



The Monthly Newsletter of the PCA Palmetto Region

Palmetto Pipes

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Palmetto Holiday Party

This years celebration will be at the Ravenswood Plantation Party Barn (Johns Island off Chisolm Road) on Friday, December 12th at 7pm. It will include a buffet dinner and holiday gift exchange. The cost is \$20 per person.

The buffet is expected to contain traditional holiday items such as turkey & dressing, ham, potatoes & veggies, rolls & dessert. Tea and some soft drinks are provided. BYOB if you want something stronger. RSVP is required for an accurate head count. **RSVP deadline: December 8th.** RSVP form is available on the website.

For the gift exchange, any item up to \$25 in value will be suitable and one per family. For new members to this years party the gift exchange allows for gifts to be chosen and then stolen up to 3 times. Hanging on to good/hot items takes skill, cunning and sometimes negotiating. Creative items always go over well. Items do not have to be Porsche specific. Come prepared for some delicious food, lots of fun, great camaraderie and a fantastic evening.

Check the website for any updates and to register for to this event.

www.pcapalmetto.org/news/298-2014-palmetto-holiday-party-dec-12th



Slate for 2015 Officers

As described in the Palmetto Region PCA By-Laws, the Nominating Committee has submitted a proposed slate of candidates to fill the elected officer positions to the current Board and as published below. Additional nominees can also be accepted from the membership. At the November meeting, the nominees will be announced for each office with one last call for other candidates. If only one nominee for each office is submitted, then that slate will be deemed elected, and no ballot will be distributed or voting required. The slate presented by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President – Ken Dasen

Secretary – Rose Ann Boxx

Vice President – Jennifer Mills

Treasurer – Nicole Lefebvre

Other positions appointed by the Board will retain current volunteers although additions may be made after the first of the year. **If you have any interest in assisting the Board in any role, please contact any Board member.**

Myrtle Beach Area Director – Todd Marshall

Newsletter Editor – Jackie Dasen

Membership - Al Trego

Historian – Tug Mathisen

Webmaster – Josh Stolarz

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their efforts led by Steve Kemp with assistance from Vick Crawley and Charlie Barnett.

We are also looking for a Newsletter Editor if your are interested in the role.. Thanks

Members Corner

Total members: 238

New members:

Roddrick Wood – 2014 Cayenne S Hybrid

Stewart Cline – 1981 911 SC Targa

Mike Milbrandt – 2015 Cayman

Lee Wilson – 2014 Cayman S

Robert Bullis

Melvin Cooper – 2000 911

Langdon Hartsock – 2012 Cayenne

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Calendar: Upcoming Events in our Region and Beyond

For more information and event listings go to: <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/index.php>



Sat, Nov 01 Sun, Nov 02 Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival Hilton Head Island, SC
 Info here: <http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/concours-delegance.html>. If you wish to stay in Hilton Head over the weekend, a group rate under Porsche is available at the Hilton Garden Inn (1575 Fording Island Road, Hilton Head Island 843-837-8111, code Porsche Club). We have been invited by the Coastal Empire Region PCA to their Hilton Head Concours Dinner to be held at Hudson's Seafood House. Cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. For Saturday dinner, RSVP to Ned Kight at nedkight@aol.com. No specific Porsche corral parking this year, I've heard likely next. There will be a group heading down after breakfast at Sunflower on Saturday morning if you want to caravan. Bring your Porsche key as it's the ticket to the hospitality tent.



Wed, Nov 05 Sun, Nov 09 PCA Escape 2014 to Magical Orlando Orlando, FL
 Info here: <http://escape2014.pca.org/> We have negotiated fantastic room prices (\$139) with Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs 5 Star Resort. The room package includes discounted tickets to Walt Disney World attractions and free transportation to all the Walt Disney World Parks, in addition to typical Escape activities - drives, dines, & cars.



Tue, Nov 11 7:00 PM **Monthly Social** Vickery's, Shem Creek
 Join us at Vickery's on Shem Creek for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.



