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ON THE COVER: You never know what unique, interesting cars will show up at the Swap Meet. Here, Alex Pollock's beautiful Porsche 904. Photo by John Keilly

2017 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

APRIL	
6	Board Meeting
9	DE-101 / Waterford
22	New Member Gathering
29	Swap Meet
MAY	
4	Board Meeting
12	DE Waterford - #1
13	Devil's in the Details – Munk's
20	Street Survival School
21	Spring Tour
28	Waterford Hills Family Day
JUNE	
1	Board Meeting
#2-4	Belle Isle Grand Prix
10	DE Waterford - #2
#18	Eyes on Design / Ford Estate
24	Progressive Dinner

JULY

Gilmore Car Museum

#9-15 Porsche Parade / Spokane, WA

#28-30 St. Johns Concours

(Deutsche Marque) Kalamazoo, MI

AUGUST Board Meeting Vintage Races #5-6

Troy Traffic Jam / Troy, MI

DE Waterford - #3

Woodward Dream Cruise #19

Picnic and Concours

SEPTEMBER

Board Meeting DE Waterford - #4

Ladies Only Drive

Drive your Porsche Day

OCTOBER

Board Meeting TBD Fall Color Tour

NOVEMBER

Board Meeting & Calendar Planning Membership Dinner

DECEMBER

Board Meeting TBD Holiday Party

= Not an SEMPCA Event

All dates and events are subject to confirmation

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations.

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

Not You Again!



BY **JOHN KEILLY**

t is with great sadness that I report the passing of Janice Cohen, beloved wife of my friend and fellow editor, Michal Cohen. Michael and Janice would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this June. Fortunately, they had a delightful vacation in Florida in January. The sudden and totally unexpected passing of Janice is yet another reminder of the importance of family and friends and making the most of every day.

There's no "getting over" such a loss, but Michael wants to stay engaged and he's an integral part of publishing this issue. He will also remain Chair of the upcoming Swap Meet on 29 April at Porsche of Farmington Hills.

We may not get an early spring, but come April, your club will be ready with a full slate of events.

These begin on Sunday 9 April with "DE 101." It's a classroom session at the Waterford Hills track, for prospective students and anyone else with interest in our High-Performance Driver Education Program. It is an opportunity to meet some of our friendly instructors, and it covers how to prepare yourself and your car, and what to expect on a typical day at the track. If we're not "shoveling the weather" that day, it will include walking the track with an instructor. Please see the announcement in this issue.

On April 22 Greg Gallagher and Automotive Techniques on Grand River Avenue in Novi will host a New Member Welcome. All club members are welcome. Please see the announcement in

Opening Day of DE season is Friday 12 May at Waterford Hills. Both new and experienced DE students are welcome anytime, but on "Beginner's Day," new students are encouraged to try DE. There is an announcement in this issue. If you can't make 12 May, the next DE will be on 10 June.

On 13 May, Chris "Munk" Braden and Munk's Motors will present their always popular Devil's in the Details. This is the premiere car care event of the year. Expect informative presentations by a variety of experts, goodie bags, door prizes, good food and camaraderie.

On Saturday, 20 May, we will host our fifth annual Street Survival School. It gives teens experience in dealing with potentially dangerous situations, with an instructor, in a controlled environment. Please see the announcement in this issue. Motor vehicle crashes remain the number one killer of teenagers. Please urge any teens you know to sign up.

On Sunday, 21 May Gretus Hoogestraat chairs our first driving tour and dinner of the season. Again, there's an announcement in this issue.

There's also an announcement that the Progressive Dinner among the most popular of our summer social events—is moving to 24 June. Several key people will be traveling to/from and attending the 2017 Porsche Parade in Spokane, WA (9-15 July). The earlier date for the Progressive Dinner gives them some necessary breathing room.

Your club offers a variety of events. Please consider participating. Ours is a relaxed, friendly group and you're likely to find that being a more active member enhances the ownership experience with your Porsche.

We're always delighted to have Tom Fielitz' views. This month he discusses cars we would like to have...or would we?

Andrew "The Shark" Olson is back—this time writing about

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The Holiday Party has outgrown most restaurants. Last December we had 129 people sign up. So, we're looking for another country club. If you are a member of a club that can provide a sit-down dinner for 130 people or more, please contact me if you would be willing to arrange for us to have the 2017 Holiday Party at your club.

