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FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Having been advised by our Editor to keep it short this month, I will be brief. In this column, I just want to take a moment to say thank you to all of membership for what each of you do to make this Region so great. Whether you are in the trenches with the organization of an event or simply participating in an event, it is your support that makes our activities a success.

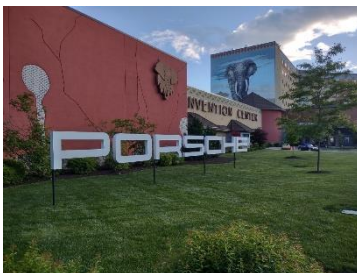
Continue to watch for email announcements of new events or access our [Facebook page](#) or [website](#) to stay in touch. Through year's end, we have a lot planned for everyone.

Safe Travels, Bob

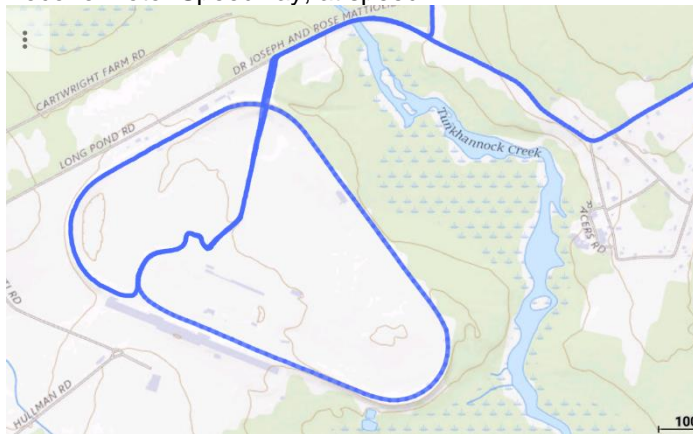
PORSCHE PARADE 2022 - Poconos

WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS!!!

Three Smoky Mountain Porsches went north to the Poconos for this year's Parade, and that event is back into full swing now! There was strong representation by us in the events, and this year featured a great PCA Juniors program, and a Concours emphasis on "Safari." The resort is huge, and we took over the conference center, but still had time to go play in the waterpark (one Porsche couple even broke the Anaconda water slide via excessive speed!).



And this year's Porsche Parade included a lap on the Pocono Motor Speedway, at speed!



The cars were beautiful, the company was great, the venue was amaaaaazing, and a good time was had by all. Some

pictures are in this month's "Parting Shot." Check out the [website picture pages](#), organized by day, and enjoy. Remember to "Save the Dates" for 2023 and 2024.

And we represented well in competition:

- Rich M.: 4th in Class, Autocross
- Travis M.: 2nd in Class, Autocross
- Teresa & Matt F.: 9th in Gimmick Rally
- Smoky Mountain Region: 2022 Public Service Award!!

NATIONAL/ZONE EVENTS COMING UP

- [RennFest 2022](#): Sept. 2-5, Brasstown Valley Resort
- [Porsche Parade 2023](#): June 18-24, Palm Springs, CA
- Porsche Parade 2024: June 09-15, Birmingham, AL
- Keep up with all the [National PCA events](#)

EVENTS COMING UP: SUMMER 2022

- July Social at Blue Tick Tavern: July 14th
- [Mini Cars & Coffee](#), Ugly Mug, Lenoir City: July 16
- Quarterly Board Meeting: July 16th
- Harper Auto Square's [Cars & Coffee](#): July 24th
- [SUV Driving Tour](#): Catoosa WMA & Lilly Pad Hopyard Brewery: July 30th
- Keep up with the details on the [SMTPCA Calendar](#)

AUTOCROSS

- John McDermott

While the turnout was a bit lighter than normal, the competition has remained tough. June 12th SCCA event in Bristol had Jamie Parton from the SMTPCA and Carl Justice representing Wilderness Trail participating. They represented the Porsche marquee extremely well. Jamie won his class, with Carl coming in second. In the overall time rankings Jamie was 15th and Carl 31st out of 70 cars! The assortment of cars is very broad, and the competition is tough: many are competing nationally. Dave Yoder competing with his Fiat 500 Abarth came in second in his class, being only 0.183 of a second off first place!

