



Porsche Club of America

SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION

IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS — IT'S THE PEOPLE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm reminded as we visit Ohio where I grew up and where the roads are straight, and flat, and arranged in a NS-EW grid, and often populated by Amish buggies and the trappings they leave behind, that we are spoiled. Our region can claim one of the most famous stretches of road in the world, the Tail of the Dragon. And it's arguably not even the best road in the area.

Porsches like curves, hills, and scenery. I just put a fresh set of brake pads and tires on the car, it's driving season! If you aren't out enjoying all the Smoky Mountain region has to offer, why not?

Hope to see you on the roads and tracks soon!
- Todd

WHAT IS COMING UP?

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

- June 14 – [Autocross](#) CANCELLED
- June 16 – [Monthly Social](#), Cazy's Corner Grille
- June 14-20 – [Porsche Parade 2026](#), Lake Placid, NY
- July 14 – Monthly Social, Firebird's Knoxville
- July 25 - Harper Classic 2026 [Porsche Restoration Challenge Unveiling](#)
- August 2 - Harper Auto Square's [Cars & Coffee](#)
Keep an eye on our [2026 calendar for](#) more!

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Michael G. 2005 Boxster S
Beth & John M. 2026 Cayenne S
Marshall & Elizabeth W. 2025 911 Carrera T
Andrew & Tara H. 2016 911 GT3
James H. 2015 Cayenne S
Eugen & Brenda P. 2024 718 Cayman GT4 RS
Need a Name Tag? Check [the website](#) and order away!

SMTPCA AUTOCROSS 2026

Autocross is over for the summer: remaining [2026 dates](#) are 9/13/2026, 10/18/2026, and 11/8/2026. Hope to see everyone at each of these.....bring a friend!

SPRING THING 2027

With the success of Spring Thing 2026 we are going back to the [MeadowView Conference Resort Center](#) in [Kingsport TN](#). Dates and details will be forthcoming!

NEW MEMBER INTRO – A BACKLOG!

Since Mark Demange (our Membership Chair) started soliciting "self-intros" from new members, we have been thankfully inundated! Here's a few more from the pile.

Dale & Lorena Brundige

Dale and Lorena are longtime and enthusiastic PCA Members. In the GoldCoast Region, they were Social Chairs/Events Hosting 2012-2019, and Family of the Year-2019. In the newly founded Gulfstream Region PCA (Founded 2020), they were Founding Members, Webmaster, and designed the PCA National Award-winning New Chapter's Website!

When not being very active members, they are taking care of their 2012 991 Brumos Porsche. It has only 35,000 original miles, every option available at the time, and is a three-time Concours winner 2014/2015/2016.



Charles Kandt

Thank you all for the Welcome to the Smoky Mountain region, and I look forward to meeting the people. I currently drive a 2000 Boxster, but my intro to Dr. Porsche's cars was my 1958 Beetle in '65. In 1980 I had a 1969 Porsche 912 for several years and started to restore it when I became too busy with my career... but not before Police and Sheriff radios were installed while I was the chief prosecutor in the jurisdiction. It even had a portable red light to slap on the top when needed! Still in the VW family, I just completed a complete restoration of a 1971 Beetle.

Andrew & Tara Hilliard

Andrew and Tara currently drive a 2016 Porsche 911 GT3. Past Porsche's have included Macan Turbo and Macan GTS. Andrew has been a Porsche enthusiast since a little kid playing with Hot wheels, and wants to attend drives, events, and club activities. They own a repair shop in town, and both have been in the industry for a combined 30 years.

WELCOME ABOARD TO ALL!!!



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TRACK & PERFORMANCE EVENTS

We are well into another exciting season: Here are upcoming track events being attended by our crew.

- Mid-Ohio June 27-28, MORPCA
- Mid-Ohio, July 17-19, Metro NY PCA
- Mid-Ohio, September 11-13, Allegheny PCA
- VIR, October 23-25, MORPCA

Registration for these events can be found on <http://www.clubregistration.net>. Please check out the [HPDE content on the region website](#) or reach out to Carl Justice.

