



Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS — IT'S THE PEOPLE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob is taking a well-deserved rest this month – lots of travel, fixing the farmhouse, and family events. Besides, we have a lot of ground to cover!!!

"Safe travels, Bob"

RECENT GOINGS ON

October finished up with another well attended Harper's Cars & Coffee. Then our annual Fall Fest was a gas with a Saturday "Farms and Foothills Foray" day drive followed by lunch at Jay's Diner. Over 30 cars wended their way around Kingston, Loudon, and in between, hitting some very nice roads.



On Sunday we had our [final autocross of the season](#) at Pellissippi State, and it was a grand success. Twenty drivers tested their mettle on a well-designed 60-second course, and the weather could not have been more perfect.



COMING UP!

November and December have numerous events lined up, so remember to mark your calendars!

- [Turkeys in Trunk](#), this Saturday, 11/18
- [Smoky Mountain Christmas Party](#), 12/7
- Driving Tour to Kingswood, 12/9
- (Unofficial) [Candlelight Tour Fort Southwest Point](#), 12/9

Remember to donate some wine 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 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!

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

Doug S.	PCA's Test Drive program
Bo C.	2007 Cayman S
Larry P.	2007 911 Carrera S
Michael M.	1995 911 Carrera Cabriolet

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



RUNNING FAST

The last DEs and Autocrosses of 2023 are done, and now we look forward to 2024. The Smoky Mountain Region just secured 2024 dates for Autocrossing at Pellissippi State:

- 4/28, 5/5, 9/8, 10/6, 11/3

Peach State and Alabama regions have also set their HPDE dates for 2024 as well.

Peachstate Region PCA Schedule

- February 17, One Day HPDE, Road Atlanta
- February 17, Ladies HPDE - Atlanta Motorsports Park
- April 12 - 14, Club Race & HPDE, Road Atlanta
- June 1 - 2, Two Day HPDE, Road Atlanta
- September 27 - 29, Three Day HPDE, Road Atlanta

Alabama Region PCA Schedule

- March 23-24, Two Day HPDE, Barber
- June 15-16, Two Day HPDE, Barber
- September 28-29, Two Day HPDE, Barber

A dedicated group of DE folks make regular treks to these events, and great fun is had by all.



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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!



PORSCHE PARADE 2024



Registration opens in January, so now it is time to start planning!! [Parade 2024](#) is close by in Birmingham, Alabama, on June 9-15, 2024. Many SMT Region members attend, along with friends from all over. This is great time to see many Porsches, take part in some great events (autocross at THE NEXT LEVEL!), make new friends, and check out a new area.

The 68th Annual Porsche Parade Events include:

- PCA National Concours d'Elegance
- PCA Sim Racing
- Art Show
- Parade Store (BLING & THINGS!)
- Welcome Parties and Dinners and Feasts!
- TSD Rally
- Princess Cruises After-Hours Lounge
- A big honkin' Autocross
- RC Car Events
- A Golf Tournament
- A Gimmick Rally
- Historical & Technical Quiz
- 5K Run/Walk
- Various guided tours & drives

On Saturday is *THE Parade of Porsches*, where you and hundreds of other Porsches will have a Police Guided Parade through the area. That is quite the sight to see. And since "It's not just the cars, it's the people" Parade is

"Fueled by Volunteers". All events need volunteers, and if you help at two shifts, on top of a commemorative cheesy T-Shirt you get to attend the Volunteer Party on Saturday, a catered free lunch where they give away all the leftover bling and samples and stuff vendors don't want to lug home.

REGISTRATION: This happens in two phases.

PHASE 1: January 2024, you will register for Parade in general, then upon receipt of payment you will be allowed to secure lodging at the event hotel(s).

PHASE 2: April (generally) 2024, here you will sign up for specific events, tours, classes, competitions, etc. **YOU WILL NEED TO PREPARE FOR THIS ONE.** Plan your week, have Plan Bs on deck, as well as Plan Cs, maybe Ds. Resolve your time conflicts in advance: some events will exclude others.

