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*Cover: Pulling into Kingswood Home, June 6, 2018 Drive Out, Tate Springs to left.*

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# FROM the PRESIDENT

## **Greetings Smoky Mountain Region:**

Wow! I can't believe we're halfway through the year already. So far this year we've had several socials – all well attended, the spring autocross school, the concours judging school, drive outs to Cumberland Mountain and Asheville, our new member event at Harper's, a couple of board meetings, our Porsche Showoff in Turkey Creek (60 cars showed up!) and our signature event – Spring Thing in Greeneville, TN. We also had a day drive to Kingswood Home for Children, and The International Porsche sports car day at Harper Porsche was packed.

Upcoming events include a poker run for charity, a 2 day drive to the Highlands in North Carolina, and of course, Porsche Parade in Missouri.

Many thanks go to our members and volunteers who organize and put on these events for our enjoyment. Without their hard work and dedication, they simply would not happen. When you see one of them at an event, take the time to say "Thank You", for what you do for the club. I know everyone's time is precious, and we all cannot make all of the events, but when you can, please try to participate. It's so much fun meeting our newer members and their significant others, and learning what drew them into the Porsche family.

Speaking of newer members, we now have 284 primary members, plus 178 affiliate members, for a total of 462 members! For a smaller market area, we have a pretty good representation of Porsche owners, a big thank you to all of you for helping to support our region.

I've already mentioned our poker run, this will be a charity event, along with our Turkey's In the Trunk event at Thanksgiving. Please try to support these as best you can, we continually need to remember those less fortunate than ourselves, and help whenever we can. More later on our "Turkey" event.

Our next driving school will be on Sept. 15 at Atlanta Motorsports Park. This is a 2 mile road course in pristine condition, along with world class amenities on the grounds. If you have never done a driving school, it is one of the most enjoyable things you can do in your car, and your car was made for this! There will be instructors there to help coach the newer drivers so you will have a good comfort level.

As far as safety, there will be a full contingent of corner workers, and if anyone exhibits unsafe behavior, they will be asked to leave the track. No one wants any incidents. As a club, there are more incidents driving on public roads than there are on the race track. You might even want to come and watch if you're not sure about signing up. You cannot sign up that day, however, as an inspection form must be completed before the track day.

Check out the website, Matt has done a great job of posting pictures from all of our events, very entertaining. Til we see each other again, farewell!

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

# 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Make your plans now to join fellow PCAers at many of the Region's yearly events. You can

- Get to know other members during the monthly socials.
- Learn the handling characteristics of your Porsche at the autocrosses.
- 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.

## JANUARY

13 – Board Meeting at Harper Storage  
18 – Social – CRU @ Turkey Creek  
27-28 – Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona  
29 – Parade registration starts, for Attendance & Hotels

## FEBRUARY

22 – Social – PF Changs, 6741 Kingston Pike  
24 – Drive-out to Cumberland Mountain

## MARCH

09-11 – Concours at Amelia Island  
15 – New Member Social – Harper Porsche  
16-18 – Winterfest (TN Region), Chattanooga  
25 – Autocross School, Dollywood Splash Country  
31 – SMTPCA Concours School – Harper Collision

## APRIL

02- Parade registration starts, for Banquets & Events  
12 – Social – K-Town Tavern  
14 – Board Meeting at Harper Storage  
15 – Harpers Cars & Coffee, West Town Mall  
27-29 – Spring Thing 2018 – Greenville, TN

## MAY

12 – Great Porsche Show-Off, Regal Cinemas at Turkey Creek  
17 – Social – Tupelo Honey on Market Square

## JUNE

2-3 – Little Switzerland Asheville Drive-out  
9 – Sports Car Together Day, Harper Porsche Cruise In  
14 – Social – Tanasi Bar & Grill at Tellico Village  
16 – Drive Out, Kingswood Home For Children

## JULY

08-14 – Porsche Parade, Lake of the Ozarks, Tan-Tar-A Resort  
14 – Poker Run Drive-out, More details to come!!  
12 – Social – Location TBD (At Parade perhaps?)  
21 – Board Meeting, Hacienda McGowan

## AUGUST

14 – Social – Location TBD  
17-19 – Drive Out to Highlands, NC

## SEPTEMBER

01-03 – Rennfest 2018, Location & Details TBD  
13 – Social – Location TBD  
13-16 – Okteenerfest 2018, gathering of the 914 Faithful  
15 – Driver Education – Atlanta Motorsports Park  
TBD – Autocross at Dollywood Splash Country

## OCTOBER

09 – Social – Location TBD  
13 – Board Meeting at Harper Storage  
28 – Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee, and other things!

