



DRAGON RUN IV

Who: Triangle Area PCA
When: August 14-16, 2009
Where: Tail of the Dragon (Deal's Gap, NC)

We are pleased to announce the fourth annual Triangle Area PCA Dragon Run.

The Dragon Run is a driving tour of the famous Tail of the Dragon (see www.tailofthedragon.com) route, which contains 318 curves in 11 miles of public road, crossing between North Carolina and Tennessee. Aside from providing a wonderful opportunity to experience the wonderful handling of your Porsche, this event will allow you to discover the beautiful mountainous Deal's Gap and Smoky Mountain region (see www.nps.gov/grsm).

This is a friends and family event. You can bring your family/significant other and invite friends. There are no fees to participate. However,

Each participant is responsible for his/her own expenses and hotel reservations.

Schedule

1. **Friday Departure:** Drive to ToD area. For group driving we will depart at 2PM from Starbucks across from SouthPoint Mall in Durham:

Starbucks
6813 Fayetteville Rd
Durham, NC 27713
(919) 544-4132

People from other areas can meet the group along the route on I-40W, at the Moose Café, or at the Fontana Village.

2. **Friday Dinner:** We will stop for a group dinner in Asheville, NC. Dinner will be at the southern cooking restaurant Moose Café, frequented by Asheville locals (*Map 4*). We expect to arrive there around 6:00PM



Moose Cafe
570 Brevard Rd
Asheville, NC 28806
Phone: (828) 255-0920

3. **Friday Accommodations:** We will be staying at the Fontana Village (*Map 5*). With rooms at a PCA negotiated rate of **\$89.00** + tax. When calling the Fontana mention you are with the **Carolinias Porsche Club** and mention my name (Martin Salas). Note that a deposit will be required with your reservation. We expect to arrive at the Fontana around 9PM. **Bookings must be done by July 1, 2009 to get negotiated rate.**

Fontana Village Resort
Highway 28
Fontana Dam, NC 28733
800.849.2258
www.fontanavillage.com

4. **Saturday:** 6:30AM – 9AM: For early Dragon driving, meet at the start of the ToD intersection of routes 129 and 28, marked **Crossroads of Time** on *Map 1* (www.tailofthedragon.com/maps_dragon_road.html). Companions are welcome to come along but may not be recommended.

Saturday, 9AM – 11AM: Join wife/significant-other for breakfast and check out.

Saturday, 11AM – 1:30PM: For pictures, souvenirs, a relaxed Dragon run, and a Smoky Mountains cruise, meet at the start of the ToD (again, marked Crossroad of Time on *Map 1*), following the Dragon/Foothills Parkway to Gatlinburg (*Map 2*, www.tailofthedragon.com/maps_directions_gatlinburg.html).

Along the way, we will stop for an afternoon lunch at **Smoky Mountain Brewery & Restaurant** (*Map 6*).

Smoky Mountain Brewery & Restaurant
1004 Parkway # 501
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
(865) 436-4200
www.smoky-mtn-brewery.com

Saturday, 3:00PM – 4:30PM: Drive across the Smoky Mountains to Cherokee with a stop at Clingmans Dome (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clingmans_Dome). While we can drive up to the parking area, there is a 0.5 mile **steep** hike to the



dome (there are benches along the trail for people to rest). We will spend some time here to let people catch their breath and have some pictures.

As in previous years, people will be free to choose what to do after lunch or after we arrive to Cherokee, NC:

- a) stay in the Smoky Mountain area,
- b) drive back to Raleigh/Durham (or home destination),
- c) continue with our run.

