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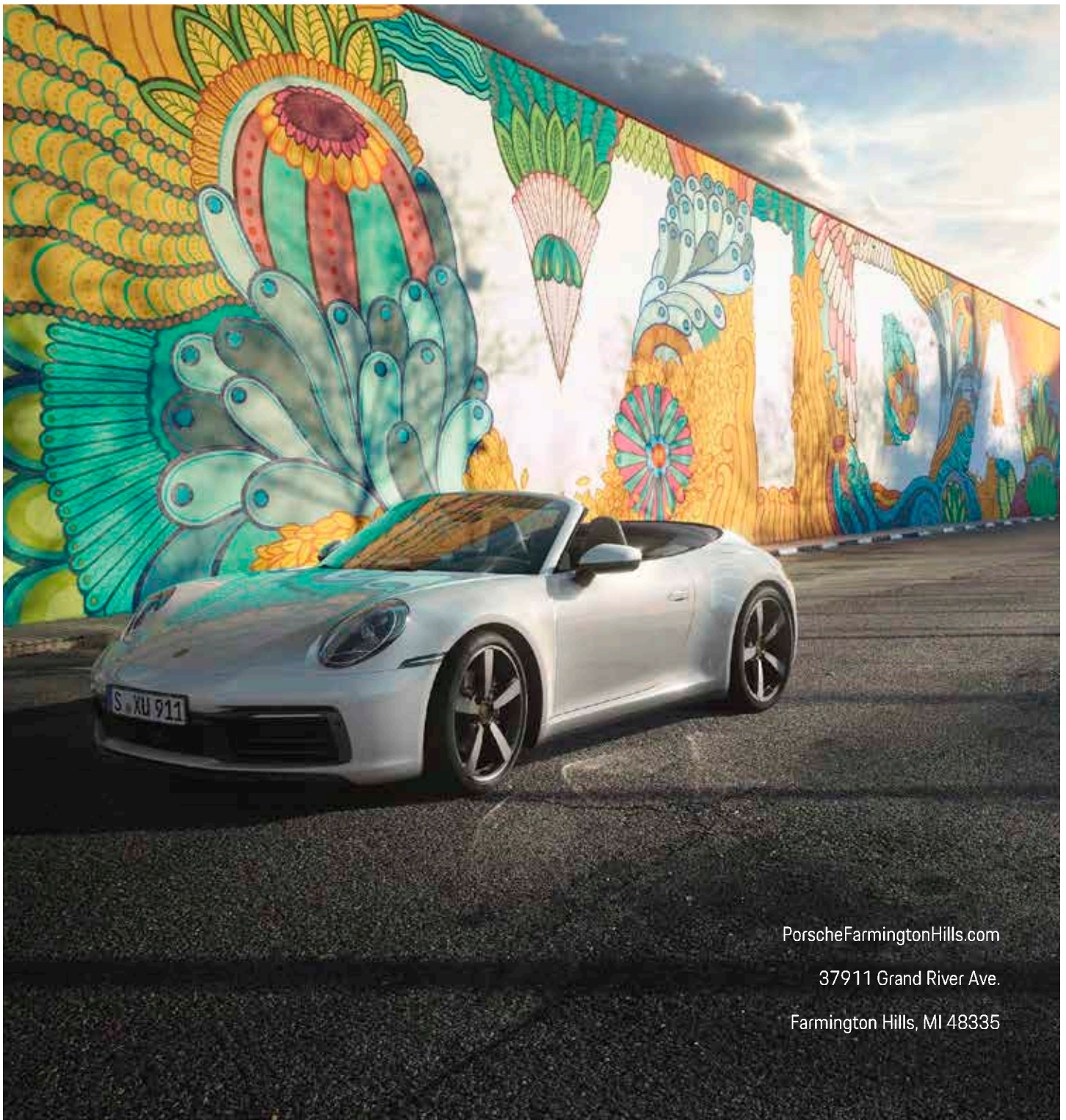
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**Fall Color
Tour**

ON THE COVER:

*The Progressive Dinner main course was
at the home of Jill and Brad Seitzinger.*

Photo by Mark Vander Eyk

President's Column



BY GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT

Summer is here!

Dear SEM Members

Summer is here, you can feel it by the temperature and the number of Club activities. This weekend we had our Progressive Dinner, Patti Door and Christina Gennari organized and managed this great event. Because of Covid-19, we expected participation to be lower than in previous years. Approximately 20 cars and 40 people showed up at the appetizer location in Novi. Then the group traveled to the main course location in Oakland Township. The event ended at the dessert location in Canton. The tour was conducted according to "PCA Driving Tour Standards" and "Minimum Safety Briefing for Tours" without a hiccup. Thank you very much to Patti and Jerry Door, Jill and Brad Seitzinger plus Kelly and John Shoemake for opening your houses for this fantastic event.

