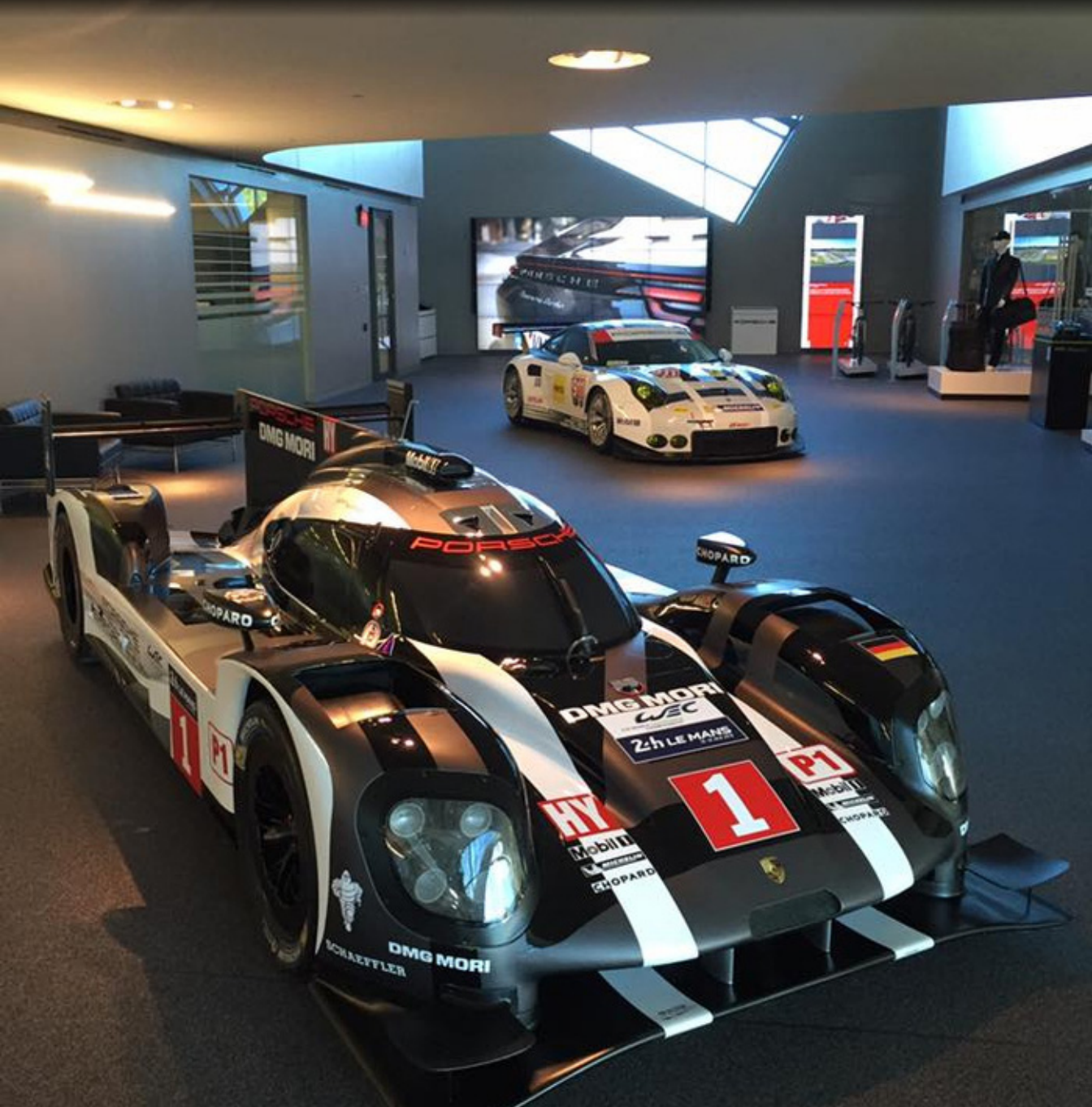


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FROM the PRESIDENT

Well, a lot has happened since our last newsletter. Without going into detail, I'll try to summarize our activities here, the leader of that particular event has written about it later in this newsletter.

Ross Spence put together an outstanding drive out on the Dragon's Tail, with a great lunch on the river at the end, very scenic. Vaughn planned an overnight trip to Blowing Rock, again, a wonderful event and a beautiful drive.

