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PORSCHE PARADE 2021 – July 11-18

The 2021 Parade was a blast, and Parade is back in full swing. We descended on [French Lick Resort](#) with dozens of Smoky Mountain PCA members, and friends from Wilderness Trail PCA as well. Many made the drive by various routes, and this time the “back roads” seemed best for time and beauty. After arrival and check-in, many hung out on the huge veranda and learned that if you sarcastically request *Freebird* from the 1920s Ragtime band, be prepared to tip heavily: they nailed it! A good time was had, the cars were beautiful, the company was great, and the venue was amaaaaazing. See it all [online at the website](#).



We also represented well in competition, and you can check out the [official results online](#).

- Rich and Wendy: First in Class at Concours
- Vic and Jackie: Second in Class at Concours
- Peter and Paula: First in Class in Concours
- Vic and Jackie: Second in Class at TSD Rally
- Vic: 3rd in Class, Autocross
- Rich: 2nd in Class, Autocross
- Matt: 3rd in Class, Autocross
- Rick: 1st in Class, Autocross
- Janis: 1st in Class, Autocross
- Clyde: 2nd in Class, Autocross

This year’s Concours d’elegance had to be moved inside the parking garage as previous rains turned the golf course into a swamp. This worked out as it rained a few more times during the Concours itself! The TSD rally was a good one, and the Gimmick was the usual hoot. The latter ended at a screening of Steve McQueen’s *Le Mans* at a good old-fashioned drive-in theater, with bushels of popcorn, old school candies, and all manner of diet food.

The autocross was a DOOZY!! The 1.36 mile Rick Berry and Friends course was laid out on the airstrip and taxiway at the French Lick Airport. The time to beat after Day 1 was 91 seconds, and a few SMT members got close. Day 2 saw The Ringer come out in a highly modified and chopped 914 that clocked in at 79 seconds. “Normal” Porsches were hitting 90+ mph in some of the straights, and it was a blast! The Autocross Banquet saw many SMT members on the podium.

JUNE DRIVE OUT – YORK STATE PARK

June 26, 2021 – Oak Ridge Kroger was the place to start our 75 trek to Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park for a picnic lunch. We had about a half dozen new club members along this trip, so welcome aboard! Four-laning through Oliver Springs and Wartburg, we then hit some 2-lane twisty and scenic roads up and down the valleys along the Cumberland Plateau. First Pit Stop was at Historic Rugby, then on to the picnic pavilion at the park.



Bob and others broke out the checkered table clothes, and a candelabra appeared as well. Good times were had over lunch, and we talked up the next drive,

Horses and Porsches at the Red Heaven Ranch. We tidied up, saddled up, and hit the road back to Kroger, via our ubiquitous stop at a Hardee’s for a pit stop.

After our final stop, plans were made for heading off to Carolina Ale House for some Post-Trip commentary and ruminating. Great trip, perfect weather, and many thanks to Bob and Penne for heading this up. Check out all the [pictures on the website](#).

JULY DRIVE OUT / NEW MEMBER WELCOME

“Porsches & Horses” at the [Red Heaven Ranch](#) On July 26th was an absolute smashing time!!! Fifty+ cars lined up



at the drive out start point, and were promptly checked in, signed off, banded, shaken down for “charitable donations”, and broken up into four groups. These groups rolled out and took a leisurely loop through Lenior City, Loudon, and Sweetwater with pastoral scenes in between.

We all rolled into the ranch by 5ish, and were greeted by a lovely area, a good band, some great barbeque, and most gracious hospitality. About 130 club members were there, with a great mix of “Current” and “New” members. This Drive Out Party marked the resumption of all club activities, and a “Hello and Welcome” for our new members.



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Many thanks to Club members Tim and Tami Purcell who graciously invited us to their ranch. Harper Porsche brought some of their cars down for display, and we set up a historical line up of Porsches on the front field for all to see.



This was a great opportunity to socialize with new members, re-socialize with old friends, and catch up on all our goings on. Jamie and Rebekah took delivery of their new Cayman GTS that morning at Harpers, and finally “made it official” at the same time. This was a late afternoon and early evening of food, music and camaraderie in a very picturesque setting.



Check out [all the pix online](#). See you next time! **Next event: Drive Out August 21st!** We are heading to Morristown to meet up with Wilderness Trail.

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 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?

WE HAVE 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](#).

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!

RENNFEST 2021 – SEPTEMBER 2-5, 2021



Rennfest is Zone 3's annual end-of-summer celebration, and Labor Day weekend is the date... [Brasstown Valley Resort](#) is the place. Come join us for this year's party when Rennfest returns to the North Georgia Mountains in Young Harris, GA. There will be golfing, concouring, rallying, autocrossing, banqueting, socializing, and telling of stories and awards. A limited block of rooms is being held at Brasstown Valley Resort and Spa for Thursday - Sunday. [Sign up online soon](#), rooms and spots are limited.

PCA NATIONAL UPDATES

- Treffen at The American Club, Kohler, WI, [October 13-17, 2021](#)
- Amelia Island Concours - [March 3-6, 2022](#)
- Porsche Parade 2022 – June 12–18, 2022 at the KALAHARI RESORT in Pocono Manor, PA
- Porsche Parade 2023 – Palm Springs, California

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

IN SEARCH OF... **NEW!**

We don't have a SMT “web market”, nor do we have sales posts on our [Facebook page](#). Demand never warranted that, but occasionally we have call for something like it. Neil has agreed to be our “Beta Tester”, so here goes...

WANTED:

PSE Center Muffler from Carrera 991.1 3.8L (2012-2016)

Must be complete with valves

Price negotiable

Contact Neil Gottlob at bobwhite225@gmail.com



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Treffen at The American Club

Touring the Autumn Colors of Wisconsin



Autumn in Wisconsin is all about the color and getting out to see it. Wisconsin comes alive in the Fall with gorgeous vistas of colorful foliage, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls. Take in Mother Nature's show as you cruise the beautiful ribbons of asphalt leading through these scenic wonders. Join us in October 2021 as we explore America's Dairyland.

When it's time to take a break from the beautiful landscape surroundings, our host hotel, the historic American Club,

will rise to meet all your needs. Set in the quaint village of Kohler, Wisconsin, just 55 miles north of Milwaukee, this five-star, five-diamond hotel has stood as an icon of gracious hospitality for 100 years. The American Club offers elegant accommodations and unparalleled service in a place that is quintessentially American while seeming a world away. Experience the beauty and the elegance of our 2021 Fall Treffen. See you in Wisconsin!



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PARTING SHOT – More 2021 Porsche Parade, French Lick, Indiana

- Here is a sampling of [what is on the website](#).



Until next year... See you June 12–18, 2022, at the [KALAHARI RESORT](#) in Pocono Manor, PA!



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