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The Monthly Newsletter of the PCA Palmetto Region

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Dine and Drive Harold's Country Club In Honor of Tuggy Saturday August 20th



Drive and Dine to Harold's Country Club with the Coastal Empire Region PCA on August 20th. It's steak night at Harold's and we will be rallying out to Harold's in memory of our recently departed member Tuggy.

We are going to make the drive to Harold's Country Club an annual event in honor of Harold (Tuggy) Mathisen since this is what he loved the most, getting out in his Porsche and running in rallies out into the country.

For \$18 per person, you get steak, salad bar, baked potato, and coffee/tea. Please register below by August 18th with how you want your steak cooked and if you want dessert. For those in Charleston gather at the West Ashley Publix (Hwy 17/Main Road) to depart at 5:00 pm. For the Coastal Empire members you will just be meeting at Harold's Country Club at 6:30pm.

There is a \$5 event fee which will be matched by the Palmetto Region and donated to the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center in Harold (Tuggy) Mathisen name and anything additional you want to donate will also be added to the proceeds.

Here is the link to register for this great event.
<http://www.pcapalmetto.org/news/363-annual-memorial-harold-s-country-club-drive-and-dine-august-20th>

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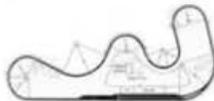
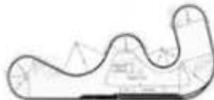
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NEW MEMBER	CAR
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David Drennon	1986 911 Carrera Cabriolet Iris Blue
Vince Link	1973 914 2.0 Phoenix Red
Ava Clawson	1999 911 Carrera Arctic Silver
Steven Lindsey	



Calendar: Upcoming Events in our Region and Beyond

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

	Tue, Jul 12	7:00 PM	Monthly Social	Graze, Summerville
	Join us at Graze in Summerville (115 E 5th N St, Summerville, SC) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	Sat, Jul 16	9:00 AM	Sea Island Cars & Coffee	Freshfields Village, Kiawah
	Arrive in your favorite ride and join us for Cars and Coffee at the Freshfields Village at the crossroads of Kiawah, Seabrook and Johns Islands. The event will run from 9:00 to 11:00 am and will feature antiques, classics, exotics, concepts and any other cool cars.			
	Sun, Jul 17	11:30 AM	Drive & Dine	Myrtle Beach 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.			
	Tue, Aug 09	7:00 PM	Monthly Social	Cuoco Pazzo, Mt. Pleasant
	Join us at Cuoco Pazzo in Mount Pleasant (1035 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	Sat, Aug 20		Drive & Dine	Harold's Country Club
	Please RSVP on the website!!! Drive and Dine to Harold's Country Club with the Coastal Empire Region PCA on August 20th. It's steak night at Harold's and we will rallying out to Harold's in memory of our recently departed member Tuggy.			
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	Sat, Sep 03	Sun, Sep 04	Driver's Education at Roebbling Road	Florida Crown Region PCA
	The Driver's Education program provides a safe, structured, and controlled learning environment for your high performance auto. Track near Savannah, GA. Register at www.clubregistration.net .			
	Sat, Sep 17	11:00 AM	Gathering & New Member Picnic	Stono Ferry Plantation
	Join us on Sept. 17th, 2016 at the Pavilion at Stono Ferry Plantation from 11 – 3 for BBQ, a "Gimmick" Concours, kids model car contest and mini-Tech Quiz as Palmetto Region recognizes our new members for 2015 and 2016. RSVP on the website.			
	Sat, Sep 17	Sun, Sep 18	Driver's Education at Roebbling Road	Coastal Empire Region PCA
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	Tue, Oct 11	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.			
	Sat, Oct 22	Sun, Oct 23	Savannah Speed Classic	Hutchinson Island, GA
	Info here: http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/speed-classic.html . Check out the schedule to see what you are interested in.			
	Sat, Oct 29	Sun, Oct 30	Hilton Head Concours	HHI, SC
	Find info here: http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/overview.html			

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.

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Turn 9

By Joe Mills

After a several month hiatus, Jennifer and I were back at Roebling Road the weekend of June 4-5, along with a gang of Palmetto Region members, driving at the Coastal Empire Region PCA DE. I am happy to report that the Miata ran flawlessly all weekend and the unforeseen repairs that derailed last month's Turn 9 article were successful. No more oil leaks and the new clutch and lightened flywheel have made for a good combination.

On a related note, it was refreshing to have a nice new windshield and actually be able to see where we were going. The windshield was yet another obstacle that we had to overcome in the days prior to the event. It was one of those weeks where if something could go wrong, it did. It only took us about a week to recover from all the activities leading up to and during the weekend. If I were to complain about anything about the weekend, it was the warm temperatures. We have seen worse, but Jennifer's stash of popsicles were a big hit in the predictable hot June weather.

