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| 15-Jan | Metrolina | 6:00 - 8:30 PM | Hendrick Porsche Charlotte NC | <u>Google Map Link</u> |
| 28-Jan | Sandhills | No Meeting | | |
| 14-Jan | Triad | 6:00 - 8:00 | Logan's Roadhouse 1300 Bridford Parkway Greensboro, NC 27407 | <u>Google Map Link</u> |
| 23-Jan | Triangle | 6:30 - 8:30 PM | Carolina Ale House 3911 Durham Chapel Hill Rd. Durham, NC | <u>Google Map Link</u> |
| 14-Jan | Upstate | 5:30 - 7:00 PM Meet and Greet 7:00 -8:00 PM Meeting | Quaker Steak & Lube 10 Chrome Drive Greenville, SC | <u>Google Map Link</u> |



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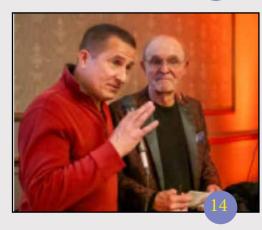
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COVER PHOTO

Cardinal Retirement Planning 32

A Porsche by the ocean. As we head into winter, things are kind of light in the club. I read that we may get a blizzard the second week in Jan. A Nor-Easter. So I chose this picture to whisk you away to the tropics, and included a Cayenne because you are going to need one to get around,.

BACK COVER

The back cover is split this month. We have a new advertiser. I will get an introduction for everyone next month. Cardinal is an investment advisory service.

Speaking of next month, The plan is to do a small write up on the transaxel era Porsches. I have owned a 944 and 928. These are interesting cars that are a great value.

Trip Down Highway 2025

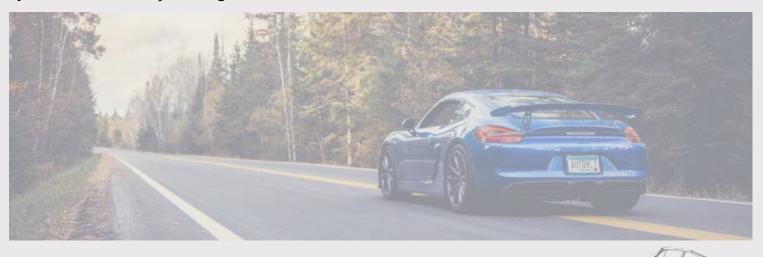
Jim Hess President

Welcome to Highway 2025, your continuing route through the Carolinas Region to our primary destination of the enjoyment and sharing of goodwill and fellowship engendered by owning a Porsche.

Before we leave Highway 2024, let's take one last look in the rearview mirror and remember all the fun and excitement that road provided us. There were many things and events to remember, AutoX, DE, Club Race, drive and dines, club meetings to name a few. Oh yes. Let's not forget the Fall Tour and the great Christmas parties. Those events would not have happened without the countless hours and self -sacrifice of our volunteers and sponsors. "Thank You". We generously contributed to charities along Highway 2024, especially those affected by Hurricane Helene.

As we look out of the windshield of our new 2025 Porsche, we see a beautiful Porsche road ahead with some sharp turns and maybe a steep hill or two, just the kind of road that Porsche cars and people relish and enjoy. Nothing easy about this route but then "no guts, no glory". Some of the drivers in our caravan have changed places. Jerry Widner assumes the Past President's role, Michael Vittorio has moved to Vice President, TJ and Margie have taken over the Goodie Store operation. Brian Powell is the club's Communications Chair. Sadie Kilcrease and Alex Galloway remain in their position as Treasurer and Secretary respectfully. Our road map for the journey down Highway 2025 will be located in the club's website, the club's calendar and the club's publication, Tobacco Roads. Better look at these often to give the location, time and dates for the events we might want to participate in. There will be special weather bulletins issued for changes in route and schedule, we need to be on watch for those also.

As we travel down the road, let's be on the lookout for folks who may want to join us in our journey and make a special effort to make them feel welcomed. Remember how we felt when we were "newbies"? Nothing like a warm smile and handshake to do the trick. Let's also look for opportunities to share our time and talents to make our great club even greater. If you are ready to travel down Highway 2025, adjust your seat, put the shoulder strap on, align your mirrors, rev up the engine and **HIT THE GAS**.



