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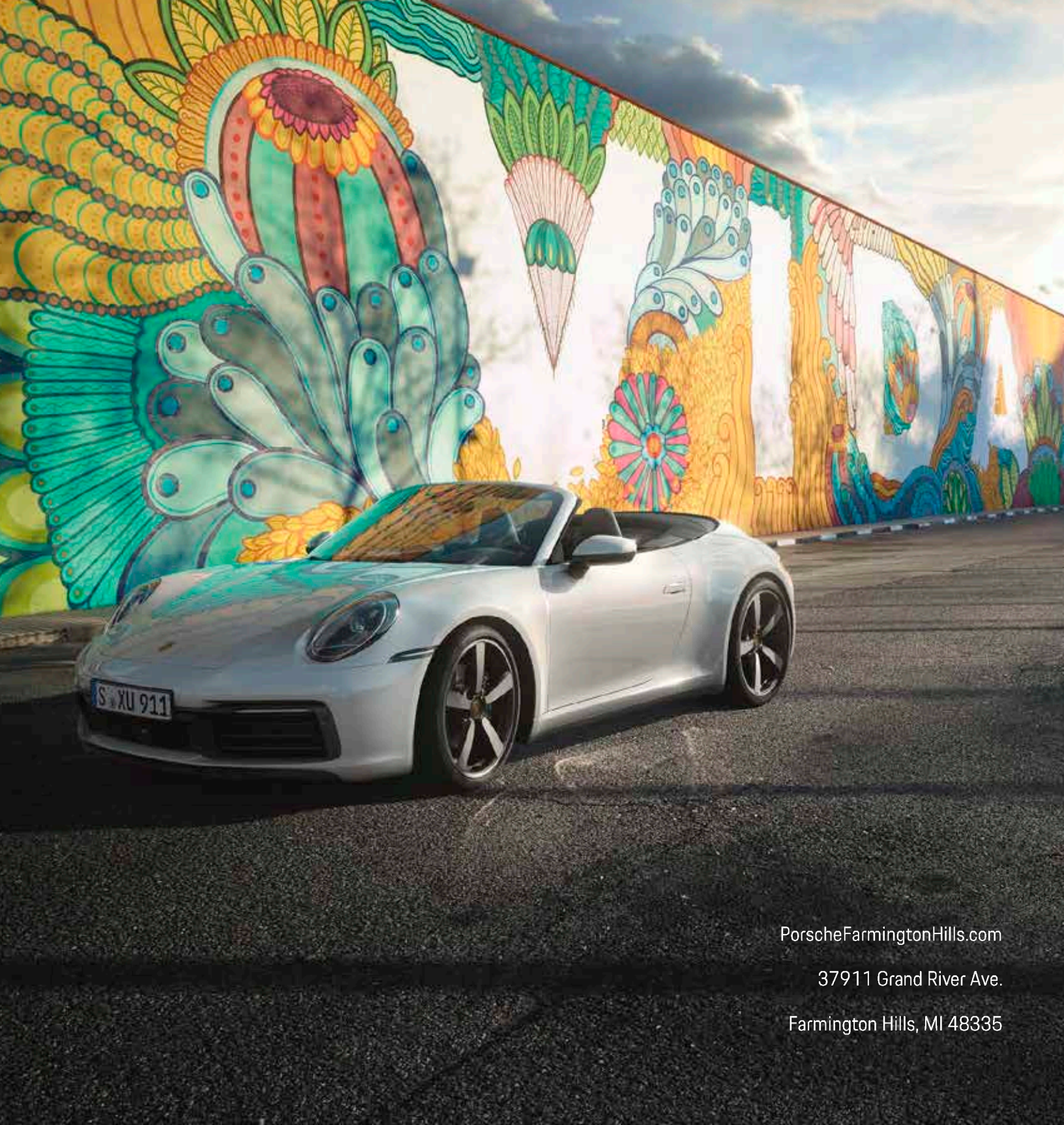
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2021 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
1-3 Porsche Corral at M1 Concourse American Festival of Speed	4 Business Meeting & Calendar Planning
7 Business Meeting	5 Membership Dinner
7-11 Tail of the Dragon	
13-17 *Treffen - Wisconsin	
24 Fall Color Tour	
	DECEMBER
	2 Business Meeting
	4 Holiday Party

* = Not an SEMPCA Event
All dates and events are subject to confirmation

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Much of the electronic P4 newsletter is now hyperlinked.
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*All events are subject to Covid guidelines issued by PCA and the State of Michigan, they may be cancelled or rescheduled.
Watch for E-Blast updates and check the online calendar at sem.pca.org to verify the event schedule.*

ATTENTION MEMBERS
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Business meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations.

Please note: for anyone interested in attending future Business meetings, please contact any board member.

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President's Column



BY **WALTER CRUMP - SEM PRESIDENT**

It was an excellent summer. With daylight getting shorter and overnight temperatures dropping, it's inescapable that summer is over. That became official on September 22 with the arrival of autumn.

On September 4, we enjoyed Drive your Porsche Day organized by Chrissy Crowe. This was her second year as the chair and we all had a great time. We especially liked meeting at Gateway Classic Cars in Dearborn and the meal at Sidecar Slider Bar in Birmingham.



Drive Your Porsche Day starting location

On September 18, Patti Door organized the annual Ladies Only Drive. They met at the Home Goods store in Chesterfield and drove to the Pink House Tea Room in New Baltimore for brunch. I hear a good time was had by all.



Ladies brunch at the Pink House Tea Room

Still there are several events to enjoy, both before and even after our cars go into hibernation. On October 7-11, Howard Gilson is leading the caravan to the Tail of the Dragon (US129) in Tennessee. Please go to www.ClubRegistration.net and sign up early. On October 24, Lucas Phan will again lead us on the Fall Color Tour. This is one of the most popular events of the year. Again, please register on www.ClubRegistration.net. There are announcements for each of these events in this issue.

