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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love spring and with the promise of warmer weather ahead, driving season is in full swing! A number of our members have just returned from Amelia, and the social media posts look amazing. We had a driving tour this last weekend (46 cars!) and our first autocross of the season is the following weekend. Then our March Social is on the 24th at Wasabi's. And don't forget to RSVP for Harper's grand opening of their new showroom on the 28th: it's spectacular if you haven't seen it.

A couple of us warmed up our tires at AMP at the end of February at a DE hosted by Peachstate Region, and I'd like to know who else signed up for Harper's track day at NCM on April 2nd. That is another great track and should be a fun day. Change your brake fluid, put some new tires on your car and come out and join us, whatever you are into someone in the club is doing it, too.

Spring is here and it's time to drive!
Todd

WHAT IS COMING UP?

The 2026 calendar is filling up, so if you have ideas and are willing to help, [let us know!](#)

- March 22 – [AUTOCROSS!](#)
- March 24 – Monthly Social, Wasabi Japanese
- March 28 – Grand Opening Harper's New Dealership
- April 12 – Harper [Cars & Coffee](#)
- April 23-26 – [Spring Thing 2026](#)

Keep an eye on our [2026 calendar for](#) more!

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

FEBRUARY 2026 - Say "Hi!" to our new members!

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| Michael & Elizabeth K. | 2020 718 Cayman GT4 |
| Crispin & Vanessa S. | 2007 911 Targa 4 |
| | 2001 911 Carrera |
| Anthony M. | 2016 911 GTS Club Coupe |
| James W. | 2014 Boxster S |

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

SMTPCA AUTOCROSS 2026

Our first 2026 autocross is March 22 at Pellissippi State Community College. [Sign up soon](#) for this "Box, Box, Box!" themed event. Here are all [the 2026 dates](#):

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| 3/22/2026 | 4/25/2026 (Spring Thing) | |
| 5/24/2026 | 6/14/2026 | |
| 9/13/2026 | 10/18/2026 | 11/8/2026 |

Hope to see everyone at each of these.....bring a friend!

SPRING THING 2026

The 2026 Spring Thing will be April 23-26 this year, held at the [MeadowView Conference Resort Center](#) in [Kingsport TN](#). We are changing things up this year: New Venue, expanding it to **Four Days**, and the schedule has been rearranged a little. The new chairs for 2026 are Tammy and Phil Kirby, with Tom and Kathy Moreno co-chairing as a hand off. Mark your calendars and plan to be there! [See our website](#) for more and the registration link.

PORSCHE PARADE 2026

Porsche Parade 2026 is in Lake Placid, New York Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20, 2026. [Phase I registration](#) (Event and Hotel) opened January 28, 2026, and Phase II Opens Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 12 noon ET, where you can register for Events & Banquets.

NEW MEMBER INTRO – The Andersons

Jeff & Kim Anderson recently transferred from the Appalachian Region, relocating from Flat Rock, NC, to Crossville, TN, in 2025. They traded a BMW Z-4 for a new 981 Boxster "S" in 2012 when it became available because... Porsche, "There is no substitute". They really love that Mid-Engine set-up, and they are a Porsche Family as well: their son has a 2022 Python Green GT4, and they do activities together when they can. Their current paddock:

- 2013 Boxster "S" in Guards Red
- 2016 Cayman "S" in Mahogany Metallic
- 2022 718 Cayman GTS 4.0, Gentian Blue Metallic



WELCOME ABOARD!!!



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TRACK & PERFORMANCE EVENTS

We are gearing up for another exciting season: Here are the track events being attended this year by our crew.

- Road Atlanta — April 10–12 (Peachstate PCA)
- National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park — May 16–17 (10/10ths)
- Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course — June 27–28 (MORPCA)
- Mid-Ohio — July 17–19 (Metro NY PCA)
- Mid-Ohio — September 11–13 (Allegheny PCA)
- Virginia International Raceway — October 23–25 (MORPCA)

Registration for these events can be found on <http://www.clubregistration.net>, except for the May NCM event, which is hosted on motorsportreg.com.

