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- Jan. 5 Mountain Area Meeting, 10:00 am Harmony Motors- 621 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC
- Jan. 7 Upstate South Carolina Area Meeting, 6:30 pm Quaker Steak and Lube- 10 Chrome Drive, Greenville, SC
- Jan. 8 Hickory Area Meeting
- Jan. 15 Sun Fun Area Meeting & Triad Area Meeting
- Jan 17 Metrolina Area Meeting
- Jan. 22 Sandhills Area Meeting
- Jan. 24 Triangle Area Meeting
- February 2 Winter Track Seminar, CMP, Kershaw, SC
- February 2 Tour of Richard Childress Race Shop
- February 9 Annual Protech Chili Cook-Off
- February 16 7th Annual BMW & Porsche Swap Meet

### **Recurring events:**

Cars & Coffee Asheville - 3rd Saturday of each month, 9AM - Noon, Starbucks, 1378 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC

Cars & Cappuccino Charlotte - 2nd Sunday of each month, 9AM - Noon, Dean & Deluca at Phillips Place, Charlotte, NC

Cars & Coffee Triangle Area - 2nd Saturday of each month, 8:30AM, McDonald's 4980 Cary Glen Blvd, Cary NC 27519

Cars & Coffee Charlotte - 1st Saturday of each month - 9AM - Noon, NC Music Factory, 1000 NC Music Factory Blvd, Charlotte, NC (Uptown)

Cars & Coffee of the Upstate - 4th Saturday of each month, 8AM - 11AM, North Hills Shopping Center, East North Street, Greenville, SC

Metrolina Area "Shine and Show" - 2nd or 3rd Saturday of each month, from 11AM to 2PM at Salsarita's Restaurant located at 8400-A Park Rd., Quail Corners Shopping Center, Charlotte, NC (date dependent on other regional events). Contact Metrolina Area Director, Jerry Collins for specific dates.

Note: Calendar events in bold type earn points toward the Carolinas Region Enthusiast of the Year Award.

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# From the Driver's Seat



### Doug Smith, President

I've been thinking for weeks on the best way to kick off my column as the region's new President. I thought about introducing myself or about sharing a new "platform for change" as I take the reigns - but I reconsidered. I'm here because I've already gained so much from the club; I've made friends and I've collected some great memories - I'm grateful to give back and I'm thankful to be a part of things. This is the perfect time to express my appreciation to the club's leadership, to our volunteers, and to recognize our club's very active membership.

We have a unique region, the largest geography in PCA, and one of the largest total memberships nationwide. We're comprised of 8 areas, led by energetic and highly capable Area Directors, who represent our diverse local membership, as well as being vital to the region board's leadership. We've been building membership as well as participation at our local area meetings in the past several years. our Area Directors serve as the backbone for the Carolinas region.

We have an exceptional track program, with our annual Carolinas Challenge club race and several Drivers' Education (DE) events at a variety of venues, including our marquis DE event at VIR in the Fall. These events are run with incredible attention to detail; and with the utmost professionalism and safety-minded management. Our region's track events draw a consistent and enthusiastic crowd (over 400 drivers in 2012) and provide a highly valuable service within the region as well as to regions across the eastern seaboard. Thanks to our capable track program leaders as well as the constituents in the region who consistently participate! by a capable crew and attended regularly by a passionate set of member participants. We'll continue to run the program and the series in 2013, and we'll continue to refine and improve events in the coming year.

It's hard not to notice our nationally award-winning website and professionally crafted newsletter. Our communications are top-notch and provide real-time access to what's going on across the region. We have plenty of opportunities to add sponsors. Should you encounter businesses or individuals that can benefit from exposure to our regional membership, please pass them along. If you have a gift for writing, please consider adding content for an upcoming issue of the newsletter; we'd love to hear from you.

Lastly, our social events and multi-event activities are unique to our region because we have great access to beautiful venues and great driving roads. We'll be holding our annual Sommerfest multi-event weekend in Upstate SC this year on Memorial Day weekend, the very special 'In Den Bergen' event in the WNC mountains in August, and our annual Fall Tour later this year.

All of this takes a great deal of time and commitment from the region's leadership - namely those 8 Area Directors and the Committee Chairs you see on the region's leadership directory. Also, there are lots of unsung heroes in the form of volunteers and coordinators who often go unrecognized. And let's not forget the members - in my past several years attending these activities, I see a lot of familiar faces. These are our most active members - the ones who support us with their enthusiasm and endless energy and with their regular attendance. We're

We've had a very active autocross program in 2012, again run

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in this for the fun; we're here to serve the membership; we're here because we have a passion for Porsche; for driving, and for fellowship. This is such a fantastic club not just because of a few folks; it's everyone's involvement and participation that makes it so great.

I hope you'll think about trying something new this year - attend an autocross or a DE, or come to our annual Holiday Party. Take time at the next event to say thanks to the folks who run this region, and the volunteers, and by all means you should pat yourselves on the back because you're participating with us - we wouldn't have a club without your active support. Please engage with the club's leaders and provide constructive feedback.

While I have your attention, I also want to recognize incoming officers and new appointments. Don continues as our Treasurer and Matt takes on the VP position to keep us all on track. Sadie joins the elected committee as our new Secretary and will also continue to juggle the Goodie Store as we try to identify a new owner for that position. John Koury and David Violett join as the new TR Editor and Website Manager - very demanding positions handed off from Tom Morgan and Don Roof. Lauren Boylston is stepping in as our new Area Director for the Mountains, taking over from David Butler. Sean Steinbrueck transitions in as the Autocross Chair as Walter Stone steps down. We have positions open to help with advertising and sponsorship also - so please let me know if you have interests and bandwidth to help us out within the region.

I want to thank you for electing me. I look forward to serving you and welcome your comments and suggestions. You can reach me at President@Carolinas-PCA.com. Next month - region survey results...

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Miguel & Nancy Acosta 937 Poplar Forest Lane Pittsboro, NC 1994 968 Coupe

Joshua & Amy Baswell 2056 Belair Drive Indian Land, SC 1989 944 Coupe

Charles Beck 3301 Middlebrook Court Durham, NC 2013 Boxster Speedster

Henry Benoit 4390 Lakeshore Rd N Denver, NC 2005 Boxster Roadster

Sid & Connie Carpenter 9124 Rising Meadow Rd Charlotte, NC 2006 911 CAB

Randy Deschaine 18013 Maui Isle Drive Tampa, FL 2002 911/996 Cabriolet

Jose & Jennifer DiBernardo 5366 Josephine Lane Concord, NC 2004 Carrera Coupe

Bob Durham 9910 Linksland Dr. Huntersville, NC 2006 Cayman S Coupe

James Earnshaw 126 Saranac Drive Sunset, SC 2013 Cayenne

Jim & Carol Henderson 3100 Flat Rock Road Kershaw, SC 1998 Boxster Roadster

Don Hertweck 3400 Madison Ave Greensboro, NC Steve Jarvis 145 Ivywood Ct. Lewisville, NC 2001 911 Turbo Coupe

Seth & Dave Kreibich 1301 Gainsborough Drive Stallings, NC 2006 Carrera S Coupe

Steve Lomax 121 Brawley Harbor Place Mooresville, NC 2012 911 S Nancy & Jeff Martin PO BOX 3107 Asheville, NC 2006 911 CAB

