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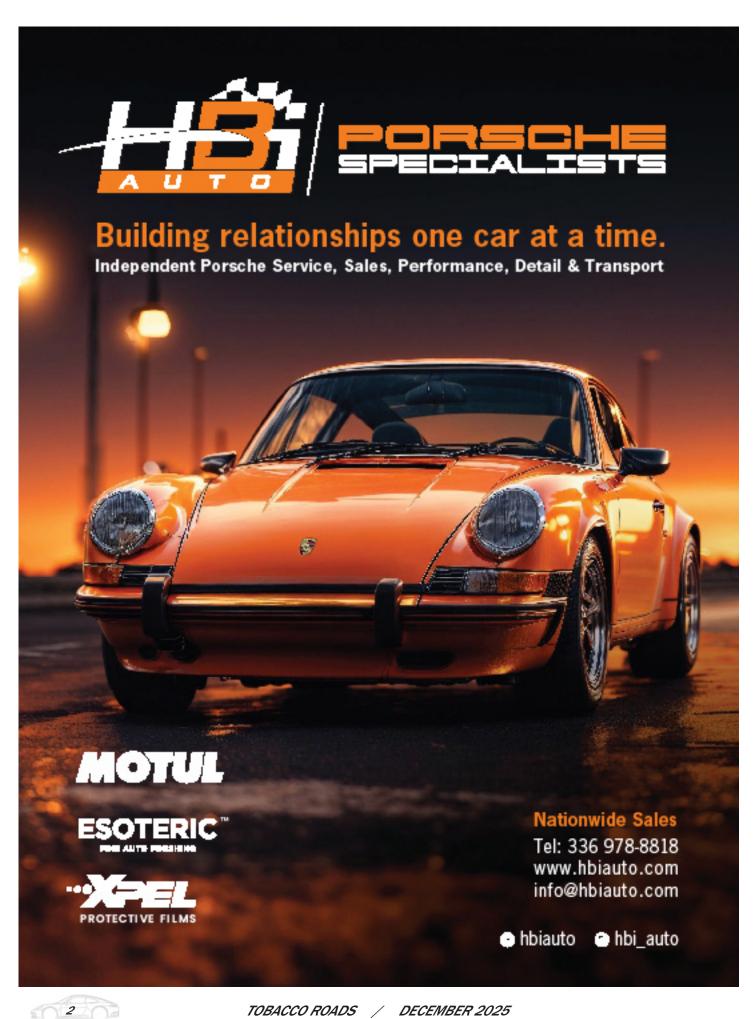
The monthly newsletter of the Carolinas Region Porsche Club of America





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Welcome!!	October	New	Members

Last Name	First Name	City	State	PCA Carolinas Area
Cooper	Gary	Blowing Rock	NC	Hickory
Kehe	Mark	Statesville	NC	Hickory
Tarleton	Donald	Maiden	NC	Hickory
Orrell	Gina	Mooresville	NC	Lake Norman
Schmerge	Brett	Denver	NC	Lake Norman
Somloi	Steve	Hunterville	NC	Lake Norman
Upchurch	Норе	Denver	NC	Lake Norman
Upchurch	Dean	Denver	NC	Lake Norman
Bidwell	Garrett	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Breiding	Laura	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Breiding	Ben	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Crofoot	Robert	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Devendorf	Margie	Indian Land	SC	Metrolina
Fede	Jimmy	Matthews	NC	Metrolina
Gifford	Robert	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Green	Chris	Cherryville	NC	Metrolina
Griffin	Perry	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Halverstam	Andrew	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Harris	Clinton	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Jacobson	Andrew	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Jacobson	Cynthia	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Jarrell	N. Scott	Belmont	NC	Metrolina
Lanier	Scott	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Norris	Ward	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Parker	Eric	Waxhaw	NC	Metrolina
Pontirolli	Diego	Belmont	NC	Metrolina
Sklut	Mason	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Tobben	Paul	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Tobben	Karen	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Wyler	James	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina
Palmer	David	Pinehurst	NC	Sandhills
Schaub	Melissa	Pinehurst	NC	Sandhills
Belle Isle	Josh	Burlington	NC	Triad
Blackburn	Betsy	Lewisville	NC	Triad
Blackburn	James	Lewisville	NC	Triad
Brewer	Gary	Greensboro	NC	Triad
Brewer	Ginny	Greensboro	NC	Triad
Burcham	Dian	Winston-Salem	NC	Triad
Cooper	Katie	High Point	NC	Triad
Eurillo	Richard	Greensboro	NC	Triad
Eurillo	Melissa	Greensboro	NC	Triad
Ingle	Jeremy	Kernersville	NC	Triad
Ingle	Aidon	Kernersville	NC	Triad
White	Joann	Winston-Salem	NC	Triad
Baxter	Charles	Durham	NC	Triangle
Kruger	Robert	Chapel Hill	NC	Triangle
Kruger	Ana Maria	Chapel Hill	NC	Triangle
Thomas	Ann	Pittsboro	NC	Triangle
Wagner	Andrew	Chapel Hill	NC	Triangle
Wagner	Haley	Chapel Hill	NC	Triangle
Giffels, III	Frederick	Landrum	SC	Upstate
James	Ashley	Greenville	SC	Upstate
Krause	Bernard	Simpsonville	SC	Upstate
Walvoord	Benji	Greenville	SC	Upstate

