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FROM THE ROAD

Sherry Knuth
PCA Peachstate President



Thank you to all our volunteers, our board of directors and WELCOME to you, our membership! It was an amazing year in 2024! Peachstate Region had a full schedule with a wide variety of opportunities to enjoy our Porsches and get to know each other.

The club held thirty-three (33) Porsche centered activities from High Performance Driver Education on world class tracks; Tours on enjoyable roads to interesting locations; and fun, competitive events like Autocross, Rally and Concours, you can take as seriously or as lightly as you want.

Let's not forget Porsche Club of America is about the people! We hosted another thirty-four (34) social events including: monthly dinners, weekend Porsche meet-ups for coffee, wine or brews; and Tech Sessions at local automotive service centers that specialize in German engineering.

There are a lot of big hearts in the club, and they were on display for several special opportunities to contribute to our communities. One highlight includes the annual club race here at one of the finest tracks in North America, Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta, we hosted a "Dreamer", a gentleman who had loved performance vehicles and driven tracks his whole life and now in his later years had a dream of being on track one more time. Peachstate obliged and he got his drive in Andrew Ellsom's GT4! It was an amazing weekend of clean, safe racing and the camaraderie of motorsports enthusiasts.

The Club Race is only possible with a joint effort of the National PCA Club Racing staff and over 50 of our own local and passionate Peachstate Region volunteers. All the other activities are planned and executed by our volunteer board and many more members who volunteer to assist. Read through this Presse and the others posted to our website, to see highlights from all those great activities. Pick out a few you want to try in 2025. Also let us know if you would like to get involved. We have lots of opportunities to volunteer for a one-time event, or to be part of a committee, be a co-chair or give us feedback and ideas. You are welcome to send me an email at sherryknuth@gmail.com.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season and a very happy new year!

Sherry Knuth
Peachstate Region, PCA
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Porsches playground at PCNA is always an experience for any enthusiast. I had the opportunity to ride with Mathieu Jaminet that day. There were a myriad of colors and models to choose from that elevates any Porsche lover. I had the option to choose the Shark Blue GT3 RS for our short excursion around the track. It is a beautiful royal blue fit for any royalty that bears the Porsche name. It was as if the car was a fish in the ocean but on hard asphalt.

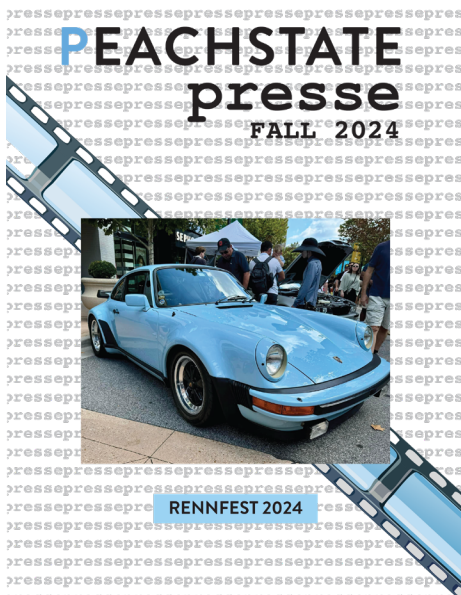
The 184K priced model did not disappoint. The GT3RS had more buttons than NASA on launch day. We did have a few birds in the sky as companions and being next to the runway at Atlanta International Airport only added to the excitement of track day.

As I got in the car and strapped in, Mathieu asked me if I was ready. He wanted to know if I had ever driven the coveted sportscar at this level. I told him not on this track and not to disappoint me. My notions of being a race car driver quickly subsided as my Mathieu gave me a spirited whip lash demonstration that only a Porsche professional of Petit Le Man driver could give. Fast is not a word that was softly described.

We curved around the new 1.3-mile track at PEC Atlanta and after a few laps around, lunch was not going to be an option for a few hours. My heart rate was 145bpm when I disembarked onto the tarp with exhilaration.

As our time ended and we pulled back into the safety zone while I controlled my urge not to lose my early morning snack, I had a new respect for the electronic beasts that are here to stay. My cape flies a little higher now... just with new material. "There is No Substitute".

COVER-EDITOR Elise Slocumb



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PCA Peachstate Member
1979 930 Turbo Gulf Blue

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- 14 TUESDAY Dinner Social at Fire & Brimstone Restaurant Tavern
- 21 TUESDAY Dinner Social at Longhorn Steakhouse
- 27 FRIDAY PCA Oktoberfest HPDE

- 22 FEBRUARY
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- 19 MARCH
Wednesday American Muscle Car Tour
- 11 APRIL
Friday Club Race at Michelin Raceway
Road Atlanta

SOCIALS

**JIMMY'S TEQUILA & CARNES
OLDE BLIND DOG IRISH PUB
THE VILLAGE CAFE
BAR N BITES
HOB NOB TAVERN
ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
STARBUCKS
MAZZY'S TAVERN**

We had a small but excited crowd at Jimmy's Tequila and Carnes for our August dinner social. About 25 people came by, including several new members. Good food and great conversation dominated the evening!



