



Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I am honored to be writing my first update as President of this great club of ours. I would first like to thank Bob for serving in this role for the last 4 years. His leadership and energy, together with the tireless support of so many great members, have made this the healthy, active club it is today.

What can you expect in the year ahead? All of the same, and perhaps a bit more. I hold great regard for the social aspect of our club, and the genuinely terrific people that are part of it. Connecting with each other is our foundation. And we should all be proud of our charity work, we have a giving spirit as a club and support important causes in our area.

I also like to drive, and I suspect that many who own these incredible cars feel the same way. We have a growing group of members that are venturing out into track events, and we hope to help more and more people get involved. Driving should always be part of a club dedicated to Porsches! In the end, this is your club, and it should be what you want it to be. I welcome input from everyone and hope that many new members will get involved in some way with the club.

Many of the greatest friendships that Pam and I have are people we met through this club, and we look forward to many more. I wish everyone all the best for the year ahead and look forward to many more fun experiences together behind the wheel!

Safe Travels!!

Todd

NEW YEAR, NEW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The ballots were sent, and votes were tallied. Please welcome the 2025 SMTPCA Executive Council Members.

- **President:** Todd Sutton – [Email](#)
- **Vice President:** John McDermott – [Email](#)
- **Treasurer:** Tom Moreno – [Email](#)
- **Secretary:** Steve Franklin – [Email](#)
- **Past President:** Bob Baugh – [Email](#)

Our 2025 "Directors" include:

- Jack Gottlieb – [Email](#)
- Charles Gault – [Email](#)
- Tammy Kirby – [Email](#)

While the named positions have obvious job descriptions, the Directors are to represent the interests of the club's general membership in good standing, as well as the duties specified as needed. For details, see our [Region Bylaws](#).

WHAT IS COMING UP?

2025! That's what! The calendar is filling up. If you have ideas and are willing to run with it or help, [let us know!](#)

- Jan 21 – [Monthly Social, Jaboni's](#)
- Jan 18 – Quarterly Board Meeting
- Feb 18 – Monthly Social at [Double Dogs Hardin Valley](#)
- Mar 18 – Monthly Social at [Monkey Town Brewing](#)
- Apr 4-6 – [Spring Thing 2025](#) at The General Morgan
Keep an eye on our [calendar for](#) more!

SPRING THING 2025

Mark your calendars, April 4-6, 2025. We are back at The General for another rousing weekend of Porsche Fun & Friends. As usual, there will be social hours, a Concours, some Driving, a Banquet, and an Autocross.



Check out the [details and registration online](#).

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Kurt E.	1974 914 2.0
Mark & Nicole H.	2022 718 Cayman GT4

Speaking of new members...

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

PORSCHE PARADE 2025



Registration opens in February, so now it is time to start planning!! [Parade 2025](#) is July 6-12, 2025 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Smoky Mountain Region members are perennial attendees, seeing old and new friends from all over. This is a great time to see many Porsches, take part in some great events (autocross at THE NEXT LEVEL!), make new friends, and check out a new area. Registration happens in two phases.



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PHASE 1: February 26, 2025, you will register for Parade and lodging at the event hotel(s).

PHASE 2: May 7, 2025, you will sign up for specific events, tours, classes, competitions, etc.

Keep tabs on various websites and social media so you can sign up in time: IT FILLS UP FAST. When they say "Registration opens at XX PM" be on the that webpage, ready to click fast and furious!

<https://www.porscheparade.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PorscheParade>

THE 1950 356 Gmünd Coupe

By Harvey Goranson

Schuco released this model of a 356 Gmünd coupe from 1950 along with a representation of the body buck used to build the bodies for the early cars. The completed car represents chassis 356/2-045. The model is No. 267 of only 356 models made in 2020.



Porsche handcrafted the early 356 bodies at Gmünd in aluminum, but when production moved to Zuffenhausen, Germany, in 1950, they were steel-bodied. The early aluminum cars could be considered "prototypes".

TRACK RATS & PERFORMANCE EVENTS

The Track Rats met recently to plan and discuss and check out some cars new to The Paddock. Below is a tentative schedule of 2025 events some drivers will be attending.

- [March 22/23 Barber](#) for a few folks
- [May 24/25 NCM](#) a larger group
- [September 12-14 Mid-Ohio](#) for a few folks
- [September 20/21 Road Atlanta](#)
- VIR is still TBD

If you are interested in going, or have questions, please contact our soon to be instated HPDE Chair... or for now just ask [The Web Lackey](#).



