



**The Monthly Newsletter of the PCA Palmetto Region**

# **Palmetto Pipes**

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## **Tail of the Dragon Trip**

By Jackie

This year's fall mountain trip returns us to the thrill of driving the Dragon in the North Carolina/Tennessee Mountains. As in the past we'll depart the low country on Friday, September 12 (approximately 9:30/10:00 am from the Orangeburg I-95). We'll be stopping for lunch somewhere around the Anderson/Seneca/Clemson area (if you have any suggestions please feel free to forward them to me). We should arrive at Fontana Village by mid-late afternoon. *Discounted room rates of \$89 (12.75% tax) per night are available till July 25<sup>th</sup>. The first nights deposit is required when you book your reservation.*



We'll have our traditional Friday evening social with appetizers in the lounge area overlooking the pool. As in the past everyone will be asked to bring a little something. You will also need to provide your own drinks (alcoholic and non.). Saturday morning we'll have our drivers meeting prior to departing the lodge for our drive to and then along the Tail of the Dragon and then over to the Cherahola Skyway in Tennessee. We'll break for lunch and gas near Tellico Plains (any lunch stop suggestions please let me know). We'll attempt a stop at the waterfall (number of cars providing) before heading back towards the lodge. Two routes will be provided for returning to the lodge after departing the Skyway (one will take you along the river valley and back up to the beginning of the Tail, the other will enable you to stop off at the Fontana Dam – not far from the lodge) We will also have our group dinner on Saturday at the lodge (RSVP's will be required and the dinner fee is separate from the registration fee). As in the past, folders will be provided to each car with a weekend itinerary, menus (if available), directions (to and from the lodge, driving route on Saturday). As in the past I also ask for cell phone numbers for the driver and passenger

in each car. A list will be provided to those attending the event. (This is just so we insure that you can get a hold of someone if the need arises). Some of you may get an email from me regarding the event as I have a list of those that regularly go or want to be informed of this event, thanks.

# Porsche 917K from Steve McQueen's "Le Mans" racing for auction records

By Justin Hyde Motoramic

<https://autos.yahoo.com/blogs/motoramic/porsche-917k-from-steve-mcqueen-s-le-mans--could-set-auction-record-144532771.html>



The Porsche 917K from "Le Mans" after a thorough restoration

Few race cars have ever left the mark on the sport that the Porsche 917K did. Designed by Ferdinand Porsche as the ultimate endurance racer, the 12-cylinder monsters could hit 230 mph thanks to the 600 hp lurking just behind the driver's shoulders. In 1970 and 1971, Porsche won Le Mans back-to-back with the 917 and dominated circuits until rule changes outlawed its design.

Today, Porsche 917Ks have become one of the world's most valuable collector cars, and in a matter of weeks one could fetch more than \$15 million thanks to its history with Hollywood and Steve McQueen

The car that Gooding & Co. will sell at its Pebble Beach auction this August has a long and winding history, although little of it involves racing. Chassis number 24 was one of the first two 917K to ever compete, running at the 1969 Spa-Francorchamps 1000 km where it had to retire due to engine trouble. A year later, racing boss John Wyer solved the 917's handling problems and used the same car to test for Le Mans, where it set the top speed and first wore the iconic Gulf colors. Factory driver Jo Siffert then bought the car, and when friend Steve McQueen needed vehicles to shoot his movie "Le Mans" during the 1971 race, Siffert loaned him his 917K. In the movie, Siffert's 917K takes the checkered flag after McQueen crashes.

The car would be shown in public again in October 1971, leading Siffert's funeral procession after his death in a British race, and shortly afterwards was bought by a French collector who parked it in a granary for 25 years. It's re-discovery in 2001 was a huge "barn find," and the new owner undertook a meticulous restoration of the car.

