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get things back to normal. Our day drive in March had 30 cars participating. In April, we had 21 cars participating. Spring Thing was an overwhelming success with over 60 cars participating. Event leaders are working to ensure that everyone has fun while at the same time are able to remain safe. These events work because the majority of the activities are outdoors and easy for people to maintain proper distancing and to congregate into small groups. Mask use is still required in these situations. At Spring Thing, attention was given to the spacing of dining tables and fewer people dining at each table. In all, we are demonstrating that we can begin to resume our activities and keep members safe.

Additionally, plans are actively underway for a “Welcome Back/New Member Social” for July 24th. More info to come on this as we get closer. However, please mark this date on your calendar as you won’t want to miss this special event. Looking forward beyond this event, you can expect to see the resumption of our normal social calendar. Obviously, all these plans are subject to things continuing to trend in the right direction.

I would like to schedule a monthly “cars & coffee” type event for the Smoky Mountain Region. Mind you, nothing fancy or formal. Rather a standing monthly date on the calendar at a local bakery/coffee shop for a couple of hours to enjoy one another’s cars and to interact with other members. If you have any locations in mind that could accommodate such a gathering, [please let me know](#). With other Regions that hold such events, an impromptu drive sometimes occurs following the gathering.

As always, if you have ideas for drives, locations for socials or things that we could do as a club, please shoot me a message.

*Safe Travels – Bob*

### APRIL DRIVE OUT – PETROS/ROCKWOOD

April 17, 2021 – We met about noon after the Board Meeting at Harpers Auto Wash, we gathered about 50 people in 20+ cars, completed The Paperwork, Drivers’ Meeting, and split up into two groups. Bob and Penne laid out a very nice “around and through the mountains” route, again with some “new to many of us” roads.

We travelled through Oak Ridge and Oliver Springs, then hopped onto the Devil’s Triangle (TN 330 & 116), going up and over some mountains and through the valley. First Pit

Stop: [Brushy Mountain Prison](#). Then we picked up 27 to 229, then 70, to our second Pit Stop, a lovely Kroger in Kingston. After some windy, scenic, sort of unknown roads, we toured TN 95, a local favorite, past Melton Hill Dam, then hit the interstate for the last few miles home.

Great drive, and good weather made this one another HIT! Many thanks to Bob and Penne, and to all the group leaders and sweeps. Check out [pictures from the day](#).

Next one is on the [books for May 15th](#), to Cumberland Gap National Park for a pic-a-nic and views!

### 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. There are lots of news and notes and event blurbs out there.

So, checkout our [“Posts” section](#). Posts are short, quick web pages, usually about a timely event or interesting news item. The latest 10 posts circulate at the top of all the website pages, letting readers

keep abreast of current events, news, and interesting items. Posts are archived back to 2012, so bonus points to anyone that can [tell us the last post!](#)

### 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!*

### PCA NATIONAL UPDATES

- [Werks Reunion Amelia Island](#) –May 21, 2021
- [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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This year's Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona is going to be a great one for Drumms Day, with...
- Tech Tactics LIVE: Meet the new Porsche 718 Boxster 25 Years and rear-drive Taycan**  
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In Episode 11 of Tech Tactics Live, we're talking about the new rear-wheel drive standard Porsche 718 Boxster and the 718 Boxster S. Both the Boxster and the S have...
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## Porsche 992 Carrera 4 laughs off a winter storm

Tuesday, December 28, 2020  
Article and photos by Rob Saxe

While it might not be an issue for members in places like the Space Coast or Santa Barbara Regions, for a good chunk of the country it's about to get real as far as winter goes, and we have to make the decision to drive our cars or store them. We were recently able to spend some time in a new 992 Carrera 4 on winter tires (in Northern Lower Michigan no less), and we can report that it would be nothing less than criminal to make this car hibernate.

## Keep up with the latest Porsche news

PCA.org has a dedicated news blog to share new-Porsche debuts and general Porsche news, feature stories, DIY tips, videos, and much more. Bookmark the PCA News blog for easy reading.

READ MORE: [www.pca.org/news](http://www.pca.org/news)



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## PARTING SHOT - PORSCHE GONE WILD



Someone's Actually Driving a [Convertible Wood-Paneled Porsche Cayenne](#)... No joke. Unlike the “April Fool’s Woody Panamera” Porsche posted years ago, this one exists. Quoting the article...

“I guess everybody has the right to their freedom of expression but, I don’t know. Society has rules. I’m pretty sure one of them is never make a Porsche look like a PT Cruiser.”



**But wait... there’s more.** So the Porsche “April Fool’s Woody Panamera” was just a digital render, BUT... Someone actually did it. (*Editor – SMH...*). Yep, now we have Porsche’s five-seater [Panamera Family Truckster](#) with a set of wood veneer vinyl side panels, a roof rack, and a matching surf board. Clark has hit the big time!

This was a 2018 model, so if you are hankering (we don’t know why) for a Surf’s UP Shooting Brake, you will have to search the used market. Bon Appétit...



So, we at SMTPCA News could not find any provenance on this one... but that is probably for the best. Had enough with the “tricked out” Hondas and Mazdas with gobs of negative camber and loud exhausts backed by miniscule horsepower? Here a Spatzel-burning, louver-happy, faux intercooler, excessively finned “Track Star”... Yep.

So next HPDE or Le Mans you are in, watch out! This is the one to beat.

(Note: this may be an RWB, or more likely a knock-off RWB)





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