Mark your calendars and sign up early for upcoming SEM events in October:

October 7th- 11th **Tail of the Dragon**

October 24th **Fall Color Tour**

Other non-SEM October events include:

October 1st – **3rd American Speed Festival with a Porsche car corral at M1 Concourse**

September 13th – 17th **Treffen – Wisconsin**

Please come on out and enjoy our fall events. Your early sign up to these, and all events, helps the organizers greatly. We hope you and your family had a safe and enjoyable summer. Your comments, suggestions and feedback are always welcome.

Also, don't forget to vote for your next SEM Board of Director Members in our October election. You will find candidate biographies, your ballot and voting instructions in this issue of the P4. Good luck to all the candidates. ■

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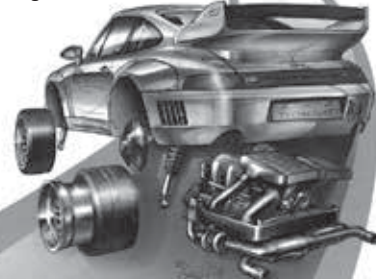


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SEM/PCA Tail of the Dragon Tour 2021

October 7th - 10th

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Thursday - Meet at IHOP in Monroe to Caravan down to the
Tail of the Dragon (US129)

Host Hotel Holiday Inn Express, Alcoa
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Dinner at Texas Roadhouse.

Friday - Drive the Tail of the Dragon & surrounding roads,
Distillery Visit at the Ole Smokey Whiskey Barrelhouse
Lunch Stop.

Dinner at O'Charley's Restaurant & Bar

Saturday - Drive the Tail of the Dragon, Fontana Dam &
surrounding roads, sightseeing.

Lunch stop.

Dinner at Bluetick Tavern

Sunday - Tail of the Dragon morning run.

Details subject to change.

Contact Howard Gilson @ Howard@sem.pca.org or call 248-770-1788

SEM/PCA Board of Directors

October 2021 Election Two Year Term (2022-2023)

Candidate Biographies



CHRISTOPHER BOHR:

Chris's fascination with Porsche started at a young age with the purchase of a red 1/18 Norev 1987 911 Turbo Cabriolet in the early 90's. This started a lifelong love for Porsche and a passion for cars that turned into a strong automotive career and an even bigger hobby. He bought his first Porsche (2018 718 Cayman) in May of 2019 and joined SEM/PCA at the beginning of 2020. Chris has been very active in the club while attending and also running activities with SEM and RSR club members. He has assisted in many SEM events including the Spring Tour, Picnic and Fall Color Tour. He also organizes non-PCA weekly drives on Saturday mornings that have SEM and RSR participants. Chris has held previous leadership positions in clubs and truly understands that PCAs motto of "Fueled by Volunteers" starts with personal involvement. He is looking to join the board of directors to initiate creative ideas in driving events and new membership involvement with a fresh perspective, as a next generation SEM member.



STEVE CARBARY:

Steve has been a member of SEM since early 2005. Although a longtime fan, his admiration for the Porsche brand peaked while attending HPDE events with a vehicle of another manufacturer. Upon seeing both the capabilities and refinement of the Porsches, he knew he had to own one. He purchased his 1991 944s2 shortly thereafter and joined the club, enjoying the mostly stock car for many years in both track and touring events. Since that time, he has been constantly involved with our HPDE events. Steve has been a DE instructor since 2009, DE Chair since 2012 and has been involved with the Street Survival School events the club organizes. If you have ever attended a SEM DE event, you have met Steve. He has served for the past four years on the Board of Directors and is currently the Insurance Chair as well. He was awarded Zone Instructor of the year in 2014 and SEM Enthusiast of the Year in 2016. Steve looks forward to many more years with the club that he feels truly lives the slogan 'It's not just the cars, It's the People'.



CHRISSY CROWE:

Her first Porsche love began at age 11 and was a red 911 convertible with a ducktail and a blacktop. At 12, she learned to drive and mastered the stick shift without assistance by age 15. By 16, she could perform basic car repairs from tune-ups to brakes to tire rods, etc. her first sports car was a Ford Mustang 5.0 and has been personally involved with sports cars ever since. She joined PCA as an affiliate and became a full member in 2018 with a 986 manual Boxster. She has driven in an array of SEM events, such as the: "Ladies Only Drive," "Tail of the Dragon," and "Ohio 555" for the thrill and excitement of the winding roads, and periodically attends the HPDE (High-Performance Driver Education). Chrissy quickly became an active volunteer at HPDE, Spring Tours, Street Survival, Detroit Grand Prix Caravans, Progressive Dinner, Fall Color Tour, Membership Dinner, and the Silent Auctions at Holiday Parties. On the National level, she volunteers at Porsche Parades in the Equipment Dept. and continues to volunteer when needed. Currently, she is on the Standing Committee as our organizer and the chair of Charity, Goodie Store also "Drive Your Porsche Day." Chrissy Crowe has the dedication and what it takes to be a part of the SEMs Board. She humbly accepts your nomination and asks for your support in this upcoming election in November of 2021. Thank you for taking the time to read my biography.



SEM/PCA Board of Directors

October 2021 Election Two Year Term (2022-2023)

Candidate Biographies continued



GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT:

Gretus first contact with Porsche was in 1981. He worked at a GULF refinery where the gasoline for the last 917 K-81 was mixed for the Le Mans race. At the age of 25 he bought his first 911SC which he drove on the Autobahn for over 14 years, and ever since he is a proud Porsche owner. The next model was a 993 and a couple of years ago he added a 986. Gretus joined SEM in 2011 and is an ambitious, enthusiastic and passion filled member, always ready to help where needed and presenting new ideas. Gretus was first elected to the Board in 2014, became 2014 HPDE Rookie Driver of the Year, was named "Enthusiast for the Year" for 2015 and currently serves in the Region as Immediate Past President, Concourse Judge, Associated Webmaster and Media Chair. On PCA National level he has served as Concourse Judge and Safety Inspector. He is organizing the Annual General Membership Dinner, Holiday Party, is a Street Survival School Instructor and responsible for a lot of SEM pictures in the P4 and videos on YouTube.