Your comments, photos and stories are encouraged. If you have some cool photos or have taken an interesting trip, even if it was a while ago, we'd like you to share your story in this

Meanwhile, enjoy the April issue and start planning to put your Porsche back on the road. Spring officially sprung on 20 March!

2017 Holiday Party

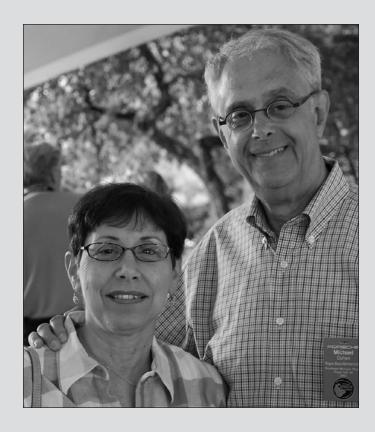
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In Memoriam Janice Cohen



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Porsche. People. Power. Passion...



BY MARC MOLZON

ast month I wrote about Porsche people and how our fellow enthusiasts add to our enjoyment of the ownership experience. In March, we lost one of those people. Janice Cohen, wife of P4 Editor Michael Cohen passed away unexpectedly. The SEM/PCA community mourns the loss of Janice, one of the great women in our Club, and joins me in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to her husband and our friend, Michael

"The Passion"...follows on from my first two articles. I wanted to bring up the passion we share of our cars.

My personal passion for Porsche is rooted in the impressive way they build their cars to compete at the top levels of endurance racing and build these attributes into their street cars. I believe their engineering is unmatched. I have talked with owners of many other cars and have not heard them comment on how well their car is designed, the resulting feel of the road or the joy of driving it. It's usually one or two attributes, but not all together in one car.

When Porsche introduced the 930 it was, in my opinion, the greatest car of the time and a stepping stone to Porsche's future (That's why I had to have one). From that car, Porsche developed the 917/30 with a staggering 1,580 HP. With a weight of only 1,800 pounds, it achieved a top speed of 260 mph...and that was in 1n 1974! It ushered in the era of not just driving but "flying close to the road". Modern automotive aerodynamics are rooted in efforts to keep all that power firmly planted on the road.

The 935 produced 735 HP and despite higher weight (2,260 pounds) its top speed was 217 mph...in 1979. But the 917/30 was raced for only one season; it was so dominant that the rules were changed to give others a chance.

The other huge area of dominance by Porsche was, and still is, weight and braking. From the outset, Porsche engineered their cars to be light weight, fast and able to brake and handle better than the competition. Look at the calipers and rotors on current Porsche vehicles. All of them have tremendous brakes and can seemingly stop on a dime. The handling on their cars also is second to none.

My 1989 951 (944-Turbo S) was, in my opinion, built in the Porsche tradition—a well-balanced car with great track performance. It had the engine in the front but the transmission in the



rear, plus and special brake calipers and rotors developed just for the Turbo S. Its relatively small 2.5-liter engine was turbo-charged to produce 247HP from the factory. Again, light weight, small displacement plus great brakes and handling.

These are just a few of the reasons why I am so passionate about Porsche. If you talk with other members, you will find many other reasons why we are all so passionate about our Porsche's.

I also wanted to bring up another of our passions—Street Survival School for teen drivers. On May 20th we will run this national program for the fifth consecutive year. I have been helping to run this event with the enthusiastic support of our HPDE Instructors and other members. We put teens in the car they most often drive—a minivan, SUV, family sedan or coupe and give them a variety of experiences which helps them be better prepared to handle real world situations on the road. The exercises include controlled panic braking, accident/obstacle avoidance and skid control. Each exercise is designed so the students learn how to handle these situations in a controlled environment. That's better and safer than encountering those situations for the first time out on the road, where very bad things could happen. Please come help us run this event and bring your kids or your friend's kids, so they can get some great training to make them safer and more capable drivers.

You can keep up to date with our events in this magazine or on our web site SEMPCA.ORG. Also, if you have been thinking about of driving your car on the track, we have an event called DE 101 on April 9th at Waterford Hills Raceway. It's designed to answer all your questions before attending one of these great events. Go to Clubregestraion.net or our web site for more info. Hope to see you there!!

Driver's Education 101

PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECT DATE IS:

Sunday April 9, 2017 (it is NOT April 23)

Waterford Hills Road Course

Classroom Session start time 10:00 am

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You will get a chance to meet some of our instructors, tour the facility, see the classroom, and (weather permitting) walk the track! So, if you have ever been curious about DE and are thinking about trying this event, this will put you on the right path.