November Anniversaries

The Carolinas Region would like to congratulate members celebrating anniversary memberships this month and thank them for their 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	
40 Year Anniver	sarv			7 50	
Bantit	Stuart	Fort Mill	SC	Metrolina	
Bantit	Ellie	Fort Mill	SC	Metrolina	
30 Year Anniversary					
Mothershead	lvan	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina	
Mothershead	Dorothy	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina	
Blalock	Barbara	Mt Gilead	NC	Sandhills	
Blalock	Daniel	Stanfield	NC	Sandhills	
25 Year Anniver					
Snedecor	Jack	Columbia	SC	Upstate	
Sullivan	Mark	Six Cliffs	SC	Upstate	
20 Year Anniver	sary				
Branch	Charles	Clemmons	NC	Triad	
Branch	Emily	Clemmons	NC	Triad	
15 Year Anniver	sary				
Krumel	Tracey	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina	
Ajizian	Samuel	Winston Salem	NC	Triad	
Ajizian	Christopher	Winston Salem	NC	Triad	
Collier	Harry	Chapel Hill	NC	Triangle	
Crane	Sean	Hampstead	NC	Triangle	
Krumel	Curtis	New Bern	NC		
		inem Belli	INC	Triangle	
10 Year Anniver	-				
Baldwin	George	Waxhaw	NC	Metrolina	
Blocker	Tom	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina	
Blocker	Claire	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina	
Carter	Linda	Albemarle	NC	Sandhills	
Baldwin	Corey	Cary	NC	Triangle	
Carter	Conrad	Durham	NC	Triangle	
Sykes	James	Durham	NC	Triangle	
Sykes	Mary	Durham	NC	Triangle	
Chapman	Ron	Easley	SC	Upstate	
Chapman	Carol	Easley	SC	Upstate	
Connelly	Michael	Greenville	SC	Upstate	
Gibbons	Louis	Wellford	SC	Upstate	
5 Year Annivers					
Gisondi	Liz	Banner Elk	NC	Hickory	
Maness	Ron	Waynesville	NC	Hickory	
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Rogers	Matthew	Hickory	NC	Hickory	
Bell	Ronald	Mooresville	NC	Lake Norman	
Anderson	Gordon	Waxhaw	NC	Metrolina	
Grimmett	Billy	Matthews	NC	Metrolina	
Grimmett	John	Matthews	NC	Metrolina	
Higgins	Jane	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina	
Robinson	Benjamin	Charlotte	NC	Metrolina	
Wisenbaker	Robert	Matthews	NC	Metrolina	
Ballinger	Christopher	Advance	NC	Triad	
Delaney	John	Greensboro	NC	Triad	
Jones	Hobart	Mount Airy	NC	Triad	
Jumpe	James	Greensboro	NC	Triad	
Reid	Chris	Lexington	NC	Triad	
Reid	Troy	Lexington	NC	Triad	
Donohue	Christian	Clayton	NC	Triangle	
Sullivan	Thomas	Raleigh	NC	Triangle	
Christopher	Mac	Greenville	SC	Upstate	
Cummins	Robert	Simpsonville	SC	Upstate	
Cummins	Debby	Simpsonville	SC	Upstate	
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Fisher	Teresa	Greenville	SC	Upstate	
Hester	Todd	Taylors	SC	Upstate	
Mahatma	Sanjay	Greenville	SC	Upstate	
Saad	Katie	Greer	SC	Upstate	



Welcome Transfer Members!!

