



# Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS — IT'S THE PEOPLE

## Smoke Signals - The Newsletter of the Smoky Mountain Region – SEPTEMBER 2024

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time is running short on drafting this message and our Editor is needing to get this month's Smoke Signals into production... so I will keep this message brief. As we transition into Fall, I can imagine lots of conversations around the dinner table centered upon taking in the soon to be fall colors. Please don't just talk about it. Rather, take action and schedule a date to put the top down in your P-Car, or at least roll your windows down, and enjoy the beauty that East Tennessee offers us each year. Before long, the colors will be gone and our landscape will be brown for a few months, so enjoy it while you can.

As for the Smoky Mountain Region itself, participation continues to be strong regardless of the event. Our Socials at Condado Taco and Corner 16 have been very well attended, averaging 45 people or so at each event. The same can be said for our driving tours. September's driving tour was to Murphy, NC to visit two club member's mountaintop retreats. This annual event is always fun due to both the exciting routes to and from, but also due to the great conversations between club members in a relaxing setting.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration planning team continues to make preparations for a spectacular evening for us. We plan to recognize our Charter Members at this event for their efforts some 50 years ago to get this Club started. I just received word a couple of weeks ago that the PCA National President, Aaron Ambrosino will be attending, along with our Zone Rep, Rick Daniels. What an honor to have these guests join us.

Lastly, I am meeting this week with Harper Porsche staff to begin plans for a new charity event that will take place this fall. The Smoky Mountain Region is a recognized leader at the National level with regard to charity efforts. Teaming with Harper Porsche, I hope that this event will set a new bar as we continue to make an impact in Knoxville and the surrounding counties and assist those less fortunate. More to come on this and heads up... we will need volunteer support to make this event a success.

With that, I will close so that this edition can be finished. Stay safe and enjoy those P-Cars.

Bob

### WHAT IS COMING UP?

- October 6 – Smoky Mountain [Region Autocross](#)
- October 26 - Smoky Mountain Region [50th Anniversary](#)
- November 02 – Fall Fest – Driving Tour

- November 03 – Fall Fest – Smoky Mountain [Region Autocross](#)
  - December 12 – Christmas Party, Chesapeake's Seafood House
- Keep an eye on our [calendar for](#) more!

### 50th ANNIVERSARY FOR SSMTPCA

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.*

# 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can plan a great event. [All the details are online on the website.](#)

### SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION GIVES

Members of the Region and their grandchildren recently met with the staff at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge (CMOR), one of our ongoing charities, to present the 2024 gift. Attending were the granddaughters of Suzan Bowman and Mike Parker who have attended the museum for 10 years and now are camp volunteers, and Susannah and Michael Ishmael's grandchildren who are beginning their journey as CMOR kids!



The club's donation will go toward field trip scholarships for low income (Title 1) schools. Last year our donation helped 214 children from the following schools visit the CMOR! We are proud that Smoky Mountain Region has donated to the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge for many years. In 2025, we hope to have a special visit to the Museum.



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### PORSCHE 356 CONTINENTAL

By Harvey Goranson

Since this year is the 50th anniversary of the 911 Turbo, here's one from 1974. The Martini-sponsored team fielded two entries at Le Mans. The Muller-van Lennep car No. 22 was second overall, squeezed between two Matra MS670Cs and only six laps down from the lead. Quite a feat, considering it was in the same 3-liter class as the Matra prototypes. Car no. 21 was an also-ran, sadly.



These include diecasts from the now-defunct Ebbro company, and a white metal version from Andre Marie Ruf, his first model car. AMR logos can be seen on a lot of the Porsche and Ferrari Le Mans entries from the late 1970s and early 1980s - this usually meant he was planning a model of that particular car.

### SEPTEMBER DRIVING TOUR/POTLUCK

Our annual [Driving Tour and Potluck to Murphy, NC](#), was a hit. Once again, the Woontners and Fischers hosted a Potluck Dinner at their side-by-side mountaintop cabins outside of Murphy, NC. The tour entailed a led driving tour to the cabins on some of East Tennessee's and West North Carolina's gorgeous roads, then social hour followed by BBQ and Potluck sides and desserts.

This year ALL of us returned on another led trip down the Cherohala Skyway, and then made a command decision the end the Driving Tour early with lunch in Tellico Plains.



We had about 20 folks, the weather was fantastic in spite of the former hurricane lurking to the west, the company excellent, and views were amazing across the Hiwassee Valley. Many thanks to the hosts, the planners, and all that came out for a good time.

### NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Michael & Lynn L.	2021 718 Boxster
Timothy & Chrisian M.	2001 Boxster
Richard P.	2024 911 Carrera 4S
Max T.	2013 Boxster
Michael M.	2011 Boxster
Maxwell T.	2013 Boxster
Adam M.	2021 718 Cayman GTS 4.0

### 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>



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## **Win a Porsche with PCA's member-only raffles!**

*Twice a year, many PCA members get a surprise announcement!*

Discover an incredible benefit of PCA membership: the opportunity to take part in PCA's semiannual raffle. Members can buy entries for a chance to win a brand-new Porsche. The fall raffle is on the horizon, with the anticipation of multiple winners.

Stay tuned to [pca.org](http://pca.org) for raffle dates and details!



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