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# FROM the PRESIDENT

## **Greetings Smoky Mountain Region Porschephiles:**

Another summer come and gone! What a full summer it's been: **Parade** in July at the Ozarks; a fundraising **poker run** also in July; the **Highlands trip** in July; trip to Murphy, NC. In Sept, and if you missed the **Planes & Porsche** event, you missed a great time!

And, a bunch of us just got back from our **Drivers Ed** event at Atlanta Motorsports Park, what a great track. No incidents, the rain (mostly) held off, a fantastic time was had by all. Many



thanks to Rick Brooksbank and Rick Berry for setting this up and overseeing a fun and safe event. If you've never done one of these types of events, you owe it to yourself to really learn what the car (and you) are capable of.

Upcoming events include a **Cars & Coffee** event in Bluff City Oct. 13, you just received an email on this. The following Sat. Oct. 20 will be our next board meeting at the Harper "Hub", their detail building across the street from the Porsche showroom. The **Harper Cars & Coffee** is Sunday Oct. 28, you don't want to miss the last one of the year.

This is all followed up by **Fall Fest** Nov. 3 and 4. We have a drive out Sat. Nov. 3, ending at The Chop House, with an autocross at Splash Country on Sunday Nov. 4. As usual, watch for notices about our regular socials, the

**Christmas Party** on Dec. 6 at the Southern Depot, the same place we had it last year.

I would like to thank all of the people in this club who step up to do things, there are so many of you and you know who you are. Without your involvement, interest and dedication to seeing things through, we wouldn't have nearly the amount of fun stuff that we do. In talking with members of other regions, as well as some of their officers, several of us have noticed that some regions have nowhere near the amount of activities that we do, this is all thanks to our members that make it happen!

I would also like to say that this will be my last newsletter, after 3 years it is time to turn the reins over to someone else. I will still be around, can't get rid of me that easy, but there will be a new sheriff in town. As our next meeting is Oct. 20, that is also a planning meeting for next year. We discuss different ideas, possible drive outs, etc. and we'd love your input. As I've said before, this club is for you, our members. If you have an idea, questions, please try to come, it is at 10AM. I have really enjoyed getting to know a lot of you, meeting new members, and just having fun around the wonderful vehicles we are fortunate to own.

Hope to see you soon at our next event!! Remember to check out the website often for calendar updates and pictures.

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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 year-round 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 – Sullivan's Maryville  
17-19 – Drive Out to Highlands, NC

## SEPTEMBER

01-03 – Rennfest 2018, Location & Details TBD  
08 – Planes And Porsches Fly/Drive-In  
13 – Social – Cru Bistro, Turkey Creek  
13-16 – Okteenerfest 2018, gathering of the 914 Faithful  
15 – Driver Education – Atlanta Motorsports Park

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

03 – Fall Fest: Drive Out and Dinner at Chop House  
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...

Porsche Parade 2018 tops the news and Zone 3 represented well, with winners in many events. Here's a list of entrants, and their placings (10 and higher):

### Concours (place in respective class)

Alex Galloway	1
Jim Cambron	1
Gary Myers	1
Vic Rola	2
Don Therien	2
Peter Lepir	1
Jeff Frye	3
Neil Sharpe	5
Rich McGowan	2
John Price	5
Jack Baker	2
Chip Perry	2

### TSD Rallye (place in respective class)

Jeff + Linda Price	8
Dale + Abbi Rabeneck	2
Jack + Kathy Baker	3

### Gimmick Rallye (place in respective class)

George + Karen Sells	1
Matt + Teresa Fischer	10
Tommy + Lynn Williamson	2

### Autocross (place in respective class)

Jack Baker	1
Danny Saxton	2
Deems Riddle	3
Andy Williams	2
Rich McGowan	7
Denny Payne	11
Don Therien	1
Mike Parker	4
Suzan Bowman	1
Vic Rola	2
Jim Cambron	1
John Heverling	5

Disclaimer...I know I probably missed someone...sorry...

Other Parade awards...The Carolinas Region won a second place Public Service Award. The Appalachian Region won two second place awards...Region of the Year (1st runner up), and Website (class 3). Smoky Mountain website barely missed podium, so they will sharpen their pencil next year. Congrats to all Regions!!!

See you at the next PCA event!

Safe travels to all...