What this 917 lacks in competition history it makes up for in authenticity; many 917s were wrecked, thrashed or scavenged for parts, and weren't considered valuable for much of the '70s. Gooding isn't releasing a pre-sale estimate, but the McQueen touch has proven to be as important, if not more desirable, than a racing pedigree with other models. The most expensive Porsche auctioned to date was a 917 that brought \$4.4 million in 2012, but a Ford GT40 that McQueen used as a camera car for "Le Mans" brought \$11 million that same year. Other 917s in private hands have been valued at more than \$10 million, and market trends have shown buyers willing to break all known records for a chance to own rolling pieces of racing, and Hollywood, history.



## Calendar: Upcoming Events in our Region and Beyond

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

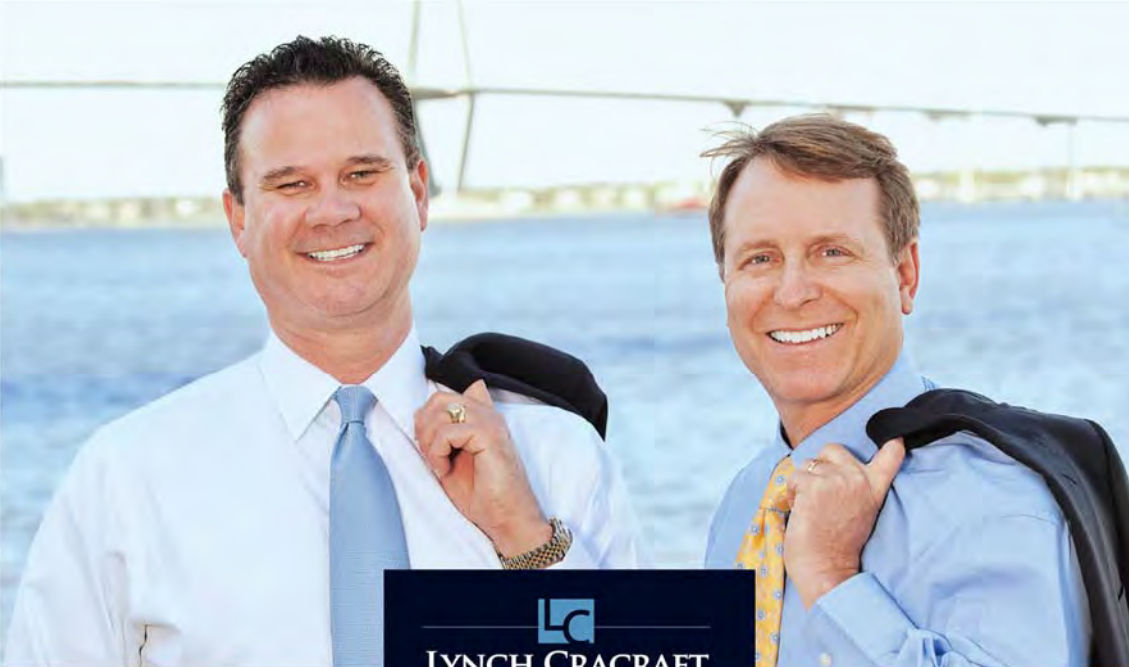
	<b>Tue, Jul 08</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Monthly Social</b>	<b>Bohemian Bull, James Island</b>
	Join us at Bohemian Bull (1531 Folly Road, Charleston, SC 29412) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	<b>Sun, Jul 13</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Collector Car Appreciation Day</b>	<b>Brittlebank Park, Downtown</b>
	SEMA 5th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day will be held from 1-5 pm, Brittlebank Park. Cars, friends, and Music, then a drive through Historic Charleston.			
	<b>Sun, Jul 20</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Drive &amp; Dine</b>	<b>Hemingway, SC</b>
	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.			
	<b>Sat, Jul 26</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Drive &amp; Dine</b>	<b>Eatery at the Depot, Branchville, SC</b>
	We'll join friends from the SunFun Region (Columbia, SC) for dinner at the Eatery at the Depot in Branchville, RSVP on the website, max of 40 attendees. Plan to gather at the Publix at Hwy 17/Main Road at 3:15 pm for departure no later than 3:30 pm. Dinner is at 5 pm if you are meeting us there.			
	<b>Sat, Aug 02</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Cruise-In at Sonic</b>	<b>660 College Park Road, Ladson</b>
	The College Park Sonic hosts a cruise-in most Saturday nights. The 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month are reserved for other car clubs. The 1st Saturday of the month is reserved for a featured car. On August 2, Porsche will be the feature marque. There are 13 reserved spaces for our Porsches and then the spaces are first come-first serve. It's a casual gathering so get ready to have your tater tot and limeade fix while hanging out on a Saturday night with your Porsche friends and other auto enthusiasts.			
