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## Musik-Stadt Region Porsche Club of America

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### Next Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Musik-Stadt Region PCA will be held on  
Tuesday, March 14 at:

Sportsman's Grille  
1640 Westgate Circle  
Brentwood, TN 37027

Meeting time is 6:30 PM

### Next Club Event

The next Musik-Stadt Region PCA event is:

March 25, 2017 - Tech Session at Porsche of Nashville!

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# *A Message From The President*

Hi Musik-Stadt!

The month of March really blew in fast yesterday, March 1st! I hope no one suffered damage to their homes or Porsches. With Spring just around the corner we look forward to “gearing up” for more MSK activities in the near future. Everyone is looking forward to getting their Porsches out of the garage.

We had a couple of nice surprises in the region last month. Not only did we have great participation in our two February events, we also saw a lot of new faces in attendance. Thanks to all of the newcomers for coming out. We hope you come back and help make our club stronger than ever! We had 30 members show up for our monthly meeting on Valentines day. We also had 30 members get out early on a chilly Saturday morning for our Detailing Tech Session at Joe Questel’s “My Other Garage” as well. Chris Marlin stepped in and did a very nice job in schooling us on his approach to caring for cars. Show of hands: How many stopped and bought a Grit Guard on their way home from the Saturday session? I did! I also stopped by his shop behind Niche Motors in Brentwood yesterday to buy a bottle of “No Rinse Wash and Shine”.

On February 18 I attended the Zone Presidents meeting in Atlanta at the Porsche Experience Center. Vic Rola our Zone representative welcomed 13 Region Presidents to PEC on a dreary Saturday that saw rain most of the morning. There was a lot of general business topics discussed. Most notably Vic advised us PCA driving tours are our fastest growing event type and can also be the most dangerous. New tour guidelines will be coming from PCA HQ in the near future. We all agree that while tours are tremendously fun they must be safe for all.

We were privileged to meet PCNA’s PCA liaison Paul Gregor. Paul has worked closely with PCA leadership for the past five years and leaves next month for Stuttgart. For our meeting he put together a tour of the PEC facility for us. He also arranged for each of us to enjoy a few “hot laps” on the PEC track with a Porsche instructor at the wheel. The track was saturated but these guys impressed everyone with their ability to be wicked fast in the wet!



Finally Vic updated us on Parades and Treffens through 2018:

- 2017 Porsche Parade, Spokane, WA, June 2017
- 2017 Fall Treffen, Asheville, NC, Sept 20-23
- 2018 Spring Treffen, Santa Fe, NM
- 2018 Porsche Parade, Missouri, June 2018
- 2018 Fall Treffen, Banff, Alberta, Canada

Locally we have a very busy calendar ahead beginning with a our monthly meeting at Sportsman’s Grille in Brentwood, March 14, 6:30 PM. We have another Tech Session at Porsche of Nashville, March 25, 9:30 AM. Dealer tech sessions have always proven most informative and well attended. Mike Moody set this tech up and I believe it will focus on the Cayman and Boxster models. As popular as these models are we should have a great crowd.

See you there!

# Upcoming Events and Activities

## Musik-Stadt Events:

March 14, 6:30 PM	Club Meeting, Sportsman's Grille, Cool Springs
March 25, 9:30 AM	Tech Session at Porsche of Nashville
April 1 - MSK Ramble*	Destination: "Carl's Perfect Pig", White Bluff, 12 PM
April 11, 6:30 PM	Club Meeting, Ellendales, Donelson
April 15, 9:00 AM	Tour to Monteagle; depart from Cracker Barrel, Mallory Ln
May 6	<a href="#">Tour to Uber Region Fest, Florence, AL</a> (details T.B.D.)
May 9	Club Meeting
May 20	Musik-Stadt 5th Annual Concours in the Park, Edwin Warner Park
May 27	Tour to Lascassas, TN - depart Cracker Barrel, Mallory Ln, 9:00 AM
June 10	Tour to Fall Creek Falls
June 13	Club Meeting

\* The "Ramble" is a new concept for us. This will enable members to establish their own groups and routes to a predetermined location for a group lunch. It will reduce unnecessary driving and time requirements for those living significant distances from a regular Driving Tour starting point, e.g. if you live in Mt. Juliet and a tour begins in Cool Springs you have to leave super early and drive 20-30 miles farther than Brentwood residents. So put your own drive together. Set your start time and your route. It's really a casual affair. There won't be reservations at a restaurant so if it's rainy and you decide not to go no problem. We'll establish an estimated arrival time in hopes that all arrive about the same time. We will discuss at the March club meeting.