PCA Sim Racing comes to our Neighborhood

Sim Racing provides fun and competitive online racing against PCA members from all 14 Zones! In the June issue I talked about "Sim Racing" or "iRacing" and the two races that were a joint venture between PCA and the Porsche Club in Great Britain.

Ready to join PCA Sim Racing? Now we will have it in our own backyard. Sim Racing is coming to the local Zones, so get ready if you want to participate. The group is founded on the principles of gentlemen racing drivers found in PCA Club Racing. If you are a beginner to online racing, this is a great place to start as we openly coach and mentor new drivers through our highly successful eDE Driver Education program. Races are broadcasted live on YouTube with professional announcers.

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Main Course Location. The catered sumptuous food was outstanding.

Porsche 4Kids in the Car Factory

The Porsche Museum is offering an exciting program for boys and girls aged 5 to 13. Those participating in the program, which will be held in German and English, will gain an exclusive insight into the company's production processes and will also have the opportunity to conduct their own experiments. In order to ensure that the subject of hygiene is also given the necessary attention, young discoverers will set out on the trail of coronavirus at the "Soap Factory" practical station. Here the children will learn through age-appropriate experiments about important hygiene principles. They have the opportunity to make their own soap in the form of a 911, which they can then take home with them. This allows them to gain an understanding of the subject of hygiene through play and sensory experience.



Porsche 4Kids in the Car Factory

The “Soap Factory” will be supported by Tina Turbo’s friends Tom Targa and Sally Carrera, who will of course wear face masks. You can find more information about this on the website www.porsche4kids.com. Here young visitors can also find plenty of games, activities and coloring pictures. Thank You “Porsche Community Management” for providing this information.

Driving Tours

It feels like I am going to a HPDE. I need a checklist to remember everything to comply with “Driving Tours Minimum Standards” and don’t forget to bring the required waivers and personal protection equipment.

August and September Events

More events to come.

08/07/2020: HPDE #3

08/16/2020: Family Picnic and Concours

09/11/2020: Ladies Only Drive

09/12/2020: HPDE #4

09/13/2020: Drive Your Porsche Day

Please monitor our online calendar closely as things still can change in a heartbeat!

Thank you and stay safe,
Gretus Hoogestraat, SEM President

Nominations Now Being Accepted For the October 2020 Election of Directors



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2020 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1 ~~Motorstat Region Mackinac Bridge Crossing - CANCELLED~~
- 2 ~~Troy Traffic Jam - CANCELLED~~
- 6 Board Meeting
- 7 DE #3 at Waterford Hills
- 15 ~~Woodward Dream Cruise - CANCELLED~~
- 16 Picnic and Concours

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Board Meeting
- 12 DE #4 at Waterford Hills
- 13 Drive Your Porsche Day
- 13 ~~Eyes on Design - CANCELLED~~
- 16-19 *Treffen West Virginia
- 19 Ladies Only Drive

OCTOBER

- 1 Board Meeting
- 18 Fall Color Tour

NOVEMBER

- 5 Board Meeting & Calendar Planning
- 6 Membership Dinner

DECEMBER

- 3 Board Meeting
- 12 Holiday Party

* = Not an SEMPCA Event

All dates and events are subject to confirmation

PCA and the SEM Board of Directors are monitoring the COVID-19 situation very closely for its impact on member safety and region activities. Watch for E-Blast updates and check the online calendar at sem.pca.org to verify the event schedule.

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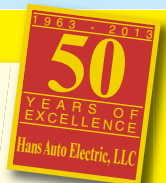
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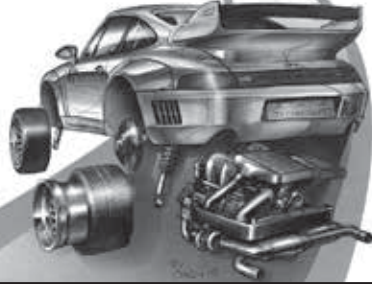


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Solstice Tour Recap

STORY BY **JENNIFER AND ART DAHL**

PHOTOS BY **LISA AND MARC MOLZON**

On the weekend of 20 June we enjoyed the Summer Solstice drive that began with plenty of sunshine and it was a great day for driving. We started in the parking lot of LBI Limited, one of our great P4 advertisers. They were gracious to come in on Saturday morning and open their business to our club. On their showroom floor, we were able to see some very nice Dodge Vipers, Ferraris, a beautiful vintage Ford Mustang and even a couple of Porsches.



The Summer Solstice tour left from LBI's downtown Pontiac location in groups of ten with a lead car for each. The right turn out of the LBI parking lot was a bit challenging as oncoming traffic was a little heavy for Saturday morning and we had to make an immediate left hand turn at the next traffic light. Once out of downtown Pontiac, we were able to get back into our assigned groups and show off our pride and joys as we traveled along some two lane roads towards Holly.



