



Porsche Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, another year is coming to end, but what a year it's been. I wanted to use this month's message to summarize all the events and activities that we've done in 2023.

On the charity front, the Smoky Mountain Region raised a little over \$12,500 from the auction at Spring Thing, driving tour donations, Turkeys in the Trunk and the Fruit of the Vine Raffle. Monies raised went to support Kicko (Knoxville Inner City Kids Outreach), Children's Museum of Oak Ridge and the Kingswood Home for Children in Bean Station, Tennessee. Our goal is to get our contributions as close as possible to those in need. This was also the 7th year for Turkey's in the Trunk and for 7 years, we have collected some 14,750 pounds of food (~7.5 tons) and \$18,725. All food and donations go to the Salvation Army and the Knox Area Rescue Ministries. Clearly, we are helping to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

We also kept the roads hot this year. We conducted 11 driving tours and a gimmick rally. In all, we drove over 1200 miles this year and had 205 cars participate. Destinations and/or drives included a trip to the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, an overnight trip to Murphy, and various day drives on the Tail of the Dragon, Cherohala Skyway, Hwy 68, Hellbender and many fantastic roads in our surrounding counties. Group sizes ranged from as few as 5 cars to as many as 38.

Our monthly dining socials continue to be a mainstay in the Club. What can I say... we like to eat and socialize! In 2023, we held 12 socials and average 45 to 50 people at each event. We enjoyed pizza at Jaboni's, Blue Tick Tavern and Jay's in Loudon. We enjoyed BBQ at Calhoun's and Italian fare at the Olive Garden. We had two huge get togethers at Eurotech and Harper Porsche. In addition, everyone enjoyed the food and time to socialize at Tellico Village and Cheers at Choto. The Club at Gettysvue topped off our socials with our annual Holiday Party.

Everyone still seems to enjoy our Cars and Coffee events with 22 to 25 cars participating in our informal monthly get togethers to over 50 cars in the PCA corral at Harper's Cars & Coffee events at West Town Mall. These are fun events to have by varying their location, we can keep things fresh. Each event seems to draw a different mix with each area that we visit.

Lastly, after several years of not having a location for autocross events, we are now back in business thanks to

the efforts of Rick Berry. We have many new members that have not an opportunity to experience autocross. Having a location again in Knoxville will now provide yet another way to enjoy your P-Car. And we are set for 2024 as well!

As for 2024, we will continue with what works... socials, drives and autocrossing. 2024 will also be our 50th anniversary and what a celebration that will be. Stay tuned!

Penne and I would like to wish everyone in the Smoky Mountain Region a blessed and joyful Holiday Season.
"Safe travels, Bob"

RECENT GOINGS ON

We had our annual Christmas Party this year on the 7th at Gettysvue, and about 60 folks came out. We wine and dined and held the Fruit of the Vine Raffle. On the 9th was a small driving tour to Kingswood Home for Children for our yearly check presentation. December winds up the year, and now go enjoy your family and friends for the holidays.

COMING UP!

NOT MUCH!! The 2023 calendar is done, so we will hit the ground running in January 2024. Socials and autocrosses have some dates, so keep an eye on our [calendar](#)!

FRUIT OF THE VINE RAFFLE

Our inaugural "[Fruit of the Vine Raffle](#)" was a hit, and we had six Wine Packs to raffle at the Christmas party. The competition was tough, but many went home happy, and we raised more money for good causes. Thanks to all that donated, and to all that played. And thanks again to our own Droz for coming up with this.

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

- Duston B. 2021 911 Turbo S
- William & Michele M. 2023 718 Cayman T
- David A. 2007 Cayman
- Edwin B. 1977 911 Targa

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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





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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!

SEEING WHERE WE HELP

One of the groups we support is Knoxville Inner City Kids Outreach ([KICKO](#)). We recently received a direct thank from one of "our Kids" in the KICKO scholarship program.

thank you... for the money you have a given I had some much fun. My favorite part the one on one talks with the kids. Playing for them also we went swimming that was a fun part. I really my time with the kids at the end I was very tired. But the kids were pretty cool! Thank you again
from 

In addition, the director said this to thank us: "Thank you again for supporting our area kids and their families. Yes, the bulk of your support went towards sending both elementary age as well as teens to camp this

past summer.

Our elementary age students traveled to Goodlettsville Tennessee, where they participated in a weeklong camp, along with other kids from across the state and beyond. They enjoyed activities such as swimming, rock wall climbing, large group games, enjoyed wonderful food, and amazing services together.

Our teens have enjoyed going to the 8-day camp in Branson Missouri called Kids Across America. This is a camp geared towards urban youth and has been a great cultural fit for the kids that we have been able to take. Our leaders are able to deepen relationships during all of our weeks of camp, and it helps us have something to build upon the rest of the year as these are monumental experiences for all of our kids.

Thank you for being a pivotable part of providing life-changing experiences for our area youth."

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. Registration happens in two phases.

PHASE 1: January 2024, you will register for Parade and lodging at the event hotel(s).

PHASE 2: April 2024, here you will sign up for specific events, tours, classes, competitions, etc.

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/>

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

Ameila 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). We know of at least six Smoky Mountain couples heading down for that weekend, and some even making an extended Southern Tour of it.

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 – Chattanooga Motorcar Festival, October 2023

Our very own Man About Town Harvey Goranson attended this year's festival, and submitted some shots and details. He finally got around to editing photos from a visit to the Chattanooga Motorcar Festival on October 13-15. There were some very significant race cars that were on display at the Lufthekuhl portion of the event.

Plus, some nice Porsches were on display during the concours. It was once again a great show weekend, incorporating a Mecum auction, vintage racing (saw a Porsche get t-boned - ouch!), and displays covering CCCA classics, antiques, show cars, NASCAR, you name it. There were nice 356s from the concours, plus a 911S. The 356C had an electric sunroof which must have been a rare option. The Friday festivities ended with a show by the B-52s, the band not the airplane. Besides Brian Redman, we saw Wayne Carini, LuigiChinetti Jr., David Hobbs, and a few others.





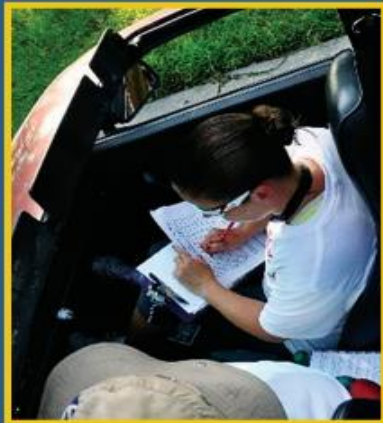
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Don't Just Attend Porsche Parade... ...Be a Part of It!



Phase 1 Registration Opens Wednesday, 1/31/24 at 12:00 pm ET



June 9-15, 2024
Birmingham Convention Center
Birmingham, Alabama
www.porscheparade.org

VISIT <https://www.porscheparade.org/> FOR MORE INFORMATION

Keep up to date with all the latest - <http://smtPCA.org/>

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