Keep tabs on various websites and social media so you can sign up in time: IT FILLS UP FAST. When they say "Registration opens at XX PM" be on the that webpage, ready to click.

<https://www.porscheparade.org/index.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/PorscheParade>

More details will be forthcoming in December, within Panorama and also online. STAY TUNED!!

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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PARTING SHOT – Ameila Island Concours & Werks Reunion March 2024

Another Annual National event [many Smoky Mountain Region members attend](#) are the PCA's "[Werks Reunion Amelia Island](#)" (March 1, 2024) and the "[Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance](#)" (February 29 - March 3, 2024). Some trek down for a long weekend, or just for those events, and it is grand time in northeast Florida. Registration for the Concours is already open, and the Werks registration will open Wednesday December 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM (ET).

PCA Werks Reunion: Werks Reunion was created by the Porsche Club of America as an event to celebrate both the Porsche marque as well as the camaraderie of being an enthusiast. There are three levels of entry: Spectator Parking (\$40), Corral Parking by Model (Porsche Only) (\$TBA, usually ~\$75), and Judged Field (Porsche Only) (\$TBA, usually ~\$100). The "Judged Field" is not a contest of who has removed dust from the deepest crevices in their Porsche but rather a judged show that rewards a Porsche that has been lovingly maintained and presents itself well on the field.

PRO TIP: Register for the "Judged Field", you get Rock Star Parking inside the venue, and great spacing between cars. There will be all kinds of vendors, Porsche celebrities, and sights to see at Werks, and a beautiful venue to boot.



Ameila Island Concours: This is one of two of The Majors in Concours d'Elegance, the other being Pebble Beach. All makes, models, and kinds of cars will be there, some rare old classics, an auction, and "vintage dressers" for some of the rare old cars. It is full week of events and galas, but you can pick and choose a la carte. The big public events are the "[Cars & Community](#)" on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the The Golf Club of Amelia Island, Amelia Island, FL, and the "[The 29th Amelia Concours D'elegance](#)" on March 3rd, 2024, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, same venue.

PRO TIP: Register for the "Cars and Community" only, as you will see most of the same cars and vendors, etc., and the Sunday Concours is very packed and can be a zoo. You will miss the "vintage dresser" crowd though.





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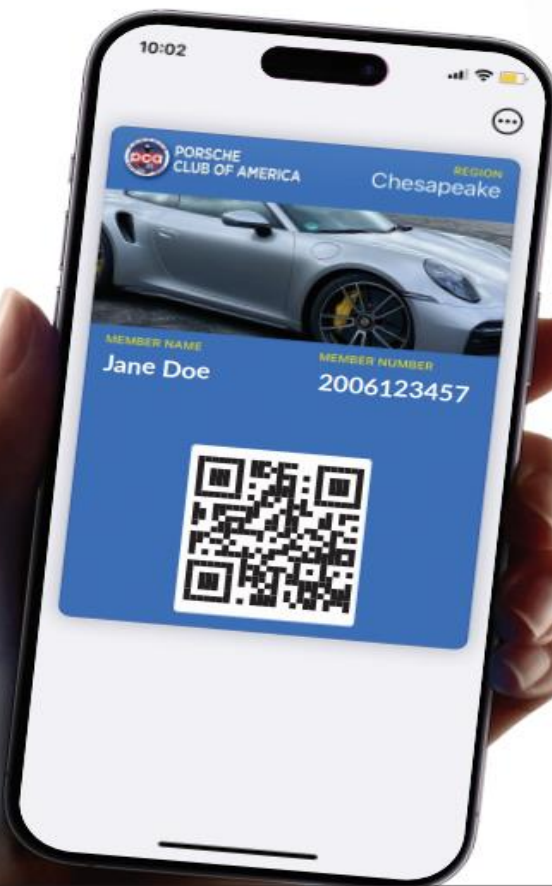
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