



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 – May 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A group of our members spent the weekend on the track at NCM amongst a sea of Corvettes. It was a terrific time for everyone on a fun and technical track, and a great showing of Porsches in Corvette's backyard!

We had one mechanical issue that required some creativity and a team of people to resolve, but we managed to get the car back on track without missing a single session. It reminded me of what the car community we belong to is like. While a couple people were elbows deep in the wheel arch, others were putting out an all-call for tools we needed from all the other drivers (which were delivered by the event's chief instructor), others were racing off to Lowe's for specialty tools. We also had quite a few "supervisors." Without the support of the community, one of our drivers would have missed a full day of track time. It really is the people and how they come together around these cars that makes me proud to be part of it.

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend and spent some time reflecting on how thankful we should be for the Veterans that gave everything for us to enjoy the freedoms we have. Don't forget to register for our autocross on June 8 and keep an eye on your email for other upcoming events. Drive on!

Safe Travels, *Todd*

WHAT IS COMING UP?

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

- June 8 – [AUTOCROSS!!](#)
- July 6-12 – [Porsche Parade 2025](#)
- July 12 – [Quarterly Board Meeting](#)
- July 15 – Monthly Social, [Aubrey's Papermill](#)
- July 13 – [Harper Auto Square's Cars & Coffee](#)
- July 19 – Driving Tour
- August 08-10 – Overnight Driving Tour, Bristol, VA
Keep an eye on our [calendar](#) for more!

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Elijah M.	2014 Cayman
Andrew & Carly P.	2018 911 GT3
Colin B.	1998 911 Carrera 4S
Erik A.	2009 Cayman S
Rick M.	2023 718 Cayman S
Andrew K.	2011 Cayman

Speaking of new members...

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

PORSCHE PARADE 2025



Registration opened in February, so now it is time to start planning!! [Parade 2025](#) is July 6-12, 2025 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

PHASE 2 Registration: Opened May 7, 2025, events & tours, etc.

TRACK RATS AND FAST TIMES

by *Carl Justice, HPDE Chair*

Been a busy, busy, busy April and May. All this planning and prep culminated in a big group driving at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY, on Memorial Day Weekend. See the *Parting Shot* below!!

TRACK & PERFORMANCE EVENTS

Below is a tentative schedule of 2025 events some drivers will be attending.

- [May 24/25 NCM](#) a larger group: DONE!
- [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 HPDE Chair](#).

Remember, smooth is fast, and shiny side up!

HOW HIGH CAN YOU DRIVE?

By *Harvey Goranson*

Many cars set, or attempted to set, some kind of a land speed record. Now I have a model of a car that set an ALTITUDE record. Porsche developed a 911-based rock climber to take on the highest point to which a vehicle could be driven, Ojos del Salado, an active volcano and the highest peak in Chile. The specially-prepped [911 Carrera 4S, named Edith](#), was driven by Romain Dumas up to the volcano's summit (22,093 ft.) on December 2, 2023. Model is by Spark (No. WAP0203200ROFF) and available from [shop.porsche.com](#).





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Help Celebrate PCA's 70 Years!



Schedule a Region event on September 13 to join the celebration!

PCA has big plans in 2025 to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the world's largest Porsche club. Why not join the fun? On September 13th, PCA's founding day, every PCA Region is encouraged to hold an anniversary event in your hometown. Schedule a concours, driving tour, cars & coffee, or any other PCA event and share the excitement on social media using #pca70.

Watch the video: <http://www.PCA.org/news/pca70>



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PARTING SHOT – TRACK DAYS AT NCM, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2025

By John McDermott

Memorial Day weekend is time for friends and family. Nine club members headed to the National Corvette Museum track for a weekend of running Porsches around the track in 10/10ths Memorial Day HPDE. While the weather threatened significant rain for Sunday, both days were outstanding. Carl Justice, Jamie Parton, Todd Sutton, Rick Berry, Bob Baugh, Allan Cox, Russ Johnson and John McDermott made the journey to Bowling Green Kentucky.

NCM track has 23 turns in 3.2 miles, so plenty of areas to work on braking and turning! What more fun could you have! Between sessions, we talked about the track, sharing ideas, suggestions and troublesome areas. Everyone improved their driving from the first session to the last! A contingent is preparing for their next HPDE, heading to Barber Father's Day weekend. Want to learn more about how to join a driver's education event, reach out to Carl Justice our HPDE chairman.





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