If you are interested in attending, coordinating travel, or just want to learn more, please check out the [HPDE content on the region website](#) or reach out to Carl Justice. These events are a great way to grow skills, build confidence, and enjoy time with fellow drivers both on and off track.

Remember, smooth is fast, and shiny side up!

SOLIDO PORSCHE 550 SPYDER

By Harvey Goranson

Per Wikipedia, only ninety Porsche 550/550As were built from 1953 to 1955. French toymaker Solido introduced this replica in a new for 1957 line of 1:43-scale diecasts (only their second in this series). Numbered 101, it usually appears in silver or what I've been able to translate as "awning green".



Variations in tires, wheels, drivers, steering wheels, etc. keep collectors scrambling. Solido withdrew the model in 1965, but it has reappeared now and then in a few nostalgic series of diecasts. Solido also loaned out the molds to toy companies in other countries - I once had a version made by Dalia-Solido in Brazil. Certainly, a hard one to find today with an intact box.

DEALER CORNER

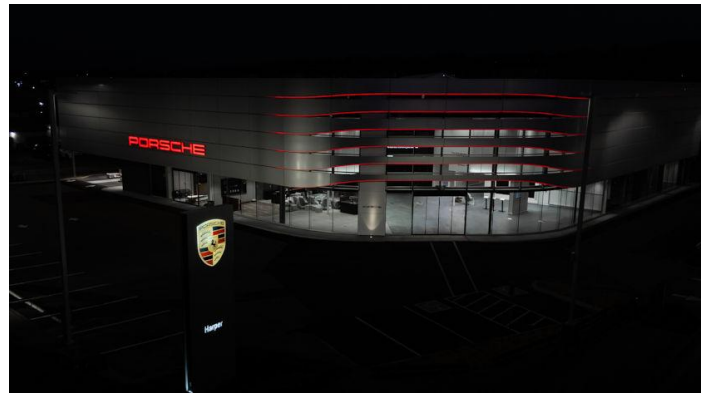
You're invited to join Harper Porsche on Saturday, March 28th from 9AM-12PM as they are unveiling their new Generation 5 Porsche facility. Enjoy food, gifts, and a special Porsche display as we bring new life to the Porsche community in East Tennessee. Harper Porsche has been a proud family-owned Porsche dealer since 1981.

If you own a Porsche, drive it!

Where? Harper Porsche, 9768 Parkside Drive

When? March 28th, 9AM-12PM

Signup? Click [here for online registration](#)



Harper's other next big events are [Cars & Coffee](#) on April 12th, and their [annual PLATICA](#) May 3rd.

MARCH 2026 DRIVING TOUR

On Saturday March 14th, 2026, 46 cars showed up for our first Driving Tour of the year. The drive was 133 miles, primarily on some of our favorite and lesser-known backcountry twisty roads. We headed through downtown Murphy, traveling Joe Brown Hwy and TRIED stopping at the Hiwassee Dam Welcome Center (closed for construction!).

We finished in Downtown Tellico Plains, where many dined at the various restaurants there. Next Driving Tour is at Spring Thing 2026!