## Other PCA And Gear Head Events:

March 10 - 12	Amelia Island: Werks Reunion, Cars & Coffee, Concours d' Elegance
March 29 - April 2	PCA Treffen Hill Country (Austin, TX) Registration opens 1/4/17
April 15	Kars4Kids, Brentwood
April 21 - 23	The Mitty, Road Atlanta, Historic Vintage Racing Porsche is the featured Marque this year
April 21 - 23	The Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, Barber MSP
April 28 - 30	Smokey Mt. Region "Spring Thing"
April 29	German Cars & Coffee (hosted by PCA) 8AM The Factory, Franklin
May 13	<a href="#">Annie Rose Poker Run</a>
July 9 - 15	PCA Porsche Parade, Spokane, WA
July 22	German Cars & Coffee (hosted by M-B Club) The Factory - Franklin 8AM
September 1 - 3	Rennfest 2017 by Peachstate Region
September 20 - 24	PCA Treffen to Asheville, NC
September 29 - October 1	Atlanta Concours d' Elegance
October 14	German Cars & Coffee (hosted by BMW Club) The Factory - Franklin 8AM

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## *High Performance Driving Education (HPDE)*

Ferry Porsche said it best: "You can't tell what makes a Porsche great by simply driving it around the block!" meaning that you have to exercise your Porsche on a track to really understand why it is so much better than just transportation. Most of you will never understand that comment because you are afraid of damaging your expensive, precious, Porsche. Well, I have news for you -- a car is much less likely to be damaged on the safe environment of a PCA HPDE on a track than on the street; think about it: no dogs, no children, no cell phones or texting, and every car out there in your Novice Group has a professional Driving Instructor giving you and the road to your front their undivided attention. In over 100 DEs, I have never known a Novice who damaged their car -- no running with the fools in the Advanced "wanna-be race car drivers is another matter" Group. Furthermore, the driving skills you learn through the driver education will greatly assist you in avoiding a street accident or handling your Porsche during the conduct of an emergency maneuver to avoid or lessen the impact of an accident. I know that every red-blooded American male thinks they are a great driver by their birth-right, but only when you get in your Porsche along-side a professional instructor will you learn just how much you still have to learn.

There are a few of you who are considering taking the HPDE and here are some answers to the most common answers:

What is the grouping for HPDE?

There are five driver group designations: 1) Novices for your 1st and 2nd track event with Driving Instructors (DIs) in each car, 2)

Beginners both non-solo and solo qualified for those students in their 3rd-5th events and then normally students are advanced to 3) Intermediates (all solo) about their 6th event, followed by 4) Advanced drivers for "Masters of Car Control" and 5) Instructors/Racers/Professionals. Some clubs combine groups 3 & 4 to give more track time to the students, some clubs call the groups by colors although PCA advises that the use of numbers with its natural sequencing is better than using colors which have no natural sequencing (Green, Blue, Orange, Red, Black).

Is there a recommended sequence of tracks to drive?

In years past, students were advised to drive the Talladega Gran Prix Raceway (TGPR) as their 1st DE which is all flat, no walls or barriers to hit, and an easy and safe place to learn -- then go to Memphis International Raceway (MIR) for the 2nd HPDE which is still flat, but has more technical curves and higher speeds on its 3/4 mile straight, then for the 3rd HPDE go to Barber Motorsports Park (BMP) which has elevations and VERY technical curves and lots of barriers to hit and they have a lot of wrecks. In fact in the past, students were not even allowed to drive BMP until they had accomplished an entry level HPDE (TGPR and/or MIR). Now, with the economics of the HPDEs being tight, they are letting total Novices run BMP as their 1st HPDE. Lastly, go to the big tracks like Road Atlanta which have a lot of elevation changes, technical curves, high speeds, and a lot of traffic.

How do you register for PCA HPDEs?

All PCA DEs are listed at [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net). Creating an account is free and you pay through PayPal; they also maintain your HPDE attendance and group rankings. Your PCA instructor will even evaluate your driving performance through [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net).

What equipment is needed?

You will need an SA2015 rated helmet, NOT a "M" or "DOT" Motorcycle helmet. The best place to get it is at [simpsonracing.com](http://simpsonracing.com) or [discoveryparts.com](http://discoveryparts.com) and you have a choice of an open-faced helmet (it is easier to see and communicate -- I use one when I am teaching) or a close-faced helmet which offers more protection for your face and chin but provides a more claustrophobic feeling for some folks. A closed face helmet is necessary for use of the HANS system which prevents neck injuries. DO NOT use a neck collar which will cause more damage in a high-speed accident since your head will continue forward and the collar will become a barrier that stretches the neck more than without the collar. The collars are fine for relatively low-speed autocross events. In addition to a closed-face helmet, the HANS device is also a harness, and that requires seats with portals for the shoulder straps and the crotch belt as well as a harness bar to attach the harnesses. The SA2015 helmets expire in 2026; be advised if you buy one of the cheaper SA2010 helmets, they expire in 2021 and the SA2005 helmets are already expired.

How about track insurance?

Track insurance is available through Lockton Affinity which is a stated value

policy (you determine how much insurance you want and chose the 10% or 15% deductible). My insurance for a \$55K car with the 15% deductible is about \$350; insurance for a \$71K car is \$410 with the 15% deductible. If you wreck your car regardless of fault, you get a check to repair or replace it at the stated value less the deductible in about a week. They also have cheaper insurance if you get multiple event coverage. I advise you to just get one event insurance IF you decide to buy insurance advertised on the PCA website or the clubregistration.net website (from the same company). HOWEVER, I have never seen a Novice in an incident at an HPDE because their speeds are low, the risk taking is low, the number of cars on the track in the Novice groups is low, and there is a DI in very car. The risk goes up when you get into the Beginner Group because some of the cars are driven by brand-new solo drivers, the risk gets higher in the Intermediate Groups, and the risk is the highest in the Advanced Group. YOU have to determine the amount of risk you want to take and the value of \$350.