Remember, smooth is fast, and shiny side up!

JUNIOR DRIVERS

The [PCA Juniors program](#) is for kids to enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and continue the passion that runs throughout the Porsche Club of America. Your PCA Junior will receive a welcome box, and many region events include activities for children and teens geared to grow enthusiasm for Porsche and PCA for generations to come.

Keep up with all the latest by subscribing to the [PCA Juniors Newsletter](#). It is produced for parents and sponsors of PCA Juniors and is intended to create engagement and interaction.

Ameila Concours/Werks Reunion, March 2025

Another Annual National event [many Smoky Mountain Region members attend](#) are the PCA's "[Werks Reunion Amelia Island](#)" (March 7, 2025) and the "[Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance](#)" (March 6-9, 2025). Some trek down for a long weekend, or just for those events, and it is grand time in northeast Florida.



Registration for the Concours and the Werks Reunion are already open. We know many Smoky Mountain couples always head down for that weekend, and some even making an extended Southern Tour of it.

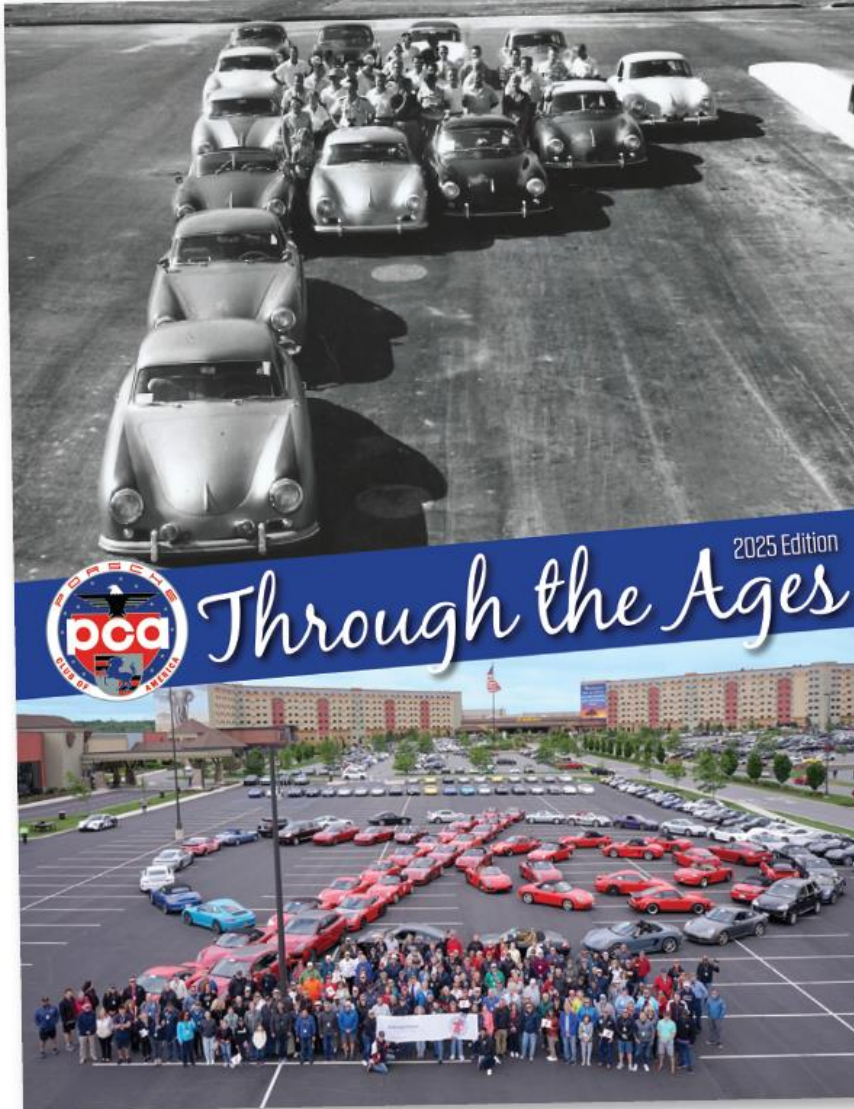


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Through the Ages 2025 Edition

**Bill Sholar
PCA Founder**

Bill Sholar

Bill Sholar was a successful commercial artist in the mid-50s when he joined PCA. He had an interesting life before and after his time with the club. Being born in 1911 you had to work hard during the touring years. He earned money as a dancer on Broadway shows and as a part-time lawyer. He met his wife of 60 years, Virginia, on a date in the mid-50s. He was a professional dancer with the Ziegfeld Follies. As he said in an interview for Porsche magazine, "What was he doing here in Alexandria, Virginia? Bill taught me to appreciate an advertisement. Virginia taught me to appreciate a dance."