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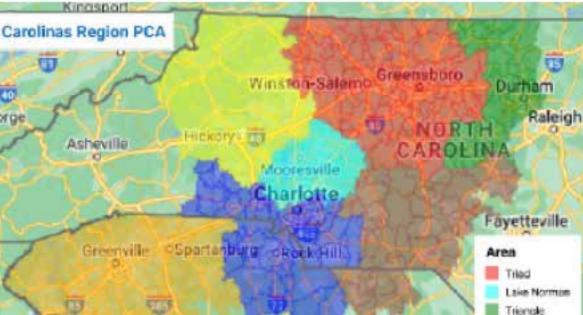
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The information below is accurate on the first day of the month of this issue. Check the Carolinas Region website at carolinas-pca.com for the most up to date information.





Anniversaries

December



45 Years

William Swart Mooresville, NC Lake Norman

35 Years

Steven Santee Charlotte, NC Metrolina

25 Years

Patrick & Katherine Dougherty New Bern, NC Triangle

20 Years

Benjamin Flores Ocala, FL Nonresident

Mac & Alexandra Ramsay Jamestown, NC Triad

Johnathan & Susan Lorencz Swansboro, NC Triangle

15 Years

David & Alex Fish Banner Elk, NC Hickory

Leon & Suellen Montgomery Chapel Hill, NC Triangle

Peter & Linda Reavis Charlotte, NC Metrolina

10 Years

Henry Wilson Cornelius, NC Lake Norman

Mark Jones Orlando, FL Nonresident

Theresa Palmi Roselle, IL Nonresident

Caroline Wilson Lynchburg, VA Nonresident

Oliver Cecil Spartanburg, SC Upstate



10 Years Continue

Randy & Rhonda Collins Anderson, SC Upstate

Greg Heiman Greenville, SC Upstate

Rocco Palmi Greer, SC Upstate

5 Years

Steve Dobrenski Hickory, NC Hickory

Rasheed Owens Landis, NC Lake Norman

Rick Scott Charlotte, NC Metrolina

John Keener Newport Beach, CA Nonresident

Elizabeth Kiyota Corona del Mar, CA Nonresident

> Jeff Roberson Kamas, UT Nonresident

Cory Fassett Hartsville, SC Sandhills

Michael Shaw New London, NC Sandhills

Mark Sturdevant Pinehurst, NC Sandhills

> Marty Baucom Ruffin, NC Triad

Sean O'Neal Greensboro, NC Triad

William Patton Clemmons, NC Triad

Carl & Carolyn Pelzel Liberty, NC Triad

Ed Closner Simpsonville, SC Upstate

Larry Easterday Greenville, SC Upstate

Gary & Rhonda Franks Easley, SC Upstate



Member Transfers

November

Last Name Rasmussen Chad Wiltse Steve Ferguson Jay David Lewis Mack Steven Ward David Davenport Tom Steve Ramsey

First Name City Denver Cornelius Charlotte Southern Pines Leland Lewisville Pittsboro Taylors

State NC NC NC NC NC NC NC SC

Carolinas Area Lake Norman Lake Norman Metrolina Sandhills Sandhills Triad Triangle Upstate

Transferred From Los Angeles Potomac Hurricane Northeast Hurricane Lone Star **Coastal Empire** White River Region