5. **Saturday**, evening: The run will continue to Mount Pisgah and the Pisgah Forest for an overnight stay at the Holiday Inn (*Map 7*). With rooms at a PCA negotiated rate of **\$125.00** + tax (includes breakfast). When calling the Holiday Inn mention you are with the **Carolinas Porsche Club** and mention my name (Martin Salas). Note that a deposit will be required with your reservation. We expect to arrive at the Holiday Inn around 6PM. **Bookings must be done by July 1, 2009 to get negotiated rate.**

Holiday Inn
2228 Asheville Hwy
Brevard, NC 28712
(828) 862-8900
www.hiexbrevard.com

Saturday dinner will depend on number of people coming and preference. There are a couple of options: Pisgah Inn Restaurant or if staying in Brevard:

The Falls Landing
23 E Main St
Brevard, NC 28712
Phone: (828) 884-2835

The Quarry Restaurant and Piano Bar
14 South Gaston Street
Brevard, NC 28712
(828) 877-2244

We will decide during lunch Saturday.

Sunday: We will depart the Holiday Inn after breakfast and drive back to Blue Ridge Parkway to get to US-151 N and drive back to the Raleigh/Durham area on I-40 E. We will eat lunch somewhere along the road the (probably in the Winston-Salem area).



Preparation

- Be sure to check oil, brake fluids, and most importantly, tire pressure & treads.
- Convince your significant other to come with you. He/she can enjoy the beautiful mountain area.
- Bring the maps attached to this flyer or print out your own.

