



Porsche Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is a fantastic time to be out driving! A small group of us just returned from a Mid-Ohio HPDE. That track is very close to where I grew up, and I think our three days of weather were better than any three days in a row than I can remember in northern Ohio! A couple more of our members will be heading up there next weekend, I hope they are as fortunate. And by my quick count, we have at least 12 members making the trek to Road Atlanta for the September 19th weekend DE! It is exciting to see the group growing. These events are so much fun when you are with friends, I hope those of you that are on the fence will give it a try!

We also have our next [Autocross](#) Sunday the 14th at Pellissippi State in Hardin Valley. We take advantage of a big patch of asphalt to create a safe, fun and challenging course, I would love to see more new folks try it out. It is not only fun, but also a good way to explore the limits of your car and your car control skills in a safe way. Registration is on motorsportreg.com at this link: [SMTPCA Autocross](#).

Whatever you are into, I hope you are getting your cars out and enjoying them the way they are meant to be enjoyed. I look forward to seeing everyone at Calhoun's for our monthly social on the 16th, bring your stories!

Happy motoring, I'll see you 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!](#)

- September 14 – [AUTOCROSS!](#)
- September 16 – Monthly Social, Calhoun's Lenoir City
- October 18 – [Quarterly Board Meeting](#)
- October 18 – Fall Fest Driving Tour & Monthly Social
- October 19 – Fall Fest [AUTOCROSS!](#)
- November TBD – Driving Tour
- November 09 – [AUTOCROSS!](#)
- December 11 – Christmas Party at Chesapeake's
Keep an eye on our [calendar](#) for more!

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

AUGUST 2025 - Say "Hi!" to our new members!

Scott & Cynthia D. 2022 911 Targa 4 GTS
 Sheryl & William R. 2022 Cayenne E-Hybrid Coupe
 Jacob B. TBA!

Wesley & Liliith P. 2018 Macan GTS
 David & Sabina S. 1998 Boxster
 Bill & Mary C. 2012 911 Carrera Black Edition
 John S. 1984 944
 James C. 2007 911 Carrera S
 Paul R. 2007 Cayman
 Chris H. PCA Test Drive
 Cole C. 2017 Macan GTS
 Paul P. 1994 968

QUITE THE BUMPER CROP THIS MONTH!

Speaking of new members...

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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

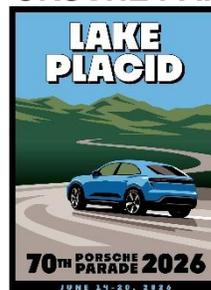
By *Teresa Fischer*

Do you have a friend or colleague that drools over your Porsche, and dreams of owning one? Although membership in PCA requires ownership/lease of a Porsche or that you be in a Porsche-related business, PCA does offer something for those actively trying to become Porsche owners.

The [PCA Test Drive program](#) provides a one-year subscription to *Porsche Panorama*, the club's national monthly magazine, a temporary account to log on to our website, and the monthly *Mart Fresh News* email newsletter. The temporary website account gives online access to hundreds of Porsches for sale by PCA members in [The Mart](#), which is also featured in every issue of *Panorama*.

Invite your friend/colleague to [join the PCA Test Drive program](#) to gain access to select member benefits. Lastly, invite your friend to attend an [SMT PCA event!](#)

PORSCHE PARADE 2026 & 2027



Time to start planning ahead: *Porsche Parade 2026 is in Lake Placid, New York, and Parade 2027 is in Boise, Idaho!*



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FALL FEST 2026

This year's [Smoky Mountain PCA Fall Fest](#) will be a Sat/Sun event, with a Driving Tour and Luncheon Social on Saturday, October 18, and the [Autocross](#) on Sunday, October 19. Saturday's Guided Driving tour is from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM, followed by a Luncheon Social at European Auto Garage 1 – 4 PM. Sunday is our Autocross, at Pellissippi State Community College in Hardin Valley. Pre-registration for the Autocross is required.

All the details are [online at our website](#), and REQUIRED registration is via [MotorsportReg.com](#).

