



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 – AUGUST 2023

FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Well, we are certainly in the dog days of summer. While the heat and humidity tends to drive us indoors, please try and continue to enjoy those cars. We still have a lot of the driving season left, cold weather will be here before you know it. Try and plan your drives for earlier in the morning or late in the evening and try to avoid the intense heat of the day. When parking, opt for shade instead of parking spaces in the direct sun. If you don't have a reflector for your windshield, please consider purchasing one as they can make a huge difference. Just a few timely tips to help you enjoy your car in the hot weather.

For those that didn't participate in this past month's driving tour, you missed a really fun drive from Oak Ridge to LaFollette via lots of curvy back roads. We had about 40 cars and 65 people participating. Our destination for lunch was a local diner, Katie's and it was a hit with all. This particular drive saw a lot of first timers too, and I hope that this kindled a desire to join us on more outings. If you've not had a chance to experience one of our driving tours, please try and join us on one of our monthly outings. Probably by the time of issue, our August driving will have already occurred, but Jack Gottlieb has laid out an excellent 150-mile route and I will be reporting back to everyone next month about this drive.

Our monthly socials are continuing to be well attended. This month we are dining at [Cheers at Choto](#) in the Farragut area on August 15th. We have reserved their covered outdoor dining area and the views of the lake are great. Cheers at Choto drew a huge crowd last year, so please don't delay and send in your RSVP to Kathy Moreno at globalkate1@gmail.com.

Later in the month, the [Smoky Mountain Cars & Coffee](#) will rotate back up to Jefferson County. To keep things interesting, Vic Rola is changing up our meeting location. Details for this event and the announcement of the new location will be sent out to everyone next week. Suffice to say, don't let any moss grow under your feet (hint, hint).

Again, please be thinking of activities and events for 2024. The Board will soon be meeting to map out what 2024 will entail. Please send your ideas and recommendations to me at baughbob@yahoo.com. We still have a lot of fun things planned for 2023 and please consider volunteering your time. It will be most appreciated and in doing so, you'll get to know your fellow club members. Remember, it's not just the cars, it's the people. *Safe travels, Bob*

THINGS ON THE HORIZON

- 8/15 – Monthly Social, [Cheers at Choto](#)
- 8/19 – Board Meeting, 10-12 PM
- 8/26 – [SMT Cars & Coffee](#) at Mossy's Café
- 9/17 – [Smoky Mountain Region Autocross](#)
- 9/19 – Monthly Social, [Calhouns Pellissippi](#)
- 9/23 – [Driving Tour/Potluck](#), Murphy NC
- [Please bring your ideas!](#)

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

RECENT GOINGS ON

We had a fantastic Driving Tour August 12, with Jack & Pam leading a wonderful trip on a "classic loop": The Tail of the Dragon, The Moonshiner 28, and the Cherohala Skyway. In the middle were a couple roads new to many of us, and we had a grand lunch at [Tapoco Lodge](#). About 25 cars and 40+ people participated, and the weather perfect.



NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

JULY 2023 - Say "Hi!" to our new members!

Michael & Laura Y.	2006 911 Carrera S
Carolyn K.	2023 718 Boxster
Joshua B.	2015 Macan Turbo
Ronald D.	1985 "Race Car"
Brian M.	2017 911 Targa 4S
Jesse D.	2002 Boxster
Jeff T.	2016 Cayman GT4
Colton Y.	2024 Macan S
Michael H.	2002 911 Carrera

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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FILED UNDER “We Knew That”

“Porsche 911 Is Officially The Most Satisfying Car To Own”
[Via CarBuzz, by Jarryd Neves, Industry News](#)

J.D. Power affirms what we already know. Through their APEAL study they measured an owner's emotional attachment and excitement toward their new vehicles. So what vehicle is, on average, the most satisfying to own? That would be the Porsche 911, and the flagship Porsche is a repeat winner as it drove off with top honors last year.



RUNNING FAST

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

Alabama Region PCA Driver's Education

- 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

- August 23 – Event 7, Kodak
- Sept 23-24 – Starting Line School Event 8, Bristol
- Oct 21-22 – TBD - Event 9, Bristol

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 22, 2023: Stand-alone Autocross
- November 12, 2023: Autocross in conjunction with a possible Fall Fest.

These will be normal autocrosses with morning and afternoon sessions, about six runs each.

GET YOUR TIRES SCUFFED AND READY TO GO!!

SMOKY MOUNTAIN CARS & COFFEE

Our “informal gatherings” on Saturday mornings are back on track. So far we've done Lisa's Kitchen, Shoney's, Ugly Mug, and Beaver's Dough Joe in Karns. Next up is a [Breakfast C&C at Mossy's Café](#) in Jefferson City. To RSVP, contact Vic Rola at vicrola1@gmail.com.

A VIDEO HISTORY OF PORSCHE

Ever wonder about the history of the Porsche brand in excruciating detail? How about a three-hour podcast that answers that question? Well, here ya' go... Check out this [“Acquired: Every company has a story”](#) segment.

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 Greenville!






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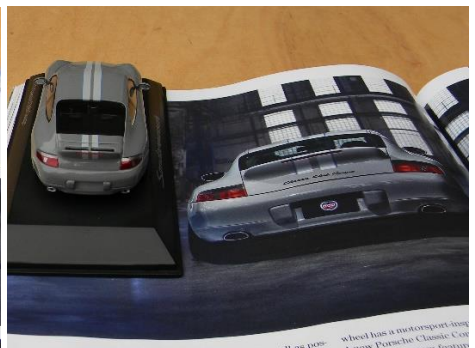
PARTING SHOT – Porsche to Scale: Modeling our favorite cars

As an upcoming feature in the Smoke Signals, we'll be looking at some scale models of some of the cars. Club Member Harvey Goranson recently acquired this special piece and submitted the following.

I read about the conversion of a 996 in the April, 2022 issue of Panorama. Known as the Classic Club Coupe, PCA went in with Porsche Classic in their [Sonderwunsch](#) (special request) program to restore/customize a neglected 1999 Type 996. I won't go into detail about what was involved, since it's described in that issue, but I thought what a unique 1:43 scale replica that would make.

Seems Porsche thought so too, and had the model maker Spark create 996 examples (Porsche Part No. MAP 020 800 22). All the details are there, even the black/gray twill-pattern seats with blue piping on the edges and the 'Classic Club Coupe' script below the RS-style ducktail rear spoiler.

The real car was painted Sport Grey Metallic with lighter gray stripes and accents, bordered in blue, but the model's paint is solid gray, not metallic, and possibly a shade darker than the 1:1. I thought at first that the double-bubble effect on the roof had been missed, but by gently running my finger over the stripes I found that there is a slight depression in the middle. The retro look was enhanced with black Fuchs 5-spoke wheels with a thin blue outline in the rims, replicated on the model.



I got mine from [Selection RS](#), a model/clothing/accessories retailer in France, but perhaps one can be ordered through Harper, while supplies last.

- Harvey



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