



Porsche Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to October and hopefully some cooler weather. Now that those hot and humid days are behind us for a while, and with the fall colors fast approaching, the next few weeks will be a great time for us to roll those windows down and drop those tops to enjoy our beautiful fall in East Tennessee. What better way to do just that than by joining us for [Fall Fest](#). Registration is ongoing for this multi-event weekend. In just two days, one will be able to enjoy exploring some scenic backroads, socialize at a great cookout at the scenic Tennessee National Golf Club & Marina and test your driving skills in an [autocross event](#) at Pellissippi State Community College. If you're interested in learning more or to reserve your spot, please contact Tom Moreno at mr.tom.moreno@gmail.com.

This year has produced some really fun events both as a club and in conjunction with Harper Porsche. We've really enjoyed seeing all the members, both new and old, getting together and enjoying one another's company. There really is something to our motto that "It's not just the cars, it's the people." Our socials have been well attended, as have our monthly Cars & Coffee. Again, in partnership with Harper Porsche, the 75th Anniversary celebration was a huge success. Also a shout out to Rick & Janis Berry for their work in securing us a convenient location to hold our Eurotech autocross events. If interested in participating, please contact Rick Berry at rick@eurotechknoxville.com. If anyone has ideas on how to make our socials more interesting and fun, please let me know. Businesses are still struggling with staffing and we sometimes struggle with finding venues that can host 50+ people. Regardless, we will continue to find new spots for everyone to enjoy.

Before I forget, following our Fall Fest in November, please go ahead and mark your calendars for Thursday, December 7th for our [Christmas Party at Gettysvue](#). This is always a great way to get together to socialize and celebrate an eventful year. At this year's Christmas party, we will announce the winners of the [Fruit of the Vine raffle](#). At least 10 lucky members will leave with a 6-bottle set of wine. Through the grape vine (no pun intended), I have heard that some of the sets will be themed, including "Catch a Cab to California" and "Let's get Fizzacal, Pass the Prosecco Please". At all of our events before the party, Droz will be selling raffle tickets (\$25) and accepting donations of wine for the raffle.

As we move into the fall, we are beginning to look ahead to 2024. This will be a banner year for the Smoky Mountain

Region as we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary! We will certainly need lots of help to help make this event Pano worthy, so please consider volunteering. If you'd like to help with the planning of this event, or help plan socials or driving tours, [please contact me](#). Volunteering is more than just helping with an event. It is also a way to meet other club members and is a great way to get involved!

Safe travels, Bob

RECENT GOINGS ON

September finished up with our [Driving Tour/Potluck to Murphy NC](#), then our Charitable Check Presentation, Children's Museum of Oak Ridge. October started off with our [Monthly Social at Eurotech](#), then another well attended region [Cars & Coffee at Beaver's Dough Joe](#). November is coming, starting off with Fall Fest, then our Sometheenth Annual Turkeys in the Trunk.



COMING UP!

Sadly the October Autocross was cancelled due to lack of signups, guess that Alabama game the night before was a deal breaker! Soooo... Remember to sign up for the [Fall Fest](#) Autocross, and Driving Tour and Dinner, coming up this November 11/12. October 29 is the quarterly Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee, and Turkeys in Trunk in November as well. Remember to donate some Bottles and get your raffle tickets for the [Fruit of the Vine](#) fund raiser.

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



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

Kenneth C.	2017 Macan GTS
Kim C.	2023 911 Carrera
Diane S.	2021 Macan GTS
Dennis O.	2019 Macan
Paul Y.	2016 Cayman GT4
Larry G.	2016 Cayman GT4
John S.	2014 Panamera 4

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



RUNNING FAST

Well, the DE/Autocross season is coming to a close, with the last DE on [12/09/23 at Barber Motorsports Park](#). Keep an eye out for next year's Peach State and Alabama regions' calendars. A dedicated group of DE folks make regular treks to these events, and great fun is had by all.

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!



JUNIOR DRIVERS



The [PCA Juniors program](#) is for kids to enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and continue the passion that runs throughout the Porsche Club of America. Your PCA Junior will receive a welcome box, and many region events include activities for children and teens geared to grow enthusiasm for Porsche and PCA for generations to come.

Keep up with all the latest by subscribing to the [PCA Juniors Newsletter](#). It is produced for parents and sponsors of PCA Juniors and is intended to create engagement and interaction.





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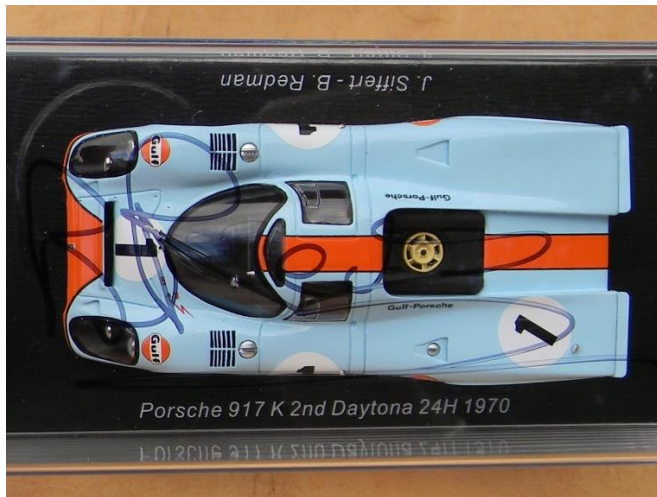
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PARTING SHOT – Racing Fan Gets Cars Signed

Harvey went to the [Chattanooga Motorcar Festival](#) recently and had a great time. He was fortunate to attend [Brian Redman's](#) talk about his experiences in racing, and got him to sign some of his model cars, to which he graciously agreed. In this group were three J. W. Automotive/Gulf cars by the manufacturer [Spark](#). The pictures speak for themselves.



While not one of the models signed, a Gulf Livery model Porsche Tractor can be had...



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