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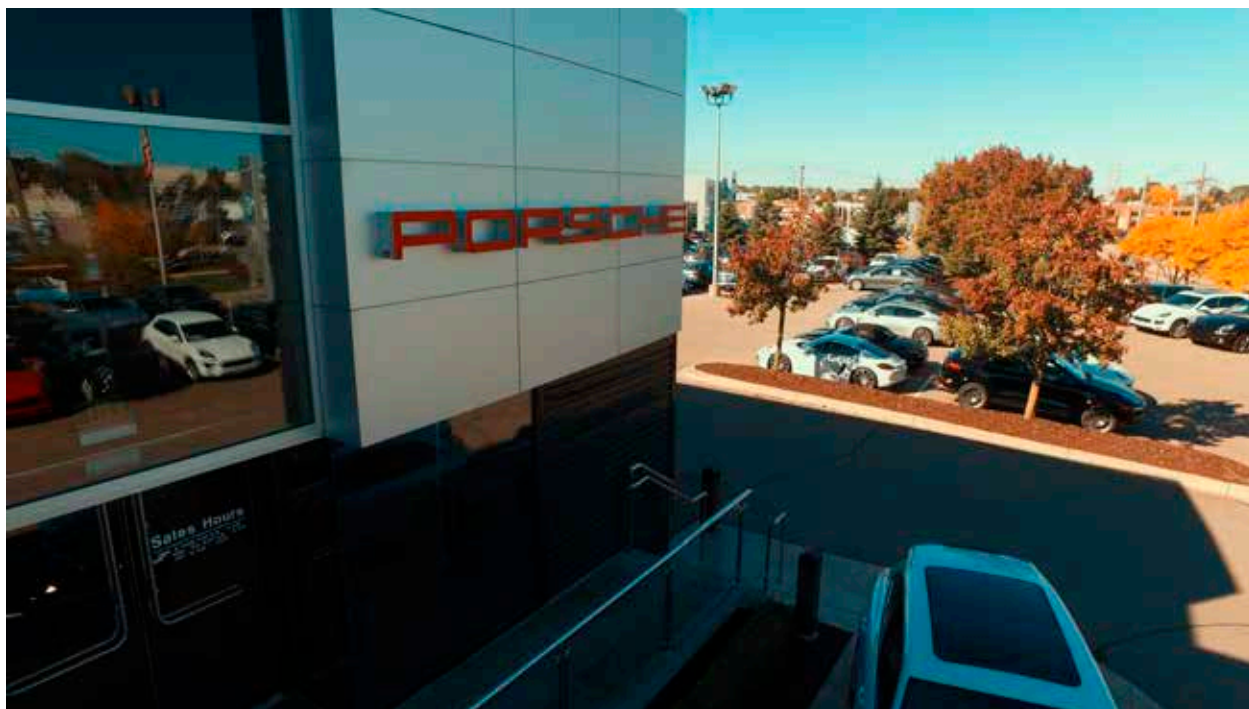
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ON THE COVER:

Michael Gilson and other Concours class winners drive their Porsches up to receive their awards at the 2019 Boca Raton Parade
Photo by Howard Gilson

2019 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

OCTOBER

3 Business Meeting
20 Fall Color Tour

DECEMBER

5 Business Meeting
7 Holiday Party

NOVEMBER

7 Business Meeting &
Calendar Planning
8 Membership Dinner

= Not an SEMPCA Event
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BUSINESS MEETINGS

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.

President's Column

BY GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT



The Team got together again!!!

Hello SEM Members

It doesn't seem like it, but a lot has happened in September. On September 10th 2019 Porsche presented eight new products at the 68th International Motor Show (IAA) in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The outstanding product at the Exhibition premiere was the all-electric Porsche Taycan.

Painting with a Twist (Ladies Only Drive)

The next event was within our local Region. On September 13th the Ladies of SEM had a party at "Painting with a Twist". Each year we honor the many fine women of SEM. We are dedicating a day for them to take the wheel and experience the enjoyment of owning and driving a Porsche. Thank you to Patti Door for organizing this annual event. You can find more details and pictures inside of this P4 issue.

Northern Wörthersee

Years ago I attended an event called "Northern Wörthersee". Held in Frankenmuth, MI, it pays tribute to the form and function of European engineering. You can find cars like Volvo, Saab, VW, Mercedes, BMW and Porsche. You'll find regular street cars all the way to race cars. I haven't been to Deutsche Marques at the Gilmore Auto Museum, but talking to people that have attended make it sounds like a similar event. On Saturday September 14th we packed our picnic bag with juices, snacks plus grilled chicken and headed to the event. Arriving at the Satow Pavilion in Frankenmuth, we were overwhelmed by how much this event had grown over the years. According to the organizer, there were 513 people with 388 cars registered. They also had a Concours with People's Choice Award. I counted more than 35 Porsches, from 356s to Macans. To my surprise I saw one PCA Region from Ohio and three from Michigan represented. Of course SEM members were present. I spotted Craig and Sheila Kellogg, Lucas Phan-Glenny Tjahjadi and Emma, Merritt Collins, Chris and Elaine Braden, John Dorscht, Rick and Imelda Christian and Ron Guerrieri. I'm sure I did not see all the SEM members present.



