



The Monthly Newsletter of the PCA Palmetto Region

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Fall Mountain Trip

by Jennifer Mills

For those of you that went on the Tail of the Dragon Trip in September 2010, you understand the meaning of this sentence: Since we had so much fun at the Tail of the Dragon last year, we're going to try something different this year. Just ask Steve "Trunk" Kemp, Past President Scott Hornsby, or Mike Duck about his Dragon claw marks if you need more info. And, I won't go into details about the fact that the NC Court System accepts an 8 hour driver's ed class if you have an encounter with one of their fine officers. Thank goodness the 928's respond to Josh's healing hands! Anyway.... Thus, for the weekend of Friday, September 9 to Sunday, September 11, we will base ourselves in Mt. Airy, North Carolina (aka Mayberry) to enjoy the curvy roads, sight see, and visit a couple of wineries.

If you are interested in going, **please make your hotel reservation and let me know.** There is a block of rooms under **Palmetto Region PCA Confirm # 82552113** for \$99/night at the **Hampton Inn, 2029 Rockford Street, Mount Airy, NC** (Direct: 336-789-5999). Rooms are available as either single or double - select based on your preference. Pricing includes daily breakfast. The block will be released back to general reservations on August 10, 2011. It doesn't mean you can't call after this date to reserve, but I'm making no promises that there will be availability.

We plan to depart the North Charleston area

on Friday morning for a caravan via interstate and back roads heading north for lunch at The Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Fort Lawn, SC. It seems the plan is developing to meet the Myrtle Beach group there. More interstate/back roads to get us to Mount Airy by mid to late afternoon. That should give you some time to explore downtown before a casual dinner & social time.

For Saturday, Joe's found another road with "Gap" in its name to entertain us before lunch. We'll have a tasting and lunch at Sanders Ridge Vineyards (approx \$20/person) followed by more driving and two more tastings in the afternoon. I expect the tastings to cost \$5-8 each per person based on the vineyards I've talked to. We have dinner reservations for Saturday evening at the Depot at Cody Creek. Sunday is on your own to head home or continue the sight-seeing, etc.

To make this successful, I only ask one thing of you: if you will be coming, please let me know. For a group, all of these places to eat and taste suggest reservations. Please email jennifer_mills@email.com or call me at 843-425-4539. The last time Joe and I visited the Yadkin Valley, we were in the SUV... I am looking forward to driving the 911 and I know I'll still have room to bring home all the wines I like. Watch the Palmetto Forum for more details. See you in September!

SAVANNAH, GA

2011 Porsche Parade host city

A beautiful historic city with city squares/parks and large historic homes Savannah, Georgia was first established in 1733. One image that comes to the mind when one thinks of the south is the large live oak trees draped with Spanish moss. The abundance of Spanish moss draped live oaks enables one to believe they stepped back in time when automobiles weren't even thought of. This wonderful, beautiful and historic city was the setting for the 56th Annual Porsche Parade, held from July 30-August 6th.

In the 1800's Savannah was graced by ladies in hooped dresses, carrying carousals, escorted by finely dressed gentlemen. The click of horse's hooves echoed through the city. The riverfront bustled with workers unloading incoming goods and loading the South's gold, "cotton" for exportation.

For a solid week in 2011 Savannah was graced by some of the world's finest engineered automobiles. Porsches! The old and the new perused the streets of this beautiful city. Three host hotels, The Westin, The Marriott and The Mulberry saw their parking lots filled with Porsche's, as did other hotels in the downtown area. One couldn't drive very far without passing a Porsche.

Forsyth Park, the city's largest, occupying 30 acres in the historic district provided a beautiful, typical southern atmosphere for Parade's grandest event, the Concours d'Elegance. Porsche corral entrants were treated to the same beautiful setting. Live oaks draped with Spanish moss and the parks large fountain made for a beautiful backdrop for Porsche's first cars, the 356. Beauty was matched up with beauty on Concours day.