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Vice-President Walt Crump and his wife Sabrina enjoyed the drive al fresco

As we drove down some very cool straightaways, we did happen upon occasional S-curves that were a delight for many drivers, including myself and my wife. It was very enjoyable to cruise through some of the small towns along the way and see the local people stop and look at the long line of Porsches. Some of the locals did give us an occasional wave and thumbs up sign. We did come across some very gracious drivers at 4-way stop signs, they allowed us to proceed through as a group and watched with delight as our stream of beautiful cars went by. The tour continued through Auburn Hills, Orion Charter Township, Brandon Township, Fenton and Highland Charter Township. After a very enjoyable tour, we ended the drive at a warehouse containing the La Fontaine personal car collection.

We were very fortunate to have an opportunity to view the LaFontaine collection and there were cars on display that appealed to all. There was a Corvette row plus many older and newer classic cars and trucks, but what was probably most fascinating was the size of the collection. Besides the main warehouse, there was an additional garage with more cars on lifts to see. As a car lover, it was very interesting to also see the nostalgic memorabilia on the walls and around the warehouse that came from decades of collecting these fine automobiles. We were also told that the LaFontaine family had opened a store in downtown Milford in an effort to sell some of the collection. Mr. LaFontaine keeps adding to his collection, but needs to sell some of the vehicles to make room in the warehouse for new treasures that he seems to continually find.

What a wonderful day and great drive. Thanks to Lisa and Marc Molzon for organizing and leading the tour. Lisa, with the assistance of Jennifer, made registration come off without a hitch ensuring all were signed in and covered for the drive per Porsche Club rules. So, all we had to do was just show up and enjoy the tour and beautiful weather (no rain) as us Porsche owners love to do.



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Picnic Lunch Served at 1:00 p.m.

As in previous years we are planning on having the car concours and picnic. While the format may change a little, it still promises to be a fantastic event. The trophies are polished and ready to be presented to worthy participants. Now is the time to get your Porsche ready for the exterior only car show. (Don't forget the wheels). Numerous classes give every one an equal chance of winning a trophy. Get out the polish for that 356, 944, 911 or SUV and give it a try.

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All of our cars are represented by some sort of symbol, always copyrighted, that represents the model of car in a unique way that is meaningful to the buying public. In the case of our Porsches it is the instantly recognizable crest. But, the specific Porsche model does not have a separate symbol such as an animal or geometric design. It is fascinating to look at some of the automobile symbols and trace their heritage. Many of these symbols are unchanged from the creation of the company, such as the prancing horse of Ferrari that shares a similar horse symbol with the Porsche crest. Emblem stories make great trivia questions such as; What single car is named after two animals? That would be the Mustang Cobra. But, the predecessor to the mighty Mustang is the humble Falcon. At the end of this article is an added bonus about the history of the Spirit of Ecstasy that you may not know.

Ford is credited with the oldest car symbol, a stylized scripted Ford dating back to 1903. For animal symbols, nothing beats Ferrari with its prancing horse dating back to the creation of its racing team in 1929. The story is that the black rearing horse was used on the WWI fighter plane of Count Francesco Baracca, who tragically lost his life in battle. The symbol was prominently displayed on his fighter plane. His father and mother approached Enzo Ferrari and suggested he adopt the horse on his cars emblems for good luck. The yellow shield back ground is the official color of the home town of Modena, still headquarters of Ferrari. No Ferrari leaves the factory, race or street car without a prancing horse emblem.

The Lamborghini Bull symbol comes from founder Ferruccio Lamborghini's Zodiac sign of Taurus or Bull. He was a patron of Ferrari and as the story goes that he had the nerve to criticize how his Ferrari was built directly to the face of his friend Enzo. Enzo suggested he stick to building tractors which encouraged Ferruccio in 1963 to try his hand at sports cars. Every Lamborghini since has been named after a fighting bull.

The Porsche prancing horse comes from the crest of the Free Peoples State of Wurttemberg-Baden of which Stuttgart is the capital and the home of Porsche. The black rearing horse represents that Stuttgart was originally a stud farm. Various stories have the actual symbol being drawn on napkins by Ferdinand. It is not the actual crest of the city, but a stylized symbol for the company which has remained unchanged since 1945 and the company founding in 1931.

Jaguar is another car with a famous direct tie to a ferocious animal, the jaguar. In 1922 the company was the Swallow Sidecar Company, still in Whitley, Coventry, England. When Jaguar got into the car business in 1945 a more serious mascot

was needed. Originally used as a radiator ornament, it has lasted through several ownership changes as an iconic symbol and is instantly recognized by any automotive enthusiast.

Many car symbols started their life as radiator ornaments. Some were animal inspired such as the Studebaker Swan, the Ford and Lincoln Greyhound as well as the Ford Quail. Chevrolet used the Eagle, Cadillac the Heron while Chrysler used a Gazelle. On Listcarbrands.com we find horses as the most prominent car symbol used today, but animals can be found on car crests of some 53 different cars and plus the bulldog on Mack trucks and ram sheep on Dodge Ram trucks.