Gretus and his 993 at Northern Wörthersee

Drive Your Porsche Day

Sunday, September 22nd, is "Drive your Porsche Day", which is this next weekend at the time of this writing. The weather looks promising with low humidity and hopefully it will stay that way. Howard Gilson always puts on a

good drive and finds a wonderful restaurant for dinner. The event celebrates Ferry Porsche's Birthday by getting together for a driving tour and dinner among Porsche friends.

HPDE at M1 Concourse Race Track

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October, November and December events are coming up.

It is time to mark your calendar

Please see page 4 for the complete SEM/PCA Calendar and online at sem.pca.org for the most up-to-date information.

October 20th is our Fall Color Tour and Dinner

Registration deadline is October 18th

November 8th is SEM/PCA Annual Membership Dinner

Registration deadline is October 20th

December 7th is SEM/PCA Annual Holiday Party

Registration deadline is December 1st

SEMPCA License Plate

First, a big thank you to Chrissy Crowe who did all the leg work contacting Lansing via phone calls, emails and website inquiries concerning the creation of a SEMPCA license plate. At the end of last year the price for a charity license plate was an extra \$5. Subsequently, with a Michigan law change the deal took a complete 180 degree turn as seen below.

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Department of State Information Center

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Thank you,
Gretus Hoogestraat,
SEM President

Fall Color Tour

Sunday, October 20, 2019



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, make a cider mill stop, and top it off with a sumptuous dinner.

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY **HOWARD GILSON**



Speedster displayed on the Concours judging field

This is a story of a 1989 911 Speedster's path to an overall Full Preparation Class win at the Porsche Parade Concours. This story begins with the 2015 60th Porsche Parade held in French Lick/West Baden Springs, IN where my father, Michael Gilson, showed his Speedster for the first time in the Full Preparation Class. Like all Parade Concours it is all about cleanliness and what the judges are looking for. Even though Michael forgot to clean the front bonnet, he was still awarded 2nd place in class, not bad for his first Full Preparation Concours. Every time you show a vehicle, your score sheet is returned so you can see what areas were marked down. This score sheet is a great reference for future concours so you can address the areas that were previously looked over or missed.

Michael's next Concours was the 2018 Porsche Parade held at Lake of the Ozarks. He corrected all the areas that were deducted in French Lick/West Baden Springs and this time earned 1st place in Group 2, but missed the best overall Full Preparation award.

Now Michael was looking forward to the 2019 Porsche Parade in Boca Raton, FL. My personal Parade experience started a little sooner this year, as I left a week early to stop

in Ft. Lauderdale. But, Michael's Parade experience started months earlier, as he started cleaning the Speedster at the old Gilson MotorSports location.

My father had Fred and Kathy Young carefully go over the Speedster with score sheets in hand to look for deficiencies the week before it left for the Parade. Both Fred and Kathy pointed out some areas that needed some additional attention. For the next two days, my father was at the shop cleaning all of the problem areas that had been identified. I was able to help my father with the side trim, it had accumulated years of protectant that needed to be cleaned off before new protection could be applied. There was a huge amount of effort required, spread over three months, in preparation for the upcoming Porsche Parade.

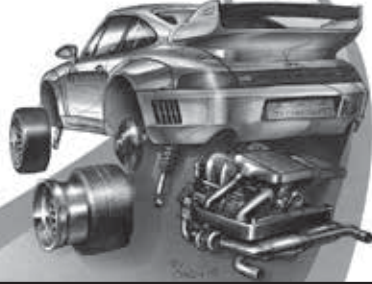
Michael also had a volunteer judge plus Fred Young go over the Speedster again a day before the Concours when it was in the preparation area at Boca Raton. To aid in the preparation, Suzan Gilson had even purchased tire covers for the Speedster. These were the talk of the Concours preparation area since the tire covers even matched the Speedster's color.

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After the judging was completed, we waited for the results to be posted. The Speedster received an excellent score of 297.6 out of possible 300 points. As my father and I were finishing the Concours box lunch, he was called to the car for the second round of judging to determine the overall winner of the Full Preparation Class. We were not prepared for this second round since we had hoped to have some time to correct the deductions from the first judging, but we had no other choice than to let the judges proceed. We would not find out what this second score was until the Concours Banquet.