Matt Mastandrea 107 Palmer Marsh Pl Mooresville, NC 1987 911 Coupe

Chris Monroe 438 Country Club Acres Shelby, NC 2003 C4S Coupe

Mark Priest 52 Riceville Rd Apt D314 Asheville, NC 2013 Boxster

Todd Puhl 3 Glenwood Cir Arden, NC 2007 Cayman S

Markus & Ellen Rauchhaus 338 Third Baxter Street Fort Mill, SC 2006 Cayenne S

Tripp Sherer 9910 Linksland Dr. Huntersville, NC

Ruthie & Rick Smith 8039 Windjammer Drive Tega Cay, SC 2006 911 Cabriolet Sandra Smith 877 Winding Creek Rd Sapphire, NC 2012 991 Coupe

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Bradley Sulecki 2933 Alamance Road Burlington, NC 1966 912 Coupe

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Kelly Barham 1023 Feldspar Lane Lewisville, NC

Otis Baughman 1540 Highway 56 Spartanburg, SC 2007 911 Turbo

Brad Beck 234 W. Calhoun St Sumter, SC 1984 911 Coupe

Diana Bradley 234 W. Calhoun St Sumter, SC

LjH Haithcock 602 North Main Street King, NC 1986 911 Cab

Dean Kessel 7648 Juniper Lane Denver, NC 1997 911 C4S Coupe

George Kim 1800 Dunwick CT Apex, NC 2001 996 C2 CAB Lance Noyes 2780 Lamplighter Drive Kannapolis, NC 2003 911 Coupe

George Perry 1304 Rollovercreek Rd New Bern, NC 1982 911

Joey Richey 3648 Card St Charlotte, NC 2005 911 Coupe

### 10 Year Anniversaries:

John Cleveland 384 Oak Tree Rd. Mooresville, NC 1997 911 Cab

Mike Cuccia 364 Kings Mill Drive Advance, NC

Bob Di Bella 503 Shallow Water Ct. Salem, SC 2004 911 GT3

Joseph Kinsey 816 Hammond Dr North Augusta, SC 2001 Boxter S

Carol Nagel 271 Wood Duck Loop Mooresville, NC Susan Neese 1527 Cureton Dr. Rock Hill, SC

Martha Pellett 21 Chestnust Ridge Rd. Greenville, SC

Bill Petrozelli 107 Thunderhill Rd. Mooresville, NC 1991 911

Donato Ricci 2564 Scenic Circle Seneca, SC 2013 Boxster S

Stephanie Slavin 4309 New Town Road Wesley Chapel, NC

Francine Weiner 14 Northlake Rd. Columbia, SC

Stan Willett 38 Peach Knob Drive Asheville, NC 2001 Boxter S

John Purtell 273 Shoreline Parkway Tega Cay, SC 2005 Boxster S

### 15 Year Anniversaries:

Art Arceneaux 448 N. Highland Rd. Mill Spring, NC 1973 914 James Freeland PO Box 517 Hillsborough, NC 1976 911

Robert Lovill 660 West Lebanon St. MT. Airy, NC 1971 914

### 20 Year Anniversaries:

Susie & Douglas Brown 1108 Robin Hood Lane Greer, SC 911 GT3S

### 25 Year Anniversaries:

Lee Benoy 1351 Long Leaf Drive Hartsville, SC 1986 911

### 35 Year Anniversaries:

Glenda Cummings

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55 Year Anniversaries: Jim Ball 801 Seven Lakes N.

West End, NC 2002 Boxster S **Tobacco Roads** is the official publication of the Carolinas Region, Porsche Club of America.

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Total Members	2,812
Honorary Members	1
Affiliate & Family Members	1,185
Primary Members	1,626

# **Virginia International Raceway**

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#### VIR- The Original Developers Remember Track Construction

Starting after World War 2 the Sports Car craze was taking hold across the U.S.. Enthusaist's would purchase a sports car, most often a European make such as a British MG, Triumph, or Austin Healy, however a small German auto maker, Porsche, was beginning to make a name for itself, by competing and often winning; gaining a reputation as a high quality, well built, nimble car with good braking, that was often capable of winning against brands with bigger engines and more horsepower. The need for a permanent place to race is how VIR came into existence, and is a story of how several local enthusiast's worked together to help build a great racetrack dedicated to sports car racing.

On August 15, 1956 a small group met to hold a press conference at a remote farm located on the banks of the Dan River near Milton North Carolina. They announced plans for a road course for sports cars, far different from the high –banked oval courses being constructed for stock car racing throughout the South. At the time there were only two permanent road courses in America and they were located in Elkhart Lake and Watkins Glen in New York. Most sports car races in America had their beginnings on local airports, military bases and public roads.

The group meeting that day formed a corporation and sold stock as Sports Car Enterprises of Virginia, Inc. SCCA racer Ed Welch of Winston Salem, N.C. was president of the corporation. His announcement stated that the purpose in building the track was to "set up major sports car races in this part of the country" and that major international events sanctioned by the FIA would soon

be on the schedule.

Welch recalled the early days in an interview. "I started hill climbing in 1953. We raced at Pilot Mountain, Grandfather Mountain, and Chimney Rock. I ran a lot; driving a Healy and then a Jaguar. We would drive our cars to the track and then race them. Other than hill climbs most SCCA races were run on airport courses. I recall going to Columbia, S.C. Several of us formed a club based out of Alexander –Mann Motors in Greensboro."

The other officers of the corporation were members of that same club which came to be called The Sports Car Club of North Carolina. In addition to Ed Welch as president, club member R.G. "Dick" Snyder of Martinsville, Va. served as corporate vice president and Dr. Hooper Johnson of Winston Salem was secretary –treasurer. The chairman of the board was Ed Kemm.

Ed Alexander, co- owner of Alexander - Mann Motors, recalls the formation of the club. " My father and I were in the automobile business in Greensboro. WE sold MG, Austin Healy, Alfa Romeo, and Porsche. Quite a few sports car owners would hang around our dealership. We started a club that met regularly at the dealership . As we became more organized, we realized that we needed a place to race. We were gymkhanas and other events anywhere we could find, from gravel pits to hill climbs. We decided to build a racetrack. One of our club members, George Arnold knew John and Jay Foote of Milton N.C., who had a 1200 acre farm that had been placed in the soil bank program and might be available. The Foote brothers leased us the property for next to nothing. The club members bought stock and we had maybe 25-30 thousand dollars. My dad and I put up about 10,000 of that. Most of us considered the money invested to be a donation and never really expected to get it back. Ed Welch and Hooper Johnson went up there and had a bulldozer guy follow them around while they laid out the track. When we were ready to pave the track we needed a lot more money so a new club member Ed Kemm came in and paid for the remainder of the paving and construction. We got out of it."

Club member George Arnold was married to Preston Foote, whose father Jay co-ownwd the farm with his twin brother, John. Preston prevailed upon her father and uncle to lease the land to the club. Both George and Preston Arnold were sports car fans.

Arnold explained his connection with the Greensboro club in an interview. " I had raced in New England area when we lived up there. I had a MG TC and then a TD and was very much involved with the SCCA. We could drive our cars to the race and run them.