American car manufacturers used a wide variety of animal and bug mascots ranging from the Hudson Hornet to the Buick Skylark and Wildcat. It is a fun challenge to see how many animals your friends can name. Easy ones are the Ford Mustang and Pinto, Mercury Cougar and Ford Raptor. Chevrolet has the Impala and Stingray while Chrysler has the Eagle, Barracuda and lest we forget the Road Runner and Viper. More obscure is my favorite, the AMC Marlin. Foreign obscure names would be the Fiat Panda, Nissan Bluebird and Leopard as well as the VW Beetle and Fox.

Now I give you as a bonus, the fascinating and enchanting story of the Rolls Royce famous mascot The Spirit of Ecstasy, the most recognized car emblem ever. Wikipedia tells the story of how Rolls Royce commissioned the sculpture. Charles Sykes had sculpted The Whisperer, a similar female figure in flowing gown holding a finger to her lips signifying the silence of the running car. The original sculpture was commissioned by Baron John Montagu for his personal 1909 Silver Ghost and embodied his secret passion for Eleanor Velasco Thornton, who Sykes chose for his model. Eleanor was the secretary to John Walter, editor of The Car Illustrated and involved in a secret love affair with him for over a decade. Rolls was concerned that owners were affixing inappropriate radiator cap ornaments to their cars. Managing Director Claude Johnson commissioned Charles Sykes to propose a more dignified and graceful design. He modeled the Spirit after The Whisperer. On February 6, 1911 Sykes presented the Spirit of Ecstasy to Rolls and it was afterwards listed as an optioned extra, but it has become standard since the 1920's. Eleanor died tragically on December 30, 1915 when the SS Persia was torpedoed by a German U Boat in WWI. Today's Spirit stands three inches tall and hides away in the radiator shell when parked to dissuade theft.



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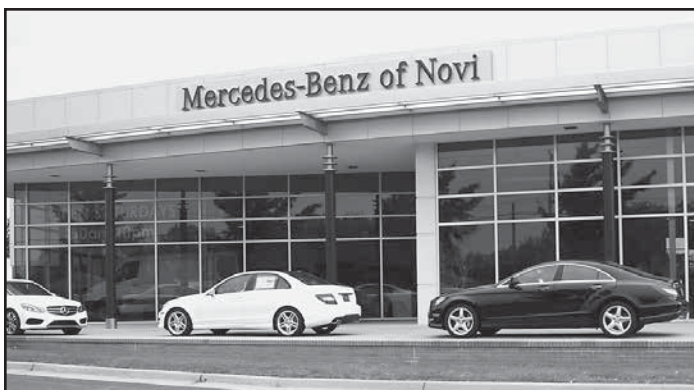
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DE #2 Recap

STORY BY **STEVE CARBARY**

PHOTOS BY **LISA MOLZON**

The SEM PCA DE Season Begins!

Your Southeast Michigan Porsche Club has a long standing tradition of hosting several Driver Education events every year. For many years, club members and guests have brought their cars out to local tracks to gain both a better understanding of performance driving and a deeper appreciation for these wonderful cars. It's through dedication and pure enjoyment that these events are organized each year. This year has brought some extra challenges and I'm proud to say that the SEM PCA DE Team has persevered to finally get our season kicked off.

Our season opener was originally planned for May at M1Concourse. Understandable, this was cancelled due to the situation I don't think I need to mention. The planned June event at Waterford Hills still fell within certain state mandates that caused us to reschedule to July. As with most things in our lives this year, we kept our spirits up and waited for the times to improve. For myself, this meant more time on the video game race simulator that I use to scratch the itch over the long winter months. Not the same, but gets my mind off of it.

July was here and the day had finally come. Our day was not off to the start we had hoped for though as the morning began with clouds that brought rain during our typical morning routine of registration, track walk, and drivers meeting. Yet, this did not seem to dampen anyone's mood. We were all happy to be together and socializing (at a distance of course). The Drivers Education on track sessions run even in the rain. These are truly educational and participating in one with rain is something that I bet even the most seasoned casual road driver could learn from. Many are apprehensive at first and may not even want to engage in a rainy day. My years of experience has shown me time and time again that after students do it once, they are much more comfortable and even enjoy the adventure.

Even our sponsors came out in full force and were happy to support us. Autocore Performance Group, Munk's Motors, and our newest sponsor M1 Motorsports Group were all on hand to help out with automotive advice, service questions, and refreshments. Great to have them on board with us and making our events that much better.



Board Member Lucas Phan and Andrew Strong enjoying the last session of the day.