Sat, Nov 15 9:00 AM **Cars & Coffee & MORE!** Town Center, Mt. P.
 While the Mount Pleasant Cars & Coffee gathering occurs every Saturday, let's attend as a club and see how many Porsches we can have show up. Afterwards, we've been invited for a tour and educational demonstration at Wax Werks on Long Point Road (approximately 10:30 am). We'll have lunch in old North Charleston (location of your choosing - Sesame Burgers, The Barbeque Joint, EVO Pizza, etc). After lunch, we can drop in on the grand re-opening of European Road and Racing.



Sun, Nov 16 11:30 AM **Drive & Dine** MB Area
 Monthly Drive & Dine from the Myrtle Beach Area. We will gather at Ollie Bargain Outlet, Carolina Forest (2100 Oakheart Rd, Myrtle Beach) at 11:30, drive starts at noon.



Sat, Dec 06 Sun, Dec 07 Coastal Empire Region PCA DE Roebing Road Raceway
 The PCA Driver's Education program provides a safe, structured, and controlled learning environment with your high performance auto. Track near Savannah, GA. Register at www.clubregistration.net. Sign up if you've ever considered going to a Driver's Education event!



Fri, Dec 12 7:00 PM **Holiday Party** John's Island, SC
 We'll be at the Ravenswood Plantation Party Barn for the 2014 Holiday Party (Johns Island off Chisolm Road). RSVP online by December 8. The cost is \$20 per person for a good meal with tea/lemonade. BYOB for something stronger. To participate in the gift exchange, please bring a max of one gift per family at a value of \$25.



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Tue, Jan 13 7:00 PM **Monthly Social** TBD
 Join us at TBD for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.

Breakfast with Dr. Bob, Sunflower Café, West Ashley, 8 am.

Monthly Social, Second Tuesday of each Month, Location TBD. Check website for details.

Note: Calendar events in bold type earn points toward the Palmetto Region Competitor of the Year Award.

For additional information and events outside of the Palmetto Region go to: <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/calendar/>

Palmetto Porsche Club Monthly Social and Meeting Minutes

October 2014

By Roseann Boxx

The October Social was held at Gennaro's in North Charleston on Tuesday, October 14. There were 24 Palmetto Region Members in attendance. The business part of the meeting was led by Ken Dasen. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of approximately \$1,100 but that did not reflect PayPal transfer for the Oktoberfest payments nor recent advertiser invoices. Attendees were reminded of the upcoming Oktoberfest event and there is no official group drive up to Myrtle Beach.