The September social was held at Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub in Milton. We had a large group of around 50 Peachstate members, including multiple new members and first time to an event members. It was great to connect with everyone after Rennfest and enjoy the boisterous crew as we had a great mix of old and new members.

The down south social for September was held at The Village Café in Fayetteville. There was plenty of parking and the group headed inside after meeting in the parking lot to have some tasty food and drink and enjoy the nice early fall weather.



For our October dinner social we tried a new Venue. (thanks to Camille Ford's recommendation!) at Bar (N) Bites in Dunwoody Village. They opened the restaurant just for us for the night and we responded with a lively crowd. There were several interesting Porsches outside, including new member (transfer in from Alabama) Shaggy and his wife in a new Boxster Spyder RS. The food and conversation were excellent and we also announced our candidates for next year's board.

The HobNob Tavern event down south was a well attended event, with many new and old members. There's always a good crowd, lovely Porsches and fun talk. Bill Edwards sets up these down south social events and we are always grateful for his work pulling the crew down there together!



CHARITY EVENT

ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Our Charity events also supported Hurricane Helene for North Carolina and Food Security for America.

In November we supported the Atlanta Community Food Bank. On an early on a Saturday morning, Porsches started to arrive for our charity event at Atlanta Community Food Bank. All told, we had just under 40 Peachstaters that volunteered their time.



Once assembled, we tramped inside to get checked into the facility and gather in a meeting room for our training. The task for this session was to process thousands of pounds of donated food, drink and other items. We split into groups, with one crew checking the items to verify they were worthy of consumption, a second group sorting and transferring the items to large bins for the last group to assemble smaller boxes of goods to be placed on large pallets and packaged and ready to be moved to the various distribution centers throughout the North Georgia community that this food bank serves.

After a hard working session, we ended up processing over 11 thousand pounds of goods then we cleaned up the area and set up everything for the next group of volunteers. Our final act before disbanding for the day was to gather for a group photo, documenting the wonderful charitable work accomplished. Thanks to all our volunteers! Peachstate Porsche Club showed once again that we have big hearts and care for our community!



In November we met up at Starbucks on Marietta Hwy.

The Starbucks in Marietta is a perfect place to host a Porsches and Coffee and this time they did not disappoint! Porsches by the dozens showed up in all shapes, sizes and colors! In all we had over 80 Porsches (and one Ferrari!).

We had a lot of lively interactions between new and old members and many stories told of how these members came to obtain their beautiful automobiles. It seemed like no one wanted to leave, as the weather was great and the entertainment from Porsche owners outstanding!

Our last dinner social at Mazzy's Tavern in Milton's is an old favorite.

We welcomed over 50 members! The conversations were animated and the tavern rocked! We officially announced our new board for 2025 and several of the board members spoke about plans for the coming year.

It was a great way to end 2024 dinner socials and to remind everyone to sign up for our last big event of the year, the Holiday Party!



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UP TO SPEED

NEW MEMBERS OF PEACHSTATE



New Peachstate member, John Gibson, has been a well-known philanthropist, car enthusiast and accomplished collector in the Atlanta area with many Domestic, European and Asian icons in his fold.

Already having a low mileage, classic 1987 Porsche 928 S4 once owned by the CEO of Ritz Camera, he had been on the hunt for the legendary Porsche 918 Spyder. After many months of searching, his dream came true with an exemplary example out of California dressed in meteor gray metallic with acid green accents. The recent delivery day unveiling was a dream come true for John, as well as an awe-inspiring treat for his guests in attendance.

Within weeks of bringing the 918 home, yes, he joined Peachstate PCA. He also showcased the car at this year's Festival of Speed in Avalon. In its maiden public showing, well... the 918 won "Best of Show Contemporary". Quite an achievement given the amazing cars in the center plaza. Wow!

Well done, John! And a warm, enthusiastic "welcome" from all of us here at Peachstate Region PCA!



UP TO SPEED

NEW MEMBERS OF PEACHSTATE

UP TO SPEED: New Peachstate member Cisco Vila's first impression of Porsche came from an unexpected source, his school bus driver.

"We were living in Germany at that time with my Dad being stationed with the Army and we had a school bus driver named Max. He connected to us by being just an all-around cool personality," said Cisco.

"One day, I saw Max getting out of his personal car to drive the bus (which looked a lot like the car in the first photo). I learned he drove a 911 Turbo and I was blown away. The car was iconic back then and my love for the brand only grew."

As a teenager he fell in love with F1 racing, watching Nigel Mansell and Michael Schumacher go at it. Eventually, he discovered IMSA GT with the Porsche 962 and drivers Derek Bell, Al Holbert, and Doc Bundy, who he met last year.

