

# Palmetto Pipes



PCA Palmetto Region  
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## *From the First Palmetto Pipes*

As this is the first newsletter, I would like to go back and give you a short history of the Palmetto Region, Porsche Club of America. In Nov. 1968, Dave and Babs Anderson, my wife, Diane, and I discussed the idea of forming a PCA region here in South Carolina. We began scouting the area for more Porsche lovers who felt as strongly about their cars as we did. After a month, we held our first organizational meeting at the home of Dave and Babs. By this time we were 9 strong and began thinking about a name for our organization. Palmetto Region was born.

In March 1969 we had the necessary 15 members to file a petition for a charter. The election of officers was held and the office of President was bestowed on me. I accepted with great pleasure. After several more months of work and planning, we were rewarded when we received the 76th charter granted by PCA. This was May 23, 1969. Our social committee, Frankie and Parker Stokes, began planning festivities at which time, July 19, 1969, our charter was formally presented to us by Dr. Leonard Turner. The following day, Roland Guadagni put on the presentation autocross at Millers Discount parking lot. The out-of-towners from Carolinas and Peachstate took home some of the silver. This event rounded out a real enjoyable weekend for all.

Since that time we have had more autocrosses, caravans to points of interest, dinner meetings at the homes of various members, and, most of all, a good time with our friends and cars. I have tried to give you a brief history of our region by pointing out highlights of its founding. We must continue to work hard for our future.

I think a thank you is in order to a fine gent, namely Mr. Hensley, manager of Miller's Discount Center west of the Ashley. Through his generosity we have enjoyed the use of the parking lot for all of our events, and the future looks bright for its use in coming events. So go out there and buy something and take the time to introduce yourself and thank him on behalf of the PRPCA, he will appreciate it.

Now a comment about our newsletter. A lot of preparation goes into something like this and without your contributions and cooperation it will fail. So I ask that you PCAers dig down in your memory bank and send your articles to the Editor. It is especially important that the Event Chairman, Committee Chairmen and Officers submit their writings. Lets get behind this thing; it will mean a lot to us.

In closing, your president would like to ask that we continue to promulgate good friendship and good sportsmanship so as to be a credit to the PCA and the marquee.

*Warren Chard, PCA Palmetto's First President*

*Circa 1969*

## 2006 PCA Palmetto Standing Tall

We are racing forward. The first newsletter this year was 2 sides of one sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper. At that time I hoped to move forward and provide information that would move the club in a positive direction. With everyone's help we can say, "mission accomplished." PCA Palmetto has so much to be proud of.

We are once again at the top of the growth charts. PCA Zone 3 had an actual growth of 100 members since last year. PCA Palmetto is responsible for 25% of these new members. Many, many thanks to Steve Waters for all of his hard work as membership chairman, keep up the good work.

In the Winter we had our Welcome Home oyster roast which was second to none. . Oysters at the beach on a cool February evening is our lowcountry at it's best. Great food, great cars, and as always wonderful friends.

Several events, Beaufort or Bust, the Grand Strand trip, and meetings throughout the lowcountry entertained those that were in town and available. For those that missed it the Beaufort trip was topped off by a bonus as the Taste of Beaufort festival happened to be the same weekend. If you haven't been, mark it on your calendar for next year. Music, fine local fare, and cold beverages made a wonderful drive down even more of a treat.

Individually we had a number of our members who participated in various levels of Porsche racing. Participate is definitely an understatement. They were on the podium at numerous events locally, regionally and nationally.

Just last month a group of Palmetto members drove to the mountains of North Carolina to be a part of a larger gathering of Porsche owners that turned out to be an absolutely perfect weekend. We had 50+ cars, perfect weather, and the Tail of the Dragon along with endless mountain roads that provided twists and turns challenging everyone's ability.

Hats off to everyone. We have surpassed everyone's expectations and look forward to next year.

*Kevin Small  
Circa 2006*





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## "From the Prez"

Hello fellow PCAers and Happy Holidays to all. Many thanks to Betty and Tug Mathisen for hosting the November meeting. The December meeting will be hosted by Sharon and Charlie Barnett. (directions on Website--Mt. Pleasant area )December 12th, 7pm.

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I'd like to thank Steve Kemp and Kevin Small for organizing our 1st Annual Tail of the Dragon event held in Western North Carolina. WOW! We had such a fantastic time. I must say that we met some really fun car geeks. The mountain proved to be very challenging as well as dangerous. No problems for the Palmetto folks. This is going to be an annual event, so don't miss this fun trip next year.

This has been a rebuilding year for the Palmetto region. Our membership has grown by 22 percent over last year. Again, Thanks to Steve Waters (Membership Chairman) for his dedicated work. We came in 1st place again in Zone 3. Keep up the good work Steve! The Porsche Club of America is officially the largest sports car club in America. We have passed the 55,000 members mark.

Elections are in. We plan to announce the slate of officers for 2007 at the meeting on the 12th. The board will meet to discuss all activities for 2007. I promise-- it will be exciting. If you want to volunteer for next year, please let any officer know and we will be glad to have your help. Again, I'd like to thank the Board of Directors for their continued support in 2006! Have a safe and happy holiday.

Al

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More new items are appearing on the website daily. There is a revamped classified section. Maybe some of those Porsche "treasures" in the garage are ready to be transferred to another member. If you don't know which "treasures" I am talking about just ask your spouse.

