Race at Road Atlanta the first weekend of April. Twenty-five of the 'for track use only' Caymans are being/have been built, with a waiting list of buyers 200 deep!

• Sad news to report. Tug Mathisen, a founding member of the Palmetto Region PCA 45 years ago, passed away on December 26th. Tug was a kind gentle man and a wonderful artist having done many Porsche watercolors in his time. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Gordon King alerted me to his passing and offered the following address should you wish to send offers of condolences :

Betty Mathisen, 215 Norris Avenue, Charleston, SC 29407.

• From the Alabama Region...

- April 21-24 Honda Indy Gran Prix of Alabama @ Barber Motorsports Park (PCA hospitality tent and car corral)

- April 30-May 1 DE @ Barber Motorsports Park

- May 20-22, 2016 2nd Annual Barber Historics @ Barber Motorsports Park (Vintage Racing, Car Corral & Swap Meet)

- June 18-19 DE @ Barber Motorsports Park

- Requests have been made as to contacts and/or information about the concours at Kiawah Island.

Go to: kiawahislandmotoringretreat.com



Vic Rola

Zone 3 Rep

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FROM the DRIVER'S SEAT



2016 has arrived and it looks like it will be the Year of the Projects for me.

As time allows, I am slowly getting my '02 GTI back together after replacing a worn out turbo. It is currently

on jackstands waiting for me to put the air induction bits back on and rework some of the hoses after an emissions delete. Once running, I'll begin cleaning up all the cosmetic issues.

Second is a recently acquired '04 New Beetle Convertible in blue - my not-yet-16-years-old daughter's "dream car". Bought as a fixer-upper, the Beetle has all the usual late model VW quirks such as interior coming apart, miscellaneous electrical gremlins, and, the biggie, a transmission that is not working properly.

There is a known issue with the valve bodies on this particular transmission (09G for those who care) and I have already pulled the VB, checked the solenoids and wiring, and now am in the process of putting it all back together. I found two of the connectors were loose. Could it be that easy a fix?

I just ran diagnostics and the fault codes are no

longer present. Though that is definitely a plus, I am not going to get too excited until I get the car back on the ground and test drive it.

And, of course, there is my perpetual project - my '74 914. Daily driven 20+ miles to work and back, the current 2.0 is worn but not giving up. I have had to deal with some ignition issues recently as well as hook up the heating system for the cold drives. It uses oil at an alarming rate but still pulls strong. And it seems to run even better in the colder weather we've been experiencing lately.

But it will soon (very soon) be replaced by a Raby-built 2056 that arrived in my garage in early December. Coupled to a short-ratio gearbox, my 914 will be like a new machine. Dyno'd at mid 140s for both horse power and torque (open header system), the new engine puts out over 50% more power than stock. That may not seem like much to some of you, but remember... the 914 weighs in at just over 2000 pounds!

With suspension already upgraded and decent tires mounted, my 914 will finally be ready to hit the autocross course this year. I am definitely looking forward to that!

Steven Schleif
Editor



With only a slight bump in displacement plus the wizardry of its builder, this Raby Aircooled Technology-built 2056 Type IV engine delivers nearly 50% more power than the stock 2.0L as delivered from the factory.

Photo by Steven Schleif

HOLIDAY PARTY REPORT

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ABOVE: President Rich Neubauer announces the winner of the "Enthusiast of the Year"



LEFT: Pat Imperato talks about the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge - the Region's selected charity for 2015. Our members' gifts, supplemented by a subsidy from National PCA, totaled just over \$1,000.

Photos by Suzan Bowman

Ralph Holterhoff “Silver Fox” Memorial Trophy

PRESENTED to MIKE PARKER December 17, 2015

Smoky Mountain Region

- Charter member after helping to start the club from the original state-wide club. Signer of original petition to form new region
- Board Positions - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Board member
- Newsletter Editor, Designer, and Publisher – 3 years 2000 through 2002
- Concours Chair, Concours School organizer and Teacher
- Rally School Chair
- Autocross Chair, Course Designer
- Driver's Education instructor
- Technical Quiz designer
- Tech Session organizer and instructor (he's a heck of a mechanic)
- Charity Event organizer,
- Historian
- Pano Correspondence coordinator
- Mike started the Fall Fest and Spring Thing events to bolster zone attendance to Multi-Region events.
- Chairman of the 1981 National Porsche Parade in Asheville, NC.
 - Concours D' Elegance held on the front lawn of the Biltmore House mansion
 - Autocross - last minute dealings with the FAA
 - First to start the Volunteer Party for the National Parade.