HUTCHINSON ISLAND

Hutchinson Island, across the river from Savannah, home to The Westin Hotel and The Savannah International Convention Center played host to the many Parade events, activities and banquets. The island's golf-course hosted the golf tournament. Having been recently reworked and reopened the Champ-Car style road race track felt the rip of Porsche tires during the Autocrosses. The track was also the gathering place for 270 Porsches of all makes, models, colors and years as they assembled for the Parade of Porsche's, parade's final event.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to the many police officers of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department that worked the Concours event and an EXTRA BIG THANKS to those officers that worked the Parade of Porsches, IN THE RAIN. Thank you! Thank you!

2011 Porsche Parade Event Results

- Matthew Knobe - 1st place in the Kids Autocross for his age group
- Kevin Zemnickas - 2nd in Preparation Group, Division CII, Model years 1992 -2001, 944, 944 turbo and 968 - Touring with his 968 coupe
- Ken Dasen, Colin & Sandy Black (Upper Canada Region) & Brad Pape (BC Interior) - 2nd place in the golf tournament
- Dr. Bob Stonerock & Dr. Joseph Carastro - 9th in the Unequipped Class in the TSD Rally
- Dr. Joseph Carastro - 1st place in Tech Quiz 996/997, Cayman, Boxster and - 1st place in Overall Tech Quiz
- Beth & Roger Knobe - 12th place in the Gimmick Rally in their class



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2011 Parade Photos



German Recipe

Sauerkraut Cooked with White Wine

(By: Jennifer McGavin, About.com-German Food)

Serve Sauerkraut cooked in wine with grilled sausages or bratwurst and pureed potatoes or a slice of bread to soak up the juices. The potato acts as a thickener and is often used in sauerkraut cooked in wine or any other type. You may also use fresh sauerkraut if you have some, no need to reach for the can or jar.

Prep Time: 10 min. Cook Time: 30 min. Total Time: 40 min.

Ingredients:

1 small onion	1 small potato
1 T. lard or oil	¾ c. white wine
2 tsp. sugar	1 large can sauerkraut, about 28 oz.
8 oz. green grapes (optional)	1 tsp. caraway seed (optional)
2 oz. cooked, diced bacon (optional)	

Preparation:

Peel the onion and cut it in small dice. Peel and grate the potato. Sauté the onion for about 5 minutes in the lard or oil. Loosen the sauerkraut with a fork and rinse if it is too salty. Add the sauerkraut to the onion. Add the potato, the wine and the sugar. Stir and then simmer for at least 20 minutes. If you want to, add washed, halved grapes 10 minutes before serving. Don't forget to remove the seeds if they have any. You may also add some diced, cooked bacon and/or caraway seeds to the sauerkraut.

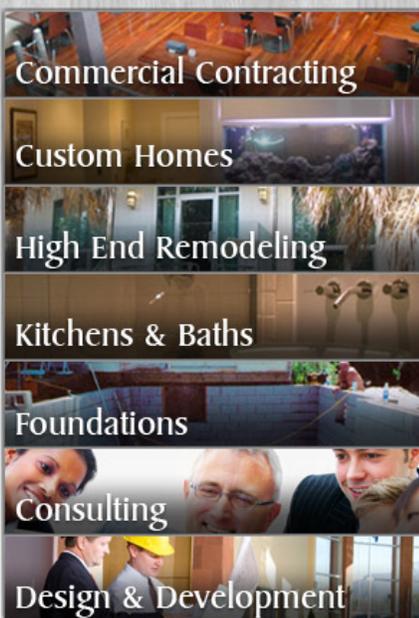


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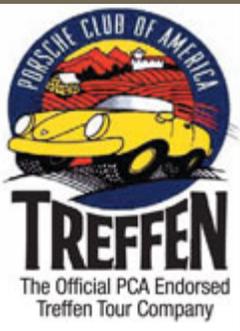
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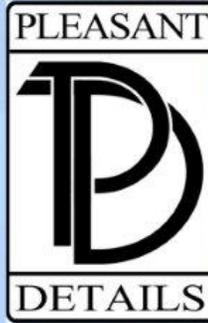
"Treffen" is German for "getting together." The word was chosen in the 1960's when the fledgling Porsche Club of America arranged charter flights for its members to Germany. When PCA members arrived at the Stuttgart airport, Porsche AG had dozens of 356s lined up, awaiting their new owners. Today, PCA Treffen Tours are designed to provide PCA members with the total, all-inclusive Porsche experience in Germany.