First on the track was the instructor group. Many of our instructors have purpose built track cars with slick tires, higher performance brakes, and stiffer suspensions. Understandably, most did not want to go out on track as this combination does work the same as street cars in the rain. I had a little tread on my tires and the suspension was still set to soft so I went out for a few reconnaissance laps. I was joined by our Chief Instructor Marc Molzon. This worked well as Waterford Hills was re-repaved (that is not a typing error. It had to be done twice ... but that's another story) and we wanted to check out the track conditions. We came back in and reported our findings to the other groups prior to them going out. This gave them some insight on how to approach their first sessions.

This year we have had to adjust our program to fit current regulations. We normally put instructors in cars with students to provide immediate feedback and guidance. For this event, we had our coaches observing from corner stations and reporting to the students after each session. While not what I would prefer, this method still provided the students with valuable information on how to improve. Several people told me that they were pleased with the results and appreciated the feedback. We have also added something new, a Touring Session Group. These still offer time on the track, but with more controlled speeds. They also include classroom time and all the activities other groups enjoy. You can read more about these sessions in the article written by Jason Khami. Sounds like he was pretty satisfied with his day.

The rain came to a stop around lunch and the afternoon brought a drying track. These conditions can be deceiving as areas that look dry may not have the traction you'd expect. Again, a learning experience. Our instructors kept the students up to speed about this, so everyone played well together. By the end of the day the sun was shining and smiles were abundant. It was great to get out and enjoy our cars and friends. Our social lives are all struggling this year and it was awesome we could put on an event like this in a way that kept everyone safe and at acceptable distances. I am very excited and looking forward to doing it all again on August 7th. If you have never joined us for one of these experiences, I cannot encourage you enough to come out and try it. The cars, friends, and fun make for a great day.



Board Member Michael Cohen in his Miata MX-5 and David Hoffa in his Lotus Cup R enjoying the day.



John Dorscht in his 928 and Mark Kuszczak in his 2019 Grand Sport Corvette.



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Waterford Hills Family Day Recap

STORY BY **FRED YOUNG**

PHOTOS BY **LISA AND MARC MOLZON**



Porsches lined-up and watching the races!

Well, all of the stars were certainly aligned on Sunday, the 28th of June for the annual Family Day at the Waterford Hills Race Track. The weather was perfect. With the temperature in the 80's and the sun shining, the weather was a marked improvement over previous years at the track, and the high attendance reflected this. The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) was also racing on Sunday. The races saw up to thirty cars on the track at one time. It was the largest field in years. Lastly the event was, can you spell F-R-E-E, that's right - no charge to spectators. Who could ask for a better day?

Truth be told, it was quite a simple day. Around 10:30 a.m. the Canadian and American national anthems were played before racing started. Fans were very respectful and stood at attention while the anthems rang out throughout the track. Standing in the sunshine waiting for the races to start it made you forget about the Coronavirus and the political turmoil gripping the nation. It was time for racing! With all of the cars roaring around the track it was a question of where the action would be. Up front were the Esses, to the left was Hilltop, and in the background was the Swamp. All could be seen from the vantage point in front of the parked Porsches. The concession stand was open and no one had to worry about going hungry or getting dehydrated. Chairs and tables were available for sitting in the shade under the canopy with a great view of the track. Standing at the fence gave you a greater appreciation for the action though.

There is no greater thrill though than seeing a grandfather, son and grandson walking up to the fence and seeing the race cars speed by. That was the case with Jon Woods and Michael Cohen. Another father had his son on his shoulders watching the action. It is like we are cultivating a whole new generation of car enthusiasts. In this day and age however, it is not just about the "boys". One dad brought his two lovely daughters along to check out the scene. Next on the agenda for them was learning how to drive a stick shift so they could take a jaunt in dad's 944 Porsche.

Tom Christian along with his daughter, Miranda, who was the pit crew, brought his BMW race car up on the hill for spectators to examine. Tom races regularly at Waterford along with several other SEM members. Cheering on someone you know always adds a little spice to the action. It is also surprising to hear someone say I used to race here in the 70's or 80's and there was no exception this day. One gentleman even brought his racing plaque along to show anyone interested. It brought back old memories for him.



What a turnout on the hill!

Parade laps are always a crowd favorite. This year was no exception. For the reasonable cost of \$5.00 you get a taste of the track and a real feel for the action. While at a modest pace, you have a whole new appreciation for the

Waterford Hills Family Day Recap *Continued*

drivers in the race. Whipping the cars through the Esses and coming down off of Hilltop curve can put a little tingle in the stomach. SEM Driver Education is sure to have a few more candidates looking to test their driving skills. Wanting to “strike while the iron is hot” Marc and Lisa Molzon circulated among the fans passing out Driver Education flyers.

Although the pits were not open to spectators due to the overflow of race cars, the parking lot and hilltop had plenty of race cars that could be examined close up. The drivers and crews were happy to answer questions.