We had over 80 people at our new member reception at Harper Porsche recently. Bill Johnson lined up drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. Their sales staff was also on hand to show off the new model of the Macan. Of course, there's always a lot of candy there at all times. It was fantastic to see a great showing of new members there, this specific event was for them and they did not disappoint.

This past Saturday Rick Berry and his pit team put on another autocross. There was spectacular weather, nice and cool, and about 17 cars or so. We all got 6 runs so there was a lot of time to learn the course. (Too much time maybe as my son was within 2 seconds of the old man). Well done Rick and crew.

This coming Sat. the 29th we will be having a planning meeting for next year. If you have any ideas please let me know. As I've said

before, we are always open to new ideas.

Fallfest is coming up Nov. 5 and 6, you've already received info on that. Our Christmas party is on Dec. 6 at the Foundry. I only mention this so you can block off the date, it really is a great time, please join us if you can. We have adopted Harmony Family Center in Maryville as our charity this year. They do an incredible job with neglected children in our area. I would encourage you to look at their website and see for yourself: <http://harmonyfamilycenter.org/>

We also have various dinners at different restaurants. We try to have something for everyone, if you have not been to one of our events yet, please give it a try, you will not be disappointed. We all have Porsche's, and a desire to meet new people, in common. And this club is one of the best that I have ever had the privilege of being involved with, truly a wonderful bunch of people!

Enjoy the beautiful fall season in East Tennessee, a very special place.

Rich McGowan

President-Smoky Mountain Region I

Upcoming Events

PLANNING MEETING - October 29: There will be a planning meeting Saturday, October 29 at 11:00am. This meeting will be to plan next year's events.

The meeting will be held at Harper Collision: 115 Perimeter Park 37922 (Right behind Harper Volkswagen.)

FALL FEST - November 4-6

FALL FEST AUTOCROSS - November 6: This will be located at the Dollywood Splash Country parking lot.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 6: Bring your holiday spirit to the Foundry at 6PM!

Please visit smtPCA.org for up-to-date information on events.

HEARD 'ROUND the ZONE

Several great events took place during September, that I had the personal privilege to attend...

- Rennfest – Peachstates multi event weekend, going on now for 40+ years, changed venues for the first time in recent memory. A great event none the less, with great participation, and weather. You should book this event on your 'things to do' calendar.

- Treffen Lake Tahoe – The first installment of PCA's newly renamed tour and social event. Previously known as Escape, PCA has upgraded this event to make it a great go to venue. Held at 250 cars, Treffen will now be a twice each year event, in areas opposite from Parade. I was invited to attend to get a first hand look at the event, as Treffen Asheville will be in September of 2017. Austin, Texas will see the spring Treffen. The Lake Tahoe event was unbelievable...the setting, the cars, and the event management.

- Bergrennen 2016 (RGruppe), the 912 Registry East Coast Meet, and 914 Registries Okteenerfest, all happened in September also. If you've got a car that fits these vehicle categories, you missed some great times! For those of you that did attend...hope you had a great time!

October travels for me will include the Magnolia and Mid South Regions.

Speaking of the Mid South Region...congrats on achieving your 30th Anniversary! The Region is hosting a party to celebrate, on October the 15th.

Hope to see you at Road Atlanta this weekend for Petit LeMans. The final race of the season for the Weathertech sponsored series. Too bad that several Porsche teams have 'opted out' for the final couple of events.

Porsche facilitated the introduction of the new 2017 911GT3 Cup car, at Chateau Elan in Georgia, on the Thursday before the Petit LeMans.

Then...at Petit...the 911 Porsche RSR was punted off track to a non-finish, and the 912 Porsche RSR finished down in the pack.

Great showing for Porsche at the Circuit of the Americas...1..2 in the IWSC, and a first place in the FIA WEC!!!

Regions are lining up their respective years' end holiday parties. Take a look at your Regions' calendar for the one in your Region.

See you at the next PCA event!