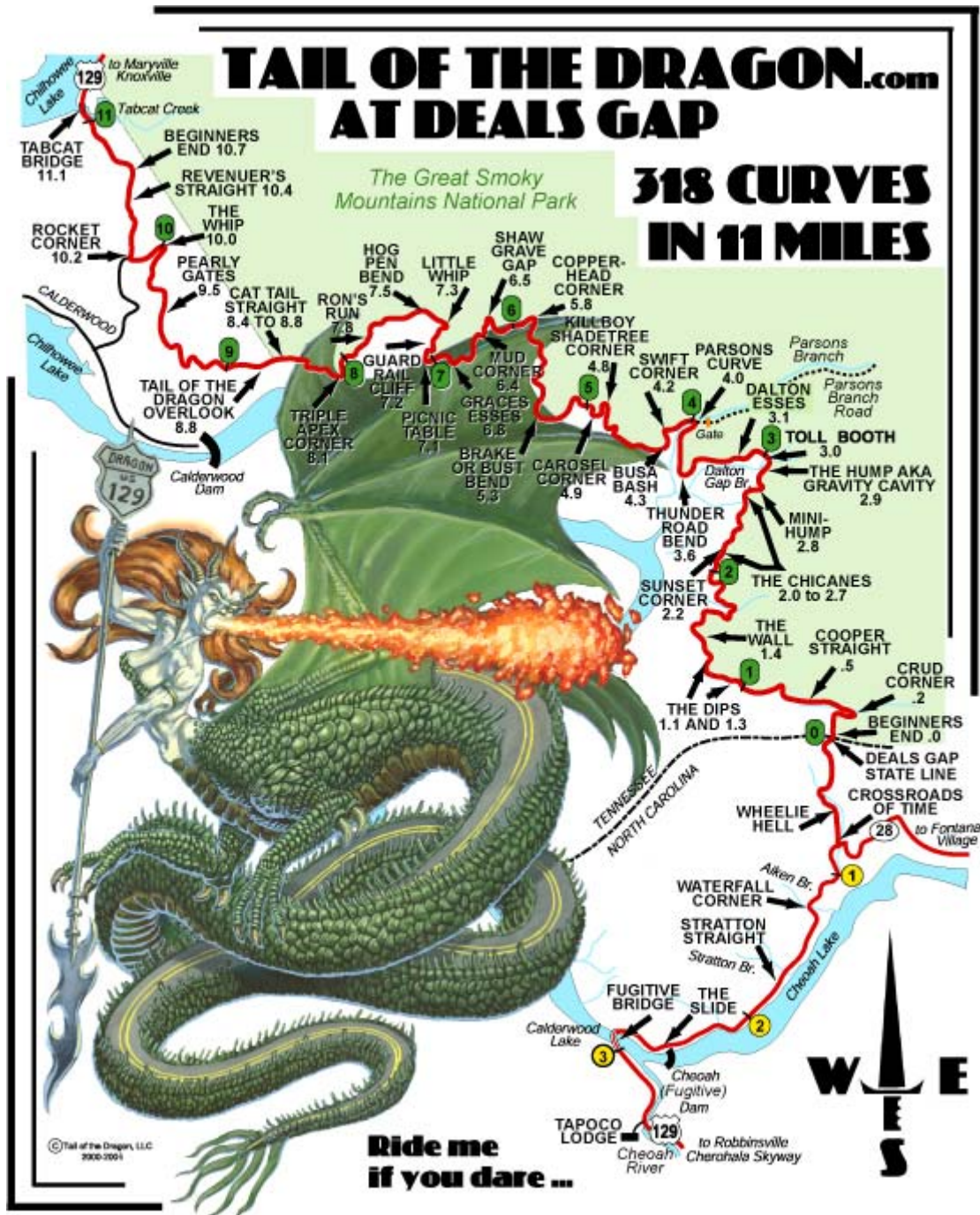
What to Bring

- Walkie/talkie switched to channel 11.
- Camera.
- If you plan to stay in the area, swimming suit and other mountain vacationing items. Note that the higher elevations tend to be significantly cooler, bring a light jacket/sweater.
- Spare tire/kit.
- Radar detectors & eyes for police (see *Map 3*).