New Members

November



| Last Name | First Name | City | State | Area | Car |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Coffey | Tamara | Lenoir | NC | Hickory | |
| Frye | Ryan | Newton | NC | Hickory | |
| Frye | Jenni | Newton | NC | Hickory | 2007 911 Targa 4S |
| Rogers | Beth | Hickory | NC | Hickory | |
| Epps | Matthew | Iron Station | NC | Lake Norman | 2024 911 Carrera S |
| Evans | Darren | Salisbury | NC | Lake Norman | 2021 911 Carrera 4S |
| Whyte | Rob | Charlotte | NC | Lake Norman | 1986 911 Carrera Targa |
| Abig | Jeremy | Charlotte | NC | Metrolina | |
| Braswell | Christopher | Waxhaw | NC | Metrolina | 2017 911 Carrera 4S |
| Ensinger | Andrew | Charlotte | NC | Metrolina | 2025 718 Cayman GTS 4.0 |
| Fabre De La | Catherine | Charlotte | NC | Metrolina | |
| Grange | | | | | |
| Greene | Cleo | Matthews | NC | Metrolina | 2024 Cayenne |
| Lamb | Drew | Matthews | NC | Metrolina | 2019 718 Cayman S |
| Prasai | Kshitij | Charlotte | NC | Metrolina | 2010 Boxster |
| Smith | Thomas | Clover | SC | Metrolina | 2008 Cayman S |
| Anthes | Thomas | Bremerhaven | | | 1971 911T Targa |
| Cobb-Zoll | Nancy | Pinehurst | NC | Sandhills | |
| Mack | Steven | Leland | NC | Sandhills | 2019 718 Boxster |
| Williams | Marisa | Pinehurst | NC | Sandhills | |
| Williams Jr | Terry | Pinehurst | NC | Sandhills | 2010 911 Carrera |
| Bunting | Chris | Mount Airy | NC | Triad | 2025 718 Cayman S |
| Ellington | Steven | Greensboro | NC | Triad | 1997 911 Turbo |
| Ellington | Cynthia | Greensboro | NC | Triad | |
| Gillis | Marcum | Lewisville | NC | Triad | 2025 Taycan 4S |
| Kotarba | Michael | Winston Salem | NC | Triad | 2023 911 Carrera |
| Asnani | Anil | Chapel Hill | NC | Triangle | 2018 911 Turbo S |
| Elliott | Dalton | Greenville | SC | Upstate | 2024 718 Boxster GTS 4.0 |
| Garcia | Enrique | Greer | SC | Upstate | 2014 911 Targa 4S |
| Mullinax | Andrew | Greenville | SC | Upstate | 2015 911 Carrera 4S |
| Paul | Jeremy | Travelers Rest | SC | Upstate | 1999 Boxster |
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FEATURE ARTICLE

Winter Storage Tips

Robert Rainer

Let's face it, we just don't drive our cars as much in the winter. Many will sit in the garage and await the warmer weather that returns in the spring. Here is a checklist I found that will help you in storing your vehicle over the winter.

Prep your garage - sweep the floor of your garage to make sure it is dust free. If moisture may be an issue coming up from the floor, place a thick layer of poly sheeting or a tarp on the floor. This will prevent rust from forming on the undercarriage.

Wash it inside and out - have your car professionally detailed inside and out with plenty of coats of wax applied to paint before it is stored for extra protection to prevent corrosion to your paint.

Clean your wheels down thoroughly - clean the wheels inside and out and make sure they are brake dust free. Porsche recommends rubbing a coat of petroleum jelly on the wheels to provide a layer of protection (remember to wash it off in the spring).

Condition rubber/plastic items - use a conditioning compound on all rubber and plastic items on the exterior so they do not crack or crumble with the temperature and humidity changes.

Change engine oil and filter - once changed, drive the car long enough for the engine oil to reach full operating temperature.

Top off all fluids - especially antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and brake fluid. Run the car to ensure fluids are properly circulated through the engine block. Ensure you have the proper anti-freeze and winter blend washer fluid if you have an unheated garage.

Ensure minimum coolant protection level - for water-cooled cars, make sure coolant is around 50% strength and protection down to minus 30°C to prevent damage to your radiators, engine block, cylinder head and water pump.

Check tire pressure - to avoid flattened tires, overinflate the tires by approximately 8-10 psi. Do this when the tires are cold or you won't get an accurate reading. Don't worry about using jack stands or lifting the car.

Fill up the tank - fill up your Porsche with premium gas to prevent condensation and reduce tank airspace.

Place carpet pieces under tires (optional) - some Porsche owners place carpet pieces under tires in addition to adding more psi. Use two 2x2 carpet pieces (double layer).

