



# 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 – May 2022

### FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Thus far in 2022 we have had some great events, including the Griot's Garage Car Care Clinic in early February, Cumberland Mountain State Park in late February, and the driving tour to Bush's Family Café in April. Throw in PCA Werks in Amelia Island in March along with a couple of Smoky Mountain Cars & Coffee events and one can easily see that we have a lot going on. Oh, and don't forget about our monthly socials, too! As I write this month's column, we are on the eve of [Spring Thing](#), our signature event of the year. The multi day event in Johnson City, Tennessee, is a combination of everything that defines us as a car club. On the schedule are socials, dinners, Concours, driving tours, gimmick rally, and of course an autocross.

Planning for the second half of the year is well underway. Recently announced was an [overnight driving tour to Banner Elk](#). We are pursuing some new and exciting events such as a Ladies Only Driving Tour! In addition, we will be having Porsches and Horses in November back at Red Heaven Ranch.

To not miss opportunities like these that I have just mentioned, please be on the watch for our email announcements and continue to watch our [Calendar of Events](#) on our website. As always, if you'd like to organize an event, whether it be a driving tour or social, please contact me at [baughbob@yahoo.com](mailto:baughbob@yahoo.com). We have a lot of experience with how to organize an execute events and stand ready and willing to assist you in case you do not have much experience managing an event. It's really not that hard and other members are here to help.

*Safe Travels, Bob*

### PORSCHE PARADE

[Porsche Parade 2022](#) – June 12–18, 2022 at the KALAHARI RESORT in Pocono Manor, PA

- Keep up with all the [National PCA events](#).

### EVENTS COMING UP: APR & MAY 2022

- 5/20-22 – [SPRING THING!!](#) Get READY!!
- Keep up with the details on the [SMTPCA Calendar](#).

### AUTOCROSS

The May dates are listed below and SCCA registration can be found on <http://www.motorsportreg.com/>

- May 22 - SMT Spring Thing @ Bristol
- May 29 - ETRSCCA 4 Smokies

### SPRING THING!!

[Spring Thing](#), our signature event of the year, is right around the corner, May 20-22. We'll meet up with friends old and new, have a Concours, Gimmick Rally, Driving Tour, Autocross, and eat, drink, and be merry. Take a [look at last years festivities](#) and get excited!



### CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF OAK RIDGE

The Smoky Mountain Region is now sponsoring camp scholarships for the [Children's Museum of Oak Ridge](#) (CMOR). CMOR is a hands-on museum of history, art, science, and culture for all ages as part of their "STEAM outreach" (STEM+Art). To kick off this relationship, we had an outing to the museum on Sunday May 15, 2022. We ceremoniously "passed the check", heard about how the scholarship funds will be used, had some cookies and soda, then toured the museum. Take a [peek at our trip](#).





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### NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

APRIL 2022 – Several Cabs this month... Spring is definitely in the air!

Don & Casey R	1971 914-6
Gabe J	1984 944
Edwin & Lilly R	2020 911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Carter B	1973 911S
Randy B	2011 911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Dan H	2007 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
Jeremy K	2017 718 Cayman S
Paul & Melissa R	1996 911 Carrera
Randy R	2009 Cayenne GTS
Jerry & Peggy S	2006 Cayman S

Say "Hi! How are you?" to our new members!

### HPDE EVENTS NEAR US

- [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. These are our future drivers and club members.

As they say: "It's not just the cars, it's the Young People!"

This month's PCA Junior Activity? [Racing Flags!!](#)

### PCA JUNIORS @ PARADE

"Parade Kids" is now "PCA Juniors @ Parade", and they are elevating the family experience at Porsche Parade to a whole new level. PCA Juniors @ Parade will keep the things your family loved about Parade Kids, such as the competitive events and Family Fun Night, but will also add activities and seminars for tweens and teens, a driving tour designed for families, Sim Racing challenges, and so much more. The [Kalahari Resort](#) will be an exciting destination for families.

For more information, visit the [Porsche Parade website](#).

### APRIL 2022 OUTINGS:

Driving Tour and Cars & Coffee, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

It was a busy weekend for the Smoky Mountain Region. Saturday had us on a Driving Tour east of Knoxville, travelling some scenic valley and ridge areas, and ending at the Bush Beans Visitor Center Cafe for a late lunch. Did you know you can really make pies from beans? You can!!



Sunday was Harper Auto Square's 10th Anniversary Cars & Coffee. As usual, PCA made a good showing with about 50 cars. We had to stack them like cordwood after a while. Funny Tidbit: one of the star attractions in the PCA Corral was a 1970 Karmann Ghia!





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### PARTING SHOT – Pike's Peak Hill Climb and Hoonigans?

With the 2022 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb [coming up this June 26](#), many entries are vying for a win in their class, and some are going for the overall title. One such entry, in a "Porsche" of sorts is THE Hoonigan, Ken Block. If you are not familiar with Mr. Block's Hoonigan Shenanigans, check [this out...](#) and [this...](#) and [this...](#) and [this](#). Let's just say he has "car control" down pat.

Ken's car of choice for the hill climb? Meet the "Hoonipigasus," the creation of [Hoonigan Racing Division](#) and [BBI Autosports](#). Like the past BBI Pikes Peak cars, it's a Porsche. Unlike those modified modern cars, this one is a ground-up creation resembling a vintage 911 but it's a mid-engined, AWD car boasting some 1400 horsepower from a 4.0-liter flat-six. Oh, and it weighs just 2200 pounds. And lots of aero to keep it shiny side up and on track.



The "Hoonipigasus" gets its name from the livery and Ken's namesake cars. It's a "Hoonigan" as well as a tribute to the 1971 917/20 known as the "Pink Pig." Ken will be chasing the all-time course record, 7:57.148 set by the all-electric Volkswagen I.D. R, but that is a pretty high bar: Good luck, Ken.



Details and some pix lovingly lifted from the [Road & Track article](#).



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