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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone is having a great summer and that your summer travels are safe and enjoyable. Whether one is flying or driving, traveling to a vacation destination is always an adventure. While exotic destinations are exciting, it's really hard to beat the time-honored road trip. Fast forward from traveling in your parent's Ford Country Squire across the United States to visit Disneyland to touring the United States in your Porsche. Of course, the Disneyland trip was exciting, but it can't beat the thrill of your Porsche, especially when you make an effort to take back roads instead of using the interstate system. Regardless, I hope that each of you have an enjoyable and memorable summer.

On the local front, we've had a busy July and August is shaping up to be busy as well. As of this writing, everyone is looking forward to the [PCA Appreciation Social at Harper Porsche](#). I am excited about the prospect of folding a new Blount County location into our Region's Cars & Coffee events. Thanks to Region member, [Miles Slattery for making his business available for us](#). Following that C&C in Maryville, we have a fun driving tour scheduled to Tellico Plains for lunch at Iron Works Grille. Also, don't forget about the Harper Auto Square Cars & Coffee at West Town Mall. Harper's C&C have certainly turned into a mega event for car enthusiasts across the southeastern United States.

For a quick preview into August, we have an interesting driving tour that will end with a tour of the National Weather Service in Morristown followed by lunch. In addition, we have a new location for our monthly socials. [Elkmont Station in Farragut](#) will be our destination! Penne and I have dined there several times and we've enjoyed it each time.

On the horizon is our [50th Anniversary Celebration](#). Scheduled for Saturday, October 26th, members are hard at work planning a very special and memorable evening. There's still a massive amount of work to do, so if you'd like to help with the planning, please give me a shout at baughbob@yahoo.com.

In closing, while the heat and humidity sometimes can hamper our outdoor fun, please continue to enjoy the summer months and make plans to join us at one of our many planned events.

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](#)
- September 14-15 – [Murphy Driving Tour](#)

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

50th ANNIVERSARY FOR SMTPCA

Founded in 1974, the Smoky Mountain Region of the PCA turns FIFTY this year! It's been an active group, and we are still going strong. To celebrate we will be holding a celebration *Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the Tellico Village Yacht Club*. We have some planners on it, but as always we would love to have you help. The work groups include Decorations, Menu Selection, Program, Music/Band, and Giveaways.

Please consider lending a hand in one of these areas. This "divide and conquer" approach allows volunteers to assist in areas that interest them the most and the time requirement should be minimal. It's our goal to create an event that is both unique and memorable. Only through your support can this be done. Please contact me at baughbob@yahoo.com and let me know how you'd like to help.

SEPTEMBER DRIVING TOUR/POTLUCK

It's (almost) Fall, and that means our annual [Driving Tour and Potluck to Murphy](#), NC, is in the works for September 14-15. The Woontners and Fischers are doing it again with their side-by-side mountaintop cabins outside of Murphy, NC, hosting a potluck soiree there. The tour will entail a led driving tour to the cabins on some of East Tennessee's and West North Carolina's gorgeous roads, ending at Murphy about 2ish. Then we'll check-in as needed, socialize and prep/warm up the side dishes and sit down for dinner about 4ish at the Woontners. After that, dessert at the Fischers. Return options include heading back home after dinner, or DIY hotel arrangements ([see online](#)) and a led tour home on Sunday morning. **SPACE IS LIMITED:** We can only park so many cars up on the mountain, and seat so many in the cabins. This tour will be limited to 15 cars, so please plan accordingly and RSVP, promptly.

See Last Year's [Fun online!](#)



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NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Ryan G.	2014 911 Turbo S
Abhijit V.	2024 Macan GTS
Darrell B.	2008 Cayman
Kyle R.	2012 911 Carrera GTS
Ross T.	PCA's Test Drive program
Eric & Brandi D.	2014 Cayenne

RECENT GOINGS ON...

We had another rousing Smoky Mountain Region Cars & Coffee at Beaver's Dough Joe on June 22. About 25 Porsches came out, and quite a few new and newish members as well. Welcome aboard!



SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



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/>

918 SPYDER

The 918 Spyder concept car appeared from the Porsche Design Studio in 2010. The concept was to be a more 'greener' sports car, with four driving modes, ranging from E-Drive (full electric) to Race Hybrid (using V-8 power and both electric motors). There are two available models - both the show car and the production 918, both made by Minichamps and once available from Porsche. See if you can tell the difference.



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](#).

And keep up with the [PCA Juniors program online](#).



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PARTING SHOT – High Performance Drivers Education, Barber June 2024

A dozen Smoky Mountain Region Porsches went to the [Alabama Region Father's Day HPDE](#), an annual event they host at [Barber Motorsports Park](#). A couple cars even had Father-Son Teams sharing them. It was warm, but we set up a five Pop-Up tent city, whipped out some battery fans, filled the coolers with ice, water, and Gatorade, and had fun. About five drivers advanced groups this weekend, and a couple more are on the bubble. Next up: [ROAD ATLANTA IN SEPTEMBER!](#)





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