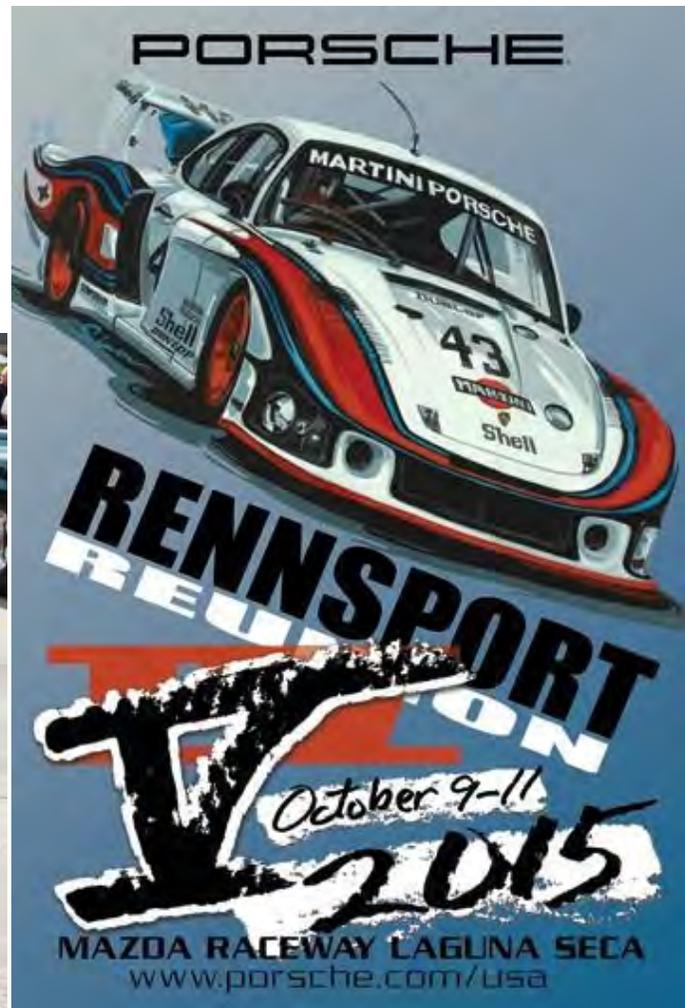


Competitor of the Year

For Competitor of the Year, we've have had over 140 individuals at this years various events. Top non-officer or spouse is tie of Charlie Barnett and Cliff Hudson. Not far behind are Steve Kemp and Roger Knobe followed by Thom Penney and Fred Aldridge.



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Palmetto Region Oktoberfest - October 18th

The third weekend in October saw a nice crowd of 30+ Palmetto Region Members gather at the Hilton in Myrtle Beach. Rally Master, Todd Marshall, let the cars depart in 3 minute increments to head off into the wilderness of rural South Carolina. We were told to read over the questions and not to pay attention to any other Porsches we saw on the road. Ah, that tricky, Rally Master... all cars ran the same route – some of us just ran it in reverse! The route was approximately 70 miles and it was supposed to take about 1.5 hours. The important part was to be back in time for the social hour! We met several Porsches as we completed the route including Josh's 928 and the Knobe's Cayenne. Joe and I only turned around twice to make sure we got a good look at some of the signs. We passed a couple in a Carrera 4 that were studying the directions intently. Rocky and Robin gave up on the route early in the afternoon and enjoyed winding out the GT3RS until they hit the North Carolina line. I wish I could've been behind him to hear that symphony!



Another relatively new member in a 991 (sorry I am horrible with names) did get a fast driving award as the speed limit dropped right before you get back on Hwy 31. Bummer! At least it won't get you into Driver's Ed with 16 yr. olds in North Charleston like mine did from the Tail trip a few years back. Special thanks to Baker Motors for the many prizes. Rally winners included the Western's in 1st place, the Kirk's, and the Knobe's among others. We had a lovely dinner at Horst Gasthaus enjoying the authentic German food and beverages. There were a few that enjoyed the waves late night out on the Hilton beachfront deck contemplating the various German cars we love. Sunday wrapped up with a nice breakfast at the Hilton. We all owe a HUGE THANK YOU to Chuck Ottwell and Todd and Jill Marshall for all of their hard work and planning to assure that we had a wonderful weekend!

<http://www.pcapalmetto.org/photo/2014-palmetto-oktoberfest>



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Inside the Porsche 918 Spyder factory, where even the screwdrivers are smart

By Brett Berk - October 23, 2014 11:50 AM – Motoramic

As we moved past the insertion station for the acid green-callipered carbon-ceramic brakes at the Porsche 918 assembly plant in Stuttgart, the strains of The Human League's 1981 hit "Don't You Want Me" played tinnily from the in-car stereo of one of the partially assembled hyper-cars. This was fitting — not just because of the of the numerological confluence of the date of the tune's release (all 9s, 1s, and 8s), or because of the fact that we were in a car factory so quiet that the synthetic strains of new wave could be heard readily from a vehicle on the assembly line — but because the answer to the song's titular question was a resounding *Yes!*

If the 918 is one of the world's most desirable cars, it should come as no surprise that the plant in which it is produced is one of the world's most desirable factories — a perfectly lit, technologically advanced, human intensive temple to Teutonic efficiency and monomania. We were among a select quartet of American journalists to be invited here this week, the first to visit since production began earlier this year. Likewise, every one of the 110 men and women working on the line was hand-selected by the plant's affable but exacting Director of Production, Logistics, and Quality (and our tour guide) Michael Drolshagen. As was each of the movements they make every 111 minutes, the duration for which each \$850,000 hybrid remains at their respective workstations.

