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#### Palmetto Hits the Road

Last month was a busy one for PCA Palmetto. While one group found their way to Roebling Road for a two day DE, another made a return trip to Fontana Village and the Tail of the Dragon.

The DE was hosted by Jon Krolewicz and his Seat Time performance driving group. This was a first for a couple of members and turned out to be a perfect set-up for a first timer as well as seasoned racers.

The drivers group was small yet enthusiastic, anticipating their next trip out. I was lucky enough to draw our own Andy Stallworth as an instructor. Going in, I was unsure if I wanted someone I knew or a stranger, taking friendship out of the equation. I quickly realized that Andy is a professional and handles himself as such on the track.

My driving likely bored Andy as I wove my way around the track. If I had a quarter, as they say, for every time he said throttle, throttle urging me to push my car to a speed that he was familiar with, but I had never experienced. I quickly learned the theory of throttle steering and braking to help the car make its way quickly around the track. How much did I enjoy this outing? Enough that I have signed up to return for Jon's event in May, this time requesting Andy as my instructor. If you have the opportunity, I highly recommend it...



A wave by at Roebling Road during last months DE.



Porsches wind there way through the mountain roads headed for the Tail of the Dragon.

While the DE was for some just the ticket, a trip to the NC mountains was it for others. Porsche enthusiasts from all over gathered to enjoy the scenery and Hwy 129, also known as the Tail of the Dragon. This trip was hosted by PCA Palmetto and from all accounts, a great time was had by all. Josh Stolarz, by default, was the host of this event and did a superb job not only in setting up the social events, but also with being the lead vehicle in a long line of Porsches as they made their way across the mountain roads.

This road, while challenging, is a beautiful passage that should be on everyone's list. The east coast was well represented. Some of the attending regions were Palmetto, Alabama, Gold Coast, Hurricane, Magnolia, Mid Ohio, Peachstate, Potomac, Smokey Mountain and Sun Coast. We even had a car all the way from the Upper Canada Region.

It seems word has gotten out that this destination provides a perfect blend of road and fellowship, exactly what PCA is all about. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, I hear there is a September outing already being planned which will include a wine tasting at Fontana Village.

Thanks to Josh, Palmetto receives another pat on the back. Another job well done.



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Don't forget to RSVP for the Second Annual Coming Home Party at www.pcapalmetto.org

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### From the Prez

Hello Fellow PCAer's

April has come and gone. We didn't have a meeting for April. We did, however, have a DE at Roebling Road in Savannah and a trip to the NC mountains - Tail of the Dragon. I'd like to thank Josh Stolarz and Ken and Jackie Dasen for hosting the Tail of the Dragon event. If you have never been, plan to go-- it's 312 turns in 11 miles of scenic but fast fun.

Our Annual "Welcome Home Party" is planned for May 12th from 6-10pm at Stono Ferry Pool. Many thanks to Sandy and Dr. Bob for their help in putting this on. We are praying for NO Rain. We are having a caterer for this event. Please RSVP on the website if you plan on coming. \$20 per couple- BYOB. Our postcard sponsor was paid for by Palmetto member Kev Hedges with AXA Financials. Thanks Kev!

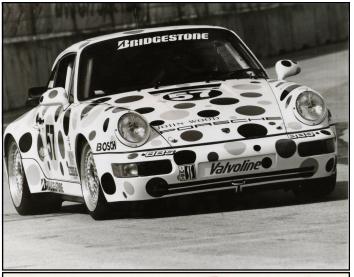
Our next upcoming club events include a Walking Rally in downtown Charleston and finishing with a wine tasting at Irvin House Vineyards on Saturday June 9th. Stay tuned.

Lastly, don't forget our Saturday morning breakfast with Dr. Bob at The Sunflower Restaurant on Hwy 61 (Ashley River Road). Breakfast is at 8am. Ladies are not excluded. Our monthly meeting will resume in July.

If you would like to host a meeting or volunteer, please call one of the Board Members and let them know.

See you soon Al





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## **Wanted: Porsche History**

By Ellen Beck, PCA National Historian
An important goal of an historian is to collect and archive significant items of our club's history, in addition to the typical paper records and documents. Our premier national event since our club's inception has been the national Porsche Parade, yet we have very few examples of Parade memorabilia in our collection.