I received a phone call a couple hours prior to the Concours Banquet requesting to have the Speedster displayed at the event, but it was already in the trailer and on top of that it had started to rain. So, unfortunately the Speedster was not able to be shown. As the awards were being presented we learned that Michael had earned 1st place in Group 2 Full Preparation, 1st place in the overall Full Preparation Class, plus a Stuttgart Award for scoring better than 295 points. After all the work Michael Gilson put into his Speedster over the years, this was a well-deserved recognition for his efforts. I am so proud that my father's hard work paid off and happy that he can take a break from cleaning cars for a year or so.



A now relaxed Michael Gilson with his Concours loot



Concours preparation area, the color coordinated tire socks were a big hit with the crowd



Michael putting the final touches on the Speedster in the Concours preparation area



Michael doing the final wipe down of the Speedster before judging begins



Michael receiving his Concours award at the evening banquet

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Image Problem

BY **TOM FIELITZ**

I pity poor Porsche as a struggling sports car manufacturer. Well not really pity, since they are in the midst of the most prolific and profitable era in that companies history. But I am certainly getting confusing signals from their marketing messages. Lately we have been bombarded with messages about the new Carrera line. I understand that this is one of the biggest evolutionary changes the “iconic 911” has gone through, and that is saying a lot compared to the past three generations of 911. If “longer, wider and lower” was a designer’s mantra for a new model then the new Carrera hits all three of those marks. It should be revealing to park a 1965 911 next to a new 992 and see how far the new Carrera has evolved. One thing that can’t be disputed is how far the 992 has evolved in performance from the first generation 911. Even a brief ride in a 992 would convince anyone that there just can’t be any room left for improvement in this mechanical curiosity of a rear engine car. Where every car manufacturer hones their “mid engine” platforms, Porsche stuck with a rear engine. Granted the new Carrera moved that engine forward by several inches so it is not nearly the handicap it used to be.

The mixed message about the new Carrera seems to be where this car fits in their line of performance cars. Porsche used to be a sports car manufacturer in the sense that they started out with just the 356 sports car and followed that up with the 911 and 912 sports cars. Count in the variants such as the 914, 928, and 944 they still had the 911 as the core sports car for the manufacturer. Now the message that they are a sports car manufacturer got a little lost with the SUV and performance four doors added to the mix. Add electric hybrid models and the confusion just grows. Based on the predominance of SUV models sold, it might be said that Porsche is no longer a sports car manufacturer at heart. Perhaps an era has passed at Porsche, just as an era in the Porsche family passed with the death of “Butzi” Ferry Porsche, the designer of the original 911.

The introduction of the new Carrera must have caused considerable anxiety at Porsche. What else would explain the barrage of print and TV ads explaining the lineage of the new Carrera to the long history of the 911? While the ads are entertaining and informative they also point out the large divergences of this new Carrera in concession to the pressures of the marketplace. Yes, it still retains the rear engine, but the engineering built into this new car make engine placement

more of a styling point rather than a character statement. With all of the electronic aids and sophisticated suspension engineering it doesn’t seem to matter where the engine is located. It is a better handling car than any previous generation of 911 but more than ever it relies on sophisticated electronic management of the suspension, transmission and even engine mounts. The new Carrera is sophisticated and plush, to the point that Porsche had to invent a way to pick up the sounds of the engine and pipe them into the cockpit.

One of the more shocking aspects of the new 992 is the price. We now have a base Carrera pushing \$95,000 and easily exceeding \$100,000 with just checking the most basic of option boxes. One step up with the Carrera 4 and it is closer to \$125,000. It really begs the question as to where in the market place Porsche believes it is competing. These are by no means entry level sports cars. Even the Boxster and Cayenne compete in the premium car range. I really believe the cost of Porsche owner ship will reflect in the type of person who will be interested in PCA membership.

But I still have some pity left for marketing this new Carrera. How do they sell all of the features of the new Carrera to the new generation of owners they hope to find? Performance is a hard thing to sell while still being socially responsible. The latest marketing pitch by Porsche really brought that home for me. It was one of those phony “test drive” shows that are so popular now. Put some famous drivers in your car and the potential buyer so relates to that persona that in buying your car they too can become famous. My other problem with most car marketing ads is that they show their car on public roads being driven at highly illegal speeds and using both sides of the road. Of course every ad carries the disclaimer that we “do not attempt, professional driver on closed course.” Why can’t Porsche come out and say that their cars perform very well in drivers education events held on established race courses? I suspect it is because of legal indemnity and warranty responsibility issues. Maybe we just have to chalk all of this up to the price of progress.





