



# In The Zone

## Recent Happenings in Zone 3

With this being the first issue of *In The Zone*, I thought I would just give an idea of what I plan to cover each month. I thought I might give a quick story of what someone (maybe me) is doing or has done in the club.—so feel free to send me a short story you may want to relate. Each issue will also have some information that will hopefully help each of the region boards with running their regions, and finally I will highlight some of the upcoming events around the zone.

March was a busy track month for Nadine and I. We opened the month with our first trip to Barber Motorsports Park, hosted by Alabama Region. What a great track, perfect for our 914. It was nice being able to keep up with the big GT3's with a

little 2.2 liter engine.

At the end of the month, we spent a very wet weekend at Road Atlanta for the Peachstate 225 Club Race. Nadine is on the National Timing and Scoring team, and was nice and dry in the tower, but the rest of us, and all the workers, were stuck out in the incessant rain for 2 days until it decided to dry up on Sunday. In the end, it turned into a pretty good weekend with everyone involved working tirelessly to let us racers get some dry racing in. Thanks Everyone!!

I hope those of you that attended the Zone 3 Presidents Meeting felt it was worth your time. There was a lot to cover



**Cars lining up on Grid at Peachstate 225**

and I know it took us a lot longer than any of us had planned, but I think it was worth it. As you noticed, one of my goals as Zone rep is to increase the level of communication throughout the Zone. I am always open to ideas, so please tell me if you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can help each of the regions work together

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## PCA Updates

**NEW PCA.ORG WEBSITE**— Any day now, the PCA.org website will change, and the change is very good. Your current username will work, but you will need to create a new password on your first logon. After that, you will have access to so much more information than before, and will be much easier to find. All PCA members will get an email as to when the site is live, and how to logon their first time.

**ZONE 3 CLUB RACE CHALLENGE CANCELLED**— Due to the recent cancellation of the

Barber Club Race, we are being forced to cancel the Club Race Challenge at this time. Why was the Barber race cancelled? Well, someone decided it was OK to re-schedule the race at VIR immediately after the Barber date, which Alabama Region felt would negatively impact registrations to the point that they would incur a substantial financial loss. Hopefully, in the future, we can find a date to re-schedule Barber and get it back on the calendar.

**PCA MEMBERSHIP DOWN**— Some of the regions

in Zone 3 have noticed that their membership is down a bit. That's happening across all of PCA, so our challenge this year is to not only maintain our current membership base, but to also add new members. And while there are many ways to keep members and interest new ones, the best way is to listen to your current members about what type of events they would like to see, then execute on those interests. People join clubs to be part of a bigger group of like minded people, but will quickly move away if there is nothing that interests them, so keep everyone active and involved.

### Did you know?

- 18% of all PCA members own Boxsters
- 52% own late model (996/boxster) Porsche's or news
- 44% of PCAers bought a new Porsche since 2005
- 56% of PCA members have been a member for 5 years or less



## PCA Updates (continued)

**ZONE 3 WEBSITE**— I would really like to make the Zone 3 website ([zone3.pca.org](http://zone3.pca.org)) a repository for as much Zone 3 information as possible. I will be working with Josh to create a special page that the Presidents can access to download documents and forms you may need. As such, I plan to post the Zone 3 Presidents meeting presentation there, as well as some of the necessary forms you may need throughout the year.

### REMINDERS:

**Insurance**— Be sure to request an Insurance

Certificate for ANY moving vehicle event such as drives, tours, DE, Autocross, Race, and even a tech session with a car on a lift. Yes, the car moved, so you need to request a certificate. Please do it as early as possible just by faxing/ emailing the request form (found on [pca.org](http://pca.org)) to the PCA National Office.

**Waivers**— and don't forget to get waivers signed for all moving car events too.

**Subsidies**— There is a substantial

amount of subsidy money available for each region, so if you hold events that qualify for the subsidies, remember to get me your subsidy request BEFORE the event, as much time in advance as possible.

**Calendar**—When at all possible, PLEASE check the Zone 3 when scheduling your events to not conflict with other region Major events. I know many times it's impossible based on venue schedules, but do the best you can.

## Upcoming in Zone 3

**APRIL 19 CONCOURS/TOUR**—Peachstate Region- Wine & Shine Mountain Tour and Luncheon - Wolf Mountain Vineyards & Winery, Dahlonega, GA Details on Peachstate website [www.peachstatepca.org](http://www.peachstatepca.org)

**APRIL 25-26 SPRING THING**— Come join Smoky Mountain Region for their annual Multi Event Weekend up I the Great Smokey Mountains. Concoours, Rally and Autocross. Registration available on the Smoky Mountain Region website( [www.smtpca.org](http://www.smtpca.org))

**APRIL 24-26 PCA/TRG (The Racers Group)** - Carolinas Region & Zone 2. TRG shop tour, caravan to VIR (Virginia International Raceway), VIR hospitality with TRG and Grand Am Rolex Sports Car Race. Participants will meet at TRG Motorsports, 292 Rolling Hills Drive, Mooresville, N.C. 28117 at 9AM on Friday, April 24th, tour TRG Silverado Truck Facility and enjoy coffee and donuts. Then depart the facility at 10AM and caravan to VIR. A Porsche Corral will be available for PCA members. Enjoy a catered lunch in the TRG Paddock area and meet Kevin Buckler and the TRG drivers. First 50 Porsches registered will be eligible for some touring laps before the races on Saturday. Participants will be responsible for their own overnight accommodations and tickets for the race.

**APRIL 26 RALLY FO RTHE BLIND**— Palmetto Region is looking for drivers from all car clubs to participate in their first Rally for the Blind event to benefit the National Federation for the Blind. Blind navigators will give the drivers direction for a fun and enjoyable rally starting in Charleston, SC. Details on the Palmetto Region website at [www.pcapalmetto.org](http://www.pcapalmetto.org).

**MAY 2—DRIVERS ED** at TGPR with Heart O'Dixie and Musik Stadt regions. There are still a few openings and need for a few more instructors.

**Autocrosses, concours, drives, tours**....there are a lot of these events going on in Zone 3 now that the weather is getting warmer. Venture outside your own region and join some of the great PCAers in other areas of Zone 3

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL YOUR REGION ACTIVITIES ARE LISTE D ON THE ZONE 3 WEBSITE. EMAIL ANY UPDATES TO WEBMASTER JOSH STOLARZ at [josh@stolarz.org](mailto:josh@stolarz.org)**



**Keep up to date with all the happenings in Zone 3 at <http://zone3.pca.org>**



### Regions in Zone 3

- Alabama
- Carolinas
- Coastal Empire
- Heart O'Dixie
- Hurricane
- Magnolia
- Musik-Stadt
- Mid South
- Ocmulgee
- Palmetto
- Peachstate
- Smoky Mountain
- Tennessee
- Wilderness Trail