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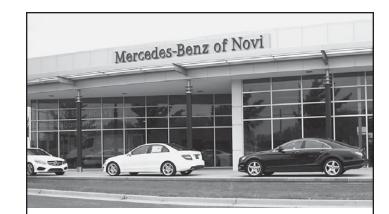
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The event opens at 10:00 am and runs through lunch

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start with the Autocore Performance Group Tech Session March 25th, was depressing.

Four weeks ago, I had lunch with new members Gina and JP Joans and two weeks later Victoria and I joined them again for lunch. The Joans live about 15 minutes from the Stahl's Automotive Foundation, a venue I was considering for an event last year.

Now a new idea was born, why not have an SEM/PCA breakfast with an activity afterwards? The Joans know the area and they picked the restaurant. After we decided on a date, they made a reservation at Marcus Grill in Shelby Twp. One week before the event I sent out an email to the membership, but forgot the most important thing to

mention-the date. Surprisingly, 23 SEM/PCA members met at 9:00AM for breakfast.

After a delicious breakfast, we made our way to the Museum. There, I was surprised to see a large variety of vehicles and other objects on display. The collection of Stahl's Automotive Foundation included Duesenbergs, an AC Cobra, a German Amphicar, two cars from "*The Great Race*," several outboard engines, a Messerschmitt Kabinenroller, a '64 Mustang, a BMW Isetta, a mechanical elephant, organs, music , etc....you name it. Everything from the early days that involved engineering was present. If you haven't been there, you should go. They are open the first Saturday of the month. Note, "The Great Race" is coming to Stahl's Automotive Foundation on June 30th 2017. See more at www.greatrace.com.

On April 1, we will have our next "Food and Activity Event". We will meet at Longhorn Steakhouse in Allen Park, which is easily accessible from both I-94 and I-96. After lunch on "The Hill" we will meet at Getaway Classic Cars showroom in Dearborn,



Goodie Store Chair Victoria, new members JP and Gene Joans and HPDE fanatics Michele & Curt

just 5 minutes away. The Detroit showroom opened its doors in June of 2013 and is the fourth addition to Gateway Classic Cars chain. Detroit has been dubbed the "Motor City Capital of the World". The showroom is located in historic "Ford Country", just footsteps from Ford Motor Company World Headquarters and a short drive to the General Motors World Headquarters in the Renaissance Building in downtown Detroit. Henry Ford once roamed these streets with Model T's, the Dodge brothers raced their way around city roads and extinct companies like Oldsmobile and Pontiac have left fossils reminding us of the greatest era in automotive history-the Muscle Car Era.

Please sign up at Clubregistration.net for this event or visit our website www.sempca.org. For details please call (248) 670-1761 or email gretus@sempca.org.

Events like these provide an opportunity to get together with fellow club members and visit interesting places, especially during the "off" season. Please help me to identify other interesting venues...a museum, a garage or something else that our members would enjoy.





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Please note the date change for this year's Progressive Dinner.

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in Spokane, Washington. We apologize in advance
for the change from our usual July date.



The Club provides the entrée and soft drinks. Members are asked to bring a favorite dish to share.

Please sign up early.
This popular event has limited space and it often sells out.

Event Chair: Howard Gilson

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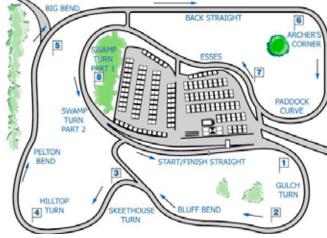
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IN THE SHARK TANK

Stop that Shark: 928 Tech Session Report

STORY & PHOTOS BY **ANDREW OLSON**

t the end of January, the Michigan owners group held a hands-on tech session to go over the 928 braking system—what to look for, how best to bleed it, and more. It was held at Munk's Motors in Waterford, and as always Mr. Chris Braden the proprietor was a gracious host and let this motley crew poke around a couple 928s.

Up first was a gorgeous 1988 928 S4. The owner had recently had the interior re-finished and it was one of the finest interior restorations I have ever seen. Up on a hoist, a quick visual inspection showed that the car looked solid. Still, we noticed a couple minor issues that if we hadn't taken time to inspect, could have become larger problems.

