



# 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 – JANUARY 2023

### FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Well, a very Happy New Year to all members of the Smoky Mountain Region. I really love this time of year as it signals a time for a new beginning. I am honored that you elected me for another 2-year term as President. Additionally, the election results have yielded a great executive board and I look forward to working with them to generate new and exciting events for you. A special thanks to our outgoing officers for their hard work and time expended making the Smoky Mountain Region such a special club. Those include Teresa Fischer, Penne Baugh, Janis Berry and Bob Logazino.

In hindsight, 2022 was a great year for us. During the course of the year, we accomplished the following:

- Growth – we had a net increase in membership of 42 new members (7% growth)
- Charity – Some \$12,025 raised in charitable donations!
- Turkeys in the Trunk – 1559 pounds of food collected and \$2,900 in cash contributions made to the Salvation Army and KARM. In 6 years, Turkeys in the Trunk has collected some 6.7 tons of food and \$16,525!
- Charities Supported – Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, Kingswood Home for Children, KARM and the Salvation Army
- Recipient of the PCA National Public Service Award. Out of 147 Regions, Smoky Mountain was selected!
- Driving Tours – We conducted 12 driving tours plus a Gimmick Rally. Overall, we toured some 1,750 miles and 196 cars participated over the course of the year! We saw our first ever Ladies Only driving tour and our first SUV Only tour.
- Socials – We held 12 socials and averaged about 50 people at each social. Porsches & Horses had over 100 people in attendance.
- Informal Cars & Coffee – New in 2022, we held 6 such events through Knox and the surrounding counties with about 22 cars participating at each event.
- Spring Thing 2022 was a huge success as always.

Clearly, we are a vibrant and active club and one that is making a positive difference to those less fortunate in our communities.

What does [2023 have in store](#)? Well, we are meeting on January 21st to plan for 2023. I have had several members offer suggestions and I would love to hear more ideas from you. Please shoot me an email at [baughbob@yahoo.com](mailto:baughbob@yahoo.com) with those ideas for socials, driving destinations, charity events, etc.

Let's all work together to make 2023 an even better year than 2022. As always, we can use your help in planning socials, leading drives, committee support, etc. If you have interested in becoming involved in 2023, please give me a shout.

Safe travels, Bob

### WHAT IS IN STORE FOR 2023?

There are many things in the works.

- [Spring Thing 2023](#), BACK at The General Morgan
- [Porsche Parade 2023](#), Palm Springs, CA. [Phase I Registration](#) starts February 1, 2023, at Noon, SHARP!
- Driving Tours and Cars & Coffees & Socials, oh my!
- And so many other things... [Please bring your ideas!](#)

Please help out where you can. Planning socials, running Driving Tours, or just working a corner at an Autocross.

*Truly, It's not just the cars, it's the people...*

### SPRING THING 2023 – March 24-26, 2023

- **WHAT:** A Porsche weekend with a Concours, Driving Tour or Gimmick Rally, and Autocross
- **WHERE:** [The General Morgan Inn](#), Greeneville TN (about 1.5 hours NE of Knoxville)
- **WHO:** Smoky Mountain Region and other Southeastern regions of the PCA
- **HOW:** Register ONLINE at <https://www.motorsportreg.com>
- **HOTEL:** Call the Hotel, 1-423-787-1000, Front Desk. 50 rooms are blocked off, at \$145/night, under "Porsche Club"
- **DEADLINE** for event registration is March 17, 2023; **DEADLINE** for hotel reservations is February 24, 2023
- **HOW MUCH?** \$220 for two-persons or \$140 for a single (+hotel). Includes the Friday reception, Saturday Concours, Saturday lunch, the Driving tour or Gimmick Rally, Saturday Banquet, and Sunday Autocross.

Check out Spring Things Past! [Spring Thing 2022](#) [Spring Thing 2021](#) [Spring Thing 2019](#) [Spring Thing 2018](#)

### RUNNING FAST

The 2023 Driver's Education and SCCA Autocross calendars are coming together, so if one is so inclined to scuff those tires a little, here are some opportunities.