Use fuel additive/stabilizer - after filling up, drive a few miles to make sure you get the additive through the fuel system. SEAFOAM and STA-BIL are brands that other Porsche users have success with. This will protect the gas tank and gas lines.

Rodent proof - close all air vents to keep critters out. Place bars of Irish Spring soap, mothballs, or mint leaves around the vehicle to repel mice and squirrels.

Cover the exhaust pipe - use either a 16 oz keg cup or steel wool to further prevent rodents from making a nest in your Porsche's exhaust.

Keep it dry - use desiccant silica gel packs (about 5 or 6) and place them in the vehicle so moisture will not build up. Products like DampRid are also effective in keeping moisture out.

Release the parking brake - put the car in gear and use a wheel chalk or a piece of wood under the front and back of the tire instead to keep it in place. If not, your brake pads will stick to the rotors.

Use a battery maintainer - connect the battery to a battery maintainer to charge your battery via your cigarette lighter, select the pulse maintaining mode which is made to charge the battery while storing your vehicle.

Prop windshield wiper arms - use blocks of wood under the wiper arms so the wipers don't touch or they loosely touch the windshield. You can also use cardboard between the wipers and glass to keep the wiper edge in top form.



Lower the windows very slightly - roll the windows down by about 10mm to keep pressure off of the seal to prolong its life. Doing this will also let airflow through the vehicle, also preventing condensation.

Use baking soda - place a cookie sheet or container with baking soda on the passenger floor to keep the vehicle smelling Porsche fresh and not stale.

Use a car cover - use a good quality car cover to keep your paint finish safe from dirt, dust, etc. Use an indoor cover for inside storage and an outside for outdoor. Use cardboard to further protect the vehicle if in an area where it could be bumped.

Start it again only in spring - as tempting as it may be, do not start the vehicle until it is ready to come out of storage.

But than again, don't be afraid to drive your car in the winter. If you do drive your car in the winter, here are some winter driving tips straight from the Porsche Camp4 Driving School found on FlatSixes.com:

Cars respond more slowly on slippery surfaces. Always wait a moment after steering, braking, or accelerating to see how the car behaves before giving it more input.

Visibility is greatly reduced in bad weather. Make sure you can see clearly, and turn on your headlights.

Brake carefully and accelerate more gently.

Get the car pointed where you want to go before getting on the gas.

Be aware of reduced grip.

Take corners at lower speeds.

Brake sooner and longer than on dry surfaces.

Apex later. (don't know what "apex" is? check out our <u>Porsche motorsport terminology</u> for more information)

Look for fresh snow – it provides more grip.

Avoid icy ruts.

Look farther ahead. So many of us keep our eyes glued to the back of the car in front of us. The car goes where you look, so get those eyes up and anticipate your next move!







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AUTOEXCHANGE

LOCATE - CONSIGN - SELL - REFRESH - DETAIL



From The Archive

Sort Of

by Robert Rainer

So here I am, working on this edition of the Friday before Christmas and what should pop up, but an email no less seducing this editor to click on a link to see a memory that happened upon this day, some time not so far away. As I entered my password, I worried about spam, but I recovered the account of the former editor from the Microsoft behemoth where I found a treasure trove of pictures. I saw people getting together and having a good time. Kind of what the holidays are all about after all. Here is the teaser that drew me in, a holiday party which I can only hope you had the pleasure to enjoy with your Area this past holiday season. Now I have reached the heights of my literary skill, and just have one thing to say to say, the least expected finds are the ones that alway deliver. *Its not just about the cars, it's the people!*



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AREA REPORTS

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Porsche Southpoint General Manager Dean Perella (center) with Triangle Area members

JINGLE BELL RUN AND TOY DRIVE

Sunny, dry but cold weather greeted us for our annual Jingle Bell Run and Toy Drive. Porsche Southpoint General Manager, Dean Perella, graciously hosted our drivers' meeting in the showroom and posed with us for this iconic photograph. Note the pile of toys generously donated by our members for this event.

With 16 cars, we divided into two groups. Brett and Miki Williams led the first group with Marvin and Ann McBride as sweep. TJ and I led group 2 with Jim and Mary Sykes as sweep. Radio contact kept our groups together at all times.