Approach to Oak Tree

Afterward, we would put the car back together and drive it home. There weren't many races we didn't get to. Afterward, we would put the car back together and drive it home. There weren't many races we didn't get to. After we moved to North Carolina, I had an Austin Healy and Preston had a TR-3. I got acquainted with Hooper Johnson and the others over in Winston Salem . We were going to races in Walterboro, S.C. and Cum-



1998 Oak Tree

berland, Md. There were no tracks in between. One night several of us were sitting around talking and I mentioned that my father-in-law had a lot of land that was not being used that would be a good location for a track. Everyone suggested that I talk to him so I did. Ed Welch and Hooper Johnson and I went up and we walked through the grass to mark the track for the bulldozers and



road graders. Later one of the farm workers hooked a mowing machine to a tractor to preserve the outline we had marked. I recall Thompson-Arthur paving company being involved because I remember seeing Mr. Thompson up there in his big Cadillac"



Dr. Hooper Johnson was very much involved in the early stages of planning and construction. He recalls quite a few details today. "The club members were looking for a place to build a track. George Arnold said he knew of a place that was not being used. He brought us some aerial photographs of the Foote farm up in Milton. I sat down at a



Hospital and sketched out where I thought the track should go. One of the doctors, Jesse Meridith knew a couple of road grading contractors, Horace and Harry Strickland from near his hometown of Mount Airy. They actually lived over in Virginia at Fancy Gap. Ed Welch, George Arnold and I took them up to the farm and drove through the grass to show them where the track should go. Dick Snyder was there with his Mercedes 300SL and we used the turning radius of his car to mark the radius of the horseshoe turn at the end of the front straight. The

table in the dining room at Baptist



Vir founders -L to R . Hooper Johnson, George Arnold,

Ed Welsch, Ed Alexander.

turning radius of the Strickland brothers' road grader was used



to set the radius of Oak Tree turn. After they did the rough grading we would take our cars up there on weekends and run around on the dirt at up to 100 mph. We found one place where the cars would get airborne so Horace just took his grader and shaved off enough dirt to correct the problem. We

became concerned about the drainage around the track so we waited for a big

rainy spell and went up there and corrected the problems we saw.

Some local public highway engineers had told us the kind of mix of sand and gravel we needed to put down for a base and it was going to be expensive to buy enough to cover 3.27 miles. The Stricklands came up with a solution. Horace and Harry were a couple of "big ole country boys". They came down from Fancy Gap with their workers and camped out in the big barn on the farm during the week and went home on weekends. One day they called me and said 'Doc, you've got to come up here and see this. We need gravel? The whole river is full of gravel!' It seems they went down to the river to bathe and discovered the whole riverbed was full of



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gravel. They just backed down to the river and got all we needed. Didn't cost us a nickel!" Johnson is full of praise for the Stricklands." On our **#3** opening weekend

the guys who built Elkhart Lake came down from Wisconsin to see what we had done. We had been up there the year before to get some ideas on how thick to pave in the turns and all that stuff. We took notes on a piece of scrap paper and came home and started paving. Those guys wanted to see all our plots and graphs that the

engineers had done. They said you need all that to build a track. I pointed to the Stricklands and said there are no drawings or engineers. Just ask these guys."

By the summer of 1956 the original group had completed everything but the paving. The Strickland brothers brought in a paving company from Greensboro that they had worked with before but a major obstacle stood in the way. The pavers wanted \$8,000 before they would bring their equipment to the job. With the end in sight, the developers needed more cash than they had readily available to finish the job. A new club member, Ed Kemm had recently moved to Greensboro from New York and had both the cash and the enthusiasm













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to finish the job. The officers of the corporation quickly gave him a tour of the site and made him chairman of the board. Hooper Johnson remembers that Ed Welch commented after Kemm decided to invest, "Hooper, that's the first good night's sleep I've had in a year!"

With Kemm supplying the needed capital, the paving and remaining construction resumed after the August 15, 1956 press conference. Contacted recently at his home in South Carolina, Kemm explained how he became involved. Originally from New York, he had met his wife Gail through a prep school roommate at Exeter who was from Greensboro.

Kemm says " I enrolled at UNC in Chapel Hill and we were married in 1953. By 1954 or 1955 we had moved to Greensboro where I bought a Jaguar from Alexander Motors and became involved with the sports car club that was formed at the dealership. I was very active and later served as both President and Director. The club had planned to develop a race course much like the one they had at Marlboro, Md. for club events. Hooper Johnson and Ed Welch were both racers. They were most instrumental in deciding to build a track. Ed Alexander had an interest because of his automobile dealership. One day after I became involved we were discussing the project. It had gotten out of hand and they just did not have the money to go on. I agreed to underwrite it and the leases were transferred from Sports Car Enterprises Incorporated to my corporation. Virginia International Raceway Incorporated. A group of investors and friends of mine had a private sale of stock. There were about 25 of us. I guess I owned about 80%. The investment looked good at the time because Congress had shut down all of the racing that General Curtis Lemay had promoted on the Air Force bases and there was a tremendous demand for road courses." Ed and Gail Kemm moved to Danville in 1957 and he began to work on the project full time. He found the project to be a challenge. "A bulldozer had done the initial grading but the track needed a lot of work

before paving. The Strickland brothers were on the job but there wasn't even enough money left to finish paying them. They were the original 'Beverly Hillbillies' with bulldozers. The biggest asset on the job was the river gravel that they had found. The cost of buying enough gravel to cover 3.27 miles would have been prohibitive. It wasn't really gravel but was a very high grade of river sand with gravel mixed in. It alone would not have been able to stabilize the base. We mixed the original soil with the river gravel and dry cement to provide the base. My wife and I had gone to Elkhart Lake before we started the project and spent two weeks when they first opened so that I could go over their trials and tribulations in hopes of not duplicating their mistakes. We also visited Watkins Glen, Bridgehampton, and Lime Rock for the same reason."

The actual construction and paving was scheduled for completion in time for a SCCA race on May 4th and 5th, 1957. Kemm explains the reasons that the opening was not on schedule. "That winter we had terrible rains. The stability to bring in paving equipment just wasn't there. The track had to be dried out and rolled. There would have been a problem with the moisture content and the binder that Thompson-Arthur Paving Company used. The actual paving did not take place until May of 1957. There were time trials held on July 20, 1957 but no actual racing took place before the August 3-4 1957 inaugural race. The cost of paving the track was substantially more than \$8,000. Even at 1957 prices 3.27 miles is a lot of asphalt. The total construction costs were close to \$160,000 plus whatever amount the club had spent before I took over. The inaugural race was held on the weekend of August 3-4 of 1957, almost a year after the first press conference. After the opening, Kemm's role as developer changed to race promoter. There he met new challenges Kemm sys - "Initially VIR received lots of publicity because it was so unique. We had 10,000 to 12,000 spectators the first year, but I found it difficult to build a fan base the way NASCAR did. We were having to educate the public to what we were doing. Anytime you get into a business where you have to educate the public; you had better get out fast. VIR was probably 15 to 20 years ahead of its time. Bill France came by to take a look and told me that until the fans could see the whole track and get close enough to smell it you would have a problem. One key element was that the general public could not identify themselves with the cars. The entire concept was a problem in those days. It was strictly a club-type affair. There was no happy medium between the professional promoter and the club course concept. The club course was great socially but could not support the financial investment we had. There was no set-up in sports car racing that was professional in nature. There was lots of resistance from the top. We needed a professional racing series to attract the size crowds we needed. I talked to the SCCA and told them you fellas should really consider our needs. They were adamant and said that they were not going to go that route. I even went to Indianapolis and talked to Tony Hulman and Duane Carter about a

professional USAC sports car series. USAC was very much interested in developing professional sports car racing." The turning point came when USAC launched their professional sports car division in 1958. Races were held that year at Lime Rock, Marlboro, Watkins Glen, and Riverside. The USAC series expanded and operated successfully from 1958 through 1963. Promoters from coast to coast were able to attract crowds numbering from 50,000 up to 75,000. These successes forced the SCCA to back down and reconsider professional sports car racing. The United States Road Racing Championship (USRRC) began in 1963 and other series were added in the late 1960's. All of these victories came too late for Kemm. He had been facing other serious problems from the beginning. He explained. "My biggest problem was always the labor pool. There were never enough people available to put on a race. The more club people you had involved, the fewer paying spectators. Everyone was a participant. After two or three years, I began to see what was happening. We were back to square one and the sport had not gone beyond the club mentality. The track did not lend itself to be a financially viable operation"



VIR Today

In an attempt to solve the manpower problem, Kemm recruited local charitable organizations as sponsors who were able to provide people to staff the race in exchange for having a portion of the proceeds donated to the charity. The May of 1959 SCCA Nationals were sponsored by the Danville Shrine Club. The April 1960 Nationals were sponsored by the Danville chapter of the Civil Air Patrol commanded by Col. E. Paul Rembold. Kemm had a strong interest in the CAP. "When we first moved to Danville, I decided that I wanted to learn to fly. I took lessons from Paul Rembold and he got me involved in the Civil Air Patrol. I became a very active member.