The Carolinas Region would like to welcome transferring members.

Last Name	First Name	City	State	PCA Carolinas Area	Transferred From
Klumpe	David	Six Mile	SC	Upstate	Lincoln Trail
Berk	Ted	Boone	NC	Hickory	Suncoast Florida
Denman	CJ	Madison	MS	Non-Resident	Magnolia
Kay	Andy	Charlotte	NC	Lake Norman	Maverick
Matheny	Ken	Davidson	NC	Lake Norman	St Louis
Scott	lan	Fair Play	SC	Upstate	Peachstate
Belle isle	Chris	Burlington	NC	Triad	Peachstate

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.

To update your PCA Club information:

Go to the national PCA website www.pca.org and sign in to your personal account.

Write to:
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Columbia, MD 21045

Call: 410-381-0911

Email: admin@pca.org



From the Driver's Seat

Highway 2025

Jim Hess, President



I'd like to share my appreciation and showcase the generosity of our members:

Article by Alan Teague - Triad Area Director

Triad Area PCA Donates \$3,800 to Racing for Heroes

A Celebration of Charity, Community, and Support for Veterans

The featured photo captures a heartwarming moment: a large ceremonial check is being handed to Mike Evock, founder of Racing for Heroes.

On November 16th, 2025, the Triad Area Carolina's Region PCA proudly presented a check for \$3,800 to Racing for Heroes. This significant donation marks the culmination of months of enthusiastic participation by PCA members, all working together to make a difference for those who have served our country.

Fundraising Activities

The funds were raised through a series of "Lunch and Laps" events held at Virginia International Raceway. PCA members took a scenic drive from Porsche of Greensboro to the racetrack, enjoyed 20 minutes of



exhilarating time on the track, and then gathered for a pleasant lunch. All profits from these events directly benefited Racing for Heroes.

Leadership and Involvement

Dixon Johnston, a Vietnam vet and PCA member chaired the Lunch and Laps events. Reflecting on the events, Dixon shared," I have been involved in a motorsports my entire life. As a teenager I managed my father's Ferrari racing and have continued involvement in various forms of racing since then, I am currently on the Appeals Panel for NASCAR and attend as many races of every type as possible. I have also been a Porsche owner since my first car, a 356 Super 90. Long past racing age I joined the Track Club of VIR to track my then 996. I created the "Laps and Lunch" events as a way to share my enjoyment of the track with other PCA members.

It is a great honor and privilege to support Racing for Heroes. I am proud of our club members' enthusiastic support of these events and grateful for the commitment shown by Mike Evock and his group in helping veterans facing PTSD and other challenges after their service."

About Racing for Heroes and Founder Mike Evock

Racing for Heroes is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering military veterans through the transformative power of motorsports and automotive technology. At the heart of this mission stands its founder, Mike Evock, whose personal story is deeply interwoven with service, resilience, and a drive to help others. Mike is a decorated combat veteran, having served multiple tours overseas, where he witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by service members both during and after their time in uniform.

After retiring from the military, Mike transitioned into the world of motorsports, finding in racing a sense of purpose and camaraderie reminiscent of his days in service. Recognizing how the adrenaline, teamwork, and focus required in racing could be therapeutic for veterans, Mike established Racing for Heroes at Virginia International Raceway.

Closing and Appreciation

The Triad Area extends sincere appreciation to all members who made this fundraising effort possible.

Happy Holidays!!

Jim





DATE	AREA	<u>EVENT</u>	TIME	START/FINISH LOCATION	
2-Dec	Triad	Triad Area Holiday Party	6:00 -9:00PM	Grandover Resort & Spa 1000 Club Rd, Greensboro, NC 27407	
			Registration:	YES	
5-Dec	Upstate	Upstate Area Holiday Party	6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Thunder Bunny Racing 500 Hartness Dr. Unit C Greenville, SC 29615	
			Registration:	YES	
5-Dec	Triangle	Triangle Area Holiday Bubbly Tasting	6:45 PM -	Chapel Hill Wine Company, 2809 Homestead Ave. Chapel Hill NC	
		rasting	Registration:	YES	
6-Dec	Metrolina	Metrolina Area Christmas Party	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Registration:	RED ROCKS CAFE 4223-8 Providence Rd. Charlotte, NC 28211 YES	
10-Dec	Triangle	Triangle Area Holiday Dinner	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Maggiano's Little Italy Durham, NC	
			Registration:		
13-Dec	Triangle	Triangle Area Jingle Bell Run and Toy Drive	10:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Porsche Southpoint 122 Kentington Dr. Durham NC SIGN UP	
		and Toy Billo	Registration:	YES	