MARC MOLZON:

Marc's passion for, and ownership of, Porsche cars dates back to when he was 18. Currently, the Molzon garage includes a 1977 930 and a Macan S. In 2003, he joined SEM/PCA and attended his first High Performance Driver Education event – two years later he became an HPDE Instructor. He has been on the Board of Directors since 2007, has been the Street Survival School co-Chair since 2013 and the HPDE Chief Instructor since 2014, and has served as Vice President then President. In addition to chairing numerous driving tours, he has organized Membership Dinners, the Holiday party, and has shared in the running of all HPDE events with the HPDE Chair for the past 8 years. He can be counted on at each event to assist where needed – and was recognized for his efforts and contributions in 2014 when selected as Enthusiast of the Year. This year he organized the new PCA Lead-Follow Training at M1 Concourse, bringing in multiple PCA Region & Zone members for this PCA national training effort for implementation in HPDE events. Marc is an integral part of SEM, providing strong leadership and sound counsel in moving our Region forward.



JIM WILLIAMS:

Jim's love of Porsches started years ago as a teenager, when he purchased a Porsche 904 slot car. Jim and his wife, Laurie, purchased their first Porsche in 2002, a 1985 Kalahari Beige Metallic 944 and promptly joined the Porsche Club. They attended numerous events including their first Parade in the Pocono's. In 2006 after traveling to Germany with SEM they purchased a CPO 2002 Boxster S. Participating in many more club events and several more Parades, their Boxster took a total of three first place trophies at Parade in the Touring class. They presently own a 996 Cabriolet which they thoroughly enjoy driving. Jim is a National concours judge and currently serves as SEM Treasurer, with the much-needed assistance of Laurie. Promoting club activities and involving new members is a priority with Jim and he is looking forward to serving in that capacity.



FRED YOUNG

An active SEM member since 1991, Fred has chaired the concours for the last twenty-one years and served on the Board of Directors for the last fourteen years. Presently he serves as Board Secretary and Concours Chair. He also served on the national level as a concours judge. With their 2002 Guards Red 991, Fred and his wife, Kathy, have won eight national Parade concours awards. Fred has conducted detailing sessions and offered advice to club members enabling them to successfully compete at the local and national level and win awards. Over the years he has planned the 2008 and 2014 trips to Germany, was named enthusiast of the year plus arranged numerous tours and events. Fred feels he represents the membership by bringing balance and continuity to the board and advocating for a variety of events at a reasonable cost to the members

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2021 Election Ballot - Board of Directors

Five of the nine positions on the board are up for election.
The candidates for the two year term (2022 -2023) are listed below.
Each SEM member and their affiliate member can vote
for up to five candidates to fill the open positions.

Please fill out the form completely or it will not be counted.

Please submit your ballot either in person at the
Fall Color Tour on October 24, 2021
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Jim Williams	_____	_____
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DE #3 Recap

ARTICLE BY **STEVE CARBARY - DE CHAIR / INSURANCE CHAIR**

PHOTOS BY **STEVE CARBARY AND ALEXEI BOES**

Recap of the Third Drivers Education Event

Through the gate off Waterford Road, past the small karting oval and through another gate. Then there it was ... the sun starting its journey across the skies over Waterford Hills Road Racing course. I could see it just rising over the sign on a fence outside turn one (Gulch turn for you fellow trackies) and staring me in the face. It was the morning of the Southeast Michigan Driver Education day number three and it was going to be a warm summer day. My thoughts carried me over to the smell of sunblock, focusing on reminding all to stay hydrated and of course the good experience we were all about to share.

To be honest, the forecast was actually looking pretty good. Low 80's maybe and dry. If you think back to that time this summer you will recall there was a good deal of off-and-on rain. So, we were happy with what we had in store. There is one thing Michigan summer days are known for ... humidity!! Trust me on this one, there was plenty to go around too. Looking back at my lap time data logger as I write this I see it was reading 78% relative humidity during one session. But, nothing was going to hamper our spirits as we came out to drive. We around here are accustomed to the humidity and can look past it when



DE #3 Recap (continued)



Red Cayman GT4 owned by Andrew Olson.



Eric Hespenheide's orange GT3 RS.



Tom Fielitz's brown 1972 911.

there are good times to be had. One saving grace is that the classroom is air conditioned. Being the class instructor for this event meant that I got to spend all morning and part of the early afternoon there. Sometimes burdens can be blessings (Lol).

The day was off and running before I knew it. The track walk was in process, registration was in full swing, and cars were being prepped. All part of the excitement and build up to the track going 'hot'. We typically start the day with the instructors driving solo on the track. Stretching their legs and recalibrating themselves before coaching others. Our instructors drive at a great number of other tracks and events as well as ours. So, we let them out first and then started the progression of student run groups. It's a well-orchestrated dance that usually runs smooth and clean. Admittedly, we do get the occasional hic-up with someone experiencing a 'teachable moment' as we call it (i.e. going off track a bit or perhaps a car malfunction). But, we remedy these situations and get back moving quickly. From our Touring group, to Beginner, then on to Intermediate and Advanced: like clockwork, it's a beautiful thing with each group taking to the track for practice and fun.

