

PORSCHE Club of America

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

Smoke Signals - The Newsletter of the Smoky Mountain Region - SEPTEMBER 2022

FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Well, an extremely busy August is now in the books. However, please don't even begin to think about storing those sporty cars just yet as the fall promises to bring more fun events for us to enjoy!

August turned out to be a month where members had to pick and choose which events to attend. We had a great turnout for our monthly <u>Cars & Coffee at Beaver Dough-Joe's</u>. The same goes for our social at Dead End BBQ. It has been several years since we had been there, but the food and beverages were as good as always. Rick and Janis hosted a couple of events for us. First was an extension to our monthly Cars & Coffee. Since Eurotech is only a short distance from Beaver Dough-Joe's, we simply drove down to their shop and continued car talk! They also hosted an open house later in the month for both the Smoky Mountain and Wilderness Trail Regions. Harper's Porsche hosted a Sports Car Together Fest that was well attended. Lastly, thanks to Vaughn and Louise's attention to detail, the <u>two-night driving tour to Banner Elk</u> was over the top!

September and beyond brings more events for us! At the time of this writing, many ladies are needing their cars washed from having driven them on our first and hopefully not last Ladies-Only driving tour to Asheville, NC. Speaking of washing cars, we had a Tech Session at Harper's Auto Wash on Alcoa Hwy in September. In addition, we had our monthly social Tuesday, September 20th at Cheers at Choto: we took over the deck over the marina! Lastly, thanks to Vic Rola, we have our monthly <u>Cars & Coffee scheduled for Saturday, September 24th</u> at Linda's Country Kitchen in Jefferson City.

Looking into the fall, serious planning is underway for Porsches & Horses in November. For all those that enjoyed the excellent BBQ prepared by Ken Collins, he has been invited back. Lots more to come on this special event for our new members in the upcoming weeks.

These events are organized for each of you! Our goal is offer a variety of get togethers so that you can pick and choose which ones to attend. Of course, you're more than welcome to attend all! Fall also is the time to assemble the nominating committee and prepare for our upcoming election. If you would like to step up to serve in an elected capacity, please contact me and I will forward your name to the committee. If you are contacted by someone on the committee, please give serious consideration to serving. I am so proud of this Region, it's history and what the future holds for it.

As always, continue to watch for email announcements of new events or access our Facebook page or website to stay in touch. We still have a lot planned for everyone. Safe Travels, Bob

NATIONAL/ZONE EVENTS COMING UP

- Porsche Parade 2023: June 18-24, Palm Springs, CA
- Porsche Parade 2024: June 09-15, Birmingham, AL
- Keep up with all the <u>National PCA events</u>

EVENTS COMING UP: FALL 2022

- Sept 24 <u>SMT Cars & Coffee</u>, Lisa's Country Kitchen
- Oct 8 <u>Devil's Triangle/Brushy Mountain</u> Driving Tour
- Oct 22-23 <u>Murphy, NC Driving Tour/Potluck Dinner</u>
- Nov 5 Porsches & Horses at Red Heaven Ranch
- Nov ? Third Annual Turkeys in the Trunk
- Dec 09 Christmas Party at <u>Gettysvue Country Club</u>
- Keep up with the details on the <u>SMTPCA Calendar</u>

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

AUGUST 2022 - Say "H	<i>Ii! How are you?" to new members!</i>		
Drett S	2006 Cayman S		
Matthew C	Test Drive Member		
Matthew & Stephanie A	2022 Macan GTS		
Stewart E	2015 Boxster S		
Tina M	2007 Cayman		
Stephen & Joanna W	1973 911T		
Mark C	2019 Panamera 4		
Don D	2006 911 Carrera 4S Cab		
Jens M	2018 911 Carrera		

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS... WE HAVE A NEW NAME TAG PROCESS!

Now each member orders directly from the vendor, saving the club from having to get a "minimum batch" queued up. Check this page at our website and order away!





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JUNIOR DRIVERS



The <u>PCA Juniors program</u> 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 <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>!

