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# FROM the PRESIDENT

Greeting fellow Porschephiles:

I can't believe a month has passed already in 2017. Your board of directors has been working diligently in coming up with the 2017 calendar, which you will find on our website. We are working on several drive outs, have an active autocross schedule, and are also planning a track event in October at Talladega Gran Prix raceway (NOT the big track). These are in addition to our monthly socials, which are all very well attended I might add.

We could use a few more drive outs. If you have a destination in mind that you think would be interesting to the club, and could help plan that event, we would love to hear from you. It could be one day or overnight. It could be a public destination, a private collection or place of interest of someone you know, or just a great drive on fun roads. If you would like to get involved we would welcome your help. There are plenty of people in the club that would help in the planning if you'd like, it just takes someone to make a few calls and plan the logistics.

Regarding our autocross series, we have our first one March 26, then an autocross school April 9, both at Splash Country. These would be great events to attend to get the kinks worked out before our Spring Thing at the end of April. All of our autocrosses will be at Splash Country this year as Pellissippi State is no longer permitting auto events of any kind on their campus any more. We are always on the lookout for potential autocross sites, so if you know of any please let me know. A large lot not used on Saturdays, preferably, with no or very few traffic islands in the Knoxville area would be fantastic. We have already asked Knoxville PD and they use theirs too frequently. A manufac-

turing plant or large shopping centers are the usual choices.

Our Talladega event is looking to be a sellout. We can only take about 35 cars, and at least 45 people have expressed interest so far. Had we known there would be this level of interest we would have looked at larger tracks. This is a good thing! Maybe next year.....For this event we are looking for PCA certified instructors, so if you are one, or know of any, please let me know. We have several onboard already, but need a few more.

Our next social is at Restaurant Linderhof on Feb. 9, March 4 is the Great Porsche Showoff at Regal Cinema at Turkey Creek, and March 18 is a concours school. Several very knowledgeable judges will be showing you potential pitfalls in the judging of your car, and more importantly, teaching you how to judge cars as well. We can always use judges for our concours events, and this is a great low key way to learn how to do it! Hope to see you there, it will be at the Harper Collision building.

I guess that's all for now, here's to a fun filled 2017. I am extremely grateful to be able to drive one of these fantastic cars and hope you feel the same way. We are truly blessed.

See you soon

**Rich McGowan**

President-Smoky Mountain Region PCA

*Please visit [smt pca.org](http://smt pca.org) for up-to-date information on events.*

# 2017 Calendar

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 with an Autocross School in March.

Attend the Concours School to learn the ins and outs of Concours judging.

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

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

## February

9 - Social

## March

4 - Great Porsche Showoff at Regal Pinnacle

14 - Social

18 - Autocross at PSTCC

18 - Concours School

## April

8 - Board Meeting at Harper Collision

13 - Social

28-30 - Spring Thing - Greenville, TN

30 - Cars and Coffee - West Town Mall

## May

9 - Social

13 - Drive Out to Waynesville, NC

## June

8- Social

4

## July

9 - Board Meeting at Harper Collision

11 - Social

16 - Cars and Coffee - West Town Mall

## August

10 - Social

19 - Pontoon's on Cherokee Lake (Vic Rola)

## September

11 - Social

20-24 - Drive Out Treffen (Asheville, NC)

## October

7 - Little Talledega Raceway

12 - Social

21 - Board Meeting at Harper Collision

22 - Cars and Coffee - West Town Mall

## November

TBD

# HEARD 'ROUND the ZONE

Hello all...

Writing this first part from the confines of PCA members Rick and Janis Berrys' Dynasty Monaco motor home at a cold and wet Sunday morning at the Rolex 24 at Daytona. Thank you guys...for putting up with me during the weekend!

You've by now seen the Daytona results. The competitors in GTLM were at it all weekend long! The new Porsche RSR is a sight to behold! Photographs don't do the car justice.

Saw many Zone 3 folks at the race... and met several new ones.

