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The monthly newsletter of the Carolinas Region Porsche Club of America





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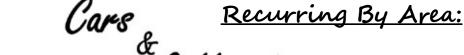
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Area Monthly Meetings



DATE	AREA	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTRATION
Dec	Hickory	n/a	No December meeting	
Dec	LKN	6:30 PM -	No December meeting	RSVP: christianroedlich@hotmail.com
Jan	LKN	6.30 FWI -	No January meeting	KSVF. Christian Deun Chighounian.com
Dec			No December meeting	
Jan	Metrolina	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Little Mamas Italinan Restaurant 4521 SHARON RD. CHARLOTTE, NC 28211 (South Park)	RSVP: carerra9972@gmail.com
Dec			No December meeting	
23-Jan	Sandhills	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Little River Resort/Lighthouse Restaurant Carthage, NC	NO
Dec			No December meeting	
16-Jan	Triad	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Kick Back Jacks 1605 Highwoods Blvd. Greensboro, NC	NO
Dec			No December meeting	
25-Jan	Triangle	6:00 - 8:30 PM -	Carolina Ale House, 3911 Durham Chapel Hill Rd, Durham, NC	NO
Dec			No December meeting	
9-Jan	Upstate 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM		Quaker Steak & Lube, 10 Chrome Drive, Greenville, SC 5:30 - 6:45pm Meet & Greet in the Parking Area, 7:00pm meeting inside	NO



Lake Norman Area

2nd Saturday: 8-10am, Waterbean Coffee in Cornelius

Stuttgart Saturday: 9-11am Hendrick Porsche

3rd Sunday: 8-10am at Maggiano's

Metrolina Area

Stuttgart Saturday (2nd Sat.): 9 - 11am

Hendrick Porsche

Triad Area

2nd Saturday: 9-11am, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA), 750 Marguerite Dr., Winston-Salem

Triangle Area

1st Saturday 9-11am Southpoint Porsche 122 Kensington Dr, Durham

3rd Saturday Monthly: 8:30am Panera Bread 3603 Witherspoon Blvd Durham, NC 27707

Sandhills Area

3rd Saturday 8-10am Pine Scones Cafe in Southern Pines, NC

Upstate Area

First Sunday of every EVEN month: 11am-2pm, Junto Coffee 232 Mill St. Taylors, SC 29687

4th Saturday monthly 8-11am Michelin North America Headquarters Parkway South, Greenville, SC 29615



Hickory Area

None at this time

October New Members



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Last Name	First Name	City	State	PCA Carolinas Area
Alexander	David	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Allen	Benjamin	Mint Hill	NC	Metrolina
Bambini	Wesley	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Biggins	Eric	Conover	NC	Hickory
Bishop	Randy	High Point	NC	Triad
Burke	Ricky	Cornelius	NC	Lake Norman
Clifford	Dan	Rock Hill	SC	Metrolina
Curlee	Clay	West Union	SC	Upstate
Dooda	Stephen	Durham	NC	Triangle
El Haraki	Amr	Winston Salem	NC	Triad
Gorupic	Alex	Hickory	NC	Hickory
Gray	Cranston	Greenville	SC	Upstate
Henry	Chris	Greenville	SC	Upstate
Horne	Wayne	Mooresville	NC	Lake Norman
Hudson	Alvin	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Hull	Thomas	Fort Mill	SC	Metrolina
Judy	Randy	Simpsonville	SC	Upstate
King	Robert	Lewisville	NC	Triad
Kirby	Dana	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Lambert	Kenneth	North Wilkesboro	NC	Hickory
Lambert	Cricket	North Wilkesboro	NC	Hickory
Layne	Michael	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Markum	Carole	Easley	SC	Upstate
Masoud	Hadi	Hartsville	SC	Sandhills
Mcquilkin	Brandon	Lewisville	NC	Triad
Mull	Greyland	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Nguyen	Hieu	Waxhaw	NC	Metrolina
Parikh	Jay	Greer	SC	Upstate
Proctor	Luke	Pittsboro	NC	Triangle
Rankin	Bill	Durham	NC	Triangle
Rohlke	Gary	Blowing Rock	NC	Hickory
Schultz	Rebecca	Seneca	SC	Upstate
Schultz	Paul	Seneca	SC	Upstate
Sheikh	Hiba	Winston Salem	NC	Triad
Smith	Sonja	Chapel Hill	NC	Triangle
Starnes	Alan	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Tennyson	Kevin	Mebane	NC	Triad
Tennyson	Paula	Mebane	NC	Triad
Tripoli	Jane	Hickory	NC	Hickory
Tyrlik	Maciej	Durham	NC	Triangle
White	Martin	Winston-Salem	NC	Triad

October Transfer Members

Last Name	First Name	City	State	PCA Carolinas Area	Transferred From
Gould	Corinne	Summerfield	NC	Triad	Florida Thoroughbred
Hach	Holly	Apex	NC	Triangle	Hurricane
Schindel	Michael	Greenville	SC	Upstate	Allegheny
Smits	James	Greer	SC	Upstate	Musik Stadt
Switzler	Thomas	Mount Holly	NC	Lake Norman	Space Coast



November Anniversaries

The Carolinas Region would like to congratulate members celebrating anniversary memberships this month for five, ten, fifteen, twenty, thirty, or more years of PCA dedication. This includes Carolinas PCA Members who live outside of the geographical region