I bought a Piper J-3 and another airplane and flew a lot to build time." Rembold also allowed Kemm to use office space in his aviation business for VIR's office.

What had started as an exciting challenge for Kemm finally became too much of a problem for him to continue. He donated the leases and his interests in the assets of the corporation to the Civil Air Patrol and moved to Baltimore where he operated several successful businesses until he retired and moved to South Carolina in 1988. The Civil Air Patrol with Col. Rembold at the helm operated the track until the fall of 1974 when the track closed until it was reopened in 2000 by the current operators, Harvey Siegel and Connie Nyholm.

Since August of 1957, thousands of racers and fans have enjoyed the creation of a small group of people who had both the vision and determination to build and operate what became a favorite of the racing world. Ed Alexander formed a sports car club when few people in the area could describe a sports car. George Arnold, due to the influence of his wife Preston Foote. was able to locate one of the most scenic and ideal properties in the country. Ed Welch and Hooper Johnson designed a course that brought out the best features of that farm. Ed Kemm brought the financing to complete the dream and the determination to make it a reality. This article was found on the Website VIR history.com,and was written by Phil Allen in December 2001, and last updated in March 2007.





# MID-WINTER TRACK SEMINAR

### Saturday, Feb 2nd, 2013 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Carolina Motorsports Park, Kershaw, SC

Have you considered participating in Carolinas Region's Drivers Education Events but have not had the opportunity to do so? Or maybe you have some questions: What to expect? Will it damage my car? Who are the instructors and how do they teach me? What do I have to do to my Porsche to participate? – If you have any of these questions or others, this event is for you! This is our annual off-track seminar to introduce the concepts behind the Carolinas Region's Driver Education Program, which is a series of high performance driving schools conducted at local tracks like Carolina Motorsports Park – IT IS NOT A RACING SCHOOL!

You will have the opportunity to casually discuss the program with instructors and club members that have been enjoying "life on the track" for years. We will discuss the operation of a Drivers Ed weekend, concentrating on what you need (or want) to know as a participant. We will also talk about some of the fundamental concepts of performance driving such as turning, braking and accelerating properly, and the vocabulary used to describe track driving. Videos and other materials will be used to give you a thorough understanding of what a weekend at the track entails. We'll discuss the roles of the instructors and how they can help you understand you car and your driving. We will discuss the safety check and tech inspection that is performed on each car to ensure a safe and enjoyable event. Finally, if time allows, we'll tour Carolina Motorsports Park.

This seminar is open to all Carolinas Region members who have not participated in a Drivers Education event, or who have very limited experience on the track. \*\*Region members will no prior track experience will receive a **\$50 Coupon** towards a Carolinas Region DE event\*\* You **must pre-register** to receive a coupon.



### **Registration is Free!** Space is limited!

Please send your registration including name, number attending (please limit to those actually interested in attending a DE event), address, telephone number, **track experience if any**, and email address to:

EMail to Brian Powell at driversed@carolinas-pca.com

Name:	Email:
Address:	Telephone:
	Number Attending:
Track Experience (if any)	

By postal mail to Brian Powell, 813 Langley Dr, Concord, NC 28025 ATTN: Mid Winter Track Seminar



Driver's Education Review: Words By Brian Powel and Photos By Michael Smith and Eric Tilloston of AWOL Photo

Our November event at Virginia International Raceway always closes out the year with a grand finale! During the November 16-18 weekend, we had over 220 drivers come to the 3.27 mile track to put the wraps on 2012's Drivers Education events. Participants traveled far and wide, coming from 26 different PCA regions across 14 states. The November weather had a touch of chill in the mornings, but warmed during the day to not be of any concern to those attending. On Friday, we had our solo only day where 110 advanced drivers and instructors ran the course. The student groups joined in on Saturday and Sunday to fill out the field for the weekend.

After track closed on Saturday evening, we wandered across the paddock to hold our year end reception. As part of the festivities, Shane Tisdale announced Tim Scopes as the 2012 Tom Norby memorial Instructor of the year award winner. Tim has instructed at all 5 Carolinas Region DE's this year and has stepped up whenever we have needed an extra hand. Thanks Tim and to all instructors in the Carolinas! Across the board, our instructors have jumped in whenever we've sent out the call. While we had some resemblence of order, we had another special presentation that evening too. Michael Smith used the occasion to propose to his girlfriend Kelly Berliner. Given her response, I'd say the answer was yes.



**Excitment not limited to track time!** 



Instructing the Instructors



**Brian and Shane at Registration** 



Thumbs Up A Common Theme



**Banquet Time** 



Morning Chill



Day 2 A Bit Warmer





As Sunday came to an end, everyone packed up and headed for home, looking forward to returning next year. This year has been another standout year of DE events thanks to the many volunteers that support the program. The weekends run like clockwork because of the many hours of preparation by the DE staff. I'd like to thank Shane Tisdale, John Babinski, Jim Hecht, Don Goodman, Lee Stabler, Stephen Brown, Joel Barber, Marty Barrett, Pat Smith, Les Stabler, Rodney Fossum, Herbert Boehm, Harvey Harbor, Ryan Goodman, Ken Stabler and the many other folks that jump in at registration or tech to lend a hand.





We're putting the 2013 calendar together as we go to print. We do have a few dates that are firm at this point. We will kick off the year on Feb 2nd with Winter Track Seminar. Registration details are covered elsewhere in TR. If you've wondered what DE's are all about, this is a perfect opportunity to see what goes on during a typically DE weekend. Our firm 2013 Driver Education dates are:

March 9-10 @ CMP Sept 7-8 @ CMP Oct 25-27 @ CMP (Club Race) Nov 15-17 @ VIR

Registrations for Carolinas Drivers Education event are online using ClubRegistration.net. Typically, registration will open 2 months prior to the event.

For more information on any of these events contact Brian Powell at driversed@ carolinas-pca.com (704-260-0716).

New PCA Member



**Patron Cayman** 





Great Photos By AWOL



The Newly Engaged



More Thumbs Up!



A TOUR OF THE RICHARD CHILDRESS RACE SHOP IN WELCOME, NC

### IT'S A NASCAR DAY FOR THE PORSCHE PEOPLE!

THE TRIAD AREA HAS BEEN INVITED FOR A TOUR OF THE RCR RACE SHOP CONDUCTED BY MICHAEL DILLON - VICE PRESIDENT OF COMPETITON FOR RCR RACING AND THE FATHER OF AUSTIN DILLON, DRIVER OF THE #3 ADVOCARE CHEVROLET IMPALA ON THE NATIONWIDE TOUR AND TY DILLON, DRIVER OF THE #3 BASS PRO SHOPS CHEVROLET SILVERADO ON THE TRUCK TOUR.

