



# In The Zone

## Recent Happenings in Zone 3

April was a busy month in Zone 3, with many of the events happening on the last weekend. With Drivers Eds, autocrosses, visits to race shops and rallies, there was something for everyone.

Two specific events I would like to highlight this month were Palmetto Region's Rally for the Blind, and Smoky Mountain Region's Spring Thing.

**Rally for the Blind** -On Sunday April 26, Palmetto Region held a very unique event—a TSD rally where the navigator was blind and read the directions to the driver using Braille. This was quite an event for the local blind participants, and really made quite a few PCA members recognize how lucky we all are. All proceeds went to the Federation for the Blind, and created what looks like will become an annual event in Palmetto Region. Put it on your calendar for next year to support this outstanding activity. Great job Pal-

metto Region!! An article in the Post and Courier can be read at [www.postandcourier.com/news/2009/may/02/blindrally/](http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2009/may/02/blindrally/)

If your region does not hold a charity event, think about holding one, be creative, and have a great time for a worthy cause.

**Spring Thing**—One of the longest standing events in Zone 3, Smoky Mountain Region's Spring Thing, held it's 35th edition April 25-26 in Vonore, TN. Fashioned as a typical multi event weekend combining a concours, rally, autocross and tech quiz, the people in Smoky Mountain Region know how to put on a great event.

The host hotel, the Grand Vista, was a perfect location to use as a main headquarters. Lots of private parking, meeting space, and easy access to everything.



### Spring Thing Concours

The team put on great events capping off with a 100+/- second autocross designed by Vic Rola. Nadine and I finally got Huey out on the road—a story for another time, and placed first in Race Car class for the Concours and First in the Rally, despite not having a working odometer or speedometer!

Many thanks to everyone involved with organizing a great weekend!

This is another event to put on your calendar for next year!

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## PCA Updates

**NEW PCA.ORG WEBSITE**— Well, as many of you have probably seen, the new [pca.org](http://pca.org) site is up and running. And yes, there are a few bugs to be worked out, but in the end, you will notice a lot more content and information available to you.

**One thing you DEFINITELY want to do is get your Region Calendar on the PCA site up to date!** Now, the first thing a PCA member sees when he/she logs in is their home region's calendar of events, so you really want it up to date. Assign that

task to someone on your board to make sure your region calendar, newsletter, and national calendars all are in sync.

If you have not done so already, get on the PCA website and browse around a little. Things are in different places now, so you may have to familiarize yourself with the new layout. In the long run, you will find it easier and with more information.

**ZONE 3 WEBSITE**— Speaking of websites, Josh has cre-

ated a page for the Region officers to access forms, the Presidents Meeting presentation, copies of *In The Zone*, etc. The Region Presidents will be receiving an email on how to get onto the page. This will hopefully make it easier for everyone to find the forms that they need. If you think of anything else that you'd like to see posted there for easy access, just email me and Josh and we'll get it posted.

### Did you know?

- 22% of all PCA members attend 6 or more events per year
- Tech info is the number one interest of PCA members
- There are only 4 paid employees in all of PCA
- There are over 58,000 primary members in PCA.



## PCA Updates (continued)

Also—Please make sure the Zone 3 Website has your Region’s up to date calendar of events!! The last we heard from you was at the beginning of the year, and most regions told me they would have new stuff being added NOTHING has been added since the first request, so PLEASE help us out. We’re trying to get more participation to your event!!

### 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) 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.

**Post Event Forms**—As some of you have already learned, PCA is requesting a new Post Event reporting form for your events. This is just to acknowledge to Arlene Novak that the event went on without incident. If there WAS an incident, and Incident Report is to be filled out. That’s for ANY incident where there is a vehicle or person involved. PLUS, you must have an Observers Re-

port for ALL moving vehicle events. So...if you requested insurance, you must have someone fill out an observers report, post event report, and incident report if there was any.

**Incident Reports**—Speaking of Incident Reports, the first thing you need to do when filling out an incident report is DON’T PANIC. Hey, we play with cars, not butterflies, things happen. Here’s what you do: get pictures of the incident, fill out the form (posted on PCA and Zone 3 websites), get 2 statements if possible from witnesses, get a copy of the signed waiver and highlight the names of the people involved in the incident. Then from there, call Ken Laborde, our National Insurance Chairman, and keep me (Bob Saville) in the loop as to what’s going on. We will get you through the process, no big deal. Any questions? Give me a call and I can help you out.

## Region Management - Multi Event Weekends

I thought I would start a new section that may help some you with ideas and suggestions to help grow your region membership, and maintain the interest level of the current members you have.

At this time, there are only 4 regions in Zone 3 that hold multi event weekends: Smoky Mountain Region’s Spring Thing, Peachstate Region’s Rennfest, Carolinas Region’s Porschefest, and most recently added to the fold is Tennessee Region’s Winterfest. Holding a multi event weekend can be a very rewarding experience for both the organizers and the region membership, and I think Tennessee Region can attest to that. It brings a renewed interest in social and competitive events, and can be the launching pad for more events throughout the year.