Last Name	First Name	City	State	PCA Carolinas Area			
55 Year Annive	55 Year Anniversary						
Fulp	Sarah	Chapel Hill	NC	Triangle			
45 Year Annive	rsary						
Hayes	Glenn	Denton	NC	Triad			
Hayes	Jacqueline	Salisbury	NC	Lake Norman			
20 Year Annive	rsary						
Cox	Marcia	Easley	SC	Upstate			
Leehr	Richard	Hillsborough	NC	Triangle			
Mosley	J	Clayton	NC	Triangle			
Nagel	Carol	Mooresville	NC	Lake Norman			
Nagel	Rick	Mooresville	NC	Lake Norman			
Neese	Dwight	Rock Hill	SC	Metrolina			
Neese	Susan	Rock Hill	SC	Metrolina			
Petrozelli	William	Mooresville	NC	Lake Norman			
Petrozelli	Brian	Mooresville	NC	Lake Norman			
Simmons	Anthony	Easley	SC	Upstate			
15 Year Annive	rsary						
Hartline	Mark	Troutman	NC	Lake Norman			
10 Year Annive	rsary						
Allen	James	Morganton	NC	Hickory			
МсКау	Brenda	Taylors	SC	Upstate			
Oliverio	Michael	Durham	NC	Triangle			
Rimer	Todd	Waxhaw	NC	Metrolina			
5 Year Annivers	sary						
Cecil	Teresa	Spartanburg	SC	Upstate			
Gribnau	Robert	Chapel Hill	NC	Triangle			
Hay	Gavin	Fort Mill	SC	Metrolina			
Hunsucker	Michael	Cornelius	NC	Lake Norman			
Lisk	Mary	Asheboro	NC	Triad			
Lisk	Reynolds	Asheboro	NC	Triad			
Loeser	Larry	Chapel Hill	NC	Triangle			
McCarthy	William	Rock Hill	SC	Metrolina			
Miller	Alex	Gastonia	NC	Metrolina			
Miller	Zach	Gastonia	NC	Metrolina			
Moodie	Donald	Pinehurst	NC	Sandhills			
Santomenna	Lynette	Mooresville	NC	Lake Norman			
Stoelting	James	Greer	SC	Upstate			
Stoelting	Jessica	Greer	SC	Upstate			
Storsberg	Marc	Fort Mill	SC	Metrolina			
Teeter	Lynne	Mooresville	NC	Lake Norman			
Warren	Robert	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina			



Have you bought or sold your Porsche? Has your contact information changed? These updates are handled at the national level of PCA in multiple ways.

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Events Calendar Scarolin



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DATE	AREA	EVENT	TIME	START/FINISH LOCATION	REGISTRATION
1-Dec	Upstate	Upstate Area Holiday & Charity PARTY – SAVE THE DATE	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	TBD	TBD
5-Dec	Triad	Triad Area Christmas Party	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Wyndham Garden Hotel, located at 415 South Swing Road, Greensboro, NC 27409	.https://clubregistration.net/events/event-details.cfm?event_id=13977
7-Dec	Lake Norman	Lake Norman Area Christmas Party	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	PYC	clubregistration.net
9-Dec	Metrolina	Metrolina Area Christmas Party	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	RED ROCKS CAFÉ 4223-8 Providence Rd. Charlotte, NC 28211	RSVP REQUIRED - REGISTER AT CLUB REGISTRATION \$60 PER PERSON
12-Dec	Hickory	Hickory Area Christmas Party	6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Lake Hickory Country Club, 430 17th Avenue NW, Hickory, NC 28601	https://clubregistration.net/events/sign.Up.cfm/event/13980.
14-Dec	Triangle	Triangle Area Holiday Celebration	6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Maggiano's Little Italy, 8030 Renaissance Pkwy Suite 890, Durham	https://clubregistration.net/events/event-details.cfm?event_id=13818
18-Dec	Hickory	Hickory Poker Run	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Porsche Hickory, 1205 S. Center Street, Hickory	https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/13979
16-Dec	Triangle	Jingle Bell Run	10:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Carrabba's Italian Grill 5312 New Hope Commons Dr. Durham, NC	https://forms.gle/kBcQZkphHd8a79eN8

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Metrolina: metrolina-ad@carolinas-pca.com	HPDE EVENTS: Contact Drivers Ed. Chair for more specific	
Sandhills: sandhills-ad@carolinas-pca.com	details/information at:	
Triad: triad-ad@carolinas-pca.com	HPDE: driversed@carolinas-pca.com	
Triangle: triangle-ad@carolinas-pca.com		
Upstate: upstate-ad@carolinas-pca.com		



'23 Fall Tour Cover photo provided by Michael Vittorio



From the Driver's Seat

Jerry Widner, President





GET INVOLVED...TAKE PART!

Upcoming Christmas parties around the Region indicates one th [2]! It's Christmas Time! The Year has drawn to a close...2024 is right around the corner. This year has been a VERY hectic one for me; unbelievably so... will be nice to turn the page.

Michael Vittorio has a nice writeup on the Fall Tour '23 to Lake Hiawassee – be sure and read through it. Great costumes also; I hear we even had a Moses citing.

This month's Presidents Project Page is part III of Jim Proper's journey to the North. Enjoy the continuation of his story and pictures.

VIR saw beautiful weather indeed. This entire year has provided its challenges at the track; but we have prevailed...and are looking forward to a strong 2024. Our end of season event always ends with the presentation of our "Tom Norby - Instructor of the Year Award". Given each season in honor of our great friend...Tom Norby; this year's recipient is Bobby Cranford. Much deserved... and was well received by all in attendance to this year's banquet.



: Instructor Of The Year 2023

PCA has rolled out a New Digital Membership Card. I have mine; it was very easy to do...and I've opt'd out of receiving the mailed hard cards. Just one less card to carry. Go to: https://www.pca.org/members/digital-membership

Make sure you visit our NEW and IMPROVED website to check out the EVENTS CALENDAR to stay up to date. 2024 Dates should start to be populated soon. Website Calendar can be found at: Carolinas-pca.com/Calendar

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. See you in 2024!