Where do I get my Porsche inspected for the DE?

You have to get your Porsche Inspected IAW with the sheet you download from the website and most Porsche shops and the dealer performs the inspection; checking all the fluids and mechanics. For your 1st HPDE, you don't need to make any changes to your car. Just change your tire pressures (take the recommended cold rear pressure and raise it two pounds). If your recommended pressure is 35lbs front and 39lbs rear, then raise the rear to  $(39+2=41)$  41lbs and set the front 2lbs lower than the rear  $(41-39)$  at 39lbs.. Later you will want to switch to a better track

brake fluid but not in your 1st DE. You also have to remove EVERYTHING from your car and trunk at the track.

How about the conduct of the education?

There is a 2-3 hour classroom session and the rest of the education is on the track. The 1st driving session will be without helmets with the DI driving your car while you learn the track layout and the location of the flag stations, pit-in, pit-out, etc. for a couple of laps, then you drive, still without helmets with the DI in your passenger seat. All driving sessions are about 20-25 minutes duration and there are about four of them each day. Once you get to driving in earnest, you will be exhausted after 25 minutes and this also keeps your car from getting too hot. You evaluate your DI and he evaluates you at the completion of the event. Your DI makes the recommendation for advancement to the next group (or a lower group) and that recommendation is confirmed in a check-ride, when the time comes. You will have an hour off for lunch every day and the final Tech Inspection is at the track on Friday night. The tracks about 6-6:30 and driving starts about 8:00 and closes about 5:00 PM.

Where do I stay at the track?

At BMP - There is a Hampton right outside the track at BMP which may be full already so you have to drive elsewhere if that is the case.

See [www.birminghamleeds.hamptoninn.com](http://www.birminghamleeds.hamptoninn.com), 310 Rex Lake Rd., I-20 Exit 140, Leeds, AL 205-702-4141. There are more choices at the next exit on I-20. At MIR - There is a Plantation Oaks & Suites Inn which is a VERY nice and expensive hotel closest to the track in Millington: <http://admiraltyinns.com/Plantation/index.php> 6656 Hwy 51 Millington, TN (901)

872-8000 although I usually stay at one of the 3-4 Marriott properties around town. and there are a lot of hotels in Memphis. At Road Atlanta - My favorite is the Best Western Plus at 4535 Oakwood Rd., Oakwood, GA 770-535-8080 just a few miles north of the track. There are plenty of other hotels around the area.

You need to wear non-polyester clothes, long sleeves and long pants, and flat bottom rubber soled shoes (not lugged tennis shoes). You can get driving gloves later if you like the DE experience and also driving shoes. The cost is about \$500 or so for BMP and RA and MIR is \$300. There are gas stations near the track, you will use 1/4 tank for each 25 min session, so a full tank is required each day. There is lunch available at each of the tracks.

Note on our schedule that I recommend MIR on 18-19 March, BMP on 17-18 June, (MIR again 16-17 September), Road Atlanta 14-15 October, and then BMP again if you like on 21-22 October. Me and two other DIs from our club will be teaching at all of them. I think I have 40 track days scheduled this year with my five Porsches.

Ferry Porsche said you can't tell what makes a Porsche great by just driving it around the block (only on the street, you have to get it on a track to fully appreciate it and you WILL understand this once you have taken it to the track).

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The Start Driving, Stop Leukemia Charity Poker Run is organized by the Team Annie Rose Foundation (TARF). The TARF was founded in 2013 and is a 501c that benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) here in middle Tennessee. The LLS provides funds for research of all blood cancers and helps support patients and families of Tennessee.

Annie Rose, started the foundation and is a 18-year survivor of Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. Annie Rose underwent 27 months of chemo at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. She is an inspiration to us all and has been raising money for the LLS for over 11 years, raising \$132,000 in the last four years.

The Poker Run will be held on Saturday, May 13th and the registration fee is \$200. This fee includes a poker hand for the driver and a passenger. The event will start at Porsche of Nashville with breakfast provided. Check in, registration and breakfast will start at 7:30 AM. You will receive instructions and your first two poker cards before leaving between 8:30 and 9:00. You will pick up the remainder of your cards at three stops, the last being Velocity Motor Cars where lunch will be provided. The winning hand will be revealed along with door prizes and there will be a live auction. The event should be over by 1:30 PM.

The participants will follow a planned route of three stops after leaving Porsche of Nashville. Cars will be released in groups of 10 with a lead driver to follow. At the last stop the hands will be compared and the top three hands will win a prize!

REGISTER AT:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/start-driving-stop-leukemia-charity-poker-run-tickets-29496039448>

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### For Sale

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