



Porsche Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What are the signals that springtime is upon us? Let's see, daffodils and rebud trees blooming, the smell of freshly cut grass mixed along with wild onions and those foul-smelling Bradford pear trees. For car enthusiasts, almost every convertible that you see on the road has it's top down! In addition, one starts making plans for places they would like to visit in their P-Car! Welcome to Spring everyone!

With the start of the new driving season upon us, I encourage everyone to participate in as many of our club events as possible. There are monthly driving tours, local cars & coffee get togethers, monthly dining socials, auto crossing and track days. We strive to put together a list of activities that offers something for everyone in the club.

We had a great driving tour to Fall Creek Falls in February with 18 cars participating! At the time of this writing, we have a [driving tour scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd](#) ending in Loudon at the Carmichael Inn for lunch. If you'd like to participate, please contact Jack Gottlieb ASAP. Jack's email is jgottlieb01@gmail.com.

Late April brings us [Spring Thing!](#) This is an event that everyone looks forward to. In fact, PCA members from other regions and states join us for a weekend filled with events such as concours, autocross, gimmick rally and of course lots of food and socializing. Tom and Kathy Moreno are the event chairs this year. If you would like to attend, please don't delay. Please contact them at mr.tom.moreno@gmail.com to register.

Another fun event that we hold on a monthly basis is our regional cars & coffee get togethers. We vary the location to keep things interesting and each event seems to bring a different mix of members. We plan to resume our cars & coffee events in April so be on the lookout for an announcement.

As always, we are always looking for volunteers with fresh ideas and energy! Each of you are the lifeblood of the club and the ideas that you bring forward are what makes this club so fun and special for everyone. Getting involved is a great way to embed yourself into the club and a fantastic way to make new friends.

With spring upon us, I would like to thank everyone for their dedication and support of the club. Due to that dedication and support, our club has been able to thrive and grow.

Thanks to all of you for making this club so much fun to participate in!

Let's have some fun on the road this new year, safe travels everyone.

- Bob

WHAT IS COMING UP?

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

- 03 – [Phase II Parade registration starts](#) at 12:00pm(noon) eastern (Events+)
- 21-25 – [Treffen Wine Country](#)
- 21 – [Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee](#)
- 26-28 – [Spring Thing 2024](#) & 50th anniversary

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

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Evan E.	2019 911 Turbo S
John P.	1986 911 Carrera
Jason G.	2014 Cayman S
Jason T.	2002 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
Matthew & Sarah D.	2007 911 Carrera 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 Greeneville 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.



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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>

Porsche 914/6 (Type 964)

- Harvey Goranson

This diecast replica of the 914/6 was produced by the French toymaker Solido from 1970 to 1976, in Canary Yellow. One tell it is a "6" is that Solido replicated Mahle 5-bolt wheels which were an option for the 914/6. Not a bad replica from 50 years ago.



The original had a 2.0-liter flat-six engine with 110 hp from the Porsche 911 T, and was built by Porsche at the main plant in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen. A 914/6 GT driven by Frenchmen Claude Ballot-Léna and Guy Chasseuil won the GTS class and finished sixth overall at the 1970 24 Hours of Le Mans.



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 Contingent 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.etrscga.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 – Werks Reunion and Amelia 2024

In early March, about two dozen Smoky Mountain members headed down to Florida for the 2024 Werks Reunion Amelia Island and Amelia Concours for some fun in the sun, great cars, and good times. We stayed at various places about the island (our GoTo “Old Florida” beachside motel was under reno), sampled lots of local seafood, and saw some other sights. Friday night after the Werks Reunion the Franklins had us over for a very nice Low Country Boil, and we feasted like Kings! Ah Gar-un-TEE!!!



Parking Corral at Werks



356 Row!



They had cookies!



Decisions, decisions...



Carrera GT



Franklin's had us over for Low Country Boil



About 2 dozen came over



Here she comes...



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



The objective of a PCA Rally is to follow a course from point to point, usually on public roads, to the precise detail specified in the rules - it can be competitive or for fun. Competitive Time Speed Distance (TSD) Rallies dictate a certain time schedule for the checkpoints along the way. Gimmick Rallies, also competitive rallies, may include a Gimmick (Poker Rally, regional interest). New to Rallying? Parade is a great time to give it a try!



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://smt pca.org/>

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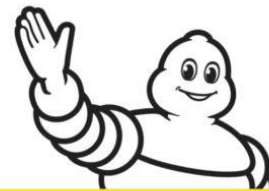


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