



# Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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

## Smoke Signals - The Newsletter of the Smoky Mountain Region – February 2022

### FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Is anyone ready for spring? Usually, it's about this time of year when folks start saying that they are tired of winter and they're looking forward to spring. Over the past few days, temps have been warmer and I for one will be glad to see warmer weather arrive. However, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and doesn't expect things to change for the next six weeks.

Sometimes we don't really appreciate the weather that we have in East Tennessee. It could be much worse. Take Alaska for example with an average daily high in January of 24°F. Folks in the far north would likely welcome our



weather here in East Tennessee. Such is the case with the President of the Alaska Region PCA and his wife. This past week, I received an email from a Jamie Benard. He explained that he had just assumed

the role of President of the Alaska Region and that he and his wife would be coming into Knoxville later in the week for a vacation and to look around the area as a potential place to retire in a few years. On Thursday evening, Penne and I met Jamie and his wife Tracy at Litton's in Fountain City for dinner. We had a great time talking and sharing experiences with the Porsche brand and PCA. In their climate, the driving season begins in May and ends in September. We truly are blessed to live in East Tennessee! As they say, "It's not just the cars, it's the people". I hope that when Jamie and Tracy decide to retire that they choose Knoxville. Clearly wherever they land, they will continue to be active in PCA.

Lastly, we have our monthly social at [Water into Wine Bistro](#) in Farragut on February 22nd and a driving tour on February 26th to Cumberland Mountain State Park for lunch. Our route will take us through the scenic Sequatchie Valley. Please contact Penne at [baughph@yahoo.com](mailto:baughph@yahoo.com) to RSVP for our social and [myself](#) to RSVP for our driving tour.

*Safe Travels, Bob*

### KINGSWOOD DONATION



Here's Rich passing the Smoky Mountain Region's Annual Gift to Will Martin, exec director of Kingswood Home For Children. Thanks to all that gave, and the kids really appreciate it! So when That Guy shakes you down for the Driving Tour "Donation" you know it goes to a good cause.

### LOCAL BOY DOES GOOD



While not winning in a Porsche, Dave Yoder won his class in the East TN SCCA autocross. Many of our members autocross with SCCA, and Dave has a highly "chopped and dropped" Fiat X/19 he races there.

Just a car guy having fun!

### 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](#).



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### 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: FEB & MAR 2022

- 2/22 – [February Social at Water Into Wine](#)
- 2/26 – [February Driving Tour](#)
- 3/3-6 – [Concours at Amelia Island](#)
- 3/4 – [Werks Reunion Amelia Island](#)
- May 20-22 – [SPRING THING!!](#) Get READY!!

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

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](#).



### 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.

### JANUARY 2022

Andrew & Kristine N.	2020 911 Carrera 4S Cab
Eric P.	2011 Cayman
Thomas & Kathie G.	2006 911 Carrera 4S
Jim S.	2014 Cayman
Ben & Jessica C.	2020 911 Carrera 4S Cab
Andrew P.	1995 911 Carrera 4

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 EVENTS NEAR US

**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 for kids to enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and continue the passion that runs throughout the Porsche Club of America. 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? [Taycan on the future!](#)



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4.9/5 Rating



*"I've been a casual member of PCA for years but the podcast has really brought the club alive for me... who are the PCA staff, what's new or upcoming in Panorama, what's new with PCA, new Porsche cars, classic Porsche car insights. I think you have stumbled onto the perfect mix of banter and real news and commentary. It is EXCELLENT!"*

– Craig S., PCA Member





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## PARTING SHOT – *Harpers Cars and Coffee*



A quarterly favorite on the event calendar is the Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee, a Sunday morning "Car Meet" that attracts all makes and models, driven by "regular guys and gals" all the up to serious tuners and restorers. That car you grew up admiring its poster on your wall? It'll be there. The car mom or dad taught you to drive in? Yep, that one too. From rusty "beaters" to show-quality Lambos, a veritable Automotive Smorgasbord.

This year marks the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of Harpers Cars and Coffee, so a spotlight if you will.

In June 2012, Bill Johnson, Chief Marketing Officer at Harper Auto Square (and SMT PCA member) went to his boss, Tom Harper, with the idea of Harper sponsoring a Cars & Coffee Event that could include "car guys" from all over East Tennessee. Tom liked the idea and told Bill to proceed. The site was set at West Town Mall and the date was August 12, 2012. They were hoping for maybe 250 cars. The day dawned beautiful and the event was blessed with a turnout of 414 cars. From that day it has been full speed ahead, each event growing in cars and people. The unbelievable turnouts are now into thousands of cars and the crowd just keeps growing. Keep up with the details on [their Facebook page](#).

Porsche has been at the forefront with numerous guests of honor including Chad McQueen, Porsche racer Lee Keen, Rory Ingram of the Ingram Collection in Durham, North Carolina, the Porsche 919 Hybrid that dominated the 4 Hours of LeMans in the mid teens, and many other classic and historic Porsche racers. Throughout the years Harper has put the Smokey Mountain Region of PCA front and center with a great turnout of members and a widely varied selection of Porsche models.

Harper Auto Square hopes to see this Cars & Coffee Event continue deep into the future and hopes that the Porsche Club will continue to be there as well.



***The 2022 dates are: April 24, July 24, and October 23.***





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