



# Porsche Club of America

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## Smoke Signals - The Newsletter of the Smoky Mountain Region – July 2026

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying summer! We had a great time at Mid-Ohio with a large turnout of Tennessee drivers, and I was able to find time to replace some worn-out brake components this week. They take a beating at these fast tracks! We have a few more HPDE's on the calendar this year, including some great tracks – Road Atlanta, Barber, and potentially VIR. Check out our schedule [on the website](#) or just check the Facebook page to see what the gang is up to. If you want to do DE's, it is so much more fun if you hang out with a group and we would love more people to participate. It has been great to see interest and participation growing. Do it once and you will be hooked!

Meanwhile, I hope you can join us for [this month's social](#) at Firebird's on Tuesday July 14, and don't miss one of our most popular [driving tours to Fall Creek Falls](#) on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Harper Restoration Challenge unveiling is later that day, so it should be a full day of Porsche fun. While you are at it, mark your calendar for the next Harper Cars & Coffee on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Most of all these are great events to catch up with like-minded friends. 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!](#)

- July 14 – [Monthly Social](#), Firebird's Knoxville
  - July 25 – [Driving Tour](#), Fall Creek Falls
  - July 25 - Harper Classic 2026 [Porsche Restoration Challenge Unveiling](#)
  - August 2 - Harper Auto Square's [Cars & Coffee](#)
  - August 18 – Monthly Social, Double Dogs
  - August 22 – [GermanFest Knoxville](#) & Car Show
  - August 21-23 – [Overnight Driving Tour](#), Asheville, NC
  - September 4-7 – [Peachstate Rennfest](#) 2026
- Keep an eye on our [2026 calendar for](#) more!

### NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

**June 2026** - Say "Hi!" to our new members!

Nenad & Daisy D. 2001 Boxster  
Igor O. 2014 Cayenne Diesel  
Mark S. 2000 Boxster S

**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.

### SPRING THING 2027

With the success of Spring Thing 2026 we are going back to the [MeadowView Conference Resort Center](#) in [Kingsport TN](#). Spring Thing 2027 is scheduled for April 15 through 18, Thursday through Sunday. More details will be forthcoming!

### NEW MEMBER INTRO – BACKLOG GONE!

Since Mark Demange (our Membership Chair) started soliciting "self-intros" from new members, we had a backlog. But now we have exhausted it! So, if you are new, [let us know about you](#), your Porsche(s), your history with PCA, etc.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

*"If nominated I will not run; if elected I will not serve".*

- William Tecumseh Sherman; don't be like Sherman 😊

It may seem early, but we are gearing up the elections for the 2027 leaders of our region, the Executive Council. This elected group includes a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three "Directors". We are replacing the President and VP as the current occupants are moving on, and all three Directors.

Clyde Peery is leading up the Nominating Committee, so if you are interested in serving, or who know someone who is good fit, [please let Clyde know](#). The Directors serve one-year terms, and the other offices serve two years. Details of the positions are in our [Bylaws, Articles V – VII](#). Schedule wise, the committee goes full force in August, ballots go out in October, and voting is to be completed by November 30.

### TRACK & PERFORMANCE EVENTS

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

- ~~Mid-Ohio, July 17-19, Metro NY PCA CANCELLED~~
- 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:



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- 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. August 2 will be the Summer Harper Auto Square's [Cars & Coffee](#).

### GULF-LIVERIED PORSCHE 917K

By Harvey Goranson

The Gulf-liveried Porsche 917Ks of John Wyer Automotive were favored to win the Sebring 12-hour in 1971. But they would be winless - the #1 car ran out of gas and ended up 5th, while Pedro Rodriguez in #2 tangled with the Donohue-Penske Ferrari 512M and ended up 4th. A small entity called CMR had diecasts made of the race-damaged 917 about 10 years ago.



Ignore the base - someone in China confused this car with the 1971 Daytona winner (a Martini 917K).