My student for the weekend was a fellow Miata driver who I had instructed at our last DE at Roebling in December. We were able to pick up where we left off and I was comfortable enough to sign him up for a solo check-ride during the first session on Sunday. It's always nerve-racking to hand off your student to the Chief Driving Instructor for a check ride. All you can do is sit by the fence and watch him pass by every minute and a half hoping he is driving like he is capable. He finally drove down pit lane and shortly after, pulled back out on track by himself. Success!!! He drove the remainder of the day with no incidents and fully enjoyed being on track by himself.

Now that I was student less for the remainder of Sunday, I was able to jump in the car with Todd Confarotta and Thom Penny and try to offer some pointers. I'm not sure if I was able to offer any advice, but it is always fun to ride along. I will say that a Mini and a 911 are very different than the Miata on track, and these guys are progressing nicely and getting around the track very well.

Cliff Hudson's instructor wanted to leave a little early on Sunday due to impeding heavy thunderstorms and a long drive back to Florida. I volunteered to instruct Cliff for his last two sessions so his instructor could head back early. This was the first time I have ever been in a 968 and it seemed to be happy taking a line similar to the Miata. We had a good time making our presence known to many of the cars in the run group. I saw many point-bys in my two sessions in the passenger seat and even got to witness Cliff's drifting skills first hand.

Congrats to Scott Buskirk for being promoted to the black (advanced) run group and to David Wertan for being signed off to drive solo. It sounded like they were both a little nervous, but had adjusted well by the end of the weekend. Kevin Zennickas, Herman and Michelle Porter, and Paul Kemp were also in attendance and had a good weekend.

The Florida Crown region will be hosting their next DE at Roebling the weekend of September 3-4 and the Coastal Empire Region will be hosting their next event on September 17-18. We hope to see a number of Palmetto Region members in September.





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**June Monthly Social Minutes
Reported by Roseann Boxx**

June monthly meeting held at Studio 8, James Island. 30 members and guests were in attendance.

Al Trego reported 265 primary members and 146 affiliate members.

New member- John Herrick, 2008 911 Turbo Cabriolet

Transfer member- Robert Gray, 2011 Boxster S

Visiting - Doug Smith, Carolinas Region.

Recent new member -Jane Myer, with her brother, Mike King

Connor McIntyre was also in town from Tampa. Connor recently moved his family to Florida to join Amazon.

Dr. Joe working on a family day in September to include children and grandchildren.

Plans to have games and model car builds.

Registration is full for the June 25 tour and drive.

July meeting to be held in Grays, Summerville.

August 20 RSVP drive to Harold's country club

Fast Cars and Freedom: A Review of One Girl's Joyride in a Porsche 718 Boxster

By Megan J. Busch



I'm not a girl who knows a ton about cars. I've driven Jeeps all my life (as has my mother), and I really haven't veered off that [track](#)—ever. So, I've teamed up with the group at [Baker Motor Company](#) to try new things, namely cars outside my norm. A few times each month, I'll be driving one of Baker's cars and letting you know what I think. This isn't going to be a series of [Car and Driver](#) or [Motor Trend](#) reviews. It's just a girl sharing her honest opinion about some nifty vehicles. This week, I took a joyride in a [2017 Porsche 718 Boxster](#) around downtown [Charleston](#) (thankfully with no wrecks and no [speeding tickets](#)). You can probably imagine that after my 15-plus years of running the roads in a Jeep, the zippy power and luxury of the Boxster was like taking a kid who has only eaten carrots to an ice cream shop. I'm not necessarily saying I don't like my Jeep, but this was definitely cooler.

Engine Power

Sometimes my Jeep lags—like, when I try to quickly jet out to the median on Savannah Highway, I press the gas, and it takes a second for the car to actually move. This is so far from the case in the Boxster. The roadster is fast, and it took no time for me to reach a desired speed. The turbocharged engine provides 300 horsepower at 6,500 rpms, and the Boxster can jet from 0 to 60 in a little as 4.7 seconds. I tried this on I-26, and while I didn't actually count 4 Mississippi's, I'm positive that I've never before hit 60 mph more quickly.

Handling

The Boxster is also low to the ground, and driving it made me think of this moment when I was a kid. My dad had purchased a go-kart for my brother and me. I remember feeling so in control of the tiny vehicle. I could sense every movement and propel the slight craft down our street with ease. Driving the Boxster reminded me a little of that experience (with a whole lot more luxury). In the Porsche, I could vividly feel the movements of the car as it turned off of the James Island Connector or rolled over downtown's cobblestone streets, and although it had an automatic transmission, shifter paddles on the wheel allowed me to regulate when I moved between gears, giving me even more control in the driver's seat. Overall, it handled [beautifully](#), speedily, and smoothly.

City Streets and Weekend Getaways

[I actually](#) think the Boxster is the perfect city car—for both *being in* the city and *getting out* of the city. I parallel parked with ease, Charleston's narrow streets were far from intimidating, and with its sporty sleek design, the car makes quite the impression when you arrive at your favorite downtown restaurant. Furthermore, the smooth leather sport seats that seem to conform to your shape were comfortable, so I could definitely see myself weekend road tripping in the roadster with my husband. For such trips or inner-city navigation, Porsche's maps system was spot-on. The screen was as clear as my iPhone, the satellite followed my movements exactly, and the map popped up on my main dashboard so I didn't have to avert my eyes from the road to follow driving directions. Add the Bose sound system, and the Boxster holds all the necessities for a perfect getaway.