	<b>Sat, Aug 16</b>	<b>4- 8 pm</b>	<b>45th Anniversary Party</b>	<b>Sandcastle, Kiawah Island</b>
	No Tuesday Monthly social - come to the Anniversary Party! Please RSVP online! As we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Palmetto Region, we will be recognizing the Region's past Presidents. This casual gathering will be held at the Sandcastle Community Center's banquet space.			
	<b>Sun, Aug 17</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Drive &amp; Dine</b>	<b>Snooky's, Little River, SC</b>
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	<b>Tue, Sep 09</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Monthly Social</b>	<b>Mt. Pleasant Area</b>
	Join us at TBD for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	<b>Fri, Sep 12</b>	<b>Sun, Sep 14</b>	<b>Tail of the Dragon Trip</b>	<b>Fontana Village, NC</b>
	Save the Date! The Palmetto Region will return to the Tail (318 turns in 11 miles) for some fun. Accommodations will be at Fontana Village. Details to come.			
	<b>Sat, Sep 20</b>	<b>Sun, Sep 21</b>	<b>Coastal Empire Region PCA DE</b>	<b>Roebling Road Raceway</b>
	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 <a href="http://www.clubregistration.net">www.clubregistration.net</a> . <b>Coastal Empire is offering discounted registration fees to Palmetto Region members for this event.</b> Sign up if you've ever considered going to a Driver's Education event!			
	<b>October TBD</b>		<b>Oktoberfest</b>	<b>Myrtle Beach, SC</b>
	Details to come, but looks like we'll be doing another driving event like a few years back. We'll update the website/calendar with info once firmed up.			
	<b>Fri, Oct 24</b>	<b>Sun, Oct 26</b>	<b>Savannah Speed Classic</b>	<b>Hutchinson Island, near Savannah, GA</b>
	Save the date! Info here: <a href="http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/speed-classic.html">http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/speed-classic.html</a> . Day trip details to come.			
	<b>Sat, Nov 01</b>	<b>Sun, Nov 02</b>	<b>Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival</b>	<b>Hilton Head Island, SC</b>
	Save the date! Info here: <a href="http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/concours-delegance.html">http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/concours-delegance.html</a> . Details to come.			