HPDE EVENTS NEAR US

- The Peachstate Region DE Calendar
- The Alabama Region DE Calendar

AUGUST 2022 OUTINGS:

August was another busy month, chock full of club fun. On the 13th we had another *Region Cars & Coffee*, this time at <u>Beaver's Dough-Joe</u> in Karns. About 50 cars showed up (WOWZA!!), even a few "not Porsches" (Porsche... Ferrari... They both have horses on the logo!), and we also welcomed a number of new folks. "Newest to the club" goes to a 73 911, they have been here TWO DAYS and already attending club events. See all the pix online.



August 16 was our Monthly Social at Dead End BBQ, and another room filler that was. Forty or so members came and mingled, wined, and dined.

Then the following weekend (19-21) was our Overnight Driving Tour to Banner Elk, NC. Twenty cars showed up and we drove on many Tennessee and North Carolina roads, took a hike, socialized and dined, and had a great time overall. Thanks to Vaughn and Louise for their great effort to set this up, and to all that helped.



August finished up with a Twofer on Saturday the 20th, with the *Sports Car Together Fest* at Harper Porsche in the morning, followed by an *Open House* at Eurotech Knoxville (with Wilderness Trail) after that. Many cars, many folks, much fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS... In Detail

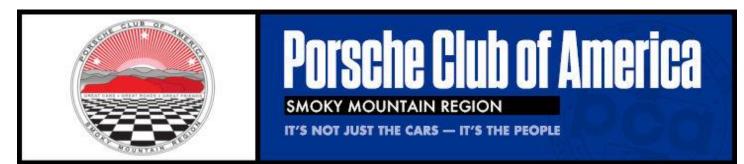
October 8 is a Driving Tour on the Devil's Triangle to Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary for a lunch and tour. After lunch and the tour, for those who would like to continue a drive in the area, we have more driving planned. See the <u>online flyer</u> for all the details.

October 22-23 is an overnight Driving Tour and Potluck Dinner to Murphy NC. The Woontners and Fischers happen to own side-by-side mountaintop cabins there and will host a potluck soiree there. Starting with a led driving tour to the cabins on some of East Tennessee's and West North Carolina's gorgeous roads, ending at Murphy. Then we'll check-in as needed, socialize and prep/warm up the side dishes and sit down for dinner at the Woontners. After that, dessert at the Fischers. Return options include heading back home after dinner, or DIY hotel arrangements and a led tour home on Sunday morning. Details are online.

SPRING THING 2023

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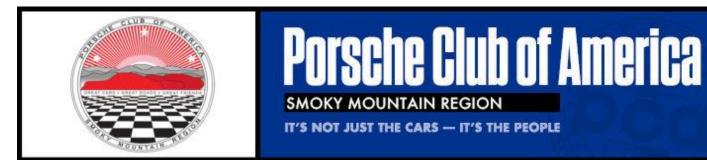
Hang out with PCA on social media

In addition to the huge regional social media presence, the club is active at the National level, too. Join us for our daily posts on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>. We bring you the inside scoop at PCA and Porsche events, auto shows, road tests, Porsche Panorama video and photoshoots, and more.

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PARTING SHOT – The Pink Pig

It's pink, has a tail and a snout: The 917/20 coupé does not get its nickname for nothing. The Porsche 917/20 takes a special place among the various 917 versions. It remains a unique one-off. Porsche engineers together with the French company SERA undertook the attempt to combine the advantages of the short and long tail 917. Its body was extremely wide and it had extremely rounded wheel cut-outs. As the track width remained unchanged, the wheels were hidden deeply in the wheel housings. The nose was equally low and flat like that of the new long-tail coupé, but shorter.



But the best part was the fanciful paintwork which let the 917/20 go down in Porsche history as the "Pink Pig", "Big Berta" or even "Truffle Hunter". Porsche designer Anatole Lapine decided in favor of the pink body color and labelled each of the body parts according to the butcher-style cuts. Porsche caused a sensation at Le Mans 1971 with the Pink Pig. It was the fastest car during the pre-race qualification session, although it was totally untested. But during the main race, the 917/20 running in fifth position dropped out shortly before the end due to an accident.

And *The Truffle Hunter* lives on today!! Porsche embraced this in <u>modern one-offs</u>, <u>Gunner's 944</u> is a car show favorite, and Kelly Telfer, the <u>resident PCA Artist is all in</u>!!



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