I ask that you look through the pages here and find AT LEAST ONE event to attend; perhaps in 2024, and that is ok. We have the BEST roads around...the BEST people around...the BEST FAMILY around. Here to serve You...and renumber; Get Out And Drive!!!

Jerry Widner sends... Carolinas Region, President

Semper Fi!



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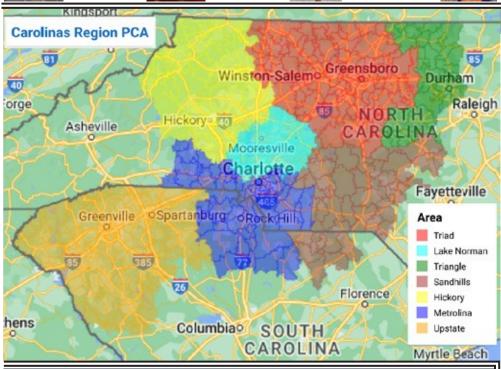
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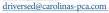
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AREA REPORTS

December 2023 (check Carolinas Region PCA Calendar for event updates)





HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!!!

"I hope you all had an enjoyable & relaxing Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends and are getting ready for the Christmas holidays. " Great time to put a little something Porsche under the tree!!

Our November 15 meeting was held at our newest dinner location, Red Rocks Café in Charlotte, We had 38 members including 3 new members join us for a relaxing fun dinner and catching up on our holiday plans. We welcomed to our club Dave Barton, Gordon & Kay Anderson & Pete Katz. Everyone enjoyed the new meeting location for its great menu and private room with 2 big screen TV's that had a fireplace video running and I had put together a nice slide show with pics from some of our events this year showcasing all the fun you can have by joining in our drives and tours.



Area Meeting Gathering

We talked about future events coming up in the New Year in 2024 with new drives, autocross and DE's. So be sure to check out the Carolinas Region calendar on our website (https://www.carolinas-pca.com) for event dates and registration details.

If you have a fun destination or a fun drive that you have done and would like to share with the club, let me know and we can start to plan for it. Thanks!

Our 50/50 "**Split the Pot**" winner this month was Rob Pharr winning a \$180 which he most generously donated it back to the club which benefits our charity the 2nd Harvest Food Bank in Charlotte. Nick Melissaris won a nice Porsche

coffee mug and Robert Wisenbaker won a \$20 gift card from Autozone. Congrats to all and "MANY THANKS to All FOR YOUR GENEROSITY" supporting our charity fund, the 2nd Harvest Food Bank..



Monthly Winners!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

No meeting in December due to our Christmas Party on

Dec. 9, Christmas Party at Red Rocks Café Jan. 17, 2024 Metrolina PCA meeting at Red Rocks

Café Charlotte

Feb. 21, 2024 Metrolina PCA meeting at Red Rocks Café Charlotte

<u>NAME TAGS:</u> If you have a club name tag, please wear it at our meetings, so our members can meet you and get acquainted... If you don't have a name tag you order one from our Goodie Store: Contact Kathy Boehm: <u>KathyABoehm@gmail.com</u> or call 336-566-7501

<u>MacGyver's Tip</u>s: Time to check your engine coolant levels and formulation to get ready for the winter temperatures.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u> Be sure to check out the calendar on the Carolinas Region PCA website (Carolinas-pca. com) and also watch for updates & announcements on our Carolinas Region PCA Facebook page and in the digital Tobacco Roads.

Thank You for your Support! Sincerely, Doug Strait - Metrolina Area Director





The Triad Area held its November 21st monthly meeting at Kick Back Jacks in Greensboro. It was a miserable evening to be driving as the much needed rain finally arrived along with gusty winds and fog. But even with the adverse conditions we were pleased to welcomed 36 members, guests and sponsors to the meeting.

After everyone had the opportunity to socialize and enjoy their meals we started the meeting by thanking everyone for joining us and by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday. Free door prize tickets were distributed by Alan while Sadie and Sarah sold 50/50 split the pot charity tickets. We had two attendees, Barbara Lupton and Alan Teague, that celebrated birthdays during November and they were treated to a free desert along with the group singing Happy Birthday. We recognized several Triad Area members that celebrated PCA anniversaries and made announcements and had discussions of past and upcoming Triad Area and Regional events.



50/50 split the pot, Dick Abbott-)



Door Prize Winners: Larry Cantley, Tim Robertson, Nancy Willis, Dale Moses, Sadie Kilcrease and Dick Abbott.

We then starting drawing tickets for door prizes and the winners were Larry Cantley, Tim Robertson, Nancy Willis, Dale Moses, Sadie Kilcrease and Dick Abbott. The lucky winner of the 50/50 split the pot was Dick Abbott.

As we closed the meeting I reminded attendees that this was the last monthly meeting of 2023 and that I would be stepping down as the Area Director. Starting on January 1st, 2024, Alan Teague will be taking over the responsibilities as the Triad Area Director. Alan has been working as co-director and has done a wonderful job. He will bring fresh ideas and a lot of energy and enthusiasm as he leads the Triad Area into 2024 and beyond.

Sadie and I along with Alan and Sarah wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe Holiday season... and we hope Santa surprises everyone with a brand new Porsche.

UPCOMING TRIAD AREAS HOSTED EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 5th – Triad Area Christmas Party: The Triad Area Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th at Wyndham Garden located at 415 S. Swing Road in Greensboro...Porsche Greensboro is sponsoring the Christmas Party again this year and PCA members and guests are invited...while there is no cost/registration fee to attend we will be accepting donations at the door for the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Bank...cash or checks... please note that all checks are to be made payable to "Carolinas Region PCA"...this year you must register on line at www.clubregistration.net if you are planning to attend... registration closes on 1st December.