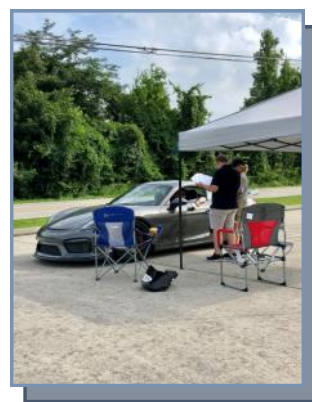
**Vic Rola, Zone 3 Representative**



# Charity Poker Run

On Saturday, July 14, 2018, the Smoky Mountain Region held a Poker Run to benefit our Club Charity Fund. The 70 mile route took us to Kingston, then down River Rd, Key-lon Hollow Rd, then through some fun roads, stopping at five checkpoints, bringing everyone to Lenoir City and Calhoun's. During lunch at Calhoun's we dined and awarded the winning hand!

Congrats to our winner, and many thanks to Bob and Penne for setting this up, and thanks all the volunteers that made it happen. And thanks to Jaime for the photodocumentation...



# Highlands Drive Out – AUGUST 17-19, 2018

About 25 cars and 45 Club Members jaunted to the Mountains of North Carolina, spending the weekend in Highlands. It was a two night overnight trip, spending most of Friday traveling the Tail of the Dragon, Lunch at Tapoco Lodge, then a Social hour with hors d'oeuvres and Bar-B-Que dinner on Friday evening at the Highlands Inn Lodge, our hotel. Saturday was on our own: some went shopping, some went driving, some went hiking, or just plain old sight seeing. There was another social hour with hors d'oeuvres late Saturday afternoon, then we split off into small groups for dinner, since we found no place large enough to accommodate the whole crowd!

We returned on Sunday morning via the Cherochala Skyway and ended the drive out in Tellico Plains. Many thanks to Vaughn and Louise (and all their Little Helpers) for setting this up: there was obviously a lot of effort and skill that went into making this a great weekend. They were even able to beat back the forecasted nasty weather!!



# Porsche Parade - 2018

## July 07-17, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

Many more mobed out from Smoky Mountain than last year, as it was lot closer than Spokane. We converged on Tan-Tar-A Resort, with about a dozen Smoky Mountain Region members making the drive, had a good time, and many represented well in various competitive events. The cars were beautiful, the company was great, the venue sufficed, and a good time was had by all.



Vic covered the competitive results well above in the Zone 3 update, but suffice it to say we did well. You can see the whole thing online with the [pix on the website](#).



And if this wasn't enough, here are the [Official Parade Pictures](#). Check there often, they are still adding some.



So, next year... We are off to [Boca Raton](#)!



## Concours at Lake of the Ozarks Parade 2018

*OR... Why would anyone want to do this?*

Peter & Paula Lepir

As I am writing this, I am trying to figure out what this is all about. Is it our experience at Parade or is it about Parade Concours preparation and that experience. I guess it could be both and is up to you to decide. Warning, this may be longer than you want to endure. As Jimmy Buffet said, "you had to be there." I guess this thought came from the week spent at Tan Tar A resort which has recently been purchased by the great, Jimmy Buffet. Much of the resort décor has an island and Margarita Ville theme, while his songs play as background music in many of the resort venues.

So it all started with a blue painters tape application ( about 3 hours work) to the front of the car two days before we left. You ask why do this, since there is Xpel clear film on the front of the car and mirrors? Well my thoughts were for extra protection from bugs, road rash and easier clean-up upon arrival. Just peel the tape off and we should be ahead of the game. Since we were about to drive 650 miles thru heat, rain, and unknown road conditions, this seemed like a worthwhile effort. We left early Friday morning in clear skies. That lasted only about 90 miles, and we hit heavy rain the other side of Crossville. Fortunately it did not last long and the rest of the way was clear. We stayed overnight in Poplar Bluff, Mo. (400 miles ), figuring the drive Day 2 would be short and easy. While having dinner that evening, the skies opened up and it rained like tropical storm "Nasty!" Fortunately, no hail and things settled down before dark. Pictured here is the car as we were leaving Poplar Bluff on Saturday morning. Note the tape partially peeling off



after 400 miles with rain. It actually stayed on the rest of the way to Osage Beach.

