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RECENT GOINGS ON

August rounded out with a social at Cheers on Choto, a board meeting, then a well attended region Cars & Coffee at Mossy's Café in Jefferson City. September got to a good start with another Cars & Coffee in Lenoir City, and then our first in a long time [region Autocross](#)!



We took over the big parking lot at Pellissippi State College, Rick and friends laid out a great 3,000 foot course, and 22 cars gave it a go. The Pellissippi State Motorsports club brought out a couple race karts and gave a show. The "usual suspects" dominated the leader board, and some new folks tried their hand at it. [Next one is October 22](#), at the same place, details forthcoming.



The September Social at Calhoun's was well attended and we stocked our "Fruit of the Vine" larder some (more on that later). And by press time the [Harper's 2024 Cayenne Launch](#) will have been held. More to come, and the remainder of the year is active!

THINGS ON THE HORIZON

- 9/23 – [Driving Tour/Potluck](#), Murphy NC
- 9/30 – Charitable Check Presentation, Children's Museum of Oak Ridge

- 10/05 – Monthly Social, [Eurotech Knoxville](#)
- 10/22 – [Smoky Mountain Region Autocross](#)
- 10/29 – Harper Auto Square's [Cars & Coffee](#)
- 11/11 – [Fall Fest](#) Driving Tour: Farm Country Foray
- 11/12 – [Fall Fest](#) Region Autocross
- 11/18 – Third Annual Turkeys in the Trunk
- 12/07 – Christmas Party, at Gettysvue, and "[Fruit of the Vine](#)" Raffle
- [Please bring your ideas!](#)

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

FRUIT OF THE VINE RAFFLE

Our inaugural "[Fruit of the Vine Raffle](#)" has started and will help raise money for the charities we support. Our own Droz came up with the concept and the basic gist is that members will donate bottles of wine from now up to the Christmas Party (December 7) and at the Christmas Party they will be raffled off in groups of six bottles. Bring some bottles to be donated at each regional event and buy raffle tickets for the December drawing. All the [details are online](#).



NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Philip K.	1983 944
Carolyn K.	2023 718 Boxster S
Peter S.	2023 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
Robert G.	2001 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Dave & Julie R.	1987 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Daniel VZ	2013 911 Carrera 4S
Robert & Georgianna F.	2014 Cayman S
Anthony D.	2016 Boxster Spyder
John & Lisa A.	2011 Boxster

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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

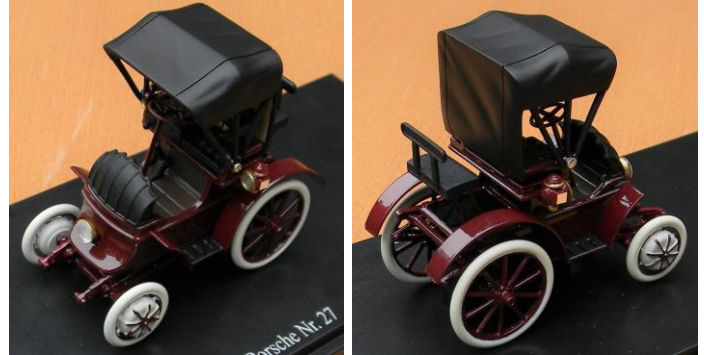


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RUNNING FAST

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

- 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

- Oct 21-22 – TBD - Event 9, Bristol

SMOKY MOUNTAIN CARS & COFFEE

Our "informal gatherings" on Saturday mornings are back on track. Not sure if our "Next up" is in October as it is a busy month. On October 29 will be Harper Auto Square's [Cars & Coffee](#), their quarterly blow out.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Harvey Goranson

Did any of you know that the first vehicle Ferdinand Porsche helped design was an electric front-wheel-drive car? In Austria, Ferry Porsche, at the tender age of 24, and Ludwig Lohner gained a patent for electric wheel hub motors. These were attached directly to the front axles on the [1900 Lohner-Porsche](#). The original vehicle is on display at the [Technisches Museum Wien](#) in Austria.



This is a 1:43 scale resin model by AutoCult, issued in 2016, in a limited edition of 333 examples. You can see the similarity to horse-drawn buggies of the era, though there is a steering wheel instead of a tiller. Considering the weight of those hub motors, steering must have taken a pair of strong arms.

The Lohner–Porsche's design was studied by Boeing and NASA to create the Apollo program's Lunar Roving Vehicle. Many of its design principles were mirrored in the Rover's design. The series hybrid concept underpins many modern railway locomotives, and interest in series hybrid automobiles is growing rapidly.

NEED PARTS?

A collection of Porsche engines, gearboxes, and parts assembled over the past 38 years [is up for auction](#). The collection comprises thousands of components for air-cooled Porsche 911 vehicles manufactured from the 1960s through the 1990s and includes approximately 50 engine cases as well as cylinder heads, camshafts, crankshafts, and connecting rods. Also included are gearboxes, fuel injection, brake and suspension, bodywork, and trim pieces. It's a drive to pick it up in Fallbrook, California. Current bid at press time is \$75,000. Do I hear 80? 80? 85?

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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PARTING SHOT – What NOT to do to your Boxster

AUG. 07, 2023 1:37 PM [SEBASTIAN CENIZO](#) from [Jalopnik](#)

“In late December 2021, a company called Vale Automotive teased a wild, widened Porsche Boxster (986) that it would call the GT1, and now that dream has finally come to life. When we were first shown the kit, it was a digital render, and now Vale has completed at least one Boxster with the upgrades, increasing its width by two feet in the process.”



- Wow... Just wow. Then again, you could always lean into the poser look by getting Vale to build you a [Smart car that looks like a Lambo](#).



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