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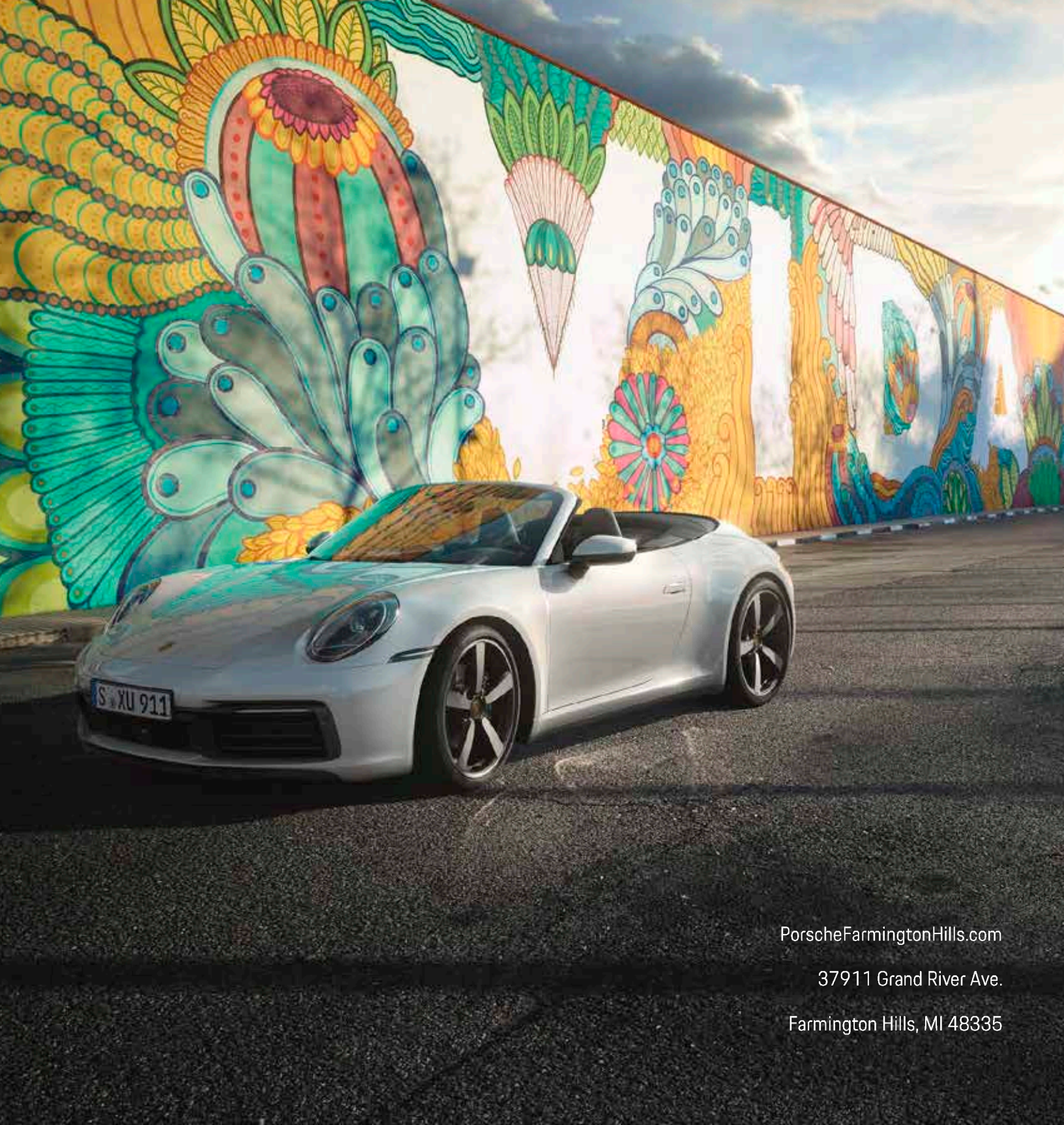
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*A wide range of Porsche models await judging at the SEM Picnic and Concours.
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2022 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

OCTOBER

6 Business Meeting
23 Fall Color Tour

NOVEMBER

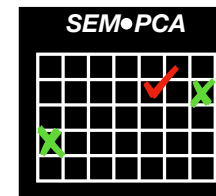
3 Business Meeting
4 Membership Dinner

DECEMBER

1 Business Meeting
17 Holiday Party at Red Run

* = Not an SEMPCA Event

All dates and events are subject to confirmation



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BUSINESS MEETINGS

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BY WALTER CRUMP - SEM PRESIDENT

President's Column

It was another excellent summer.

It was another 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.

September was a busy month for us. On September 10 we held our last High Performance Driver Education session at Waterford. It has been an excellent year for our DE events. We enjoyed great participation, great instructors, and great weather throughout the year.

On September 17, Patti Door organized the annual Ladies Only Drive. They met in Novi, drove to Clarkston and dined at the Clarkston Union Bar and Kitchen. Then they went shopping at the Society Boutique and later visited the Clarkston Art in the Village festival. I hear a good time was had by all.



