



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

April showers have brought new green to the hills of East Tennessee. Personally, there's nothing better than seeing the forests, shrubs & lawns green with fresh growth along with all the flowers coming into bloom. This certainly paints a great backdrop for our events.

May brings us longer and warmer days, so we ran great backroads tour last Sunday (was Saturday but the weather did not cooperate), back at a nice spot for lunch. We have more drives planned, so keep in tune.

Our 2023 schedule of events is really starting to come together. Our monthly socials for the remainder of 2023 have now been reserved thanks to the efforts of Kathy Moreno. As mentioned above, we had a driving tour scheduled for May. In June, we have another fun tour planned to Nashville to visit the Lane Motor Museum on June 24th. Rich McGowan is at the helm for this tour and he is busy working the details. Looking beyond, we have a member that's in the early stages of planning a driving tour in July that will end at Flatrock Motorsports Park to hear and see how construction is progressing.

Another member is working hard to bring autocross back to Knoxville and we tentatively have three dates in September, October and November scheduled. Teaser? Yes, certainly! More information on this exciting twist will be forthcoming. Of course our monthly Cars & Coffee (C&C) get togethers are back in full swing. By the time of this issue, our C&C in Maryville will have occurred and we will be heading to Lenoir City for the June C&C.

As one can easily see, we are an active club. All of this is only possible through the efforts of our members who have graciously volunteered their time. This year, I've had both tenured and new members step up to volunteer to organize and lead an event. It goes without saying that I am extremely grateful that these folks are helping. With more help, comes bright and fresh ideas. That's what makes Smoky Mountain Region PCA so special.

I, along with the Board, always appreciates your input, so please volunteer both your interests and your time. I hope to see you soon at one of our fun events!

*Safe travels,
Bob*

THINGS ON THE HORIZON

Our new Rip Roaring Social Committee (Thanks Kathy!) has put it in high gear, and planned most of the rest of the year. Many other events are on the calendar as well.

- 6/10 - [Porsche's 75th Anniversary](#) at Harper
- 6/18-24 [Porsche Parade 2023](#), Palm Springs, CA
- 6/20 – Social at [Tellico Village Tugaloo Beach](#)
- 6/24 – [Overnight Driving Tour](#), Nashville
- 7/20 – Social at Harper Porsche
- [Please bring your ideas!](#)

More details forthcoming, so [keep an eye on the calendar](#). Please help 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...

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

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

Peachstate Region PCA Driver's Education

- 06/03/23 – Road Atlanta, GA- [Register](#)
- 09/29/23 – Road Atlanta, GA- [Register](#)

East Tennessee Region SCCA Events

- June 3-4 – Mopar 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.

SPEAKING OF AUTOCROSS...

We have secured an Autocross site in Knoxville for 2023. As the details are being ironed out, the exact location is TBA. This will be closer to most of the club members, and conducive to a good event. The dates are:

- September 17, 2023: Stand-alone Autocross
- October 8, 2023: Stand-alone Autocross
- November 12, 2023: Autocross in conjunction with a possible Fall Fest.



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The November event will be a Fall fest kind of setup, possibly a drive and dinner on the 11th, Autocross on the 12th. These will be normal autocrosses with morning and afternoon sessions, about six runs each.

GET YOUR TIRES SCUFFED AND READY TO GO!!

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Curtis & Karen O.	2007 911 Targa 4S
Matthew D.	2000 Boxster S
Craig R.	2011 Boxster S
William P.	2023 Macan
Clay S.	2004 911 40th Anniversary
Michael M.	1974 914 1.8
James & Nancy W.	2004 911 Carrera 4S Cab

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



DID YOU KNOW...

Porsche will be [75 years old this year](#)? It all started with a dream of Ferry Porsche's... "In the beginning, I looked around and could not find quite the car I dreamed of, so I decided to build it myself." There will be various events Celebrating 75 Years around the world.

A local event at [Harper Porsche will be on June 10th](#), 8am – 12pm. There will be:

- Curated Paint-to-Sample Porsche display.
- Porsche model specific corral style parking.
- Porsche motorsport display.
- Porsche Classic display.
- Porsche 356 display.
- label industries free colorful 75th Anniversary Porsche shirts pressed on site!

- K Brew Coffee Paddock offering coffee & pastries with a live broadcast of the 100th running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

...and one big colorful surprise.

The ultimate event for all things Porsche. Unlike anything ever seen in East Tennessee!

FORMATION OF A 50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Next year marks the Smoky Mountain Region's 50th anniversary as a PCA Region. Given this significant milestone event, we are assembling a planning committee of around 5-6 club members. Ideally, the committee would include a diverse mix of members including those with both long term and short term membership. If you'd be willing to serve on this special committee, please let Bob Baugh know (baughbob@yahoo.com). Again, all are welcome.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN CARS & COFFEE

Spring is here, summer is around the corner, and our "informal gatherings" on Saturday mornings are back on track. So far we've done Lisa's Kitchen and Shoney's, Ugly Mug is up next, and then at [Beaver's Dough Joe](#) in Karns. That's always a crowd pleaser as they make some righteous doughnuts! Last time we had 50+ cars there!!



SPRING THING 2024

Plan to attend next year as the Smoky Mountain Region celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the club. Please say "THANKS!!" to Tom and Kathy for stepping up to run Spring Thing in 2024.

Mark your calendars now for April 26-28, 2024, in Greeneville!



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PCA's Classic Club Coupe Heads to Auction June 10

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PARTING SHOT – Everyone loves a Limo Ride, right? Well...

Stretch Limos are always one way to make a splash, enter with a “BANG!”, or arrive in style. While most Stretch Limos are derived from “more fitting” vehicles, some have made the “Porsche Leap” and stretched (ruined?) some 911s, Panameras, and even a Cayenne. To each there own...





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