To those that didn’t make the event this year, add it to your bucket list. The racing is up close and personal. The track is close to home and there is no hassle with parking, tickets, or seeing two thirds of the track from just about any vantage point.
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SEM Progressive Dinner Recap

STORY BY **PATTI DOOR**

PHOTOS BY **GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT AND RENE / MARK VANDER EYK**

Living in These Uncertain Times

It certainly has been a challenge to plan an event for SEM this year. We were very fortunate to have two of our members step up and volunteer their homes for the dinner and desert portion of the Progressive Dinner. Since I was bound and determined to hold this event, I volunteered our home for the appetizers.

The day was made to order (no rain) except for the high temperatures, but most of our cars are equipped with air conditioning. Chrissy Crowe was gracious enough to take on the check in of our participants. Thank you Chrissy for all your help. Since many of us have been under house arrest for a few months, everyone was anxious to catch up with friends and meet several of the new members.



It was a beautiful setting for dinner on the lawn at the Seitzinger home.



Safe distance check in with Chrissy Crowe for the appetizer stop at the Door's home.



The food and service provided by Skosh Catering was outstanding.

For the second half of the tour we made our way to the home of the Jill and Brad Seitzinger family. The dinner consisted of strawberry goat cheese salad, grilled vegetable platter, parmesan potato pave, pan seared salmon and tender petite filet with a Demi-glace sauce. Dan Conrad mentioned to me that it was the best he ever tasted. The company that catered this event was Skosh Catering from Walled Lake. The setting for the dinner was in the front yard of the Seitzinger's secluded home overlooking a pond and waterfall. The cars on the circular drive were a beautiful sight and made for great conversation. After a leisurely dinner we were off to Canton for desert.

The ride was amazing and as we paraded down I-275 there were a lot of people staring and taking photos of our fast parade. Sabrina Crump drove amazingly well and stayed up with all the guys. When I ask Sabrina about her driving she said that she had learned to stay up with the crowd after her first Ladies Only Drive. When we arrived at the home of Kelly and John Shoemake, most of us parked in their back yard. It was a relaxing time with a fire going on the patio, many comfy chairs plus a live piano player providing us background music. As everyone knows, the SEM membership always enjoy sweet treats and there were plenty for everyone to taste.



Chris Braden and Brad Seitzinger talk Porsches



Jill Seitzinger seated with Gretus Hoogstraat, Chrissy Crowe and Dan Conrad.



Christina Gennari, our future Progressive Dinner Chair, with husband Gianluigi, Dawn Martindale and Leo Wanstreet.



Table seating on the lawn at the Seitzinger home overlooked a beautiful waterfall cascading into the pond.

All in all we drove a total of 74 miles, but due to Detroit area traffic it was an hour drive between homes. A big Thank You to the Seitzinger and Shoemake families for providing us a great evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Christina and Gianluigi Gennari, who will be taking over the 2021 Progressive Dinner. This couple worked with me this year and planned the driving routes as well as taking reservations. SEM will be looking forward to any new ideas this young couple has for the Progressive Dinner. Members, when you meet this couple please remember to thank them for stepping up.



Jim Williams and Tom Grabowski enjoying the fire pit at the Shoemake home dessert stop.



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STORY AND PHOTOS BY **REBECCA KRAUS**



An Open Letter to Everglades Region PCA,

This letter brings a huge THANK YOU! to several members of the Everglades Region PCA as well as PCA Headquarters' Chrissy Diamante for their help with my son purchasing his first Porsche! As a member of the Southeast Michigan Region I have come to personally experience the PCA slogan, "It's not just the cars, it's the people" not just here in Michigan but now in Florida and PCA Headquarters itself.

For the last year my son Bill Kraus, has been searching for a 2014 Cayenne GTS with a number of options in what would be his first Porsche. Recently, he located a GTS in the Chicago area that was literally sold from underneath him to another person while he was test driving it. Amazingly, just two days later, he located a certified pre-owned GTS at the Porsche of Naples, Florida dealership that had literally just arrived for sale. He contacted the dealership and was thrilled to learn it had everything he wanted on the car. However, there was one huge problem. How would he test drive it, living in Chicago, in the middle of a global pandemic and with a 2 week old newborn son and 3 year old daughter making it challenging to fly?

When my son called me to tell me about the car, his excitement and his dilemma with the situation initially looked like too many barriers to overcome. In a moment of what must have been divine providence it struck me – maybe PCA and a local Porsche club could help him! Since joining the Southeast Michigan club 3 years ago, I have been so impressed with the kindness and support of the clubs' members. Members truly are like a family. I said as much to my son and as a member offered to make some calls on his behalf.

My first call was to PCA in Maryland where I explained the situation and need for help to PCA staff member Chrissy Diamante.