A quick break for our sponsor supported lunch and we are off to the races again. Well, just to clarify, we are not racing. That is just a common phrase people say. I want to take a moment to explain the difference. What the Driver Education days are all about is bringing our road cars out and having instructors in the cars with the students teaching them what their car is capable of and coaching them on how to drive towards that level. No one is timing anyone and everything from distance between cars to passing each other is very controlled and regulated. It's all about learning to drive fast in a safe environment with someone there to guide you and keep you safe. No paint swapping between cars. We pride ourselves on having every car leave our events as shiny as they were when they arrived in the morning. Well, perhaps with a touch of brake dust and maybe a tire mark or two. But, those are badges of pride that a lot of participants wait for a day or two to wash off. The questions they get about them are an opportunity to retell the adventures of the day.

If you have not had a chance to join us yet, I highly suggest you come out and see what our Driver Education days are all about. This is truly one of the best ways to enjoy driving your Porsche, along with other club members

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and friends, on a road with no traffic, no speed limits and no construction barrels to jam up the RPM's. I invite you to just drop by during the event and check it out. Come on out and talk to our sponsors Autocore Performance Group, Munks Motors and Nicholas Motorsports. Get to know them and what they have to offer with their deep knowledge of the brand and friendly service. I can't thank them enough for how they support us and our events. It is really something special to have them with us. Just let me, or our chief instructor Marc Molzon, know you are there and we will be happy to show you around. These events are for everyone no matter what their skill level or experience is. All are most certainly welcome and we will point you in the right direction.

September 11th will be the last DE day hosted by our club in 2021. It is a Saturday event that allows us the chance to use the track for one more hour than the usual weekday events (it's a bit of a story, ask me sometime). So, each run group will have plenty of track time that day. Hope they all come prepared!! This day will surely be a great way to end our season. I am looking forward to it and hoping that anyone who has attended a DE this year will not miss this one. I am also looking forward to and hoping to make a few more new friends, so come out and join us before the year is gone. Even though the sun may be a little lower in the sky for this event, I guarantee the faces of those who attend will still be lit up the same. Maybe just a little less sunburned. ■



Lou Shoha on track in his white 911 Turbo.



Andrew Olson's Cayman GT4 takes a curve.



The 1987 911 of Miranda Christen on the track.



Eric Hespenheide's GT3 RS at speed.

If you have not had a chance to join us yet, I highly suggest you come out and see what our Driver Education days are all about.



SPONSORED EVENT

Fall Color Tour

Sunday, October 24, 2021



The Fall Color Tour is the last drive of the season, but it is usually the best attended. Plan now to take a drive through the beautiful Michigan countryside, a stop at a cider mill and dinner together

For reservations and details, please go to:
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SEM Family Picnic and Concoors Recap

ARTICLE BY **FRED YOUNG - CONCOORS CHAIR**

PHOTOS BY **GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT, LISA MOLZON AND ALEXEI BOES**

Picnic and Concoors A Rousing Success

WOW! What a difference a year makes. Last year the annual SEM picnic and concoors was hardly anything to write home about. The pandemic was on everyone's mind along with the national election and the weather was even unfavorable. A smaller number than usual attended the event. The good news was that everyone that entered the concoors received a trophy. Food and camaraderie were also the highlights. The best was made of a bad situation.

This year the weather was great, even though it was a little warm. Lucas Phan, rainmaker extraordinaire, was there and it didn't even rain. One hundred and thirty-one members attended with over thirty-three cars being judged in the concoors. The day started with the hustle and bustle of unloading the vehicles that brought in the food and supplies for the picnic and setting up the tables. Patty Door, Lucas Phan, Chris Bohr, Tom and Christine

SEM Family Picnic and Concoors Recap *(continued)*

Grabowski and crew arranged the breakfast items for early arrivals. Cars were registered for the concoors and members were doing last minute detailing on their cars. In between, an egg and sausage muffin was wolfed down and the waft of bacon and coffee filled the air. Lucas Phan and Tom Grabowski manned the grills producing the delectable ribs, sausage and salmon. They were both in the hottest positions of the day and smiled throughout the afternoon preparations, enjoying the grill master work.

Some serious conversion took place in the concoors staging area, most all of it was about the cars. But, there was also time to catch up on old friendships that had been interrupted by the virus. Acquaintances were renewed and events were discussed, it was just like old times. In light of the heat and humidity, hydrating was of great importance and water was consumed in record amounts.



Club members prepare their Porsches for the Concoors

The meal was supposed to be served at one o'clock, but even the best of plans can have a glitch in them though. When Chris Bohr went to pick up the chicken he was told there was no order had been placed. So, he had to wait an hour before a new order could be prepared. Therefore, lunch was delayed by that same amount of time. The wait was worth it tenfold though; ribs, chicken, sausage, and salmon were the main courses. Accompaniments were a variety of salads, shrimp, potatoes and vegetables. No one went hungry. Several other tables contained a variety of desserts, cheesecakes, fruit pies, cakes and a host of other delicacies to supplement the meal.

After lunch, President Walt Crump made announcements about upcoming events. He also introduced the current Board of Directors, officers and past presidents. New members then were called up and introduced to the remainder of the club attendees. Following that, Marc Molzon promoted our Driver Education events. It was then time for the presentation of the concoors awards. Fred Young thanked the judges and participants. Then he read off the winners while Walt Crump handed out the trophies. The unique and original trophies consisted of a model 356 Coupe on a base with a silver diamond plate background along with an award inscription. To everyone's surprise, new members took home several of the trophies. Their hard work paid off and they were very pleased to receive the recognition. A list of concoors winners and judges is listed on a following page. In conclusion, we could not have asked for a better day for this great event. It is events like this that make the Southeast Michigan Porsche Club the premier car club in the State of Michigan. ■



Every year the Porsche models entered in the Concoors gets more diverse.