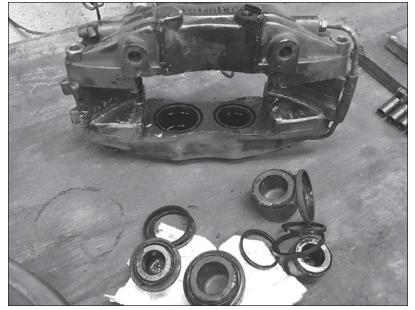
An inner ball-joint on the steering rack had a lot of play. We also noticed a couple torn ball-joint boots on the front passenger control arms. These are not atypical for a 928, or any other car of this age. We were not prepared to address these issues during the session, but I'm glad we took the time to identify them. These are safety issues.

Next, we examined the disc rotors for abnormal wear patters. Everything looked good. However, "eagle-eyed" Braden, noticed the rotors were not the same from side-side and that one of them must have been replaced. Not that this affected things, but if one were to ever notice uneven braking, this would be the first place to check.

With the wheels off, we proceeded to flush the entire bake system because we did not have a service history or know how old the brake fluid was. I used a Motive "Power Bleeder" filled with ATE 200 brake fluid. This made it easy to go from corner-to-corner to fully bleed the entire system. This power bleeder uses a modified garden sprayer to pressurize and feed the brake system while bleeding it.

The old fluid came out brown and thick. My guess is that it was at least 5-years old, if not older. Porsche recommends you flush the system at least every two years. This is mainly because brake fluid is hydroscopic, which means it can absorb water just from the humidity in the air. Overtime, as the moisture content increases, the boiling point of the fluid decreases.

Why is that a concern? The brake system on any car converts mechanical energy into heat energy. Under aggressive braking a tremendous amount of heat is transferred into the brake rotors, brake pads, and the calipers. The brake calipers rely on hydraulic brake fluid to actuate the brakes. If the heat build-up in the caliper exceeds the boiling point of the brake fluid, the fluid will boil and the driver will lose some, if not all, brake pressure. This is what



Bam! Disassembled!

happens if you ride your brakes going down a long hill. Then the pedal sinks to the floor! YIKES!

Luckily, all the bleeder valves cooperated and we had the entire system flushed in no time. On the test drive the braking was smooth and consistent with zero pulling to one side or the other.

Chris Braden demonstrated how brake rotors are re-surfaced. I had a couple of rotors from my race car that I brought to show what "heat checking" looks like. After about 15 minutes in Chris's very capable hands, he had them looking like brand-new rotors! Perfect for another track day!

Rick Christian, a very talented mechanic, showed us how to disassemble a brake caliper. If you read my last article, I had identified a stuck brake piston on the caliper of the Coke Car. Rick used that to show us the dangers and the process of disassembling a caliper to be rebuilt.

Next was a 1979 928 5-speed. This car sat outside for a very long time and most of the bleeder screws were rusted. On a 5-speed, the procedure calls for bleeding the clutch system first since it feeds from the same reservoir as the brakes.

When we first started bleeding the clutch slave cylinder, nothing came out. We resorted to the "two-man method" where one person opens the bleeder and the other presses the pedal. We slowly coaxed out a disturbingly black fluid from the clutch slave. Yuk! The fluid was clearly full of deteriorated rubber and other

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contaminants. After we got a few ounces through, we decided to move on to the calipers. Unfortunately, all the bleeders were rusted in place. We didn't have time to lube and heat them up to get them to release. This demonstrates one of the additional dangers of letting brake fluid sit in the system too long. The moisture that accumulates in the fluid can cause rust build-up inside the system. The owner needs to get them loosened up and flush the system.

This was one of the better tech sessions. We covered a lot of ground and introduced a straight-forward DIY project to folks that may not have, but should consider doing on their own.

If you're interested in more 928-specific events in the southeast Michigan area, please visit www.mi928.com and sign up for the newsletter. We have monthly "beer nights" and of course 928 tech sessions like this one from time to time.



Brake rotor refinishing before (left) after (right)



Rick Christian gets ready to disassemble the 928 front brake caliper



Out with the old, in with the new

The final setup before starting the resurfacing process





Primary Registration for the Parade Number and Housing is scheduled for February 21

Specific Event and Banquet Registration is currently planned for early April

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SEM Board Minutes (3/2/17) by Fred Young

In attendance: Board Members: Marc Molzon, Gretus Hoogestraat, Walter Crump, Fred Young, John Keilly, and Howard Gilson. Officers: Steve Carbary and Erik Ohrnberger. Absent with notice: Leo Wanstreet, Patti Door, Michael Cohen, Mark Vander Eyk and Greg Gallagher

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M. by President Marc Molzon.