"That helped shape over 40 years of love for Porsche and what it stood for as a performance car that appealed to all of my senses.

Porsche never wavered on that commitment to drivers and my love for the brand never wavered as a result."

Cisco is excited to connect with other car enthusiasts in Peachstate, with the fact they also happen to be Porsche owners as "icing on the cake" as he put it. He's also hoping he and his wife can spend time together on adventures in their 997.1. Welcome!



UP TO SPEED

NEW MEMBERS OF PEACHSTATE

UP TO SPEED: For many of us, our first time in the driver's seat of a Porsche is a defining and unforgettable moment at any age. Andrew Hawkins is fortunate to have experienced two as a child and an adult.

"One of my first car-based core memories was sitting in my uncle's lap in his black 944 Turbo and getting to row the gears in a parking lot when I was about 8 years old. I have loved Pcar's ever since and finally achieved my 911 ownership dream this past year."

Fast-forward many years and Andrew found himself again in the driver's seat, but this time it was a 991.1 Cup Car on the track.

"[There's] the sensory overload [in] driving a proper 911 race car. The first time clicking through straight-cut gears is a sound not easily forgotten."

Andrew says he's followed PCA for years and has friends who are Peachstate members. He's excited to join in the calendar of events.

Welcome to Peachstate, Andrew!



UP TO SPEED

NEW MEMBERS OF PEACHSTATE

UP TO SPEED: There's developing a passion for Porsche at an early age, and then there's Jason Whitley, who came home from the hospital in a racing yellow 1967 912. And it didn't take long for him to become part of family lore when at age 3, his Dad was pulled over in that same 912 with Jason in the passenger seat.

"We had a bunch of 2x4s sticking out of the passenger window. My job was to hold onto them tight. The officer wasn't concerned about me being there with no lap belt. He was more concerned about the 2x4s sticking out where they could catch another car. Thankfully, he was nice and let us go. One of my dad's favorite stories."

A runner-up to that memory was seeing his daughter take his 911 out to meet her now fiancé on their second date.

Jason lives close to Road Atlanta, where he primarily enjoys his 911. He's hopeful Peachstate PCA will do more future events there in "Porsche's native habitat" as he calls it (Editor's note, we do several HPDE events at Road Atlanta each year.

Learn more: <http://peachstatepca.org/DriversEs/13>.

Welcome to Peachstate, Jason!



UP TO SPEED

NEW MEMBERS OF PEACHSTATE

UP TO SPEED: As a former automotive engineer, Albert Tran studies cars and their evolution more in-depth than the average enthusiast. When asked what drew him to the Porsche brand, he recalls an inflection point in the industry.

“The writing on the wall was obvious, that [cars] were only getting bigger, heavier, more computer-based, drifting further away from the core features of what enthusiasts want. In my mind, only three things were certain at the time, you could count on Mazda for Miatas, I hoped Honda would stay true to the DNA of the NSX, S2000, and TypeR products, and the 911 would never, ever go away. As an enthusiast, I’ve always appreciated the contributions of the [Porsche] brand.”

There was, however, another moment that permanently cemented his passion.

“Only Porsche was willing and eager to compete with the 918 against its rivals without any excuses, stipulations, or roadblocks. That level of confidence in the product to overcome its nearest competitors truly exhibits how good Porsche cars really are and the market has spoken ever since.”

Albert looks forward to meeting Peachstate members who share his appreciation for the cars and the drives.

Welcome, Albert!



UP TO SPEED

NEW MEMBERS OF PEACHSTATE

UP TO SPEED: Born and raised in Stuttgart, new Peachstate member Jennifer Schefczik-Diaz (Jennifer SD) grew into a petrolhead, sharing a deep passion for the automotive world, especially the Porsche brand. “For us Swabians, it’s a source of pride,” said Jennifer.

One of her early adventures with a Porsche involved her brother’s 993 C2 cabriolet (shown below). She’d just gotten her German driver’s license and decided to take it for a joyride in the middle of the night.

“[My brother] never realized that the seats were changed. Luckily he didn’t note the mileage but after I told him certain characteristics of his 993, you can imagine he was not amused but I was,” recalls Jennifer.

“I fell in love with the 993 Cab. Fast-forward 18 years and now I’m the lucky owner of a beautiful 993 C4 Cab!”

Jennifer and her husband look forward to attending Peachstate events, exchanging tips and tricks, and getting to know fellow members who share their joy and excitement for Porsche cars. Welcome, Jennifer!



UP TO SPEED

NEW MEMBERS OF PEACHSTATE

UP TO SPEED:Eric Romain's Porsche journey began in 2019 with the purchase of a Panamera. "I was looking for the ultimate sports sedan but since it was for my wife, we got the V6 naturally aspirated which lacks some oomph. A great platform but needed to get a Turbo or V8!"

