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AUTOCROSS 2021

As noted in the [Region Calendar](#) we have Autocross dates for the year, and this year we are at the Greeneville Airport.

- Saturday, March 20 ([Sign up here!](#))
- Saturday, April 10
- Saturday, September 18
- Saturday, October 2
- Sunday, October 31 (Fall Fest weekend)

We are now using MotorsportReg.com to sign up for autocrosses, Spring Thing, and other events. This way we do not have to handle cash, funds are transferred directly to the Region, and we get a good idea who is coming!

SPRING THING 2021, April 30 – May 2

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!



SPRING THING 2021 and COVID

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. 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, with the [Phase II registration starts April 7th](#). 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 is only 5 hours away!

A popular favorite event is the “Gimmick Rally”, a “for-fun” rally with a theme. Like a Scavenger Hunt in a Porsche! 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](#).

FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Typically signaled by the blooming of daffodils and redbuds, newly mown grass and yes, daylight savings time, spring is officially in the air. For Porsche owners, this signals the time of the year to unplug the battery tender, uncover your Porsche and get it ready for the upcoming driving season! Sure, you can drive your special car by yourself through the countryside and the mountains. However, it is tenfold better to cover those same roads with other Porsche owners in the Smoky Mountain Region of PCA.

Our first [day tour of the year was held on March 6th](#). The 125-mile loop started in Vonore and traversed the back roads though Tellico Plains, Reliance, Ducktown and Coker Creek. Club members were certainly ready to roll as was evidenced by 30 cars and 54 people attending! It was great to see everyone and to catch up with what has been going on in everyone's lives. With such a success, I want to go ahead and announce **another day tour for Saturday, April 17**. As of this writing, the route is still being developed. However, the starting and ending point will be at Harper Porsche on Parkside Drive. More details to follow.

In addition, our first autocross of the year will be held at the airport in Greeneville, TN on Saturday, March 20th. To simplify the process of registering for the event, we are now using motorsport.reg. All skill levels are welcome to participate. Trust me, if I can participate then anyone can! Be forewarned though, once you try it, you'll be hooked!

Please continue to check your email and the [Region's Calendar](#), in the anticipation that the COVID pandemic continues to subside, more and more events are being planned and will soon be announced and added. It is our intention to err on the side of caution, as the safety, health and the well-being of our members is our foremost concern. Just bear with us as we fold more events into the mix.

[Safe Travels – Bob](#)



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2021 CALENDAR - <http://smt pca.org/calendar/>

The [Region Calendar](#) is filling up, Autocross dates are set, Drive Outs are lining up, and Fall Fest and a Summer Do at The Ranch is in the works! If you have any activity ideas, want to lead a Day Drive or Drive Out, host an event, etc., please [send your thoughts in](#).

DID YOU KNOW?



Our website has a lot of good stuff to peruse. We also have many active and timely posts about events and things Porsche (sometimes things non-Porsche).

Checkout our [News and Notes archive](#).

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

Still looking for Volunteers! The many events, activities and future socials are only possible through the efforts of the members who step up to volunteer. In 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 or via text at 865-548-5013 if you would like to volunteer or would like to learn more.

MARCH DRIVE OUT ([see the pix!](#))

March 6th we met at noon at the Hardee's in Vonore, gathered 50+ people in 30+ cars and did The Paperwork, Drivers' Meeting, and split up into three groups to keep it manageable. Bob and Penne laid out a very nice Figure Eight route through the scenic and sometimes offbeat mountain roads of East Tennessee: TN 360, TN 315, US 64 along the Ocoee, and then TN 68 back "home". Woods and barns and hills and a lot of fresh pavement to boot!



No incidents, well placed pit stops, and beautiful weather made this one a HIT! Many thanks to Bob and Penne, and to all the group leaders and sweeps. Next one is in the works for April 17.



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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