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

Financial: Leo Wanstreet – No report.

Membership: Greg Gallagher. – 1007 total members.

Insurance: Greg Gallagher – None needed **P-4:** John Keilly – Jan/Feb issue out early.

OLD BUSINESS:

March 4: Stahl's Automotive Foundation: Gretus Hoogestraat – All set. 25 signed up.

March 25: Autocore: Marc Molzon – Looking forward to a new yenue.

April 9: DE-101 at Waterford: Steve Carbary – There are conflicting dates in the P4. An email blast will be sent out clarifying the date. Moved by H.G. and G.H. to print handouts for participants. Motion passed. Looking for a good turnout. A discount will be offered for members signing up for a track session at the event.

April 22: New Member Gathering: Greg Gallagher – Under discussion.

April 29: Swap Meet at Farmington Hills Porsche: Michael Cohen – All set.

May 12: DE Waterford #1: Steve Carbary – Moved by J.K. and H.G. to approve contracts for signatures. Motion passed. He is looking into Gingerman or M1 as additional sites.

May 13: Devil's in the Details: Chris Braden – On track.

May 20: Street Survival School: John Keilly, Don Kleist – The site is reserved. More advertising is necessary. Participants must have a regular driver's license

May 21: Spring Tour: Gretus Hoogestraat – Plans in the works

May 28: Waterford Hills Family Day: Fred Young – The date is confirmed

June 24: Progressive Dinner: Howard Gilson – The date was changed to June because of conflicts.

July 8: Deutsche Marques: Fred Young – Exploring the possibility of going to the event.

July 9-15: Porsche Parade: Gretus Hoogestraat – Several members are going to Spokane for the Parade.

August 20: Picnic and Concours: Patti Door, Don Kleist and Fred Young – No report.

Web site: Gretus Hoogestraat – Erik Ohrnberger is checking out changing the website host to PCA.

Goodie Store: Gretus Hoogestraat – No report.

Event Reports: None needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Refreshments and Locations: Thursday, April 6 – Howard Gilson - Gilson's; Thursday, May 4 – John Keilly – Gilson's

SEM/PCA Member Anniversaries - April 2017

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.

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I Like it But...

BY **TOM FIELITZ**

serious car enthusiast can have a fixation or appreciation for a certain brand or even model of car, to the exclusion of every other car. Or they might appreciate all cars in general but only desire one car, perhaps the one they currently own. But on the extreme, some appreciate all cars and try to own them all too. I think I fit in the category of appreciating all cars and I am perfectly happy that someone else owns them and takes care of them.

You know the scenario, I am sure. You are looking at and appreciating the uniqueness and presentation of a car, but there is just something that is lacking to make it the perfect example. Maybe it is an odd color or has an off the wall wheel choice. Maybe it is an odd combination of modifications or something as simple as the colors of the interior. These things are all personal choices that speak to the individuality of taste. All you know is that if that car was yours you would not have done it that way. In other words, I like it but I don't wish to make it mine.

I personally like to drive my cars on race tracks at speed. That rules out a lot of cars from my mental list of what I would like to own. Convertibles are great fun to drive on the road but present a safety issue on the race track; thus, I have never owned one. Hot four door sedans look like lots of fun but it is an image that just doesn't suit me. I will own one as a practical family car but it will not be my choice when I really want to enjoy driving. Yet for many people, the idea of a multipurpose vehicle is exactly what they want to own.

That brings us to the issue of car modifications. If you just can't find the ideal car, you are very likely to modify what you currently drive. Maybe you didn't buy that particular hot model suited for the track, but that doesn't mean you can't take a multipurpose car and turn it into a track demon mostly unsuited for street driving. The other mistake we fall into is to buy the hottest thing a manufacturer sells only to find out that you love it but wish someone else owned it and just let you borrow it for track days. The other thing you discover about these super high performance cars is that they come with super high maintenance costs. Imagine requiring a major rebuild of the engine or transmission every year. Or, imagine having to replace those super sticky and expensive tires every year. Let's not even consider that the super-hot car consumes gas at a rate that has you seriously looking for possible leaks. Worse yet, your super

modified engine will self-detonate on anything less that high octane race fuel which is only obtainable at the nearest airport or race track. You may have to resort to carrying a case of octane booster, even on short trips. Speaking of trips, your exotic car no doubt has the trunk capacity of a shaving kit and the interior is filled with roll bar tubes. Those racing seat belts look sexy but are a pain to hook up and uncomfortable to wear for more than thirty minutes at a time. It makes



for a car that you wish was yours, but after further consideration, you realize that you like it but would rather not own it.