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Hungry club members line-up waiting for the chicken to arrive.



The chicken has finally arrived and club members are ready to feast on an assortment of food.



One of our master chefs
Lucas Phan
~ Salmon Specialist ~



Peggy & Philip Martin celebrating their 40th Anniversary at our Picnic.



Our other master chef
Tom Grabowski
~ Rib Specialist ~



New members Audrey, Eimi, Thomas Gateau



Judge Jim Williams finishes his scoring.

2021 CONCOURS AWARDS*

People's Choice

1965	Slate Gray	356C	Cabriolet	Bill Block & Max Smith
1973	Green	911 T	Targa	Alan Klein

356 Class

1964	Champaign	356SC	Coupe	Sue & Dennis Denyer
1955	Silver	Spyder		Joe Jakubus
1964	Yellow	356C	Coupe	Dick McClelland

924 – 928 – 944 - 968 Class

1983	Kalahari Beige	944	Coupe	Jamie & Joann Coobatis
1978	Silver	928	Coupe	Brian Smith

Boxster – Cayman Class

2008	Silver	Cayman S	Coupe	Carlos Carmona
2014	Racing Yellow	Cayman S	Coupe	Gianluigi Gennari
2021	Chalk	Cayman GT4	Coupe	Dr. Dan Haddad

911 – 912 – 914 before 1998 Class

1984	Guards Red	911	Cabriolet	Roger Tayloe
1977	Guards Red	911 S	Coupe	Gary & Pat Ambrus
1987	Red	911	Cabriolet	Chris Braden
1989	Black	911 C4	Coupe	Joel & Eva Piaskowski

1999 – 2003 - 911 Class

2002	Arctic Silver	996	Coupe	Chris Young
2003	Silver	911 Turbo	Coupe	Jeff Hendry
2000	Violet Chromaflair	996	Coupe	Bruce Gearns

2004 – 2008 – 911 Class

2004	Black	996 4S	Coupe	Mark VanderEyck
2008	Black	911 Turbo	Cabriolet	Michael Cohen

2011 and Up – 911 Class

2016	White	911 Turbo S	Coupe	Dawn Martindale
2018	Black	911 Turbo S	Coupe	Phil Martin
2020	Silver	911 S	Coupe	Jeff Boes
2019	Chalk	911	Targa	Charlie Hagen

Panamera & SUV's

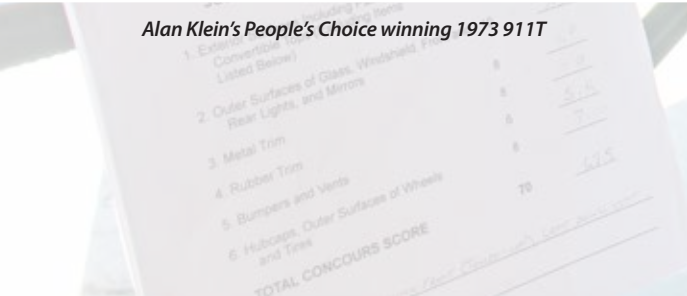
2018	White	Macan	GTS	Tom Houtteman
2020	Black	Macan S		Paula Trendov
2016	Platinum	Panamera		Jennifer Livernois

*Entrants are ranked in the order of finish..

Many thanks to our dedicated judges: Michael Cohen, Chris Young, Bill Block, Max Smith, Dan Conrad, Bruce Gearns, Charles Hagen, Dennis Dennyer and Jim Williams. In the case of what makes a winner, it usually boils down to a tenth of a point difference in scores. Even so the judges had to look hard to find the smallest details to judge the winners. Congratulations to everyone that showed their car.



Alan Klein's People's Choice winning 1973 911T



Fred Young spends time each winter creating original trophies for the upcoming summer's Concours.

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ARTICLE BY **TOM FIELITZ**

What is Fast?

Each of us has our own perspective on what is fast. Fast can have a lot of connotations, but for most it relates to a rate of travel. Any mode of transportation has an associated measure of speed, but it is our own reaction to that speed that determines if we find it to be fast. For example we all own a fast car, or several fast cars. In any given road situation every one of our cars can be considered fast. Take that same car on a fast race track and fast will have a different perspective. How do you answer someone who asks you if you are fast?

Our need to travel fast probably goes back to our childhood. Which of us didn't get a thrill from going fast be it on a bike or ice skates? As we matured our perspective of fast changed and required something motorized like a motorcycle or a car. For some young people the need to go fast was a soap box derby car and progressed to a racing kart and then to cars. The actual speed may not have been that great, but the thrills and risks generated that adrenaline rush that going fast provides. To maintain or even build on that rush we continually sought faster vehicles. Being on a very fast motorcycle or in a very fast car can mean very different speeds, but both can be adrenaline fueled rushes. When it comes to cars the variations on what is fast is multiplied not just by the equipment, but also the situation be it track or road.

When I was a youth going fast on a bicycle was my rush and I still have the scars from serious falls at speed. I even raced cars on the street on my bicycle and at least three times that I can remember got hit by cars. At that point I was wearing a helmet which is why I can be writing this. From bikes it was straight into cars. Given my lack of experience a VW Beetle was a very fast car. That led straight into Porsches and the feeling of fast finally had a serious definition. Three Porsches later I finally owned a 356 which again changed my definition of fast. Under powered though it was, it still could be driven quite fast and provide serious adrenaline thrills depending on the situation. Then I tried something that did not feel as fast as my Porsches, but was

in fact much faster. I was told by my friends that raced them that a Formula Ford was a seriously fast race car even with low horsepower and moderate top speed. With very low weight and stiff suspension it had none of the sensations of speed I had learned yet it was a quantum leap faster. Ripping through the gears did not plant me in the seat and braking happened with no drama. Cornering on skinny tires strained neck muscles and gave that sense of physical force. The only thing that topped that was an even lower powered and slower machine, a racing kart. The explosive speed of a race kart can leave you breathless with high physical forces even at relatively low speeds. At the opposite end of the race car spectrum was driving a NASCAR stock car at MIS. Again, it was the almost overwhelming physical forces that defined how fast it was and certainly being on the edge of control while just inches away from a solid concrete wall put a perspective to feeling fast.

