



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

Well, Memorial Day, 2023 is past. Along with the fact that the school year has now ended, signals that summer has officially begun. June is always the time for Porsche Parade. In 2023, Parade is being held in beautiful Palm Springs. At a distance of some 2,100 miles, I am not sure how many PCA members from Smoky Mountain are attending. My guess, not many. Don't worry though, this time next year, [Porsche Parade will be held in Birmingham, Alabama](#) and I'd venture to say that a large contingency from the Smoky Mountain Region will be making plans to attend! So, while Parade is not on our checklist this year, we have many other options and events for folks to choose from. If personal schedules don't align with our local events, just simply make plans to take a drive on one of our many fun roads that can be found in East Tennessee. Remember, a Porsche is meant to be driven and enjoyed.

Hopefully, everyone has noticed that at the beginning of each month, I have now started sending out a short summary of the events planned for the month (e.g., Activities & Events for June 2023). The intent is to create and distribute a month at a glance type message that provides concise information about the event, along with a point of contact. Hopefully members will find value with these monthly messages.

June promises to be a fun month for our Club. I'm really excited and looking forward to [Porsche's 75th Anniversary Experience at Harper Porsche](#) on Saturday, June 10th. It should be a special day for all involved and it will be fun to see the assortment of paint-to-sample Porsches on display. Additionally, we have our [Cars & Coffee in Lenoir City](#) on Saturday, June 17th. We will be joining the Lenoir City Cars & Coffee that morning and there will be a variety of cars from our Euros to American muscle! Following that event, we have our [June monthly social](#) in Tellico Village at Tugaloo Beach. Food will be provided by Meatheadz. Given that it is outside, this social is somewhat of a departure from our regular socials. However, it's summer now, so let's enjoy this beautiful weather! June will wrap up with a [fun trip to Nashville](#) to visit the Lane Motor Museum. Rich McGowan has done a great job organizing this visit as well as the hotel and group dinner that evening. Contact him ASAP if you'd like to join us.

Note that these activities are all in just one month, so yes, we are a busy club. Our goal is to provide you with a variety of events so that you can pick and choose to suit your interests. If time allows, join us at all of the events so that

you don't miss a thing. While owning and enjoying your P-Car is a great experience, doing so with a group of like-minded owners takes enjoyment to the next level. Get out and enjoy those cars!

*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 out, 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

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

East Tennessee Region SCCA Events

- 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:



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- September 17, 2023: Stand-alone Autocross
- October 22, 2023: Stand-alone Autocross (note date change)
- November 12, 2023: Autocross in conjunction with a possible Fall Fest.

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!

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

Michael G.	2015 Cayman S
Gerald M.	PCA's Test Drive

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



HARPER 75th PORSCHE ANNIVERSARY

A local celebration of Porsche's 75th year at [Harper Porsche will be on Saturday June 10th](#), and we know many Smoky Mountain folks are going. Harpers has quite the "do" planned out, including:

- Curated Paint-to-Sample Porsche Display
- Porsche model specific corral style parking
- Porsche motorsport display
- Porsche Classic display
- Porsche 356 display
- Free colorful 75th Anniversary Porsche shirts pressed on site!
- ...and one big colorful surprise.

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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. We would be pleased to have YOU serve on this special committee; please let Bob Baugh know (baughbob@yahoo.com). Again, all are welcome.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN CARS & COFFEE

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!

SPRING THING 2023 IN OTHER NEWS

The Suncoast Region newsletter ("Porsche Profile") has a fine writeup on our Spring Thing 2023. "*Reality – Traveling with a Forty-four Year Old!*" chronicles the travels and the weekend by the Caldwell's, perennial Spring Thing "Beach Birds" from Florida. Check out [the article online](#) and scroll on down to page 39.



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Perhaps you can drive your Boxster Runabout on over to the port!





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PARTING SHOT – Speaking of Boxster Runabouts...

Who wouldn't want to take this beaut for a cruise? We present to you, a [waterborne Boxster](#) of sorts. It's a Craig Craft 168 Boss boat with Porsche cues all over it, powered by a GM 4.3-liter V6 engine paired with a Berkeley Jet Drive. Whether you say "WOW! That's cool!" or "What an abomination!" we still can't look away. And yes, we'd love to take it for a spin!



Special thanks to Cristian Curmei at [Jalopnik.com for this gem!](#)



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