Dining in Clarkston on the Ladies Only Drive

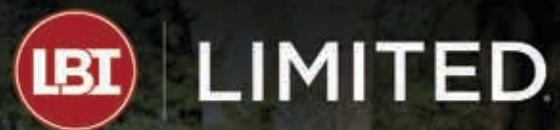
We also enjoyed Drive your Porsche Day organized by Chrissy Crowe. This was her third year as the chairperson and we all had a great time. We especially liked meeting at Porsche of the Motor City, one of our local dealerships in Eastpointe. There we checked in, met new and old friends and prepared for the day's activities. We drove to Royal Oak for a rest stop and then to Bloomfield Hills to dine at the Rusty Bucket Restaurant.



Staging our cars for the first segment of Drive Your Porsche Day

Still there are several events to enjoy, both before and even after our cars go into hibernation. On October 23, Lucas Phan will again lead us on the Fall Color Tour. This is one of the most popular events of the year. Our membership Dinner will be on November 4th and our Holiday Party is December 17th.

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Candidate Biographies

**GARY AMBRUS:**

Gary joined SEM/ PCA in 1994 after purchasing a “basket case” 1982 924 as a restoration project and has been an active member since. With wife Pat, they have been active participants in most of events offered by the Region. The two of them have enjoyed chairing numerous events together over the years including Fall Color Tours, Drive Your Porsche Day and museum tours. Being a confirmed “Track Junkie”, Gary has been involved over the years in PCA Club racing as well as various Historic/Vintage racing series and instructs for the Region’s Drivers Education Program. In prior years, Gary served on the Region’s Board of Directors as Region Vice President and Safety Chairman. Gary’s 1977 911s took a 1st place in concours at the 2013 Parade in Traverse City. Gary is a retired Environmental Engineer who now enjoys working part time as a historical presenter at Greenfield Village. If elected, Gary’s objectives and priorities are the involvement of new members and promoting club activities and he is looking forward to serving in that capacity.

**CHRISSY CROWE:**

My love of Porsche began at the early age of 11 years old, when watching a red 911 Cabriolet with a black top and ducktail cruising down the street, it was so beautiful. Growing up, sports cars have been a part of my life, both on a personal and professional level.

At the beginning of 2018, my membership began with PCA with a 986 manual Boxster and since then I have participated in an array of SEM and other PCA events from the Ladies Only Drive, Tail of the Dragon, Ohio 555, several HPDEs, Street Survival School, Spring and Fall Color Tours plus Progressive and Membership Dinners. I have volunteered at many SEM events and also served as Charity Chair until that position was discontinued by the Board. For Zone 4 events, I assisted with the Detroit Grand Prix Caravan. On the National level, I have volunteered at many Porsche Parades in the Equipment, Hospitality, Goodie Store and Award/

CHRISSY CROWE: continued

Trophies departments and will continue to do so. Currently, I sit on our SEM’s Standing Committee as the “Drive Your Porsche Day” Chair. I have shown the consistency of my dedication and what it takes to be a part of the SEM Board. I want to bring new and fresh ideas for future endeavors and better serve this club by listening to the membership for your input. I humbly accept your nomination and ask for your support in this upcoming election. I appreciate your consideration.

**WALTER CRUMP:**

Walt and his wife Sabrina joined SEM in 2009. Since then they have been regulars at the Picnic, Fall Color Tour, Spring Drive and other events. Walt’s enthusiasm was kindled by owning a 944 driver that required many hours of care and attention. He and Sabrina now have a Boxster that has been personalized and they enjoy participating in club drives and tours. Walt increased his SEM involvement in 2014 by becoming a member of the Board of Directors. He chaired the annual Fall Color Tour and brings his love for cars and people who love cars. He and Sabrina have become regulars at Porsche Parade. Walt has an automotive engineering background with Ford, TRW, and various consulting engagements with the US DOD. He was a Marine Corps officer before that and graduated from the US Naval Academy.



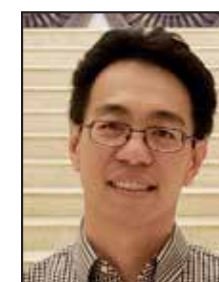
Candidate Biographies continued

**HOWARD GILSON:**

Howard joined the Southeast Michigan PCA Region in 1994 when he purchased his first Porsche, a 1975 Silver Anniversary 911S Targa, and soon became a regular at the HPDE events, worked to become an advanced Porsche driver and continues to contribute to the HPDE program. He currently owns several Porsches including a 1996 993 Carrera 4S, a 2011 Boxster Spyder and a Cayenne S as a daily driver. He volunteered at the club races from the beginning until they ended. He has also planned many driving events and tours including Spring Tours, Fall Color Tours, Progressive Dinners and Drive Your Porsche Day. He is an Instructor for Street Survival School and volunteers at many more events. Howard is also a lead guide for many tours where keeping the group together is a major goal. On the National level, Howard has been the PCA Parade Safety Tech Inspection Chair since the 2013 Porsche Parade in Traverse City and is looking forward to his 10th anniversary as National Parade Safety Chair at the Palm Springs 2023 Porsche Parade. Howard was named SEM Enthusiast of the Year for 2002. Howard was the President of the Southeast Michigan PCA Region in 2015-2016. He continues to help with club activities, tours, overnight trips and keeps the club member’s enjoyment as his driving motivation to be on the Board of Directors. Howard is also looking forward to becoming President of the Southeast Michigan PCA Region for the second time in 2023-2024 and serving the membership.