All of this experience with fast machines has only left me with a feeling that there is no one definition of what is fast. I can tell you what going fast feels like because it provides physical forces and generates adrenaline filled thrills. I am not sure I have the knowledge to detect and describe in subjective terms when something is fast other than by simple numbers. How fast is fast? Many times the only parameter of fast lies in a stopwatch or lap timer. Is being relatively fast defined by reaching a physical or mechanical limit based on the vehicle and situation? Is it fast to perform to a physical level of skill or a mental limit of acceptable risk? Perhaps your idea of fast and my idea of fast can't even be related to each other. You may be going very fast in terms of time and speed, but are not as fast as the next person. Going fast on a winding road lined with trees and guard rail can feel faster than blasting around a high speed oval race track lined with concrete walls. In my experience, going fast in a slow car can be as exciting and rewarding as going fast in a fast car. Maybe the true definition of fast is whether you are having fun and if the rush you feel satisfies your needs. In those terms all of us are fast. ■

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ARTICLE BY **DENNIS DENYER** - PAST PRESIDENT / NATIONAL LIAISON

Phil Kubik Remembered

Earlier this week we received a phone call, telling us of the passing of our good Porsche friend, Phil Kubik. For the newer members, you may not be familiar with the name, Phil has not been active in our activities for the past five years, or so, due to health reasons. Phil and Patricia were stalwarts in our club up until his health issues surfaced. We could count on them to be there with us at our social and competitive events.

Phil was a successful business man who started his career with Vickers Corporation before leaving and starting Kubik Incorporated. Phil held numerous patents for his hydraulic systems and in the 70's, his "Hydra-Drives" were found in every automobile assembly plant in North America. His plant was an interesting place to visit, they could make anything, I swear. They had both the equipment and know-how to whittle (now there's a term you youngsters won't understand) anything out of metal. If we couldn't find one in a catalogue, Phil's guys would machine one for us. When Phil was club racing his 944 Turbo, blown head gaskets were common until Phil began modifying the cylinder head with a metal O-ring that solved the problem.

Phil, though a lifelong automobile enthusiast, got into Porsches rather late in life. Once bitten, he was hooked! His first Porsche was a 911 SC Coupe, followed shortly by a series of 911's, Turbos and others. He soon signed up for a driver education event at Waterford Hills and, later, for a more serious few days at the Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving in Arizona. With his new-found training came a series of 944 Turbos and a 944 Turbo S. When Porsche Club Racing began in 1992, Phil signed up and participated at such well known tracks as; Mid-Ohio, Watkins Glen, Mosport, Road Atlanta, Road America, Summit Point and others. That led to Phil connecting with Rick Bye Racing and driving a 993 Carrera RS in the 24 Hours of Daytona in 1996, followed by another run in 1997 in a 968 Turbo RS. It should be noted that Phil, at age 65, was the oldest driver in the field. And in 1996, they finished 11th Overall!!! In 1998, Phil took up vintage sportscar racing in a 1964 356 SC Coupe and he continued racing thru 2015 with great friends Dave Burton, Vic Skirmants, Lane Mally and Don Munoz.

Reading the above paragraph, one might think that Phil's interests were only about racing and that couldn't be farther from the truth. For many years, we could count on seeing Phil at nearly all SEM activities as well as those of the 356 Motor Cities Gruppe. He had his own chair at our Saturday morning gatherings and heaven help any newcomer who sat in it, that would result in Phil just standing there until the newcomer figured out the problem and moved. Phil was our resident Curmudgeon in the true sense. Phil had a very good eye for Porsches and their potential value and he amassed a very good collection, three Speedsters, two A-Coupes, an SC vintage racecar to go along with an '87 Slantnose Turbo Targa, a '92 America Roadster, a '91 Turbo S, three Austin Healey 3000's and a Porsche built Mercedes 500E. I recall an evening in Cleveland, a bunch of us were there for the Stoddard Swap Meet, and Phil showed up with his pickup and trailer transporting a pair of Speedsters, three serial numbers apart and a mountain of parts. Now, they were definitely "projects" but all of the important stuff was there. A few of us had a pretty good laugh when Phil told us what he paid for the pair, but a couple of years later Phil had the last laugh. Phil joined us on a couple of our California trips as well as a couple of trips to Porsche Parades and he always provided the entertainment. In 2000, Phil and I drove my 356 SC Coupe to Roanoke, Virginia for the East Coast Holiday 356 event and we had a ball. Two pretty big guys in a pretty small car.

When Phil's health began to fail, his business was closed and I helped his son, Jim, organize and sell off his vast inventory of Porsche "stuff". Some of his cars went to Road Scholars in North Carolina, one restored Speedster now belongs to The Lafontaine family and Phil's daughter Lynn has the America Roadster. His racecar is still racing somewhere, Phil's treasures are now spread over the U.S. and Europe. A few of us tried to visit Phil in a nursing home as often as possible and it was difficult to see our very vibrant buddy deteriorate like he did. Phil is already missed and will always be remembered with fondness. ■



Drive Your Porsche Day Recap

ARTICLE BY **CHRISSY CROWE - DRIVE YOUR PORSCHE DAY AND CHARITY CHAIR**

PHOTOS BY **GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT, ULRICH GOLLWITZER AND JAMES SANTOS**

Every year in September, SEM conducts the Drive Your Porsche Day tour in honor of the Porsche's birthdays. Ferdinand Porsche was born on September 3rd 1875. His son Ferdinand Anton Ernst Porsche, known as Ferry Porsche, was born September 19th 1909.