Classic old cars and hot rods certainly fit into the category of I like it but don't particularly want to own it. Lots of people are perfectly happy to own and drive a car that has very limited usability. It may not be practical as a daily driver or a track car, but they are perfectly suited for low speed cruising. It is a car to be seen in and hopefully admired for owning. These vehicles may have high maintenance requirements and cost of ownership. If you own a car of considerable worth you have to treat it as such. It can't receive casual service, but must be maintained by very high priced specialists. Every piece of the car comes with an exclusive price and that includes the insurance costs. Unfortunately, most of these cars predate or just exclude the safety features we take for granted today; some even predate seat belts. Driving these cars on the road gives new meaning to the phrase "taking one's life in one's hands". In the extreme, these cars aren't driven at all and are just transported from one show to another or to the restoration shop that maintains and stores them between showings. Again, I might greatly appreciate that car without having any desire to be the owner.

The bottom line is that after seeing all the varieties of cars in the world, you become more appreciative of what you own and truly have to say you like these other cars but don't want to own them. I just happen to have two cars in my garage that I love, but you might not want to own.

Around The Zone



BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

I recently attended the Winter Board of Directors Meeting in L.A. and, arrived early enough to take a beautiful new Porsche out at the Porsche Driving Experience. After the day of fun, I spent 2 entire days in meetings. The weekend concluded with a reception at the new Porsche Experience Center in Carson, CA, where the evening began with a tour. This beautiful facility consists of the Porsche Driving Experience, a Human Performance Center, a Driving Simulator Center, and Porsche Exclusive.

The center is also the new home of Porsche Motorsports North America, the only authorized provider in the US and Canada for the sale, parts supply, and service of all specially manufactured Porsche racecars. A glass wall provides visitors a view of the workshop, where historical racing cars are repaired and track vehicles are maintained. The display in the lobby included a 911R, a GT3RS, a 917, and a 959 prototype. The workshop display contains some iconic racecars. Following the tour, we enjoyed a reception in the café adjacent to the boutique before sitting down to a wonderful dinner at Restaurant 917.

With the unseasonably warm days sprinkled throughout this winter, many members have already taken off the car covers, un-



plugged the trickle chargers, and gone out for a drive. I attended Motor-Stadt's Annual Holiday Dinner at the Spartan Hall of Fame Café. The turnout was excellent. Their guest speaker was Lori Mauthe, whose father, Peter Schutz was the CEO of Porsche AG in the 80's. Lori entertained us with numerous anecdotes of his time in charge of Porsche, including how he saved the 911.

I also recently attended ARPCA's All Member Dinner at the Blue North Restaurant in Pittsburgh. The region filled the restaurant for this celebration of their new members. They welcomed the new members with wonderful donated prizes and encouraged them to continue to participate and enjoy the camaraderie that is PCA. They also presented their enthusiast of the year awards. It was a wonderful evening and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Events are continually being added to the region calendars. Please remember to frequently check your inboxes, region's newsletter and website. Many regions' events calendars are posted on the Events page of the Zone 4 website http://zone4.pca.org Visit the website for the latest details on many of the events that are being planned. Here are just some of the events taking place this month:

- *MOR/OVR/CIR* Social at the Taj Ma Garaj in Dayton is April 8
- April 11 is *Motor-Stadt Region*'s Board Meeting at Spagnoulos's in Okemos
- *Michiana Region*'s Business Meeting at Dandino's Supper Club in Goshen is April 12
- April 15 is Rally Sport Region's Time with Tim at Rennstat at ArborMotion in Ann Arbor
- *Ohio Valley Region*'s Spring Classic Driving Tour is April 22
- April 22 is *Southeast Michigan Region*'s New Member Gathering
- Western Michigan Region's Stroganoff Cook Off is April 22
- April 28-30 is *Central Indian Region*'s DE and Instructor Development at Putnam Park
- *Northern Ohio Region's* Spring DE at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course is April 28-30
- ARPCA's Spring Road Rally is April 30

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com
Thanks, Michael



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