**LISA MOLZON:**

Lisa married into the Porsche family in 2012 and became the owner of her own Porsche Macan S in 2020. She has eagerly embraced working on SEM/PCA events the past 8 years, lending a hand to Event Chairs, writing articles for the P4 and adding to the collection of SEM Region photos. As the Registrar for and participant in High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events, she meets and drives with many Porsche enthusiasts at the track. Lisa has also been actively involved with the annual Teen Street Survival School event since SEM/PCA started hosting this important program. She joined the Board of Directors 4 years ago and has been involved with developing and documenting guidelines for the club ranging from cancellation/refund and financial policies to the COVID-19 event guidelines. Three years ago she developed and began chairing the Solstice Tour, introducing a summer morning drive tour to the range of events offered to SEM members.

**LUCAS PHAN:**

Lucas joined SEM/ PCA in 2011 right after he bought his first Porsche. He fell in love with Porsche when he got a 944 Turbo Hot Wheels as his fifth birthday present. Since then, it has been his dream to own a Porsche. He bought his first Porsche Boxster not too long after (more like right after) he found out his wife was pregnant with their daughter. It was a “now or never” moment for him. For him, owning a Porsche is not only about the car but it’s the people—the whole Porsche enthusiast community. Over the years, Lucas attended and enjoyed multiple SEM/ PCA Driver Education sessions, social/driving events and the picnic/concours. As time passed, he became more active in the club, organized and volunteered at events (Street Survival School, Picnic, overnight drives – Ohio 555/Tail of the Dragon/Indiana Nürburgring, Spring and Fall Color tour). After many years enjoying the events and company of friends in the club, he would love to give back to the club. He understands PCA’s “fueled by volunteers” motto and would love to have opportunity to further represent and serve the club.

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for up to four candidates to fill the open positions.

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Chrissy Crowe	_____	_____
Walter Crump	_____	_____
Howard Gilson	_____	_____
Lisa Molzon	_____	_____
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Schweinefiletring (aka Indiana Nürburgring) Tour

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Schweinefiletring, also known as the Indiana Nürburgring, is a 180 mile long loop very similar in the shape to the famous public road in Germany called the Nürburgring. The outstanding loop of Indiana roads starts just under an hour south of Indianapolis. The Schweinefiletring gives you a bit of all of the greatest roads east of the Mississippi. If you had the pleasure of going on the SEM/PCA drives, or on your own, to the Triple Nickel or Tail of the Dragon you will quickly be harkened back to the driving pleasure you experienced there. The undulations remind you of the Triple Nickel and the tight and blind corners bring back part of the thrill of the Tail of the Dragon. The Schweinefiletring isn't just the greatest hits of those roads, it has its own thrill and beauty to explore.

The SEM/PCA overnight trip to the Schweinefiletring started on August 6th in Ann Arbor. Half of the group met at Zingerman's to do the caravan down to Columbus IN. The weather started out overcast, but cleared up the farther south we went. We stopped for lunch at a British restaurant called Payne's in Gas City IN. The food was great and the large statue of Garfield was entertaining. We continued

on and arrived at our hotel. In what is now becoming a tradition, we went to Texas Roadhouse for dinner as they seem to always be next to the Holiday Inns that we stay at. An interesting note about the hotel was that they had Porsche themed hounds tooth furniture in the room!

We started the actual drive the next morning at 9:30 AM. The weather called for partly cloudy skies and possible scattered thunderstorms. The first driving segment had us heading southwest on the east side of the ring. After a very short drive through town we were immediately out on the back roads. What's great about Indiana's back roads is that they are like their British counterparts, paved, no lane markings and with very little traffic. There are so many paved backroads that you would think Indiana doesn't have any dirt roads, but I was recently proved wrong on this. All of these great back roads link



Schweinefiletring (aka Indiana Nürburgring) Tour *(continued)*

together making it seem like you are running your own rally stage.

The roads here are like the 555. It didn't take long before we found our first closed road. Just like Michigan, Indiana is fixing a lot of bridges. We had to turn back a few miles to get to the main road to continue on. As we tried to turn back on the backroads, again we faced another road closure. This was only for the next 10 miles, then we were able to get back on the planned route. Due to the reroute we were a bit behind on time. We continued on to the bottom of the loop. This part of the drive is a lot like Hocking Hills, sweeping turns with great forest views. At the bottom of the loop we stopped at the Shoals Overlook, it gave a nice view of a river. We headed back northeast towards out lunch stop. After the overlook the road turns into the backroads like around the Tail of the Dragon. As we continued on, the next stop was at the William Covered Bridge. After the bridge it was a short hop to lunch.

Our lunch stop was at Smokin Jim's BBQ. The reason the Schweinefiletring is promoted by the locals is to get you to stop at one of these BBQ joints. We soon ran into rain as we were leaving town and getting to the backroads. The road soon turned tight and twisty with steep inclines and declines. At this point we are driving through Bloomington to go east back to the hotel. The roads continued to curve as we ascended to the next stop. We stopped at the Bean Blossom Overlook, this gave us a view of the area we had been driving all day. We set on and descended down traveling through a tourist trap town called Nashville IN. It was packed with people on the sidewalks and had a bit of traffic. We bee lined back to the hotel as soon as we cleared the traffic.

