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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, another month has flown by for all of us and I hope that each of you has been able to add some miles to the odometer of your Porsche. If not, what's keeping you from it? It is all too easy to get caught up in meetings, appointments, errands, etc. and before you know it, you really can't remember when the last time that you drove your car. Please try and take time for yourself. Grab the keys to your car and just go for a drive with no destination in mind. Beyond the grin on your face that your car seems to generate, you might find that your drive is like therapy. Once done and your car is tucked away, you find yourself feeling renewed.

Besides those solitary drives, please try and join us on one of our many events. Each of our past two driving tours have had 30 cars and over 45 people participating. Enjoying one of these fun events is a great way to have fun with like-minded car enthusiasts. While the summer is starting to wind down, our driving tours will continue through the remainder of the summer and hopefully to year's end. This past driving tour ended with a tour of the National Weather Service facility in Morristown. The interest level for this event was over the top. Members seem to have really liked the combination of a drive and a visit. If you have an idea for a drive or more importantly to a destination, please let me know. We are continuously looking for new and interesting things to do.

For our autocross junkies, Smoky Mountain Region's autocross events will soon be starting. I believe that our first event of the fall will occur early in September. A formal announcement will soon be sent to everyone.

As with our tours, our monthly socials continue to be well attended. A special thanks to Kathy Moreno for all the work that she does to keep our socials fun and interesting. Last month, I reported that we would be visiting Elkmont Station in August. In working through the details on that social, we met an impasse and were forced to cancel. Not to worry though, as we replaced it with Condado Taco. Penne and I ate there last Friday, and we really enjoyed our meals.

Planning continues for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. If you'd like to help with this event, or with socials, driving tours, autocross, etc., please give me a shout at baughbob@yahoo.com. With that, please go for a drive!

Enjoy those P-cars and safe travels,

Bob

WHAT IS COMING UP?

The calendar is filling up, and more to come!

- August 20 – [Monthly Social](#) at [Condado Tacos](#)
 - September 8 – Smoky Mountain [Region Autocross](#)
 - September 14-15 – [Murphy Driving Tour](#)
 - September 16 – Monthly Social at Corner 16
 - October 6 – Smoky Mountain [Region Autocross](#)
 - October 26 - Smoky Mountain Region 50th Anniversary
- Keep an eye on our [calendar for](#) more!

50th ANNIVERSARY FOR SMTPCA

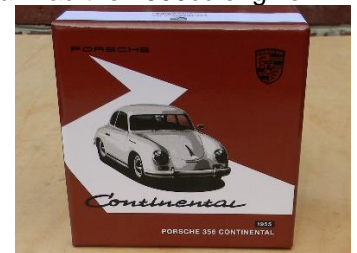
Founded in 1974, the Smoky Mountain Region of the PCA turns FIFTY this year! It's been an active group, and we are still going strong. To celebrate we will be holding a celebration *Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the Tellico Village Yacht Club*. We have some planners on it, but as always we would love to have your 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 if you'd like to help.

PORSCHE 356 CONTINENTAL

By Harvey Goranson

This is a unique and rare item. As most Porscheophiles know, the 356 Continental was an idea from US-importer Max Hoffman to sell unsold cars before the 356A made its appearance. Besides the 'Continental' script on the front fenders (which FoMoCo was not pleased about) there were other various upgrades, and all had the 1500cc engine.



This scale model was a special edition (of you guessed it, only 356 made) and based on a car at the Porsche Classic Center Gelderland in the Netherlands. It dates from 2019. The color, Terra Cotta, has been described in unflattering terms through the years.



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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 Wootners 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 Wootners. 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 is limited to 15 cars, we are at 10, so please plan accordingly and RSVP, promptly.

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

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Chris L.	2008 Cayman S
Nicolas S.	2006 911 Carrera 4
David M.	2015 911 Carrera S Cab
Adam M.	PCA's Test Drive
Chris M.	2006 911 Carrera
Mark G.	1987 944
Stephen K.	2024 718 Boxster S
Brian H.	2009 911 Carrera 4S Cab

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



RECENT GOINGS ON...

We had a [great driving tour to the Morristown NWS](#) Office and saw how they make the weather. The route featured many new roads to us. After an interesting presentation, many headed off to Aubrey's for lunch and good times.

Another big August outing was [Treffen at Sea](#), a Princess Cruise to the Alaskan southeast coast with 900+ of our

closest PCA friends. Good times were had, more on that trip in our "Parting Shot" below. [Next Cruise: New England!](#)



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/>

Porsche 911 GT1 FOR SALE?

This [Porsche 911 GT1 Is Coming Up For Auction](#) and does anyone have an idea for how to steal it?



JUNIOR DRIVERS

Smoky Mountain PCA Juniors are up to 22 registered members now! They 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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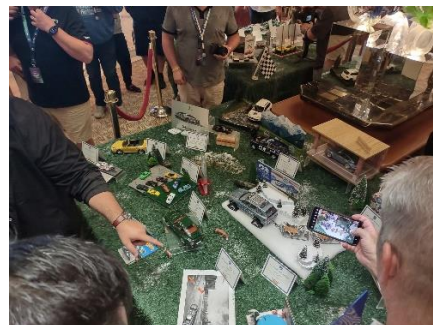
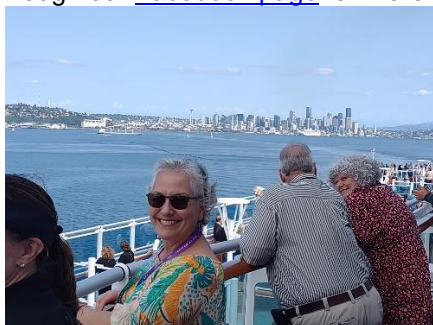
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PARTING SHOT – Treffen at Sea, July/August 2024

A dozen or so Smoky Mountain Region members, along with about 900 other PCA members, boarded the Princess Majestic in Seattle, WA, for the eight-day [Treffen at Sea](#) cruise. This is a relatively new venture between PCA and Princess Cruise Lines, and the second official Treffen at Sea: here's a [little history of the event](#). We made port with day-long visits to Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan, a run up Endicott Arm to the Dawes Glacier, and brief stop in Victoria, BC, for sights. Scroll through our [Facebook page](#) for more information and pictures.