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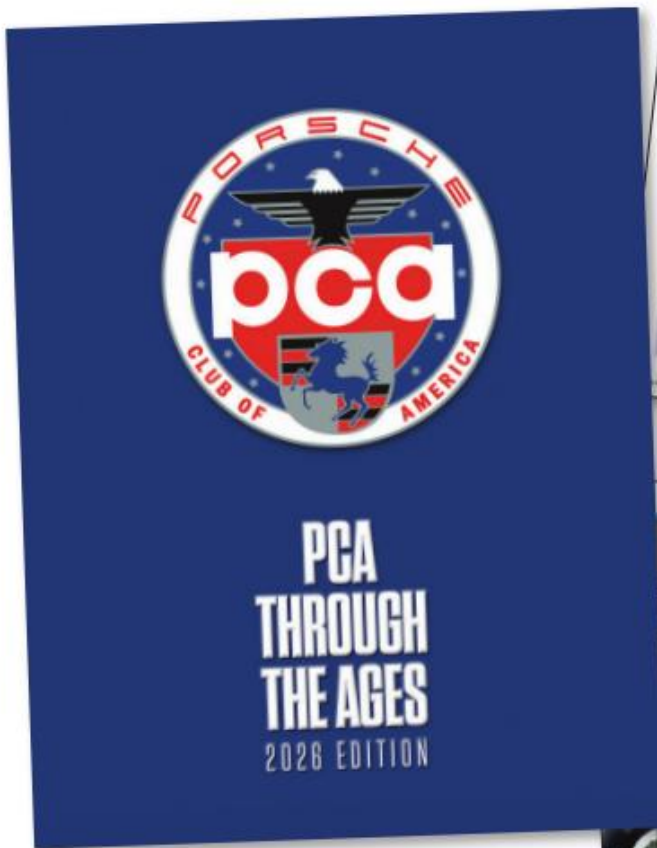
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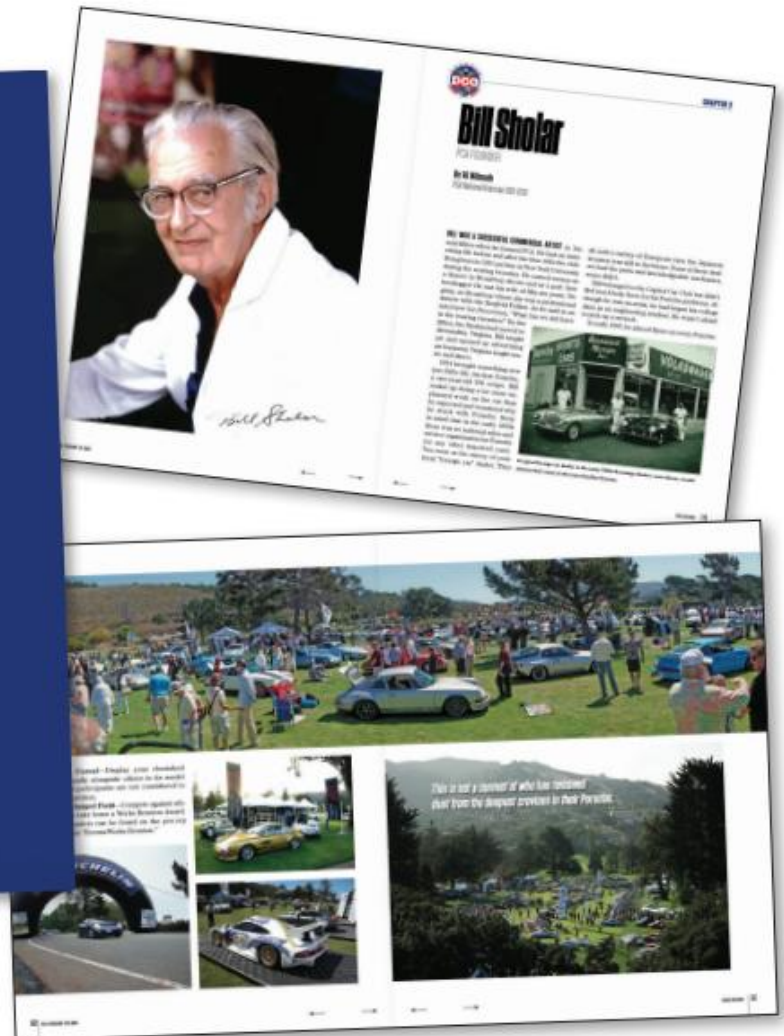
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PCA History Book



Updated for 2026, the Porsche Club of America History Book is online now. Inside, you'll find a comprehensive look at the club's journey, detailed sections on key milestones, a showcase of events, and prominent National Awards, complete with descriptions and past winners.

Read the updated book here: <https://ww2.pca.org/pca-history>



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