



# Porsche Club of America

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

### FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Summer is in full swing and hopefully everyone is enjoying their Porsches and testing their air conditioners on the many curvy and twisting roads that East Tennessee has to offer! In July, Penne and I participated in our first [Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana](#), and it certainly will not be our last. If you have never had the opportunity to experience Parade, I encourage you to do so if you'd like a week of nothing but Porsche! The Smoky Mountain Region was well represented at this year's event with some 26 members attending. Whether it be participation in the concours d'Elegance, autocrossing, TSD rallies or just day-long guided driving tours, Porsche Parade offers something for just about everyone. Mark your calendars for June 12-18, 2022 for the next Porsche Parade in the Poconos.

July 24th marked the date for our [New Member and Welcome Back Social](#). Participation was over the top with over 120 people attending the catered dinner and enjoying



the music provided by the Shelter Road Band. In addition, prior to the dinner, over 45 cars participated in a driving tour of the area. A special thanks to region members, Tim and Tami Purcell, for hosting this event at [Red Heaven Ranch](#). It was a day and evening to remember. This event also signaled the resumption of all region activities. Please be on the lookout for announcements regarding both future driving tours, monthly dinner socials, autocross events and more!

Lastly, as we begin to head into fall, please be thinking about suggestions for driving tours and destinations, restaurants for socials, locations for informal cars and coffee meetings, etc. In our Board Meeting for October, we will be starting to develop the calendar of events for 2022. Please forward your ideas to me at [baughbob@yahoo.com](mailto:baughbob@yahoo.com) and I will get them into the right hands.

*Safe Travels, Bob*

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

The [Region Calendar](#) is filling up, Autocross dates are set, Driving Tours are lining up, and Fall Fest is in the works! If you have any activity ideas, want to lead a Driving Tour, host an event, etc., please [let us know](#).

### SPEAKING OF THE 2021 CALENDAR...

There is A LOT going on this fall and winter. Let us review, if we may...

### 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.

### SEPTEMBER AUTOCROSS



September 18, we're having a PCA Autocross at [Greeneville Airport](#). The course will be "Ready To Walk" at 10:00 AM, and by 11:00 AM the runs begin. Cost is \$45, and we'll need you to pre-register online at [MotorSportReg](#).

Need more details? Then click to [get all the details!](#)

### SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

September 21 is our [Monthly Social](#) at Casa Don Gallos, Northshore. Cocktails beginning at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm at the covered, outdoor seating area.

Casa Don Gallo is located at [7741 S Northshore Drive](#). Please [RSVP to Penne](#) by September 14th and let her know if you plan to attend so we can get a good idea of the number to expect.



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### SEPTEMBER DRIVING TOUR

Our September Driving Tour will be to Western North Carolina and Tennessee Roads in between. Route details are in the works, and we are planning a Drive-Picnic-Drive format. With so many roads in that area, and the natural beauty, this event be a beaut!

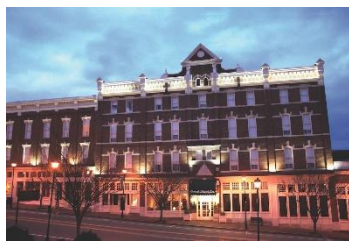
### CHATTANOOGA MOTORCAR FESTIVAL

October 15-17 is the Chattanooga Motorcar Festival. A Region Driving Tour will end at the festival. Events include a Grand Prix, a Rallye, Mecum Auctions, Street Festivals, Cruises, Concours, and so much more. Check out the [details and ticketing info online](#).



### FALL FEST IN GREENEVILLE

Again, this year Fall Fest is an overnighter in Greeneville, TN, back at the [General Morgan Inn](#). A Driving Tour on Saturday will end up at the General for a likely Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar), then Autocross on Sunday at the Greeneville Airport.



The **General Morgan Inn**: Please call the hotel at 423-787-1000 to reserve your room, tell them you are with the Porsche Club, and the nightly rate should be \$119. A block rooms have been reserved for our group, so call soon! The room block expires August 30, 2021.

### OTHER EVENTS COMING UP:

(PCA and Not-PCA)

- October 2 – Greeneville Wings & Wheels, (Greeneville Airport)
- October 13-17 – Treffen Fall 2021, The American Club
- October 22-24 – Rennsport Dragon Rally
- October 24 – Harpers Cars & Coffee, West Town Mall
- November 20 – Third Annual Turkeys in the Trunk
- December 9 – Christmas Social

Keep up with the details and updates on the [SMTPCA Calendar](#).

### 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](#).

### DID YOU KNOW?

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### WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?!?

Here are the Members of the Board of SMTPCA.

- President: Bob Baugh
- Vice President: Teresa Fischer
- Treasurer: John McDermott
- Secretary: Penne Baugh
- Past President: Vaughn Smith
- Director: Harry Herrmann
- Director: Janis Berry
- Director: Todd Sutton

If you have any questions, ideas, or thoughts, feel free to reach out to them. Contact information is [on the website](#).

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### PARTING SHOT – Porsche Boxster 986

Those who went to Parade this year were treated to a Silver Anniversary celebration of the introduction of the Porsche Boxster, the 986. While many “car guys” won't buy a soft top, this homage to 550 was a hit from day one. Mazda had released the Miata MX-5 – a fun, engaging, and affordable roadster. Porsche was a little lost at the moment, then an opportunity came along. The 986 Boxster was an amalgamation of two classics, a cleverly designed open-top car inspired by the 356 and the 550 riding the wave of the great roadster revival. Some have even gone so far to say that Mazda saved Porsche by forcing their hand.

By June 1992, out of 4 proposals based on dual collaboration between the 986 and 996 (993's successor) design teams, a proposal by Grant Larson and Pinky Lai inspired by the 356 Cabriolet, Speedster, and 550 Spyder was chosen. Porsche developed a show vehicle in time for the 1993 North American International Auto Show, which garnered widespread acclaim from the press and public. And so production began in 1996.



The first Boxster came with a 2.5L horizontally opposed six-cylinder (yes, it still sounds great) making 204 hp and 181 lb-ft driving the rear wheels through a five-speed manual transmission or a five-speed Tiptronic S auto. It was upgraded to 2.7 liters, 217 hp and 192 lb-ft in 2000. The Boxster S soon appeared, starting life with 250 hp and 225 lb-ft of torque from a 3.2L flat-six.

The second generation Boxster and the Cayman arrived in late 2005; and the third generation launched in 2012. The fourth generation in 2016 has the two models marketed as the Porsche 718 Boxster and Cayman.

Porsche has produced many variants of the Boxster and Cayman: S, R, Black Edition, White Edition, Spyders, GTS, GT4, Sport, and various track ready versions. No end is in sight for this one. Conjecture is there are electric versions on drawing board.

A fun, solid, dependable all around roadster, the Boxster has become a hit. And a fitting homage to the 550 Spyder: James Dean would be proud.

Actual total production numbers are hard to pin down, but Porsche has sold about half million Boxsters. And quite a few Caymans! And best of all? The engine is in the right place...

And on par, [Porsche came out with a spot on advertising campaign](#) for their new Boxster.





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