While the 911 facility downstairs produces 200 finished cars every day, the 918 line — hidden in a former paint shop on the second floor of the Zuffenhausen complex — produces only four. The meticulous attention to detail is one of the reasons: When a single dollop of synthetic lubricant dripped on the floor, we saw two workers immediately spend at least 45 seconds spraying it with solvent, wiping it with a pristine white rag, and examining the area for shmears. Likewise for an inspector going over every millimeter of the car's cosmetically-woven carbon-fiber monocoque with a spotlight and a jeweler's loup.

The dearness of the parts from which the 918 is built is another factor. Everything has been optimized for light weight, tensile strength, and ultimate performance so great care must be taken not to cause damage — nothing scratched will readily buff out. The basic materials costs for a 918 are higher than the retail price of a 911 Turbo. The hand-cut stainless steel exhaust surround on the car's deck is more expensive than the entire painted body of a Panamera.

Even the screws that connect primary components are treated with deific respect. The cordless electric screwdrivers used to insert them are Bluetooth connected to a central network. If their torque pressure does not register as proper for the coded part they're attaching, the entire line will shut down until such a time as the problem is remedied. On the Weissach model, which costs an additional \$80,000, these screws — along with some other relevant bits — are made of titanium, which weighs 60% less than the standard part,



and is ten times as expensive.

Despite all of this exquisite material, we were allowed free reign to wander about. The lack of a true "assembly line" made this both safe and feasible — the cars travel about the factory on wheeled and motorized precision lifts until such time as their battery assembly is inserted and they are able to drive electrically through their final stations.

If nearly a million dollars seems a high price to pay for a vehicle, viewing up close what goes into the 918 quickly subverts that thinking. Suspension components, brake discs, exhaust manifolds, and dash assemblies are crafted with the care and materials befitting a Henry Moore sculpture, and stand on racks and pedestals as if awaiting adoration in a museum. Save for the fact that we were allowed to put our hands on everything, we could have been at a MOMA retrospective.

Only 918 of these rolling objet d'art will be built. Porsche is about a third of the way through this production allotment. But while the Vehicle Identification Numbers of the cars will be sequential, their creation will not. Some customers have requested particular VINs to match their concept of what is lucky (888 or 777), what is valuable (001 or 918), or what is iconic and beloved to the brand (911 or 917). These are constructed out of turn as the orders are received.

At the end of our visit, Herr Drolshagen tells us that the full run will be completed by July 2015. When we ask him if there are upcoming plans for this space — perhaps production of a rumored successor — he shrugs. "Maybe we return it to a paint shop for the 911?" His taciturn demeanor gives nothing away, but his sly smile says those smart screwdrivers will find something more to do once the 918 rolls into history.



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Final Thoughts from the Prez...

Can you believe it's November? Well it's not quite November as I write this, but very close. I hope to see some of you at the Hilton Head Concours this weekend. No, this year does not feature the Porsches', but for those of us that don't have the time to make it to Amelia, this is a nice show and an easy drive from Charleston. Since this is the November newsletter, please see the Board nominations and reach out to any Board member if you would like a role in the club in 2015. If there are no nominations from the floor, the slate will be accepted as presented after the November meeting (Nov 11 at Vickery's on Shem Creek). As for your P-car fun in December, a HUGE thank you to Joe and Lisa for graciously offering to host us again at the Ravenswood Plantation Barn for the Holiday Party. Be prepared for the always entertaining gift exchange on Friday, December 12. Please RSVP online as we need a good headcount for the food! We were having some work done at the house and the Targa was buried in the garage for a few days - I was very excited to take it out for last weekend's date night. There is nothing like the sound of the flat 6 behind you. Keep the wheels turning. Jennifer



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