Remember, smooth is fast, and shiny side up!

DEALER CORNER

Summer 2026 will be active for Harper Porsche. July 25 is the Harper Classic 2026 [Porsche Restoration Challenge Unveiling](#), and the 2026 Restoration Challenge entries to be unveiled are:

- 2006 Carrera GT - Entered in the 'Individualization' category: a recommission of the famed supercar.
- 1978 930 Turbo - Entered in the 'Restoration' category. A total restoration back to as-new condition.
- 1988 911 Carrera - Entered in the 'Preservation' category. Refurbished back to driver condition.

Enjoy food, refreshments, and a complimentary gift. On August 2 will be the Summer Harper Auto Square's [Cars & Coffee](#).

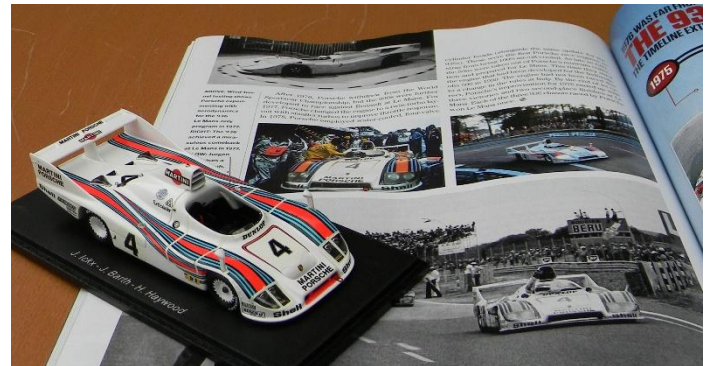
1977 MARTINI 936 by Spark

By Harvey Goranson



The May Panorama made it clear what my next contribution would be: the 1977 Le Mans-winning Martini 936 Resin model by Spark in their Le Mans winner series. Driven by motorsport legends Jacky Ickx, Jürgen Barth, and Hurley

Haywood, the #4 Porsche 936 clinched a historic and dramatic overall victory at the 1977 24 Hours of Le Mans. Paddock mate Car #3, the pole sitter, suffered engine failure and was forced to retire in the fourth hour of the race.



Powered by a flat-six twin-turbocharged engine, it featured the iconic Martini Racing blue and orange stripes. Known for its dominant power-to-weight ratio, it was capable of reaching speeds over 220 mph. This 1:43 Scale measures around 4 inches long, and is highly collectible, often featuring dealer-exclusive packaging.

JUNE 2026 MONTHLY SOCIAL

June 16 is our [Monthly Social](#), this month at THE NEW Cazzy's Corner Grille in Bearden (so don't go to the Northshore Cazzy's). If you read about the recent inadvertent Drive-Thru installation, fear not: they have fixed it right up! Hope to see you there!



PORSCHE PARADE 2026

[Parade is in Lake Placid](#), NY, this year, Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20, 2026. At least a few Smoky Mountaineers are going, so please bring back some memories and photos to share!



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PARTING SHOT – SPEAKING OF HOT WHEELS... You can too!

[Print FX](#) (427 whitecrest Dr, Maryville, TN) wrapped their garage door with a Hot wheels package background so you can pretend your car has been immortalized by Mattel. The wall faces southwest so go in the morning for low light, afternoon for golden sun. The roof hangs over three feet, so watch for pooppy birds... Trust me on that one.





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2026 Porsche Sprint Trophy Porsche Club of America by Yokohama Calendar

Jan. 29 – Feb. 1: Sebring
June 5 – 6: Lime Rock Park
July 10 – 12: Watkins Glen
Sept. 5 – 7: Road America

PCA Club Racing New One-Make Racing Series

Porsche Sprint Trophy PCA is PCA Club Racing's newest class, offering entry-level and experienced racers the chance to compete as a destination series or as a step in the North American Porsche Motorsport Pyramid. The 2026 calendar will integrate into established PCA Club Racing events at Sebring International Raceway, Lime Rock Park, Watkins Glen International, and Road America.

Watch Races Live: <https://pcaclubracing.org/livestream/>





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