



Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS — IT'S THE PEOPLE

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FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT



I hope each of you had a good Holiday season and are recharged and ready to plunge into an exciting year for 2022 with the Smoky Mountain Region. I am proud of what we as a club were able to accomplish in 2021 and I look forward to what new adventures 2022 will bring. Like everyone, it is my hope

that 2022 will also bring an end to this dreaded pandemic. January is the time of the year where the “rubber meets the road” for us as a club. We’ve held our annual planning meeting and now is the time to start planning and executing. To see what we will be doing be sure to keep a lookout for our email event announcements or an [eye on our website](#) or [Facebook page](#). Matt Fischer always does a great job at keeping both current!

To keep the event schedule fresh and lively, our goal is to explore new areas of interest. Meanwhile, traditional events, such as the [Spring Thing](#), monthly dinner socials, autocross and driving tours are planned to give continuity to the year. We realize that our members look forward to these annual events. If you have ideas or suggestions regarding restaurants that could host us or destinations for a driving tour, please send me an email at baughbob@yahoo.com. Our Social Committee is always in search of dining establishments that can host large groups. In addition, given the great driving roads in all directions from the Knoxville area, we try to develop fun tours in all directions that combine curves with scenery.

On the horizon, we have a monthly social scheduled for January 20th at the Carolina Ale House and a driving tour to Asheville to attend a Griot’s Garage Car Care Clinic on February 5th. I hope to be able to plan another driving tour for late February as well.

As always, the “fuel” for our Region is volunteers. I encourage you to consider volunteering to run an event or organize a monthly social. Please consider serving. We need you!

Safe Travels, Bob

2022 CALENDAR - <http://smt pca.org/calendar/>

The 2022 [Region Calendar](#) is shaping up, as we have laid out general ideas and wishes based on a region survey, so keep checking as we flesh the events out. Feel free to help run an event: Driving Tours especially need some volunteers. So, please [let us know](#).

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](#).

AUTOCROSS VENUES



We are reaching out to all members for venue ideas. Smokey’s Stadium and Bristol Motor Speedway are usable options, but very pricey and limited in schedule.

got asphalt? [Let us know!](#)

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)

EVENTS COMING UP: JANUARY 2022

- 20 – [January Social at Carolina Ale House](#)
 - 22 – Quarterly Board Meeting
 - 26-30 – [Rolex 24 Hours](#) at Daytona
 - May 20-22 – [SPRING THING!!](#) Get READY!!
- Keep up with the details on the [SMTPCA Calendar](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

There’s a “[PCA Juniors](#)” program in the PCA? It’s not just the cars... and now it’s not just the grown-ups! There is a “PCA Juniors Monthly e-Newsletter”, activities crafted just for Our Future Drivers, even a lesson in “driving stick”. Not every kid dreams of a PDK... Check out our new Junior Drivers section below.

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP

With a large influx of new members in the last year, we are now listing new members by month. This is way to “get to know” those in the club, see who has similar cars, or just see how fast we’re growing. For those that are transfers from other regions, their previous region is listed as well.

NOVEMBER 2021

Harvey G.
William C.

2008 911 Carrera
2015 911 GT3



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Kurt R. from Milwaukee	2009 911 Carrera
William & Martha C. from Northern Ohio	1960 356
Don & Pam C. from Tennessee	2001 Boxster
Matt M.	2006 Cayman S
David D.	2014 Panamera 4S

DECEMBER 2021

Jon M.	2014 Cayman
Richard W.	2016 Cayenne
David L.	2021 718 Cayman GTS
Jarrold H.	2016 Cayman
Andrew N.	2020 911 Carrera 4S Cab

Say “Hi! How are you?” to our new members!

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: Bob Logazino
- 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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HPDE – It’s not just a funny chemical name

Otherwise known as “**High Performance Drivers Education**”, the PCA Drivers Education (DE) Program provides a safe, structured, and controlled teaching and learning environment. It is designed to let participants improve their driving abilities and acquire a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and driving safety. Participants will experience first-hand the capabilities of high-performance automobiles in a controlled, closed-course environment and acquire skills that will enhance safer vehicle operation in all driving situations. For the Corporate Details, click on over to the [PCA DE Page](#).

DEs are normally 1-3 day events at some iconic track nearby: Barber, Road Atlanta, VIR, AMP, etc. Drivers are grouped into up to five run groups based on experience and ability: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Instructor. Novices have an instructor assigned to them, someone who knows the track and hopefully in a car like yours.

Smoky Mountain has a group that DEs regularly, and some adjacent regions sponsor some safe and exciting events. The Calendars have just been released so give it some thought!



Peachstate Region PCA HPDEs at Road Atlanta (Braselton, GA) – [Their DE Calendar](#)

- April 8 - April 10
- June 4 - June 5
- November 11 - November 13

Alabama Region PCA HPDEs at Barber Motorsports Park (Birmingham, AL) – [Their DE Calendar](#)

- April 2 – 3
- June 18 – 19
- October 1 - 2
- December 10 - 11

JUNIOR DRIVERS

The [PCA Juniors program](#) is here for kids to enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and continue the passion that runs throughout the Porsche Club of America. As a PCA member, you may sign up your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew under the age of 18, for free! Your PCA Junior will receive a welcome box, and many region events include activities for children and teens geared to grow enthusiasm for Porsche and PCA for generations to come.



This month’s PCA Junior Activity? [Color your own GT3!](#)



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Did you know PCA has its own racing series?

PCA Club Racing has provided fantastic Porsche-only wheel to wheel racing since 1992 at tracks big and small across North America.

Club Racing is a place for Porsche enthusiasts to race their Porsches in a friendly, competitive environment. Club Racing has a class for just about every sports car Porsche has made, everything from a converted 944 to a new Porsche Motorsport GT3 Cup is welcome. With Club Racing, you can race your Porsche on some of the most historic tracks in North America like Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, Road Atlanta, and Canadian Tire Motorsports Park.

If you are a PCA member and have a Porsche race car, come race with us. For information on how to get started, head over to <https://pcaclubracing.org/licensing>

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://pcaclubracing.org>

SOCIAL MEDIA: @pcaclubracing on Facebook and Instagram



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PARTING SHOT – **PORSCHE ON ICE!**



With all this wintery weather we've been having, and that many have "put their babies away" for the winter, one intrepid Porscheophile wondered "How do they do in the winter?" Excluding the all-wheel drive SUVs, Porsches are not generally thought of as cold weather capable. Or are they... Off to Finland it is then!

To the winter paradise of Northern Finland and to the [Porsche Driving Area](#) in Levi. In the middle of a vast wooded and snowy landscape it is about 1000 kilometers from Helsinki. On prepared ice tracks, qualified instructors teach you sporty driving under the toughest conditions. The result: maximum driving pleasure at the wheel of a Porsche. On ice. On snow. In the dead of winter. Under the Northern Lights. Training classes for all levels on a special winter training course gets the adrenaline flowing, with one main objective: maximum vehicle control. Oh, and they'll teach you to Drift It as well.

This story began in 1999 in Rovaniemi where the first Porsche training took place on icy Finnish soil. And in 2014, 170 kilometers further north, the Porsche Driving Area Levi was opened. Since then, this exceptional venue has thrilled thousands of Porsche enthusiasts from all over the world, year after year.

There are 3 training levels, Ice Experience, Ice Force, and Ice Force Pro, as well as the Ice Cup special training are tailored to your individual performance level. You can advance your skills in a focused manner, with maximum learning success. [Pricing and Dates are online.](#)





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