

Palmetto Pipes



PCA Palmetto Region
November 2006

Elections

It is election time. Everywhere you look there are campaign commercials and signs. A lot of mud slinging and promises. We won't have any of that here. Nothing but good people voting for the best candidates.

As a requirement of PCA National, we are holding elections for the club officers. All of the officers who served this past year are on the ballot for reelection. We have also opened the floor for nominations of any club member for any office. If you feel a change needs to be made, put your name in the hat.

The process will work this way. The web forum has a page setup that is now available for nominations. These "write-ins" will be open until November 15th. After any nominations are added to the ballot the voting will commence with an on-line ballot that can be accessed. The process for joining the forum can be found at the bottom of this page. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact one of the officers for clarification. It is as simple as joining any on-line shopping or web page site.

The ballots will be available for voting until December 11th and the results will be announced December 12th at the monthly meeting.

Moving Forward

PCA Palmetto is thriving. Many people have worked hard to bring the club back to life. Judging by the growth in membership, the involvement of the local Porsche community, and the turnout at the various events, it is obvious most things are moving in the right direction.

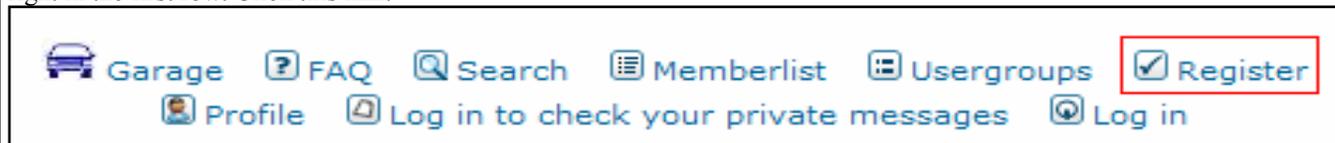
However, there is always room for improvement. "We need more car events and less socialization," has been overheard as a problem. Several members have pursued sites for autocross events. These efforts although valiant fell short. Do you know of a site? There have been offers to join forces with other regions who have track dates. Who is interested in developing a relationship with these other clubs and helping to organize such an event?

"We need to communicate info via other avenues than the newsletter and the website" is another possible shortcoming. A phone tree has been put in place by the officers on several occasions. A chair for this task would be a great addition. We need someone to collect everyone's email address and create a **current** group mailing list. All of these issues have answers.

If you have the answers or just a suggestion, step forward. Let us know. Anyone is welcomed to create a committee to work on the solutions. Let's not let a simple solution sit while the question persists.

How to Join the Palmetto Forum

On the front page of the forum there is list of links under the Palmetto PCA Forum text. The Register link is the last one on the right in the first row. Click this link:



You must then click the link that you agree to the terms and are over 13 years of age.

Now you need to fill in the form with your desired Username, Email Address, and Password, and then fill in the Confirmation Code (Note: it is case sensitive)

You can also fill in any other details like Location, Website, etc and any preferences you would like to change.

Once you hit the Submit button an email will be sent to the email address provided with a confirmation link.



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"From the Prez"

September and October have proven to be very busy months. For the lucky ones who got to go to Road Atlanta for the Petit Lemans race, we saw the Porsche Spydres win 1st and 2nd in class. PCA National provided a large corral area for the Porsche members to park. They also had a large tent with a Big screen "live" feed of the race. Refreshments were also provided.

Our 1st Annual Octoberfest was a sellout! I'd like to thank Bill and Martha Fogle for hosting this great event. We had some 45 people there. Tuggy provided door prizes (World Famous Tug Art). We plan to have this event again next year, so stay tuned.

Our Palmetto Region T Shirts are available now for \$15. They will be for sale at the monthly meetings. Our November meeting will be hosted by Tuggy and Betty Mathisen. Their address will be posted on our website. Mike Duck will be showing a presentation of the 2006 Eurofestival recently held at the BMW Facility in Greer, SC. Tuggy just happens to be the Event Artist for the Eurofestival. You won't want to miss this meeting.

On November 3rd, 4th and 5th we have a group going to The Tail of the Dragon in Western NC. There are 318 curves over an 11 mile road. WOW! Pictures will follow. Hope to see you there.

Lastly, our 2007 Elections are posted on the website. Please take the time to vote for your 2007 officers.

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The website again is evolving. Many of you know Josh Stolarz. He's a regular at our Saturday Breakfast as well as most other PCA Palmetto events. Well, Josh volunteered to update our website.

If you have been to the site lately, the improvements and additions are quickly noticed. If you haven't been in recent weeks, please go and check this website out. It really is one of the best looking sites around and best of all it has many, many functions.

Take a look and let us know what you think. As always we are open for suggestions or items that you would like to see included on this site.

Thanks Josh the site looks great...

Track Writers Wanted

The newsletter needs more racing news. We have many who choose to spend their car time at the various tracks in the area. From professional racers and race teams to first time DE participants we want to hear your stories.

If you don't have the time to write a publishable story, just send the details to the editor and we will make sure the story is included in the next newsletter.

Share the record times, your personal bests, as well as the off track adventures!