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013. PLAN TO MEET IN THE RCR RACE SHOP PARKING LOT AT 9:45 AM WHERE: THE RCR RACE SHOP IN WELCOME, NC COST: NO CHARGE FOR THE TOUR

GROUP LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT ONE OF THE LEXINGTON BBQ ESTABLISHMENTS.

PLEASE RSVP THE NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY WHO PLAN TO ATTEND AND ANY QUESTIONS, NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013, TO:

CHARLES.MASSLER@GMAIL.COM

OR BY PHONE TO CHARLIE OR LINDA: 336 794-0117

DIRECTIONS TO THE RCR RACE SHOP;

- 1. HIWAY 52 SOUTH TO EXIT #92 WELCOME
- 2. TAKE THE RAMP AND TURN RIGHT AT THE TOP ONTO OLD US 52 (MAIN STREET)
- **3. GO APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES**
- 4. LOOK FOR THE BROWN SIGN POINTING TO THE RCR MUSEUM
- 5. TURN RIGHT ONTO INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
- 6. GO STRAIGHT INTO THE PARKING LOT



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**7th Annual** 

# BMW & PORSCHE SWAP MEET

Sponsored by

Carolinas Region PCA and Sandlapper & Tarheel Chapters BMWCCA

> Hosted by Touring Cars Inc. 300 Seaboard Drive Matthews, NC 28104





### **Date: Saturday, February 16, 2013** Time: Vendor setup from 8 am to 9 am Swap Meet Shoppers from 9 am to 1 pm

(No charges for Vendors or Shoppers)

McNeely Motorsports will be open to show various BMW restoration projects.

Event Info Contact - John Meek jmeek911@aol.com 803-324-4994

**Directions:** - From I-485 take exit 51 onto US 74 East/E. Independence Blvd. (toward Monroe *not* toward Matthews)

- Turn Right at traffic signal 1.4 miles onto Stallings Rd.
- Pass over RR track and turn right onto Industrial Dr.
- Turn Right onto Seaboard Dr. to Touring Cars Inc. (back lot)

# Upstate Area Fall Drive & Dine

#### **Submitted by John Budinich**

The Upstate Area held its Fall Drive & Dine tour on November 18th. The group gathered at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Piedmont, SC at 9:45 am to get organized and to fill out the necessary paperwork. The members on hand took the opportunity to get caught up with old friends, get reacquainted with other members or meet new members on their first tour. The morning was chilly and breezy but the weather outlook was warmer weather as the day progressed.

The tour started at 10:30 and the group of 18 people in 9 Porsches headed out for an enjoyable day on the

two-lane roads of Upstate and Midlands South Carolina. We headed from Piedmont, through Pelzer and a number of twisty roads to our first stop just outside of Laurens. The group took the opportunity to regroup, stretch our legs and enjoy the conversation among friends. Due to the light Sunday morning traffic, it was easy to keep the 9 Porsches on the tour together in one impressive line as we drove through the countryside and small towns.

We soon headed out again and continued on our trek. We headed southwest towards Greenwood and again were pleased to find the roads to be scenic, with rolling curves and very little traffic. What a pleasant way to enjoy a Sunday drive. We passed a Black Cayman heading in the opposite direction and exchanged a lot of "thumbs up". Later we commented he probably would have joined the group if we slowed down for him to make a u-turn. We stopped again in Saluda for a final stretch break before heading to our destination and an authentic German meal.

Once again, the final stretch of our drive had little traffic and the group was able to stay together. We arrived in Prosperity and parked in the grass parking lot behind the restaurant. We were warmly greeted by Miss Wendy, the owner of the restaurant, and Dianna, our hostess and given a tour of the kitchen before taking our seats. Miss Wendy also gave us a history of the restaurant and the meaning behind the name "Gasthaus Zur Elli". The restaurant was opened in 1999 and renamed in 2001 in honor of her mother, Elli. The restaurant contains many mementos from her travels to Germany and from past patrons. There was also a very prominent Porsche flag in the corner of the dining room. Once we were seated, Miss Wendy locked the front door and declared our event a "private party" and commented on how good her parking lot looked with all of the Porches on the lawn, especially the "little red" Boxster, her favorite.

Miss Wendy had prepared a complete meal for us including soup, salad, desert, iced tea and coffee. For entrees we could choose from Schnitzel (pork), Wiener Schnitzel (veal), Huehner Schnitzel (chicken), Jaeger Schnitzel (pork loin) and Zwiebel Steak (rib eye). In addition to the complete meal, being a "private party" allowed members to order authentic German wine or beer to go with their meal. To say the meal was fresh is an understatement. As each of us ordered our entrée, you could hear Miss Wendy pounding the







veal or pork prior to cooking each dish to order. The meal was as delicious as it was relaxing.

After the leisurely meal and conversation was complete, the tour was officially over. Members were free to choose their preferred route home from Prosperity. Some chose the direct route, in order to get home quickly for a postmeal nap and some chose to explore some new, twisty two-lanes to work off lunch. We all thanked Miss Wendy, Dianna, Kristin and Corlean for a great meal and great experience. We look forward to planning another trip there in the future. The hospitality and the great food are worth it.

All in all it was a very enjoyable day with good weather, great roads, great cars and especially, great friends. Many of the participants have already started making suggestions for our next tour. We hope you can join us then. Until next time...

# **Annual Protech Chili Cook-Off**

The Annual Protech Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th.

We want to thank Bill and Frank Gerwig for hosting this event again, as it is always a good time for all. In addition to a great assortment of chili, due to the large amounts of deserts that are brought each year, we will also have judging and an award for the best desert. This event is always very well attended and a great opportunity to meet new members and get caught up with old friends.

For those of you who are new to the Upstate Area, the cook-off contest is open to any member who wants to enter their "secret", homemade chili or that "special" desert. Please remember to bring serving spoons for the chili. The rest is explained below.

### The details for the event are as follows:

Date: 02/09/2013 Location: Protech Motorsports 917 State Park Drive Greenville, SC 29609



# Start Time: 6:00 pm - Set up of chili pots and time to mingle

7:00 pm - Chili judging starts

### 7:30 pm - Desert judging starts

Particulars: - Chili contestants please bring chili pots and ladles for serving

- Desert contestants please bring serving knives or spoons as necessary

- Protech is supplying bowls, plastic-ware, soft drinks and water
- Extras: Anyone wanting to bring an appetizer to share is welcome to do so (bring plenty with serving spoons)
- Guests: BYOB if so inclined and bring a healthy appetite for chili (some are HOT so antacid is optional)
- Registration: None, just show up, but the early bird gets the most chili
- Fee: NONE, Bill & Frank provide the incidentals, the contestants provide the food, just remember to say Thanks!

Requirements: - Bring a healthy appetite, a good attitude and a willingness to have lots of FUN with GREAT people.



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# Area Updates: January 2013

### Sun Fun Area By Sandy Shirley



**Meeting**: Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Sun Fun's area meeting's rotate, see below for our next meeting location.

Contact Sandy Shirley, Area Director sunfun-ad@ carolinas-pca.com

Hey SunFunners, take a look at this year's lineup!

2013 Sun Fun Calendar January 15th Area Meeting 6:30 El Chico 1728 Bush River Road

February 19th Doc's Grrrage Chili Cook Off -6:30 359 Porsche Drive, Lexington Bring a pot of Chili to share and be judged

March 19th Area meeting 6:30 (Tuesday)





### **Opt out update:**

Just a quick update. As of 9/10/12 we have had 255 members choose to receive the "electronic only" version of Tobacco Roads. What does this mean ?? It saves us \$ 9,000.00 per year that we can put in the bank to offset other club expenses (ie, Autocross, Christmas Party, etc). As mentioned in other publications TR is the biggest expense, averaging 3.00 per copy.

