



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 – June 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June is off to a great start. We had a successful [autocross at Pellissippi State on the 8th](#) and saw some members that are new to our region and some brand new to Porsche and PCA. The weather was great, and everyone who participated also helped with setting the course, manning corners, cleaning up, and generally helping out to make the event run smoothly. Special thanks to Matt Fischer for organizing this one with the "regulars" tied up with other summer activities, he did so well he may get to do it again!

Autocross will take a break for the summer with the next one scheduled for [September 14 at PSCC](#). I would love to see even more folks come out, especially folks new to autocrossing. I would like to hear from folks whether you would like us to put together a multi-part event with an instructional portion followed by an actual autocross. We are also considering a ladies-only autocross if there is enough interest. If you like the idea of either, drop me an email at todd.a.sutton@outlook.com.

Meanwhile, we still have a lot going on. I hope to see you at our [social on June 17th at Schulz Brau Brewing](#). This is a new venue for us, and we are looking forward to it. Details including parking arrangements are on our website. We also have a group of about 8 signed up for the DE at Barber over Father's Day Weekend, we can tell tall tales and lies at the social on the 17th! And speaking of ladies-only events, Teresa Fischer has organized a [Ladies Driving Tour](#) along the Foothills Parkway on the 21st. Sign up if you haven't already!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, see you out on the roads!

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 17 – [Region June Social](#)
 - June 21 – [Ladies Driving Tour](#)
 - 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
 - September 20 – Murphy Overnight Driving Tour
- Keep an eye on our [calendar](#) for more!

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

- Alexander K. 2006 911 Carrera S
- Michael & Beverly C. 2025 718 Boxster GTS 4.0
- Simon & Janet F. 2014 Boxster S

Speaking of new members...

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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By Teresa Fischer

Does PCA have your current contact information? *Are you sure about that?* When you first signed up with Porsche Club of America, you supplied your mailing address, email, possibly your phone number, and depending how energetic you were at the time, you may have completed the other information so you could receive newsletters, magazines, and updates on PCA National and Regional information.

Fast forward to today - you may have moved, changed your phone number, or gone through a few different email accounts. For PCA to be able to contact you for membership renewal notices and customize what you want sent to you, your information must be up-to-date in the PCA database. It only takes a few minutes by going to <https://www.pca.org> and following the instructions below:

- Click on "MEMBER LOGIN" to sign in located in the upper right-hand corner
- Click on your name to access account information in the upper right-hand corner
- Scroll down and click on "Edit My Profile" on the left side
- Change or edit your email address, password, mailing address, vehicle information, emergency contacts, add PCA Juniors, etc.
- Make sure to select Save Personal Information
- Feel free to contact the SMT PCA Membership Chair if you need assistance. [CONTACT Membership](#)

Just like that, you are up to date!

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.



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TRACK RATS AND FAST TIMES



Father's Day Weekend at Barber was good fun this year. We had about eight SMTers on track, and the weather mostly cooperated. Many skills were honed, some lessons were learned, and all made it home safely. Looks like we are "off track" until September, but there is always work to be done!



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!

JUNE AUTOCROSS

Another Autocross of 2025 is in the books! We had 23 drivers, a great course, great weather, good teamwork, and good times!! Rick and Todd (with help) laid out a great course, all participants stuck around to help in all phases, and we even had some "interesting rides" on the course. Times are posted on the [picture page](#).

We had some new participants, and some ran quite well. We also had a few First Timers that with some guidance learned well, increased their ability, and had a great time.



The [2025 Autocross schedule](#) is out there, so keep in touch. Next one: September 25, 2025.

DINKY TOYS PORSCHE 365A

By Harvey Goranson

The British brand Dinky Toys first appeared as a separate toy line from Meccano in early 1934. By the 1950's, these imports appeared in most toy and hobby shops, finding favor with O-scale model railway enthusiasts as accessories for their train layouts (and kids like me played with them too!) This 356A casting first appeared in 1958, first with painted cast metal wheels and later with spun aluminum rims. It lasted until the mid-1960s. No interior details, only windows.



I paid the princely sum of \$1 for this in the late 1960s in a musty soon-to-close hobby shop.



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PCA Treffen Stuttgart/Leipzig:

Tour Porsche factories — and drive Porsches on the best roads to get there

Porsche Travel Experience and the Porsche Club of America are proud to announce a brand-new travel opportunity: Treffen Stuttgart/Leipzig 2025. This incredible new Treffen event is hosted by Porsche Travel Experience. There are only 20 spots available (10 couples). Treffen Stuttgart/Leipzig happens July 13-18, 2025.

This event includes private guided Porsche factory tours in Stuttgart and Leipzig, a Porsche Track Experience on the Porsche Leipzig circuit, and four guided tours on exciting German country roads and highways in a mix of provided Porsche models, including 911 Carrera 4 GTS, 911 Carrera 4 GTS Cabriolet, and 911 Targa 4 GTS.

Unforgettable moments await you. In addition to spectacular driving fun in fascinating destinations and the latest Porsche vehicles, Treffen Stuttgart/Leipzig 2025 offers you a comprehensive program with enchanting stays, exquisite regional cuisine, and captivating accompanying activities that promise excitement.

For more info: www.pca.org/news/treffen-stuttgart-leipzig-2025



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PARTING SHOT – The Porsche Brat?

AI will be the end of us all...



But wait... [It gets worse!](#)





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