



Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we transition from summer into fall and the colors of the leaves paint our beautiful region, I am reminded of just how lucky we are to have such a passionate community of Porsche lovers in the Smoky Mountain Region. I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the continued spirit of camaraderie and volunteerism that defines our club. Having just held our 50th Anniversary Celebration, it's truly amazing to see how our members come together not just to enjoy the thrill of driving but to support one another and strengthen the bond we share as Porsche enthusiasts.

We've had some fantastic events recently – from the 50th Anniversary Celebration to Cars & Coffee and the food collection drive to thrilling driving tours to unforgettable dining socials – and there's so much more on the horizon. These gatherings are more than just an opportunity to share our love of Porsche; they're a reminder of the sense of community we've built together. Whether it's hitting the open road on a scenic drive or breaking bread at a local restaurant, every event is made better by your participation and enthusiasm.

One of the most important upcoming events is the election of our next Club Officers for 2025. As always, your voice matters, and I encourage each of you to take the time to vote and help shape the future direction of our club. We are a club built on the strength of its members, and your input helps ensure that we continue to thrive.

Our Cars & Coffee events continue to be a popular and welcoming gathering for Porsche enthusiasts of all types. It's a great time to meet fellow club members, showcase your car, or just admire the wide range of Porsches on display. [Our last Cars & Coffee of the year](#) will be held on Saturday, November 16th and Beaver's Dough Joe in Karns. I encourage all members—new and long-time—to join us for a cup of coffee and some great conversation.

Please stay tuned for details on upcoming driving events and socials – there's plenty more to look forward to as we continue to celebrate the Porsche lifestyle!

Thank you again for all you do. Your passion, dedication, and volunteer spirit are what make this club so special.

Safe Travels!!

Bob

WHAT IS COMING UP?

- November 16 - [SMTPCA Cars & Coffee](#), Beaver's Dough-Joe
- December 12 - [Christmas Party](#), Chesapeake's Seafood House
- December ?? - Drive to Kingswood Home for Children

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

50th ANNIVERSARY FOR SMTPCA

Over a hundred Smoky Mountaineers descended on the Tellico Village Yacht Club, including some "blasts from the past". A bevy of juried Porsches were put on display and tons of memorabilia were laid out for all to peruse.



After wining and dining, we had a presentation of our last Fifty Years as a PCA Region. The National President of PCA, Aaron Ambrosino, was on hand to present anniversary bling, Mike Parker hosted a 20-minute Magic Lantern Show highlighting our history, then after dinner The DJ lit it up so we could cut the rug. See all the fun [online at the website](#).

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION GIVES MORE

At the Harpers' Cars & Coffee, Sunday, October 27th, the Smoky Mountain Region PCA partnered with Harper Porsche, ET Graphics, and Knox Details in a food collection drive. All proceeds went to KARM and the Salvation Army, and this has replaced our annual Turkeys in the Trunk.

The Salvation Army was very appreciative, having raised \$1661.74 in The Kettle that Sunday. This will help them purchase the turkeys needed to feed the 85 men, women, and children staying in their shelters as well as the food boxes distributed to families in need.

KARM received \$1200 in cash and several checks and had 1,000 lbs in canned goods. The food truck did quite well, too. KARM says "Thanks again!" for including them. Lots of photos from the C&C on [our Facebook page](#).



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NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Erik C.	2024 Cayenne Turbo GT
Brian H.	2014 Cayman S
William P.	2024 Macan S
Pete K.	1983 911 SC Targa

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS...

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



SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2024 Smoky Mountain Region PCA Christmas party will be held at [Chesapeake's Seafood House West](#) on Thursday, December 12th. Chesapeake's is located at [9630 Parkside Drive](#). The social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with a cash bar and an assortment of appetizers. Dinner will be held at 7:00 pm and will be followed by a short program.

The menu items are still being selected and will be posted when done. Cost \$65 per person; **please RSVP** and send your payment by December 3rd to:

Vaughn Smith
8153 Crimson Tree Lane, Knoxville, TN 37919

Checks should be made payable to "SMTPCA". Please note that we have a firm limit of 70 people. As such, reservations will be taken in the order received. Once we reach the limit, we will begin a waiting list.

OTHER FUN STUFF WE HAVE DONE

November 3rd was our last autocross of 2024, and although lightly attended, we had a blast. Low count meant more runs and done by lunch! Had some Newbies who had fun, and The Usual Suspects topped out the leaderboard. See these [good times online](#).



On November 9th, we hosted a Driving Tour through Knox, Blount & Loudon counties. Thirty+ cars assembled at Farragut, then toured points west, ending with an optional late lunch at Calhoun's in Lenoir City. [Pix are online!](#)



TRACK RATS

Since Mike "called us out" at the 50th anniversary, we are running with it. Over the last 3-4 years a sub-group of Smoky Mountaineers has been getting into track events. It started with a half dozen speed freaks, and it now has blossomed into about a dozen semi-regulars. The Rats hit about 2 to 4 events a year, mostly [PCA sponsored "High Performance Driver's Education"](#) events in the southeast.

These are highly regulated, safety-oriented opportunities to see what these cars were built for. You start in an "onboard instructor" class (Group 1) and progress "up group" as your experience, ability, confidence, and observed "plays well with others" factor increases. You can show up with "right off the show room floor" stock or go as wild as you want with "mods". Most stick to upgrading to track tires and brakes that don't overheat, but your wallet and imagination are the limits on that aspect.

Most PCA events we run in are by the [Alabama \(Barber Motorsports Park\)](#) and [Peachstate \(Road Atlanta\)](#) regions. They have this down to a science, and usually "theme" the events, such as Father's Day, Oktoberfest, etc. For 2025, The Rats are looking at [NCM](#) in May and [Mid-Ohio](#) later on. Registering with the two main online registration sites will get a ton of opportunities filling your email inbox.

- <https://clubregistration.net/>
- <https://www.motorsportreg.com/>

Remember, smooth is fast, and shiny side up!



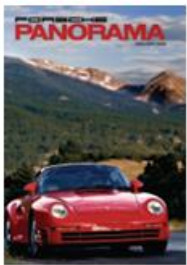
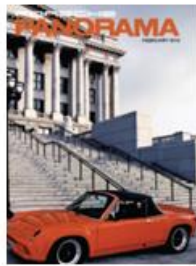
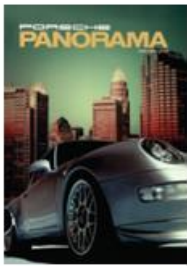
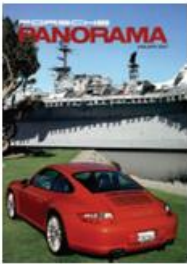
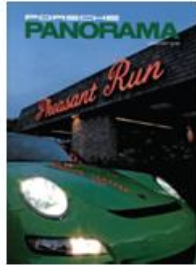


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PARTING SHOT - Porsche and Barbie?

A combination that seems to work surprisingly well. Not only then, but also today. The most famous blonde recently made it big on the cinema screen - and gave creative ideas to project manager Claudio Silvanti from the Porsche Center in Locarno. The result: a bright pink Boxster, complete with surfboards and a jet ski trailer, which caused a sensation.





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