Excitement is building toward the Amelia Island Concours (03.09-12.17). The Friday 'Porsche on the Grass', at the Omni at Amelia, has over 525 cars already, and they're expecting close to 700. You need to register to show your car. I've been told that Pirelli has signed on as the major sponsor for this part of the weekend event.

Your Region Presidents will be attending a Zone 3 Presidents meeting this month. Participating and representing the Executive Council of PCA, will be the National Secretary – Cindy Jacisin.

Zone visits this month will include the second half of Tennessee Regions' Winterfest, in Chattanooga.

The Appalachian Region is making huge positive strides in prepping for the September Treffen in Asheville. It will be quite a show! The registration date will be in May, and I'll keep you posted on the exact date.



See you at the next event!!!

## Vic Rola

Zone 3 Rep

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# Poor Boxster...

These photos were taken a couple days after the November 2016 Gatlinburg fire. Note the inferno burned so hot, the wheels on the Boxster melted. It's still difficult to comprehend the damage our beloved hometown of Gatlinburg has suffered! For us car guys and gals, it's sad to see a fine sports car reduced to rubble.



# **FALLFEST AUTOCROSS TIMES**

## **NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

Fastest Time of day - men: Brian Hatten 55.328

Fastest Time of day - women: Janis Berry 60.779

Karl Miller 61.217

Jacob Wachter 59.736

Rich McGowan 59.610

Christy Sellers 68.309

Ron Disney 62.071

Vaughn Smith 67.871

Bo Whaley 57.605

Jamie Parton 57.636

Tim Ramsey 56.932

Rick Brooksbank 60.129

Bruce Wachter 62.654

Yancy Johns 55.809

Travis McGowan 59.573

Rick Berry 56.747

Larry Gard 63.192

Troy Sellers 63.145

# 2017 Spring Thing



## Spring Thing 2017

April 28 - 30, 2017 - Friday to Sunday

Once again, the Smoky Mountain Region PCA hosts a weekend of Porsche fun and friends. Join other Porsche fans from around the region and beyond at this premier event. This year it is being held in beautiful Greeneville, TN, at the wonderful General Morgan Hotel. This multi-even weekend includes:

- \*Concours - Street and Touring
- \*TSD Rally or Tour
- \*Saturday night banquet
- \*Sunday morning autocross

A block of rooms has been reserved for the event at the historic General Morgan in Greeneville, with an overflow block at the nearby Hampton Inn. Details, you ask?

## THE GENERAL MORGAN INN

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The block is held until March 23

## THE HAMPTON INN

3130 E Andrew Johnson Hwy

Call 1-423-638-3735, Front Desk

The have blocked off 10 rooms at \$99/night, under "Porsche Club".

The block is held until April 7.

Don't miss this great weekend of fun, friends, and Porsches!

Details and registration form are at

<http://smtPCA.org/spring-thing-2017/>

Contact Matt Fischer at [mtfischer@comcast.net](mailto:mtfischer@comcast.net) for additional info.

**RESERVE YOUR SPACES TODAY!**



# SPRING THING 2016



The Concours...  
Wonderful cars for blocks!



White Glove time...



## **SPRING THING 2016 AUTOCROSS**





# MORE FROM SPRING THING 2016



Lunch at The General



TROPHY TIME!

# A Room for Your Car



During a recent addition on the house we decided to make the new garage a multi-purpose room. It can serve as a regular garage and/or a day room. We included French doors which can be opened to let the breeze through and enjoy the back yard. The garage doors are carriage doors. If used as a garage as well, just pull the car out and you have another room to enjoy.

I took it one step further and turned it into a heavily Porsche themed Man Cave. I added pictures, posters, neons, etc to give a warm atmosphere. This Spring I plan on adding heat and air to make the upcoming Summer more bearable. I used outdoor / indoor self-stick carpet squares to cover the floor, so if there were a leak, I can easily do the repair. I was able to get a lot of ideas from the Internet.



If you want to just hang out with your Porsche, this is the way to do it. The 911 shown is my 82' SC Targa.

Nathan Brown  
PCA Member





# 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

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