This is the second driving tour I organized for the Southeast Michigan Region of the Porsche Club of America and this time it wasn't easier than the first time. The date for the drive was Saturday of Labor Day weekend and therefore there



were many things to consider. The starting location in Dearborn was chosen very early in the process. As other driving chairs can confirm, these days it is not easy to find an appropriate restaurant due to the current "after Covid" situation. Restaurant business models for groups are strange nowadays. I had to change the destination 3 times.

The day of the event it was partly cloudy with the temperatures in the upper 70s. SEM Board members and officers including President Walter



Drive Your Porsche Day participants gathered at Gateway Classic Cars for the start of the tour.

Drive Your Porsche Day Recap *(continued)*



Gateway Classic Cars of Detroit

Crump with wife Sabrina, Michael Cohen with Marlene Thav, Immediate Past President Gretus Hoogestraat, as well as Treasurer Jim Williams and wife Laurie made the trip on Saturday morning to the meeting location in Dearborn. They enjoyed along with 33 other members the large collection of nice cars at Gateway Classic Cars of Detroit. Even a red 356 and a silver Cayman of an SEM member were on display. Thank you to Linda Bastow from Gateway for being very attentive to every detail and making our visit very comfortable. David Bastrow was helping with everything else, setting up tables and chairs, arranging cones, jump-starting a member's car, etc. Posters of cars, calendars, and the infamous "do not touch" cards were out and free for everyone. Water bottles were cold and the coffee was fresh, hot and ready. At 12 o'clock our Immediate Past President Gretus Hoogestraat opened check-in, confirmed registrants and issued wristbands. My friends Steven Unroe orchestrated parking and Aniah

Jackson handled name tags, driving directions and this year's game. It was called "I Spy with My Little Eye" and began as soon as the recipient received the provided clip board with the game sheet. The game went surprisingly well. Winners were Judith Huddleston, Constance Conrad and Laurie Williams.

As last year, the drive was divided into two parts. The first stint was unfortunately plagued by road closures, even though I drove the route the day before and it was all clear. The midway stop had to be slightly rearranged and the last stint was a walk in the park. The food and beverages at Sidecar Slider Bar in Birmingham compensated for all the trouble of the day. Everyone went home with a Thank You gift bag. Gifts were partially provided by PCA National.

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Drive Your Porsche Day Recap (continued)



Dinner location "Sidecar Slider Bar"

I appreciate and thank all my volunteers, I could not have done it without them, and absolutely enjoyed my second experience hosting an SEM event. Thank you Gretus Hoogestraat, Ulrich Gollwitzer and James Santos for providing event images and videos.

Thank You, stay safe and I'll see you next year. ■



First Place Winner Judith Huddleston
of Drive Your Porsche Day 2021

*Thank You, stay safe
and I'll see you next year.*



James & Liz Santos
at "Gateway Classic Cars of Detroit"




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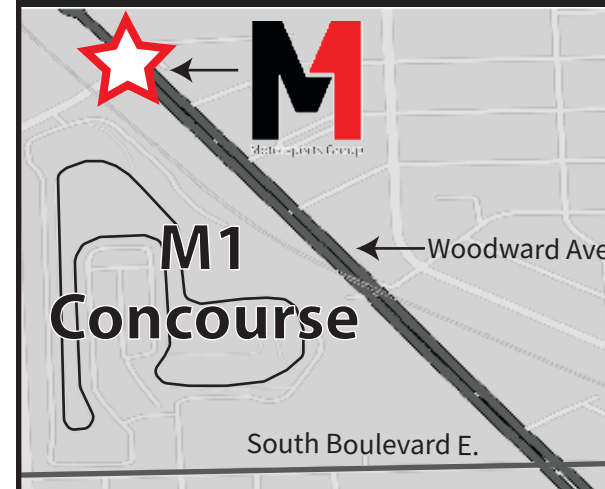


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Business Meeting Minutes* (9/2/2021) by Fred Young

PREFACE: : In these trying and uncertain times it is the responsibility of your Porsche Club to adhere to federal and state guidelines concerning the Covid 19 virus. Therefore as you can see, we have cancelled, postponed, or modified many upcoming events. While we regret the action, our first concern is for our members. We will post timely updates on our website or contact members by email. Thank you for your consideration.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

In attendance: Board Members: Fred Young, Howard Gilson, Walter Crump, Gretus Hoogestraat, Lisa Molzon and Michael Cohen. Officers: Jim Williams, Erik Ohrnberger and Mark VanderEyck. Called in by way of telephone conference: Steve Carbary, Lucas Phan, Chrissy Crowe, Chris Bohr and Gary Ambrus. Absent with notice: Marc Molzon.

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by President Walter Crump
Agenda Approval: It was moved by L.M. and M.C. to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
Minutes: Moved by M.C. and G.H. to approve. Motion passed.
Financial: Jim Williams - There was a lot of activity in August. It was moved by L.M. and F.Y. to approve the September financial report. Motion passed.

Membership: Lisa Molzon - There are 773 primary and 425 associate members for a total of 1198. There is a lot of new member participation.
Insurance: Steve Carbary - Have for Drive your Porsche Day and DE #4 and needed for Ladies Drive.

P-4: Mark VanderEyck - He went over future content for the October P4 issue. Several articles missed the deadline for publication last month.

OLD BUSINESS

August 13: DE #3: Steve Carbary - It was successful with a good turnout. The T-shirts were a big hit.

August 19-21: *Woodward Dream Show: No report.
August 20-22: *MIS - NASCAR Tour: Gretus Hoogestraat - No report.