After a short comfort stop the two groups proceeded to the Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro where we enjoyed camaraderie and good food.







Bruce and Randie Klein in their 1976_911SC Outlaw



(l-r) Shanti and Kelly Quisenberry, Jim Morrison, Gretchen and Patrick Herron



TJ Friedmann and Larry VanBuhler

Part of the lineup



Carolina Brewery



Carolina Brewery

Holiday Dinner

Maggiano's Little Italy was, once again, the venue for our Holiday Dinner. A welcoming staff, beautiful room, good food and great service made for a memorable evening. Special guest, Olivia Gibney, Director of Corporate Partnerships at Make A Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina, was on hand to accept the \$2,000 check generously donated by Triangle Area members. Additional funds will be donated to MANNA, the food bank of Western North Carolina located in Asheville.



TJ Friedmann checking in guests



Cocktail hour





(l-r) Jim Proper, Olivia Gibney, Larry and Diane VanBuhler



Ken and Karen Korach



Olivia Gibney accepting the check

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Vic Friedmann presents Jim Proper with a plague thanking him for his two years of service as Area Director

Next Event, Saturday, January 11, 2025

NOGAL, No Ordinary Gimmick Rally and Lunch. This gimmick rally tests the team's observational skills and knowledge of automotive trivia. The rally consists of multiple routes that are determined by answers to automotive questions. The rally ends at the Carolina Ale House in Durham for lunch and prizes. Complete information and registration:

https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/ event/15272.



The spirit of the season was certainly evident among those gathered for this years' Hickory Area Holiday Party. Sixty-four members and friends met at Lake Hickory Country Club on Tuesday, December 10 to celebrate the season, review the past year, acknowledge those who made it possible and, of course, have some fun.

Cocktails began at 6:30 and afforded an opportunity to visit with friends prior to dinner at 7:15. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree served as the backdrop for our Area photographers, Jim and Ann Lucier, to make Holiday photographs for interested participants.



Jim and Ann Lucier



Jim and Nelly Hess

LHCC provided a sumptuous buffet that included roast salmon, Tuscan chicken and filet of beef along with a variety of sides. The presentation was as attractive as the food was delicious. Add to this an assortment of wonderful desserts and it is easy to see why the dinner was highly praised by so many in attendance.



Cocktails





Buffet

Following dinner, we took a few minutes to reflect on the past year and all that the Hickory Area had done. It was reported that the Area sponsored and/ or organized a total of 29 meetings (*monthly dinner meetings, LIPS*), events (*Poker Run, Fall Tour, etc.*) or activities (*drive/dines, tech sessions, etc.*) in 2024. We are indeed an active group. Of course, this level of activity is not possible without help from a lot of people. Accordingly, more than 30 members who had devoted their time and energy to making 2024 such a great year were acknowledged by those present. Also noted was the huge contribution made by the primary sponsor of our activities – Porsche Hickory. Without their support and funding, much that our Club does would not be possible.



Jane and Michael Vittorio

Of special note was the result of this years' charitable fund-raising effort. Through a combination of activities (*raffles, Poker Run*) and sources (*Carolinas Region*, *member direct donations*) we were able to a contribute a total of \$11,800 to the Crossnore Communities for Children and their local Disaster Relief Fund. This is the largest non-matched charitable contribution our Area has ever made and one of which we are very proud.

As an expression of appreciation, we have traditionally given gifts to each of our members – and we have done so in a fun way (E.g., dirty Santa, Holiday Bingo). This year was a little different. Following the disaster brought about by Hurricane Helene, we chose to purchase just a few (about 20) gifts and donate the rest of the money (from Area stipend and from Porsche Hickory) to charity – for those who really do need it.

To distribute these gifts, our LIPS group came up with the idea that we should play a little Bingo – the winner of each round receiving a gift until all were awarded. What fun! Everyone so got into the game that the prizes almost became secondary. It was the winning that mattered!



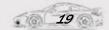
It was really gratifying to see our members and friends enjoy themselves so much and revel in the company of fellow Porsche enthusiasts. What a wonderful way to close out a great year. What a grand way to celebrate the many people who made it so.

