



Porsche Club of America

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WHAT IS COMING UP?

If you have ideas and are willing to help, [let us know!](#)

- September 4-7 – [Peachstate Rennfest](#) 2026
 - 13 – [Autocross](#)
 - 17 – [New Member Social](#) (all members welcome)
 - 19 – [Quarterly Board Meeting](#)
 - 19-25 – [Treffen at Sea 2026](#) – Pacific Wine Country
 - 26 – [Driving Tour, Mercier Orchards](#)
 - October 4 – [Appalachian Adventure 2026](#)
 - 10 – [Luftgekühlt 2026](#), Fayetteville, Georgia
 - 18 – [Autocross](#)
 - TBD – Driving Tour
 - 17 – Monthly Social at Fall Fest
- Keep an eye on our [2026 calendar](#) for more!

NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP – WELCOME!

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

Richard C.	2022 Macan
Robert S.	2021 911 Carrera S
Clay H.	2012 911 Carrera S
Connor S.	2002 Boxster S
Chad & Kymberli E.	2012 Panamera
Shawn L.	1986 911 Carrera

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

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

September 17, 6:00 – 7:45 PM, the Smoky Mountain Region of PCA celebrates our newest members at Harper Porsche's brand-new Gen5 facility. If you are new to our club and/or region in 2026 AND 2025 please come join us to meet, greet, and be officially welcomed to the club. All others are welcome as well, and you can even pitch in with setup! Get all the [details and RSVP online](#).



SMTPCA AUTOCROSS 2026

Remaining [2026 autocross dates](#) include September 13, October 18, and November 11.

AUGUST SOCIAL

About 35 of us Smoky Mountaineers descended on Double Dogs in Cedar Bluff to meet, mingle, drink, and eat, and a good time was had! Many new (or returning) faces showed up, so it was good to welcome them to the region.



Hope to see many at the [September New Member Social!](#)

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!

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Clyde Peery is leading up the Nominating Committee, which includes Suzan Bowman and Matt Fischer. And for the elections for the 2027 leaders of our region, we have a solid slate of candidates for President, Vice President, and three "Directors". The Secretary and Treasurer are both staying on for another term (Thanks, Jim & Tom!). Thanks to all that stepped up or got "voluntold": ballots will be sent out by October 15 with votes being cast 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, 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!



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DEALER CORNER

July 25 was the Harper Classic 2026 [Porsche Restoration Challenge Unveiling](#), and many Region members showed up to see the 2026 Restoration Challenge entries. These included a 2006 Carrera GT, a 1978 930 Turbo, and a 1988 911 Carrera. All enjoyed food, refreshments, Porsches, friends and even a complimentary freebie. Our next dealer event will be the [New Member Social on September 17](#).

HALF-SCALE 936 AS A GO-KART?

By Harvey Goranson

Has anyone ever seen a half-scale 936 made as a go-kart? Sometime around 1984 (give or take) Porsche had somewhere around 30 to 100 of these made and distributed to various Porsche dealers. It was modelled after the 1981 Le Mans winner, the Jules-sponsored car driven by Jacky Ickx and Derek Bell. As this was my one and only visit to the race, of course I had to have this model, a recent resin issue by Spark. ([more details are online](#))



The real ones had a Briggs & Stratton engine. Some had the authentic race number, '11', but they may have begun to run out of those decals and made a bunch numbered '1'. In 2025 one sold on BaT for close to \$17K.

AUGUST 2026 DRIVING TOUR

Our weekend August Driving Tour to Asheville, NC, was great fun! About 30 club members wended their way to Asheville (on their own) and we stayed at the very nice Indigo Hotel adjacent to the historic downtown area. A catered social was held at District 42 (after a run through some sideways rain) and then we were on our own for the evening out. A bunch of us ended up at Wicked Weed brewery for late apps and good local brews.

Saturday saw us crashing the Appalachian Region's Cars & Coffee Concours held at the Prescott Auto Preserve: If you ever get a chance, GO! Quite the collection of cars. By 10am we were on the road for a 90 mile driving tour through the Pisgah National Forest and on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Only one glitch there as half the group got separated then took a wrong turn somewhere ("No, your OTHER right!"),

but we regrouped at the pit stop and were on our merry way again. We finished at the hotel and put our cars to bed.



Saturday evening, we were on our own again with groups dispersed throughout the historic downtown area for dinner. Some amazing "Redneck Cioppino" and other dishes were sampled, and some music and dancing ensued. Pix are [online at the website](#).

SEPTEMBER 2026 DRIVING TOUR

On September 26, please join us on a Driving Tour and visit to [Mercier Orchards](#). We have a fun route planned through Monroe and Polk Counties then into Georgia with the drive ending at Mercier Orchards. Drive time will be 2 hours and 20 minutes and 77 miles. Our starting location will be at [Sequoyah Birthplace Museum 576 TN 360, Vonore, TN 37885](#). We'll meet at 8:45am and be on the road by 9:15. See the website for [more details and registration](#). Hope to see you on the road!

TREFFEN AT SEA, 2027



The [PCA Treffen at Sea for 2027](#) is a 12-Day British Isles with France & Belfast cruise, slated for August 29 - September 10, 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.



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NEW MEMBER INTROS

As new members join or transfer into the Smoky Mountain region, we solicit a short introductory bio and images. Here are a few for the last couple of months. Welcome to our new Smoky Mountaineers!

Please welcome **Shawn Lyke**, who's first dive into the world of Porsches was... Go big or go home! Look at this beautiful 1986 911 Carrera 3.2 Coupe! (*Editor – Not jealous at all, but that literally is the wall poster I grew up with!*)



He's always loved the older 911's but never owned one until he purchased this car last month. In other car related hobbies, he's been working on vintage Land Cruisers and four-wheeling them for 40 years. Shawn looks forward to meeting us at an upcoming event and plans to attend the New Member reception at Harper in September. ~

Bob Sorenson is a retired firefighter/paramedic, currently driving a 2021 Porsche 911 Carrera S Coupe in Gently Blue Metallic with a Slate Gray interior. He's admired Porsche automobiles for many years, and owning a 911 has been a lifelong dream. He especially enjoys driving on the beautiful roads of East Tennessee, learning more about the engineering that makes these cars so special, and keeping his Porsche meticulously maintained.

He is looking forward to meeting other members, participating in club drives and social events, and continuing to learn from fellow Porsche enthusiasts. Bob is excited to be part of the Smoky Mountain Region! And so are we!! ~

Also, welcome Gene & Brenda Pish who recently moved to TN from IL. Porsche enthusiasts since 1991 when they bought their first Porsche, a 1987 944, which eventually ended up being raced beginning in the second year PCA Club Racing began. Currently, they own a 2024 GT4RS which they thoroughly enjoy living in this area! They look forward to driving and social events to get to meet more people in the area. ~



So, if you are new, [let us know about you](#), your Porsche(s), your history with PCA, etc.



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More information: pca.princesspartnerships.com/pcacruise/pca-treffen-at-sea-2027

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