Chrissy immediately understood the situation and offered to reach out to one of the officers of the Everglades Region PCA to see if a member might be available to help. Within an hour, Chrissy called back and told me she had contacted Club President John Petracco who in turn offered to help and reached out to several members to see who might be available to visit the dealership. I provided Chrissy my son's contact info and turned it over to Bill and Everglades. Club member Gary Karnes offered to visit the Naples dealership and check-out the car within the day. He then contacted the sales rep George Rakowski, to set up a time to see the car and test drive it for Bill. By the way, Bill had nothing but praise for George and Porsche of Naples for their professionalism and great customer experience. Gary was fantastic in reviewing the car and providing feedback to Bill.

After a thorough walk-around inspection using FaceTime and Gary's test drive, the word was it was a great car and in excellent condition. The deal was completed and one week later, June 30th the Cayenne GTS was on a Shaughnessy Overland Express transport from Naples headed to Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Two days later I was thrilled to watch this beautiful trailer come up the street to deliver Bill's car. As a parent, it was so exciting to experience this great moment with him and to have had such wonderful people make that moment happen for my son.

As a family we now look forward to co-attending SEMPCA events with the Cayenne GTS and my Boxster S. I can't wait for Bill and his young family to experience the camaraderie of club members as I have. Thank you Chrissy, John and Gary. You are awesome!

With gratitude,



Rebecca Kraus

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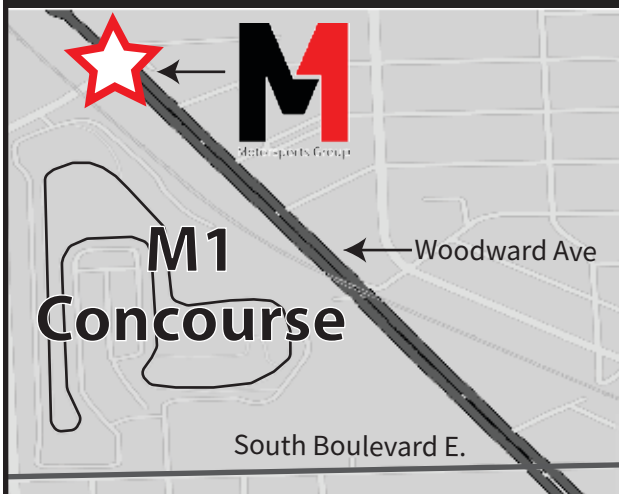


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STORY BY **JASON KHAM**

A question so often asked of Porsche owners is, “Have you taken it to the track?”

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We walked the 1.5 miles of the Waterford Hills Racetrack and attended the mandatory drivers meeting on Thursday, July 16. We learned the meanings of the different flags, what hand signals would be used to communicate passing intent with the other drivers and the proper procedure to enter the paddock area.

Parts of HPDE have changed due to the ongoing pandemic including social distancing and face masks. With the new Touring Group, you drive by yourself, an instructor or helmet are not required. The instructor instead is in a pace car limiting the speed on the track to 60 MPH.

After 20 minutes of track time on the hills, straights, and curves of Waterford Hills, the Touring Group was flagged back into the Paddock. The pace car instructor paired with our group asked each of us how we felt about our time on the track and offered some pointers based on our responses. We watched the other groups take to the track with many purpose-built race cars and daily drivers.

After lunch, we used the advice from the instructor for our second outing of 20 minutes. After our run was completed we returned again to the Paddock and asked if there were other HPDE track days scheduled and if we were ready to move up to the next skill group.

This was the first 2020 HPDE session for the Southeast Michigan Porsche Club. It’s great to get out with the people and cars for a much-needed release from the pandemic. The Touring Group requires participants to have a good working car of their choice. Speeds are limited so the normal wear and tear on brakes and tires that cars experience during a regular track day is minimal.

HPDE and track days in general are a great way to escape the restrictions of the pandemic, learn about your Porsche or other car and have fun at the track through this new Touring Group experience.

Come out to the track for our next SEM HPDE event on August 7.





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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.

In attendance: Board Members: Gretus Hoogestraat, Marc Molzon, Fred Young, Howard Gilson, Walter Crump, Michael Cohen, Lisa Molzon and Steve Carbary. Officers: Jim Williams and Mark VanderEyck. Guest: Jon Woods. Absent with notice: Lucas Phan, Erik Ohrnberger and Chrissy Crowe.

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m. by President Gretus Hoogestraat.

Minutes: Moved by H.G. and W.C. to approve. Motion passed.

Financial: Jim Williams - There was not much in the way of financial transactions. Moved by M.C. and M.M. to approve. Motion passed.

Membership: Lisa Molzon - Primary membership is 710 and associate is 406 for a total of 1116. Membership is trending up.

Insurance: Steve Carbary - All set for the July events.

P-4: Mark VanderEyck - Mark went over the August content. Mail delivery is still a problem at times.

OLD BUSINESS

June 14: Spring Tour: Lucas Phan put on a well organized tour. Everyone was pleased with the event. It ended in Pinckney and participants were able to order carry outs and eat at picnic tables in the town square.