There are also several avenues to communicate and just brag about your car. Post your favorite photo, new upgrades, etc. There are lots of pictures being dug up and posted that should provide a look at the past as well as the present.

Go take a look around. Check the schedule for meetings and events. Let us know about upcoming or past events you are involved in.



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The Chattanooga Choo Choo / Holiday Inn offers a family friendly environment that includes a heated pool, 4 restaurants and a variety of shops on the premises. The Choo Choo has offered special event rates of \$79 per night. They also offer their special Train Car rooms for \$109 per night (for those who are romantically inclined). Free shuttle transportation is available to the Tennessee Aquarium, as well as a number of downtown attractions.

The registration fee is \$100/car (2 people), or \$75 for a single. It will cover: the welcome party with beverages & finger food, Concours, a Rally, R/C Autocross, Tech Quiz, Awards Banquet, and Hospitality Suite. With two levels of Concours judging and a show-only non-judged category we hope everyone will participate. We have the use of Grand Central Station, a large heated indoor facility, for Concours preparation, overnight parking and in the event of poor weather conditions the Concours.

Online registration and a link to the hotel website is available at our website [www.tr-pca.org](http://www.tr-pca.org). Hotel reservations can also be made by phone at 1-800-TRACK29 (872-2529) or online at [www.choochoo.com](http://www.choochoo.com). Use reservation code PCW for special "Winterfest" pricing. The Winterfest block of rooms is limited, and last year not everyone got in on the special pricing, so make your reservations early.

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## Members Corner

Welcome New Members:

Scott N. Woody 1987 924  
 Jeff Herndon Transfer From Carolinas Region  
 Kelly Trusheim Transfer From Allegheny Region

**Primary Members.....141**

**Affiliate Members.....119**

**Total Members.....260**

**Note the current Zone 3 report below.** Palmetto Region has made it's way to the top of this list and we plan to stay right there.

With the hard work and dedication of each and every one of our members, new and old, Palmetto will continue to stand tall. Our Primary membership has grown by 22% but equally as important is the fact that our affiliate member numbers grow by equal proportions. These affiliates are the mechanics, co-pilots, organizers, cooks, and general good sports that make our club and its many events as special as they are.

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**"Saturday at 7:30 AM"** Mark it on your calendar to join Dr. Bob, Doug et al at Trotters for breakfast. Each and every Saturday ...

ZONE	REG Code	REGION	MEMBERSHIP 12/31/05	MEMBERSHIP 10-31-06	ACTUAL GROWTH	PERCENT GROWTH	FACTORED GROWTH
3	PAL	Palmetto	116	141	25	0.22	94.71
3	COE	Coastal Empire	144	166	22	0.15	73.55
3	MSO	Mid South	192	212	20	0.10	56.47
3	HUR	Hurricane	327	354	27	0.08	55.30
3	MSK	Musik-stadt	193	202	9	0.05	25.33
3	PST	Peachstate	1,122	1,143	21	0.02	19.44
3	CAR	Carolinas	1,207	1,226	19	0.02	16.73
3	TN	Tennessee	84	87	3	0.04	13.66
3	WTR	Wilderness Trail	61	63	2	0.03	10.90
3	OCM	Ocmulgee	100	100	0	0.00	0.00
3	SMT	Smoky Mountain	165	160	-5	-0.03	-15.44
3	HOD	Heart O Dixie	106	101	-5	-0.05	-19.95
3	MAG	Magnolia	64	56	-8	-0.13	-42.44
3	ALA	Alabama	348	318	-30	-0.09	-59.13
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4229</b>	<b>4329</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>35.75</b>

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You didn't think we went just for the drive and scenery did you? The accommodations, dining, and refreshments were all perfect.



**Tails on the Dragon**



**Palmetto members join other Porsche lovers who stopped to catch their breath after the first run on the Tail of the Dragon.**

All summer we tossed around the idea of a trip to the mountains. In August it was posted on a website, that several of us are members of, [www.pelicanparts.com](http://www.pelicanparts.com), that a group of Porsche enthusiasts was planning a trip in November to the tail of the Dragon. PCA Palmetto decided to tag along. I don't think anyone expected everything to go flawlessly but it did. For many the drive up was just a taste of the spirited driving that would punctuate the weekend. This stretch of road, 318 turns in 11 miles exceeded the expectations of all while providing stories that will be told for years. All of the cars left intact which was the primary goal along with a weekend of FUN.

The only way the weekend could have been better is if it had lasted longer. I am certain those that attended will be back next year. Put it on your schedule as well.

*"I would personally like to thank the Palmetto PCA group for joining us this weekend, as well as, being our host for both drinks & dinner. In doing so, they not only added structure to our weekend, but also a true sense of community to the event."*

Posted to the PCA Palmetto Forum by Jay Cooke who along with Jim Cisero arranged the gathering and provided guidance to the many who were making their first trip.



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### December

- 1 Autometrics @ Roebing
- 2-3 Florida Crown PCA Race @  
Roebing
- 1-3 Carolinas Region DE @ VIR
- 12 PCA Palmetto Monthly Meeting

### January

- 1 Happy New Year
- 9 PCA Palmetto Monthly Meeting
- 13 Autometrics Test & Tune @ Roe-  
bling
- 14-15 Florida Crown DE @ Roebing

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3169 Stanyarne Drive  
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*Monthly Meeting*

*7:00 PM, December 12th*

**PCA Palmetto Monthly Meeting**

**Hosted by Charlie & Sharon Barnett**

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