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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Smoky Mountain Region PCA members! Fall is in the air and at the time of this writing, lows are predicted to be in the low 30s. Seems that fall may be short lived. Hopefully, this is just a cold snap, and things will warm back up and everyone will have an enjoyable fall season. There is nothing prettier than to see a photo of a Porsche with a backdrop of fall foliage with sunlight filtering through the trees onto the car. With fall upon us, it is time for elections. The nominations committee is assembling and will be working on the upcoming ballot. Voting this year will include all positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), as well as those for the position of Director. If someone from the nominations committee contacts you, please give serious consideration to throwing your name into the hat. As a volunteer lead organization, the club's leadership is critical to its continued success.

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration is less than a week away. Response has been tremendous, and we are expecting over 120 club members to participate. In addition, given the importance of this milestone event, the National President of PCA, Aaron Ambrosino will be traveling from New York to attend the celebration. We are excited to have Aaron, as well as our Zone 3 Representative, Rick Daniels present for the evening's festivities. If somehow you've missed the announcements for this event, please contact me ASAP at baughbob@yahoo.com.

After 7 successful years of Thanksgiving food collection via Turkeys in the Trunk, we have decided to revamp this campaign and expand. Over the 7 years, Turkeys in the Trunk collected approximately 15,000 pounds of food and over \$16,000 in monetary contributions. The pandemic affected this campaign, and we never really recovered. However, both the Salvation Army and KARM have come to depend on this effort. They reported that Turkeys in the Trunk just about meets their food needs for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Shannon Harper told me that he had always wanted a charity component to their signature Cars & Coffee events. With that in mind, we are tag teaming with Harper Porsche, ET Graphics and Knox Details to conduct a food collection drive at the upcoming Cars & Coffee on Sunday, October 27th. Both the Salvation Army and KARM will be the benefactors of this campaign. We are having 500 limited edition tee shirts produced. These shirts will be given to the first 500 people that bring food to the event. We will set up for food collection near Harper's Airstream Trailer. More details were sent via

email, and of course, if you'd like to assist with this event, please let me know.

This is an exciting time for us. PCA is flourishing, as is the Smoky Mountain Region. Please keep up with the emails and check our club's calendar and Facebook page routinely to stay current with our events and try to make plans to attend as many as your schedule allows.

Bob

WHAT IS COMING UP?

- October 26 - Smoky Mountain Region [50th Anniversary](#)
- October 27 - Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee and **Food Drive**
- November 03 –Smoky Mountain [Region Autocross](#)
- November TBD - Driving Tour
- December 12 – Christmas Party, Chesapeake's Seafood House

Keep an eye on our [calendar for](#) more!

50th ANNIVERSARY FOR SMTPCA

IT'S THIS WEEK!!! *Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the Tellico Village Yacht Club.*

50th ANNIVERSARY

[All the details are online on the website.](#)

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION GIVES MORE

Members of the Region, Eurotech Knoxville, and Zone 3 have been most generous in giving to those impacted by Hurricane Helene. As a region, we donated \$5,200 to the Second Harvest Food Bank, and Eurotech Knoxville loaded up a trailer of donated goods AND hauled it into the region.



If you want to help, please see [the Zone 3 posting](#) about the best way to help.



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HARPER CARS & COFFEE & FOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, October 27th, the Smoky Mountain Region PCA will be partnering with Harper Porsche, ET Graphics, and Knox Details in a food collection drive. All proceeds will be going to KARM and the Salvation Army. This will replace our annual Turkeys in the Trunk.

For the past 7 years, Smoky Mountain Region has conducted Turkeys in the Trunk. Those efforts have collected literally tons of food and over \$16,000 in contributions. This year, we wanted to expand those efforts. As a result, this food collection drive will be conducted during next Sunday's [Harper Auto Square Cars & Coffee](#) at West Town Mall. Our partners are having 500 custom tee shirts produced and will be given to the first 500 people bringing in a can or two of food.

This effort will require lots of volunteer support and I am respectfully asking for your assistance to help those less fortunate. We will need at least eight folks each for manning the collection table and loading donations. One-hour shifts will run from 7-10AM. Email me with your name(s) and preferences at baughbob@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Brad F.	1999 911 Carrera
Mike K.	2003 911 Carrera
Jennifer M.	2020 Macan
Joel & Lynette D.	2007 911 Carrera
Charles S.	2005 911 Carrera S
Edward L.	2007 Cayman
Ken H.	2001 Boxster

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Remember to "save the date" for the upcoming Smoky Mountain Region Christmas Party on **December 12th** at **Chesapeake's Seafood Restaurant**.

THE TYPE 754 T7

By Harvey Goranson

In autumn of 1959 work began on what would be the successor to the 356, incorporating a longer length and occasional rear seats. Many design proposals were considered, but eventually the prototype was based on that supported by Ferdinand Alexander "Butzi" Porsche (son of Ferry). The Type 754 T7 debuted in 1960 but was found unsuitable for further development. But various design features, especially the front end, made their way into the 901 prototype, later renamed 911.



This model is by AutoCult, in resin, and only 333 were made this year.

DE's, AUTOCROSSES, & OTHER FUN FOR 2024

- **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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Add your CO-PILOT as a CO-MEMBER!

Co-members are free and get a PCA membership card as well!

Co-members are welcome to share in your PCA experience at no additional cost; they are invited to PCA events, receive their own user account on www.PCA.org, and have digital access to Porsche Panorama magazine. Co-members must be at least 18 years of age. If you'd like to add a co-member, send an email with their full name, relation to you (i.e. Spouse, child, friend, etc.) and their email address to membership@pca.org.



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PARTING SHOT - [Chattanooga Motorcar Festival](#), October 11-13, 2024

Last weekend our own Harvey Goranson went to the Chattanooga Motorcar Festival and, as usual, there were a lot of air-cooled Porsches there. Broad Arrow auctions had a few that would be sold, including a 911 SC RS that bidding estimates were \$2.6M to \$3M. David Hobbs and Jochen Mass were also there, so Harvey got a few more autographs of cars in his collection. He sent us a bunch of pics! Thanks, Harvey!





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