We're announcing an exciting new option to receive your copy of Tobacco Roads - we'll be offering **"electronic-only" delivery.** This is truly a special publication and is used to transmit valuable information content across the region. However, the new "greener" option is to send this publication out via an email link to the Adobe PDF copy posted on your region website. For those members who wish to con-

tinue receiving the hard copy via USPS, no action is necessary at this time. However, if you wish to opt-out of future paper delivery, simply reply to **membership@carolinaspca.com** with your name and area, indicating your preference to opt-out.

Presently, the largest single expense for the Carolinas Region PCA is printing and mailing costs associated with Tobacco Roads. Each monthly copy costs the region about \$2.00 per recipient. By opting out, you're allowing the region to divert more membership funding to help support events and other special member activities. You're also guaranteed to get the timeliest copy of the newsletter in color!

Please contact me to take advantage of this offer. If you wish to continue receiving the paper copy – then no action is required.

Warm Regards,

Tammy Collins Membership Chair Carolinas Region PCA

### Triad Area By Jerry Kilcrease



**Meeting:** Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm Big Shotz Tavern, 1480 River Ridge Rd, Clemmons, NC. Directions at www.bigshotztavern.com

Contact Jerry Kilcrease, Area Director triad-ad@ carolinas-pca.com (336) 476-3120

#### Jerry Kilcrease, Area Director

The Triad Area PCA held its annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 4th, at the Forest Oaks Country Club in Greensboro. We were pleased to welcomed 48 members and guests to our last official gathering of 2012. Ron Reed came early to set up the projector and screen so we could enjoy looking at photographs taken at various PCA events during the year. The Christmas Party was sponsored \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ again this year by Porsche

of Greensboro and all at-

tending gave a big round

of applause thanking Brett

Smith and Ronnie Rumple

for their support to the

Triad Area PCA through

out the year. We were all

treated to a great buffet

dinner with all the trim-

mings and when everyone

had finished we held a

\$550.00 from donations

from the attending members that will also be donated to the American Children's

Home. It was a good time as

we all got a chance to social-

ize and spend a little time

with Triad Area members and

guests and other Porsche

enthusiasts. Thanks to ev-

eryone that participated in



Allen, Charles, Bill and Jim

drawing for the door prizes. We also held a drawing for a \$300.00 donation from our 50/50 pot fund with the winner selecting the charity of their choice. Stan and Peg Simm were the winners and they elected to split the donation between the Forsyth Animal Shelter and the American Children's Home Christmas Fund. We also collected



Frain, Elaine, Dave and Tomi



Peggy and Curtis

PCA hosted activities during 2012 and we are looking forward to seeing you again in 2013.

UP COMING TRI-AD AREA HOST-ED EVENTS:

SATURDAY, FEB-RUARY 2, 2013 - TOUR RICH-ARD CHILDRESS RACE SHOP -Triad Area PCA members and guests as well as other PCA members have been



Fran, Cindy, Emily and Sadie

invited to tour the RCR Race Shop located in Welcome, NC. All details and instructions are included on the registration form included on page 18 of the January issue of Tobacco Roads (you can also down load a copy of the registration form from the 2013 events calendar on the Carolinas Region website www.carolinas-pca.com ). Charles Massler is the event chairman and if you have any questions or comments call him at 336-794-0117 or you can email him at CHARLES-MASSLER@GMAIL.COM. We hope that you can make plans to join us for our first event of the New Year.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 14-16 – ROADS AND RAILS TOUR – The Triad Area will host the 2nd annual "Roads and Rails Tour" Send a Kid to Camp Charity Event on June 14-16, 2013. Robert Van Camp is again the Chairman of the event and this year will be taking the group on a 4 hour dinner trip on the Great Smokey Mountains Railroad. This year Robert will have us travelling on the back roads of North Carolina's most scenic mountains and we will be staying at the Fontana Village Resort. Robert has made all arrangements for this event early in order to give all of us plenty of lead time to make plans. So those of you that made the trip last year please make plans to join us again. And for those that were not able to join us last year, we hope to see you this year. Complete details and registration information will be coming in the February issue of Tobacco Roads.

NEXT TRIAD AREA MONTHLY MEETING - : The Triad Area will hold the first monthly meeting of 2013 at Big Shotz Tavern in Clemmons on Tuesday, January 15th, with the business meeting starting around 7pm. We will have the 50/50 split the pot drawing and Ron will have current PCA events on the overhead. So make plans to come join us for fun and fellowship and meet other Porsche enthusiasts. Contact Jerry Kilcrease at jkilcrease@triad.rr.com if you have any questions. See you there!

### Triad GIP (Girls In Porsche) (By Sadie Kilcrease)

Jane Hewitt hosted our December 6 meeting at her home in Greensboro. What a way to end 2012 for our GIPs. The house was exquisitely decorated for Christmas and Jane gave the group a tour of the house. Everyone brought something to share and what a variety – dips of all kinds, vegetables, Chicken Pie and, of course, desert options were many. We had 12 GIPs in attendance. Kathy Kiser won our split the pot. We begin 2013 with our first meeting on January 3. We will meet at the Bleu Restaurant located at 3425 Frontis Street in Winston Salem. Make your calendar and join us for fun, food and fellowship with the girls. Hope to see you on January 3.

### Upstate Area By John Budinich



**Meeting**: First Monday of the month at 6:30pm Quaker Steak & Lube, 10 Chrome Drive Greenville, SC

Contact John Budinich, Area Director upstate-ad@ carolinas-pca.com (864) 915-0011

As this update goes to press, we are getting ready for the Upstate Area Holiday Party, taking place on December 15th. We received 50 RSVPs for the party and we are looking forward to another great event. Look for a complete write-up in next month's Tobacco Roads.

We added 6 new members last month as part of our continuing growth. Let's extend a warm Upstate welcome to these members as they attend future events.



The Upstate Area Fall Drive & Dine was held on No-

Dining portion of 'Drive & Dine'

vember 18. The drive was from Piedmont, SC via scenic backroads, culminating at the authentic German restaurant, Gasthaus Zur Elle in Prosperity, SC. The restaurant opened that Sunday as a private party just for the Porsche Club members. There is a complete write-up of this event elsewhere in this issue of Tobacco Roads.

I know we are all looking forward to a better 2013 filled with exciting, Porsche related activities. There are two events I want to mention as "advanced notice" so you can pencil them in on your Porsche calendar. If the water levels in Lake Hartwell cooperate, we will again be participating in the joint Antique Wooden Boat / Porsche Club show tentatively scheduled for April 20th. More information will be coming out on this as plans, and water levels, allow. Another event being planned for the end of April is the launch party at Porsche of Greenville for the New Cayman. This event will be similar to the events held for the New 911 and the New Boxster. I will be reaching out to some of our Cayman owner's regarding a vehicle display as part of the event.



This should be another great party for another great Porsche.

I hope you all had a great Holiday Season, including Christmas and New Year's. I am looking forward to another exciting year of Porsche related activities with old and new friends alike.