Bill brought something new into PCA. His first job was a one-year-old job. Bill ended up doing the same thing for the car club that he expected to do for the rest of his life. Bill was a pioneer.

Bill's first job was to help solve the problems. Although he was an artist, he had begun his college days as an engineering student. He went on to get a B.S. in engineering.

In early 1955 he placed five or six cars in the area waiting rooms in a meeting at his home in Alexandria, Virginia to "exchange information on Porsche characteristics, operation, repairs, etc."

Bill was a pioneer in the early 1950's and would shorten their lives.

The First Porsche Parade

Bill Sholar

THE FIRST PORSCHE PARADE, WHAT'S IN A NAME? It has been written many times in PCA history and here, there was a parade of Porsches and the name stuck! So, let's go back to December 1955 and the first mass of Porsches.

The first mention of what would become the Porsche Parade is in Page #1. The membership is asked if they would like a "National Rally" and a few suggestions are offered.

NATIONAL RALLY

To have some of the members of the Porsche Club of America (PCA) organized in the United States, it was decided to have a National Rally. The rally was held in Alexandria, Virginia, on the morning of the 1st of December 1955. The rally was held in the morning and the cars were lined up in the parking lot. The rally was held in the morning and the cars were lined up in the parking lot. The rally was held in the morning and the cars were lined up in the parking lot.

PCA Through the Ages 2025 Edition

Updated PCA History Book Online Now!

Through the Ages now features the latest club events and programs

New for 2025, the Porsche Club of America History Book contains an overview of the club's history, followed by individual sections covering specific detailed items. Some sections were designed for use as standalone articles for region newsletters. Individual chapters and page numbers can be "clicked on" from the contents page. Major National Awards are also included.

Take a look: <https://ww2.pca.org/pca-history>



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PARTING SHOT – Five Odd Porsches...

(Lovingly lifted from [Classic Driver](#)). In its history, Porsche has not only created some of the world's greatest cars, but also its fair share of oddities. Here is a smattering.



In 1989, Porsche employees created an extravagant present for Dr. Ferry's 80th birthday. **The Panamericana**, it also doubled up as a technological showcase of the company's ever-forward thinking. Semi-open wheels, a wraparound glasshouse and chunky styling meant it was never destined to go into production, but Porsche insisted it might point to future developments for the 911.

Hispano Alemán Vizcaya 914/6 by Frua...

Porsche's importer to Spain, Werner Bernhard Heiderich, set to work on a 914/6. Enlisting the styling services of Italian coachbuilder Frua, he produced a showcar in time for the 1971 Geneva Motor Show, complete with a wedge-shaped design akin to concepts of the era, as well as louvred buttresses. Porsche was supposedly interested in producing a limited run, but it was not to be...



Porsche T7 - The original 911

The 1959 T7, also known as 754 in Stuttgart-speak, was one of the original prototypes of the 911 (or at the time, the 901). Penned by F.A. 'Butzi' Porsche, its front-end styling was largely carried forward into production. However, Butzi's father Ferry was unconvinced by the styling from the A-pillar backwards, preferring the fastback roofline of the Porsche 356 Coupé.



Porsche 984 'Junior'

Also given a four-cylinder in prototype form before being blessed with a boxer-six in production trim was the 984, otherwise known as the 'Junior'. Developed in the mid-80s, it was a precursor to the first-generation Porsche Boxster and was also a mid-engined roadster. Unlike its eventual production successor, though, it had a novel folding hardtop roof. Only one 984 was built.



Porsche Tapiro by Italdesign

Giorgetto Giugiaro, who had recently founded Italdesign, was another – and for the 1970 Turin Motor Show, he presented his vision of a modern, mid-engined Porsche. The Tapiro used a 914/6 platform but was otherwise outwardly unrecognizable, and was named as such due to its resemblance to the pig-like tapir mammal; both shared a long, pointy nose and a high tail. Though never destined for production, it would influence countless other designs





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