NEXT TRIAD AREA MONTHLY MEETING:

The Tuesday, January 16th Triad Area PCA monthly meeting will be held at Kick Back Jacks located at 1605 Highwoods Blvd. in Greensboro. We have reserved the Patio section and will start gathering around 6:00pm to socialize. Around 7:00pm we will start a short business meeting. We will have free door prizes and 50/50 Charity split the pot tickets. I hope you make plans to come join us for a fun and informative evening with friends and fellow Porsche enthusiasts.

Girls in Porsches (GIPS) Meeting Notice: - The Triad Area's Girls in Porsches (GIPS) will not be holding a meeting in December. Notice of their January meeting date and location will be coming later.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Triad Area... please contact me at jkilcrease@triad.rr.com or co-director Alan Teague at alan.teague@northstate.net if you have any questions or comments...

Jerry Kilcrease, Triad Area Director Carolinas Region PCA



Fall events just keep getting better!

On Halloween weekend, Festival d'Avion at Moore Cty airport was a huge success in it's 3rd year. This event has a strong local military support base from all branches of service with a focus on aviation and aviation support functions. The car show is just a small part of the show, but we had 50 cars this year. Over 1500 spectators and participants enjoyed the flyovers, displays and all varieties of food and Halloween treats.







Veterans Day weather also cooperated for the parade in Southern Pines and special events at Coleman Creek Training Center. Eight PCA members had cars in the parade. It's great to see so many young families and children waiving American flags and saying "Thank You" as the Vets parade by.



Our Saturday C&C drew a nice group of twenty five Porsches, a couple McLarens, a restored late 60's Mustang hot rod and a couple C8s.

It was a perfect day for a back roads drive after C&C.



Sandhills holiday party will be held on November 28th at the Lighthouse restaurant. At least 50 members are scheduled to attend.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! We pray for the safety of our military members and their families in harms way around the world.

Marty



The Upstate Area held its monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14th, at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10 Chrome Drive, Greenville. The weather was great which resulted in a large attendance of approximately 50 members. The "Meet and Greet" in the parking area was a fun time to socialize with other PCA members and see new & "new to me" Porsches!



After "Dark-Thirty", we moved inside for a bite to eat, welcome new members and review past and future events.

Fall Social Drive & Dine:

On Sunday, Nov. 5 we held our Fall Social Drive & Dine to Point Lookout Vineyards & Worlds Edge Meadery.

The day started with our typical Drivers Meeting to review our Route and PCA Safety Rules. Since we had over 22 cars, we split the drive into 2 different groups. Many Thanks to our Lead & Sweep Cars!





Tour Group

Once on the Drive we headed north from Taylors, SC, along some great back-country roads, past Lake Lure and Chimney Rock to our venue. The weather warmed up nicely and it was a great drive!

Once at our venue, lunch, wine, mead or other beverages were enjoyed while socializing with our fellow PCA members and taking-in the wonderful 30 mile views, cool mountain breezes, and bright fall colors.



Lunch Gathering

Ladies Trip to Porsche Experience Center:

On Saturday Nov 11th, Porsche of Greenville sponsored a Day Trip for Women only to the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Porsche of Greenville Sales Manager Caitlin Swords took a group of Ladies, including 3 Upstate Area PCA members, to the PEC in Atlanta for a fun filled day driving multiple Porsche vehicles followed by Lunch in the 356 Cafe and a tour of the PEC Facility.



Lunch at the PEC 356 Cafe



Women's Group at the PEC Atlanta

Many Thanks to Porsche of Greenville for hosting this event!

A reminder that we will NOT be having a December Monthly Meeting due to our Holiday Party and Charity Auction/Raffle on Friday December 1st.

Merry Christmas,

Jeff Price Director - Upstate Area



Greetings, Carolinas Region:

We have enjoyed better attendance since our meetings were moved to the Carolina Ale House in Durham this past spring. All members are welcome to join us there for the fourth Thursday of each month January to October. No meetings are scheduled for November or December to avoid any conflict with the holidays.

Our first Saturday morning Cars and Coffee (CnC) is very well attended at Southpointe Porsche, including a full, complimentary breakfast. However, our second CnC on the third Saturday at Panera Bread has had minimal attendance in 2023. Therefore, we will change our CnC on the third Saturday morning to the Breakaway Cafe at 58 Chapelton Court, Chapel Hill, NC 27516, starting with January 20 at 8:30 am.

Our holiday celebration will be held on Thursday, December 14, at Maggiano's Little Italy, 8030 Renaissance Pkwy, Durham, in the Southpoint Mall at 6:30 pm. Registration on clubregistration.net closed on Dec 3.

Our Jingle Bell Run on December 16 from Southpoint Porsche to the Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro is sold out with a waiting list. Participants are reminded to bring a new, unwrapped Christmas gift donation for a child of any age.

We will host Roy Taylor, a retired police chief and PCA member, as guest speaker at our January 25 meeting. All PCA members are invited to join us.

Please accept my correction in the previous capitalization of rolling tones. There are no capitals. My error; my apologies to David Gold.

Happy holidays to you and your families wherever they may be.

Jim Proper -Triangle Area Director





Porsche Corral

Our monthly PCA meeting in November was again at the Peninsula Yacht Club. We decided to meet a little earlier in the Porsche Corral to give attendees a chance to see all the beautiful Porsches in the last daylight. Dominick Scarnato brought a beautiful Cayenne GTS together with several giveaways for the Christmas Party. You may also notice in the photo below that Quentin Boatright brought a special vintage Americana Porsche.