I hope to acquire a selection of memorabilia from each of our 51 previous Parades which would include the following items: a Parade binder, a Schedule of Events, a Trophy, a logo patch, decal and grille badge, a wine glass and a Yearbook (from Parades that had these items), and any other unique items, video and photos from individual Parades. I appeal to our membership to consider donating any of these items (or other historical items) where you may have duplicates or find you no longer have the room or inclination to store your old Parade memories. They will find a welcoming home and attractive display space in our new National Offices.

Please contact Ellen Beck at <a href="mistorian@pca.org">historian@pca.org</a> or (301) 788-0370, or Vu Nguyen at <a href="mistorian@pca.org">admin@pca.org</a> or (703) 321-2111 if you have questions or are able to assist in our search. Items may be mailed to the PCA National Office at P.O. Box 1347, Springfield, VA 22151. A PCA Certificate of Appreciation will be sent as a thank you for your generosity

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# Porsche Dragon Slayers

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#### By: Jackie Dasen

We're finally here. There must be hundreds of us. Maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration. Actually it is, but who cares. We're family. We all look a little different. We're different colors and ages. Some better looking then others. I'm the best, though that might be a little prejudicial on my part, but hey, I'm a Porsche—I got bragging rights. We all do.

We're the cars that make people's head's turn. You know the ones that people ask, "Hey was that a Porsche?" "Sure was." "Boy I'd like to have one of those." Dream baby dream. Okay, well like I said, we're all here. Gathered together in these majestic Smokey Mountains in this wonderful country called America. The land of the free and the brave and you better be brave to do what we're about to do. Eleven miles of pristine mountain roadways with 318 turns will be a walk in the park for us and that's just the dragon. Now any of you that are faint of heart, I suggest you stay here at the lodge.

Just kidding. I'm just glad to be here. This is my second big trip. Made it to the Rolex 24 in Daytona. Got to see two of my brother 928s just when I was beginning to think I was the only one. Darn, but my owners learned some neat things about me. At least they take me places. They pamper and cherish me. Better than the last where I sat under a carport day after day, week after week, month after month. Got pretty boring. But now I get to do things. I get to show my potential. I get to live.

Looking at all my relatives surrounding me makes me want to jump up and shout. But I can't do that. I don't have legs, but I got four wheels and a throaty V-8. All you other cars, you know who you are, Chevys, Fords, Toyotas, Mazdas, etc, etc. move over because the Porsches are taking the dragon over. Because we're the Porsche Club of America and we're going to make some heads turn. Not to mention whip some turns.

Looks like we're about to pull out. There goes my buddy 968 cab leading the pack. Wow, check out that 911 RS, she's a beauty. Oh, hey look at that 944 Turbo, bet she flies and check this baby out, a bright yellow Boxster that will definitely whip the dragon. Boy, I'm going to have the time of my life and it's been a long time since I had this much fun.

Here we go, my oil's flowing, gas is pumping and my tires are heating. Just look at all that precision Germany engineering moving down the road. We're gonna make these turns wish they were sharper and tighter. One, two, three, four oh it's so easy for us, all eighteen. Watch and admire baby, we're just zipping around these turns. No sweat at all. We hardly have to break at all. This is what we were made for. I love it.

Hey check out that sign, it can't be right. 25 mph? No way, that's too slow for me. There's another. 15 mph, guess I'll slow down, but just a little. Oh yeah here comes a 35 mph, this one will be a walk in the park. These things are fabulous. Don't know what I'll do back home in the Lowcountry. There aren't any turns and curves like this. Hear those tires squeal? Music to my ears.

Here come some motorcycles. Now those guys can get a little crazy. Check it out there's even a moped mixed in there. Now ain't that a sight. Betcha he's in wonder at all these Porsches flying by. Ooh, ooh cameraman! Got to show off a little. Let me take...this...turn. Oh that felt good even got the wheels to squeal again. So much fun I've got to go a little faster.

All my colorful comrades whipping around these turns are like rainbows glittering through the trees. Look at the sun bounce off that Carrera 4S from Canada. She's taking these turns without evening breaking a sweat. Sweet, aye!