His interest in the brand grew after he attended mountain rallies in Georgia, where a ride behind a 991.2 GT3 RS awakened a new appreciation. "[I] got hooked by the sound of it. I was never into the 911 until that moment."

After experiencing the GT3 and RSR models through sim racing—and drawing inspiration from Nürburgring videos by YouTuber Misha—he became "addicted" to the track and plans to visit it soon.

Eric's looking forward to hitting the road with fellow Peachstate enthusiasts. While he's not much for car shows, he enjoys modifying and driving his cars.

A Porsche memory that stands out? Riding behind a Python Green GT3 RS on Blood Mountain and catching a signed hat from the 2020 Daytona 24H podium ceremony winners, Mathieu Jaminet, Earl Bamber, and Laurens Vanthoor.

Please join us in welcoming Eric to Peachstate!



RENNFEST

**PEACHSTATE CELEBRATES 56TH RENNFEEST ANNIVERSARY IN NORTH GEORGIA
BRASSTOWN VALLEY RESORT & SPA**



The Peachstate Region of Zone 3 hosted its annual Rennfest End of Summer Celebration from August 29 to September 2 at the Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, Georgia. This three-day event featured a mix of Autocross, Rally, and Concours competitions. It was well-attended, from across the Southeast, including Florida, Alabama, South and North Carolina, and Tennessee. The festivities wrapped up on Sunday with an awards banquet, celebrating 56 years of continuous Rennfest weekends.



RENNFEST RALLY

RENNFEST AWARDS BANQUET



The Peachstate Region PCA gathered once again over Labor Day weekend for their annual Rennfest celebration, this time marking the 56th anniversary of the beloved event. Set in the picturesque North Georgia mountains, the weekend's festivities took place in the charming town of Young Harris, providing an ideal backdrop filled with camaraderie, competition, and, of course, some light-hearted fun.

This year's Rennfest rally was a standout, with 34 teams eagerly signing up to navigate the winding mountain roads on Saturday afternoon. As always, the weather was a concern, but participants held out hope that the rain would hold off. The rally, one of the cornerstones of the Rennfest weekend, challenges both drivers and their navigators to communicate effectively while maintaining their average speeds (CAST) through the demanding terrain.



Friday night kicked off the rally preparations with an engaging rally school. Approximately 40 participants, including drivers and their navigators, attended the session. The rally school focused on teaching navigators how to communicate efficiently with their drivers—specifically by using hand signals to ensure clear and timely instructions as used by Sterling Moss and Denis Jenkinson in the 1955 Mille Miglia. It's an art form within itself and an essential skill for any competitive rally team.

On Saturday, the rally started promptly with the first car leaving the grid at 1:30 PM. From there, teams navigated through the stunning curvy roads that wind through the North Georgia mountains. Drivers reveled in the opportunity to fully enjoy their Porsches on the scenic routes, all while trying to maintain their correct average speeds (CAST).

Competition was as fierce as ever, with 20 teams competing in the SOP (Seat of the Pants) class and 9 teams battling it out in the Tour class. The curvy mountain roads added an extra layer of challenge to the rally, requiring precision, communication, and experience to master the turns and navigate through the stages effectively.

In Seat-of-Pants (SOP) class, top honors with a low score of 313 points went to Leroy Walden and Jeff Frye. This year Jeff teamed with a new driver, sorry Patty, in hopes of taking top spot and after missing the 2nd instruction on the ODO pulled through to take top honors. They were closely followed by Dennis and Deanna Yates with an excellent score of 325 with Gary and Donna just behind them with 313 points for 3rd place.



In Tour class, the competition was equally as fierce with Jeff and Julie Moeller taking top honors with a score of 325 points. Our own concours chair David Bloom, along with Joshua Sachs, is really getting in the groove with just 350 points for second place followed by the Lewis Broyles / Susan Morgan coming in 3rd with 425 points.

However, the excitement didn't end with the rally. Rennfest's beloved DALBF Pink Pig Award, a playful and humorous tradition, had an extra twist this year. Longtime emcees Dick Kjellsen and Mark Shivez, known for adding laughter and energy to the event over the years, found the tables turned as they became the recipients of an honorary Pink Pig. Their surprise and the audience's delight made for an unforgettable moment, adding even more fun to the festivities.

With Dick's help, the PINK Pig award was finally presented to the rally team of Kenneth Raines and his granddaughter, Brynnleigh Larson, who earned an impressive 815 points. Remarkably, this marks Ken's third time winning the coveted award. In a nostalgic twist, Brynnleigh was also with him the first time he claimed the honor—back then, she cheered him on from a special baby seat, serving as his youngest navigator.