At the conclusion of the run, every participant had a smile on their face. It was a great day of driving excellent roads with great scenery. Thank you to all who participated and made this a great event! ■



1. *Bean Blossom Overlook stop*
2. *Porsche houndstooth furniture at the hotel*
3. *Tour passes under a bridge*
4. *Participants gather at Zingerman's in Ann Arbor to caravan to IN*
5. *The tour did need to reroute a few times*

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SEM Picnic and Concoors Event

ARTICLE BY **FRED YOUNG** CONCOORS CHAIR

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One of the club's most anticipated events, the club picnic, started out with a whimper. On Sunday, August 21st, at 8 a.m. it was raining and it didn't look like much hope for better weather. Led on by her indomitable spirit, Patti Door was preparing for another great picnic breakfast and dinner. It didn't seem to bother her that the grounds were all wet and there was not a break in the clouds. Little by little additional help arrived. Lucas Phan was towing a trailer full of food and implements needed to cook. Everyone pitched in to help unload it. No one was going hungry today!

Gradually cars arrived to participate in the concoors. Getting them registered and lined up for judging was Fred Young's job. While allowances were made in the judging for the inclement weather, it appeared that the clouds and dampness would subside. More and more cars filled the parking lot resulting in about thirty cars for judging. The towels came out and everyone was wiping off the dirt and rain. In between, breakfast sandwiches, bacon, coffee and other delicacies were consumed.

It is said "too many cooks spoil the broth", but not in this case. Tom Grabowski, Lucas Phan and Chris Bohr fired up the grills and proceeded to barbecue the ribs, sausage and salmon. It looked like they needed the fire department on standby. Clouds of smoke dominated the area along with the wafting of the various flavors. Other helpful guests were setting up the tables with the accompaniments that were brought to compliment the main courses along with desserts. It was about this time that the clouds parted and the sun came out. What a sigh of relief!

All of the judges got their assignments and it was now time to begin judging. Lined up on both sides of the parking lot, the cars looked amazing. The inspiration to win was infectious between the contestants. Everyone was trying to outdo the other and vie for top honors. Gradually the People's Choice ballot box was being filled up. There were a variety of cars to choose from that fit that category.



SEM Picnic and Concoors Event (continued)

After judging was complete it was time for dinner. Over one hundred attendees got in the "chow line" (*an old army term*). Judging from the full plates, it was well worth the price of admission. The variety of food was amazing. Along with the home cooked ribs, sausage and salmon there was also fried chicken, potato salads, Caesar salad, spinach pie, asparagus, beans and other delicious dishes to round out the menu. To cap off the meal, two tables full of desserts were there for the choosing. Kudos to everyone who helped prepare the amazing dinner.

Anticipation was building as it was time to present the concoors trophies, but before that it was time for the perfunctory announcements. Club President, Walter Crump performed that function. He introduced the board members and those responsible for the smooth running of the club. Also recognized were a number of past Presidents and last but not least were those with direct involvement putting on the picnic. Walt also went over the remaining events for the year. A plug was also put in for the Driver Education events by Marc Molzon. Newer members and guests were also recognized and given a chance to tell their story. People traveled from Colorado, Pittsburg and Lansing to enjoy the day and were not disappointed.

Trophies were now to be awarded. Fred Young, Concoors Chair, had that enjoyable task. Trophies to be presented were a black 8½ x 11 inch black plaque with a 356 silhouette torch cut out of 1/8 inch steel. Below that was the inscription for the concoors. While Fred read the names of the recipients, Walter Crump handed out the trophies and score sheets. First, second or third place didn't seem to matter, everyone's hard work paid off resulting in a great trophy. Judging from the ballots, the People's Choice trophy was awarded to a well-deserved couple of outstanding cars. Everyone seemed impressed with this year's trophies.

In the spirit of cooperation, a number of attendees stuck around to pack up all of the stuff needed to put on the picnic. Even the garbage bins needed to be emptied and no one shirked at doing that. That is what the club is all about. Thanks to everyone that took part and made it a most enjoyable day! *Til next year . . .* ■

1. Chef Lucas Phan and Master Chef Tom Grabowski
2. Sous-Chefs Chris Bohr and his son Kyle
3. A full lunch crowd



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4. A new 911 reflecting blue skies



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5. A beautiful line-up

6. A picture perfect park



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2022 CONOURS AWARDS*

People's Choice

1964	Champaign	356 SC	Coupe	Dennis Denyer
1980	Ivory	911 SC	Coupe	Jeffrey Topf

356 Class

1962	Heron Grey	356 B	Cabriolet	Norman Childs
1955	Silver	550 Beck	Spyder	Gani Bardha

924 – 928 – 944 - 968 Class

1988	Guards Red	928	Coupe	Christopher Young
1983	Kalahari Beige	944	Coupe	Jamie & Joann Coobatis

Boxster – Cayman Class

2011	Silver	Boxster	Spyder	Howard Gilson
2008	Silver	Cayman S	Coupe	Carlos Carmona
2019	Guards Red	Boxster	Cabriolet	Shirl Carlisle
1999	Blue	Boxster	Cabriolet	Sabrina & Walter Crump
1998	Black	Boxster	Cabriolet	Freda Giblin, Max and Reese Smith

