



# In The Zone

## Recent Happenings in Zone 3

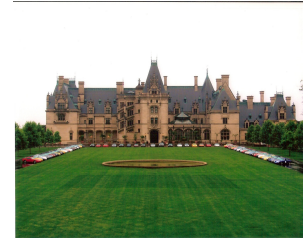
May continued the heavy activity in Zone 3. Starting out with a combined DE that Heart O' Dixie and Musik Stadt held at Little Talladega, and ending with Hurricane Region's Winery tour. The middle of the month consisted of DE's hosted by Mid South and Carolinas Regions, and various autocrosses throughout the zone.

Nadine and I attended two events: Carolinas Region PorscheFest and the Hurricane Region winery tour. PorscheFest is Carolinas Region's multi event weekend, this year held in beautiful Asheville, NC. Holding PorscheFest in Asheville for the first time opened up a lot of unique opportunities, the highlight of which was a photo-op in front of the Biltmore estate! And while it rained a bit, it didn't dampen the spirits of the 80+ cars that attended. Wow, what a site.

Nadine and I did not win in the concours this time, but we did place 3rd

in the gimmick rally, so not a bad weekend. Huey our 914 did great, and all the people that attended seemed to have a great time. Thanks everyone involved for putting on a wonderful weekend.

The following weekend, we joined Hurricane region for their Winery tour. We never realized there were so many wineries in North Carolina! Mind you, most are new and make very sweet wines, but some actually made decent quality wine. Our enthusiastic group of 25 cars first attended the NC Wine Festival, then visited 3 other wineries Saturday, and two more on Sunday. We traveled some great roads, and Nadine and I again got to meet some wonderful people. Honestly, this Zone Rep thing is getting to be a lot of fun - new people, new places, and



**Porsches parked in front of the Biltmore at PorscheFest**

new experiences. Not too bad!! What I also realized is that being zone rep has opened our eyes to all the activities going on in all of Zone 3 and PCA. There is nothing stopping anyone from attending events outside your own region. I know there are a few region Presidents that go out of their way to venture out to other regions, but it would be great if more of you did. We started some great communication at the Presidents meeting, lets keep it up throughout the year.

## PCA Updates

### NEW PCA.ORG WEBSITE

I'm starting to feel like a broken record each month talking about the PCA.org website. Trust me, the PCA National staff is tired of discussing it too. But I do have some hopefully good news.

The site that you see now will most likely cease to exist on June 30. Yes, I know, it just got there. But there will be a new, better, sexier site coming very soon. There will be a lot of new features that will make the user experience much better than any time in the past. Keep you fingers crossed

that it will all come through as expected. If you're going to Parade, you may have a chance to see what it's all about....

### OBSERVER REPORTS -

I'd like to commend all of you for getting your observer reports in after your events. However, you really want to have someone OTHER than the Region President or Event Coordinator write the report. Ideally, it should be someone from outside the host region if possible. If not, maybe some-

one that doesn't typically attend events would be a good candidate. Observer reports should be a learning tool to allow you to run better events, and having the President or event chair write the report is not going to give an objective report.

**EXPANDED PASSING AT DE'S** - Some of you may have heard that our National DE chair Pete Tremper and his team have been doing some experimenting with having one

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### Did you know?

- PCA Club Racing is one of the largest amateur racing organizations in the US
- 11% of all PCA have been members for more than 20 years.
- The first chartered region in PCA was Potomac, chartered Sept 13, 1955.



## PCA Updates (continued)

group at a DE that allows for more expanded passing, i.e. passing on all areas of the track still WITH A POINT BY. The experiments to this point have been quite successful with no incidents to report, so Pete will be presenting his results and recommendations to the National Staff at Parade.

### And those standard 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.

**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 Report 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.

## Region Management - Tours

Tours have become more and more popular in PCA over the past few years. Tours are much more a social event than a competition. In fact, in a survey of what members liked, most members said they preferred to drive their cars, and socialize with their PCA friends more than compete. Because of this, the PCA Escape has been developed as an extremely low key, non-competitive long weekend that features drives to interesting places, and lots of casual eating and drinking with a bunch of your friends and family. This year's Escape is to Dayton, OH, and the "birthplace of aviation", though I know a few Carolinas people that would beg to differ with that tag line...

Setting up a tour in your region can be as easy as you want it to be, or as complex as you'd like to tackle. A few of the key parts of a successful tour is having an interesting destination, and/or very good roads to drive. Some regions such as Carolinas focus on the wonderful drives through the Blue Ridge Mountains, though one of the tours to Charleston, SC was more for the destination than the roads. Others focus on the destinations like the recent Winery tour held by Hurricane Region, where while some of the roads were interesting enough, the focus was on exploring the wineries of North Carolina.