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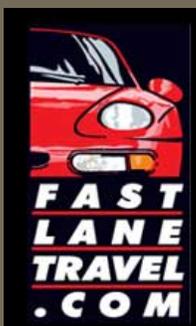
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Ken Dasen

I was born and raised in Austintown, Ohio which is just outside of Youngstown. For those who are northern state challenged it is between Pittsburg, PA and Cleveland, OH. After high school graduation in 1985, I joined the Air Force and my first assignment out of the Police Academy was as Presidential Guard. I guarded Presidents Reagan and

Bush (the first one) and even flew to California on Air Force One during one of President Reagan's retreat. While at Andrews AFB, I fell for my first Porsche. On assignment to guard a four star general at his house for a dinner party, I saw it.....a Porsche 928. Being a bit out of my price range I had to settle for a Pontiac Fiero. I then did a tour in South Korea before heading to Homestead Air Force Base. Some of you might remember Hurricane Andrew, I was one of the few that stayed behind and worked through the Hurricane. During the eye of the storm, I went out and pulled in a family and their dog to safety before the winds started back up. I watched a wall disappear in front of me before the storm finished its damage. I then headed back out to perform base security. When I was finally able to leave some 72 plus hours later, I discovered that my apartment off base was severely damaged with all the contents trashed. To give you an idea of what I had left, all of my belonging I had left fit into my Fiero for my trip to Charleston.



After getting out of the Air Force in Charleston, I headed to the Walterboro Police Department where I kidnapped my wife. My partner's girlfriend had a bad habit of leaving her car running whenever she went into the police department and where ever she was. One night I decided to jump in and move it around the corner to "teach her a lesson." In the passenger's seat sat Jackie with her fist curled and ready to hit me.

I drove the car around the building, parked it, and managed not to get punched. A short time later we were married. While in Walterboro, I bought my first Porsche. It wasn't in the best shape and I was told it only needed a battery. After towing it home and a year later, it still didn't run... new battery, starter, etc.. Who knows what else so it was sold. A short time later, came my 928 and it actually ran. Meanwhile I worked my way through the ranks at the Police Department to my current position, Assistant Chief. I was hesitant to join the Porsche Club, thinking it was a bunch a "snooty" people but did anyway. I then looked up the local region and went to the Saturday breakfast where Al Trego (President at the time) and "crew" made me feel more than welcome. After getting more involved with the club and helping with various events, I became President. Never really expected that but am hoping I

live up to everyone's expectations. Speaking of which, anyone who wants to volunteer, see something different, and/or more of certain events, please feel free to contact me so we can make it happen.



set the stage >>>

Tuggy Mathisen will be next month's feature member of the month. Do you have information about Tuggy that we might be able to use for his bio? Please email Jackie at pors928v8@yahoo.com to get it included. We already know that he is the longtime Palmetto Treasurer and Secretary and owns a 1990 964 C4 and a 1968 912.



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Atlanta, GA: Porsche cars North America, Inc. importer and distributor of Porsche sports cars, Cayenne SUV's and the Panamera four-door sports sedan line-up in the US, announced July 2011 sales of 2,768 units, an increase of 2 percent compared to the same period last year, when it sold 2,703 units.

So far in 2011, the company has sold 18,310 units. In the same seven-month period last year, Porsche sales were 13,687, which represents a 34 percent increase.

For the month of July 2011, Porsche's Approved Certified Pre-Owned vehicle sales were 779, compared to 573 last year. The year-to-date was 5,137, compared to 4,137 last year.

Cayenne's and Panamera's were a leading cause for sales increase.

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911 Spark Plug Replacement

Bob Tindel

http://www.pelicanparts.com/techarticles/bob_tindel/911_spark_plugs.htm

This procedure is for the 911SC, but the other 911s are similar.

If your engine has a hard-to-correct miss, it may need a new set of spark plug wires. In some cases, when the wires are bad, you can get quite a light show when you open the engine lid at night. With the engine running, you may see sparks jumping from the spark plug cables. Another indicator of bad wires is if you get a little shock when you touch the plug wires with the engine running (be careful of the fan and AC belts).