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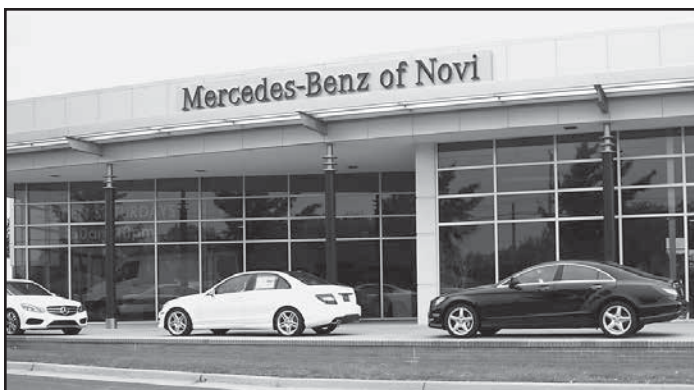
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STORY AND PHOTOS BY **LUCAS PHAN**

Deutsche Marques is an all German car show that features everything from daily drivers to weekend treasures. 2019 marked the 8th annual Deutsche Marques and five major brands (Porsche, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Audi and Volkswagen) are very well presented. Porsche used to be the largest group but BMW has taken over the title this time as the Marques' largest group.

Deutsche Marques is held at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The Gilmore Car Museum started in early 1960s and it is North America's largest auto museum with over 190,000 sq.ft. of exhibit space. The museum features over 400 vehicles from the Ford Model T to vintage Rolls Royce, Duesenberg, Pierce-Arrow, Cadillac, Lincoln and many more models. There are also over 8000 transportation artifacts including vintage hood ornaments, pedals cars and the Rolls Royce used in Disney's Gnome-Mobile movie.

I wanted to visit the Gilmore Car Museum and attend Deutsche Marques for a while, but finding an excuse had been particularly hard since it always coincides with 4th of July family vacation time. For some reason, my wife did not schedule anything this

year and left it up to me. I suggested a four day trip to the Grand Rapids/Saugatuck-Douglas/Kalamazoo area with one sleep-in/relaxing day for me to attend the Deutsche Marques and visit the Gilmore Car Museum.

The drive from Grand Rapids to Hickory Corners was great, many corners with elevation changes and smooth (mostly) roads woke my soul that morning. The event was very well organized with each brand/marque grouped together. Porsche's specific parking area was located near the 1930s vintage Shell gas station with iconic green Porsche 356 and 991.2 GT3 Touring models parked right in front of the gas pumps. Almost all Porsche models were represented this year, from 356s all the way to latest generation Porsches could be seen here.

It was an incredible experience. You can easily spend the entire day or two socializing, enjoying the German car display and admiring the museum's vintage vehicle collection. I wish I could have spent more time there this year, but that's what next year is for, right?



Porsche 356 and GT3 Touring models in front of the iconic Shell Station



*Porsche parking
and display area*



*Another view of the Porsche
parking and display area*



*More Porsches in the
parking and display area*

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1886 Benz replica
in the center with an
iconic 300SL on the left



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SEM/PCA Board of Directors

October 2019 Election Two Year Term (2020-2021)

Candidate Biographies



STEVE CARBURY:

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 two 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'.



MICHAEL COHEN:

Michael joined SEM/ PCA in 1998 and is currently serving his fourth term as member of the Board of Directors. Michael was the Managing Editor of the P4 through 2018 and it recently won an award at the Porsche Parade, placing third in Class IV of the National Newsletter Contest. Additionally, he chairs our annual Swap Meet, is the Dealership Liaison and coordinates P4 member ads. Michael consistently participates in

HPDE events and has been a volunteer for the Club Race. He is a frequent helper and attendee at club events including the Picnic/Concours, driving tour events and Membership Dinners. A true Porsche enthusiast, Michael brings a wealth of retail and factory automotive experience to SEM and is anxious to continue contributing to the club's growth.



GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT:

Gretus's 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 has been a proud Porsche owner. The next model he owned was a 993, 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 present 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 President, Concourse Judge, Associated Webmaster and Media Chair. On a PCA National level he serves as a Concourse Judge and Safety Inspector. He is organizing the Annual General Membership Dinner, Holiday Party and is a Street Survival School Instructor plus responsible for a lot of SEM pictures in the P4 and videos on YouTube.



MARC MOLZON:

Marc's affinity for and ownership of Porsche cars dates back to when he was 18. Currently his track car is a 2006 BMW M3 and he also owns a 1977 930. He attended his first SEM/PCA Driver Education event in 2003 and became a HPDE Instructor in 2005. He has served in many capacities as an integral part of SEM. Besides chairing numerous fall and spring driving tours, he has organized multiple Membership Dinners and

Holiday Parties. Marc was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2008 and currently serves as a board member, Street Survival School co-chair and HPDE Chief Instructor.



FRED YOUNG:

An active SEM member since 1991, Fred has chaired the Concours for the last nineteen years and served on the Board of Directors for twelve years. Presently he serves as Board Secretary and Concours Chair. He has also served on the national level as a concours judge. With their 2002 Guards Red 911, Fred and his wife, Kathy, have won seven national Parade Concours awards. Fred has conducted detailing sessions and offered advice to

club members enabling them to successfully compete in local and national Concours. Over the years he 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.

