



# 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 – June 2022

### FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

As I write this month's column, we are now past Memorial Day and entering the prime summer driving months. Please take time to get out either with the Smoky Mountain Region or by yourself and enjoy our scenic and mostly curvy roads!

**Spring Thing 2022** is now in the books and I am certain that Matt will be providing a comprehensive summary in this edition of Smoke Signals (*Ed. - page 2 & "Parting Shot"*). I would like to again extend a thank you to everyone that had a hand in the preparation of this event. For 2022, our accommodations, meals, events and even the weather were great. Now work for 2023 begins and I am certain that it will also be a success!

Some may be wondering why we didn't announce socials or drives for the month of May. This was due to the fact that Spring Thing incorporated those events and more. Not to worry though, June will be back to "normal." In fact, our [June social](#) will be held at Pero's Bar & Grill in the Rocky Hill area on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, we are attempting to organize a driving tour on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. As soon as the plans are finalized, I will be sending out a flyer and information.

Back in April, Vaughn sent a "Save the Date" announcement regarding a two-day driving tour to Banner Elk, NC. We intentionally have not actively promoted this event due to Spring Thing. However, we now want to remind everyone of this event and encourage you to contact Vaughn Smith at [vgsmith1944@gmail.com](mailto:vgsmith1944@gmail.com) and get your name on the list. Our multi-day driving events are always popular. Please don't miss out. More information [is available online](#).

As always, 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. We can always use your help. If you'd like to help out with an event or even lead an event, please contact me at [baughbob@yahoo.com](mailto:baughbob@yahoo.com). It's not 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: SUMMER 2022

- [Porsche Parade](#) in the Poconos: June 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
- [June Social at Pero's](#): June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Harper Auto Square's [Cars & Coffee](#): July 24<sup>th</sup>
- Keep up with the details on the [SMTPCA Calendar](#)

### AUTOCROSS

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

- June 12 East TN SCCA #5 Bristol
- June 26 East TN SCCA #6 Bristol
- July 10 East TN #7 Smokies Park
- July 24 East TN #8 Bristol

### HPDE EVENTS NEAR US

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

### NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

#### MAY 2022

Jonathan B	2018 911 GT3
Brett E	2006 Boxster
James J	2002 911 Carrera 4S
Ron L	2008 Cayman S
Edward B	1999 911 Carrera
Dean & Jeanne H	2022 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
John F	2019 911 Targa 4S
Randy D	1973 911T

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

### 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? [A 356!](#)*

### 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



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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](#).

### MAY 2022 OUTINGS:

We reported on the Children's Museum outing last month, and other Big Event in May was...

### SPRING THING 2022

Another year, another grand time at Spring Thing. This regional event brought about 60 cars from all over the southeast to The Carnegie in Johnson City. We had perfect weather, a new event (Gimmick Rally), and the usual fun times and events.

Friday was registration for the 60 cars participating, followed by a Meet-n-Greet. Saturday morning was the Concours d'elegance followed in the afternoon by our first ever Gimmick Rally or led drive tours with Awards Banquet completing the evening. Sunday morning, we headed over to Bristol Motor Speedway for another awesome Autocross. The "Parting Shot" section has a sampling of pictures from the weekend, and many more are [online at our website](#).

### SPRING THING 2022 CONCOURS



This year Vic headed up the Concours d'elegance for us, and the competition was stiff. All that washing, vacuuming, and Q-Tipping paid off for some. Weather was nice and we had great cars show.

See all the pix and results [at the website](#).

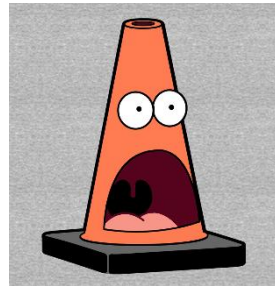
### SPRING THING 2022 DRIVING EVENTS

This year we replaced the TSD Rally with a Gimmick Rally, and we also had two led driving tours along The Snake and through some scenic beauty. The Gimmick Rally centered on finding 10 Barn Quilts and placing them in order, and also answering trivia questions about things seen on the route and local knowledge. It was Smoky Mountain's first Gimmick Rally and was well received by the participants, so we're doing it again next year!



### SPRING THING 2022 AUTOCROSS

- John McDermott



The May 22<sup>nd</sup> autocross was the culminating event at this year's Spring Thing. There were 26 entries this year. While the weather was threatening all day, everyone was able to get in enough runs to compete. The competition was tough all day! To highlight several results, Suzan Bowman had the FTD (Fastest

Time of the Day) in the women's class. Suzan also won her car class! Great job, hopefully more women will come and try autocross!

Many thanks to Rick Berry for leading the autocross event. While Rick was ensuring everyone was safe, he laid out a course which provided lots of opportunity to test your driving skills. This year, Rick was able to compete as well, and he drove hard and had the FTD within the men's class. Rick also won his car class beating out Jamie Parton by just .007 of a second (yes that is 7 one thousandths of a second!).

It was great to see some first timers there, too! Autocross is a great way to improve your driving skills while having a low chance of damaging your car. After all, how bad could it be to hit an orange plastic cone (ask me how I know)?

While the rain did end the event in a hurry, it was great fun with wonderful cars and an outstanding group of people. Full results and some pictures are [online at the website](#).

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## PCA Sim Racing: fun, competitive online racing versus members in all 14 Zones!

Ready to join us in PCA Sim Racing? The group is founded on the principles of gentlemen driver racing found in PCA Club Racing. If you are a beginner racing online this is a great place to start as we openly coach and mentor new drivers through our highly successful eDE Driver Education program. Races are broadcast live on YouTube with professional announcers.

JOIN US! <https://register-simracing.pca.org>

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://pcasimracing.com>



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### PARTING SHOT – SPRING THING 2022

Another one is on the books, and Jamie, Rebekah, Rich, and Wendy presented us with another winner of weekend. Again, great weather, great events, good friends, and good times. Many thanks to all that helped us out, and we look forward to seeing you and more again in 2023 back in Johnson City!

See all the Spring Thing pix [online at the website](#).



Figure 1 - Jamie and crew at Registration



Figure 2 - After Party!!



Figure 3 - Concours lineup



Figure 4 - Drive on The Snake



Figure 5 - Banquet Social



Figure 6 - AWARDS!!!



Figure 7 - More After Party



Figure 8 - Setting cones, Boss!



Figure 9 - And THEY'RE OFF!

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Keep up to date with all the latest - <http://smtpca.org/>



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