August 22: Picnic and Concours: Fred Young - It was a tremendous success. A big thank you to the over thirty volunteers that put on the event. Members showing up without registering still presents a problem.

September 4: Drive your Porsche Day: Chrissy Crowe - Everything is good. Over 23 registered.

September 10-12: *Sportscars Together Day at Indianapolis Motor Speedway: Lucas Phan - A number of Porsche related activities will take place. Autocross, etc.

September 11: DE #4: Steve Carbary - About 20 signed up. Everything is in place.

September 18: Ladies only Drive: Patti Door - All set.

September 29-3: *American Speed Festival at M-1: Michael Cohen - The price has been reduced with no food or drinks. The car corral will be all three days. An e-mail is to be sent detailing changes.

October 7-10: Tail of the Dragon Tour: Howard Gilson - Good routes and activities are planned. There will be a caravan going down with the return on your own.

October 21: Fall Color Tour: Lucas Phan - The route and cider stop are in place and the contract for the restaurant is signed. On August 9th by way of email it was moved by L.P. and seconded by F.Y. to have a potential subsidy by the club and also to rent a tent for the cider stop. Motion passed.

November 5: Membership Meeting: Gretus Hoogestraat - Location set and looking for a speaker.

December 4: Holiday Party: Patty Door - It will be at the Heathers Club. The deposit was approved by way of telephone phone calls with the board.

Nomination Committee: Walter Crump - At a meeting of the nominating committee, seven members were approved to be on the October ballot for board officers. They are: Chris Bohr, Steve Carbary, Chrissy Crowe, Gretus Hoogestraat, Marc Molson, Jim Williams and Fred Young. Bio's and ballots are to be printed in the October P4.

NEW BUSINESS:

Charities: Chrissy Crowe - Several comments were received on the charity guidelines.

Webmaster: Erik Ohrnberger - The website is working OK. Erik went over the judges comments and scores from the PCA national website competition.

Event Reports: Fred Young - Needed for the Picnic and Concours.

New Business: It was suggested by a club member to have more tech sessions on car related themes of interest to members.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m. - Moved to adjourn by G.H. and L.M. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Location: Howard Gilson's: October 7th

Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young 9-4-21
*Subject to ratification at the next Board Meeting

Welcome New Members:

Gary Andersen (Transfer)
Steve Asvitt
Steven Basile
Michael Bauhof
Robert Cardno (Transfer)
Ted Drescosky
John Eberle
Thomas Gateau

Daniel Haddad
Christopher Kaufman
Roman Kuchersky
David Mondragon
Milo Mott
Mark Mukhtar
John Stratton
Steven Vang

SEM/PCA Member Anniversaries - October 2021

YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)
OCTOBER							
56	John & Carole McConnell	20	James & Laurie Williams	6	Don & Melissa Snyder	3	Bastiaan & Catherine Timmers
43	Richard & Beth Rubinstein	17	Deon & Donna Middlebrook	5	Michael Benson		
40	John & Sandy Chambers	14	Kevin & Michelle Vogler	5	Richard Wilson & Linda Bonner	3	Richard Blomberg
38	Stephen & Carol Park	13	Phillip Robinson			3	Larry Farida
34	Vicente & Lucy Rivera	10	Michael Baldwin	4	Judith Hicks	2	Nate Beavers
32	Michael & Suzanne Gilson	10	Gretus Hoogestraat & Cache Crowe	4	Albertina Simone	2	Bernardo & Lourdes Sia
29	Richard Berg			4	Sean Zecman	2	Mark Kujawski
28	James & Mary Stevens	9	William & Imelda Christian	4	Raymond & Denise Vasser	2	Eric Verdoodt
27	Bryan & Charles Salah	9	Russell Poinsetta	4	Mike Latcha	1	Tom Van Itallie
26	David & Jennifer Hoffa	9	Barry & Karen Eckel	4	Richard MacDonald	1	Jeff Boes
26	Doug & Natalia Milligan	8	Bob Stanglewicz	4	Dave Bachleda	1	Brian Schwartz
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BY LORI SCHUTZ, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Dear Zone 4 Members,

In August, Mid-Ohio Region hosted our Zone’s only PCA Club Race event. This year represented the 26th annual, consecutive years running of the event. PCA Club Racing is a program managed from the National level of PCA and supports over 30 race events across the US. Most events are shared with solo Driving Education run groups, or invite other amateur race series such as BMW Club Racing and Porsche Owners Club.



Racers have all sorts of fun liveries on their Porsches. Sometimes, I just can’t resist taking a photo on grid.

I joined the National PCA Club Racing Staff as a Scrutineer in 2013, and work 3-5 races a year. Definitely a fun way to spend a weekend at the track. There is also a slew of volunteers needed to support a Club Race weekend. As a scrutineer, we are a team of 2-5 and we take care of issuing new log books to new entrants, or checking in those who already have a log book and are back for more. We walk along the gridded cars, working with the local grid marshal and teams, to make sure all doors are closed, window nets up, and hood pins are latched. Then once the sessions begin, we take care of the Black Flag station, to address any bad driving habits or the occasional contact that needs to be evaluated and documented for

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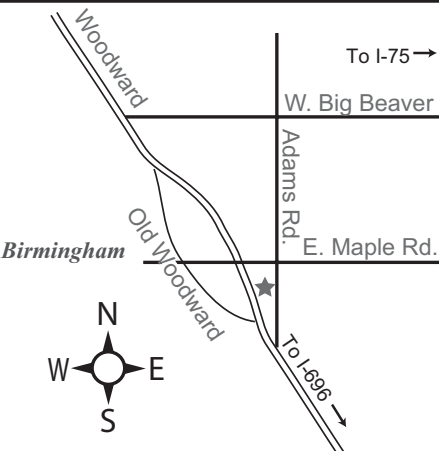


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