For information about events outside the Carolinas Region, go to: https://www.pca.org/events

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Newsletter Julie Harwath

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Fall Tour Group The Ridges Resort on Lake Chatuge Hiawassee, GA







Recurring By Area

Hickory Area

None at this time

Lake Norman Area

2nd Saturday: 9-11am, Stuttgart Saturday Hendrick Porsche

3rd Sunday: 8-10am South Park Mall - Cars & Cappuccino

Metrolina Area

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

Sandhills Area

1st Sunday 9-11am Village of Pinehurst, NC

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

Triad Area

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

> 4th Saturday 8-10am 1720 West Gate City Blvd Greensboro, NC



Triangle Area

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

2nd Saturday 9-11am Carbs and Carburetors, Leland Little 502 Cornerstone Ct., Hillsborough

> 3rd Saturday , 8-10 am Panera Bread 3301 Watkins Rd. Durham, NC 27707

4th Saturday, 8-10 am Breakaway Café 58 Chapelton Ct, Ste 100 Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Upstate Area

Obey the Crave Cars and Coffee at Bridgeway station 5/24,6/28, 7/26, 8/23, 10/25, 11/22 Area Monthly Meetings At A Glance



^{**}For a complete listing of the current Officers, Board of Directors, and Chairs, please see the Carolinas website



AREA REPORTS

December 2025

(check Carolinas Region PCA Calendar for any event updates)



The November 18th Triad Area PCA meeting was hosted at Ceramic Pro, in Winston-Salem, NC.

We had 51 PCA members attend. Calvin Nikolas, Justin Cothren, Nick Loomis, and Alex, Service Tech of Porsche Greensboro attended.

Our first order of business was to welcome everyone, and recognize Eric Schultz as a new PCA member.

We also welcomed potential new members, Jules Harris, Jim Lambing, Bradley Reece and Gary Reece.

Neil Clark, a long time 30 year PCA member finally attended his first meeting. I think he'll be back as he won both a door prize and the 50/50 pot.

I tried to move on, but Sarah reminded me that I missed an important portion of the meeting. We celebrated my November birthday and was serenaded by Jerry Kilcrease and the group.



Alan Teague, Triad Area Director



TJ Gottwalt, Area Membership Update

During the recent HPDE event at VIR, Matt Rutten of our area was recognized as "Instructor of the Year". If you see Matt, please congratulate him on this accomplishment.



Matt Rutten "HPDE Instructor of the Year"



24" Mario Pizzas

Bradley Reece, owner of Ceramic Pro WS, presented different products and services that they offer. His facility was one of the first eight selected to be a certified Ceramic Pro Elite Dealer. This is conveyed upon owners to represent the top echelon of Ceramic Pro. To Bradley, it's not about volume of business but attention to detail, caring for the customer and providing a quality service. Bradley answered several questions and we heard many positive testimonials. Bradley graciously provided pizzas, door prizes and Ceramic Pro swag.

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Bradley Reece, Ceramic Pro Presentation



Door prize and 50/50 winners

PAST EVENTS:

Sunday, November 16th Racing for Heroes Charity Donation

Dixon Johnson, Jerry and Sadie Kilcrease, Jim Hess and I met with Mike Enoch, RFH's Chairman, Founder and President and donated \$3,800 for continued support of alternative therapies in the treatment of PTSD in our veterans. These alternative therapies include yoga, oxygen therapy, dance, and scuba diving. After the donation, Mike gave Dixon and I a tour of RFH's facilities and showed us the new Magnetic e-Resonance Therapy (MeRT) and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) equipment used to treat PTSD. Mike was very appreciative of the donation and Dixon and I wish to thank everyone who supported this charity through Lunch and Laps.