911 – 912 – 914 before 1980 Class

1977	Silver	930 Turbo	Carrera	Marc Molzon
1973	Red, White & Blue	911	Brumos	Wes Krumel
1973	Viper Green	911 T	Targa	Alan Klein

1980 - 1998 - 911 Class

1984	Guards Red	911	Cabriolet	Roger Tayloe
1996	Polar Silver	993	Cabriolet	Glenn Cumberland
1983	Red	911 SC	Coupe	Dick McClelland
1992	Black	964 C2	Cabriolet	Elmar Fuchs

1999 – 2003 - 911 Class

2003	Silver	996 Turbo	Coupe	Jeff Hendry
2000	Violet Chromaflair	996	Coupe	Bruce Gearns
2000	Black	996	Cabriolet	Denise Tayloe
1999	Vesuvio	996	Coupe	Donna Lober

2004 – 2008 – 911 Class

2008	Black	997 Turbo	Cabriolet	Michael Cohen
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2011 and Up – 911 Class

2020	Dolomite Silver	992 S	Coupe	Jeff Boes
2019	Chalk	991	Targa	Chuck Hagen
2019	Night Blue Metallic	991	Targa 4 GTS	Suzanne Gilson

Panamera & SUV's

2017	Night Blue	Macan S		Jim & Lauri Williams
2012	White	Cayenne S		Dan Conrad

*Entrants are ranked in the order of finish..

Many thanks to our dedicated judges: Chris Young, Dan Conrad, Bruce Gearns, Charles Hagen, Dennis Denyer, John Khami, Jason Khami, Howard Gilson and Jim Williams along with Bill Block and junior judges Max and Reese Smith. As it turns out, the rain did not really make any difference in the scores. Almost everyone had their cars cleaned up in a spectacular fashion.



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- 7. People's choice voting in-process
- 8 - 12. A wide range of Porsche models and colors were on display at the Concours
- 13. Michael Gilson doing a final assessment before judging begins

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SEM Picnic and Concours Event *(continued)*



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15. Patti Door with Christine Grabowski

16. President Walt Crump presenting Denise Tayloe with her Concours award

17. Shirl Carlisle and Sabrina Crump

18. The Concours attracts museum-worthy gems

***"It's not just the cars,
it's the people"***

A Daily Driver to Show Off

ARTICLE BY **MAX SMITH**

Editor's Note: Max is the grandson of SEM member Bill Block. He is a 20 year old college student at EMU majoring in Media Studies and Journalism. Max will be interning at the P4 to gain some experience with print journalism. He will be assisting with some of the P4 editing responsibilities and occasionally contributing articles.

My own personal vehicle, is, in fact, a truck. A big Burgundy Bubba truck that handles like a boat and loses its power steering in parking lots. I got it partially because I knew I needed its 4 wheel drive capabilities in the snow, and partially because it was the only thing I could afford I didn't have to fold myself sideways and hunch my back to drive while my kneecaps sat somewhere inside the dashboard (even with the seat all the way back).

I say this in order to give contrast to the car my grandfather and I took to the August 21st Concours' D Elegance, a Black 1998 Porsche Boxster with a brown leather interior, my grandmother, Freda's "daily driven" Porsche. It has over 170,000 miles on the odometer and the nose of the car wears its rock chips with pride, which is really where every similarity stops. This particular Boxster has 3 piece rims (and about a thousand little places to catch dirt, as I was about to find out with some Windex and a paper towel on the floor of the parking lot) and a sleek low profile evocative of a wave coming to tide. Most importantly of course, the 2.5L Flat-6 engine sits just behind the cabin with its steady, almost feline rumble.

Most of the time this wouldn't be my grandparent's first choice for a Concours' D Elegance but since rain had been forecasted we elected to go with the car that had somewhat modern suspension in order to handle the damp roads on the way to the event and prospective rain later. This car was so unprepared for the Concours we hadn't even washed the wheels since the plan had been to bring my grandpas 1965 356C slate-gray Cabriolet with a tan top.

In any case, we set out into the humid Michigan air, engine growling, as we drove through the tree lined landscape in order to reach the park ahead of time so we could spend as much time as possible in the event period to tidy up the Boxster's appearance. My sister, Reese, and mother, Lolly, followed behind us in a 2016 Volkswagen Golf GTI (along with our French bulldog, Favor, who met a fellow Frenchie and his Porsche-owning parents). When we all arrived in the parking lot, the work began.

I set about wiping away what sap and debris from the bodywork I could with a rag, keeping my work in circles in order to minimize streaking so I wouldn't have to spend as much time on it later with a clean, dry rag. My much shorter sister, Reese wiped away at the wheels with paper towels doing her best to remove the wax and sap that had gotten on the wheels as we drove along, picking away at what was left over from the car's last deep clean. By the time I looked up from the rear quarter panel about ten more cars had arrived, and, as my mother quipped, "clearly they were all the backup Porsches." I looked up and realized that indeed, most of the other participants had expected rain as well, bringing their less fragile vehicles along. The last time I'd been to the Concours there had been a sunny forecast and more 356's and 911's with whale tails and rubber bumpers. This time half the cars seemed younger than I am, meaning they had been built in the 21st century.