Southeast Michigan Region / Porsche Club of America

2019 Election Ballot - Board of Directors

Five of the nine positions on the board are up for election.
The candidates for the two year term (2020 -2021) are listed below.
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VOTE FOR FIVE CANDIDATES

Candidate	Member	Affiliate
Steve Carbary	_____	_____
Micheal Cohen	_____	_____
Gretus Hoogestraat	_____	_____
Marc Molzon	_____	_____
Fred Young	_____	_____

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Our Community Connection

Hello, to those of you that I haven't gotten to know yet.

I feel our surrounding community needs to see that we care about them, that it's not only about ourselves and how our lives are fulfilled without much worry about material things. It will demonstrate to potential Porsche owners and club members how much we can reach out and help others, not just our own community. I agreed to this position, as Charity Chair, to propel our club to new heights and bring awareness of things that we can involve ourselves in.

Where did the summer go? As fall swiftly comes upon us, it's time to prepare our beautiful toys for storage or for travel to warmer climates. Parents have gained some free time now that our children are back in school. There are many children that are not privy to the blessing of having the right supplies for this valuable learning opportunity. In some cases, simple things like backpacks, paper, pencils and pens are lacking. Many of these items cost only pennies. There are children without coats, mittens or hats to protect them from the cold. Some are in need of clothes or even food at home for after school. Would you dare allow your child or grandchild to go without any of these items? I hate to sound like a commercial, but it's a fact. For example, for the cost of what you spend on washing your car or for the lunch you enjoy you could supply a child with a backpack and school supplies. The cost of this wonderful gift could be as low as only \$14. Can't we support our children in need with the simplest of these things? In future Charity columns, I will discuss specific ways that we can harness the collective power of SEM to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY **PATTI DOOR**

While we were having dessert at the Progressive Dinner, some of the ladies were talking and decided they wanted to do something different for the Ladies Only Drive on September 13. For eleven years we have taken a short drive followed by dinner and a little shopping. Sabrina Crump came to me with the idea of going to a painting class. I said fine we could do that, so I arranged an evening at Painting with a Twist, a place that Lisa Molzon recommended and had been to previously.

The day of the event came and I thought we must have some meteorologists in our group. The weather was horrible and I was so glad we were not going for a drive and then out to dinner. I loaded my wagon with our appetizers, desserts and a salad with chicken or shrimp. It was pouring down rain and the wind was wild, whipping branches and leaves all over. This was just one of the storms that evening.

The ladies arrived slowly due to the weather, but we enjoyed our dinner and some drinks. We did have a private room so there was little bit of dancing and many laughs about how we were not very artistic. It was time to paint and we all donned our aprons and sat on our stools with easel and paint in front of us. We learned how to make different colors by mixing paints and how to use the brushes for different techniques.

All in all we had a fun evening with our SEM friends.



Ileana Lewis, Lori Williams, Kathy Young



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Our Instructor



Lori Williams with Kathy Young playing serious student in the background

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My Car - Porsche 924

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **WAYNE EVERETT**

Well, I wasn't looking for a Porsche or any other two seater sports car for that matter. It all started with a call from my brother-in-law in California asking if I wanted a sports car. He collected various cars and had a 924 he didn't know what to do with, and with that, I should have known better. Two weeks later a car hauler pulled up on my driveway with a 924 on board. That was in June 1991!

The car had about 85,000 miles on it, having been driven regularly in California (read that as NO RUST) so it was in great shape. My brother-in-law had bought it from the original owner in 1989, but as a collector, it had sat in his storage for a number of years. Apparently his Jag convertible and Maserati were more fun to drive!

Not being familiar with Porsches, I had many questions. Who was Dr. Ferdinand Porsche and why did he build cars? Why the VW relationship, more on that later, and all these cars with numbers instead of names: 356, 911, and 914! Little did I know what I was getting into, but on with the car.

I decided to drive it regularly using it as my daily commuter car. That turned out to be a big mistake. Another driver decided to customize the left rear end on a Lodge off ramp so sadly there is some bodywork but it got a new paint job in the process! I've since done one engine rebuild, in 2015, but have kept the car true to its original assembly.

We've done some traveling but given its age and with 111,000 miles on it, now it's driven only on Sundays!

Here is some of the models history: The 924 began life as a joint project with VW. In the early 1970's, Porsche management liked the idea of building a new high-volume sports car. As it happened, Porsche had a contract with VW to develop a successor to the VW-Porsche 914. The plan called for development of a sporting 2+2 vehicle using a high proportion of VW/Audi components. With the implementation of new emission requirements, engineers decided a water cooled, front engine, rear-wheel-drive was the right way to go. By late 1974, Porsche had completed the design work, had prototypes being tested and production tooling in process. In the spring of 1975 Porsche took over the project with VW building the car under contract. By early 1976 production had started and the rest is history. The 924s were manufactured till 1985, the legacy continued via its sibling, the 944.

