



# Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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## Smoke Signals - The Newsletter of the Smoky Mountain Region – January 2021

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### GOOD-RIDDANCE 2020!

Helloooooo 2021. Hope the New year finds you healthy and safe. Don't let the door hit you on the rear bumper, 2020.

Welcome to the Smoke Signals, the newsletter of the Smoky Mountain Region of the Porsche Club of America. Any submissions? Simply email any content to [web@smt pca.org](mailto:web@smt pca.org) and we will work on getting it published.

### 2021 CALENDAR

We have new Region Leadership, and we are fleshing out the [Region Calendar](#). If you have any activity ideas, want to lead a Day Drive or Drive Out, host an event, etc., please [send your thoughts in](#).

### 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Please extend a hardy Congratulations to our new board, effective January 1, 2021, and feel free to offer your help and ideas for the club.

- **President:** Bob Baugh – [Email](#)
- **Vice President:** Teresa Fischer – [Email](#)
- **Treasurer:** John McDermott – [Email](#)
- **Secretary:** Penne Baugh – [Email](#)
- **Past President:** Vaughn Smith – [Email](#)
- **Director:** Harry Herrmann – [Email](#)
- **Director:** Janis Berry – [Email](#)
- **Director:** Todd Sutton – [Email](#)

Remember, it is the people that make this work!

### MESSAGE FROM NEWEST PAST PRESIDENT

Well, 2020 is coming to an end and with it, my term as your Region President. Louise and I have really enjoyed providing leadership to this group of fine people and attempting to increase both the number of club activities for club members and the number of members participating in our activities.

I have served as your Vice President for three years and President for two years. I hope we accomplished our participation goals during that time. Thanks to all of you that planned activities and participated. Nothing pleases an activity coordinator more than to have a great turnout of members participating in the activity on which they have worked. I think we made some great strides in 2019 and

the beginning of 2020. We were going "great guns" until the pandemic caused us to curtail our activities.

Our officers and board have contributed greatly to our club for the past couple of years and I can't thank them enough for their contributions. I know that you will support Bob and Penne as you have supported Louise and me. They are going to make great leaders for us as we emerge from the limitations of the pandemic. Please continue to plan and participate in our activities and respond positively if asked to make a contribution of time and energy. Louise and I are not going anywhere and are looking forward to continuing to contribute and participate as well.

Finally, let me thank Louise who supported my service as a club officer with all of her many talents. Without her, our success would not have been possible.

Happy Holidays to all. We are looking forward to seeing more of you in the new year.

*Vaughn Smith*

### FROM THE (NEW) PRESIDENT

I would like to express my appreciation to the membership for your support during the recent election. I look forward to serving you over the course of the next two years. My goals are simple and straightforward.

- First, I want to regain the momentum that the Region had before the start of the pandemic.
- Secondly, I want to work toward increasing membership.
- Lastly, I want to increase member involvement in both the planning of events and the participation in events.

To achieve these goals, I am reviewing the roles and responsibilities of each Standing Committee and ensuring that each is not only staffed, but also has the direction and tools necessary to succeed.

We will certainly never forget 2020 and the impact that pandemic had on each and every one of us. Hopefully, 2021 will bring an end to it and the Smoky Mountain Region can begin to resume its normally active schedule. We will have to start slowly and then gradually add more and more activities to the calendar as the year goes on. We will soon be announcing a day drive for February. Regarding driving tours, or any other type of activity for that matter, I welcome suggestions for new routes and destinations. Please feel free to call or email with those ideas.



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I hope to see you at an event sometime soon.  
Safe travels, **Bob**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our website has a lot of good stuff to peruse. Aside from the calendar, we archive our Day Drives and Drive Outs! If you need a good ride, or want to run a Drive Out (nudge, nudge, wink, wink), this is a great resource.

<http://smtPCA.org/porsche-links/>

### TRANSISTIONS

The SMTPCA Board and membership would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Vaughn Smith for his leadership during the past 2 years (and to Louise, too!). The club purchased nice SMT-logoed shirt and presented it to Vaughn at the January 2021 Board Meeting. Thank you, Vaughn and Louise, for all your service and love for the club!!



Bob (R) presents Vaughn (L) with his SMTPCA Shirt, with Louise (C).

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Region is financially solid, and we plan to continue collecting and setting aside our "Day Drive and Drive Out Donations" for the Kingswood Children's Home.

### E-BRAKE NEWS

Want to stay up-to-date on all the latest National PCA and Porsche news? Subscribe to the National's weekly email newsletter, e-Brake News, which includes news articles, exclusive stories, and video from all over the internet.

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### PORSCHE PANORAMA

[Porsche Panorama](#) is the official magazine of the Porsche Club of America. A glossy, full-color magazine that features the work of some of the most prominent automotive writers and photographers in the industry. When other magazines are shrinking in size, or printing on lower-quality paper, Porsche Panorama is doing just the opposite, bringing you feature stories about classic Porsches, Porsche personalities, and the latest new models from Porsche.

### 992-GEN 911 GT3 CUP

*Article by Damon Lowney, Photos courtesy Porsche*

It has been roughly a year since the first 992-generation 911s hit the streets. And now Porsche has announced the first 992-based race car, the new 911 GT3 Cup. This unveiling isn't official, as Porsche indicates it's the last time the new Cup will be seen camouflaged.

Read the full [article here](#).



### PCA REGION GEAR

Did you know you can order Smoky Mountain Region Swag and such? Official PCA and Porsche merch with the Smoky Mountain Region logo. Click on over to the [Smoky Mountain Region PCA Store](#) and order away!

### PCA NATIONAL UPDATES

Porsche Parade 2021 – French Lick, Indiana

Porsche Parade 2022 – Poconos, New York

Porsche Parade 2023 – Palm Springs, California

Keep up with all the [National PCA events](#).



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## PARTING SHOTS

The [Revs Institute](#) in Naples, Florida, presents the Miles Collier Collections of over one hundred significant automobiles built between 1896 and 1995. The automobiles on display at Revs are some of the rarest and most important cars ever built at anytime, anywhere. And the vast majority of the cars still run!!

For example, this 1953 Porsche 550 Coupe.



The 1953 Porsche 550 Coupe (550-01) is in the Revs shop recently. 550-01 first raced at Le Mans in 1953 with Hans Herrmann and Helm Glöckler at the wheel and finished second in class just behind the sister car 550-02. Both cars would go on to compete in various races including the Carrera Panamericana (550-02 won) and the 1000-Kilometer race in Buenos Aires (550-01 won). The 550 was Porsche's first car designed from the ground up to be a racing car and it was just the start of the Porsche's involvement in motorsports.

You can get a lot more details at <https://revsinstitute.org/the-collection/1953-porsche-550-coupe/>