



# Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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## Smoke Signals - The Newsletter of the Smoky Mountain Region – JANUARY 2024

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you had a great Holiday season and while we are just a couple weeks into the new year, I trust that we are all still hanging onto those New Year resolutions that we made. Yea right....

One resolution that I made was to bring new and exciting events and activities to the Smoky Mountain Region. To that end, we are not planning to let our P-cars rest during the winter months. We have [fun driving tour scheduled](#) for January 20<sup>th</sup> for a late lunch at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Penne and I have already completed the pre-drive and it's a fun route. We also have our [monthly social on January 16th](#) at Finn's Irish Restaurant & Tavern. Please contact Kathy Moreno, [globalkate1@gmail.com](mailto:globalkate1@gmail.com), if you plan to attend as the deadline is fast approaching.

Looking ahead, [Porsche Parade](#) will be in our backyard this summer. Parade will be held in Birmingham, Alabama. The dates are June 9-15, 2024. Registration is in two phases, with Phase 1 beginning on January 31st at 12 PM Eastern. If you plan to attend, please don't delay as registration is typically fast and furious. Given the relative close proximity to Knoxville, I would expect a large contingency from the Smoky Mountain Region attending. Registration details should be sent to me in the next week or so. As soon as I receive them, I will forward them to everyone.

As always, if you have ideas for socials, events, driving destinations, etc., [please don't hesitate to contact me](#). Also, if you'd like to become more active in the club, volunteering is the best way to get to know other club members. Regardless of your skills, we can use each of you.

*"Safe travels, Bob"*

### WHAT IS COMING UP?

The 2024 calendar is filling up, so we will hit the ground running in January 2024.

- 16 – [Monthly Social](#), [Finn's Restaurant & Tavern](#)
- 20 – Quarterly Board Meeting, 10 AM
- 20 – [Driving Tour](#) to [Fall Creek Falls](#) for [lunch!](#)
- 24-28 – [Rolex 24 Hours](#) at Daytona
- 31 – [Phase I Parade registration starts](#) at 12:00pm

Socials and autocrosses have some dates, so keep an eye on our [calendar!](#)

### NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Gary & Vickie W.      | 2013 Boxster     |
| Benjamin & Lindsey B. | 2006 911 Carrera |
| William L.            | 2010 Cayenne GTS |
| Zachary & Hayley P.   | 2024 Cayenne S   |

### SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



### SPRING THING 2024

[Spring Thing Registration is open!!](#) GO! GO! GO!!!  
*Remember: you must register for the event before the hotel is open to you.* All the details, and more to be added later, [are on our website](#).

***Mark your calendars now for April 26-28, 2024, in Greenville at The General Morgan Inn!***

Plan to attend this 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.

### 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 fast and furious!

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

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### 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.

### PORSCHE 356 No. 1 MODEL

- Harvey Goranson

These are pics of a Porsche that needs no introduction - the prototype of the first 356 made in 1948. I've seen and owned several 1:43 versions of this car through the years in white metal or diecast, and no doubt there are others. But this one blows them all away.



It is handcrafted in resin as a limited edition of 99, and there are two versions. Each version differs slightly but most notable is that this one has an all-silver dash like the one in the Porsche museum. The second

version has red around the gauges and on the glovebox door.

I found a black and white photo of the early car which seemed to show a color difference in these areas of the dash, so I'm guessing it represents the as-constructed car vs. as-restored.

This is the only 1:43 of this car I have seen with engine detail. Little details abound, like all the individual snaps on the engine cover and the "Porsche" script in photoetched metal at the front. These were



made by EMC models in war-torn Ukraine last year, and I decided to buy three of them. Two have the same production number, 20 of 99, and I decided to keep them as a matched pair. No. 26 will be sold, probably on ebay sometime soon. I think this is EMC's first Porsche - I have several of their Cadillacs, Mercedes-Benzes, Alfas, a Bugatti Royale, and a beautiful Horch roadster.



### 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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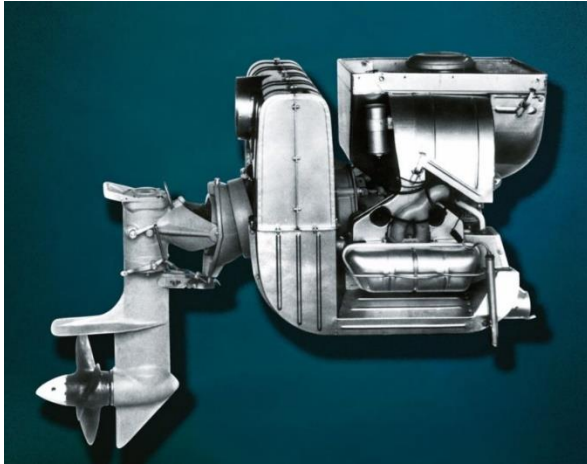
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## **PARTING SHOT – Porsche Boat Motor, Type Number 729**

*(Lovingly lifted from Christophorus #408)*



Between a development contract for a small car for Volkswagen (728) and another for a five-speed truck transmission for automotive supplier Getrag (730), there's an entry on the growing list of Porsche type numbers that doesn't quite seem to fit. Type number 729 is listed as a "Porsche boat engine."

Based on the 1.6-liter four-cylinder boxer engine (616 type), which is used in the Porsche 356 A, the sports car manufacturer developed an engine for use on the water in the mid 1950s. Launched in 1958, the engine making around 52 PS, featured a corrosion-resistant coating for protection against seawater; a supply of fresh air that feeds the cooling fan, carburetor, and auxiliary fan separately; and an additional function to be able to use the engine exhaust to heat the cabin if required.

"With the Porsche boat engine, you're installing a true powerhouse on your boat and thus ensuring the success of your boldest water sport plans." That's how Porsche advertised the 729 type boat engine in a sales brochure at that time. "Corrosion from salt water and starting difficulties due to cold, silt, and dirt are all a thing of the past," it says, emphasizing the air cooling. At just 132 kilograms, the 729 type is also exceptionally light and sporty compared to conventional boat engines. And then there are the external transmission and double propeller. "Regardless of the climate conditions you use your boat in, the Porsche boat engine will always live up to your requirements in terms of speed, reliability, and minimal maintenance and care."



During the development phase, Ferry Porsche had the 729 type installed on his own motorboat, which he took out for plenty of test runs on Wörthersee lake. The robust, powerful engine was used on search and rescue boats starting in 1959 as well as the locomotives of the narrow-gauge trains that transported visitors through the Franco-German Garden in Saarbrücken in 1960. And the eight-meter-long Bon Air 6-1-X Warana air-cushioned vehicle built by Australian Major Colin J. Bonner in 1963 was equipped with three of the engines. While the 729 type on the water never quite achieved the level of success of its counterpart on the road, the developers were well ahead of their time.



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



An autocross is a closed-course driving event, and they are held in a large open area - such as a parking lot - where the objective is to safely complete the course in the shortest amount of time. New to Autocrossing? Parade is a great time to give it a try!



June 9-15, 2024  
Birmingham Convention Center  
Birmingham, Alabama  
[www.porscheparade.org](http://www.porscheparade.org)

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