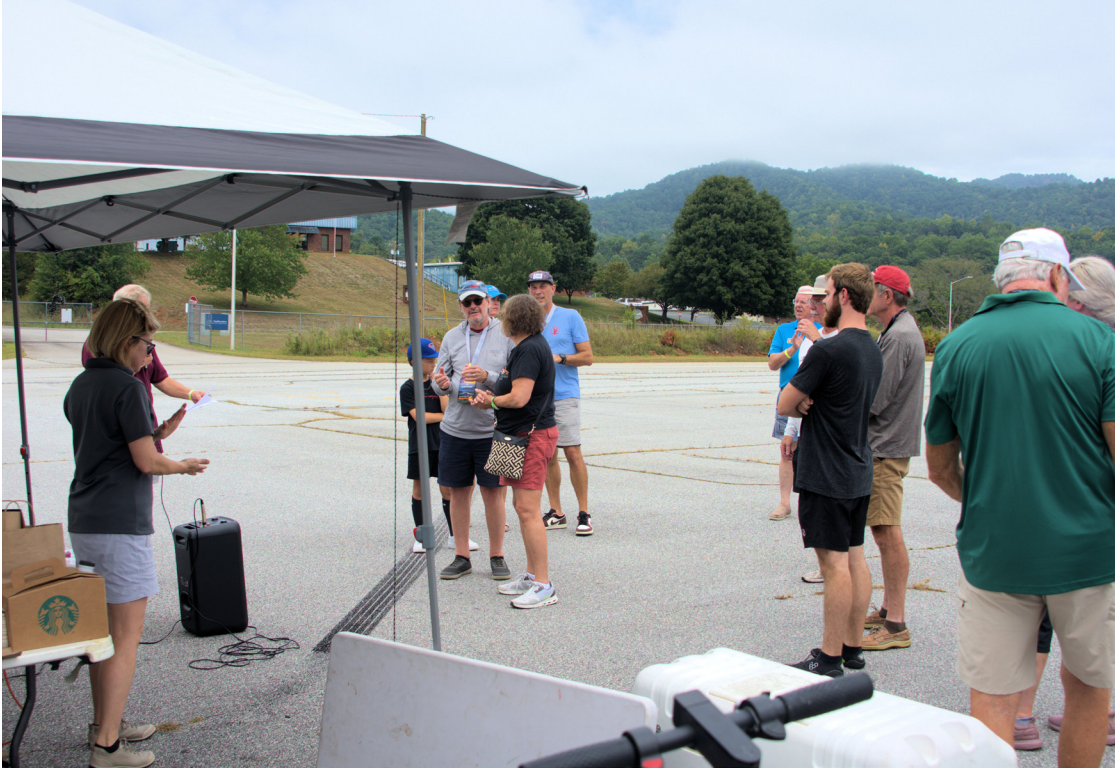
Through the serious competition and the light-hearted antics, this year's Rennfest captured the spirit of the Porsche community—passionate driving, good-natured rivalry, and plenty of humor. The 56th anniversary was a celebration of both tradition and the tight-knit bonds that the Peachstate Porsche Club continues to foster year after year.

As the weekend came to a close, it was clear that Rennfest remains a beloved tradition for Porsche lovers across the Southeast, with its mix of competition, fun, and shared appreciation for the legendary Porsche brand.

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CONCOUR

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Every year our Peachstate Porsche Members look forward to the Concours at Hennessy Porsche in Roswell. Could it be that our generous hosts provide us with a wonderfully air-conditioned space during the heat of August? Perhaps it's the knowledge that piping hot artisanal wood-fired pizzas will be served for lunch? Maybe it's just knowing that over one hundred of our fellow Club Members and their guests will join to admire the painstakingly prepared Porsches? No matter the reason, a great time is always had by all.



Early birds eager to catch their worm - their covered spots inside the Hennessy Service area!

Twenty-nine entrants competed in fourteen classes, treating all participants and guests to an array of Porsche treasures. Class 02-S featured three 914s, with what one might call the Goldilocks show.

The orange 914-6 of Joey Duran was a full race version of the mid-engined classic and was a stark contrast to the sleek silver 914 2.0 of automotive artist, Michael Ledwitz.

However, it was the Gulf race livery of Al Meredith's 914 that took the class win. On this Sunday, it was "just right."



Rarity reigned with the modern Widowmaker 996 GT2 of Jack Gilsdorf that featured a race-prepped powerplant. A Widowmaker, indeed.

Rounding out the Street Class were two throwbacks to the venerable 1980's: the Alpine white on Can-can red 944 turbo of Mitchel DeFrancis and the widebody turbo-look 911 Carrera of Russ Bryan, which was still pristine from its win on the national stage of the Parade Concours in Birmingham.

The Tour Class enjoyed a similar Deja-vu with the Grand Prix White 968 of Howard Kuo and the Guards Red 911 Carrera Cabriolet of Ron Rollins. Long live the 80's!