Next Meeting:

January 7 (Tuesday) – LIPS (Ladies in Porsches) – 11:30AM @ Old Hickory Station, 232 Government Ave. SW, Hickory, NC

January 14 (Tuesday) – Membership Dinner Meeting. 6:30PM - 8:00PM @ Duke's Restaurant and Wine Bar, 335 Main Street SW, Hickory, NC.

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Sandhills holiday and member appreciation party was attended by fifty four members and guests. The party was held at Table On The Green restaurant at Midland Country Club in Pinehurst.

We were joined by Steve Sudler from Foreign Cars Italia and Porsche Greensboro who brought us up to date on new Porsche models and their Ferrari race team activities. Our friends from Sandhills Insurance/ Hagerty also joined the party. We appreciate all the support for this event from Carolinas Region PCA and sponsors!



The final charity raffle of the year at the holiday dinner brought in over \$400! Again, many thanks to generous members for donating prizes and contributions to the raffle! With Carolinas Region PCA support, Sandhills Area donated \$5000 this year to Samaritans Purse in Boone, N.C. to support flood victims from Hurricane Helene. We are very proud to be able to help people devastated by the hurricane. In addition, I know several individual local PCA members made other donations, and a few drove supplies directly to drop points in western N.C.



Sandhills members participated and volunteered at Carolinas Challenge Club Race at CMP, and the final DE event at VIR....the weather was fantastic at both! Another end of year event worth mentioning is the drive and lunch to Tiger Rescue near Pittsboro attended by five couples. We will schedule another event there in 2025.



We are working on new events in the coming year... and the schedule is filling up! A few of us will be at PCA Werks Reunion in early March...Marv Jennings and Bill Ainsley will be judging at the Friday, March 7 event that hosts over 600 Porsches!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a safe and healthy start to 2025!

Marty





The Triad Area did not have a monthly meeting in the month of December because we had our holiday party on Tuesday Dec, 3rd. Over 100 PCA members attend our festive holiday party that was hosted by Porsche Greensboro. We all socialized and enjoyed appetizers of assorted fruit, vegetables cheeses, crackers, and beef wellington. For dinner we had a garden fresh salad, herb baked chicken, grilled tilapia, au-gratin potatoes, vegetable medley, and rolls. For dessert, we had a choice of carrot cake or pecan pie. After which I welcomed everybody and gave a short presentation, highlighting plans for 2025. Then onto giving away a great variety of 40 door prizes to lucky winners.

At the holiday party, the Triad Area members donated \$1,830 in for Samaritan's Purse. That in addition to \$370 from our remaining balance in our charity account, enabled the Triad Area to send a check for \$2,200 to Samaritan's Purse. This donation will enable Samaritan's Purse to assist individuals in western North Carolina that have suffered losses from hurricane Helene.

Sarah and I want to personally thank every member who donated and we would like to wish everyone a prosperous New Year.



Pre-party Setup



Alan Teague Welcoming PCA Members



PCA Holiday Dinner

PAST TRIAD AREA EVENTS:

Tuesday, December – Triad Monthly Meeting:

There was not a monthly meeting in the month of December.

UPCOMING TRIAD AREA EVENTS:

<u>Wednesday, Jan 8th at 11:30AM Girls in Porsches</u> (GIPs) meeting

The next Girls in Porsches (GIPs) meeting will be at the Childress Bistro in Lexington. At 11:30 a.m. The GIP's also hold a 50/50 Charity Split the Pot raffle at their meetings. If you would like to join the group please RSVP to Elaine Huskins at ehuskins@kent. edu or call or text at 330-592-9250.

Tues, Jan 14th – Triad Monthly Meeting:

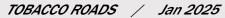
Our next monthly meeting on Jan 14th will be at Logan's Roadhouse located at 1300 Bridford Parkway, Greensboro. This different date within the month will allow us to have more room at the restaurant for our group to meet. After dinner we will hold short meeting starting around 7:00pm. We will have door prizes, and 50/50 charity split the pot tickets available.

Thank you for supporting the Triad Area Porsche Club of America.

Get out and drive your Porsche, safely...!

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or comments.