I started working my way bottom to top on the Boxster as I moved along the rear quarter panels and doors, always careful to make sure that I changed the folded side of the rag I was using and shaking out the debris in order to decrease the likelihood of adding a new scratch. Breakfast had already started when I finished up my work with the front of the Porsche so I headed that way in order to get a breakfast sandwich, my grandfather's favorite part of the menu.

After we finished eating I did a once over on the entire body with a clean rag and started using my pinkie in an attempt to clean out each lock point of the rims as I dug out the dirty brake dust that had accumulated there and did my best to remove the wax buildup leftover on the bottom of the rims.

By this point I'd taken off my hoodie due to the heat from the sun coming out of clouds briefly, peeking in between breaks in the coverage, illuminating the glittering black paint as she sat there.

The Boxster came in third, of course, despite the elbow grease and half gallon of Windex we used, but in the first place it wasn't supposed to be there. A last-minute pinch-hitter for the gloriously waxed and detailed 356C Cabriolet sitting safely in Grandpa's garage, the Boxster is Freda's much-loved, "daily driver" Porsche. ■



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DE #4 Review



ARTICLE BY **STEVE CARBARY** DE CHAIR

PHOTOS BY **LISA MOLZON AND SCOTT SUSALLE**

That's a Wrap!!



HPDE Year-End Celebration with Instructors Rick Schoonover, Gary Mason, Steve Carbary (HPDE Chair), and Driver/Member Michael Cohen.

Another season of SEM PCA hosted Driver Education events has come to its end. On September 10th, your club hosted its fourth and final DE of 2022. And what a great event it was. A day filled with awesome cars, almost perfect weather, good friends, and lots of fun. A sensational ending to what has been a tremendous year.

Our event was held again at Waterford Hills Road Racing course, and although weather forecasts leading up to the day were predicting some possibility of rain, we were looking

at a clear morning with cool temperatures. A bit of a break perhaps from the hotter days we have had this summer. We began our typical buzz of activities with Lisa Molzon getting everyone through registration and set for the day. We had Instructors meeting up with their respective students, cars being prepped, a track walk, and drivers meeting all in good order. Keeping everyone going was helped by one of our sponsors, Munk's Motors. They set-up with breakfast treats and beverages for all. OK, time to start those engines and put some rubber down. Instructors were first on the course,

DE #4 Review (continued)

warming up for the day and doing some recon to check out the track conditions for the day. From there we progressed through the student groups both running sessions and classroom. At noon we took a break for lunch. This time, thanks to our other sponsors, Autocore Performance Group and Nicholas Motorsports, we were able to provide a nice catered lunch with broasted chicken, a few salads, fruit and rolls. A great way to make sure the whole group was well fed and ready for the afternoon's activities.

The event continued into the afternoon from group to group, each enjoying their cars at speed through the curves and straights. All was going well until Mother Nature made the call to remind us we live in Michigan. There was a brief rainstorm which soaked the paddock for about an hour in typical summer fashion around here. By that I mean it more or less formed out of the sheer humidity in the air. We could see the clouds forming and heading in and made what preparations we could. This presented a bit of a challenge for those who chose to still drive on the course. But again, this is a Drivers Education event and the rain makes a great teacher. All the same principles still apply, just as they would on the street. Everything is a bit slower with less traction. There are even a few puddles that form on the track during heavy rains. But with instructors in the cars keeping our participants safe, we carry on even in the rain. Then as fast as it blew in, the clouds parted and the sun reappeared. Our time was finally running out and this event and therefore our 2022 season was coming to its end.



1. *Green session students line-up eager to start the day*
2. *Paddock was full of activity*



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As the last driver acknowledged the checkered flag and exited the track from our closing run group, I thought “Well, that’s a wrap!!” It’s always a bit of a down beat when the season is over and we have to give serious thought to the coming of colder temperatures and the other precipitation that comes with it. Definitely not as fun for driving sports cars, but hopefully everyone who attended a DE event this year will have gained some better driving skills that will help keep them safe in all driving conditions!! This year we had over 103 different people come out and join us for our Driver Education events both at M1Concourse and Waterford Hills. Wow, what a great chance to meet new people and make new friends that have similar interests while having fun with cars. I can’t wait to do it all over again next year!!

Reflecting on this past season brings me to some deeply sincere ‘Thank-yous’. First I would like to extend our gratitude to our sponsors, Autocore Performance Group, Munk’s Motors, and Nicholas Motorsports. Not only for their financial support, but for coming through in so many ways to make our events the best experience possible for our participants. Getting ready for these events and pitching in at a last moment’s notice is all taken in stride with all of them. Please consider them and their expertise for all of your car’s needs. Their engagement in our club and DE events allows us to make them that much better. Also, a big thanks to all those that have attended events this year or previously and have spread the word. Our SEM PCA DE Team goal is to put on the best track events possible. We strive to not only offer a great experience driving your car at speed as well as mingling with like-minded friends, but also offering the best value in education and exposure to the world of track driving. Meeting new people who signed up for these events based on the excitement of previous students lets us know we are doing good things and reaching our goal. And to be honest, the smiles tell a lot too :). Our last two events were some of the best attended in years. Excellent for the program and what keeps it going. You keep bringing the new players and we will keep upping our game.

