



# Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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

### FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Once again, summer is winding down and fall is fast approaching. That's always a bittersweet time for car enthusiasts. However, as I look to the fall, I see that our calendar is looking more 'normal' and that we still have driving opportunities before the driving season ends.

To that end, be sure to [check our calendar](#) for all the latest events. November holds two great opportunities for us. The first is a great day drive to Robbinsville, NC (November 13). Hopefully, the leaves will still be in full show. The next opportunity will be our annual Turkeys in the Trunk event (November 20). Each year, we gather at Harpers for a food collection drive that benefits both the Salvation Army and the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries. However, there is a fun twist to the food collection. Each member is encouraged to pack their Porsche with food that is typically served at a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Each car's bounty is weighed, and a prize is awarded to the member having the greatest food weight. Nothing is more comical than seeing a Boxster, Cayman or 911 stuffed with food with only space for the driver! This is a great way to kickoff the Holiday season and help those less fortunate.

Your Board is also making plans for 2022. In early November, the Board is getting together to plan events for the upcoming year. We would love to hear from each and every member regarding what type of activities are wanted. Day tours, overnight tours, autocross, high performance driving events, instructional sessions, concours exhibitions..... I want to hear from each member regarding your interests and ideas. Of course, we could use help in putting these activities together. I know that some folks may want to help but just don't know how or where to start. For those, please contact me. For example, if someone is interested in leading a driving tour, I will personally work with you and we will go through the process together. It is really easy, straightforward and the satisfaction is great when an event comes together.

As a reminder, since COVID appears to be sticking around, we consider the health and safety of our members at our events. At all PCA events, we highly encourage the unvaccinated among us to wear masks and practice social distancing while attending club events; and ask you to please stay home if you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms.

*Safe Travels, Bob*

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

The 2021 [Region Calendar](#) is winding down, so we're planning 2022. As Bob said, we welcome all ideas and really welcome planning help. One area we need help in is Autocross sites: asphalt is getting harder to find! So, please [let us know](#).

### SEPTEMBER AUTOCROSS



Well... Huh-RUMPH! Our September and October autocrosses had to be cancelled after someone at our previously current venue got antsy. So now we are without affordable autocross space. Since autocross

has always been a strong event in our region, we are reaching out to all members for venue ideas. We need:

- Approximately 3-6 acres of clean pavement
- Hopefully unobstructed by islands & lights
- A means to secure the site from passers by
- Within 1 hour of Knoxville, 2 hours tops
- Reasonably priced (\$200-400 per day)

Smokey's Stadium and Bristol Motor Speedway are usable options, but very pricey and limited in schedule (SCCA uses them both regularly). [got asphalt?](#) [Let us know!](#)

### RECENT SOCIALS

September 21 was our September Social at Casa Don Gallos, Northshore, and about 40 attended. That was a good number for the venue, and a good time was had by all. For October, [Harper Porsche](#) hosted a PCA Appreciation Social, and we knocked it out of the park! About 100 attended, Harper supplied a Burrito Buffet from Chuy, the club supplied beer and wine, and we had a grand time in spite of the weather.

Harper showed off some new cars, and even a new to them "Project Targa" for full restoration. Check out the [pictures at the website](#). Next Social is the Christmas Party at The Foundry on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### SEPTEMBER DRIVING TOUR

Our September Driving Tour took us through some classic Western North Carolina and East Tennessee Roads. The Route included the Tail of the Dragon and the Cherohala Skyway, with TN 360 for the cherry on top. About 20 cars



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showed up at our favorite Hardee's in Vonore, and we hit the Dragon for the first leg. We picnicked at [Cheoah Point Beach](#), a Forest Service "beach" with amazing views.



After lunch, we took some twisties through Santeelah and Joyce Kilmer areas, then dropped onto the Cherohala Skyway. We ran the entire length of the Skyway without much traffic, had great views, and had another pitstop at the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center. After the break we took TN 360 back to Hardees to wind it up. See [all the fun online](#), and look forward to driving with you soon!

### FALL FEST IN GREENEVILLE

Alas, between the loss of the Autocross venue in Greeneville, and that The General Morgan banquet facilities are not up to speed yet, we had to cancel this year's Fall Fest. A Driving Tour on November 13 has been set up to replace this event.

### NOVEMBER DRIVING TOUR

RSVP for Saturday, November 13th, 2021, for a great day of driving through the Smokies to Robbinsville, NC. Our destination will be club members' Jason & Madeline's cabin. They have arranged for a special catered meal from the Aroma Café in Maryville.

Since we've had a couple of drives this year that took us on the Tail of the Dragon and the Cherohala Skyway, we're heading through Newfound Gap, Cherokee, and Bryson

City on Hwy 19. The return trip can be any route and time of your choosing. Get all the [details on the website](#).

### OTHER EVENTS COMING UP:

(PCA and Not-PCA)

- November 13 – Driving to Robbinsville, NC
- 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

- 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?

Peachstate Region hosts Rennfest every Labor Day weekend. It is basically a 4-day Spring Thing, with a few more events and more relaxed pace, held in the North Georgia Mountains. This year saw a healthy Smoky Mountain contingent participate, and with gorgeous weather a good time was had by all. And as usual, we brought home some hardware!

Check out this year's Rennfest [good times on our website](#).

### 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 – ALABAMA REGION PCA 2021 OCTOBER FEST HPDE

Like to drive your fast car faster in a safe and structured environment? Try a “[High Performance Driver's Education](#)” event. Many are hosted throughout the year, and this fall six intrepid Smoky Mountain members went to [Barber Motorsports Park](#) in Birmingham, Alabama, and tested our mettle and our cars. Suffice it to say, “YOWZA!!!”

All the [fun can be seen online](#), and here is a smattering of pix from the event.





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