National PCA

- Chair of the Nominating Committee
- National Concours Judge
- Attended a multitude of National Parades

The 'Ralph Holterhoff "Silver Fox" Memorial Trophy' is an award given occasionally to a member of the club in appreciation of outstanding service and contribution to the Smoky Mountain Region above and beyond the execution of normal responsibilities.



President Rich Neubauer presents the 'Ralph Holterhoff "Silver Fox" Memorial Trophy' to Smoky Mountain Region founding member Mike Parker.

Past recipients include Allan Cox in 1996 and Vic Rola in 2006.

Photo by Suzan Bowman

He never says "no" when asked to do something.

J D DISTILLERY / BEECH DRIVE OUT

Early Saturday morning on October 17th, 19 Smoky Mountain cars and 36 members hooked up for the drive through rural East Tennessee and the Sequatchie Valley to Tullahoma, TN. The group was excited to get started from our gathering point in Loudon on this beautiful, crisp early fall day.

It was a one-stop drive, about 3 hours 15 minutes, and the roads and scenery were amazing. Originally the drive out was for a visit to the Jack Daniels Distillery, but as luck would have it, the Heart of Dixie region had planned their drive out the same day to coincide with the Beech Aircraft museum's annual Beech Party fly-in weekend in Tullahoma. We were able to join in with their group as well as PCA members from Chattanooga, Nashville, and other regions for the huge event which included a catered luncheon at the museum.

We met the assembled Porsche group which included approximately 80 cars at a mall near the airport/museum and drove as a group to the Beechcraft Museum. What a site to see the Porsches lined up opposite the stunning vintage Beech airplanes. There were plenty of opportunities to take pictures and mingle with some of the aircraft owners. There were continuous fly-bys throughout the day, and the planes were so close overhead we could see the pilots waving to the crowd.

If you are interested in airplanes, and especially Beechcraft, this is an event you should put on your bucket list to attend. The museum is massive with three large buildings stuffed with beautiful Beech airplanes that tell the history of the company and many of their achievements in aviation.

Saturday evening, the group gathered back at the hotel for a social hour prior to leaving for dinner at one of the local restaurants. It was a fun evening with lots of conversation and laughs as well as some good food and "spirits". Apparently, at least one in the group was pre-tasting some Jack Daniels in anticipation of the tour the next morning. What happens on the drive out stays on the drive out. No further details on that will be discussed here!

After breakfast on Sunday morning, 12 cars of the original group gathered at the hotel, and we took the short drive to the distillery for our tour. It was another cool and beautiful day, perfect for the drive and tour.

We arrived at Jack Daniel's Distillery around 10:00am and had a chance to take some pictures and enjoy the history of "Jack" and the distillery told by the interesting displays in the Visitors Center before meeting our tour guide, Bonnie. She was very entertaining, and everyone really enjoyed her enthusiasm and side stories during the 1½ tour.

This is another very impressive place to visit, even if you are not a JD customer. Learning about the distilling process, viewing the impressive facilities and learning about the history dating back into the late 1800s was well worth doing the tour. After the tour, there were opportunities to purchase some JD bottles. Since the county is dry, you can't buy any liquor. But you can buy a Jack Daniels bottle for \$40 and they fill it with "free" whiskey.





Aren't our laws great?

After the tour, everyone pretty much did their own thing. Some headed home while others did more sightseeing around Lynchburg. All in all, it was a great weekend.

Paula and I had not arranged a drive out before and were concerned about making sure everything went well and hoping it would be enjoyed by the whole group. Thanks to the cooperation of everyone who went, we had a low stress and hassle-free weekend. As always, we had a great time visiting

and being with our Smoky Mountain friends. It's like a fraternity with great memories and fun for everyone who was there.

The Drive Out to Beechcraft and the JD Distillery was well-attended.

Photo submitted by Bill Johnson



SPOTTED AT PETIT LEMANS

Smoky Mountain Region members were spotted at Petit Lemans last season enjoying some great racing. How many PCAers will we see at the Rolex 24 in Daytona?

RIGHT: Bill Johnson with Petit Lemans winner Nick Tandy.

BELOW: David and Connor Hinkle.

Photos submitted by Bill Johnson





ABOVE: Joey Collins with brother in law Robert Mc Cutcheon.

BELOW: Rick and Janis Berry, Adam and Carrie Boling, Cam Ingram from N. C. and Brenda and Ross Spence.