Upcoming Upstate Area Meetings

Monday, January 7 at 6:30 pm at Quaker Steak & Lube, Greenville, SC

Monday, February 4 at 6:30 pm at Quaker Steak & Lube, Greenville, SC  $\,$ 

Monday, March 4 at 6:30 pm at Quaker Steak & Lube, Greenville, SC

As always, I would ask members to keep the ideas, suggestions and feedback coming to upstate-ad@ Carolinas-pca.com as they can only help to improve our meetings and activities throughout the year - John



Meet under the flag

### Sandhills Area By Marty Barrett



**Meeting**: Every odd month (Jul, Sept, Nov, etc.) Fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm The Italian Table, 136 Grant St., Seven Lakes, NC

Contact Marty Barrett, Area Director sandhills-ad@ carolinas-pca.com

Sandhills report: We had 23 Sandhills PCA folks for our November dinner meeting at Theo's Taverina in Pinehurst. And, our members donated \$225 to our local charity in return for a chance to select items from the Goodie Store. Bill Ainsley discussed his idea for another tech session in March since we had such a good turnout for the November 2 tech session at RTR's chassis dyno shop and Vintage & Modern Porsche shop in Aberdeen.

9 cars and a very nice drive from Pinehurst out through horse country in Southern Pines, back through West End toward Carthage and on to Pic-N-Pig for lunch. Bob Kim and a couple other Triangle Area folks joined us for the drive and lunch. We were able bid farewell, Merry Christmas and good luck to Bob as his new job takes him to my old stomping ground in Chicago. He will love Road America!

Things will be quiet for a few weeks in the Sandhills as many of us travel to spend the holidays with friends and family.

Our next dinner meeting is January 22 at the Ryder Cup Bar at the Pinehurst Resort.

Best to all in 2013! Marty

Our December 15 cars & coffee was also well attended with

### Mountain Area By David Butler



**Meeting**: First Saturday of the month at 10:00am Harmony Motors, 621 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC Check monthly area report for location changes.

Contact David Butler, Area Director mountain-ad@ carolinas-pca.com (828) 252-1752

Tobacco Roads - Mountain Area January 2013 TR Report

#### 12/15/2012

Our monthly meeting on December 3 was held at Jan Davis Tire Store, 209 Patton Avenue, Asheville. Jan and Rich Davis opened up their business to members for a discussion on various aspects of tire technology and its impact on the performance of all of our cars. Fifteen members attended.

After introductions, members approved Lauren Boylston as the incoming Mountain Area Director and she was confirmed at the Carolinas Region Board meeting that afternoon. Thank you to Lauren for volunteering to assume the AD role. Lauren brings a lot of energy to the position and I look forward to the positive impact that will have on the Mountain Area going forward.

Jan Davis provided an overview and background of JDTS and shared stories of his past involvement in racing and participating in hill climb events in the WNC area. Rich and Jan discussed Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS). They were mandated on all cars built after September 2010 and can be easily damaged unless handled properly when mounting tires. They can also be damaged if a sealant is used to recover from a flat tire or if an incorrect valve stem is used.

They also discussed winter tires. Most of today's high performance tires are designed to operate in temperatures above 50 degrees. Grip deteriorates significantly below that temperature. Winter tires have improved such that now All Season performance tires are offered in a variety of speed rating and sizes. While many of us don't drive our Porsches in harsh weather we all have to get around. With the use of performance tires across most all car lines one should consider if an All Season performance tire is appropriate for your winter ride.

### Hickory Area By Vincent & Vallie Piccirelli



**Meeting**: Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm Da Vinci's Ristorante 2968 North Center St. Hickory, NC

Contact Vincent or Vallie Piccirelli, Area Co-Directors hickory-ad@ carolinas-pca.com (828) 781-8332

#### Hickory Area report December 2012

Greetings to all from Hickory!

We had a great year with 3 dine and drives, monthly 50/50 drawings and door prizes. Porsche of Hickory has been very supportive of our area including tech sessions and financial sponsorship of the Carolinas Region holiday party. Our December meeting had 21 attendees at our home for our local area meeting. Everyone brought their favorite finger food and we provided desert. We gave away around 14 door prizes! Five of them donated by Black Forest Racing, andtwo of which were \$50 coupons, for service, of which I won one!

For 2013 Porsche of Hickory will be starting up Tech Sessions again, this time with the freedom to turn wrenches! This will be a great opportunity to get your car up on the lift and learn how to do routine maintenance and most inspections yourself. The dates and times are being worked out and will be available in my next report. If you

When guestioned on specific tire brands, Jan and Rich replied that there is an amazing high quality in all major brands. Some of JDTS primary brands are Continental, Michelin, Pirelli, and Yokohama. but they carry other brands as well. Their basic recommendation was to adhere to the old adage that you get what you pay for. When guestioned on N-spec tires (Porsche approved) they commented they never have had a problem but there are subtle differences between Nspec and non N-spec tires.dus Brannon



Doug McKee's 2013 Boxter S



Tim Gallagher, Jim Peterson and Broadus Brannon

One shouldn't mix these on an axle, front or rear, and there may be impact on handling if using a non N-spec tire.

Our next monthly meeting is on January 5 at Harmony Motors beginning at 10:00 a.m. Come share some coffee and bagels and meet some of the new folks at Harmony as they discuss actions and activities they have planned in the coming year.

Well, this is my last report as the Mountain Area Director. I've enjoyed serving and appreciate your support during my two years in the position. I plan to continue to be active in the club and support Lauren in any way I can. Thank you all, and I hope to see you at a future event.

David

have a car that is several years old you really want to take advantage of this. Until then have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vincent & Val-

lie Piccirelli



**Hickory Area Christmas Party** 



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Hickory Area Christmas Party

### Metrolina Area By Jerry Collins



Location to be announced

January Meeting: 3rd Wednesday

Contact Jerry Collins, Area Director metrolina-ad@ carolinas-pca.com

Hi Porsche guys and ladies!

Recurring local events:

• Cars and Coffee at the Carolina Music Factory in Charlotte, parking lot is next to Mattie's Diner. Usually gets going pretty early, so think 8AM- 11AM range. First Saturday of the month.

- Cars & Cappuccino Charlotte - 2nd Sunday of each month,  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{9AM-11AM}}$ 

- Noon, Dean & Deluca at Phillips Place, Charlotte, NC.

For the monthly meeting, we started our 50-50 drawing, and I think everyone really enjoyed that addition to our meeting and dinner. For those who wish to participate, bring cash to the meeting! We were able to donate over \$300 to the Metrolina Second Harvest Food bank in December. That was just the 50% of the 50-50 drawing since we began at mid year. We hope to have a new venue for our every other month SOUTH side meeting by the time this gets to print. Stay tuned.

Happy new year everyone!

I would like to say to you all, how much I enjoy our PCA Carolinas region!

Hope to see you many times at events in 2013!!

Remember to log onto carlolinas-pca.com for calendar events information.

Drive it like it's a rental.

Jerry

### Want to see photos of recent Carolinas Region events?

### Go to:

http://carolinasregionporscheclub.shutterfly. com/

If you want to contribute your own photos send an email to Ron Reed, Regional Media Coordinator, at media@carolinas-pca.com

# **Porsches and Other Stuff For Sale**

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### **Porsches**

**1978 911SC:** non-sunroof coupe. Set up for track use, it has been my DE car since 2005. Race seats, 5-pt harnesses, full cage. Suspension is very tight, car handles great, and can hold its own. Nearly new tires on genuine 16" Fuchs. Engine resealed and trans overhauled in 2007. SSI headers, fiberglass bumpers, and many other tricks. And it is still faster than Jim. Price is \$16,500. Contact Harvey Cash at 864-299-6018.