A typical Multi Event weekend consists of a Concours, a Rally - either Gimmick or TSD (time, speed, distance), and an Autocross. You can also add a Tech Quiz or other events to keep it interesting. Usually, the format calls for a banquet/awards dinner on Saturday night. The idea behind a multi event weekend is to expose the members to a bunch of different aspects of their Porsche ownership - some will gravitate to various activities of the weekend and find that they love to clean, drive, race, etc. their Porsche. This may also be a great time to recruit new people to help organize functions throughout the year too. And, PCA provides a subsidy to your region for holding a multi event weekend.

Information on how to host these, and other events are listed in the RPM, which each of the region Presidents should have received by now. But the best way to understand what goes on and how to run one is to attend and help out the organizers of an existing weekend. Trust me, they will take all the help they can get. And from what I know and have seen, each of the weekends listed above are top notch, so you could learn a lot from these groups.

Do you and your region a favor and consider planning now for a multi event weekend for 2010. I would be happy to help in any way I can, and can direct you to others in Zone 3 that would also be willing to help. Nadine and I have run or been involved with running a few Porschefests here in Charlotte, so we’ve made all the mistakes ourselves, and know how to overcome them.

A few things I would like to start in 2010 are Zone 3 Series Championships for at least Autocross, and possibly Rally and Concours, with maybe even a Zone 3 Overall Champion that encompasses all three. We would be using the multi event weekends as the basis for the series, adding in other events from regions that don’t have a multi event weekend, but this should definitely help to boost attendance as you begin to create a new tradition in your region. Think about it, and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me...

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



## Upcoming in Zone 3

**MAY 16 CONCOURS/TOUR**—Heart O’ Dixie Region— Tour to Cal Turners Farm Tennessee Tubs Con-  
cours. Don’t miss Cal Turners Exotic Car collection. For details, contact HOD Region President Jim Cambron  
at [James.Cambron@cobham.com](mailto:James.Cambron@cobham.com)

**MAY 15-17 DRIVERS EDUCATION**— Mid South Region will be holding their Spring DE at Memphis  
Motorsports Park on May 15-17. Details and registration can be found on Mid South Region’s website at  
[www.pca-msr.org](http://www.pca-msr.org).

**MAY 16-17 DRIVERS EDUCATION**— Carolinas Region will be holding their May DE at Carolina  
Motorsports Park on May 16-17. Details and registration can be found on Carolinas Region’s website at  
[www.carolinas-pca.com](http://www.carolinas-pca.com)



**Porsches & Planes**

**MAY 17 PORSCHE AND PLANES IV** - Peachstate Region will be holding their forth Porsches and  
Planes Concours and BBQ at Stoney Point Airfield in Cummings, GA. This is a great opportunity to com-  
bine the loves of many PCA members, and a chance to see some great classic bi planes and stunt planes. De-  
tails can be found on Peachstate’s website at [www.peachstatepca.org](http://www.peachstatepca.org).

**MAY 23 AUTOCROSS** - Hurricane Region will be holding an autocross in Maxton, NC at the Laurinburg  
Maxton Airport.. Details on the Hurricane Region website at [www.hur.pca.org](http://www.hur.pca.org).

**MAY 23-24—PORSCHEFEST** - Carolinas Region will be hosting their annual multi event weekend in the  
mountains of Asheville, NC. This encompasses a Concours, Rally and Autocross. Details can be found on the  
Carolinas Region website at [www.carolinas-pca.com](http://www.carolinas-pca.com)

**MAY 30-31—WINERY TOUR** - Hurricane Region will be holding their annual Winery Tour, starting with  
a visit to the NC Wine Festival in Winston-Salem, then touring a few individual wineries in and around the  
Mt. Airy, NC area. Details at [www.hur.pca.org](http://www.hur.pca.org).

**MAY 31 - AUTOCROSSES** - Smoky Mountain Region and Mid South Region will each be holding an auto-  
cross on the last day of May. Check out their websites for details [www.smt pca.org](http://www.smt pca.org) and [www.pca-msr.org](http://www.pca-msr.org)

(wow, May is a busy month!!)

Looking ahead:

**JUNE 20-21 - Please Join Palmetto Region in Celebrating their 40th Anniversary!!** Palmetto Region will  
be celebrating their 40th Anniversary with a special event at Patriots Point just outside of Charleston, SC. The  
weekend kicks off with a Gimmick Rally, returning to Patriots Point for a Race Car display from local profes-  
sional race team Autometrics. Then, there will be cocktails and dinner aboard the USS Yorktown Aircraft  
carrier with a special guest speaker. Optional events on Sunday will round out a fun filled weekend. Put this  
on your calendar. Details at [www.pcapalmetto.org](http://www.pcapalmetto.org)

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



**Parade 2009 in  
Keystone, CO will be the  
last Parade primarily run  
by the local region. 35  
members from Zone 3  
are attending Parade this  
year.**



**Did you know that  
Smoky Mountain Region  
has been holding their  
Spring Thing for as long  
as they have been a  
chartered region? In fact,  
they had Spring Thing  
scheduled BEFORE they  
were granted their  
charter by PCA.**