My vehicle was built in November 1976 complete with an Audi 2L engine, front end from the VW Rabbit plus transmission and rear end from the VW super beetle. Based on its history I feel that my 924 was built with leftover parts from the VW parts bin, but it's still running. My plan this next year is to get out to some of the local car shows, so hope to see you there!





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Rol Titsworth

STORY BY DENNIS DENYER

This past week I received a phone call telling me that our long-time Southeast Michigan Region member, Rol Titsworth, had passed away peacefully at the grand old age of 93. For our newer members, Rol was a cornerstone of our Region for many years, he and wife Maxine could be seen at nearly every event, from our monthly dinner meetings to tours, to our monthly track events at Waterford Hills Race Track. Rol was a long-time sports car enthusiast, starting out like many did, with an MG. Rol's was a MG-TC (with the very tall wire wheels) and it was always concours ready but his was a cut above,,, his was ***SUPERCHARGED !!!*** In later years, together with another SEM/PCAer, he bought, built and raced a Lotus 7 at Waterford Hills.

In 1969, Rol dove off into the deep end, purchasing a new 911S in the color Golden Green from then Porsche dealer, Erhard Motors, joining SEM/PCA shortly thereafter. The standard 160 horsepower proved to be a little short of what he wanted and the 911 soon sported a 2.6 liter with Weber carburetors. A few years later, Rol got the hots for a 914-6 but they were out of production, only the four cylinder versions were available. No problem. Chuck Stoddard ordered a painted 914 body with a fitted interior, all 914-6 chassis reinforcements, basically a complete automobile less engine, transmission, suspension and brakes. It too, was in Golden Green. The body arrived in Willoughby in a wooden crate and was completed with parts from the Stoddard Imported Cars parts department. It too, had a 2.6 with Webers but with twin plug cylinder heads. These two cars were driven often by Rol and Maxine and, when sold back in the 90's, each had over 40,000 miles.

Rol's specialty was tours and his were legendary, always with Maxine at his side and often to some out-of-the-way destinations known only to the locals but always featuring great meals. Rol and Maxine's favorite destination was to Berea, Kentucky, home of an excellent culinary college and we made this trek many times, always on the back roads away from the Interstates. Probably his most remembered tour was to Red Key, Indiana to Shambargers Restaurant, featuring an eleven course dinner!

Rol was a very big help at our first Porsche Parade in Traverse City, known as Great Lakes '89, Rol and Gary

Buchanan handled sponsorships, something very new to Parades of that time. Many of the sponsors came by way of a phone call and meeting with Rol, he was an eloquent and enthusiastic PCAer. In addition, Rol arranged for many Tech Sessions by well known parts, service and accessories providers.

Rol was one of the most fascinating men I have ever met. We were meeting every Saturday morning for our Breakfast Club informal gatherings at Neil Goldberg's business and when I would arrive at around 7:00am, Rol was usually there waiting for me. We had an hour, or so, before the rest of the guys arrived and I would hear the reports of Rol and Maxine's grandkids and how well they were doing, he was so very proud of them. Daughter Mary and Son-in-Law Vance were living in Illinois with their boys but Rol and Maxine kept close tabs with their family. I looked forward to our visits and I learned so much more about my good friend.

Growing up, Rol lived with his mother in Bloomington, Illinois, graduated from high school right at the end of the war in Europe and was drafted into the army. Graduation was in late March (Bloomington was a farming community) but Rol didn't have to report until July, so he and his best friend hitchhiked to California. There were no interstates, they didn't come about until the mid-fifties, so the boys travelled the famed Route 66. Upon arrival in California, they wandered throughout the southern part, but soon, Rol hitchhiked back, by himself, to Illinois for induction as Rol's buddy was deferred due to a medical issue. Rol served in Europe, involved in the logistics of gathering the war materiel and arranging for its shipment back to the U.S. or for disposal. When his hitch was over and his troop ship arrived in New York, each soldier was discharged and given a train ticket home. When asked where his home was, Rol responded, "Los Angeles". When he arrived in L.A., he was met by his old hometown buddy and they headed north to Santa Barbara where they opened a restaurant, or hamburger stand. They operated the stand with some success but, soon, Rol received a letter from his Father, telling him that he was needed back east to Detroit, to help in Dad's candy wholesaling business.

Rol's father operated the business himself but needed a salesperson. Upon his arrival, Rol began selling candies, specializing in smaller stores, as the manufacturers kept the large supermarkets for themselves. Soon, he bought his first new car, a Plymouth Convertible, much to the dismay of his father who thought a station wagon was more practical,, you could get more candy into a station wagon, he reasoned. Never-the-less, Rol would head out each day with a trunk full of cases of candy, hitting every mom and pop corner market. Frequently, Rol would head into the UP, taking the car ferry across the straits and call on every small market he could until he sold all if his "stock". In 1954, Rol married Maxine and they raised their daughter, Mary. Once Mary was in school, Maxine began managing the office for Wolverine Associates while Rol built up the business. Eventually, they had offices and warehouses in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Traverse City.