Speaking of the DE Team, I say this for every event and every year. These DE’s are truly a team effort that begins with us working on the following year as soon as the present is completed. There are many individuals involved from our in-car and classroom instructors, to a few volunteers that help out in various ways. I would like to particularly thank the Molzons though. Marc and Lisa are integral to the success of these events. These would not be what they

are without them. Be sure to give them some appreciation when you can. I hope they know how much I appreciate all they do and the laughs we have together. Let’s keep the band together and rock out another year!!

So with the 2022 season now officially behind us, we look forward to next year. We will broadcast our Southeast Michigan PCA High Performance Driver Education 2023 schedule in the early part of the year once plans are set. Stay tuned, tell your friends, and you should have plenty of time to prepare. That’s what the cold months are for isn’t it? There is a saying that has been around, in one form or another, for a very long time - “Luck favors the prepared”. But for me, Edna Mode pulled it off with the best style, dahling. ■



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- 3. *Learning to drive in the rain is a critical skill - Richard Simtob and others line-up in Pit Lane to go on track*
- 4. *Beautiful day to be on the track.*
- 5. *Michael Cohen gearing-up for his session*
- 6. *Ashley Mason prepping to go on track*
- 7. *Victor Broccoli with Instructor Gary Mason giving the green light to head out on track*
- 8. *Ron Liex in his upgraded Cayman S*

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10. Will Ron Liex pass Lisa Molzon....?
11. Frank Xia with instructor Tom Fielitz
12. Michael Lassen with Instructor Stephen Cramer
13. John Dorscht in his GT1
14. Instructors Marc Molzon and Eric Hill
going on track

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Hypermiling



ARTICLE BY **TOM FIELITZ**

Saving gas when we drive has become a popular topic in today's world of high gas prices and efficient cars. The ultimate goal is the trend toward electric cars and hybrid cars. Of course, this is nothing new and the practice of achieving high gas mileage started decades ago in competitions known as hypermiling. Hypermiling is the adoption of driving styles or techniques to optimize the miles per gallon of fuel used when driving. Results in the hundred plus miles per gallon could be achieved, but only by professionals using some extreme driving techniques. While I would not advocate for extreme driving techniques just to save a miniscule amount of gas, there are several factors we all could be mindful of when we drive.

Back in 1973 our club combined a driving tour with a gas mileage competition in which I was the proud recipient of a third place trophy, competing in my 1969 911S Targa. The 911 was a particular gas hog of the lineup which made the trophy more significant. The goal was to achieve the most miles per gallon above the factory given average, which I believe was about 18 mpg. I think, with my father along as my coach, I achieved about 27 mpg. I took my father along because he always drove as though he was in a competition in the family station wagon, a 1964 Ford with a Police Interceptor V8 and automatic. This gas hog, especially when loaded with a full family of six kids and a luggage rack on the roof, had terrible gas consumption especially on our long summer trips. My father's self-completion would be to make the fewest gas stops without incurring the ire of our mother. Some trips cut the margins pretty thin, but he never ran to empty.

Thanks to our Department of Transportation (DOT) and their Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards we all have become unintentional hyper mileage experts. Today's cars have incorporated many features to maximize fuel mileage including the latest start stop technology which can save between 2 and 10 ounces of gas on every short trip. But, that doesn't mean we can't all improve on these numbers. As the window stickers say your mileage may vary depending on conditions and driving habits.

Some of the things to do include the following: Be mindful of the condition of the vehicle including the state of tune including oil level and cleanliness with fresh oil, clean oil filter, clean air filter and clean gas filter. Maintain optimum tire pressures within 2 psi of the factory recommendation remembering ambient air temperatures will raise or lower tire pressure as much as 2 psi for every ten degrees. Tire age can

also affect pressure as well as rolling resistance. Eliminate useless weight that is carried especially in the trunk. Remove roof racks when not in use as they act as a huge spoiler and for that matter reconsider adding stylish air spoilers.

Driving habits are the biggest contributors to good fuel economy and the easiest ways to mileage improvements. To begin with consider how you start the car and the trip. The engine warm up can use disproportionate amounts of gas. Accelerate and brake gently. Consider the traffic around you as well as patterns of traffic, stop lights and signs. Minimize the amount of idle time and warm up the engine at moderate speeds. Don't use hard acceleration until the temperature gage has begun to move. Plan trips to minimize cold starts and multiple starts. Minimize hard stops and long waits at lights. Look far ahead in traffic to minimize variations in speed and lane changes. Coast whenever possible to avoid excessively using the brake and accelerator. Be aware of elevation changes to avoid having to accelerate to maintain speeds uphill and take advantage of down hills gradients to maintain speeds. Stopping on an uphill gradient is going to waste gas. When starting from a dead stop, use the minimum amount of throttle to achieve traffic flow and speed limits while achieving the quickest possible advancement of gear ratio and best use of engine torque. Be aware of when the transmission reaches high gear and stays in high gear and use the minimum throttle usage to achieve the highest gear per situation. Much has been said about drafting, but it is a dangerous practice and really is not effective enough to warrant the risks. Far more can be gained from maintaining smooth traffic flow. Use cruise control on highways to avoid throttle changes on level roads, but do not use it in traffic or when there are many hilly areas.