Alan Teague Triad Area Director







We held our Fourth LKN Area Christmas Party on December 9th (in 2018 and 2019 we celebrated jointly with the Metrolina Region and we skipped 2020). For the first time, we used The Waterman restaurant in Cornelius for our Christmas party as we are now holding our monthly meetings at this venue. Without a doubt, 2024 was our best Christmas Party so far!

We had 85 PCA members and guests registered for the event, including many of our regulars from the monthly PCA meetings. Just like in previous years, attendees were greeted with a welcome drink (this time, The Waterman's signature Deck Hand), one ticket per person for our complimentary door prizes, and a complimentary \$10 coupon from The Waterman restaurant for the next visit.

Since the entire restaurant was closed to the public, attendees were able to freely mingle and walk around after check-in. The Waterman staff had perfectly prepared the restaurant for our Christmas Party: from a check-in desk, buffet tables along one wall, a couple of tables for displaying the silent auction items, a microphone with speaker, to the bar area everything worked flawlessly.

After meeting and greeting "new and old" PCA friends, the owner of The Waterman group of restaurants, Paul Manley, welcomed everyone. Yours truly (and favorite area director in the LKN area) kicked off the evening with one of his "brief" speeches, explaining the logistics for the evening and recapping a successful 2024 for our PCA area. Our incoming Carolinas president and one of our regulars at our monthly meetings, Jim Hess, briefly addressed the crowd as well (please see photo).

After the audience had to endure that much hot air, it was certainly time for something more substantial, i.e. The Waterman's signature oysters and shrimp! This was followed by "starters" (I guess the oysters and shrimp didn't count...), a delicious seafood dip and an outstanding smoked trout dip, while the next course – Caesar and house salad – was meant to provide a brief relief from our exceptional seafood extravaganza...

Our representatives of our key sponsors of the Christmas Party, Hendrick Porsche, Sonderwerks, and Hagerty addressed the crowd as well (please see photos). Of course, the LKN area would like to thank GMP and LKN Auto Exchange for their support throughout the year. All of these sponsors also generously provided items for our silent auction as well as Tom Neel from his personal collection. This enabled us to raise about \$1,450 for Samaritan's Purse for Hurricane Helene relief efforts. Thank you to all who donated and bid!

The Goodie Store, newly headed by Margie and TJ Gottwalt, was on display as well and, based on the number of sales, received a very warm welcome by the PCA crowd!

Our keynote speaker of the evening, John Hotchkis with Hotchkis Sport Suspension, addressed the crowd before the main course. He shared a great childhood story of delivering a valuable Porsche together with a buddy while still in high school back in the days. It was fascinating and comical all at the same time, to listen to this special experience long time before the introduction of GPS and mobile phones... (please see photo).

After this entertaining speech it was time to put the crowd into a complete food coma by serving the main course, namely salmon, trout, and shrimp and grits plus sides. Not only was the food excellent but also so plentiful, that I was sorry that even my healthy appetite is limited... PCA members certainly lined up and enjoyed the food (see photos).

Last but not least, the outstanding dessert (key lime tart and chocolate cake) definitely put everyone over the top. I had to take a couple of pieces home!

We will start the next year with a regularly scheduled monthly meeting on January 14th at The Waterman restaurant – hopefully without another food coma...

I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy 2025!



IMG_8115: Our new president, Jim Hess





PCA Crowd Listening



Paul and Spencer with Hagerty



John Hotchkis, Keynote Speaker







David with Sonderwerks



Members having fun

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Happy New Year 2025!!

We did not have a December meeting due to our Christmas Party on Dec. 7th. If you weren't there you missed a great evening. Everyone got dressed up in their Christmas festive ware and were looking great! We all enjoyed a great dinner and a special visit from Santa himself. Everybody got a nice Christmas card with a \$20 Autozone gift card and a raffle ticket to win some nice Chirstmas gifts from Santa's gift table!! We also welcomed Jim Hess our new Carolinas Region President. "Welcome aboard Jim". In addition, many thanks to Paul Kaperonis from Hagerty, who has been a great supporter of the Carolinas Region PCA events.