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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## PORSCHE ESCAPE

This year's annual PORSCHE ESCAPE is being held in magical Orlando, Florida, November 6 -9. The host hotel will be the Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. Escape room rates are \$129 - \$149 per night. There are several different events that should provide something for everyone. Registration should be open in early July. Hope to see some Palmetto Region members there.



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# 45th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

This year's anniversary party will be held at the Sandcastle on Kiawah Island on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The social hour will begin at 4pm with dinner served at 5pm. RSVP by date is August 9th. The cost is \$16 per person. Water and tea will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own beverage of choice.

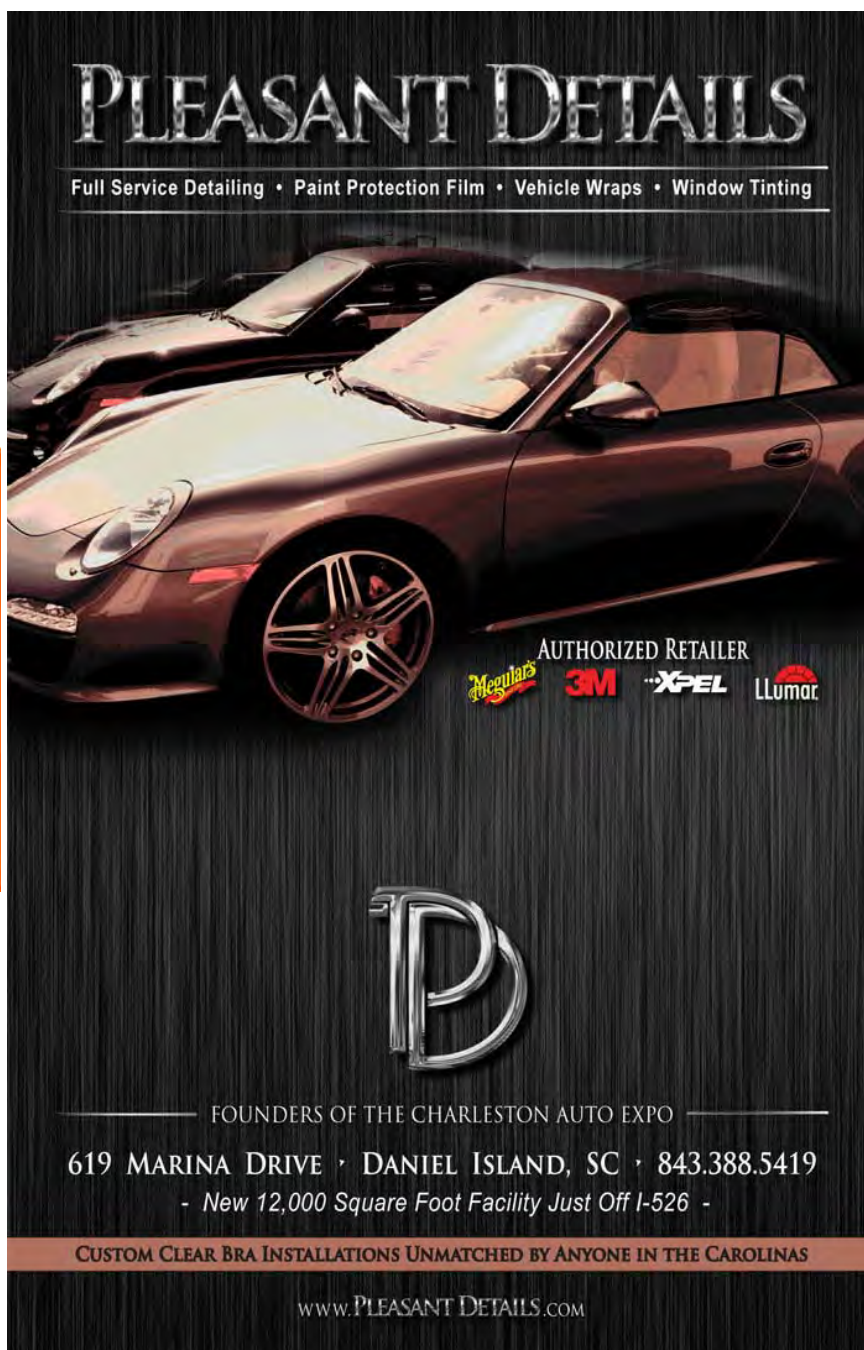
Check out the website for more in-depth details and information on the gimmick rally prior to the social hour and to register.

## DINE AND DRIVE TO DEPOT IN BRANCHVILLE

Saturday, July 26 we'll be joining the Sun Fun area of Carolina's Region in a drive and dine to The Eatery at the Depot in Branchville. You **MUST** RSVP online for this event, there is a limit on this event do to the size of the restaurant. RSVP date is August 24. Check the website for further details as to the departure time for the Charleston and Columbia groups. You are welcome to meet the group at the restaurant no later than 5pm.

## COASTAL COLLISION WORKS TOUR

Saturday several club members were treated to a tour of the Coastal Collision Work's facility. It was a very education experience for those attending. Although all of us don't every want our cars to be in a condition to have to be taken to a repair shop, Saturday's tour provided a lot of useful and unknown information regarding auto repairs. The owner, Dave, was a great guide, explaining all aspects of the collision business and even enlightening us on a lot of things the insurance companies don't want you to know or don't tell you. It's obvious from equipment and facility that Dave is highly concerned with the services his shop provides.