Vic Rola

Vic Rola
Zone 3 Representative



Dragon Tail Report

by Ross Spence

On August 6th Adam Bolling and I led our first drive out for the Club through the Tail of the Dragon to Tapoco Lodge for lunch. The morning greeted us with a threat of rain which thankfully never materialized, nor did it deter any of our 15 registered participants; many of whom were either joining us for the first time or for the first time in a long time. It was both refreshing and encouraging to see so many new faces! After allowing time to fuel up on petrol and a donut or two, we held our drivers meeting and then our group of predominately gray Porsches, offset with a splash of red, white and blue, set off on our journey to Tapoco Lodge.

The overcast skies provided a welcome relief from the morning heat and was appreciated by those driving their 911 Cabs and Boxsters who took advantage of the cooler temps to drive al fresco. We took in the scenery and the curves as we traveled 321 to 95, picking up Peter and Paula Lepir along the way. After a brief stint on 411 we turned

onto 72 as we made our way to the final leg of the tour.

We arrived at our scheduled pit stop to stretch our legs, get some water, socialize and take some photos before entering the “Dragon.” As we reassembled to continue the tour, we separated into 2 staggered run groups in order to provide a more pleasurable driving experience through the Dragon. This dynamic worked well and helped to minimize the dreaded “slinky effect.”

A “Welcome Porsche” banner greeted us upon our arrival at Topoco Lodge, and after gathering for a group photo in front of the nostalgic gas pumps, we headed down to the grill to enjoy our lunch by the Cheoah River. Marc Wootner and his wife Bonnie, PCA members of the Everglades Region who summer in NC, met us for lunch as they had seen the event posted on our Region website and wanted to capitalize on the opportunity to meet some PCA members local to the area. It was certainly nice to see our events attracting the





attention of members outside of our Region. After sharing stories and nourishing our bodies with food and beverage, the event came to an end as members branched out to explore the area and take their choice of routes back home.

stunning shots of the cars, the surroundings and our members, as well as Clyde Peery for stepping in to run final sweep on the Dragon for the group.

Thank you to all those who participated and special thanks to Frank Prout who provided some



**More
Tapoco Lodge
Driveout
Pictures**



All Spring Thing photos by Ross Spence



MORE FROM TAPOCO LODGE DRIVE-OUT



New Member Reception at Harper Porsche

Harper Porsche hosted a new member reception on October 13 for all new and existing members of the Smoky Mountain Region. The event was held at Harper Porsche's new facility on Parkside Drive.

Members and guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres and beverages while the Harper staff showed off the new Porsche models. The Harper team also provided

several door prizes and, ironically, most of the names drawn for prizes were those of new members.

The new member reception has become a regular event on the fall calendar and is increasing in size with each passing year.



Blowing Rock Drive Out

By Vaughn Smith



We drove out of the rain soon afterwards and travelled through Johnson City to the Sycamore Shoals State Park in Elizabethtown for a picnic lunch.

Forty-three people in twenty-two Porsches travelled to Blowing Rock, N. C. for an overnight drive out on August 20 and 21, 2016.



Leaving Elizabethtown, we travelled on highway 321 through the Cherokee National Forest and around Watauga lake through Boone, N. C. to Blowing Rock arriving at the Blowing Rock Inn at about 2:45 in the afternoon. Bob Hutchins missed the turn into Blowing Rock and took a detour. Since he was carrying the adult refreshments for the afternoon, there was significant concern regarding whether he missed the turn intentionally. Thanks to Cathy's navigation skills, they arrived at the Inn about 20 minutes later much to the relief of most of the other trip participants. Most of the adult beverages arrived with them.



The initial 19 cars left in the rain and were joined by three additional cars and 6 people at the first rest stop. One of the Porsches was ingeniously disguised as a Honda accord. The disguise was so good that no one was able to tell the difference.

Blowing Rock Drive Out



The afternoon plan was for free time in Blowing Rock. Many trip participants walked to downtown Blowing Rock for shopping and visiting the Antler Bar. I think a few people might have actually visited the Blowing Rock after which the town is named. Others stayed at the Inn for a social time and nap.



We then travelled to the Boone Golf Club for dinner. After cocktail hour, the dinner buffet was catered by Casa Rustica restaurant in Boone and served at the Club where we had a beautiful view of several golf holes and green fairways.



