



# Porsche Club of America

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

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### SPRING THING 2021, April 30 – May 2

Well, last year was well, 2020. So the New and Improved Spring Thing for 2020 had to be moved to 2021. Rich and Jamie have a great and safe time planned for us, hosted at the [Carnegie Hotel](#). Some new perks include covered parking for all, bigger and more diverse facilities, and we'll be autocrossing at the [Bristol Motor Speedway](#).



[Sign up soon](#) and get ready for fun! Our "Parting Shot" is dedicated to Spring Things of past, so take a look and see the fun we have. And see our sponsors on the last page.

### SPRING THING 2021 and COVID

In order to keep us safe, PCA, the region, and The Carnegie Hotel are working with all our relevant standards and policies. The Carnegie Hotel management team continues to monitor the evolving impact of COVID 19 and are operating the hotel within the guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control and State of Tennessee. The hotel has enacted additional COVID-19 cleanliness-specific guidelines and policies to make the cleaning and hygiene protocols even more rigorous.

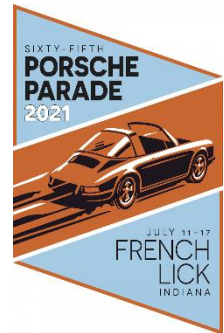
As such, The Carnegie Hotel is open for business, able to successfully manage our program for Spring Thing 2021 and is eager to provide our attendees with the exceptional service for which they are known. Please visit the hotel's [COVID-19 policy](#) for further details.

Spring Thing 2021 events held outdoors will be completed in a social distanced, safe manner in accordance with the National PCA COVID Guidelines and [SMT Region PCA Gathering Guidelines](#). A current [Disease Waiver](#) is required and you will be asked questions similar to the [SMTPCA Function Health Questionnaire for COVID19](#) prior to onsite registration.

### PORSCHE PARADE 2021 – July 11-18!

Parade registration is on! The initial signup and hotel booking started February 10<sup>th</sup>, and the [Phase II registration starts April 7<sup>th</sup>](#). This year we Parade in French Lick, Indiana, at the French Lick Resort. Parade is always a good time, fun cars, and great people... and it's only 5 hours away!

There are rallies, tours, a Concours, banquets, displays, and good times for all. We highly recommend the KEF Music Lounge for some late night fun! Get the [full scoop at the website](#). So far, we have about 10 cars going from the region, plus a slew from our neighbor region Wilderness Trail. We are discussing a "Fun Drive" to Parade, most likely Saturday, so if you are interested, [drop us a note](#).



### 2021 CALENDAR - <http://smtPCA.org/calendar/>

The [Region Calendar](#) is filling up, and we just added Autocross dates for the year:

- Saturday, March 20
- Saturday, April 10
- Saturday, September 18
- Saturday, October 2
- Sunday, November 7 (Fall Fest weekend)

This year we'll be at the Greeneville Airport, same location as the 2020 Fall Fest and Spring Things of past. If you have any activity ideas, want to lead a Day Drive or Drive Out, host an event, etc., please [send your thoughts in](#).

### FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Well already a month into 2021 and a month closer to warmer weather and the start of the driving season!

Please continue to check our annual calendar. Events are being posted almost every week now and many others are in the works. I am hoping that March will bring you some activities to consider. I am attempting to pull together a day drive in early March and March 20<sup>th</sup> also marks the start of our autocross season. Our new home for autocross events will be at the airport in Greeneville, Tennessee. Hopefully, by the time this edition of Smoke Signals hits the street, the day drive will be finalized and the announcement made.

Thanks to those that have volunteered to serve. If you have not volunteered, I urge you to consider helping in some capacity. I assure you that we can certainly benefit from your talents regardless of how little or how much time you can spare. Currently, our most pressing need is in the Driving Events Committee. In fact, we need someone to step up and lead this committee. Other areas where help is



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needed include the Social Events Committee and the Charity Committee.

Of course, our events are still driven by the state of the pandemic. Hopefully, we are beginning to see the light at the end of tunnel. Rest assured that we will continue to monitor the situation locally and make adjustments accordingly. Your safety is always my top priority.

*Safe Travels – Bob*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our website has a lot of good stuff to peruse. We also archive photos from all our events.

See pictures of the cars, the people, and places we go!



<http://smt pca.org/photo-gallery/>



### 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD

If you have any questions, ideas, or want to help, please feel free to contact The Executive Board. They can be [reached on the website](#).

*Remember, it is the people that make this work!*

### 2021 COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Smoky Mountain Region needs your talents! The many events, activities and socials are only possible through the efforts of the members who step up to volunteer. As the year kicks off and we plan for 2021, we want YOU to be part of it! Current opportunities for Chair and Committee Members include:

- Social Events
- Driving Events
- Charity

And we always need ad hoc Event Support for our Autocross and Drive Outs. Please contact Region President Bob Baugh at [baughbob@yahoo.com](mailto:baughbob@yahoo.com) or via text at 865-548-5013 if you'd like to volunteer or would like to learn more.

### PCA REGION GEAR

You can order Smoky Mountain Region swag, and we get a cut from any SMT PCA gear sold. Official PCA and Porsche merch with the Smoky Mountain Region logo is available at [Smoky Mountain Region PCA Store](#).



### PCA NATIONAL UPDATES

- May 5-9, 2021 – [Treffen Spring 2021, Scottsdale](#)
- [Porsche Parade, July, 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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## Interested in the Macan, Cayenne, Panamera or Taycan?

PCA's new Performance News monthly e-newsletter features the latest news and information about all four-door Porsches.

*Performance News* offered by PCA is geared for four-door Porsche owners and enthusiasts interested in the latest news articles and feature stories about Panamera, Taycan, Macan, and Cayenne vehicles.

PAST EDITIONS: <http://archive.aweber.com/awlist5184484>

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## PARTING SHOTS – Spring Things of the Past

Spring Thing has been hosted by the Smoky Mountain Region for over 45 years. It's run the gamut from some "Porsche Friends" having a Potluck Supper at some small motel to a hotel-dominating Mini-Parade. Many people from all traveled to enjoy good times, cars, and people. And many worked hard behind the scenes to make it happen. Enjoy some shots from the past and be sure to sign up for [Spring Thing 2021!](#)



2004 Photo special to Sun

Bob Southerland of Greeneville and his 996 Series Porsche will be among the participants in this weekend's "Spring Fling," sponsored by the Smoky Mountain Region of the Porsche Club of America. Over 40 cars from several southeastern states will be in Greeneville for the event, with the General Morgan Inn serving as headquarters for all weekend events.



## Porsche's 'Spring Thing' Set Here This Weekend

The Smoky Mountain Region of the Porsche Club of America will host the 32nd annual "Spring Thing" this weekend in Greeneville.

Billed as the premier event for the Smoky Mountain Region, the "Spring Thing" is one of the top four longest running multi-event weekends in the Porsche Club of

quarters for the "Spring Thing" and a full weekend of activities is on the agenda for the participants.

There will be a reception on Friday night in the lobby of the General Morgan Inn. Saturday will start bright and early with the Concours d'Elegance, with the backdrop for the Concours the





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