Photos submitted by Bill Johnson



NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Smoky Mountain Region held its New Member Welcome as part the Monthly Social on Thursday October 8. The event, hosted by Harper Porsche in their new showroom on Parkside Drive, included welcoming New Members who have joined the Smoky Mountain Region since April 2014. Over 70 were in attendance, including 22 new members. Attendees roamed the showroom enjoying refreshments, visiting with fellow members, and viewing the new Porsches on display.

One of the cars on the showroom floor was a 2015 Boxster S Black Edition. Joey Collins, Harper Sales Representative and a club member, gave us a rundown of all the features included in the car. Also, throughout the evening Joey and other Sales Representatives were busy fielding questions about Porsche products.

Bill Johnson took a moment to honor the mem-

ory of Carol Rola and her many contributions to the club.

Newsom Baker, one of our club members, made a great presentation about PCA Club Racing, including showing some of his own in-car videos. He gave an introduction to track driving and how one can safely enjoy the thrill of driving their own Porsche on a famous racetrack. On display outside the showroom were race cars owned by Karl Poeltl and Bonnie Foulds, both club members.

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

One of the cars on the showroom floor was a 2015 Boxster S Black Edition. *Photos courtesy Harper Auto Square*





Attendees roamed the new Harper showroom enjoying refreshments, visiting with fellow PCA members, and viewing the new Porsches on display.

Photos courtesy Harper Auto Square



2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Make your plans now to join fellow PCAers at many of the Region's yearly events.
Get to know other members during the monthly socials.

Learn the handling characteristics of your Porsche at the autocrosses beginning with an Autocross School in March.

Spend a weekend with other Porschefiles for socializing, driving, and lots of fun at Spring Fling.

Help improve the club by participating at the quarterly Board Meetings.

JANUARY

12 – Social

29-31 – Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona

FEBRUARY

9 – Social

TBD – Great Porsche Show Off

MARCH

8 – Social

12 – Concours Prep School

19 – Autocross School @ PSCC

APRIL

9 – Board Meeting

12 – Social

29-5/1 – Spring Thing – Greeneville, TN

MAY

1 - Autocross (part of Spring Thing)

10 – Social

21 – Great Porsche Show Off @ Regal Cinema
Turkey Creek

JUNE

11 – Autocross – PSCC

14 – Social

17-26 – National PCA Parade – Vermont

JULY

9 – Board Meeting @ Harpers

12 – Social

16 – Autocross @ PSCC

AUGUST

9 – Social

SEPTEMBER

2-5 – Rennfest @ Peachstate Region

17 – Autocross @ PSCC

10 or 24 – Driveout

22-25 – Okteenerfest @ Banner Elk, NC (914
Special Interest Group)

OCTOBER

8 – Board Meeting @ Harpers

11 – Social

15 – Autocross @ PSCC

NOVEMBER

19 – Fall Fest

DECEMBER

TBD – Christmas Party

Dates and events subject to change as details are finalized.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nathan Brown
Dick Coffey
Chris Goodnough

Robert Ingle
Bobby Joines
Steve Kirby

Michael Ruppert
Ron Skeen
Tim Stephens

CLUB POSITIONS OPEN

As we look ahead to the new year of 2016, we have a number of appointed positions that need to be filled. We are looking for folks who might be interested in serving in one of these positions for a one year period ending December 31, 2016.

The open positions are:

AWARDS
PUBLICITY
HISTORIAN
SAFETY/TECHNICAL
SOCIAL EVENTS
PANO CORRESPONDENT

For more information, contact Rich McGowan at rich@musfiber.com or 423-748-5778.

If you are interested in serving or know of another club member that might do well in the position, I would appreciate hearing from you. Some of these positions may be filled at the January 9th Executive Board Meeting.

***EVER WONDER JUST HOW FAST YOUR PORSCHE COULD TAKE A CORNER?
WANT TO KNOW HOW QUICKLY YOUR PORSCHE BRAKES?***

Find out this and more at the March 19 "AUTOCROSS SCHOOL" to be held at Pellissippi State Community College. This is not just for those interested in autocrossing but is designed to teach Porsche owners the limits of their cars. Check the web site for more information.



Rick Brooksbank eyes the next set of cones as he maneuvers around a cone at a Smoky Mountain Region autocross.

Whether you have autocrossed before or not, Region members are encouraged to give autocrossing a try. Not only is it a lot of fun but it helps drivers learn the abilities of their Porsches so that they can be better drivers on the street.

Photo by Steven Schleif

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

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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>***



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