#### Alabama Region PCA Driver's Education

- 04/01/23 – Barber Motorsports Park - [Register](#)
- 06/17/23 – Barber Motorsports Park - [Register](#)
- 09/23/23 – Barber Motorsports Park - [Register](#)
- 12/09/23 – Barber Motorsports Park - [Register](#)



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### Peachstate Region PCA Driver's Education

- 02/18/23 – Atlanta Motorsports Park, GA- [Register](#)
- 04/14/23 – Road Atlanta, GA- [Register](#)
- 06/03/23 – Road Atlanta, GA- [Register](#)
- 09/29/23 – Road Atlanta, GA- [Register](#)

### East Tennessee Region SCCA Events

- March 4-5 - TnT Event 1 - Bristol
- April-23 - Event 2 - Kodak
- May 13-14 - Evo School - Event 3 - Bristol
- June 3-4 - Mopar event - Event 4 - Bristol
- June 24-25 - TnT Event 5 - Bristol
- July 29-30 - ETR school Event 6 - Bristol
- August-23 - Event 7 - Kodak
- Sept 23-24 - Starting Line School - Event 8 - Bristol
- Oct 21-22 - TBD - Event 9 - Bristol

[Their website](#) will have more details shortly.

### NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

Dec 2022 - Say "Hi!" to our new members!

Jeff B                   2011 911 Carrera S Cab  
 John P                 2008 911 Carrera  
 Daniel P              2007 911 Carrera  
 Ameet S              2015 911 Turbo S Cabriolet  
 Gregory H            2023 Macan  
 Tracey & Robert Q   2004 911 Targa  
 Travis M             One of our former "Juniors" transferred out to start a career and adult membership up north!

### SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

Need a Name Tag? Check [the website](#) and order away!



### CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022



We rounded out 2022 with the Region PCA Christmas Party at The Club at Gettysvue on December 9. We had an excellent turnout and started it all with libations and appetizers.

After mingling a bit, we then had a nice buffet. This year's party we had a great turnout, about 65 members showed up. Thanks to all that came out, to all that helped, and to all that helped throughout the year to make this happen. Check out all the fun [on the website](#).

### 2023 REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It is with pleasure we present the election results for the 2023 Smoky Mountain Region [Executive Committee](#).

- President - Bob Baugh
- Vice President - Todd Sutton
- Secretary - Steve Franklin
- Treasurer - John McDermott
- Director - Lisa Doseck
- Director - Louise Harrison
- Director - Michael Ishmael
- Past President - Vaughn Smith

Many thanks to those members who served on the Nominations Committee: Clyde Peery, Rich Neubauer and Vaughn Smith for their time and hard work in this task. And many thanks to our retiring Board members:

- Teresa Fischer (VP)
- Penne Baugh (Secretary)
- Bob Logazino (Director)
- Janis Berry (Director)
- Todd Sutton (Director, now VP)

On behalf of the 2023 Board, we look forward to serving our members in the upcoming year and will strive to provide new and exciting events for you!



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**PARTING SHOT – My Christmas gift for 2022 – Harvey Goranson**



For Christmas this past year I received from my kids an art print I have been eyeing for at least a year. Produced by The Automoblist, the title is “Piggyback – Porsche 917K – 24 Hours of Le Mans – 1971”. In the image are three Porsche 917s. Count Gregorio Rossi di Montelera had purchased the 1970 Salzburg team cars and re-liveried them. The Martini car No. 22 (Chassis 917-053) driven by the team of Helmut Marko and Gijs van Lennep, took 1<sup>st</sup> place at 397 laps. The J. W. Automotive team was favored to win, with a strong driver lineup and four victories prior to this race. But the Gulf car No. 19 (Chassis 917-026/031), piloted by Richard Attwood (who won in 1970) and Herbert Müller, had to settle for 2nd at 395 laps. The winning car set a new record, which stood until Audi’s win in 2010.