Our featured speaker, Dominick Scarnato with Hendrick Porsche, had a great presentation prepared for us. He provided us with very interesting information about new models, upcoming changes at Hendrick Porsche (huge expansion to accommodate for EVs), as well as Porsche news in general (please see photo below).



Hendrick Porsche Presentation

Our usual, popular raffle yielded \$260.00 for the families and children supported by our charity Children's Hope Alliance in Troutman. Of course, we raffled off many great prizes bought with our area stipend and a few of the goodies donated by Hendrick Porsche and a couple of items from GMP.

Our popular Christmas Party will be held on December 7th at the Peninsula Yacht Club, and it is shaping up to be a great event. As usual, we will have many nice door prizes and several items for our silent auction (with all proceeds going to Children's Hope Alliance).

There will be no monthly gathering in January 2024. Our next monthly meeting on February 8th, 2023, will be hosted by David van Epps at Sonderwerks in Cornelius.

Your LKN AD participated for the first time at a DE in VIR this November. I had a fantastic time, as I rented GMP's track ready Cayman S thus ensuring a completely stress-free event and our own PCA co-chief instructor Colin Graidage was my instructor during all 7 sessions. Please watch for an in-depth write up early next year in Tobacco Roads.

Christian Roedlich- Lake Norman Area Director







Most months, we have both a dinner meeting and drive and dine. In November, we decided to combine these two activities into one event ... our annual Poker Run for Charity. And what an event it was! 25 Porsches (plus 1 Corvette) and 52 PCA members and friends came together to have fun and raise money for our favorite charity. We were particularly gratified to have Phil Evans join us. Phil is a 50-year PCA member and, even though he no longer lives in the area, was eager to again attend what he describes as his favorite event.



Phil Evans

Porsche Hickory served as our starting point. The dealership generously provided a complimentary buffet breakfast served by the sales staff. As this is the Hickory Area's most popular event, it came as no surprise that there was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm in the air. As breakfast was coming to a close, instructions were provided to station workers and the "Rules" were reviewed with participants.



Porsche Hickory Sales Staff

Jim and Nelly Hess agreed to man the first station. Participant cars lined up next to the dealership to draw their first card. Of course, if an individual did not like what he/she drew, they could purchase the opportunity to draw a different card for only \$5.00. Some folks actually did this as many as three times but were required to keep only the last card they drew. Once each car had a card, they were sent on their way.

The Poker Run route was created by Bryson and Kathy Kiser and received rave reviews. Along this route we're positioned three additional stations where participants drew another card ... and, of course, could buy up to three more "draws" - this was, after all a fund-raising event. Dave and Bev Tosi, Keith and Donna Antal, and Anita Doran and D'Ann Grell manned these stations and did a great job of "up selling" additional cards.



on their way......

The route ended and final cards were drawn at member Tim Scopes business, Leather Miracles. Tim, his wife Nadia and daughter Nina did a fabulous job of creating a fun and comfortable meeting place where participants could relax, have lunch and socialize with their Porsche friends. There was even a slot car track set up in a back corner where would-be racers could try their hand at a little friendly competition.



Tim, Nadia and Nina Scopes

Several items were on display and available for "sale" via silent auction. These included leather chairs, leather purses, a leather African hunting vest and wine donated by Leather Miracles. Porsche Hickory donated sizable gift certifies for Porsche service. Other items - donated by Tim and family and the Hickory Area - were available to those who purchased raffle tickets.



The Gange

Once folks settled in a bit, a delicious barbecue lunch was served (catered from JD's Smokehouse ... always a favorite). Then the wine tasting began. Tim provided several bottles of wine from the Porsche racing oriented Adobe Winery. What a treat. The wine was delicious and the bottles it came in are quite unique. While enjoying a little "taste of the grape", anticipation began to build while awaiting announcement of the "winners" - Poker Run, silent auction and raffle.



Dave and Bev Tosi

Dave and Bev Tosi won the Poker Run holding a hand with four of a kind. The rest of the "winners" are frankly too numerous to mention here as the vast majority of attendees left with something. But the real winner from the day's activities was the Crossnore Communities for Children. From all sources, our Poker Run resulted in a total donation of more than \$3600.00. For this we are extremely grateful to our sponsors - Leather Miracles and Porsche Hickory - and to all who participated. Thank you also to all - especially Jane - who helped make this such a fun day. We hope you will choose to join us in 2024.

Michael Vittorio - Hickory Area Director



In the latest e-Brake News a Carolinas Member (Upstate Area) had his car featured in the PCA One Mile Review.

https://www.pca.org/news/981-cayman-with-factoryporsche-sport-exhaust-one-mile-review

AREA EVENT SPOTLIGHT



Fall Tour '23

by Michael Vittorio, Hickory Area Director

Fall Tour is the longest running and largest annual social event offered by the Carolinas Region. Organized by members of the Hickory Area and sponsored by Porsche Hickory, the Tour has continued to grow in attendance and popularity. This year's event, again set in the north Georgia mountains at the Ridges Resort on Lake Chatuge, attracted 52 Porsches and 102 PCA members and friends.

On the Road - Friday.

In prior years, attendees met at Porsche Hickory and traveled in small groups to our venue for the weekend. As the event has grown, logistics and safety concerns made it necessary to abandon this practice. This year, each participant traveled to The Ridges Resort according to their own plan, many taking their time for a little sight-seeing en route.

For those traveling from the more central and eastern portions of our Region, Porsche Hickory offered their dealership as a convenient stop along the way. Complimentary box lunches were provided and tables were set up for the more than 65 people who chose to take advantage of the offer.