June 20: Solstice Tour: Lisa Molzon - It was a great tour and ended at the LaFontaine Classic Car Collection in Highland. The morning event was appreciated due to the hot weather. 35 cars were on the drive.

June 28: Waterford Hills Family Day: Fred Young - Best turnout from past years. SCCA racing brought additional cars to the races. It was a good day with the weather cooperating.

July 16: DE #2: Steve Carbary - Things are somewhat back to normal. Refreshments will be provided along with pre-packaged food. Instructors are not expected to be in the cars. Touring laps are an option for newcomers.

July 18: Progressive Dinner: Christina Gennari and Patti Door - Finding a caterer was a problem due to the Covid-19 virus. It was moved by F.Y. and S.C. to subsidize expenses related to the dinner. Motion passed. Still basically as planned.

August 16: Picnic and Concours: Fred Young and Patti Door - Discussion ensued about food being served cafeteria style or attendees bringing their own lunch. A final determination will be made at the August business meeting.

September 13 - Porsche Drive: Chrissy Crowe - Waiting on guidance for restaurants.

September 19 - Ladies Drive: Patti Door - It will be a Saturday drive, shopping and dinner.

October 18 - Fall Color Tour: Walter Crump - Nothing to report at this time.

Driving Tour Chair Acknowledgement: Gretus Hoogestraat wanted to convey to the board the great job done recently by the members putting on the tours.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Charities: Chrissy Crowe - No report.

Webmaster: No report

Event Reports: Fred Young - Up to date.

Open: Marc Molzon advised the board about an upcoming "Festival of Speed" at the M-1 Concourse.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m. - Moved to adjourn by W.C. and S.C.. Motion passed.

Refreshments and Location: Thursday, August 6 - Howard Gilson
Thursday, September 3 - Lisa Molzon

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Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young - Rev. 7-15-20

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Congratulations to all who have a membership anniversary this month!

Anniversaries are noted by the date the primary member joined PCA. Please let us know if we've made an error or omission.

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BY **LORI SCHUTZ**, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

We are heading toward the back half of 2020 – which has turned out to be a year we will never forget, when the world became more unified and divided at the same time. Here in Zone 4, I can share with you that I am very proud of our region leadership teams. They have participated in many conference calls and emails preparing for a safe re-entry to our event season. June was our turning point, when state guidance began to shift into the later phases of COVID protection in many areas of Zone 4.

My first event back in the saddle was to join the Ohio Valley Region at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. I was joined by many fellow solo DE drivers and instructors for a great weekend of sunshine, and track sessions. Due to COVID restrictions, we were limited to one person per car, so no student instruction was possible. Despite this, the five run groups were at full capacity. The following weekend I ventured over to Grand Rapids, to spend Saturday morning at Grattan Raceway for a 2-day DE, solo only, with Rally Sport Region. All safe practices of masks, social distancing and staying healthy were followed. A fine no-incident weekend! Thanks to Christian Maloof and his team for a job well done.

Then on Sunday, I joined Southeast Michigan for their first spring tour event. Lucas Phan planned a fantastic route, with step by step iPhone google map instructions. Lisa Molzon greeted everyone, COVID safely, in the starting parking lot. We had five groups staged 10 minutes apart, with safety briefings and social distancing. We all met up in a large park in the Pinckney town square for the end to a great day.



*Stephanie demonstrates safe mask practice at the 3rd Thursday outdoor event
(Photo courtesy Stephanie Bahr MORPCA)*

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OVR President Bill Altvater is 'caught' sitting in my Pink Chair in the garage at Mid-Ohio. (Photo Lori Schutz)



SEM's Lucas give the safety briefing to one of the groups before they leave on the spring tour. (Photo Lori Schutz)

Onto the infamous Third Thursday celebration with the Mid-Ohio region in Galena, OH. The late afternoon rain kept some from coming out, but the rest of us had a super time. A German style Food Truck provided excellent choices for a summer evening picnic and a great lawn full of Porsches, and a few 'other cars'. Stephanie and I demonstrated 'safe social distancing' hellos! I look forward to seeing you soon at a region event!

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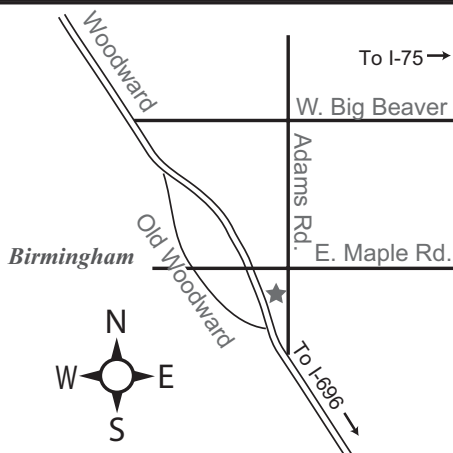
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