We arrived at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach about noon on

Saturday. After checking in, we decided "let's start the fun" and work on the car. While in the hotel garage, we removed the tape which was no problem, but the car screamed "WASH ME"! Friends, Bill and Mary Caldwell from Sun Coast Region in Florida, warned us about the hard water at the resort and advised not to use the car wash area because of severe hard water spots. The car was so dirty from the drive, we decided there was no option. Bad mistake! Even though we took all precautions to keep the car wet and immediately dry it off, we had terrible hard water spots all over the car. It was incredible. I have never seen anything like this. It looked like the whole car had some sort of

spotted disease! Turns out, the local water is off the chart with minerals. So bad, taking a shower required a bar of soap to feel clean.

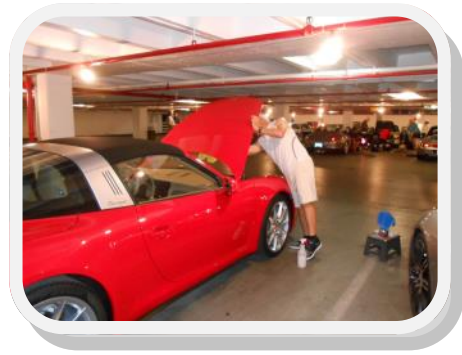
We were beside ourselves; no way could we enter the car in Concours like this. We had to try something to remove the water spots. I had about 1/3rd of a bottle of Meguire's Paint cleaner which I brought with me. Paula and I rubbed and rubbed, with only slight improvement. The windows were also so badly spotted we could not make them clear with our usual Invisible Glass spray. The frustration was mounting, after working for at least 2 hours and no real improvement. Several friends and competitors came by and offered various products they had, but nothing really worked to remove the water spots. As it turned out, many participants at Concours voiced similar comments and most just gave up. Apparently the only way to avoid the hard water spots was to hand wash out of a



bucket in the garage or to wash the car early in the morning shade before it got warm. Just ask Matt Fischer about his experience.

So by about 4:00PM, we were totally wasted after working on the car for several hours. Hot and sweaty (about 90 degrees in the garage), tired and discouraged, Paula said, "I have had enough, this is not working." Agreeing, we decided after a very long day, to get cleaned up and try to figure out what we could do to address the spots. After cleaning up and getting something to eat, we felt better and had clearer thoughts about what to do next. I remembered having used a clay bar to remove some minor water spots from the car after we bought it. So we decided to find a place that sold auto supplies and buy a clay bar system. It turned out we located a Wal-Mart in Osage Beach that happened to have a decent auto section. Fortunately, they had a supply of Mothers Clay Bar system.

After a well deserved dinner and a glass of wine, we changed clothes, went back down to the garage. Clay bar in hand, I did the entire car, including the windows, while Paula went behind me and wiped off the spray lubricant. About 9:00PM, we decided to call it a night. We had mostly completed the claying of the entire car. It looked like this was going to work, but with only a hand-held LED light, we could not really tell what it would look like in direct sunlight and if our effort was worthwhile. In addition, now we were a full day behind since we had





not done anything with the interior, windows, wheels, storage area, or the top! So it looked like Sunday was a full day of more cleaning which we had not planned on.



I woke up at 4:00 AM on Sunday and could not go back to sleep. So at 4:30AM I decided to get up and go back to the garage and work on the car. Surprisingly, at that time of the morning, I was not the only crazy one in the garage cleaning their car! Two others were in there with radio playing and pretending to be normal! Paula was getting some well-deserved sleep. Still sleepy and not knowing exactly where to start, I sprayed the car with some waterless car wash I use from Pinnacle. It helped clean off the clay residue and the car started to look pretty good. Next were the windows, vacuuming, and wheels. By this time Paula appeared, with renewed enthusiasm, ready for more sweating and dirt under the nails! She did more interior cleaning and went over the wheels while I waxed the entire car with Meguire's Gold Class spray wax. Finally, we dared to say, progress! The garage was hot and dirty, and so by sometime around noon, we decided to call it quits. That evening the Welcome Party, which was a big event, was on our schedule and we also wanted to enjoy some of the other things Parade had to offer, so the rest of the day was for chilling.

