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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am going out on a limb, but I believe that summer has found us. In the moment, the heat and humidity can sometimes be overwhelming, but try and embrace and enjoy it. In just 6 months, we will be facing the onset of cold weather. A little over a week ago, several Smoky Mountain Region members attended Porsche Parade in Birmingham, and the following High Performance Driving Event at Barber Motorsports Park. One word that describes the week-long event... hot. Sorry, couldn't resist. For those that have never attended a Parade, Treffen (smaller cousin to Parade) or a High Performance Driving event, I encourage you to give it a try. Both Parade and Treffen have a certain energy that you normally don't experience at a regional event. Driving events are in a league by themselves. It is amazing to both see and experience these cars in an environment in which they were truly designed to be in.

At the local level, our socials, cars & coffee, and driving tours continue to be well attended. Rest assured that we are continuously working to identify fun locations, routes, and destinations for everyone to enjoy. I enjoy receiving messages from our members with suggestions about where to eat or fun drives that they have just discovered. We always try to listen and fold them into our schedule of events.

Looking ahead to July, our Cars & Coffee needs a meeting location in Maryville or Alcoa. With these events, we try to rotate them geographically to engage members in those areas. If you can think of a location in Maryville or Alcoa, please let me know and I will try to make arrangements to meet there. Ideally, the location would be close to a coffee/doughnut shop or a small, locally owned breakfast spot. In addition, I will soon be sending out an announcement for our PCA Appreciation social, which is to be held at Harper Porsche on Thursday, July 25th.

Lastly, the 50th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th at Tellico Village Yacht Club. This will be a very special and hopefully memorable event for everyone. I hope that everyone can make plans to attend and help celebrate what our charter members started some 50 years ago. There's lot of planning and work to do before then and if you can lend a hand to assist, it would be most appreciated. We are actively seeking folks to volunteer in specific areas such as decorations, meal planning, program, etc. If you'd be willing to lend a hand, please let me know at baughbob@yahoo.com.

As always, this is your club and you set the tone and direction. I encourage everyone to provide me with ideas, suggestions and offers of support.

Enjoy those P-cars and safe travels,

- Bob

WHAT IS COMING UP?

The calendar is filling up, and more to come!

- July 20 – [Quarterly Board Meeting](#)
- July 21 – [Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee](#)
- July 25 – PCA Appreciation Social, Harper Porsche
- August 10 – Driving Tour Morristown NWS facility
- August 19 – [Monthly Social](#) at [Elkmont Station](#)

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

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Katie Q.	2006 Cayman S
Chris R.	2018 718 Boxster GTS
Larry L.	2010 Boxster S
Jon W.	1999 911 Carrera
Sandra G.	2024 Cayenne Turbo
Christopher S.	2018 718 Boxster GTS
Monica & James T.	2016 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



PORSCHE PARADE 2024



Parade has come and gone, and good time was had. It was "a bit" warm in Birmingham, but it was a wet heat! Mornings were actually cool, and the Concours "under the bridge" was great. Tours and drives went well, and we had some good Autocross places for region members. The Gimmick Rally and Art Show also had good showings by the region, and other fun was had too. Check out the [good times online](#).



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The next two years' locations have been announced too:



SPEED SEASON IS HERE!

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.

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/>

Speaking of speed, a large SMT Contingent went to the [Father's Day Barber HPDE](#) right after Parade and had a blast. A dozen cars and 14 drivers took over one corner of the Barber Paddock area, and set up a Pop-Up Tent city to get out of the heat. Battery powered fans and many coolers of water and Gatorade on ice were big hits.



We drove and we learned and we improved and had a great time. About five drivers moved up a group this time, and couple more are on the bubble. We enjoyed great comradery, festivities, food, and libation in the evenings, taking over the Hampton Inn lobby. Monday was a casual drive home for most, but some chose some more "adventurous" routes through the mountains.



We are gearing up for the Peachstate Region's Oktoberfest HPDE at Road Atlanta September 27-29, 2024. We're staying at the Braselton La Quinta Inn this time... we'll leave the light on.

JUNIOR DRIVERS

Smoky Mountain PCA Juniors did very well at Parade this year, earning trophies in the Gimmick Rally, RC Cars, and the Art Show. See the results on our [Parade picture page](#).

PORSCHE 963 GTP RACER

- Harvey Goranson

The Porsche 963 (Type 9R0) is an LMDh sports prototype racing car designed by Porsche and built by Multimatic, to compete in the Hypercar and GTP (Grand Touring Prototype) classes. It draws inspiration from the Porsche 956 and Porsche 962 that raced in the 1980s, and first raced at Daytona in 2023. The Penske Team could do no better than 14th, but a year later they won the 24-hour race. This is a Porsche dealer model made by Spark, ask for Part No. [WAP0205020RDAY](#)





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PARTING SHOT – PORSCHE PARADE 2024

A good number of Smoky Mountain Region Porsches trekked to Birmingham for this year's Parade: The hotels & venue were nice, and many of us learned that the food, music, and history scene is HOPPING in Birmingham. The usual events were competed in, and Smoky Mountain represented well. Our Juniors did very well, stepping up to the podium in many events! Check out [the pix online](#). As a bonus, a dozen cars shifted gears and did the Alabama Region DE At Barber Motorsports Park after Parade. Although hot that was a blast! See [all the fun they had](#).



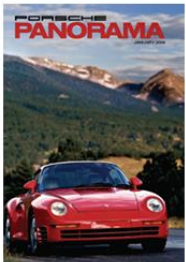
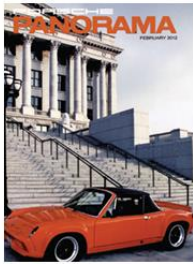
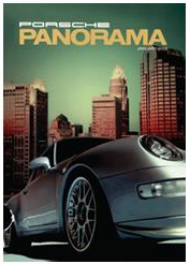
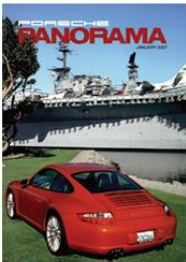
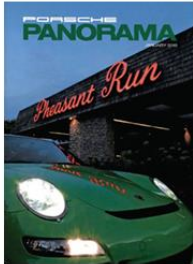


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Pete Thacher, Potomac Region at Marlboro Washington Post Photo

THE NAMES, THE PLACES, AND SOME OF THE FACES

Below are listed members of the P.C.A. region by state or province. Each month, we keep our lists up to date and we are pleased to recognize and identify you on the magazine. If you are not listed, please contact your regional editor. If you are not sure which region you belong to, please contact your regional editor. If you are not sure which region you belong to, please contact your regional editor. If you are not sure which region you belong to, please contact your regional editor.

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INDIANA	MARYLAND	UTAH	WEST VIRGINIA
IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS	VERMONT	
KENTUCKY	MICHIGAN		
MARYLAND	MINNESOTA		
MICHIGAN	MISSISSIPPI		
MINNESOTA	NEBRASKA		
MISSISSIPPI	NEVADA		
NEBRASKA	NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEVADA	NEW MEXICO		
NEW HAMPSHIRE	NEW YORK		
NEW MEXICO	PENNSYLVANIA		
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