Racing for Heroes Charity Donation



Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT)

Magnetic e-Resonance Therapy (MeRT) • Personalized brain stimulation based on EEG and EKG data • Improves neural communication and synchronization

- Reduces symptoms of PTSD, depression, anxiety, and TBI
- Non-invasive and drug-free alternative to traditional treatments
- May enhance cognitive clarity, mood, and sleep quality



Magnetic e-Resonance Therapy (MeRT)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Tuesday, December 2nd, 6:00pm – 9:00pm</u> <u>Triad Area Holiday Party</u>

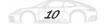
The Triad Area Holiday Party, sponsored by Porsche Greensboro (TINS) will be at Grandover Resort & Spa located at 1000 Club Rd, Greensboro, NC 27407. We will be accepting cash or check (made payable to "Carolinas Region PCA") donations at the door for the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Bank.

Party details:

6:00pm to 7:00pm - Social hour (Cash Bar); light appetizers 7:00pm to 8:00pm - Dinner 8:00pm to 9:00pm - Program / Door Prizes

Sarah and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

Alan Teague - Triad Area, Director





We are very fortunate in many respects and icing on the cake over the past couple months in the form of extra special PCA events! Many of us attended Luftgekuhlt in Durham, and last weekend twenty Sandhills Area members were invited to visit Chip

Perry's collection in Blowing Rock!

His collection of air cooled Porsches is amazing by itself, and the "Barn" housing the collection is beyond beautifully staged and decorated...including a multi car service area, a large library, a gorgeous bar and several lounge areas. Even better, Chip spent about three hours with us explaining the significance and history of each vehicle.





Chip, educating his audience

One of my non-Porsche favorites was a 1946 VW Bug with 24 hp. that started immediately and ran so smoothly you could barely hear it.

And, to top it off, Chip jumped in his exquisite 356 Carrera Speedster and led us on a 40 minute spirited drive up 221 and back on BRP. We also had beautiful Fall weather. Sandhills member, George Parker, and Blowing Rock PCA'er Don Trexler, set up the event with Chip and we can't thank them enough!

Forty-six Sandhills members and guests attend the October 28 dinner meeting at The Paddock in Southern Pines, and we expect a larger gathering on December 2 for our Holiday dinner at Table On The Green.

Safe & Happy Holidays! Marty Barrett - Sandhills Area Director



A big round of applause to our corporate sponsors!

- Porsche Southpoint, Durham, Sales and service
- Leland Little Auctions, Hillsborough, auctions
- Royale Auto Salon, Apex, paint protection

Corporate sponsorships help cover the costs of club activities, support local business and help our fundraising project for the MANNA food bank in Asheville, NC. Thank you all.

Last Monthly Dinner Meeting of the year

Once again the Carolina Ale House in Durham hosted our last monthly dinner meeting of the year. We had a full house with plenty of food, drink and camaraderie. The group honored Ale House server Allie Shealy for her outstanding service throughout the year.



The partial Porsche lineup



Full house



Vic presenting Allie with a Carolinas keychain and an envelope full of cheer.



An applause for a job well done

Carbs and Carburetors

November 8, a beautiful sunny day, was Porsche Day at Leland Little's monthly Carbs and Carburetors event. 28 Porsches participated in the event in addition to another dozen or so regular attendees. Mark Terry, Estate and Collector Vehicles Director, chose his two favorite cars. Winners were Bruce and Randy Kline for their 1976 porsche 3.0 911SC Outlaw, and James Boniface for his 1967 911R Tribute. Delicious donuts and coffee were on hand for everyone.



The Theme of the Show



Mark Terry (I) presents the award to Bruce Klein



Bruce and Randie Klein



Well said



Mark Terry (I) presents the award to James Boniface



The Winners (I-r) Mark Terry, Bruce Klein, James Boniface



The partial Porsche Lineup



Doug Efland's Plymouth Belvedere, Marsha Efland brought the 2022 911 Carrera



Enjoying a sunny day and beautiful cars



Gene Berry's 2014 911 50th Anniversary



Tori Terry preparing the carbs



TJ (I) and Laura Gunert enjoying the carbs



The Leland Little showroom



Ahhhh....beautiful







Enjoying all the cars

Upcoming Events

Friday, Dec. 3, Private Wine Tasting of sparkling wines. Just in time for the holidays. Information/Registration: https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/16275

Wednesday, Dec. 10, Triangle Area Holiday Dinner at Maggiano's Little Italy. Information/Registration: https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/16276

Saturday, Dec. 13, Jingle Bell Run and Toy Drive. Information/Registration: https://forms.gle/zfRUbgXfYySX2q7x7

Recurring Events

First Saturdays, Porsche Southpoint, 122 Kentington Dr., Durham.