I found out that staging for the Concours the next morning, Monday, began for the early groups at 5:30AM. We were lucky. Our group did not stage until 6:30AM! So we had another very early morning wake-up to get to the car, make sure we had everything needed for judging and final detailing. We naturally asked ourselves, "Are we having fun yet?" The cars were staged on one of the two golf courses at the resort. It was a fantastic site to see probably 200+ beautiful Porsches of every year and model lining the two fairways for judging. The Parade committee did a great job positioning all of the cars by group. The day was bright-sunny, but really HOT, like 97 degrees by mid day. There was very little shade, other than some tents, which only provided minor relief. Paula was a tremendous help, as you can see. The Parade

committee was terrific by providing water for everyone throughout the day.

Heat exhaustion was a real issue for some but the water and ice was readily available and really appreciated. Our car was finally judged about 12:30PM, six hours after we placed it. Due to the number of cars and the heat, the judges needed to take breaks between cars which delayed the judging beyond what we expected. It was scary hot by the time judging was finished and trophies were presented at 2:00. The temperature in the car at that time was 104 degrees. For us it was a grueling event, and we were fortunate to win our class after



many hours of extra work, which we did not anticipate, mainly due to the water spotting curse. I think I heard Paula say, under her breath of course, "All of this for a \$25 trophy?" But it is not about that. We met several new friends, saw many old ones and had a great experience seeing a new place and spending time together. All the while, doing something we enjoy and challenging ourselves to work thru unexpected problems. *So for us, it was worth it!*



# PLANES AND PORSCHE DRIVE OUT 2018

## SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

Steve led a group driving over to the Gatlinburg Airport to share the tarmac with some vintage planes, and have some fun. We joined up for some great food, awesome planes and fast cars. Some we able to visit the Tennessee Museum Of Aviation at the airport, ride in a 1927 WACO open cockpit and see the Smokies, or even take a quick chopper ride.

About 20 Porsches showed up, a few food trucks fed us, and some cool flying machines were on hand. The “show” was open to the public, so some local folks came by as well. It was a warm one, but fun times were had by all!



# 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.

In July we forewent the Social as many of us were at Parade, but we had a Sort of Social at Rich & Wendy's after the July Board Meeting. August saw us at Sullivan's in Maryville, and September had us back at Cru in Turkey Creek.

The next couple of Socials are in the works, so stay tuned! In December, we are at [The Southern Depot](#) for the Christmas Party. All the details are [available on the website](#).



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



# PORSCHE NEWS AND TIDBITS...

## Man's Best Friend?

It seems Fido got locked in the garage, and "vented his frustrations" on this Porsche. Either that, or the dog finally caught that car!!



"Free Dog, will deliver!"

[The Horror... Oh, the Horror...](#)

## Convert Your Horse Paddock

Lisa Taylor swapped horses for Porsches and built her own secret collection, including a 1973 911 Carrera RS and a Ruby Star GT3RS.

Watch [her story online](#).



## Wrecked Porsche 959 Sells

A wrecked Porsche 959 [sold at the Monterey Auction](#) for \$467,500 last month. The Garage Queen was being trailered when the hitch came loose, and the trailer hit a tree. Always double check your hitch...



## Porsche Panorama Reader Survey: 2018

Every few years, *Porsche Panorama* conducts a survey of its readership to ensure that we produce the Porsche content you want to read about. Make the magazine yours by filling out the survey in its entirety. It should only take about five to ten minutes. **Only current members and Test Drive participants logged in to the PCA website are allowed access to the survey.** [Take Survey](#)

## AUTOCROSSING!!

Ever want to see what your Porsche can do in safe, controlled environment? Want to learn control, braking, strategy, and have a good time? Autocross it! Autocross is a sport of trying to navigate your car through a defined course of pylons usually on a large parking lot, faster than your competition. Events are run at speeds usually between 40-65 MPH, usually in 2nd gear. Autocross is a "performance driving event" and a safe way to learn how to drive your car at its limit. You not only learn how to handle your car at speeds that you drive daily, but you also:

- Gain confidence in your driving ability
- Learn the limits of your car's brakes
- Learn correct seating, hand, and feet positions
- Learn the limits of your car's tire adhesion

One problem we have with autocrossing, is "finding asphalt". We are always searching for a safe and accessible locale to Auto-cross. If you know a spot, that's reasonably priced (free is good!) [let us know!!](#)