It is a good practice to replace the distributor cap and rotor along with the wires. These two parts aren't expensive, and replacement of them will ensure strong ignition. You can assemble the plug wires to the new distributor cap before installation. That makes it easier to observe how the old wires are routed around each other into the distributor cap, and how the braided ground straps are routed around the wires. When assembling the wires to the cap, apply a thin coat of dielectric grease on the end of each wire, around the outside of each nipple on the distributor cap and coil, and inside the end of each spark plug connector. This will ensure good electrical contact, and help with disassembly in the future if it is necessary. Be sure to orient the new distributor cap the same as the old one, and to insert the plug wires in the cap in the correct firing order.

This is also a good time to replace the spark plugs if



needed. Do not use any anti-seize or lubricant on the spark plug threads—it can cause a plug to back out. After you assemble the new wires to the new cap, remove the two air hoses (one plastic and one paper/wire) on the driver's side of the engine. Then unfasten the two hose clamps along the top of the engine cooling shroud, and the clamp that holds the paper/wire hose onto the heater blower at the driver's side of the engine. Move this hose (the one that goes across the top of the engine to the passenger side) out of the way to allow better access to the plug

wires. Unsnap the old distributor cap, and remove it along with the old wires, by carefully pulling them out from below the intake runners. When removing the old wires from the spark plugs, it may help to rotate the plug connector first to break its seal with the spark plug, and then pull off the connector.

Install the new rotor, seating it firmly and in the same orientation as the old one. Install the new cap,

making sure that it is seated in the notch on the distributor body. Route the wires in the same path as the old ones, and attach the ground straps as before. Carefully insert the spark plug connectors, observing the firing order of the engine (Pelican Parts plug wires have the plug number stamped on each wire, to make installation easier). You should feel each connector snap into place onto the end of the spark plug. Reinstall the air hoses, and you are ready for a test drive!

Road Race Showcase at Road America American LeMans Series, August 19-20, 2011

The "holy grail" of North American road courses, Road America stirs the senses of every fan and participant as soon as they roll in the gates. High speeds are the norm with runs through Wisconsin's scenic kettle Moraine and there will be even more this year with a four-hour endure.

This year's Porscheplatz (Porsche Corral) is hosted by Porsche AG and Porsche Cars of North America (PCNA) with cooperation by the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA), the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patron and the Porsche Club of America.

Registration will open at 9am on Friday, 8/19 and continue through the conclusion of the races on Saturday 8/20.

Future Porscheplatz Corrals include, Baltimore Grand prix, 9/2-9/3, ModSpace ALMS by Patron (Leguna Seca), 9/16-9/17 and the 14th Annual Petit Le Mans (Road Atlanta), 9/30-10/1.



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Final Thoughts from the Prez...

With the 2011 Porsche Parade over, its time to look forward to our next events. The two biggest events coming up are the Fall Mountain Tour and the Myrtle Beach Oktoberfest. Both look to be great events. Jennifer has worked countless hours to get our first mountain tour into the Mount Airy area coordinated. Right now it looks to be some nice mountain roads and winery tours galore. **Reserve your room now** if you already haven't and keep checking the website forum for further details. The Palmetto Region has made the Myrtle Beach Oktoberfest our premier event in October. They always have a great rally followed by German Food and beverages. This is a must for all Palmetto Region Members. We also have the MB Plantation Drive on the 21st and monthly member meeting the Tuesday we come back from the mountain tour (Sep 13th). Hutchinson Island Autocross is a great way to get to know how to handle your car and well as it capabilities. See you soon. Ken



coming soon >>>

Upcoming events

- Aug 21- Myrtle Beach Plantation Drive
- Aug 28 - Fall Auto Fair @ Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Sep 9-11—Mountain Tour: Mountain drive with Winery Tours near Mt Airy, NC
- Sep 13—Monthly Member Meeting
- Sep 18—Hutchinson Island Autocross
- Sep 24-25—DE @ Roebing
- Sep 30-Oct 2- Petit LeMans Porscheplatz
- Oct 8-9—Oktoberfest in Myrtle Beach

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