356 fans were wowed by the both of the open-top beauties on display. Jerry Smalley showed his rare 356 B Roadster, flanked by the Gmund Gold award-winning Aquamarine 356 Speedster of Ray Morgan. Beyond winning the prestigious Gmund award, the Morgan's Speedster earned another high mention at the Hennessy Concours – a perfect score of 235.0 points. Outstanding!







Early 911 lovers rejoiced with the trio of F-body cars on display. Thibault Corens returned from his maiden Concours at DOMA with his Irish Green 912. The youngster and his green machine were pipped this time by the veterans of Jack & Dotty Cooke and their Bahia Red 911S and the Bourdeaux Red 911 of Daryl Goetz, which earned the Class win.





The “last of the air-cooled” 911s featured both open and closed versions of the venerable 911. Sporting the wide-body of the turbo and the unique split-vented rear spoiler, Vernon Faust’s 911 C2S was menacing in its black livery. However, quietly tucked into the corner, David Nichol’s Speed Yellow 911 Cabriolet shined in all of its glory, missing a perfect score by just one-tenth of a point.

The modern water-cooled 911s were a compliment of their own wide-body cars, with Ron Spinuzzi's black 997 turbo and Rod Slack's 996 C4S flanking the Cream White 997 Carrera S Cabriolet of Jim Contardi, which took top honors in the Class, beautiful body-painted hard-back sport seats and all.





Lovers of the newest generation 911s enjoyed the 2024 911T of Caleb Jones, resplendent in classic Guards Red. The hard-fought competition, however, was between the 991 Turbos. Kevin Ferguson's Golden Yellow Exclusive Series Turbo S tied in scoring with the Basalt 911 turbo S of Richard Maury, with the two cars each receiving a mere four-tenths point deductions. Parade Competition Rules dictate that tiebreakers be determined (first) by the Exterior Score the cars receive, yielding the win to Maury. We can't wait to enjoy seeing these cars highly prepared cars feature at another Peachstate Concours.





Four-door Porsches were well represented at the Concours. Alyson Laskowski returned for her second Concours and her Sapphire Blue Macan edged out the Chalk Cayenne of Dan DeRiemer.



Second-generation Boxster/Caymans in Class 13-T featured two special edition models. Ernie Cabrera brought his Carrera White Cayman R which contrasted with its open-top variant, the Black Boxster Spyder of Lewis Broyles. Lewis took the win this time, but these two cars have been head-to-head before, and no doubt we will see both at the next Concours.





Not to be outdone by the cars in Class 13, our final series of mid-engined Porsches, the Boxster/ Caymans of Class 14 showcased almost the full range of cars in the production series. The GT Silver 718 Cayman T of Jeff Pope showed nicely against its closed counterpart in the Carrera White Cayman GT4 of Brian Threlkeld. Our other GT Silver car, the Boxster Spyder of Steve Hallock, was just one-tenth of a point behind its GT Silver cousin. In fact, this class was the most competitive of all classes judged, with just four-tenths between the cars. Losing just one-tenth of a point, Norma Alread earned the Class win with her Carmine Red 718 Boxster GTS and in her inaugural Concours – well done, Norma!





Hennessy Concours Entrants and Guests alike enjoyed piping hot wood-fired pizzas from Southern Crust. Many thanks to the Hennessy Porsche team for hosting us and to all of the Peachstate Members and their guests who joined us for this Concours.

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OKTOBERFEST HPDE

MICHELIN RACEWAY ROAD ATLANTA



This was one of the most challenging events that the club has sponsored. Weather forecasts called for rain and high winds from hurricane Helene.

Well over 100 drivers were keeping close tabs on the progress of this storm. The day before the event was supposed to start, Road Atlanta cancelled the Friday portion of our schedule. Friday morning, it became apparent that we had been spared from the worst of it.

Unfortunately, the storm hit full force in the Asheville area where over a dozen of our drivers reside. All survived but there was an immense amount of damage keeping them from being able to participate in this event. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them in 2025. Drivers rolled in Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning to prepare for a great weekend. After everyone was registered and teched, we had a drivers' meeting and the track went hot.

Everyone got plenty of seat time and seemed to really enjoy themselves. We managed to get through the weekend with only two incidents and in both cases the driver was fine.

The highlight of the weekend was a wonderful Oktoberfest social at the Driving Club that was well attended on Saturday night. Greg Smith, owner of Printer's Ale Manufacturing Co., not only drove with us but also provided two different beers crafted just for the occasion.

There was oompah music in the background and plenty of German cuisine as well. After everyone had their fill, we called it an evening because the following morning would be full of fast cars and point-bys.

We held a total of five events this year. Behind the scenes, there was an incredible amount of hard work that went into this program.

I want to express my gratitude to every member of the track committee for all they did to make this such an excellent success. I would like to thank the instructors that represented our club for their professionalism and unwavering commitment.

I would also like to thank the volunteers that have helped with our events throughout the year.