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## Hello Porsche friends!

Patriots Point was a pit stop for this year's Great Race. Now for those of you who just asked, "What is the Great Race?" go here: <http://www.greatrace.com/>. It was really cool to see the vast variety of cars that compete in this event and no, there were no Porsches. I'm sorry there aren't more detailed pictures of the cars but I was unable to make the event until after work so I wasn't there to see the competitors as they arrived. Also reducing my picture taking time was the very ominous cloud (see pic) that scattered everyone as it approached. Being that the GR is a timed competition the competitors in the open cockpit cars are forced to get wet when it rains; getting soaked when they aren't racing isn't smart. And the same went for me - I raced out!

But I did stop for a little one on one time with the 1916 Hudson. When you share last names with a car of yesteryear you always have to give one a second look. It may not be the coolest thing on the planet, but having one like this in my stable would be awesome. Perhaps one day.....

Hope to see you at an event or meeting soon!  
Cliff Hudson



# Porsche is getting serious about the Cayman and Boxster

David Hurth Friday, June 27, 2014 <http://exclusive.multibriefs.com/content/porsche-is-getting-serious-about-the-cayman-and-boxster/recreation-leisure>

When the Porsche Boxster first went on sale, it took the place of the 968 as the company's entry-level sports car. The 986 Boxster was a huge financial success and the mid-engine sports car has grown quite a following.

Over the years, various changes and improvements have been made, and the layout was later adapted for the hard-top Cayman.

More recently, both cars have undergone a major styling change that saw the two become

even more attractive. Where the older cars — especially the Boxster — had more feminine lines, the new styling is much more masculine. With touches like the large air intake behind the rear doors and the ducktail design of the rear spoiler, the 981 Boxster and Cayman models look very appealing.

As the sports cars have matured, their performance specs have also matured, with the newest Cayman S nipping at the heels of the base 911 Carrera. While engineers have made the 911 a fabulous handling car, its mid-engine siblings have naturally much more neutral handling, making them less intimidating.

The problem with buying a Boxster or Cayman is that, as "Top Gear" host Jeremy Clarkson once said, you are telling the world that your life hasn't gone as well as you had hoped. In spite of them being two of the best cars on the road, there is a stigma by many that if you don't drive a 911, you don't drive a Porsche.

For some, the mid-engine layout is much preferred to the 911's rear-engine. The mid-engine layout has long been the preferred layout for racing (although the 911 does have a traction advantage). In reality, the German performance car maker just makes incredible cars, no matter the engine layout.

Recently, Porsche has unveiled the Cayman GTS and the Boxster GTS, which shows they are getting serious about their non-911 sports cars. Both cars have a bit more power over the S models as well as trim and styling upgrades, and the important Sports Chrono Package comes as standard. The seemingly small changes take what are already good cars and make them simply outstanding.

Just how good are these new GTS models? They make it difficult to not choose one of them over their rear-engine big brother. The Cayman and Boxster now better compete with the 911 and can no longer be seen as second-class citizens.

For the Cayman, the high-performance reputation is about to take an even larger leap forward. Rumors of a Cayman GT4 have leaked, and recent spy shots of the car testing appear to show that it is already in the works.

The new GT4 will be a track-focused race car for the street. The car will be similar to the 911 GT3, but with a mid-engine layout. Reports are that it may have as much as 450 horsepower on tap.

Will the Boxster or Cayman ever replace the 911? I think not, and it would be a shame to no longer have the legend that is the 911. It has been with us for more than 50 years, and it would be a wrong if it isn't here for another 50.

But the Boxster or Cayman are becoming better sports cars and are now more equal to the 911 than at any other time.