By 5:30 everyone had arrived and registered and received their gift bag compliments of Porsche Hickory. In it was a travel/picnic blanket embroidered with the Porsche logo as well as a Porsche lanyard, water bottle, pen and other goodies. Hagerty Insurance added their Open Road Endurance Kit - a collection of items often needed by drivers and their passengers.

Welcome Social and Barbecue - Friday

By 6:00 folks were making their way to the Red Banks patio for cocktails, snacks and a little social time. Most of the participants – maybe 60% - had attended previous Fall Tours. Many of those new to the Tour were also attending their first PCA event. No matter. Everyone was quickly caught up in the excitement of the weekend and the opportunity to visit with old friends and make some new ones.

Dinner followed at 7:00 and featured barbecued pork and chicken along with all the usual fixings. Michael Vittorio offered a welcome message and outline for the remainder of the weekend. After dinner, some folks stayed to socialize while others retired to their rooms or to the communal firepit for an after-dinner drink and/or s'mores.

Car Show – Saturday

Saturday dawned an absolutely perfect Fall morning. Blue skies, cool crisp temperatures and no rain in sight. The red, green and yellow foliage on nearby hills provided a stunning backdrop for the shimmering lake while tendrils of morning fog snaked through the valleys and shrouded portions of the water. What a beautiful way to start the day.

A full buffet breakfast was available beginning at 7:00 AM and shortly thereafter the designated car washing station was busy as members prepared their cars for the upcoming show. By 10:00 AM, 46 Porsches had staged on the lawn overlooking the lake. Jim Buchanan and Jim Hess staged the show field with help from Greg Lush and others. They created a beautiful presentation of entrants' Porsches arranged against a backdrop of the blue lake and fall colors - quite a sight!

Since this was a People's Choice concours, entrants and visitors wandered

Autumn Porsche"

about the cars intent on choosing the "best" in each class. There were classes for Air-cooled, 911's (1996 and newer), Boxster/Caymans and SUV/Others. The Ridges General Manager joined the crowd as he was responsible for selecting an overall winner as "Managers Choice".

Voting ended at 11:00 and the call went out for all participants to gather for a group photo. The varied collection of Porsches against a backdrop beautiful



Porsches on the Lawn

Fall scenery allowed our photographer, Lisa Buchanan to get some great shots of PCA members and their cars. After the photo, attendees began to disperse on the way to their chosen afternoon activity.

One of the great things about this venue is the wide variety of activities available within a short, scenic and fun drive. Doug Strait arranged for group of 20 to visit nearby Wolf Mountain Winery where they enjoyed lunch, a little wine and an opportunity to see the owners rather extensive collection of Porsches. Bob Futrell and Bob Dykes led a drive on some great roads surrounding Brasstown Bald that included the Russell-Brasstown National Scenic Highway. Others, in small groups or individually, visited one of the areas picturesque small towns – Helen, Highlands, Blue Ridge, Dahlonega, Clayton - for lunch, shopping or a little exploring. Some chose to just hung out at the lodge for a relaxing afternoon with friends. With the variety of options available, even those who have attended Fall Tour in the years past were able to find new and different activities to make for a fun and memorable afternoon.

Costume Party - Saturday

This year and last, Fall Tour was scheduled to coincide with Halloween. So, naturally, the call went out for participants to celebrate the occasion by dressing in costume. Last year, about 75% of attendees did so. This year, nearly everyone donned a costume of some sort – some simple, others quite elaborate. So, as 6:00 rolled around, people began to make their way to the Red Banks Patio and cocktail hour in full Halloween regalia. What a sight ... and what fun! Though the bartender was doing a brisk business, the real focus was on the variety of costumes worn and trying to determine who was who. The level of energy and excitement in the air was truly amazing. Could it be that wearing costumes reduced the inhibitions of some???



Bill and Debbie Wolfe



Jim, Nelly, and ...



Jerry, Sadie, Lisa, and Jim



TJ, Dale and ...



Lisa, Jane, and Martha



Nelly, Rocio, and Tracy



Vampires

Dinner was served at 7:00. Diners were seated at tables of eight which afforded a great opportunity for continued conversation and getting to know one another. The buffet included salmon, beef filet, and Tuscan chicken with a variety of sides. Cheesecake was on offer for dessert. By all accounts, the food was top notch and plentiful.

After dinner, awards were presented to our car show winners:

Air Cooled: Scott and Judy Seekins – 1987 White Carrera Targa.

911: Ray Williams - 2018 Silver 991.2 Targa 4GTS

Boxster/Cayman: TJ and Margie Gottwalt – 2023 Silver (Martini livery) Cayman GT4RS

SUV/Other: Bill and Sybil Birchfield – 2023 White Macan GTS

Each received a large wine and snack basket compliments of Jason Herman and Hagerty Insurance, the sponsors of our car show. Our Managers Choice winners were Alix and Robert Tucci in their Miami Blue 718 Boxster S. They received a complimentary weekend stay at The Ridges Resort.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and the energy and persistence of Kim and Dale Moses (dressed as Grandma Moses and THE Moses respectively), our 50/50 drawing to benefit the Crossnore Communities for Children reached new heights. Impressively, a total of \$1160 was raised in this one evening. Dick Abbott was the winner of the drawing and took home \$580.00.

Shortly thereafter, the real party began. Our DJ fired up the music and people took to the dance floor. Pirates, and scarecrows and cowboys/girls, oh my! Seeing so many people dancing, laughing and having fun was definitely the highlight of the evening ... and weekend. The party went on until around 10:00 when most of the revelers decided to call it a night. There were, of course, a few who retired to the fire pit or one of the many lounge areas in the lodge for a night cap and further socializing with friends.