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Cool Factor

I would be remiss if I didn't consider how utterly cool of an experience it was to drive down King Street with the top down in the sporty roadster. It was kind of hard not to grin when my hair was flying around everywhere (next time, I'll bring a hair tie) and especially when I could hear the unmistakable deep rumble of the engine, which is perched just behind the two front seats in the Boxster. Certainly getting this text from a friend who was walking down Wentworth was a treat, too

Very Brief Concerns

I did have two concerns while driving, but as it turns out, Porsche had already addressed those. First, I couldn't find a cup holder, which I thought was strange. However, the dual cup holders are actually subtly tucked into the molding of the passenger dashboard so that they don't hinder the minimalist design of the interior. I just didn't press the right button—oops. I was also a little concerned about the trunk space. Obviously, the Boxster is not supposed to be a family car, toting soccer balls or Pack'N Plays, but the trunk was tiny. With the help of the guys at the dealership, though, I found the secondary trunk in the front of the car (you know, where the engine would normally sit). With two trunks, there's plenty of room for luggage or a hefty load of groceries.

Drawing Conclusions

Overall, the 718 Boxster was incredible to drive. It's well-made, and the attention to detail that Porsche puts into each car is clearly evident. The vehicle is fantastic for a weekend getaway or for a jaunt around the city for two. It's fun, it's fast, and it brings with it an undeniable feeling of freedom.



Palmetto Region Website News

The Palmetto region took 3rd place this year in the annual website contest for the class 3 region (region size). We came in with 250 points, the 1st and 2nd place Shenandoah and Alpine region came in at 258 points and were decided with tie breaker points.

Recap of our Lowcountry Tour.

It started out at Cars and Coffee at Town Center in Mt Pleasant. What a beautiful morning it was. We gathered together approx. 20 cars to start our drive down the IOP connector to Isle of Palms we then went across to Sullivan's Island heading towards Fort Moultrie. We arrived at the Fort. We got to walk around the Fort and it happened to be Carolina Day so they had a reenactment of firing of muskets that was very interesting. It was now time to head to lunch we drove back through Sullivan's Island to Isle of Palms to The Refuge restaurant. Lunch was very nice. Atmosphere inside was very elegant looking. All in all a great day. Here is a link to a video my son Robert Knobe took hope you enjoy. Again thank you to Dave Derecola for heading up this event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Svfraabo8s0>

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New Member Picnic & End of Summer Gathering September 17th

Join us on Sept. 17th, 2016 at the Pavilion at Stono Ferry Plantation from 11 – 3 for BBQ, a “Gimmick” Concours, kids model car contest and mini-Tech Quiz as Palmetto Region recognizes our new members for 2015 and 2016.

The Region’s Grill Masters will be preparing a feast of legendary proportions for your enjoyment in addition to a full slate of activities. Any members desiring to bring a side dish or dessert are most welcome to do so. Soft drinks and water will be provided, anything else you would like to bring, you are welcome to.

Expecting that the weather will be agreeable, we will also have access to the pool and locker room adjacent to the Pavilion – parents will be responsible for supervising children in the pool area as Stono does not have a lifeguard.

Tickets are \$15 each (includes meal and soft drinks) with kids 15 and under and members joining in 2015 and 2016 no charge. New members will receive a discount code shortly. Entry in all events is at no additional charge and prizes will be awarded! We are also anticipating a rich bounty of door prizes.

Please register for this event online at: www.pcapalmetto.org/news/371-new-member-picnic-end-of-summer-gathering-september-17th





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Final Thoughts from the Prez...

The Lowcountry Tour was a great time. We started at Charleston Cars and Coffee and caravanned to Fort Moultrie during the anniversary of their winning battle. After the tour we'll head to The Refuge for lunch. A special thanks to Dave Derecola for coordinating the effort and all the sponsors for the event.

Mark your calendar for July's meeting coming up on Tuesday at the Graze in Summerville. Myrtle Beach is also hosting their monthly drive July 17; check the events calendar for details.

The next BIG event is August 20th for our new Annual Memorial Harold's Country Club Drive and Dine. This will be an annual event in memory of our dearly departed Tuggy. Dr. Joe has been busy working on the new member picnic with a Gimmick Concours, kid's model car contest, and mini tech quiz on September 17.

For our Drivers, the next DE is September 3-4 with Florida Crown and September 17-18 with Coastal Empire at Roebing Road Raceway so sign up now to guarantee your spot. For those wanting to fine tune skills, the SCCA is hosting an auto-cross on August 13 at the North Charleston Coliseum. Go to their website for details - <https://scsports-car.com>. See you at our next event and as always - Questions about this event can be directed Dave Derecola, PCA Palmetto Region, at cup944@aol.com Keep those wheels turning - Ken

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