TRACK & PERFORMANCE EVENTS

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

- [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!

The [2025 Autocross schedule](#) is out there, so keep in touch. Next one: September 14, 2025.

LUFTGEKÜHLT 11

The eleventh edition hits the East Coast in Durham, North Carolina on October 4, 2025. They've lined up two discounted nearby room rates for your stay: Residence Inn and Springhill Suites. See the [event website](#) for details.

YOUR PORSCHE "AHA!" MOMENT

Borrowing from another region's newsletter, we are starting a new segment: "Your Porsche "AHA!" Moment. When did you "know" you were a Porsche Person? What were the signs? A friend's car? A wall poster? A movie?



This month we are cutting and pasting a moment from the Gold Coast Region's "Kassette" into our "Parting Shot" segment. For future issues we want to hear from **YOU**, Smoky Mountain Region members. So if you have a story to share, and a picture or two to illustrate, [we would love to hear from you!](#)

PORSCHE 910 SPYDER

By Harvey Goranson

The No. 17 Porsche 910 of Udo Schutz and Joe Buzzetta took the checker a mere 0.2 seconds ahead of the Porsche team's No. 19 car. A third 910 completed the podium. This diecast model is by the now-defunct Japanese firm Ebbro and dates from about twenty years ago.



DID YOU KNOW...

You can buy Smoky Mountain Region Swag? **YOU CAN!** From the top menu of the website ([PCA STORE](#)) you can link to our online store for shirts, jackets, duffels, totes, and more. Show your colors and look stylish to boot!

The screenshot shows the Porsche Club of America Webstore interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation links: HOME, PCA GEAR, AFTER EVENT SALE, REGION WEBSTORES, GIFT CERTIFICATES, SIM RACING, HPDE. Below that, the 'SMOKY MOUNTAIN ITEMS' section is displayed with a sort-by dropdown set to 'Name (A-Z)' and a region dropdown set to 'All Webstores'. Under 'FOUND 13 ITEMS', four items are shown:

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OGIO ENDURANCE Men's Long Sleeve Pulse Crew	\$50.99	Add to Cart
Sport-Tek Ladies Long Sleeve PosiCharge Competitor V-Neck Tee	\$40.99	Add to Cart
Sport-Tek Men's PosiCharge Electric Heather Tee	\$40.99	Add to Cart
Port Authority Ladies Performance Fine Jacquard Polo	\$54.99	Add to Cart



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Celebrating PCA's 70th Anniversary: It's not just the cars, it's the people

2025 marks Porsche Club of America's 70th anniversary, so we decided to create [this video to share our celebrations](#) with the automotive enthusiast community at large. With club community scenes captured on video from as early as the 1950s through today, we hope you enjoy looking back and recognizing how far our members have taken the club.



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PARTING SHOT – Just a little Cut & Paste... Or, Articles Loving Lifted from Others.

In our never-ending search for content, a new-to-us PCA member Mark Johnson has offered some of the newsletter articles from his “other region”, Gold Coast Region’s “Kassette”. Here is the first installment, “Porsche AHA!”

That Porsche “Aha!” Moment

By Christy Spangler, concept by Melissa Hyland

Many of us have had that moment...that moment when we knew without a doubt that a Porsche was the vehicle for us. That is the Porsche “Aha!” moment. Was it a toy or poster during your childhood, perhaps from seeing them on the street? Or did you catch the infectious passion from friends or family? In my case, it was the latter - through family. I also talked to four members who live on the same street that are spreading their passion and want to rename the street from Crossbill Lane to Porschebill Lane.

Taking advantage of a weekend full of social events, I had fun catching up with a few members to ask what their Porsche “Aha!” moment was. Here is what they had to say:

Paul Greenberg – “When I bought my first 914 Porsche for \$2,500 in 1972, that was when I knew I was a Porsche guy. The \$2500 was all the money I had at the time, and I have had Porsches ever since.”

Below, Paul Greenberg (right) and his friend, Howard Berliner in 1972 with his first Porsche 914 that sparked his Porsche “Aha!” moment.



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