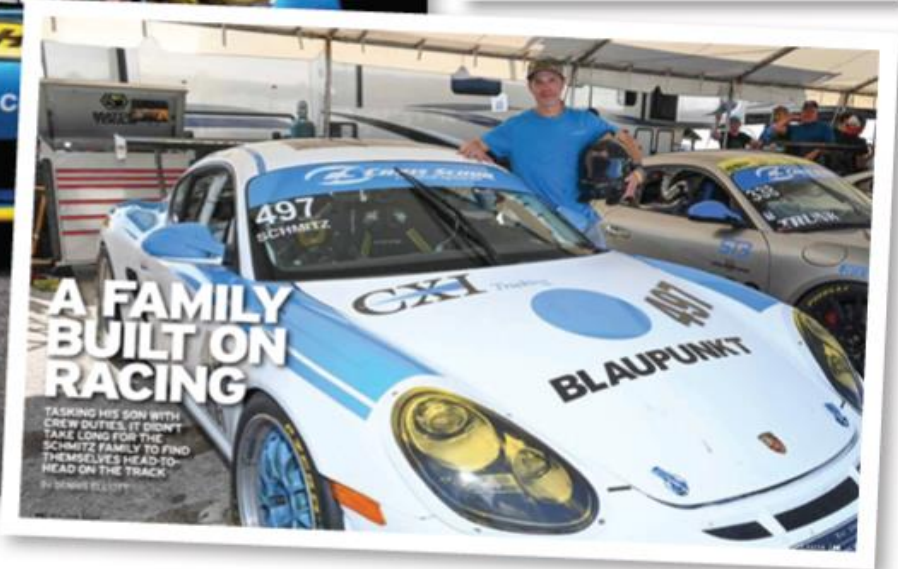
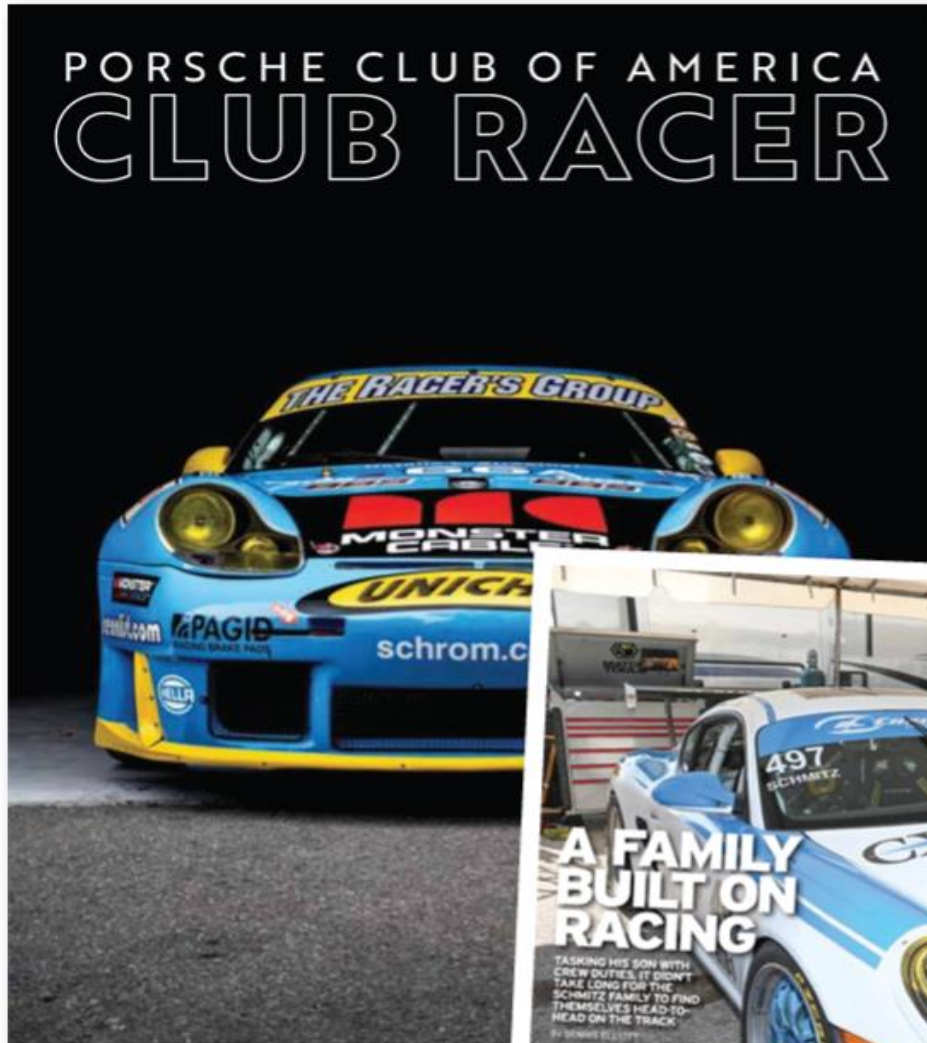


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