This concludes our 2024 season and we hope you found an opportunity to join us. If not, we already have our schedule for 2025 so add it to your calendar.

2025 Track Schedule

February 22 HPDE at Atlanta Motorsports Park
April 11, 12 and 13 Club Race/ Solo HPDE at Road Atlanta
June 21 and 22 HPDE at Road Atlanta
September 19, 20 and 21 HPDE at Road Atlanta

See you at the track!

TOURS

Cloudland Canyon Tour

Planning events can be quite challenging. When I started planning the last tour of the year, the Cloudland Canyon Tour, I knew it was going to be on the same day as college football teams, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee would be playing big games.

I also knew it was going to be an all-day tour. I estimated that I would be lucky to get 15 to 20 registrations. I made plans with the restaurant for lunch in Ft. Payne, AL for 30 to 40 people.

Apparently our Peachstate Porsche members didn't care about watching the football too much, as we got 37 registrations for a total of 65 participants.

I contacted the restaurant and let them know we had more coming than I had estimated, but that we usually had some last minute cancellations or no-shows and that we would probably have 55 to 60



participants. They were concerned that they might not be able to seat us all and accommodate their normal Saturday lunch business. They said some of our group might have to wait for seating. As it turned out there were no cancellations and no no-shows.

As is common after registration closes, I had people contacting me asking if they could join us even though they missed the registration deadline. At that point I had no choice but to refuse additional requests to join the tour as I wasn't sure we were even going to be able to get everyone who had registered served together. There were about a dozen such requests,

and I would estimate that if we could have accommodated all of them, we would have had 90 people on the tour. I felt bad having to say no, but sometimes you just don't have a choice.

Sign-in went very smoothly, if a bit chilly, as we were in the parking lot outside in front of Total Wine on Barrett Parkway. My co-chairs assisted in getting folks checked-in and groups parked in appropriate rows based on their driving group assignments.

The weather could not have been better, as it warmed quickly, and we had beautiful sunny skies. The route started with a boring drive on Interstate 75 to Cartersville, but then we got on nice traffic free roads for the drive.

We made a short rest stop in Rome before continuing to Little River Canyon State Park where we stopped to see the waterfall.

Due to how dry it has been there was less water than normal

coming over the falls, but it is still a pretty sight. We then took the twisty scenic canyon road along the brim of the canyon, which everyone enjoyed.

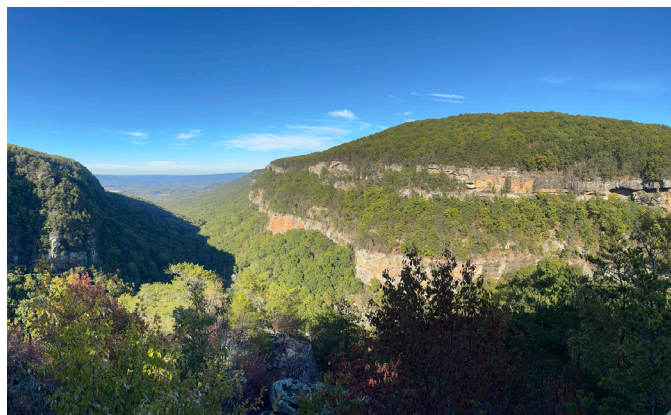


We then dropped off the mountain into Ft. Payne where we had lunch at Santa Fe Cattle Company. They did manage to get us all seated together but had to put 6 at a table for 4 for the last table seated. The food was excellent, but a bit slow due to our numbers.



After lunch we drove up to Trenton using Highway 11, which mostly runs up through a valley with mountains beside us. From Trenton we went up the mountain and turned on GA-189, which runs right along the brow of Lookout Mountain past the hang glider port.

There were several hang gliders there and although we could not stop to watch we did slow down to give everyone a good view off the mountain. The last stop then was Cloudland Canyon State Park. After a short walk you get a panoramic view of the valley below. There is also a short hike down to some beautiful waterfalls. Everyone was on their own to decide what they wanted to do there and which route to take coming home.



Pictures from the tour are in the media gallery.

RALLY

KAYA



Autumn in Peachstate is more than just crisp air and colorful leaves—it's a time to hit the road for the annual Fall Brats Rally and wrap up another exhilarating rally season! This year, 23 enthusiastic teams braved some light rain forecasts to rev their engines, conquer the roads to Jasper, and savor the ultimate reward: bratwurst.

A Scenic Start with a Special Pause

Starting in Woodstock, rally-goers tackled thrilling new routes through North Cobb, Cherokee, and Pickens counties. Along the way, the Georgia National Cemetery offered a moment of solemnity as participants paused to honor veterans, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice—a heartfelt tribute on the eve of Veterans Day.