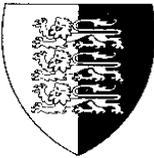


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87 days till 24 hours of Daytona... Do you have tickets, reservations yet???

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Win a New Cayman S

At this year's Parade in Portland, the Executive Council announced PCA's first car raffle. We are looking forward to drawing a winning ticket on December 4, and awarding a gorgeous 2007 Porsche Cayman S to a lucky PCA member.

To date, we have announced the raffle on www.pca.org, in Panorama, and through a direct mail piece to the members.

I hope you will join me in making the raffle program a success by encouraging members to participate.

I have listed a link below and attached artwork to this email in hopes that you'll use them on your website, member communications and/or in your region's newsletter.

Raffle flyer: <http://www.pca.org/members/library/raffle/Raffle%20200609%20Flyer.pdf>

Raffle entries must be submitted to PCA National office by November 20th. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at vun@pca.org.

Thank you for your support,
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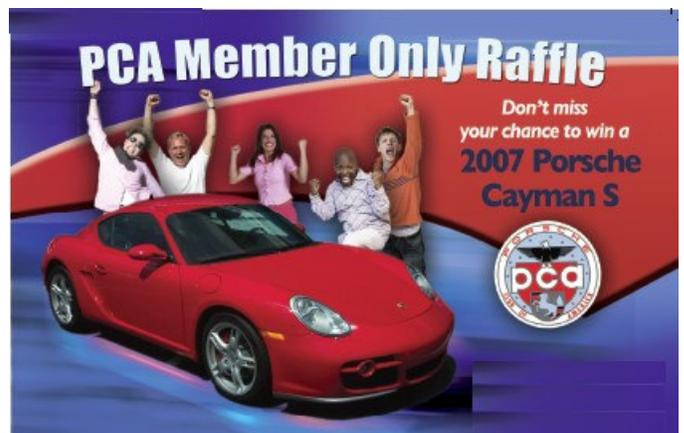
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 David Burke Transfer from Cimarron
 Max Gaston Transfer from Ocmulgee
 Ronald Schneider Transfer From Florida Crown

Primary Members.....141

Affiliate Members.....120

Total Members.....261

Welcome to our new members as well as those who have transferred into our region. We are always open for suggestions and help. Get involved

Another great month of growth. Our total increased by 10 members. The PCA National reports look better each and every month...

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Skeeter, Bob, Patte, and Big Al at Daytona..



Palmetto PCA Circa 1996

I found this photo of a few of the old guard from 1996. According to the article, there was somewhere between 10 and 400 Palmetto region members there. From what I have heard there are stories to tell and many that are better forgotten. I, for one, didn't know or current prez was Big Al.

PCA Palmetto: A Look Back

When I assumed the responsibilities as newsletter editor, I was handed a stack of "old" Palmetto Pipes. I have thumbed through these treasures of the past several times only to place them back in the corner. Again this month I pulled out these newsletters wondering what the club and its members did in the good old days.

Seems they did and wanted to do the same things we have going today. There is Tug Art adorning many pages, stories and a few pictures of trips to Daytona, Sebring...

I believe this stack of newsletters is a look at who we were and who we are today: a group of good people with a common interest in a magnificent sports car. The history of the cars is told by each and every one of us with many variations.

I am a "new" Porsche owner by the standards set by the longstanding members of our club. I admired Porsches from afar for many years and dreamed of the day. I recall walking the dimly lit lot of Doug Allen Porsche. I tried to dream up a way to own one of these cars which cost a little more than twice my annual salary at the time. The history of the club is rich with others who shared this dream. Some had the opportunity many years ago and fulfilled this goal. Others, like myself, waited patiently but now are welcomed into this group which is truly not just the cars...

Our year of events is a testament to this. While many choose to be a part of racing through PCA Racing, DEs, etc., our Oyster Roast, monthly meetings, Saturday breakfast club and most recently our sold out Oktoberfest prove that we all long to drive our cars, but the glue that holds us together is the friendships we have fostered. Without the Tuggy's, Doug's, Skeeter's, Friedman's, Karl's, Big Al's, Mavis', etc. whose names come up regularly today as they did in so many of the newsletters, pictures and stories of the past, the club may have survived but wouldn't be The Palmetto Region that we know today. The Palmetto Region that continues to stand tall. The Palmetto Region that is growing at a near record rate. A rate that has placed Palmetto atop the list.

Lets keep moving forward. Spread the word. Share the stories. Thank those that contributed and continue to lead the way. In the years to come you may be the one that the stories are about....



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November

- 3,4 &5 Tail of the Dragon Trip
- 5 CMP Concourse de Elegence
- 11-12 Coastal Empire DE @ Roebing Road
- 14 PCA Palmetto Monthly Meeting hosted by Tug & Betty Mathisen
- 18-19 SunCoast PCA DE @ Sebring

December

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

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3169 Stanyarne Drive
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Monthly Meeting

7:00 PM, November 14th

**PCA Palmetto Monthly Meeting
Hosted by Tug and Betty Mathisen**

Go to www.pcapalmetto.org for driving directions