Second Saturdays, Carbs and Carburetors, 9-11 AM, Leland Little, 502 Cornerstone Ct., Hillsborough.



Third Saturday, 8-10 AM, Panera Bread, 3603 3301 Watkins Rd., Durham.

Fourth Saturday, 8-10 AM, Breakaway Café, 58 Chapelton Ct., Ste 100 Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Fourth Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Triangle Area dinner meeting. Carolina Ale House, 3911 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.,

Durham.

(Note: No dinner meetings in November and December. See you in January!)

Vic Friedmann - Triangle Area Director



Hello Carolinas Region PCA members, our Upstate Area November meeting brought out about 25 folks. The weather was chilly so most folks moved indoors once they arrived.

Past Events

Somehow our eBike Raffle Winner was accidentally edited out of last month's Tobacco Roads. So, let's celebrate:

1) Annual Upstate Area, Christmas Party & Charity Auction / Raffle! Date & Time:

Friday, December 5, 6:00pm - 9:30pm

Dress: Business casual

Future Events

Location: Thunder Bunny Racing

500 Hartness Drive, Greenville, SC 29615

Event Registration Required Cost is \$25 per person.

Registration on Clubregistration.net

2) PCA Upstate Area Chili Cook-Off 2026

Date & Time: Saturday, January 31, 2026

6:00pm - 9:30pm

Dress: Casual

Location: Protech Motor Sports, 211 Riverside Ct, Greer, SC 29650

Save the date on your calendar for our annual Chili Cook-Off! It's always a fun event to warm us up in the middle of

winter.

3) St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026 Further Info: https://www.gvlstpatricks.com/ Drive your Porsche in Greenville's St. Patrick's Day

Parade!!



Our Holiday Party will take the place of our December monthly meeting. So we will NOT be holding a regular meeting in December.

I hope to see you at our Christmas Party!

Drive safe, Jeff Price-Upstate Area Director

Congratulation to George Kim Winner of the Carolinas Region Porsche eBike Raffle



By Christian Roedlich Area Director



We conducted our November monthly meeting at our usual "home", The Lakehouse Wine, Bar & Grill. The weather was quite nice, albeit a little cool. Due to the shorter daylight, we started our outside gathering at 5:30 pm. The Porsche Corral was well "populated" (please see photo) and there were about 45 PCA members and friends in attendance. Quite a few of them braved the nippy temperatures and were hanging out in the Corral for a while.



Porsche Corral

After a brief introduction by the LKN area's favorite AD, Don Savage, our new LKN area drive coordinator, talked about the results of the short survey he conducted. Of course, there was quite a variety in driving preferences but mainly weekends and drives limited to a few hours seemed to have been the most popular responses.



Jeff, our November raffle winner

We conducted our always popular raffle after dinner. We raffled off many nice items purchased with the AD stipend such as cups, mugs, hats, bags, coasters, umbrellas, etc. The grand prize was a Porsche briefcase and an oil change at LKN Auto Exchange (thanks John!). We raised \$420.00 for the children and families supported by Children's Hope Alliance in Barium Springs. Our grand prize winner was Jeff Matthews (please see photo proudly displaying his winnings).



PCA members mingling and having fun

PCA members certainly enjoyed themselves at the event



The Porsche Magnificent Six

Just look at this handsome bunch, "The Magnificent Six" (please see photo, from left: Bob, Martin, Jeff, Kurtis, Martin, Tracy).



Tracy in front of his new GT4 RS



Our always best dressed attendee, Tracy, arrived in style at the meeting, namely in his beautiful and tastefully appointed new ride, a guards red GT4 RS (please see photo).

Our Christmas Party will be on December 9th at The Lakehouse (registration is open until December 4th). There will be great food (Chateaubriand, Asian marinated sesame salmon, airplane breast chicken, etc. plus enough to try all the main courses), generous door prizes, a gift for all attendees, and a silent auction.

At our October meeting we had two 2004 Boxster S 550 Anniversary editions displayed in the Porsche corral. David Barton and Jim Heishman (please see photo) are the proud owners of these rare Porsche samples: a total of 1953 were produced and only 500 made it to our shores.