** Euro Prestige Imports ** ** GMP "German Motoring Products" ** ** Hendrick Porsche **

In addition, a big Thank You to Tracy Gentry who donated a tasty bottle of "Red Line" wine for our silent auction, which went super fast!! Way to go Tracy!





Our Carolinas Region donated over \$2250 to the WNC Flood relief fund and our Metrolina Area donated \$4100 to Samaratin's Purse to benefit the flood victims. Every little bit helps!. Many thanks for all of your support this year by participating in our raffles and charity fund drives, It's much appreciated!!

I want to extend a "SPECIAL THANK YOU" to our contributors who donated Porsche swag and service vouchers and made our Christmas Party a great success!! We raised \$1000 from our raffle and silent auction table, again "Thank You" !!!





UPCOMING EVENTS

**Our Jan. 15 meeting will be held at Hendrick Porsche, Charlotte 6 PM to 8 PM. Hendrick Porsche will provide dinner and refreshments and update us on whats new with Porsche in the new year. Please RSVP to me ASAP so I can let them know about ordering dinners.

Feb. 19: Metrolina PCA meeting at Red Rock Café 6pm to 8 pm March 19: Metrolina PCA meeting at Red Rock Café 6pm to 8 pm



<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 all for your Support! Sincerely,

Doug Strait - Metrolina Area Director





<u>State Area Update for January 2025</u> <u>Tobacco Roads</u>

December brought the Upstate Area our annual Holiday - Charity party. WOW! What another fantastic event, and a great way to end our 2024 schedule.

Over 80 people attend our year-end holiday party and charity event, hosted by Thunder Bunny Racing. I did my best to get around and give my regards to all who attended, yet I'm sure I missed some of you as the evening just went by so fast. We enjoyed a great spread of food, with something for everyone. Each year that we hold this event we learn, and already have ideas to make next year even better!









Beyond our socializing & feasting, we held our Charity Raffle and Charity Auctions (Live - Silent & Chinese). I wish to thank our Raffle Sponsors for the items donated to our Charity Raffle;

- Porsche of Greenville
- Thunder Bunny Racing
- Zach's Dynamic Detailing

I also wish to thank all those who donated items for our auctions. We had lots of interesting Porsche items! To recap our charity efforts for 2024: We raised a total of \$7,178.14 Great job! This year our charity donations will support the following organizations;

- Society of St. Vincent DePaul
- Saint Jude Research Hospital
- Oconee Humane Society
- Pickens Humane Society
- Mercy Chefs

Thanks to everyone who purchased Raffle Tickets throughout the year or participated in our charity auctions, both donating and bidding!

I would also like to thank our party venue host Thunder Bunny Racing for their generosity and support of our local Porsche Club of America Region & area.

Upcoming Events

<u>Monthly Meeting:</u> Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 14th, at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10 Chrome Drive, Greenville. 5:30pm starts the "Meet & Greet" in the parking area. Then we will move indoors for our meeting. So come on out to grab a bite to eat and socialize with some fellow PCA members.

<u>Chili Cook-Off 2025</u>: Our annual PCA Upstate Area Chili Cook-Off for 2025 will be hosted by Protech Motorsports. The date has been set for Saturday, February 1st. More information to follow.

Drive Safe, Jeff Price Upstate Area Director







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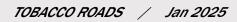
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Pair of Sparco EVO L QRT seats on sliders and other stuff

Pair of Sparco EVO L QRT seats on sliders -\$950 for the pair

1 x Heigo HEI981.001.001S Club Sport bolt in roll bar for 981 Cayman - \$650

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1 x Simpson Hybrid S - \$200

1 x HANS III FIA - \$200

1 x TracCom V2.5 with cables for wired helmet and a student mic, \$50

All items except Simpson Hybrid S and TracCom purchased new in 2020. Used for approx. 50 track days.

The seats and roll bar ideally would be picked up or we can meet somewhere. Other items can be shipped. Shipping not included in cost. Happy to answer questions.

Contact Bobby Cranford, Spartanburg, SC

bobamand@bellsouth.net or 864-497-3114.

Price: \$950.00

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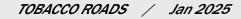
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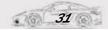


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