Heading Home - Sunday.

Sunday morning ... time to pack up and head home. A very nice buffet breakfast was served in the Red Banks dining room where a good bit of reminiscing ensued about the previous day's events. Friends, new and old, said their goodbyes and promised to stay in touch. Curiously, many folks chose to leave later in the morning than has previously been the case. Perhaps the party and dancing contributed to a willingness to sleep in.

This was the sixth consecutive year that Fall Tour has been held at the Ridges. The question arises, "is it time to move to another venue?" ... not because The Ridges hasn't served us well but simply to try some place new. When the question was put to several of this year's participants, the reply was unanimous and voiced with considerable enthusiasm ... "Back to the Ridges". A follow-up comment heard from most is that they would like the weekend to be longer. So ... with this guidance in hand, planning for Fall Tour 2024 begins. I hope you will choose to join us.



President's Project Page

4,401 glorious solo miles to Nova Scotia

by Jim Proper





This is part 3 of 3 articles about my solo Porsche adventures during August 21-September 10 for 4,401 glorious miles to Nova Scotia and more.

This Cabot Trail around Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia has been on my bucket list for 50+ years.

From the scenic, 185-mile Cabot Trail, I arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in a dirty car and found no vacancies at the first 12 lodging spots that I tried by phone or online. As a Hilton Honors member, I was able to get a room overlooking the harbor for the discounted price of \$499 Canadian dollars. (Yikes! Traveling solo, I don't need to spend for more than the basics.)

The next morning I located an excellent self-spray car wash and devoted 2-3 hours to cleaning and vacuuming my C4S cabriolet.

For the next two nights I switched to the smaller Halliburton Inn at the (still inflated summer) cost of \$399 per night. Fortunately, the breakfasts were included & outstanding. Plus, I was able to park the car securely and walk everywhere. Sometimes it is good to be out of the car for 36+ hours straight.

Halifax has many great options for their summer tourists. At the top of the hill is the Citadel National Historic Site; this fort has protected the city and its harbor for more than 200 years. The walls were designed to provide clear sight lines for marksmen in every direction, while obscuring them from their enemies. There are even underground tunnels that allow the defenders to crawl down and emerge behind the enemy, then assault them from below.

Nearby are the stunning Public Gardens. I meandered through their pathways with sun and shade lighting my way. An ice cream cone was a quiet joy on a sunny park bench.

On the harbor Pier 21, the Museum of Immigration, welcomed 800,000+ until 1968. This was the Ellis Island of Canada in the early 20th century.

The public library is an inviting architectural landmark with all white walls & a modern layout of open spaces & windows with attractive views in every direction. From the outdoor deck the views of the harbor are the best in the city.

There are many choices for restaurants within walking distance of the harbor. Other than those that are on the water's edge, all restaurants are uphill. For my first supper I was initially drawn to the well respected Durty Nelly's Irish Pub for its bowl of seafood chowder with delicious Irish bread & a cold pint of draft beer. Wow!

In addition to the delicious food and drinks, the atmosphere and camaraderie among the guests, bartenders & waitresses was a joy to observe and join in. What a great time is available here! I was so impressed that I returned for my lunch the next day.

After two days of 12,000 steps each, I was ready to visit Peggy's Cove and the most photographed lighthouse in all of Canada. Some locals say that it is overhyped, but this little village is directly on the edge of the mighty north Atlantic Ocean, situated on acres of solid granite with minimal grassland from



Peggy's Cove



the blowing sand & houses a few blocks of shops & cafes.

After a couple of hours & another few thousand steps, I was ready to drive to Lunenburg where the original Bluenose sailing ship was built. This marvelous ship was never defeated in sailing races around the world for decades before it was crashed in a storm and sank into the ocean. The Bluenose II was in port and undergoing repairs.

However, as I learned from the weathered, old timer, proprietor of a shop that had everything imaginable for a sailing vessel of any size, the original Bluenose owners were unable to support the Bluenose II and have severed their ties with the new owners.

From this incredible shop I purchased five authentic, used buoys for my friend of 50 years who enjoys boating and fishing and in whose home I will spend a night on my way home. In addition, I finally located two small, brass tie downs with four brass screws each for my garage. This was early September & the elderly proprietor was ready to



Bluenose sailing ship

close his shop for the winter and return to Halifax & his wife of 50+ years.

My next stop was Shelberne for two nights at the Cooper's Inn, established in 1784. This is a quintessential, gray, shingle-sided inn that can be expected to populate the Atlantic Coast from Charleston, SC, to the Canadian Maritime provinces. See it at www.thecooper's inn.com.

The single, female owner, Amanda Sutherland, departed from her corporate career in Toronto to become an independent innkeeper in southern Nova Scotia. Amanda hosts an hour of wine, cheese, crackers, seasonal berries and conversation with any interested guests at 5-6 pm on the side patio overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Here I met a bicyclist, Ed, aged 75, who had retired from his corporate life in Toronto & was cycling from Halifax to Yarmouth & then flying back home to Toronto.

Ed & I walked to supper & sat at the same table for breakfast the next morning. He suggested that I would enjoy a hike of 3-4 miles round trip to the Provincial Park on the Atlantic. This was saved for my final afternoon in Shelberne; Ed was correct. This was a mostly level trail through the peaceful, quiet woods and parallel to a lovely stream that I crossed eventually over a two-lane county road. We were unaware that we would have another conversation two days later along the road to Yarmouth.

Yarmouth was my final stop in Nova Scotia. I chose the Best Western motel since it was located near the CAT Ferry that I was using early the next morning. Before the motel, I drove out on a narrow isthmus to see the waterfront on both sides of the road; it's similar to NC 12 in narrow spots along the Outer Banks.