## NOVEMBER

03 – Fall Fest: Drive Out and Dinner: Details TBA  
04 – Fall Fest: Sunday autocross at Dollywood Splash Country  
TBD – Turkeys in the Trunk again?

## DECEMBER

06 – Social, Christmas party – The Southern Depot

***Dates and events subject to change as details are finalized.***  
If you have any ideas of things you would like to do or see,  
[please send it in!!](#)

***Please see the Calendar at [smtpca.org/calendar/](http://smtpca.org/calendar/)  
for up-to-date information on Region and other events.***

# HEARD 'ROUND the ZONE

The Smoky Mountain Region is part of "[Zone 3](#)" of the Porsche Club of America. This zone covers 16 regions within the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and part of Virginia. You can keep up with all the Zone 3 doings with [their calendar](#). To get an overview of "The Zone" please see the [Zone 3 map](#).

Hello all...

There has been a change in leadership in the Tennessee Region. For personal reasons, Deems Riddle has stepped down as the Regions President. The new President, is Mike Toth. Mike will be supported by his EC staff ... Ralph Petty, Vice President, Alan Clark, Secretary, and Scott LaFoy, Treasurer. I wish the new management team all the best as they go forward, and likewise thank Deems for all he has done, in his many, many years with the Tennessee Region.

The Coastal Empire Region wanted to share with you their activity with the charity Memory Matters, an organization that improves the quality for life with individuals diagnosed with dementia and Alzheimers, and their families. CER offers various activities, along with DE events at Roebing Road. These track days allow the Region to contribute proceeds to the local charity.

Darcy Shofill, President of the Alabama Region wants to remind you that they have DE's coming up! June 16-17, October 20-21. You can register at <https://clubregistration.net/>.

The Appalachian Region continues to put on events that need to be heralded! Another example, was their Luft, Wasser + Brevard event held 05.05.18, in Brevard, NC. Close to 100 Porsches lined the city streets of Brevard, and six Regions were represented! What a turnout!

Porsche dealers around the country have been told by PCNA, to hold a get together at their respective dealerships on June 09, on Sportscar Together Day. Check with your Region, or dealership for additional information. You received an email from me detailing the event at the PCNA headquarters in Atlanta, if you wish to celebrate the day there.

Kudos go out to the Peachstate Region, for stepping up and providing a cadre of volunteers for the Club Race held at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, Al, the weekend of May 18th. Great event. Many volunteers came from several Zone 3 Regions! Zone 3 drivers did very well too, with several taking podium positions in their races.

The Manthey Racing #912 Porsche 911 GT3 R won the 2018 ADAC 24 Hour of Nurburgring. The #911 was badly damaged earlier in the race, and did not finish. The #912 beat two Mercedes Benz AMG GT3 entries, who finished 2nd and 3rd.

See you at the next PCA event!

**Safe travels to all...**

**Vic Rola, Zone 3 Representative**



## Spring Autocross, 2018, Dollywood

We met under wet conditions March 25th, Rick laid out a course the best he could, and we managed to have a good time. Only a few spins, but it was good to try our hand in the wet. We left the long straights out, since the lower half of the lot was standing water, so the V8s did not dominate.

It was a 55-60 second lapper, with many tights and twisties and a few new cars! Afterwards, some local cuisine and brews were tested for quality and quantity. Quite adequate!



See [all the pix here!](#)

Next one: *SEPTEMBER at Dollywood Splash Country*

## Concours Judging School – March 31, 2018

On Saturday March 31, 2018, Mike and Peter held a clinic at Harper Collision Center in Concours Judge Training. The class covered Concours judging and score sheets, Practice judging on actual cars, and was geared for those who want to learn about the Concours Judging, who want to be judges, and who want to be better Concours participants.

We had about a dozen attend, and they took a greater appreciation for what it takes! And some even used their schooling at Spring Thing! Thanks to the instructors and the participants!!