Got to take a break now. Not that I want to, but we took over this parking area. We're all lined up and heads are turning. It's okay to drool if you want. Here comes a motorcycle guy to check us out. He's walking around me. Admiring. Heard him tell my owner he use to have one. Likes my front plate. Okay we're revving up again. Here we go, we're on the move again. Let the wind fly. Tops are down and the wind's flowing. We're slaying this beast with ease.

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Hey anyone see that guy in the SUV? He nearly ran off the road looking at us all going by. We sure are a sight. Beauty, speed and lots of character.

Nice countryside. Looking a little back woodsy. Uh where'd the lines go? Not really a problem. Beep, beep. Had to beep at that girl banging on the window trying to get her mom to come out and look at all us fancy cars going by. Guess they don't usually see cars like us much. Especially so many at once.

Got to head for lunch now so we can feed our drivers and passengers and us. Got stuck at that stop sign so I gotta catch up. Let her rip. Darn, got to slow down Trooper's waving me down. Okay we got 'em. Last stretch before lunch. Looks like it's the Tellicafe.

Hope they don't take too long to eat. I want to go. All those turns got my adrenaline rolling. We gotta go. Can't sit here long. The 944 next to me's itching too. So is that red '87 Targa, all they way from southern Florida. Not much to do while they eat, guess we'll just have to chat among ourselves.

"Hey Carrera, that bubble gum on your tire's got to go, aye." Red 928.

"Any body else getting antsy?" Black Carrera.

"My 911 buddy from Alabama is." White Boxster.

"Hey think we can do it without them?" 911 Cab.

"Yeah, but they sure would get mad." 968 Cab.

"Guess we'll just have to wait." Silver Boxster.

Okay people, we're getting antsy out here. We want to hit the turns, not sit out here and chit chat. Oh good, here they come. Don't chat long. Let's go people, us Porsches want to roll.

Hey, why's the road getting narrower and narrower? Why's the mountain closing in on us? We're stopped. This doesn't look good. Something's up. Looks like we're turning around. Guess we took a wrong turn. But we've been "delivered from evil" and we're back on the run. Those of you on the Dragon run know what I'm talking about.

All right we're on the move again. Heading for the Cherohala Skyway. Man, this is fun. So glad we didn't hang out long at lunch. Oh no, we got a poky butt stuck in with us. Can't you move over, please? Ooh, ooh here comes a turn. Please turn. Please turn. Yes! Okay, we're all back together and rolling along. Oh good here come the turns again. Oh yeah, oh yeah. This is the life. I love it. Don't want to go home, but guess we're almost to the end. Saw the sign for the village. Darn, I was having so much

fun. Yeah, yeah turn right. More turns? No, looks like we're going to the dam. Wonder if we can jump the water? My owner says that's not a good idea. We can't swim. Guess we can look at the nice scenery. We didn't see much when we were flying through all those wonderful tire squealing turns.

Well we're back. Back at the village. Boy that was a blast. Let's go again!!! Can we? Can we?



Palmetto and friends in the Mountains



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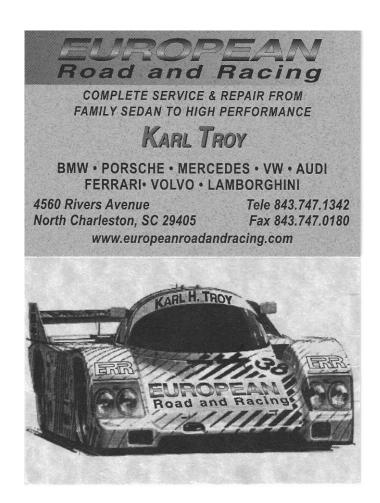
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#### <u>May</u>

- 4, 5, 6 Smokey Mountain Region "Spring Thing"
- 5-6 Coastal Empire DE @ Roebling Road
- 12th Coming Home Party 6-10pm @ Stono Ferry Pool
- 18 Ferrari Cup Challenge, Asheville, NC
- 19-20 Carolinas region DE @ CMP
- 26-27 Porschefest Carolinas Region

#### June

9 Palmetto Region Walking Rally and Wine Tasting. See website for details

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## Monthly Meeting

As noted in Al's comments, there won't be a meeting in May due to the Coming Home. The next regular monthly meeting will be in July.