June 26th brought another SCCA event at Bristol. Jamie continued his winning ways in the Super Street class. Pending no one winning the next five events (which this author is very doubtful that will happen), Jamie will win the Super Street class for the year! Rusty Little, driving his 2000 Boxster performed great in a tough C Street class, coming in third. Dave came out strong winning his class by over 3 seconds. There are many upcoming SCCA events and registration can be found on www.motorsportreg.com.



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HPDE EVENTS NEAR US

- John McDermott

The Father's Day HPDE event at Barber was great time and the drivers had fun, with six people from the Smoky Mountain Region and 1 from the Wilderness Trail Region. The temperatures were hot and so were the laps! Rick Berry along with his Cayman GT4 provided home base with his motor home. This was great as it provided shade, air conditioning and a place to rest between runs. During these events, they classify you by capability/experience. Beginning with Group 1, who are the novices and have instructors in their cars for every session. Speaking from personal experience, this is a wonderful way to learn about the track, your car, and even more so, about yourself. Jamie Parton, Bo Whaley, and John McDermott were in Group 1, Todd Sutton was in Group 2 (you drive solo), Rick Berry Group 3 (experienced without being instructors), and Ken Cowin in Group 4 (the instructors' group).

During the two days everyone had the opportunity to drive four sessions a day, about 30 minutes each. As a bonus, Rick and Ken had the opportunity to drive for an hour, as they combined Groups 3 and 4 in the last session on Sunday. There was a time where Rick was the only one on the track.

Carl Justice, from the Wilderness Trail Region, did a great job. Carl did so well, he was evaluated on day two and graduated to Group 2! There are several others of this group who were slated to be evaluated, however time did not allow. These folks should be able to be evaluated and cleared for Group 2 during the next event.

If you are interested in High Performance Driving Education, there are numerous sources that conduct these events. Check out the Peachtree Region and Alabama Region for their schedule.

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

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

JUNE 2022 - Say "Hi! How are you?" to our new members!

Marc & Bonnie W	2008 911 Carrera 4S
Mark & Wymberly S	2014 911 GT3
Mark D	2016 Cayman GT4
Jerry W	1989 944 Turbo
Bill & Susan C	2015 911 Carrera 4S
Clyne & Evelyn C	2002 Boxster
Jonathan W	2014 911 Carrera S
James W	2008 Boxster S

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?](#) An exclusive coloring page by illustrator Fireball Tim. Print out the page by clicking the link and ask your PCA Junior to color the Porsche Taycan.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF OAK RIDGE

As we are now sponsoring this Children's Museum also, we made a journey there last month to present our sponsorship and tour the facility. They were most appreciative, and it was a neat visit. In our usual PCA National section of the newsletter is the "Thank You!" letter they sent.

JUNE 2022 OUTINGS:

Well, Parade 2022 mostly...



But we also had a Driving Tour to Kingswood Children's Home on the 28th. Our June Monthly Social was at Pero's Bar & Grill, and we had about 50 club members show, many new faces too! And a soon to be "new to someone there" yellow Targa was on display as well.

SPRING THING 2023

With another version of our signature event on the books it is time to start planning for the next one. From a project management viewpoint, this event is fairly "turnkey," just a matter of pulling the levers and pushing the buttons at the right time.

If you like throwing a party for 120+ of your closest Porsche Friends using OPM (Other Peoples' Money), this is one great party to throw. If you (and others) are interested in making this happen, [let Bob know](#). There are plenty of folks here that have done it before to help out.



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June 6, 2022

Robert Baugh
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Dear Robert,

This is a heart-felt thank you for the Club's generous donation of \$2000 to the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge. Given this time of economic uncertainty, when so many organizations are asking for support, your donation means more than ever. We are very grateful that the Club chose to help the Museum.

At the Club's request, your donation will be used for 10 scholarships for low income children to attend our Imagination Station Camp program. With this investment, you help insure that we continue to carry out our mission to enrich and improve the lives of at risk children in our community.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff, thank you for your support!

Best wishes,

Beth Shea
Executive Director

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PARTING SHOT – PARADE 2022, KALAHARI RESORT, Poconos

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