**1984 911 Carrera:** Good daily driver, ideal candidate for upgrade to show car or enhance for track drivers ed. car, Guards red w/black leather, manual trans., turbo whale tail, new brakes, new battery, new front tires, good rear tires, new heater blower motor, and new more efficient Sanden A/C compressor with high efficiency Serpentine evaporator, 171k mi. (rebuilt @ 115k), chip, strong engine, non-smoke, garaged, sway-bar, factory Fuchs wheels, good paint (a few minor road nicks), runs & drives very nice, was \$23,500 but 3rd gear sychronizer slightly worn (yes, it works) so discounted to \$18,375. Vehicle located in Columbia, SC. email interest to John Hamilton, johnfh@aol.com

1985 911 Carrera Sunroof Coupe: VIN WPOAB0913FS121502

104,000 miles Black on Cancan red, full leather interior, electric sport seats, electric mirrors, alarm, central lock. Factory spoilers, adjustable Koni's, 8 & 9 X 16 Fuch's, 1000 miles on new BFG's, enamled center caps. New clutch @ 85,000, new alternator last year, recent valve adjustment all done at Protech. Tool kit, compressor and Certificate of Authenticity. Outstanding origional classic. Needs nothing. \$27,000 Ken Michalek in Greer, SC 864-561-2294 or ken@ airfloinc.com

**1999 Porsche 911:** (996) Carrera with 92,000 miles. This car is in excellent condition. I just had the IMS retrofit performed on it as well as the water pump and the RMS. Recent alignment and new tires assure a great ride! The car is Arctic Silver metallic with graphite gray interior. The drivers seat has the normal wear on the left side bolster, otherwise it's near perfect. It has 18" (BBS) Sport Classic II wheels, I just had them powder coated in Jan 2012, no curb rash to be found. It has new (as of June 2012, 3k miles) Yokohama Envigor tires. The Tiptronic works flawlessly and shifts smoothly. I installed a Pioneer touchscreen navigation system along with a 600 watt JL Audio digital amp, with new dash, door and rear quarter panel JL Audio speakers as well as a custom dual 8" JL Audio sub enclosure. This system rocks in this car!! I have a new car on the way, so this one has got to

#### go! Please contact Russ Fain in Greer, SC at (864)992-0803

2001 Boxster S: This two-owner Boxster S (seal gray/black) has been driven as a commuter on state highways and back roads during its 82,000 mile lifetime. It has not been tracked or abused. The front bumper skin was replaced after a passerby scraped it; otherwise this car is original and in excellent overall condition. 80,000 mile scheduled service has been done. The soft rear window became cloudy, so it was replaced with a new window, tinted as per factory. The top, interior, body, electronics, and all mechanicals are in excellent shape. The tires are factory-recommended Michelin Pilot Sports. This is a non-smoker car. No leaks, no IMS issues. This car has been garaged and covered while I've owned it. The former owner upgraded its taillights, installed monogrammed floor pads, and mounted RennTech pedal covers. Otherwise, it is bone-stock with all regular features that come with a Boxster S. Price is \$14,997 OBO. This is a great, head-turning, no-issues joy to drive! Contact Ronald Sieber for details at 919-382-7328, or email me at rdsieber@gmail.com.

**2002 Carrera 2 coupe:** WPOAA29962S622124; 63k Miles, 60k service, new IMS bearing; Lapis Blue w/ light grey int; Leather, carbon fiber, alcantara, Bose 6 disk cd player, sunroof, computer, cruise control, memory seats/mirrors, remote entry, extra key, headlight washers, f+r fog lights, painted hubcat crests, crest embossed on headrests, weather tech and porsche mats; new tires; immaculate local concours winner; \$35K; Contact Jim Hoffman in Ninety-six SC (864)543-1586, or t140tri-umph@hotmail.com

**2004 Cayenne S:** WPIAB29P242A68135, Jamara Beige Metallic/Havannah Beige, superbly reliable daily driver, only 65K miles. Paint has only few very minor scratches, interior is near perfect. Options include Bose stereo, heated seats and steering wheel, sunroof and 18 inch Cayenne Turbo wheels with colored Porsche crests. All maintenance is up to date. Continental tires with plenty of tread remaining. Priced to sell at \$19,900. Reason for selling: recently purchased 2006 Cayenne Turbo S. Contact Chris Sanders 704-277-7285 or chrissandersatty@ bellsouth.net

**1986 944 race car:** SP 1 or SP 2, has current PCA and SCCA log books, raced at CMP in October. Spec sheet and Pictures per request. \$5900. Contact Rock Webb at 803-530-2864 (Columbia SC) or webbs911@ aol.com

### Parts - Parts Cars - Projects

**996/997:** Cabriolet Hardtop: Black in excellent condition \$500 obo with stand and cover \$100 obo. Also selling a 996/997 Wind Deflector \$150 obo. Pictures available upon request. Contact Rick Matthews, Raleigh, NC. ricktmatthews@yahoo.com or (919)854-2150.

**996 Tequipment Rollbar.** Part # 996.580.981.00. I believe it will also fit 997s. Very good condition. No mounting hardware provided, will have to purchase separately through dealer. Pictures available upon request. \$550. Contact Patrick Engel, Charlotte NC, pengel@bellsouth. net or (704) 236-6653.

**TireRack.com tire storage rack.** Described on Tire Rack website here: http://www.tirerack.com/accessories/detail.jsp?ID=164&category=Tir e+Storage. Perfect for getting that extra set of track wheels/tires off the garage floor. Excellent condition. \$129 new, asking \$75. Contact Patrick Engel, Charlotte NC, pengel@bellsouth.net or (704) 236-6653.

### **Parts Wanted**

I have a 2004 996 C4S: and am looking for a Porsche Plus child seat (for the biggest kids - I've seen 33-80lb range, and I've seen 40-80lb range), along with the Airbag Deactivation Kit/Bar. Contact Ian Taylor, in Hickory, NC at 828-612-4834 or pca@generationmac.com

**Two Sport Design wheels:** 18x10x65 for a 996. I live near Lynchburg, VA so I can pick up or have shipped. Contact Dave Hogan at carrera996@ verizon.net or call (434)525-3458 and let me know what you have.

### **Non-Porsche**

**2009 BMW 335i Sedan:** WBAPM73519A365813, 30,000+ miles, Munich assembly, Black sapphire ext / Beige Dakota w/ light burl trim int, Premium/Sport package, Steptronic/Sport wheel paddles, Comfort access, Heated seats, Wired for valentine, Garage kept, Non-smoker, Excellent condition, \$48,700 msrp, \$30,500, contact David Lambert in Winston-Salem, NC. dlambert@lambertai.com or 336-777-3657 x103

### Want to buy or sell a Porsche, or Porsche related parts or items?

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- 2) All ads will be posted to both Tobacco Roads and to the Regional Website unless otherwise directed.
- You must provide your current PCA membership number when submitting a classified ad.
- 4) No posting of ads for friends. Immediate family is ok.
- No commercial ads. All commercial ads must be purchased. Contact TR Editor for pricing.
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- 7) All pictures submitted should be in .JPG format and no larger than 800x600. One picture per submission.
- 8) Pictures will run on the website only.
- 9) All ads will be subject to editing for consistency and length.10) Ads should include:
  - a. An accurate description of the item or items (including VIN preferably if applicable).
  - b. Price (Ads will not be accepted without pricing).
  - c. Where you and the item are located.
  - d. Contact information including name, phone number, and/or email address.

Below is a sample of the format we will utilize:

**1964 356 Coupe:** VIN 12323456. Champagne Yellow w/ Black interior. 150,100 miles. Very good condition. Paint bubbles on lower door skins. 12 volt conversion. \$42,995 firm. Contact Bob Smith, Hickory NC. bsmith@hotmail.com or (704) 555-1212.

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