



Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Happy March everyone! I drafted writing this message on the eve of departing for Amelia Island to attend Porsche Werks Reunion and the Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance. If you've never attended national events of this type, I encourage you to do so. Events such as this are a great way to celebrate the camaraderie of car enthusiasts from across the nation. While focused solely upon the Porsche marque, the Werks Reunion provides one with the opportunity to view a wide array of Porsches ranging from extremely rare classics to current models and everything in between the two spectrums. The Concours D'Elegance fields historically significant vehicles of all types. From Duesenburgs to the Porsche 917, the Concours has it all and has now become one of the world's top-tier motoring events.

Here locally, I am excited to announce to roll out of Smoky Mountain Region's Cars & Coffee (SMTC&C). Since membership is spread throughout Knoxville and the surrounding counties, this monthly event will be held on a rotating location basis. For March, SMTC&C was held on March 19th from 10 AM - 12 PM in Jefferson City at Lisa's Country Kitchen. Please thank Vic Rola for setting this up, we had about 20 cars and 30+ people attend. These informal events are designed as a time to socialize, talk all things Porsche and look at some great vehicles. Other locations in the north, south and west are being pursued.

Lastly, Spring Thing 2022 is right around the corner. Jamie and Rich, with support from Rebekah and Wendy are actively working the event details, securing sponsors and developing the activities. [Registration is open](#) so please don't delay in securing your spot. This will be Rich and Jamie's last year as chairs for this signature event. We need your help for 2023. In February, an email was sent to membership asking for volunteers to serve as the chair or co-chair. We must have someone to step up and volunteer. There are others that have served in this role before that can guide you the process. Not only will it fill a critical need, but it also allows one to interface with other club members and get to them better.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions for drives, socials, etc., please contact me at baughbob@yahoo.com.

Safe Travels, Bob

AMELIA ISLAND 2022

In early March, about a dozen Smoky Mountain members headed down to Florida for the [2022 Werks Reunion Amelia Island](#) and [Amelia Concours](#) for some fun in the sun, great cars, and good times. Most of us stayed at a neat little "Old Florida" beachside motel ([The Beachside](#)), sampled lots of local seafood, and saw some other sights.

Friday started off with the Werks Reunion, where most of us parked in the "Porsche Corral" and walked over to the display area. Some of us "competed" in the "Judged Competition" in the display area, which gave us a chance to show off our cars and hang out with the competitors. Pro Tip: For the extra 20 bucks, getting "judged" is worth it for the nicer parking, being in the thick of things, and not having to walk all the way from the Corral.



Saturday was the Cars and Community at Amelia, where a curated group of owners of beautiful collectible and exotic vehicles gather with like-minded enthusiasts on the

fairways for a cup or two of fresh coffee. Many wonderful cars were on display, vendors galore, and Porsche even brought out a GT4 RS.

Sunday was the Main Event, the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. This automotive charitable event held each year and is a beauty pageant for rare and elegant cars. Owners prep and primp their cars, and even dress up to match the car's period.

Overall, a good time was had, and many are making plans for 2023. See all the [pictures online](#) if you wish.

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

- Porsche Parade Phase II (Events) - April 6th at noon
 - Porsche Parade 2022 – June 12–18, 2022 at the KALAHARI RESORT in Pocono Manor, PA
- 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

- 3/19 – [SMTPCA Cars & Coffee](#)
- 3/24 – [March Social at Rarity Bay](#)
- 4/24– Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee
- May 20-22 – [SPRING THING!!](#) Get READY!!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The Newsletter Editor is NOT the only one who can write for Smoky Mountain Smoke Signals? If you want to write up a Driving Tour, report on a car event you attended, or even just share your knowledge, You Can! It's just a [click away to submit an article for publication!](#)



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.

FEBRUARY 2022

Kim C.	PCA's Test Drive program
Sankar L.	2008 911 Carrera
Tom C.	2013 911 Carrera

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

If you want to really take your Porsche through the paces, try a “High Performance Driver Education” event. Peachstate and Alabama Regions run some great PCA HPDEs at Road Atlanta and Barber. Click through to see their calendars.

- [The Peachstate Region DE Calendar](#)
- [The Alabama Region DE Calendar](#)

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.

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This month's PCA Junior Activity? [Get outdoors in Style!](#)



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PCA members make a difference in their community!

Porsche Club of America Regions create fantastic opportunities to give back and support many different aspects of their communities.

Every year across Porsche Club of America, members are making a difference with many amazing, heartwarming, and thoughtful acts of kindness. PCA is continually collecting stories of member's community contributions, and publishing articles for all to read in an effort to highlight what our club is doing and inspire other regions to help in their own way.

READ ALL OF THE HEART-WARMING MEMBER STORIES: www.pca.org/members-making-difference
OR SUBMIT YOUR REGION'S CONTRIBUTION: www.pca.org/contact-members-making-difference



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PARTING SHOT – **SPRING THING 2022!!**

The Smoky Mountain Region is once again hosting their signature event, the 2022 Spring Thing, the 46th edition. There is a lot planned for the **weekend of May 20-22**: a Concours d'Elegance, a Gimmick Rally, Driving Tours, an Autocross, an Awards Banquet, and social occasions to meet up with friends old and new. Again, we are at the amazing [Carnegie Hotel](#) in Johnson City, Tennessee. And as usual, we have ordered some excellent weather for that weekend.

In the years past, Spring Thing has been great social and Porsche-oriented event. Things kick off with the afternoon social on Friday, and the weekend is a whirlwind of fun and camaraderie after that. We end the weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway for the Autocross, and then all head home for some rest. **So if you have not registered yet, DO SO ASAP!!**

Check out last year's good times on the SMTPCA website. Here are The Pictures...

- [SPRING THING 2021 FRIDAY FUN](#)
- [SPRING THING 2021 CONCOURS AND DRIVES](#)
- [SPRING THING 2021 BANQUET](#)
- [SPRING THING 2021 AUTOCROSS RUNS](#)
- [SPRING THING 2021 AUTOCROSS AWARDS](#)
- And usual, [Lee Fowler's Report](#)

And a big hand to our Fearless "Soon to Retire" Spring Thing Chairs, Jamie and Rich, and their better halves, Rebekah and Wendy. This takes a bit of work to set up and run, it's a lot of fun to make it happen, and many pitch in to help because...

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And **[REMEMBER OUR SPONSORS](#)**, THEY HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!





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