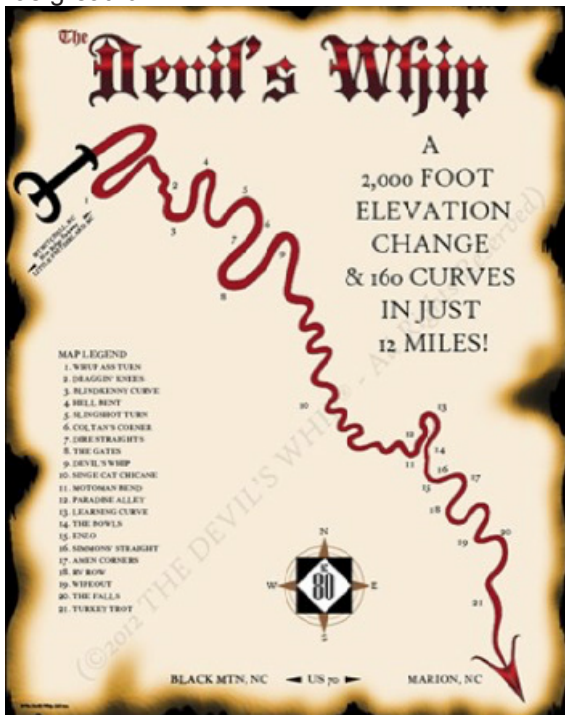
Sunday morning, August 21 began with sunshine and breakfast on your own. Many of us ate at Southern Comfort within walking distance of the Blowing Rock Inn. One menu item was liver mush which was sampled by some of the braver travelers.

We then left for the Blue Ridge Parkway and travelled South to the North Carolina minerals museum for a rest stop and museum visit. At least one of the travelers purchased stones to be made into jewelry later. The initial cost of the stones was very reasonable. Remaining cost of the jewelry remains to be seen. (For those of you that are interested, check with me later and I will tell you provided she tells me.)

Blowing Rock Drive Out



The next leg of the trip included a 12-mile trip on "The Devils Whip" which greatly resembles the "Tail of the Dragon" only with much less traffic and a 45 mph speed limit. The road had so many tight curves that there was no danger of exceeding the speed limit. At the end of the 12 miles, we made a u-turn and ran the same road in the opposite direction to get back to the Blue Ridge Parkway. It was great fun.



Lunch on Sunday was at the restaurant located at Mt. Mitchell state park, the highest point in the U. S. on this side of the Mississippi River.



Some of us toured the Summit area and a few stayed behind and took the trail up to the summit.

Blowing Rock Drive Out



The final leg was continued south on the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Folk Art Center near Asheville where the drive out ended. Everyone seemed to have great time.

One final note: Our club includes a truly great group of people who really like each other. Entertaining them is only a matter of getting them together and the rest takes care of itself. Participating in our club events is a true pleasure.

(Pictures by Matt Fischer)



2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS

NOVEMBER

4-6 – Fall Fest

6 - Fall Fest Autocross at Splash Country

DECEMBER

6 – Christmas Party at the Foundry 6PM

Dates and events subject to change as details are finalized.

Fall Fest

Our Fall Fest events are coming up soon. We will have a drive out on November 5 gathering at the Harpers Body Shop (behind the VW dealership) at 12:30 pm. Please have lunch before you arrive. We will depart for the drive out at 1:00 after completing the insurance documents and the participants meeting. Please register with Clyde Peery (cpeery@mac.com) for the drive out so we can estimate the number of participants.

The drive out will end at the Chop House on Kingston Pike in Franklin Square. We will be there about 6:00 for cocktails and have dinner at 7:00. We did this event last year and everyone had a great time. All members are invited to cocktails and dinner regardless of whether you participate in the drive out as it will be our November social. Please let Louise know (lth3232@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

On Sunday morning, November 6, we will have an autocross at Splash Country next to Dollywood. The track will be available for walking and study at 9:00 am and the first car will go off at 10:00 am. Please register with Janis Berry (Janis_berry@att.net) if you plan to participate.

We are looking forward to a great Fall Fest. I hope to see many of you there. Vaughn

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

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914-914/6 Register

Bob Saville, Advocate

924/931 1976-1982 Register

Bob Dodd, Advocate

928 Register

Adam Birnbaum, Advocate

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Craig Seko, Advocate

968 Register

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997 Club Coupe Register

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