When Rol was ready to retire, they sold the business and Rol went into the used Porsche business; Wolverine Auto

with an office at Neil Goldberg's business in Troy. Rol and Maxine, each year, would leave after the Christmas Holidays, drive to Florida to visit friends and relatives, then head across the southern states to San Diego. Rol would keep his eyes open for good, low mileage 911's and would ship a few back here where he would sell them, always with a PCA application in the glovebox.

For many years, Rol was Membership Chairman for SEM and continued his Club activities. Rol and Maxine moved into the Oakwood Commons Retirement Community in Dearborn and he often, could be heard on radio in commercials for them. Unfortunately, Maxine passed away a couple of years ago, Rol lost his best friend. Rol stayed at Oakwood Commons and was doing well up until a couple of weeks before his passing. Rol was the man we should all have emulated, he managed to balance his devotion to Maxine, Mary and Vance, their Grandkids, his Faith, his hobbies and his friends. I was pleased to be one of them. I miss you, Rol.



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Business Meeting Minutes* (9/5/19) by Fred Young

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

In attendance: Board Members: Fred Young, Howard Gilson, Walter Crump, Lucas Phan, Lisa Molzon, Steve Carbary, and Michael Cohen. Officers: Mark VanderEyck and Jim Williams. Guests: Gary Ambrus and Rene VanderEyck. Absent with notice: Gretus Hoogestraat, Marc Molzon and Chrissy Crowe

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

Minutes: Moved by L.M. and S.C. to approve. Motion passed.

Financial: Jim Williams - The charge card reader is set up. Everything else is in order. Moved by M.C. and L.P. to approve. Motion passed.

Membership: Lisa Molzon - Membership is holding steady.

Insurance: Steve Carbary - Needed for M-1 and Drive your Porsche Day.

P-4: Mark VanderEyck - Went over content for the October issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

August 9: DE #3 - Steve Carbary - It was a gorgeous day and well attended.

August 18: Picnic and Concours: Fred Young - Over 135 members attended with over 35 cars in the concours. Thanks to the hard work of everyone concerned it was a great success. It was moved by H.G. and L.M. to approve purchases for next years trophies. Motion carried.

September 13: Ladies Drive: Lisa Molzon - Instead of a drive this year, it will be "Painting with a Twist" in Farmington Hills.

September 22: Drive your Porsche Day: Howard Gilson - Will have an hour drive with the start and buffet dinner on the east side. He will also have door prizes.

September 24: DE #4 at M-1: Steve Carbary -Everything is set up. 16 signed up so far with 30 as the break even. Will have members garages open after the DE.

October 20: Fall Color Tour: Walter Crump -The cider stop has changed.

November 8: Membership Dinner: Registration closes October 20th.

December 7: Holiday Party: No report.

Board Elections: It was moved to certify the five candidates running for election by H.G. and S.C. Motion passed.

Possible January or February Events: It was noted that planning would have to take place earlier than the upcoming planning session for 2020 events. Several possible events will be checked into.

Charities: Gary Ambrus suggested a worthy cause for our consideration. He will contact Chrissy and it will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Webmaster: No report.

Event Reports: Fred Young - Needed for the Picnic

NEW BUSINESS:

Medical Kits: To be addressed at the October meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. - Moved to adjourn by H.G. and L.M. Motion passed.

Refreshments and Location:

Thursday, October 3 - Lucas Phan

Thursday, November 7 - Patti Door at her residence

= Not an SEMPCA Event

Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young - 8-10 -19

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FOR SALE: 1988 PORSCHE 924S SE (SPECIAL EDITION) aka 924S Club Sport. Yes Virginia the factory did make a 924S Club Sport. 500 in 1988, all of them black with a lightweight

gray flannel interior with burgundy striping and carpet. Everything heavy was removed: Power Steering, AC, Sunroof, Power Seats, Power Mirrors, Door Locks, etc. M030 Suspension was added, and 7 in. rear wheels. One lightweight VW Rabbit mirror on the drivers side. Oh yeah, the latest 160 HP 944 engine. This car is about 150 lbs lighter than a standard 924S which is 150 lbs lighter than a 944. At least an 11% weight advantage. Most of these cars were raced to death or just driven into the ground as the cheapest Porsche at the time. But we all know what happened to these cheap, lightweight Club Sport cars. So this is a rare opportunity, try to find any Club Sport car. This car runs and drives well, and has original paint. I have used it regularly for 9 years. It certainly needs some work to make it perfect. But it's a steal at only \$7500.

