



Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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

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FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

I hope that you are all having a great summer and enjoying your P-Cars on the many curvy roads in our neck of the woods. We are continuing to develop and sponsor great events. Given that Covid apparently plans to be part of our everyday lives, we have adapted our event process to be able to make them as safe as possible for everyone, so please come out and join us!

July was a fantastic month for the club as we were able to have 4 events for everyone to enjoy. Those included one of our informal Cars & Coffee in Lenoir City, a great social at Bluetick Tavern in Maryville, the large Cars & Coffee sponsored by Harper's Porsche, and finally our very first SUV driving tour to the Lilly Pad Hopyard & Brewery.

August and September promise to continue the summer momentum. We just had our monthly Cars & Coffee event at Beaver Dough-Joe's in Karns coupled with a nearby visit to Rick & Janis Berry's Eurotech Knoxville, and coming up are our monthly social at Dead End BBQ in Knoxville, a 2-night overnight driving tour to Banner Elk, Sports Car Together Fest at Harper's Porsche, and finally a large Open House back at Eurotech Knoxville.

As usual, I invite you to participate in planning events for our future. Our 100% volunteer-run club can use your energy and enthusiasm. If you'd like to help out, but really don't know where to start please reach out to me directly. As a club member, your involvement is truly appreciated and is a lot easier than you might think. Getting involved means you'll get to know your fellow club members better and makes the entire Smoky Mountain Region PCA that much richer.

In closing, continue to watch for email announcements of new events, access our Facebook page, or website to stay in touch. Through year's end, we have a lot planned for everyone.

Safe Travels, Bob

NATIONAL/ZONE EVENTS COMING UP

- [RennFest 2022](#): Sept. 2-5, Brasstown Valley Resort
- [Treffen Bend](#): Sept 14-18, Bend, Oregon
- [Drive Your Porsche Day](#): Sept 19, Ferry's Birthday
- [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 & FALL 2022

- Aug 13 – [Region Cars & Coffee](#), Beaver's Dough-Joe
- Aug 16 – [Monthly Social](#) at Dead End BBQ
- Aug 19-21 – [Overnight Driving Tour](#) to Banner Elk, NC
- Aug 20 – [Sports Car Together Fest](#) at Harper Porsche
- Aug 20 – [Open House](#) at Eurotech Knoxville
- Sep 10 - [Ladies' Driving Tour](#) to Asheville, NC
- Oct 8 – Devil's Triangle/Brushy Mountain Driving Tour
- Oct 22-23 – Murphy, NC Driving Tour/Potluck Dinner
- Keep up with the details on the [SMTPCA Calendar](#)

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Jeff & Lorrie F	2017 911 Carrera
Jeff W	1969 912
Dennis K	2014 911 Carrera 4S
Greg W	2022 718 Boxster GTS 4.0
Joel & Lynette	2022 Macan S
Scott B & Chelsey	2014 Cayman S
Edward T	2011 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Peter R	2015 911 Carrera

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!"

There are Social Media accounts for PCA Juniors to check out as well. Try [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

HPDE EVENTS NEAR US

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

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF OAK RIDGE



Charitable Fund donations collected during our driving tours have been used to sponsor scholarships so that disadvantaged children may attend summer camp at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge (CMOR). CMOR provided a few pictures of children who received scholarships from the club having some fun



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at the summer camp. Below is a shot from "Wonderful Wednesday," where a local pediatric dental practice and the Tooth Fairy visited CMOR. Thanks to all that give during our driving tours – every donation makes a difference!



JULY 2022 OUTINGS:



July was hopping with club activity. On the 16th we had an Informal Cars & Coffee at The Ugly Mug in Lenoir City, then on the 14th our Monthly Social was at Blue Tick Tavern in Maryville. Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee

was on the 24th, a big hit as usual.

Then on the 30th we had our first ever SUV Driving Tour, winding through the Catoosa WMA and on to Lilly Pad Hopyard Brewery as our final destination.



LADIES DAY DRIVING TOUR, ASHEVILLE

People have been asking, so Teresa is delivering! Set for Saturday, September 10th from ~9:30 am to ~3:30 pm the Smoky Mountain Region's First (in recent history) Ladies Only Driving Tour will drive to and from Asheville, NC.

We'll be enjoying a bring your own Picnic Lunch at the French Broad River Park Gazebo followed by shopping time in downtown Asheville. Please mark your calendars (LADIES ONLY...) for our adventure:

- ~4 to 5 hour round trip drive time
- ~1 hour picnic lunch at French Broad River Park
- 1+ hour shopping in downtown Asheville
- Back with ample time for evening obligations
- Official drive ends in Asheville, but we can return as a group if preferred
- Optional \$10 donation to SMTPCA charity fund

The departure location is being finalized and the departure time is subject to change +/- 30 mins.

RSVP to Teresa Fischer, teresafischer@comcast.net, by September 4th. Please feel free to invite a female friend.

SPRING THING 2023

Shhhh... We have something in the works!!

(Oh boy, Oh boy, Oh boy, Oh boy!)

LOCAL GIRL MAKES NATIONAL NEWS

At Parade this summer a local couple took a drive to [Steamtown](#) and were surprised to find one of the largest steamers ever produced: [UP Big Boy No. 4012](#). What started out as "Jeez, another train museum, really?!?" turned into a grand time had by all. She even made the Panorama "News from the Regions".



▲ "Teresa Fischer of the Smoky Mountain Region, driving her Midnight Blue Metallic 2009 Boxster, sized up the Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4012 at the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on one of the Parade Destination Drives. The 'Big Boys' were the largest steam locomotives ever built."

—MATT FISCHER
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PARTING SHOT – Fun at the Porsche Track Experience, Barber Motorsports Park

The [Porsche Track Experience](#) (PTX) is the official US driving school of Porsche, and is a learning by doing and skills practicing program, located within the [Barber Motorsports Park](#) in Birmingham, AL. From the basics of vehicle control to applying for a racing license, they can provide all the training. The track at Barber Motorsports Park is a true racing circuit, a 2.38 mile, 16 turn course that features a wide variety of challenging turns and elevation changes. In addition, there are offroad courses, autocross tracks, slick tracks, all manner of venues to learn car control and racing skills.

The PTX operates the school over 160 days a year at Barber, and twice a year they host Porsche Dealership guests for a day of skills practice in many venues and many different Porsches. Track laps, ride along hot laps, skid pad, at speed lane changes, autocross, offroad, and a complimentary chiropractic adjustment (ride along Launch Control pass in a Turbo 4S). This is a customer “thank you” from the dealers, and “sampler platter” promotion for the PTX. This month Harper Porsche took a few PCA member customers along and showed them a good time at Barber! Thank you, Harper Porsche!



We even got a brief tour of the [Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum](#), and we only got a “talking to” twice!



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