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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Most of us are big on traditions. Whether it be tailgating in the same location every year prior to watching the Tennessee Vols or hosting a family holiday gathering, we seem to thrive on those time-honored traditions. It's comforting. As I write this message, we are on the eve of another tradition... **Spring Thing**. Smoky Mountain Region members, as well as PCA members from numerous states look forward to celebrating Spring Thing. Besides the events such as concours, autocross, driving tours, and gimmick rallies, we enjoy seeing our old friends and meeting and welcoming our new members into the fold. It's simply a tradition that I personally look forward to each and every year. This year, Tom and Kathy Moreno have done a great job pulling everything together and assembling a host of volunteers necessary to execute the weekend. When we gather together this weekend, please give them a pat on the back for a job well done.

Now that the weather is warming back up, we find ourselves with lots of activities and events to choose from. Our socials are always well attended, and we seem to be averaging about 50 members each month for socializing and dinner at various locations around town. Our driving tours are thriving as well, and members enjoy carving into our many curves and twists that we are blessed to have in East Tennessee. Now that Pellissippi State is once again allowing autocrossing, we are starting our autocross series back up. Don't forget about our monthly cars and coffee get togethers. They seem to draw in 25 cars or more each month. Our goal is to try and assemble a mixed bag of diverse events so that members can pick and choose which ones they would like to attend. We find that some members even attend all of them.

On the horizon, is [Porsche Platica](#). Scheduled for Sunday, May 5th, Harper Porsche is hosting this fun event at The Quarry from 2 to 8 PM. On hand will be a 25 car Porsche display celebrating some of the rare and unique Porsche models in the area. Please make plans to attend and email the organizers at platica@harperdealerships.com to RSVP.

As always, these events just don't happen. They require lots of work planning, organizing, and executing. They also start with ideas and suggestions from our members. New members, as well as PCA members that have transferred into our area, bring with them fresh ideas. Please keep those ideas coming and we will do our best to fold them into our schedule. Lastly, if you'd like to help with the planning and execution, please let me know. We can always use

more support and it is a great way to meet other active members and immerse yourself into the workings of the club.

- Bob

WHAT IS COMING UP?

The calendar is filling up, and more to come!

- April 26-28 – [Spring Thing 2024](#)
- May 5 – [Porsche Platica](#), by Harper Porsche
- May 11 – [SMT Cars & Coffee](#), Mossy's in Jefferson City
- May 20 – Monthly Social, [PF Chang's, Knoxville](#)
- June 9-15 – [Porsche Parade 2024](#), Birmingham, Alabama

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

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Russell & Ruby C.	1982 924 Turbo
Michael S.	2021 Cayenne
Warren & Janet F.	2013 Boxster S
Stephen K.	PCA Test Drive
Doug S.	2013 Boxster S
Jeff A.	2019 Cayenne Turbo
Brad S.	2021 911 Carrera S
Evan E.	2019 911 Turbo S
Lewis C.	1999 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Gregory C.	2002 Boxster

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



SPRING THING 2024

... Is almost upon us! Get those cars bright and shiny, get out those helmets, don your Fun Weekend Clothes! We will see you at The General Morgan! And please say "THANKS!!" to Tom and Kathy for stepping up to run Spring Thing in 2024. Check out the good times from previous Spring Things.

- [Spring Thing 2023](#)
- [Spring Thing 2022](#)
- [Spring Thing 2021](#)



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CARS & COFFEE & MORE CARS...

We recently had a “twofer Weekend”, hosting a Region C&C at Ugly Mug in Lenoir City Saturday, then attending the Harpers C&C on Sunday. In spite of the rain Saturday we showed up, and a large SMT group came out Sunday to [The Mall for the Big show](#). Our next [SMT C&C](#) is May 11th at Mossy's in Jefferson City.

PORSCHE PARADE 2024



Phase I & II Registration has happened, and we have a good crowd going this year. [Parade 2024](#) is close by in Birmingham, Alabama, on June 9-15, 2024; we'll see and meet 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 venues for the details.

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

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

SPEED SEASON IS COMING

Things are warming 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.

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.



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.



PCA Treffen At Sea

Ahoy mateys, the [PCA Treffen at Sea](#) will set sail on Sunday July 28, 2024 through Sunday August 04, 2024. This is a PCA tailored cruise on the Princess Cruises *Majestic Princess*, one of Princess' Royal-Class ships, for an adventure like no other. This adventure includes a seven-day voyage departing from Seattle, Washington, visiting six destinations, including:

- Ketchikan, AK;
- the Endicott Arm, Juneau, AK;
- Dawes Glacier, Juneau, AK;
- Skagway, AK; and
- Victoria, Canada.

These destinations will feature many shore excursions to see what southeastern Alaska has to offer. Exclusive Cruise PCA rate includes:

- Pricing with Princess Plus Package included (Wi-Fi, Beverages, Crew Appreciation, and more)
- PCA Programming from Porsche industry celebrities and automobile experts
- Welcome Amenity
- Exclusive Porsche themed beverages
- All Porsche Club Events on board

While on board, guests can enjoy a full range of seminars, competitions, dinners, and the highly anticipated Porsche Diecast Concours at Sea. A good number of SMT members are going this year.

Booking details, cabin options, excursion details, and pricing are all online at the [Treffen at Sea website](#).



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PARTING SHOT – And Now for Something Completely Different

- Harvey Goranson

Something a little different this time, as last month Debi and I met some of my model car friends in Auburn, Indiana, some Chicago model car meets. We toured the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum (A-C-D), and on the same property is the National Auto and Truck Museum (NATMUS). The A-C-D museum is housed in the original office and showroom of Everett Loban Cord's factory, and the building itself is chock full of art deco design elements.

Here are some pics from those tours, and they are some classics. The black 1921 Duesenberg Model A is the very first Duesey road car, originally delivered to Hawaii, and stayed in the owner's family for 99 years before donation to the museum. It is car #27 in the National Historic Vehicle Register run by the US Dept. of the Interior: not many cars get this designation. The Cord L-29 was America's first production FWD car, and the Cord 810 was designer Gordon Buehrig's personal car.



Auburn 8-105 1933



Auburn 851 roadster 1935



Cadillac V-16 452A Coupe 1930



Cord L-29 Phaeton 1930



Cord L-29 Speedster 1931



Duesenberg J Convertible 1930



Duesenberg Model A Coupe 1921



IHC Model F 1916



Packard 745 Convertible Victoria 1930



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