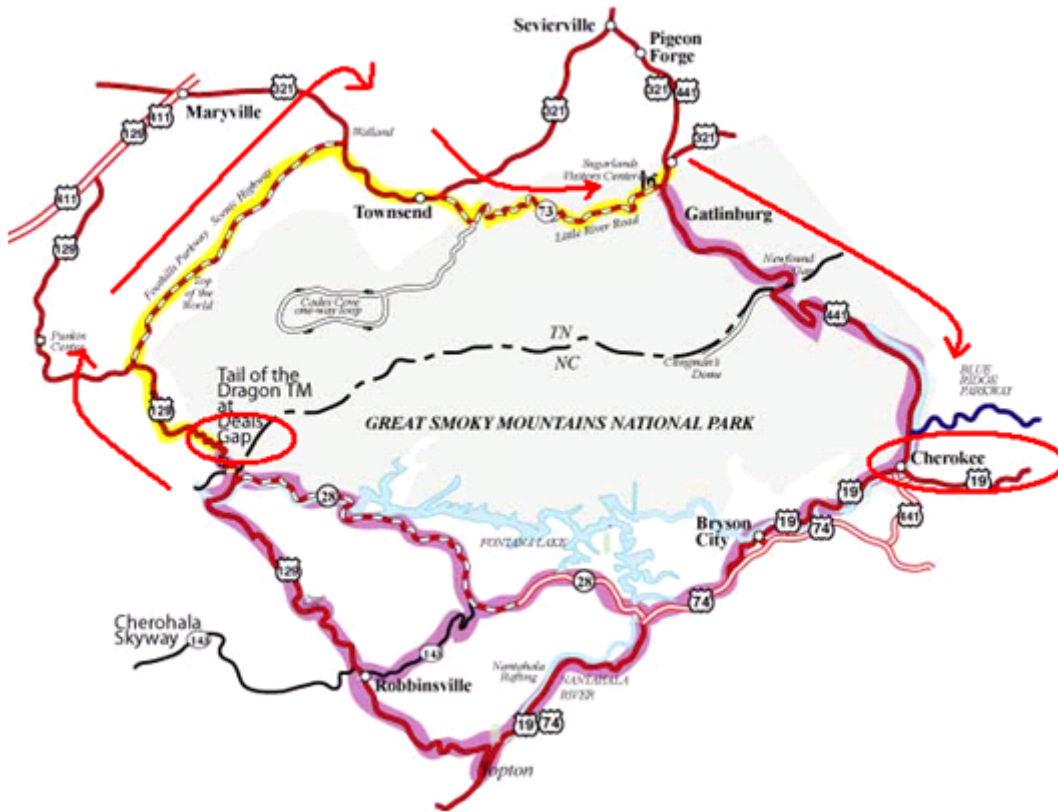
Notes

- All PCA members, friends, and family are eligible to attend, whether you currently own a Porsche or not, or whether you plan to bring your Porsche or not.
- Each participant will need to sign a PCA waiver.
- Beware of police speed enforcement with radar (see *Map 3*).
- There are many other nice drives in the area. In particular, the Route 28 section between Route 129 and Route 143 is quite windy and pleasant. And, of course, the Cherohala Loop (http://tailofthedragon.com/maps_loop.html).
- Portions of the routine will include the Blue Ridge Parkway. A speeding ticket on the Parkway is a federal offense.

Map 1
Tail of the Dragon



Map 2
Dragon/Gatlinburg/Smoky Mountains/Cherokee



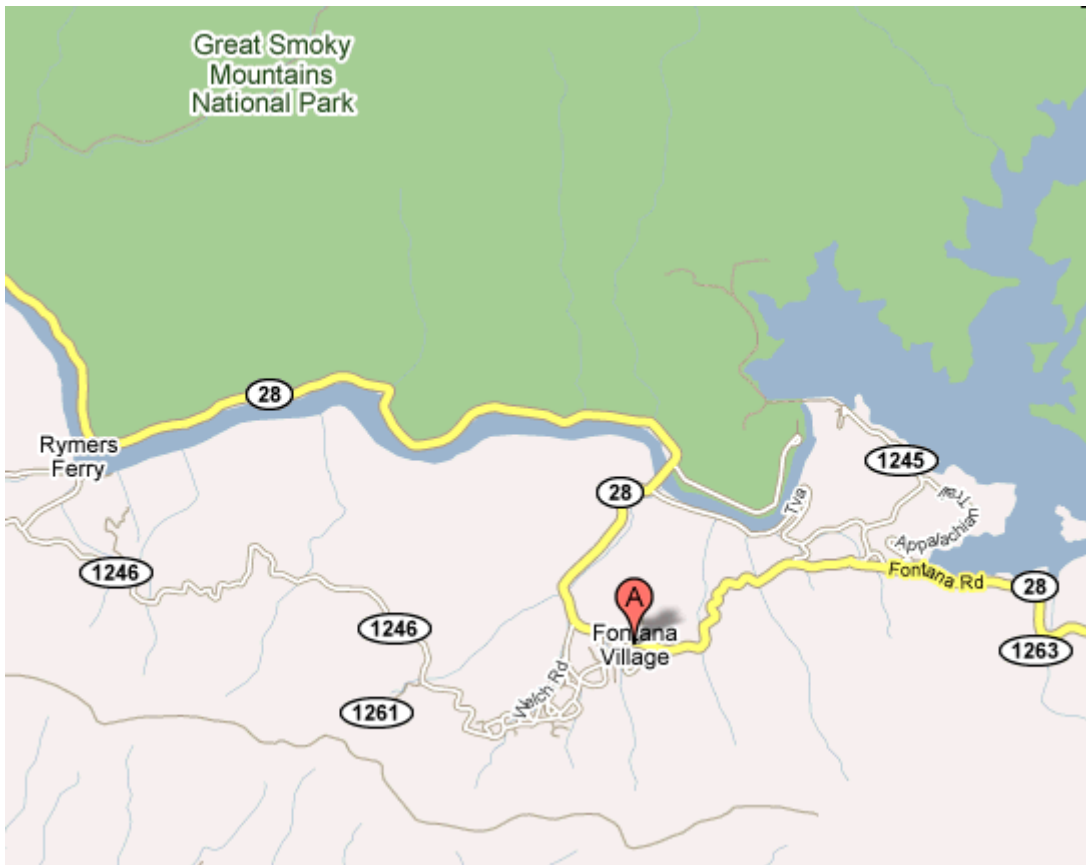


Map 4
Moose Café in Asheville, NC





Map 5 Fontana Village



Map 7 Holiday Inn