### JULY 2026 MONTHLY SOCIAL

July 14 is our [Monthly Social](#), this month at Firebirds Wood Fired Grill on Kingston Pike. You can check the menu on their website, [firebirdsrestaurants.com](http://firebirdsrestaurants.com).



### JULY 2026 DRIVING TOUR

Our July Driving Tour is an exciting and fun drive to Fall Creek Falls state park located in Spencer, TN. Drive time will be 2 hours and 35 minutes and 96 miles. The drive will conclude once we arrive at Fall Creek Falls and lunch is

planned at their beautiful Lodge and restaurant where the drive will conclude. After lunch, a short 3-mile optional drive will be available to Fall Creek Falls observatory, where you can get a fantastic view of the waterfalls. [Details are online](#).

### PORSCHE PARADE 2026

[Parade WAS in Lake Placid](#), NY, this year, June 14 - 20. A few Smoky Mountaineers went and had a great time, rainy weather notwithstanding. The concours was on the Olympic speed skating rink, and the autocross was a good one.

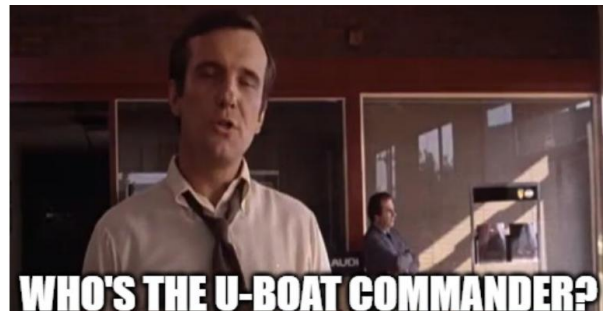


More pix are [on our Facebook page](#), and if you went, please share some memories and photos! [Next year to Boise, ID](#), July 11-17, 2027.

### TREFFEN AT SEA, 2027

The [PCA Treffen at Sea for 2027](#) is a 12-Day British Isles with France & Belfast cruise, slated for August 29th - September 10th, 2027. This one will be aboard the [Majestic Princess](#), with ports of call in Cornwall, Cork, Liverpool, Belfast, Belfast, Orkney Islands, Edinburgh, and Paris and Normandy. Many Smoky Mountaineers have sailed these cruises, and the PCA takes over quite a large portion of the ship. There are special Porsche/PCA events and venues, PCA discounts, etc., and it is a really good time.

### WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS RAIN?





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Sail with fellow Porsche Club of America members and book now to take advantage of the best available cabins and all the benefits of Princess PLUS®. Enjoy an unforgettable round-trip voyage from Southampton, England, where history, culture, and dramatic scenery define every destination. This immersive itinerary

journeys through England, Ireland, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and France—balancing legendary cities and rugged coastlines with refined comfort at sea. Demand is high—reserve your preferred stateroom now to secure the best cabin selection for this exceptional British Isles experience.



More information: [pca.princesspartnerships.com/pcacruise/pca-treffen-at-sea-2027](https://pca.princesspartnerships.com/pcacruise/pca-treffen-at-sea-2027)

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Monterey Pines Golf Course, 1250 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940 | August 14, 2026



## Join us at Werks Reunion Monterey 2026!

*Immerse yourself in both the Porsche cars and the people that make this marque so special*

The popular Porsche show, Werks Reunion, is headed back to Monterey, CA on August 14, 2026, showcasing a breathtaking array of Porsches that are sure to excite Porsche enthusiasts! Porsche Club of America welcomes all Porsche clubs, owners, and enthusiasts, to join us for our 12th Werks Reunion Monterey. Expect to view spectacular Porsches, from rare classics to current models and everything in between. This year, we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of the 924 in 1976, as well as the series of transaxle Porsches, which will be the feature cars for Werks Reunion 2026.



More information: <https://www.werksreunion.com/monterey.cfm>



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