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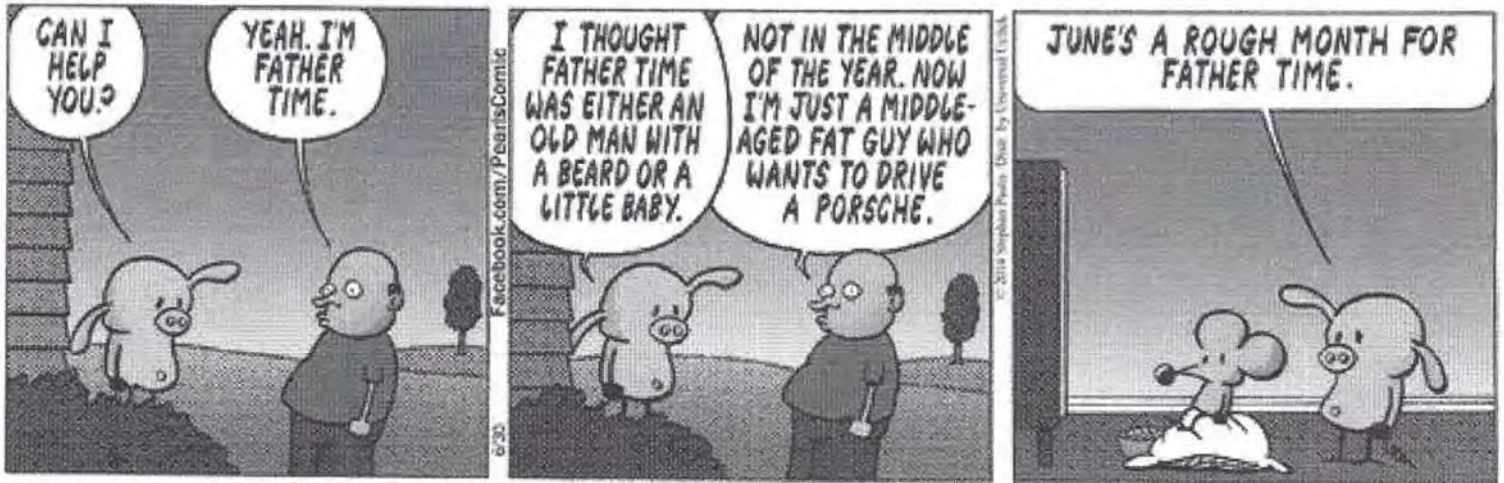
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June 8th @ 7 pm



### *Final Thoughts from the Prez...*

Happy Summer! The hot weather has arrived in Charleston. For those that missed it, the BBQ at Huntington Beach was well attended, even with the questionable weather, and no one left hungry. We had a well-attended monthly social in Mount Pleasant in June. We've been averaging 30+ folks at each monthly social. From what I learned at the Zone 3 President's meetings, this percentage of our membership is considered a high turnout. We'll be gathering at the Bohemian Bull on Folly Road on July 8. It's next to Hot Wheels for those of you locals that roller skate. We also had a good crowd at the Cars & Coffee gathering in Mt Pleasant. I know Charlie and Kevin plus a few others braved the heat to show off their cars at the EuroNation show after Cars & Coffee and took home some trophies. We'll plan to hit the weekly C&C parking lot show again in the Fall. One way to survive the heat will be to join your P-car friends ocean-side on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. This will be held at the Sandcastle on Kiawah. It's late afternoon so you'll be able to drive home in the daylight, but late enough to have good food from Crave for dinner. Please RSVP online so we have a good headcount. For those of you that like to play on the track, our friends at Coastal Empire Region PCA will be offering discounted rates for their September event (20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>) - Palmetto Region participants will be charged \$175 rather than the usual \$225+. It's the weekend after the Tail trip - September is just full of fun events! No major recent Targa work for those of you keeping up with our stable. Keep your eyes on the Palmetto Region website forum & calendar as we continually update event details as they firm up. We're also working to post events on the Club's Facebook page, but the website will always have everything. Look forward to seeing you at the July D&D, the Sonic cruise in, or the August party. Keep the wheels turning! **Jennifer**