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LOST: GREEN BUSH HAT:
Lost the hat at the Picnic/Concours on August 18. If anyone found it or knows about it, please contact Bill Block at blocklab@gmail.com (10/19)

SEM/PCA Member Anniversaries - October 2019

Thanks to the SEM/PCA webmaster Erik Ohrnberger, we are pleased to now be able to recognize membership anniversaries each month.

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.

YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)
OCTOBER		21	Gregory Steen & Susan Parent	7	William & Imelda Christian	3	John Gialanella	2	John Nikolas
56	Lewis & Violet Moorman			7	Barry & Karen Eckel	3	Richard Wilson & Linda Bonner	2	Raymond & Denise Vasser
54	John & Carole McConnell	21	Wayne & Arlene Everett	6	David Black & Sandra Smith			2	Benjamin Clayton
46	C & Marilyn Mally	21	Daniel Richards	6	Michael & Tracy Meguiar	3	John Hutchcraft	2	Richard Nadjarian
41	Richard & Beth Rubinstein	18	Jack & Todd Luhtanen	6	Kenneth Paulson	3	Bob Stanglewicz	2	Alex Crowther
38	John & Sandy Chambers	18	James & Laurie Williams	6	David & Darcy Anne Fischer	3	Janet Hartz	2	Richard MacDonald
32	Vicente & Lucy Rivera	15	Deon & Donna Middlebrook	5	Michael Jackson	3	Michael Benson	1	Norman Tereshinski
30	Michael & Suzanne Gilson	15	Alex & Joan Kindsvater	5	Thomas & Carol McDonald	2	Dave Bachleda	1	Larry Farida
27	Richard Berg	15	Stephen & Janet Malerman	5	Jim & Adriana Angelidis	2	Albertina Simone	1	Scott Barr
25	Bryan & Charles Salah	13	Steve Carbary	5	Mahendranath Reddy	2	Robert Heebner		
24	Doug & Natalia Milligan	8	Gretus Hoogestraat	4	Chuck Huffman	2	Judith Hicks		
24	David & Jennifer Hoffa	8	Michael & Colleen Baldwin	4	Don & Melissa Snyder	2	William Walter		

Welcome New Members:

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Clifford Armstrong
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Around The Zone



BY **LORI SCHUTZ**, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Hi Zone 4 Porsche Lovers,



Lori and "Mink" winning 1st place.

The next weekend – OH NO - not another one! Yep, another concours. This time I headed down to Indianapolis, for Central Indiana's event called Porsche Palooza. This was in conjunction and part of the 5th annual Artmobilia Concours. I displayed my Boxster S, but this time I wasn't judged because I was one- a judge that is. There were 107 Porsches out of the 486 total cars in the event. We filled up the streets of Carmel, Indiana in fine fashion. David Roberts won the "Best of Palooza" award. Thanks to the efforts of CIR president Rebecca Pinto for pulling together the committee and having such a great success for this first time event. We had members from several regions from Zone 4 attending, including Ohio Valley and Michiana. Keep an eye out for next year's information and consider attending.



Even though I'm cat owner, I also love dogs. I really enjoy when members bring their pups to our events. I wanted to feature this big guy, Silo, from Indianapolis in this months' article. Watch for more in the issues to come.

Have a great rest of the summer. I look forward to seeing you at our Fall events 'around the zone'.

Lori

The sun has been kind to us this summer. What that means is that we have great participation at our events- picnics, show and shines, autocrosses and the like. This has other positive benefits as well – the majority of these events have a sponsored charity and funds are raised to help each region's very worthy cause.

I had the pleasure of joining some of you for such events. The Southeast Michigan Region Summer Picnic and Concours. I brought out my 1980 911 SC Weissach Coupe – she doesn't get out that much and it seemed like the right event. I entered the Concours, not something I'm used to. And look at that, I won first place! So if I can do it, so can you. And it was a lot of fun. So next time your region has a concours or a show and shine, please consider participating. Patti Door and team put on a fantastic spread of summer fun picnic food, and we had a record number of cars on display.



Rebecca Pinto and David Roberts with his Best in Palooza 1967 911 Lightweight.

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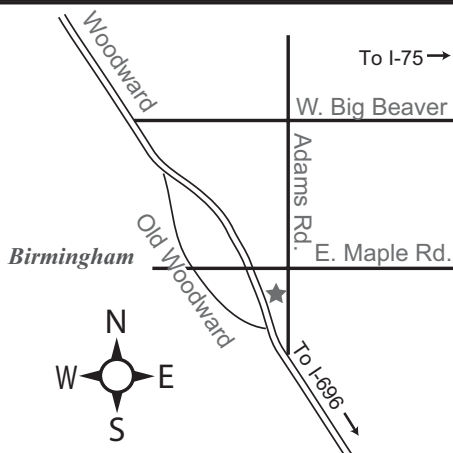
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