Despite the record-setting pace and top two finishes, these Gulf and Martini cars did not garner the press that the No. 23 car did. Chassis 917/20-001 was built as a test-bed for future Can-Am parts and aerodynamic low-drag concepts. Shorter and much wider than the 917K, it was designed and tested by Robert Choulet and the SERA wind tunnel, after their other work on the 917. Nicknamed “Pink Pig”, it was driven by Reinhold Joest and Willi Kauhsen. Martini, who had a 917L in a wild psychedelic paint job in 1970, had the wide car painted pink and decorated with meat carving lines like you might see at a butcher, with the cuts of meat written on the bodywork. During the race (and following a cooling fan repair) the No. 23 car had moved back up to third. Joest found he had no brakes approaching Arnage. He used the escape road and crashed in the wee hours of the morning, resulting in a DNF.

As a brand, Porsche dominated Le Mans that year representing more than half of the entries and taking 10 of the 13 finishes, so it’s odd that one of their failures dominated the headlines.

The Automoblist takes a unique approach to automotive art, combining photography and computer graphics to recreate moments in motor history from a different perspective. An average of 1000 hours is devoted to a single vehicle. A 3D image may involve two to three months, with a team of 8 individuals, and numerous cast and crew members. My print is a limited



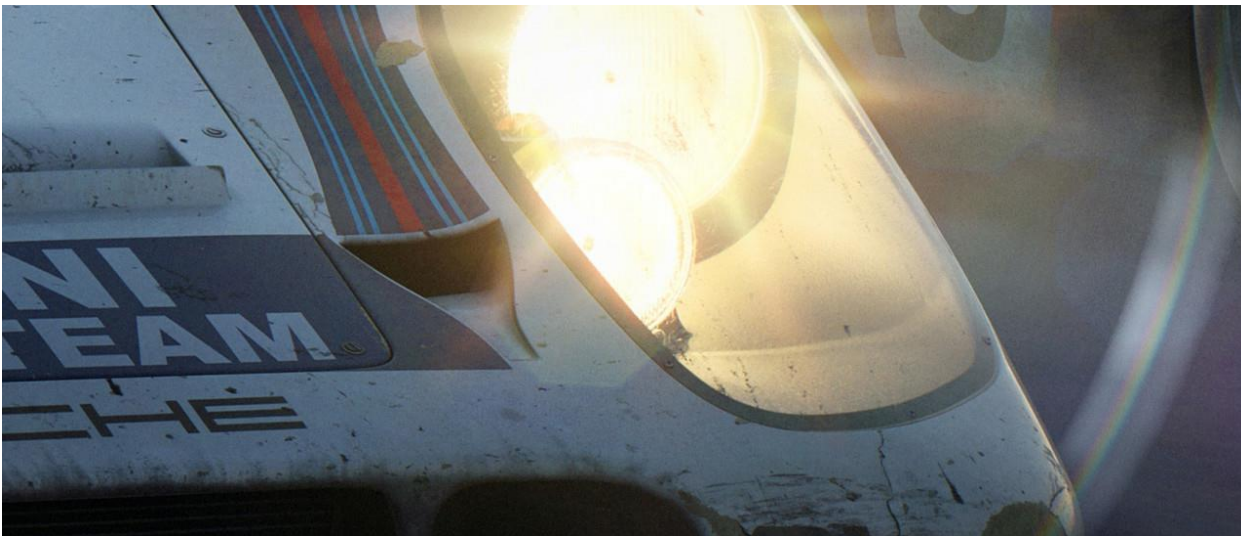
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issue of 150, and two larger editions are already sold out. Check out these images from their website, which gives an idea of the process and the lengths gone to for complete accuracy.



Note the subtle muted tones of dusk at “Les Hundieres”, with the last hints of color on the cars showing through the dim light. The details on the cars are excellent, including the race grime collected. The surroundings are just slightly out-of-focus, accentuating the speed of the cars. The distant sunset competes with the piercing yellow-white of the Marchal headlamps.



As those of you who know me might guess, I have 1:43 scale models of all three cars.

- Harv



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