



Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Got the mid-winter blues? Maybe this will help.... From the time of this note, daylight savings time is just a mere 23 days away. Plus, Punxsutawney Phil has made his prediction for an early spring. There you go, it's official! Start prepping those cars for a full-on driving season.

Well, best laid plans were tossed aside with our January snow and week-long freeze. It goes against my grain to cancel anything, much less a driving tour and a social. However, given those treacherous conditions it certainly was the only option that we had. So, the January drive to Fall Creek Falls was rescheduled to February. Response for that mid-winter drive has been great and we had 25+ cars registered to attend. That is exceptional given the time of year. We also have our monthly social coming up on February 20th at 35 North Bar & Grill in Farragut.

[Spring Thing](#) is also just around the corner. Response has been great for this event. While we still have plenty of time to register, time is running out for making your hotel reservations. The deadline for securing your room at the General Morgan Inn is **Sunday, February 25th**. For our newer members, Spring Thing is our signature event and includes a concours, gimmick rally, autocross and lots of socializing! More information on this exciting event can be found on our website, <https://smtPCA.org/>.

Planning for our 50th Anniversary celebration is underway. If you have ideas or would like to part of the planning for this important milestone event, please give me a shout!

Safe travels, Bob

WHAT IS COMING UP?

The calendar is filling up, and we hit the ground running!

- 2/24 – [Tennessee Region Winterfest](#), Chattanooga
- TBD – March Driving Tour
- 2/24 – 3/3 – [Concours at Amelia Island](#)
- 3/1 – [Werks Reunion](#) Amelia Island
- 3/19 - Monthly Social at [Condado Tacos](#)

Keep an eye on our [calendar for](#) socials and autocross dates!

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

JANUARY 2024 - Say "Hi!" to our new members!

David & Candyce C.	2008 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
Eddie Z.	2000 Boxster S

Larry & Susan H.	1983 911 SC Cabriolet
Trevor J.	2018 911 Carrera
Len & Kim R.	2013 Cayenne
William & Michele M.	2001 911 Carrera
Megan & Scott F.	2008 911 Carrera S

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



3 inches wide

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. And remember the deadline for securing your room at the General Morgan Inn is Sunday, February 25th.

PORSCHE PARADE 2024



Basic Registration happened in January, so now it is time to start planning for the Phase II (Event) Registration on April 3rd. [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 make new friends, and check out a new area.

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/>

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



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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 opened Wednesday December 20, 2023. 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 Carrera RS (Type 964)

- Harvey Goranson

A recent diecast release by Solido of France is this Porsche Carrera RS (Type 964) in Rubystone Red (aka Ruby Star). Solido has also issued this diecast in Maritime Blue.



101 FACTS ABOUT PORSH...

Here's a neat video about Porsche trivia, despite the intentionally butchered pronunciation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9BfED6P4DU>

And he even references the Porsche video on proper pronunciation, then proudly states he'll say it wrong the whole video!

SPEED SEASON IS COMING keep

In spite of recent conditions, things will warm up! And that means driving fast, in safe and controlled conditions, of course. Our [autocross dates are set](#), and many are signing up for HPDEs. There is large SMT Contigent heading to the [Father's Day Barber HPDE](#) right after Parade: hey, we are in the same town!

DE's, AUTOCROSSES, & OTHER FUN FOR 2024

- **Smoky Mountain Region Autocrosses:**
[We have some on the books!!!](#)
- **Alabama Region PCA Driver's Education:**
<https://ala.pca.org/hpde-details/>
- **Peachstate Region PCA Driver's Education:**
<https://www.peachstatepca.org/Calendar/2024/2/0>
- **East Tennessee Region SCCA Events:**
<http://www.etrscca.org/msr-calendar/>

If you need some tips and tricks, check out Ross Bentley. This blogger/writer is pretty interesting, and he shares [some great tips for track driving](#).

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 – Ladies Only HPDE at Atlanta Motorsports Park

On February 17, 2024, the Peachstate Region held a “Ladies Only HPDE” at Atlanta Motorsports Park; it was a great success and a good time. Four drivers from the Smoky Mountain Region went and honed their skills in some pretty impressive hardware. Some borrowed from significant others, some actually theirs. Reports are scary good drivers all!





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



Porsche Parade offers driving tours in which PCA members and guests meet up at a defined starting location, drive together along an interesting route, and enjoy a unique place or destination – often including a luncheon with PCA friends. Parade is a great time to join a driving tour!

Phase 2 Registration Opens April 3, 2024



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

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



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