2 x Boxster S 550 Anniversary Editions on display

Christian Roedlich - Lake Norman Area Director

Hickory Area
hickory-ad@carolinas-pca.com
By Michael Vittorio
Area Director

LIPS (Ladies in Porsches): November 4 – Eight ladies met for lunch and conversation at FOURK Restaurant in Hickory. As per usual, there was no program. Just an opportunity to visit. Attendees generously contributed \$100.00 to Crossnore Communities for Children.

Monthly Membership Meeting: November 11 – Twenty-two Hickory Area members and friends gathered for dinner at FOURK Restaurant in Hickory. This was purely a social event with no program planned. As is typical of our group, there was lots of conversation and discussion about a variety of topics with some emphasis on the upcoming Hickory Autocross and our Holiday Party. Due to the generosity of

those in attendance, our raffle raised \$170.00 for Crossnore Communities for Children. Raffle winners include: Eddie Edwards (insulated wine cup), Evan Bordash (slate, Porsche branded coasters) and Tina Dunlap (charcuterie board)

Coming Up:

December 9 (Tuesday) - 2025 Holiday Party - 6:30 PM - 9:00PM @ Lake Hickory Country Club, 430 17th Avenue NW, Hickory, NC. Sponsored by our good friends at Foreign Cars Europa. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Due to the nature of the event, all those planning to attend must make advance reservations no later than 12:00 midnight on Wednesday, December 4. For additional details and to make your reservation, please see ClubRegistration.net

Down the Road:

January 6 (Tuesday) - LIPS (Ladies in Porsches) - 11:30 AM @ TBD. Ladies, you are invited whether or not you personally own or drive a Porsche. There is no planned program ... purely social ... an opportunity to share lunch and visit with friends. Please RSVP by January 2 to Jane Vittorio at: 704-248-6956 or janeann.vittorio@icloud.com

January 13 (Tuesday) - Monthly Dinner Meeting -6:30 PM - 8:00PM @ FOURK Restaurant, 1410 4th Street NW, Hickory, NC. Join us for an opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship with other Porsche enthusiasts. Purely social ... no planned program. Please let us know if you will attend.

Michael Vittorio - HIckory Area Director





by: Robert Nixon





Michelin Proving Grounds Entrance

November 9th, Michelin Proving Grounds in South Carolina was once again the home of our Porsche Club of America autocross. For the second time this year, drivers had the great opportunity to drive their cars on the 14 acres of smooth, black asphalt known as the "Black Lake."



The fastest Porsche driver of the day Phillip Mills (left) led our drivers meeting to cover safety topics like the red flag. John Kelly covered red flag use, and our corner workers did a great job of keeping everyone safe. You can't argue with safety!



Bob Nixon #77 and run group 2 lined up for the afternoon session.

We had great weather for a fall day; mostly cloudy, low in the morning of low 60s, and high in the 70s! Compared to autocrossing in the rain, sleet, or summer heat, this was awesome! Everyone got 5 runs on course in the morning, free pizza for lunch, and 5 more runs in the afternoon! As usual, the Carolinas Region brings you more autocross (and pizza) action for your buck than most clubs that offer 4-6 runs vs. our 10 runs!



Waiting to start. 14 acres of asphalt is BIG! Great weather too!

At the end of the day, most drivers were happy with their performance, and I have to tell you that there were some truly fast Porsche and non-Porsche drivers out there. In the top 10 times of the day, we had two Porsche 911s, a Cayman, two Corvettes, a Honda S2000 with THE fastest time of the day, two Miatas, a Civic Type R, and a Tesla. While some of those cars have way more horsepower and more "race prep" modifications than others, they all still take good drivers to come out on top. If you haven't driven YOUR Porsche at an autocross, we invite to try it out, because we think you'll like it!



The "Chicago Box" cone formation, with a few cones removed

I think everyone managed to smack a few cones, slide/spin once, and drop their times during the day. With 5 morning runs under our belts the best times came in on some of the next-to-last ninth run, and lower than normal tire pressures.

After the October event was cancelled, this event was shaping up to be the final event of the year, BUT THEN, the club pulled a rabbit out of our hat and scheduled another November autocross! Even better, it's at a new location, the Hickory Motor Speedway! Believe it or not, it is located in(DRUM ROLL)...... HICKORY North Carolina! What a coincidence!

- Robert Nixon







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