A Dash of Competition

Navigators had scenic views to enjoy, but drivers faced a tougher challenge: keeping slow and steady on some tricky stretches. The competition was fierce! Alysun and Michael Laskowski dominated the SOP class yet again with an impressive score of just 111 points. In the Tour class, it was a close race, but Jeff and Julie Moeller claimed victory with 171 points, followed by David and Betsy Carroll at 200 points, and Mike Cole and Sig Hardester in third with 304 points. Even the youngest backseat navigator couldn't stop Austin and Julie Montgomery from earning DASBF honors—way to rally as a family!



A Feast to Remember

Thanks to my rally co-chair Wilko Heinrichsdorf, his wife Sabrina, and the ever-helpful Lewis Broyles for all their help. A special shoutout goes to Rich Schwahl and The Lunch Box crew for serving up a delicious brat's dinner—a true taste of autumn!

A Toast to a Successful Season

Peachstate rallies are officially a big deal, ranking as the 3rd largest region in PCA. This year saw 121 teams register, 100 attendees sharpen their skills at our rally schools, and 71 wine enthusiasts enjoy the rally wine tasting event. A very special thanks to Kaya Vineyards and Winery for their support over the years—your hospitality makes the wine tasting and the Wino Rally a fan favorite!

Looking Ahead to 2025

Wilko and I are already gearing up for next year, promising fresh training materials and even more fun-filled rally routes. Next year starts off with our 2nd annual wine tasting event at Kaya Winery on February 16th, so you all can join us. Here's to another year of roaring engines, winding roads, and unforgettable memories. Cheers to the adventure ahead!

FALL BRATS RALLY RESULTS

	Run Group	Last Name	First Name	Name of Navigator	Score
1	SOP	Laskowski	Michael	Alysun Laskowski	111
2	SOP	Monroe	Steve	Gayle Young-Monroe	400
3	SOP	Baker	Jack	Kathy Baker	551
1	Tour	Moeller	Jeff	Julie Moeller	171
2	Tour	Carroll	David	Betsy	200
3	Tour	Cole	Mike	Sig Hardester	304
4	Tour	Hollings	Earle	Shawn Hickey	389
5	Tiue	Kratky	Zdenek	Nikola Kratky	405
6	Tour	Hollings	Nicole	Chelsea Hickey	469
7	Tour	Schultz	Robert	Lew Broyles	471
8	Tour	Bloom	David	Joshua Sachs	479
9	Tour	Forsberg	Paul	Max MÃ¼nker	496
10	Tour	Wolf	Kevin	Sandy Budow	512
11	Tour	Talfumiere	Xavier	Valerie Mayer	553
12	Tour	Clavijo	Max	Kathy Clavijo	555
13	Tour	Montgomery	Austin	Julie Montgomery	590
	Tour	Izaguirre	Carlos	Amie Izaguirre	581
	Tour	Grosskopf	Edna	Richard Moore	652
	Tour	Tehrani	Michael	Michael Tehrani	675
	Tour	Barker	Pam	Susan Morgan	785
	Tour	Ruben	marc	Linda Ruben	797
	Tour	Edwards	Bill	William Edwards	844
	Tour	Wilson	Adam	Heather Wilson	907
	Tour	Fulmer	Alana	Mark Fulmer	
	Tour	Moody	Michael	Carolina Moody	

Alysun & Michael Laskowski 1st Place SOP



Jeff and Julie Moeller 1st place Tour



David and Betsy Carroll 2nd place Tour







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A very special thanks to the SimplyEuro Sandy Springs Team for hosting a “True Tech Session” on November 16th. It was a pleasure having direct access to Chance Chenoweth, their resident Porsche expert, and former Colorado Porsche Gold Level Certified Technician.

Chance covered the bases with an overview of the importance and value of Porsche diagnostic tools, recommendations on performance enhancement modifications and creating awareness of their shop’s ability to provide pre-track inspections. Chance also shared one of his personal cars on site - a stunning and pristine 996 Turbo.

Thanks so much to our Peachstate PCA members who attended, especially for the excellent questions and healthy engagement during open Q&A!











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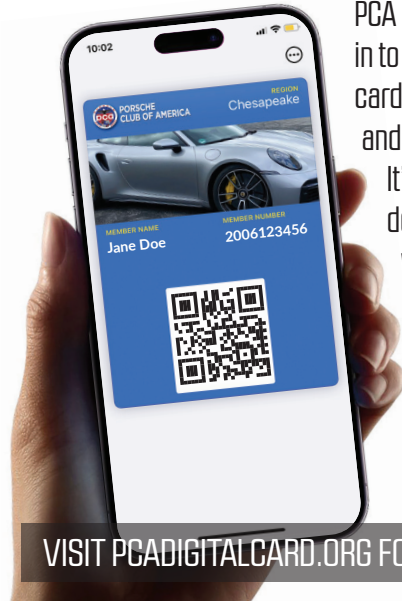
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