I stopped at a scene of hundreds of used buoys hanging from a wall, assuming that they were for sale. When I asked the only person who was there, he replied that they were not for sale; however, he was willing to give me whatever I wanted. His name is David Bishara, Marine Broker, who operates the Tri Nav Marine Brokerage, Inc. You can check out his website at www.trinav.com. I gained another six authentic, used buoys. The space behind my front seats was full with buoys!

After checking in at the Best Western, I walked along the waterfront to see the CAT Ferry Terminal. I stopped by the Tin Pot Textiles & was educated about this business by Ann Jones, the retired superintendent of schools in Yarmouth County. See http://p2together.blogspot.com.

The next morning I was in line early for the CAT Ferry service from Yarmouth to Bar Harbor, ME. This ferry holds 200 vehicles and 800 passengers with restaurants, lounges, movies and spotless cleanliness. In 3.5 hours I saved a day's worth of driving time & arrived in Bar Harbor at 1:30 pm with a 490 mile drive to Pine Bush, NY.

...Continued

First, I stopped at the LL Bean outlet in Ellsworth, ME. I found enough space in the Porsche to fit assorted clothing available for 40-60% off. I spent \$300 something, but saved \$288. At least I would be unloading those buoys in Pine Bush.

From Bar Harbor, ME, to Pine Bush, NY, required 490 miles and 8.5 hours of driving. I encountered severe lightning, thunder & heavy rain from Hartford, CT, to the Hudson River at Newburgh, NY, on I-84. I arrived at 9:00 pm after a long day at the wheel after ferrying for 3.5 hours. The buoys were unloaded. The next morning, September 7, I cleaned the Porsche and drove to Bethesda, MD, for two nights with my son and his family. On Saturday, September 9, I attended the 8th annual Open House at the Porsche Club of America National Offices in Columbia, MD. I arrived early enough to be parked on the culdesac in front of the Porsche offices; this area held about 50 cars. Gradually, another 200+/- Porsches came & went throughout the day. Executive Director, Vu Nygen, conducted the office tours every half hour starting at 11 am. It was very interesting to meet the people & see the locations where the more recent podcasts originate, etc. I was able to purchase various Porsche swag at greatly discounted prices for the December 14 Holiday Celebration at Maggiano's in Southpointe Mall, Durham. I shared my ideas for improving the Open House with the Director of Marketing, Jim Hemig. There were some 15-20 gifts given based upon the ticket numbers drawn. These included one set of Michelin tires in the correct size for the winner's Porsche. I suggested that every tire manufacturer be solicited for a set of four tires for this annual, national Open House; each manufacturer wants the national exposure to the entire PCA membership! I suggested that every advertiser in Panorama be given the opportunity to donate their product or service for this annual Open House. Why not?! I'm certain that with the right amount of skillful people soliciting gifts from our community of manufacturers & service providers our Annual Open House will be tremendous for all who participate. The BBQ lunch was great, as were the many conversations between & among the attendees & the PCA employees. The shade tents with tables and chairs were most appreciated. I would score the September 9 event at B+. I have shared my visions of what it will take to earn an A+ from every attendee. On the rainy morning of September 10 I meandered through the wet streets along the waterfront of Annapolis, Maryland's capital city. I'm still pleased that I found the little Bread & Butter Kitchen & a perfect parking spot in front of the restaurant. I love blueberry pancakes and theirs were delicious. I walked among the businesses & boats/yachts admired the boats/yachts that were moored in their respective locations. From Annapolis, I drove south through the rural Chesapeake meadows & farming areas to the magnificent, 17-mile Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnels. Many people do not realize that there are two separate tunnels under the Chesapeake Bay that allow giant ships to enter and exit the harbors of Washington, DC, & Baltimore, MD. What an incredible feat of engineering to design and build this project! Back home in Chapel Hill, I had driven 4,401 miles from August 21 through September 10. The C4S cabriolet, Redtop, averaged 26.2 mpg, never put a wheel wrong, never failed in any manner. Though the next oil change was due in 2024, I had it replaced earlier in mid September. At the age of ten years, Redtop still has less than 40,000 miles. Epilogue: I was surprised to learn that the matriarch of a family well known to me for 55+ years had died in Upstate New York. Her family had planned a memorial service for October 5. So, I decided to return to the lovely Catskills and my hometown to share my respects and support for her family. What could be nicer than a Porsche C4S cabriolet in scenic October in the Catskills? During October 3-8 I added another 1,470 miles to my car & it's not yet at 40,000 miles. Porsches are built to be driven. This includes your own vehicle.

Enjoy your everyday.

Jim Proper, Triangle Area Director





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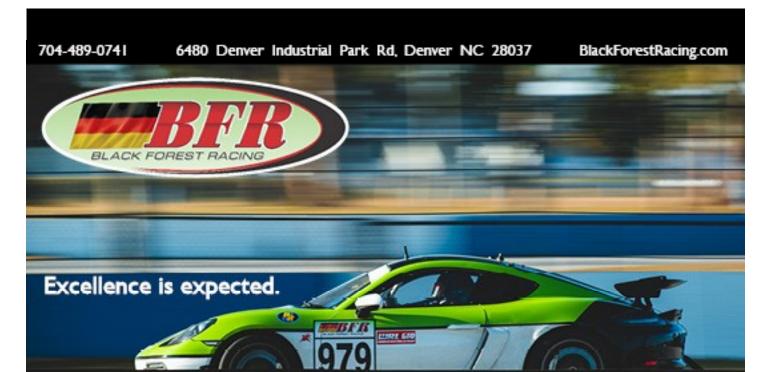
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