When setting up a tour, decide what the idea of the tour is to be - is it the destination or the drive. Then you will need to determine the route and try to make it somewhat interesting. We drive great cars, so try not to make it highway driving all the time. Make sure you account for a break every hour or so to allow for fueling and restroom stops. If it's a full day tour, have a place that can accommodate the group prepared for a nice lunch ready. Same if dinner will be provided, and maybe a place to stay overnight for distance travelers.

The attention to details is what can make or break a successful tour. This is not a rally that the goal is to get people lost. Make sure the directions are very clear and concise. Drive the route many times with a passenger that can transcribe very detailed route instructions so everyone gets where they are going without problems. And based on a recent experience, may I suggest that you tell people to turn their GPS's off unless they get lost? In a recent tour, we had two different people's GPS give them two different directions, which were not what the written directions said! And besides, sometimes the long way is the more exciting way....

Give yourself reasonable time to run the route, and if you have stops along the way, plan for things to last longer than expected. When you have a large group, delay time seems to multiply exponentially. Since this is a social event, give everyone nametags so everyone can get to meet new people. Encourage any region board members to sit with others, or welcome new members into the group.

As with any driving event, don't forget to get your insurance certificate, have everyone participating sign the waivers, and assign someone to do the observers report. Hold a meeting at the beginning of the tour to explain where you're going, and any logistics along the way. Its also a good idea to suggest to everyone in advance to bring Talkabouts or something to keep in touch with each other. Oh, and remind everyone that they are on public roads and to follow all posted speed limits. Believe it or not, more incidents happen on Tours than any other PCA Event.....Most of all.....HAVE FUN!!! And if you have any questions, don't 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

I wanted to highlight a few very interesting and important events happening in Zone 3 over the next couple months:

**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 professional race team Automotrics. Then, there will be cocktails and dinner aboard the USS Yorktown Aircraft carrier to hear stories from the guest speaker **Vic Elford**. Optional events on Sunday will round out a fun filled weekend. Put this on your calendar. Details at [www.pcpalmetto.org](http://www.pcpalmetto.org)



Palmetto's 40th anniversary on the USS Yorktown

**JULY 17-19 - Rolex Porsche 250 at Barber MSP** - Join us for a fun weekend at the Porsche 250 Grand Am/Rolex race at Barber Motorsports Park where PCA will be hosting a huge PCA Car Corral. Similar to the Porscheplatz at Petit LeMans, PCA and PCNA are joining together to throw one big party for all PCA members. Guest speakers from Penske and TRG, refreshments, track tours, private parties, and other activities will highlight this great event. Details on joining the PCA Corral will be forthcoming.

**JULY 25 - Porsche's in den Bergen (Porsches in the Mountains)**. Carolinas Region is hosting their first ever Porsches in the Mountains at Waynesville Country Club outside of Asheville, NC. The weekend will consist of a concours on the Waynesville CC golf course, driving tours to include the famous "Tail of the Dragon", various golf events, and special appearances by The Racers Group (TRG) who will be bringing their transporters, race cars, and drivers for PCA members to meet. Information and registration is on the Carolinas website at [www.carolinas-pca.com](http://www.carolinas-pca.com).

Other events throughout Zone 3 include:

**JUNE 6-7 - Drivers Ed Peachstate Region DE** at Road Atlanta. Go to [www.peachstatepca.org](http://www.peachstatepca.org) for details

**JUNE 13-14 - Drivers Ed Coastal Empire Region DE** at Roebing Road Raceway. Go to [www.cerpca.net](http://www.cerpca.net). CER will be holding an Instructor Training course to become a PCA Certified instructor on Friday June 12.

**JUNE 20-21 - Drivers Ed Alabama Region DE** at Barber MSP. Go to [www.ala.pca.org](http://www.ala.pca.org) for details

**JUNE 27 - Autocross** - Mid South region autocross at Millington Regional Jetport. Go to [www.pca-msr.org](http://www.pca-msr.org)



**JUNE 28-JULY 4 - PARADE 2009** - Keystone, CO. Who will be going to Keystone for Parade 2009? We will be holding a **Zone 3 Party on Tuesday June 30**. Location and exact time TBA, but will be posted on the bulletin board in the Hospitality Room. Most likely early evening timeframe. This is a great time to meet up with other Zone 3 attendees and a good chance to relax after a day at the Concours.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL YOUR REGION ACTIVITIES ARE LISTED ON THE ZONE 3 WEBSITE. I NOTICED THAT MANY OF THEM HAVE EITHER BEEN CANCELLED, MOVED, OR CHANCE OF DATE. PLEASE EMAIL ANY UPDATES TO WEBMASTER JOSH STOLARZ AT [josh@stolarz.org](mailto:josh@stolarz.org)**

**ALSO REMEMBER, IF YOU DON'T EMAIL ME YOUR UPDATES, I CAN'T GET THEM INTO *In The Zone* AND HELP YOU PROMOTE THEM!!**



**Peachstate Region is the longest standing chartered region in Zone 3, chartered January 23, 1960.**



**Coastal Empire Region is the youngest region in Zone 3, chartered on December 15, 2001**