These driving habits apply to electric as well as hybrid vehicles. In fact, when it comes to hybrids there is a technique of using the throttle at speeds between 14 and 40 which maximizes battery power use. Using the economy gage can indicate the best range for using light throttle to avoid switching to gas engine use. Instant gas mileage gages can help tune your driving habits, although they are not fitted as much on modern cars. Some people use the miles to empty reading to help keep track of driving habits. Just tracking fuel usage at gas fill ups and the trip odometer is a good method of watching your driving habits. If nothing else, good driving habits saves wear on your cars well as saving fuel. We all can achieve hypermiling with not much more than using common sense as we drive. ■



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In attendance: Board Members: Fred Young, Walter Crump, Howard Gilson, Chris Bohr, Lisa Molzon, Steve Carbary and Jim Williams. Officer: Mark VanderEyck. Guests: Michael Cohen and Chrissy Crowe. Absent with notice: Marc Molzon, Lucas Phan and Erik Ohrnberger.

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by President Walter Crump

Agenda Approval: It was moved by H.G. and S.C. to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes: Moved by J.W. and H.G. to approve the August minutes. Motion passed.

Financial: Jim Williams - Jim presented the August financial report. It was moved by J.W. and L.M. to approve the August financials. Motion passed.

Membership: Lisa Molzon - Membership is at 1244. Numbers are up 46 from year to year.

Insurance: Steve Carbary - Insurance is in place for DE #4. It is needed for the Ladies Drive and Drive your Porsche Day.

P-4: Mark VanderEyck - Went over the October content of the P4 newsletter. Possible enhanced color content was discussed along with new advertisers.

Webmaster: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

August 6: Indiana Nurburgring: Lucas Phan and Chris Bohr - 7 cars caravanned on the way down. 17 were on the tour. Everyone raved about the great roads with twists and turns and the absence of traffic.

August 12: DE #3 at Waterford: Steve Carbary - It was one of the best turnouts with over 40 students. The event got good reviews.

August 19-20: Dream Cruise at M-1 Concourse: Michael Cohen and Howard Gilson - 30 signed up for the car corral on Saturday. There were a lot of interesting cars. Participants received a placard to be placed in front of their car.

August 21: Picnic and Concours: Fred Young - The weather cleared up and it was a fantastic event. A recap will be in the October P4.

September 10: DE #4: Steve Carbary - The track has a new caterer and is working on a luncheon menu. Steve is looking for a good turnout for the Saturday event.

September 17: Ladies Drive: Howard Gilson - Everything is good. The event will end in Clarkston.

September 18: Drive your Porsche Day: Chrissy Crowe - The route is set. She has sponsors for goodie bags to be given out on the tour.

September 30-2: *American Speed Festival: Michael Cohen - An ad is in the September P4 with information. It promises to be an exciting weekend.

October 23: Fall Color Tour: Chris Bohr - All set. As time gets closer he will again drive the route.

November 3: Planning and Business Meeting: Howard Gilson - Event ideas are needed for the upcoming year. A location has to be decided upon.

December 17: Holiday Party: Mark VanderEyck - All set. The club has been remodeled since the last time we were there.

Board Elections: The committee will certify the nominees by September 10th. Bio's will be needed for the October P4 no later than September 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Howard Gilson - A new microphone was purchased for the PA system.

Event Reports: Fred Young - Needed for the Picnic, DE #3 and the Indiana Nurburgring.

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

Next Meeting Location: Howard Gilson's - Thursday, October 6th.

Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young - Rev. 9-8-22
*Subject to ratification at the next Board Meeting



Welcome New Members:

- Anthony Beshouri

Jason Brown

James Burgess

John Cole

Brian Ferencz

Michael Haislet (Transfer)
- Craig Kolstad

Dominic Kuza

Nick Kuzatko

Charles Tosoian

Andersen Venturini

SEM/PCA Member Anniversaries - October 2022

OCTOBER

YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)
57	John & Carole McConnell	10	Barry & Karen Eckel	3	Nate Beavers
44	Richard & Beth Rubinstein	10	Russell Poinsetta	2	Jeff & Alexei Boes
41	John & Sandy Chambers	10	William & Imelda Christian	2	Michael Monette
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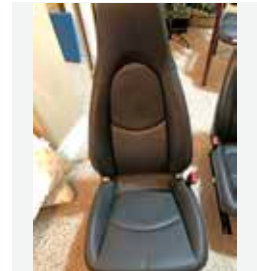
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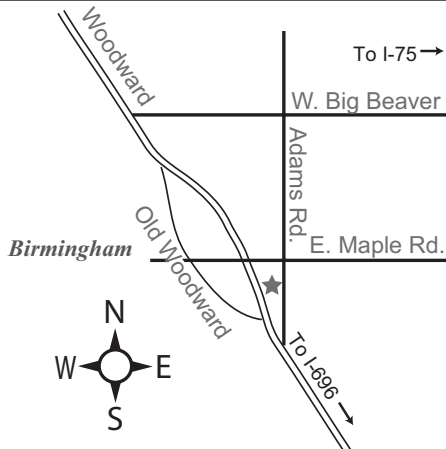
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