# Great Porsche Show-Off 2018

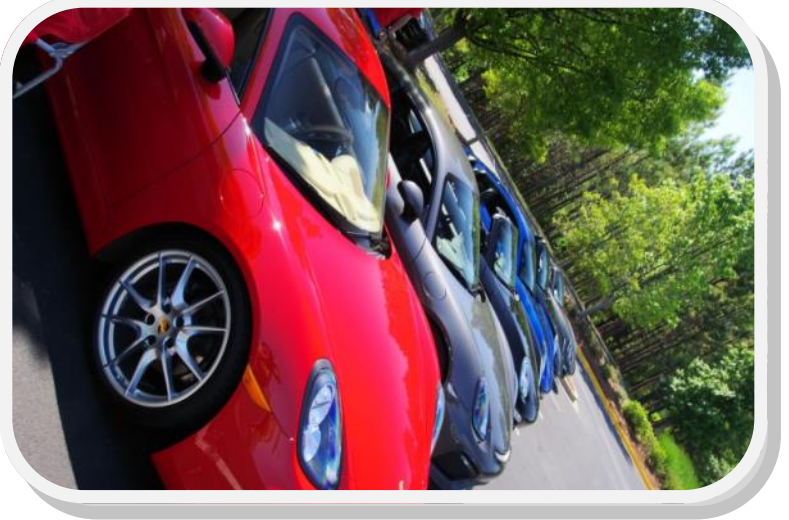
## May 12, Regal Cinemas at Turkey Creek

From 9am to Noon, the west lot was ours, and "Quick Fix" coffee and drinks truck came by to refresh us. About 65+ Porsches showed up, and a few "other" interesting cars.

There was much chatting, much looking, and some showing off of new cars, "new to me" cars, and additions to our current cars.

Thanks to all that came out and showed your car!!

Check out the [pix on the website](#) for more.



## Drive-out to Cumberland Mountain February 24, 2018

It was a dark and stormy morning, meeting in Oak Ridge...

Almost 30 of us gathered on a grey morning, hoping for the best. We hit parts of the Devils Triangle north of Petros, then pit stopped at Frozen Head State Park.

Then we took a winding scenic route to Cumberland Mountain State Park.



There we partook of the bodacious lunch buffet. We recommend the Nanner Puddin.

More pix? [Go HERE!](#)

Upcoming: JULY 14 Poker Run and AUGUST 17-19 to Highlands, NC.

## Drive Out, Kingswood Home For Children June 6, 2018

We had a day drive on some fun roads to Kingswood Home in Bean Station, TN. We met at the Pilot station on Rutledge Pike, handled the paperwork, saddled up and hit the road. Found some twisty roads with funny names, made a Pit Stop at Cherokee Dam, then found some



more fun roads on the way to Kingswood.

We got there, lined up the cars, let the kids look at, sit in, and even let a few fire them up. Then we took turns tooling them around the campus in the cars. Many ear-to-ear grins ensued. We lined up Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, and had



some great, fresh burgers and some nap-inducing Frozen Custard for dessert. See more of the [drive-out online](#).



## Spring Thing — 2018

Once again, we descended on The General Morgan on April 27-29, for the fifth (fourth? sixth?) time in a row, and met friends new and old. The town rolled out the red carpet for us, some shops added extra hours, and the Mayor even came to watch our Autocross!

On Friday, we prepared the registration room, got everyone registered, then we socialized for a while, washed and tweaked our Porsches, then put them to bed. The rest of the weekend blessed us with great weather, events went off without a hitch (no instant stop signs!), and all had a great time! See some more [photos and results on the website](#).



# PCA MONTHLY SOCIALS

Our Socials are always a big hit, allowing members to mingle, chat, eat, and introduce newcomers to the club and our members.

Last **DECEMBER**, we had our Christmas Party at the Southern Depot, and we all dressed up.

**JANUARY** saw us at CRU in Turkey Creek, and they accommodated us well (this time we asked how much that glass of wine was!!)



PF Changs hosted us **FEBRUARY**, and we took over the central "pit area".

**MARCH** 15th was the New Member Social at Harper Porsche, and they also introduced us to the new Panamera.

**APRIL** saw us at K-Town Tavern, and **MAY** was Tupelo Honey on Market Square.



The latest, **JUNE 14**, was at Tanasi Bar & Grill at Tellico Village, where the views were great!

The next couple of Socials are in the works, so stay tuned! All the details are [available on the website](#).

**REMEMBER: Please RSVP for the socials.** On occasion we've had to scramble to make room for the



# PORSCHE NEWS AND TIDBITS...

**HARPER PORSCHE eZine** — Check out the [Harper Porsche eZine Issue June 2018](#).

Lots of Inventory and latest news.

**Porsche's 70th anniversary — 'Sportscar Together Day'** — Porsche AG was faced with a tough decision around its 70th anniversary. It could have easily let the milestone go by with just token recognition. Instead, it launched a largely social media-driven worldwide campaign entitled "Sportscar Together Day" and hosted drives and events June 8-10 in Germany. [Read More](#)



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